

## Construction of Normal Bases by Special Values of Hilbert Modular Functions

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**§1. Introduction.** After Okada gave in his paper [7] normal bases of abelian extensions of  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$  explicitly, several authors treated the problem of constructing normal bases of abelian extensions of imaginary quadratic fields using different kinds of functions (cf. [2], [4], [5], [8], [12], and [13]).

Okada's work is based on Damerell [1] which treats special values of certain Hecke  $L$ -functions of imaginary quadratic fields and elliptic modular functions. Along the same lines, we give here normal bases of abelian extensions over certain  $CM$ -fields explicitly. Our method is based on Shimura's works [9] and [10] which treat special values of certain Hecke  $L$ -functions of  $CM$ -fields and Hilbert modular functions.

We denote as usual by  $\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  the ring of rational integers, the fields of rational numbers, real numbers and complex numbers. If  $R$  is a ring, then  $R^\times$  denotes the multiplicative group of all invertible elements  $R$  and  $M_n(R)$  the ring of all matrices of size  $n$  with components in  $R$ .

For an element  $A$  of  $M_n(R)$ , we denote by  $\det A$  the determinant of  $A$ . We put  $SL_n(R) = \{A \in M_n(R) : \det A = 1\}$ . We denote by  $E_n$  the identity element of  $M_n(R)$ .

**§2. Theorem and proof.** Let  $m$  be a positive integer and  $K$  a cyclic extension of  $\mathbf{Q}$  of degree  $2m$  which is a  $CM$ -fields. Let  $O_K$  be the integer ring of  $K$ ,  $F$  the maximal real subfield of  $K$  and  $\sigma$  a fixed generator of the Galois group  $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbf{Q})$  of  $K$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$ . For an element  $\alpha$  of  $K$ , we put  $\alpha^{(\nu)} = \alpha^{\sigma^\nu}$  for  $\nu \in \mathbf{Z}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{H}^m$  be the product of  $m$  copies of the upper half complex plane  $\mathfrak{H} = \{z \in \mathbf{C} : \text{Im}(z) > 0\}$ . For an element  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2(O_F)$ , we put  $A^{(\nu)} = \begin{pmatrix} a^{(\nu)} & b^{(\nu)} \\ c^{(\nu)} & d^{(\nu)} \end{pmatrix}$  as usual. We let  $A$  act on  $\mathfrak{H}$  by  $Az = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}$ . Let  $f$  be a complex-valued function on  $\mathfrak{H}^m$ . Then we

define a function  $f^A$  by

$$f^A(z_1, \dots, z_m) = f(A^{(1)}z_1, \dots, A^{(m)}z_m).$$

For a positive integer  $N$ , let

$$\Gamma_N = \{A \in SL_2(O_F) : A - E_2 \in NM_2(O_F)\}.$$

For a non-negative integer  $r$ , a holomorphic function  $f$  on  $\mathfrak{H}^m$  is called a Hilbert modular form of weight  $r$  with respect to  $\Gamma_N$  if

$$f^A(z_1, \dots, z_m) = f(z_1, \dots, z_m) \prod_{\nu=1}^m (c^{(\nu)}z_\nu + d^{(\nu)})^r$$

for all  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_N$ . If  $m > 1$ , then the

holomorphy and the  $\Gamma_N$ -invariance of  $f$  guarantee, as is well-known, that  $f$  has a Fourier expansion of the form  $f(z_1, \dots, z_m) = \sum_{\xi} c(\xi) e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\xi z)}$ , with  $c(\xi)$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ , where  $\xi$  runs over  $0$  and all totally positive elements of a lattice in  $F$  and  $\text{tr}(\xi z) = \xi^{(1)}z_1 + \dots + \xi^{(m)}z_m$ . Let  $U(N)$  be the set of totally positive units  $\varepsilon$  of  $F$  with  $\varepsilon \equiv 1 \pmod{NO_F}$ . From now on we assume  $r \geq 3$ . With  $a, b$  in  $O_F$ , we define an Eisenstein series

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_r(z_1, \dots, z_m; a, b; N) \\ = (2\pi i)^{-mr} \sum_{x, y} \prod_{\nu=1}^m (x^{(\nu)}z_\nu + y^{(\nu)})^{-r}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $(x, y)$  runs over all equivalence classes of pairs of elements of  $O_F$  such that  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ ,  $x \equiv a, y \equiv b \pmod{NO_F}$ , equivalence being defined as follows:  $(x, y)$  and  $(x', y')$  are said to be *equivalent* if there is an element  $\varepsilon$  of  $U(N)$  such that  $x' = \varepsilon x$  and  $y' = \varepsilon y$ . It is well-known that the function  $\mathcal{E}_r$  as defined above is a Hilbert modular form of weight  $r$  with respect to  $\Gamma_N$  and that the Fourier coefficients of  $d_F^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{E}_r$  are in  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N)$  (cf. [11]), where  $d_F$  denotes the discriminant of  $F$  and  $\zeta_N = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N}}$ . Let  $\mu$  be the order of the torsion subgroup of  $K^\times$  and  $\rho$  the complex conjugation. From now on we assume that  $\mu$  divides  $r$ . Then we define a Hecke character  $\varphi$  by  $\varphi((\alpha)) = \prod_{\nu=1}^m \frac{\alpha^{(\nu)\rho r}}{|\alpha^{(\nu)}|^r}$  for a non-zero ideal  $(\alpha)$  of  $K$ . Let  $I_N$  be the ideal group of

$K$  prime to  $N$  and  $S_N = \{(\alpha) \in I_N : \alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{NO_K}\}$ . Let  $\chi$  be a character of a ray class group  $I_N/S_N$ . From now on we assume that the class number of  $K$  is one and that  $O_K$  has a base  $\{\omega, 1\}$  over  $O_F$  with  $\text{Im}(\omega^{(\nu)}) > 0$  for  $\nu = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . We define as usual an  $L$ -function by  $L(s, \chi\varphi) = \sum_{\mathfrak{a}} \chi(\mathfrak{a})\varphi(\mathfrak{a})N(\mathfrak{a})^{-s}$ , where  $\mathfrak{a}$  runs over all integral ideals of  $K$  prime to  $N$ . For an element  $\alpha$  of  $O_K$ , there exist uniquely two elements  $u_\alpha, v_\alpha$  of  $O_F$  with  $\alpha = u_\alpha\omega + v_\alpha$  by our assumption. Since the class number of  $K$  is one, we have the following (cf. [10], p. 500):

**Lemma 1.** *Let notation and assumption be as above. We have*

$$L\left(\frac{r}{2}, \chi\varphi\right) = \frac{(2\pi i)^{mr}}{(O_K^\times : U(N))} \times \sum_{(\alpha) \in B} \chi((\alpha)) \mathfrak{E}_r(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(m)}; u_\alpha, v_\alpha; N),$$

where  $B$  denotes the set of representatives of ideal classes modulo  $N$ .

**Remark 1.** Let  $\varepsilon$  be a unit in  $K$ . Then we can easily see

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathfrak{E}_r(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(m)}; u_\alpha, v_\alpha; N) \\ &= \mathfrak{E}_r(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(m)}; u_{\alpha\varepsilon}, v_{\alpha\varepsilon}; N). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathfrak{M}_r(\Gamma_N)$  be the vectors space over  $\mathbf{C}$  of Hilbert modular forms of weight  $r$  with respect to  $\Gamma_N$  and  $\mathfrak{M}_r(\Gamma_N, \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N))$  the vector space over  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N)$  of all  $f \in \mathfrak{M}_r(\Gamma_N)$  whose Fourier coefficients at  $(i\infty, \dots, i\infty)$  belong to  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N)$ . Furthermore we denote by  $\mathfrak{B}_0(\Gamma_N, \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N))$  the vector space over  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N)$  of all meromorphic functions of the form  $\frac{f}{g}$  with  $f, g \in \mathfrak{M}_r(\Gamma_N, \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N))$  for any

non-negative integer  $r$ . An element of  $\mathfrak{B}_0(\Gamma_N, \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N))$  is a Hilbert modular function.

Let  $d$  be a rational integer prime to  $N$ . Let  $\sigma_d$  be the element of the Galois group  $\text{Gal}(\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N)/\mathbf{Q})$  given by  $\zeta_N^{\sigma_d} = \zeta_N^d$ . Now, we define automorphisms of  $\mathfrak{B}_0(\Gamma_N, \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N))$  to be denoted later by  $A$  as follows (cf. [10], p. 502). Let  $f$  be an element of  $\mathfrak{M}_r(\Gamma_N, \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N))$  whose Fourier expansion at  $(i\infty, \dots, i\infty)$  is

$$f(z_1, \dots, z_m) = \sum_{\xi} c(\xi) e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\xi z)}.$$

We define

$$f^{\sigma_d} = \sum_{\xi} c(\xi)^{\sigma_d} e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\xi z)}.$$

Then it is well-known that  $f^{\sigma_d}$  is in  $\mathfrak{M}_r(\Gamma_N, \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N))$  (cf. [10], Prop. 4).

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$  be a matrix in  $M_2(O_F)$

whose determinant is congruent to  $d$  modulo  $NO_F$ . Then there exists a matrix  $A' \in SL_2(O_F)$  with

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} A' \pmod{NO_F}.$$

Let  $h = \frac{f}{g}$  be an element of  $\mathfrak{B}_0(\Gamma_N, \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N))$  with  $f, g \in \mathfrak{M}_r(\Gamma_N, \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N))$ . Then we can define an automorphism  $A$  of  $\mathfrak{B}_0(\Gamma_N, \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N))$  by

$$h^A(z_1, \dots, z_m) = \frac{f^{\sigma_d}(A^{(1)}z_1, \dots, A^{(m)}z_m)}{g^{\sigma_d}(A^{(1)}z_1, \dots, A^{(m)}z_m)}.$$

Now, we describe the image of  $\frac{\mathfrak{E}_r(z_1, \dots, z_m; a, b; N)}{\mathfrak{E}_r(z_1, \dots, z_m; 0, 0; 1)}$

by the above automorphism  $A$  for elements  $a, b$  of  $O_F$ . For simplicity, we denote  $\mathfrak{E}_r(z_1, \dots, z_m; 0, 0; 1)$  by  $G_r$ . Then, since  $d_F^{-\frac{1}{2}}G_r$  is in  $\mathfrak{M}_r(\Gamma_1, \mathbf{Q})$  and since  $d_F^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathfrak{E}_r(z_1, \dots, z_m; a, b; N)$  is in  $\mathfrak{M}_r(\Gamma_N, \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N))$ , we can see

$$(1) \quad \frac{\left(\frac{\mathfrak{E}_r(z_1, \dots, z_m; a, b; N)}{G_r}\right)^A}{G_r} = \frac{\mathfrak{E}_r(z_1, \dots, z_m; (a, b)A; N)}{G_r}$$

(cf. [11]).

Let  $\alpha$  be an element of  $O_K$  and  $R(\alpha)$  the regular representation of  $\alpha$  with respect to  $\{\omega, 1\}$ . We put  $\alpha = u_\alpha\omega + v_\alpha$  with  $u_\alpha, v_\alpha \in O_F$ . Let  $\beta$  be an element of  $O_K$ . We suppose that  $\alpha\beta$  is prime to  $N$  and that  $\det R(\beta)$  is congruent to an element of  $\mathbf{Z}$  modulo  $NO_F$ . Then we have

$$(2) \quad \frac{\left(\frac{\mathfrak{E}_r(z_1, \dots, z_m; u_\alpha, v_\alpha; N)}{G_r}\right)^{R(\beta)}}{G_r} = \frac{\mathfrak{E}_r(z_1, \dots, z_m; u_{\alpha\beta}, v_{\alpha\beta}; N)}{G_r}$$

by (1).

**Remark 2.** If  $\beta \equiv 1 \pmod{NO_K}$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\mathfrak{E}_r(z_1, \dots, z_m; u_{\alpha\beta}, v_{\alpha\beta}; N)}{G_r} \\ &= \frac{\mathfrak{E}_r(z_1, \dots, z_m; u_\alpha, v_\alpha; N)}{G_r} \end{aligned}$$

by (2). We note that the reflex field  $\mathbf{Q}(\{\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha^{\sigma^i} : \alpha \in K\})$  of  $CM$ -type  $(K, \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma^i)$  is the field  $K$ . Then we have the following Lemma which plays an important role in the proof of our theorem.

**Lemma 2** (cf. [6] and [9]). *Let  $f(z_1, \dots, z_m)$  be an element of  $\mathfrak{B}_0(\Gamma_N, \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_N))$  which is holomorphic at  $(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(m)})$ . We put  $S'_N = \{(\alpha) \in I_N : (\prod_{\nu=1}^m \alpha^{(\nu)}) \in S_N\}$ . Let  $K'_N$  be the class field over  $K$*

corresponding to  $S'_N$ . Then we have  $f(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(m)}) \in K'_N$  and  $f(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(m)})^{(\frac{K'_N/K}{(\alpha)})} = f^{R(\alpha^{(-1)} \dots \alpha^{(-m)})}(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(m)})$  for an ideal  $(\alpha) \in I_N$ .

After these preparations, we can prove the following theorem:

**Theorem.** Let  $K$  be a cyclic extension over  $\mathbf{Q}$  of degree  $2m$  which is a CM-field with class number one and  $\mu$  the order of the torsion subgroup of  $K^\times$ . We put  $F = K \cap \mathbf{R}$ . We assume that  $O_K$  has a base  $\{\omega, 1\}$  over  $O_F$  with  $\text{Im}(\omega^{(\nu)}) > 0$  for  $\nu = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Let  $\Phi$  be an endomorphism of  $K^\times$  defined by  $\Phi(\alpha) = \alpha^{(-1)} \alpha^{(-2)} \dots \alpha^{(-m)}$  for  $K^\times$ . Let  $N$  be a positive rational integer,  $I_N$  the ideal group of  $K$  prime to  $N$ ,  $S_N = \{(\alpha) \in I_N : \alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{NO_K}\}$  and  $S'_N = \{(\alpha) \in I_N : (\Phi(\alpha)) \in S_N\}$ . We assume that  $\Phi$  induces an automorphism of  $I_N/S'_N$  (i.e.  $\Phi(I_N)S'_N = I_N$ ). For an element  $\alpha$  of  $O_K$ , we write  $\alpha = u_\alpha \omega + v_\alpha$  with  $u_\alpha, v_\alpha \in O_F$ . Put  $S'_N/S_N = \{(\xi_1)S_N, \dots, (\xi_s)S_N\}$  and

$$\theta = \sum_{i=1}^s \frac{\mathcal{E}_r(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(m)}; u_{\xi_i}, v_{\xi_i}; N)}{G_r},$$

where  $G_r = \mathcal{E}_r(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(m)}; 0, 0; 1)$ . Let  $K'_N$  be the class field over  $K$  corresponding to  $S'_N$ . If  $\mu$  divides  $r (\geq 3)$ , then the set of conjugates of  $\theta$  over  $K$  is a normal basis of  $K'_N$  over  $K$ .

*Proof.* In order to prove our theorem, it is sufficient to show  $\sum_{\tau \in G(K'_N/K)} \chi(\tau) \theta^\tau \neq 0$  for every character  $\chi$  of  $G(K'_N/K)$  (cf. [3]). We identify  $G(K'_N/K)$  with  $I_N/S'_N$  by Artin reciprocity law. Let  $\chi$  be a character of  $I_N/S'_N$  and  $\{(\alpha_1), \dots, (\alpha_t)\}$  a representative of  $I_N/S'_N$ . Then we have

$$(2\pi i)^{-mr} (O_K^\times : U(N)) G_r^{-1} L\left(\frac{r}{2}, \chi\varphi\right) =$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^t \chi((\alpha_i)) \sum_{j=1}^s \mathcal{E}_r(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(m)}; u_{\alpha_i \xi_j}, v_{\alpha_i \xi_j}; N) G_r^{-1}.$$

by Lemma 1. Using Remarks 1,2 and Lemma 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^t \chi((\alpha_i)) \sum_{j=1}^s \mathcal{E}_r(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(m)}; u_{\alpha_i \xi_j}, v_{\alpha_i \xi_j}; N) G_r^{-1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^t \chi((\Phi(\alpha_i))) \sum_{j=1}^s \mathcal{E}_r(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(m)}; u_{\Phi(\alpha_i) \xi_j}, v_{\Phi(\alpha_i) \xi_j}; N) G_r^{-1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^t \chi((\Phi(\alpha_i))) \sum_{j=1}^s (\mathcal{E}_r(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(m)}; u_{\xi_j}, v_{\xi_j}; N) G_r^{-1})^{R(\Phi(\alpha_i))} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^t \chi(\Phi(\alpha_i)) \left( \sum_{j=1}^s \mathcal{E}_r(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(m)}; u_{\xi_j}, \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. v_{\xi_j}; N) G_r^{-1} \right)^{(\frac{K'_N/K}{(\alpha_i)})}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^t \chi(\Phi(\alpha_i)) \theta^{(\frac{K'_N/K}{(\alpha_i)})}.$$

Since we have  $L\left(\frac{r}{2}, \chi\varphi\right) \neq 0$  and since  $\chi \cdot \Phi$

runs over all characters of  $I_N/S'_N$ , the set of conjugates of  $\theta$  over  $K$  is a basis of  $K'_N$  over  $K$ .  $\square$

**Example.** The assumption of our theorem are satisfied for  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_5)$ ,  $\omega = \zeta_5^3$ ,  $\zeta_5^\sigma = \zeta_5^2$  and  $N = 7$ .

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