

Trace identities of twisted Hecke operators on the spaces of cusp forms of half-integral weight

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Abstract: Let R_ψ be a twisting operator for a quadratic primitive character ψ and $\tilde{T}(n^2)$ the n^2 -th Hecke operator of half-integral weight. When ψ has an odd conductor, we already found trace identities between twisted Hecke operators $R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2)$ of half-integral weight and certain Hecke operators of integral weight for almost all cases (cf. [U1–3]). In this paper, the restriction is removed and we give similar trace identities for every quadratic primitive character ψ , including the case that ψ has an even conductor.

Key words: Trace identity; twisting operator; half-integral weight; Hecke operator; cusp form.

1. Introduction. Let k , A , and N be positive integers with $4 \mid N$. We denote the space of cusp forms of weight $2k$, level A and the trivial character by $S(2k, A)$. Let χ be an even quadratic character defined modulo N . We denote the space of cusp forms of weight $k + 1/2$, level N , and character χ by $S(k + 1/2, N, \chi)$.

In [Sh], Shimura had found “Shimura Correspondence”. That is an important correspondence from Hecke eigenforms in $S(k + 1/2, N, \chi)$ to those in $S(2k, N/2)$.

From the existence of Shimura Correspondence, we can expect that there exist certain identities between traces of Hecke operators of weight $k + 1/2$ and those of weight $2k$.

After pioneering works of Niwa [N] and Kohnen [K], we had generalized their results and had found such identities between traces of Hecke operators for almost all levels N (cf. [U1], [U3]). Furthermore, we generalized these results for the *twisted Hecke operators* ([U2]).

We explain more precisely. Let ψ , R_ψ , and $\tilde{T}(n^2)$ be the same as the abstract. In the papers [U1], [U2], and [U4], we calculated the traces of twisted Hecke operators $R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2)$ both on $S(k + 1/2, N, \chi)$ and on Kohnen's plus space $S(k + 1/2, N, \chi)_K$. Moreover, when the conductor of ψ is *odd*, we found that the above traces are linear com-

binations of the traces of certain Hecke operators on the spaces $S(2k, N')$ (N' runs over positive divisors of $N/2$) for almost all cases. However we missed the cases such that $\text{ord}_2(N)$ (the 2-adic additive valuation of N) is equal to 6 and the conductor of χ is divisible by 8.

The purpose of this paper is to remove the above restriction. Namely, we report trace identities for *all* quadratic primitive characters ψ , including both the above missing cases of odd conductors and the cases of even conductors. Details will appear in [U5].

2. Notation. The notation in this paper is the same as in the previous paper [U1]. Hence see [U1] and [U2] for the details of notation. Here, we explain several notations for convenience.

Let k , N , χ be the same as above. For a prime number p , let $\text{ord}_p(\cdot)$ be the p -adic additive valuation with $\text{ord}_p(p) = 1$ and $|\cdot|_p$ the p -adic absolute value which is normalized with $|p|_p = 1$. For a real number x , $[x]$ means the greatest integer less than or equal to x . Let a be a non-zero integer and b a positive integer. We write $a \mid b^\infty$ if every prime factor of a divides b .

Let ρ be any Dirichlet character. We denote the conductor of ρ by $f(\rho)$ and for any prime number p , the p -primary component of ρ by ρ_p . Furthermore we set $\rho_A := \prod_{p \mid A} \rho_p$ for an arbitrary integer A . Here p runs over all prime divisors of A . We denote by (\cdot) the Kronecker symbol. See [M, p. 82] for a definition of this symbol.

Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over \mathbf{C} . We denote the trace of a linear operator T on V by $\text{tr}(T; V)$.

Put $\mu := \text{ord}_2(N)$ and $\nu = \nu_p := \text{ord}_p(N)$ for any odd prime number p . Then we decompose $N = 2^\mu M$. Namely, M is the odd part of N .

3. Results. Let ψ be a quadratic primitive character with conductor r . Then we can express the conductor r as follows:

$$\begin{cases} r = 2^u L, & u = 0, 2, \text{ and } 3 \\ \text{and } L \text{ is a squarefree positive odd integer.} \end{cases}$$

We consider the following conditions (*1)–(*3).

(*1) $L^2 \mid M$.

(*2) $L^2 \mid M$ and $\begin{cases} \mu \geq 5, & \text{if } f(\chi_2) = 8. \\ \mu \geq 4, & \text{if } f(\chi_2) \mid 4. \end{cases}$

(*3) $L^2 \mid M$ and $\mu \geq 6$.

From now on until the end of this paper, we assume the following.

Assumption. We impose the condition (*1), (*2), or (*3) according to $u = 0, 2$, or 3 respectively.

Now, let R_ψ be the twisting operator of ψ :

$$f = \sum_{n \geq 1} a(n)q^n \mapsto f \mid R_\psi := \sum_{n \geq 1} a(n)\psi(n)q^n,$$

$$(q := \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}z), z \in \mathbf{C}, \text{Im } z > 0).$$

Then, from the above conditions (*1–3) and the assumption $\psi^2 = \mathbf{1}$, we see that the twisting operator R_ψ fixes the space of cusp forms $S(k + 1/2, N, \chi)$ (cf. [Sh, Lemma 3.6]).

In the case of $k = 1$, we need to make a certain modification. It is well-known that the space $S(3/2, N, \chi)$ contains a subspace $U(N; \chi)$ which corresponds to a space of Eisenstein series via Shimura correspondence and which is generated by theta series of special type (cf. [U2, §0(c)]). Let $V(N; \chi)$ be the orthogonal complement of $U(N; \chi)$ in $S(3/2, N, \chi)$. Then it is also well-known that $V(N; \chi)$ corresponds to a space of cusp forms of weight 2 via Shimura correspondence. Hence we need to consider the subspace $V(N; \chi)$ in place of $S(3/2, N, \chi)$ in the case of $k = 1$. The subspaces $U(N; \chi)$ and $V(N; \chi)$ are fixed by the twisting operator R_ψ (See [U5] for a proof and refer also to [U2, p. 94]). Moreover, the n^2 -th Hecke operators $\tilde{T}(n^2)$, $(n, N) = 1$, also fix the subspace $V(N; \chi)$ (cf. [U1, p. 508]).

Thus for any positive integer n with $(n, N) = 1$, we can consider the twisted Hecke operator $R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2)$ on the spaces $S(k + 1/2, N, \chi)$ ($k \geq 2$) and $V(N; \chi)$ ($k = 1$) (cf. [U2, p. 86]).

For the statement of Theorem, we prepare a little more notation.

First we decompose the level N with respect to L as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} N &= 2^\mu L_0 L_2, & L_0 > 0, & L_2 > 0, \\ \mu &:= \text{ord}_2(N), & L_0 \mid L^\infty, & (L_2, L) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

And we put

$$N_0 := \prod_{p \mid L} p^{2[(\nu_p - 1)/2] + 1}.$$

Here p runs over all prime divisors of L .

Next, let A be any positive integer. For any odd prime number p and any integers a, b ($0 \leq a \leq \text{ord}_p(A)/2$), we put

$$\begin{aligned} &\lambda_p(\chi_p, \text{ord}_p(A); b, a) \\ &:= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } a = 0, \\ 1 + \left(\frac{-b}{p}\right), & \text{if } 1 \leq a \leq [(\text{ord}_p(A) - 1)/2], \\ \chi_p(-b), & \text{if } \text{ord}_p(A) \text{ is even} \\ & \text{and } a = \text{ord}_p(A)/2 \geq 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

And for any integers a, b ($0 \leq a \leq \text{ord}_2(A)/2$), we put

$$\begin{aligned} &\lambda_2(\chi_2, \text{ord}_2(A); b, a) \\ &:= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } a = 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } a = 1, \\ \xi(b)\left(1 + \left(\frac{2}{b}\right)\right), & \text{if } 2 \leq a \leq [(\text{ord}_2(A) - 1)/2], \\ \xi(b)\chi_2(-b), & \text{if } \text{ord}_2(A) \text{ is even} \\ & \text{and } a = \text{ord}_2(A)/2 \geq 2. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Here, $\xi(b) := (1 - (\frac{-1}{b}))/2$.

Then for any integer b and any square integer c , we put

$$\begin{aligned} &\Lambda_\chi(\psi, A; b, c) \\ &:= \prod_{\substack{p \mid A \\ (p, r) = 1}} \lambda_p(\chi_p, \text{ord}_p(A); b, \text{ord}_p(c)/2). \end{aligned}$$

Here p runs over all prime divisors of A prime to r .

Furthermore, let B be a positive integer such that $B \mid r^\infty$ and $(A/B, B) = 1$. For all positive integers n such that $(n, N) = 1$, we define

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_\psi[2k, n; A, B, \chi] &= \Theta_\psi[A, B, \chi] \\ &:= \sum_{\substack{0 < N_1 | A \\ N_1 = \square, (N_1, r) = 1}} \Lambda_\chi(\psi, A; rn, N_1) \\ &\quad \times \text{tr}(W(BN_1)T(n); S(2k, N_1N_2)), \end{aligned}$$

where N_1 runs over all square divisors of A which are prime to r and $N_2 := A \prod_{p|N_1} |A|_p$.

Remark. All the spaces which occur in the definition of $\Theta_\psi[A, B, \chi]$ are contained in the space $S(2k, A)$.

Finally, let χ_r be the r -primary component of χ and $\chi'_r := \prod_{p|N, (p,r)=1} \chi_p$, where p runs over all prime divisors of N which are prime to r . Then we put

$$c(k, n; \psi, \chi) = c(\psi, \chi) := \psi(-1)^k \chi_r(n) \chi'_r(-r).$$

Under these notations, we can state trace identities of the twisted Hecke operators $R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2)$.

First we state trace identities for the case of *odd* conductors.

Theorem 1. *Let $k, N,$ and χ be the same as above. Suppose that ψ is a quadratic primitive character defined modulo an odd positive integer r . Hence we assume the condition $(\ast 1)$.*

For all positive integers n such that $(n, N) = 1$, we have the following trace identities.

(1) Suppose that $\mu = 2$. We have

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, N, \chi)_K) & \text{if } k \geq 2 \\ \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(N; \chi)_K) & \text{if } k = 1 \end{cases} \\ = c(\psi, \chi) \Theta_\psi[N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi].$$

(2) Suppose that $2 \leq \mu \leq 4$ and furthermore $f(\chi_2) = 8$ if $\mu = 4$. We have

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, N, \chi)) & \text{if } k \geq 2 \\ \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(N; \chi)) & \text{if } k = 1 \end{cases} \\ = c(\psi, \chi) \Theta_\psi[2^{\mu-1} N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi].$$

(3) Suppose that $4 \leq \mu \leq 6$ and furthermore $f(\chi_2)$ divides 4 if $\mu = 4, 6$. We have

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, N, \chi)) & \text{if } k \geq 2 \\ \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(N; \chi)) & \text{if } k = 1 \end{cases} \\ = 2c(\psi, \chi) \Theta_\psi[2^{\mu-2} N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi].$$

(4) Suppose that $\mu = 6$ and $f(\chi_2) = 8$. We have

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, 2^6 M, \chi)) \\ - \psi(2) \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, 2^5 M, \chi(\frac{2}{\cdot}))), & \text{if } k \geq 2. \\ \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(2^6 M; \chi)) \\ - \psi(2) \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(2^5 M; \chi(\frac{2}{\cdot}))), & \text{if } k = 1. \end{cases} \\ = 4c(\psi, \chi) \times \begin{cases} \Theta_\psi[2^3 N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi] \\ - \Theta_\psi[2^2 N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi(\frac{2}{\cdot})] \end{cases}.$$

(5) Suppose that $\mu = 7$ and $f(\chi_2)$ divides 4. We have

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, 2^7 M, \chi)) \\ - \psi(2) \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, 2^6 M, \chi(\frac{2}{\cdot}))), & \text{if } k \geq 2. \\ \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(2^7 M; \chi)) \\ - \psi(2) \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(2^6 M; \chi(\frac{2}{\cdot}))), & \text{if } k = 1. \end{cases} \\ = 2c(\psi, \chi) \times \begin{cases} \Theta_\psi[2^5 N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi] \\ - \Theta_\psi[2^4 N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi(\frac{2}{\cdot})] \end{cases}.$$

(6) Suppose that $\mu = 7$ and $f(\chi_2) = 8$. We have

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, 2^7 M, \chi)) \\ - \psi(2) \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, 2^6 M, \chi(\frac{2}{\cdot}))), & \text{if } k \geq 2. \\ \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(2^7 M; \chi)) \\ - \psi(2) \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(2^6 M; \chi(\frac{2}{\cdot}))), & \text{if } k = 1. \end{cases} \\ = 2c(\psi, \chi) \times \{ \Theta_\psi[2^5 N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi] \\ - \Theta_\psi[2^4 N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi] - \Theta_\psi[2^4 N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi(\frac{2}{\cdot})] \\ + 2\Theta_\psi[2^3 N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi] + \Theta_\psi[2^3 N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi(\frac{2}{\cdot})] \\ - 2\Theta_\psi[2^2 N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi(\frac{2}{\cdot})] \}.$$

(7) Suppose that $\mu \geq 8$. We have

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, 2^\mu M, \chi)) \\ - \psi(2) \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, 2^{\mu-1} M, \chi(\frac{2}{\cdot}))), & \text{if } k \geq 2. \\ \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(2^\mu M; \chi)) \\ - \psi(2) \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(2^{\mu-1} M; \chi(\frac{2}{\cdot}))), & \text{if } k = 1. \end{cases} \\ = 2c(\psi, \chi) \times \begin{cases} \Theta_\psi[2^{\mu-2} N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi] \\ - \Theta_\psi[2^{\mu-3} N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi(\frac{2}{\cdot})] \end{cases}.$$

□

Next, we state trace identities for the case of even conductor.

Theorem 2. *Let k , N , and χ be the same as above. Suppose that ψ is a quadratic primitive character defined modulo an even positive integer r . Hence we assume the condition (*2) or (*3) according to $u = 2$ or 3 respectively.*

For all positive integers n such that $(n, N) = 1$, we have the following trace identities.

$$\boxed{\text{Case I. } (u = 2)} \quad (\Leftrightarrow \psi_2 = \left(\frac{-1}{\cdot}\right))$$

(I-1) Suppose that $\mu = 4$ and $f(\chi_2)$ divides 4. We have

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, 2^4 M, \chi)) & \text{if } k \geq 2 \\ \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(2^4 M; \chi)) & \text{if } k = 1 \end{cases} \\ = \chi_2 \left(\left(\frac{-1}{Ln} \right) \right) c(\psi, \chi) \Theta_\psi [2^2 N_0 L_2, 2^2 N_0, \chi].$$

(I-2) Suppose that $\mu = 5$ and $f(\chi_2)$ divides 4. We have

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, 2^5 M, \chi)) & \text{if } k \geq 2 \\ \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(2^5 M; \chi)) & \text{if } k = 1 \end{cases} \\ = \chi_2 \left(\left(\frac{-1}{Ln} \right) \right) c(\psi, \chi) \times \{ \Theta_\psi [2^3 N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi] \\ - 2\Theta_\psi [2^2 N_0 L_2, N_0, \chi] + 2\Theta_\psi [2^2 N_0 L_2, 2^2 N_0, \chi] \}.$$

(I-3) Suppose that $\mu = 5, 6$ and $f(\chi_2) = 8$. We have

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, 2^\mu M, \chi)) = 0 & \text{if } k \geq 2. \\ \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(2^\mu M; \chi)) = 0 & \text{if } k = 1. \end{cases}$$

(I-4) Suppose that $\mu = 7$ and $f(\chi_2) = 8$. We have

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, 2^7 M, \chi)) & \text{if } k \geq 2 \\ \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(2^7 M; \chi)) & \text{if } k = 1 \end{cases} \\ = (1 - \psi(-1)) \left(\frac{-1}{n} \right) c(\psi, \chi) \\ \times \{ \Theta_\psi [2^6 N_0 L_2, 2^6 N_0, \chi] - \Theta_\psi [2^4 N_0 L_2, 2^4 N_0, \chi] \}.$$

(I-5) Suppose that $\underline{\mu \geq 8}$, or $\underline{\mu = 6, 7}$ and $f(\chi_2)$ divides 4. We have

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, 2^\mu M, \chi)) & \text{if } k \geq 2 \\ \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(2^\mu M; \chi)) & \text{if } k = 1 \end{cases} \\ = (1 - \psi(-1)) \left(\frac{-1}{n} \right) c(\psi, \chi) \\ \times \Theta_\psi [2^{\tilde{\mu}-2} N_0 L_2, 2^{\tilde{\mu}-2} N_0, \chi].$$

Here $\hat{\mu}$ is the greatest even integer less than or equal to μ , i.e. $\hat{\mu} = 2[\mu/2]$.

$$\boxed{\text{Case II. } (u = 3)} \quad (\Leftrightarrow \psi_2 = \left(\frac{\pm 2}{\cdot}\right))$$

(II-1) Suppose that $\mu = 6, 7$ and $f(\chi_2) = 8$. We have

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, 2^\mu M, \chi)) = 0 & \text{if } k \geq 2. \\ \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(2^\mu M; \chi)) = 0 & \text{if } k = 1. \end{cases}$$

(II-2) Suppose that $\underline{\mu \geq 8}$, or $\underline{\mu = 6, 7}$ and $f(\chi_2)$ divides 4. We have

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); S(k + 1/2, 2^\mu M, \chi)) & \text{if } k \geq 2 \\ \text{tr}(R_\psi \tilde{T}(n^2); V(2^\mu M; \chi)) & \text{if } k = 1 \end{cases} \\ = (1 - \psi(-1)) \left(\frac{-1}{n} \right) c(\psi, \chi) \\ \times \Theta_\psi [2^{\tilde{\mu}-2} N_0 L_2, 2^{\tilde{\mu}-2} N_0, \chi].$$

Here $\tilde{\mu}$ is the greatest odd integer less than or equal to μ , i.e. $\tilde{\mu} = 2[(\mu - 1)/2] + 1$. □

4. Concluding remarks. We can expect to establish a theory of newforms by using these trace identities. In fact, we established a theory of newforms in the case of level 2^m . See [U6] for the results.

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