

NOTE ON CERTAIN OPERATORS OF JACOBI FORMS OF  
HALF INTEGRAL WEIGHT

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**Abstract:** In this note we characterise two operators  $I_m$  and  $K_m$ . on the space of Jacobi forms of half-integral weight.

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## 1. Introduction

In this note, we characterise certain operators  $I_m$  and  $K_m$  on the space of Jacobi forms of weight  $k + 1/2$  ( $k > 1$  is an integer), index  $m$  and level 4. The operator  $I_m$  has been introduced in [2] and proved that it maps Jacobi forms of weight  $k + 1/2$ , index  $m$ , level 4 into the space of Jacobi forms of weight  $k + 1/2$ , index 1, level  $4m$  and character  $\chi_m$  - a real character mod  $m$  or  $4m$  according as  $m \equiv 1(mod 4)$  or  $m \equiv 2, 3(mod 4)$ . It is also known that, the operator  $I_m$  preserves the space of cusp forms. It has a connection with the Eichler-Zagier maps:  $\phi|Z_m := \phi|I_m Z_1$  where  $\phi$  is a Jacobi form of weight  $k + 1/2$ , index  $m$ , level 4 and  $Z_m$  is the Eichler-Zagier map as in [2]. We first prove that the index changing operator  $I_m$  preserves the

space of Eisenstein series.

Then, we consider an operator  $K_m$  which maps the space of Jacobi forms of weight  $k + 1/2$ , index  $m$ , level 4 into the space of Jacobi forms of weight  $k$ , index  $m$ , level  $4m$  and it also acts on the Fourier expansion  $\phi = \sum C(D, r)e(n\tau + rz)$  and gives

$$\phi|K_m = \sum_{\substack{0 \geq D, r \in \mathbb{Z} \\ D \equiv r^2(4m) \\ (D, m) = 1}} C(D, r)e(n\tau + rz).$$

We then prove that its kernel is equal to the space of oldforms and it is injective on the space of newforms under the assumption that the Eichler- Zagier map  $Z_m$  is injective on the space of Jacobi forms of weight  $k + 1/2$ , index  $m$  and level 4.

## 2. Notations

Throughout this paper, the letters  $k, m, N$  stand for natural numbers and  $2|k$ . ( $k > 1, m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  is a square-free odd integer). Let  $\tau$  be an element of  $\mathbb{H}$ , the complex upper half plane. Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the ring of integers.

For a complex number  $z$ , we write  $\sqrt{z}$  for the square root with argument in  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2]$  and we set  $z^{a/2} = (\sqrt{z})^a$  for any  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

For integers  $c, d$ , 4 divides  $c$  and  $d$  odd, let  $\left(\frac{c}{d}\right)$  denote the generalized quadratic residue symbol. Let  $d(c)$  denote  $d \pmod{c}$ ,  $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Definition 2.1.** *Modular forms of weight  $k$ , level  $N$ , character  $\chi$ . For details we refer to [3]*

*Let  $f(z)$  be an analytic function on the upper half-plane  $\mathbb{H}$  and at all rational points, and let  $k > 1$  be an integer. Suppose that  $f(z)$  satisfies the relation*

$$f(\gamma z) = \chi(d)(cz + d)^k f(z) \text{ for all } \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(N).$$

*Then,  $f(z)$  is called a modular form of weight  $k$ , level  $N$  and character  $\chi$  with  $\chi(-1) = (-1)^k$ .*

*Let  $M_k(N, \chi)$  denote the space of modular forms of weight  $k$ , level  $N$  and character  $\chi$ . Let  $S_k(N, \chi)$  denote the space of cusp forms in  $M_k(N, \chi)$ . For cusp forms  $f, g$  in the space  $S_k(N, \chi)$ , we denote their Petersson scalar product by  $\langle f, g \rangle$ .*

**Definition 2.2. Poincaré series in  $S_k(N, \chi)$ :**

*Let  $k > 2$ . For  $n \in N$ , define the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Poincaré series in  $S_k(N, \chi)$  as follows:*

$$P_{k, N, \chi; n}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{(c, d) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \\ (c, d) = 1 \\ N|c}} \bar{\chi}(d)(c\tau + d)^{-k} e^{2\pi i n \left( \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} \right)}$$

where in the above summation  $(c, d) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  with  $(c, d) = 1$  and  $N|c$  which is equivalent that  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H}$  where  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  with  $ad - bc = 1$ . We characterise the Poincaré series as  $\langle f, P_{k,N,\chi;n} \rangle = \frac{\Gamma(k-1)}{i_N(4\pi n)^{k-1}} a_f(n)$ , for all  $f \in S_k(N, \chi)$  with Fourier expansion

$$f(\tau) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_f(n) q^n.$$

**Definition 2.3. Jacobi forms [1]**

Let  $J_{k+1/2,m}(\Gamma_0(4N))$  denote the space of Jacobi forms of weight  $k + 1/2$ , index  $m$ , for  $\Gamma_0(4N)$  and  $J_{k+1/2,m}^{cusp}(\Gamma_0(4N))$  denote the space of cusp forms in  $J_{k+1/2,m}(\Gamma_0(4N))$ . If  $\phi, \psi \in J_{k+1/2,m}^{cusp}(\Gamma_0(4N))$ , we denote  $\langle \phi, \psi \rangle$  the Petersson scalar product of  $\phi$  and  $\psi$ .

Let  $J_{k+1/2,m}^{Eis}(\Gamma_0(4N))$  be the space of Jacobi Eisenstein series in  $J_{k+1/2,m}(\Gamma_0(4N))$ . and it is the orthogonal compliment of  $J_{k+1/2,m}^{cusp}(\Gamma_0(4N))$ , with respect to Petersson scalar product.

**Definition 2.4. Poincaré series in  $S_{k+1/2}(4N, \chi)$ :**

We define the  $n^{th}$  Poincaré series in  $S_{k+1/2}(4N, \chi)$  as follows:

$$P_{k+1/2,4N,\chi;n}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{(c,d) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \\ (c,d)=1, 4N|c}} \bar{\chi}(d) \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ d \end{pmatrix}^{k+1/2} (c\tau + d)^{-k-\frac{1}{2}} e\left(n \frac{a_0\tau + b_0}{c\tau + d}\right)$$

where the summation above varies for each coprime pair  $(c, d)$  with  $4N|c$ , we make a fixed choice of  $(a_0, b_0) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  with  $a_0d - b_0c = 1$ . We characterize the Poincare series as follows:

$$\langle f, P_{k+1/2,4N,\chi;n} \rangle = \frac{\Gamma(k-1/2)}{i_{4N}(4\pi n)^{k-1/2}} a_f(n),$$

for any cusp form  $f \in S_{k+1/2}(4N, \chi)$  with Fourier expansion

$$f(\tau) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_f(n) q^n.$$

**Definition 2.5.  $I_m$  Operator [2]**

If  $\phi \in J_{k+1/2,m}(4N, \chi)$ , define  $I_m$  by

$$\phi|I_m(\tau, z) = \sum_{\lambda(m)} e(\lambda^2\tau + 2\lambda z)\phi(m\tau, z + \lambda\tau).$$

$I_m$  maps  $J_{k+1/2,m}^{cusp}(4N, \chi)$  into  $J_{k+1/2,1}^{cusp}(4mN, \chi\chi_m)$ . The Fourier development of  $\phi|I_m$  is of the form

$$\phi|I_m(\tau, z) = \sum_{\substack{0 < D, r \in \mathbb{Z} \\ D \equiv r^2 \pmod{4}}} \left( \sum_{\substack{s \pmod{2m} \\ s \equiv r \pmod{2}}} c_\phi(D, s) \right) e\left(\frac{r^2 - D}{4}\tau + rz\right).$$

**Definition 2.6.  $K_m$  Operator**

If  $\phi \in J_{k+1/2,m}(4, \chi)$ , define

$$K_m = \phi - \sum_{g|m, g>1} \frac{1}{g} \sum_{\mu(g)} \phi\left[\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right)^*, (0, \mu/g), 1\right].$$

A direct computation shows that  $K_m$  maps  $J_{k+1/2,m}(4, \chi)$  into  $J_{k+1/2,m}(4, \chi)$  and preserving cusp forms and Eisenstein series. For this we compute its Fourier coefficient on Jacobi form in the following.

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{g|m, g>1} \frac{1}{g} \sum_{\mu(g)} \sum_{\substack{n, r \in \mathbb{Z} \\ r^2 \leq 4mn}} c(n, r)e(n\tau + rz)|_{k,m} \left[\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right)^*, (0, \mu/g), 1\right] \\ &= \sum_{g|m, g>1} \frac{1}{g} \sum_{\mu(g)} \sum_{\substack{n, r \in \mathbb{Z} \\ r^2 \leq 4mn}} c(n, r)e(n\tau + r(z + \mu/g)) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{n, r \in \mathbb{Z} \\ r^2 \leq 4mn}} c(n, r) \sum_{g|m, g>1} \frac{1}{g} \sum_{\mu(g)} e(r\mu/g)e(n\tau + rz) \\ &= \sum_{g|m} \sum_{\substack{n, r \in \mathbb{Z} \\ r^2 \leq 4mn \\ g|r, g>1}} c(n, r)e(n\tau + rz) \\ &= \sum_{g|m} \sum_{\substack{0 > D, r \in \mathbb{Z} \\ D \equiv r^2 \pmod{4m} \\ g|D, g>1}} c(D, r)e\left(\frac{r^2 - D}{4m}\tau + rz\right) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{0 > D, r \in \mathbb{Z} \\ D \equiv r^2 \pmod{4m} \\ (D, m) > 1}} c(D, r)e\left(\frac{r^2 - D}{4m}\tau + rz\right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\phi|K_m = \sum_{\substack{0 > D, r \in \mathbb{Z} \\ D \equiv r^2 (4m) \\ (D, m) = 1}} c(D, r) e\left(\frac{r^2 - D}{4m} \tau + rz\right)$$

### 3. Statement of Results

We first prove that  $I_m$  preserves the space of Eisenstein series.

The operator  $I_m$  maps Jacobi forms of weight  $k + 1/2$ , index  $m$ , for  $\Gamma_0(4N)$ , character  $\chi$ , into Jacobi forms of weight  $k + 1/2$ , index 1 for  $\Gamma_0(4mN)$ , character  $\chi\chi_m$  where  $\chi_m$  is the quadratic character modulo  $m$  or  $4m$  according as  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  or  $m \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ . It is also known that  $I_m$  preserves the space of cusp forms.

Let  $\phi \in J_{k,m}^{Eis}(N)$ .

Then, if  $P_{D,r}$  is the  $(D, r)^{th}$  Poincare series in  $J_{k,m}^{cusp}(N)$ ,  $P_{|D|} = P_{D,r}|Z_m$ . This result has been proved in [2]. Using the action of  $Z_m$  on the Poincaré series and the definition of adjoint map we have a constant  $\lambda$  such that

$$P_D|Z_m^* = \lambda \sum_{\substack{r \pmod{2m}, \\ D \equiv r^2 \pmod{4m}}} P_{D,r}.$$

Now, for any  $\phi$  in  $J_{k+1/2,m}^{Eis}(4)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \phi|Z_m, P_D \rangle &= \langle \phi|I_m Z_1, P_D \rangle \\ \langle \phi|I_m, P_D|Z_1^* \rangle &= \langle \phi|I_m, P_{D,r} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \phi|Z_m, P_D \rangle &= \langle \phi, P_D|Z_m^* \rangle \\ &= \lambda \langle \phi, \sum_{\rho \pmod{2m}} P_{D,\rho} \rangle \\ &= \lambda \sum_{\rho \pmod{2m}} \langle \phi, P_{D,\rho} \rangle = 0, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\phi \in J_{k,m}^{Eis}(N)$  and  $P_{D,\rho} \in J_{k,m}^{cusp}(N)$  and  $J_{k,m}^{Eis}(N)$  is the orthogonal compliment of  $J_{k,m}^{cusp}(N)$  with respect to Petersson scalar product. Now,

$$0 = \sum_{\rho \pmod{2m}} \langle \phi, P_{D,\rho} \rangle = \langle \phi, \sum_{\rho \pmod{2m}} P_{D,\rho} \rangle = \langle \phi|Z_m, P_{|D|} \rangle = \langle \phi|I_m, P_{D,\rho} \rangle$$

Hence, we have the required mapping property of  $I_m$ .

Define,

$$J_{k+1/2,m}^{new}(4) = \{ \phi \in J_{k+1/2,m}(4) \mid \phi|_{\mathbb{Z}_m} \in M_k^{new}(4m, \chi_m) \}$$

and

$$J_{k+1/2,m}^{old}(4) = \{ \phi \in J_{k+1/2,m}(4) \mid \phi|_{\mathbb{Z}_m} \in M_k^{old}(4m, \chi_m) \}$$

Then, we have

**Theorem 3.1.**

$$I_m : J_{k+1/2,m}^{Eis}(4N) \rightarrow J_{k+1/2,m}^{Eis}(4N),$$

$$J_{k+1/2,m}^{old}(4) = \bigoplus_{d^2|m} J_{k+1/2,m/d^2}(4) \mid B_{d^2}$$

and

$$\ker K_m = J_{k+1/2,m}^{old}(4)$$

where

$$B_{d^2} : \phi_d(\tau, z) \mapsto \phi_d(\tau, dz).$$

**Proof.**  $\phi \in J_{k+1/2,m}^{old}(4)$ . Then,  $\phi|_{\mathbb{Z}_m} \in M_k^{old}(4m, \chi_m)$ . Since  $m = m_0 m_1^2$ ,

$$\phi|_{\mathbb{Z}_m} = \sum_{d^2|m} f_d(d\tau), \quad f_d \in M_k(4m/d^2, \chi_{m_0}) \text{ and } d|m_1.$$

Thus,

$$\phi|_{\mathbb{Z}_m} = \sum_{d^2|m} \phi_d|_{Z_{m/d^2}} \mid B_{d^2} = \sum_{d^2|m} \phi_d \mid B_{d^2} \mid Z_m, \quad \phi_d \in J_{k+1/2,m/d^2}(4), \phi_d|_{Z_{m/d^2}} = f_d.$$

Using,  $\mathbb{Z}_m$  is injective on  $J_{k+1/2,m}(4)$ , we get

$$\phi = \sum_{d^2|m} \phi_d \mid B_{d^2}.$$

This characterises the space of old forms as stated above.

Note that  $\ker K_m$  contains  $J_{k+1/2,m}^{old}(4)$ .

Now,  $\phi \in \ker K_m$ , then,  $C_\phi(D, r) = 0, \forall(D, m) = 1$ , therefore

$$a_{\phi|_{\mathbb{Z}_m}}(D) = 0, \forall(D, m) = 1.$$

$\phi|_{\mathbb{Z}_m} \in M_k(4m, \chi_m)$ , using  $\chi_m = \chi_{m_0} \chi_{m_1}^2 = \chi_{m_0}, (m = m_1 m_1^2, m_0\text{-square-free})$

Thus

$$\phi|_{\mathbb{Z}_m} \in M_k(4m, \chi_{m_0}), \quad a_{\phi_m}(|D|) = 0 \quad \forall(D, m) = 1$$

$$\implies \phi|_{\mathbb{Z}_m} = \sum_{d^2|m} f_d(d\tau), \quad f_d \in M_k^{old}(4m/d^2, \chi_{m_0})$$

Hence,  $\phi \in J_{k+1/2,m}^{old}(4m)$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.

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