

## Computations with Modular Forms

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### 1. Hecke operators and eigenforms.

- (a) Use the `mfheckemat` command to compute Hecke operators  $T_n$  in  $S_{24}$ . Verify that  $T_n T_m = T_m T_n$  for a few pairs of coprime integers  $m$  and  $n$ .
- (b) Use the `mfeigenbasis` and `mfcoefs` commands to compute the  $q$ -expansions of the normalized eigenforms, say  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ , in  $S_{24}$ .
- (c) Verify computationally that the eigenvalues of  $T_n$  are the  $n$ th Fourier coefficients of the eigenforms  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ .
- (d) Compute the characteristic polynomial of the Hecke operator  $T_2$  of  $S_k$  for several values of  $k$ . Make a conjecture. What would this imply for the coefficients of the <sup>(normalized)</sup>eigenforms in  $S_k$ ?
- (e) Find the  $q$ -expansions of the <sup>(normalized)</sup>eigenforms in  $S_2(\Gamma_0(26))$ .

2. **Values of the modular  $j$ -function.** Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$  where  $D < 0$  and squarefree. Let

$$w_D = \begin{cases} \sqrt{D} & \text{if } d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ (1 + \sqrt{D})/2 & \text{if } d \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

so that  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[w_D]$ .

- (a) Compute  $j(w_D)$  for several values of  $D$ .
- (b) Compute the class number of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  for the same values of  $D$ .
- (c) Make a conjecture relating  $j(w_D)$  and  $\mathcal{O}_K$ . Then test this conjecture for large values of  $|D|$ . (Example: Test your conjecture for  $D = -163, -187, -211$ .)