

# Self-adjoint operators and zeta functions

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A story:

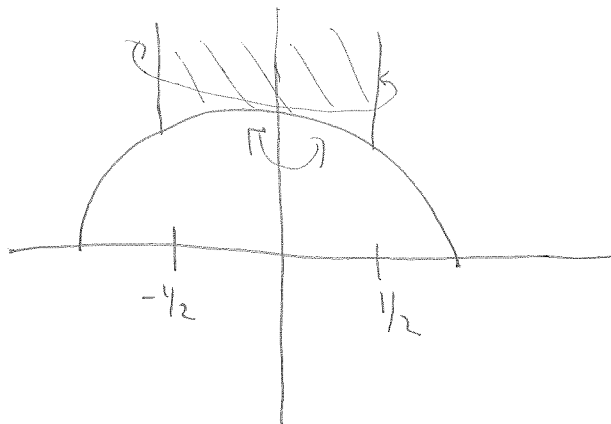
1910's: Polya/Hilbert:

if  $O$ 's of  $\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$

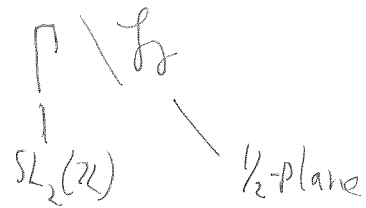
$\sim$  self-adjoint op (somewhere): e-values of  $T = T^*$  are real,  
then (?) could prove Riemann Hypothesis (1858-9): All  $O$ 's of  
 $\zeta(s)$  (except  $0, -2, -4, \dots$ ) have  $\text{Re}(s) = 1/2$

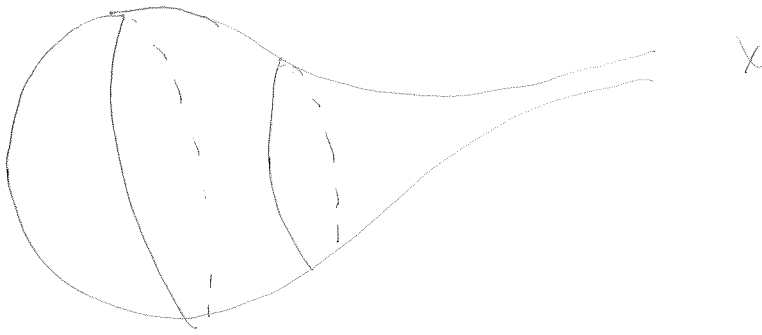
Implications . . .

1977 Haas attempted to compute eigenvalues of  
invariant  $\Delta = y^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right)$  on upper  $1/2$ -plane mod  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  (the modular curve)



Really quotient





$\int$  invt meas  $\frac{dx dy}{y^2}$

True: for  $\psi, f \in C_c^\infty(\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H}^2)$

$$\int_{\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H}^2} \Delta \psi \cdot f = \int_{\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H}^2} \psi \cdot \Delta f$$

symmetry (not quite "self-adjoint")  
 ?!

$$\langle \Delta \psi, f \rangle = \langle \psi, \Delta f \rangle \quad \Delta = \Delta^*$$

?!  $f \in L^2(\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H}^2)$  s.t.  $\Delta f \in L^2(\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H}^2)$

(& if using  $\frac{dx dy}{y^2}$  loss of accuracy at corners?!?)

Hasse sent a list of spectral parameters  $s$  s.t. (?)  $s(s-1) = \lambda_s$   
 is e-value of (?)  $\Delta$

[List] included (correct) e-values of "cusppforms" in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2/\mathcal{G}_\delta)$

Hejhal & Stark ~ 1977-8

recognized some  $s=0$  of  $\mathcal{S}$   $\rightarrow$  no causality

checked 0's of  $L(s, \chi)$

Hejhal 1979-1981 checking exactly 0's of  $\mathcal{S}$  &  $L(s, \chi)$  missing

( $\Leftrightarrow$ ) 0's of  $\mathcal{S}$  &  $L(s, \chi)$  are garbage) (~ Green's fun!!)

Haas really solved  $(\Delta - \lambda)u = \delta^{afc}$  at corners & images  
not e-value eqn !!

~~$\lambda_s \in \mathbb{R}$~~  !!

Y. Colin de Verdière  
 $\exists$  ~ 1980 precedent for magically converting inhomog to homog!  
 $\Rightarrow$  nevertheless, those  $\lambda_s$ 's w/  $\delta$  are still e-values of self-adj. operators, so real ?!?!?

Use/redo Lax-Phillips Orange scattering theory for afms in 2D

Can convert  $(\Delta - \lambda_s)u = \eta_a$  to homog eqn!

$$(\eta_a(f) = \int_0^1 f(x+ia) dx) \quad \text{Hilbert}$$

$\tilde{\Delta}_a = \Delta - \text{ignoring } \eta_a$  (!  $\tilde{\Delta}_a^* = \tilde{\Delta}_a$  ✓)

↳ has purely discrete spectrum

In Hilbert spaces, can exist non-triv spaces not spanned by e-vectors:

$\Delta$  on  $\mathbb{R}$

$$L^2(\mathbb{R}) \ni f(x) \text{ (ES)}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{2\pi i \xi x} \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi$$

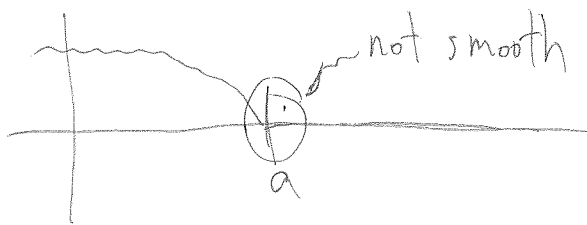
CDV used to prove merom. cont. of  $E_s$ 's

cannot be literal integral

$$L^2(\mathbb{R}) \ni f = \sum_{\substack{\text{cfm} \\ F}} \langle f, F \rangle \underbrace{f + \frac{\langle f, 1 \rangle \cdot 1}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle}}_{\text{e-fun's}} + \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{\text{Re}(s)=1/2} \langle f, E_s \rangle E_s ds$$

But for  $\tilde{\Delta}_a$ , cont | smaller  $\rightsquigarrow$  discrete?!?

+ new/exotic e-funs are "truncated" Eis!



How can elliptic ops.  $\Delta$  have non-smooth efuncs?!

Legit: Inhomog  $(\Delta - \lambda_s)u = \eta_a$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Downarrow \\ & (\tilde{\Delta}_a - \lambda_s)u = 0 \end{aligned} \quad \underbrace{\left( \begin{array}{l} + \\ \eta_a u = 0 \end{array} \right)}_{\text{for self-adjoint operator}}$$

+ need target  $\in H^{-1}$  : in 2D,  $\delta \in H^{-1-\epsilon}$   $\delta \in H^{-\frac{\dim}{2}-\epsilon}, \forall \epsilon > 0$   
 $\forall \epsilon > 0,$   
not  $\epsilon = 0$

$\tilde{\Delta}_a =$  Friedrich extn

$$L^2 \ni f = \sum_{F \in \text{c.m.}} \langle f, F \rangle \cdot F + \text{cont} + \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int \text{[Diagram]} \text{ asymptotics of } \zeta(s)L(s, \chi) \text{ on } \text{Re}(s) = 1$$

$\swarrow$   $\perp$ -proj. in HSP.

$\Rightarrow \delta \in H^{-3/4-\epsilon}, \forall \epsilon > 0$   
 $\int H^{-1} \checkmark$

(CdV 1984/3)

! In CdV's merom. cont,

$(\tilde{\Delta}_a - \lambda_s)u = \eta_a$  &  $\text{Re}(s) \geq 1/2$ , then  $\eta_a u = 0$  } ignore  
 Lax-Phillips

? Forget  $\delta^{nc} u = 0$  part of description of  $\tilde{\Delta}_d - RH?$

$$(\tilde{\Delta}_\eta - \lambda)u = \delta^{nc} \text{ \& } \delta^{nc} u = 0 \quad \boxed{\text{different !!}}$$

Ask:  $\lambda_s$  s.t.  $(\Delta - \lambda_s)u = \delta^{nc} \in \delta^{nc} u = 0$  ?!  
 rel's, but no simultaneous

Thm 0: The discrete spectrum, if any, of  $\tilde{\Delta}_{\delta^{nc}}$

is  $\lambda_s$  s.t.  $\text{Re}(s) = 1/2$  &  $\int(s) L(s, \chi) = 0$

Thm: At most 94% of 0's of  $\int$  enter in disc. sp. of  $\tilde{\Delta}_{\delta^{nc}/1}$   
 $\uparrow$

Assuming RH + Montgomery pair correlation

$$S = x^3 \cdot i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \cdot x^3 \quad \Leftrightarrow \underline{S}u = \lambda u$$

$$u = \begin{cases} e^{i\lambda/4x^2} & (\text{at } x \neq 0) \\ 0 & (x = 0) \end{cases} \in L^2 \text{ only for } \text{Im } \lambda < 0$$

& non-real e-values?!

S is symmetric, but has no self-adjoint ext'n's: really fourth  
 e-values for  $S^* \neq$  symmetric