Paramodularity

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A Survey of the Paramodular Conjecture

1. Part I. All elliptic curves defined over $\mathbb{Q}$ are modular.

2. Part II. All abelian surfaces defined over $\mathbb{Q}$ with minimal endomorphisms are paramodular.

3. Part III. Systematic Evidence for the Paramodular Conjecture

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All elliptic curves $E/\mathbb{Q}$ are modular

**Theorem (Wiles; Wiles & Taylor; Breuil, Conrad, Diamond & Taylor)**

Let $N \in \mathbb{N}$. There is a bijection between

1. isogeny classes of elliptic curves $E/\mathbb{Q}$ with conductor $N$
2. normalized Hecke eigenforms $f \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))^{\text{new}}$ with rational eigenvalues.

In this correspondence we have $L(E, s, \text{Hasse}) = L(f, s, \text{Hecke})$.

- Eichler (1954) proved the first examples
  $L(X_0(11), s, \text{Hasse}) = L(\eta(\tau)^2 \eta(11\tau)^2, s, \text{Hecke})$.
- Shimura gave a construction from 2 to 1.
- Weil added $N = N$. 
1. The local Hasse $p$-Euler factor is the characteristic polynomial of Frobenius on the Tate module $T_\ell(E)$ of the elliptic curve $E$.

$$Q_p(E, t) = \det \left( I - t \text{Frob}_p | T_\ell(E)^I_p \right)$$

2. The local Hasse Zeta function can be computed by counting points on the elliptic curve $E$ over finite fields.

$$Z_p(E, t) = \exp \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\# \text{Points on } E/\mathbb{F}_{p^n}}{n} t^n \right) = \frac{Q_p(E, t)}{(1 - t)(1 - pt)}$$

3. Global Hasse $L$-function

$$L(E, s, \text{Hasse}) = \prod_{\text{primes } p} Q_p(E, p^{-s})^{-1}$$
1. $E[\mathbb{F}] = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{P}^2(\mathbb{F}) : y^2 z + yz^2 = x^3 - x^2 z\}$

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2. The Hasse Zeta function at $p = 2$:

$$Z_2(E, t) = \exp \left( 5t + 5\frac{t^2}{2} + 5\frac{t^3}{3} + 25\frac{t^4}{4} + \cdots \right) = \frac{1 + 2t + 2t^2}{(1 - t)(1 - 2t)}$$

3. $Q_2(E, t) = 1 + 2t + 2t^2$
An example: LMFDB 11.a3

1. Global Hasse $L$-function

$$L(E, s, \text{Hasse}) = \prod_{\text{primes } p} Q_p(E, p^{-s})^{-1} = 1 - \frac{2}{2^s} - \frac{1}{3^s} + \frac{2}{4^s} + \frac{1}{5^s} + \cdots$$

2. There is an elliptic modular newform $f_{11} \in S_2(\Gamma_0(11))$

$$f_{11}(\tau) = q - 2q^2 - q^3 + 2q^4 + q^5 + \cdots$$

$$= \eta(\tau)^2 \eta(11\tau)^2 = q \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)^2 (1 - q^{11n})^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \theta \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 8 \end{pmatrix} (\tau) - \frac{1}{2} \theta \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} (\tau)$$
All elliptic curves $E/\mathbb{Q}$ are modular (again)

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- Credit Taniyama (1956) and Shimura (∼ 1963) for important modularity conjectures.
- In its final form, this is a classification theorem.
- Cremona has led the classification of $E/\mathbb{Q}$ up to conductor $N \leq 400,000$. (johncremona.github.io/ecdtata)
1. What are abelian surfaces $A/\mathbb{Q}$?
2. What are paramodular forms $f \in S_k(K(N))$?
3. How does the Paramodular Conjecture relate the two?
Let $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be an algebraic number field.

**Definition**

An abelian variety $A/K$ is a projective variety defined over $K$ with an algebraic group law also defined over $K$.

$g=1$ Elliptic curves: $A_{\text{hol}} \cong \mathbb{C}^1 / (\mathbb{Z} + \tau\mathbb{Z})$ for $\tau \in \mathcal{H}$.

$g=2$ Abelian surfaces: $A_{\text{hol}} \cong \mathbb{C}^2 / (D\mathbb{Z}^2 + \mathbb{Z}\mathbb{Z}^2)$ for $Z \in \mathcal{H}_2$.

- $D = \text{diag}(1, d)$ for $d \in \mathbb{N}$ gives the type of “polarization” of $A$.
- $\mathcal{H}_2 = \{ Z \in M_{2\times2}^{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{C}) : \text{Im } Z > 0 \}$, the Siegel upper half space.
- But for $g > 1$ the equations defining $A$ inside a projective space are complicated!
How can we construct some abelian surfaces?

1. If $C$ is a curve of genus 2 defined over $\mathbb{Q}$, then

$$A = \text{Jac}(C)$$

is an abelian surface defined over $\mathbb{Q}$ with *principal* polarization, i.e., type $D = \text{diag}(1, 1)$.

2. If a genus 3 curve $C_3$ is a ramified double cover of a genus 1 curve $C_1$, then the abelian surface

$$A = \text{Prym}(C_3/C_1) = \text{Jac}(C_3)/\text{Jac}(C_1)$$

has a natural polarization of type $D = \text{diag}(1, 2)$. 
Definition of Siegel Modular Forms

- **Siegel Upper Half Space**: \( \mathcal{H}_n = \{ Z \in M_{n \times n}^{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{C}) : \text{Im} \, Z > 0 \} \).

- **Symplectic group**: \( \sigma = \left( \begin{array}{cc} A & B \\ C & D \end{array} \right) \in \text{Sp}_n(\mathbb{R}) \) acts on \( Z \in \mathcal{H}_n \) by \( \sigma \cdot Z = (AZ + B)(CZ + D)^{-1} \).

- **\( \Gamma \subseteq \text{Sp}_n(\mathbb{R}) \) such that \( \Gamma \cap \text{Sp}_n(\mathbb{Z}) \) has finite index in \( \Gamma \) and \( \text{Sp}_n(\mathbb{Z}) \).**

- **Slash action**: For \( f : \mathcal{H}_n \to \mathbb{C} \) and \( \sigma \in \text{Sp}_n(\mathbb{R}) \), \( (f|_k \sigma)(Z) = \text{det}(CZ + D)^{-k} f(\sigma \cdot Z) \).

- **Siegel Modular Forms**: \( M_k(\Gamma) \) is the \( \mathbb{C} \)-vector space of holomorphic \( f : \mathcal{H}_n \to \mathbb{C} \) that are “bounded at the cusps” and that satisfy \( f|_k \sigma = f \) for all \( \sigma \in \Gamma \).

- **Cusp Forms**: \( S_k(\Gamma) = \{ f \in M_k(\Gamma) \) that “vanish at the cusps” \}
Definition of paramodular form

- A paramodular form is a Siegel modular form for a paramodular group. In degree 2, the paramodular group of level \( N \), is

\[
\Gamma = K(N) = \left( \begin{array}{cccc}
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\end{array} \right) \cap \text{Sp}_2(\mathbb{Q}), \quad * \in \mathbb{Z},
\]

- \( K(N) \) is the stabilizer in \( \text{Sp}_2(\mathbb{Q}) \) of \( \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus N\mathbb{Z} \).
- \( ^T K(N) \backslash \mathcal{H}_2 \) is a moduli space for complex abelian surfaces with polarization type \( (1, N) \). (\( T \) is “transpose” here.)
- The paramodular Fricke involution splits paramodular forms into plus and minus spaces.

\[
S_k (K(N)) = S_k (K(N))^+ \oplus S_k (K(N))^-
\]
All abelian surfaces $A/\mathbb{Q}$ with a minimal endomorphism group over $\mathbb{Q}$ are paramodular

**Paramodular Conjecture (Brumer and Kramer 2009)**

Let $N \in \mathbb{N}$. There is a bijection between

1. isogeny classes of abelian surfaces $A/\mathbb{Q}$ with conductor $N$ and endomorphisms $\text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}}(A) = \mathbb{Z}$,

2. lines of Hecke eigenforms $f \in S_2(K(N))^\text{new}$ that have rational eigenvalues and are not Gritsenko lifts from $J_{2,N}^{\text{cusp}}$.

In this correspondence we have

$$L(A, s, \text{Hasse-Weil}) = L(f, s, \text{spin}).$$

- The direction $1 \rightarrow 2$ is still believed, but $2 \rightarrow 1$ will be amended later.
The endomorphisms defined over $\mathbb{Q}$ should be minimal: $\text{End}_\mathbb{Q}(A) = \mathbb{Z}$. (Where is this condition in the elliptic case?) The Paramodular conjecture addresses the typical case. When $\text{End}_\mathbb{Q}(A) > \mathbb{Z}$, modularity is known.

Newform theory for paramodular groups:
Ibukiyama 1984; Roberts and Schmidt 2007 (LNM 1918).

Grit : $J_{k,N}^{\text{cusp}} \rightarrow S_k (\mathbb{K}(N))$, the Gritsenko lift from Jacobi cusp forms of index $N$ to paramodular cusp forms of level $N$ is an advanced version of the Maass lift.
Do the arithmetic and automorphic data match up?
Looks like it.

By 1997, Brumer has a long list of $N$ that could possibly be the conductor of an abelian surface $A/\mathbb{Q}$ and begins campaigning for the computation of corresponding automorphic forms.

**Theorem (PY 2009)**

Let $p < 600$ be prime. If $p \notin \{277, 349, 353, 389, 461, 523, 587\}$ then $S_2(K(p))$ consists entirely of Gritsenko lifts.

This exactly matches Brumer’s “Yes” list for prime levels $p < 600$. 
**$L$-functions of abelian surfaces over $\mathbb{Q}$**

1. The local Hasse-Weil $p$-Euler factor is the characteristic polynomial of Frobenius on the Tate module $\mathbb{T}_\ell(A)$ of the abelian surface $A$.

   $$Q_p(A, t) = \det \left( I - t \operatorname{Frob}_p \mid \mathbb{T}_\ell(A)^{I_p} \right)$$

2. When the isogeny class of $A/\mathbb{Q}$ contains a Jacobian or a Prym then computation of the Hasse-Weil $p$-Euler factors will be easy. However, it may be difficult to find a representative abelian surface.

3. Global Hasse-Weil $L$-function

   $$L(A, s, \text{H-W}) = \prod_{\text{primes } p} Q_p(A, p^{-s})^{-1}$$
1. For $N < 1000$, we have seen mainly Jacobians, Pryms, and Weil restrictions, but the algorithmic challenges searching for $A/\mathbb{Q}$ will grow with the conductor $N$.

2. In the special case when $A = \text{Jac}(C)$ is the Jacobian of a genus two curve $C$, we have $$L(A, s, \text{H-W}) = L(C, s, \text{H-W})$$

3. The local Hasse-Weil $p$-Euler factors for $A = \text{Jac}(C)$ are accessible by counting points

$$Z_p(C, t) = \exp \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\#\{\text{Points on } C/\mathbb{F}_{p^n}\} t^n}{n} \right) = \frac{Q_p(C, t)}{(1-t)(1-pt)}$$
1. \( A_{277} = \text{Jac}(C_{277}) \) for \( C_{277} \) given by the hyperelliptic curve
\[ y^2 + (x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)y = -x^2 - x \]

2. Magma will compute Hasse-Weil Euler factors of a curve:
   \[
   \begin{align*}
   &> \ G := x^3 + x^2 + x + 1; \ F := -x^2 - x; \\
   &\quad (y^2 + G(x)y = F(x) \text{ is the equation}) \\
   &> C := \text{HyperellipticCurve}(F, G); \\
   &> J := \text{Jacobian}(C); \\
   &> h2 := \text{EulerFactor}(J, \text{GF}(2)); \ h2; \\
   &\quad 4*x^4 + 4*x^3 + 4*x^2 + 2*x + 1 \\
   &> h3 := \text{EulerFactor}(J, \text{GF}(3)); \ h3; \\
   &\quad 9*x^4 + 3*x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \\
   &> h5 := \text{EulerFactor}(J, \text{GF}(5)); \ h5; \\
   &\quad 25*x^4 + 5*x^3 - 2*x^2 + x + 1
   \end{align*}
\]
An example: a paramodular newform of level 277

- How can we make a newform in $S_2(K(277))$?

- Both Gritsenko lifts and Borcherds products can help. Both are built from Jacobi forms.

- Dimension formulas. No— not in weight two.
- Theta series. No— the trace from $\Gamma_0(p) \to K(p)$ gives zero.
- Modular symbols. — no such theory yet.
Fourier-Jacobi expansions

- Fourier expansion of Siegel modular form:
  \[ f(Z) = \sum_{T \geq 0} a(T; f) e(\text{tr}(ZT)) \]

- Fourier expansion of paramodular form \( f \in M_k(K(N)) \) in coordinates:
  \[ f \left( \tau \frac{z}{\omega} \right) = \sum_{n, r, m \in \mathbb{Z}: n, m \geq 0, 4Nm \geq r^2} a \left( \begin{pmatrix} n & r/2 \\ r/2 & Nm \end{pmatrix} ; f \right) e(n\tau + rz + Nm\omega) \]

- Fourier-Jacobi expansion of paramodular form \( f \in M_k(K(N)) \):
  \[ f \left( \tau \frac{z}{\omega} \right) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}: m \geq 0} \phi_m(\tau, z) e(Nm\omega) \]
Fourier-Jacobi expansion (FJE)

\[
\text{FJE: } f(\frac{\tau}{z} \bar{z}) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}: m \geq 0} \phi_m(\tau, z) e(Nm\omega)
\]

The Fourier-Jacobi expansion of a paramodular form is fixed term-by-term by the following subgroup of the paramodular group $K(N)$:

\[
P_{2,1}(\mathbb{Z}) = \begin{pmatrix}
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* & 0 & * & * \\
0 & 0 & 0 & *
\end{pmatrix} \cap \text{Sp}_2(\mathbb{Z}), \quad * \in \mathbb{Z},
\]

- $P_{2,1}(\mathbb{Z})/\{\pm I\} \cong \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \rtimes \text{Heisenberg}(\mathbb{Z})$

Thus the coefficients $\phi_m$ are automorphic forms in their own right and easier to compute than Siegel modular forms. This is one motivation for the introduction of Jacobi forms.
Definition of Jacobi Forms: Automorphicity

Level one

- Assume \( \phi : \mathcal{H} \times \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C} \) is holomorphic.

\[
\tilde{\phi} : \mathcal{H}_2 \to \mathbb{C} \\
\left( \begin{array}{c} \tau \\ z \\ \omega \end{array} \right) \mapsto \phi(\tau, z)e(m\omega)
\]

- Assume that \( \tilde{\phi} \) transforms by \( \chi \det(CZ + D)^k \) for

\[
P_{2,1}(\mathbb{Z}) = \left( \begin{array}{cccc}
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\end{array} \right) \cap \text{Sp}_2(\mathbb{Z}), \quad * \in \mathbb{Z},
\]
Jacobi forms are tagged with additional adjectives to reflect the support $\text{supp}(\phi) = \{(n, r) \in \mathbb{Q}^2 : c(n, r; \phi) \neq 0\}$ of the Fourier expansion

$$\phi(\tau, z) = \sum_{n, r \in \mathbb{Q}} c(n, r; \phi) q^n \zeta^r, \quad q = e(\tau), \zeta = e(z).$$

- $\phi \in J_{k,m}^{\text{cusp}}$: automorphic and $c(n, r; \phi) \neq 0 \implies 4mn - r^2 > 0$
- $\phi \in J_{k,m}$: automorphic and $c(n, r; \phi) \neq 0 \implies 4mn - r^2 \geq 0$
- $\phi \in J_{k,m}^{\text{weak}}$: automorphic and $c(n, r; \phi) \neq 0 \implies n \geq 0$
- $\phi \in J_{k,m}^{\text{wh}}$: automorphic and $c(n, r; \phi) \neq 0 \implies n > > -\infty$ ("wh" stands for weakly holomorphic)
The Jacobi $V(\ell)$ are images of the elliptic $T(\ell)$.

Elliptic Hecke Algebra $\rightarrow$ Jacobi Hecke Algebra

$$\sum_{\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \sum_{\text{P}_2,1(\mathbb{Z})} \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & ad - bc & 0 & 0 \\ c & 0 & d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sum_{\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}_{\text{mod } d} \mapsto \sum_{\text{P}_2,1(\mathbb{Z})} \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & \ell & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$T(\ell) \mapsto V(\ell)$
Any Jacobi cusp form can be the leading Fourier-Jacobi coefficient of a paramodular form.

**Theorem (Gritsenko)**

For $\phi \in J_{k,m}^{\text{cusp}}$, the series $\text{Grit}(\phi)$ converges and defines a map

$$\text{Grit} : J_{k,m}^{\text{cusp}} \to S_k(K(m))^\epsilon, \quad \epsilon = (-1)^k.$$

$$\text{Grit}(\phi)(\frac{\tau}{z}, \omega) = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{N}} (\phi| V_\ell)(\tau, z)e(\ell m \omega).$$
Theorem (Borcherds, Gritsenko, Nikulin)

Given $\psi \in J_{0,N}^{wh}(\mathbb{Z})$, a weakly holomorphic weight zero, index $N$ Jacobi form with integral coefficients

$$
\psi(\tau, z) = \sum_{n, r \in \mathbb{Z}: n \geq -N_0} c(n, r) q^n \zeta^r
$$

there is a weight $k' \in \mathbb{Z}$, a character $\chi$, and a meromorphic paramodular form $\text{Borch}(\psi) \in M_{k'}^{\text{mero}}(K(N))(\chi)$

$$
\text{Borch}(\psi)(Z) = q^A \zeta^B \xi^C \prod_{n, m, r \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(1 - q^n \zeta^r \xi^{Nm}\right)^{c(nm, r)}
$$

converging in a nghd of infinity and defined by analytic continuation.
Theta Blocks: a great way to make Jacobi forms
due to Gritsenko, Skoruppa, and Zagier

- Dedekind Eta function \( \eta \in J_{1/2,0}^{\text{cusp}}(\epsilon) \)

\[
\eta(\tau) = q^{1/24} \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (1 - q^n)
\]

- Odd Jacobi Theta function \( \vartheta \in J_{1/2,1/2}^{\text{cusp}}(\epsilon^3 \nu_H) \)

\[
\vartheta(\tau, z) = q^{1/8} \left( \zeta^{1/2} - \zeta^{-1/2} \right) \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (1 - q^n)(1 - q^n \zeta)(1 - q^n \zeta^{-1})
\]

- \( \text{TB}_k[d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_{\ell}](\tau, z) = \eta(\tau)^{2k-\ell} \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} \vartheta(\tau, d_j z) \in J_{k,m}^{\text{mero}}(\epsilon^{2k+2\ell}) \)

where \( 2m = d_1^2 + d_2^2 + \cdots + d_{\ell}^2 \) and \( d_i \in \mathbb{N} \).
There are 10 dimensions of Gritsenko lifts in $S_2(K(277))$

We have $\dim S_2(K(277)) = 11$ whereas the dimension of Gritsenko lifts in $S_2(K(277))$ is $\dim J_{2,277}^{\text{cusp}} = 10$.

Let $G_i = \text{Grit}(\text{TB}_2(\Sigma_i)) \in S_2(K(277))$ for $1 \leq i \leq 10$ be the lifts of the 10 theta blocks given by:

$\Sigma_i \in \{ [2, 4, 4, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14], [2, 3, 4, 5, 5, 7, 7, 9, 10, 14], [2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13], [2, 3, 3, 5, 6, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13], [2, 3, 3, 5, 5, 8, 8, 11, 13], [2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 10, 13], [2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 15], [2, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 9, 11, 13], [2, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12], [2, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 9, 11, 12] \}.$

Remark: The Gritsenko lifts of these ten theta blocks are all Borcherds products as well.
The nonlift paramodular eigenform $f_{277} \in S_2(K(277))$

$$f_{277} = \frac{Q}{L} \quad \text{(proven holomorphic)}$$

$$Q = -14G_1^2 - 20G_8G_2 + 11G_9G_2 + 6G_2^2 - 30G_7G_{10} + 15G_9G_{10} + 15G_{10}G_1$$
$$- 30G_{10}G_2 - 30G_{10}G_3 + 5G_4G_5 + 6G_4G_6 + 17G_4G_7 - 3G_4G_8 - 5G_4G_9$$
$$- 5G_5G_6 + 20G_5G_7 - 5G_5G_8 - 10G_5G_9 - 3G_6^2 + 13G_6G_7 + 3G_6G_8$$
$$- 10G_6G_9 - 22G_7^2 + G_7G_8 + 15G_7G_9 + 6G_8^2 - 4G_8G_9 - 2G_9^2 + 20G_1G_2$$
$$- 28G_3G_2 + 23G_4G_2 + 7G_6G_2 - 31G_7G_2 + 15G_5G_2 + 45G_1G_3 - 10G_1G_5$$
$$- 2G_1G_4 - 13G_1G_6 - 7G_1G_8 + 39G_1G_7 - 16G_1G_9 - 34G_3^2 + 8G_3G_4$$
$$+ 20G_3G_5 + 22G_3G_6 + 10G_3G_8 + 21G_3G_9 - 56G_3G_7 - 3G_4^2,$$
$$L = -G_4 + G_6 + 2G_7 + G_8 - G_9 + 2G_3 - 3G_2 - G_1.$$
A newform $f_{587}^- \in S_2(K(587))^-$.

Gritsenko, P–, Yuen (2016)

Construct theta blocks $\phi \in J_{2,587}^{\text{cusp}}$ and $\Xi \in J_{2,2 \cdot 587}^{\text{cusp}}$:

$\phi = \text{TB}_2[1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14]$

$\Xi = \text{TB}_2[1, 10, 2, 2, 18, 3, 3, 4, 4, 15, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8, 16, 9, 10, 22, 12, 13, 14]$

$\psi = \frac{\phi | V(2) - \Xi}{\phi} \in J_{0,587}^{\text{wh}}(\mathbb{Z})$

$\psi(\tau, z) = \sum_{n,r} c(n, r) q^n \zeta^r = 4 + \frac{1}{q} + \zeta^{-14} + \cdots + q^{134} \zeta^{561} + \cdots$

$f_{587}^-(\tau z \omega) = q^2 \zeta^{68} \xi^{587} \prod_{(n,m,r) \geq 0} \left(1 - q^n \zeta^r \xi^N m \right)^{c(nm,r)}$
A nonlift newform \( f_{249} \in S_2(K(249)) \).

P–, Shurman, Yuen (2017)

\[
\psi_{249}(\tau, z) = \frac{\vartheta(\tau, 8z)}{\vartheta(\tau, z)} \frac{\vartheta(\tau, 18z)}{\vartheta(\tau, 6z)} \frac{\vartheta(\tau, 14z)}{\vartheta(\tau, 7z)} \in J_{0,249}^{w.h.}(\mathbb{Z})
\]

\[
f_{249}(\tau, z) = 14 q^2 \zeta^{63} \zeta^{498} \prod_{n,m,r \in \mathbb{Z}} (1 - q^n \zeta^r \zeta^{mN}) c(nm, r; \psi_{249})
\]

- 6 \text{Grit}(TB_2(2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13))
- 3 \text{Grit}(TB_2(2, 2, 3, 5, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12))
+ 3 \text{Grit}(TB_2(1, 3, 3, 5, 6, 6, 9, 11, 12))
+ 2 \text{Grit}(TB_2(1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 15))
+ 7 \text{Grit}(TB_2(1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 14)).
Our paramodular website: www.siegelmodularforms.org

(Joint with J. Shurman, D. Yuen.)
Pulling back: $G$ a reductive algebraic group

Modularity

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\begin{align*}
\text{Arithmetic} & \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{Automorphic} \\
\text{Motives} & \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{Galois representations} \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{Automorphic reps} \\
\text{Motives} & \quad \rightarrow \quad \rho : \text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \hat{G}(\mathbb{C}) \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{Auto reps of } G(\mathbb{A}) \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\
\text{Etale cohomology of varieties} & \quad \text{Automorphic forms} \\
\text{Abelian surfaces} & \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \text{GSp}(4, \mathbb{C}) \leftarrow \text{paramodular, } G = SO(5) \\
\text{Abelian surfaces} & \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{L-functions} \leftarrow \text{paramodular } f, \ G = SO(5) \\
\text{Elliptic curves} & \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{C}) \leftarrow \text{elliptic } G = GL(2)
\end{align*}
\]
Proven paramodularity!

Q: How can you prove the $L$-functions of $A$ and $f$ agree?
A: You associate Galois representations to each of $A$ and $f$ and prove that their Galois representations are equivalent.

Q: How can you prove two Galois representations are equivalent?
A: Use a generalization of Faltings-Serre to $GSp(4)$ to show that the Galois representations agree if enough traces of Frobenius agree.

The Hasse-Weil and spin $L$-functions of some $A$ and $f$ agree.
$N = 277$: need primes up to $p = 43$
$N = 353$: need primes as large as $p = 137$
$N = 587^-$: need primes up to $p = 41$
(On arXiv— *On the paramodularity of typical abelian surfaces,* Brumer, Pacetti, Poor, Tornaria, Voight, Yuen)
Modularity of $A_{731}$, a composite level: $731 = 17 \cdot 43$

1. Berger and Klosin have proven the modularity of

$$A_{731} = \text{Jac} \left( y^2 = x^6 - 6x^4 + 4x^3 + 9x^2 - 16x - 4 \right),$$

the first modularity proof of a typical abelian surface with composite conductor.

2. $A_{731}$ has rational 5-torsion.

The candidate eigenform $f_{731} \in S_2(K(731))$ is congruent to a Gritsenko lift modulo $p = 5$.

3. The Galois representations $\sigma_A$ and $\sigma_f$ associated to $A_{731}$ and $f_{731}$ are the unique characteristic zero deformation of $\bar{\sigma}_A$.

Tobias Berger and Krzysztof Klosin: *Deformations of Saito-Kurokawa type and the Paramodular Conjecture.*

arXiv:1710.10228v2 (appendix by Poor, Shurman, Yuen)
Systematic Evidence for the Paramodular Conjecture
Twisting

Let $\chi$ be the nontrivial quadratic Dirichlet character modulo $p$.

- **Twist $L$-functions**: $\sum_n \frac{a_n}{n^s} \mapsto \sum_n \chi(n) \frac{a_n}{n^s}$

- **Twist abelian surfaces**: $A \mapsto A^\chi$
  I only indicate the special case of Jacobians:
  $\text{Jac} \left( y^2 = f(x) \right) \mapsto \text{Jac} \left( py^2 = f(x) \right)$.

- **According to the Paramodular Conjecture**, there should be a way to twist paramodular forms. (Well, weight two newforms . . .)

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
A & \xrightarrow{\text{twist}} & A^\chi \\
\downarrow \text{PC} & & \downarrow \text{PC} \\
? & \xrightarrow{??} & ?^\chi
\end{array}
$$
Twisting

Johnson-Leung and Roberts have a theory of twisting paramodular forms.


**Theorem.** Let \( \chi \) be the nontrivial quadratic Dirichlet character modulo an odd prime \( p \nmid N \). There exists a linear twisting map

\[
T_\chi : S_k(k(N)) \rightarrow S_k(k(Np^4))
\]

such that if \( f \) is a new eigenform and \( T_\chi(f) \neq 0 \) then

\[
L(T_\chi(f), s, \text{spin}) = L_\chi(f, s, \text{spin}).
\]

Therefore if \( f \) shows the modularity of \( A \) then \( T_\chi(f) \) shows the modularity of \( A_\chi \).

- For example, for all \( p \neq 277 \), the surface \( A_{277}^\chi \) is modular!
Let $E/K$ be an elliptic curve over a quadratic field $K$.

There exists an abelian surface over $\mathbb{Q}$, $A_E = \text{Res}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(E)$, the Weil restriction of $E$, whose $\mathbb{Q}$-points are in bijection with the $K$-points of $E$.

If $E$ is not isogenous to its conjugate over $K$ then $\text{End}_\mathbb{Q}(A_E) = \mathbb{Z}$, and the Paramodular Conjecture applies to the Weil restriction $A_E$.

- When $K$ is real quadratic, $E/K$ is modular with respect to some weight $(2, 2)$ Hilbert modular form $F$ for $\text{SL}(O_K \oplus \mathfrak{a})$.

Nuno Freitas and Bao V. Le Hung and Samir Siksek: *Elliptic curves over real quadratic fields are modular*. Invent. Math. 201 (2015)

- According to the Paramodular Conjecture, there should be a lift from Hilbert to paramodular forms.
Weil Restriction

Johnson-Leung and Roberts have a theory of lifting Hilbert eigenforms to paramodular eigenforms


- For real quadratic $K$, the modularity of the Weil restrictions $A_E = \operatorname{Res}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(E)$ is shown by the J-LR paramodular lift of the Hilbert eigenform that shows the modularity of $E/K$.

\[
\begin{align*}
E/K & \xrightarrow{\text{WR}} A/\mathbb{Q} \\
\text{Modularity} \downarrow & \quad \downarrow \text{PC} \\
\text{Hilbert form} & \xrightarrow{\text{JL-R lift}} \text{Paramodular form}
\end{align*}
\]
For imaginary quadratic $K$, Berger, Dembélé, Pacetti, and Sengun have a similar theory lifting Bianchi eigenforms to paramodular eigenforms.

Do the arithmetic and automorphic data match up?

**Theorem (P– Yuen 2009)**

Let $p < 600$ be prime. If $p \not\in \{277, 349, 353, 389, 461, 523, 587\}$ then $S_2(K(p))$ consists entirely of Gritsenko lifts.

Paramodular Conjecture verified for prime levels $p < 600$ not listed above. Brumer and Kramer prove the absence of abelian surfaces.

- The dimension formula of Ibukiyama (2007: Hamana Lake) for $S_4(K(p))$ was crucial to these computations.
Do the arithmetic and automorphic data match up?

**Theorem (Breeding, P–Yuen 2016)**

For all $N \leq 60$, $S_2(K(N))$ consists entirely of Gritsenko lifts.

Paramodular Conjecture verified for many odd levels $N \leq 60$. Brumer and Kramer prove the absence of semistable abelian surfaces of odd conductor.

- We proved an *a priori* bound on the number of Fourier-Jacobi coefficients needed to determine the space $S_2(K(N)^*, \chi)$.
Do the arithmetic and automorphic data match up?

**Theorem (P– Shurman, Yuen 2017)**

Let \( N < 300 \) be square-free. If \( N \notin \{249, 277, 295\} \) then \( S_2(K(N)) \) consists entirely of Gritsenko lifts. Furthermore, there is exactly one dimension of nonlift eigenforms for \( S_2(K(249)), S_2(K(277)), S_2(K(295)). \)

Paramodular Conjecture verified for odd squarefree levels \( N < 300 \), except as noted.

Cris Poor, Jerry Shurman, David S. Yuen: *Siegel paramodular forms of weight 2 and squarefree level*, Int. J. Number Theory 13 (2017)

- The dimension formula of Ibukiyama and Kitayama for \( S_4(K(N)) \) and squarefree \( N \) was crucial to these computations.
The Paramodular Conjecture 2.0
Perspective on classification results.

- Elliptic curves over $\mathbb{Q} \leftrightarrow$ elliptic $\mathbb{Q}$-newforms in $S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$

- $E$ over real quad $K \rightarrow$ Hilbert $\mathbb{Q}$-newforms in $S_2(SL(\mathcal{O}_K \oplus \alpha))$
  (but ($\leftarrow$) is not quite done—see discussion in Freitas, Siksek: arxiv.org/pdf/1307.3162.pdf)

- $E$ over imaginary quad $K \rightarrow$ Bianchi $\mathbb{Q}$-newforms in $S_2(\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}))$

But there is a problem going ($\leftarrow$) from Bianchi newforms to $E/K$ as noted by John Cremona.
Counterexamples

Ciaran Schembri is my source for this example.

- Define a hyperelliptic curve $C_o/\mathbb{Q}(i)$ of genus two by
  \[ y^2 = x^6 + 4ix^5 - (6 + 2i)x^4 + (7 - i)x^3 - (9 - 8i)x^2 - 10ix + (3 + 4i) \]
- $A_o = \text{Jac}(C_o)$ is an abelian surface over $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ of conductor $p_{5,1}^4p_{37,2}^4$ of norm $34225^2 = 185^4$.
- $\mathcal{O}_6 \hookrightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}(i)}(A_o)$ where $\mathcal{O}_6$ is the maximal order of the rational quaternion algebra of discriminant 6
- There is a Bianchi newform $f_o \in S_2(\Gamma_0(p_{5,1}^4p_{37,2}^4))$ with $\mathbb{Q}$-rational eigenvalues such that $L(A_o, s, \text{Hasse-Weil}) = L(f_o, s)^2$.
- By Faltings, there can be no $E/\mathbb{Q}(i)$ with $L(E, s, \text{Hasse}) = L(f_o, s)$. ($L$-functions determine isogeny classes of abelian varieties)

Thus, the pairing between $E/\mathbb{Q}(i)$ and Bianchi newforms is not perfect.
Frank Calegari pointed out counterexamples to the Paramodular Conjecture in January, 2018.

- By Weil restriction, $B = \text{WR}(A_o/\mathbb{Q}(i))$ is an abelian fourfold defined over $\mathbb{Q}$ with $\text{End}_\mathbb{Q}(B) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ an indefinite quaternion algebra.

- The lift of Berger, Dembélé, Pacetti, and Sengun gives $f = \text{BDPS-lift}(f_o) \in S_2(K(N))$. Note $N = (16 \cdot 185)^2 = 8761600$.

- $L(B, s, \text{H-W}) = L(f, s, \text{spin})^2$ and there can be no abelian surface $A/\mathbb{Q}$ with $L(A, s, \text{H-W}) = L(f, s, \text{spin})$ due to the different endomorphism rings $\text{End}_\mathbb{Q}(B) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \neq \text{End}_\mathbb{Q}(A \oplus A) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$, these being isogeny invariants.
The Paramodular conjecture 2.0 (2018)

An abelian fourfold $B/\mathbb{Q}$ has *quaternionic multiplication (QM)* if $\text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}}(B)$ is an order in a non-split quaternion algebra over $\mathbb{Q}$. A cuspidal, nonlift Siegel paramodular newform $f \in S_2(K(N))$ with rational Hecke eigenvalues will be called a *suitable* paramodular form of level $N$.

### Paramodular Conjecture (Brumer–Kramer)

Let $N \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $A_N$ be the set of isogeny classes of abelian surfaces $A/\mathbb{Q}$ of conductor $N$ with $\text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}} A = \mathbb{Z}$. Let $B_N$ be the set of isogeny classes of QM abelian fourfolds $B/\mathbb{Q}$ of conductor $N^2$. Let $P_N$ be the set of suitable paramodular forms of level $N$, up to nonzero scaling. There is a bijection $A_N \cup B_N \leftrightarrow P_N$ such that

$$L(C, s, \text{H-W}) = \begin{cases} L(f, s, \text{spin}), & \text{if } C \in A_N, \\ L(f, s, \text{spin})^2, & \text{if } C \in B_N. \end{cases}$$

Brumer and Kramer: QM implies $N = M^2s$ with $s | \gcd(30, M)$. 
Heuristic Tables for the Paramodular Conjecture

(found by classifying initial Fourier-Jacobi expansions)

With updated dimensions from: *Nonlift weight two paramodular eigenform constructions*, by Poor, Shurman, and Yuen. In progress.

Heuristic tables: $k = 2$ paramodular newforms: $N \leq 800$. 

\[
+\text{new nonlift} = \dim \left( (S_2(K(N))^{\text{new}})^+ / \text{Grit} \left( J_{2,N}^{\text{cusp}} \right) \right) \\
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The “=” means “proven.”

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$$\phi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$
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