

# Distribution of Hecke eigenvalues on Hilbert modular groups

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## Resumo/Abstract:

Let  $F$  be a totally real field, let  $I$  be a nonzero ideal of the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_F$  of  $F$ , let  $\Gamma_0(I)$  be the congruence subgroup of Hecke type of  $G = \prod_{j=1}^d \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathcal{O}_F)$  embedded diagonally in  $G$ , and let  $\chi$  be a character of  $\Gamma_0(I)$  of the form  $\chi(g) = \chi(d)$ , where  $d \mapsto \chi(d)$  is a character of  $\mathcal{O}_F$  modulo  $I$ .

For a finite subset  $P$  of prime ideals not dividing  $I$ , we consider the ring  $\mathcal{H}^P$ , generated by the Hecke operators  $T_p$ ,  $p \in P$  acting on  $(\cdot, \cdot)$ -automorphic forms on  $G$ .

Given the cuspidal space  $L_{(\Gamma_0(I)\backslash G)}^{2, \text{cusp}}$ , we let  $V_\varpi$  run through an orthogonal system of irreducible  $G$ -invariant subspaces so that each  $V_\varpi$  is invariant under  $\mathcal{H}^P$ . For each  $1 \leq j \leq d$ , let  $\varpi = (\varpi_j)$  be the vector formed by the eigenvalues of the Casimir operators of the  $d$  factors of  $G$  on  $V_\varpi$ , and for each  $p \in P$ , we take  $\varpi_p \geq 0$  so that  $\varpi_p T_p$  is the eigenvalue on  $V_\varpi$  of the Hecke operator  $T_p$ .

For each family of expanding boxes  $t \mapsto J_t$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , and fixed an interval  $J$  in  $[0, \infty)$ , for each  $p \in P$ , we consider the counting function

$$N(t; (J_p)_{p \in P}) := \sum_{\varpi, \varpi \in J_t : \varpi_p \in J_p, \forall p \in P} |c^r(\varpi)|^2.$$

Here  $c^r(\varpi)$  denotes the normalized Fourier coefficient of order  $r$  at  $\infty$  for the elements of  $V_\varpi$ , with  $r \in \mathbb{R}^d$  for every  $p \in P$ .

Under some mild conditions on the  $J_t$ , we give the asymptotic distribution of the function  $N(t; (J_p)_{p \in P})$ , as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . We show that at the finite places outside  $I$  the Hecke eigenvalues are equidistributed with respect to the Sato-Tate measure, whereas at the archimedean places the eigenvalues  $\varpi$  are equidistributed with respect to the Plancherel measure.

As a consequence, if we fix an infinite place  $l$  and we prescribe, for fixed intervals  $J_l$  and  $J_p$ ,  $\varpi_p \in J_p$  for all infinite places  $p \neq l$  and

$\varpi, \in J$  for all finite places in  $P$  and then allow  $|\lambda_{\varpi,l}|$  to grow to  $\infty$ , then there are infinitely many such  $\varpi$ , and their positive density is as mentioned above. This is joint work with Roelof W. Bruggeman (Utrecht).