

Arithmetic Theta Kernel and liftings

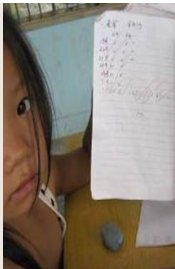
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Goal

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— Construct an arithmetic theta series

$$\theta^{ar}(\tau) = \sum_{m \geq 0} \hat{\mathcal{Z}}^{tot}(m) q^m \in \mathbb{C}[[q]] \otimes \widehat{\text{CH}}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1(\mathcal{X}^*)$$

and prove that it is a modular form for $\Gamma_0(|d|)$ of wt n , character χ_d^n , and with values in $\widehat{\text{CH}}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1(\mathcal{X}^*)$.

—Use this arithmetic theta ‘kernel’ to study arithmetic theta liftings.

Plan

- Classical Theta Kernel and classical theta liftings
- Kudla-Millson theory
- Regularized theta liftings, Borcherds liftings, and Geometric theta kernel/liftings
- Arithmetic theory of Borcherds Liftings, Arithmetic theta kernel/liftings.
- Comments/questions (if time permits)

Classical theta kernel and liftings

— $(G, H) = (U(r, r), U(V))$ or $(\mathrm{Sp}_{2r}, O(V))$, ..., reductive dual pair.

— V Hermitian (quadratic) space of dimension m .

Key: Weil representation ω of $G(\mathbb{A})$ on $S(V_{\mathbb{A}}^r)$, $H(\mathbb{A})$ acts on $S(V_{\mathbb{A}}^r)$ linearly.

— theta kernel for any $\phi \in S(V_{\mathbb{A}}^r)$

$$\theta(g, h, \phi) = \sum_{x \in V^n} \omega(g) \phi(h^{-1}x)$$

is a two variable automorphic forms on $[G] \times [H]$, where $[G] = G(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash G(\mathbb{A})$.

Ancient Example

Let V be positive definite quadratic space with an lattice L , and $r = 1$.
Take $\phi_f = \text{char}(\hat{L})$ and $\phi_\infty(x) = e^{-\pi(x,x)}$. Then $(g_\tau(i) = \tau)$

$$v^{-m/2}\theta(g_\tau, h, \phi_f\phi_\infty) = \sum_{x \in hL} e^{\pi i(x,x)\tau} = \sum_{m \geq 0} r_{hL}(m)q^m$$

is the classical theta function associated to the lattice hL .

Classical Theta liftings:

Given an automorphic form f on $[H]$, we obtain an automorphic form on $[G]$

$$\theta(g, f, \phi) = \int_{[H]} \theta(g, h, \phi) f(h) dh$$

if the integral converges (true if f is cuspidal).

Similarly, we have theta liftings from $[G]$ to $[H]$.

—Produce more automorphic forms from known modular forms (from different groups).

—A lot of applications to automorphic representations and L -functions.

When $f = 1$ on $[H]$, this theta liftings can be realized as Eisenstein Series (Siegel-Weil).

Unitary Shimura Varieties of signature $(n - 1, 1)$

- Let L be an integral Hermitian O_K -lattice of signature $(n - 1, 1)$ and $V = L \otimes \mathbb{Q}$. $H = U(V)$
- X the associated Shimura variety over K with

$$X(\mathbb{C}) = H(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash \mathbb{D} \times H(\mathbb{A}_f) / K_L$$

where

$$\mathbb{D} = H(\mathbb{R}) / K_\infty = \{z \in V_{\mathbb{C}} : (z, z) < 0\} / \mathbb{C}^\times = \mathcal{L} / \mathbb{C}^\times.$$

- \mathcal{L} descends to a line bundle \mathcal{L} of modular forms of wt 1 over X .

- L' the orthogonal dual of L (with respect to $Q(x) = (x, x)$)
- The Weil representation ω induces a Weil rep. ω of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ on $S_L = \mathbb{C}[L'/L]$.
- Standard basis of S_L : $\{\phi_\mu : \mu \in L'/L\}$
- Special divisors $Z(m, \mu)$ for $m > 0$ and $\mu \in L'/L$ with $Q(\mu) \equiv m \pmod{1}$: At a connected component, it looks like

$$\Gamma \backslash \{z \in \mathbb{D} : (x, z) = 0 \text{ for some } x \in \mu + L, (x, x) = m\}$$

- $Z(0, \mu) = -\frac{1}{2}[\mathcal{L}]$ or 0 depending on whether $\mu = 0$ or not.
- Geometric theta series in open Shimura variety

$$\theta^{geo}(\tau) = \sum_{\mu \in L'/L} \sum_{m \geq 0} Z(m, \mu) q^m \phi_{\mu} \in S_L[[q]] \otimes \mathrm{CH}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1(X)$$

via Chern class maps 'cl', we have

$$\theta^{col}(\tau) = \mathrm{cl}(\theta^{geo}) \in S_L[[q]] \otimes H^2(X, \mathbb{Q})$$

Instead of scalar valued Schwartz functions at ∞ in the theta kernel, Kudla and Millson constructed a Schwartz functions $\phi_{KM,\infty}(z, x)$

- with values in closed $(1, 1)$ -differentials on $z \in \mathbb{D}$ variable
- weight n on variable $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$ via (local) Weil representation
- the associated cohomology class $[\phi_{KM,\infty}]$ is 'holomorphic' on τ , such that

$$\theta^{col}(\tau, \mu) = \theta(\tau, z, h, \phi_{\mu} \phi_{KM,\infty})$$

which is modular!!!

—Kudla-Millson theory is much more general.

Regularized theta lifting and Borcherds lifting

—What about θ^{geo} ??

$S_k(\omega)$ —holomorphic cusp forms with values in S_L . $f : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow S_L$

$$f(\gamma\tau) = (c\tau + d)^k \omega(\gamma) f(\tau).$$

$M_k^!(\omega)$ —weakly holomorphic forms with values in S_L : meromorphic at the cusp ∞ .

$j(\tau) \in M_0^!(trivial)$.

$H_k(\omega)$ —Harmonic Maass forms with values in S_L .

$$0 \rightarrow M_{2-n}^!(\omega) \rightarrow H_{2-n}(\omega) \rightarrow S_n(\bar{\omega}) \rightarrow 0$$

Where the last map is given by ξ_{2-n} :

$$\xi_k(f) = 2iv^k \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{\tau}} = -2iv^{k-2} \overline{L_k(f)}.$$

where L_k is Maass weight raising operator.

$f \in H_k$ can be written as

$$f = f^+ + f^- = \sum_{m, \mu} c_f^+(m, \mu) q^m \phi_\mu + \text{non-holomorphic exponentially decay}$$

Finally,

$$Z(f) = \sum_{m > 0} \sum_{\mu} c_f^+(-m, \mu) Z(m, \mu) \in \text{CH}^1(X)$$

is the special divisor associated to f .

Regularized theta lifting and automorphic Green function

$f \in H_{2-n}$ gives regularized theta lifting $((z, h) \in X)$

$$\Phi(z, h, f) = \int_{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H}}^{\mathrm{reg}} f(\tau) \theta(\tau, z, h) d\mu(\tau)$$

where

$$\theta(\tau, z, h) = \sum_{\mu \in L'/L} \theta(g_\tau, h_z h, \phi_\mu \phi_\infty)$$

is the classical theta kernel rewritten ‘geometrically’.

— ϕ_∞ is ‘Gaussian’ function of weight $n - 2$.

— $h_z(z_0) = z, z_0 \in \mathbb{D}$ prefixed.

Theorem 1

(1) (Bruinier, 02, Bruinier-Funke, 04) $\Phi(z, h, f)$ is well-defined on X , smooth away from $Z(f)$, and is a Green function for $Z(f)$.

(2) (Borcherds, 98) When $f \in M_{2-n}^1$ and $c_f(m, \mu) = c_f^+(m, \mu) \in \mathbb{Z}$ for $m \leq 0$, there is a meromorphic modular form $\Psi(z, h, f)$ (called Borcherds lifting of f) of weight $\frac{1}{2}c_f(0, 0)$ such that

$$-\log |\Psi(z, h, f)|_{\text{Pet}}^2 = \Phi(z, h, f),$$

and

$$\text{Div } \Psi(z, h, f) = Z(f).$$

(3) (Borcherds 98, Kudla 16) Around a cusp of X , $\Psi(z, h, f)$ has an infinite 'Borcherds' product expansion.

Examples

Let $12\theta(\tau) = 12 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 24q^{n^2}$ and $L = M_2(\mathbb{Z})^{tr=0}$ with $Q(x) = \det x$.

Then

$$\Psi(z, 12\theta) = \Delta(z) = q \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)^{24}.$$

On $Y(1)$, $\text{Div}(\Psi) = 0$ by Borcherds.

On $X(1)$, $\text{Div}(\Psi) = \{\infty\}$ by Borcherds product expansion.

Take $L = M_2(\mathbb{Z})$ with $Q(x) = \det x$, Borcherds obtained the famous

$$\Psi(z_1, z_2, j(\tau) - 744) = j(z_1) - j(z_2) = q_1^{-1} \prod_{m>0, n \in \mathbb{Z}} (1 - q_1^m q_2^n)^{c(mn)}$$

where $c(n)$ is the n -th coefficient of $j(\tau) - 744$. $q_k = e^{2\pi i z_k}$.

On $Y(1) \times Y(1)$, Borcherds' theorem asserts

$$\text{Div}(\Psi) = Y(1)^{\text{diag}} = Z(1).$$

Whole story: one $X(1) \times X(1)$, Borcherds product expansion gives

$$\text{Div}(\Psi) = X(1)^{\text{diag}} - X(1) \times \{\infty\} - \{\infty\} \times X(1).$$

- $\Psi(z, h, f)$ is very special in the sense that its divisor is known (like Δ , E_4 and E_6)
- It gives relations about special divisors:

$$\sum_{m \geq 0, \mu} c_f(-m, \mu) Z(m, \mu) = 0 \in \text{CH}^1(X).$$

Theorem 2

(Borcherds, 1999) $\theta^{\text{geo}}(\tau)$ is a modular form of weight n valued in $S_L \otimes \text{CH}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1(X)$.

Reason: Each $f \in M_{2-n}^!$ gives a relation among $Z(m, \mu)$, and thus a lot of relations among them.

Borcherds (Serre duality): Let A be an abelian group and $a(m, \mu) \in A$. Then a power series $\sum_{m \geq 0, \mu} a(m, \mu) q^m \phi_{\mu}$ is a holomorphic modular form for $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ of wt n valued in $S_L \otimes A$ if and only if

$$\sum_{m \geq 0, \mu} c_f(-m, \mu) a(m, \mu) = 0$$

for every $f \in M_{2-n}^!(\omega_L)$.

- This theorem implies that the subspace of special divisors in $\mathrm{CH}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1(X)$ is finite, and
- we have geometric theta lifting from $S_n(\omega)$ to $\mathrm{CH}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1(X)$.

X^* —smooth (canonical) Toroidal compactification

Boundaries $\partial X = X^* - X = \sum_P \text{cusp } B_P$, the boundary component B_P at each cusp is an Abelian variety of dimension $n - 2$, thus a divisor of X^* .

By studying the behavior of the Green functions $\Phi(z, h, f)$ ($f \in H_{2-n}$) around each boundary component, we have

Proposition 1

(Bruinier-Howard-Y, '15) For $f \in H_{2-n}(\omega)$, $\Phi(z, h, f)$ is the Green function on X^* for $Z^{\text{tot}}(f) = Z^*(f) + B(f)$, where

$$B(f) = \sum_{P \text{ Cusp}} c_P(f) B_P,$$

and $Z^*(f)$ is the Zariski closure of $Z(f)$ in X^* . $c_P(f) \in \mathbb{Q}$ explicit.

For (m, μ) , take $f = f_{m, \mu} = q^{-m}(\phi_\mu + \phi_{-\mu}) + O(1) \in H_{2-n}$ (unique for $n \geq 3$), we obtain $Z^{\text{tot}}(m, \mu)$. For example

$$c_P(m) = c_P(f_{m,0}) = \frac{m}{n-2} |\{x \in L_0 : (x, x) = m\}|$$

Where $L_0 = L \cap (J \oplus J^\vee)^\perp$, and J is the isotropic line defining the cusp P .

The line bundle \mathcal{L} of modular forms on X can also be extended to X^* naturally. The same argument as Borchers now gives

Theorem 3

When $n \geq 3$,

$$\theta^{geo,*}(\tau) = \sum_{m \geq 0, \mu} Z^{tot}(m, \mu) q^m \phi_\mu$$

is a modular form for $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ of wt n , valued in $S_L \otimes CH_{\mathbb{Q}}^1(X^*)$.

Geometric Theta Liftings I

$$\theta^{geo} : \mathrm{CH}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{n-2}(X^*) \rightarrow S_n(\omega), \quad \theta^{geo}(C) = \langle \theta^{geo,*}, C \rangle$$

It should be interesting to study this map. For example,

- we can take C to be Shimura curves in X^* , understand the decomposition of $\theta^{geo}(C)$ with respect to Hecke Eigenforms.
- classify the image of this map when restricting on all (or split) Shimura curves in X^*

Geometric theta lifting II

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This pairing is related to special value of some Rankin-Selberg L -function $\langle E(\tau, s)\theta_{n-2}(\tau), f \rangle_{Pet}$ when C is Shimura curve.

Integral model and Arithmetic theta series

To extend $\theta^{geo,*}$ to arithmetic situation, we need integral model and slightly different setting with more restriction on lattice L .

Let \mathfrak{a}_0 and \mathfrak{a} be unimodular Hermitian O_K -modules of signature $(1, 0)$ and $(n - 1, 1)$, and let G be the subgroup of $\mathrm{GU}(\mathfrak{a}_0) \times \mathrm{GU}(\mathfrak{a})$ consisting pairs (g_0, g_1) with equal similitude. Let $L = \mathrm{Hom}_{O_K}(\mathfrak{a}_0, \mathfrak{a})$, then we have exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_{m, O_K/\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow G \rightarrow U(L) \rightarrow 1.$$

The integral Shimura variety \mathcal{X} parametrizes tuples $(A_0 = (A_0, \iota_0, \lambda_0), A_1 = (A_1, \iota_1, \lambda_1, \mathcal{F})) \in \mathcal{X}_{(1,0)} \times \mathcal{X}_{(n-1,1)}^{Kra}$ with an extra condition.

\mathcal{X} is regular over O_K but has bad reduction for $p|d$.

Similarly we extend compactification \mathcal{X}^* with boundaries \mathcal{B}_p integrally.

- $\mathcal{X}_{(n-1,1)}^{Kra}$ parametrizes tuples $A = (A, \iota, \lambda, \mathcal{F})$ where
- (A, ι, λ) are p.p. Abelian scheme of relative dimension n with O_K -action ι ,
 - \mathcal{F} is a $O_K \otimes O_S$ submodule of $\text{Lie}(A)$, and locally a direct summand of rank $n - 1$ as O_S -submodule such that
 - O_K acts on \mathcal{F} via structure map $O_K \rightarrow O_S$,
 - O_K acts on $\text{Lie}(A)/\mathcal{F}$ by conjugation of the structure map. (signature $(n - 1, 1)$ condition)

Associated to $(A_0, A_1) \in \mathcal{X}$, is a positive Hermitian form on $\text{Hom}_{O_K}(A_0, A_1)$:

$$(f, g) = \lambda_0^{-1} \circ g^\vee \circ \lambda_1 \circ f \in O_K = \text{End}_{O_K}(A_0).$$

The arithmetic divisor $\mathcal{Z}(m)$ parametrizes $(A_0, A_1, x : A_0 \rightarrow A_1)$ with $(x, x) = m$.

The line bundle \mathcal{L} can also extend naturally over \mathcal{X}^* , together with a natural metrization to make it a metrized line bundle $\hat{\mathcal{L}} = (\mathcal{L}, \|\cdot\|)$, viewed as an element in $\widehat{\text{CH}}^1(\mathcal{X}^*)$.

We define similarly,

$$\hat{\mathcal{Z}}^{\text{tot}}(m) = (\mathcal{Z}^{\text{tot}}(m), \Phi_m) \in \widehat{\text{CH}}^1(\mathcal{X}^*)$$

with

$$\mathcal{Z}^{\text{tot}}(m) = \mathcal{Z}^*(m) + \sum_{P \text{ Cusp}} c_P(m) \mathcal{B}_P,$$

and

$$\Phi_m = \Phi_{f_m, 0}.$$

Define

$$\hat{\mathcal{Z}}(0) = -[\hat{\mathcal{L}}] + (\text{Exc}, -\log |d|)$$

where Exc is sum of exceptional divisors at $p|d$.

Main Theorem (Bruinier-Howard-Kudla-Rapoport-Y, 2020) The arithmetic theta function

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is a modular form for $\Gamma_0(|d|)$, wt n , character χ_d^n , and with values in $\widehat{CH}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1(\mathcal{X}^*)$.

With this kernel function, we can study arithmetic theta liftings.
Arithmetic Theta Lifting I:

$$f \in S_n(\Gamma_0(|d|), \chi_d^n) \mapsto \theta^{ar}(f) = \langle \theta^{ar}(\tau), f \rangle_{Pet} \in \widehat{CH}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1(\mathcal{X}^*).$$

—What can we say the kernel and image of this map?

Arithmetic Theta Lifting II:

$$Z^{n-1}(\mathcal{X}^*) \rightarrow S_n(\Gamma_0(|d|), \chi_d^n),$$
$$\theta^{ar}(\mathcal{Z}) = \langle \theta^{ar}(\tau), \mathcal{Z} \rangle_{Fal} = \widehat{\deg} \theta^{ar}|_{\mathcal{Z}}$$

and

$$\widehat{CH}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{n-1}(\mathcal{X}^*) \rightarrow S_n(\Gamma_0(|d|), \chi_d^n), \quad \theta^{ar}(\hat{\mathcal{Z}}) = \langle \theta^{ar}(\tau), \hat{\mathcal{Z}} \rangle_{GS}$$

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—Can either of the map surjective? It would give an arithmetic construction of classical modular forms.

—Decomposition of $\theta^{ar}(\widehat{\mathcal{Z}})$ with respect to Hecke eigenforms.

Adjoint Property: for $f \in S_n(\Gamma_0(|d|), \chi_d^n)$ and $\mathcal{Z} \in Z^{n-1}(\mathcal{X}^*)$ we have

$$\langle \theta^{ar}(f), \mathcal{Z} \rangle_{Fal} = \langle \theta^{ar}(\mathcal{Z}), f \rangle_{Pet}$$

Theorem 4

(BHKRY, 20)(analogue of the Gross-Zagier formula) When \mathcal{Z} is a CM cycle,

$$\langle \theta^{ar}(f), \mathcal{Z} \rangle_{Fal} = \langle \mathcal{E}'(\tau^\Delta, 0)\theta(\tau), f(\tau) \rangle_{Pet}$$

is the central derivative of Rankin-Selberg L-function of f .

— $\mathcal{E}(\vec{\tau}, s)$ is some ‘incoherent’ Eisenstein series over the totally real number subfield F^+ if the CM cycle is associated to a CM number field F .

— $\theta(\tau)$ is a classical theta function associated to L and the CM cycle.

—If the central derivative is non-zero, then $\theta^{ar}(f) \neq 0$, f is NOT in the kernel of the arithmetic theta lifting.

Another arithmetic theta series, using Kudla Green functions

$$\theta_K^{ar}(\tau) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{Z}^{tot}(m, \nu) q^m$$

which is also a non-holomorphic modular form with values in $\widehat{CH}^1(\mathcal{X}^*)$ by our result above and Ehlen and Sankaran's result (their difference is a modular form).

Issue with $n = 2$.

Solution: embedding method (in progress with Qiao He and Yousheng Shi). It turns out that the arithmetic theta function using Kudla Green functions has desired property:

$$j^* \theta_{K,n}^{ar}(\tau) = \theta_{K,2}^{ar}(\tau) \theta_{n-2}(\tau).$$

—Use this to prove modularity of $\theta_{K,2}^{ar}(\tau)$

—Use Ehlen-Sankaran result to get modularity of $\theta_2^{ar}(\tau)$.

Main Theorem again (Bruinier-Howard-Kudla-Rapoport-Y, 2020) The arithmetic theta function

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Main Idea of Proof: algebraic definition of Borchers products!

For $f \in M_{2-n}^!$ we have meromorphic form Ψ of weight $k = \frac{1}{2}c_f(0,0)$ with

$$\text{Div}\Psi = Z^{\text{tot}}(f).$$

— Ψ is a 'section' of $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{C}}^k$.

Basic Question: How to make Ψ a 'section' of the integral and compactified line bundle \mathcal{L}^k with

$$\text{Div}\Psi = \mathcal{Z}^{\text{tot}}(f).$$

In reality,

$$\text{Div}\Psi = \mathcal{Z}^{\text{tot}}(f) + \text{explicit vertical divisors}$$

and the explicit vertical divisors do not affect the modularity of our arithmetic theta series.

- Key:** 1. The Borchers product expansion around cusps of the Borchers Lifting $\Psi(z, h, f)$ over both unitary Shimura variety (Kudla, Fourier-Jacobi expansion) and the orthogonal Shimura variety (Borchers)
2. q -principle.
 3. Fourier-Jacobi forms.

The important toy examples:

Let \mathcal{Y} be the modular curve over \mathbb{Z} with universal elliptic curve \mathcal{E} over it.

Let $\omega_{\mathcal{Y}}$ be the line bundle over \mathcal{Y} of modular forms of wt 1. Then

$$(2\pi i \eta^2)^{12} = (2\pi i)^{12} \Delta = (2\pi i)^{12} q \prod_{n \geq 1} (1 - q^n)^{24}$$

is a nowhere vanishing section of $\omega_{\mathcal{Y}}^{12}$.

Let $\mathcal{J}_{0,1} = (\text{diag})^* \mathcal{P}$ is the line bundle of Jacobi forms of wt 0 and index 1 over \mathcal{E} . Here \mathcal{P} is the Poincare line bundle over $\mathcal{E} \times_{\mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{E}$.

Let

$$\theta_1(\tau, z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{\pi i(n+1/2)^2 \tau + 2\pi i(n+1/2)(z-1/2)}$$

be the classical Jacobi theta function, and

$$\Theta(\tau, z) = i \frac{\theta_1(\tau, z)}{\eta(\tau)} = q_{\tau}^{\frac{1}{2}} (q_z^{\frac{1}{2}} - q_z^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \prod_{n>0} (1 - q_z q_{\tau})^n (1 - q_z^{-1} q_{\tau}^n).$$

Then

$$\Theta^{24} \in H^0(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{J}_{0,12})$$

is a global section of $\mathcal{J}_{0,12}$ with

$$\text{Div}\Theta^{24} = 24(0)$$

where (0) is the divisor of \mathcal{E} given by the 0-section of $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$.

Comments/Questions

1. The modularity result of arithmetic theta series in $O(n-1, 2)$ case should follow from Howard and Madapusi-Pera's work on integral model, and Bruinier and Zemel's work on Green function behavior at Boundary (plus some technical work).
2. Higher Codimension situation for Open Shimura varieties of $O(n-1, 2)$ and $U(n-1, 2)$.
Kudla conjectured the modularity of

$$\theta_r^{geo} = \sum_{T \in \text{Herm}_r^{\geq 0}} \sum_{\mu \in (L'/L)^r} Z(T, \mu) q^T \phi_\mu \in S_L^{\otimes r}[[q]] \otimes \text{CH}_{\mathbb{Q}}^r(X)$$

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Over $U(n - 1, 1)$, Wei Zhang's work extends without problem.

JieCheng Xia extends Bruinier and Raum's work to this case with assumption that O_K is Euclidean.

3. Howard and Madapusi-Pera extends the modularity of θ_r^{geo} to integral moduel in $O(n - 1, 2)$ case.
4. We still don't know how to extend the geometric theta series to include boundary, unfortunately.
5. Kudla's Green functions was extended to Green currents for general r systematically by Garcia and Sankaran (non-holomorphic). It is still a challenging problem to do the same for Bruinier's Green functions (holomorphic).

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