

THE CANONICAL DECOMPOSITION OF SIEGEL MODULAR FORMS I*

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Introduction

Let $M_k^n(q, \chi)$ be the space of Siegel modular forms of degree n , weight k , level q , and character χ , where n, k, q are positive integers and χ is a Dirichlet character modulo q . The purpose of this article is to show that $M_k^n(q, \chi)$ can be decomposed into $n+1$ subspaces which are pairwise orthogonal with respect to the so called canonical inner product. Actually, we prove this for more general space, namely, $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$, where Γ is any congruence subgroup of the symplectic group $Sp_n(\mathbf{Z})$ of level q .

Evdokimov[1], in 1981, gave a proof of this on the way of proving that $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ has a simultaneous eigenbasis with respect to all the Hecke operators from a certain Hecke ring. But unfortunately, his proof contains a mistake in defining the canonical inner product, and as a consequence his proof of the existence of such eigenbasis needs a major correction.

In this article, the mistakes are corrected to get the canonical decomposition of $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ (section 3.) and some useful theorems on the decomposition are given.

Let $\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}$, and \mathbf{C} be the ring of rational integers, the field of rational numbers, the field of real numbers, and the field of complex numbers, respectively.

Let $M_{m,n}(\mathbf{A})$ be the set of all $m \times n$ matrices over \mathbf{A} , a commutative ring with 1, and let $M_n(\mathbf{A}) = M_{n,n}(\mathbf{A})$. Let $GL_n(\mathbf{A})$ and $SL_n(\mathbf{A})$ be the group of invertible matrices in $M_n(\mathbf{A})$ and its subgroup consisting of matrices of determinant 1, respectively. For $M \in M_m(\mathbf{A})$, $N \in M_{m,n}(\mathbf{A})$, let $M[N] = {}^tNMN$, where tN is the transpose of N . Let E_n and 0_n

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be the identity and the zero matrices in $M_n(\mathbf{A})$, respectively. Let $\det M$ be the determinant of M . For $M \in M_{2n}(\mathbf{A})$, we let A_M, B_M, C_M , and D_M be the $n \times n$ block matrices in the upper left, upper right, lower left, and lower right corners of M , respectively, and write $M = (A_M, B_M; C_M, D_M)$. Let N_m be the set of all semi-positive definite (eigenvalues ≥ 0), semi-integral (diagonal entries and twice of nondiagonal entries are integers), symmetric $m \times m$ matrices, and N_m^+ be its subset consisting of positive definite (eigenvalues > 0) matrices.

Let $G_n = GS\dot{p}_n^+(\mathbf{R}) = \{M \in M_{2n}(\mathbf{R}) ; J_n[M] = rJ_n, r > 0\}$ where $J_n = (0_n, E_n; -E_n, 0_n)$ and $r = r(M)$ is a real number determined by M . Let $F^n = S\dot{p}_n(\mathbf{Z}) = \{M \in M_{2n}(\mathbf{Z}) ; J_n[M] = J_n\}$. Let $H_n = \{Z = X + iY \in M_n(\mathbf{C}) ; {}^tZ = Z, Y > 0\}$. For $M \in G_n$ and $Z \in H_n$, we set

$$M(Z) = (A_M Z + B_M)(C_M Z + D_M)^{-1} \in H_n.$$

For $M \in M_n(\mathbf{C})$, let $e(M) = \exp(2\pi i \sigma(M))$ where $\sigma(M)$ is the trace of M .

1. Siegel modular forms

Let n, q be positive integers. We define $\Gamma_0^n = \Gamma_0^n(q) = \{M \in \Gamma^n ; C_M \equiv 0_n \pmod{q}\}$ and $\Gamma_1^n = \Gamma_1^n(q) = \{M \in \Gamma^n : M \equiv E_{2n} \pmod{q}\}$.

Let F be an arbitrary complex valued function on H_n , and let $M = (A, B ; C, D) \in G_n$. We set

$$(1.1) \quad (F|_k M)(Z) = (\det M)^{k-(n+1)/2} (\det(CZ + D))^{-k} F(M\langle Z \rangle)$$

where $Z \in H_n$ and k is a positive integer. Note that $F|_k M$ is holomorphic on H_n if F is. Also note that $F|_k M_1|_k M_2 = F|_k M_1 M_2$ for $M_1, M_2 \in G_n$.

Let $\chi : (\mathbf{Z}/q\mathbf{Z})^\times \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\times$ be a Dirichlet character modulo q . A function $F : H_n \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ is called a Siegel modular form of weight k , degree n , level q , and character χ if (i) F is holomorphic on H_n , (ii) $F|_k M = \chi(\det D_M) \cdot F$ for any $M \in \Gamma_0^n$, and (iii) if $n=1$, $(cz+d)^{-k} F((az+b)/(cz+d)^{-1})$ is bounded as $\text{Im}(z) \rightarrow +\infty$ for any matrix $(a, b ; c, d) \in \Gamma^1 = SL_2(\mathbf{Z})$. The set of all such forms is denoted by $M_k^n(q, \chi)$. This is a finite dimensional vector space over \mathbf{C} . (See [2].) We define $M_k^n(q)$ by the set of all $F : H_n \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ satisfying (i), (iii), and (ii)' $F|_k M = F$ for any $M \in \Gamma_1^n$. $M_k^n(q)$ is also a finite dimensional vector space over \mathbf{C} . Note that $M_k^n(q, \chi) \subset M_k^n(q)$.

It is known [3] that every $F \in M_k^n(q)$, hence every $F \in M_k^n(q, \chi)$,

has a Fourier expansion of the form

$$(1.2) \quad F(Z) = \sum_{N \in N_n} f(N) e(NZ/q), \quad Z \in H_n.$$

2. The Siegel operator

Let $0 \leq r \leq n$ and let G_r^n be the r -th Satake group ([4], Exposé 12), i. e. ,

$$(2.1) \quad G_r^n = \left\{ M \in \Gamma^n; M = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & 0 & B_1 & B_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_2 & B_{21} & B_2 \\ C_1 & 0 & D_1 & D_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & D_2 \end{pmatrix} \right. \\ \left. \text{with } A_1, B_1, C_1, D_1, D_2 \in M_r(\mathbf{Z}) \right\}.$$

The matrix $M_1 = (A_1, B_1; C_1, D_1) \in \Gamma^r$ and the map $w_r^n : G_r^n \rightarrow \Gamma^r$ defined by $w_r^n(M) = M_1$ is a surjective group homomorphism. Note that $w_r^n(\Gamma_i^n \cap G_r^n) = \Gamma_i^r$ for $i=0, 1$.

Let $F : H_n \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ be an arbitrary function with Fourier expansion (1.2). The Siegel operator Φ is defined by

$$(2.2) \quad (\Phi F)(Z') = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow +\infty} F \begin{pmatrix} Z' & 0 \\ 0 & i\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{N' \in N_{n-1}} f \begin{pmatrix} N' & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} e(N'Z'/q)$$

where $Z' \in H_{n-1}$, $\lambda > 0$. For $0 \leq r \leq n$, we define Φ^r by $\Phi^0 =$ the identity operator, $\Phi^r = \Phi \circ \Phi^{r-1}$ for $1 \leq r \leq n$. Let $M \in G_r^n$ of the form (2.1). Then it is easy to see that

$$(2.3) \quad \Phi^{n-r}(F|_k M) = (\det D_2)^{-k} \Phi^{n-r} F|_k (w_r^n(M)).$$

Let $F \in M_k^n(q, \chi)$ and $M_1 \in \Gamma_0^r$ and let M be any matrix in $\Gamma_0^n \cap G_r^n$ of the form (2.1) such that $w_r^n(M) = M_1$. Then from (2.3) and the condition (ii) follows

$$(2.4) \quad (\Phi^{n-r} F)|_k M_1 = (\det D_2)^k \chi(\det D_M) \Phi^{n-r} F.$$

So $\Phi^{n-r} F \in M_k^r(q, \chi_r)$ where $\chi_r(\det D_1) = (\det D_2)^k \chi(\det D_M)$ which is independent of the choice of M according to (2.3). Moreover, since we can choose M such that $\det D_M = \det D_1$ and $\det D_2 = 1$, we get

$$(2.5) \quad \Phi^{n-r} F \in M_k^r(q, \chi) \text{ if } F \in M_k^n(q, \chi).$$

Similar argument shows that

$$(2.6) \quad \Phi^{n-r} \in M_k^r(q) \text{ if } F \in M_k^n(q).$$

Let Γ be a congruence subgroup of level q , i. e. , $\Gamma_1^n \subset \Gamma \subset \Gamma^n$.

Let χ be a character: $\Gamma \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\times$ such that $\chi(\Gamma_1^n) = 1$. We set $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ to be the set of all $F : H_n \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ satisfying the conditions (i), (iii),

and (ii)'' $F|_k M = \chi(M)F$ for any $M \in \Gamma$. This is also a finite dimensional vector space over \mathbf{C} . So under this definition, Siegel modular spaces $M_k^n(q, \chi)$ and $M_k^n(q)$ can be identified with $M_k^n(\Gamma_0^n, \chi)$ and $M_k^n(\Gamma_1^n, \chi_0)$ where χ_0 is the trivial character. For convenience we set $M_k^0(\Gamma, \chi) = \mathbf{C}$, $\Gamma^0 = 1$, and H_0 to be a single point.

Let $F \in M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ and $M_1 \in w_r^n(\Gamma \cap G_r^n)$. Take any $M \in \Gamma \cap G_r^n$ of the form (2.1) such that $w_r^n(M) = M_1$. Then

$$(2.7) \quad \Phi^{n-r} F \in M_k^r(\Gamma_r, \chi_r)$$

where $\Gamma_r = w_r^n(\Gamma \cap G_r^n)$ and χ_r is a character on $\Gamma \cap G_r^n$ defined by $\chi_r(M_1) = (\det D_2)^k \chi(M)$. Again (2.3) guarantees the independence of χ_r under the choice of M .

Let $M \in \Gamma^n$. Then

$$(2.8) \quad F|_k M \in M_k^n(\Gamma^M, \chi^M)$$

where $\Gamma^M = M^{-1}\Gamma M$ and χ^M is a character on $M^{-1}\Gamma M$ defined by $\chi^M(\hat{M}) = \chi(M\hat{M}M^{-1})$ for $\hat{M} \in M^{-1}\Gamma M$. Combining (2.7) and (2.8), we get

$$(2.9) \quad \Phi^{n-r}(F|_k M) \in M_k^r(\Gamma_r^M, \chi_r^M)$$

where $\Gamma_r^M = w_r^n(M^{-1}\Gamma M \cap G_r^n)$ and $\chi_r^M = (\chi^M)_r$.

We denote $M_k^n((\Gamma_0^n)^M, \chi^M)$ and $M_k^r((\Gamma_0^n)_r^M, \chi_r^M)$ by $M_k^n(q^M, \chi^M)$ and $M_k^r(q_r^M, \chi_r^M)$, respectively. (2.6) shows that $M_k^r((\Gamma_0^n)_r, \chi_r) = M_k^r(q, \chi)$. It's easy to see that $M_k^n((\Gamma_1^n)^M, \chi^M) = M_k^n(q)$ and $M_k^r((\Gamma_1^n)_r^M, (\chi_0)_r^M) = M_k^r((\Gamma_1^n)_r, (\chi_0)_r) = M_k^r(q)$.

3. The canonical decomposition

$F \in M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ is called a cusp form if $\Phi(F|_k M) = 0$ for all $M \in \Gamma^n$. For $F, G \in M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$, we set

$$(3.1) \quad (F, G)_o = \int_{D(\Gamma)} F(Z) \overline{G(\bar{Z})} (\det Y)^k d\tilde{Z}$$

where $D(\Gamma)$ is a fundamental domain of Γ in H_n , $Z = X + iY \in H_n$, and $d\tilde{Z} = (\det Y)^{-n-1} dX dY$ is the G_n -invariant volume element on H_n . If either F or G is a cusp form, then the pairing (3.1) is a well defined non-degenerate Hermitian inner product ([4], Exposé 7) and is called the Maass-Petersson inner product on $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$. But otherwise, the pairing (3.1) is meaningless.

We now construct a positive definite Hermitian inner product which

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is meaningful on the whole space $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$.

Let $G_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ be the subspace of $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ consisting of all the cusp forms. If $F \in M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$, then F can be written uniquely in the form $F = F' + F_n$ where $F_n \in G_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ and F' is contained in the orthogonal complement of $G_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ in $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ with respect to the Maass-Petersson inner product. We call F_n the cusp part of F . We set

$$(3.2) \quad (F, G) = \sum_{r=0}^n \sum_{M \in \Gamma \backslash \Gamma^n} [\Gamma^r : \Gamma_r^M]^{-1} \left((\Phi_M^{n-r} F)_r, (\Phi_M^{n-r} G)_r \right)_o$$

where $\Phi_M^{n-r} F = \Phi^{n-r}(F|_k M)$, $(\Phi_M^{n-r} F)_r$ is the cusp part of $\Phi_M^{n-r} F$, and $(-, -)_o$ is the Maass-Petersson inner product on the space $M_k^r(\Gamma_r^M, \chi_r^M)$.

THEOREM 3.1. *The pairing (3.2) is a well defined positive definite Hermitian inner product on the whole space $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$, which is called the canonical inner product on the space.*

Proof. Since Γ^M, χ^M are independent of the choice of representative M of the left coset ΓM with $M \in \Gamma^n$, so are the index $[\Gamma^r : \Gamma_r^M]$ and the space $M_k^r(\Gamma_r^M, \chi_r^M)$. The Maass-Petersson inner product $(-, -)_o$ is also independent of the choice of M because $|\chi(M')| = 1$ for any $M' \in \Gamma$. So (3.2) is a well defined Hermitian inner product. The positive definiteness follows immediately from (2.2) and the obvious fact that $(-, -)_o$ is positive definite when restricted to cusp forms. The theorem is proved.

We now decompose $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ into $n+1$ mutually orthogonal subspaces with respect to the canonical inner product. For $0 \leq r \leq n$, we set

$$(3.3) \quad M_k^{n,r}(\Gamma, \chi) = \left\{ F \in M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi) ; \Phi_M^{n-r} F \text{ is a cusp form for every } M \in \Gamma^n \text{ such that } \left(F, \sum_{s=r+1}^n M_k^{n,s}(\Gamma, \chi) \right) = 0 \text{ if } r \neq n \right\}.$$

Observe that $M_k^{n,n}(\Gamma, \chi) = G_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$.

THEOREM 3.2. *For $0 \leq r \leq n-1$,*

$$(3.4) \quad M_k^{n,r}(\Gamma, \chi) = \left\{ F \in M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi) ; \Phi_M F \in \sum_{s=r}^{n-1} M_k^{n-1,s}(\Gamma_{n-1}^M, \chi_{n-1}^M) \text{ such that } \left(F, \sum_{s=r+1}^n M_k^{n,s}(\Gamma, \chi) \right) = 0 \right\}.$$

Proof. Let the right sides of (3.3) and (3.4) be A and B . We use induction on n . For $n=1$ it is well known [5] that the lemma holds. Let $n>1$. It is clear that $B\subset A$. Suppose $F\in A-B$. Then there exists M such that $\Phi_M F$ is not contained in $\sum_{s=r}^{n-1} M_k^{n-1}(\Gamma_{n-1}^M, \chi_{n-1}^M)$. But then from the induction hypothesis and (2.3) follows that $\Phi_{M'} F$ is not a cusp form for some $M'\in\Gamma^n$, which is impossible, whence $A\subset B$.

When $n=1$, $M_k^{1,0}(\Gamma, \chi)$ and $M_k^{1,1}(\Gamma, \chi)$ coincide with the subspaces of classical Eisenstein series [5] and cusp forms [6]. Furthermore, they are orthogonal to each other with respect to Maass-Petersson inner product as well as to the canonical inner product. This can be generalized for arbitrary n . More precisely.

THEOREM 3.3. *The space $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ is decomposed into $n+1$ subspaces $M_k^{n,r}(\Gamma, \chi)$, $0\leq r\leq n$, which are pairwise orthogonal with respect to the canonical inner product.*

Proof. From Theorem 3.2. and induction on n , the theorem follows.

Maass[7] proved this for $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi_0)$.

We write $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi) = \bigoplus_{r=0}^n M_k^{n,r}(\Gamma, \chi)$ and call it the canonical decomposition of $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$. The subspace $M_k^{n,r}(\Gamma, \chi)$ is called the r -th canonical subspace of $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ for each $r=0, \dots, n$.

4. Some theorems

Let $F, G\in M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ such that at least one of which is a cusp form, say, G . Since $\Phi_M^s G=0$ for $s>0$,

$$(4.1) \quad (F, G) = \sum_{M\in\Gamma\backslash\Gamma^n} [\Gamma^n : \Gamma^M]^{-1} \left((F|_k M)_n, (G|_k M)_n \right)_o.$$

THEOREM 4.1. *If $F\in M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$, then $F'|_k M = (F|_k M)'$ and $F_n|_k M = (F|_k M)_n$ for any $M\in\Gamma^n$.*

Proof. The second equality follows from the definition of a cusp form. For $F, G \in M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$, at least one of which is a cusp form, it is easy to see that $(F|_k M, G|_k M)_o = (F, G)_o$ where the former pairing is the Mass-Petersson inner product on $M_k^n(\Gamma^M, \chi^M)$ and the latter is that on $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$. The first equality follows.

THEOREM 4.2. *For $F, G \in M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$, at least one of which is a cusp form, the canonical inner product coincide with the Maass-Petersson inner product.*

Proof. Let G be a cusp form. Since $((F|_k M)_n, (G|_k M)_n)_o = (F_n|_k M, G_n|_k M)_o = (F_n, G_n)_o = (F_n, G)_o = (F_n, G)_o + (F', G)_o = (F, G)_o$, from (4.1) we have $(F, G) = \sum_{M \in \Gamma \backslash \Gamma^n} [\Gamma^n : \Gamma^M]^{-1} (F, G)_o$. $[\Gamma^n : \Gamma^M] = [\Gamma^n : \Gamma]$ for any $M \in \Gamma^n$. The theorem is proved.

Let $M \in \Gamma^n$ be given. Let $T_M : M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi) \rightarrow M_k^n(\Gamma^M, \chi^M)$ be a homomorphism defined by $T_M(F) = F|_k M$. It is easy to see that T_M is an isomorphism that preserves the canonical inner product and hence the canonical decomposition, i. e.,

$$(4.2) \quad (F, G) = (F|_k M, G|_k M) = (T_M F, T_M G)$$

where the left canonical inner product is on $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ and the right is on $M_k^n(\Gamma^M, \chi^M)$, and

$$(4.3) \quad T_M(M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)) = M_k^n(\Gamma^M, \chi^M).$$

Let Γ' be a congruence subgroup contained in Γ and let χ' be the restriction of χ to Γ' . Then $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi) \subset M_k^n(\Gamma', \chi')$.

THEOREM 4.3. *For $F, G \in M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$,*

$$(4.4) \quad (F, G) = [\Gamma' : \Gamma]^{-1} (F, G)'$$

where the left canonical inner product is on $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ and the right is on $M_k^n(\Gamma', \chi')$.

Proof. From (3.1) follows that $(F, G)_o = [\Gamma' : \Gamma]^{-1} (F, G)_o'$ where $(-, -)_o'$ is the Maass-Petersson inner product on $M_k^n(\Gamma', \chi')$. Let $\{N_i\}_{i=1,2,\dots,m} \subset \Gamma$, $\{M_j\}_{j=1,2,\dots,l} \subset \Gamma^n$ be full sets of left coset representatives of $\Gamma' \backslash \Gamma$, $\Gamma \backslash \Gamma^n$. Then $\{N_i M_j\}$ is a full set of left coset representatives of $\Gamma' \backslash \Gamma^n$. For each $0 \leq r \leq n$, $N \in \{N_i\}$, $M \in \{M_j\}$, we have $(\Phi_{NM}^{\chi'} F)_r = (\Phi^{N^{-1}r} F|_k N M)_r = \chi(N) (\Phi_M^{\chi'} F)_r$. Similarly, $(\Phi_{NM}^{\chi'} G)_r$

$=\chi(N)(\Phi_M^{n-r}G)_r$. Since $(-, -)'_o$ is Hermitian and $|\chi(N)|=1$,
 $((\Phi_{NM}^{n-r}F)_r, (\Phi_{NM}^{n-r}G)_r)'_o = ((\Phi_M^{n-r}F)_r, (\Phi_M^{n-r}G)_r)'_o$. So
 $[\Gamma^r : (\Gamma^r)'_r]^{-1}((\Phi_{NM}^{n-r}F)_r, (\Phi_{NM}^{n-r}G)_r)'_o = [\Gamma^r : \Gamma^r]^{-1}((\Phi_M^{n-r}F)_r, (\Phi_M^{n-r}G)_r)_o$
 and hence from (3.2) follows $(F, G)' = m(F, G) = [\Gamma : \Gamma'] (F, G)$ which
 proves the theorem.

THEOREM 4.4. For each $0 \leq r \leq n$, we have

$$(4.5) \quad M_k^{n-r}(\Gamma, \chi) = M_k^{n-r}(\Gamma', \chi') \cap M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi),$$

Proof. We use induction on $s=n-r$. For $s=0$ ($n=r$), (4.5) follows immediately from (3.3) and Theorem 4.3. Let F be in the right side of (4.5) and $G \in \sum_{s=r+1}^n M_k^{n-s}(\Gamma, \chi)$ for $r < n$. From induction hypothesis $(F, G) = [\Gamma : \Gamma']^{-1}(F, G)' = 0$. So from (3.3), $F \in M_k^{n-r}(\Gamma, \chi)$. To show the reverse inclusion, let $F \in M_k^{n-r}(\Gamma, \chi)$. Then $F \in \sum_{s=r}^n M_k^{n-s}(\Gamma', \chi')$.

Write $F = F_r + G$ where $F_r \in M_k^{n-r}(\Gamma', \chi')$ and $G \in \sum_{s=r+1}^n M_k^{n-s}(\Gamma', \chi')$. From induction hypothesis $0 = (F, G)' = (F_r + G, G)' = (G, G)'$. So $G = 0$ and $F = F_r \in M_k^{n-r}(\Gamma', \chi')$. The theorem follows.

According to equalities (4.2), (4.3) and Theorems 4.3., 4.4., when one needs to prove a certain property related to the canonical inner product and decomposition on $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$, in particular, on $M_k^n(q, \chi)$, it suffices to prove it for $M_k^n(q)$.

Finally, we prove the invariance of the r -th canonical subspace of $M_k^n(\Gamma, \chi)$ under the action $|_k M$ for $M \in \Gamma^n$.

THEOREM 4.5. If F is in $M_k^{n-r}(\Gamma, \chi)$, then so is $F|_k M$ for any $M \in \Gamma^n$.

Proof. As the remark above, it is enough to show the theorem for $F \in M_k^n(q)$. It is clear that $F|_k M \in M_k^n(q)$. Again we use induction on $s=n-r$. $\Phi_M^{n-r}F$ is a cusp form for each $M' \in \Gamma^n$. If M' runs over Γ^n , then so does MM' . So $\Phi_{MM'}^{n-r}F = \Phi_{M'}^{n-r}(F|_k M)$ is also a cusp form for each $M \in \Gamma^n$ and hence it suffices to show

$$(4.6) \quad (F|_k M, G) = 0 \text{ for any } G \in \sum_{s=r+1}^n M_k^{n-s}(q) \text{ for } 0 \leq r < n.$$

From (3.2) we get

$$(4.7) \quad (F|_k M, G) = \sum_{r=0}^n \sum_{M' \in \Gamma_1^{r,n}} [\Gamma^r : \Gamma_1^r]^{-1} \left((\Phi_{M'}^{n-r}(F|_k M))_r, (\Phi_{M'}^{n-r}G)_r \right)_o,$$

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where $\int(-, -)_o$ is the Maass-Petersson inner product on $M'_k(g)$, because $(\Gamma_1^n)_{r'}^{M'} = \Gamma_1^r$. If M' runs over a full set of representatives of $\Gamma_1^n \backslash \Gamma^n$, then so does $M^{-1}M'$. Substitution of M' by $M^{-1}M'$ in (4.7) yields $(F|_k M, G) = (F, G|_k M^{-1})$. From induction hypothesis $(F, G|_k M^{-1}) = 0$. So (4.6) and hence the theorem follows.

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