10 HECKE OPERATORS

10.1. Introduction The motivation here is to find operators $T$ which act on modular forms $f$ of given weight $2k$ in such a way that the Fourier coefficients of $f$ and $Tf$ satisfy “useful” relationships. A crucial rôle is played by eigenforms $f$ which satisfy

$$Tf = \lambda_T f.$$ 

One can set up the theory in rather greater generality. However we will follow Hecke who made the following definition.

Definition 10.1. For $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and any $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ the operator $T_n$ is defined on the set of weakly modular functions of weight $2k$ by

$$(T_n f)(z) = n^{2k-1} \sum_{d|n} d^{-2k} \sum_{b=0}^{d-1} f \left( \frac{nz + bd}{d^2} \right).$$

10.2. The Fourier Expansion. For brevity we will use the notation $e(\alpha)$ for $e^{2\pi i \alpha}$ and $q = e(z)$.

Theorem 10.1. Let $f$ be a modular function of weight $2k$, with Fourier expansion at $\infty$

$$f(z) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} c(m) e(mz). \quad (1)$$

Then $T_n f$ has the Fourier expansion

$$(T_n f)(z) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \gamma_n(m) e(mz)$$

where

$$\gamma_n(m) = \sum_{d|(m,n)} d^{2k-1} c(mnd^{-2}).$$
Proof. By definition the series (1) converges for \( q \) in a punctured disc centred at \( q = 0 \). In the interior of this annulus it converges absolutely. Thus

\[
(T_n f)(z) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{d | n} \left( \frac{n}{d} \right)^{2k-1} c(m) e \left( \frac{mnz}{d^2} \right) \frac{1}{d} \sum_{b=0}^{d-1} e(mb/d)
\]

\[
= \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{d | (m,n)} \left( \frac{n}{d} \right)^{2k-1} c(m) e \left( \frac{mnz}{d^2} \right)
\]

\[
= \sum_{d | n} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \frac{n}{d} \right)^{2k-1} c(ld)e(lnz/d)
\]

\[
= \sum_{r | n} r^{2k-1} c(ln/r)e(lrz)
\]

\[
= \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{r | (m,n)} r^{2k-1} c(mnr^{-2})e(mz).
\]

In Definition 10.1, the general term can be rewritten as

\[
f \left( \frac{(n/d)z + b}{d} \right).
\]

Thus we are particularly interested in the behaviour of \( f \) under the action of \( A = \left( \begin{array}{cc} n/d & b \\ 0 & d \end{array} \right) \).

Now \( \det A = n \). Thus we consider general \( A = \left( \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ c & d \end{array} \right) \) with \( \det A = n \), a transformation of order \( n \), and for our purposes we can associate \( Az \) with \( z \mapsto \frac{az+b}{cz+d} \). Let \( \Gamma(n) \) denote the set of all such transformations. Thus the modular group is \( \Gamma(1) \). We say that \( A, B \in \Gamma(n) \) are equivalent when there is a \( C \in \Gamma \) such that \( A = CB \). This is obviously an equivalence relation, and partitions \( \Gamma(n) \) into equivalence classes. We could write \( \Gamma(n)/\Gamma \) for the set of equivalence classes.

10.3. The structure of \( \Gamma(n) \).

Theorem 10.2. Every equivalence class in \( \Gamma(n)/\Gamma \) contains a representative \( A = \left( \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{array} \right) \) with \( d > 0 \)

Proof. Let \( A = \left( \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ c & d \end{array} \right) \) be a given member of the class. If \( c = 0 \), then we are done since

\[
A = \left( \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{array} \right) \text{ and } \left( \begin{array}{cc} -a & -b \\ 0 & -d \end{array} \right)
\]

represent the same transformation. If \( c \neq 0 \), then we choose \( r, s \) with \( (r,s) = 1 \) so that \( s/r = -a/c \), and choose \( p, q \) so that \( ps - qr = 1 \). Hence

\[
\left( \begin{array}{cc} p & q \\ r & s \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ c & d \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{cc} pa + qc & pb + qd \\ ra + sc & rb + sd \end{array} \right),
\]

with \( d > 0 \).
ra + sc = 0, \det \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{pmatrix} = ps - qr = 1.

Theorem 10.3. A complete set of non-equivalent elements of \( \Gamma(n) \) is given by the \( \sigma(n) = \sum_{d \mid n} d \) transformations \( A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \) formed by taking \( ad = n, \ d > 0 \) and \( b \) ranging over a complete set of residues modulo \( d \).

Proof. By Theorem 10.2, given \( B \in \Gamma(n) \) there is an \( A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \) equivalent to \( B \), and \( ad = n, \ d > 0 \). We show that

\[
A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & d_1 \end{pmatrix}
\]

is equivalent to \( A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \) if and only if

\[
a_1 = a, \ d_1 = d, \ b_1 \equiv b \pmod{d}.
\]

Suppose (2). Then \( \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & d_1 \end{pmatrix} A = \begin{pmatrix} u & v \\ w & x \end{pmatrix} \) with \( ux - vw = 1 \). Since \( ad = n \neq 0, w = 0 \). Then \( ux = 1, \ u = x = \pm 1 \). As \( xd > 0, u = x = 1, \ a_1 = a, \ b_1 = b + vd \).

Suppose (s). Let \( C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b_1 - b \\ 0 & d_1 \end{pmatrix} \). Then, by (2), \( CA = A_1 \).

Definition 10.2. Let \( A_n \) denote the set of transformations \( A \in \Gamma(n), \ Az = \frac{az + b}{d} \) with \( ad = n, \ d > 0, \ 0 \leq b < d \).

The set \( A_n \) is a set of representatives for \( \Gamma(n)/\Gamma \). Moreover if

\[
A' = \begin{pmatrix} a & b + \lambda d \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}, \ C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \lambda \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \ A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix},
\]

then \( A' = CA \) and for any weakly modular function \( f(A'z) = f(CAz) = f(Az) \). Thus we could take any complete set of residues modulo \( d \) for the \( b \) in our application.

By Definition 10.1,

\[
(T_nf)(z) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{A \in A_n} a^{2k} f(Az).
\]

Theorem 10.4. Suppose that \( A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma(n) \) and \( V_1 \in \Gamma \). Then there are \( A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ 0 & d_2 \end{pmatrix} \in A_n \) and \( V_2 \in \Gamma \) such that \( A_1 V_1 = V_2 A_2 \). Moreover, if \( c_1 = 0 \), \( V_j = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_j & \beta_j \\ \gamma_j & \delta_j \end{pmatrix} \), then \( a_1(\gamma_2 A_2 z + \delta_2) = a_2(\gamma_1 z + \delta_1) \).

Proof. Obviously \( A_1 V_1 \in \Gamma(n) \). Choose \( A_2 \in A_n \) equivalent to \( A_1 V_1 \) in accordance with Theorem 10.2. Then there is a \( V_2 \in \Gamma \) such that \( V_2 A_2 = A_1 V_1 \) as required. Suppose \( c_1 = 0 \). Then

\[
A_1 V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \alpha_1 + b_1 \gamma_1 & a_1 \beta_1 + b_1 \delta_1 \\ d_1 \gamma_1 & d_1 \delta_1 \end{pmatrix},
\]
\[ V_2 A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_2 a_2 & \alpha_2 b_2 + \beta_2 d_2 \\ \gamma_2 a_2 & \gamma_2 b_2 + \delta_2 d_2 \end{pmatrix}. \]

Hence

\[ d_1 \gamma_1 = \gamma_2 a_2, \quad d_1 \delta_1 = \gamma_2 b_2 + \delta_2 d_2 \]

\[ \frac{n}{a_1} \gamma_1 = \gamma_2 \frac{n}{d_2}, \quad \delta_2 = \frac{d_1}{d_2} \delta_1 - \frac{b_2}{d_2} \gamma_2 \]

\[ \gamma_2 = \frac{d_2}{a_1} \gamma_1, \quad \delta_2 = \frac{a_2}{a_1} \delta_1 - \frac{b_2}{a_1} \gamma_1 \]

Thus \( a_1 (\gamma_2 A_2 z + \delta_2) = a_1 \gamma_2 \frac{a_2 z + b_2}{d_2} + (a_2 \delta_1 - b_2 \gamma_1) = \gamma_1 (a_2 z + b_2) - b_2 \gamma_1 + a_2 \delta_1. \)

10.4. Properties of \( T_n. \) We are now in a position to prove the first desirable property of \( T_n, \) namely that if \( f \) is weakly modular of weight of 2\( k \), then so is \( T_n f. \)

**Theorem 10.5.** Suppose that \( f \) is weakly modular of weight 2\( k \) and \( V = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma. \) Then

\[ (T_n f)(V z) = (\gamma z + \delta)^{2k}(T_n f)(z). \]

**Proof.** By (4),

\[ (T_n f)(V z) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{A \in A_n} a^{2k} f(A V z). \]

Given \( A \) and \( V \), by Theorem 10.4 there are \( A_1, V_1 \) such that \( A_1 \in A_n, \ AV = V_1 A_1, \ V_1 \in \Gamma \) and \( a(\gamma_1 A_1 z + \delta_1) = a_1 (\gamma z + \delta). \) Thus

\[ a^{2k} f(A V z) = a^{2k} f(V_1 A_1 z) = (a(\gamma_1 A_1 z + \delta_1))^{2k} f(A_1 z) = a_1^{2k} (\gamma z + \delta)^{2k} f(A_1 z). \]

Moreover, if \( A' V = V_1' A_1' \), then \( A \) is equivalent to \( A' \) if and only if \( A_1 \) is equivalent to \( A_1'. \) Thus \( A_1 \) runs over \( A_n \) as \( A \) does.

**Theorem 10.6.** If \( f \) is a weakly modular function, then so is \( T_n f. \) If \( f \in M_k \), then so is \( T_n f. \) If \( f \in M_k^0 \), then so is \( T_n f. \)

**Proof.** The first part is immediate from the previous theorem. The second part then follows from Theorem 10.1 since if \( c(m) \) has its support on the non-negative integers, so does \( \gamma_n(m). \) Finally, in Theorem 10.1, if the support of the \( c(m) \) is \( \mathbb{N}, \) then so is that of \( \gamma_n(m). \)

We can now begin to explore the structure of the \( T_n. \) These operators turn out to be “multiplicative” in the usual sense.
Theorem 10.7. Suppose that \( m, n \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( (m, n) = 1 \). Then \( T_m T_n = T_{mn} \) and \( T_m \) and \( T_n \) commute.

Proof. By (4),

\[
(T_m(T_n f))(z) = \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{A' \in \mathcal{A}_m} \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}_n} a'^{2k} f(A' Az).
\]

We have

\[
A'' = A'A = \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ 0 & d' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a'a & a'b + b'd \\ 0 & d'd \end{pmatrix}.
\]

The number \( d'd \) runs over a set of (positive) divisors of \( mn \) as \( d' \) and \( d \) do of \( m \) and \( n \) respectively. Since \( a'|m \) and \( d|n \) we have \( (a', d) = 1 \). Every residue class modulo \( d'd \) can be written in the form \( u + vd \) with \( 0 \leq u < d \), \( 0 \leq v < d' \). Choose \( b \) so that \( a'b \equiv u \pmod{d} \). Then choose \( b' \) so that \( b' \equiv v + (u - a'b)/d \pmod{d'} \). Then \( a'b + b'd \equiv u + vd \pmod{d'd} \). Since there are only \( d'd \) choices for \( b \) and \( b' \) it follows that \( a'b + b'd \) ranges over a complete set of residues modulo \( d'd \) as \( b' \) and \( b \) do modulo \( d' \) and \( d \) respectively. Finally \( a'a = mn/(d'd) \). Thus

\[
(T_m(T_n f))(z) = \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{A'' \in \mathcal{A}_{mn}} (a'')^{2k} f(A'' z) = (T_{mn} f)(z).
\]

That \( T_m \) and \( T_n \) commute is immediate.

To avoid suffices becoming too cumbersome we use the notation

\[ T(n) = T_n. \]

The structure of the Hecke operators is quite surprising as the following theorem shows.

Theorem 10.8. Let \( p \) be a prime and let \( r \in \mathbb{N} \) and suppose that \( f \) is weakly modular of weight \( 2k \). Then

\[ T(p) (T(p^r) f) = T(p^{r+1}) f + p^{2k-1} T(p^{r-1}) f. \]

Proof. By Definition 10.1,

\[
(T(p^r) f)z = \sum_{s=0}^{r} p^{2k(r-s)-r} \sum_{b=0}^{p^r-1} f \left( \frac{p^{r-s} z + b}{p^s} \right).
\]

Moreover

\[ (T(p) g)z = p^{2k-1} g(pz) + p^{-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} g \left( \frac{z + b}{p} \right). \]
Thus

\[
(T(p)(T(p^r)f))z = \sum_{s=0}^{p^2k-1} p^{2k(r-s)-r} \sum_{b=0}^{p^r-1} f\left(\frac{p^{r-1}z + bp}{p^s}\right) + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \sum_{s=0}^{p^2k(r-s)-r} p^{s-1} \sum_{c=0}^{p^r-1} f\left(\frac{p^{r-s}z+c}{p^r} + b\right)
\]

\[
= \sum_{s=0}^{r} p^{2k(r+1-s)-r-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p^r-1} f\left(\frac{p^{r+1-s}z + bp}{p^s}\right) + \sum_{s=0}^{r} p^{2k(r-s)-r-1} \sum_{u=0}^{p^s-1} f\left(\frac{p^{r-s}z + u}{p^s+1}\right)
\]

\[
= \sum_{s=1}^{r} p^{2k(r+1-s)-r-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p^r-1} f\left(\frac{p^{r+1-s}z + bp}{p^s}\right) + p^{2k(r+1-0)-r-1} f(p^{r+1-0}z + 0)
\]

\[
= r \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} p^{2(k(r+1-s)-r-1)} \sum_{b=0}^{p^r-1} f \left(\frac{p^{r-s}z + bp}{p^s}\right) + T(p^{r+1})
\]

\[
= \sum_{t=0}^{r-1} p^{2k(r-t)-r-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p^{t+1}-1} f \left(\frac{p^{r-t}z + bp}{p^{t+1}}\right) + T(p^{r+1})
\]

\[
= \sum_{t=0}^{r-1} p^{2k(r-t)-r-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p^{t+1}-1} f \left(\frac{p^{r-t}z + b}{p^{t+1}}\right) + T(p^{r+1})
\]

\[
= p^{2k-1} T(p^{r-1}) + T(p^{r+1}).
\]

We recall Theorem 10.1. When \( f \) is a modular function, so that

\[
f(z) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} c(m)e(mz)
\]

in a punctured disc (for \( q \)) centred at 0 we have

\[
(T_n f)(z) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \gamma_n(m)e(mz)
\]

with

\[
\gamma_n(m) = \sum_{d|m} d^{2k-1}c(mnd^{-2}).
\]

We can carry out several evaluations. Thus

\[
\gamma_n(0) = c(0)\sigma_{2k-1}(n),
\]

\[
\gamma_n(1) = c(n),
\]
\[ \gamma_p(m) = \begin{cases} c(mp) & \text{when } p \nmid m, \\ c(mp) + p^{2k-1}c(m/p) & \text{when } p|m. \end{cases} \] (7)

10.5. Eigenfunctions. Let \( f \) be a modular form of weight \( 2k \) with \( k > 0 \) and not identically \( 0 \). We investigate the possibility that
\[ T(n)f = \lambda(n)f \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{where } \lambda(n) \in \mathbb{C}. \] (8)

**Definition 10.3.** A modular form \( f \) of weight \( 2k \) with \( k > 0 \) and not identically \( 0 \) which satisfies (8) is called an eigenfunction or eigenform of \( T(n) \). The complex numbers \( \lambda(n) \) are the eigenvalues of \( f \).

Let \( f \) be such a modular form and \( c(n) \) be its Fourier coefficient. By (6), \( c(n) = \lambda(n)c(1) \) for \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). If \( c(1) = 0 \), then \( f \) would be identically \( 0 \) which is impossible for \( k > 0 \). Hence to be an eigenfunction \( c(1) \neq 0 \). In view of this we can normalise \( f \) by dividing through by the constant \( c(1) \). Then \( c(1) = 1 \). In that case \( \lambda(n) = c(n) \) for every \( n \in \mathbb{N} \).

**Theorem 10.9.** Suppose that \( f \) is a normalised eigenform of weight \( 2k \). Then the coefficients \( c(n) \) of its Fourier series are multiplicative for \( n \geq 1 \) and
\[ c(p)c(p^r) = c(p^{r+1}) + p^{2k-1}c(p^{r-1}) \quad (r \in \mathbb{N}). \]

**Proof.** Suppose that \( m, n \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( (m,n) = 1 \). By Theorem 10.7,
\[ c(mn)f(z) = (T(mn)f)(z) = (T(m)(T(n)f))(z) = (T_m(c(n)f))(z) = c(n)(T_mf)(z) = c(n)c(m)f(z). \]
Moreover, by Theorem 10.8,
\[ c(p)c(p^r)f(z) = c(p^r)(T(p)f)(z) = (T(p)(c(p^r)f))(z) = (T(p)(T(p^r)f))(z) = (T(p^{r+1}) + p^{2k-1}T(p^{r-1})f)(z) = (c(p^{r+1}) + p^{2k-1}c(p^{r-1}))f(z). \]

We would like to consider the Dirichlet series whose coefficients are the coefficients of the Fourier expansion of an eigenform. First of all we need to establish sufficient information to ensure that the Dirichlet series converges.

**Theorem 10.10.** Suppose that \( f \) is a cusp form of weight \( 2k \). Then its Fourier coefficients \( a_n \) satisfy
\[ a_n \ll n^k \]
where the implicit constant may depend on \( f \).
Proof. An immediate consequence of $f$ being analytic on $\tilde{\mathbb{H}}$ is that the series
\[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n q^n \]
has radius of convergence at least 1. Thus $f(z)/q \ll 1$ uniformly for $|q| \leq \frac{1}{2}$, i.e. $f(z) \ll e^{-2\pi y}$ for $y \geq \log \frac{2\pi}{2}$. Let $\phi(z) = |f(z)|y^k$. Then for $A \in \Gamma$ we have $\phi(z) = |cz + d|^{-2k} |F(Az)|(|3z|^k = |cz + d|^{-2k} |f(Az)||cz + d|^{2k} (3Az)^k = f(Az)(3Az)^k$. Thus $\phi$ is invariant under $\Gamma$. Moreover $\log \frac{2\pi}{2} < \frac{1}{2}$. Hence $\phi(z) \ll y^k e^{-2\pi y} \ll 1$ uniformly on $D$ and hence uniformly on $\mathbb{H}$. Thus $f(z) \ll y^{-k}$ uniformly on $\mathbb{H}$.

By Cauchy’s integral formula,
\[ a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_y} \tilde{f}(q)q^{-n-1}dq \]
where $C_y$ is the circle parameterised by $q = e^{2\pi ix - 2\pi y} 0 \leq x \leq 1$. Then
\[ a_n = \int_0^1 f(x+iy)e(-nx - iny)dx \ll y^{-k} e^{2\pi ny}. \]

The choice $y = 1/n$ establishes the desired conclusion.

Theorem 10.11. Suppose that $f$ is a non-cusp modular form $f$ of weight $2k > 0$ and not identically 0. Then its Fourier coefficient $a_n$ satisfies
\[ a_n \asymp n^{2k-1} \ (n > n_0(k, f)). \]

Again the implicit constants may depend on $f$.

The symbol $\asymp$ is used to mean that the ratio of the two sides of the expression lies between two constants.

Proof. When $k = 1$ there are no modular forms of weight $2k$. When $k \geq 2$ and $\dim M_k = 1$ every modular form can be written as $\lambda G_k(z)$ where $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, and the non-constant terms in the Fourier expansion of $G_k$ are of the form $C_k \sigma_{2k-1}(n)$. Moreover for $k \geq 2$, $n^{2k-1} \leq \sigma_{2k-1}(n) \leq n^{2k-1}\zeta(2k-1)$ and the conclusion follows at once. When $\dim M_k > 1$, $k \geq 6$ and every non-cusp modular form $f$ can be written as $f(z) = \lambda G_k(z) + \mu g(z)$ where $\lambda \neq 0$ and $g$ is a cusp form. The conclusion then follows from the observations above regarding the coefficients of $G_k$ and Theorem 10.10.

Before proceeding further we display some eigenforms. First consider the modular form
\[ E_k(z) = 1 - \frac{4k}{B_{2k}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{2k-1}(n)e^{2\pi inz}. \]
It is convenient to normalise this to give

\[ E_k^* = c(0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{2k-1}(n)e^{2\pi inz} \]

where

\[ c(0) = -\frac{B_{2k}}{4k}. \]

It can be verified that

\[ \min(r,s) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p^{j(2k-1)} \sigma_{2k-1}(p^{r+s-2j}) = \sigma_{2k-1}(p^r)\sigma_{2k-1}(p^s) \]

and hence that when \( m > 0 \),

\[ \sum_{d|(m,n)} d^{2k-1} \sigma_{2k-1}(mnd^{-2}) = \sigma_{2k-1}(m)\sigma_{2k-1}(n). \]

Thus, by (5),

\[ (T_n E_k^*)(z) = \sigma_{2k-1}(n)E_k^*. \]

Hence \( E_k^* \) is a normalised eigenform, and so \( \lambda G_k \) is an eigenform for any non-zero complex number \( \lambda \). By (5) any normalised non-cusp form of weight \( 2k \) has to satisfy \( \lambda(n) = \sigma_{2k-1}(n) \) and then \( c(n) = \sigma_{2k-1}(n) \). Thus there are no other non-cusp eigenforms.

By Theorem 10.6, if \( f \) is a cusp form of weight \( 2k \), then so is \( T_n f \). Suppose that \( \dim M^0_k = 1 \). Then \( T_n f = \lambda(n)f \) for some complex number \( \lambda(n) \). Thus when \( \dim M^0_k = 1 \) every cusp form of weight \( 2k \) is an eigenform. By the remark after Definition 10.3 if \( f \) is normalised, then \( \lambda(n) = c(n) \), the Fourier coefficient of \( f \). Moreover, by Theorem 10.9 the coefficients are multiplicative and satisfy the recurrence relation of that theorem. The normalised cusp form \( \Delta(z)/(2\pi)^{12} \) belongs to \( M^0_6 \) and \( \dim M^0_6 = 1 \) and so is an eigenform. Hence Ramanujan’s function \( \tau(n) \) is multiplicative and satisfies

\[ \tau(p)\tau(p^r) = \tau(p^{r+1}) + p^{2k-1}\tau(p^{r-1}). \]

By Theorem 10.10 it also satisfies

\[ \tau(n) \ll n^6. \]

**Theorem 10.12.** Suppose that \( f \) is a normalised eigenform of weight \( 2k \), and

\[ f(z) = c(0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)q^n \]
is its Fourier expansion at $\infty$. Then the Dirichlet series

$$\Phi_f(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)n^{-s}$$

converges absolutely and locally uniformly for $\sigma > \sigma_k$, where $\sigma_k = k + 1$ if $f$ is a cusp form and $\sigma_k = 2k$ otherwise. Moreover, when $\sigma > \sigma_k$,

$$\Phi_f(s) = \prod_p \left(1 - c(p)p^{-s} + p^{2k-1-2s}\right)^{-1}.$$

**Proof.** The convergence is immediate from the previous two theorems. By Theorem 10.9 the coefficients are multiplicative. Hence $\Phi_f$ has an Euler product valid for $\sigma > \sigma_k$,

$$\Phi_f(s) = \prod \left(1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} c(p^m)p^{-ms}\right).$$

Moreover

$$(1 - c(p)p^{-s} + p^{2k-1-2s}) \left(1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} c(p^m)p^{-ms}\right)$$

$$= 1 - c(p)p^{-s} + p^{2k-1-2s} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left(c(p^m)p^{-ms} - c(p)c(p^m)p^{-ms-s} + c(p^m)p^{2k-1-ms-2s}\right)$$

$$= 1 - c(p)p^{-s} + p^{2k-1-2s}$$

$$+ c(p)p^{-s} - p^{2k-1-2s} + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(c(p^{r+1})p^{-rs-s} - c(p)c(p^r)p^{-rs-s} + c(p^{r-1})p^{2k-1-rs-s}\right)$$

and by the last part of Theorem 10.9 this is 1.