

**ON GENUINE CHARACTERS OF THE METAPLECTIC  
GROUP OF  $SL_2(\mathfrak{o})$  AND THETA FUNCTIONS**

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ABSTRACT. This is a write up based on the author's talk given at the RIMS conference "Automorphic forms, Automorphic representations, Galois representations, and its related topics".

Let  $F$  be a totally real number field and  $\mathfrak{o}$  the ring of integers of  $F$ . We study theta functions which are Hilbert modular forms of half-integral weight for the Hilbert modular group  $SL_2(\mathfrak{o})$ . We obtain an equivalent condition that there exists a multiplier system of half-integral weight for  $SL_2(\mathfrak{o})$ . We determine the condition of  $F$  that there exists a theta function which is a Hilbert modular form of half-integral weight for  $SL_2(\mathfrak{o})$ . The theta function is defined by a sum on a fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $F$ .

1. INTRODUCTION

Put  $e(z) = e^{2\pi iz}$  for  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . It is known that the modular forms of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  of weight  $1/2$  and  $3/2$  are the Dedekind eta function  $\eta(z)$  and its cubic power  $\eta^3(z)$  up to constant, respectively. Here,  $\eta(z)$  is given by

$$\eta(z) = e(z/24) \prod_{m \geq 1} (1 - e(mz)) \quad (z \in \mathfrak{h}),$$

where  $\mathfrak{h}$  is the upper half plane. It is known that

$$\eta(z) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi_{12}(m) e(mz/24), \quad \eta^3(z) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} m \chi_4(m) e(mz/8).$$

Here,  $\chi_{12}$  and  $\chi_4$  are the primitive character mod 12 and mod 4, respectively. Note that  $\eta(z)$  and  $\eta^3(z)$  are theta functions defined by a sum on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

The function  $\eta(z)$  has the transformation formula with respect to modular transformations (see [11, 12, 16]). Let  $\left(\frac{\cdot}{\cdot}\right)$  be the Jacobi symbol. We define

$\left(\frac{\cdot}{\cdot}\right)^*$  and  $\left(\frac{\cdot}{\cdot}\right)_*$  by

$$\left(\frac{c}{d}\right)^* = \left(\frac{c}{|d|}\right), \quad \left(\frac{c}{d}\right)_* = t(c, d) \left(\frac{c}{d}\right)^*, \quad t(c, d) = \begin{cases} -1 & c, d < 0 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for  $c \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $d \in 2\mathbb{Z} + 1$  such that  $(c, d) = 1$ . We understand

$$\left(\frac{0}{\pm 1}\right)^* = \left(\frac{0}{1}\right)_* = 1, \quad \left(\frac{0}{-1}\right)_* = -1$$

(see [8, Chapter 4 §1]).

For  $g \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{h}$ , put

$$(1) \quad J(g, z) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{d} & \text{if } c = 0, d > 0 \\ -\sqrt{d} & \text{if } c = 0, d < 0 \\ (cz + d)^{1/2} & \text{if } c \neq 0, \end{cases} \quad g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here, we choose  $\arg(cz + d)$  such that  $-\pi < \arg(cz + d) \leq \pi$ . Then we have

$$(2) \quad \eta(\gamma(z)) = \mathbf{v}_\eta(\gamma)J(\gamma, z)\eta(z), \quad \gamma(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d} \in \mathfrak{h}$$

for any  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , where the multiplier system  $\mathbf{v}_\eta(\gamma)$  is given by

$$(3) \quad \mathbf{v}_\eta(\gamma) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{d}{c}\right)^* e\left(\frac{(a+d)c - bd(c^2 - 1) - 3c}{24}\right) & c : \text{odd} \\ \left(\frac{c}{d}\right)_* e\left(\frac{(a+d)c - bd(c^2 - 1) + 3d - 3 - 3cd}{24}\right) & c : \text{even.} \end{cases}$$

It is natural to ask the following problem. When does a Hilbert modular theta series of weight  $1/2$  with respect to  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o})$  exist? Here,  $\mathfrak{o}$  is the ring of integers of a totally real number field  $F$ .

In 1983, Feng [1] studied this problem. She gave a sufficient condition for the existence of a Hilbert modular theta series of weight  $1/2$  with respect to  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o})$  and constructed certain Hilbert modular theta series. These series are defined by a sum on  $\mathfrak{o}$ . In 1984, Naganuma [10] obtained a Hilbert modular form of level 1 for a real quadratic  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$ ,  $D \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  with class number one, using modular imbeddings, from the theta constant with the characteristic  $(1/2, 1/2, 1/2, 1/2)$  of degree 2.

In this paper, we solve the problem above completely. We consider theta functions defined by a sum on a fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $F$ .

## 2. MULTIPLIER SYSTEMS FOR $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o})$

From now on, let  $F$  be a totally real number field such that  $[F : \mathbb{Q}] = n$ . Let  $v$  be a place of  $F$  and  $\mathbb{A}$  the adèle ring of  $F$ . We denote the completion of  $F$  at  $v$  by  $F_v$ . If  $v$  is an infinite place, we write  $v \mid \infty$ . Otherwise, we write  $v < \infty$ . For  $v < \infty$ , let  $\mathfrak{o}_v$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}_v$  and  $q_v$  be the ring of integers of  $F_v$ , the maximal ideal of  $\mathfrak{o}_v$  and the order of the residue field  $\mathfrak{o}_v/\mathfrak{p}_v$ , respectively.

For any  $v$ , let  $\iota_v : F \rightarrow F_v$  be the embedding. The entrywise embeddings of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(F)$  into  $\mathrm{SL}_2(F_v)$  are also denoted by  $\iota_v$ . Let  $\{\infty_1, \dots, \infty_n\}$  be the set of infinite places of  $F$ . Put  $\iota_i = \iota_{\infty_i}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . We embed  $\mathrm{SL}_2(F)$  into  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})^n$  by  $r \mapsto (\iota_1(r), \dots, \iota_n(r))$ .

The metaplectic group of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(F_v)$  is denoted by  $\widetilde{\mathrm{SL}}_2(F_v)$ , which is a non-trivial double covering group of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(F_v)$ . Set-theoretically, it is

$$\{[g, \tau] \mid g \in \mathrm{SL}_2(F_v), \tau \in \{\pm 1\}\}.$$

Its multiplication law is given by  $[g, \tau][h, \sigma] = [gh, \tau\sigma c(g, h)]$  for  $[g, \tau], [h, \sigma] \in \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}}_2(F_v)$ , where  $c(g, h)$  is the Kubota 2-cocycle on  $\mathrm{SL}_2(F_v)$ . Put  $[g] = [g, 1]$ .

Let  $\tilde{H}$  be the inverse image of a subgroup  $H$  of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(F_v)$  in  $\widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(F_v)}$ . For  $v < \infty$ , a function  $\epsilon_v : \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v)} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is genuine if  $\epsilon_v([1_2, -1]\gamma) = -\epsilon_v(\gamma)$  for any  $\gamma \in \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v)}$ .

We denote the embedding of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(F)$  into  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})$  by  $\iota$ . The finite part of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})$  is denoted by  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$ . Let  $\iota_f : \mathrm{SL}_2(F) \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$  be the projection of the finite part and  $\iota_\infty : \mathrm{SL}_2(F) \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}_2(F_\infty) = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})^n$  that of the infinite part. Then we have  $\iota(g) = \iota_f(g)\iota_\infty(g)$  for any  $g \in \mathrm{SL}_2(F)$ . The embedding of  $F$  into  $\mathbb{A}_f$  is also denoted by  $\iota_f$ .

The adelic metaplectic group  $\widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})}$  is a double covering of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})$  and there exists a canonical embedding  $\widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(F_v)} \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})}$  for each  $v$ . Let  $\tilde{H}$  be the inverse image of a subgroup  $H$  of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})$  in  $\widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})}$ . It is known that  $\mathrm{SL}_2(F)$  can be canonically embedded into  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})$ . The embedding  $\tilde{\iota}$  is given by  $g \mapsto ([\iota_v(g)])_v$  for each  $g \in \mathrm{SL}_2(F)$ . We define the maps  $\tilde{\iota}_f : \mathrm{SL}_2(F) \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)}$  and  $\tilde{\iota}_\infty : \mathrm{SL}_2(F) \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(F_\infty)}$  by

$$\tilde{\iota}_f(g) = ([\iota_v(g)])_{v < \infty} \times ([1_2]_{v|\infty}), \quad \tilde{\iota}_\infty(g) = ([1_2]_{v < \infty} \times ([\iota_i(g)])_{v|\infty}).$$

Then we have  $\tilde{\iota}(g) = \tilde{\iota}_f(g)\tilde{\iota}_\infty(g)$  for any  $g \in \mathrm{SL}_2(F)$ .

For  $\gamma = [g, \tau] \in \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})}$ ,  $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{h}$ ,  $\tilde{j} : \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \times \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is an automorphy factor given by

$$(4) \quad \tilde{j}(\gamma, z) = \begin{cases} \tau\sqrt{d} & \text{if } c = 0, d > 0, \\ -\tau\sqrt{d} & \text{if } c = 0, d < 0, \\ \tau(cz + d)^{1/2} & \text{if } c \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Here, we choose  $\arg(cz + d)$  such that  $-\pi < \arg(cz + d) \leq \pi$ . Note that  $\tilde{j}([g, \tau], z)$  is the unique automorphy factor such that  $\tilde{j}([g, \tau], z)^2 = j(g, z)$ , where  $j(g, z)$  is the usual automorphy factor on  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathfrak{h}$  (see [6, §7]). Note that  $\tilde{j}([g], z) = J(g, z)$ , where  $J(g, z)$  is defined in (1).

**Definition 1.** Let  $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o})$  be a congruence subgroup. the map  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}(\gamma) : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is said to be a multiplier system of half-integral weight if  $\mathbf{v}(\gamma) \prod_{i=1}^n \tilde{j}([\iota_i(\gamma)], z_i)$  is an automorphy factor for  $\Gamma \times \mathfrak{h}^n$ , where  $\tilde{j}$  is the automorphy factor in (4).

**Lemma 1.** A function  $\mathbf{v} : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is a multiplier system of half-integral weight if and only if we have

$$\mathbf{v}(\gamma_1)\mathbf{v}(\gamma_2) = c_\infty(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)\mathbf{v}(\gamma_1\gamma_2) \quad \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma,$$

where  $c_\infty(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) = \prod_{i=1}^n c_{\mathbb{R}}(\iota_i(\gamma_1), \iota_i(\gamma_2))$ . Here,  $c_{\mathbb{R}}(\cdot, \cdot)$  is the Kubota 2-cocycle at infinite places.

Let  $K_\Gamma \subset \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$  be the closure of  $\iota_f(\Gamma)$  in  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$ . Then  $K_\Gamma$  is a compact open subgroup and we have  $\iota_f^{-1}(K_\Gamma) = \Gamma$ . Let  $\tilde{K}_\Gamma$  be the inverse image of  $K_\Gamma$  in  $\widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)}$ .

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\lambda : \tilde{K}_\Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  be a genuine character. Put  $\mathbf{v}_\lambda(\gamma) = \lambda(\tilde{\iota}_f(\gamma))$  for  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Then  $\mathbf{v}_\lambda$  is a multiplier system of half-integral weight for  $\Gamma$ .

For  $v < \infty$ , we define a map  $s_v : \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v) \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  by

$$s_v(g) = \begin{cases} 1 & c \in \mathfrak{o}_v^\times \\ \langle c, d \rangle_v & c \in \mathfrak{p}_v \setminus \{0\} \\ \langle -1, d \rangle_v & c = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{for } g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v).$$

Here,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_v$  is the quadratic Hilbert symbol for  $F_v$ . A map  $\mathbf{s}_v : \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v) \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v)}$  is given by  $\mathbf{s}_v(g) = [g, s_v(g)]$  for  $g \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v)$ . This map is the splitting on  $K_1(4)_v$ , where

$$K_1(4)_v = \left\{ \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v) \mid c \equiv 0, d \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \right\}.$$

If  $K_\Gamma \subset K_1(4)_f = \prod_{v < \infty} K_1(4)_v$ , we may define a splitting  $\mathbf{s} : K_\Gamma \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})}$  by

$$\mathbf{s}(\gamma) = (\mathbf{s}_v(\iota_v(\gamma)))_{v < \infty} \times ([1_2])_{v | \infty}.$$

We consider it as a homomorphism. Then we have  $\tilde{K}_\Gamma = \mathbf{s}(K_\Gamma) \cdot \{[1_2, \pm 1]\}$ . Note that  $\mathbf{s}(K_\Gamma) \subset \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)}$  is a compact open subgroup.

For any congruence subgroup  $\Gamma$ , a map  $\mathbf{v}_0 : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is defined by  $\mathbf{v}_0(\gamma) = \prod_{v < \infty} s_v(\iota_v(\gamma))$ , which is not always a multiplier system of half-integral weight for  $\Gamma$ .

**Corollary 1.** If  $\Gamma \subset \Gamma_1(4) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}) \mid c \equiv 0, d \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \right\}$ , then  $\mathbf{v}_0$  is a multiplier system of half-integral weight for  $\Gamma$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\Gamma \subset \Gamma_1(4)$ , we have  $K_\Gamma \subset K_1(4)_f$ . We define a genuine character  $\lambda : \tilde{K}_\Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  by

$$\lambda(\mathbf{s}(k)[1_2, \tau]) = \tau, \quad k \in K_\Gamma, \tau \in \{\pm 1\}.$$

Put  $\mathbf{v}_\lambda(\gamma) = \lambda(\tilde{\iota}_f(\gamma))$  for  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Since  $\mathbf{s}(\gamma) = ([\iota_v(\gamma), s_v(\iota_v(\gamma))])_{v < \infty}$ , we have

$$\mathbf{v}_\lambda(\gamma) = \lambda(\mathbf{s}(\gamma)[1_2, \mathbf{v}_0(\gamma)]) = \mathbf{v}_0(\gamma).$$

Therefore Lemma 2 proves the corollary.  $\square$

Now suppose that  $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o})$  is a congruence subgroup and that  $\mathbf{v} : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is a multiplier system of half-integral weight.

**Lemma 3.** There exists a genuine character  $\lambda : \tilde{K}_\Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  such that  $\mathbf{v}_\lambda = \mathbf{v}$  if and only if there exists a congruence subgroup  $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma \cap \Gamma_1(4)$  such that  $\mathbf{v}(\gamma) = \mathbf{v}_0(\gamma)$  for any  $\gamma \in \Gamma'$ .

**Proposition 1.** If  $F \neq \mathbb{Q}$ , then any multiplier system  $\mathbf{v}$  of half-integral weight of any congruence subgroup  $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o})$  is obtained from a genuine character of  $\tilde{K}_\Gamma$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 3, it suffices to show that there exists a congruence subgroup  $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma \cap \Gamma_1(4)$  such that  $\mathbf{v}(\gamma) = \mathbf{v}_0(\gamma)$  for any  $\gamma \in \Gamma'$ . We assume that a congruence subgroup  $\Gamma$  satisfies  $\Gamma \subset \Gamma_1(4)$  by replacing  $\Gamma$  with  $\Gamma \cap \Gamma_1(4)$ . Since  $\mathbf{v}_0(\gamma)/\mathbf{v}(\gamma)$  is a character of  $\Gamma$ , we have  $\mathbf{v}_0(\gamma)/\mathbf{v}(\gamma) = 1$  for any  $\gamma \in D(\Gamma)$ . By the congruence subgroup property,  $D(\Gamma)$  contains a

congruence subgroup  $\Gamma'$  (see [14, Corollary 3 of Theorem 2] or [7, §3]). Thus we have  $\mathbf{v}(\gamma) = \mathbf{v}_0(\gamma)$  for any  $\gamma \in \Gamma'$ , which proves this proposition.  $\square$

By Lemma 3 and Proposition 1, the multiplier system of half-integral weight of a congruence subgroup  $\Gamma$  associated to an automorphy factor in the sense of Shimura [15] is obtained from a genuine character of  $\tilde{K}_\Gamma$ .

Put

$$K_f = \prod_{v < \infty} \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v).$$

Then  $K_f$  is a compact open group of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$ . The inverse image of  $K_f$  in  $\widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)}$  is denoted by  $\tilde{K}_f$ . We have  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}) = \mathrm{SL}_2(F) \cap K_f \cdot \mathrm{SL}_2(F_\infty)$ .

**Proposition 2.** Let  $\mathbf{v}$  be a multiplier system of half-integral weight for  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o})$ . Then there exists a genuine character  $\lambda : \tilde{K}_f \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  such that  $\mathbf{v}_\lambda = \mathbf{v}$ .

*Proof.* If  $F \neq \mathbb{Q}$ , the assertion is proved by Proposition 1. If  $F = \mathbb{Q}$ , then we have

$$\mathbf{v}_0(g) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{d}{c}\right)^* & c : \text{odd} \\ \left(\frac{c}{d}\right)_* & c : \text{even,} \end{cases} \quad g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}).$$

Put

$$\Gamma(12) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \mid a \equiv d \equiv 1, b \equiv c \equiv 0 \pmod{12} \right\}$$

and let  $\mathbf{v}_\eta$  be the multiplier system of  $\eta(z)$  in (3). Then we have  $\mathbf{v}_\eta(\gamma) = \mathbf{v}_0(\gamma)$  for  $\gamma \in \Gamma(12)$ . Since  $\mathbf{v}_\eta(\gamma)/\mathbf{v}(\gamma) = 1$  for any  $\gamma \in D(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$ , we have  $\mathbf{v}(\gamma) = \mathbf{v}_0(\gamma)$  for any  $\gamma \in D(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})) \cap \Gamma(12)$ , which is a congruence subgroup. By Lemma 3, there exists a genuine character  $\lambda : \tilde{K}_f \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  such that  $\mathbf{v}_\lambda = \mathbf{v}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** There exists a multiplier system  $\mathbf{v}$  of half-integral weight for  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o})$  if and only if 2 splits completely in  $F/\mathbb{Q}$ . There exists a genuine character of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v)$  for any  $v < \infty$ , provided that this condition holds.

**Proposition 3.** Suppose that 2 splits completely in  $F/\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\mathbf{v}_\lambda$  be a multiplier system of half-integral weight of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o})$ , where  $\lambda = \prod_{v < \infty} \lambda_v$  is a genuine character of  $\tilde{K}_f$ . Put  $S_2 = \{v < \infty \mid F = \mathbb{Q}_2\}$  and  $T_3 = \{v < \infty \mid q_v = 3\}$ . Then there exist continuous functions  $\kappa_v(\iota_v(\gamma))$  for  $v \in S_2 \cup T_3$  such that

$$\mathbf{v}_\lambda(\gamma) = \mathbf{v}_0(\gamma) \prod_{v \in S_2 \cup T_3} \kappa_v(\iota_v(\gamma)) \quad \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}).$$

We omit the proof of this proposition and give one example instead. For  $F = \mathbb{Q}$ , we have  $\mathbf{v}_\eta(g) = \mathbf{v}_0(g)\kappa_2(g)\kappa_3(g)$ , where

$$\mathbf{v}_0(g) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{d}{c}\right)^* & c : \text{ odd} \\ \left(\frac{c}{d}\right)_* & c : \text{ even,} \end{cases} \quad g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}),$$

$$\kappa_2(g) = \begin{cases} e(\frac{3}{8}[(a+d)c - 3c]) & c : \text{ odd} \\ e(\frac{3}{8}[(b-c)d + 3(d-1)]) & c : \text{ even,} \end{cases}$$

$$\kappa_3(g) = e(\frac{-1}{3}[(a+d)c - bd(c^2 - 1)]).$$

### 3. THE CONDITION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A THETA FUNCTION

Suppose that 2 splits completely in  $F/\mathbb{Q}$ . In this case, there exists a genuine character  $\lambda_v : \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  for any  $v < \infty$ . If  $v < \infty$ , put  $K_v = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v)$ . If  $v \mid \infty$ , put  $K_v = \mathrm{SO}(2)$ . Then  $K_v$  is a maximal compact subgroup of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(F_v)$  for any  $v$ . Let  $\psi : \mathbb{A}/F \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  be an additive character such that its  $v$ -component  $\psi_v(x)$  equals  $e(x)$  for any  $v \mid \infty$ . Put  $\psi_\beta(x) = \psi(\beta x)$  and  $\psi_{\beta,v}(x) = \psi_v(\beta x)$  for  $\beta \in F^\times$ .

For any  $v$ , let  $S(\widetilde{F_v})$  be the Schwartz space of  $F_v$ . We denote the Weil representation of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(F_v)$  by  $\omega_{\psi_\beta,v}$ . For a genuine character  $\lambda_v : \widetilde{K}_v \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ , we define the set  $(\omega_{\psi_\beta,v}, S(\widetilde{F_v}))^{\lambda_v}$  by

$$(\omega_{\psi_\beta,v}, S(\widetilde{F_v}))^{\lambda_v} = \{f \in S(\widetilde{F_v}) \mid \omega_{\psi_\beta,v}(\gamma)f = \lambda_v(\gamma)f \text{ for any } \gamma \in \widetilde{K}_v\}.$$

We have an irreducible decomposition

$$\omega_{\psi_\beta,v} = \omega_{\psi_\beta,v}^+ \oplus \omega_{\psi_\beta,v}^-$$

where  $\omega_{\psi_\beta,v}^+$  (resp.  $\omega_{\psi_\beta,v}^-$ ) is an irreducible representation of the set of even (resp. odd) functions in  $S(\mathbb{R})$  (see [9, Lemma 2.4.4]).

The group  $\widetilde{\mathrm{SL}}_2(\mathbb{R})$  has a maximal compact subgroup  $\widetilde{\mathrm{SO}}(2)$ , which is the inverse image of  $\mathrm{SO}(2)$  in  $\widetilde{\mathrm{SL}}_2(\mathbb{R})$ . It is known that if  $\lambda_v : \widetilde{\mathrm{SO}}(2) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is a genuine character,  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}}(\omega_{\psi_\beta,v}, S(\mathbb{R}))^{\lambda_v}$  is at most 1. Let  $\lambda_{\infty,1/2}$  be a genuine character of lowest weight 1/2 with respect to  $(\omega_{\psi_\beta,v}^+, S(\mathbb{R}))$  and  $\lambda_{\infty,3/2}$  of lowest weight 3/2 with respect to  $(\omega_{\psi_\beta,v}^-, S(\mathbb{R}))$ . For  $\beta > 0$ ,  $(\omega_{\psi_\beta,v}^+, S(\mathbb{R}))^{\lambda_{\infty,1/2}} = \mathbb{C}e(i\nu_\beta(\beta)x^2)$  and  $(\omega_{\psi_\beta,v}^-, S(\mathbb{R}))^{\lambda_{\infty,3/2}} = \mathbb{C}xe(i\nu_\beta(\beta)x^2)$  are spaces of lowest weight vectors. If  $\beta < 0$ , there exist no lowest weight vectors with respect to  $(\omega_{\psi_\beta,v}^+, S(\mathbb{R}))$  or  $(\omega_{\psi_\beta,v}^-, S(\mathbb{R}))$ .

Note that  $\lambda_v(\mathfrak{s}_v(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v))) = 1$  for any  $v < \infty$  except for finitely many places. Then a genuine character  $\lambda_f : \widetilde{K}_f \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is given by  $\lambda_f(g) = \prod_{v < \infty} \lambda_v(g_v)$  for  $g = (g_v)_v \in \widetilde{K}_f$ . Put  $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n) \in \{1/2, 3/2\}^n$ . We define an automorphy factor  $j^{\lambda_f,w}(\gamma, z)$  for  $\gamma \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o})$  and  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathfrak{h}^n$  by

$$j^{\lambda_f,w}(\gamma, z) = \prod_{v < \infty} \lambda_v([\iota_v(\gamma)]) \prod_{i=1}^n \tilde{j}([\iota_i(\gamma)], z_i)^{2w_i}.$$

In particular, we have  $j^{\lambda_f, w}(-1_2, z) = \prod_{v < \infty} \lambda_v([-1_2]) \times (-1)^{\sum 2w_i}$ .

Let  $M_w(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}), \lambda_f)$  be the space of Hilbert modular forms on  $\mathfrak{h}^n$  with respect to  $j^{\lambda_f, w}(\gamma, z)$ . A holomorphic function  $h(z)$  of  $\mathfrak{h}^n$  belongs to the space  $M_w(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}), \lambda_f)$  if and only if

$$h(\gamma(z)) = j^{\lambda_f, w}(\gamma, z)h(z),$$

where  $\gamma(z) = (\iota_1(\gamma)(z_1), \dots, \iota_n(\gamma)(z_n))$  for  $\gamma \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o})$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{h}^n$ . (When  $F = \mathbb{Q}$ , the usual cusp condition is also required.) If  $j^{\lambda_f, w}(-1_2, z)$  does not equal 1,  $M_w(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}), \lambda_f)$  is  $\{0\}$ .

Put  $K = K_f \times \prod_{v < \infty} \mathrm{SO}(2)$ . There exists a genuine character  $\lambda : \tilde{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  such that its  $v$ -component equals  $\lambda_v$ , where  $\lambda_{\infty_i}$  is  $\lambda_{\infty, 1/2}$  or  $\lambda_{\infty, 3/2}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then we have an automorphy factor  $j^{\lambda_f, w}(\gamma, z)$  corresponding to  $\lambda$  such that  $\lambda_{\infty_i} = \lambda_{\infty, w_i}$ .

For each  $g \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})$ , there exist  $\gamma \in \mathrm{SL}_2(F)$ ,  $g_\infty \in \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})}^n$  and  $g_f \in \tilde{K}_f$  such that  $g = \gamma g_\infty g_f$  by the strong approximation theorem for  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})$ . Put  $\mathbf{i} = (\sqrt{-1}, \dots, \sqrt{-1}) \in \mathfrak{h}^n$ . For  $h \in M_w(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}), \lambda_f)$ , put

$$\varphi_h(g) = h(g_\infty(\mathbf{i}))\lambda_f(g_f)^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \tilde{j}(g_{\infty_i}, \sqrt{-1})^{-2w_i}.$$

Then  $\varphi_h$  is an automorphic form on  $\mathrm{SL}_2(F) \backslash \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}_w(\mathrm{SL}_2(F) \backslash \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})}, \lambda_f)$  be the space of automorphic forms  $\varphi$  on  $\mathrm{SL}_2(F) \backslash \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})}$  satisfying the following conditions (1), (2), and (3).

- (1)  $\varphi(gk_\infty) = \varphi(g) \prod_{i=1}^n \tilde{j}(k_{\infty, i}, \sqrt{-1})^{-2w_i}$  for any  $g \in \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})}$  and  $k_\infty = (k_{\infty, 1}, \dots, k_{\infty, n}) \in \mathrm{SO}(2)^n$ .
- (2)  $\varphi$  is a lowest weight vector with respect to the right translation of  $\widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})}^n$ .
- (3)  $\varphi(gk) = \lambda_f(k)^{-1}\varphi(g)$  for any  $g \in \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})}$  and  $k \in \tilde{K}_f$ .

Then  $\Phi : h \mapsto \varphi_h$  gives rise to an isomorphism

$$M_w(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}), \lambda_f) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}_w(\mathrm{SL}_2(F) \backslash \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})}, \lambda_f).$$

For  $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}_w(\mathrm{SL}_2(F) \backslash \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A})}, \lambda_f)$ , put  $h = \Phi^{-1}(\varphi)$ . Then we have

$$h(z) = \varphi(g_\infty) \prod_{i=1}^n \tilde{j}(g_{\infty_i}, \sqrt{-1})^{2w_i}, \quad g_\infty \in \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})}^n, \quad g_\infty(\mathbf{i}) = z.$$

When  $q_v$  is odd, there exists a genuine character  $\epsilon_v : \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v)} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  defined by  $\epsilon_v([g, \tau]) = \tau s_v(g)$ . If  $q_v \geq 5$ , it is a unique genuine character of  $\widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v)}$ .

Put  $S_2 = \{v < \infty \mid F_v = \mathbb{Q}_2\}$ ,  $T_3 = \{v < \infty \mid q_v = 3\}$  and  $S_3 = \{v \in T_3 \mid \lambda_v \neq \epsilon_v\}$ . Since 2 splits completely in  $F/\mathbb{Q}$ , we have  $|S_2| = n$ . It is known that for  $v < \infty$ ,  $(\omega_{\psi_\beta, v}, S(F_v))^{\lambda_v}$  is not 0 if and only if we have

$$\mathrm{ord}_v \psi_{\beta, v} \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{2} & \text{if } \lambda_v = \epsilon_v \\ 1 \pmod{2} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, if  $(\omega_{\psi_{\beta,v}, S(F_v)})^{\lambda_v} \neq 0$  for any  $v < \infty$ , there exists a fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  such that

$$(5) \quad (8\beta)\mathfrak{d} \prod_{v \in S_3} \mathfrak{p}_v = \mathfrak{a}^2,$$

where  $\mathfrak{d}$  is the different of  $F/\mathbb{Q}$ . The set of totally positive elements of  $F$  is denoted by  $F_+^\times$ . Replacing  $\beta$  with  $\beta\gamma^2$  and  $\mathfrak{a}$  with  $(\alpha\gamma)^2$  in (5) for  $\gamma \in F_+^\times$ , we may assume  $\text{ord}_v \mathfrak{a} = 0$  for  $v \in S_2 \cup S_3$ . Then we have  $\text{ord}_v \psi_{\beta,v} = -1$  (resp.  $-3$ ) for  $v \in S_3$  (resp.  $S_2$ ).

Conversely, suppose that there exists a fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  satisfying (5) for a subset  $S_3 \subset T_3$ . For  $v < \infty$ , put

$$\lambda_v = \begin{cases} \epsilon_v & \text{if } \text{ord}_v \psi_{\beta,v} \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ \mu_\beta & \text{if } \text{ord}_v \psi_{\beta,v} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \end{cases}$$

where  $\mu_\beta$  is a certain genuine character such that  $(\omega_{\psi_{\beta,v}, S(F_v)})^{\mu_\beta} \neq 0$ . Then we have  $(\omega_{\psi_{\beta,v}, S(F_v)})^{\lambda_v} \neq 0$  for any  $v < \infty$ . Let  $\lambda : \tilde{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  be a genuine character such that its  $v$ -component equals  $\lambda_v$ , where  $\lambda_{\infty_i} = \lambda_{\infty, w_i}$  for  $w_i \in \{1/2, 3/2\}$ . Put  $S_\infty = \{\infty_i \mid w_i = 3/2\}$ .

From now on, suppose that  $\beta \in F_+^\times$ . Let  $S(\mathbb{A})$  be the Schwartz space of  $\mathbb{A}$  and  $(\omega_{\psi_\beta}, S(\mathbb{A}))^\lambda$  the set of functions  $\phi = \prod_v \phi_v \in S(\mathbb{A})$  such that  $\phi_v \in (\omega_{\psi_{\beta,v}, S(F_v)})^{\lambda_v}$  for any  $v$ . For  $\phi \in S(\mathbb{A})$ , we define the theta function  $\Theta_\phi$  by

$$(6) \quad \Theta_\phi(g) = \sum_{\xi \in F} \omega_{\psi_\beta}(g)\phi(\xi) \quad g = (g_v) \in \widetilde{\text{SL}}_2(\mathbb{A}),$$

where  $\omega_{\psi_\beta}(g)\phi(\xi) = \prod_v \omega_{\psi_{\beta,v}}(g_v)\phi_v(\iota_v(\xi))$  is essentially a finite product. We have  $\Theta_\phi(gk) = \lambda(k)^{-1}\Theta_\phi(g)$  for any  $g \in \widetilde{\text{SL}}_2(\mathbb{A})$  and  $k \in \tilde{K}_f$ . If  $\phi \in (\omega_{\psi_\beta}, S(\mathbb{A}))^\lambda$ , then  $\Theta_\phi$  is a Hilbert modular form of weight  $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$ .

It is known that

$$\omega_{\psi_\beta} = \bigoplus_S \omega_{\psi_{\beta,S}}, \quad \omega_{\psi_{\beta,S}} = \left( \bigotimes_{v \in S} \omega_{\psi_{\beta,v}}^- \right) \otimes \left( \bigotimes_{v \notin S} \omega_{\psi_{\beta,v}}^+ \right),$$

where  $S$  ranges over all finite subsets of places of  $F$  (see [2, §3.4]). We define a map  $\Theta$  from  $\omega_{\psi_\beta}$  to the space of automorphic forms on  $\widetilde{\text{SL}}_2(\mathbb{A})$  by  $\Theta(\phi)(g) = \Theta_\phi(g)$ . Then it is known that

$$(7) \quad \text{Im}(\Theta) \simeq \bigoplus_{|S|:\text{even}} \omega_{\psi_{\beta,S}},$$

(see [2, Proposition 3.1]).

Let  $\mathbf{G}$  be the set of triplets  $(\beta, S_3, \mathfrak{a})$  of  $\beta \in F_+^\times$ , a subset  $S_3 \subset T_3$  and a fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $F$  satisfying (5) and the condition (A),

$$(A) \quad |S_2| + |S_3| + |S_\infty| \in 2\mathbb{Z}.$$

We define an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $\mathbf{G}$  by

$$(\beta, S_3, \mathfrak{a}) \sim (\beta', S'_3, \mathfrak{a}') \iff S_3 = S'_3, \beta' = \gamma^2\beta, \mathfrak{a}' = \gamma\mathfrak{a} \text{ for some } \gamma \in F^\times.$$



**Theorem 1.** Suppose that 2 splits completely in  $F/\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\beta \in F_+^\times$ ,  $\lambda : \tilde{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_n \in \{1/2, 3/2\}$  be as above. Then there exists  $\phi = \prod_v \phi_v \in (\omega_{\psi_\beta}, S(\mathbb{A}))^\lambda$  such that  $\Theta_\phi \neq 0$  if and only if there exists a fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $F$  such that  $(\beta, S_3, \mathfrak{a}) \in \mathbf{G}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda_v : \widetilde{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}_v)} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  be the  $v$ -component of  $\lambda$  for any  $v < \infty$ . We already proved that there exists  $\prod_{v < \infty} \phi_v \neq 0$  such that  $\phi_v \in (\omega_{\psi_\beta, v}, S(F_v))^{\lambda_v}$  for any  $v < \infty$  if and only if there exists a fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $F$  satisfying (5). Suppose that the equivalent conditions hold. Since we have  $(\omega_{\psi_\beta, v}^+, S(\mathbb{R}))^{\lambda_{\infty, 1/2}} = \mathbb{C} e(it_v(\beta)x^2)$  and  $(\omega_{\psi_\beta, v}^-, S(\mathbb{R}))^{\lambda_{\infty, 3/2}} = \mathbb{C} x e(it_v(\beta)x^2)$  for any  $v \mid \infty$ , there exists a nonzero  $\phi = \prod_v \phi_v \in (\omega_{\psi_\beta}, S(\mathbb{A}))^\lambda$ . It is clear that if there exists a nonzero  $\phi = \prod_v \phi_v \in (\omega_{\psi_\beta}, S(\mathbb{A}))^\lambda$ ,  $\prod_{v < \infty} \phi_v \neq 0$  satisfies  $\phi_v \in (\omega_{\psi_\beta, v}, S(F_v))^{\lambda_v}$  for any  $v < \infty$ .

Suppose there exists a nonzero  $\phi = \prod_v \phi_v \in (\omega_{\psi_\beta}, S(\mathbb{A}))^\lambda$ . Note that  $|S_2| + |S_3| + |S_\infty|$  is the number of  $v$  such that  $\phi_v$  is an odd function. Then  $|S|$  in (7) is  $|S_2| + |S_3| + |S_\infty|$ . By (7), it is clear that  $\Theta_\phi \neq 0$  if and only if the condition (A) holds.  $\square$

Let  $H$  be a group of fractional ideals that consists of all elements of the form

$$\prod_{v \in T_3} \mathfrak{p}_v^{e_v}, \quad \sum_v e_v \in 2\mathbb{Z}.$$

Let  $\mathrm{Cl}^+$  be the narrow ideal class group of  $F$ . Put  $\mathrm{Cl}^{+2} = \{\mathfrak{c}^2 \mid \mathfrak{c} \in \mathrm{Cl}^+\}$ . We denote the image of the group  $H$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{b} \in \mathrm{Cl}^+$ ) in  $\mathrm{Cl}^+/\mathrm{Cl}^{+2}$  by  $\bar{H}$  (resp.  $[\mathfrak{b}]$ ).

**Theorem 2.** Suppose that 2 splits completely in  $F/\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $w_1, \dots, w_n \in \{1/2, 3/2\}$  be as above.

- (1) Suppose that  $|S_2| + |S_\infty|$  is even. Then there exists  $(\beta, S_3, \mathfrak{a}) \in \mathbf{G}$  if and only if  $[\mathfrak{d}] \in \bar{H}$ .
- (2) Suppose that  $|S_2| + |S_\infty|$  is odd. Then there exists  $(\beta, S_3, \mathfrak{a}) \in \mathbf{G}$  if and only if  $T_3 \neq \emptyset$  and  $[\mathfrak{d}\mathfrak{p}_{v_0}] \in \bar{H}$ . Here,  $v_0$  is any fixed element of  $T_3$ .

*Proof.* We prove the theorem in case (1). The proof for case (2) is similar.

If  $[\mathfrak{d}] \in \bar{H}$ , we have  $(8\beta)\mathfrak{d} \prod_{v \in T_3} \mathfrak{p}_v^{e_v} = \mathfrak{a}'^2$  such that  $\sum_v e_v$  is even for a fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}'$  and  $\beta \in F_+^\times$ . Put  $S_3 = \{v \in T_3 \mid e_v : \text{odd}\}$ . Since  $|S_2| + |S_3| + |S_\infty|$  is even, we have  $(\beta, S_3, \mathfrak{a}) \in \mathbf{G}$ , where

$$\mathfrak{a} = \prod_{v \in T_3 \setminus S_3} \mathfrak{p}_v^{-e_v/2} \mathfrak{a}'.$$

Conversely, if there exists  $(\beta, S_3, \mathfrak{a}) \in \mathbf{G}$ , it satisfies (5) and  $|S_3|$  is even. Then we have  $[\mathfrak{d}] = \prod_{v \in S_3} [\mathfrak{p}_v] \in \bar{H}$ .  $\square$

Let  $w_i$  be  $1/2$  or  $3/2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Suppose that there exists  $(\beta, S_3, \mathfrak{a}) \in \mathbf{G}$ . Replacing  $(\beta, S_3, \mathfrak{a})$  with an equivalent element of  $\mathbf{G}$ , we may assume

$\text{ord}_v \mathbf{a} = 0$  for  $v \in S_2 \cup S_3$ . For  $v \in S_2 \cup S_3$ , put

$$f_v(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in 1 + 2\mathfrak{p}_v \\ -1 & \text{if } x \in -1 + 2\mathfrak{p}_v \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Put

$$f = \prod_{v \in S_2 \cup S_3} f_v \times \prod_{v < \infty, v \notin S_2 \cup S_3} \text{cha}_v^{-1},$$

where  $\mathfrak{a}_v = \mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{o}_v$ . Here,  $\text{ch}A$  is the characteristic function of a set  $A$ . Put  $\phi = f \times \prod_{i=1}^n f_{\infty, i}$ , where  $f_{\infty, i}(x) = x^{w_i - (1/2)} e(it_i(\beta)x^2)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . By Theorem 1, there exists  $\Theta_\phi \neq 0$  of weight  $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$ .

Put  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$ ,  $\mathbf{i} = (\sqrt{-1}, \dots, \sqrt{-1}) \in \mathfrak{h}^n$ . We define  $x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$  by  $z_i = x_i + \sqrt{-1}y_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then we have  $z = g_\infty(\mathbf{i})$ , where

$$g_\infty = (g_{\infty 1}, \dots, g_{\infty n}) \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})^n, g_{\infty i} = \begin{pmatrix} y_i^{1/2} & y_i^{1/2} x_i \\ 0 & y_i^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Since } \lambda_v([1_2]) = 1$$

for  $v < \infty$ , we have

$$\Theta_\phi(g_\infty) = \sum_{\xi \in \mathfrak{a}^{-1}} f(\iota_f(\xi)) \prod_{i=1}^n \omega_{\psi_\beta, \infty_i}([g_{\infty i}]) f_{\infty, i}(\iota_i(\xi)).$$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\phi$  and  $\Theta_\phi$  be as above. We define a theta function  $\theta_\phi : \mathfrak{h}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\theta_\phi(z) = \sum_{\xi \in \mathfrak{a}^{-1}} f(\iota_f(\xi)) \prod_{\infty_i \in S_\infty} \iota_i(\xi) \prod_{i=1}^n e(z_i \iota_i(\beta \xi^2)).$$

Then  $\theta_\phi$  is a nonzero Hilbert modular form of weight  $w$  for  $\text{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o})$  with respect to a multiplier system.

Every theta function of weight  $w$  for  $\text{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o})$  with a multiplier system may be obtained in this way.

*Proof.* Since

$$\omega_{\psi_\beta, \infty_i}([g_{\infty, i}]) f_{\infty, i}(\iota_i(\xi)) = y_i^{w_i/2} \iota_i(\xi)^{w_i - (1/2)} e(z_i \iota_i(\beta \xi^2)),$$

we have  $\theta_\phi(z) = \Theta_\phi(g_\infty) \times \prod_{i=1}^n y_i^{-w_i/2}$ . Then  $\theta_\phi$  is nonzero. Note that

$$\tilde{j}([g_{\infty i}], \sqrt{-1})^{2w_i} = y_i^{-w_i/2}.$$

Since  $\phi \in (\omega_{\psi_\beta}, S(\mathbb{A}))^\lambda$ , we have  $\Theta_\phi \in \mathcal{A}_w(\text{SL}_2(F) \backslash \widetilde{\text{SL}}_2(\mathbb{A}), \lambda_f)$ . Then we have  $\theta_\phi = \Phi^{-1}(\Theta_\phi) \in M_w(\text{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}), \lambda_f)$ . The multiplier system of  $\theta_\phi$  is  $\mathbf{v}_\lambda$  given by

$$\mathbf{v}_\lambda(\gamma) = \mathbf{v}_0(\gamma) \prod_{v \in S_2 \cup T_3} \kappa_v(\iota_v(\gamma)) \quad \gamma \in \text{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o}),$$

where  $\kappa_v$  for  $v \in S_2 \cup T_3$  is a continuous function in Proposition 3.

By Proposition 2, if  $\theta$  is a theta function of weight  $w$  for  $\text{SL}_2(\mathfrak{o})$  with a multiplier system  $\mathbf{v}$ , we have a genuine character  $\lambda_f$  of  $\tilde{K}_f$  such that  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_{\lambda_f}$ . Let  $\lambda = \lambda_f \times \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_{\infty, w_i}$  be a genuine character of  $\tilde{K}$ . Then there exists

nonzero  $\phi \in (\omega_{\psi_\beta}, S(\mathbb{A}))^\lambda$  such that  $\theta = \theta_\phi$  up to constant, which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.** Let  $\text{Cl}$  be the usual ideal class group of  $F$ . Let  $Sq : \text{Cl} \rightarrow \text{Cl}^+$  be the homomorphism given by  $[\mathfrak{a}] \mapsto [\mathfrak{a}^2]$  for a fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $F$ . The number of equivalence classes of  $\mathbf{G}$  is equal to

$$[E^+ : E^2] \sum_{\substack{S_3 \subset T_3 \\ (A)}} |Sq^{-1}([\mathfrak{d} \prod_{v \in S_3} \mathfrak{p}_v])|,$$

where  $S_3$  ranges over all subset of  $T_3$  satisfying (A). Here,  $E^+$  is the group of totally positive units of  $F$  and  $E^2$  is the subgroup of squares of units of  $F$ .

*Proof.* We follow the argument of Hammond [5] Theorem 2.9. For given  $S_3$  satisfying (A), the number of ideal classes  $[\mathfrak{a}]$  such that  $\mathfrak{a}^2$  is narrowly equivalent to  $\mathfrak{d} \prod_{v \in S_3} \mathfrak{p}_v$  is equal to  $|Sq^{-1}([\mathfrak{d} \prod_{v \in S_3} \mathfrak{p}_v])|$ . Then for a given fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  such that  $\mathfrak{a}^2$  is narrowly equivalent to  $\mathfrak{d} \prod_{v \in S_3} \mathfrak{p}_v$ , the number of equivalence classes of triplets of the form  $(\beta, S_3, \mathfrak{a})$  such that  $\beta \in F_+^\times$  satisfying (5) is equal to  $[E^+ : E^2]$ .  $\square$

#### 4. THE CASE $F$ IS A REAL QUADRATIC FIELD

Now suppose that  $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$ , where  $D > 1$  is a square-free integer and  $D \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ . Then 2 splits in  $F/\mathbb{Q}$  and we have  $\mathfrak{d} = (\sqrt{D})$ . When there exists  $(\beta, S_3, \mathfrak{a}) \in \mathbf{G}$ , one of the followings holds.

- (C1)  $(8\beta)\mathfrak{d} = \mathfrak{a}^2$  and  $S_3 = \emptyset$ .
- (C2)  $(8\beta)\mathfrak{d}\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{a}^2$  such that  $N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{p}) = 3$  and  $S_3 = \{\mathfrak{p}\}$ .
- (C3)  $(8\beta)\mathfrak{d}\mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{a}^2$  such that  $N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{p}) = N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(\bar{\mathfrak{p}}) = 3$  and  $S_3 = \{\mathfrak{p}, \bar{\mathfrak{p}}\}$ .

If  $|S_\infty|$  is even, (C1) or (C3) holds. If  $|S_\infty|$  is odd, (C2) holds.

**Proposition 5.** Suppose that  $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$ , where  $D > 1$  is a square-free integer such that  $D \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ .

- (1) There exist  $\beta \in F_+^\times$  and a fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  satisfying (C1) if and only if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  for any prime  $p \mid D$ .
- (2) There exist  $\beta \in F_+^\times$  and a fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  satisfying (C2) if and only if  $p \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{3}$  for any prime  $p \mid D$ .
- (3) There exists  $\beta \in F_+^\times$  and a fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  satisfying (C3) if and only if  $D \equiv 1 \pmod{24}$  and  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  for any prime  $p \mid D$ .

*Proof.* For a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  such that  $N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{p}) = 3$ , the equation  $(8\beta)\mathfrak{d}\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{a}^2$  implies that the narrow ideal class of  $\mathfrak{d}\mathfrak{p}$  is a square. Note that a positive integer  $x$  is of the form  $3u^2 + v^2$  for some  $u, v \in \mathbb{N}$  if and only if any prime  $p$  which divides  $x$  satisfies  $p \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{3}$ . Here, a necessary and sufficient condition that the narrow ideal class of  $\mathfrak{d}\mathfrak{p}$  is a square for a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  which has norm 3 is that  $D$  is of the form  $3u^2 + v^2$  for some  $u, v \in \mathbb{N}$ , which proves the second assertion.

The equation  $(8\beta)\mathfrak{d} = \mathfrak{a}^2$  implies that the narrow ideal class of  $\mathfrak{d}$  is a square. Note that a positive integer  $x$  is of the form  $u^2 + v^2$  for some

$u, v \in \mathbb{N}$  if and only if any prime  $p$  which divides  $x$  satisfies  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Then [5] Proposition 3.1 proves the first assertion.

There exist two distinct prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  such that such that  $N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{p}) = N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(\bar{\mathfrak{p}}) = 3$  if and only if 3 splits in  $F/\mathbb{Q}$ . This condition holds if and only if  $D \equiv 1 \pmod{24}$ . In the case  $D \equiv 1 \pmod{24}$ , we have  $\mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}} = (3)$ . Then the equation  $(8\beta)\mathfrak{d}\mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{a}^2$  implies that the narrow ideal class of  $\mathfrak{d}$  is a square. Thus, similarly to the first assertion, [5] Proposition 3.1 proves the third assertion.  $\square$

Example: put  $D = 793 = 13 \cdot 61$ . Then there exist  $\beta \in F_+^\times$  and a fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  satisfying any condition of (C1), (C2) or (C3). Moreover,  $\text{Cl}^+$  has order 8 and the fundamental unit  $\varepsilon$  of  $F$  has norm 1. For example, put  $\rho = (5 + \sqrt{D})/2$ . Since  $N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(\rho) = -3 \cdot 8^2$ , we have  $(\rho) = \mathfrak{q}_2^6 \mathfrak{q}_3$ , where  $\mathfrak{q}_3 = (3, 1 - \sqrt{D})$  and  $\mathfrak{q}_2 = (2, (1 + \sqrt{D})/2)$  are prime ideals. Put  $\beta = \rho\sqrt{D}/8$  and  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{d}\mathfrak{q}_2^3 \mathfrak{q}_3$ . Then we have  $(8\beta)\mathfrak{d}\mathfrak{q}_3 = \mathfrak{a}^2$ .

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