

Bessel functions outside $GL(2)$.

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- What do we know about these Bessel functions?
- Work in progress.
- Applications.

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Let

- $G = PGL(n, \mathbb{R}) = GL(n, \mathbb{R})/\mathbb{R}^\times$,
- $U(\mathbb{R})$ the upper triangular unipotent matrices,
- Y the diagonal matrices,
- Y^+ the positive diagonal matrices,
- $K = PO(n, \mathbb{R})$.

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- normalizations: $\rho = (\frac{n-1}{2}, \frac{n-3}{2}, \dots, -\frac{n-1}{2})$, use $\rho_{\rho+\mu}$, assume

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i = 0, \text{ extend to } G \text{ by } \rho_{\rho+\mu}(xyk) = \rho_{\rho+\mu}(y).$$

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Since $p_{\rho+\mu}$ is an eigenfunction of the Casimir operators, so is the Whittaker function, with the same eigenvalues.

Call μ the (Harish-Chandra/Langlands) spectral parameters.

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Conjecture (Interchange of Integrals)

If $f(\mu)$ is holomorphic with rapid decay on an open tube domain containing $\text{Re}(\mu) = 0$, and $y, t \in G$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{U(\mathbb{R})} \int_{\text{Re}(\mu)=0} f(\mu) W(yw_I x t, \mu, \psi_I) d\mu \overline{\psi_I(x)} dx \\ &= \int_{\text{Re}(\mu)=0} f(\mu) \tilde{K}_{w_I}(y, t, \mu) d\mu, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\tilde{K}_{w_I}(y, t, \mu) := \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U(\mathbb{R})} h\left(\frac{\|x\|}{R}\right) W(yw_I x t, \mu, \psi_I) \overline{\psi_I(x)} dx$$

is smooth in t and y , entire in μ and polynomially bounded in the coordinates of $y, t, y^{-1}, t^{-1}, \mu$ for $\text{Re}(\mu)$ in some fixed, compact set and h smooth and compactly supported with $h(0) = 1$.

Convergence!

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There are Bessel functions $K_w(y, \mu, \delta)$ attached to the other elements of the Weyl group and to non-spherical $\chi_\delta \neq 1$, as well.

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Conjecture (Uniqueness)

The function $K_w(y, \mu, \delta)$ is uniquely determined by its first-term asymptotics, bi- $U(\mathbb{R})$ -invariance and eigenvalues under the Casimir operators.

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- The asymptotics determine $C_w(\mu, \delta, \operatorname{sgn}(y))$.

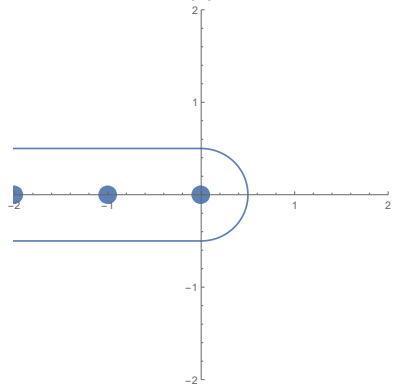
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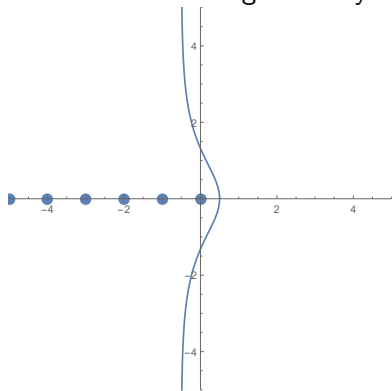
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In the sum over the Weyl group, there must be cancellation in the integrand at $\pm i\infty$, so we can unbend the contour(s), but can we find that cancellation algebraically?



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Conjecture

For $y \in Y$, let $v = \text{sgn}(y)$ and define

$$W_v = \{w \in W \mid wv = vw\},$$

then

$$\sum_{w \in W_v} C_w(\mu, \delta, v) J_{w_l}(y, \mu^w)$$

has a Mellin-Barnes integral (using vertical contours).

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- The trivial Bessel function is 1; the Voronoi Bessel function (probably) also shows up.

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Can reduce the 6 parameter problem to two separate one parameter problems for the low, low price of computing the null spaces of 10.5 million matrices, 64 times over. Mathematica!

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Corollary

The asymptotics conjecture is true for all Weyl elements in the spherical and non-spherical cases:

- on $GL(2)$, $GL(3)$, $GL(4)$ and $Sp(4)$ unconditionally,
- on $GL(n)$, assuming the interchange of integrals conjecture.

Applications - Spectral Kuznetsov trace formula.

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General Stone-Weierstrass-type argument to get rid of the spare Whittaker function?

Still needs Stade's formula to convert to Hecke eigenvalues.

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$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{c \in A(\mathbb{Z})} p_\rho(c) S_{w_I}(\psi_m, \psi_n, c) F(m c w_I n^{-1} w_I^{-1}) \\ &= \sum_{\chi, \sigma} \int_{\mathcal{B}(\sigma)} \hat{F}(\mu_\xi, \chi) \frac{\lambda_\xi(n) \overline{\lambda_\xi(m)}}{L(1, \operatorname{Ad}^2 \xi)} d\xi, \\ \hat{F}(\mu, \chi) &= \frac{1}{|Y/Y^+|} \int_Y p_\rho(y) F(y) \overline{K_{w_I}(y, \mu, \chi)} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Applications - Arithmetically-weighted Weyl laws.

From the Spectral Kuznetsov formula, the Mellin-Barnes integrals of the Bessel functions and good bounds for the Kloosterman sums, we get

$$\int_{\substack{\mathcal{B}(\sigma) \\ \mu_\xi \in \Omega}} \frac{1}{L(1, \text{Ad}^2 \xi)} d\xi = \int_{\Omega} d_{\text{spec}} \mu + O \left(\int_{\partial\Omega + \mathcal{B}(0,1)} d_{\text{spec}} \mu \right)$$

Theorem (Blomer/B)

Arithmetically-weighted Weyl laws with error term for $SL(3, \mathbb{Z})$.

On a set $T\Omega$, we can probably improve the radius in the error term from 1 to $(\log T)^{-\delta}$ for some $\delta \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$.

With much work, we get

Theorem (Blomer, B)

For ϕ a cusp form for $SL(3, \mathbb{Z})$ such that μ_ϕ is in “generic position”,

1. If ϕ is spherical, then $L(\frac{1}{2}, \phi) \ll \|\mu_\phi\|^{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{120000}}$.
2. If ϕ has weight $d \geq 3$, then $L(\frac{1}{2}, \phi) \ll \|\mu_\phi\|^{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{140000}}$.

Generic position: $\mu_i, \mu_i - \mu_j \asymp \|\mu\|$.

Immediately from the Arithmetic Kuznetsov formula, we get

Theorem (B)

For $F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ smooth and compactly supported away from $y_i = 0$ and $X_1, X_2 \geq 1$,

$$\sum_{\epsilon \in \{\pm 1\}^2} \sum_{c \in \mathbb{N}^2} \frac{S_{w_l}(\psi_m, \psi_{\epsilon n}, c)}{c_1 c_2} F\left(\frac{\epsilon_1 c_1}{X_1}, \frac{\epsilon_2 c_2}{X_2}\right) \\ \ll_{m,n,F,\epsilon} (X_1 X_2)^{\theta+\epsilon} + X_1^{1+\epsilon}/X_2^2 + X_2^{1+\epsilon}/X_1^2.$$

$\theta = \frac{5}{14}$ is the Ramanujan-Selberg parameter due to Kim-Sarnak.

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