

DETERMINANTS OF LAPLACIANS ON HILBERT MODULAR SURFACES

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Abstract: We study regularized determinants of Laplacians acting on the space of Hilbert–Maass forms for the Hilbert modular group of a real quadratic field. We show that these determinants are described by Selberg type zeta functions introduced in [5, 6].

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1. Introduction

Determinants of the Laplacian Δ acting on the space of Maass forms on a hyperbolic Riemann surface X are studied by many authors. (See for example [15, 2, 11, 10].) It is known that the determinants of Δ are described by the Selberg zeta function (cf. [16]) for X .

On the other hand, two Laplacians $\Delta^{(1)}$, $\Delta^{(2)}$ act on the space of Hilbert–Maass forms on the Hilbert modular surface X_K of a real quadratic field K . For this reason, it seems that there are no explicit formulas for “Determinants of Laplacians” on X_K until now. In this article we consider regularized determinants of the first Laplacian $\Delta^{(1)}$ acting on its certain subspaces $V_m^{(2)}$, indexed by $m \in 2\mathbb{N}$. We show that these determinants are described by Selberg type zeta functions for X_K introduced in [5, 6].

Let K/\mathbb{Q} be a real quadratic field with class number one and \mathcal{O}_K be the ring of integers of K . Let D be the discriminant of K and $\varepsilon > 1$ be the fundamental unit of K . We denote the generator of $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ by σ and put $a' := \sigma(a)$ for $a \in K$. We also put $\gamma' = \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{pmatrix}$ for $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathcal{O}_K)$. Let $\Gamma_K = \{(\gamma, \gamma') \mid \gamma \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathcal{O}_K)\}$ be the Hilbert modular group of K . It is known that Γ_K is a co-finite (*non-cocompact*) irreducible discrete subgroup of $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \times \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$

and Γ_K acts on the product \mathbb{H}^2 of two copies of the upper half plane \mathbb{H} by component-wise linear fractional transformation. Γ_K has only one cusp (∞, ∞) , i.e. Γ_K -inequivalent parabolic fixed point. $X_K := \Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2$ is called the Hilbert modular surface.

Let $(\gamma, \gamma') \in \Gamma_K$ be hyperbolic-elliptic, i.e., $|\text{tr}(\gamma)| > 2$ and $|\text{tr}(\gamma')| < 2$. Then the centralizer of hyperbolic-elliptic (γ, γ') in Γ_K is infinite cyclic.

Definition 1.1 (Selberg type zeta function for Γ_K with the weight $(0, m)$). For an even integer $m \geq 2$, we define

$$(1.1) \quad Z_m(s) := \prod_{(p,p') \in P\Gamma_{\text{HE}}} \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - e^{i(m-2)\omega} N(p)^{-(n+s)} \right)^{-1} \quad \text{for } \text{Re}(s) > 1.$$

Here, (p, p') run through the set of primitive hyperbolic-elliptic Γ_K -conjugacy classes of Γ_K , and (p, p') is conjugate in $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})^2$ to

$$(p, p') \sim \left(\begin{pmatrix} N(p)^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & N(p)^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega & -\sin \omega \\ \sin \omega & \cos \omega \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

Here, $N(p) > 1$, $\omega \in (0, \pi)$, and $\omega \notin \pi\mathbb{Q}$. The product is absolutely convergent for $\text{Re}(s) > 1$.

Analytic properties of $Z_m(s)$ are known.

Theorem 1.2 ([6, Theorems 5.3 and 6.5]). *For an even integer $m \geq 2$, $Z_m(s)$ a priori defined for $\text{Re}(s) > 1$ has a meromorphic extension over the whole complex plane.*

In this article, we also consider “the square root of $Z_2(s)$ ”.

Definition 1.3 ($\sqrt{Z_2(s)}$).

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \sqrt{Z_2(s)} &:= \prod_{(p,p') \in P\Gamma_{\text{HE}}} \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - N(p)^{-(n+s)} \right)^{-1/2} \\ &= \exp \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{(p,p')} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \frac{N(p)^{-ks}}{1 - N(p)^{-k}} \right) \quad \text{for } \text{Re}(s) > 1. \end{aligned}$$

By [6, Theorem 6.5] and the fact that the Euler characteristic of X_K is even (see Lemma 2.2), we see that $\frac{d}{ds} \log Z_2(s)$ has even integral residues at any poles. Therefore, we find that $\sqrt{Z_2(s)}$ has a meromorphic continuation to the whole complex plane.

Let us introduce the completed Selberg type zeta functions $\widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s)$ and $\widehat{Z}_m(s)$ ($m \geq 4$), which are invariant under $s \rightarrow 1 - s$. (See [6, Theorems 5.4 and 6.6].)

Definition 1.4 (Completed Selberg zeta functions).

$$(1.3) \quad \widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s) := \sqrt{Z_2(s)} Z_{\text{id}}^{\frac{1}{2}}(s) Z_{\text{ell}}^{\frac{1}{2}}(s; 2) Z_{\text{par/sct}}^{\frac{1}{2}}(s; 2) Z_{\text{hyp2/sct}}^{\frac{1}{2}}(s; 2)$$

with

$$Z_{\text{id}}^{\frac{1}{2}}(s) := (\Gamma_2(s)\Gamma_2(s+1))^{\zeta_K(-1)}, \quad Z_{\text{ell}}^{\frac{1}{2}}(s; 2) := \prod_{j=1}^N \prod_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+l}{\nu_j}\right)^{\frac{\nu_j-1-2l}{2\nu_j}},$$

$$Z_{\text{par/sct}}^{\frac{1}{2}}(s; 2) := \varepsilon^{-s}, \quad Z_{\text{hyp2/sct}}^{\frac{1}{2}}(s; 2) := \zeta_\varepsilon(s).$$

$$(1.4) \quad \widehat{Z}_m(s) := Z_m(s) Z_{\text{id}}(s) Z_{\text{ell}}(s; m) Z_{\text{hyp2/sct}}(s; m) \quad (m \geq 4)$$

with

$$Z_{\text{id}}(s) := (\Gamma_2(s)\Gamma_2(s+1))^{2\zeta_K(-1)},$$

$$Z_{\text{ell}}(s; m) := \prod_{j=1}^N \prod_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+l}{\nu_j}\right)^{\frac{\nu_j-1-\alpha_l(m,j)-\overline{\alpha_l}(m,j)}{\nu_j}},$$

$$Z_{\text{hyp2/sct}}(s; m) := \zeta_\varepsilon\left(s + \frac{m}{2} - 1\right) \zeta_\varepsilon\left(s + \frac{m}{2} - 2\right)^{-1}.$$

Here, $\Gamma_2(s)$ is the double Gamma function (for definition, we refer to [12] or [7, Definition 4.10, p. 751]), the natural numbers $\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_N$ are the orders of the elliptic fixed points in X_K and the integers $\alpha_l(m, j), \overline{\alpha_l}(m, j) \in \{0, 1, \dots, \nu_j - 1\}$ are defined in (2.1), $\zeta_K(s)$ is the Dedekind zeta function of K , $\zeta_\varepsilon(s) := (1 - \varepsilon^{-2s})^{-1}$ and ε is the fundamental unit of K .

Let $m \in 2\mathbb{N}$. We recall that two Laplacians

$$(1.5) \quad \Delta_0^{(1)} := -y_1^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1^2} \right), \quad \Delta_m^{(2)} := -y_2^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2} \right) + im y_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}$$

are acting on $L_{\text{dis}}^2(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (0, m))$, the space of Hilbert–Maass forms for Γ_K with weight $(0, m)$. (See Definition 2.6.) We consider a certain subspace of $L_{\text{dis}}^2(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (0, m))$ given by

$$(1.6) \quad V_m^{(2)} = \left\{ f(z_1, z_2) \in L_{\text{dis}}^2(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (0, m)) \mid \Delta_m^{(2)} f = \frac{m}{2} \left(1 - \frac{m}{2} \right) f \right\}.$$

The set of eigenvalues of $\Delta_0^{(1)}|_{V_m^{(2)}}$ are enumerated as

$$0 < \lambda_0(m) \leq \lambda_1(m) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(m) \leq \dots$$

Let s be a fixed sufficiently large real number. We consider the spectral zeta function by using these eigenvalues.

$$(1.7) \quad \zeta_m(w, s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\lambda_n(m) + s(s-1))^w} \quad (\text{Re}(w) \gg 0).$$

We can show that $\zeta_m(w, s)$ is holomorphic at $w=0$. (See Proposition 4.3.)

Let us define the regularized determinants of the Laplacian $\Delta_0^{(1)}|_{V_m^{(2)}}$.

Definition 1.5 (Determinants of restrictions of $\Delta_0^{(1)}$). Let $m \in 2\mathbb{N}$. For $s \gg 0$, define

$$(1.8) \quad \text{Det}(\Delta_0^{(1)}|_{V_m^{(2)}+s(s-1)}) := \exp\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial w}\Big|_{w=0} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\lambda_n(m)+s(s-1))^w}\right).$$

We see later that $\text{Det}(\Delta_0^{(1)}|_{V_m^{(2)}+s(s-1)})$ can be extended to an entire function of s . (See Corollary 1.7.)

Our main theorem is as follows.

Theorem 1.6 (Main Theorem). Let $\square_m := \Delta_0^{(1)}|_{V_m^{(2)}}$ for $m \in 2\mathbb{N}$. We have the following determinant expressions of the completed Selberg type zeta functions.

- (1) $\widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s) = e^{(s-\frac{1}{2})^2\zeta_K(-1)+C_2} \frac{\text{Det}(\square_2 + s(s-1))}{s(s-1)}$.
- (2) $\widehat{Z}_4(s) = e^{2(s-\frac{1}{2})^2\zeta_K(-1)+C_4} \frac{s(s-1) \text{Det}(\square_4 + s(s-1))}{\text{Det}(\square_2 + s(s-1))}$.
- (3) For $m \geq 6$, $\widehat{Z}_m(s) = e^{2(s-\frac{1}{2})^2\zeta_K(-1)+C_m} \frac{\text{Det}(\square_m + s(s-1))}{\text{Det}(\square_{m-2} + s(s-1))}$.

Here, the constants C_m are given by

$$C_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \log \varepsilon + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\nu_j^2 - 1}{12\nu_j} \log \nu_j,$$

$$C_m = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\nu_j^2 - 1 - 12\alpha_0(m, j)\{\nu_j - \alpha_0(m, j)\}}{6\nu_j} \log \nu_j \quad (m \geq 4),$$

the natural numbers $\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_N$ are the orders of the elliptic fixed points in X_K , and the integers $\alpha_0(m, j) \in \{0, 1, \dots, \nu_j - 1\}$ are defined in (2.1).

We know the following Weyl’s law:

$$N_m^+(T) := \#\{j \mid \lambda_j(m) \leq T\} \sim \frac{(m-1)}{2} \zeta_K(-1) T \quad (T \rightarrow \infty).$$

(See [6, Theorem 6.11].) Therefore, we may say that $Z_m(s)$ ($m \geq 4$) have “more” zeros than poles.

We have several corollaries from Theorem 1.6 by direct calculation.

Corollary 1.7. *Let $\square_m = \Delta_0^{(1)}|_{V_m^{(2)}}$ for $m \in 2\mathbb{N}$. For $m \in 2\mathbb{N}$, we have*

- (1) $\text{Det}(\square_2 + s(s - 1)) = s(s - 1)e^{-(s-\frac{1}{2})^2\zeta_K(-1)-C_2}\widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s).$
- (2) $\text{Det}(\square_m + s(s - 1)) = e^{-(m-1)(s-\frac{1}{2})^2\zeta_K(-1)-(C_2+C_4+\dots+C_m)}\widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s)\widehat{Z}_4(s) \dots \widehat{Z}_m(s)$ for $m \geq 4$.

It follows from the above corollary that $\text{Det}(\square_m + s(s - 1))$ ($m \in 2\mathbb{N}$) can be extended to entire functions of s .

By putting $s = 1$ in the above, we have

Corollary 1.8. *For $m \in 2\mathbb{N}$, we have*

- (1) $\text{Det}(\square_2) = e^{-\frac{1}{4}\zeta_K(-1)-C_2} \text{Res}_{s=1} \widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s).$
- (2) $\text{Det}(\square_4) = e^{-\frac{3}{4}\zeta_K(-1)-(C_2+C_4)} \text{Res}_{s=1} \widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s)\widehat{Z}'_4(1).$
- (3) $\text{Det}(\square_m) = e^{-\frac{m-1}{4}\zeta_K(-1)-(C_2+C_4+\dots+C_m)} \text{Res}_{s=1} \widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s)\widehat{Z}'_4(1)\widehat{Z}'_6(1) \dots \widehat{Z}'_m(1)$ for $m \geq 6$.

Here, $\square_m = \Delta_0^{(1)}|_{V_m^{(2)}}$ for $m \in 2\mathbb{N}$.

Finally, we have a few comments on related works. Let $Z_Y(s)$ be the Selberg zeta function for a modular curve Y . As kindly pointed out by the referee, the special value $Z'_Y(1)$ is evaluated by an arithmetic Riemann–Roch formula in the realm of Arakelov geometry in [3, 4]. Therefore, we might imagine that our results on regularized determinants and special Selberg type zeta values should play the role of the missing holomorphic analytic torsion of sheaves of higher weight Hilbert modular forms, in a conjectural arithmetic Riemann–Roch formula à la Gillet–Soulé.

For this reason, to work out the case for congruence subgroups of Γ_K of a quadratic field K with arbitrary class number would be interesting and make the range of application wider. We hope to treat this problem in a future paper since our results depend on “explicit Selberg trace formulas” for Γ_K with class number one in [6].

2. Preliminaries

We fix the notation for the Hilbert modular group of a real quadratic field in this section. We also recall the definition of Hilbert–Maass forms for the Hilbert modular group and review “Differences of the Selberg trace formula”, introduced in [6], which play a crucial role in this article.

2.1. Hilbert modular group of a real quadratic field. Let K/\mathbb{Q} be a real quadratic field with class number one and \mathcal{O}_K be the ring of integers of K . Put D be the discriminant of K and $\varepsilon > 1$ be the fundamental

unit of K . We denote the generator of $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ by σ and put $a' := \sigma(a)$ for $a \in K$. We also put $\gamma' = \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{pmatrix}$ for $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathcal{O}_K)$.

Let G be $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})^2 = (\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})/\{\pm I\})^2$ and \mathbb{H}^2 be the direct product of two copies of the upper half plane $\mathbb{H} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{im}(z) > 0\}$. The group G acts on \mathbb{H}^2 by

$$g.z = (g_1, g_2).(z_1, z_2) = \left(\frac{a_1 z_1 + b_1}{c_1 z_1 + d_1}, \frac{a_2 z_2 + b_2}{c_2 z_2 + d_2} \right) \in \mathbb{H}^2$$

for $g = (g_1, g_2) = \left(\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$ and $z = (z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{H}^2$.

A discrete subgroup $\Gamma \subset G$ is called irreducible if it is not commensurable with any direct product $\Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2$ of two discrete subgroups of $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$. We have classification of the elements of irreducible Γ .

Proposition 2.1 (Classification of the elements). *Let Γ be an irreducible discrete subgroup of G . Then any element of Γ is one of the following:*

- (1) $\gamma = (I, I)$ is the identity.
- (2) $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$ is hyperbolic $\Leftrightarrow |\text{tr}(\gamma_1)| > 2$ and $|\text{tr}(\gamma_2)| > 2$.
- (3) $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$ is elliptic $\Leftrightarrow |\text{tr}(\gamma_1)| < 2$ and $|\text{tr}(\gamma_2)| < 2$.
- (4) $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$ is hyperbolic-elliptic $\Leftrightarrow |\text{tr}(\gamma_1)| > 2$ and $|\text{tr}(\gamma_2)| < 2$.
- (5) $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$ is elliptic-hyperbolic $\Leftrightarrow |\text{tr}(\gamma_1)| < 2$ and $|\text{tr}(\gamma_2)| > 2$.
- (6) $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$ is parabolic $\Leftrightarrow |\text{tr}(\gamma_1)| = |\text{tr}(\gamma_2)| = 2$.

Note that there are no other types in Γ (parabolic-elliptic, etc.).

Let us consider the Hilbert modular group of the real quadratic field K with class number one,

$$\Gamma_K := \left\{ (\gamma, \gamma') = \left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{pmatrix} \right) \mid \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathcal{O}_K) \right\}.$$

It is known that Γ_K is an irreducible discrete subgroup of $G = \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})^2$ with the only one cusp $\infty := (\infty, \infty)$, i.e. Γ_K -inequivalent parabolic fixed point. $X_K = \Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2$ is called the Hilbert modular surface.

We have a lemma about the Euler characteristic of the Hilbert modular surface X_K .

Lemma 2.2. *Let $E(X_K)$ be the Euler characteristic of the Hilbert modular surface $X_K = \Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2$. Then we have $E(X_K) \in 2\mathbb{N}$.*

Proof: By noting the formula $E(X_K) = 2\zeta_K(-1) + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\nu_j - 1}{\nu_j}$ (see (2), (4) in [9, pp. 46–47]), $E(X_K)$ is a positive integer. Let Y_K and Y_K^- be the non-singular algebraic surfaces resolved singularities, in the canonical

minimal way, of compactifications of $\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2$ and $\Gamma_K \backslash (\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H}^-)$ respectively. Here \mathbb{H}^- is the lower half plane. Let $\chi(Y_K)$ and $\chi(Y_K^-)$ be the arithmetic genera of Y_K and Y_K^- respectively. By formulas (12) and (14) in [9, p. 48], we have

$$E(X_K) = 2(\chi(Y_K) + \chi(Y_K^-)).$$

We complete the proof. □

We fix the notation for elliptic conjugacy classes in Γ_K . Let R_1, R_2, \dots, R_N be a complete system of representatives of the Γ_K -conjugacy classes of primitive elliptic elements of Γ_K . $\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_N$ ($\nu_j \in \mathbb{N}, \nu_j \geq 2$) denote the orders of R_1, R_2, \dots, R_N . We may assume that R_j is conjugate in $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})^2$ to

$$R_j \sim \left(\left(\begin{matrix} \cos \frac{\pi}{\nu_j} & -\sin \frac{\pi}{\nu_j} \\ \sin \frac{\pi}{\nu_j} & \cos \frac{\pi}{\nu_j} \end{matrix} \right), \left(\begin{matrix} \cos \frac{t_j \pi}{\nu_j} & -\sin \frac{t_j \pi}{\nu_j} \\ \sin \frac{t_j \pi}{\nu_j} & \cos \frac{t_j \pi}{\nu_j} \end{matrix} \right) \right), \quad (t_j, \nu_j) = 1.$$

For an even natural number $m \geq 2$ and $l \in \{0, 1, \dots, \nu_j - 1\}$, we define $\alpha_l(m, j), \bar{\alpha}_l(m, j) \in \{0, 1, \dots, \nu_j - 1\}$ by

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} l + \frac{t_j(m-2)}{2} &\equiv \alpha_l(m, j) \pmod{\nu_j}, \\ l - \frac{t_j(m-2)}{2} &\equiv \bar{\alpha}_l(m, j) \pmod{\nu_j}. \end{aligned}$$

We divide hyperbolic conjugacy classes of Γ_K into two subclasses according to their types.

Definition 2.3 (Types of hyperbolic elements). For a hyperbolic element γ , we define that:

- (1) γ is type 1 hyperbolic \Leftrightarrow whose all fixed points are not fixed by parabolic elements.
- (2) γ is type 2 hyperbolic \Leftrightarrow not type 1 hyperbolic.

We denote by $\Gamma_{H1}, \Gamma_E, \Gamma_{HE}, \Gamma_{EH}$, and Γ_{H2} , type 1 hyperbolic Γ_K -conjugacy classes, elliptic Γ_K -conjugacy classes, hyperbolic-elliptic Γ_K -conjugacy classes, elliptic-hyperbolic Γ_K -conjugacy classes and type 2 hyperbolic Γ_K -conjugacy classes of Γ_K respectively.

2.2. The space of Hilbert–Maass forms. Fix the weight $(m_1, m_2) \in (2\mathbb{Z})^2$. Set the automorphic factor $j_\gamma(z_j) = \frac{cz_j+d}{|cz_j+d|}$ for $\gamma \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ ($j = 1, 2$).

Let $\Delta_{m_j}^{(j)} := -y_j^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_j^2} \right) + i m_j y_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$ ($j = 1, 2$) be the Laplacians of weight m_j for the variable z_j .

Let us define the L^2 -space of automorphic forms of weight (m_1, m_2) with respect to the Hilbert modular group Γ_K .

Definition 2.4 (L^2 -space of automorphic forms of weight (m_1, m_2)). $L^2(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (m_1, m_2))$ is defined to be the set of functions $f: \mathbb{H}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, of class C^∞ satisfying:

- (i) $f((\gamma, \gamma')(z_1, z_2)) = j_\gamma(z_1)^{m_1} j_{\gamma'}(z_2)^{m_2} f(z_1, z_2), \forall (\gamma, \gamma') \in \Gamma_K;$
- (ii) $\exists (\lambda^{(1)}, \lambda^{(2)}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that

$$\Delta_{m_1}^{(1)} f(z_1, z_2) = \lambda^{(1)} f(z_1, z_2), \quad \Delta_{m_2}^{(2)} f(z_1, z_2) = \lambda^{(2)} f(z_1, z_2);$$

- (iii) $\|f\|^2 = \int_{\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2} f(z) \overline{f(z)} d\mu(z) < \infty.$

Here, $d\mu(z) = \frac{dx_1 dy_1}{y_1^2} \frac{dx_2 dy_2}{y_2^2}$ for $z = (z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{H}^2$.

Then, it is known that:

Proposition 2.5. *Let $L^2_{\text{dis}}(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (m_1, m_2))$ be the subspace of the discrete spectrum of the Laplacians and $L^2_{\text{con}}(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (m_1, m_2))$ be the subspace of the continuous spectrum. Then, we have a direct sum decomposition:*

$$L^2(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (m_1, m_2)) = L^2_{\text{dis}}(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (m_1, m_2)) \oplus L^2_{\text{con}}(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (m_1, m_2))$$

and there is an orthonormal basis $\{\phi_j\}_{j=0}^\infty$ of $L^2_{\text{dis}}(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (m_1, m_2))$.

Definition 2.6 (Hilbert–Maass forms of weight (m_1, m_2)). Let $(m_1, m_2) \in (2\mathbb{Z})^2$. We call

$$L^2_{\text{dis}}(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (m_1, m_2))$$

the space of Hilbert–Maass forms for Γ_K of weight (m_1, m_2) .

Let $\{\phi_j\}_{j=0}^\infty$ be an orthonormal basis of $L^2_{\text{dis}}(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (m_1, m_2))$ and $(\lambda_j^{(1)}, \lambda_j^{(2)}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that

$$\Delta_{m_1}^{(1)} \phi_j = \lambda_j^{(1)} \phi_j \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_{m_2}^{(2)} \phi_j = \lambda_j^{(2)} \phi_j.$$

We write $\lambda_j^{(l)} = \frac{1}{4} + (r_j^{(l)})^2$ and $r_j^{(i)}$ are defined by

$$(2.2) \quad r_j^{(l)} := \begin{cases} \sqrt{\lambda_j^{(l)} - \frac{1}{4}} & \text{if } \lambda_j^{(l)} \geq \frac{1}{4}, \\ i\sqrt{\frac{1}{4} - \lambda_j^{(l)}} & \text{if } \lambda_j^{(l)} < \frac{1}{4}, \end{cases}$$

for $l = 1, 2$.

2.3. Double differences of the Selberg trace formula. Let m be an even integer. We studied and derived the full Selberg trace formula for $L^2(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (0, m))$ in [6]. Let $h(r_1, r_2)$ be an even “test function” which satisfy certain analytic conditions. Roughly speaking, [6, Theorem 2.22] is as follows:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} h(r_j^{(1)}, r_j^{(2)}) = \mathbf{I}(h) + \mathbf{II}_a(h) + \mathbf{II}_b(h) + \mathbf{III}(h).$$

Here, the right hand side is a sum of distributions of h contributed from several conjugacy classes of Γ_K and Eisenstein series for Γ_K . Assuming that the test function $h(r_1, r_2)$ is a product of $h_1(r_1)$ and $h_2(r_2)$, we derived “differences of STF” [6, Theorem 4.1] and “double differences of STF” [6, Theorem 4.4]. We explain for this.

Let us consider the subspace of $L^2_{\text{dis}}(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (0, m))$ given by

$$V_m^{(2)} = \left\{ f \in L^2_{\text{dis}}(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (0, m)) \mid \Delta_m^{(2)} f = \frac{m}{2} \left(1 - \frac{m}{2} \right) f \right\}.$$

Let $h_1(r)$ be an even function, analytic in $\text{im}(r) < \delta$ for some $\delta > 0$,

$$h_1(r) = O((1 + |r|^2)^{-2-\delta})$$

for some $\delta > 0$ in this domain. Let $g_1(u) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_1(r) e^{-iru} dr$. Then we have

Proposition 2.7 (Double differences of STF for $L^2(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (0, 2))$).
 Let $m = 2$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} h_1(\rho_j(2)) - h_1\left(\frac{i}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{\text{vol}(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2)}{16\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r h_1(r) \tanh(\pi r) dr \\ & \quad - \sum_{R(\theta_1, \theta_2) \in \Gamma_E} \frac{ie^{-i\theta_1}}{8\nu_R \sin \theta_1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(u) e^{-u/2} \left[\frac{e^u - e^{2i\theta_1}}{\cosh u - \cos 2\theta_1} \right] du \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(\gamma, \omega) \in \Gamma_{\text{HE}}} \frac{\log N(\gamma_0) g_1(\log N(\gamma))}{N(\gamma)^{1/2} - N(\gamma)^{-1/2}} - \log \varepsilon g_1(0) \\ & \quad - 2 \log \varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_1(2k \log \varepsilon) \varepsilon^{-k}. \end{aligned}$$

Here, $\{\lambda_j(2) = 1/4 + \rho_j(2)^2\}_{j=0}^{\infty}$ is the set of eigenvalues of the Laplacian $\Delta_0^{(1)}$ acting on $V_2^{(2)}$.

Proof: See [6, Corollary 6.3]. □

Proposition 2.8 (Double differences of STF for $L^2(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2; (0, m))$).
 Let $m \in 2\mathbb{N}$ and $m \geq 4$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} h_1(\rho_j(m)) - \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} h_1(\rho_j(m-2)) + \delta_{m,4} h_1\left(\frac{i}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{\text{vol}(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2)}{8\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r h_1(r) \tanh(\pi r) dr \\ & \quad - \sum_{R(\theta_1, \theta_2) \in \Gamma_E} \frac{ie^{-i\theta_1} e^{i(m-2)\theta_2}}{4\nu_R \sin \theta_1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(u) e^{-u/2} \left[\frac{e^u - e^{2i\theta_1}}{\cosh u - \cos 2\theta_1} \right] du \\ & \quad - \sum_{(\gamma, \omega) \in \Gamma_{HE}} \frac{\log N(\gamma_0)}{N(\gamma)^{1/2} - N(\gamma)^{-1/2}} g_1(\log N(\gamma)) e^{i(m-2)\omega} \\ & \quad - 2 \log \varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_1(2k \log \varepsilon) (\varepsilon^{-k(m-1)} - \varepsilon^{-k(m-3)}). \end{aligned}$$

Here, $\{\lambda_j(q) = 1/4 + \rho_j(q)^2\}_{j=0}^{\infty}$ is the set of eigenvalues of the Laplacian $\Delta_0^{(1)}$ acting on $V_q^{(2)}$ ($q = m, m-2$).

Proof: See [6, Theorem 4.4] and [6, (5.3)]. □

3. Asymptotic behavior of the completed Selberg zeta functions

We have to know the asymptotic behavior of the completed Selberg zeta functions $\widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s)$ and $\widehat{Z}_m(s)$ ($m \geq 4$) when $s \rightarrow \infty$, to prove Main Theorem (Theorem 1.6). We calculate their asymptotic behavior in this section.

Lemma 3.1 (Stirling’s formula for $\Gamma_2(z)$). *We have*

$$(3.1) \quad \log \Gamma_2(z+1) = \frac{3}{4}z^2 - \left(\frac{z^2}{2} - \frac{1}{12}\right) \log z + o(1) \quad (z \rightarrow \infty),$$

where $\Gamma_2(z) := \exp\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \Big|_{s=0} \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} (m+n+z)^{-s}\right)$ denotes the double Gamma function.

Proof: Let $G(z)$ be the Barnes G -function defined by

$$G(z+1) = (2\pi)^{\frac{z}{2}} e^{-\frac{z+z^2(1+\gamma)}{2}} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{z}{k}\right)^k e^{-z + \frac{z^2}{k^2}} \right\}.$$

(See [1, p. 268].) Here, $\gamma = -\Gamma'(1)$ is the Euler constant. By using the relation

$$\Gamma_2(z) = e^{\zeta'(-1)}(2\pi)^{\frac{z-1}{2}}G(z)^{-1}$$

(see [14, Proposition 4.1]) and the asymptotic formula

$$\log G(z+1) = \frac{z}{2} \log(2\pi) + \zeta'(-1) - \frac{3}{4}z^2 + \left(\frac{z^2}{2} - \frac{1}{12}\right) \log z + o(1) \quad (z \rightarrow \infty),$$

(see [1, p. 269]) we have the desired formula. □

Lemma 3.2 (Asymptotics of the identity factors). *We have*

$$(3.2) \quad \log Z_{\text{id}}^{\frac{1}{2}}(s) = \zeta_K(-1) \left\{ \frac{3}{2}s^2 - s - \left(s^2 - s + \frac{1}{3}\right) \log s \right\} + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty),$$

$$(3.3) \quad \log Z_{\text{id}}(s) = 2\zeta_K(-1) \left\{ \frac{3}{2}s^2 - s - \left(s^2 - s + \frac{1}{3}\right) \log s \right\} + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty).$$

Proof: By Definition 1.4,

$$\log Z_{\text{id}}^{\frac{1}{2}}(s) = \zeta_K(-1)(\log \Gamma_2(s) + \log \Gamma_2(s+1))$$

and Lemma 3.1, we have the desired (3.2). We see that the relation $\log Z_{\text{id}}(s) = 2 \log Z_{\text{id}}^{\frac{1}{2}}(s)$ implies (3.3). It completes the proof. □

Lemma 3.3 (Asymptotics of the elliptic factors). *We have*

$$(3.4) \quad \log Z_{\text{ell}}^{\frac{1}{2}}(s; 2) = - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\nu_j^2 - 1}{12\nu_j} \log \frac{s}{\nu_j} + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty),$$

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \log Z_{\text{ell}}(s; m) &= - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\nu_j^2 - 1 - 12\alpha_0(m, j)\{\nu_j - \alpha_0(m, j)\}}{6\nu_j} \log \frac{s}{\nu_j} + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty) \end{aligned}$$

for $m \in 2\mathbb{N}$ and $m \geq 4$. Here $\alpha_0(m, j) \in \{0, 1, \dots, \nu_j - 1\}$ are defined in (2.1).

Proof: We use Stirling’s formula of $\Gamma(z)$ (see [13, p. 12]):

$$\log \Gamma(z) = \left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right) \log z - z + \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) + o(1) \quad (z \rightarrow \infty).$$

By Definition 1.4,

$$\log Z_{\text{ell}}(s; m) = \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{\nu_j - 1 - \alpha_l(m, j) - \bar{\alpha}_l(m, j)}{\nu_j} \log \Gamma \left(\frac{s+l}{\nu_j} \right).$$

We see that $\{\alpha_l(m, j) \mid 0 \leq l \leq \nu_j - 1\} = \{\bar{\alpha}_l(m, j) \mid 0 \leq l \leq \nu_j - 1\} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \nu_j - 1\}$ for each j . Thus we have $\sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} (\nu_j - 1 - \alpha_l(m, j) - \bar{\alpha}_l(m, j)) = 0$, and find that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{\nu_j - 1 - \alpha_l(m, j) - \bar{\alpha}_l(m, j)}{\nu_j} \log \Gamma \left(\frac{s+l}{\nu_j} \right) \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{\nu_j - 1 - \alpha_l(m, j) - \bar{\alpha}_l(m, j)}{\nu_j} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ \left(\frac{s+l}{\nu_j} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \log \left(\frac{s+l}{\nu_j} \right) - \frac{s+l}{\nu_j} + \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) \right\} + o(1) \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{\nu_j - 1 - \alpha_l(m, j) - \bar{\alpha}_l(m, j)}{\nu_j} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ \left(\frac{s+l}{\nu_j} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \log(s+l) - \frac{l}{\nu_j} \log \nu_j - \frac{l}{\nu_j} \right\} + o(1) \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{\nu_j - 1 - \alpha_l(m, j) - \bar{\alpha}_l(m, j)}{\nu_j} \left\{ \left(\frac{s}{\nu_j} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \log s + \frac{l}{\nu_j} \log \frac{s}{\nu_j} \right\} + o(1) \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{\nu_j - 1 - \alpha_l(m, j) - \bar{\alpha}_l(m, j)}{\nu_j} \frac{l}{\nu_j} \log \frac{s}{\nu_j} + o(1) \\ &= \frac{(\nu_j - 1)^2}{2\nu_j} \log \frac{s}{\nu_j} - \sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{\alpha_l(m, j) + \bar{\alpha}_l(m, j)}{\nu_j} \frac{l}{\nu_j} \log \frac{s}{\nu_j} + o(1) \end{aligned}$$

($s \rightarrow \infty$).

By (2.1), we can check that

$$\alpha_l(m, j) = \begin{cases} \alpha_0(m, j) + l & (0 \leq l \leq \nu_j - \alpha_0(m, j) - 1), \\ \alpha_0(m, j) - \nu_j + l & (\nu_j - \alpha_0(m, j) \leq l \leq \nu_j - 1), \end{cases}$$

hence we calculate further,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{l \alpha_l(m, j)}{\nu_j^2} &= \sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-\alpha_0(m, j)-1} \frac{l(\alpha_0(m, j) + l)}{\nu_j^2} \\ &\quad + \sum_{l=\nu_j-\alpha_0(m, j)}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{l(\alpha_0(m, j) - \nu_j + l)}{\nu_j^2} \\ &= \frac{(\nu_j - 1)(2\nu_j - 1)}{6\nu_j} + \frac{\alpha_0(m, j)(\alpha_0(m, j) - \nu_j)}{\nu_j}. \end{aligned}$$

By noting $\alpha_0(m, j)(\alpha_0(m, j) - \nu_j) = \bar{\alpha}_0(m, j)(\bar{\alpha}_0(m, j) - \nu_j)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{\nu_j - 1 - \alpha_l(m, j) - \bar{\alpha}_l(m, j)}{\nu_j} \log \Gamma \left(\frac{s+l}{\nu_j} \right) \\ &= \frac{(\nu_j - 1)^2}{2\nu_j} \log \frac{s}{\nu_j} - \sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{\alpha_l(m, j) + \bar{\alpha}_l(m, j)}{\nu_j} \frac{l}{\nu_j} \log \frac{s}{\nu_j} + o(1) \\ &= \frac{(\nu_j - 1)^2}{2\nu_j} \log \frac{s}{\nu_j} \\ &\quad - 2 \left\{ \frac{(\nu_j - 1)(2\nu_j - 1)}{6\nu_j} + \frac{\alpha_0(m, j)(\alpha_0(m, j) - \nu_j)}{\nu_j} \right\} \log \frac{s}{\nu_j} + o(1) \\ &= - \frac{\nu_j^2 - 1 - 12\alpha_0(m, j)\{\nu_j - \alpha_0(m, j)\}}{6\nu_j} \log \frac{s}{\nu_j} + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have (3.5). In addition, we note that

$$\log Z_{\text{ell}}^{\frac{1}{2}}(s; 2) = \frac{1}{2} \log Z_{\text{ell}}(s; m) \Big|_{m=2}.$$

Since $\alpha_l(2, j) = l$, we see that $\alpha_0(2, j) = 0$ for any j . Therefore we have (3.4). It completes the proof. □

Proposition 3.4 (Asymptotics of the completed Selberg zeta functions).

We have

$$(3.6) \quad \log \widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s) = \zeta_K(-1) \left\{ \frac{3}{2}s^2 - s - \left(s^2 - s + \frac{1}{3} \right) \log s \right\} - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\nu_j^2 - 1}{12\nu_j} \log \frac{s}{\nu_j} - s \log \varepsilon + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty),$$

$$(3.7) \quad \log \widehat{Z}_m(s) = 2\zeta_K(-1) \left\{ \frac{3}{2}s^2 - s - \left(s^2 - s + \frac{1}{3} \right) \log s \right\} - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\nu_j^2 - 1 - 12\alpha_0(m, j)\{\nu_j - \alpha_0(m, j)\}}{6\nu_j} \log \frac{s}{\nu_j} + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty),$$

for $m \in 2\mathbb{N}$ and $m \geq 4$. Here $\alpha_0(m, j) \in \{0, 1, \dots, \nu_j - 1\}$ are defined in (2.1).

Proof: We note that $\log \sqrt{Z_2(s)}, \log Z_m(s) = o(1)$ ($s \rightarrow \infty$). By Definition 1.4 and Lemmas 3.2 and 3.3, we complete the proof. \square

4. Asymptotic behavior of the regularized determinants

To investigate the analytic nature of the spectral zeta function $\zeta_m(w, s)$ at $w = 0$, we introduce the theta function $\theta_m(t)$ in this section. Since the regularized determinants of the Laplacians $\text{Det}(\square_m + s(s-1))$ are defined by the derivative of $-\zeta_m(w, s)$ at $w = 0$, we need to know the asymptotics of $-\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \zeta_m(w, s)|_{w=0}$ when $s \rightarrow \infty$. We calculate their asymptotics in this section.

Definition 4.1. For $m \in 2\mathbb{N}$ and $t > 0$, define

$$(4.1) \quad \theta_m(t) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} e^{-t \lambda_j(m)}.$$

We investigate the asymptotic behavior of $\theta_m(t)$ as $t \rightarrow +0$ by using Propositions 2.7 and 2.8, which are called “Double differences of the Selberg trace formula for Hilbert modular surfaces” introduced and proved in [6].

Proposition 4.2. *We have the following asymptotic formulas.*

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \theta_2(t) &= \frac{1}{2}\zeta_K(-1)\frac{1}{t} - \frac{\log \varepsilon}{2\sqrt{\pi}}\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \\ &+ \left(-\frac{1}{6}\zeta_K(-1) + b_0(2) + 1\right) + o(1) \quad (t \rightarrow +0), \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \theta_m(t) &= \frac{m-1}{2}\zeta_K(-1)\frac{1}{t} - \frac{\log \varepsilon}{2\sqrt{\pi}}\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \\ &+ \left(-\frac{m-1}{6}\zeta_K(-1) + b_0(2) + b_0(4) + \dots + b_0(m)\right) + o(1) \\ &\quad (t \rightarrow +0), \quad (m \in 2\mathbb{N}, m \geq 4). \end{aligned}$$

Here,

$$b_0(2) = -\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\nu_j^2 - 1}{24\nu_j},$$

$$b_0(m) = -\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\nu_j^2 - 1 - 12\alpha_0(m, j)\{\nu_j - \alpha_0(m, j)\}}{12\nu_j} \quad (m \geq 4).$$

Proof: For $t > 0$, let us take the pair of test functions $h_1(r) = e^{-t(r^2+1/4)}$ and $g_1(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \exp(-\frac{t}{4} - \frac{u^2}{4t})$ in Proposition 2.7, then we have

$$(4.4) \quad \theta_2(t) - 1 = I_2(t) + E_2(t) + HE_2(t) + PS_2(t) + HS_2(t).$$

Here,

- $I_2(t) = \frac{\text{vol}(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2)}{16\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(t(r^2 + 1/4))r \tanh(\pi r) dr,$
- $E_2(t) = -\sum_{R(\theta_1, \theta_2) \in \Gamma_E} \frac{ie^{-i\theta_1}}{8\nu_R \sin \theta_1} \times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{4} - \frac{u^2}{4t}\right) e^{-u/2} \left[\frac{e^u - e^{2i\theta_1}}{\cosh u - \cos 2\theta_1}\right] du,$
- $HE_2(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{(\gamma, \omega) \in \Gamma_{HE}} \frac{\log N(\gamma_0)}{N(\gamma)^{1/2} - N(\gamma)^{-1/2}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{4} - \frac{(\log N(\gamma))^2}{4t}\right),$
- $PS_2(t) = -\log \varepsilon \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{4}\right),$
- $HS_2(t) = -2 \log \varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{4} - \frac{(2k \log \varepsilon)^2}{4t}\right) \varepsilon^{-k}.$

Firstly, we see that $HE_2(t)$ and $HS_2(t)$ are exponentially decreasing as $t \rightarrow +0$. Secondly, by changing the variable u to \sqrt{tu} in $E_2(t)$, we see that there is a constant $b_0(2)$ such that $E_2(t) = b_0(2) + o(1)$ ($t \rightarrow +0$). Thirdly, $PS_2(t) = -\log \varepsilon \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}}(1 - t/4 + o(t))$ ($t \rightarrow +0$). Lastly, noting $\frac{\text{vol}(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2)}{8\pi^2} = \zeta_K(-1)$ and integration by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_2(t) &= \frac{1}{2}\zeta_K(-1)\frac{1}{2t}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\exp\left(-t\left(r^2+\frac{1}{4}\right)\right)\frac{\pi}{\cosh^2(\pi r)}dr \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4}\zeta_K(-1)\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^n t^{n-1}}{n!}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{(r^2+\frac{1}{4})^n}{\cosh^2(\pi r)}dr \\ &= \frac{a_{-1}(2)}{t} + a_0(2) + o(1) \quad (t \rightarrow +0). \end{aligned}$$

We calculate the coefficients $a_n(2)$ ($n = -1, 0$).

$$\begin{aligned} a_{-1}(2) &= \frac{\pi}{4}\zeta_K(-1)\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{dr}{\cosh^2(\pi r)} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4}\zeta_K(-1)\frac{4}{\pi}\int_0^{\infty}\frac{x}{(x^2+1)^2}dx = \frac{1}{2}\zeta_K(-1), \\ a_0(2) &= -\frac{\pi}{4}\zeta_K(-1)\left\{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{r^2}{\cosh^2(\pi r)}dr + \frac{1}{4}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{dr}{\cosh^2(\pi r)}\right\} \\ &= -\frac{\pi}{4}\zeta_K(-1)\left(\frac{1}{6\pi} + \frac{1}{4}\frac{2}{\pi}\right) = -\frac{1}{6}\zeta_K(-1). \end{aligned}$$

Here, we used the formula

$$\int_0^{\infty}\frac{r^2}{\cosh^2(\pi r)}dr = \frac{(2^2-2)\pi^2}{(2\pi)^2\pi}\frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{12\pi}$$

in [8, 3.527 no. 5]. Besides, we calculate the coefficient $b_0(2)$ appearing in $E_2(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned} b_0(2) &= -\sum_{R(\theta_1, \theta_2) \in \Gamma_E} \frac{ie^{-i\theta_1}}{8\nu_R \sin \theta_1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{u^2}{4}\right) \left[\frac{1 - e^{2i\theta_1}}{1 - \cos 2\theta_1}\right] du \\ &= -\sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{1}{4\nu_j} \frac{1}{1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{\nu_j}\right)} = -\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\nu_j^2 - 1}{24\nu_j}. \end{aligned}$$

Summing up each terms appearing in the right hand side of (4.4), we have the desired formula (4.2).

Let us prove (4.3) with $m = 4$. For $t > 0$, we also take the pair of test functions $h_1(r) = e^{-t(r^2+1/4)}$ and $g_1(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \exp(-\frac{t}{4} - \frac{u^2}{4t})$ in Proposition 2.8 with $m = 4$, then we have

$$(4.5) \quad \theta_4(t) - \theta_2(t) + 1 = I_4(t) + E_4(t) + HE_4(t) + HS_4(t).$$

Here,

- $I_4(t) = \frac{\text{vol}(\Gamma_K \backslash \mathbb{H}^2)}{8\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-t(r^2 + 1/4)) r \tanh(\pi r) dr,$
- $E_4(t) = - \sum_{R(\theta_1, \theta_2) \in \Gamma_{\mathbb{E}}} \frac{ie^{-i\theta_1} e^{2i\theta_2}}{4\nu_R \sin \theta_1}$
 $\times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{4} - \frac{u^2}{4t}\right) e^{-u/2} \left[\frac{e^u - e^{2i\theta_1}}{\cosh u - \cos 2\theta_1} \right] du,$
- $HE_4(t) = - \sum_{(\gamma, \omega) \in \Gamma_{HE}} \frac{\log N(\gamma_0)}{N(\gamma)^{1/2} - N(\gamma)^{-1/2}}$
 $\times \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{4} - \frac{(\log N(\gamma))^2}{4t}\right) e^{2i\omega},$
- $HS_4(t) = -2 \log \varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{4} - \frac{(2k \log \varepsilon)^2}{4t}\right) (\varepsilon^{-3k} - \varepsilon^{-k}).$

Similarly, we see that $HE_4(t)$ and $HS_4(t)$ are exponentially decreasing as $t \rightarrow +0$, and there is a constant $b_0(4)$ such that $E_4(t) = b_0(4) + o(1)$ ($t \rightarrow +0$), and $I_4(t) = \zeta_K(-1)(1/t - 1/3) + o(1)$ ($t \rightarrow +0$). Summing up each terms appearing in the right hand side of (4.5) and using (4.2) in the left side, we have the desired formula (4.3) with $m = 4$. One can prove (4.3) for $m \geq 6$ similarly. We complete the proof. □

Proposition 4.3. *Let s be a fixed sufficiently large real number. For $m \in 2\mathbb{N}$, let*

$$\zeta_m(w, s) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\lambda_n(m) + s(s-1))^w} \quad (\text{Re}(w) \gg 0)$$

be the spectral zeta function for \square_m . Then $\zeta_m(w, s)$ is holomorphic at $w = 0$.

Proof: We follow [2, p. 448]. For $w \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\text{Re}(w) \gg 0$, we have

$$(4.6) \quad \zeta_m(w, s) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(w)} \int_0^{\infty} \theta_m(t) e^{-s(s-1)t} t^w \frac{dt}{t}.$$

We consider the first three terms of $\theta_m(t)$ in Proposition 4.2. Let

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_p(w, s) &:= \frac{1}{\Gamma(w)} \int_0^\infty t^{-p} e^{-s(s-1)t} t^{w-1} dt \\
 (4.7) \qquad &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(w)} (s(s-1))^{p-w} \Gamma(w-p)
 \end{aligned}$$

with $p = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1$. Then we see that $\eta_p(w, s)$ ($p = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1$) are holomorphic at $w = 0$. The reminder term is

$$(4.8) \qquad \eta_f(w, s) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(w)} \int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-s(s-1)t} t^w \frac{dt}{t}$$

with $f(t) = o(1)$ ($t \rightarrow +0$) and $O(1)$ ($t \rightarrow \infty$). Since $\frac{1}{\Gamma(w)}$ vanishes at $w = 0$, it completes the proof. □

Proposition 4.4. *Let m be an even natural number. We have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \zeta_2(w, s) \Big|_{w=0} &= -\zeta_K(-1) \left(s^2 - s + \frac{1}{3} \right) \log s + \frac{1}{2} \zeta_K(-1) s^2 \\
 (4.9) \qquad &- s \log \varepsilon + (2b_0(2) + 2) \log s - \frac{1}{4} \zeta_K(-1) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \log \varepsilon + o(1) \qquad (s \rightarrow \infty),
 \end{aligned}$$

and for $m \geq 4$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \zeta_m(w, s) \Big|_{w=0} &= -(m-1) \zeta_K(-1) \left(s^2 - s + \frac{1}{3} \right) \log s \\
 (4.10) \qquad &+ \frac{m-1}{2} \zeta_K(-1) s^2 - s \log \varepsilon \\
 &+ (2b_0(2) + \dots + 2b_0(m)) \log s \\
 &- \frac{m-1}{4} \zeta_K(-1) + \frac{1}{2} \log \varepsilon + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty).
 \end{aligned}$$

Besides, we have for $m \geq 4$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.11) \quad & -\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \zeta_m(w, s) \Big|_{w=0} + \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \zeta_{m-2}(w, s) \Big|_{w=0} \\
 &= -2\zeta_K(-1) \left(s^2 - s + \frac{1}{3} \right) \log s \\
 &\quad + \zeta_K(-1) s^2 + (2b_0(m) - 2\delta_{4,m}) \log s \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \zeta_K(-1) + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty).
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof: By the formulas (4.7) and (4.8), we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \eta_0(w, s) \Big|_{w=0} &= -\log(s(s-1)) = -2\log s + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty), \\
 \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \eta_{\frac{1}{2}}(w, s) \Big|_{w=0} &= -2\sqrt{\pi}(s(s-1))^{\frac{1}{2}} = -2\sqrt{\pi} \left(s - \frac{1}{2} \right) + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty), \\
 \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \eta_1(w, s) \Big|_{w=0} &= s(s-1)(\log(s(s-1)) - 1) \\
 &= 2s(s-1) \log s + \frac{1}{2} - s^2 + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty), \\
 \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \eta_f(w, s) \Big|_{w=0} &= o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by using (4.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \zeta_2(w, s) \Big|_{w=0} &= -\frac{1}{2} \zeta_K(-1) \left(2s(s-1) \log s + \frac{1}{2} - s^2 \right) - \left(s - \frac{1}{2} \right) \log \varepsilon \\
 &\quad + \left(-\frac{1}{6} \zeta_K(-1) + b_0(2) + 1 \right) 2 \log s + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty) \\
 &= -\zeta_K(-1) \left(s^2 - s + \frac{1}{3} \right) \log s + \frac{1}{2} \zeta_K(-1) s^2 \\
 &\quad - s \log \varepsilon + (2b_0(2) + 2) \log s - \frac{1}{4} \zeta_K(-1) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \log \varepsilon + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty).
 \end{aligned}$$

For $m \geq 4$, by using (4.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \zeta_m(w, s) \Big|_{w=0} &= -(m-1)\zeta_K(-1) \left(s^2 - s + \frac{1}{3} \right) \log s \\
 &\quad + \frac{m-1}{2} \zeta_K(-1) s^2 - s \log \varepsilon \\
 &\quad + (2b_0(2) + \dots + 2b_0(m)) \log s \\
 &\quad - \frac{m-1}{4} \zeta_K(-1) + \frac{1}{2} \log \varepsilon + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty).
 \end{aligned}$$

We complete the proof. □

5. Proof of Main Theorem

In this section we prove Theorem 1.6. We prove the following two propositions. The first proposition connect the completed Selberg zeta functions:

$$\widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s), \widehat{Z}_4(s), \dots, \widehat{Z}_m(s)$$

with the regularized determinants of Laplacians:

$$\text{Det}(\square_2 + s(s-1)), \text{Det}(\square_4 + s(s-1)), \dots, \text{Det}(\square_m + s(s-1)).$$

The second proposition determines the explicit relations among them. Theorem 1.6 is deduced from these two propositions.

Proposition 5.1. *Let $\square_m := \Delta_0^{(1)}|_{V_m^{(2)}}$ for $m \in 2\mathbb{N}$. There exist polynomials $P_2(s), \dots, P_m(s)$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s) &= e^{P_2(s)} \frac{\text{Det}(\square_2 + s(s-1))}{s(s-1)}, \\
 \widehat{Z}_4(s) &= e^{P_4(s)} \frac{s(s-1) \text{Det}(\square_4 + s(s-1))}{\text{Det}(\square_2 + s(s-1))}, \\
 \widehat{Z}_m(s) &= e^{P_m(s)} \frac{\text{Det}(\square_m + s(s-1))}{\text{Det}(\square_{m-2} + s(s-1))} \quad (m \geq 6).
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof: Let k be a sufficiently large natural number. We note that

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2s-1} \frac{d}{ds} \right)^{k+1} \zeta_m(w, s) = w(w+1) \cdots (w+k) \zeta_m(w+k+1, s).$$

Taking $-\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \Big|_{w=0}$ of both sides, we have

$$(5.1) \quad \left(-\frac{1}{2s-1} \frac{d}{ds} \right)^{k+1} \log \text{Det}(\square_m + s(s-1)) = - \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{(\lambda_j(m) + s(s-1))^{k+1}}.$$

Let $m = 2$, we use the following double differences of STF with the certain test function (see [6, Theorem 6.4]):

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{\rho_j(2)^2 + (s - \frac{1}{2})^2} + \sum_{h=1}^2 \frac{c_h(s)}{\rho_j(2)^2 + \beta_h^2} \right] - \left[\frac{1}{s(s-1)} + \sum_{h=1}^2 \frac{c_h(s)}{\beta_h^2 - \frac{1}{4}} \right] \\ &= \zeta_K(-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{s+k} + \sum_{h=1}^2 \frac{c_h(s)}{\beta_h + \frac{1}{2} + k} \right] + \frac{1}{2s-1} \frac{d}{ds} \frac{\sqrt{Z_2(s)}}{\sqrt{Z_2(s)}} \\ &+ \sum_{h=1}^2 \frac{c_h(s)}{2\beta_h} \frac{\frac{d}{d\beta_h} \sqrt{Z_2(\frac{1}{2} + \beta_h)}}{\sqrt{Z_2(\frac{1}{2} + \beta_h)}} + \frac{1}{2s-1} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{\nu_j-1-2l}{2\nu_j^2} \psi\left(\frac{s+l}{\nu_j}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{h=1}^2 \frac{c_h(s)}{2\beta_h} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{\nu_j-1-2l}{2\nu_j^2} \psi\left(\frac{\frac{1}{2} + \beta_h + l}{\nu_j}\right) + \frac{1}{2s-1} \frac{d}{ds} \log(\varepsilon^{-s}) \\ &+ \sum_{h=1}^2 \frac{c_h(s)}{2\beta_h} \frac{d}{d\beta_h} \log(\varepsilon^{-(\beta_h+1/2)}) + \frac{1}{2s-1} \frac{d}{ds} \log\left\{ \frac{1}{(1-\varepsilon^{-2s})} \right\} \\ &+ \sum_{h=1}^2 \frac{c_h(s)}{2\beta_h} \frac{d}{d\beta_h} \log\left\{ \frac{1}{(1-\varepsilon^{-(2\beta_h+1)})} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Here, $\psi(z)$ is the digamma function, $\beta_1 \neq \beta_2$ are constants and $c_1(s), c_2(s)$ are quadratic polynomials invariant under $s \rightarrow 1-s$. Operating $(-\frac{1}{2s-1} \frac{d}{ds})^k$ on both sides, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (5.2) \quad & \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{(\lambda_j(2) + s(s-1))^{k+1}} \\ &= \left(-\frac{1}{2s-1} \frac{d}{ds}\right)^k \frac{1}{2s-1} \frac{d}{ds} \log(\widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s) s(s-1)). \end{aligned}$$

By (5.1) and (5.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(-\frac{1}{2s-1} \frac{d}{ds}\right)^{k+1} \log \text{Det}(\square_2 + s(s-1)) \\ &= \left(-\frac{1}{2s-1} \frac{d}{ds}\right)^{k+1} \log(\widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s) s(s-1)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we find that there exists a polynomial $P_2(s)$ such that

$$(5.3) \quad \log \text{Det}(\square_2 + s(s-1)) + P_2(s) = \log(\widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s) s(s-1)).$$

Thus we have

$$\widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s) = e^{P_2(s)} \frac{\text{Det}(\square_2 + s(s-1))}{s(s-1)}.$$

Let $m \geq 4$ be an even integer. We use the following double differences of STF with the certain test function (see [6, Theorem 5.2]):

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{\rho_j(m)^2 + (s - \frac{1}{2})^2} + \sum_{h=1}^2 \frac{c_h(s)}{\rho_j(m)^2 + \beta_h^2} \right] \\ & - \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{\rho_j(m-2)^2 + (s - \frac{1}{2})^2} + \sum_{h=1}^2 \frac{c_h(s)}{\rho_j(m-2)^2 + \beta_h^2} \right] \\ & + \delta_{m,4} \left[\frac{1}{s(s-1)} + \sum_{h=1}^2 \frac{c_h(s)}{\beta_h^2 - \frac{1}{4}} \right] \\ & = 2\zeta_K(-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{s+k} + \sum_{h=1}^2 \frac{c_h(s)}{\beta_h + \frac{1}{2} + k} \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{2s-1} \frac{Z'_m(s)}{Z_m(s)} + \sum_{h=1}^2 \frac{c_h(s)}{2\beta_h} \frac{Z'_m(\frac{1}{2} + \beta_h)}{Z_m(\frac{1}{2} + \beta_h)} \\ & + \frac{1}{2s-1} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{\nu_j - 1 - \alpha_l(m, j) - \bar{\alpha}_l(m, j)}{\nu_j^2} \psi \left(\frac{s+l}{\nu_j} \right) \\ & + \sum_{h=1}^2 \frac{c_h(s)}{2\beta_h} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{l=0}^{\nu_j-1} \frac{\nu_j - 1 - \alpha_l(m, j) - \bar{\alpha}_l(m, j)}{\nu_j^2} \psi \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2} + \beta_h + l}{\nu_j} \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2s-1} \frac{d}{ds} \log \left\{ \frac{(1 - \varepsilon^{-(2s+m-4)})}{(1 - \varepsilon^{-(2s+m-2)})} \right\} \\ & + \sum_{h=1}^2 \frac{c_h(s)}{2\beta_h} \frac{d}{d\beta_h} \log \left\{ \frac{(1 - \varepsilon^{-(2\beta_h+m-3)})}{(1 - \varepsilon^{-(2\beta_h+m-1)})} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Here, $\beta_1 \neq \beta_2$ are constants and $c_1(s), c_2(s)$ are quadratic polynomials invariant under $s \rightarrow 1 - s$.

Operating $(-\frac{1}{2s-1} \frac{d}{ds})^k$ on both sides, we have

$$(5.4) \quad \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{(\lambda_j(m) + s(s-1))^{k+1}} - \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{(\lambda_j(m-2) + s(s-1))^{k+1}} \\ = \left(-\frac{1}{2s-1} \frac{d}{ds}\right)^k \frac{1}{2s-1} \frac{d}{ds} (\log \widehat{Z}_m(s) - \delta_{m,4} \log(s(s-1))).$$

By (5.1) and (5.4), there exists a polynomial $P_m(s)$ such that

$$(5.5) \quad \log \text{Det}(\square_m + s(s-1)) - \log \text{Det}(\square_{m-2} + s(s-1)) + P_m(s) \\ = \log \widehat{Z}_m(s) - \delta_{m,4} \log(s(s-1)).$$

We complete the proof. □

Proposition 5.2. *We have*

$$P_2(s) = \left(s - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \zeta_K(-1) - \frac{1}{2} \log \varepsilon + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\nu_j^2 - 1}{12\nu_j} \log \nu_j, \\ P_m(s) = 2\left(s - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \zeta_K(-1) + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\nu_j^2 - 1 - 12\alpha_0(m, j)\{\nu_j - \alpha_0(m, j)\}}{6\nu_j} \log \nu_j \\ (m \geq 4).$$

Proof: Substituting (3.6) and (4.9) in (5.3), we have

$$P_2(s) = \log(\widehat{Z}_2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s) s(s-1)) - \log \text{Det}(\square_2 + s(s-1)) \\ = \zeta_K(-1) \left\{ \frac{3}{2}s^2 - s - \left(s^2 - s + \frac{1}{3}\right) \log s \right\} - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\nu_j^2 - 1}{12\nu_j} \log \frac{s}{\nu_j} \\ - s \log \varepsilon + 2 \log s + \zeta_K(-1) \left(s^2 - s + \frac{1}{3}\right) \log s - \frac{1}{2} \zeta_K(-1) s^2 \\ + s \log \varepsilon - (2b_0(2) + 2) \log s + \frac{1}{4} \zeta_K(-1) - \frac{1}{2} \log \varepsilon + o(1) \\ = \left(s - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \zeta_K(-1) - \frac{1}{2} \log \varepsilon + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\nu_j^2 - 1}{12\nu_j} \log \nu_j + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty).$$

Since $P_2(s)$ is a polynomial, we have the desired formula for $P_2(s)$.

Let $m \geq 4$. Substituting (3.7) and (4.11) in (5.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_m(s) &= \log \widehat{Z}_m(s) - \delta_{m,4} \log(s(s-1)) \\ &\quad - \log \text{Det}(\square_m + s(s-1)) + \log \text{Det}(\square_{m-2} + s(s-1)) \\ &= 2 \left(s - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \zeta_K(-1) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\nu_j^2 - 1 - 12\alpha_0(m, j) \{ \nu_j - \alpha_0(m, j) \}}{6\nu_j} \log \nu_j + o(1) \quad (s \rightarrow \infty). \end{aligned}$$

Since $P_m(s)$ is a polynomial, we have the desired formula for $P_m(s)$. It completes the proof. \square

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