

## PERIODS IN QUATERNION SQUARE COMPLEX GROUPS

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Let  $(p, l)$  be any pair of distinct odd prime numbers. Let  $x = x_0 + x_1i + x_2j + x_3k \in \mathbb{H}(\mathbb{Z}) \setminus \{0\}$ . Define

$$\psi_{p,l} : \mathbb{H}(\mathbb{Z}) \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathrm{PGL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p) \times \mathrm{PGL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_l)$$

by

$$\psi_{p,l}(x) = \left( \begin{pmatrix} x_0 + x_1c_p + x_3d_p & -x_1d_p + x_2 + x_3c_p \\ -x_1d_p - x_2 + x_3c_p & x_0 - x_1c_p - x_3d_p \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x_0 + x_1c_l + x_3d_l & -x_1d_l + x_2 + x_3c_l \\ -x_1d_l - x_2 + x_3c_l & x_0 - x_1c_l - x_3d_l \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

where  $c_p, d_p \in \mathbb{Q}_p$  and  $c_l, d_l \in \mathbb{Q}_l$  are elements such that  $c_p^2 + d_p^2 + 1 = 0$  and  $c_l^2 + d_l^2 + 1 = 0$ . Note that  $\psi_{p,l}(xy) = \psi_{p,l}(x)\psi_{p,l}(y)$ ,  $\psi_{p,l}(\lambda x) = \psi_{p,l}(x)$  if  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ , and  $(\psi_{p,l}(x))^{-1} = \psi_{p,l}(\bar{x})$ , where  $\bar{x} = x_0 - x_1i - x_2j - x_3k$  is the conjugate of  $x$ . Define the norm  $|x|^2 = x\bar{x} = \bar{x}x = x_0^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$ .

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Gamma}_{p,l} &= \{x \in \mathbb{H}(\mathbb{Z}) ; |x|^2 = p^r l^s, r, s \geq 0 ; \\ &\quad x_0 \text{ odd}, x_1, x_2, x_3 \text{ even, if } |x|^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4} ; \\ &\quad x_1 \text{ even}, x_0, x_2, x_3 \text{ odd, if } |x|^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \}. \end{aligned}$$

Define subsets  $\tilde{\Gamma}_p := \{x \in \tilde{\Gamma}_{p,l} : |x|^2 = p\}$  and  $\tilde{\Gamma}_l := \{x \in \tilde{\Gamma}_{p,l} : |x|^2 = l\}$ . Note that  $|\tilde{\Gamma}_p| = 2(p+1)$  and  $|\tilde{\Gamma}_l| = 2(l+1)$ . Define  $A_p = \{a_1, \dots, a_{\frac{p+1}{2}}\}^{\pm 1} = \psi_{p,l}(\tilde{\Gamma}_p)$ ,  $B_l = \{b_1, \dots, b_{\frac{l+1}{2}}\}^{\pm 1} = \psi_{p,l}(\tilde{\Gamma}_l)$  and the group  $\Gamma_{p,l} = \psi_{p,l}(\tilde{\Gamma}_{p,l})$  which is generated by  $\{a_1, \dots, a_{\frac{p+1}{2}}, b_1, \dots, b_{\frac{l+1}{2}}\}$ .

We associate to  $\Gamma_{p,l}$  a set of squares (“tiles”)

$$T(\Gamma_{p,l}) = \{aba'b' : a, a' \in A_p ; b, b' \in B_l ; aba'b' = 1 \in \Gamma_{p,l}\}.$$

We want to define a map  $\mathrm{per} : A_p \times B_l \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ . Fix  $(a, b) \in A_p \times B_l$ . Then there is a unique pair  $(a', b') \in A_p \times B_l$  such that  $aba'b' = 1 \in \Gamma_{p,l}$ , in particular

$$|T(\Gamma_{p,l})| = |A_p| \cdot |B_l| = (p+1)(l+1).$$

If  $a' = a$  or  $b' = b$ , define  $\mathrm{per}(a, b) = 0$ .

If  $a' \neq a$  and  $b' \neq b$ , then there is a unique tiling of the plane  $f_{(a,b)} : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow T(\Gamma_{p,l})$ , such that  $f_{(a,b)}(i, i) = aba'b'$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In this case define

$$\mathrm{per}(a, b) = \min\{j \in \mathbb{N} : f_{(a,b)}(i, i+j) = aba'b' \text{ for all } i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

and its multiplicity (divided by 4)

$$\mathrm{mult}_{p,l}(\mathrm{per}(a, b)) = \frac{1}{4} |\{(a, b) \in A_p \times B_l : \mathrm{per}(a, b) = \mathrm{per}(a, b)\}|.$$

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(17,23)	0 4	2 8	3 6	4 32	5 10	6 48										
(17,29)	0 12	1 3	2 12	3 6	4 54	6 12	12 36									
(17,31)	0 8	3 30	4 8	5 20	7 14	8 32	16 32									
(17,37)	0 12	1 3	3 24	4 30	6 12	8 24	12 24	14 42								
(17,41)	0 12	1 9	2 36	3 24	4 54	6 54										
(17,43)	0 8	1 2	3 36	4 8	6 48	10 20	12 48	14 28								
(17,47)	0 16	2 16	3 6	4 56	5 10	6 36	8 16	10 60								
(17,53)	0 36	1 3	3 24	4 72	6 36	8 48	12 24									
(17,59)	0 24	1 2	2 12	3 36	4 40	6 42	7 14	8 56	10 20	12 24						
(17,61)	0 12	1 3	3 24	4 60	7 42	8 60	10 30	16 48								
(17,67)	0 20	1 2	3 36	4 24	6 78	7 14	8 16	11 22	13 26	22 44	24 24					
(17,71)	0 16	3 42	4 40	5 10	6 36	7 14	8 48	10 40	11 22	14 56						
(17,73)	0 24	1 9	2 24	3 48	4 126	6 18	8 24	10 60								
(17,79)	0 16	3 54	4 24	5 20	6 24	7 14	10 20	14 56	15 30	16 32	17 34	18 36				
(17,83)	0 16	1 2	2 12	3 24	4 128	6 126	7 14	8 56								
(17,89)	0 60	1 9	2 36	3 42	4 102	6 144	8 12									
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(19,31)	0 12	2 4	4 84	6 36	8 24											
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	22 88	24 36	30 30												
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(59,83)	0 48	1 14	2 100	4 258	6 318	8 156	10 60	11 22	12 72	14 168	22 44				
(59,89)	0 40	1 6	2 68	3 42	4 296	5 60	6 300	7 28	8 128	10 160	14 42	16 64	18 36	19 38	21 42
(59,97)	0 16	1 2	3 54	4 128	5 90	6 60	7 28	8 136	11 22	12 72	13 130	14 56	15 90	16 96	17 34
	19 76	20 80	21 42	24 144	26 52	31 62									
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	30 150	32 32													
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(61,73)	1 7	2 24	3 168	4 102	6 120	7 42	8 240	9 216	10 30	12 24	14 84	16 48	28 42		



(73,89)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	14	17	18
	12	9	24	240	156	150	96	42	120	54	120	96	126	102	108
	20	25													
	60	150													
(73,97)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	12	14			
	24	37	108	108	342	120	396	126	156	240	72	84			
(79,83)	4	6	8	10	12	16	18	20	24	26	28	36	40	42	44
	42	144	72	60	36	48	180	30	72	156	126	54	180	126	66
	56	76	90												
	84	114	90												
(79,89)	0	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15	16
	16	8	150	96	20	48	42	32	72	80	44	24	26	30	64
	17	18	19	21	22	23	26	44	47						
	68	108	114	210	176	138	52	88	94						
(79,97)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	24	4	32	66	72	30	120	70	80	162	20	198	144	156	168
	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	26						
	30	160	68	36	38	44	138	48	52						
(83,89)	0	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	10	11	12	14	15	16	18
	8	2	24	24	128	318	14	32	240	88	144	196	60	96	108
	22	24	26	28	38										
	176	48	52	56	76										
(83,97)	0	1	2	4	5	6	8	9	10	12	13	14	16	18	20
	12	2	8	112	30	12	136	72	40	120	52	112	224	72	120
	21	22	25	26	30	31	34	38	39	56	58	62			
	42	44	50	104	60	62	68	76	78	168	58	124			
(89,97)	0	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	12	13	14	17	20	24
	24	21	312	534	60	138	168	48	180	24	78	252	102	180	84

If  $p \neq 3$ , then there is always a period dividing 4 in the list above. Therefore, we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $(p, l)$  be a pair of prime numbers such that  $3 < p < l < 100$ . Then there are  $x, y \in \tilde{\Gamma}_{p,l}$  such that  $xy = yx$  and  $|x|^2 = p^4, |y|^2 = l^4$ .*

Note that  $\text{per}(a, b) = 1$  if and only if  $ab = ba \in \Gamma_{p,l}$ .

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