



NON-VANISHING OF HILBERT POINCARÉ SERIES

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ABSTRACT. We prove some non-vanishing results of Hilbert Poincaré series. We derive these results, by showing that the Fourier coefficients of Hilbert Poincaré series satisfy some nice orthogonality relations for sufficiently large weight as well as for sufficiently large level. To prove later results, we generalize a method of E. Kowalski et. al.

1. INTRODUCTION

The vanishing or non-vanishing of Poincaré series of integral weight for the group $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ is a mysterious problem. Here, there is a conjecture that none of the Poincaré series vanish. Several papers have appeared to investigate this conjecture. The first non-trivial result towards this question was given by R. A. Rankin [8] in 1980, who showed that there are constants $B > 4 \log 2$ and k_0 such that the Poincaré series $\mathcal{P}_{n,k,1}(z)$ does not vanish identically for

$$n \leq k^2 \exp\left(\frac{-B \log k}{\log \log k}\right), \quad (1)$$

provided $k \geq k_0$, where $\mathcal{P}_{n,k,1}(z)$ is the n -th Poincaré series of integral weight k and of level 1. His proof uses the fact that the Fourier coefficients of Poincaré series has an explicit formula as an infinite series involving Bessel functions and Kloosterman sums and sharp estimates for the magnitude of Kloosterman sums. Later, J. Lehner [6] and C. J. Mozzochi [7] generalized the Rankin's result for an arbitrary Fuchsian group and for the congruence subgroup $\Gamma_0(N)$ respectively. In 1986 E. Gaigalas [2], using Weil's estimate for the Kloosterman sum proved the following. "For any $m \in \mathbb{N}$ there exist infinitely many $k \in 2\mathbb{N}$ for which the m -th Poincaré series of weight k (with respect to any finite index subgroup of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$) is not identically zero." It is notable that the non-vanishing of Poincaré series is related to the famous conjecture of Lehmer [5], which says that $\tau(n) \neq 0$, for all $n \geq 1$, where τ is the Ramanujan τ -function.

As we know that the space of Hilbert modular forms is a generalization of the space of elliptic modular forms, it is natural to ask the vanishing or non-vanishing of Hilbert Poincaré series. To the best of our knowledge, in the literature there is no result concerning this problem. In this article, we give an answer for this question in terms of weight as well as level aspects. More precisely, we prove that for a fixed level \mathcal{I} and for any finite set $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{O}_F^*$, there exist a positive constant $k_{\mathcal{A}}$ such that for all $k \geq k_{\mathcal{A}}$ and for any $\nu \in \mathcal{A}$

$$\mathcal{P}_{k,\nu,\mathcal{I}}(z) \not\equiv 0. \quad (2)$$

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See section 2 for the notations. We also prove an analogous result with respect to level. Note that in a particular case we get a generalization of Gaigalas's result for Hilbert Poincaré series.

For the proof of our main results, we first prove (see Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2) that the Fourier coefficients of Hilbert Poincaré series satisfy some nice orthogonality relations with respect to weight as well as level. These intermediate results generalize the work of E. Kowalski et. al. [4]. The main ingredients to prove these orthogonality relations are basic Fourier analysis for functions of several variables and dominated convergence theorem. These results may be of independent interest.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 contains some notations and a brief introduction about Hilbert modular forms. Here we also state the results of Kowalski et. al. [4] for Poincaré series. Furthermore, their method has been extended to Hilbert Poincaré series in section 3. The main results of the paper which is about the non-vanishing of Hilbert Poincaré series are given in section 4.

2. NOTATIONS AND PRELIMINARIES

Let F be a totally real number field of degree n over \mathbb{Q} and \mathcal{O}_F be its ring of algebraic integers. Assume that $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$ denote the real embeddings of F . We write $\alpha_i = \sigma_i(\alpha)$ for $\alpha \in F$ and $1 \leq i \leq n$. The trace and norm of $\alpha \in F$ are defined by $\text{tr}(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i$ and $N(\alpha) = \prod_{i=1}^n \alpha_i$ respectively. For $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^n$, the trace and norm are defined by the sum and the product of its components respectively. More generally, if $c = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$, $d = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$, $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$ and $m = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$, then the norm and trace are define by

$$N(cz + d) := \prod_{i=1}^n (c_i z_i + d_i) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{tr}(mz) := \sum_{i=1}^n m_i z_i.$$

For $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_F$, we write $\alpha \succeq 0$ to demonstrate that either $\alpha = 0$ or α is totally positive (means all the conjugates of α are positive) and $\alpha \gg 0$ for α to be totally positive.

Let $GL_2^+(\mathbb{R})$ be the set of all matrices in $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ with positive determinant. We know that the group $GL_2^+(\mathbb{R})$ acts on the upper half plane $\mathbb{H} = \{x + iy \in \mathbb{C} : y > 0\}$ via,

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} z = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}.$$

Now by using the above action, we define an action of $GL_2^+(\mathcal{O}_F)$ on \mathbb{H}^n . Using all the embeddings of F and fixing their order, we embed $GL_2(F)$ into $GL_2(\mathbb{R})^n$. The image of $GL_2(\mathcal{O}_F)$ in $GL_2(\mathbb{R})^n$ is discrete. We denote the set of elements in $GL_2(F)$ (respectively $GL_2(\mathcal{O}_F)$) with totally positive determinant by $GL_2^+(F)$ (respectively $GL_2^+(\mathcal{O}_F)$). For $g = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) \in GL_2^+(\mathbb{R})^n$ and $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{H}^n$, we define

$$gz := (g_1 z_1, g_2 z_2, \dots, g_n z_n),$$

which deduces an action of $GL_2^+(F)$ and hence of $GL_2^+(\mathcal{O}_F)$ on \mathbb{H}^n .

In this paper, we shall work with the Hilbert modular group

$$\Gamma_F = SL_2(\mathcal{O}_F) := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathcal{O}_F, ad - bc = 1 \right\},$$

and its congruence subgroups of level \mathcal{I} , which is defined by

$$\Gamma_0(\mathcal{I}) := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_F : \gamma \in \mathcal{I} \right\},$$

where $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_F$ is a non-zero integral ideal.

Let $g = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) \in GL_2^+(\mathbb{R})^n$, $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{H}^n$, and $k = (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$. We define

$$\mu(g, z)^k := \prod_{j=1}^n (\det g_j)^{-k_j/2} (c_j z_j + d_j)^{k_j},$$

where $g_j = \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ c_j & d_j \end{pmatrix}$. Furthermore, for a function f defined on \mathbb{H}^n , we set

$$(f|_k g)(z) = \mu(g, z)^{-k} f(gz).$$

2.1. Hilbert modular forms. A Hilbert modular form of weight $k \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ for a congruence subgroup Γ of Γ_F is a holomorphic function $f : \mathbb{H}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$f|_k \gamma = f, \text{ for all } \gamma \in \Gamma.$$

For $n = 1$, we also need holomorphicity condition at the cusps of Γ . Note that for $n > 1$, a Hilbert modular form is automatically holomorphic at the cusps by the Koecher principle [3, Sec 1.4]. In addition, f is called a Hilbert cusp form if it vanishes at all the cusps of Γ . Let $M_k(\Gamma)$ denotes the space of Hilbert modular forms of weight $k \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ for the congruence subgroup Γ and $S_k(\Gamma)$ be the subspace of cusp forms. These are finite dimensional complex vector spaces and $S_k(\Gamma)$ is a Hilbert space with respect to the Petersson inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle := \int_{\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^n} f(z) \overline{g(z)} y^k \frac{dx dy}{y^2},$$

where $z = x + iy$, $dx = dx_1 \cdots dx_n$ and $dy = dy_1 \cdots dy_n$. If $f \in M_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{I}))$, where $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_F$ is a non-zero integral ideal, then we call f to be a Hilbert modular form of weight k and of level \mathcal{I} . Note that if $F = \mathbb{Q}$, then $M_k(\Gamma)$ is the space of elliptic modular forms.

By the Koecher principle, $f \in M_k(\Gamma)$ has a Fourier expansion at the cusp ∞ of the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{\substack{m \in \Lambda_\Gamma^* \\ m \geq 0}} a_m e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(mz)},$$

where

$$\Lambda_\Gamma = \left\{ \mu \in F : \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mu \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma \right\}, \quad \Lambda_\Gamma^* = \{ \mu \in F : \text{tr}(\mu \Lambda_\Gamma) \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \}. \quad (3)$$

Here Λ_Γ^* is called the dual space of Λ_Γ . Note that if $\Gamma = \Gamma_0(\mathcal{I})$ then $\Lambda_\Gamma = \mathcal{O}_F$ and $\Lambda_\Gamma^* = \mathcal{O}_F^*$.

Now we introduce some notations which will be used in later sections. For an integer $x \in \mathbb{N}_0$, we denote $\vec{x} = (x, x, \dots, x) \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$. For $\nu = (\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ and $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$, we put

$$|\nu| = \sum_{i=1}^n \nu_i, \quad \nu! = \prod_{i=1}^n \nu_i! \text{ and } z^\nu = \prod_{i=1}^n z_i^{\nu_i}.$$

For an integral ideal \mathcal{I} of \mathcal{O}_F , we denote the norm of \mathcal{I} by $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}) := [\mathcal{O}_F : \mathcal{I}]$. For $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{H}^n$, we always write $\text{Im}(z) = (\text{Im}(z_1), \text{Im}(z_2), \dots, \text{Im}(z_n))$. Throughout the paper, we write Poincaré series for Poincaré series of the group $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ and its congruence subgroups.

2.2. Hilbert Poincaré Series: Let $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_F$ be a non-zero integral ideal and $\Gamma_0(\mathcal{I})$ be the associated congruence subgroup. For a totally positive element ν of \mathcal{O}_F^* and weight $k = (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n)$ ($k_j > 2$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$), we define the ν -th Hilbert Poincaré series as follows:

$$\mathcal{P}_{k,\nu,\mathcal{I}}(z) = \sum_{M \in \Gamma_\infty \backslash \Gamma_0(\mathcal{I})} \mu(M, z)^{-k} e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu(Mz))}, \quad (4)$$

where $\Gamma_\infty = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mu \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : \mu \in \mathcal{O}_F \right\}$. It is well known that $\mathcal{P}_{k,\nu,\mathcal{I}} \in S_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{I}))$.

For more details on the theory of Hilbert modular forms, we refer [1] and [3].

2.3. Orthogonality of Fourier coefficients of Poincaré series. Here we recall some results obtained by Kowalski et. al. [4], concerning the orthogonality properties of the Fourier coefficients of Poincaré series. In the next section we generalize them for Hilbert Poincaré series.

Let $k > 2$ and $m \geq 1$ be integers. Let $\mathcal{P}_{m,k,q}(z)$ be the m -th Poincaré series of weight k for the group $\Gamma_0(q)$. Recently, Kowalski et. al. [4] proved that the Fourier coefficients $p_{m,k,q}(n)$ of the Poincaré series $\mathcal{P}_{m,k,q}(z)$ satisfy the following orthogonal relations with respect to weight k as well as the level q .

Proposition 2.1. *With notations as above, for fixed $m \geq 1$ and $n \geq 1$, we have*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} p_{m,k,1}(n) = \delta(m, n),$$

where $\delta(\cdot, \cdot)$ is the Kronecker symbol.

Furthermore, they also showed similar result with respect to another important parameter, the level q .

Proposition 2.2. *With notations as above, for fixed $k \geq 4, m$ and n , we have*

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} p_{m,k,q}(n) = \delta(m, n).$$

Note that the above orthogonality relations can be obtained by applying the trace formula to Poincaré series. But in [4], the authors gave a completely different and a soft proof. Furthermore, in the same paper they have also obtained a similar orthogonality results for the coefficients of Siegel Poincaré series

3. INTERMEDIATE RESULTS: ORTHOGONALITY RELATIONS

In this section, we extend Proposition 2.1 and Proposition 2.2 for Hilbert Poincaré series, which will be used to get our main results. We remark that these results may be of independent interest.

Let $p_{k,\nu,\mathcal{I}}(\mu)$ be the μ -th Fourier coefficient of the Hilbert Poincaré series $\mathcal{P}_{k,\nu,\mathcal{I}}$ defined by (4), where $\mu \in \mathcal{O}_F^*$. First, we prove that the Fourier coefficients $p_{k,\nu,\mathcal{I}}$ satisfy an orthogonality

relation for sufficiently large k . The main ingredient for the proof is dominated convergence theorem. In Theorem 3.1, we shall only work with parallel weight $\vec{k} = (k, k, \dots, k)$.

Theorem 3.1. [Weight aspect] *Let $\mathcal{P}_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}$ be the ν -th Hilbert Poincaré series of weight \vec{k} and of level \mathcal{I} . Then for fixed $\nu \gg 0$ and $\mu \gg 0$, we have*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} p_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(\mu) = \delta(\nu, \mu).$$

Proof. From the theory of Fourier analysis for function of several variables, we have

$$p_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(\mu) = \text{vol}(\Omega)^{-1} \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{P}_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(z) e^{-2\pi i \text{tr}(\mu z)} dz,$$

where for an arbitrary $y \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$, $\Omega = \{z = x + iy : x \in \mathcal{O}_F \setminus \mathbb{R}^n\}$. For our purpose, we choose y with $N(y) > 1$. Now taking the limit as $k \rightarrow \infty$ on both sides of the above equation, we obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} p_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(\mu) = \text{vol}(\Omega)^{-1} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{P}_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(z) e^{-2\pi i \text{tr}(\mu z)} dz. \quad (5)$$

We want to apply the dominated convergence theorem for interchanging the limit and integration on the right hand side of (5). Now we prove the following two assertions, which enable us to apply the dominated convergence theorem for the sequence $\{\mathcal{P}_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}\}_{k \geq 1}$.

(a) For any $z \in \Omega$, as $k \rightarrow \infty$ we have

$$\mathcal{P}_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(z) \rightarrow e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu z)}. \quad (6)$$

(b) For all $k > 2$ and $z \in \Omega$, there exist an integrable function G on Ω such that

$$|\mathcal{P}_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(z)| \leq G(z).$$

To prove the first assertion, we show that as $k \rightarrow \infty$ exactly one of the term in the series expansion of $\mathcal{P}_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}$ (defined by (4)) converges to $e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu z)}$ and others (individually) tend to 0. Any term in the series expansion looks like

$$\mu(M, z)^{-\vec{k}} e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu(Mz))},$$

for some $M = \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_{\infty} \setminus \Gamma_0(\mathcal{I})$. Note that $\gamma = 0$ only for one such M and so we can choose $M = I_{\text{id}}$ to be a representative. Therefore, in this case

$$\mu(M, z)^{-\vec{k}} e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu(Mz))} = e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu z)}, \quad (7)$$

for all weight \vec{k} and $z \in \mathbb{H}^n$. Now suppose $\gamma \neq 0$. For $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{H}^n$ it is easy to see that $\text{Im}(\text{tr}(\nu(Mz))) > 0$, which gives

$$|\mu(M, z)^{-\vec{k}} e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu(Mz))}| \leq |\mu(M, z)^{-\vec{k}}|.$$

Since $0 \neq \gamma \in \mathcal{O}_F$, i.e., $N(\gamma) \in \mathbb{Z}$, and hence $N(\gamma)^2 \geq 1$. Now

$$|\mu(M, z)|^2 = \prod_{j=1}^n |\gamma_j z_j + \delta_j|^2 \geq \prod_{j=1}^n (\gamma_j y_j)^2 = N(\gamma)^2 N(y)^2 \geq N(y)^2,$$

where $y_j = \text{Im}(z_j)$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$. Combining the last two inequality, we get

$$|\mu(M, z)^{-\vec{k}} e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu(Mz))}| \leq N(y)^{-k}.$$

We know that for $z \in \Omega$, $N(y) > 1$. Therefore, for any $z \in \Omega$ the above inequality yields

$$|\mu(M, z)^{-\vec{k}} e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu(Mz))}| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty. \quad (8)$$

Thus the claim (6) follows from (7) and (8).

For the proof of the assertion (b), we define a function $G(z)$ on \mathbb{H}^n by

$$G(z) = \sum_{M \in \Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma_0(\mathcal{I})} |\mu(M, z)|^{-3}.$$

It is a well-known (see [1, lemma 5.7]) fact that the above series is an absolutely convergent and converges uniformly in every compact subset of \mathbb{H}^n . Since the domain Ω is compact in \mathbb{H}^n , therefore $G(z)$ is integrable on Ω , i.e.,

$$\int_{\Omega} G(z) dz < \infty.$$

Also for any $z \in \Omega$, we obtain

$$|\mathcal{P}_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(z)| \leq \sum_{M \in \Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma_0(\mathcal{I})} |\mu(M, z)^{-\vec{k}} e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu(Mz))}| \leq \sum_{M \in \Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma_0(\mathcal{I})} |\mu(M, z)|^{-3}.$$

In other words, for every positive integer $k > 2$ and $z \in \Omega$, we get

$$|\mathcal{P}_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(z)| \leq G(z),$$

which proves the required result.

Now the dominated convergence theorem allows us to interchange limit and integration in equation (5). Therefore using (6), we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} p_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(\mu) = \text{vol}(\Omega)^{-1} \int_{\Omega} e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu z)} e^{-2\pi i \text{tr}(\mu z)} dz = \delta(\nu, \mu).$$

This completes the proof. \square

Next, we prove that the Fourier coefficients $p_{k, \nu, \mathcal{I}}$ also satisfy a similar orthogonality relation with respect to other important parameter, the level \mathcal{I} . The proof, as before, uses the dominated convergence theorem for the sequence $\{\mathcal{P}_{k, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(z)\}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}) \geq 1}$. Here we work with any weight $k \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$, not necessarily parallel weight.

Theorem 3.2. [Level aspect] *Let $\mathcal{P}_{k, \nu, \mathcal{I}}$ be the ν -th Hilbert Poincaré series of weight $k \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ of level \mathcal{I} . Then for fixed $k > 2, \nu \gg 0$ and $\mu \gg 0$, we have*

$$\lim_{\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}) \rightarrow \infty} p_{k, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(\mu) = \delta(\nu, \mu).$$

Proof. As before, we start with the integral formula

$$p_{k, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(\mu) = \text{vol}(\Omega)^{-1} \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{P}_{k, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(z) e^{-2\pi i \text{tr}(\mu z)} dz.$$

Taking limit $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I})$ tends to infinity on the both sides of the above equation, we get

$$\lim_{\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}) \rightarrow \infty} p_{k, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(\mu) = \text{vol}(\Omega)^{-1} \lim_{\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}) \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{P}_{k, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(z) e^{-2\pi i \text{tr}(\mu z)} dz. \quad (9)$$

For simplifying the right hand side of the above equation, we need to interchange the limit and integration. For that we use the dominated convergence theorem. To apply this theorem,

we prove the following two assertions. First, every element in the sequence $\{\mathcal{P}_{k,\nu,\mathcal{I}}(z)\}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}) \geq 1}$ is bounded by some integrable function on Ω . Second,

$$\mathcal{P}_{k,\nu,\mathcal{I}}(z) \rightarrow e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu z)}, \text{ as } \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}) \rightarrow \infty, \forall z \in \Omega. \quad (10)$$

For $k = (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ with $k_j > 2$ for all $1 \leq j \leq n$, we define

$$G_k(z) = \sum_{M \in \Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma_F} |\mu(M, z)|^{-k}.$$

It is a well-known fact (see [1, lemma 5.7]) that the above series is an absolutely convergent and converges uniformly in every compact subset of \mathbb{H}^n . Since the domain Ω is compact in \mathbb{H}^n , therefore $G_k(z)$ is integrable on Ω , i.e.,

$$\int_{\Omega} G_k(z) dz < \infty.$$

Hence for a fixed $k \in \mathbb{N}^n$ and following the arguments as in the proof of the previous theorem, we have

$$|\mathcal{P}_{k,\nu,\mathcal{I}}(z)| \leq G_k(z), \quad (11)$$

for every integral ideal \mathcal{I} of \mathcal{O}_F and for all $z \in \mathbb{H}^n$. This proves the first assertion.

For the proof of the claim (10), we proceed as follows. Note that $\Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma_0(\mathcal{I})$ is a subset of $\Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma_F$, therefore we write (4) as

$$\mathcal{P}_{k,\nu,\mathcal{I}}(z) = \sum_{M \in \Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma_F} \Delta_I(M) \mu(M, z)^{-k} e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu(Mz))}, \quad (12)$$

where

$$\Delta_I\left(\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \gamma \in \mathcal{I}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For $M = \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma_F$, consider a general term

$$\Delta_I(M) \mu(M, z)^{-k} e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu(Mz))} \quad (13)$$

in the Poincaré series $\mathcal{P}_{k,\nu,\mathcal{I}}(z)$ defined by (12). If $\gamma = 0$ then by definition,

$$\Delta_I(M) = 1$$

for all non-zero integral ideal \mathcal{I} . Also $M \in \Gamma_\infty$, hence we can take M to be the identity matrix I_{id} . Therefore, we have

$$\Delta_I(M) \mu(M, z)^{-k} e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu(Mz))} = e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu z)}, \quad (14)$$

for every non-zero integral ideal \mathcal{I} . Next, if $\gamma \neq 0$, then

$$\Delta_I(M) = 0,$$

for all \mathcal{I} with $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}) > \mathcal{N}(\gamma \mathcal{O}_F)$. Hence

$$\lim_{\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}) \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_I(M) \mu(M, z)^{-k} e^{2\pi i \text{tr}(\nu(Mz))} = 0. \quad (15)$$

The assertion (10) follows if we take limit $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I})$ tends to ∞ in the definition (12) and using (14) and (15).

Now interchanging the limit and integration in (9) and further using (10) gives the required result. \square

4. NON-VANISHING OF HILBERT POINCARÉ SERIES

The main goal of the paper is to prove some non-vanishing results for Hilbert Poincaré series, which we prove here. Using Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2, we prove that the Hilbert Poincaré series does not vanish identically for sufficiently large weight as well as sufficiently large level respectively.

Theorem 4.1. *Let $\nu \in \mathcal{O}_F^*$, where \mathcal{O}_F^* is the dual space defined by (3). Let $\mathcal{P}_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}$ be the ν -th Hilbert Poincaré series of (parallel) weight \vec{k} and level \mathcal{I} . Then for fixed ν and level \mathcal{I} , there exist a positive constant k_0 such that for all $k > k_0$, we have*

$$\mathcal{P}_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}} \not\equiv 0.$$

Proof. From Theorem 3.1, we know that for a totally positive $\nu \in \mathcal{O}_F^*$,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} p_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(\nu) = 1.$$

Hence, there exist some constant $k_0 > 0$ such that for all $k > k_0$, we have

$$p_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}}(\nu) \neq 0,$$

equivalently,

$$\mathcal{P}_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}} \not\equiv 0,$$

which completes the proof of the theorem. \square

Remark 4.1. More generally, the above theorem is equivalent to the following statement. For any finite set $A \subset \mathcal{O}_F^*$ of indices and for any finite set B of levels, there exist a positive constant k_0 such that for all $k > k_0$, we have

$$\mathcal{P}_{\vec{k}, \nu, \mathcal{I}} \not\equiv 0,$$

for all $\nu \in A$ and $\mathcal{I} \in B$.

In a particular case of the Theorem 4.1 when $F = \mathbb{Q}$, we get the following non-vanishing result of Poincaré series.

Corollary 4.2. *For any positive integer m , there exist a positive constant k_0 such that for all $k > k_0$, we have*

$$\mathcal{P}_{k, m, q} \not\equiv 0,$$

where $\mathcal{P}_{k, m, q}$ be the m -th Poincaré series of weight k and of level q .

Note that Corollary 4.2 generalizes an earlier result of Gaigalas [2] and gives a completely different proof. Moreover, our result is stronger than that.

In the following theorem, we show the non-vanishing of Hilbert Poincaré series with respect to level, when the weight is fixed.

Theorem 4.3. *Let $\nu \in \mathcal{O}_F^*$. Then for a fixed $2 < k \in \mathbb{N}^n$ and ν , there exist a positive constant n_0 such that*

$$\mathcal{P}_{k, \nu, \mathcal{I}} \not\equiv 0,$$

for all integral ideal \mathcal{I} with $N(\mathcal{I}) \geq n_0$.

Proof. A direct application of Theorem 3.2 and similar arguments as in the proof of Theorem 4.1, give the required result. \square

Remark 4.2. Similar to the Remark 4.1, we point out that the above theorem holds good for finitely many weights as well as finitely many indices.

Again if the field F is \mathbb{Q} then using Theorem 4.3, we have the following non-vanishing result for Poincaré series $\mathcal{P}_{k,m,q}$.

Corollary 4.4. *For any positive integer m and for a fixed weight $k \in \mathbb{N}$, there exist a positive constant q_0 such that for all $q > q_0$, we have*

$$\mathcal{P}_{k,m,q} \neq 0.$$

5. CONCLUDING REMARK

It would be interesting to get the analogous result of Rankin, stated in the introduction, for Hilbert Poincaré series. Although our results are weaker than the expected analogous Rankin's result, but the beauty of our proof is that it uses only elementary techniques. We neither used the explicitly expression for the Fourier coefficients of Hilbert Poincaré series nor any estimates for corresponding Bessel function or the generalized Kloosterman sums.

Note that the Fourier coefficients of Siegel Poincaré series also satisfy orthogonality relations, proved by Kowalski et. al. [4]. From this, one can obtained the similar results like Theorem 4.1 and Theorem 4.3 for Siegel Poincaré series. We also expect that by following the method of this paper, one can prove the analogous non-vanishing results for Poincaré series of half-integral weight modular forms.

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