The spectral mean value for linear forms in twisted coefficients of cusp forms

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1. Introduction and statement of results. Let \( \{ u_j(z) \}_{j=1}^{\infty} \) be an orthonormal basis of Maass cusp forms for the modular group \( \Gamma = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \). Suppose that \( u_j(x + iy) \) is either even or odd in \( x \). Thus \( u_j(z) \) is an eigenfunction of the Laplace operator with eigenvalue \( \lambda_j = s_j(1 - s_j) \), where \( s_j = 1/2 + it_j \) with \( t_j > 0 \), and it has the Fourier expansion

\[
(1) \quad u_j(z) = 2y^{1/2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varrho_j(n) K_{it_j}(2\pi ny) \cos(2\pi nx)
\]

or

\[
(2) \quad u_j(z) = 2y^{1/2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varrho_j(n) K_{it_j}(2\pi ny) \sin(2\pi nx)
\]

according to whether \( u_j(z) \) is even or odd, where \( K_\nu \) is the \( K \)-Bessel function. The Weyl law (proved by A. Selberg [14], see also [4])

\[
(3) \quad \sharp\{j : t_j \leq T\} \sim T^2/12
\]

shows that there are infinitely many linearly independent cusp forms but none of them have ever been constructed. The Fourier coefficients \( \varrho_j(n) \) are the subject of various studies. There are still basic questions to be answered, such as what is the order of magnitude of \( \varrho_j(n) \)? From the asymptotic formula (due to Rankin [12] and Selberg [13])

\[
(4) \quad \sum_{n \leq N} (\cosh \pi t_j)^{-1} |\varrho_j(n)|^2 \sim 12\pi^{-2}N
\]

and the formula (due to Kuznetsov [8])

\[
(5) \quad \sum_{t_j \leq T} (\cosh \pi t_j)^{-1} |\varrho_j(n)|^2 \sim \pi^{-2}T^2
\]

it follows that \( (\cosh \pi t_j)^{-1/2} \varrho_j(n) \) is bounded on average in \( n \) and \( t_j \). The oscillatory behavior of \( \varrho_j(n) \) is revealed in the large sieve type inequality of
H. Iwaniec [6]

\[ \sum_{t_j \leq T} (\cosh \pi t_j)^{-1} \left| \sum_{n \leq N} a_n \varrho_j(n) \right|^2 \ll (T^2 + N^{1+\varepsilon}) \sum_{n \leq N} |a_n|^2. \tag{6} \]

Another large sieve type inequality for the twisted coefficients \( \varrho_j(n)n^{it_j} \) was established by J.-M. Deshouillers and H. Iwaniec. They proved, among other things, that

\[ \sum_{t_j \leq T} (\cosh \pi t_j)^{-1} \left| \sum_{n \leq N} a_n \varrho_j(n)n^{it_j} \right|^2 \ll (T^2 + N^2)(NT)^\varepsilon \sum_{n \leq N} |a_n|^2 \tag{7} \]

for arbitrary complex numbers \( a_n \) (see Theorem 6 of [2]). Estimates for the linear forms of type (7) are used to prove the non-vanishing of certain automorphic \( L \)-functions at the special points \( s = s_j \) which occur in the Phillips–Sarnak theory of deformation of groups [11]. The strongest results in this connection are established in [9].

In this paper we shall improve upon (7) substantially.

**Theorem 1.** For any complex numbers \( a_n \) we have

\[ \sum_{t_j \leq T} (\cosh \pi t_j)^{-1} \left| \sum_{n \leq N} a_n \varrho_j(n)n^{it_j} \right|^2 \ll (T^2 + T^{3/2}N^{1/2} + N^{5/4})(NT)^\varepsilon \sum_{n \leq N} |a_n|^2. \tag{8} \]

The implied constant depends on \( \varepsilon \) only.

This result is stronger than (7) if \( N \gg T \); however, it is not the best possible. In view of (6) one might expect the same bound to hold true for (8), but we cannot prove it along the lines of this paper. In order to understand the difference between (6) and (8) and the depth of (8) let us note that (6) extends to the corresponding contribution from the continuous spectrum while (8) would be false if such contribution was included. Since our approach to (8) appeals to the complete spectral resolution of the Laplace operator via Kuznetsov’s formula we have to treat the dominating terms from the continuous spectrum with great care. The arguments are subtle.

We shall identify the terms from Eisenstein series with a part of sums of Kloosterman sums in the Kuznetsov formula by delicate analysis and then cancel them out. This correspondence is not of an algebraic or combinatorial type, and it seems to be a novelty in the spectral topics of automorphic forms.

Recently M. Jutila [7] has generalized (6) by allowing perturbations of type \( e(f(n,t_j)) \), where \( f \) is a smooth function which has rather small derivatives. However, our result cannot be derived by his method.
The special feature of the twisting factor $n^{it_j}$ is better appreciated in the context of the Hecke $L$-functions

$$L_j(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j(n)n^{-s},$$

where $\lambda_j(n) = \varrho_j(n)/\varrho_j(1)$ are the eigenvalues of the Hecke operator (see [15]). The series converges absolutely in $\Re s > 1$, it has analytic continuation to an entire function and it satisfies one of the functional equations

$$\theta_j(s)L_j(s) = \theta_j(1-s)L_j(1-s),$$
$$\theta_j(1+s)L_j(s) = -\theta_j(2-s)L_j(1-s),$$

according to the parity of $u_j(z)$, where

$$\theta_j(s) = \pi^{-s} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+it_j}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{s-it_j}{2}\right).$$

Here the presence of two gamma factors is intrinsic for $L$-functions attached to $GL_2$ automorphic forms. However, at the special point $s = s_j = 1/2 + it_j$ the second factor is constant in $t_j$, so that $L_j(s_j)$ behaves analytically like an $L$-function for a character. The key point is that $L_j(s_j)$ can be well approximated by partial sums of length $N \sim t_j^{1/2}$, which is considerably shorter than $N \sim t_j$, required for general fixed $s$. Using this approximation one can infer by Theorem 1 the following power moment estimates:

$$\sum_{t_j \leq T} |L_j(s_j)|^4 \ll T^{2+\varepsilon}$$
$$\sum_{t_j \leq T} |L_j(s_j)|^8 \ll T^{5/2+\varepsilon}.$$

The last bound should be $T^{2+\varepsilon}$ but we cannot prove it at present. This would be a close analogy to a result of M. N. Huxley [5] for Dirichlet $L$-functions.

For the proof of (8) we shall deal with a smoothed sum

$$S(A) = \sum_j \omega(t_j) \left| \sum_n a_n \varrho_j(n)n^{it_j} \right|^2,$$

where

$$\omega(t) = 2 \frac{\sinh(\pi - 2\delta)t}{\sinh 2\pi t}, \quad 2\delta = T^{-1},$$

and $A = (a_n)$ is a finite sequence of real numbers for $N < n \leq 2N$. We denote the $l_2$-norm by

$$\|A\|^2 = \sum a_n^2.$$
We shall simultaneously consider the contribution from the Eisenstein series
\[ E(z, s) = y^s + \varphi(s)y^{1-s} + 2y^{1/2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \eta_t(n)K_{it}(2\pi ny)\cos(2\pi nx) \]
on the line \( s = 1/2 + it \). Here the Fourier coefficients are given explicitly by
\( \eta_t(n) = \eta_t(1)\tau_t(n) \), where \( \eta_t(1) = 2\pi^s\zeta(2s)^{-1}\Gamma(s)^{-1} \) and
\[ \tau_t(n) = \sum_{d_1d_2=n} (d_1/d_2)^it. \]
The corresponding contribution from the continuous spectrum is
\[ T(A) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \omega(t) \left| \sum_n a_n \eta_t(n) n^it \right|^2 dt, \]
where \((4\pi)^{-1} dt\) is the spectral measure. For this we shall prove directly the following

**Proposition 1.** If \( N \gg T \) we have
\[ T(A) = (\pi \tan \delta)^{-1} \sum_m \sum_n a_m a_n \sigma(m, n) + O((N + T^2)N^\varepsilon \|A\|^2), \]
where
\[ \sigma(m, n) = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} r^{-2}S(0, m; r)S(0, n; r) \]
and \( S(0, m; r) \) is the Ramanujan sum.

Using the expression
\[ S(0, m; r) = \sum_{d|(m, r)} d\mu(r/d) \]
one can easily execute the summation over \( r \) in \( \sigma(m, n) \) getting a finite expression
\[ \sigma(m, n) = \frac{\zeta(2)}{\zeta(4)} \sum_{\alpha \gamma} \mu(\alpha \gamma) \prod_{p|\alpha \beta} (p + p^{-1})^{-1}. \]

**Proposition 2.** If \( N \gg T \) we have
\[ S(A) + T(A) = (\pi \tan \delta)^{-1} \sum_m \sum_n a_m a_n \sigma(m, n) \]
\[ + O((T^2 + T^{3/2}N^{1/2} + N^{3/2}T^{-1})N^\varepsilon \|A\|^2). \]
Combining (20) with (21) we obtain
\[ S(A) \ll (T^2 + T^{3/2}N^{1/2} + N^{3/2}T^{-1})N^\varepsilon \|A\|^2. \]
Since \( S(\mathcal{A}) \) is increasing in \( T \) one may replace \( T \) above by \( T + N^{1/2} \) getting
\[
S(\mathcal{A}) \ll (T^2 + T^{3/2} N^{1/2} + N^{5/4}) \| \mathcal{A} \|^2.
\]
This, of course, implies (8) if \( N > T \). For \( N \leq T \) we infer (8) from (7).

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2. An application of Kuznetsov’s formula. For \( m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \), the Kloosterman sum is defined as
\[
S(m, n; c) = \sum_{ad \equiv 1 \mod c} e \left( \frac{ma + nd}{c} \right).
\]
We shall transform \( S(\mathcal{A}) + T(\mathcal{A}) \) into a sum of Kloosterman sums \( S(m, n; c) \) by an appeal to the Kuznetsov formula [8]
\[
\sum_j \hat{f}(t_j) q_j(m) \overline{q}_j(n) + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \hat{f}(t) \eta_1(m) \eta_1(n) \, dt
= \delta_{mn} f_0 + \sum_c c^{-1} S(m, n; c) f_A \left( \frac{4\pi \sqrt{mn}}{c} \right).
\]
Here \( f(y) \) is a smooth function for \( y \geq 0 \) satisfying the growth conditions \( f(y) \ll y \) as \( y \to 0 \) and \( f^{(\mu)}(y) \ll y^{-3} \) as \( y \to \infty \), for \( \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3, \) and
\[
\hat{f}(t) = \frac{\pi i}{\sinh 2\pi t} \int_0^\infty (J_{2\mu}(y) - J_{-2\mu}(y)) f(y) y^{-1} \, dy,
\]
\[
f_A(x) = \int_1^\infty u x J_0(ux) \int_0^\infty J_0(uy) f(y) \, dy \, du,
\]
where \( J_\nu(x) \) is the \( J \)-Bessel function.

We shall also use an analogous formula for the Fourier coefficients of holomorphic cusp forms
\[
f_{jk}(z) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty a_{jk}(n) e(nz),
\]
where \( \{f_{jk}(z)\}_{j=1}^{\theta_n} \) is an orthonormal basis for the space of cusp forms of
weight \( k \). We then have

\[
\sum_c c^{-1} S(m, n; c) f_B \left( \frac{4\pi\sqrt{mn}}{c} \right) = \delta_{mn} f_0 + \sum_{k>0, 2|k} \frac{i^k (k-1)! \tilde{f}(k-1)}{\pi (4\pi\sqrt{mn})^{k-1}} \sum_j \bar{a}_{jk}(m) a_{jk}(n),
\]

where

\[
\tilde{f}(k-1) = \int_0^\infty f(x) J_{k-1}(x) \frac{dx}{x},
\]

\[
f_B(x) = \int_0^1 u x J_0(ux) \int_0^\infty J_0(uy) f(y) dy \; du.
\]

Notice that by Hankel's inversion formula \( f \) splits into \( f = f_A + f_B \).

As in [2] we shall apply (23) for the test function

\[ f(y) = \pi^{-1} y(\sinh \beta) e^{iy \cosh \beta}, \]

with

\[
\beta = \frac{1}{2} \left| \log \frac{m}{n} \right| + i\delta.
\]

Therefore

\[
f \left( \frac{4\pi\sqrt{mn}}{c} \right) = \frac{2}{c} \left( |m-n| \cos \delta + i(m+n) \sin \delta \right) \exp \left( -2\pi \frac{|m-n|}{c} \sin \delta \right).
\]

It has been shown in [2] that

\[ f_0 = -\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \frac{\cosh \beta}{(\sinh \beta)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{f}(t) = 2 \frac{\sinh(\pi + 2i\beta) t}{\sinh 2\pi t}.
\]

Therefore

\[ \Re \hat{f}(t) = \omega(t) \cos \left( t \log \frac{m}{n} \right). \]

From these evaluations we infer by (23) the identity

\[
S(\mathcal{A}) + T(\mathcal{A}) = \frac{\cos \delta}{2\pi^2 \sin^2 \delta} \| \mathcal{A} \|^2 + \Re P(\mathcal{A}),
\]

where

\[
P(\mathcal{A}) = \sum_{m,n} a_m a_n \sum_c c^{-1} S(m, n; c) f_A \left( \frac{4\pi\sqrt{mn}}{c} \right).
\]
It turns out to be more convenient to work with $f_B$ than with $f_A$. Therefore we write $f_A = f - f_B$ and put

\begin{equation}
Q(A) = \sum_{m,n} a_m a_n \sum_c c^{-1} S(m,n;c) f\left(\frac{4\pi \sqrt{mn}}{c}\right),
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
R(A) = \sum_{m,n} a_m a_n \sum_c c^{-1} S(m,n;c) f_B\left(\frac{4\pi \sqrt{mn}}{c}\right).
\end{equation}

Accordingly $P(A)$ splits into

\begin{equation}
P(A) = Q(A) - R(A).
\end{equation}

The next sections will be devoted separately to the treatment of the above two terms.

3. Evaluation of $Q(A)$. We split

\begin{equation}
Q(A) = 2Q_1(A) \cos \delta + 2iQ_2(A) \sin \delta,
\end{equation}

where

$$Q_1(A) = \sum_{m,n} a_m a_n |m - n| \sum_c c^{-2} S(m,n;c)$$

$$\times e\left(\frac{m + n}{c} \cos \delta\right) \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi|m - n|}{c} \sin \delta\right),$$

and

$$Q_2(A) = \sum_{m,n} a_m a_n (m + n) \sum_c c^{-2} S(m,n;c)$$

$$\times e\left(\frac{m + n}{c} \cos \delta\right) \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi|m - n|}{c} \sin \delta\right).$$

First we shall show that

\begin{equation}
Q_2(A) \ll \delta^{-1} N^{1+\epsilon} \|A\|^2,
\end{equation}

which is absorbed in (21). Since large $c$’s contribute little (use Weil’s bound for Kloosterman sums) we can restrict the summation to $c \leq N^8$. We split the remaining range into dyadic intervals $C < c \leq 2C \leq N^8$ and denote the corresponding contribution by $Q_{2C}(A)$. In $Q_{2C}(A)$ we split the summation over $m, n$ into boxes $B = I \times J$ where $I, J$ are subintervals of $[N, 2N]$ of equal length $\Delta = NK^{-1}$ with $K = \max(1, [\delta C^{-1} N^{1-\epsilon}])$. Let $Q_{2IJ}(A)$ denote the corresponding partial sum of $Q_{2C}(A)$. If $I, J$ are neither equal nor adjacent then for $(m, n) \in B$ we have $|m - n| > \Delta \geq \delta^{-1} C N^{\epsilon}$, whence trivially

$$Q_{2IJ}(A) \ll N^{-10} \|A\|^2.$$ 

All these boxes contribute $O(K^2 N^{-10} \|A\|^2)$. The number of remaining boxes to be considered is at most $3K$. For these we will apply the mean
value theorem (see [10])

\[(33) \sum_{d \mod c} \left| \sum_{n=M+1}^{M+N} a_n e\left(\frac{dn}{c}\right) \right|^2 \ll (c + N) \sum_{n=M+1}^{M+N} |a_n|^2.\]

To this end, we separate the variables \(m\) and \(n\) by using the Fourier integral

\[(34) \exp(-2\pi|t|) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e(\xi t)(1 + \xi^2)^{-1} d\xi.\]

We infer, by opening the Kloosterman sum, that

\[Q_{2I}(A) = \sum_{n,m \in B} a_n a_m (m + n)\]

\[= \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{0 < c \leq 2C} c^{-2} \sum_{a \equiv 1 \mod c} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + \xi^2)^{-1}\]

\[\times \sum_{n,m \in B} a_n a_m (m + n) e\left(\frac{ma + nd}{c}\right) e\left(\frac{m + n}{c} \cos \delta\right) e\left(\frac{m - n}{c} \sin \delta\right) d\xi\]

\[\ll NC^{-1}(C + \Delta) \left( \sum_{m \in I} a_m^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{n \in J} a_n^2 \right)^{1/2}.\]

Summing over the boxes yields

\[Q_{2C}(A) \ll NC^{-1}(C + \Delta)||A||^2 \ll \delta^{-1} N^{1+\epsilon} ||A||^2,\]

whence (32) follows.

Next we modify \(Q_1(A)\) by applying the approximation

\[e\left(\frac{m + n}{c} \cos \delta\right) = e\left(\frac{m + n}{c}\right)(1 + E),\]

where

\[E = e\left(-2\frac{m + n}{c} \sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2}\right) - 1 \ll \delta^2 c^{-1} N.\]

One can show that the error term resulting from \(E\) is admissible. Indeed, the same argument which was applied above for \(Q_2(A)\) works here except that for separating the variables we use the Fourier transform

\[(35) h(t) = |t| e^{-2\pi|t|} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{h}(s) e(-st) ds,\]
with \( \hat{h}(s) = (1 - s^2)/(2\pi^2(1 + s^2)^2) \) in place of (34) and we expand \( E \) into power series

\[
E = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left( \frac{-2(m+n)}{c} \sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2} \right)^k,
\]

if \( C > \delta^2 N^{1+\varepsilon} \) in which case the series converges rapidly. We obtain

(36) \( Q_1(A) = Q_0(A) + O(N^{1+\varepsilon}||A||^2) \),

where

\[
Q_0(A) = \sum_{m \neq n} a_m a_n |m - n| \times \sum_c c^{-2} S(m, n; c) e \left( \frac{m+n}{c} \right) \exp \left( -\frac{2\pi|m-n|}{c} \sin \delta \right).
\]

Define

\[
E(m, n) = \sum_{c=1}^{\infty} c^{-2} S(m, n; c) e \left( \frac{m+n}{c} \right) \exp \left( -\frac{y}{c} \right),
\]

with \( y = 2\pi|m-n|\sin \delta \) in mind. We write

\[
S(m, n; c) e \left( \frac{m+n}{c} \right) = \sum_{d \mod c} e_c((1-d)m + (1-d)n),
\]

and split the summation by fixing the values \((d-1, c) = q, \) say. Thus \( c = qr \) and \( d = 1 - q s, \) where \( s \) ranges over classes \( \mod r \) such that \((s(q-s), r) = 1. \)

We obtain

\[
S(m, n; c) e \left( \frac{m+n}{c} \right) = \sum_{s \mod r, (s(q-s), r) = 1} e_r(5n + q - s m).
\]

Hence

\[
E(m, n) = \sum_{qr \leq N^8} (qr)^{-2} \sum_{s \mod r, (s(q-s), r) = 1} e_r(5n + q - s m) \exp \left( -\frac{y}{qr} \right) + O(N^{\varepsilon-4})
\]

\[
= E_0(m, n) + E_1(m, n) + O(N^{\varepsilon-4}),
\]

say, where \( E_0(m, n) \) denotes the partial sum restricted by \( r < X \) and \( E_1(m, n) \) is the remaining sum over \( r \geq X. \) Here \( X (\leq N) \) is a positive parameter which will be chosen optimally later. Accordingly we have

(37) \( Q_0(A) = Q_{00}(A) + Q_{01}(A) + O(||A||^2) \),

where

\[
Q_{00}(A) = \sum_{m \neq n} a_m a_n |m - n| \sum_{r < X} r^{-2} \sum_{qr \leq N^8} q^{-2}
\]
with \( y = 2\pi|m - n|\sin \delta \), and \( Q_{01}(A) \) is given by the same expression as above except that the condition \( r < X \) is replaced by \( r \geq X \). We will extract the main term from \( Q_{00}(A) \) and show that \( Q_{01}(A) \) is small. Indeed, by the large sieve inequality (see [10]):

\[
\sum_{r \leq R} \sum_{s \mod r}^* \left| \sum_{M+1 \leq n \leq M+N} a_n e \left( \frac{sn}{r} \right) \right|^2 \ll (R^2 + N) \sum_{M+1 \leq n \leq M+N} |a_n|^2,
\]

using an argument similiar to that applied for \( Q_2(A) \) to separate variables, we deduce that

\[
Q_{01}(A) \ll N^{1+\varepsilon} (1 + \delta^{-1} X^{-1}) \|A\|^2.
\]

Now we evaluate \( Q_{00}(A) \). We execute summation over \( q \) by splitting into progressions:

\[
\sum_{(q-s,r)=1} q^{-2} \exp \left( -\frac{y}{qr} \right) e_r(q - s m) = \sum_{v \mod r} e_r(vr) \sum_{q \equiv s + v \mod r} q^{-2} \exp \left( -\frac{y}{qr} \right)
\]

and then apply the Euler–Maclaurin formula for the innermost sum getting

\[
r^{-1} \int_0^\infty t^{-2} \exp \left( -\frac{y}{tr} \right) dt + \int_0^\infty \psi \left( \frac{t - s - v}{r} \right) dt^{-2} \exp \left( -\frac{y}{tr} \right)
\]

\[
= y^{-1} + \int_0^\infty \left[ \psi \left( \frac{t - s - v}{r} \right) - \psi \left( \frac{-s - v}{r} \right) \right] dt^{-2} \exp \left( -\frac{y}{tr} \right).
\]

We obtain

\[
Q_{00}(A) = (2\pi \sin \delta)^{-1} \sum_{m \neq n} a_m a_n \sum_{r < X} r^{-2} S(0, m; r) S(0, n; r)
\]

\[
+ \sum_{m \neq n} a_m a_n |m - n| \sum_{r < X} \sum_{s, v \mod r} e \left( \frac{sn + vr}{r} \right)
\]

\[
\times \int_0^\infty \left[ \psi \left( \frac{t - s - v}{r} \right) - \psi \left( \frac{-s - v}{r} \right) \right] dt^{-2} \exp \left( -\frac{2\pi |m - n| \sin \delta}{tr} \right)
\]

\[
= Q_{000}(A) + Q_{001}(A),
\]

say. We drop the restriction \( r < X \) in \( Q_{000}(A) \) and estimate the tail using
the trivial bound $|S(0, m; r)| \leq (m, r)d(m)$ to get

\( Q_{000}(A) = (2\pi \sin \delta)^{-1} \sum_{m \neq n} a_m a_n \sigma(m, n) + O(\delta^{-1}X^{-1}N^{1+\varepsilon}\|A\|^2). \)

Using the large sieve inequality (38), the estimate

\[ \sum_{s \mod r} \left| \psi\left( \frac{t + s}{r} \right) - \psi\left( \frac{s}{r} \right) \right| \ll \min(t, r)r^\varepsilon, \]

and the argument similar to that applied for $Q_2(A)$ to separate variables we infer that

\[ Q_{001}(A) \ll (XT + T^{3/2}N^{1/2})N^\varepsilon\|A\|^2. \]

Finally, choosing $X = \delta N$, from the estimations in this section we obtain

\[ Q(A) = (\pi \tan \delta)^{-1} \sum_{m, n} a_m a_n \sigma(m, n) \]

\[ + O((N + T^2 + T^{3/2}N^{1/2})N^\varepsilon\|A\|^2). \]

4. Estimation of $R(A)$. From [2] we know that

\[ f_B(x) = -\frac{\sinh 2\beta}{2\pi} \int_0^1 ux J_0(ux) (\cosh^2 \beta - u^2)^{-3/2} du \ll \min(x, \sqrt{x}). \]

We use this bound only for the terms in $R(A)$ with $|m - n| \leq NT^{-1}$ getting

\[ R_0(A) = \sum_{|m - n| \leq NT^{-1}} a_m a_n \sum_c c^{-1}S(m, n; c)f_B\left( \frac{4\pi \sqrt{mn}}{c} \right) \ll N^{3/2+\varepsilon}T^{-1}\|A\|^2. \]

Denote by $R_1(A)$ the contribution of terms in $R(A)$ such that $m - n > NT^{-1}$, so $R(A) = R_0(A) + 2R_1(A)$. We shall transform $R_1(A)$ by appealing to (24). First, we evaluate

\[ \tilde{f}(k - 1) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sinh \beta \int_0^\infty e^{ix} \cosh \beta J_{k-1}(x) \, dx. \]

Making use of

\[ \int_0^\infty e^{-zx} J_\nu(x) \, dx = (z^2 + 1)^{-1/2}(\sqrt{z^2 + 1} + z)^{-\nu}, \]

where $z = -i \cosh \beta, (z^2 + 1)^{1/2} = -i \sinh \beta$ (see [3]), we get

\[ i^k \tilde{f}(k - 1) = \frac{1}{\pi} \epsilon^{-(k-1)\beta} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)^{(k-1)/2} e^{-i\delta(k-1)}. \]
Thus, by (24) we get

\[ R_1(A) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sum_{k>0, 2|k} (k - 1)! e^{-i\delta(k-1)} \]

\[ \times \sum_j \sum_{m-n>N^{-1}} a_m a_n \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)^{(k-1)/2} \frac{\pi_{jk}(m)a_{jk}(n)}{(4\pi \sqrt{mn})^{k-1}}. \]

To estimate this we shall use the large sieve inequality (see [1]):

\[ \sum_{2 \leq k \leq K; 2|k} \left( \frac{k - 1}{4\pi} \right)^{k-1} \sum_{1 \leq j \leq \theta_k} \left| \sum_{N<n \leq 2N} a_n n^{-(k-1)/2} a_{jk}(n) \right|^2 \]

\[ \ll (K^2 + N^{1+\epsilon}) \sum_{N<n \leq 2N} |a_n|^2. \]

First observe that the contribution from terms in \( R_1(A) \) with \( k > TN^\epsilon \) is very small since

\[ \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)^{(k-1)/2} < e^{-(k-1)/(4T)}. \]

For the terms with \( k \leq TN^\epsilon \) we write

\[ \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)^{(k-1)/2} = \frac{2}{\pi} (k - 1)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{m}{n} \right)^{i t} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{2t}{k - 1} \right)^2 \right)^{-1} dt \]

by (34) and we remove the condition \( m-n > NT^{-1} \) using a Fourier integral (separation of variables). Having done this we apply (45) getting

\[ R_1(A) \ll (N + T^2)N^\epsilon \|A\|^2. \]

Putting together (44) and (46) we obtain the estimate

\[ R(A) \ll (N + T^2 + N^{3/2}T^{-1})N^\epsilon \|A\|^2. \]

Finally, inserting (43) and (47) into (30) we get

\[ P(A) = (\pi \tan \delta)^{-1} \sum_{m,n} a_ma_n \sigma(m, n) \]

\[ + O((T^2 + T^{3/2}N^{1/2} + N^{3/2}T^{-1})N^\epsilon \|A\|^2). \]

By (26) this completes the proof of Proposition 2.

5. Evaluation of \( T(A) \). We have

\[ \sum_{c} e^{-s}S(0, n; c) = \frac{1}{\zeta(s)} \sum_{c|n} c^{1-s}. \]
By the same argument as in [8], § 3.13, for $1/\zeta(s)$, it follows that
\[ \sum_{c} \frac{S(0, n; c)}{e^{1+it}} = \sum_{c \leq \exp(N^*)} \frac{S(0, n; c)}{e^{1+it}} + O(N^{-2}), \]
for $t \ll T^2$. Since
\[ \eta_t(n) = \frac{2\pi^{1/2+it}}{\Gamma(1/2+it)} n^{it} \sum_{c} c \leq \exp(N^*) \sum_{c} e^{-2itS(0, n; c)}, \]
we infer that
\[
\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \omega(t) \eta_t(n) \overline{\eta_t(m)} \left( \frac{m}{n} \right)^{it} dt \\
= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \omega(t) \cosh \pi t \\
\times \sum_{c_1, c_2 \leq \exp(N^*)} (c_1 c_2)^{-1} \left( \frac{c_2}{c_1} \right)^{2it} S(0, n; c_1) S(0, m; c_2) dt + O(N^{-1}) \\
= X(m, n) + O(N^{-1}),
\]
say. But ([3])
\[
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sinh(\pi - 2\delta)t}{\sinh(\pi t)} \left( \frac{c_2}{c_1} \right)^{2it} dt = \frac{2 \sin(2\delta)}{\left( \frac{c_2}{c_1} - \frac{c_1}{c_2} \right)^2 + (2 \sin \delta)^2}.
\]
Thus
\[
X(m, n) = \frac{2 \sin 2\delta}{\pi} \sum_{c_1, c_2 \leq \exp(N^*)} (c_1 c_2)^{-1} \left( \left( \frac{c_2}{c_1} - \frac{c_1}{c_2} \right)^2 + (2 \sin \delta)^2 \right)^{-1} \\
\times S(0, n; c_1) S(0, m; c_2).
\]
The terms $c_1 = c_2$ contribute
\[
X_0(m, n) = \frac{\cos \delta}{\pi \sin \delta} \sum_{r \leq \exp(N^*)} r^{-2} S(0, m; r) S(0, n; r).
\]
From the elementary inequalities
\[
|S(0, n; r)| \leq (n, r)d(n),
\]
\[
\sum_{c \leq D} \left| \sum_{n \leq N} a_n(n, c) \right|^2 \ll (DN)^{1+\varepsilon} \sum_{n \leq N} |a_n|^2,
\]
we obtain
\[
\sum_{m,n} a_m a_n X_0(m, n) = (\pi \tan \delta)^{-1} \sum_{m,n} a_m a_n \sigma(m, n) + O(T^2 \|A\|^2).
\]

The terms \(c_1 < c_2\) contribute
\[
X_1(m, n) = \frac{2 \sin 2\delta}{\pi} \sum_{c_1 < \exp(N^\epsilon)} c_1 S(0, n; c_1) \sum_{c_1 < c_2 \leq \exp(N^\epsilon)} c_2^{-1} S(0, m; c_2) \gamma(c_1, c_2),
\]
where
\[
\gamma(c_1, c_2) = \left[ \frac{(c_2 - c_1)^2}{1 + \frac{c_1}{c_2}} + (2c_1 \sin \delta)^2 \right]^{-1}.
\]

Using (50), (51) and considering the following cases separately: \(c_1 \leq T; c_2 - c_1 > c_1/T > 1; c_2 - c_1 \leq c_1/T > 1\), we deduce that
\[
\sum_{m,n} a_m a_n X_1(m, n) \ll (N + T^2)N^\epsilon \|A\|^2.
\]

By (52) and (53) we complete the proof of Proposition 1. Both Propositions 1 and 2 give Theorem 1 as shown in the first section.

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