



Shifted Convolution of Cusp Forms with θ -Series

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◇ Shifted Convolution Sum

- Suppose that $\lambda_1(n)$ and $\lambda_2(n)$ are two (multiplicative) arithmetic functions, and $b \geq 0$ is an integer.
- It is a classical and important problem in analytic number theory to study the shifted convolution sum

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_1(n) \lambda_2(n + b).$$

- **Difficulty:** The shift parameter b destroys the multiplicativity.
- There are a large number of papers in this direction, which have many important applications.

◇ Binary Additive Divisor Problem

- When $\lambda_1(n) = \lambda_2(n) = \tau(n)$, the Dirichlet divisor function, this problem is the so-called binary additive divisor problem $D(x; b)$.

– Ingham [1927]:

$$D(x; b) \sim (1 + o(1))c\sigma_{-1}(b)x(\log x)^2.$$

– Esterman [1930]: Improved this to an asymptotic expansion by observing a relation between $D(x; b)$ and **the Kloosterman sum**.

– Atkinson [1941]: Found the importance of uniformity with respect to the shift parameter b and a relation between the error term in $D(x; b)$ and **the power mean of $\zeta(1/2 + it)$** .



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◇ Binary Additive Divisor Problem

- – Heath-Brown [1978]: **Weil's bound** led to a better uniform result on $D(x; b)$, and then an asymptotic formula for the fourth power mean of $\zeta(1/2 + it)$ with error term $O(T^{\frac{7}{8} + \varepsilon})$.
- Deshouillers and Iwaniec [1982]: **The appearance of Kuznetsov's trace formula** changed the situation dramatically by **transforming sums of Kloosterman sums into bilinear forms of Fourier coefficients of cusp forms**.
- Further developments: Jutila [1993], Motohashi [1994], Duke, Friedlander, Iwaniec [1994], Ivić and Motohashi [1995], Meurman [2001].....

◇ Its Analog for Fourier Coefficients

- When $\lambda_1(n) = \lambda_2(n) = \lambda_f(n)$, Fourier coefficient of holomorphic or Maass cusp form f , it is an analog for Fourier coefficients of cusp forms of the additive divisor problem.
- Since Selberg's seminal paper [1965], this sum has been investigated extensively. See e.g. Good [1982], Jutila [1996, 1997], Sarnak [1994], Liu and Ye [2002], Harcos [2003], Lau, Liu and Ye [2006], Blomer and Harcos [2008], Holowinsky [2010],
- Non-trivial bound of this sum often has deep implications: e.g. subconvexity and equidistribution (QUE).



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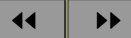
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◇ Mixed Shifted Convolution Sum

- Let

$$r_\ell(n) := |\{(n_1, \dots, n_\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}^\ell : n_1^2 + \dots + n_\ell^2 = n\}|.$$

- For each holomorphic cusp form f of weight k and level N , we write its Fourier expansion at ∞ :

$$f(z) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \lambda_f(n) n^{(k-1)/2} e(nz),$$

- Recently Luo considered the **shifted convolution sum of cusp forms with theta series**

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_f(n+b) r_\ell(n) := \mathcal{S}_{f,b,\ell}(x).$$



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- Luo [2011]: For $\ell \geq 2$, $k \geq \ell/2 + 3$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, we have

$$\mathcal{S}_{f,b,\ell}(x) \ll x^{\ell/2 - \vartheta_\ell + \varepsilon}, \quad (1)$$

where $\vartheta_\ell := (\ell - 1)/(4g + 4)$ and g is the smallest integer such that $g \geq (\ell + 1)/2$ and the implied constant depends on f , b , ℓ and ε .

- In particular

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_2 &= \frac{1}{12}, & \vartheta_3 &= \frac{1}{6}, & \vartheta_4 &= \frac{3}{16}, \\ \vartheta_5 &= \frac{1}{4}, & \vartheta_6 &= \frac{1}{4}, & \vartheta_\ell &= \frac{\ell-1}{2\ell+6} < \frac{1}{2} (\ell \geq 7). \end{aligned}$$

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- Luo's idea is try to generalize the classical Voronoi formula for $r_\ell(n)$, and then combined this formula with upper bound for the Salié sum to derive result (1).
- Based on a series of work on "the divisor problems related to the Epstein zeta-function":
Guangshi Lü, Jie Wu and Wenguang Zhai
[Bull. London Math. Soc. 2010; JNT 2011; Acta Arith. 2012; Quart. J. Math. 2012],
we try to explore the regularity of $r_\ell(n)$ by the circle method in analytic number theory and Siegel's mass formula.

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- Thanking to these classic tools of analytic number theory, we can show that the influence of $r_\ell(n)$ to the bound

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_f(n) \ll_f x^{1/3} (\log x)^{2/(\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(5/2))-1}$$

is rather little.

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- G.S. Lü, J. Wu and W.G. Zhai [2013]

Theorem 1. Let f be a cusp form of weight k and level N and let $\ell \geq 2$ be an integer. For any $\varepsilon > 0$, we have

$$\mathcal{S}_{f,b,\ell}(x) \ll_{f,\ell,\varepsilon} x^{\ell/2 - \vartheta_\ell + \varepsilon} \quad (2)$$

uniformly for $x \geq 2$ and $0 \leq b \leq x$, where

$$\vartheta_3 = \frac{1}{4}, \quad \vartheta_4 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \vartheta_5 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \vartheta_\ell = \frac{2}{3} (\ell \geq 6).$$

In addition, if we assume $N = 1$, then (2) holds for $\ell = 2$ with $\vartheta_2 = \frac{1}{6}$.

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For comparison, we have

Our Result	Luo's Result
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $\vartheta_2 = \frac{1}{6}, (N = 1)$• $\vartheta_3 = \frac{1}{4}$• $\vartheta_4 = \frac{1}{2}$• $\vartheta_5 = \frac{1}{2}$• $\vartheta_6 = \frac{2}{3}$• $\vartheta_l = \frac{2}{3}$$l \geq 7$	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $\vartheta_2 = \frac{1}{12}$• $\vartheta_3 = \frac{1}{6}$• $\vartheta_4 = \frac{3}{16}$• $\vartheta_5 = \frac{1}{4}$• $\vartheta_6 = \frac{1}{4}$• $\vartheta_l < \frac{1}{2}$$l \geq 7$



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Our result improves Luo's result above in three directions:

- Enlarge the exponent ν_ℓ ;
- Relax the restricted condition $k \geq \ell/2 + 3$;
- Remove the dependence of b .
- **More general. $r_\ell(n)$ -aspect:** Let $Q(\mathbf{y})$ be a positive definite quadratic form $Q(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^t \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}$. For each $n \geq 1$, define

$$r(n, Q) := |\{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}^\ell : Q(\mathbf{y}) = n\}|.$$

Similar to $\mathcal{S}_{f,b,\ell}(x)$, we define

$$\mathcal{S}_{f,b,Q}(x) := \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_f(n+b) r(n, Q).$$

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- **More general. f -aspect:** Define \mathcal{F} to be a class of cusp forms $f(z)$, which consists of holomorphic cusp forms with respect to any finite volume discrete subgroup (such that ∞ is a singular cusp of width 1), any positive real weight and any multiplier systems, as well as Maass cusp forms of any weight and any level.
- Then our result implies for any $f \in \mathcal{F}$ and any general $Q(\mathbf{y})$ that

$$\mathcal{I}_{f,b,Q}(x) \ll_{f,Q,\varepsilon} x^{\ell/2-1/2+\varepsilon}$$

holds uniformly for $1 \leq b \leq x$, provided $\ell \geq 5$.



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- A natural question is what should be the best bound for $\mathcal{S}_{f,b,\ell}(x)$.
- **Conjecture.** Let f be a cusp form of weight k and level N . Let $b \geq 0$ and $\ell \geq 3$ be two integers. For any $\varepsilon > 0$, we have

$$\mathcal{S}_{f,b,\ell}(x) \ll_{f,b,\ell,\varepsilon} x^{\ell/2-3/4+\varepsilon}$$

for $x \rightarrow \infty$.

- It seems rather difficult to establish this conjecture. However we can prove that the conjectured bound is true on average for $\ell \geq 5$.

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Theorem 2. If $\ell \geq 6$, then we have

$$\int_1^X |\mathcal{S}_{f,b,Q}(x)|^2 dx = \frac{C_{f,b,Q}}{\ell - 1/2} X^{\ell-1/2} + O_{f,Q}(bX^{\ell-3/2} + X^{\ell-7/12}(\log X)^{1/2}).$$

Furthermore, we have

$$\int_1^X |\mathcal{S}_{f,b,5}(x)|^2 dx \ll_{f,\varepsilon} X^{\ell-1/2+\varepsilon}.$$

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- **Aim: By a rather simple proof, to show that $\vartheta_3 = \frac{1}{4}$ and $\vartheta_\ell = \frac{1}{2}$ for $\ell \geq 4$.**

- Let

$$F(\alpha) := \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_f(n+b)e(-\alpha n)$$

and

$$S(\alpha) := \sum_{|m| \leq x^{1/2}} e(\alpha m^2).$$

- Then it is easy to see

$$\mathcal{I}_{f,b,\ell}(x) = \int_0^1 F(\alpha) S(\alpha)^\ell d\alpha.$$

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- **Square Root Cancellation:** Let f be a cusp form of weight k and level N . The estimate

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_f(n) e(\alpha n) \ll_f x^{1/2} \log x$$

holds uniformly for $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

- In addition, it is not hard to show

$$\int_0^1 |S(\alpha)|^2 d\alpha = \sum_{\substack{|m| \leq x^{1/2} \\ m^2 = n^2}} \sum_{|n| \leq x^{1/2}} 1 \ll x^{1/2},$$

$$\int_0^1 |S(\alpha)|^{2d} d\alpha \leq \sum_{n \leq dx} r_d(n)^2 \ll x^{d-1}.$$

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- Thus we can show

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{S}_{f,b,3}(x) \\ & \ll x^{1/2}(\log x) \left(\int_0^1 |S(\alpha)|^2 d\alpha \int_0^1 |S(\alpha)|^4 d\alpha \right)^{1/2} \\ & \ll x^{3/2-1/4} \log x. \end{aligned}$$

- For $\ell \geq 4$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{S}_{f,b,\ell}(x) \\ & \ll x^{1/2}(\log x) \left(\int_0^1 |S(\alpha)|^4 d\alpha \int_0^1 |S(\alpha)|^{2(\ell-2)} d\alpha \right)^{1/2} \\ & \ll x^{\ell/2-1/2} \log x, \end{aligned}$$

namely we can take $\vartheta_3 = \frac{1}{4}$ and $\vartheta_\ell = \frac{1}{2}$ for $\ell \geq 4$.



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Aim: When $\ell \geq 6$, further improve the exponent

$$\nu_\ell = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Lemma 1. (Approximate Voronoi Formula) Let f be a cusp form of weight k and level N , $(h, q) = 1$

$$A(x, h/q) := \sum'_{n \leq x} \lambda_f(n) e_q(hn).$$

Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & A(x, h/q) \\ &= \frac{q^{1/2} x^{1/4}}{\sqrt{2}\pi} \sum_{n \leq M} \frac{\lambda_f(n)}{n^{3/4}} e_q(-\bar{h}n) \cos\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{nx}}{q} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\ &+ O_{f,\varepsilon}\left(\frac{qx^{1/2+\varepsilon}}{M^{1/2}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

uniformly for $1 \leq q \leq x$ and $1 \leq M \ll x$.



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Lemma 2. Let $\ell \geq 2$, $\mathbf{y} := (y_1, \dots, y_\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}^\ell$ and $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})$ be an integral matrix such that $a_{ii} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ for $1 \leq i \leq \ell$. The positive definite quadratic form $Q(\mathbf{y})$ is defined by $Q(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^t \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}$. For each $n \geq 1$, define

$$r(n, Q) := |\{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}^\ell : Q(\mathbf{y}) = n\}|.$$

Then for $\ell \geq 4$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & r(n, Q) \\ &= \sigma_Q n^{\frac{\ell}{2}-1} \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \sum_{h=1}^q {}^* S\left(\frac{hQ}{q}\right) \frac{e\left(-\frac{hn}{q}\right)}{q^\ell} + O\left(n^{\frac{\ell}{4}-\delta_\ell+\varepsilon}\right), \end{aligned}$$

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where

$$S(Q) := \sum_{0 \leq y_1, \dots, y_\ell \leq q-1} e(Q(\mathbf{y})),$$

$$\sigma_Q := \frac{(2\pi)^{\ell/2}}{\Gamma(\ell/2) \sqrt{|\mathbf{A}|}},$$

$$\delta_\ell := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} & \text{if } \ell \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \ell \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

and \sum^* means the sum is over $1 \leq h \leq q$ with $(h, q) = 1$. Furthermore we have

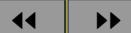
$$S(hQ/q) \ll q^{\ell/2} \quad ((h, q) = 1).$$



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Proof of Case $\ell \geq 6$. One can easily deduce that

$$\mathcal{S}_{f,b,\ell}(x) \quad (+\text{Lemma 2})$$

$$\ll \sum_{q \geq 1} \frac{1}{q^{\frac{\ell}{2}}} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq h \leq q \\ (h,q)=1}} \left| \sum_{n=1+b}^{x+b} n^{\frac{\ell}{2}-1} \lambda_f(n) e_q(-hn) \right|$$

$$+ x^{\ell/4 - \delta_\ell + 1 + \varepsilon} \quad (+\text{Lemma 1})$$

$$\ll_{f,\varepsilon} x^{\ell/2 - 2/3 + \varepsilon} \sum_{q \geq 1} \frac{1}{q^{\ell/2 - 5/3}} + x^{\ell/4 - \delta_\ell + 1 + \varepsilon}$$

$$\ll_{f,\varepsilon} x^{\ell/2 - 2/3 + \varepsilon} \quad (\text{recall } \ell \geq 6).$$

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In order to deal with case $\ell = 2$, we need the following result.

Lemma 3. Let f be a cusp form of weight k and level 1. Then the estimate

$$S_f(x; a, q) := \sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \lambda_f(n) \ll_f x^{1/3+\varepsilon}$$

holds uniformly for $x \geq 1$ and $q \geq a \geq 1$.

Remark. Note that previous similar results proved by R.A. Smith needs a restricted condition $(a, q) = 1$.

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Here we are able to relax this restricted condition $(a, q) = 1$ by proving an auxiliary lemma.

Lemma 4. Let $m \geq 2$ be a positive integer. There is an arithmetic function $h_m(n)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} h_m(n) &= 0 \quad \text{if } \exists p \text{ such that } p \mid n \text{ and } p \nmid m, \\ |h_m(n)| &\leq \tau(m)\tau_4(n) \quad \text{if } n \mid m^\infty, \\ \lambda_f(mn) &= \sum_{d \mid n} h_m(d)\lambda_f(n/d), \end{aligned}$$

where $\tau_k(n)$ denotes the number of solutions of $n = n_1 \cdots n_k$ with positive numbers n_1, \dots, n_k , and $\tau(n) := \tau_2(n)$.

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Proof of Case $\ell = 2$.

By the classical expression

$$r_2(n) = 4 \sum_{d|n} \chi(d)$$

where $\chi(n)$ is the non trivial Dirichlet character modulo 4, we can write

$$\mathcal{S}_{f,b,2}(x) = 4S_1 + 4S_2 - 4S_3,$$



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where

$$S_1 := \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{x}} \sum_{dm \leq x} \chi(d) \lambda_f(dm + b),$$

$$S_2 := \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{x}} \sum_{dm \leq x} \chi(d) \lambda_f(dm + b),$$

$$S_3 := \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{x}} \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{x}} \chi(d) \lambda_f(dm + b).$$

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By Lemma 3, we have (uniformly for $0 \leq b \leq x$)

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{x}} \chi(d) \sum_{\substack{n \leq x+b \\ n \equiv b \pmod{d}}} \lambda_f(n) \\ &\ll \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{x}} (x+b)^{1/3+\varepsilon} \ll x^{5/6+\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_3 &= \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{x}} \chi(d) \sum_{\substack{n \leq d\sqrt{x}+b \\ n \equiv b \pmod{d}}} \lambda_f(n) \\ &\ll \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{x}} (d\sqrt{x}+b)^{1/3+\varepsilon} \ll x^{5/6+\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

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Note that

$$\begin{aligned}\chi(d) &= 1 && \text{if } d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ \chi(d) &= -1 && \text{if } d \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\ \chi(d) &= 0 && \text{if } 2 \mid d,\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}S_2 &= \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{x}} \sum_{(4d+1)m \leq x} \lambda_f((4d+1)m + b) \\ &\quad - \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{x}} \sum_{(4d+3)m \leq x} \lambda_f((4d+3)m + b).\end{aligned}$$

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By Lemma 3, we have (uniformly for $0 \leq b \leq x$)

$$\begin{aligned} S_2 &= \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{x}} \sum_{\substack{n \leq x+b \\ n \equiv m+b \pmod{4m}}} \lambda_f(n) \\ &\quad - \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{x}} \sum_{\substack{n \leq x+b \\ n \equiv 3m+b \pmod{4m}}} \lambda_f(n) \\ &\ll \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{x}} (x+b)^{1/3+\varepsilon} \ll x^{5/6+\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

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- It suffices for us to evaluate $\int_{\sqrt{X}}^X |\mathcal{S}_{f,b,Q}(x)|^2 dx$.
- By Lemma 2 (not exactly), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{S}_{f,b,Q}(x) \\ &= \sigma_Q \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \sum_{h=1}^q {}^* S\left(\frac{hQ}{q}\right) \frac{\mathbf{e}_q(bh)}{q^\ell} A_{\ell,b}(x, -h/q) \\ & \quad + O(\delta_Q x^{\ell/4 - \delta_\ell + 1 + \varepsilon}). \end{aligned}$$

Here

$$A_{\ell,b}(x, -\frac{h}{q}) := \sum_{1+b \leq n \leq x+b} (n-b)^{\frac{\ell}{2}-1} \lambda_f(n) \mathbf{e}_q(-hn).$$

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- When $q > X^{\frac{1}{2}}$, the contribution of

$$\sum_{q > X^{1/2}} \frac{1}{q^\ell} \sum_{h=1}^q \left| S\left(\frac{hQ}{q}\right) A_{\ell,b}(x, -h/q) \right|$$

to $\mathcal{S}_{f,b,Q}(x)$ is negligible.

- Then after some arguments, we have a relatively simple formula

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{f,b,Q}(x) &= \sigma_Q x^{\frac{\ell}{2}-1} \sum_{q \leq X^{1/2}} \sum_{h=1}^q \left| S\left(\frac{hQ}{q}\right) \frac{e_q(bh)}{q^\ell} \right| \times \\ &\quad \times A(x+b, -h/q) + O(R_\ell(X)). \end{aligned}$$

Here $A(x, h/q) := \sum'_{n \leq x} \lambda_f(n) e_q(hn)$.

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- Now we split the sum over $q \leq X^{1/2}$ into two parts according to $q \leq X^{1/6}$ or $X^{1/6} < q \leq X^{1/2}$.

$$\mathcal{S}_{f,b,Q}(x) = S_1(x) + S_2(x) + O(R_\ell(X)).$$

- Evaluate the integral $\int_{\sqrt{X}}^X |S_1(x)|^2 dx$.

After opening up the mean square, evaluating the diagonal terms, and estimating non-diagonal terms, eventually we have

$$\int_{\sqrt{X}}^X |S_1(x)|^2 dx = C_{f,b,Q} \int_1^X x^{\ell-2} (x+b)^{1/2} dx + O(R_\ell^*(X)).$$



- Estimate the integral $\int_{\sqrt{X}}^X |S_2(x)|^2 dx$.
- We need **one mean value result for $A(x, \frac{h}{q})$** due to Jutila

$$\int_1^X |A(x, \frac{h}{q})|^2 dx = \frac{1}{(4k+2)\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\lambda_f(n)|^2}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} q X^{\frac{3}{2}} + O_{f,\varepsilon}(q^{3/2} X^{\frac{5}{4}+\varepsilon} + q^2 X^{1+\varepsilon}).$$

- This determines that

$$\int_{\sqrt{X}}^X |S_2(x)|^2 dx \ll \begin{cases} X^{\ell-2/3} \mathcal{L} & \text{if } \ell \geq 6, \\ X^{\ell-1/2+\varepsilon} & \text{if } \ell = 5. \end{cases}$$



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