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The Katz-Sarnak Density Conjecture and Bounding Central Point Vanishing of *L*-Functions

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Why study zeros of *L*-functions?

- Infinitude of primes, primes in arithmetic progression.
- Chebyshev's bias: $\pi_{3,4}(x) \ge \pi_{1,4}(x)$ 'most' of the time.
- Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture.
- Goldfeld, Gross-Zagier: bound for *h*(*D*) from *L*-functions with many central point zeros.
- Better estimate for h(D) if a positive percentage of zeros of ζ(s) are at most 1/2 − ε of the average spacing to the next zero.

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Distribution of zeros							

- $\zeta(s) \neq 0$ for $\mathfrak{Re}(s) = 1$: $\pi(x)$, $\pi_{a,q}(x)$.
- GRH: error terms.
- GSH: Chebyshev's bias.
- Analytic rank, adjacent spacings: *h*(*D*).

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- Determine correct scale / statistics to study zeros.
- See similar behavior in different systems (random matrix theory).
- Discuss the tools / techniques needed to prove results.
- New records for bounding vanishing at central point.



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Fundamental Problem: Spacing Between Events

General Formulation: Studying system, observe values at t_1, t_2, t_3, \ldots

Question: What rules govern the spacings between the t_i ?

Examples:

- Spacings b/w Energy Levels of Nuclei.
- Spacings b/w Eigenvalues of Matrices.
- Spacings b/w Primes.
- Spacings b/w $n^k \alpha \mod 1$.
- Spacings b/w Zeros of *L*-functions.



In studying many statistics, often three key steps:

- Determine correct scale for events.
- Oevelop an explicit formula relating what we want to study to something we understand.
- Use an averaging formula to analyze the quantities above.

It is not always trivial to figure out what is the correct statistic to study!

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Classical Random Matrix Theory

Origins of Random Matrix Theory

Classical Mechanics: 3 Body Problem Intractable.

Heavy nuclei (Uranium: 200+ protons / neutrons) worse!

Get some info by shooting high-energy neutrons into nucleus, see what comes out.

Fundamental Equation:

$$H\psi_n = E_n\psi_n$$

- H : matrix, entries depend on system
- E_n : energy levels
- ψ_n : energy eigenfunctions



Origins of Random Matrix Theory



- Statistical Mechanics: for each configuration, calculate quantity (say pressure).
- Average over all configurations most configurations close to system average.
- Nuclear physics: choose matrix at random, calculate eigenvalues, average over matrices (real Symmetric A = A^T, complex Hermitian A^T = A).

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Classical Random Matrix Ensembles

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1N} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1N} & a_{2N} & a_{3N} & \cdots & a_{NN} \end{pmatrix} = A^{T}, \quad a_{ij} = a_{ji}$$

Fix *p*, define

$$\mathsf{Prob}(A) = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq N} p(a_{ij}).$$

This means

$$\operatorname{Prob}\left(\boldsymbol{A}:\boldsymbol{a}_{ij}\in[\alpha_{ij},\beta_{ij}]\right) = \prod_{1\leq i\leq j\leq N}\int_{x_{ij}=\alpha_{ij}}^{\beta_{ij}}p(x_{ij})dx_{ij}.$$

Want to understand eigenvalues of A.



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$$k^{\text{th}} \text{ moment} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_i(A)^k}{2^k N^{\frac{k}{2}+1}} = \frac{\text{Trace}(A^k)}{2^k N^{\frac{k}{2}+1}}.$$



Wigner's Semi-Circle Law

Not most general case, gives flavor.

Wigner's Semi-Circle Law

 $N \times N$ real symmetric matrices, entries i.i.d.r.v. from a fixed p(x) with mean 0, variance 1, and other moments finite. Then for almost all A, as $N \to \infty$

$$\mu_{A,N}(x) \longrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi}\sqrt{1-x^2} & \text{if } |x| \leq 1\\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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SKETCH OF PROOF: Eigenvalue Trace Lemma

Want to understand the eigenvalues of A, but it is the matrix elements that are chosen randomly and independently.

Eigenvalue Trace Lemma

Let A be an $N \times N$ matrix with eigenvalues $\lambda_i(A)$. Then

Trace
$$(\mathbf{A}^k) = \sum_{n=1}^N \lambda_i(\mathbf{A})^k$$
,

where

Trace
$$(A^k) = \sum_{i_1=1}^N \cdots \sum_{i_k=1}^N a_{i_1 i_2} a_{i_2 i_3} \cdots a_{i_N i_1}.$$

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SKETCH OF PROOF: Correct Scale

Trace(
$$A^2$$
) = $\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i(A)^2$.

By the Central Limit Theorem:

$$Trace(A^{2}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} a_{ij}a_{ji} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} a_{ij}^{2} \sim N^{2}$$
$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_{i}(A)^{2} \sim N^{2}$$

Gives $NAve(\lambda_i(A)^2) \sim N^2$ or $Ave(\lambda_i(A)) \sim \sqrt{N}$.



SKETCH OF PROOF: Averaging Formula

Recall *k*-th moment of $\mu_{A,N}(x)$ is $\operatorname{Trace}(A^k)/2^k N^{k/2+1}$.

Average *k*-th moment is

$$\int \cdots \int \frac{\operatorname{Trace}(A^k)}{2^k N^{k/2+1}} \prod_{i \leq j} p(a_{ij}) da_{ij}.$$

Proof by method of moments: Two steps

- Show average of *k*-th moments converge to moments of semi-circle as *N* → ∞;
- Control variance (show it tends to zero as $N \to \infty$).

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SKETCH OF PROOF: Averaging Formula for Second Moment

Substituting into expansion gives

$$\frac{1}{2^2N^2}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\cdots\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\sum_{i=1}^{N}\sum_{j=1}^{N}a_{ij}^2\cdot p(a_{11})da_{11}\cdots p(a_{NN})da_{NN}$$

Integration factors as

$$\int_{a_{ij}=-\infty}^{\infty}a_{ij}^2p(a_{ij})da_{ij} \cdot \prod_{(k,l)\neq(i,j)\atop k< l}\int_{a_{kl}=-\infty}^{\infty}p(a_{kl})da_{kl} = 1.$$

Higher moments involve more advanced combinatorics (Catalan numbers).

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SKETCH OF PROOF: Averaging Formula for Higher Moments

Higher moments involve more advanced combinatorics (Catalan numbers).

$$\frac{1}{2^k N^{k/2+1}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{i_1=1}^{N} \cdots \sum_{i_k=1}^{N} a_{i_1 i_2} \cdots a_{i_k i_1} \cdot \prod_{i \leq j} p(a_{ij}) da_{ij}.$$

Main term $a_{i_{\ell}i_{\ell+1}}$'s matched in pairs, not all matchings contribute equally: if did have Gaussian, see in Real Symmetric Palindromic Toeplitz matrices; interesting results for circulant ensembles (joint with Gene Kopp, Murat Kologlu).

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Riemann Zeta Function

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1}, \quad \text{Re}(s) > 1.$$

Functional Equation:

$$\xi(s) = \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)\pi^{-\frac{s}{2}}\zeta(s) = \xi(1-s).$$

Riemann Hypothesis (RH):

All non-trivial zeros have $\operatorname{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$; can write zeros as $\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma$.

Observation: Spacings b/w zeros appear same as b/w eigenvalues of Complex Hermitian matrices $\overline{A}^T = A$.

$$L(s, f) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_f(n)}{n^s} = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} L_p(s, f)^{-1}, \quad \text{Re}(s) > 1.$$

Functional Equation:

$$\Lambda(\boldsymbol{s},f) = \Lambda_{\infty}(\boldsymbol{s},f)L(\boldsymbol{s},f) = \Lambda(1-\boldsymbol{s},f).$$

Generalized Riemann Hypothesis (RH):

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Zeros of $\zeta(s)$ vs GUE



70 million spacings b/w adjacent zeros of $\zeta(s)$, starting at the 10^{20th} zero (from Odlyzko).



$$-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = -\frac{\mathsf{d}}{\mathsf{d}s}\log\zeta(s) = -\frac{\mathsf{d}}{\mathsf{d}s}\log\prod_{p}\left(1-p^{-s}\right)^{-1}$$

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Explicit Formula (Contour Integration)

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} &= -\frac{\mathsf{d}}{\mathsf{d}s}\log\zeta(s) = -\frac{\mathsf{d}}{\mathsf{d}s}\log\prod_{p}\left(1-p^{-s}\right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{\mathsf{d}}{\mathsf{d}s}\sum_{p}\log\left(1-p^{-s}\right) \\ &= \sum_{p}\frac{\log p \cdot p^{-s}}{1-p^{-s}} = \sum_{p}\frac{\log p}{p^{s}} + \operatorname{Good}(s). \end{aligned}$$

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Contour Integration:

$$\int -\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \frac{x^s}{s} ds \quad \text{vs} \quad \sum_p \log p \int \left(\frac{x}{p}\right)^s \frac{ds}{s}$$



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$$\int -\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \phi(s) ds$$
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Contour Integration (see Fourier Transform arising):

$$\int -rac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \, \phi(s) ds$$
 vs $\sum_p \log p \int \phi(s) e^{-\sigma \log p} e^{-it \log p} ds.$

Knowledge of zeros gives info on coefficients.

Cuspidal Newforms: Let \mathcal{F} be a family of cupsidal newforms (say weight k, prime level N and possibly split by sign) $L(s, f) = \sum_{n} \lambda_f(n)/n^s$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{\gamma_f} \phi\left(\frac{\log R}{2\pi}\gamma_f\right) &= \widehat{\phi}(0) + \frac{1}{2}\phi(0) - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} P(f;\phi) \\ &+ O\left(\frac{\log \log R}{\log R}\right) \\ P(f;\phi) &= \sum_{p \nmid N} \lambda_f(p) \widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log p}{\log R}\right) \frac{2\log p}{\sqrt{p}\log R}. \end{aligned}$$



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 - Normalized spacings of ζ(s) starting at 10²⁰ (Odlyzko).
 - **2** and 3-correlations of $\zeta(s)$ (Montgomery, Hejhal).
 - n-level correlations for all automorphic cupsidal L-functions (Rudnick-Sarnak).
 - *n*-level correlations for the classical compact groups (Katz-Sarnak).
 - Insensitive to any finite set of zeros.

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Measures of Spacings: *n*-Level Density and Families

 $\phi(x) := \prod_i \phi_i(x_i), \phi_i$ even Schwartz functions whose Fourier Transforms are compactly supported.

n-level density

$$D_{n,f}(\phi) = \sum_{\substack{j_1,\ldots,j_n\\distinct}} \phi_1\left(L_f\gamma_f^{(j_1)}\right)\cdots\phi_n\left(L_f\gamma_f^{(j_n)}\right)$$

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Katz-Sarnak Conjecture

For a 'nice' family of *L*-functions, the *n*-level density depends only on a symmetry group attached to the family.

Normalization of Zeros

Local (hard, use C_f) vs Global (easier, use $\log C = |\mathcal{F}_N|^{-1} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}_N} \log C_f$). Hope: ϕ a good even test function with compact support, as $|\mathcal{F}| \to \infty$,

$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}_N|} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}_N} D_{n,f}(\phi) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}_N|} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}_N} \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_n \\ j_j \neq \pm j_k}} \prod_i \phi_i \left(\frac{\log C_f}{2\pi} \gamma_E^{(j_j)} \right)$$
$$\rightarrow \int \cdots \int \phi(x) W_{n,\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F})}(x) dx.$$

Katz-Sarnak Conjecture

As $C_f \to \infty$ the behavior of zeros near 1/2 agrees with $N \to \infty$ limit of eigenvalues of a classical compact group.

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Similarities between *L*-Functions and Nuclei:

${\sf Zeros} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad {\sf Energy} \ {\sf Levels}$

Schwartz test function \longrightarrow Neutron

Support of test function \leftrightarrow Neutron Energy.



- Control of conductors: Usually monotone, gives scale to study low-lying zeros.
- Explicit Formula: Relates sums over zeros to sums over primes.
- Averaging Formulas: Orthogonality of characters for Dirichlet *L*-functions, Petersson formula for cusp forms.



Bounding the order of vanishing at the central point: Average rank $\cdot \phi(0) \leq \int \phi(x) W_{G(\mathcal{F})}(x) dx$ if ϕ non-negative.



Bounding the order of vanishing at the central point: Average rank $\cdot \phi(0) \leq \int \phi(x) W_{G(\mathcal{F})}(x) dx$ if ϕ non-negative. Can also use to bound the percentage that vanish to order *r* for any *r*.

Theorem (Miller, Hughes-Miller)

Using n-level arguments, for the family of cuspidal newforms of prime level $N \to \infty$ (split or not split by sign), for any r there is a c_r such that probability of at least r zeros at the central point is at most $c_n r^{-n}$.

Better results using 2-level than Iwaniec-Luo-Sarnak using the 1-level for $r \ge 5$.



With Elżbieta Bołdyriew, Fangu Chen, Charles Devlin VI, Justine Dell, Sohom Dutta, Simran Khunger, Stella Li, Alexander E. Shashkov, Alicia G. Smith Reina, Stephen D. Willis, Yingzi Yang, Jason Zhao.



Results from Iwaniec-Luo-Sarnak

- Orthogonal: Iwaniec-Luo-Sarnak: 1-level density for holomorphic even weight k cuspidal newforms of square-free level N (SO(even) and SO(odd) if split by sign) in (-2, 2).
- Symplectic: Iwaniec-Luo-Sarnak: 1-level density for sym²(f), f holomorphic cuspidal newform.

Extended with Chris Hughes to *n*-level with support up to 1/(n-1), then up to 2/n with SMALL REUs.

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Approaches for Bounding Vanishing

- Optimizing the test function.
- Increasing the support for the 1-level.
- Using *n*-level densities.

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Previous Work: Optimizing the Test Function

Optimizing:

- Determining Optimal Test Functions for Bounding the Average Rank in Families of L-Functions (Jesse Freeman, Steven J. Miller), in SCHOLAR – a Scientific Celebration Highlighting Open Lines of Arithmetic Research, Conference in Honour of M. Ram Murty's Mathematical Legacy on his 60th Birthday (A. C. Cojocaru, C. David and F. Pappaardi, editors), Contemporary Mathematics 655, AMS and CRM, 2015. https://arxiv.org/pdf/1507.03598.pdf
- Determining optimal test functions for 2-level densities (Elżbieta Bołdyriew, Fangu Chen, Charles Devlin VI, Steven J. Miller, Jason Zhao), Research in Number Theory 9 (2023), no. 32. https://arxiv.org/pdf/2011.10140.pdf

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Previous Work: Increasing Support in *n*-Level Densities

Increasing support:

- Extending support for the centered moments of the low lying zeroes of cuspidal newforms (Peter Cohen, Justine Dell, Oscar E. Gonzalez, Geoffrey Iyer, Simran Khunger, Chung-Hang Kwan, Steven J. Miller, Alexander Shashkov, Alicia Smith Reina, Carsten Sprunger, Nicholas Triantafillou, Nhi Truong, Roger Van Peski, Stephen Willis, and Yingzi Yang), preprint: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2208.02625v1.pdf
- Extending the support of 1- and 2-level densities for cusp form L-functions under square-root cancellation hypotheses (Annika Mauro, Jack Miller, and Steven J. Miller), preprint.



 $n \leq$ 4: Bounding Vanishing at the Central Point of Cuspidal Newforms (Jiahui (Stella) Li, Steven J. Miller), Journal of Number Theory (Computational Section), **244** (2023), 279–307.

https://arxiv.org/pdf/2203.03061.pdf

 $n \ge 2$: Bounding Excess Rank of Cuspidal Newforms via Centered Moments (Sohom Dutta, Steven J. Miller), preprint.

https://arxiv.org/pdf/2211.04945.pdf

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Test Functions

Naive Test Function

The naive test function is the Fourier test function pair

$$\phi_{\text{naive}}(x) = \left(\frac{\sin(\pi v_n x)}{(\pi v_n x)}\right)^2 \quad , \quad \widehat{\phi}_{\text{naive}}(y) = \frac{1}{v_n} \left(y - \frac{|y|}{v_n}\right)$$

for $|y| < v_n$ where v_n is the support.

Naive close but not optimal; optimal for 1-level is

$$\widehat{\phi}_{\text{optimal}}(\boldsymbol{y}) := (f_0 * \overline{f_0})(\boldsymbol{y})$$

for

$$f_0(x) \ := \ rac{\cos\left(rac{|x|}{2} - rac{\pi+1}{4}
ight)}{\sqrt{2}\sin\left(rac{1}{4}
ight) + \sin\left(rac{\pi+1}{4}
ight)} \ , \ \ 0 \le |x| \le 1$$

for G = SO(even) and

$$f_0(x) := rac{\cos\left(rac{|x|}{2} + rac{\pi - 1}{4}
ight)}{3\sin\left(rac{\pi + 1}{4}
ight) - 2\sin\left(rac{\pi - 1}{4}
ight)} \ , \ 0 < |x| < 1$$

for G = SO(odd).

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1-Level Bound

$$D_1(\mathcal{F}_N,\phi) := \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}_N|} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}_N} \sum_{\gamma_f} \phi\left(\frac{\gamma_f}{2\pi} \log c_f\right).$$

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From [ILS]: Let ϕ be a non-negative, even Schwartz function with $\operatorname{supp}(\widehat{\phi}) \subset (-\sigma, \sigma)$ for some finite σ . Let \mathcal{G} be the group associated to the family \mathcal{F}_N (i.e., Unitary, Symplectic, Orthogonal, SO(even), SO(odd)). Set

$$g_{\mathcal{F}}(\phi) \ := \ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{\phi}(y) \widehat{W}_{\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F})}(y) dy.$$

As $N \to \infty$ the percent of forms in the family \mathcal{F}_N that vanish to order exactly (or at least) r is bounded by

$$p_r \leq \frac{1}{r}(g_{\mathcal{F}}(\phi)).$$

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Naive vs Optimal for 1-Level

Comparing Bounds from 1-Level for $G = SO(even)$					
Rank	Naive test fn	Optimal test fn			
2	0.43750000	0.43231300			
4	0.21875000	0.21615700			
6	0.14583333	0.14410400			
8	0.10937500	0.10807800			
10	0.08750000	0.08646260			
12	0.07291670	0.07205220			
14	0.06250000	0.06175900			
16	0.05468750	0.05403910			
18	0.04861110	0.04803848			
20	0.04375000	0.04323130			



Joint with Jiahui (Stella) Li, combinatorics from generalizing Hughes-Miller.

Order vanish	1-level	2-level	4 th centered moment [*]
6	0.144090	0.01576870	0.00853841
8	0.108067	0.00788434	0.00081336
10	0.086454	0.00473060	0.00018684
20	0.043227	0.00105125	$4.49988 \cdot 10^{-6}$
50	0.017290	0.00015768	$7.13387 \cdot 10^{-8}$

TABLE 2. Comparison of order of vanishing bounds from various approaches. These are upper bounds for vanishing at least r (number in order vanishing column). For the 1-level column, we calculated the bound using the optimal 1-level bound from [ILS]. The support of the Fourier transform of the test function used is (-2, 2). For the 2-level column, we calculated the bound using the optimal 2-level bound from [BCDMZ]. The support of the Fourier transform of the test functions used is (-1, 1).

For the 4th centered moment^{*} column, the ^{*} signifies that we used the 4 copies of the naive test functions φ_{naive} . The support of the Fourier transform of the test function used is (-1/3, 1/3).

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Bounds from *n*-Level: Preliminaries: From Cohen et. al.

Let
$$n \ge 2$$
 and $\operatorname{supp}(\phi) \subset \left(-\frac{2}{n}, \frac{2}{n}\right)$. Define

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{\phi}^{2} &:= 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y| \widehat{\phi}(y)^{2} dy \\ R(m, i; \phi) &:= 2^{m-1} (-1)^{m+1} \sum_{l=0}^{i-1} (-1)^{l} \binom{m}{l} \\ & \left(-\frac{1}{2} \phi^{m}(0) + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{\phi}(x_{2}) \cdots \widehat{\phi}(x_{l+1}) \right) \\ & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi^{m-l}(x_{1}) \frac{\sin(2\pi x_{1}(1+|x_{2}|+\cdots+|x_{l+1}|))}{2\pi x_{1}} dx_{1} \cdots dx_{l+1} \right) \\ S(n, a, \phi) &:= \sum_{l=0}^{\lfloor \frac{a-1}{2} \rfloor} \frac{n!}{(n-2l)!l!} R(n-2l, a-2l, \phi) \left(\frac{\sigma_{\phi}^{2}}{2} \right)^{l} \text{ then} \\ & \lim_{\substack{N \to \infty \\ N \text{ prime}}} \left\langle \left(D(f; \phi) - \langle D(f; \phi) \rangle_{\pm} \right)^{n} \right\rangle_{\pm} = (n-1)!! \sigma_{\phi}^{n} \mathbf{1}_{n \text{ even}} \pm S(n, a; \phi). \end{split}$$



Using binomial theorem and Cauchy-Schwartz, can replace the mean from finite *N* with the limit:

$$\lim_{\substack{N\to\infty\\N \text{ prime}}} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}_N|} \sum_{f\in\mathcal{F}_N} \left(\sum_j \phi\left(\gamma_{f,j} c_n\right) - \mu(\phi, \mathcal{F}) \right)^n \\ = \mathbf{1}_{n \text{ even}}(n-1)!! \sigma_{\phi}^n \pm S(n, a; \phi),$$

and main term of the mean of the 1-level density of \mathcal{F}_N is

$$\mu(\phi,\mathcal{F}) := \widehat{\phi}(\mathbf{0}) + \frac{1}{2}\int_{-1}^{1}\widehat{\phi}(\mathbf{y})d\mathbf{y}.$$

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Bound from *n*-Level for *r* Sufficiently Large

Theorem (Dutta-Miller)

For an even *n* with $r \ge \mu(\phi, \mathcal{F})/\phi(0)$,

$$p_r(\mathcal{F}) \leq \frac{(n-1)!!\sigma_{\phi}^n \pm S(n, \frac{n}{2}; \phi)}{(r\phi(0) - \mu(\phi, \mathcal{F}))^n}.$$

Sketch of Proof: $r \ge \mu(\phi, \mathcal{F})/\phi(0)$

For even-level densities, contributions always positive, drop forms with fewer than *r* zeros:

$$\lim_{\substack{N\to\infty\\N \text{ prime}}} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}_N|} \sum_{f\in\mathcal{F}_{N,r}} (r\phi(0) + B_f(\phi) - \mu(\phi,\mathcal{F}))^n \leq \cdots$$

Have $(r\phi(0) + B_f(\phi) - \mu(\phi, \mathcal{F}_N))^n$; dropping $B_f(\phi)$ can increase sum if first two terms are less than the third.

By assumption on *r*, sum with and without $B_f(\phi)$ is positive; dropping gives bound

$$\lim_{\substack{N\to\infty\\N \text{ prime}}} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}_N|} \sum_{f\in\mathcal{F}_{N,r}} \left(r\phi(0) - \mu(\phi,\mathcal{F})\right)^n \leq \mathbf{1}_{n \text{ even}}(n-1)!!\sigma_{\phi}^n \pm S(n,a;\phi)$$

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Comparison of different *n* from Dutta-Miller: Naive Test Function

Using support up to 2/n:

	1-level	2-level	4-th centered moment	6-th centered moment	8-th centered moment	10-th centered moment
Mean	1.5	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
2	0.4375	Invalid Bound	Invalid Bound	Invalid Bound	Invalid Bound	Invalid Bound
4	0.21875	0.0666667	0.0733686	Invalid Bound	Invalid Bound	Invalid Bound
6	0.145833	0.0205761	0.00247516	0.00234651	0.0509282	Invalid Bound
8	0.109375	0.00986193	0.000405905	0.0000689901	0.0000579621	0.000408389
10	0.0875	0.00576701	0.00011739	7.59594×10^{-6}	1.55879×10^{-6}	1.1438×10^{-6}
12	0.0729167	0.00377929	0.0000456017	1.51897×10^{-6}	1.30376×10 ⁻⁷	2.89295×10^{-8}
14	0.0625	0.00266667	0.0000212365	4.2749×10^{-7}	1.96743×10^{-8}	1.97827×10^{-9}
16	0.0546875	0.00198177	0.0000111825	1.50176×10^{-7}	4.26683×10 ⁻⁹	2.39101×10^{-10}
18	0.0486111	0.00153046	6.435×10^{-6}	6.16387×10^{-8}	1.18309×10^{-9}	4.18191×10^{-11}
20	0.04375	0.00121743	3.96025×10^{-6}	2.83895×10^{-8}	3.91773×10^{-10}	9.47969×10^{-12}

FIGURE 1. Approximate Bounds for the Percent of Vanishing to exact order r for the case G=SO(even) with support v = 2 for the 1-level and v = 2/n for the *n*-level with *n* going from 1 to 10 and *r* from 2 through 20 obtained using the naive test function.

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Comparison of different *n* **from Dutta-Miller: Optimal Test Function**

Using support up to 2/n:

1	1-level	2-level	4-th centered moment	6-th centered moment	8-th centered moment	10-th centered moment
Mean	1.01055	1.5211	2.54219	3.56329	4.58439	5.60548
2	0.432313	1.90775	Invalid Bound	Invalid Bound	Invalid Bound	Invalid Bound
4	0.216157	0.0712029	0.0857764	84.2903	Invalid Bound	Invalid Bound
6	0.144104	0.0218109	0.00270998	0.0027933	0.0818933	43 045.8
8	0.108078	0.0104235	0.000436612	0.0000766611	0.0000712948	0.000634483
10	0.0864626	0.00608608	0.000125234	8.22163×10^{-6}	1.78495×10^{-6}	1.46382×10^{-6}
12	0.0720522	0.0039846	0.000048418	1.62145×10^{-6}	1.44421×10^{-7}	3.43972×10^{-8}
14	0.061759	0.00280973	0.0000224782	4.52439×10^{-7}	2.13806×10^{-8}	2.26279×10^{-9}
16	0.0540391	0.00208711	0.0000118106	1.58019×10^{-7}	4.57946×10^{-9}	2.67029×10^{-10}
18	0.0480385	0.00161124	6.78542×10^{-6}	6.45851×10^{-8}	1.25871×10^{-9}	4.59521×10^{-11}
20	0.0432313	0.00128134	4.17071×10^{-6}	2.96519×10^{-8}	4.14116×10^{-10}	1.02951×10^{-11}

FIGURE 5. Approximate Bounds for the Percent of Vanishing to exact order r for the case G=SO(even) with support v = 2 for the 1-level and v = 2/n for the n-level with n going from 1 to 10 and r from 2 through 20 obtained using the optimal test function.

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Best Results						

Lowest Bounds for Each Rank for G=SO(even)					
Rank	Level Used	Bound			
2	1	0.43231300			
4	2	0.066666667			
6	6	0.003346510			
8	8	0.000579210			
10	10	$1.14380 imes 10^{-6}$			
12	12	$1.85901 imes 10^{-8}$			
14	14	$2.59310 imes 10^{-10}$			
16	16	$3.09185 imes 10^{-12}$			
18	18	3.26332×10^{-14}			
20	20	$3.08920 imes 10^{-16}$			

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Lowest Bounds for Each Rank for G=SO(odd)					
Rank	Level Used	Bound			
1	N/A	1.0000000			
3	2	0.111111111			
5	2	0.020408300			
7	6	0.000292790			
9	8	$7.65596 imes 10^{-6}$			
11	10	$1.53302 imes 10^{-7}$			
13	12	$2.50956 imes 10^{-9}$			
15	16	3.03362×10^{-11}			
17	18	$3.10549 imes 10^{-13}$			
19	20	$4.18402 imes 10^{-17}$			

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Example: Dirichlet *L*-functions



Dirichlet Characters (*m* **prime)**

 $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^*$ is cyclic of order m-1 with generator g. Let $\zeta_{m-1} = e^{2\pi i/(m-1)}$. The principal character χ_0 is given by

$$\chi_0(k) = \begin{cases} 1 & (k,m) = 1 \\ 0 & (k,m) > 1. \end{cases}$$

The m-2 primitive characters are determined (by multiplicativity) by action on g.

As each $\chi : (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^* \to \mathbb{C}^*$, for each χ there exists an ℓ such that $\chi(g) = \zeta'_{m-1}$. Hence for each $I, 1 \leq I \leq m-2$ we have

$$\chi_{\ell}(k) = \begin{cases} \zeta_{m-1}^{\ell a} & k \equiv g^{a}(m) \\ 0 & (k,m) > 0. \end{cases}$$



Dirichlet *L*-Functions

Let χ be a primitive character mod *m*. Gauss sum

$$\boldsymbol{c}(\boldsymbol{m},\chi) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \chi(k) \boldsymbol{e}^{2\pi i k/m},$$

$$L(\boldsymbol{s},\chi) = \prod_{\boldsymbol{p}} (1-\chi(\boldsymbol{p})\boldsymbol{p}^{-\boldsymbol{s}})^{-1}$$
$$\Lambda(\boldsymbol{s},\chi) = \pi^{-\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{s}+\epsilon)} \Gamma\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{s}+\epsilon}{2}\right) m^{\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{s}+\epsilon)} L(\boldsymbol{s},\chi),$$

where

$$\epsilon = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \chi(-1) = 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } \chi(-1) = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Lambda(s, \chi) = (-i)^{\epsilon} c(m, \chi) m^{-1/2} \Lambda(1 - s, \bar{\chi}).$$

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Let ϕ be an even Schwartz function with compact support $(-\sigma, \sigma)$, let χ be a non-trivial primitive Dirichlet character of conductor *m*.

$$\sum \phi \left(\gamma \frac{\log(\frac{m}{\pi})}{2\pi} \right)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(y) dy$$

$$- \sum_{p} \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi} \left(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \right) [\chi(p) + \overline{\chi}(p)] p^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$- \sum_{p} \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi} \left(2 \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \right) [\chi^{2}(p) + \overline{\chi}^{2}(p)] p^{-1}$$

$$+ O\left(\frac{1}{\log m} \right).$$



Expansion

 $\{\chi_0\} \cup \{\chi_\ell\}_{1 \le \ell \le m-2}$ are all the characters mod *m*. Consider the family of primitive characters mod a prime *m* (*m* - 2 characters):

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}$$

$$- \frac{1}{m-2} \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \sum_{p} \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi} \Big(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \Big) [\chi(p) + \bar{\chi}(p)] p^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$- \frac{1}{m-2} \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \sum_{p} \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi} \Big(2 \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \Big) [\chi^2(p) + \bar{\chi}^2(p)] p^{-1}$$

$$+ O\Big(\frac{1}{\log m} \Big).$$

Note can pass Character Sum through Test Function.

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Character Sums							

$\sum_{\chi} \chi(k) = \begin{cases} m-1 & k \equiv 1(m) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

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For any prime $p \neq m$

$$\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \chi(p) = \begin{cases} -1 + m - 1 & p \equiv 1(m) \\ -1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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Substitute into

Character Sums

$$\frac{1}{m-2}\sum_{\chi\neq\chi_0}\sum_{\rho}\frac{\log\rho}{\log(m/\pi)}\widehat{\phi}\Big(\frac{\log\rho}{\log(m/\pi)}\Big)[\chi(\rho)+\bar{\chi}(\rho)]\rho^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$



First Sum: no contribution if $\sigma < 2$

$$\frac{-2}{m-2} \sum_{p}^{m^{\sigma}} \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi} \Big(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \Big) p^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$+ 2 \frac{m-1}{m-2} \sum_{p \equiv 1(m)}^{m^{\sigma}} \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi} \Big(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \Big) p^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$


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$$+ 2 \frac{m-1}{m-2} \sum_{p\equiv 1(m)}^{m^{\sigma}} \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi} \Big(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \Big) p^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\ll \frac{1}{m} \sum_{p}^{m^{\sigma}} p^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \sum_{p\equiv 1(m)}^{m^{\sigma}} p^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$



First Sum: no contribution if $\sigma < 2$

$$\frac{-2}{m-2} \sum_{p}^{m^{\sigma}} \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi} \Big(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \Big) p^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ + 2 \frac{m-1}{m-2} \sum_{p=1(m)}^{m^{\sigma}} \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi} \Big(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \Big) p^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ \ll \frac{1}{m} \sum_{p}^{m^{\sigma}} p^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \sum_{p=1(m)}^{m^{\sigma}} p^{-\frac{1}{2}} \ll \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k}^{m^{\sigma}} k^{-1/2} + \sum_{\substack{k=1(m)\\k\geq m+1}}^{m^{\sigma}} k^{-1/2}$$



First Sum: no contribution if $\sigma < 2$

$$\frac{-2}{m-2} \sum_{p}^{m^{\sigma}} \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi} \Big(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \Big) p^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ + 2 \frac{m-1}{m-2} \sum_{p\equiv 1(m)}^{m^{\sigma}} \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi} \Big(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \Big) p^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ \ll \frac{1}{m} \sum_{p}^{m^{\sigma}} p^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \sum_{p\equiv 1(m)}^{m^{\sigma}} p^{-\frac{1}{2}} \ll \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k}^{m^{\sigma}} k^{-1/2} + \sum_{\substack{k\equiv 1(m)\\k\geq m+1}}^{m^{\sigma}} k^{-1/2} \\ \ll \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k}^{m^{\sigma}} k^{-1/2} + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k}^{m^{\sigma}} k^{-1/2} \ll \frac{1}{m} m^{\sigma/2}.$$

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Second Sum								

$$\frac{1}{m-2} \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \sum_{p} \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi} \left(2 \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \right) \frac{\chi^2(p) + \bar{\chi}^2(p)}{p}.$$

$$\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} [\chi^2(p) + \bar{\chi}^2(p)] = \begin{cases} 2(m-2) & p \equiv \pm 1(m) \\ -2 & p \neq \pm 1(m). \end{cases}$$
Up to $O\left(\frac{1}{\log m}\right)$ we find that
$$\ll \frac{1}{m-2} \sum_{p}^{m^{\sigma/2}} p^{-1} + \frac{2m-2}{m-2} \sum_{p=\pm 1(m)}^{m^{\sigma/2}} p^{-1}$$

$$\ll \frac{1}{m-2} \sum_{k}^{m^{\sigma/2}} k^{-1} + \sum_{k=1(m)}^{m^{\sigma/2}} k^{-1} + \sum_{k=-1(m)}^{m^{\sigma/2}} k^{-1} \ll \frac{\log m}{m}$$

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Cuspidal Newforms



- Orthogonal: Iwaniec-Luo-Sarnak: 1-level density for holomorphic even weight k cuspidal newforms of square-free level N (SO(even) and SO(odd) if split by sign) in (-2,2).
- Symplectic: Iwaniec-Luo-Sarnak: 1-level density for sym²(f), f holomorphic cuspidal newform.

Will review Orthogonal case and talk about extensions (joint with Chris Hughes, then much further with SMALL REUs).

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Modular Form Preliminaries

$$\Gamma_0(N) = \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ c & d \end{array} \right) : \begin{array}{c} ad - bc = 1 \\ c \equiv 0(N) \end{array} \right\}$$

f is a weight k holomorphic cuspform of level N if

$$\forall \gamma \in \Gamma_0(N), f(\gamma z) = (cz + d)^k f(z).$$

- Fourier Expansion: $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_f(n)e^{2\pi i z}$, $L(s, f) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}$.
- Petersson Norm: $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{\Gamma_0(N) \setminus \mathbf{H}} f(z) \overline{g(z)} y^{k-2} dx dy$.
- Normalized coefficients:

$$\psi_f(n) = \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma(k-1)}{(4\pi n)^{k-1}}} \frac{1}{||f||} a_f(n)$$



Modular Form Preliminaries: Petersson Formula

$B_k(N)$ an orthonormal basis for weight k level N. Define

$$\Delta_{k,N}(m,n) = \sum_{f\in B_k(N)} \psi_f(m)\overline{\psi}_f(n).$$

Petersson Formula

$$\begin{array}{lll} \Delta_{k,N}(m,n) & = & 2\pi i^k \sum_{c\equiv 0(N)} \frac{S(m,n,c)}{c} J_{k-1} \left(4\pi \frac{\sqrt{mn}}{c} \right) \\ & + & \delta(m,n). \end{array}$$



Modular Form Preliminaries: Explicit Formula

Let \mathcal{F} be a family of cupsidal newforms (say weight k, prime level N and possibly split by sign) $L(s, f) = \sum_{n} \lambda_f(n) / n^s$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{\gamma_f} \phi\left(\frac{\log R}{2\pi}\gamma_f\right) &= \widehat{\phi}(0) + \frac{1}{2}\phi(0) - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} P(f;\phi) \\ &+ O\left(\frac{\log \log R}{\log R}\right) \\ P(f;\phi) &= \sum_{p \nmid N} \lambda_f(p) \widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log p}{\log R}\right) \frac{2\log p}{\sqrt{p}\log R}. \end{aligned}$$

Modular Form Preliminaries:Fourier Coefficient Review

$$\lambda_f(n) = a_f(n)n^{\frac{k-1}{2}}$$

 $\lambda_f(m)\lambda_f(n) = \sum_{\substack{d \mid (m,n) \ (d,M)=1}} \lambda_f\left(\frac{mn}{d}\right).$

For a newform of level *N*, $\lambda_f(N)$ is trivially related to the sign of the form:

$$\epsilon_f = i^k \mu(N) \lambda_f(N) \sqrt{N}.$$

The above will allow us to split into even and odd families: $1 \pm \epsilon_f$.

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Key Kloosterman-Bessel integral from ILS

Ramanujan sum:

$$R(n,q) = \sum_{a \mod q}^{*} e(an/q) = \sum_{d \mid (n,q)} \mu(q/d)d,$$

where * restricts the summation to be over all *a* relatively prime to *q*.

Theorem (ILS)

Let Ψ be an even Schwartz function with supp $(\widehat{\Psi}) \subset (-2, 2)$. Then

$$\begin{split} \sum_{m \leq N^{c}} \frac{1}{m^{2}} \sum_{(b,N)=1} \frac{R(m^{2},b)R(1,b)}{\varphi(b)} \int_{y=0}^{\infty} J_{k-1}(y)\widehat{\Psi}\left(\frac{2\log(by\sqrt{N}/4\pi m)}{\log R}\right) \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\log R} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi(x) \frac{\sin 2\pi x}{2\pi x} \mathrm{d}x - \frac{1}{2}\Psi(0)\right] + O\left(\frac{k\log\log kN}{\log kN}\right), \end{split}$$

where $R = k^2 N$ and φ is Euler's totient function.

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Limited Support (σ < 1): Sketch of proof

Estimate Kloosterman-Bessel terms trivially.
 ◊ Kloosterman sum: dd ≡ 1 mod q, τ(q) is the number of divisors of q,

$$S(m, n; q) = \sum_{d \mod q}^{*} e\left(\frac{md}{q} + \frac{n\overline{d}}{q}\right)$$

$$|S(m, n; q)| \leq (m, n, q) \sqrt{\min\left\{\frac{q}{(m, q)}, \frac{q}{(n, q)}\right\}} \tau(q).$$

- ◇ Bessel function: integer $k \ge 2$, $J_{k-1}(x) \ll \min(x, x^{k-1}, x^{-1/2}).$
- Use Fourier Coefficients to split by sign: *N* fixed: $\pm \sum_{f} \lambda_{f}(N) * (\cdots).$



Increasing Support (σ < 2): Sketch of the proof

- Using Dirichlet Characters, handle Kloosterman terms.
- Have terms like

$$\int_0^\infty J_{k-1}\left(4\pi \frac{\sqrt{m^2 yN}}{c}\right)\widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log y}{\log R}\right)\frac{dy}{\sqrt{y}}$$

with arithmetic factors to sum outside.

• Works for support up to (-2, 2).

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Increasing Support (σ < 2): Kloosterman-Bessel details

Stating in greater generality for later use.

Gauss sum: χ a character modulo q: $|G_{\chi}(n)| \leq \sqrt{q}$ with

$$G_{\chi}(n) = \sum_{a \mod q} \chi(a) \exp(2\pi i a n/q).$$

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Increasing Support (σ < 2): Kloosterman-Bessel details

Kloosterman expansion:

$$S(m^{2}, p_{1} \cdots p_{n}N; Nb) = \frac{-1}{\varphi(b)} \sum_{\chi(\text{mod } b)} \chi(N) G_{\chi}(m^{2}) G_{\chi}(1) \overline{\chi}(p_{1} \cdots p_{n}).$$

Lemma: Assuming GRH for Dirichlet *L*-functions, $supp(\widehat{\phi}) \subset \left(-\frac{2}{n}, \frac{2}{n}\right)$, non-principal characters negligible. Proof: use $J_{k-1}(x) \ll x$ and see

$$\ll \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{m \le N^{\epsilon}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{\substack{(b,N)=1\\b < N^{2006}}} \frac{1}{b} \frac{1}{\varphi(b)} \sum_{\substack{\chi(\text{mod }b)\\\chi \neq \chi_0}} \left| G_{\chi}(m^2) G_{\chi}(1) \right|$$
$$\times \frac{m}{b\sqrt{N}} \prod_{j=1}^n \left| \sum_{p_j \ne N} \overline{\chi}(p_j) \log p_j \cdot \frac{1}{\log R} \widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log p_j}{\log R}\right) \right|$$

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$\int_{x_1=2}^{R^{\sigma}} \int_{x_2=2}^{R^{\sigma}} \widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log x_1}{\log R}\right) \widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log x_2}{\log R}\right) J_{k-1}\left(4\pi \frac{\sqrt{m^2 x_1 x_2 N}}{c}\right) \frac{dx_1 dx_2}{\sqrt{x_1 x_2}}$

Change of variables and Jacobian:

Left with

$$\int \int \widehat{\phi} \left(\frac{\log u_1}{\log R} \right) \widehat{\phi} \left(\frac{\log \left(\frac{u_2}{u_1} \right)}{\log R} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{u_2}} J_{k-1} \left(4\pi \frac{\sqrt{m^2 u_2 N}}{c} \right) \frac{du_1 du_2}{u_1}$$

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2-Level Density

Changing variables, u_1 -integral is

$$\int_{w_{1}=\frac{\log u_{2}}{\log R}-\sigma}^{\sigma}\widehat{\phi}(w_{1})\widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log u_{2}}{\log R}-w_{1}\right)dw_{1}.$$

Support conditions imply

$$\Psi_2\left(\frac{\log u_2}{\log R}\right) = \int_{w_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{\phi}(w_1) \widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log u_2}{\log R} - w_1\right) dw_1.$$

Substituting gives

$$\int_{u_2=0}^{\infty} J_{k-1}\left(4\pi \frac{\sqrt{m^2 u_2 N}}{c}\right) \Psi_2\left(\frac{\log u_2}{\log R}\right) \frac{du_2}{\sqrt{u_2}}.$$

$$\int_{x_1=2}^{R^{\sigma}} \int_{x_2=2}^{R^{\sigma}} \widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log x_1}{\log R}\right) \widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log x_2}{\log R}\right) \widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log x_3}{\log R}\right)$$

$$* \quad J_{k-1}\left(4\pi \frac{\sqrt{m^2 x_1 x_2 x_3 N}}{c}\right) \frac{dx_1 dx_2 dx_3}{\sqrt{x_1 x_2 x_3}}$$

Change variables as below and get Jacobian:

$$\begin{vmatrix} u_3 &= x_1 x_2 x_3 & x_3 &= \frac{u_3}{u_2} \\ u_2 &= x_1 x_2 & x_2 &= \frac{u_2}{u_1} \\ u_1 &= x_1 & x_1 &= u_1 \\ \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{u_2}{u_1^2} & \frac{1}{u_1} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{u_3}{u_2^2} & \frac{1}{u_2} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{u_1 u_2}.$$

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n-Level Density: Sketch of proof

Expand Bessel-Kloosterman piece, use GRH to drop non-principal characters, change variables, main term is

$$\frac{b\sqrt{N}}{2\pi m}\int_0^\infty J_{k-1}(x)\widehat{\Phi_n}\left(\frac{2\log(bx\sqrt{N}/4\pi m)}{\log R}\right)\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\log R}$$

with
$$\Phi_n(\mathbf{x}) = \phi(\mathbf{x})^n$$
.

Main Idea

Difficulty in comparison with classical RMT is that instead of having an *n*-dimensional integral of $\phi_1(x_1) \cdots \phi_n(x_n)$ we have a 1-dimensional integral of a new test function. This leads to harder combinatorics but allows us to appeal to the result from ILS.