

## ON THE FIRST POWER MEAN OF $L$ -FUNCTIONS WITH THE WEIGHT OF GENERAL KLOOSTERMAN SUMS

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The main purpose of this paper is using the estimates for character sums and the analytic method to study the first power mean of Dirichlet  $L$ -functions with the weight of general Kloosterman sums, and give an interesting asymptotic formula.

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $q \geq 2$  be an integer,  $\chi$  denotes a Dirichlet character modulo  $q$ . For any integers  $m$  and  $n$ , we define the general Kloosterman sums  $S(m, n, \chi, q)$  as follows:

$$S(m, n, \chi, q) = \sum_{a=1}^q \chi(a) e\left(\frac{ma + n\bar{a}}{q}\right), \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\bar{a}$  denotes the inverse of  $a$  modulo  $q$  and  $e(y) = e^{2\pi iy}$ . This summation is very important, because it is a generalization of the classical Kloosterman sums. Many authors had studied the properties of  $S(m, n, \chi, q)$ . For instance, Chowla [1] and Malyšev [3] obtained a sharper upper bound estimation for  $S(m, n, \chi, q)$ . That is,

$$|S(m, n, \chi, p)| \ll (m, n, p)^{1/2} p^{1/2+\epsilon}, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $p$  is a prime,  $\epsilon$  is any fixed positive number, and  $(m, n, p)$  denotes the greatest common divisor of  $m$ ,  $n$ , and  $p$ . But for an arbitrary composite number  $q$ , we do not know how large  $|S(m, n, \chi, q)|$  is. In fact the value of  $|S(m, n, \chi, q)|$  is quite irregular if  $q$  is not a prime. The main purpose of this paper is to obtain some good distribution properties of  $|S(m, n, \chi, q)|$  in some weight mean value problems. For convenience, in this paper we always suppose  $q \geq 3$  be an integer and  $L(s, \chi)$  denotes the Dirichlet  $L$ -function corresponding to character  $\chi \pmod{q}$ . Then we can use the estimates for character sums and the analytic method to prove the following main result.

**THEOREM 1.1.** For any integers  $m$  and  $n$  with  $(mn, q) = 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} |S(m, n, \chi, q)|^2 \cdot |L(1, \chi)| = C \cdot \phi^2(q) + O(q^{3/2} \cdot d^2(q) \cdot \ln^2 q), \quad (1.3)$$

where

$$C = \prod_p' \left[ 1 + \frac{\binom{2}{1}^2}{4^2 \cdot p^2} + \frac{\binom{4}{2}^2}{4^4 \cdot p^4} + \cdots + \frac{\binom{2n}{n}^2}{4^{2n} \cdot p^{2n}} + \cdots \right] \quad (1.4)$$

is a constant,  $\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0}$  denotes the summation over all nonprincipal characters modulo  $q$ ,  $\prod'_p$  denotes the product over all primes  $p$  with  $(p, q) = 1$ ,  $d(q)$  is the divisor function,  $\phi(q)$  is the Euler function, and  $\binom{2n}{n} = (2n)! / (n!)^2$ .

For general integer  $k \geq 2$ , whether there exists an asymptotic formula for

$$\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} |S(m, n, \chi, q)|^{2k} |L(1, \chi)| \tag{1.5}$$

is an unsolved problem.

**2. Some lemmas.** In order to complete the proof of [Theorem 1.1](#), we need the following lemmas.

**LEMMA 2.1.** For any integer  $q \geq 3$ , we have the estimate

$$\sum_{d|q} d^{1/2} \sum_{s=1}^{q/d-1} \left| \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \chi(sd+1) |L(1, \chi)| \right| = O(q \cdot d(q) \cdot \ln^2 q). \tag{2.1}$$

**PROOF.** Let  $N = q^{3/2}$ ,  $\chi$  be a nonprincipal character mod  $q$  and  $A(\chi, y) = \sum_{N < n \leq y} \chi(n)$ . Then by Abel identity and Pólya-Vinogradov inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} L(1, \chi) &= \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} + \int_N^{+\infty} \frac{A(\chi, y)}{y^2} dy \\ &= \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} + O\left(\frac{\ln q}{q}\right). \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

So that

$$|L(1, \chi)| = \left| \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} \right| + O\left(\frac{\ln q}{q}\right). \tag{2.3}$$

On the other hand, let  $r(n)$  be a multiplicative function defining by

$$r(p^\alpha) = \frac{\binom{2\alpha}{\alpha}}{4^\alpha}, \quad r(1) = 1, \tag{2.4}$$

where  $p$  is a prime and  $\alpha$  is any positive integer. For the function  $r(n)$ , it is easy to prove that

$$\sum_{d|n} r(d) \cdot r\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) = 1, \tag{2.5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)r(n)}{n} \right)^2 &= \sum_{m \leq N} \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(nm)r(m)r(n)}{mn} \\ &= \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} + \sum_{N < n \leq N^2} \frac{\chi(n)r(n, N)}{n}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

where

$$r(n, N) = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ d, n/d \leq N}} r(d) \cdot r\left(\frac{n}{d}\right). \tag{2.7}$$

Note that the triangle inequalities

$$|a| - |b| \leq |a \pm b|, \quad |a \pm b| \leq |a| + |b|, \tag{2.8}$$

from (2.3), (2.6), Cauchy inequality, and the orthogonality relationship for character sums

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\chi \bmod q} \chi(n) &= \begin{cases} \phi(q), & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{q}; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ \sum_{a=1}^q \chi(a) &= \begin{cases} \phi(q), & \text{if } \chi = \chi_0; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{d|q} d^{1/2} \sum_{s=1}^{q/d-1} \left| \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \chi(sd+1) |L(1, \chi)| \right| \\ &= \sum_{d|q} d^{1/2} \sum_{s=1}^{q/d-1} \left| \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \chi(sd+1) \left| \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} \right| + O(\ln q) \right| \\ &= \sum_{d|q} d^{1/2} \sum_{s=1}^{q/d-1} \left| \sum_{\chi} \chi(sd+1) \left| \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} \right| \right| + O(q \cdot d(q) \cdot \ln q) \\ &\ll \sum_{d|q} d^{1/2} \sum_{s=1}^{q/d-1} \left| \sum_{\chi} \chi(sd+1) \left( \left| \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} \right| - \left| \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)r(n)}{n} \right|^2 \right) \right| \\ &\quad + \sum_{d|q} d^{1/2} \sum_{s=1}^{q/d-1} \left| \sum_{\chi} \chi(sd+1) \left| \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)r(n)}{n} \right|^2 \right| + q \cdot d(q) \cdot \ln q \\ &\ll \sum_{d|q} d^{1/2} \cdot \frac{q}{\sqrt{d}} \cdot \left[ \sum_{\chi} \left( \left| \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} \right| - \left| \sum_{n \leq N^2} \frac{\chi(n)r(n, N)}{n} \right| \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ &\quad + \phi(q) \sum_{d|q} d^{1/2} \sum_{s=1}^{q/d-1} \sum'_{\substack{m \leq N \\ (sd+1)m \equiv n \pmod{q}}} \sum'_{\substack{n \leq N \\ m \neq n}} \frac{r(m)r(n)}{mn} + q \cdot d(q) \cdot \ln q \\ &\ll q \cdot d(q) \cdot \left[ \sum_{\chi} \left| \sum_{N < n \leq N^2} \frac{\chi(n)r(n, N)}{n} \right|^2 \right]^{1/2} + q \cdot d(q) \cdot \ln q \\ &\quad + \phi(q) \sum_{d|q} d^{1/2} \sum'_{\substack{m \leq N \\ m \equiv n \pmod{d} \\ m \neq n}} \sum'_{\substack{n \leq N \\ m \neq n}} \frac{r(m)r(n)}{mn} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\ll q^{3/2} \cdot d(q) \cdot \left( \sum'_{\substack{N < m \leq N^2 \\ m \equiv n \pmod q}} \sum'_{N < n \leq N^2} \frac{r(m, N) \cdot r(n, N)}{mn} \right)^{1/2} + q \cdot d(q) \cdot \ln^2 q \\ &\ll q \cdot d(q) \cdot \ln^2 q. \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

This proves [Lemma 2.1](#). □

**LEMMA 2.2.** *For any integer  $q \geq 3$ , we have the asymptotic formula*

$$\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} |L(1, \chi)| = C \cdot \phi(q) + O(q^{1/2} \cdot \ln q), \tag{2.11}$$

where

$$C = \sum'_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{r^2(n)}{n^2} = \prod'_p \left[ 1 + \frac{\binom{2}{1}^2}{4^2 \cdot p^2} + \frac{\binom{4}{2}^2}{4^4 \cdot p^4} + \dots + \frac{\binom{2n}{n}^2}{4^{2n} \cdot p^{2n}} + \dots \right] \tag{2.12}$$

is an absolute constant.

**PROOF.** Let  $N = q^{3/2}$ . Then from [\(2.3\)](#), [\(2.6\)](#), the orthogonality relationship for character sums, and the method of proving [Lemma 2.1](#), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} |L(1, \chi)| &= \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \left| \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} \right| + O(\ln q) \\ &= \sum_{\chi} \left| \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)r(n)}{n} \right|^2 + O(\ln q) \\ &\quad + \sum_{\chi} \left( \left| \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} \right| - \left| \sum_{n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)r(n)}{n} \right|^2 \right) \\ &= \phi(q) \cdot \sum'_{\substack{m \leq N \\ n \leq N \\ m \equiv n \pmod q}} \frac{r(m) \cdot r(n)}{mn} + O(\ln q) \\ &\quad + O \left( \sum_{\chi} \left| \sum_{N < n \leq N^2} \frac{\chi(n) \cdot r(n, N)}{n} \right| \right) \tag{2.13} \\ &= \phi(q) \cdot \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ (n,q)=1}}^{\infty} \frac{r^2(n)}{n^2} + O(\ln^2 q) \\ &\quad + O \left( q^{1/2} \left( \sum_{\chi} \left| \sum_{N < n \leq N^2} \frac{\chi(n) \cdot r(n, N)}{n} \right|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right) \\ &= \phi(q) \cdot \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ (n,q)=1}}^{\infty} \frac{r^2(n)}{n^2} + O(q^{1/2} \cdot \ln q) \\ &= C \cdot \phi(q) + O(q^{1/2} \cdot \ln q). \end{aligned}$$

This proves [Lemma 2.2](#). □

**LEMMA 2.3.** *Let  $m, n$ , and  $q$  be integers with  $q \geq 3$ . Then we have the estimates*

$$S(m, n, q) = \sum_{a=1}^q e\left(\frac{ma + n\bar{a}}{q}\right) \ll (m, n, q)^{1/2} q^{1/2} d(q), \tag{2.14}$$

where  $\sum'_a$  denotes the summation over all  $a$  such that  $(a, q) = 1$ .

**PROOF.** See [2]. □

**3. Proof of Theorem 1.1.** In this section, we will complete the proof of Theorem 1.1. First we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} |L(1, \chi)| \cdot |S(m, n, \chi, q)|^2 \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^q \sum_{s=1}^q e\left(\frac{(r-s)m + (\bar{r}-\bar{s})n}{q}\right) \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \chi(r\bar{s}) |L(1, \chi)| \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^q \sum_{s=1}^q e\left(\frac{r(1-\bar{s})m + \bar{r}(1-s)n}{q}\right) \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \chi(s) |L(1, \chi)| \\ &= \phi(q) \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} |L(1, \chi)| + \sum_{s=2}^q \sum_{r=1}^q e\left(\frac{r(1-\bar{s})m + \bar{r}(1-s)n}{q}\right) \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \chi(s) |L(1, \chi)|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

From (3.1) and Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3 we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} |L(1, \chi)| \cdot |S(m, n, \chi, q)|^2 \\ &= C \cdot \phi^2(q) + O(q^{3/2} \cdot \ln q) \\ &+ O\left(q^{1/2} d(q) \sum_{s=2}^q ((s-1)m, (\bar{s}-1)n, q)^{1/2} \left| \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \chi(s) |L(1, \chi)| \right| \right). \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Note that  $(m, q) = (n, q) = (s, q) = 1$ , and  $(1-s, q) = (s\bar{s}-s, q) = (s(\bar{s}-1), q) = (\bar{s}-1, q)$ , so we have  $(s-1, \bar{s}-1, q) = (s-1, q)$ . Thus from (3.2) and Lemma 2.1 we obtain the asymptotic formula

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} |L(1, \chi)| \cdot |S(m, n, \chi, q)|^2 \\ &= C \cdot \phi^2(q) + O(q^{3/2} \cdot \ln q) \\ &+ O\left(q^{1/2} d(q) \sum_{s=2}^q (s-1, q)^{1/2} \left| \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \chi(s) |L(1, \chi)| \right| \right) \\ &= C \cdot \phi^2(q) + O(q^{3/2} \cdot \ln q) \\ &+ O\left(q^{1/2} d(q) \sum_{d|q} \sum_{t=1}^{q/d-1} d^{1/2} \left| \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \chi(td+1) |L(1, \chi)| \right| \right) \\ &= C \cdot \phi^2(q) + O(q^{3/2} \cdot d^2(q) \cdot \ln^2 q). \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

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