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ON THE AVERAGE BEHAVIOR OF THE FOURIER
COEFFICIENTS OF j TH SYMMETRIC POWER L -FUNCTION
OVER CERTAIN SEQUENCES OF POSITIVE INTEGERS

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Abstract. We investigate the average behavior of the n th normalized Fourier coefficients of the j th ($j \geq 2$ be any fixed integer) symmetric power L -function (i.e., $L(s, \text{sym}^j f)$), attached to a primitive holomorphic cusp form f of weight k for the full modular group $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ over certain sequences of positive integers. Precisely, we prove an asymptotic formula with an error term for the sum

$$S_j^* := \sum_{\substack{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2 + a_5^2 + a_6^2 \leq x \\ (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6) \in \mathbb{Z}^6}} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2 + a_5^2 + a_6^2),$$

where x is sufficiently large, and

$$L(s, \text{sym}^j f) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(n)}{n^s}.$$

When $j = 2$, the error term which we obtain improves the earlier known result.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let $L(s, f)$ be the L -function associated with the primitive holomorphic cusp form f of weight k for the group $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ and let $\lambda_f(n)$ be the normalized n th Fourier coefficient of the Fourier expansion of $f(z)$ at the cusp ∞ , i.e.,

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

where $\Im(z) > 0$. Then the L -function attached to $\lambda_f(n)$ is defined as

$$L(s, f) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_f(n)}{n^s}$$

for $\Re(s) > 1$, where $\lambda_f(n)$ are the eigenvalues of all the Hecke operators T_n .

Let χ^* be the Dirichlet character modulo N . If

$$f\left(\frac{az+b}{cz+d}\right) = \chi^*(d)(cz+d)^k f(z)$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{H}$ (upper half plane) and $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(N)$, then f is known as a modular form of weight k and level N with Nebentypus χ^* . Here, $\Gamma_0(N)$ is the congruence subgroup, i.e.,

$$\Gamma_0(N) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) : c \equiv 0 \pmod{N} \right\}.$$

Throughout the paper, we assume that the Nebentypus χ^* is trivial.

In 1974, Deligne in [2] proved that for any prime p there exist complex numbers $\alpha(p)$ and $\beta(p)$ such that

$$(1.1) \quad \alpha(p) + \beta(p) = \lambda_f(p)$$

and

$$(1.2) \quad |\alpha(p)| = |\beta(p)| = 1 = \alpha(p)\beta(p).$$

Then $L(s, f)$ can be written as

$$L(s, f) = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{\alpha(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{\beta(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1}.$$

Also, $|\lambda_f(n)| \leq d(n)$, where $d(n)$ is the divisor function.

The symmetric square L -function is defined as

$$L(s, \text{sym}^2 f) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^2 f}(n)}{n^s} = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{\alpha^2(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{\beta^2(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1}$$

for $\Re(s) > 1$, where $\lambda_{\text{sym}^2 f}(n)$ is multiplicative.

Several authors have studied the average behavior of these Fourier coefficients. In 2006, Fomenko in [3] was able to prove some results for the symmetric square L -functions. He showed that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^2 f}(n) \ll x^{1/2} \log^2 x,$$

and further he could establish that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^2 f}^2(n) = cx + O(x^\theta),$$

where $\theta < 1$. For more related results, see [6], [12], [13] and [20].

In 2013, Zhai in [22] proved an asymptotic formula for

$$\sum_{\substack{a^2+b^2 \leq x \\ (a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2}} \lambda_f^l(a^2+b^2)$$

for $x \geq 1$, and $3 \leq l \leq 8$. For results related to mean square and higher moments of the coefficients of symmetric square L -functions on a certain sequence of positive integers, see [18] and [19].

One of the most interesting problems of number theory involves the number of lattice points in a k -dimensional hypersphere. For integers $n \geq 0$, let $r_k(n) := \#\{(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k) \in \mathbb{Z}^k : n_1^2 + n_2^2 + \dots + n_k^2 = n\}$. Then the formula

$$\sum_{0 \leq n \leq x} r_k(n)$$

defines the lattice point number of a compact, origin-centered ball of radius $\sqrt{x}$.

Let $r_{k,s}(n)$ denote the number of representations of n as the sum of k s th powers. Due to Hardy-Littlewood method (see [21]), the following asymptotic formula holds for $r_{k,s}(n)$:

$$r_{k,s}(n) = (\mathfrak{S}_k(n) + o(1)) \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{s}\right)^k \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{s}\right)^{-1} n^{k/s-1},$$

where $\mathfrak{S}_k(n)$ is called the *singular series* and is defined by

$$\mathfrak{S}_k(n) = \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{a=1 \\ (a,q)=1}}^q (S(q,a)/q)^k e(-an/q) \quad \text{with} \quad S(q,a) = \sum_{m=1}^q e(am^s/q),$$

$e(x) = \exp(2\pi i x)$ and n sufficiently large.

For spheres of dimensions $k \geq 4$, the situation is much easier and better understood. In 2000, Krätzel in [11], pages 227–231 proved that

$$P_4(x) := \sum_{0 \leq n \leq x} r_4(n) - \frac{\pi^2}{2}x^2 = O(x \log x), \quad P_4(x) = \Omega(x \log_2 x).$$

For instance, when k is an even positive integer not less than 4, then we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} r_k(n) = c_k x^{k/2} + P_k(x).$$

For dimensions $k \geq 5$, the exact order of the lattice point discrepancy $P_k(x)$ of an origin-centered k -dimensional ball of radius $\sqrt{x}$ has been known for a long time (see [11], pages 227 ff), namely

$$P_k(x) = O(x^{k/2-1}), \quad P_k(x) = \Omega(x^{k/2-1}).$$

For more interesting results pertaining to the asymptotic formula in Waring's problem, one can see [14].

In an earlier paper [17], we considered the sum

$$S_2^* := \sum_{\substack{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2 + a_5^2 + a_6^2 \leq x \\ (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6) \in \mathbb{Z}^6}} \lambda_{\text{sym}^2 f}^2(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2 + a_5^2 + a_6^2)$$

for a sufficiently large x and established the asymptotic formula

$$(1.3) \quad S_2^* = c^* x^3 + O(x^{14/5+\varepsilon}),$$

where c^* is an effective constant, see Theorem 1 of [17].

The main aim of this paper is to generalize and improve the result obtained in [17] by using recent celebrated work (see [15], [16]) of Newton and Thorne, and better subconvexity bounds for the related L -functions. Consider the summatory function

$$S_j^* := \sum_{\substack{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2 + a_5^2 + a_6^2 \leq x \\ (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6) \in \mathbb{Z}^6}} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2 + a_5^2 + a_6^2),$$

where $j \geq 2$ is any integer. More precisely, we prove:

Theorem 1.1. *Let $j \geq 2$ be any fixed integer. For a sufficiently large x , and $\varepsilon > 0$ any small constant, we have*

$$S_j^* = c(j)x^3 + O(x^{3-6/(3(j+1)^2+1)+\varepsilon}),$$

where $c(j)$ is an effective constant defined by

$$c(j) = \frac{16}{3} L(3, \chi) \prod_{n=1}^j L(1, \text{sym}^{2n} f) L(3, \text{sym}^{2n} f \otimes \chi) H_j(3),$$

and χ is the nonprincipal Dirichlet character modulo 4.

Remark 1.2. When $j = 2$, Theorem 1.1 gives the error term $O(x^{39/14+\varepsilon})$, which improves the error term in (1.3).

2. PRELIMINARIES AND SOME IMPORTANT LEMMAS

Let $r_k(n) := \#\{(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k) \in \mathbb{Z}^k: n_1^2 + n_2^2 + \dots + n_k^2 = n\}$ allowing zeros, distinguishing signs, and order. We will be concerned with the function $r_6(n)$.

Lemma 2.1. *For any positive integer n we have*

$$(2.1) \quad r_6(n) = 16 \sum_{d|n} \chi(d') d^2 - 4 \sum_{d|n} \chi(d) d^2,$$

where $dd' = n$, and χ is the nonprincipal Dirichlet character modulo 4, i.e.,

$$\chi(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ -1 & \text{if } n \equiv -1 \pmod{4}, \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}. \end{cases}$$

Proof. See, for instance, Lemma 1 of [17]. □

We can reframe equation (2.1) as

$$r_6(n) = 16 \sum_{d|n} \chi(d) \frac{n^2}{d^2} - 4 \sum_{d|n} \chi(d) d^2 =: 16l(n) - 4v(n).$$

We write $l_1(n) = 16l(n)$, and $v_1(n) = 4v(n)$.

The functions $\chi(d)$ and n^2/d^2 are completely multiplicative functions. This implies that $\chi(d)n^2/d^2$ is multiplicative. If $g(d)$ is any multiplicative function, then $\sum_{d|n} g(d)$ is also multiplicative. Therefore, $l(n)$ is a multiplicative function. Similarly, $v(n)$ is also multiplicative. Note that

$$l(p) = p^2 + \chi(p), \quad l(p^2) = p^4 + p^2\chi(p) + \chi(p^2),$$

and

$$v(p) = 1 + p^2\chi(p), \quad v(p^2) = 1 + p^2\chi(p) + p^4\chi(p^2).$$

Also, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.2) \quad S_j^* &= \sum_{\substack{a_1^2+a_2^2+a_3^2+a_4^2+a_5^2+a_6^2 \leq x \\ (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6) \in \mathbb{Z}^6}} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2 + a_5^2 + a_6^2) \\
 &= \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) \sum_{\substack{n=a_1^2+a_2^2+a_3^2+a_4^2+a_5^2+a_6^2 \\ (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6) \in \mathbb{Z}^6}} 1 = \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) r_6(n) \\
 &= \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) (l_1(n) - v_1(n)) \\
 &= 16 \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) l(n) - 4 \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) v(n),
 \end{aligned}$$

where $l(n) = \sum_{d|n} \chi(d) n^2 / d^2$, and $v(n) = \sum_{d|n} \chi(d) d^2$.

For $j \geq 2$ (an integer), and $\Re(s) > 1$, the j th symmetric power L -function of f is defined as

$$(2.3) \quad L(s, \text{sym}^j f) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(n)}{n^s} = \prod_p \prod_{i=0}^j \left(1 - \frac{\alpha^{j-i}(p) \beta^i(p)}{p^s} \right)^{-1}.$$

Observe that

$$(2.4) \quad \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(p) = \sum_{m=0}^j \alpha^{j-m}(p) \beta^m(p).$$

Since $\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(n)$ is a multiplicative function, and $|\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(n)| \leq d_{j+1}(n)$ (from (1.1) and (1.2)), where $d_{j+1}(n)$ is the number of ways of expressing n as a product of $j+1$ factors), we can write the Euler product of $L(s, \text{sym}^j f)$ as

$$(2.5) \quad \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(p)}{p^s} + \dots + \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(p^l)}{p^{ls}} + \dots \right).$$

Comparing (2.3) and (2.5), we get (2.4).

Also, due to Hecke

$$(2.6) \quad \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(p) = \lambda_f(p^j).$$

Further, note that

$$(2.7) \quad \lambda_f^2(p^j) = 1 + \sum_{l=1}^j \lambda_f(p^{2l}),$$

since

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_f^2(p^j) &= \left(\sum_{m=0}^j \alpha^{j-m}(p) \beta^m(p) \right)^2 = \left(\sum_{m=0}^j \alpha^{j-m}(p) \beta^m(p) \right) \left(\sum_{m'=0}^j \alpha^{j-m'}(p) \beta^{m'}(p) \right) \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^j \sum_{m'=0}^j (\alpha^{2j-(m+m')}(p)) (\beta^{(m+m')}(p))\end{aligned}$$

(We put $m + m' = t$. Observe that for every fixed integer t in the interval $[0, 2l]$ and for every fixed integer m in the interval $[0, l]$, there is a unique integer m' in the interval $[0, l]$ satisfying $m + m' = t$ and thus,)

$$= \sum_{l=0}^j \left(\sum_{t=0}^{2l} \alpha^{2j-t}(p) \beta^t(p) \right) = 1 + \sum_{l=1}^j \left(\sum_{t=0}^{2l} \alpha^{2j-t}(p) \beta^t(p) \right) = 1 + \sum_{l=1}^j \lambda_f(p^{2l}).$$

Lemma 2.2. *Let f be a normalized primitive holomorphic cusp form of weight k for $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$, and let $\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(n)$ be the n th normalized Fourier coefficient of the j th symmetric power L -function associated to f . If*

$$F_j(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) l(n)}{n^s}$$

for $\Re(s) > 3$, then

$$F_j(s) = G_j(s) H_j(s),$$

where

$$G_j(s) := \zeta(s-2) L(s, \chi) \prod_{n=1}^j L(s-2, \text{sym}^{2n} f) L(s, \text{sym}^{2n} f \otimes \chi),$$

and χ is the nonprincipal character modulo 4. Here, $H_j(s)$ is a Dirichlet series which converges uniformly, and absolutely in the half plane $\Re(s) > \frac{5}{2}$, and $H_j(s) \neq 0$ on $\Re(s) = 3$.

Proof. We observe that $\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) l(n)$ is multiplicative, and hence

$$(2.8) \quad F_j(s) = \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(p) l(p)}{p^s} + \dots + \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(p^m) l(p^m)}{p^{ms}} + \dots \right).$$

Using (2.6) and (2.7), we note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{\text{sym}^2 f}^2(p)l(p) &= \lambda_f^2(p^j)(p^2 + \chi(p)) = \left(1 + \sum_{l=1}^j \lambda_f(p^{2l})\right)(p^2 + \chi(p)) \\
&= \left(1 + \sum_{l=1}^j \lambda_{\text{sym}^{2l} f}(p)\right)(p^2 + \chi(p)) \\
&= p^2 + \chi(p) + \sum_{l=1}^j \lambda_{\text{sym}^{2l} f}(p)p^2 + \sum_{l=1}^j \lambda_{\text{sym}^{2l} f}(p)\chi(p) =: b(p).
\end{aligned}$$

From the structure of $b(p)$, we define the coefficients $b(n)$ as

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b(n)}{n^s} = \zeta(s-2)L(s, \chi) \prod_{n=1}^j L(s-2, \text{sym}^{2n} f) L(s, \text{sym}^{2n} f \otimes \chi),$$

which is absolutely convergent in $\Re(s) > 3$. We also note that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\prod_p \left(1 + \frac{b(p)}{p^s} + \dots + \frac{b(p^m)}{p^{ms}} + \dots\right) \\
&= \zeta(s-2)L(s, \chi) \prod_{n=1}^j L(s-2, \text{sym}^{2n} f) L(s, \text{sym}^{2n} f \otimes \chi) =: G_j(s)
\end{aligned}$$

for $\Re(s) > 3$. Observe that $b(n) \ll_{\varepsilon} n^{2+\varepsilon}$ for any small positive constant ε .

Now, we note that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| \frac{b(p)}{p^s} + \frac{b(p^2)}{p^{2s}} + \dots + \frac{b(p^m)}{p^{ms}} + \dots \right| \\
&\ll \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{p^{(2+\varepsilon)m}}{p^{m\sigma}} \leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{p^{(2+\varepsilon)m}}{p^{(3+2\varepsilon)m}} \quad (\text{in } \Re(s) \geq 3 + 2\varepsilon) \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p^{(1+\varepsilon)m}} = \frac{1/p^{1+\varepsilon}}{1 - 1/p^{1+\varepsilon}} = \frac{1}{p^{1+\varepsilon} - 1} < 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Let us write

$$A = \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(p)l(p)}{p^s} + \dots + \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(p^m)l(p^m)}{p^{ms}} + \dots$$

and

$$B = \frac{b(p)}{p^s} + \dots + \frac{b(p^m)}{p^{ms}} + \dots$$

From the above calculations we observe that $|B| < 1$ in $\Re(s) \geq 3 + 2\varepsilon$.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1+A}{1+B} &= (1+A)(1-B+B^2-B^3+\dots) \quad (\text{in } \Re(s) \geq 3+2\varepsilon) \\ &= 1+A-B-AB+\text{higher terms} \\ &= 1+\frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(p^2)l(p^2)-b(p^2)}{p^{2s}}+\dots+\frac{c_m(p^m)}{p^{ms}}+\dots\end{aligned}$$

with $c_m(n) \ll_\varepsilon n^{2+\varepsilon}$. So,

$$\begin{aligned}\prod_p \left(\frac{1+A}{1+B} \right) &= \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(p^2)l(p^2)-b(p^2)}{p^{2s}} + \dots + \frac{c_m(p^m)}{p^{ms}} + \dots \right) \\ &\ll_\varepsilon 1 \quad (\text{in } \Re(s) > \tfrac{5}{2}).\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$H_j(s) := \frac{F_j(s)}{G_j(s)} = \prod_p \left(\frac{1+A}{1+B} \right) \ll_\varepsilon 1 \quad (\text{in } \Re(s) > \tfrac{5}{2})$$

and also $H_j(s) \neq 0$ on $\Re(s) = 3$. □

Lemma 2.3. *Let f be a normalized primitive holomorphic cusp form of weight k for $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$, and let $\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(n)$ be the n th normalized Fourier coefficient of the j th symmetric power L -function associated to f . If*

$$\tilde{F}_j(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n)v(n)}{n^s}$$

for $\Re(s) > 3$, then

$$\tilde{F}_j(s) = \tilde{G}_j(s)\tilde{H}_j(s),$$

where

$$\tilde{G}_j(s) := \zeta(s)L(s-2, \chi) \prod_{n=1}^j L(s, \text{sym}^{2n} f) L(s-2, \text{sym}^{2n} f \otimes \chi),$$

and χ is the nonprincipal character modulo 4. Here $\tilde{H}_j(s)$ is a Dirichlet series which converges uniformly, and absolutely in the half plane $\Re(s) > \frac{5}{2}$, and $\tilde{H}_j(s) \neq 0$ on $\Re(s) = 3$.

Proof. We observe that $\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n)v(n)$ is multiplicative, and hence

$$(2.9) \quad \tilde{F}_j(s) = \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(p)v(p)}{p^s} + \dots + \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(p^m)v(p^m)}{p^{ms}} + \dots \right).$$

Using (2.6) and (2.7), we note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{\text{sym}^2 f}^2(p)v(p) &= \lambda_f^2(p^j)(1 + p^2\chi(p)) = \left(1 + \sum_{l=1}^j \lambda_f(p^{2l})\right)(1 + p^2\chi(p)) \\
&= \left(1 + \sum_{l=1}^j \lambda_{\text{sym}^{2l} f}(p)\right)(1 + p^2\chi(p)) \\
&= 1 + p^2\chi(p) + \sum_{l=1}^j \lambda_{\text{sym}^{2l} f}(p) + \sum_{l=1}^j \lambda_{\text{sym}^{2l} f}(p)p^2\chi(p) =: h(p).
\end{aligned}$$

From the structure of $h(p)$, we define the coefficients $h(n)$ as

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h(n)}{n^s} = \zeta(s)L(s-2, \chi) \prod_{n=1}^j L(s, \text{sym}^{2n} f)L(s-2, \text{sym}^{2n} f \otimes \chi),$$

which is absolutely convergent in $\Re(s) > 3$. We also note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\prod_p \left(1 + \frac{h(p)}{p^s} + \dots + \frac{h(p^m)}{p^{ms}} + \dots\right) \\
= \zeta(s)L(s-2, \chi) \prod_{n=1}^j L(s, \text{sym}^{2n} f)L(s-2, \text{sym}^{2n} f \otimes \chi) =: \tilde{G}_j(s)
\end{aligned}$$

for $\Re(s) > 3$. Observe that $h(n) \ll_{\varepsilon} n^{2+\varepsilon}$ for any small positive constant ε .

Now, we note that

$$\left| \frac{h(p)}{p^s} + \frac{h(p^2)}{p^{2s}} + \dots + \frac{h(p^m)}{p^{ms}} + \dots \right| \ll \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{p^{(2+\varepsilon)m}}{p^{m\sigma}} < 1 \quad (\text{in } \Re(s) \geq 3 + 2\varepsilon).$$

Let us write

$$\tilde{A} = \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(p)v(p)}{p^s} + \dots + \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(p^m)v(p^m)}{p^{ms}} + \dots$$

and

$$\tilde{B} = \frac{h(p)}{p^s} + \dots + \frac{h(p^m)}{p^{ms}} + \dots$$

From the above calculations, we observe that $|\tilde{B}| < 1$ in $\Re(s) \geq 3 + 2\varepsilon$.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1 + \tilde{A}}{1 + \tilde{B}} &= (1 + \tilde{A})(1 - \tilde{B} + \tilde{B}^2 - \tilde{B}^3 + \dots) \quad (\text{in } \Re(s) \geq 3 + 2\varepsilon) \\
&= 1 + \tilde{A} - \tilde{B} - \tilde{A}\tilde{B} + \text{higher terms} \\
&= 1 + \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(p^2)v(p^2) - h(p^2)}{p^{2s}} + \dots + \frac{\tilde{c}_m(p^m)}{p^{ms}} + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

with $\tilde{c}_m(n) \ll_\varepsilon n^{2+\varepsilon}$. So,

$$\prod_p \left(\frac{1 + \tilde{A}}{1 + \tilde{B}} \right) = \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(p^2)v(p^2) - h(p^2)}{p^{2s}} + \dots + \frac{\tilde{c}_m(p^m)}{p^{ms}} + \dots \right) \\ \ll_\varepsilon 1 \quad (\text{in } \Re(s) > \tfrac{5}{2}).$$

Thus,

$$\tilde{H}_j(s) := \frac{\tilde{F}_j(s)}{\tilde{G}_j(s)} = \prod_p \left(\frac{1 + \tilde{A}}{1 + \tilde{B}} \right) \ll_\varepsilon 1 \quad (\text{in } \Re(s) > \tfrac{5}{2})$$

and also $\tilde{H}_j(s) \neq 0$ on $\Re(s) = 3$. □

Lemma 2.4. *For any $\varepsilon > 0$ we have*

$$(2.10) \quad \int_1^T \left| L\left(\frac{1}{2} + it, f\right) \right|^6 dt \ll T^{2+\varepsilon}$$

uniformly for $T \geq 1$, and

$$(2.11) \quad L(\sigma + it) \ll_\varepsilon (1 + |t|)^{(1+\varepsilon-\sigma)/3+\varepsilon}$$

uniformly for $\frac{1}{2} \leq \sigma \leq 1 + \varepsilon$, and $|t| \geq t_0$, where t_0 is sufficiently large.

Proof. Proof of (2.10) is given by Jutila, for instance, see [10], and using maximum-modulus principle in a suitable rectangle, we get (2.11), for instance, see [4]. □

Lemma 2.5. *For any $\varepsilon > 0$ we have*

$$(2.12) \quad \int_1^T \left| \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \right|^{12} dt \ll T^{2+\varepsilon}$$

uniformly for $T \geq 1$, and

$$(2.13) \quad \zeta(\sigma + it) \ll_\varepsilon (1 + |t|)^{\max\{13(1-\sigma)/42, 0\} + \varepsilon}$$

uniformly for $\frac{1}{2} \leq \sigma \leq 1 + \varepsilon$, and $|t| \geq 1$.

Proof. For the proof of (2.12), see [7] and (2.13) is due to Bourgain, for instance, see [1]. □

Lemma 2.6. *Let χ be a primitive character modulo q and $\mathfrak{L}_{m,n}^d(s, \chi)$ be a general L -function of degree $2A$. For any $\varepsilon > 0$ we have*

$$(2.14) \quad \int_T^{2T} |\mathfrak{L}_{m,n}^d(\sigma + it, \chi)|^2 dt \ll (qT)^{2A(1-\sigma)+\varepsilon}$$

uniformly for $\frac{1}{2} \leq \sigma \leq 1 + \varepsilon$, and $T \geq 1$. Also,

$$(2.15) \quad \mathfrak{L}_{m,n}^d(\sigma + it, \chi) \ll (q(1 + |t|))^{\max\{A(1-\sigma), 0\} + \varepsilon}$$

uniformly for $-\varepsilon \leq \sigma \leq 1 + \varepsilon$.

Proof. For the proof of (2.14) and (2.15), see [9]. □

3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

From (2.2), we can write

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) r_6(n) = \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) l_1(n) - \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) v_1(n).$$

Firstly, we consider the sum $\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) l_1(n)$. We begin by applying the Perron's formula (see Chapter 2.4 of [5]) to $F_j(s)$ with $\eta = 3 + \varepsilon$ and $10 \leq T \leq x$. Thus, we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) l_1(n) = 16 \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) l(n) = \frac{16}{2\pi i} \int_{\eta - iT}^{\eta + iT} F_j(s) \frac{x^s}{s} ds + O\left(\frac{x^{3+3\varepsilon}}{T}\right).$$

We move the line of integration to $\Re(s) = \frac{5}{2} + \varepsilon$, and by Cauchy's residue theorem there is only one simple pole at $s = 3$ coming from the factor $\zeta(s-2)$. This contributes a residue, which is $c(j)x^3$, where $c(j)$ is an effective constant depending on the values of various L -functions appearing in $G_j(s)$ at $s = 3$.

More precisely,

$$c(j) = 16 \lim_{s \rightarrow 3} (s-3) \frac{F_j(s)}{s} = \frac{16}{3} L(3, \chi) \prod_{n=1}^j L(1, \text{sym}^{2n} f) L(3, \text{sym}^{2n} f \otimes \chi) H_j(3).$$

So, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) l_1(n) \\ &= c(j)x^3 + \frac{16}{2\pi i} \left\{ \int_{5/2+\varepsilon-iT}^{5/2+\varepsilon+iT} + \int_{3+\varepsilon-iT}^{5/2+\varepsilon-iT} + \int_{5/2+\varepsilon+iT}^{3+\varepsilon+iT} \right\} F_j(s) \frac{x^s}{s} ds + O\left(\frac{x^{3+3\varepsilon}}{T}\right) \\ &=: c(j)x^3 + \frac{16}{2\pi i} (J_1 + J_2 + J_3) + O\left(\frac{x^{3+3\varepsilon}}{T}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The contribution of horizontal line integrals (J_2 and J_3) in absolute value (using Lemmas 2.2, 2.5 and 2.6) is

$$\begin{aligned}
&\ll \int_{5/2+\varepsilon}^{3+\varepsilon} \left| \frac{\zeta(\sigma-2+iT) \prod_{n=1}^j L(\sigma-2+iT, \text{sym}^{2n} f)}{T} \right| x^\sigma d\sigma \\
&\ll \int_{1/2+\varepsilon}^{1+\varepsilon} \left| \frac{\zeta(\sigma+iT) \prod_{n=1}^j L(\sigma+iT, \text{sym}^{2n} f)}{T} \right| x^{\sigma+2} d\sigma \\
&\ll \left(\frac{x^2}{T} \right) \max_{1/2+\varepsilon \leq \sigma \leq 1+\varepsilon} x^\sigma T^{((j+1)^2/2-4/21)(1-\sigma)+\varepsilon} \\
&\ll \left(\frac{x^{2+2\varepsilon}}{T} \right) \max_{1/2+\varepsilon \leq \sigma \leq 1+\varepsilon} \left(\frac{x}{T^{((j+1)^2/2-4/21)}} \right)^\sigma T^{((j+1)^2/2-4/21)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $(x/T^{((j+1)^2/2-4/21)})^\sigma$ is monotonic as a function of σ for $\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon \leq \sigma \leq 1 + \varepsilon$, and hence, the maximum is attained at the extremities of the interval $[\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon, 1 + \varepsilon]$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
J_2 + J_3 &\ll x^{2+2\varepsilon} \left(x^{1/2+\varepsilon} T^{((j+1)^2/4-2/21-1)} + \frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T} \right) \\
&\ll x^{5/2+3\varepsilon} T^{((j+1)^2/4-23/21+\varepsilon)} + \frac{x^{3+3\varepsilon}}{T}.
\end{aligned}$$

The contribution of the left vertical line integral (J_1) in absolute value (using Lemmas 2.2, 2.5, 2.6 and Hölder's inequality) is

$$\begin{aligned}
&\ll \int_{5/2+\varepsilon-iT}^{5/2+\varepsilon+iT} \left| \frac{\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it) \prod_{n=1}^j L(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it, \text{sym}^{2n} f)}{|\frac{5}{2} + \varepsilon + it|} \right| x^{5/2+\varepsilon} dt \\
&\ll x^{5/2+\varepsilon} + x^{5/2+\varepsilon} \frac{1}{T} \left\{ \int_{10 \leq |t| \leq T} \left| \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it\right) \right|^{12} dt \right\}^{1/12} \\
&\quad \times \left\{ \int_{10 \leq |t| \leq T} \left| L\left(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it, \text{sym}^2 f\right) \right|^2 dt \right\}^{1/2} \\
&\quad \times \left\{ \max_{10 \leq |t| \leq T} \left| \prod_{n=2}^j L\left(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it, \text{sym}^{2n} f\right) \right|^{2/5} \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \left(\int_{10 \leq |t| \leq T} \left| \prod_{n=2}^j L\left(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it, \text{sym}^{2n} f\right) \right|^2 dt \right) \right\}^{5/12} \\
&\ll x^{5/2+\varepsilon} + x^{5/2+\varepsilon} (T^{-1+2/12+3/4+((j+1)^2-4)10/240+((j+1)^2-4)5/24}) \\
&\ll x^{5/2+\varepsilon} T^{((j+1)^2/4-13/12+\varepsilon)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that $10 \leq T \leq x$. Thus, we obtain

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) l_1(n) = c(j)x^3 + O(x^{5/2+\varepsilon} T^{((j+1)^2/4-13/12+\varepsilon)}) + O\left(\frac{x^{3+3\varepsilon}}{T}\right).$$

We choose T such that $x^{5/2} T^{((j+1)^2/4-13/12)} \asymp x^3/T$ i.e., $T^{(3(j+1)^2-1/12)} \asymp x^{1/2}$. Therefore, $T \asymp x^{6/(3(j+1)^2-1)}$. Thus, we get

$$(3.1) \quad \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) l_1(n) = c(j)x^3 + O(x^{3-6/(3(j+1)^2-1)+3\varepsilon}).$$

Similarly, we apply Perron's formula (see chapter 2.4 of [5]) to $\tilde{F}_j(s)$ with $\eta = 3 + \varepsilon$ and $10 \leq T \leq x$. Thus, we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) v_1(n) = 4 \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) v(n) = \frac{4}{2\pi i} \int_{\eta-iT}^{\eta+iT} \tilde{F}_j(s) \frac{x^s}{s} ds + O\left(\frac{x^{3+3\varepsilon}}{T}\right).$$

We move the line of integration to $\Re(s) = \frac{5}{2} + \varepsilon$. Note that there is no singularity in the rectangle obtained, and the function $\tilde{F}_j(s)x^s/s$ is analytic in this region. Thus, using Cauchy's theorem for rectangle pertaining to analytic functions, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) v_1(n) &= \frac{4}{2\pi i} \left\{ \int_{5/2+\varepsilon-iT}^{5/2+\varepsilon+iT} + \int_{3+\varepsilon-iT}^{5/2+\varepsilon-iT} + \int_{5/2+\varepsilon+iT}^{3+\varepsilon+iT} \right\} \tilde{F}_j(s) \frac{x^s}{s} ds \\ &\quad + O\left(\frac{x^{3+3\varepsilon}}{T}\right) \\ &=: \frac{4}{2\pi i} (J'_1 + J'_2 + J'_3) + O\left(\frac{x^{3+3\varepsilon}}{T}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The contribution of horizontal line integrals (J'_2 and J'_3) in absolute value (using Lemmas 2.3, 2.4 and 2.6) is

$$\begin{aligned} &\ll \int_{5/2+\varepsilon}^{3+\varepsilon} \frac{\left| L(\sigma-2+iT) \prod_{n=1}^j L(\sigma-2+iT, \text{sym}^{2n} f \otimes \chi) \right|}{T} x^\sigma d\sigma \\ &\ll \int_{1/2+\varepsilon}^{1+\varepsilon} \frac{\left| L(\sigma+iT) \prod_{n=1}^j L(\sigma+iT, \text{sym}^{2n} f \otimes \chi) \right|}{T} x^{\sigma+2} d\sigma \\ &\ll \left(\frac{x^2}{T}\right) \max_{1/2+\varepsilon \leq \sigma \leq 1+\varepsilon} x^\sigma T^{((j+1)^2/2-1/6)(1-\sigma)+\varepsilon} \\ &\ll \left(\frac{x^{2+2\varepsilon}}{T}\right) \max_{1/2+\varepsilon \leq \sigma \leq 1+\varepsilon} \left(\frac{x}{T^{((j+1)^2/2-1/6)}}\right)^\sigma T^{((j+1)^2/2-1/6)}. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $(x/T^{((j+1)^2/2-1/6)})^\sigma$ is monotonic as a function of σ for $\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon \leq \sigma \leq 1 + \varepsilon$, and hence, the maximum is attained at the extremities of the interval $[\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon, 1 + \varepsilon]$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} J'_2 + J'_3 &\ll x^{2+2\varepsilon} \left(x^{1/2+\varepsilon} T^{((j+1)^2/4-1/12-1+\varepsilon)} + \frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T} \right) \\ &\ll x^{5/2+3\varepsilon} T^{((j+1)^2/4-13/12+\varepsilon)} + \frac{x^{3+3\varepsilon}}{T}. \end{aligned}$$

The contribution of the left vertical line integral (J'_1) in absolute value (using Lemmas 2.3, 2.4, 2.6 and Hölder's inequality) is

$$\begin{aligned} &\ll \int_{5/2+\varepsilon-iT}^{5/2+\varepsilon+iT} \frac{\left| L\left(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it\right) \prod_{n=1}^j L\left(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it, \text{sym}^{2n} f \otimes \chi\right) \right|}{\left| \frac{5}{2} + \varepsilon + it \right|} x^{5/2+\varepsilon} dt \\ &\ll x^{5/2+\varepsilon} + x^{5/2+\varepsilon} \frac{1}{T} \left\{ \int_{10 \leq |t| \leq T} \left| L\left(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it\right) \right|^6 dt \right\}^{1/6} \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \int_{10 \leq |t| \leq T} \left| L\left(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it, \text{sym}^2 f \otimes \chi\right) \right|^2 dt \right\}^{1/2} \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \max_{10 \leq |t| \leq T} \left| \prod_{n=2}^j L\left(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it, \text{sym}^{2n} f \otimes \chi\right) \right| \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left(\int_{10 \leq |t| \leq T} \left| \prod_{n=2}^j L\left(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it, \text{sym}^{2n} f \otimes \chi\right) \right|^2 dt \right)^{1/3} \right\} \\ &\ll x^{5/2+\varepsilon} + x^{5/2+\varepsilon} (T^{-1+2/6+3/4+((j+1)^2-4)/12+((j+1)^2-4)/6}) \\ &\ll x^{5/2+\varepsilon} T^{((j+1)^2/4-11/12)}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $10 \leq T \leq x$. Thus, we obtain

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) v_1(n) = O(x^{5/2+\varepsilon} T^{((j+1)^2/4-11/12)}) + O\left(\frac{x^{3+3\varepsilon}}{T}\right).$$

We choose T such that $x^{5/2} T^{((j+1)^2/4-11/12)} \asymp x^3/T$, i.e., $T^{((j+1)^2/4+1/12)} \asymp x^{1/2}$. Therefore, $T \asymp x^{6/(3(j+1)^2+1)}$. Thus, we get

$$(3.2) \quad \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) v_1(n) = O(x^{3-6/(3(j+1)^2+1)+\varepsilon}).$$

Combining (3.1) and (3.2), we get

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}^2(n) r_6(n) = c(j)x^3 + O(x^{3-6/(3(j+1)^2+1)+\varepsilon}),$$

where $c(j)$ is an effective constant given by

$$c(j) = \frac{16}{3} L(3, \chi) \prod_{n=1}^j L(1, \text{sym}^{2n} f) L(3, \text{sym}^{2n} f \otimes \chi) H_j(3),$$

and χ is the nonprincipal Dirichlet character modulo 4.

This proves the theorem. $\square$

Concluding remarks. Note that we have the expected upper bounds, namely,

$$\int_T^{2T} \left| \zeta\left(\frac{5}{7} + it\right) \right|^{12} dt \ll T^{1+\varepsilon} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_T^{2T} \left| L\left(\frac{5}{8} + it, f\right) \right|^4 dt \ll T^{1+\varepsilon}$$

uniformly for $T \geq 1$ (see [4], [8]). Even if we move the line of integration to $\Re(s) = \frac{5}{7}$ and $\Re(s) = \frac{5}{8}$ pertaining to $l_1(n)$ and $v_1(n)$ respectively, and using the arguments of this paper, we end up with the same error term as stated in Theorem 1.1.

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