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Sum of the triple divisor function of mixed powers

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Abstract: Let $d_3(n)$ denote the 3-th divisor function. In this paper, we study the asymptotic formula of the sum

$$\sum_{\substack{1 \leq n_1, n_2 \leq X^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 1 \leq n_3 \leq X^{\frac{1}{k}}}} d_3(n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^k)$$

with $n_1, n_2, n_3 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $k \geq 3$ be an integer. Previously only the case of $k = 2$ is studied.

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1. Introduction

Let $X > 1$ be a large integer and $d_t(n)$ denote the t -th divisor function. For $t = 2$, we denote $d(n) := d_2(n)$. In 2012, Guo and Zhai [3] considered the asymptotic formula of the sum

$$\sum_{1 \leq n_1, n_2, n_3 \leq X^{\frac{1}{2}}} d(n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^2) = c_1 X^{\frac{3}{2}} (\log X)^2 + c_2 X^{\frac{3}{2}} + O(X^{\frac{4}{3} + \epsilon}),$$

where c_1 and c_2 are constants. The error term was refined to $O(X \log^7 X)$ by Zhao [10]. Later, Hu [4] considered the case of $n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^2 + n_4^2$. In 2016, Lü and Mu [7] considered the asymptotic formula of the sum

$$\sum_{\substack{1 \leq n_1, n_2 \leq X^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 1 \leq n_3 \leq X^{\frac{1}{k}}}} d(n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^k) = c_3 X^{1 + \frac{1}{k}} \log X + c_4 X^{1 + \frac{1}{k}} + O(X^{1 + \frac{1}{k} - \delta(k) + \epsilon}),$$

with $k \geq 3$. Here c_3, c_4 are constants and

$$\delta(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{5}{42}, & k = 3, \\ \frac{1}{16}, & k = 4, \\ \frac{1}{40}, & k = 5, \\ \frac{1}{k2^{k-1}}, & 6 \leq k \leq 7, \\ \frac{1}{2k^2(k-1)}, & k \geq 8. \end{cases}$$

For $t = 3$, recently, Sun and Zhang [8] considered the asymptotic formula of the sum

$$\sum_{1 \leq n_1, n_2, n_3 \leq X^{\frac{1}{2}}} d_3(n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^2) = c_5 X^{\frac{3}{2}} \log^2 X + c_6 X^{\frac{3}{2}} \log X + c_7 X^{\frac{3}{2}} + O(X^{\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{8} + \epsilon}).$$

where c_5, c_6 and c_7 are constants. Hu and Yang [5] also considered the case of $n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^2 + n_4^2$.

In this paper, inspired by Lü and Mu [7], we want to consider the asymptotic formula of the sum

$$\sum_{\substack{1 \leq n_1, n_2 \leq X^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 1 \leq n_3 \leq X^{\frac{1}{k}}}} d_3(n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^k)$$

with $k \geq 3$. In order to state our result, let $G_k(a, b, q)$ be the Gauss sum

$$G_k(a, b, q) = \sum_{x \pmod q} e\left(\frac{ax^k + bx}{q}\right).$$

and denote $G(a, b, q) := G_2(a, b, q)$. For $0 \leq j \leq 2$, define

$$A_j(q) = \sum_{b=1}^q e\left(-\frac{ab}{q}\right) c_{j+1}(b, q),$$

where $a > 0$ is an integer. The coefficients $c_j(b, q)$ are sums of terms of the form

$$\sum_{b_1 b_2 \equiv b \pmod q} f(b_1)$$

for some function f . The number of terms in $c_j(b, q)$ depends only on k . More precisely, The coefficients $c_j(b, q)$ are given explicitly in [1, (2.13)]. From [2, (4.8)] we can get

$$A_j(q) \ll_k q^{-1}. \quad (1.1)$$

For $0 \leq i \leq j \leq 2$, define

$$\mathfrak{S} = \frac{1}{j!} \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \sum_{a \pmod q} \frac{{}^* A_j(q) G^2(a, 0, q) G_k(a, 0, q)}{q^3} \quad (1.2)$$

and

$$\mathfrak{S} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^3 e(-\beta u)(\log u)^i du \right) \left(\int_0^1 e(\beta v^2) dv \right)^2 \left(\int_0^1 e(\beta v^k) dv \right) d\beta. \quad (1.3)$$

Our result is the following theorem.

Theorem 1.1. *let $X > 1$ and $k \geq 3$ be integers and let $d_3(n)$ denote the 3-th divisor function. We have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{1 \leq n_1, n_2 \leq X^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 1 \leq n_3 \leq X^{\frac{1}{k}}}} d_3(n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^k) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^2 \mathfrak{S} \sum_{i=0}^j C_j^i \mathfrak{S} X^{1+\frac{1}{k}} (\log X)^{j-i} + O(X^{1+\frac{1}{k}-\delta(k)+\epsilon}), \end{aligned}$$

where \mathfrak{S} are defined in (1.2), \mathfrak{S} are defined in (1.3), and

$$\delta(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{15}, & k = 3, \\ \frac{1}{k2^{k-1}}, & 4 \leq k \leq 7, \\ \frac{1}{2k^2(k-1)}, & k \geq 8. \end{cases}$$

To prove our theorem, we use the circle method and some strategies in the work of [7].

2. Outline of the method

Let $X > 1$ and $k \geq 3$ be integers. In order to apply the circle method, we choose the parameters P and Q such that

$$P = X^\theta \quad \text{and} \quad Q = X^{1-\theta},$$

where

$$\theta = \begin{cases} \frac{k+1}{6k+2}, & 3 \leq k \leq 9, \\ \frac{2}{k+2}, & k \geq 10. \end{cases}$$

Obviously, we have $Q > X^{1/2}$. By Dirichlet's lemma on rational approximations, each $\alpha \in [Q^{-1}, 1 + Q^{-1}]$ can be written in the form

$$\alpha = \frac{a}{q} + \beta, \quad |\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ} \quad (2.1)$$

for some integers a, q with $1 \leq a \leq q \leq Q$ and $(a, q) = 1$. We denote by $\mathfrak{M}(q, a)$ the set of α satisfying (2.1) and define the major arcs and the minor arcs as follows.

$$\mathfrak{M} = \bigcup_{q \leq P} \bigcup_{\substack{1 \leq a \leq q \\ (a, q) = 1}} \mathfrak{M}(q, a), \quad \mathfrak{m} = \left[\frac{1}{Q}, 1 + \frac{1}{Q} \right] \setminus \mathfrak{M}.$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} F(\alpha, X) &= \sum_{1 \leq n \leq 3X} d_3(n)e(-n\alpha), \\ S_k(\alpha, X) &= \sum_{1 \leq m \leq X^{\frac{1}{k}}} e(m^k \alpha). \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Our Theorem 1.1 is a consequence of the following Proposition 2.1. We will give a proof of Proposition 2.1 in Section 3.

Proposition 2.1. *Let $F(\alpha, X)$ and $S_k(\alpha, X)$ be defined as in (2.2). For $\alpha \in \mathfrak{M}$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathfrak{M}} S_2^2(\alpha, X) S_k(\alpha, X) F(\alpha, X) d\alpha \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^2 \mathfrak{S} \sum_{i=0}^j C_j^i \mathfrak{T} X^{1+\frac{1}{k}} (\log X)^{j-i} + O(X^{1+\frac{1}{k}-\delta'(k)+\epsilon}), \end{aligned}$$

where \mathfrak{S} and \mathfrak{T} are defined as in Theorem 1.1 and

$$\delta'(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{k+1}{2k(3k+1)}, & 3 \leq k \leq 9, \\ \frac{2}{k(k+2)}, & k \geq 10. \end{cases}$$

Now we can get Theorem 1.1 from Proposition 2.1.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Applying the circle method, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{1 \leq n_1, n_2 \leq X^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 1 \leq n_3 \leq X^{\frac{1}{k}}}} d_3(n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^k) \\ &= \int_{\frac{1}{Q}}^{1+\frac{1}{Q}} S^2(\alpha, X) S_k(\alpha, X) F(\alpha, X) d\alpha \\ &= \int_{\mathfrak{M}} S^2(\alpha, X) S_k(\alpha, X) F(\alpha, X) d\alpha + \int_{\mathfrak{m}} S^2(\alpha, X) S_k(\alpha, X) F(\alpha, X) d\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

To estimate the contribution from the minor arcs, we note that each $\alpha \in \mathfrak{m}$ can be written as (2.1) for $P < q \leq Q$ and $1 \leq a \leq q$ with $(q, a) = 1$. In order to make the error term in the asymptotic formula as small as possible, we consider it in two cases.

In the case of $3 \leq k \leq 7$, for $\alpha \in \mathfrak{m}$, by Weyl's inequality we have

$$S_k(\alpha, X) \ll X^{\frac{1}{k}+\epsilon} (P^{-1} + X^{-\frac{1}{k}} + QX^{-1})^{\frac{1}{2k-1}}.$$

Combining Cauchy's inequality and Hua's inequality, we have

$$\int_{\mathfrak{m}} S^2(\alpha, X) S_k(\alpha, X) F(\alpha, X) d\alpha$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\ll \max_{\alpha \in \mathfrak{m}} |S_k(\alpha, X)| \left(\int_0^1 |S_2(\alpha, X)|^4 d\alpha \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_0^1 |F(\alpha, X)|^2 d\alpha \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\ll X^{1+\frac{1}{k}+\epsilon} P^{-2(1-k)} + X^{1+\frac{1}{k}(1-2(1-k))+\epsilon} + X^{1+\frac{1}{k}-2(1-k)+\epsilon} Q^{2(1-k)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

In the case of $k \geq 8$, for $\alpha \in \mathfrak{m}$, we take ([7, Lemma 1.6]) in place of Weyl's inequality and get

$$S_k(\alpha, X) \ll X^{\frac{1}{k}+\epsilon} (P^{-1} + X^{-\frac{1}{k}} + QX^{-1})^{\frac{1}{2k(k-1)}}.$$

Similarly with (2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\mathfrak{m}} S^2(\alpha, X) S_k(\alpha, X) F(\alpha, X) d\alpha \\ &\ll X^{1+\frac{1}{k}+\epsilon} P^{-\frac{1}{2k(k-1)}} + X^{1+\frac{1}{k}(1-\frac{1}{1-2k(k-1)})+\epsilon} + X^{1+\frac{1}{k}-\frac{1}{2k(k-1)+\epsilon} Q^{\frac{1}{2k(k-1)}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

From Propositions 2.1, (2.3) and (2.4), Theorem 1.1 follows by taking $Q = X^{1-\theta}$ with

$$\theta = \begin{cases} \frac{k+1}{6k+2}, & 3 \leq k \leq 9, \\ \frac{2}{k+2}, & k \geq 10. \end{cases}$$

3. Proof of Proposition 2.1

For $\alpha \in \mathfrak{M}$, we write $\alpha = a/q + \beta$, $1 \leq a \leq q \leq P$ and $|\beta| \leq 1/(qQ)$ with $(a, q) = 1$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\mathfrak{M}} S_2^2(\alpha, X) S_k(\alpha, X) F(\alpha, X) d\alpha \\ &= \sum_{q \leq P} \sum_{a \bmod q}^* \int_{\mathfrak{M}(q, a)} S_2^2(\alpha, X) S_k(\alpha, X) F(\alpha, X) d\alpha \\ &= \sum_{q \leq P} \int_{|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}} \sum_{a \bmod q}^* S_2^2\left(\frac{a}{q} + \beta, X\right) S_k\left(\frac{a}{q} + \beta, X\right) F\left(\frac{a}{q} + \beta, X\right) d\beta \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

First we need to estimate $F(a/q + \beta, X)$.

Lemma 3.1. *Suppose that $(a, q) = 1$, $q \leq P \leq x^{1/3}$ and $|\beta| \leq 1/(qQ)$. We have*

$$F\left(\frac{a}{q} + \beta, X\right) = \sum_{j=0}^2 A_j(q) I_j(\beta) + O(P^{3+\epsilon} + X^{\eta+\epsilon} P),$$

where $\eta = 2/5$, $A_j(q)$ are defined in (1.2) and

$$I_j(\beta) = \int_1^{3X} e(-\beta u) \frac{\log^j u}{j!} du. \quad (3.2)$$

Proof. This is lemma 3.2 in [2] for $k = 3$ and $l = 3$. □

Integrating by parts, we have

$$I_j(\beta) \ll_k X^\epsilon \min \{X, |\beta|^{-1}\}. \quad (3.3)$$

Next we need to estimate $S_2(a/q + \beta, X)$ and $S_k(a/q + \beta, X)$.

Lemma 3.2. *Suppose that $(a, q) = 1$, $q \leq P \leq X^{\frac{1}{3}}$ and $|\beta| \leq 1/(qQ)$. We have*

$$\begin{aligned} S_2\left(\frac{a}{q} + \beta, X\right) &= \frac{G(a, 0, q)}{q} \Psi_0(\beta) + \sum_{-3q/2 < b < 3q/2} G(a, b, q) \Psi(b, q, \beta), \\ S_k\left(\frac{a}{q} + \beta, X\right) &= \frac{G_k(a, 0, q)}{q} \Psi_k(\beta) + O\left(q^{\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon} (1 + X|\beta|)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

where $G_k(a, b, q)$ are defined as in (1.1), $\Psi_0(\beta)$ and $\Psi_k(\beta)$ are the integral

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_0(\beta) &= \int_0^{X^{\frac{1}{2}}} e(\beta u^2) du, \\ \Psi_k(\beta) &= \int_0^{X^{\frac{1}{k}}} e(\beta u^k) du \end{aligned}$$

and $\Psi(b, q, \beta)$ satisfies

$$\sum_{-3q/2 < b < 3q/2} |\Psi(b, q, \beta)| \ll \log(q + 2). \quad (3.4)$$

Proof. The first formula is come from [10, Lemma 4.1]. We can also find the second formula in [9, Theorem 4.1]. □

From Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{a \bmod q}^* S^2\left(\frac{a}{q} + \beta, X\right) S_k\left(\frac{a}{q} + \beta, X\right) F\left(\frac{a}{q} + \beta, X\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^3 T_i(q, \beta) S_k\left(\frac{a}{q} + \beta, X\right) \\ &\quad + O\left((P^{3+\epsilon} + X^{\eta+\epsilon}) \sum_{a \bmod q}^* \left|S\left(\frac{a}{q} + \beta, X\right)\right|^2 \left|S_k\left(\frac{a}{q} + \beta, X\right)\right|\right), \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} T_i(q, \beta) &= \sum_{j=0}^2 \sum_{a \bmod q}^* A_j(q) I_j(\beta) C_2^{i-1} \left(\frac{G(a, 0, q) \Psi_0(\beta)}{q}\right)^{3-i} \\ &\quad \times \left(\sum_{-3q/2 < b < 3q/2} G(a, b, q) \Psi(b, q, \beta)\right)^{i-1}. \end{aligned}$$

On inserting (3.5) into (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathfrak{M}} S_2^2(\alpha, X) S_k(\alpha, X) F(\alpha, X) d\alpha \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{q \leq P} \int_{|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}} T_i(q, \beta) S_k\left(\frac{a}{q} + \beta, X\right) d\beta \\ & \quad + O\left((P^{3+\epsilon} + X^{\eta+\epsilon}) \int_{\mathfrak{M}} |S_2(\alpha, X)|^2 |S_k(\alpha, X)| d\alpha\right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

It follows from integration by parts together with trivial bounds that

$$\Psi_0(\beta) \ll \left(\frac{X}{1 + |\beta|X}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \Psi_k(\beta) \ll \left(\frac{X}{1 + |\beta|X}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}}. \quad (3.7)$$

3.1. Estimate of $T_1(q, \beta) S_k(a/q + \beta, X)$

By the definition of $T_1(q, \beta)$ and Lemma 3.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{q \leq P} \int_{|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}} T_i(q, \beta) S_k\left(\frac{a}{q} + \beta, X\right) d\beta \\ &= \sum_{q \leq P} \int_{|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}} T_1(q, \beta) \frac{G_k(a, 0, q)}{q} \Psi_k(\beta) d\beta \\ & \quad + \sum_{q \leq P} \int_{|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}} T_i(q, \beta) O\left(q^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} (1 + X|\beta|)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) d\beta \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^2 \sum_{q \leq Pa \bmod q} \sum^* \frac{A_j(q) G^2(a, 0, q) G_k(a, 0, q)}{q^3} \int_{|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}} I_j(\beta) \Psi_0^2(\beta) \Psi_k(\beta) d\beta \\ & \quad + \sum_{j=0}^2 \sum_{q \leq Pa \bmod q} \sum^* \frac{A_j(q) G^2(a, 0, q) q^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}}{q^2} \int_{|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}} I_j(\beta) \Psi_0^2(\beta) (1 + X|\beta|)^{\frac{1}{2}} d\beta \\ &:= \sum_1 + \sum_2. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.4 in [6] and Theorem 4.2 in [9], we have

$$G(a, b, q) \ll q^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad G_k(a, 0, q) \ll q^{1-\frac{1}{k}}. \quad (3.8)$$

To \sum_1 , we extend the integration over $|\beta| \leq 1/(qQ)$ to $(-\infty, \infty)$ and the error term is

$$\sum_{j=0}^2 \sum_{q \leq Pa \bmod q} \sum^* \frac{A_j(q) G^2(a, 0, q) G_k(a, 0, q)}{q^3} \int_{|\beta| > \frac{1}{qQ}} I_j(\beta) \Psi_0^2(\beta) \Psi_k(\beta) d\beta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\ll \sum_{q \leq P} q^{-1-\frac{1}{k}} \int_{|\beta| > \frac{1}{qQ}} |\beta|^{-2-\frac{1}{k}} d\beta \\
&\ll \sum_{q \leq P} q^{-1-\frac{1}{k}} (qQ)^{1+\frac{1}{k}} \\
&\ll XQ^{\frac{1}{k}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Here we use the upper bounds (1.1), (3.3), (3.7) and (3.8). Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{q \leq P} \int_{|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}} T_1(q, \beta) \frac{G_k(a, 0, q)}{q} \Psi_k(\beta) d\beta \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^2 \sum_{q \leq Pa \pmod q} \sum^* \frac{A_j(q) G^2(a, 0, q) G_k(a, 0, q)}{q^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} I_j(\beta) \Psi_0^2(\beta) \Psi_k(\beta) d\beta \\
&\quad + O(XQ^{\frac{1}{k}}).
\end{aligned}$$

Next, we estimate the integral on the right hand side. From the definitions of $I_j(\beta)$, $\Psi_0(\beta)$ and $\Psi_k(\beta)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} I_j(\beta) \Psi_0^2(\beta) \Psi_k(\beta) d\beta \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_1^{3X} e(-\beta u) \frac{\log^j u}{j!} du \right) \left(\int_0^{X^{\frac{1}{2}}} e(\beta v^2) dv \right)^2 \left(\int_0^{X^{\frac{1}{k}}} e(\beta v^k) dv \right) d\beta \\
&= \frac{X^{1+\frac{1}{k}}}{j!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_1^{3X} e(-\beta u) \log^j u du \right) \left(\int_0^1 e(\beta X v^2) dv \right)^2 \left(\int_0^1 e(\beta X v^k) dv \right) d\beta \\
&= \frac{X^{1+\frac{1}{k}}}{j!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_{\frac{1}{X}}^3 e(-\beta u) (\log Xu)^j du \right) \left(\int_0^1 e(\beta v^2) dv \right)^2 \left(\int_0^1 e(\beta v^k) dv \right) d\beta \\
&= \frac{X^{1+\frac{1}{k}}}{j!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^3 e(-\beta u) (\log Xu)^j du \right) \left(\int_0^1 e(\beta v^2) dv \right)^2 \left(\int_0^1 e(\beta v^k) dv \right) d\beta \\
&\quad + O(X^{\frac{1}{k}+\epsilon}).
\end{aligned}$$

Here

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{X^{1+\frac{1}{k}}}{j!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^{\frac{1}{X}} e(-\beta u) (\log Xu)^j du \right) \left(\int_0^1 e(\beta v^2) dv \right)^2 \left(\int_0^1 e(\beta v^k) dv \right) d\beta \\
&\ll X^{\frac{1}{k}+\epsilon}.
\end{aligned}$$

By (1.1) and (3.8), we have

$$\sum_{j=0}^2 \sum_{q \leq Pa \pmod q} \sum^* \frac{A_j(q) G^2(a, 0, q) G_k(a, 0, q)}{q^3} \ll 1.$$

Then we split $\log(Xu)$ and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{q \leq P} \int_{|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}} T_1(q, \beta) \frac{G_k(a, 0, q)}{q} \Psi_k(\beta) d\beta \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^2 \frac{1}{j!} \sum_{q \leq Pa \bmod q} \sum^* \frac{A_j(q) G^2(a, 0, q) G_k(a, 0, q)}{q^3} \sum_{i=0}^j C_j^i \mathfrak{S} X^{1+\frac{1}{k}} (\log X)^{j-i} \\ & \quad + O(XQ^{\frac{1}{k}} + X^{\frac{1}{k}+\epsilon}), \end{aligned}$$

where \mathfrak{S} are defined as in (1.3). Further, we extend the summation over $q \leq P$ to all positive integers and the estimate of the error term is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=0}^2 \frac{1}{j!} \sum_{q > Pa \bmod q} \sum^* \frac{A_j(q) G^2(a, 0, q) G_k(a, 0, q)}{q^3} \sum_{i=0}^j C_j^i \mathfrak{S} X^{1+\frac{1}{k}} (\log X)^{j-i} \\ & \ll XQ^{\frac{1}{k}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_1 &= \sum_{j=0}^2 \sum_{q \leq P} \int_{|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}} T_1(q, \beta) \frac{G_k(a, 0, q)}{q} \Psi_k(\beta) d\beta \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^2 \mathfrak{S} \sum_{i=0}^j C_j^i \mathfrak{S} X^{1+\frac{1}{k}} (\log X)^{j-i} + O(XQ^{\frac{1}{k}} + X^{\frac{1}{k}+\epsilon}), \end{aligned}$$

where \mathfrak{S} and \mathfrak{S} defined in (1.2) and (1.3).

To \sum_2 , by (1.1), (3.3), (3.7) and (3.8) we have

$$\sum_2 \ll \sum_{q \leq P} q^{-\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \int_{|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}} |\beta|^{-1} X(1 + X|\beta|)^{-\frac{1}{2}} d\beta \ll X^{\frac{3}{2}+\epsilon} Q^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

To sum up, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{q \leq P} \int_{|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}} T_i(q, \beta) S_k\left(\frac{a}{q} + \beta, X\right) d\beta \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^2 \mathfrak{S} \sum_{i=0}^j C_j^i \mathfrak{S} X^{1+\frac{1}{k}} (\log X)^{j-i} + O(XQ^{\frac{1}{k}} + X^{\frac{3}{2}+\epsilon} Q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + X^{\frac{1}{k}+\epsilon}), \end{aligned}$$

where \mathfrak{S} and \mathfrak{S} are defined in (1.2) and (1.3).

3.2. Estimate of $T_i(q, \beta) S_k(a/q + \beta, X)$ with $i = 2, 3$

Now by the definition of $T_i(q, \beta)$ and Lemma 3.2, we have

$$\sum_{q \leq P} \int_{|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}} T_i(q, \beta) S_k(a/q + \beta, X) d\beta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= C_2^{i-1} \sum_{j=0}^2 \sum_{q \leq Pa \bmod q} \sum^* \frac{A_j(q) G^{3-i}(a, 0, q) G_k(a, 0, q)}{q^{4-i}} \\
&\quad \times \int_{|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}} I_j(\beta) \Psi_0^{3-i}(\beta) \Psi_k(\beta) \left(\sum_{-3q/2 < b < 3q/2} G(a, b, q) \Psi(b, q, \beta) \right)^{i-1} d\beta \\
&\quad + C_2^{i-1} \sum_{j=0}^2 \sum_{q \leq Pa \bmod q} \sum^* \frac{A_j(q) G^{3-i}(a, 0, q)}{q^{3-i}} \int_{|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qQ}} I_j(\beta) \Psi_0^{3-i}(\beta) \\
&\quad \times \left(\sum_{-3q/2 < b < 3q/2} G(a, b, q) \Psi(b, q, \beta) \right)^{i-1} O\left(q^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} (1 + X|\beta|^{\frac{1}{2}})\right) d\beta \\
&:= \sum_3 + \sum_4.
\end{aligned}$$

Combining Lemma 3.3 with (1.1), (3.3), (3.4), (3.7) and (3.8), for $i = 2, 3$ we have

$$\sum_3 \ll \sum_{q \leq P} q^{\frac{3-i}{2}} q^{i-4} q^{1-\frac{1}{k}} q^{\frac{i-1}{2}} X^{\frac{3}{2}+\frac{1}{k}-\frac{i}{2}} \ll X^{\frac{i}{2}+\frac{1}{2}} Q^{1+\frac{1}{k}-i}.$$

For $i = 2$,

$$\sum_4 \ll \sum_{q \leq P} q^{\frac{1}{2}} q^{-1} q^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} q^{\frac{1}{2}} X^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \ll X^{2+\epsilon} Q^{-\frac{3}{2}-\epsilon}.$$

For $i = 3$,

$$\sum_4 \ll \sum_{q \leq P} q^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} q X^{\frac{1}{2}} (qQ)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \ll X^{\frac{5}{2}+\epsilon} Q^{-\frac{5}{2}-\epsilon}.$$

3.3. Estimate of the O-term

By Hua's inequality, the contribution of O-term is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned}
&(P^{3+\epsilon} + X^{\eta+\epsilon} P) \int_{\mathfrak{M}} |S_2(\alpha, X)|^2 |S_k(\alpha, X)| d\alpha \\
&\ll (P^{3+\epsilon} + X^{\eta+\epsilon} P) \left(\int_{\mathfrak{M}} |S_2(\alpha, X)|^4 d\alpha \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_{\mathfrak{M}} |S_k(\alpha, X)|^2 d\alpha \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\ll X^{\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2k}} P^{3+\epsilon} + X^{\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2k}+\eta+\epsilon} P \\
&= X^{\frac{7}{2}+\frac{1}{2k}+\epsilon} Q^{-3-\epsilon} + X^{\frac{3}{2}+\frac{1}{2k}+\eta+\epsilon} Q^{-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

3.4. Completion of the proof

From above, we have

$$\int_{\mathfrak{M}} S_2^2(\alpha, X) S_k(\alpha, X) F(\alpha, X) d\alpha$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{j=0}^2 \mathfrak{O} \sum_{i=0}^j C_j^i \mathfrak{S} X^{1+\frac{1}{k}} (\log X)^{j-i} + O(XQ^{\frac{1}{k}} + X^{\frac{3}{2}+\epsilon} Q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + X^{\frac{1}{k}+\epsilon} \\
&\quad + X^{\frac{3}{2}} Q^{-1+\frac{1}{k}} + X^2 Q^{-2+\frac{1}{k}} + X^{2+\epsilon} Q^{-\frac{3}{2}-\epsilon} + X^{\frac{5}{2}+\epsilon} Q^{-\frac{5}{2}-\epsilon} \\
&\quad + X^{\frac{7}{2}+\frac{1}{2k}+\epsilon} Q^{-3-\epsilon} + X^{\frac{3}{2}+\frac{1}{2k}+\eta+\epsilon} Q^{-1}).
\end{aligned}$$

By taking $Q = X^{1-\theta}$, where

$$\theta = \begin{cases} \frac{k+1}{6k+2}, & 3 \leq k \leq 9, \\ \frac{2}{k+2}, & k \geq 10. \end{cases}$$

Comparing each item in the error term, we have for $3 \leq k \leq 9$,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{\mathfrak{M}} F(\alpha, X) S_2^2(\alpha, X) S_k(\alpha, X) d\alpha \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^2 \mathfrak{O} \sum_{i=0}^j C_j^i \mathfrak{S} X^{1+\frac{1}{k}} (\log X)^{j-i} + O\left(X^{1+\frac{1}{k}-\frac{k+1}{2k(3k+1)}+\epsilon}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

For $k \geq 10$,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{\mathfrak{M}} F(\alpha, X) S_2^2(\alpha, X) S_k(\alpha, X) d\alpha \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^2 \mathfrak{O} \sum_{i=0}^j C_j^i \mathfrak{S} X^{1+\frac{1}{k}} (\log X)^{j-i} + O\left(X^{1+\frac{1}{k}-\frac{2}{k(k+2)}+\epsilon}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Then we finish the proof of Proposition 2.1.

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