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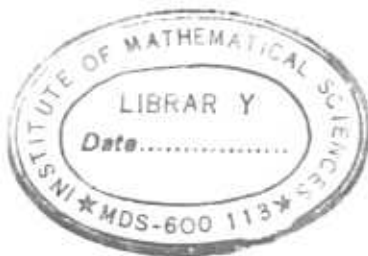
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## NOTATION

The following standard notation is used in this thesis:

$s$	$= \sigma + it$ , a complex number.
$\zeta(s)$	Riemann zeta function.
$\Gamma(s)$	The gamma function.
$J_n(z), Y_n(z), K_n(z)$	Bessel functions.
$e(x)$	$= e^{2\pi i x}$ .
$a(n)$	Fourier coefficients of a cusp form.
$\phi(s)$	$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n) n^{-s}$ .
$k$	The weight of a cusp form.
$r$	$= h/m$ , a rational number.
$\bar{h}$	The inverse mod $m$ , $h\bar{h} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .
$\sum'_{a \leq n \leq b} f(n)$	Usual summation except that if $a$ or $b$ is integer then $f(a)$ or $f(b)$ resp. is to be multiplied by $1/2$ .

The symbols  $O(\ )$ ,  $o(\ )$ ,  $\ll$  and  $\gg$  are used in their standard meaning. Also,  $f \asymp g$  means that  $1 \ll f/g \ll 1$ .

## INTRODUCTION

By an exponential sum we mean a sum of the form

$$\sum_{M \leq n \leq M'} a(n) e(f(n))$$

where  $a(n)$  is an arithmetical function and  $f$  is a real valued function on  $[M, M']$ . Many a problem in number theory reduces in the ultimate analysis to estimating an exponential sum. The Waring's problem, the Goldbach's conjecture, the Dirichlet divisor problem and order of the Dirichlet series in the critical strip are very good examples of this phenomenon.

In the 1920s Van der Corput found a deep method to deal with exponential sums and integrals in the course of his researches on the Dirichlet divisor problem. The basic idea here is to transform an exponential sum into a new shape by first converting the sum into an integral (Van der Corput's lemma) and then evaluating the integral by the 'Saddle-point method'. The sum treated by him was of the above form with  $a(n) \equiv 1$ .

This method was extended to the case when  $a(n) = d(n)$ , the "Voronoi's summation formula" serving in place of the Van der Corput's lemma. Since then various summation formulae of the Voronoi type have been found; a very good survey is to be found in [ 2 ].

A new technique was discovered by Jutila in 1984[ 6 ]. He replaced  $f(n)$  by  $f(n) + rn$  where  $r$  is an integer before transforming the sum by applying the summation formula and the saddle point method.

This seemingly trivial device while not affecting the original sum in any way led to much better transformed sums. Another important observation made by Jutila was the flexibility of this method which, he showed, works with minor modifications in the case when  $a(n)$ 's are Fourier coefficients of a cusp form of weight  $k$  for the full modular group,  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ . With the help of his transformation formula he was able to obtain for the Dirichlet series associated to cusp forms for  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  analogues of many results known in the case of the Riemann zeta function,  $\zeta(s)$ , like distance between consecutive zeros on the critical line, order on the critical line, mean square estimates and higher power moments [6,7,8].

This thesis is a further illustration of the flexibility of his method. We show that the transformation formula and the above mentioned applications carry over to the case when  $a(n)$ 's are Fourier coefficients of either holomorphic cusp forms or 'arithmetic' Maass forms (i.e. Maass forms  $f$  with  $\Delta f = 1/4f$ ) of higher levels. While some of the above mentioned applications were already known in the case of cusp forms for  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  due to A. Good [5] they seem to be new in the case of cusp forms of higher levels. The fact that this method of Jutila generalises to the case of higher level cusp forms more easily than the techniques of A. Good goes to show the power of this method. Further most of the Dirichlet series of interest in arithmetic are covered by the class of Dirichlet series considered here.

Mention must also be made of the work of T. Meurman [9,10] who has



In this section we extended some of these results of Jutila to the case of L-functions associated to Maass wave forms for  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ . Presumably his work also extends to higher level Maass forms. The class of Maass forms we consider in this thesis does not occur at level one.

## CHAPTER 1 FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS AND SUMMATION FORMULAE.

In this chapter we are concerned with functional equations for Dirichlet series (and their twists by additive characters) associated to "arithmetic" modular forms for congruence subgroups of the full modular group  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ . The class of "arithmetic" forms we consider consists of all holomorphic forms and the subclass of non-analytic forms with eigenvalue  $1/4$ . We consider the holomorphic case in §1 and the non-analytic case in §2. The summation formulae these functional equations lead to are written down in §3.

If  $f$  is a function on the upper half-plane  $\mathbb{H}$ ,  $k$  an integer and  $A$  is in  $GL^+(2, \mathbb{R})$  then  $f|_{[A]}^k(\tau)$  will denote the following function:

$$(\det A)^{k/2} (c\tau + d)^{-k} f\left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}\right), \text{ where } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}.$$

§1. Holomorphic case: The main reference for this section is [11]. For  $k, N \geq 1$  integers and  $\varepsilon$  a character mod  $N$  let  $M(N, k, \varepsilon)$  denote the space of modular forms of level  $N$ , weight  $k$  and character  $\varepsilon$ . Thus if  $f \in M(N, k, \varepsilon)$  and  $A \in \Gamma_0(N)$  we have

$$f|_{[A]}^k(\tau) = \varepsilon(d) f(\tau), \text{ where } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that  $M(N, k, \varepsilon) = \{0\}$  unless  $\varepsilon(-1) = (-1)^k$ , and that  $M(N, k, 1)$  is  $M(N, k)$ , the space of modular forms of weight  $k$  for  $\Gamma_0(N)$ . If  $W(N)$  denotes the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ N & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  then  $f \mapsto f|_{[W(N)]}^k$  defines an isomorphism from  $M(N, k, \varepsilon)$  onto  $M(N, k, \bar{\varepsilon})$  where  $\bar{\varepsilon}$  is the (complex)

conjugate character .

Let  $f \in M(N, k, \epsilon)$  and  $f(\tau) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n) e^{2\pi i n \tau}$  be it's Fourier expansion at the cusp  $i\infty$ . We are interested in functional equations for the Dirichlet series

$$\phi_f(s, h/m) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a(n)}{n^s} e^{2\pi i n h/m}$$

This is accomplished by the following

**Theorem 1.1 :** (a) Case when  $(m, N) = N$ . Let

$$\Phi(s, h/m) = (m/2\pi)^s \Gamma(s) \phi_f(s, h/m).$$

Then  $\Phi(s, h/m) + \frac{a(0)}{s} + \frac{i^k \epsilon(\bar{h}) a(0)}{k-s}$  is EBV (entire and bounded in every vertical strips) and we have the functional equation :

$$\Phi(s, h/m) = i^k \epsilon(\bar{h}) \Phi(k-s, -\bar{h}/m),$$

where  $\bar{h}$  is defined by  $h\bar{h} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

(b) Case when  $(m, N) = 1$ . Let  $f|_k^{\epsilon}(\tau) = g(\tau) \in M(N, k, \epsilon)$  and  $g(\tau) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b(n) e^{2\pi i n \tau}$  be it's Fourier expansion. Further let

$$\Phi(s, h/m) = (m\sqrt{N}/2\pi)^s \Gamma(s) \phi_f(s, h/m) \text{ and}$$

$$\Psi(s, h/m) = (m\sqrt{N}/2\pi)^s \Gamma(s) \phi_g(s, h/m).$$

Then  $\Phi(s, h/m) + (m^2 N)^{-s/2} \left( \frac{a(0)}{s} + \frac{\epsilon(m)b(0)}{k-s} \right)$  is EBV and we have the functional equation :

$$\Phi(s, h/m) = \epsilon(m) \Psi(k-s, -\bar{N}h/m).$$

Proof: (a) Let  $t > 0$  be a real number and put  $\tau = h/m + i/mt$  and  $\tau' = -\bar{h}/m + it/m$ . Then  $\tau$  and  $\tau'$  are in the upper half - plane and are equivalent under  $\Gamma_0(N)$  by the matrix (remember  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$ )

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} h & (\bar{h}h - 1)/m \\ m & \bar{h} \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e  $A(\tau') = \tau$ . Therefore we have  $f(\tau) = \epsilon(\bar{h}) (it)^k f(\tau')$ . If  $\text{Re}(s)$  is sufficiently large we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(s, h/m) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n) e^{2\pi i n h/m} \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{-2\pi i n t/m} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} \left\{ f(h/m + it/m) - a(0) \right\} dt. \\ &= \int_1^{\infty} t^{s-1} \left\{ f(h/m + it/m) - a(0) \right\} dt - \int_0^1 a(0) t^{s-1} \\ &\quad + \int_0^1 t^{s-1} f(h/m + it/m) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Now consider

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 t^{s-1} f(h/m + it/m) dt &= \int_1^{\infty} t^{-s-1} f(h/m + i/mt) dt. \\ &= \int_1^{\infty} t^{-s-1} f(\tau) dt. \\ &= \epsilon(\bar{h}) i^k \int_1^{\infty} t^{k-s-1} f(\tau') dt. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(s, h/m) &= \int_1^\infty \left\{ [f(h/m + it/m) - a(0)] t^{s-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \varepsilon(\bar{h}) i^k [f(-\bar{h}/m + it/m) - a(0)] t^{k-s-1} \right\} dt \\ &= \frac{a(0)}{s} - \frac{\varepsilon(\bar{h}) i^k a(0)}{k-s}. \end{aligned}$$

This integral representation proves the claims made in (a).

(b). For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  let  $\alpha(x)$  denote the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $t > 0$  be a real number and set  $\tau = h/m + i/m^2 N t$  and  $\tau' = -\bar{h}/m + it$ . We need to know  $f(\tau)$  in terms of  $g(\tau')$ . For that first observe that

$$\alpha(h/m) H(m^2 N) = H(N) \begin{pmatrix} m & -b \\ -Nh & n \end{pmatrix} \alpha(b/m) \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $b$  is defined via  $Nhb \equiv -1 \pmod{m}$  (which is possible because  $(m, N) = (m, h) = 1$ .) and  $n$  is chosen such that  $\begin{pmatrix} m & -b \\ -Nh & n \end{pmatrix}$  is in  $\Gamma_0(N)$ . Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(\tau) &= (m^2 N)^{k/2} (it)^k f|_{(\alpha(h/m) H(Nm^2))} (it). \\ &= (m^2 N)^{k/2} (it)^k f|_{(H(N))} \begin{pmatrix} m & -b \\ -Nh & n \end{pmatrix} (\alpha(b/m)) (it) \\ &= (m^2 N)^{k/2} (it)^k \bar{\varepsilon}(n) g|_{(\alpha(b/m))} (it). \\ &= (m^2 N)^{k/2} (it)^k \varepsilon(m) g(-\bar{N}h/m + it). \end{aligned}$$

Note that we have made use of (i)  $\bar{\varepsilon}(n) = \varepsilon(m)$  as  $mn \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$ ,

$$\text{and (ii) } e^{2\pi i b/m} = e^{-2\pi i \bar{N}h/m} \text{ since}$$

$$Nhb \equiv -1 \pmod{m}.$$

Consider now the following integral representation :

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(s, h/m) &= (m^2 N)^{s/2} \int_0^{\infty} [f(h/m + it) - a(0)] t^{s-1} dt \\ &= (m^2 N)^{s/2} \left[ \int_{1/m\sqrt{N}}^{\infty} [f(h/m + it) - a(0)] t^{s-1} dt - \int_0^{1/m\sqrt{N}} a(0) t^{s-1} dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^{1/m\sqrt{N}} f(h/m + it) t^{s-1} dt \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now } \int_0^{1/m\sqrt{N}} f(h/m + it) t^{s-1} dt &= (m^2 N)^{-s} \int_{1/m\sqrt{N}}^{\infty} f(h/m + i/m^2 N t) t^{-s-1} dt \\ &= (m^2 N)^{(k/2)-s} \varepsilon(m) \int_{1/m\sqrt{N}}^{\infty} g(-\bar{N}h/m + it) t^{k-s-1} dt\end{aligned}$$

Thus we get

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(s, h/m) &= (m^2 N)^{s/2} \int_{1/m\sqrt{N}}^{\infty} \left\{ [f(h/m + it) - a(0)] t^{s-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \varepsilon(m) (m^2 N)^{(k/2)-s} [g(-\bar{N}h/m + it) - b(0)] t^{k-s-1} \right\} dt \\ &= (m^2 N)^{-s/2} \left( \frac{a(0)}{s} + \frac{\varepsilon(m) b(0)}{k-s} \right).\end{aligned}$$

This integral representation verifies the claims made in (b). Thus the proof of the Theorem is complete.

Remark: As these functional equations characterise modular forms of level  $N$  (see [13] and [14]) we can not in general hope to get similar functional equations when  $1 < (m, N) < N$ . For instance if  $f$  is a new form of level  $N$  then existence of functional equations

for  $1 < (m, N) < N$  would mean that  $f$  is a form of lower level which it is not.

§2. Non - holomorphic case: The main reference here is [12].

Let  $\Delta = -y^2 (\partial^2/\partial x^2 + \partial^2/\partial y^2)$  denote the Laplacien on the upper half-plane  $\mathbb{H}$  associated with the hyperbolic metric. Let  $N \geq 1$  be an integer,  $\varepsilon$  a character mod  $N$  and  $\lambda$  a complex number. Let  $f$  be an even Maass form of level  $N$ , character  $\varepsilon$  and eigenvalue (for  $\Delta$ )  $\lambda$ . This means:

- (i)  $f \in L^2(\Gamma_1(N) \backslash \mathbb{H})$ ;
- (ii)  $f(\gamma\tau) = \varepsilon(d) f(\tau)$  for  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(N)$ ;
- (iii)  $\Delta f = \lambda f$ ,  $\lambda = 1/4 + r^2$ ;
- (iv)  $f$  is a simultaneous eigenfunction of the Hecke operators  $T_n$ ,  $(n, N) = 1$  and  $T_{-1}f(\tau) = f(-\bar{\tau}) = f(\tau)$ .

Such an  $f$  has a Fourier expansion of the following type:

$$f(\tau) = \sum a(n) y^{1/2} K_{ir}(2\pi ny) \cos 2\pi nx, \tau = x + iy.$$

If in addition  $\lambda = 1/4$  (i.e.  $r = 0$ ) we call  $f$  an "Arithmetic form". The reason for this lies in that the algebraicity of Fourier coefficients of such forms has been established [4].

Let  $f$  be an even arithmetic Maass form with Fourier coefficients  $a(n)$ . Here again we are interested in functional equations for the following Dirichlet series associated with  $f$ :

$$\phi_f(s, h/m) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a(n) \cos 2\pi nh/m}{n^s}$$

$$\phi'_f(s, h/m) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a(n) \sin 2\pi n h/m}{n^s}$$

and in this direction we have:

**Theorem 1.2 :** (a)  $(m, N) = N$ . The functional equations are

$$\Phi_f(s, h/m) = \varepsilon(h) \Phi_f(1-s, -\bar{h}/m)$$

$$\Phi'_f(s, h/m) = -\varepsilon(h) \Phi'_f(1-s, -\bar{h}/m),$$

where  $h\bar{h} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

$$\Phi_f(s, h/m) = (m/\pi)^s \Gamma^2(s/2) \phi_f(s, h/m), \text{ and } *$$

$$\Phi'_f(s, h/m) = (m/\pi)^s \Gamma^2\left(\frac{s+1}{2}\right) \phi'_f(s, h/m)$$

(b)  $(m, N) = 1$ . Let  $f|_{[H(N)]}^0(\tau) = g(\tau)$ ; then  $g$  is an even Arithmetic Maass form of level  $N$  and character  $\bar{\varepsilon}$ . Let  $b(n)$  be the Fourier coefficients of  $g$ . Then the functional equations are:

$$\Phi_f(s, h/m) = \varepsilon(m) \Phi_g(1-s, -\bar{N}\bar{h}/m),$$

$$\Phi'_f(s, h/m) = \varepsilon(m) \Phi'_g(1-s, -\bar{N}\bar{h}/m) \text{ where}$$

$$\Phi_f(s, h/m) = (\pi/m\sqrt{N})^{-s} \Gamma^2(s/2) \phi_f(s, h/m) \text{ and}$$

$$\Phi'_f(s, h/m) = (\pi/m\sqrt{N})^{-s} \Gamma^2\left(\frac{s+1}{2}\right) \phi'_f(s, h/m).$$

Proof: Let  $f_x(\tau) = 1/2\pi i \partial/\partial x f(\tau)$ ; ( $\tau = x+iy$ ). Then we have

$$f_x(\tau) = i \sum a(n) n \sqrt{y} K_0(2\pi n y) \sin(2\pi n x)$$

We need to know how  $f_x(\tau)$  transforms under the transformations  $A$  and  $H(N)$ . For this let  $f_y = 1/2\pi i \partial/\partial y f(\tau)$ . If  $U \in \Gamma_0(N)$  then  $f(U\tau) = \varepsilon(d) f(\tau)$ ,  $U = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ d & c \end{pmatrix}$ . So we get



$$f_x(\tau) = 1/2\pi i \partial/\partial x f(\tau) = \epsilon(d)/2\pi i \partial/\partial x f(U\tau)$$

$$= \epsilon(d) [f_x(U\tau) \operatorname{Re}(\partial U\tau/\partial x) + f_y(U\tau) \operatorname{Im}(\partial U\tau/\partial x)]$$

$$= \epsilon(d) [f_x(U\tau) \operatorname{Re}((c\tau+d)^{-2}) + f_y(U\tau) \operatorname{Im}((c\tau+d)^{-2})]$$

Now taking  $\tau = -\bar{h}/m + i/mt$  and  $A$  as in the above proof we see that

$$f_x(h/m + i/mt) = \epsilon(\bar{h}) (-t)^{-2} f_x(-\bar{h}/m + it/m).$$

We get a similar transformation formula under  $H(N)$ .

The rest of the proof is along the same lines as that of theorem 1.1 (and so we will not reproduce it here) but will use the following formula to get integral representation for  $\tilde{\mathfrak{z}}(s, h/m)$ :

$$1/4 (m/\pi n)^s \Gamma^2(s/2) = \int_0^\infty K_0(2\pi ny/m) y^{s-1} dy$$

§3. Summation Formulae: We begin by stating a theorem of B. Berndt [3]. Let  $\{\lambda_n\}$  and  $\{\mu_n\}$  be two sequences of positive numbers strictly increasing to infinity. Let  $\{a(n)\}$  and  $\{b(n)\}$  be two sequences of complex numbers, not identically zero such that the Dirichlet series:

$$\phi(s) = \sum a(n) \lambda_n^{-s} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi(s) = \sum b(n) \mu_n^{-s}$$

converge in some half-plane. Suppose further that they satisfy the functional equation:  $\chi(s) \phi(s) = \chi(r-s) \psi(r-s)$  where  $\chi(s)$  is one of the following three gamma factors:

- (i)  $\Gamma(s)$  and  $r$  arbitrary real ;
- (ii)  $\Gamma(s/2) \Gamma(\frac{s-p}{2})$  where  $p$  is an integer and  $r = p + 1$ ;
- (iii)  $\Gamma^2(\frac{s+1}{2})$  and  $r = 1$ .

Also further suppose that the poles of  $\chi(s) \phi(s)$  are confined to some compact set. Define for  $x > 0$ ,  $Q_q(x)$  and  $I_q(x)$  as follows:

$$Q_q(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_q} \frac{\Gamma(s) \phi(s)}{\Gamma(s+q+1)} x^{s+q} ds$$

where  $C_q$  is cycle enclosing all of the integrand's poles; and respectively as  $\chi(s)$  is as in (i), (ii) and (iii):

$$\begin{aligned} I_q(x) &= x^{(r+q)/2} J_{r+q}(2\sqrt{x}) \\ &= x^{(p+q+1)/2} \{ \cos(\pi(p+1)/2) J_{p+q+1}(4\sqrt{x}) \\ &\quad - \sin(\pi(p+1)/2) [Y_{p+q+1}(4\sqrt{x}) + (\frac{2(-1)^{p+q}}{\pi}) K_{p+q+1}(4\sqrt{x})] \} \\ &= x^{(q+1)/2} \{ Y_{q+1}(4\sqrt{x}) + (\frac{2(-1)^{q+1}}{\pi}) K_{q+1}(4\sqrt{x}) \}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem : Let  $f \in C^1(0, \infty)$ . Then

$$\sum_{a \leq \lambda_n \leq b} a(n) f(\lambda_n) = \int_a^b Q'_0(t) f(t) dt + \sum_n \frac{b(n)}{\mu_n^{r-1}} \int_a^b I_{-1}(\mu_n t) f(t) dt$$

Summation formulae for the holomorphic case:

For sake of simplicity we write down the summation formulae only when  $f$  is a cusp form. In this case only the second term on the right hand side of the general summation formula in theorem 3 will survive. Accordingly let  $f$  be a cusp form of level  $N$  and character  $\varepsilon$  with the Fourier expansion:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n) e^{2\pi i n \tau}$ . The functional equations of theorem 1 give rise to the following summation formulae:

(a). Case when  $(m, N) = N$ .

$$\sum_{a \leq n \leq b} a(n) e^{2\pi i n h / m} f(n) = i^k \varepsilon(\bar{h}) \frac{2\pi}{m} \sum_1^{\infty} a(n) e^{-2\pi i n \bar{h} / m} n^{-(k-1)/2} \times \\ \times \int_a^b x^{(k-1)/2} J_{k-1} \left( \frac{4\pi (nx)^{1/2}}{m} \right) f(x) dx$$

(b). Case when  $(m, N) = 1$ .

$$\sum_{a \leq n \leq b} a(n) e^{2\pi i n h / m} f(n) = \varepsilon(m) \left( \frac{2\pi}{m\sqrt{N}} \right) \sum_1^{\infty} b(n) e^{-2\pi i n \bar{h} / m} n^{-(k-1)/2} \times \\ \times \int_a^b x^{(k-1)/2} J_{k-1} \left( \frac{4\pi (nx)^{1/2}}{m\sqrt{N}} \right) f(x) dx.$$

Summation formulae for the non-holomorphic case:

Let  $f$  be an even arithmetic Maass form as in §2 with Fourier coefficients  $a(n)$ . Then the functional equations of theorem 2 imply the following summation formulae (note that  $p = 0$ ):

(a).  $(m, N) = N$ .

$$\sum_{a \leq n \leq b} a(n) \cos \frac{2\pi n h}{m} f(n) = \frac{\varepsilon(\bar{h})\pi}{2m} \sum_1^{\infty} a(n) \cos (-2\pi n \bar{h} / m) \times \\ \times \int_a^b [2/\pi K_0 \left( \frac{4\pi \sqrt{(nx)}}{m} \right) - Y_0 \left( \frac{4\pi \sqrt{(nx)}}{m} \right)] f(x) dx$$

$$\sum_{a \leq n \leq b} a(n) \sin \frac{2\pi n h}{m} f(n) = \frac{\varepsilon(\bar{h})\pi}{2m} \sum_1^{\infty} a(n) \sin (-2\pi n \bar{h} / m) \times$$

$$\times \int_a^b [Y_0 \left( \frac{4\pi \sqrt{(nx)}}{m} \right) + 2/\pi K_0 \left( \frac{4\pi \sqrt{(nx)}}{m} \right)] f(x) dx$$

(b).  $(m, N) = 1$ .

$$\sum_{a \leq n \leq b} a(n) \cos \frac{2\pi n h}{m} f(n) = \frac{\varepsilon(m)\pi}{2m\sqrt{N}} \sum_1^{\infty} b(n) \cos(-2\pi n \bar{N} h / m) \times \\ \times \int_a^b [2/\pi K_0(\frac{4\pi(n x)^{1/2}}{m\sqrt{N}}) - Y_0(\frac{4\pi(n x)^{1/2}}{m\sqrt{N}})] f(x) dx.$$

$$\sum_{a \leq n \leq b} a(n) \sin \frac{2\pi n h}{m} f(n) = \frac{\varepsilon(m)\pi}{2m\sqrt{N}} \sum_1^{\infty} b(n) \sin(-2\pi n \bar{N} h / m) \times \\ \times \int_a^b [Y_0(\frac{4\pi(n x)^{1/2}}{m\sqrt{N}}) + 2/\pi K_0(\frac{4\pi(n x)^{1/2}}{m\sqrt{N}})] f(x) dx$$

## CHAPTER 2: TRANSFORMATION FORMULAE.

In this chapter we establish, following M.Jutila [7], transformation formulae for exponential sums of the type

$$\sum_{a \leq n \leq b} a(n) g(n) e^{2\pi i f(n)}$$

where  $a(n)$ s are Fourier coefficients of a cusp form for a congruence subgroup of  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  and  $f$  &  $g$  are functions on  $[a, b]$ . In §1 we recall results on exponential integrals due to Atkinson and Jutila. This is essentially chapter 2 of [7] without proofs. In §2 we obtain transformation formulae for exponential sums involving Fourier coefficients of cusp forms considered in chapter 1. The proof of the transformation formula follows Jutila faithfully and involves no new ideas. In §3 we shall consider special cases of the transformation formula for Dirichlet polynomials associated with these cusp forms.

### §1. EXPONENTIAL INTEGRALS.

An integral of the type

$$\int_a^b g(x) e^{2\pi i f(x)} dx$$

is called an exponential integral. The basic idea of the 'saddle point' method is that the main contribution to the integral comes from near the points  $x \in (a, b)$  where  $f$  is 'stationary', that is where  $f'(x) = 0$ . (For this reason it is sometimes referred to as the method of stationary phases.).

For sake of convenience it is usual to separate a linear part from  $f$  and write  $f(x) + \alpha x$  ( $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ) in place of  $f(x)$ . Let

$$I = \int_a^b g(x) e^{2\pi i (f(x) + \alpha x)} dx = \int_a^b h(x) dx.$$

For a positive integer  $J$  and a positive real number  $U$  define a smoothed version  $I_J$  of  $I$  by:

$$U^{-1} \int_0^U du_1 \int_0^{U-u_1} du_2 \int_{a+u}^{b-u} h(x) dx = \int_a^b \eta_J(x) h(x) dx, \quad u = u_1 + u_2.$$

Also let  $I_0 = I$ . Note that  $0 < \eta(x) \leq 1$  for  $x \in (a, b)$  and  $\eta(x) = 1$ , for  $a + JU \leq x \leq b - JU$ .

We quote three theorems below first of which gives an approximate value of the integral  $I$  in terms of saddle points (Atkinson), the second theorem its generalisation to  $I_J$  due to Jutila and the third gives an estimate of  $I_J$  when  $f$  has no saddle points in  $(a, b)$ . For proofs of these theorems see [ 7 ].

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions on  $[a, b]$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $f$  is real for  $a \leq x \leq b$ ;
- (ii)  $f$  and  $g$  are holomorphic in the domain

$D = \{ z \mid |z - x| < \mu \text{ for some } x \in (a, b) \}$  where  $\mu$  is a positive real number;

- (iii) there are positive numbers  $F$  and  $G$  such that:

$$|g(z)| \ll G \quad \text{and} \quad |f'(z)| \ll F \mu^{-1} \quad \text{for } z \in D;$$

- (iv)  $f''(x) > 0$  and  $f''(x) \gg F \mu^{-2}$ .

Since  $f''(x) > 0$ ,  $f'(x) + \alpha$  is monotonically increasing and hence has at most one zero in  $(a, b)$ , say  $x_0$ . Further let

$$E_J(x) = G(|f'(x) + \alpha| + f''(x)^{1/2})^{-J-1}$$

Theorem 2.1: Let  $f$  and  $g$  be as above. Then

$$I = g(x_0) f''(x_0)^{-1/2} e^{2\pi i(f(x_0) + \alpha x_0 + 1/8)} \\ + O(G e^{-A|\alpha|\mu^{-A}F}(b-a)) + O(G\mu F^{-3/2}) + O(E_0(a)) + O(E_0(b)).$$

Theorem 2.2: Let  $U > 0$ ,  $J \geq 0$  a fixed integer,  $JU < (b-a)/2$  and  $f$  and  $g$  be as above with the additional condition that  $F \gg 1$ . Suppose also that  $U \gg \mu F^{-1/2}$ . Then with  $I_J$  as above we have:

$$I_J = \xi(x_0) g(x_0) f''(x_0)^{-1/2} e^{(f(x_0) + \alpha x_0 + 1/8)} \\ + O((1+(\mu/U)^J) G e^{-A|\alpha|\mu^{-A}F}(b-a)) \\ + O((1+F^{1/2}) G \mu F^{-3/2}) \\ + O(U^{-J} \sum_{j=0}^J (E_J(a+jU) + E_J(b-jU))),$$

where  $\xi(x_0) = 1$  for  $a + JU < x_0 < b - JU$ ,

$$\xi(x_0) = (J!U^J)^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{J_1} \binom{J}{j} (-1)^j \sum_{\nu \leq J/2} c_\nu f''(x_0)^{-\nu} (x_0 - a - jU)^{J-2\nu}$$

for  $a < x_0 \leq a + JU$  with  $J_1$  the largest integer such that  $a + j_1 U < x_0$

$$\xi(x_0) = (J!U^J)^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{J_2} \binom{J}{j} (-1)^j \sum_{\nu \leq J/2} c_\nu f''(x_0)^{-\nu} (b - x_0 - jU)^{J-2\nu}$$

for  $b - JU \leq x_0 < b$  with  $J_2$  the largest integer such that  $b - j_2 U > x_0$ .

The  $c_\nu$  are numerical constants.

Theorem 2.3: Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are functions satisfying (i) and (ii)

above. Assume further that  $|g(z)| \ll G$ ,  $|f'(x)| \asymp M$ , and  $|f'(z)| \ll M$  for  $z \in D$  and  $x \in (a, b)$ . Let  $I_J$  denote the smoothed version of  $I$  with  $\alpha = 0$  and  $0 < JU < (b-a)/2$ . Then

$$I_J \ll U^{-1} G M^{-J-1} + (\mu^J U^{1-J} + (b-a)) G e^{-AM\mu}.$$

## §2. TRANSFORMATION FORMULAE:

Before we proceed to the theorem we quote a Lemma (without proof) which summarizes the properties of Hankel functions we need to use.

Lemma 1: Let  $\delta_1 < \pi$  and  $\delta_2$  be fixed positive numbers. Then in the sector  $|\arg z| \leq \pi - \delta_1$ ,  $|z| \geq \delta_2$  we have:

$$H_n^{(j)}(z) = (2/\pi z)^{1/2} \exp((-1)^{j-1} i(z - n\pi/2 - \pi/4))(1 + g_j(z)),$$

where the functions  $g_j(z)$  are holomorphic in the slit complex plane  $z \neq 0$ ,  $|\arg z| < \pi$ , and satisfy  $|g_j(z)| \ll |z|^{-1}$  in the above sector. Further we have:

$$\begin{aligned} J_n(z) &= 1/2 (H_n^{(1)}(z) + H_n^{(2)}(z)) & \text{and} \\ Y_n(z) &= 1/2i (H_n^{(1)}(z) - H_n^{(2)}(z)). \end{aligned}$$

We also have 
$$K_n(x) = (\pi/2x)^{1/2} e^{-x} (1 + O(x^{-1})).$$

In what follows  $\delta$  denotes an arbitrary small positive constant not necessarily the same in each occurrence. Put  $L = \log M_1$ .

We have the following theorem which gives a transformation formula in the case of holomorphic cusp forms. Accordingly let

$f(\tau) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n) e^{2\pi i n \tau}$  be a cusp form of level  $N$ , weight  $k$  and character  $\epsilon$ . Further let  $f|_{(H(N))}^k(\tau) = g(\tau) = \sum b(n) e^{2\pi i n \tau}$ .



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Theorem 2.4 : Let  $2 \leq M_1 < M_2 \leq 2M_1$  and let  $f$  and  $g$  be holomorphic functions in the domain

$$D = \{z \mid |z - x| < cM_1 \text{ for some } x \in [M_1, M_2]\},$$

where  $c$  is a positive constant. Suppose that  $f(x)$  is real for  $x$  in  $[M_1, M_2]$ . Suppose also that, for some positive numbers  $F$  and  $G$

$$|g(z)| \ll G,$$

$$|f'(z)| \ll F M_1^{-1}, \text{ for } z \in D, \text{ and that}$$

$$(0 <) f''(x) \gg F M_1^{-2} \text{ for } x \in [M_1, M_2].$$

Let  $r = h/m$  be a rational number such that

$$1 \leq m \ll M_1^{1/2 - \delta},$$

$$|r| \asymp F M_1^{-1}, \text{ and}$$

$$f'(M(r)) = r \text{ for a certain number } M(r) \text{ in}$$

$[M_1, M_2]$ . Write  $M_j = M(r) + (-1)^j m_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ .

Suppose that  $m_1 \asymp m_2$ , and that

$$M_1^\delta \max (M_1 F^{-1/2}, |hm|) \ll m_1 \ll M_1^{1-\delta}.$$

Define for  $j = 1, 2$

$$P_{j,n}(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) - rx + (-1)^{j-1} \left( \frac{2\sqrt{nx}}{m} - \frac{(k-1)}{4} - \frac{1}{8} \right), & \text{if} \\ (m, N) = N; \text{ and} \\ f(x) - rx + (-1)^{j-1} \left( \frac{2\sqrt{nx}}{m\sqrt{N}} - \frac{(k-1)}{4} - \frac{1}{8} \right), & \text{if} \\ (m, N) = 1. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } n_j = \begin{cases} (r - f'(M_j))^2 m^2 M_j, & \text{if } (m, N) = N; \text{ and} \\ (r - f'(M_j))^2 (m\sqrt{N})^2 M_j, & \text{if } (m, N) = 1. \end{cases}$$

and for  $n < n_j$  let  $x_{j,n}$  be the (unique) zero of  $p'_{j,n}(x)$  in the

interval  $(M_1, M_2)$ . Set

$$A = \begin{cases} i^k \varepsilon(\bar{h}) (2m)^{-1/2}, & \text{if } (m, N) = N \text{ and} \\ \varepsilon(m) (2m\sqrt{N})^{-1/2}, & \text{if } (m, N) = 1. \end{cases}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{M_1 \leq n \leq M_2} a(n) g(n) e(f(n)) &= A \sum_{j=1}^2 (-1)^{j-1} \sum_{n < n_j} a'(n) e(nh'/m) \\ &\quad \times n^{-(k/2)+1/4} x_{j,n}^{(k/2)-(3/4)} g(x_{j,n}) \\ &\quad \times p'_{j,n}(x_{j,n})^{-1/2} e(p_{j,n}(x_{j,n}) + 1/8) \\ &\quad + O(G(|h|m)^{1/2} M_1^{(k-1)/2} m_1^{1/2} L^2) \\ &\quad + O(F^{1/2} G|h|^{-3/4} m^{5/4} M_1^{(k-1)/2} m_1^{-1/4} L), \end{aligned}$$

where  $a'(n) = a(n)$ ,  $h' = -\bar{h}$  if  $(m, N) = N$  and  $a(n) = b(n)$ ,  $h' = -N\bar{h}$  if  $(m, N) = 1$ .

Proof: Without loss of generality suppose that  $r (= h/m)$  is positive. Assume that  $(m, N) = N$ ; the case  $(m, N) = 1$  is entirely similar. The transformation formula should be understood as an asymptotic result wherein  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are large. Before we start on the proof proper we shall note various estimates that are needed; like, for instance, the order of  $n_j$ . First note that  $f''(x) \asymp F M^{-2}$  (for by assumption  $f''(x) \gg F M^{-2}$  and the reverse inequality follows from the estimate for  $f'$  and holomorphy of  $f$ ), and  $F \gg M_1^{1/2+\delta}$  (for  $F \gg M_1 r \geq m^{-1} M_1 \gg M_1^{1/2+\delta}$ ). Thus we have that

$$|r - f'(M_j)| \asymp m_j F M_1^{-2} \text{ (for } f'(M(r)) = r).$$

This gives us the estimate:  $n_j \asymp F^2 m^2 M_1^{-3} m_j^2$ .

The  $n_j$ 's are determined by the condition  $p'_{j,n}(M_j) = 0$ . This implies that for  $n < n_j$ ,  $p'_{j,n}(x)$  has an unique zero in  $(M_1, M_2)$ . For clearly  $(-1)^j p'_{j,n}(M_j) > 0$  and  $(-1)^j p'_{j,n}(M(r)) < 0$ , if  $n < n_j$ . Note also that  $x_{1,n} < x_{2,n}$  and that  $p'_{j,n}(x)$  has no zero in  $(M_1, M_2)$  if  $n > n_j$ . Uniqueness of  $x_{j,n}$  follows from that  $p'_{j,n}(x)$  has the same order as  $f''(x)$  if  $M_1$  is sufficiently large and hence is positive for  $f''(x)$  is positive.

$$\text{Let } S = S(M_1, M_2) = \sum_{M_1 \leq n \leq M_2} a(n) g(n) e(f(n)).$$

We first replace  $S$  by its smoothed version  $S'$ :

$$S' = U^{-1} \int_0^U S(u) du, \text{ where } S(u) = \sum_{M_1+u \leq n \leq M_2-u} a(n) g(n) e(f(n))$$

and  $U$  is a parameter to be chosen later. For now we only assume

$$M_1^\delta \ll U \leq 1/2 \min(m_1, m_2).$$

The estimate  $a(n) \ll n^{(k-1)/2-\epsilon}$  implies that  $S - S' \ll GUM_1^{(k-1)/2} L$ . The choice of the parameter  $U$  later will show that this error has been accounted for in the statement of the transformation formula.

The idea is to apply the summation formula to  $S(u)$  and evaluate  $S'$  by using saddle-point theorems. But instead of applying the summation formula to  $S(u)$  as it stands it has been observed by Jutila that we get better results if we introduce an exponential factor without disturbing the sum. Accordingly before applying the

summation formula we modify the sum  $S(u)$  as:

$$S(u) = \sum_{a \leq n \leq b} a(n) e(nr) g(n) e(f(n) - nr), \quad a = M_1 + u, \quad b = M_2 - u.$$

Applying the summation formula of §3, chapter 1 we get:

$$S(u) = i^k \varepsilon(\bar{h}) \frac{2\pi}{m} \sum a(n) e(-n\bar{h}/m) n^{-(k-1)/2} \times \int_a^b x^{(k-1)/2} J_{k-1}\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{m}x}{m}\right) g(x) e(f(x)-rx) dx.$$

Now write  $J_{k-1}(\quad)$  in terms of the Hankel functions to get:

$$S(u) = i^k \varepsilon(\bar{h}) \sum a(n) e(-n\bar{h}/m) n^{-(k-1)/2} I_n, \quad \text{where}$$

$$I_n = \frac{\pi}{m} \int_a^b x^{(k-1)/2} \left[ H_{k-1}^{(1)}\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{m}x}{m}\right) + H_{k-1}^{(2)}\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{m}x}{m}\right) \right] g(x) e(f(x)-rx) dx$$

whence by lemma 1 we get  $I_n = I_n^{(1)} + I_n^{(2)}$  with

$$I_n^{(j)} = (2m\sqrt{n})^{-1/2} \int_a^b x^{(k/2)-(3/4)} g(x) \left[ 1 + \varepsilon_j\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{m}x}{m}\right) \right] e(p_{j,n}(x)) dx$$

It can be checked that the conditions of the theorems 2.1 and 2.3 are satisfied with  $-r$  in place of  $r$  and  $f(x)$  replaced by:

$$f(x) + (-1)^{j-1} (2\sqrt{(n x)/m} - (k-1)/4 - 1/8), \quad \text{and } \mu = M_1.$$

The number  $x_{j,n}$  is by definition the saddle point for  $I_n^{(j)}$  and it lies in the interval  $[M_1, M_2]$  if and only if  $n < n_j$ . However, in  $I_n^{(j)}$  the interval of integration is  $[a, b] = [M_1 + u, M_2 - u]$ , and  $x_{j,n} \in [a, b]$  if and only if  $n < n_j(u)$  where

$$n_j(u) = (r - f'(M_j + (-1)^{j-1}u))^2 m^2 (M_j + (-1)^{j-1}u)$$

But for simplicity we count the saddle point terms for all  $n < n_j$  for this frees the saddle point terms from depending on  $u$  and thus we will have the same saddle point terms for all  $S(u)$  and hence for  $S'$  as well. The number of extra terms counted will be

$$<< 1 + n_j - n_j(u) << 1 + F^2 m^2 M_1^{-3} m_1 U$$

The saddle point term for  $I_n^{(j)}$ , for  $n < n_j$  is:

$$(2m)^{-1/2} n^{-1/4} x_{j,n}^{(k/2)-(3/4)} g(x_{j,n}) p'_{j,n}(x_{j,n})^{-1/2} \\ e(p_{j,n}(x_{j,n}) + 1/8) X (1 + g_j(2(n x_{j,n})^{1/2}/m))$$

Thus upto  $g_j(\quad)$  we have the explicit terms claimed in the theorem. The effect of the omission of  $g_j(\quad)$  is:

$$<< F^{-1/2} G m^{1/2} M_1^{(k/2)-(1/4)} \sum_{n < n_j} a(n) n^{-(k/2)-(1/4)} \\ << F^{-1/2} G m^{1/2} M_1^{(k/2)-(1/4)} n_j^{1/4} << G m_1^{1/2} M_1^{(k-1)/2} L.$$

This error can be absorbed into the first  $O(\quad)$  term in the formula given in the theorem.

The extra saddle-points counted while replacing  $n_j(u)$  by  $n_j$  contribute

$$<< (1 + F^2 m^2 M_1^{-3} m_1 U) F^{-1/2} G m^{-1/2} M_1^{(k/2)+(1/4)+\varepsilon} n_1^{-1/4} \\ << F^{1/2} G h^{-3/2} m^{1/2} m_1^{-1/2} M_1^{(k-1)/2+\varepsilon} \\ + F^{-1/2} G h^{3/2} m^{-1/2} m_1^{1/2} M_1^{(k-1)/2+\varepsilon} U.$$

Here the first term is absorbed into the second  $O(\quad)$  term in the

transformation formula and later  $U$  will be chosen so that the second term above also goes into the second  $O(\quad)$  term.

We shall now consider the error terms of theorem 2.1 which was applied to  $I_n^{(j)}$  for  $n < n_j$ . The first error term is clearly negligible. The contribution of the second  $O$ -term is:

$$\ll F^{-3/2} G m^{-1/2} M_1^{(k/2)+(1/4)} \sum_{n \ll n_1} a(n) n^{-(k-1)/2} n^{-1/4}$$

$$\ll G m m_1^{3/2} M_1^{(k-1)/2 - (3/2)} L \ll G m_1^{1/2} M_1^{(k-1)/2} L$$

which again goes into the first  $O$ -term of the theorem.

The terms  $O(E_0(a))$  and  $O(E_0(b))$  are similar and so it is enough to consider one of them, say  $O(E_0(a))$ . This error term is

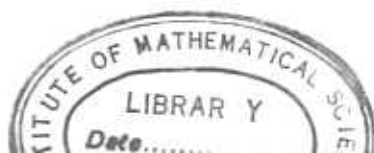
$$\ll G m^{-1/2} M_1^{(k/2)-(3/4)} n^{-1/4} (|p'_{j,n}(a)| + p''_{j,n}(a)^{1/2})^{-1}.$$

Consider the case  $j = 1$ ; the case  $j = 2$  is even simpler for  $p'_{2,n}(b)$  cannot be very small.  $p'_{1,n(u)}(a) = 0$  and  $p''_{1,n}(a) \asymp F^{-1} r^2$ . Therefore we have that

$$(|p'_{1,n}(a)| + p''_{1,n}(a)^{1/2})^{-1} \ll \begin{cases} F^{1/2} Y^{-1} & \text{for } |n - n_1(u)| \ll F^{1/2} h^2 m_1^2, \\ m_1^{1/2} M_1^{1/2} n_1^{-1} |n - n_1(u)|^{-1} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Thus we get that the contribution to  $S(u)$  of these error terms is  $\ll G (hm)^{1/2} m_1^{1/2} M_1^{(k-1)/2} L^2$ , which goes into the first error term of the formula.

We are now left with showing that the tail part in the summation formula, that is terms for  $n > n_j$ , are accounted for in the theorem. Here we make use of theorem 2.2 for the estimation of the



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exponential integral since for  $n > n_j$  the integral has no saddle-points in the interval of integration. Here  $U$  will be the smoothing parameter with  $J = 1$ . The contribution of  $I_n^{(j)}$  to  $S'$  equals

$$(2m)^{-1/2} \sum_{j=1}^2 (-1)^{j-1} \sum_{n < n_j} a(n) n^{-(k-1)/2} e(-nh/m) n^{-1/4} \\ \times \int_a^b \eta_1(x) x^{(k/2)-(3/4)} g(x) [1 + g_j(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{nx}}{m})] e(p_{j,n}(x)) dx$$

where  $\eta_1(x)$  is the weight function. Apply theorem 2.2 with  $p_{j,n}(z)$  in place of  $f(z)$  and  $\mu \asymp m_1$ . Note that the conditions of the theorem 2.3 are met if we choose  $M = m^{-1} M_1^{-1/2} n^{1/2}$ . The second term on the right hand side of the estimate given in theorem 2.3 is exponentially small and hence can be neglected because

$$M\mu \gg m^{-1} M_1^{-1/2} n^{1/2} m_1 \gg (n/n_1)^{1/2} F m_1^2 M_1^{-2} \gg (n/n_1)^{1/2} M_1^5.$$

The term corresponding to  $U^{-1} G M^{-2}$  therein is

$$\ll G m^{3/2} M_1^{(k/2)+(1/4)} U^{-1} \sum_{n > n_1} a(n) n^{-(k-1)/2 - (5/4)} \\ \ll G m^{3/2} M_1^{(k/2)+(1/4)} U^{-1} n_1^{-1/4} L \\ \ll G F^{-1/2} m M_1^{(k/2)+1} m_1^{-1/2} U^{-1} L \\ \ll G F h^{-3/2} m^{5/2} M_1^{(k-1)/2} m_1^{-1/2} U^{-1} L.$$

Thus proof of the theorem is complete upto the following error terms:

$$G U M_1^{(k-1)/2} L + F^{-1/2} G h^{3/2} m^{-1/2} m_1^{1/2} M_1^{(k-1)/2} + \varepsilon U \\ + G F h^{-3/2} m^{5/2} M_1^{(k-1)/2} m_1^{-1/2} U^{-1} L$$

The first and the last terms above coincide with the last term in the transformation formula if we choose  $U = F^{1/2} h^{-3/4} m^{5/4} m_1^{-1/4}$ . Then the second term above is

$$\ll Gh^{3/4} m^{3/4} m_1^{1/4} M_1 \ll G(hm)^{1/2} m_1^{1/2} M_1^\delta$$

which can be seen to go into the first 0-term of the transformation formula. It only remains to be shown that the above choice of  $U$  satisfies our requirement:  $M_1^\delta \ll U \leq 1/2 \min(m_1, m_2)$ . We have

$$Um_1^{-1} \ll U(M_1^{1+\delta} F^{-1/2})^{-1} \ll (hm)^{1/4} m_1^{-1/2} M_1^{-\delta} \ll M_1^{-\delta}.$$

For the other inequality

$$U \gg F^{1/2} h^{-3/4} m^{5/4} M_1^{-(1/4)+\delta} \gg M_1^{1/4+\delta} h^{-1/4} m^{3/4} \gg M_1^\delta.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

In the case when  $f(\tau) = \sum a(n) \forall y K_0(2\pi ny) \cos(2\pi nx)$  is an arithmetic even Maass form of level  $N$  and character  $\epsilon$  as in §2, we have the following transformation formula.

Theorem 2.5: Under the notations and assumptions of theorem 2.4 with  $k = 1$  we have:



$$\begin{aligned}
M_1 \leq \sum_{n \leq M_2} a(n) g(n) e(f(n)) &= A \sum_{j=1}^j (-1)^{j-1} \sum_{n < n_j} b(n) e(nh'/m) \times \\
&\times n^{-1/4} x_{j,n}^{-1/4} g(x_{j,n}) \\
&\times p_{j,n}''(x_{j,n})^{-1/2} e(p_{j,n}(x_{j,n}) + 1/8) \\
&+ O(G(|h|_m)^{1/2} m_1^{1/2} L^2) \\
&+ O(F^{1/2} G|h|^{-3/4} m^{5/4} M_1^{1/10} m_1^{-1/4} L).
\end{aligned}$$

Proof: Note that the second error term above is slightly worse than the corresponding error term in theorem 2.4. This is because the Deligne's estimate which was used in theorem 2.4 has not been proved for non-holomorphic forms and the best known estimate is  $a(n) \ll n^{1/5+\epsilon}$ . Let  $S$ ,  $S'$  and  $S(u)$  be as in the proof of theorem 2.4; further assume that  $(m, N) = N$ , the other case is similar. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
S(u) &= \sum_{a \leq n \leq b} a(n) g(n) e(f(n)) \\
&= \sum_{a \leq n \leq b} a(n) [\cos(2\pi n r) + i \sin(2\pi n r)] g(n) e(f(n) - nr) \\
&= S_1(u) + i S_2(u), \text{ say.}
\end{aligned}$$

We now apply summation formulae of §3, chapter 1 to  $S_1(u)$  and  $S_2(u)$  and proceed to evaluate the integrals as before.

$$\begin{aligned}
S_1(u) &= \sum_{a \leq n \leq b} a(n) \cos(2\pi n r) g(n) e(f(n) - nr) \\
&= \frac{\varepsilon(\tilde{h})\pi}{m} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n) \cos(-2\pi n \tilde{h}/m) \times \\
&\times \int_a^b [2/\pi K_0(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{(nx)}}{m}) - Y_0(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{(nx)}}{m})] g(x) e(f(x) - rx) dx
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{e(\bar{h})\pi}{m} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n) \cos(-2\pi n \bar{h}/m) [i_n + I_n], \text{ where}$$

$$i_n = \pi/2 \int_a^b K_0\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{(nx)}}{m}\right) g(x) e(f(x) - rx) dx \quad \text{and}$$

$$I_n = - \int_a^b Y_0\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{(nx)}}{m}\right) g(x) e(f(x) - rx) dx.$$

We first observe that the contribution from the integrals  $i_n$  is negligible. We have  $\sqrt{(nM_1)}/m \gg \sqrt{n} M_1^\delta$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} m^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n) |i_n| &<< m^{-1} G \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n) \exp(-A\sqrt{n} M_1^\delta) \\ &<< G \exp(-AM_1^\delta). \end{aligned}$$

Write the integrals  $I_n$  in terms of the Hankel functions to get:

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= i \int_a^b [H_0^{(1)}\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{(nx)}}{m}\right) - H_0^{(2)}\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{(nx)}}{m}\right)] g(x) e(f(x) - rx) dx \\ &= I_n^{(1)} - I_n^{(2)}, \text{ where} \end{aligned}$$

$$I_n^{(j)} = i\pi^{-1} m^{1/2} n^{-1/4} \int_a^b x^{-1/4} g(x) [1 + g_j\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{(nx)}}{m}\right)] e(p_{j,n}(x)) dx.$$

Notice that this is the same as the integral ' $I_n^{(j)}$ ' in the proof of theorem 2.3 with  $k = 1$ . Similarly for the sum  $S_2(u)$  and putting these two terms together we get the transformation formula claimed in the theorem. Note also that the 'Rankin's trick' has been extended to the case of Maass forms to get the mean value estimate:  $\sum_{n \leq X} |a(n)|^2 = C X + O(X^{3/5+\epsilon})$

We now proceed to give analogs of the above transformation

formulae for smoothed exponential sums provided with weights of the type  $\eta_j(n)$  of §1. We get much better error terms but we will have to allow for certain weights to appear in the transformed sum as well.

Theorem 2.6: Suppose that the assumptions of the theorem 2.4 are satisfied. Let  $U \gg F^{-1} M_1^{1+\delta} \asymp F^{1/2} r^{-1} M_1^\delta$ , and  $J$  be a fixed positive integer exceeding a certain bound. Write for  $j = 1, 2$

$$M'_j = M_j + (-1)^{j-1} J U = M(r) + (-1)^j m'_j,$$

and suppose that  $m'_j \asymp m_j$ . Let  $n_j$  be as before and

$$n'_j = (r - f'(M'_j))^2 m^2 M'_j.$$

Then defining the weights  $\eta_j(x)$  in the interval  $[M_1, M_2]$  as in §1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{M_1 \leq n \leq M_2} \eta_j(n) a(n) g(n) e(f(n)) &= \\ &= A \sum_{j=1}^2 (-1)^{j-1} \sum_{n < n_j} w_j(n) a'(n) e(nh'/m) \\ &\quad \times n^{-(k/2)+1/4} x_{j,n}^{(k/2)-(3/4)} g(x_{j,n}) \\ &\quad \times p'_{j,n}(x_{j,n})^{-1/2} e(p_{j,n}(x_{j,n}) + 1/8) \\ &\quad + O(F^{-1} G |h|^{3/2} m^{-1/2} M_1^{(k-1)/2} m_1^{1/2} U L). \end{aligned}$$

where  $w_j(n) = 1$  for  $n < n_j$ , and  $w_j(n) \ll 1$  for  $n < n'_j$ ; further  $w_j(y)$  and  $w'_j(y)$  are piecewise continuous functions in  $(n'_j, n_j)$  with at most  $J-1$  discontinuities and  $w'_j(y) \ll (n_j - n'_j)^{-1}$  for  $y \in (n'_j, n_j)$  whenever  $w'_j(y)$  exists.

The proof of this theorem is the same as that of theorem 2.4 but uses theorem 2.2 in place of theorem 2.1; for details see [7]. A similar theorem holds for the nonholomorphic case.

### §3. A Particular Case:

We now want to specialise the transformation formula to the case of Dirichlet polynomials, that is to say, to

$$S(M_1, M_2) = \sum_{M_1 \leq n \leq M_2} a(n) n^{-(k/2) - it}$$

when  $M_1 < t/2\pi r < M_2$  with  $r$  satisfying the conditions of theorem 2.3 and where  $a(n)$ 's are Fourier coefficients of a cusp form of weight  $k$ . Such sums occur, for instance, while estimating the Dirichlet series (associated to cusp forms) on the critical line and studying their zeros on the critical line.

Here  $g(z) = z^{-k/2}$ ,  $f(z) = -(t/2\pi) \log z$  and  $M(-r) = t/2\pi r$ . The assumptions of the theorems 2.3 (and 2.4) are satisfied (with  $-r$  in place of  $r$ ) if we choose  $F = t$  and  $G = M_1^{-k/2} \sim r^{k/2} t^{-k/2}$ . Then  $n_j = h^2 m_j^2 M_j^{-1}$ ,  $M_j = (t/2\pi r) + (-1)^j m_j$  and the function  $P_{j,n}(x)$  takes the form

$$P_{j,n}(x) = -(t/2\pi) \log x + rx + (-1)^{j-1} (z\sqrt{nx})/\alpha - (k-1)/4 - 1/8$$

where  $\alpha = m$  if  $(m, N) = N$  and  $\alpha = m\sqrt{N}$  if  $(m, N) = 1$ . Assume for sake of simplicity that  $(m, N) = N$ ; the other case is entirely similar. Thus  $x_{j,n}$ 's are the roots of the equation

$$P'_{j,n}(x) = -t/2\pi x + r + (-1)^{j-1} \sqrt{n} (m\sqrt{x})^{-1} = 0$$

or equivalently of the quadratic equation

We also have

$$x^2 - ((t/\pi r) + (n/h^2)) x + (t/2\pi r)^2 = 0.$$

Therefore, since  $x_{1,n} < x_{2,n}$ , we have

$$x_{j,n} = \frac{t}{2\pi r} + \frac{n}{2h^2} + \frac{(-1)^j}{h^2} \left( \frac{n^2}{4} + \frac{hknt}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2}$$

and

$$(t/2\pi r)^2 x_{j,n}^{-1} = \frac{t}{2\pi r} + \frac{n}{2h^2} - \frac{(-1)^j}{h^2} \left( \frac{n^2}{4} + \frac{hknt}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2}$$

To write the transformation formula here we need to calculate

$$2^{-1/2} m^{-1/2} x_{j,n}^{-3/4} p''_{j,n}(x_{j,n})^{-1/2} \text{ and } p_{j,n}(x_{j,n}).$$

We have

$$p''_{j,n}(x_{j,n}) = t/2\pi x_{j,n}^2 + (-1)^j 2^{-1} n^{1/2} m^{-1} x_{j,n}^{-3/2}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} 2 m x_{j,n}^{3/2} p''_{j,n}(x_{j,n}) &= \pi^{-1} m t x_{j,n}^{-1/2} + (-1)^j n^{1/2} \\ &= (-1)^{j-1} h^2 n^{-1/2} (2(t/2\pi r)^2 x_{j,n}^{-1} - t/\pi r) + (-1)^j n^{1/2} \\ &= \pi^{-1/2} (zhkt)^{1/2} \left( 1 + \frac{\pi n}{zhkt} \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$2^{-1/2} m^{-1/2} x_{j,n}^{-3/4} p''_{j,n}(x_{j,n})^{-1/2} = \pi^{1/4} (zhkt)^{-1/4} \left( 1 + \frac{\pi n}{zhkt} \right)^{-1/4}.$$

Calculation of  $p_{j,n}(x_{j,n})$  is more delicate. We have

$$\begin{aligned} (2\pi r t^{-1} x_{j,n})^{(-1)^j} &= 1 + \frac{\pi n}{hkt} + \left( \left( \frac{\pi n}{hkt} \right)^2 + \frac{2\pi n}{hkt} \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \left( \left( \frac{\pi n}{2hkt} \right)^{1/2} + \left( 1 + \frac{\pi n}{2hkt} \right)^{1/2} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{whence } \log(2\pi r t^{-1} x_{j,n}) = (-1)^j 2 \operatorname{arsinh} \left( \left( \frac{\pi n}{2hkt} \right)^{1/2} \right).$$

We also have, by  $p'_{j,n}(x_{j,n}) = 0$ ,

$$2\pi r x_{j,n} + 4\pi(-1)^{j-1} n^{1/2} x_{j,n}^{1/2} m^{-1} = 2t - 2\pi r x_{j,n}$$

$$= t - \frac{\pi n}{hk} + (-1)^{j-1} 2t \left( \frac{\pi n}{2hkt} + \left( \frac{\pi n}{2hkt} \right)^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Thus

$$2\pi p_{j,n}(x_{j,n}) = (-1)^{j-1} \left( 2t \phi\left(\frac{\pi n}{2hkt}\right) - \frac{\pi(k-1)}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) - t \log\left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right) + \\ + t \log r + t - \frac{\pi n}{hk},$$

where we have put  $\phi(x) = \operatorname{arsinh}(x^{1/2}) + (x + x^2)^{1/2}$ .

Thus we have

$$e(p_{j,n}(x_{j,n} + 1/8)) = e(-n/2hk) \exp(i(-1)^{j-1} \left( 2t \phi\left(\frac{\pi n}{2hkt}\right) - \frac{\pi(k-1)}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)) \\ \times r^{it} e^{i(t+\pi/4)} (2\pi/t)^{it}$$

Thus finally we have:

$$S(M_1, M_2) = \sum_{M_1 \leq n \leq M_2} a(n) n^{-(k/2) - it} = \\ = \pi^{1/4} (2hkt)^{-1/4} \left( \frac{2\pi r}{t} \right)^{it} e^{i(t+\pi/4)} \sum_{j=1}^2 \sum_{n < n_j} a(n) e\left(n \left( \frac{h}{m} - \frac{1}{2hk} \right)\right) \times \\ \times n^{(1/4) - (k/2)} \left( 1 + \frac{\pi n}{2hkt} \right)^{-1/4} \exp(i(-1)^{j-1} \left( 2t \phi\left(\frac{\pi n}{2hkt}\right) - \frac{\pi(k-1)}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)) + \\ + O(h m_1^{1/2} t^{-1/2} L^2) + O(h^{-1/4} m^{3/4} m_1^{-1/4} L).$$

The smoothed version in this case reads:

$$\begin{aligned}
S(M_1, M_2) &= \sum_{M_1 \leq n \leq M_2} \eta_j(n) a(n) n^{-(k/2) - it} = \\
&= n^{1/4} (2hkt)^{-1/4} \left(\frac{2\pi r}{t}\right)^{it} e^{i(t+\pi/4)} \sum_{j=1}^2 \sum_{n < n_j} a(n) e(n(\frac{\bar{h}}{m} - \frac{1}{2hk})) \times \\
&\times n^{(1/4) - (k/2)} (1 + \frac{\pi n}{2hkt})^{-1/4} \exp(i(-1)^{j-1} (2t\phi(\frac{\pi n}{2hkt} - \frac{\pi(k-1)}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4})) + \\
&+ O(h^2 m^{-1} m_1^{1/2} t^{-3/2} UL).
\end{aligned}$$

It is advantageous to choose  $U$  as small as to satisfy :  
 $U \gg F^{-1/2} M_1^{1+\delta} \asymp F^{1/2} M_1^{1+\delta} r^{-1}$ , i.e.  $U \asymp F^{1/2+\varepsilon} r^{-1}$ . With this choice  
the above error term becomes  $O(F^{-1/2+\varepsilon} G(|h|m)^{1/2} M_1^{(k-1)/2} m_1^{1/2})$ .

As usual we have a similar formula for the nonholomorphic case.

Remark: In the case of Dirichlet series coming from cusp-forms of higher level,  $N \geq 1$ , the point of interest is  $t\sqrt{N}/2\pi$ , and  $m_j$ , the length, satisfies:  $t^{1/2+\delta} \ll m_1 \ll t$ . We can manage to get the same transformation formulae taking  $M(r) = t\sqrt{N}/2\pi$  where  $r$  is an approximation to  $\sqrt{N}$  which satisfies:

$$|r - 1/\sqrt{N}| \ll t^{1/2}, \quad r = h/m, \quad m \ll t^{1/4} \text{ with } (m, N) = 1.$$

It can be verified that the order of  $n_j$  remains unaltered and so will other estimates which depended on  $f'(M(r)) = r$ . For example let's look at  $|-r - f'(M_1)|$ :

$$M_1 = t\sqrt{N}/2\pi - m_1 = t\sqrt{N}/2\pi (1 - 2\pi m_1/t\sqrt{N});$$

So

$$M_1^{-1} = 2\pi/t\sqrt{N} (1 - 2\pi m_1/t\sqrt{N})^{-1} \simeq 2\pi/t\sqrt{N} (1 + 2\pi m_1/t\sqrt{N}) \text{ as } m_1 \ll t^{1-\delta};$$

and  $f'(M_1) = -t/2\pi M_1$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |-r - f'(M_1)| &= |r - 1/\sqrt{N} (1 + 2\pi m_1/t\sqrt{N})| \\ &= |r - 1/\sqrt{N} - 2\pi m_1/Nt| \asymp m_1 t^{-1} (= m_1 F M_1^{-2}, \text{ as } F=M_1=t). \end{aligned}$$

We will make use of this remark in our application to 'zeros on the critical line' in the next chapter.



## CHAPTER 3: APPLICATIONS.

In this chapter we give two sample applications of the transformation formula as examples to show that all those applications of the transformation formula which have been obtained by M.Jutila [6,7,8] for the case of the Dirichlet series associated to cusp forms for the full modular group are valid in the case of Dirichlet series coming from 'arithmetic' cusp forms for congruence subgroups of  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  as well. The first application deals with zeros on the critical line of the Dirichlet series associated with cusp forms ; this is §1. In §2 we show that a slight modification of the proof of the estimate for a 'long' exponential sum obtained in theorem 4.6 [§4.3, 7] yields the same estimate in our situation also. In all these applications we use only Rankin's meanvalue estimate though in the case of holomorphic forms the estimate  $a(n) \ll n^{(k-1)/2+\epsilon}$  (Ramanujan - Petersson conjecture) is known due to Deligne. Thus these results go through in the case of nonholomorphic forms as well where the analogue of Rankin's estimate has been proved but Deligne's estimate has not yet been; the best result known here is  $a(n) = O(n^{1/5+\epsilon})$  due to Serre.

### §1. Zeros on the critical line:

Consider the Dirichlet series  $\phi(s) = \sum a(n) n^{-s}$  where  $a(n)$ 's are Fourier coefficients of a cusp form of weight  $k$ , level  $N$  and

character  $\varepsilon$ ; this series satisfies the following functional equation:

$$(2\pi/\sqrt{N})^{-s} \Gamma(s) \phi(s) = C (2\pi/\sqrt{N})^{2-k} \Gamma(k-s) \psi(k-s),$$

where  $|C| = 1$  (for a proof take  $m = 1$  in theorem 1.1 of chapter 1). If  $\varepsilon$  is a real character then  $f \longrightarrow f|_{H(N)}$  is an automorphism of  $M(N, k, \varepsilon)$  and since it is an involution we can decompose  $M(N, k, \varepsilon)$  further as  $M^+(N, k, \varepsilon) + M^-(N, k, \varepsilon)$  where on  $M^+(N, k, \varepsilon)$   $H(N)$  acts by  $\pm 1$ . Thus if  $f \in M^+(N, k, \varepsilon)$  then  $b(n) = \pm a(n)$  in the earlier notation. In this situation if we rewrite the functional equation as

$$\phi(s) = C' \Delta(s) \phi(k-s), \quad \Delta(s) = (2\pi/\sqrt{N})^{2s-k} \Gamma(k-s)/\Gamma(s), \quad C' = \pm C$$

and further assume that  $a(n)$ s are real we see that on the critical line  $\Delta(s)$  has absolute value 1,  $|\Delta(k/2+it)| = 1$ . Therefore the function

$$Z_\phi(t) = [C' \Delta(k/2+it)]^{-1/2} \phi(k/2+it)$$

is a real function of  $t$ . We can now use this function to check whether  $\phi(s)$  has any zeros on the critical line for  $t$  in an interval  $[T-H, T+H]$  by comparing the integrals

$$\left| \int_{-H}^H Z_\phi(T+u) du \right| \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{-H}^H |Z_\phi(T+u)| du$$

for if  $\phi(s)$  does not vanish for  $t$  in the above interval then these two integrals should coincide. We use this trick of G.H. Hardy to show that for sufficiently large  $T$   $\phi(k/2+it)$  has a zero in the interval  $[(T-H), (T+H)]$  with  $H = T^{1/3+\varepsilon}$ .

First we will prove this assertion on the zeros not for  $\phi(s)$  but for  $\phi(s, 1/N)$  since it is easier and defer the proof for  $\phi(s)$  which has to be handled delicately to the end. Observe that for the Dirichlet series  $\phi(s, 1/N)$  also the corresponding function

$$Z_{\phi}(t) = [C \Delta(k/2 + u)]^{-1/2} \phi(k/2 + u, 1/N)$$

is real by virtue of the functional equation proved in theorem 1.1. Also note that here  $\epsilon$  need not be a real character and that the result is true for  $\phi(s, h/m)$  where  $h$  is such that  $h^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ . Suppose that  $\phi(k/2 + u, 1/N)$  does not vanish for  $t$  in the interval  $[T-H, T+H]$ . Then  $Z_{\phi}(t)$  is of constant sign in the above interval. Let  $H = T^{1/3+3\epsilon}$  and consider the integral

$$I = \int_{-H}^H Z_{\phi}(T+u) e^{-(u/H_0)^2} du, \text{ where } H_0 = T^{1/3+2\epsilon}.$$

It is well-known that

$$|I| = \int_{-H}^H |Z_{\phi}(T+u)| e^{-(u/H_0)^2} du \gg \int_{-H_0}^{H_0} |Z_{\phi}(T+u)| du \gg H_0$$

See Theorem 3 in [1] for a proof.

We shall estimate  $I$  in a different way by making use of the following representation for  $\phi(s, 1/N)$  on the critical line:

Lemma: Let  $t \geq 2$  and  $t^2 \ll X \ll t^A$  where  $A$  is an arbitrary positive constant. Then we have, putting  $a'(n) = a(n) e(1/N)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(k/2+it, 1/N) = & \sum_{n \leq X} a'(n) n^{-(k/2)-it} + \\ & + (\log 2)^{-1} \sum_{X < n \leq 2X} a'(n) \log(2X/n) n^{-(k/2)-it} + O(tX^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

The proof is standard (see for example [6]).

Take  $X = T^3$  and let  $K \in [T^{2/3-\varepsilon}, 2T^{2/3-\varepsilon}]$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \sum_{\substack{n \leq T^3 \\ |n - TN/2\pi| > K}} a'(n) n^{-(k/2) - i\tau} C^{-1/2} \int_{-H}^H \Delta(k/2 + i(\tau+u))^{-1/2} n^{-iu} e^{-(u/H_0)^2} du \\
 &+ C^{-1/2} \int_{-H}^H \Delta(k/2 + i(\tau+u))^{-1/2} \left( \sum_{\substack{n \leq T^3 \\ |n - TN/2\pi| \leq K}} a'(n) n^{-(k/2) - i(\tau+u)} \right) e^{-(u/H_0)^2} du \\
 &+ (\log 2)^{-1} \sum_{T^3 < n \leq 2T^3} a'(n) \log(2T^3/n) n^{-(k/2) - i\tau} \times \\
 &\quad \times C^{-1/2} \int_{-H}^H \Delta(k/2 + i(\tau+u))^{-1/2} n^{-iu} e^{-(u/H_0)^2} du + O(1) \\
 &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + O(1).
 \end{aligned}$$

We will now show that  $I_1$  and  $I_3$  are small. Let first  $n > TN/2\pi + K$ , and estimate the integral,

$$\int_{-H}^H \Delta(k/2 + i(\tau+u))^{-1/2} n^{-iu} e^{-(u/H_0)^2} du,$$

by looking at the corresponding complex integral over the rectangular contour with vertices  $\pm H$ ,  $\pm H - iH_0$ . By Sterling's formula we have (remember  $\Delta(s) = (2\pi/N)^{2s-k} \Gamma(k-s)/\Gamma(s)$ ):

$$\Delta(k/2 + i(\tau+u))^{-1/2} n^{-iu} = \exp(iu \log(TN/2\pi) - \tau \cdot u \log(TN/2\pi n) + O(1)).$$

On the vertical sides this is bounded and

$$\exp(-(u/H_0)^2) \ll \exp(-T^\epsilon).$$

On the horizontal side in the lower half-plane  $\exp(-(u/H_0)^2)$  is bounded and

$$\Delta(k/2 + i(\tau+u))^{-1/2} n^{-iu} \ll \exp\{-H_0 \log(2\pi n/N\tau)\} \ll \exp(-AT^\epsilon).$$

For  $n < TN/2\pi - K$  the corresponding integral can be estimated similarly by integrating in the upper half-plane. Thus  $I_1$  and  $I_3$  are  $\ll 1$ .

Coming to  $I_2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &\ll H \sup_{T-t \leq H} \left| \sum_{\substack{n \leq X+Y \\ |n-TN/2\pi| \leq K}} a'(n) n^{-(k/2)-it} \right| \\ &\ll H \sup_{T-t \leq H} \left| \sum_{\substack{n \leq X+Y \\ |n-TN/2\pi| \leq K}} a'(n) n^{-(k/2)-it} \right| + O(HT^{-1/30+3\epsilon/2}) \end{aligned}$$

The error was obtained by Rankin's meanvalue estimate ( for any  $X$  and  $Y$  with  $Y < X^{3/5+\epsilon}$  we have  $\left| \sum_{X \leq n \leq X+Y} a(n) \right| \ll Y^{1/2} X^{k/2}$ ). We shall estimate the above sum by applying the transformation formula from §3, chapter 2 with  $r = 1/N$  and  $M_j = tN/2\pi + (-1)^j K$ . Then  $n_j \ll t^{1/3-2\epsilon}$ , and the above sum is  $\ll T^{-3\epsilon/2}$ . Thus

$$|I| \ll H_0 T^{-\epsilon/2}.$$

But this contradicts  $|I| \gg H_0$  if  $T$  is sufficiently large. Hence the assertion.

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$$\Delta(k/2+u)^{-1/2} n^{-iu} = \exp(i(\tau \log(T/N/2\pi) - \tau + u \log(T/N/2\pi)) + O(1)).$$

Hence the sum which we will have to estimate will be over an

interval around  $T\sqrt{N}/2\pi$ . Here we will have to use the remark made at the end of chapter 2. Because of the approximation of  $\sqrt{N}$  by  $r = h/m$  we will have to apply the smoothed version of the transformation formula. So instead of the integral I above we will start with its smoothed version  $I_J$ :

$$I_J = \int_{-H}^H \eta_J(\tau+u) Z_\phi(\tau+u) \exp(-(u/H_0)^2) du$$

As in the previous case we have  $|I_J| \gg H_0$ .

Proceeding as before but breaking the sum at  $|n - T\sqrt{N}/2\pi| \leq K-v$  where  $v = v_1 + v_2 + \dots + v_J$  is the smoothing parameter, we get

$$I_J = I'_1 + I'_2 + I'_3 + O(1),$$

where now

$$I'_2 = \int_{-H}^H [C' \Delta((k/2) + u(\tau+u))]^{-1/2} \eta_J(\tau+u) \left( \sum_{|n - T\sqrt{N}/2\pi| \leq K-v} a(n) n^{-k/2 - u(\tau+u)} \right) e^{-(u/H_0)^2} du.$$

Thus

$$|I'_2| \ll H \sup_{\tau+u \leq H} \left| \sum_{|n - T\sqrt{N}/2\pi| \leq K-v} \eta_J(n) a(n) n^{-k/2 - u} \right|.$$

Now estimating as in the previous case but now using the remark at the end of chapter 2 and smoothed version of the transformation formula we conclude that the above sum is  $o(1)$  and so  $I'_2$  is  $o(H)$ . The integrals  $I'_1$  and  $I'_3$  are estimated as before and so we have the assertion made at the beginning of this section.

§2: Estimation of 'long' sums and order of  $\phi(k/2+i)$ .

Here we are concerned with exponential sums :

$$\sum_{M \leq n \leq M'} a(n) g(n) e(f(n))$$

which are "long" in the sense that the length may be of the order of  $M$  itself. It is not practical to transform such sums directly as in chapter 2 because variations in  $f'(x)$  might be too much in the interval  $[M, M']$ . It is advisable to first partition  $[M, M']$  into segments such that  $f'(x)$  practically remains a constant in each segment and then transform these short sums. But we need to assume that  $f'(x)$  is approximately a power to be able to get some saving in the estimate. The precise result (theorem 4.6 in [ 7 ]) is as follows:

Theorem 3.1: Let  $2 \leq M < M' \leq 2M$  and let  $f$  be a holomorphic function in the domain

$$D = \{ z \mid |z - x| < cM \text{ for some } x \in [M, M'] \}$$

where  $c$  is a positive constant. Suppose that  $f(x)$  is real in  $[M, M']$  and that either

$$f(z) = Bz^\alpha (1 + O(F^{-1/3})) , z \in D$$

where  $\alpha \neq 0, 1$  is a fixed real number and

$$F = |B|M^\alpha$$

or

$$f(z) = B \log z (1 + O(F^{-1/3})) , z \in D \text{ with } F = |B|.$$

Let  $g \in C^1[M, M']$  and suppose that for  $x \in [M, M']$

$$|g(x)| \ll G, \quad |g'(x)| \ll G'.$$

Assume further that  $M^{3/4} \ll F \ll M^{3/2}$ . Then

$$\left| \sum_{M \leq n \leq M'} a(n) n^{-(k-1)/2} g(n) e(f(n)) \right| \ll (G + MG') M^{1/2} F^{1/3+\varepsilon}$$

where  $a(n)$ 's are fourier coefficients of cusp forms considered in earlier chapters.

We will not give a proof here since Jutila's proof for the full modular group case goes through word for word. However a slight modification is required since unlike in that case in our situation we do not have transformation formulae for  $M_1 < t/2\pi r < M_2$ , where  $r (= h/m)$  is a rational number, for all  $r$ ; we need to assume that  $(m, N) = 1$  or  $N$  ( $N$  is the level of the cusp form) to get a transformation formula. The required modification is as follows: Put  $M_0 = F^{2/3+\delta}$  and let  $K = (M/M_0)^{1/2}$ . We may suppose that  $M \geq M_0$  for otherwise the assertion is trivial. Consider the Farey sequence of order  $K$  and drop all those fractions  $h/m$  with  $(m, N) > 1$ . Denote this set of fractions by  $\mathbb{K}$ . If  $r = h/m$  and  $r' = h'/m'$  are two consecutive fractions in  $\mathbb{K}$  let  $\rho = (h+h')/(m+m')$  be their 'mediant'. We have

$$\rho - r = (mh' - m'h)/m(m+m')$$

In the usual case we would have  $\rho - r = 1/m(m+m')$ ; but order-wise both are same i.e.  $\asymp 1/mK$ . Define the points  $M(\rho)$  by  $f'(M(\rho)) = \rho$  and break the given sum at points  $M(\rho)$  lying in the interval  $[M, M']$ . The rest proof is as in [7].



Corollary: We have

$$|\phi(k/2 + it)| \ll (|t| + 1)^{1/3+\epsilon}.$$

Proof: We have the following approximate functional equation for  $\phi(s)$ , for  $0 \leq \sigma \leq k$  and  $t \geq 10$ :

$$\phi(s) = \sum_{n \leq x} a(n) n^{-s} + \psi(s) \sum_{n \leq y} b(n) n^{s-k} + O(x^{k/2-\sigma} \log t)$$

where  $x, y \geq 1$ ,  $xy = (t\sqrt{N}/2\pi)^2$  and  $\psi(s) = (2\pi/\sqrt{N})^{2s-k} \Gamma(k-s)/\Gamma(s)$ .

This reduces the proof of the corollary to showing that for all (positive and negative) large values of  $t$  and for all  $M, M'$  with  $1 \leq M < M' \leq t\sqrt{N}/2\pi$  and  $M' \leq 2M$  we have

$$\left| \sum_{M \leq n \leq M'} a(n) n^{-k/2 - it} \right| \ll t^{1/3+\epsilon}.$$

This is precisely the estimate of the theorem 3.1 applied to this sum.

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