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Starting with three mutually tangent circles, in each of the two gaps we inscribe three circles, and then we inscribe three new circles into the newly generated circles, so on so forth? We obtain a packing of infinitely many circles, and we give a name Apollonian-3 packings. It turns out there exist packings of this type with curvatures (1 over radius) all integers. I will discuss what we know about the integers arising as curvatures from these packings. I will discuss the reduction theorem, the symmetry group, and a density one theorem towards the local-global conjecture.

To my parents, my sister and Rainy

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

Apollonian circle packings are well-known planar fractal sets. Starting with three mutually tangent circles, we inscribe one circle into each curvilinear triangles. Repeat this process ad infinitum and we get an Apollonian circle packing. Soddy first observed the existence of some Apollonian packings with all circles having integer curvatures, and we call these packings *integral*. The systematic study of the integers from such packings was initiated by Graham, Lagarias, Mallows, Wilks, and Yan. We first briefly review what is known for integral Apollonian packings. Fix an integral Apollonian packing  $\mathcal{P}$ , and let  $\mathcal{K}$  be the set of curvatures from  $\mathcal{P}$ . Without loss of generality we can assume  $\mathcal{P}$  is *primitive* (i.e. the *gcd* of  $\mathcal{K}$  is 1). We say an integer *admissible* if it passes all local obstructions (i.e. for any  $q$ , we can find  $\kappa \in \mathcal{K}$  such that  $n \equiv \kappa \pmod{q}$ ). Finally, let  $\Gamma$  be the orientation-preserving symmetry group acting on  $\mathcal{P}$ , which is an infinite co-volume Kleinian group. We have:

(1) *The reduction theorem*: Fuchs in her thesis [4] proved that an integer is admissible if and only if it passes the local obstruction mod 24.

(2) *The local-global conjecture*: Graham, Lagarias, Mallows, Wilks, Yan [6] conjectured that every sufficiently large admissible integer is actually a curvature.

(3) *A congruence subgroup*: Sarnak [12] observed that there is a real congruence subgroup lying in  $\Gamma$ . As a consequence, some curvatures can be represented by certain shifted quadratic forms.

(4) *The congruence towers of  $\Gamma$  has a spectral gap* (See Page 3 for definition): This fact was proved by Varju [3].

(5) *A density one theorem*: Building on the works of Sarnak [12], Fuchs [4], and Fuchs-Bourgain [1], Bourgain and Kontorovich [3] proved that almost every admissible integer is a curvature, which is a step towards the local-global conjecture.

In this paper we generalize the above results to the type of circle packings illustrated in Figure 1.1. To construct such a packing, we begin with three mutually tangent circles. We iteratively inscribe three circles into curvilinear triangles, and obtain a circle packing,

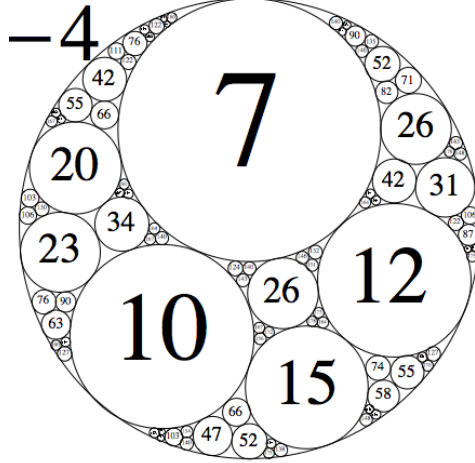


Figure 1.1: An integral Apollonian-3 circle packing

which we call an *Apollonian-3* packing. (By comparison, if we inscribe one circle in each gap, we obtain a standard Apollonian packing.) As shown in Figure 1 and first observed by Guettler-Mallows [7], there also exist integral Apollonian-3 packings.

We carry over the notations  $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{K}, \Gamma$  to our Apollonian-3 setting. We fix a primitive Apollonian-3 packing  $\mathcal{P}$ , let  $\mathcal{K}$  be the set of curvatures from  $\mathcal{P}$ , and  $\Gamma$  be the orientation-preserving symmetry group acting on  $\mathcal{P}$ . We first state a reduction theorem for  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**Theorem 1.0.1.** (*Reduction Theorem*) *An integer  $n$  is admissible by  $\mathcal{P}$  if and only if it passes the local obstruction at 8.*

Let  $A_{\mathcal{P}}$  be the set of admissible integers of  $\mathcal{P}$ . In case of Figure 1,

$$A_{\mathcal{P}} = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} | n \equiv 2, 4, 7 \pmod{8}\}.$$

Technically, we will prove the following lemma, which directly implies Theorem 1.0.1. Let  $\mathcal{K}_d$  be the reduction of  $\mathcal{K} \pmod{d}$ , let  $\rho_{p^m}$  be the natural projection from  $\mathbb{Z}/p^{m+1}\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}/p^m\mathbb{Z}$ , write  $d = \prod_i p_i^{n_i}$ , then we have

**Lemma 1.0.2.**

- (1)  $\mathcal{K}_d \cong \prod_i \mathcal{K}_{p_i^{n_i}}$ ,
- (2)  $\mathcal{K}_{p^m} = \mathbb{Z}/p^m\mathbb{Z}$  for  $p \geq 3$  and  $m \geq 0$ ,
- (3)  $\rho_{2^{m+1}}^{-1}(\mathcal{K}_{2^m}) = \mathcal{K}_{2^{m+1}}$  for  $p = 2$  and  $m \geq 3$ .

Based on Theorem 1.0.1, we formulate the following local-global conjecture:

**Conjecture 1.0.3.** (*Local-global Conjecture*) *Every sufficiently large admissible integer from  $\mathcal{P}$  is a curvature. Or equivalently,*

$$\#\{n \in \mathcal{K} | n \leq N\} = \#\{n \in A_{\mathcal{P}} | 0 < n \leq N\} + O(1).$$

However, it seems that the current technology is not enough to deal with this conjecture. Instead, we prove a density one theorem:



**Theorem 1.0.4.** (*Density One Theorem*) *There exists  $\eta > 0$  such that*

$$\#\{n \in \mathcal{K} | n \leq N\} = \#\{n \in A_{\mathcal{P}} | 0 < n \leq N\} + O(N^{1-\eta}).$$

To deduce Theorems 1.0.1 and 1.0.4, we need to study the symmetry group  $\Gamma$ . The local structure of  $\Gamma$  will lead to Theorem 1.0.1. A crucial ingredient in the proof of Theorem 1.0.4 is a (geometric) *spectral gap* for  $\Gamma$ , as we explain now. For any positive integer  $q$ , Let  $\Gamma(q)$  be the principle congruence subgroup of  $\Gamma$  at  $q$  (i.e.  $\Gamma(q) = \{\gamma \in \Gamma | \gamma \equiv I \pmod{q}\}$ ). Let  $\Delta$  be the Laplacian operator on  $\mathbb{H}^3$  with the hyperbolic metric  $ds^2 = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2}{z^2}$ . We choose  $\Delta$  to be a positive definite symmetric operator on  $L^2(\Gamma(q) \backslash \mathbb{H}^3)$  endowed with the standard inner product. Patterson-Sullivan theory [11][13] tells us that the base(smallest) eigenvalue  $\lambda_0(q)$  of  $\Delta$  on  $L^2(\Gamma(q) \backslash \mathbb{H}^3)$  is equal to  $\delta(2 - \delta)$ , where  $\delta$  is the Hausdorff dimension of the limit set of a point-orbit under  $\Gamma(q)$ , which is just our packing  $\mathcal{P}$ . However, a priori the second smallest eigenvalue  $\lambda_1(q)$  might get arbitrarily close to  $\lambda_0(q)$ . But in our case  $\Gamma$ , this phenomenon does not happen:

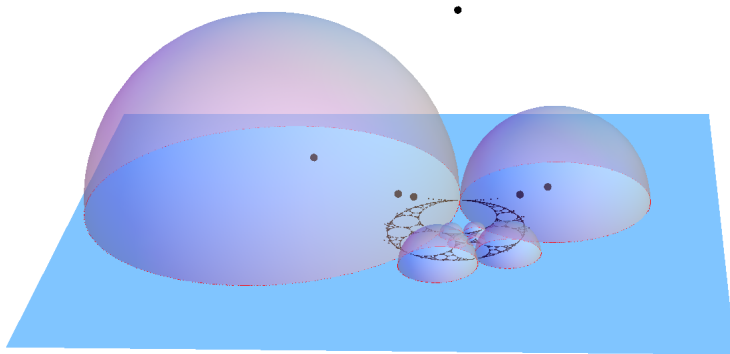


Figure 1.2: The fundamental domain for  $\Gamma$  and the orbit of an point under  $\Gamma$

**Theorem 1.0.5.** (*Spectral Gap*) *There exists  $\delta_0 > 0$  such that for all  $q$ ,*

$$\lambda_1(q) - \lambda_0(q) \geq \delta_0$$

For an arbitrary finitely generated subgroup of  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ , A spectral gap when  $q$  is ranging over square free numbers was obtained by Bourgain-Gamburd-Sarnak [2]. Recently this result was extended to much more general groups by Golsefidy-Varjú [5]. But for our need, we need to require  $q$  to exhaust all integers for  $\Gamma$ .

A key starting point for proving Theorem 1.0.4 is the analogue of Sarnak's observation for the classical Apollonian packings, that  $\Gamma$  has a real congruence subgroup. This again implies some curvatures can be represented by certain shifted binary quadratic forms (See

Theorem 3.1.1). We then follow the strategy in [3] to proceed. The main approach is the Hardy-Littlewood circle method, combined with the spectral gap given in Theorem 1.0.5, and an effective bisector counting achieved by Vinogradov [14].

**Plan for the paper** : In §2 we discuss the local properties of  $\mathcal{K}$ , these properties are revealed by  $\Gamma$  and its subgroups. Theorems 1.0.1 and 1.0.5 are proved at the end of this section. The main goal of §3 is to prove Theorem 1.0.4. In §3.1 we introduce the main exponential sum and give an outline of the proof of Theorem 1.0.4. In §3.2 we analyze the major arcs, and from §3.3 to §3.5 we give bounds for three parts of the minor-arc integrals. Finally in §3.6 we conclude our proof.

**Notation:** We adopt the following standard notation.  $e(x)$  means  $e^{2\pi ix}$ , and  $e_q(x)$  means  $e^{\frac{2\pi ix}{q}}$ .  $f \ll g$  means that  $f = O(g)$ .  $\epsilon$  denotes an arbitrary small positive number.  $\eta$  denotes a small positive number which appear in different contexts. We assume that each time when  $\eta$  appears, we let  $\eta$  not only satisfy the current claim, but also satisfy the claims in all previous contexts.  $p$  and  $p_i$  always denote a prime.  $p^j || n$  means  $p^j | n$  and  $p^{j+1} \nmid n$ .  $\sum'_{r(q)}$  means sum over all  $r \pmod{q}$  where  $(r, q) = 1$ . For a finite set  $Z$ , its cardinality is denoted by  $|Z|$  or  $\#Z$ . Without further mentioning, all the implied constants depends at most on the given packing.

# Chapter 2

## Local Property

We start with six circles  $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_1', C_2', C_3'$ , in a way that each circle is tangent to four other circles and disjoint to the last one. It is known that their curvatures  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \kappa_3, \kappa_1', \kappa_2', \kappa_3'$  satisfies the following algebraic relations [7]:

$$\kappa_1 + \kappa_1' = \kappa_2 + \kappa_2' = \kappa_3 + \kappa_3' := 2w \tag{2.1}$$

$$Q(\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \kappa_3, w) = w^2 - 2w(\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 + \kappa_3) + \kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2 + \kappa_3^2 = 0 \tag{2.2}$$

There are two solutions for  $w$  for (2.2), which corresponds to exactly two rigid ways to pile three new circles with  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  (One set has already been  $C_1', C_2', C_3'$  and for the other set we denote the circles by  $C_1'', C_2'', C_3''$ ). One can also think  $C_1'', C_2'', C_3''$  is generated by  $C_1', C_2', C_3'$  by Möbius transform: There's one element from  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$  which fixes  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  and reflects  $C_1', C_2', C_3'$  to  $C_1'', C_2'', C_3''$  via the dual circle of  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  by Möbius transform (See Figure 2). We continually inscribe three circles into new gaps, and get an Apollonian-3 packing.

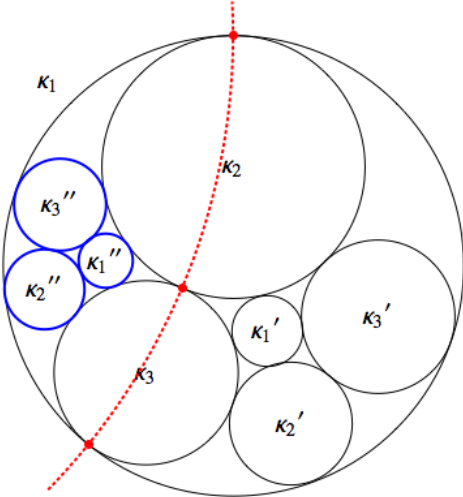


Figure 2.1: Reflection via the dual circle of  $C_1, C_2, C_3$

We associate a quadruple  $\mathbf{r} = \langle \kappa_1, \kappa_2, \kappa_3, w \rangle^T$  to the six circles  $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_1', C_2', C_3'$ .

There are eight gaps formed by circular triangles. Filling each gap corresponds to one reflection, which maps three of the original six circles to three new circles and fixes the rest three. We associate a vector  $\langle x, y, z, w' \rangle$  to the new group of six circles, where  $x, y, z$  are the curvatures of the circles which are the images of  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  under the reflection, and  $w'$  is the implied invariant of these six new circles, as  $w$  in (2.1). From (2.1) and (2.2) it follows that  $x, y, z, w'$  has linear dependance on  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \kappa_3, w$ . Eight gaps corresponds to eight linear transformations:

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{123} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, & S_{1'23} &= \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \\
S_{12'3} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, & S_{123'} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \\
S_{1'2'3} &= \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -4 & 4 & 12 \\ -4 & -3 & 4 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}, & S_{1'23'} &= \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 4 & -4 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 4 & -3 & 12 \\ -2 & 2 & -2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}, \\
S_{12'3'} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & -4 & 12 \\ 4 & -4 & -3 & 12 \\ 2 & -2 & -2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}, & S_{1'2'3'} &= \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -4 & -4 & 20 \\ -4 & -3 & -4 & 20 \\ -4 & -4 & -3 & 20 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 & 11 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2.3}
\end{aligned}$$

The subtitle for the above notation keeps track of the circles forming the triangular gap. For example,  $S_{1'2'3}$  denotes the reflection via the dual circle of  $C_{1'}, C_{2'}, C_3$ . The group generated by these eight matrices is called Apollonian 3-group, denoted by  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$\mathcal{A} = \langle S_{123}, S_{1'23}, S_{12'3}, S_{123'}, S_{1'2'3}, S_{1'2'3'}, S_{1'23'}, S_{1'2'3'} \rangle \tag{2.4}$$

Then we have

$$\mathcal{K} = \{ \langle \mathbf{e}_i, \mathcal{A}_3 \cdot \mathbf{r} \rangle \mid i = 1, 2, 3 \} \cup \{ \langle \mathbf{e}_i, \mathcal{A}_3 \cdot \mathbf{r}' \rangle \mid i = 1, 2, 3 \} \tag{2.5}$$

where  $\mathbf{r}' = \langle \kappa_{1'}, \kappa_{2'}, \kappa_{3'}, w \rangle$ . It then follows that if the initial six circles have integral curvatures, then  $\mathcal{P}$  is integral.

In light of (2.5), we reduce studying  $\mathcal{K}$  to studying the group  $\mathcal{A}$  acting on  $\mathcal{K}$ .  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Coxeter group with the only relations

$$S_{123}^2 = S_{1'23}^2 = \dots = I.$$

It preserves the quadratic 3-1 form  $Q$ , so  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq O_Q(\mathbb{Z})$ . We consider its orientation-preserving subgroup  $\bar{\mathcal{A}} = \mathcal{A} \cap SO_Q(\mathbb{Z})$ , which is an index-2 subgroup of  $\mathcal{A}$  and a free group generated by

$$S_{123}S_{1'23}, S_{123}S_{12'3}, S_{123}S_{123'}, S_{123}S_{1'2'3}, S_{123}S_{1'23'}, S_{123}S_{12'3'}, S_{123}S_{1'2'3'}. \tag{2.6}$$

Recall the spin homomorphism  $\rho_0 : SL(2, \mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow SO_{\tilde{Q}}$ , where  $\tilde{Q}(a, b, c, d) = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - d^2$  is the standard 3 – 1 form :

$$\rho_0 \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} \Re(ad + b\bar{c}) & \Im(ad - b\bar{c}) & \Re(-a\bar{c} + b\bar{d}) & \Im(-a\bar{d} - b\bar{c}) \\ \Im(-a\bar{d} - b\bar{c}) & \Re(ad - b\bar{c}) & \Im(a\bar{c} + b\bar{d}) & \Im(-a\bar{c} - b\bar{d}) \\ \Re(-a\bar{b} + c\bar{d}) & \Im(-a\bar{b} + c\bar{d}) & \frac{|a|^2 - |b|^2 - |c|^2 + |d|^2}{2} & \frac{-|a|^2 - |b|^2 + |c|^2 + |d|^2}{2} \\ \Re(a\bar{b} + c\bar{d}) & \Im(a\bar{b} + c\bar{d}) & \frac{-|a|^2 + |b|^2 - |c|^2 + |d|^2}{2} & \frac{|a|^2 + |b|^2 + |c|^2 + |d|^2}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.7)$$

The isomorphism of  $SO_{\tilde{Q}}$  to  $SO_Q$  is given by

$$\tilde{A} \longrightarrow J^{-1}\tilde{A}J,$$

where

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

The spin homomorphism that we use is  $\rho$ , defined from  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$  to  $SO_{\tilde{Q}}$  as

$$\rho(\gamma) = J^{-1}\rho_0 \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 1+i \end{pmatrix} \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 1+i \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \right) J \quad (2.8)$$

The good thing about conjugating  $\gamma$  with  $\begin{pmatrix} 1+i & -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 1+i \end{pmatrix}$  is that the preimage of the generators in (2.6) is

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2\sqrt{2}i & 2 \\ 2 + 4\sqrt{2}i & -3 + 2\sqrt{2}i \end{pmatrix}, M_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, M_4 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 + 2\sqrt{2}i & -4 \\ -4\sqrt{2}i & 7 - 2\sqrt{2}i \end{pmatrix} \\ M_5 &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix}, M_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2\sqrt{2}i & -2 \\ -6 - 4\sqrt{2}i & 5 - 2\sqrt{2}i \end{pmatrix}, M_7 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 - 2\sqrt{2}i & -2 \\ -6 - 4\sqrt{2}i & 5 - 2\sqrt{2}i \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

which all lie in  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}i])$ .

Let  $\Gamma = \langle M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4, M_5, M_6, M_7 \rangle$ . It contains a real subgroup  $\Gamma_{C_3} = \langle M_1, M_3, M_5 \rangle$ . Geometrically,  $\Gamma_{C_3}$  fixes the circle  $C_3$ . Conjugating  $\Gamma_{C_1}$  by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \sqrt{2}i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , one gets  $\Gamma_{C_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \sqrt{2}i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Gamma_{C_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\sqrt{2}i & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \langle M_2, M_3, M_6 \rangle$ , which is a subgroup of  $\Gamma$  fixing  $C_1$ . Similarly,

$$\Gamma_{C_3'} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 + \sqrt{2}i \\ -1 & -1 + \sqrt{2}i \end{pmatrix} \Gamma_{C_3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 + \sqrt{2}i \\ -1 & -1 + \sqrt{2}i \end{pmatrix} = \langle M_7^{-1}M_3, M_7^{-1}M_5, M_7^{-1}M_6 \rangle,$$

which is a group fixing  $C_{3'}$ .

It turns out that  $\Gamma_{C_3}$  is a congruence subgroup  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \mid a \equiv d \equiv 1(2), b \equiv c(4) \right\}$ .

Let

$$A_k(q) = \{g_1 h_1 j_1 \dots g_k h_k j_k : g_1, \dots, g_k \in \Gamma_{C_3}, h_1, \dots, h_k \in \Gamma_{C_1}, j_1, \dots, j_k \in \Gamma_{C_{3'}}\} \quad (2.10)$$

We have the following proposition:

**Proposition 2.0.6.** *Let  $q = \prod_i p_i^{n_i}$ , then  $\Gamma/\Gamma(q) = A_{10^9}(q)$ .*

Before proving Proposition 2.0.6, we prove a few lemmata first.

**Lemma 2.0.7.** *If  $p \geq 5$ , then  $A_{54}(p^m) = \Gamma/\Gamma(p^m)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\Gamma_{C_1}$  congruent (mod 4), we have  $\Gamma_{C_1}(p^m) = SL(2, \mathbb{Z}/(p^m))$ . We also have

$$\begin{pmatrix} b^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -\frac{7}{4} & -2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot M_2^2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{4} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot M_2^{-1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b & 0 \\ 0 & b^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3\sqrt{2}b^2i & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now we show that fixing a constant  $M$ , for  $\forall > 1$ , we can find at most four elements  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}/(p^m)^*$  such that

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \equiv M(p^m)$$

This is true for  $m = 1$  by the Lagrange's Four Square Theorem, which states that every integer can be written as a sum of at most four squares of integers. Choose  $M' \equiv M(p)$  such that  $0 < M' \leq p$ , then if we choose  $a, b, c, d$  such that

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = M' \quad (2.11)$$

necessarily the choice has to be strictly less than  $p$  or 0. At least one of  $a, b, c$  or  $d$  is not zero, thus invertible in  $\mathbb{Z}/(p)$ , so  $(a, b, c, d)$  is a regular point on the curve

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \equiv M(p).$$

The general case follows from Hensel's lemma by lifting the solution of (2.11) to

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = M(p^m)$$

This shows that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a\sqrt{2}i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in A_9(p^m)$$

Multiplying the above matrix by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ b & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{Z}/(p^m)$ , which can be found in  $\Gamma_{C_1}$  since it

contains  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ c & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in A_9(p^m)$$

for any  $c \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}i]/(p^m)$ . Conjugate the above element by  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , which is also congruent to some element in  $\Gamma_{C_3}(\text{mod } \Gamma_{C_3}(p^m))$  we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & c \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in A_{12}(p^m)$$

for any  $c \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}i]/(p^m)$ . Now

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ b & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & c \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + ab & a + c + abc \\ b & 1 + bc \end{pmatrix}.$$

This shows that

$$\begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma/\Gamma(p^m)$$

for any  $c'$  invertible in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}i]/(p^m)$  and  $a'd' - b'c' = 1$ . There are  $p^{3m-1}(p-1)$  such elements. The size of  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}i]/(p^m))$  is  $p^{3m-3}(p-1)(p^2-1)$ , which is strictly less than twice of  $p^{3m-1}(p-1)$ , this means that  $A_{54}(p^m)$  has to be full of the group  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}i]/(p^m))$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.0.8.**  $A_{10^9}(2^m) = \Gamma/\Gamma(2^m)$ , and  $A_{10^9}(3^m) = \Gamma/\Gamma(3^m)$

*Proof.* We prove the case when  $p = 2$  and explain the difference when  $p = 3$ . For  $p = 2$ , we first prove the following statement by induction:

For every  $m \geq 6$  and  $g \in \Gamma(2^6)/\Gamma(2^m)$ , we can find  $g_1, g_2, g_3 \in \Gamma_{C_3}(2^3)/\Gamma_{C_3}(2^m)$  such that

$$g = g_1 M_2 g_2 M_2^{-1} M_2^2 g_3 M_2^{-2}.$$

For  $m = 6$  we can choose  $g_1 = g_2 = g_3 = 1$ . For  $m > 6$ , now assume this holds for  $m - 1$ . By the induction hypothesis, there exists  $h_1, h_2, h_3 \in \Gamma(2^3)$  such that

$$g = h_1 M_2 h_2 M_2^{-1} M_2^2 h_3 M_2^{-2} + 2^{m-1} x(2^m)$$

Now we choose proper  $x_i \in \text{Mat}(2, \mathbb{Z})$  such that  $x_i \equiv 0(2^{m-3})$  and  $\text{tr}(x_i) \equiv 0(2^m)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . This will imply that

$$\begin{aligned} g &\equiv (h_1 + x_1) M_2 (h_2 + x_2) M_2^{-1} M_2^2 (h_3 + x_3) M_2^{-2} \\ &\quad - (h_1 M_2 h_2 M_2^{-1} M_2^2 h_3 M_2^{-2} + x_1 + M_2 x_2 M_2^{-1} + M_2^2 x_3 M_2^{-1}) + 2^{m-1} x(2^m) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\text{Det}(x_i + h_i) = 1(2^m)$  and  $x_i + h_i \equiv I(2^3)$ ,  $x_i + h_i$  is congruent to some element  $g_i \in \Gamma_{C_3}(\text{mod } \Gamma_{C_3}(2^m))$ . The matrices  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  can be chosen as a suitable linear combination

of the matrices in the following calculations to cancel the term  $2^{m-1}x$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
2^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + M_2 0 M_2^{-1} + m_2^2 0 M_2^{-2} &\equiv 2^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{2^m} \\
2^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + M_2 0 M_2^{-1} + m_2^2 0 M_2^{-2} &\equiv 2^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{2^m} \\
2^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + M_2 0 M_2^{-1} + m_2^2 0 M_2^{-2} &\equiv 2^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{2^m} \\
2^{m-3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} + M_2 2^{m-3} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M_2^{-1} + M_2^2 0 M_2^{-2} &\equiv 2^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{2}i \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{2^m} \\
2^{m-3} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + M_2 2^{m-3} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M_2^{-1} + M_2^2 0 M_2^{-2} &\equiv 2^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}i & 0 \\ \sqrt{2}i & -\sqrt{2}i \end{pmatrix} \pmod{2^m} \\
2^{m-3} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + M_2 2^{m-3} 0 M_2^{-1} + M_2^2 0 M_2^{-2} &\equiv 2^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{2^m}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we showed that

$$A_3(2^m) \supseteq \Gamma(2^6)/\Gamma(2^m).$$

Now since the index of  $\Gamma(2^6)/\Gamma(2^m)$  in  $\Gamma/\Gamma(2^m)$  is  $|\Gamma(2^6)| = 2^{26}$ , this implies that

$$A_{10^9}(2^m) = \Gamma/\Gamma(2^m) \tag{2.12}$$

For the case  $p = 3$ , the proof goes in the same way except that we choose the linear combinations of the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
3^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + M_2 0 M_2^{-1} + M_2^2 0 M_2^{-2} &\equiv 3^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{3^m} \\
3^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + M_2 0 M_2^{-1} + M_2^2 0 M_2^{-2} &\equiv 3^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{3^m} \\
3^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + M_2 0 M_2^{-1} + M_2^2 0 M_2^{-2} &\equiv 3^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{3^m} \\
3^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + M_2 3^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M_2^{-1} + M_2^2 0 M_2^{-2} &\equiv 3^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sqrt{2}i \\ -\sqrt{2}i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{3^m} \\
3^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + M_2 3^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M_2^{-1} + M_2^2 0 M_2^{-2} &\equiv 3^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}i & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{2}i \end{pmatrix} \pmod{3^m} \\
3^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + M_2 0 M_2^{-1} + M_2^2 3^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M_2^{-2} &\equiv 3^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{3^m}
\end{aligned}$$

The constant  $10^9$  also works in this case. □

Now we are able to prove Proposition 2.0.6.



*proof of Proposition 2.0.6.* Fixing  $\forall x \in \prod_{p^m|d} \Gamma/\Gamma(p^m)$ , from Lemma 2.0.7 and Lemma 2.0.8, we can write

$$x \equiv \prod_{j=1}^{10^9} \gamma_{j,C_3}^{(i)} \cdot \gamma_{j,C_1}^{(i)} \cdot \gamma_{j,C_{3'}}^{(i)} (p_i^{n_i})$$

for each  $i$ , where  $\gamma_{j,C_3}^{(i)} \in \Gamma_{C_3}, \gamma_{j,C_1}^{(i)} \in \Gamma_{C_1}, \gamma_{j,C_{3'}}^{(i)} \in \Gamma_{C_{3'}}$ . Since  $\Gamma_{C_3}, \Gamma_{C_1}, \Gamma_{C_{3'}}$  are congruence groups (or conjugate to), we can find  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 &\equiv \gamma_{j,C_3}^i(p^i) \\ \gamma_2 &\equiv \gamma_{j,C_1}^i(p^i) \\ \gamma_3 &\equiv \gamma_{j,C_{3'}}^i(p^i) \end{aligned}$$

for each  $i$ . So we have

$$\prod_{p^m|d} \Gamma/\Gamma(p^m) \in \Gamma(d)$$

The other direction of inclusion is obvious. □

From the above lemma, it follows directly that

**Lemma 2.0.9.**

- (1) If  $q = \prod_i p_i^{n_i}$ , then  $\Gamma/\Gamma(q) \cong \prod_i \Gamma/\Gamma(p_i^{n_i})$ ,
- (2) If  $(q, 6) = 1$ , then  $\Gamma/\Gamma(q) = SL(2, (\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}i]/(q)))$ .
- (3) If  $l \geq 3$ , then the kernel of  $\Gamma/\Gamma(2^l) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{A}(8)$  is the full of the kernel of  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}i]/(2^l)) \rightarrow SL(2, \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}i]/(8))$ ; If  $l \geq 1$ , then the kernel of  $\Gamma/\Gamma(3^l) \rightarrow \Gamma/\Gamma(3)$  is the full of the kernel  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}i]/(3^l)) \rightarrow SL(2, \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}i]/(3))$ .

Since  $\rho : SL(2, \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}i]/(p_i^{n_i})) \rightarrow SO_Q(\mathbb{Z})$  is surjective for each prime power moduli  $p_i^{n_i}$ , the above theorem also holds for  $\mathcal{A}$ . We state it here:

**Lemma 2.0.10.**

- (1) If  $q = \prod_i p_i^{n_i}$ , then  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{A}(q) \cong \prod_i \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{A}(p_i^{n_i})$ ,
- (2) If  $(q, 6) = 1$ , then  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{A}(q) = SO_Q(\mathbb{Z}/(q))$ .
- (3) If  $l \geq 3$ , then the kernel of  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{A}(2^l) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{A}(8)$  is the full of the kernel of  $SO_Q(\mathbb{Z}/(2^l)) \rightarrow SO_Q(\mathbb{Z}/(8))$ ; If  $l \geq 1$ , then the kernel of  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{A}(3^l) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{A}(3)$  is the full of the kernel  $SO_Q(\mathbb{Z}/(3^l)) \rightarrow SO_Q(\mathbb{Z}/(3))$ .

Now we can study the local of obstruction of  $\mathcal{P}$ . We let  $V$  be the set of vectors  $\Gamma \mathbf{r}$  and  $V_d$  be the reduction of  $V \pmod{d}$ . We define  $C_{p^m}$  as follows:

- if  $p \geq 3$ ,

$$C_{p^m} = \{\mathbf{v} \in (\mathbb{Z}/(p^m))^4 | Q(\mathbf{v}) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^m}\}$$

- if  $p=2$ ,

$$C_{2^m} = \{\mathbf{v} \in (\mathbb{Z}/(2^m))^4 | Q(\mathbf{v}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2^m}, \exists \mathbf{w} \equiv \mathbf{v} \pmod{2^m}, Q(\mathbf{w}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2^{m+1}}\}$$

Let

$$\pi_{p^m} : C_{p^{m+1}} \longrightarrow C_{p^m}$$

be the canonical projection. We have following lemmata:

**Lemma 2.0.11.** *If  $p \geq 5$ , then*

$$V_{p^m} = C_{p^m}$$

*Proof.* This follows from Lemma 2.0.10, and the fact that  $SO_{\mathbb{Q}}(Z/(p^m))$  acts transitively on  $C_{p^m}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.0.12.** *If  $p = 3$ , then*

$$V_{3^m} = C_{3^m}.$$

*Proof.* Using a program, we can check that  $|V_3| = |C_3| = 27$ , which means that  $\exists T_1, \dots, T_{27} \in A$  such that all the solutions of  $Q(\mathbf{v}) \equiv 0(3)$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} T_1(\mathbf{r}) &= \mathbf{r} + (T_1 - I)\mathbf{r} \pmod{3} \\ &\vdots \\ T_{27}(\mathbf{r}) &= \mathbf{r} + (T_{27} - I)\mathbf{r} \pmod{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Then for  $\forall m \geq 0$  the liftings from  $V_{3^m}$  to  $V_{3^{m+1}}$  are giving by

$$\begin{aligned} T_1^{3^m}(\mathbf{r}) &= \mathbf{r} + (T_1 - I)^{3^m} \mathbf{r} \pmod{3^{m+1}} \\ &\vdots \\ T_{27}^{3^m}(\mathbf{r}) &= \mathbf{r} + (T_{27} - I)^{3^m} \mathbf{r} \pmod{3^{m+1}} \end{aligned}$$

We find that  $|V_{3^m}| = |C_{3^m}|$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.0.13.** *If  $p = 2$ , then for  $m \geq 3$ ,*

$$\pi_{2^{m+1}}^{-1}(V_{2^m}) = V_{2^{m+1}}$$

*Proof.* We prove this by effective lifting. For  $n \geq 3$ , let  $W(n) = (S_{1'23} \cdot S_{1'2'3})^{2^{n-3}}$ ,  $X(n) = (S_{12'3} \cdot S_{12'3'})^{2^{n-3}}$ ,  $Y(n) = (S_{123'} \cdot S_{1'2'3})^{2^{n-4}}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} W(n) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2^{n-1} \\ 2^{n-1} & 1 + 2^{n-1} & 2^{n-1} & 2^{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{n-1} & 0 & 1 + 2^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}, \\ X(n) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2^{n-1} & 2^{n-1} & 1 + 2^{n-1} & 2^{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 2^{n-1} & 1 + 2^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}, \\ Y(n) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2^{n-2} & -2^{n-2} & 2^{n-2} & -2^{n-2} \\ -2^{n-2} & 1 - 2^{n-2} & 2^{n-2} & -2^{n-2} \\ 2^{n-2} & -2^{n-2} & 1 + 2^{n-2} & -2^{n-2} \\ -2^{n-2} & -2^{n-2} & 2^{n-2} & 1 + 2^{n-2} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Then for example if  $\mathbf{r} \equiv \langle 3, 2, 2, 3 \rangle \pmod{4}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
I\mathbf{r} &\equiv \mathbf{r} + 2^{n-1} \langle 0, 0, 0, 0 \rangle \pmod{2^n} \\
W(n)\mathbf{r} &\equiv \mathbf{r} + 2^{n-1} \langle 1, 0, 0, 1 \rangle \pmod{2^n} \\
X(n)\mathbf{r} &\equiv \mathbf{r} + 2^{n-1} \langle 0, 0, 0, 1 \rangle \pmod{2^n} \\
Y(n)\mathbf{r} &\equiv \mathbf{r} + 2^{n-1} \langle 1, 1, 1, 0 \rangle \pmod{2^n} \\
W(n)X(n)\mathbf{r} &\equiv \mathbf{r} + 2^{n-1} \langle 1, 0, 0, 0 \rangle \pmod{2^n} \\
W(n)Y(n)I\mathbf{r} &\equiv \mathbf{r} + 2^{n-1} \langle 0, 1, 1, 1 \rangle \pmod{2^n} \\
X(n)Y(n)\mathbf{r} &\equiv \mathbf{r} + 2^{n-1} \langle 1, 1, 1, 1 \rangle \pmod{2^n} \\
W(n)X(n)Y(n)\mathbf{r} &\equiv \mathbf{r} + 2^{n-1} \langle 0, 1, 1, 0 \rangle \pmod{2^n}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Collecting the result from Lemma 2.0.11 to Lemma 2.0.13, we obtain the following lemma which describes the local structure of  $V$ .

**Lemma 2.0.14.**

- (1)  $V_q \cong \prod_i V_{p_i^{n_i}}$ ,
- (2)  $\pi_{p^{m+1}}^{-1}(V_{p^m}) = V_{p^{m+1}}$  for  $p \geq 3$  and  $m \geq 0$ ,
- (3)  $\pi_{2^{m+1}}^{-1}(V_{2^m}) = V_{2^{m+1}}$  for  $p = 2$  and  $m \geq 3$ .

Lemma 1.0.2, thus Theorem 1.0.1 then follow directly from Lemma 2.0.14 because the first three components of  $V$  are curvatures.

Now we prove Theorem 1.0.5. Bourgain, Gamburd and Sarnak [2] established an equivalence between a geometric spectral gap and a combinatorial spectral gap for a Fuchsian group  $F$ . Let  $S$  be a finite symmetric ( $S = S^{-1}$ ) generating set of  $F$ . For each  $q$ , we have a Cayley graph of  $F/F(q)$  over  $S$ . There's a Markov operator (which is a discrete version of Laplacian) on the functions of this Cayley graph. A Combinatorial spectral gap is then a uniform gap between the biggest two eigenvalues  $\lambda'_0(q) = 1$  and  $\lambda'_1(F(q), S^{(q)})$  of this operator. Later this equivalence is generalized by Kim [8] to Kleinian groups, which applies to  $\Gamma$  in our case. From the celebrated Selberg's  $\frac{3}{16}$  theorem we know there are geometric spectral gaps for  $\Gamma_{C_3}, \Gamma_{C_1}, \Gamma_{C_3'}$ , which shows that the combinatorial gaps exist for these groups. Now we apply Varju's lemma from [3]:

**Lemma 2.0.15** (Varju). *Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $S \subset G$  a finite symmetric generating set. Let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k$  be subgroups of  $G$  such that for every  $g \in G$  there are  $g_1 \in G_1, \dots, g_k \in G_k$  such that  $g = g_1 \dots g_k$ . Then*

$$1 - \lambda'_1(G, S) \geq \min_{1 \leq i \leq k} \left\{ \frac{|S \cap G_i|}{|S|} \cdot \frac{1 - \lambda'_1(G_i, S \cap G_i)}{2k^2} \right\}$$

In our case  $G$  is  $\Gamma(\text{mod } q)$ ,  $G_i$ 's are  $\Gamma_{C_3}, \Gamma_{C_1}$  or  $\Gamma_{C_3'}(\text{mod } q)$ , in light of (2.10). And we let  $S^{(q)}$  to be the union of  $M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4, M_5, M_6, M_7^{-1}M_3$  and their inverses (mod  $q$ ). Clearly Lemma 2.0.15 provides a spectral gap for  $\Gamma(\text{mod } q)$ , which is independent of  $q$ . This implies a geometric spectral gap for  $\Gamma$ .

# Chapter 3

## Circle Method

### 3.1 Setup of the circle method

Recall that  $\Gamma_{C_3}$  is a congruence subgroup  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \mid a \equiv d \equiv 1(2), b \equiv c(4) \right\}$ . Therefore, for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $(x, 2y) = 1$ , we can find an element  $\xi_{x,y}$  of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} x & 2y \\ * & * \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_{C_3}$ . Under the spin homomorphism  $\rho$ ,  $\xi_{x,y}$  will be mapped to

$$\begin{pmatrix} x^2 - y^2 & -1 + x^2 + y^2 & 2xy & -2xy + 2y^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore, we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.1.1.** *Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $(x, 2y) = 1$ , and take any element  $\gamma \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$  with the corresponding quadruple*

$$\mathbf{v}_\gamma = \gamma(\mathbf{r}) = \langle a_\gamma, b_\gamma, c_\gamma, d_\gamma \rangle.$$

*Then the number*

$$\langle \mathbf{e}_1, \xi_{x,y} \cdot \gamma_{x,y} \mathbf{r} \rangle = A_\gamma x^2 + 2B_\gamma xy + C_\gamma y^2 - b_\gamma \tag{3.1}$$

*is the curvature of some circle in  $\mathcal{P}$ , where*

$$\begin{aligned} A_\gamma &:= a_\gamma + b_\gamma \\ B_\gamma &:= c_\gamma - d_\gamma \\ C_\gamma &:= -a_\gamma + b_\gamma + 2d_\gamma \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

We can view (3.1) as a shifted quadratic form  $\mathbf{f}(x, y)$  determined by  $\gamma$  with variables  $x, y$ . We define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}(x, 2y) &= \langle \mathbf{e}_1, \xi_{x,y} \cdot \gamma(\mathbf{r}) \rangle \\ \tilde{\mathbf{f}}(x, 2y) &= A_\gamma x^2 + 2B_\gamma xy + C_\gamma y^2 \end{aligned}$$

then  $\mathfrak{f} = \tilde{\mathfrak{f}} - b_\gamma$ , and the discriminant of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{f}}$  is  $-8b_\gamma^2$ .

Now we set up our ensemble for the circle method. Let  $N$  be the main growing parameter. Write  $N = TX^2$ , where  $T = N^{\frac{1}{200}}$ , a small power of  $N$ , and  $X = N^{\frac{199}{400}}$ . We define our ensemble to be a subset of  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$  of Frobenius norm of magnitude  $N$ , which is a product of a subset  $\mathfrak{F}$  of norm  $T$ , and a subset  $\mathcal{X}$  of norm  $X^2$ . We further write  $T = T_1T_2$ , where  $T_2 = T_1^{\mathcal{C}}$ , where  $\mathcal{C}$  is a large number which is determined in Lemma 3.4.3. We define  $\mathfrak{F}$  in the following way:

$$\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{F}_T = \left\{ \gamma = \gamma_1\gamma_2 : \begin{array}{l} \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \bar{\mathcal{A}} \\ T_1 < \|\gamma_1\| < 2T_1 \\ T_1 < \|\gamma_2\| < 2T_2 \\ \langle \mathbf{e}_2, \gamma_1\gamma_2 \mathbf{r} \rangle > \frac{T}{100} \end{array} \right\}$$

Let  $\delta$  be the Hausdorff dimension of the circle packing.  $\delta$  is strictly greater than 1 (See [9]). The size of  $\mathfrak{F}$  is of magnitude  $T^\delta$ , the  $\ll$  direction can be seen from [10], and  $\gg$  direction can be seen from Lemma 3.2.2. The last condition in the definition of  $\mathfrak{F}$  means that  $b_\alpha$  has magnitude  $T$ , which is crucial in our minor arc analysis later. The subset of norm  $X^2$  is the image of elements of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} x & 2y \\ * & * \end{pmatrix}$  in  $\Gamma_{C_3}$ , with  $x, y \asymp X$ , under the map  $\rho$ . To smooth the variables  $x, y$  we fix a smooth, nonnegative function  $\psi$  which is supported in  $[1, 2]$  and  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x) dx = 1$ . Our main goal is to study the following representation number

$$\mathcal{R}_N(n) := \sum_{\mathfrak{f} \in \mathfrak{F}_T} \sum_{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}(x, 2y)=1} \psi\left(\frac{x}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2y}{X}\right) \mathbf{1}_{\{n=\mathfrak{f}(x, 2y)\}} \quad (3.3)$$

and its Fourier transform:

$$\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N(\theta) := \sum_{\mathfrak{f} \in \mathfrak{F}_T} \sum_{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}(x, 2y)=1} \psi\left(\frac{x}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2y}{X}\right) e(\theta \mathfrak{f}(x, 2y)) \quad (3.4)$$

$\mathcal{R}_N$  and  $\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N$  is related by

$$\mathcal{R}_N(n) = \int_0^1 \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N(\theta) e(-n\theta) d\theta.$$

Therefore,  $\mathcal{R}_N(n) \neq 0$  implies  $n$  is represented. For technical reasons we need to replace the condition  $(x, 2y) = 1$  by the Möbius orthogonal relation:

$$\sum_{d|n} \mu(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1. \end{cases}$$

We introduce another parameter  $U$  which is a small power of  $N$ . It is determined in (3.42). We then define the corresponding representation function

$$\mathcal{R}_N^U(n) := \sum_{\mathfrak{f} \in \mathfrak{F}_T} \sum_{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{\substack{u|(x, 2y) \\ u < U}} \psi\left(\frac{x}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2y}{X}\right) \mathbf{1}_{\{n=\mathfrak{f}(x, 2y)\}}$$

and its Fourier transform:

$$\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N^U(\theta) := \sum_{\mathfrak{f} \in \mathfrak{F}_T} \sum_{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{\substack{u | (x, 2y) \\ u < U}} \psi\left(\frac{x}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2y}{X}\right) e(\mathfrak{f}(x, 2y))$$

The  $\ell^1$  norm of  $\mathcal{R}_N$  is about the size  $T^\delta X^2$ , we first show that the difference between  $\mathcal{R}_N$  and  $\mathcal{R}_N^U$  is small in  $\ell^1$ , compared to  $T^\delta X^2$ :

**Lemma 3.1.2.**

$$\sum_{n < N} |\mathcal{R}_N(n) - \mathcal{R}_N^U(n)| \ll_\epsilon \frac{T^\delta X^{2+\epsilon}}{U}.$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n < N} |\mathcal{R}_N(n) - \mathcal{R}_N^U(n)| &= \sum_{n < N} \left| \sum_{\mathfrak{f} \in \mathfrak{F}_T} \sum_{(x, 2y)=1} \sum_{\substack{u | (x, 2y) \\ u \geq U}} \mu(u) \psi\left(\frac{x}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2y}{X}\right) \mathbf{1}_{\{n=\mathfrak{f}(x, 2y)\}} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{\mathfrak{f} \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi\left(\frac{x}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2y}{X}\right) \left| \sum_{\substack{u | (x, 2y) \\ u \geq U}} \mu(u) \right| \\ &\ll \sum_{\mathfrak{f} \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{\substack{u \geq U \\ u | x}} \sum_{\substack{y \leq X \\ 2y \equiv 0(u)}} 1 \ll \frac{T^\delta X^{2+\epsilon}}{U} \end{aligned}$$

□

Now we decompose  $[0, 1]$  into “major” and “minor” arcs according to Diophantine approximation of real numbers. Let  $M = TX$  be the parameter controlling the depth of the approximation. Write  $\alpha = \frac{a}{q} + \beta$ . We introduce two parameters  $Q_0, K_0$  such that the major arcs corresponds to  $q \leq Q_0, \beta \leq \frac{K_0}{N}$ . Both of  $Q_0$  and  $K_0$  are small powers of  $N$ , and they are determined in (3.42).

Now we introduce the “hat” function

$$\mathfrak{t} := \min(1 + x, 1 - x)^+$$

whose Fourier transform is

$$\hat{\mathfrak{t}}(y) = \left( \frac{\sin(\pi y)}{\pi y} \right)^2.$$

From  $\mathfrak{t}$ , we construct a spike function  $\mathfrak{T}$  which captures the major arcs:

$$\mathfrak{T}(\theta) := \sum_{q \leq Q_0} \sum_{(r, q)=1} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{t} \left( \frac{N}{K_0} \left( \theta + m - \frac{a}{q} \right) \right).$$

The “main” term is then defined to be:

$$\mathcal{M}_N(n) := \int_0^1 \mathfrak{T}(\theta) \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N(\theta) e(-n\theta) d\theta \quad (3.5)$$

and the “error” term

$$\mathcal{E}_N(n) := \int_0^1 (1 - \mathfrak{T}(\theta)) \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N(\theta) e(-n\theta) d\theta. \quad (3.6)$$

We define  $\mathcal{M}_N^U(n)$  and  $\mathcal{E}_N^U(n)$  in a similar way.

Now we explain the general strategy to prove the Theorem 1.0.4.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathcal{R}_N & = & \mathcal{M}_N + \mathcal{E}_N \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{R}_N^U & = & \mathcal{M}_N^U + \mathcal{E}_N^U \end{array} \quad (3.7)$$

**STRATEGY :**

1. The difference between  $\mathcal{R}_N$  and  $\mathcal{R}_N^U$  is small in  $\ell^1$ . We have shown this in Lemma 3.1.2.
2.  $\mathcal{M}_N$  is large for each  $n$  admissible (See Theorem 3.2.3), and the difference of  $\mathcal{M}_N$  and  $\mathcal{M}_N^U$  is small in  $\ell^2$  (See Lemma 3.2.4). This will be done in §3.2.
3. Step 2 will imply that the difference between  $\mathcal{E}_N^U$  and  $\mathcal{E}_N$  is also small. §3.3 to §3.5 will show that the  $\mathcal{E}_N^U$  is small in  $\ell^2$  (See Theorem 3.3.1), which implies that  $\mathcal{E}_N$  is small in  $\ell^1$ . This would put in restraint the size of the set of admissible  $n$ 's where  $\mathcal{R}_N(n) = 0$ , because each term would contribute large to  $\mathcal{E}_N$ .

## 3.2 Major Arc Analysis

From (3.5),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_N(n) &= \int_0^1 \sum_{q < Q_0} \sum_{r(q)}' \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{t} \left( \frac{N}{K_0} \left( \theta + m - \frac{r}{q} \right) \right) \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N(\theta) e(-n\theta) d\theta \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{q < Q_0} \sum_{r(q)}' \mathfrak{t} \left( \frac{N}{K_0} \beta \right) \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N \left( \beta + \frac{r}{q} \right) e \left( -n \left( \beta + \frac{r}{q} \right) \right) d\beta \\ &= \sum_{\substack{x, y \\ (x, 2y) = 1}} \psi \left( \frac{x}{X} \right) \psi \left( \frac{2y}{X} \right) \sum_{q < Q_0} \sum_{r(q)}' \sum_{\mathfrak{f} \in \mathfrak{F}} e \left( \frac{r}{q} (\mathfrak{f}(x, 2y) - n) \right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathfrak{t} \left( \frac{N}{K_0} \theta \right) e(\beta(\mathfrak{f}(x, 2y) - n)) d\beta \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Now we cite Lemma 5.3 from [3] to deal with the  $\mathfrak{F}$  sum in (3.8).

**Lemma 3.2.1** (Bourgain, Kontorovich). *Let  $1 < K < T_2^{\frac{1}{10}}$ , fix  $|\beta| < \frac{K}{N}$ , and fix  $x, y \asymp X$ . Then for any  $\gamma_0 \in \Gamma$ , any  $q \geq 1$ , we have*

$$\sum_{\gamma \in \mathfrak{F} \cap \gamma_0 \Gamma(q)} e(\beta \mathfrak{f}_\gamma(x, 2y)) = \frac{1}{[\Gamma : \Gamma(q)]} \sum_{\tilde{\gamma} \in \mathfrak{F}} e(\beta \mathfrak{f}_{\tilde{\gamma}}(x, 2y)) + O(T^\Theta K),$$

where  $\Theta < \delta$  depends only on the spectral gap for  $\Gamma$ , and the implied constant does not depend on  $q, \gamma_0, x$  or  $y$ .

Returning to (3.8), we can decompose the set  $\mathfrak{F}$  as cosets of  $\Gamma(q)$ . Applying Lemma 3.2.1 and setting  $K = K_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_N(n) &= \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ (x, 2y)=1}} \psi\left(\frac{x}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2y}{X}\right) \sum_{q < Q_0} \sum_{r(q)} \sum_{\tilde{\gamma} \in \Gamma/\Gamma(q)} e\left(\frac{r}{q}(\mathfrak{f}_{\tilde{\gamma}}(x, 2y) - n)\right) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \mathfrak{F} \\ \gamma \equiv \tilde{\gamma}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathfrak{t}\left(\frac{N}{K_0}\beta\right) e(\beta(\mathfrak{f}_\gamma(x, 2y) - n)) d\beta \\ &= \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ (x, 2y)=1}} \psi\left(\frac{x}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2y}{X}\right) \sum_{q < Q_0} \sum_{r(q)} \sum_{\tilde{\gamma} \in \Gamma/\Gamma(q)} e\left(\frac{r}{q}(\mathfrak{f}_{\tilde{\gamma}}(x, 2y) - n)\right) \\ &\quad \times \left( \frac{1}{[\Gamma : \Gamma(q)]} \sum_{\gamma \in \mathfrak{F}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathfrak{t}\left(\frac{N}{K_0}\beta\right) e(\beta(\mathfrak{f}_\gamma(x, 2y) - n)) d\beta + O\left(\frac{T^\Theta K_0^2}{N}\right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{r(q)} \psi\left(\frac{x}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2y}{X}\right) \mathfrak{S}_{Q_0}(n) \mathfrak{M}(n) + O\left(\frac{T^\Theta X^2 K_0^2 Q_0^8}{N}\right) \\ &= \sum_{r(q)} \psi\left(\frac{x}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2y}{X}\right) \mathfrak{S}_{Q_0}(n) \mathfrak{M}(n) + O(N^{-\eta_1}) \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

where  $\eta_1 > 0$ , as can be seen from (3.42), and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{S}_{Q_0}(n) &= \mathfrak{S}_{Q_0; x, y}(n) := \sum_{q < Q_0} \sum_{(r, q)=1} \frac{1}{[\Gamma : \Gamma(q)]} \sum_{\tilde{\gamma} \in \Gamma/\Gamma(q)} e\left(\frac{r}{q}(\mathfrak{f}_{\tilde{\gamma}}(x, 2y)) - n\right) \\ &= \sum_{q < Q_0} \frac{1}{[\Gamma/\Gamma(q)]} \sum_{\tilde{\gamma} \in \Gamma/\Gamma(q)} c_q(\mathfrak{f}_{\tilde{\gamma}}(x, 2y) - n) \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_q$  is the Ramanujan sum, and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{M}(n) &:= \mathfrak{M}_{x, y}(n) := \sum_{\gamma \in \mathfrak{F}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathfrak{t}\left(\frac{N}{K_0}\beta\right) e(\beta(\mathfrak{f}_\gamma(x, 2y) - n)) d\beta \\ &= \frac{K_0}{N} \sum_{\gamma \in \mathfrak{F}} \hat{t}\left(\frac{K_0}{N}(\mathfrak{f}(x, 2y) - n)\right) \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$



Now  $\mathfrak{M}(n) \gg \frac{T^\delta}{N}$  for  $\frac{N}{2} < n < N$ , which can be seen from the following lemma by Lemma 5.4 in [3]. We record it here:

**Lemma 3.2.2** (Bourgain, Kontorovich). *Fix  $N/2 < n < N, 1 < K \leq T_2^{\frac{1}{10}}$ , and  $x, y \asymp X$ . Then*

$$\sum_{\gamma \in \mathfrak{F}} \mathbf{1}_{\{|\mathfrak{f}_\gamma(x, 2y) - n| < \frac{N}{K}\}} \gg \frac{T^\delta}{K} + T^\Theta,$$

where  $\Theta < \delta$  depends only on the spectral gap for  $\Gamma$ . The implied constant is independent of  $x, y$  and  $n$ .

Now we deal with the Archimedean part  $\mathfrak{S}_{Q_0}$ . Fixing  $n$ ,  $c_q(n)$  is multiplicative with respect to  $q$ , and

$$c_q(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p^m | n, m \leq k-2, \\ -p^{k-1} & \text{if } p^{k-1} | n, \\ p^{k-1}(p-1) & \text{if } p^k | n. \end{cases}$$

We push  $\mathfrak{S}_{Q_0}(n)$  to infinity: Define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{S}(n) &:= \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{[\Gamma : \Gamma(q)]} \sum_{\bar{\gamma} \in \Gamma/\Gamma(q)} c_q(\mathfrak{f}_{\bar{\gamma}}(x, 2y) - n) \\ &= \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}} \tau_q(a) c_q(a - n) := \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} B_q(n), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\tau_q(a) = \frac{\#\{\langle y, z, w \rangle \pmod{q} \mid \langle a, y, z, w \rangle \in \mathcal{P}\}}{\#\{\langle x, y, z, w \rangle \pmod{q} \mid \langle x, y, z, w \rangle \in \mathcal{P}\}}$$

From Theorem 2.0.14 we know that  $\tau_q(n)$  is multiplicative in the  $q$  variable, and so is  $B_q(n)$ . Therefore, we can formally write

$$\mathfrak{S}(n) = \prod_p (1 + B_p(n) + B_{p^2}(n) + \dots)$$

For  $p \geq 3$ , by Theorem 2.0.14, we can show that

$$B_p(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{-1 - p(\frac{-2}{p})}{p^2 + (1 + (\frac{-2}{p}))p + 1} & \text{if } p | n, \\ \frac{p(\frac{-2}{p}) + 1}{p^3 + p(p-1)(\frac{-2}{p}) - 1} & \text{if } p \nmid n, \end{cases}$$

and  $B_{p^k} = 0$  for  $k \geq 2$ . For  $p = 2$ , we have  $B_{2^m} = 0$  for  $m \geq 4$  and

$$1 + B_2(n) + B_4(n) + B_8(n) = \begin{cases} 8 & \text{if } n \equiv \kappa_1 \pmod{8} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Thus we see that  $\mathfrak{S}_{Q_0}$  is a non-negative function which is non-vanishing if and only if  $n \equiv \kappa_1 \pmod{8}$ . For such admissible  $n$ 's,  $\mathfrak{S}_{Q_0}$  satisfies  $N^{-\epsilon} \ll_{\epsilon} \mathfrak{S}_{Q_0}(n) \ll_{\epsilon} N^{\epsilon}$ .

For use in  $\mathcal{R}_N^U$  we need to extend definition of  $\mathfrak{S}_{x,y}(n)$  to all integers  $x, y$ . If  $(x, 2y) = u > 1$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}_{Q_0;x,y}(n)$  has the same local factor for  $p \neq 2$ , and  $B_{2^m} = 0$  for  $m \geq 4$ . Therefore,  $\mathfrak{S}_{x,y}(n) \ll_{\epsilon} N^{\epsilon}$  for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

The difference between  $\mathfrak{S}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_{Q_0}$  is small. In fact, we have

$$|\mathfrak{S}(n) - \mathfrak{S}_{Q_0;x,y}| \leq \sum_{q \geq Q_0} |B_q(n)| \leq \sum_{q_1 : n} |B_{q_1}(n)| \sum_{\substack{(q_2, n) = 1 \\ q_1 q_2 \geq Q_0}} |B_{q_2}(n)| \quad (3.11)$$

Here we write  $q = q_1 q_2$ , where  $q_1 : n$  means that  $q_1$  is the product of all primes dividing  $n$ . We also know that  $B_1(n)$  as a function of  $q$  is supported on (almost) square-free numbers (as can be see by the previous paragraphs), we have

$$(3.11) \ll \sum_{q_1 : n} \frac{1}{q_1} \frac{q_1}{Q_0} \ll \frac{2^{w(n)}}{Q_0}$$

where  $w(n)$  denotes the number of different prime factors of  $n$ . Therefore, we conclude that if  $n$  is admissible, then  $N^{-\epsilon} \ll \mathfrak{S}_{Q_0}(n) \ll_{\epsilon} N^{\epsilon}$ . In summary, we have

**Theorem 3.2.3.** *For  $\frac{N}{2} < n < N$ , there exists a function  $\mathfrak{S}_{Q_0}(n)$  such that if  $n$  is admissible, then*

$$\mathcal{M}_N(n) \gg \mathfrak{S}_{Q_0}(n) T^{\delta-1},$$

where

$$N^{-\epsilon} \ll_{\epsilon} \mathfrak{S}_{Q_0}(n) \ll_{\epsilon} N^{\epsilon}.$$

Now we show that the difference of  $\mathcal{M}_N$  and  $\mathcal{M}_N^U$  is small in  $\ell^1$ .

**Lemma 3.2.4.**

$$\sum_{\frac{N}{2} < n < N} |\mathcal{M}_N(n) - \mathcal{M}_N^U(n)| \ll_{\epsilon} \frac{N^{\epsilon} X^2 T^{\delta}}{U} + \frac{T^{\Theta} X^2 K_0^2 Q_0^2}{U},$$

where  $\Theta$  is the same as in Lemma 3.2.1.

*Proof.* Going in the same way as (3.8) to unfold  $\mathcal{M}_N^U(n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}_N(n) - \mathcal{M}_N^U(n) &= \sum_{\substack{u \geq U \\ u \text{ odd}}} \mu(u) \sum_{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi\left(\frac{xu}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2yu}{X}\right) \sum_{q < Q_0} \sum_{r(q)} \sum_{\bar{\gamma} \in \Gamma/\Gamma(q)} e\left(\frac{r}{q}(\mathfrak{f}_{\bar{\gamma}}(xu, 2yu) - n)\right) \\
&\quad \times \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \mathfrak{F} \\ \gamma \equiv \bar{\gamma} \pmod{\Gamma(q)}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathfrak{t}\left(\frac{N}{K_0}\theta\right) e(\theta(\mathfrak{f}_{\gamma}(xu, 2yu) - n)) d\theta \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{u \geq U \\ u \text{ even}}} \mu(u) \sum_{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi\left(\frac{xu}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{yu}{X}\right) \sum_{q < Q_0} \sum_{r(q)} \sum_{\bar{\gamma} \in \Gamma/\Gamma(q)} e\left(\frac{r}{q}(\mathfrak{f}_{\bar{\gamma}}(xu, yu) - n)\right) \\
&\quad \times \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \mathfrak{F} \\ \gamma \equiv \bar{\gamma} \pmod{\Gamma(q)}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathfrak{t}\left(\frac{N}{K_0}\theta\right) e(\theta(\mathfrak{f}_{\gamma}(xu, yu) - n)) d\theta \\
&= \sum_{\substack{u \geq U \\ u \text{ odd}}} \mu(u) \sum_{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi\left(\frac{xu}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2yu}{X}\right) \mathfrak{S}_{Q_0, (xu, 2yu)}(n) \times \sum_{\gamma \in \mathfrak{F}} \frac{K_0}{N} \hat{\mathfrak{t}}\left(\frac{K_0}{N}(\mathfrak{f}_{\gamma}(xu, 2yu) - n)\right) \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{u \geq U \\ u \text{ even}}} \mu(u) \sum_{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi\left(\frac{xu}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{yu}{X}\right) \mathfrak{S}_{Q_0, (xu, yu)}(n) \times \sum_{\gamma \in \mathfrak{F}} \frac{K_0}{N} \hat{\mathfrak{t}}\left(\frac{K_0}{N}(\mathfrak{f}_{\gamma}(xu, yu) - n)\right) \\
&+ O\left(\frac{T^\Theta X^2 K_0^2 Q_0^2}{NU}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{\frac{N}{2} < n < N} |\mathcal{M}_N(n) - \mathcal{M}_N^U(n)| \\
&\ll \sum_{\substack{u > U \\ u \text{ odd}}} \sum_{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi\left(\frac{xu}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2yu}{X}\right) \frac{K_0}{N} \sum_{\mathfrak{f} \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\frac{N}{2} < n < N} \mathfrak{S}_{Q_0}(n) \hat{\mathfrak{t}}\left(\frac{K_0}{N}(\mathfrak{f}(xu, 2yu) - n)\right) \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{u > U \\ u \text{ even}}} \sum_{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi\left(\frac{xu}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{yu}{X}\right) \frac{K_0}{N} \sum_{\mathfrak{f} \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\frac{N}{2} < n < N} \mathfrak{S}_{Q_0}(n) \hat{\mathfrak{t}}\left(\frac{K_0}{N}(\mathfrak{f}(xu, yu) - n)\right) + \frac{T^\Theta X^2 K_0^2 Q_0^2}{U} \\
&\ll_\epsilon \frac{X^2 T^\delta N^\epsilon}{U} + \frac{T^\Theta X^2 K_0^2 Q_0^2}{U}
\end{aligned}$$

□

In light of (3.42), we have

$$\sum_{\frac{N}{2} < n < N} |\mathcal{M}_N(n) - \mathcal{M}_N^U(n)| \ll_\eta T^\delta X^2 N^{-\eta}$$

### 3.3 Minor Arc Analysis I

The rest few sections of the paper is dedicated to proving Theorem 3.3.1, which shows that  $(1 - \mathfrak{T}(\theta))\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N^U$  is small in  $L^2$ . By Plancherel formula this will imply that  $\mathcal{E}_N^U$  is small in  $\ell^2$ , fulfilling Step 3 of our strategy.

**Theorem 3.3.1.**

$$\int_0^1 |1 - \mathfrak{T}(\theta)\mathcal{R}_N^U(\theta)|^2 d\theta \ll NT^{2(\delta-1)} N^{-\eta}$$

We divide the integral into three parts.

$$\mathcal{I}_1 = \sum_{q < Q_0} \sum'_{r(q)} \int_{\frac{r}{q} - \frac{1}{qM}}^{\frac{r}{q} + \frac{1}{qm}} |(1 - \mathfrak{T}(\theta))\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N^U(\theta)|^2 d\theta \quad (3.12)$$

$$\mathcal{I}_2 = \sum_{Q_0 \leq q < X} \sum'_{r(q)} \int_{\frac{r}{q} - \frac{1}{qM}}^{\frac{r}{q} + \frac{1}{qm}} |(1 - \mathfrak{T}(\theta))\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N^U(\theta)|^2 d\theta \quad (3.13)$$

$$\mathcal{I}_3 = \sum_{X \leq q \leq M} \sum'_{r(q)} \int_{\frac{r}{q} - \frac{1}{qM}}^{\frac{r}{q} + \frac{1}{qm}} |(1 - \mathfrak{T}(\theta))\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N^U(\theta)|^2 d\theta \quad (3.14)$$

corresponding to different ranges of  $q$ . We will show that  $\mathcal{I}_1, \mathcal{I}_2, \mathcal{I}_3$  are bounded by the same bound as in Theorem 3.3.1. This will immediately imply Theorem 3.3.1. This section is to deal with  $\mathcal{I}_1$ , the next two sections deal with  $\mathcal{I}_2, \mathcal{I}_3$  respectively.

First we re-order the sum in  $\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N^U$  according to  $u$  variable:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N^U(\theta) &= \sum_{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{u < U} \mu(u) \psi\left(\frac{x}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2y}{X}\right) e(f(x, 2y)\theta) \\ &= \sum_{u \text{ odd}} \mu(u) \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi\left(\frac{xu}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2yu}{X}\right) e(f(xu, 2yu)\theta) \\ &+ \sum_{u \text{ odd}} \mu(u) \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi\left(\frac{xu}{X}\right) \psi\left(\frac{2yu}{X}\right) e(f(xu, 2yu)\theta) \\ &:= \sum_{u < U} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \mathcal{R}_{u, f}(\theta) \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

For simplicity we restrict our attention to  $u$  even. The same argument is applied to  $u$

odd. We write  $\frac{u^2}{q} = \frac{u_0}{q_0}$  in irreducible form, thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{u,f} \left( \frac{r}{q} + \beta \right) &= \sum_{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu(u) \psi \left( \frac{xu}{X} \right) \psi \left( \frac{yu}{X} \right) e \left( f(xu, yu) \left( \frac{r}{q} + \beta \right) \right) \\ &= e \left( -b_f \left( \frac{r}{q} + \beta \right) \right) \sum_{x_0, y_0(q_0)} e \left( \frac{u_0}{q_0} \tilde{f}(x, y)r \right) \\ &\quad \times \left[ \sum_{x \equiv x_0(q_0), y \equiv y_0(q_0)} \psi \left( \frac{xu}{X} \right) \psi \left( \frac{yu}{X} \right) e(\tilde{f}(xu, yu)\beta) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

Now applying Poisson summation to the bracket. We have

$$\begin{aligned} [\cdot] &= \sum_{\xi, \zeta \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi \left( \frac{(xq_0 + x_0)u}{X} \right) \psi \left( \frac{(yq_0 + y_0)u}{X} \right) e \left( \beta \tilde{f}((x_0 + xq_0)u, (y_0 + yq_0)u) - x\xi - y\zeta \right) dx dy \\ &= \frac{X^2}{u^2 q_0^2} \sum_{\xi, \zeta \in \mathbb{Z}} e \left( \frac{x_0 \xi}{q_0} + \frac{y_0 \zeta}{q_0} \right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(x) \psi(y) e \left( \tilde{f}(x, y) X^2 \beta - \frac{X\xi}{uq_0} x - \frac{X\zeta}{uq_0} y \right) dx dy \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

Putting (3.17) back to (3.15), we have

$$\mathcal{R}_{u,f} \left( \frac{r}{q} + \beta \right) = \frac{X^2}{u^2} e \left( -b_f \left( \frac{r}{q} + \beta \right) \right) \sum_{\xi, \zeta \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{S}_f(q_0, u_0 r, \xi, \zeta) \mathcal{J}_f(\beta : uq_0, \xi, \zeta),$$

where

$$\mathcal{S}_f(q_0, u_0 r, \xi, \zeta) := \frac{1}{q_0^2} \sum_{x_0, y_0(q_0)} e \left( \frac{u_0 r}{q_0} \tilde{f}(x_0, y_0) + \frac{x_0 \xi}{q_0} + \frac{y_0 \zeta}{q_0} \right),$$

and

$$\mathcal{J}_f(\beta; uq_0, \xi, \zeta) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(x) \psi(y) e \left( \tilde{f}(x, y) X^2 \beta - \frac{X\xi}{uq_0} x - \frac{X\zeta}{uq_0} y \right) dx dy.$$

We can compute  $\mathcal{S}_f$  explicitly. For simplicity we assume  $q_0$  is odd, and  $A_f$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{Z}/q_0\mathbb{Z}$ . We record a standard fact of exponential sum:

$$\sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}} e_q(x^2) = i^{\epsilon(q)} q^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where  $\epsilon(q) = 0$  if  $q \equiv 1(4)$  and  $\epsilon(q) = 1$  if  $q \equiv 3(4)$ . From this, one can get

$$\sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}} e_q(rx^2) = \left( \frac{r}{q} \right) i^{\epsilon(q)} q^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (3.18)$$

if  $(r, q) = 1$ . Now complete square of  $\mathcal{S}_f$  and apply (3.18) to  $\mathcal{S}_f$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{S}_f(q_0, u_0 r, \xi, \zeta) &= \frac{1}{q_0^2} \sum_{x_0, y_0(q_0)} e_{q_0} \left( u_0 r \tilde{f}(x_0, y_0) + x_0 \xi + y_0 \zeta \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{q_0^2} \sum_{x_0, y_0(q_0)} e \left( u_0 r A_f (x_0 + B_f \bar{A}_f y_0)^2 + \xi (x_0 + B_f \bar{A}_f y_0) + 2u_0 r \bar{A}_f b_f^2 y_0^2 + (\zeta - \xi B_f \bar{A}_f) y_0 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{q_0^2} q_0^{\frac{1}{2}} i^{\epsilon(q_0)} \left( \frac{u_0 r A_f}{q_0} \right) e_{q_0} (-4u_0 r \bar{A}_f \xi^2) \sum_{y_0(q_0)} e_{q_0} (2u_0 r \bar{A}_f b_f^2 y_0^2 + (\zeta - \xi B_f \bar{A}_f) y_0)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.19}$$

To deal with the sum in the above expression, we write  $\frac{b_f^2}{q_0} = \frac{b_1}{q_1}$  where  $(b_1, q_1) = 1$ . Then after a linear change of variables and completing square we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{S}_f(q_0, u_0 r, \xi, \zeta) &= \frac{i^{\epsilon(q_0)+\epsilon(q_1)}}{q_0^{\frac{1}{2}} q_1^{\frac{1}{2}}} \mathbf{1}_{\{A_f \zeta \equiv B_f \xi (\frac{q_0}{q_1})\}} \left( \frac{u_0 r A_f}{q_0} \right) \left( \frac{2u_0 r b_f \bar{A}_f}{q_1} \right) \\
&\quad \times e_{q_0} (-4u_0 r \bar{A}_f \xi^2) e_{q_1} \left( -8u_0 r b_1 \bar{A}_f \left( \frac{q_1 (A_f \zeta - B_f \xi)}{q_0} \right)^2 \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.20}$$

From (3.20) we see trivially that  $|\mathcal{S}_f(q_0, u_0 r, \xi, \zeta)| \leq q_0^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ .

Now we deal with  $\mathcal{J}_f$ . For this we need standard results from non-stationary phase and stationary phase, and we record them here.

*Non-stationary phase:* Let  $\phi$  be a smooth compact supported function on  $(-\infty, \infty)$  and  $f$  be a function which satisfies  $|f'(x)| > A > 0$  in the support of  $\phi$  and  $A \geq |f^{(2)}(x)|, \dots, f^{(n)}(x)$  in the support of  $\phi$ . Then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x) e(f(x)) dx \ll_{\phi, N} A^{-N}$$

*Proof.* By partial integration,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x) e(f(x)) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(x)}{f'(x)} de(f(x)) \\
&= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\phi}{f'} \right)'(x) e(f(x)) dx = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\phi'(x)}{f'(x)} + \frac{\phi(x) f^{(2)}(x)}{(f'(x))^2} dx
\end{aligned}$$

From here, we see already that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x) e(f(x)) dx \ll_{\phi, N} A^{-1}$$

Iterating partial integration  $N$  times we prove the  $A^{-N}$  bound.  $\square$

*Stationary phase:* Let  $f$  be a quadratic polynomial of two variables  $x$  and  $y$  with discriminant  $-D$  with  $D > 0$ . Let  $\phi(x, y)$  be a smooth compact supported function on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x, y) e(f(x, y)) dx dy \ll_{\phi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}}.$$

*Proof.* After using an orthonormal matrix  $L$  to change variables we can change the above integral into the form

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(L(x, y)) e\left(-x^2 - \frac{D}{4}y^2\right) dx dy$$

Using Plancherel formula,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(L(x, y)) e\left(-x^2 - \frac{D}{4}y^2\right) dx dy = \frac{1}{i\sqrt{D}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{\phi \circ L}(u, v) e\left(\frac{u^2}{4} + \frac{v^2}{D}\right) dudv$$

We caution the reader that  $e(-x^2 - \frac{D}{4}y^2)$  is not in  $L^2$ , the above formula is obtained by approximating  $e^{2\pi i(-x^2 - \frac{D}{4}y^2)}$  by  $e^{(-\epsilon + 2\pi i)(-x^2 - \frac{D}{4}y^2)}$  where we can apply Plancherel formula, then we let  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  and pass the limit. Therefore,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x, y) e(f(x, y)) dx dy \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} \|\widehat{\phi \circ L}\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} \|\phi\|_1 \quad (3.21)$$

□

If either  $\xi \gg U \geq TX\beta uq_0$  or  $\zeta \gg U \geq TX\beta uq_0$ , then the non-stationary phase condition is satisfied, we have  $\mathcal{J}_f(\beta; uq_0, \xi, \zeta) \ll (\frac{uq_0}{X\xi})^N$  for any  $N$ , so these terms are negligible. For  $\xi, \zeta \ll U$ , by the stationary phase, we have

$$\mathcal{J}_f(\beta; uq_0, \xi, \zeta) \ll \min\left\{1, \frac{1}{TX^2|\beta|}\right\} \quad (3.22)$$

With this, one has

$$\mathcal{R}_{u,f}\left(\frac{r}{q} + \beta\right) \ll \frac{X^2}{u^2} \sum_{\xi, \zeta \ll u} q_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{TX^2|\beta|} \ll \frac{u}{q^{\frac{1}{2}}T|\beta|}$$

using the fact that  $uq_0 \geq q$ . Therefore, we have

$$\mathcal{R}_N^U\left(\frac{r}{q} + \beta\right) \ll T^\delta \sum_{u < U} \frac{u}{q^{\frac{1}{2}}T|\beta|} \ll \frac{T^{\delta-1}U^2}{q^{\frac{1}{2}}|\beta|} \quad (3.23)$$

Now we are able to bound  $\mathcal{I}_1$

**Lemma 3.3.2.**

$$\mathcal{I}_1 \ll NT^{2(\delta-1)}N^{-\eta}$$

*Proof.* We divide the integral into three parts:

$$\mathcal{I}_1 = \sum_{q < Q_0} \sum'_{r(q)} \int_{\frac{r}{q} - \frac{1}{qM}}^{\frac{r}{q} + \frac{1}{qM}} \left| (1 - \mathfrak{T}(\theta)) \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N^U(\theta) \right|^2 d\theta = \sum_{q < Q_0} \sum'_{r(q)} \int_{-\frac{K_0}{N}}^{\frac{K_0}{N}} |\cdot|^2 d\beta + \int_{\frac{K_0}{N}}^{\frac{1}{qM}} |\cdot|^2 d\beta + \int_{-\frac{1}{qM}}^{-\frac{K_0}{N}} |\cdot|^2 d\beta$$

In the first summand, we insert  $|1 - \mathfrak{T}(\theta)|^2 = \frac{N^2 \beta^2}{K_0^2}$  and bound  $\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N^U$  by (3.23). In the second and third summands, we trivially bound  $|1 - \mathfrak{T}(\theta)|^2$  by 1 and  $\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N^U$  by (3.23). Then we get

$$\mathcal{I}_1 \ll \frac{NQ_0 T^{2(\delta-1)} U^4}{K_0} \ll_{\eta} T^{2\delta-1} X^2 N^{-\eta}, \quad (3.24)$$

which is a power saving.  $\square$

### 3.4 Minor Arc Analysis II

In this section we deal with  $\mathcal{I}_2$ . We divide the  $q$ -sum 2-adically:

$$\mathcal{I}_Q := \sum_{Q \leq q < 2Q} \sum'_{r(q)} \int_{\frac{r}{q} - \frac{1}{qM}}^{\frac{r}{q} + \frac{1}{qM}} \left| \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N^U(\theta) \right|^2 d\theta \quad (3.25)$$

We will show that for all  $Q_0 \leq Q < X$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_Q$  has a power saving, in the next section we will show that  $\mathcal{I}_Q$  has a power saving for the range  $X \leq Q \leq M$ . Clearly these will imply Theorem 3.3.1.

Recall from (3.15) that

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N^U\left(\frac{r}{q} + \beta\right) &= \sum_{u < U} \sum_{\mathfrak{f} \in \mathfrak{F}} \mathcal{R}_{u, \mathfrak{f}}\left(\frac{r}{q} + \beta\right) \\ &= \sum_{u < U} \sum_{\mathfrak{f} \in \mathfrak{F}} e\left(-b_{\mathfrak{f}}\left(\frac{r}{q} + \beta\right)\right) \frac{X^2}{u^2} \sum_{\xi, \zeta \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{f}}(q_0, u_0 r, \xi, \zeta) \mathcal{J}_{\mathfrak{f}}(\beta; u q_0, \xi, \zeta) \end{aligned} \quad (3.26)$$

Apply Cauchy-Schwartz inequality to the  $u$  variable, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N^U\left(\frac{r}{q} + \beta\right) \right|^2 &\leq X^4 U \sum_{\mathfrak{f} \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\xi, \zeta \in \mathbb{Z}} \left| e\left(-b_{\mathfrak{f}}\left(\frac{r}{q} + \beta\right)\right) \mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{f}}(q_0, u_0 r, \xi, \zeta) \mathcal{J}_{\mathfrak{f}}(\beta; u q_0, \xi, \zeta) \right|^2 \\ &= X^4 U \sum_{\mathfrak{f}, \mathfrak{f}' \in \mathfrak{F}} e\left(-\left(b_{\mathfrak{f}} - b_{\mathfrak{f}'}\right) \frac{r}{q}\right) \sum_{\xi, \zeta \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{\xi', \zeta' \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{f}}(q_0, u_0 r, \xi, \zeta) \overline{\mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{f}'}(q_0, u_0 r, \xi', \zeta')} \\ &\quad \mathcal{J}_{\mathfrak{f}}(\beta; u q_0, \xi, \zeta) \overline{\mathcal{J}_{\mathfrak{f}'}(\beta; u q_0, \xi', \zeta')} \end{aligned}$$

Changing variables  $\theta = \frac{r}{q} + \beta$  in (3.25) and putting (3.27) back to (3.25), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_Q &\ll X^4 U \sum_{\mathfrak{f}, \mathfrak{f}' \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\xi, \zeta \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{\xi', \zeta' \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{Q \leq q < 2Q} \left( \sum'_{r(q)} e\left(-\left(b_{\mathfrak{f}} - b_{\mathfrak{f}'}\right) \frac{r}{q}\right) \mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{f}}(q_0, u_0 r, \xi, \zeta) \overline{\mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{f}'}(q_0, u_0 r, \xi', \zeta')} \right) \\ &\quad \times \int_{-\frac{1}{qM}}^{\frac{1}{qM}} \mathcal{J}_{\mathfrak{f}}(\beta, u q_0, \xi, \zeta) \overline{\mathcal{J}_{\mathfrak{f}'}(\beta; u q_0, \xi', \zeta')} e((-b_{\mathfrak{f}} + b_{\mathfrak{f}'})\beta) d\beta \end{aligned} \quad (3.27)$$



We again split  $\mathcal{I}_Q$  into non-Archimidean and Archimedean pieces. For the non-Archididean bound, we use (3.22) to bound  $\mathcal{J}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\frac{1}{qM}}^{\frac{1}{qM}} \mathcal{J}_{\mathfrak{f}}(\beta, uq_0, \xi, \zeta) \overline{\mathcal{J}_{\mathfrak{f}'}(\beta; uq_0, \xi', \zeta')} e((-b_{\mathfrak{f}} + b_{\mathfrak{f}'})\beta) d\beta \ll \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \min \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{TX^2|\beta|} \right\}^2 d\beta \\ & \ll \int_{-\frac{1}{TX^2}}^{\frac{1}{TX^2}} 1 d\beta + \left( \int_{-\infty}^{-\frac{1}{TX^2}} + \int_{\frac{1}{TX^2}}^{\infty} \right) \frac{1}{T^2 X^4 \beta^2} d\beta \ll \frac{1}{TX^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.28)$$

Now we analyze the Archimidean part, We set

$$\mathcal{S}(q, q_0, u_0, \xi, \zeta, \mathfrak{f}, \xi', \zeta', \mathfrak{f}') = \sum'_{r(q)} e \left( - (b_{\mathfrak{f}} - b_{\mathfrak{f}'}) \frac{r}{q} \right) \mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{f}}(q_0, u_0 r, \xi, \zeta) \overline{\mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{f}'}(q_0, u_0 r, \xi', \zeta')} \quad (3.29)$$

Now we plug (3.20) in and recall that  $\frac{b_{\mathfrak{f}'}}{q_0} = \frac{b_{\mathfrak{f}'}}{q_1}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}(q_0, u_0, r, \xi, \zeta, \mathfrak{f}, \xi', \zeta', \mathfrak{f}') &= \mathbf{1}_{\substack{A_{\mathfrak{f}}\zeta \equiv B_{\mathfrak{f}}\xi \\ A_{\mathfrak{f}'}\zeta' \equiv B_{\mathfrak{f}'}\xi'}} \times \frac{\epsilon q_1 - \epsilon(q_1')}{q_0 q_1^{\frac{1}{2}} q_1'^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{A_{\mathfrak{f}}}{q_0} \right) \left( \frac{A_{\mathfrak{f}'}}{q_0} \right) \\ &\times \sum'_{r(q_0)} \left( \frac{2u_0 r b_1 \bar{A}_{\mathfrak{f}}}{q_1} \right) \left( \frac{2u_0 r b_1' \bar{A}_{\mathfrak{f}'}}{q_1} \right) e_{q_0}((-b_{\mathfrak{f}} + b_{\mathfrak{f}'})r) e_{q_0} \left( -\overline{8u_0 b_1 A_{\mathfrak{f}}} \frac{q_0}{q_1} \left( \frac{q_1(A_{\mathfrak{f}}\zeta - B_{\mathfrak{f}}\xi)}{q_0} \right) \bar{r} \right) \\ &\times e_{q_0} \left( \overline{8u_0 b_1' A_{\mathfrak{f}'}} \frac{q_0}{q_1'} \left( \frac{q_1'(A_{\mathfrak{f}'}\zeta' - B_{\mathfrak{f}'}\xi')}{q_0} \right) \bar{r} \right) e_{q_0} \left( -\overline{4u_0 r A_{\mathfrak{f}}}\xi^2 + \overline{4u_0 r A_{\mathfrak{f}'}}\xi'^2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.30)$$

This is a type of Kloosterman sum. For our use in (3.30) we only need an elementary  $\frac{3}{4}$  bound (compared to the  $\frac{1}{2}$  bound implied by the Weil conjecture) and we give a proof here.

**Lemma 3.4.1.** *Let  $S(m, n, q, \chi) = \sum'_{x(q)} e_q(mx + n\bar{x})$ , then we have*

$$S(m, n, q, \chi) \ll_{\epsilon} \min \{ (m, q), (n, q) \}^{\frac{1}{4}} q^{\frac{3}{4} + \epsilon}.$$

*Proof.* For any  $l$  invertible in  $\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}$ , we have  $S(m, n, q, \chi) = S(lm, \bar{l}n, q, \chi)\chi(l)$ , therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} |S(m, n, q, \chi)|^4 &= \frac{1}{\phi(q)} \sum'_{s(1)} \sum_{m, n(q)} |S(m, n, q, \chi)|^4 \leq \frac{(m, q)}{\phi(q)} \sum_{m, n(q_0)} |S(m, n, q, \chi)|^4 \\ &= \frac{(m, q)}{\phi(q)} \sum_{m, n(q)} \sum_{x, y, x', y'(q)} e_q \left( m((x - x') - (y - y')) + n((\bar{x} - \bar{x}') - (\bar{y} - \bar{y}')) \right) \chi \left( \frac{xy'}{x'y} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{(m, q)}{\phi(q)} q^2 \sum_{x, y, x', y'(q)} \mathbf{1}_{\substack{x-x' \equiv y-y' (q) \\ \bar{x}-\bar{x}' \equiv \bar{y}-\bar{y}' (q)}} \end{aligned} \quad (3.31)$$

Therefore, we reduce to give a bound for the above sum  $\sum_{x,y,x',y'(q)}$ . Clearly this sum is multiplicative, so it's enough to consider  $q = p^\alpha$ . We first start from  $q = p$ . Set  $s = x - x'(p)$  and  $t = \bar{x} - x'(p)$ . Then

$$\sum_{x,y,x',y'(p)} \mathbf{1}_{\substack{x-x' \equiv y-y'(p) \\ \bar{x}-x' \equiv \bar{y}-y'(p)}} = \sum_{s(p)} \sum_{t(p)} \sum'_{x,x'(p)} \left( \mathbf{1}_{\substack{x-x' \equiv s(p) \\ \bar{x}-x' \equiv t(p)}} \right)^2.$$

If  $(s, t) = (0, 0)$ , then

$$\sum'_{x,x'(p)} \mathbf{1}_{\substack{x-x' \equiv s(p) \\ \bar{x}-x' \equiv t(p)}} = \phi(p).$$

If  $(s, t) \neq (0, 0)$ , then neither  $s$  nor  $t$  is  $0 \pmod{p}$ , and  $x$  is a solution of the following quadratic equation

$$x^2 - sx - \frac{s}{t} \equiv 0(p)$$

This equation has at most two solutions. Therefore, we have

$$\sum_{x,y,x',y'(p)} \mathbf{1}_{\substack{x-x' \equiv y-y'(p) \\ \bar{x}-x' \equiv \bar{y}-y'(p)}} \leq \phi p^2 + \phi(p)^2 \cdot 4 = 5\phi(p)^2$$

Now we explain how to get a bound for  $\alpha = 2$ . We think of  $x - y - z - w = 0(p)$  and  $\bar{x} - \bar{y} - \bar{z} + \bar{w} = 0(p)$  as two varieties in  $[\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}]^4$ . Suppose  $(x_0, y_0, z_0, w_0)$  is a point in the intersection of these two curves. Then the gradient vector of each variety at this point is  $(1, -1, -1, 1)$  and  $(-\frac{1}{x_0^2}, \frac{1}{y_0^2}, \frac{1}{z_0^2}, -\frac{1}{w_0^2})$  respectively. These two vectors are linear dependent if and only if

$$x_0^2 \equiv y_0^2 \equiv z_0^2 \equiv w_0^2(p).$$

There are  $4\phi(p)$  such points, each of which will be lifted to at most  $p^3$  points in  $[\mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}]^4$  satisfying  $x - y - z - w = 0(p^2)$  and  $\bar{x} - \bar{y} - \bar{z} + \bar{w} = 0(p^2)$ . The rest of the points are regular, each of which will be lifted to  $p^2$  points. Therefore,

$$\sum_{x,y,x',y'(p^2)} \mathbf{1}_{\substack{x-x' \equiv y-y'(p^2) \\ \bar{x}-x' \equiv \bar{y}-y'(p^2)}} \leq 4\phi(p)p^3 + 5\phi(p)^2p^2 \leq 9\phi(p)p^3.$$

One can use induction to show that for general  $\alpha$ ,

$$\sum_{x,y,x',y'(p^\alpha)} \mathbf{1}_{\substack{x-x' \equiv y-y'(p^\alpha) \\ \bar{x}-x' \equiv \bar{y}-y'(p^\alpha)}} \ll (4\alpha + 1)\phi(p)p^{2\alpha-1} \ll p^{2\alpha} \quad (3.32)$$

By multiplicativity we have

$$\sum_{x,y,x',y'(q)} \mathbf{1}_{\substack{x-x' \equiv y-y'(q) \\ \bar{x}-x' \equiv \bar{y}-y'(q)}} \ll (4\alpha + 1)\phi(q)q^{2\alpha-1} \ll_\epsilon q^{2\alpha+\epsilon} \quad (3.33)$$

Plug (3.33) into (3.31) and take the fourth root, we thus prove our lemma. □

Applying Lemma 3.4.1 to (3.30), and recall that  $q_1 = \frac{q_0}{(q_0, b_f^2)}$ ,  $q_1' = \frac{q_0}{(q_0, b_{f'}^2)}$ , we obtain

$$|\mathcal{S}(q, q_0, u_0, \xi, \zeta, f, \xi', \zeta', f')| \ll_\epsilon (b_f - b_{f'}, q)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{q}{q_0}\right)^2 (q_0, b_f^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} (q_0, b_{f'}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} q^{-\frac{5}{4} + \epsilon}. \quad (3.34)$$

In the case when  $b_f = b_{f'}$ , we prove a better bound for  $\mathcal{S}(q, q_0, u_0, \xi, \zeta, f, \xi', \zeta', f')$ . This will be needed in the next section.

**Lemma 3.4.2.** *If  $b_f = b_{f'}$ , then  $|\mathcal{S}(q, q_0, u_0, \xi, \zeta, f, \xi', \zeta', f')| \ll_\epsilon (q_0, b_{f'}^2) q^{-\frac{9}{8} + \epsilon} \left(\frac{q}{q_0}\right)^{\frac{17}{8}} |f(\xi, -\zeta) - f'(\xi', -\zeta')|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then*

$$\mathcal{S}(q, q_0, u_0, \xi, \zeta, f, \xi', \zeta', f') \ll \frac{(q_0, b_f^2)}{q_0^2} \left(\frac{q}{q_0}\right)^{\frac{17}{8}} |f(\xi, -\zeta) - f'(\xi', -\zeta')|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

*Proof.* If  $b_f = b_{f'}$  and  $f(\xi, -\zeta) \neq f'(\xi', -\zeta')$ , then  $q_1 = q_1' = \frac{q_0}{(q_0, b_f^2)}$ . From (3.30) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{S}(q, q_0, u_0, \xi, \zeta, f, \xi', \zeta', f')| &= \frac{(q_0, b_f^2)}{q_0^2} \frac{q}{q_0} \left| \sum_{r(q_0)}' \left(\frac{A_f A_{f'}}{q_1}\right) e_{q_0}((-b_f + b_{f'})r) \right. \\ &\times e_{q_0} \left( -\overline{8u_0 b_1 A_f} \left(\frac{q_1(A_f \zeta - B_f \xi)}{q_0}\right)^{2\bar{r}} \right) \times e_{q_0} \left( \overline{8u_0 b_1 A_{f'}} \frac{q_0}{q_1'} \left(\frac{q_1'(A_{f'} \zeta' - B_{f'} \xi')}{q_0}\right)^{2\bar{r}} \right) \\ &\left. \times e_{q_0}(-\overline{4u_0 r A_f} \xi^2 + \overline{4u_0 r A_{f'}} \xi'^2) \right| \end{aligned}$$

Clearly the term  $|\cdot|$  is multiplicative. We apply the Kloostman 3/4 bound to  $|\cdot|$  using the  $\bar{r}$  coefficient:

$$|\mathcal{S}(q, q_0, u_0, \xi, \zeta, f, \xi', \zeta', f')| \ll_\epsilon \frac{(q_0, b_f^2)}{q_0^2} \left(\frac{q}{q_0}\right) q_0^{\frac{3}{4} + \epsilon} \prod_{p^j | q_0} \left( p^j, -\bar{A}_f \xi^2 - \overline{2b_1 A_f} \frac{q_0}{q_1} L^2 + \bar{A}_{f'} \xi'^2 + \overline{2b_1 A_{f'}} \frac{q_0}{q_1} L'^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \quad (3.35)$$

where  $L = \frac{q_1(A_f \xi - B_f \zeta)}{q_0}$  and  $L' = \frac{q_1'(A_{f'} \xi' - B_{f'} \zeta')}{q_0}$ . Now we divide the set of all the primes dividing  $q_0$  into two sets  $\mathcal{P}_1$  and  $\mathcal{P}_2$ , where  $\mathcal{P}_1$  is the set of primes  $p$  such that

$$\bar{A}_f \xi^2 + \overline{2b_1 A_f} \frac{q_0}{q_1} L^2 \equiv \bar{A}_{f'} \xi'^2 + \overline{2b_1 A_{f'}} \frac{q_0}{q_1} L'^2 \pmod{p^{[j/2]}}$$

and  $\mathcal{P}_2$  the complement.

For  $p \in \mathcal{P}_2$ , the gcd of  $p^j$  and  $-\bar{A}_f \xi^2 - \overline{2b_1 A_f} \frac{q_0}{q_1} L^2 + \bar{A}_{f'} \xi'^2 + \overline{2b_1 A_{f'}} \frac{q_0}{q_1} L'^2$  is at most  $p^{\frac{j}{2}}$ . Therefore,

$$\prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}_2} \left( p^j, -\bar{A}_f \xi^2 - \overline{2b_1 A_f} \frac{q_0}{q_1} L^2 + \bar{A}_{f'} \xi'^2 + \overline{2b_1 A_{f'}} \frac{q_0}{q_1} L'^2 \right) \leq \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}_2} p^{\frac{j}{2}} \leq q^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (3.36)$$

For  $p \in \mathcal{P}_1$ , we have

$$\bar{A}_f \xi^2 + \overline{2b_1 A_f} \frac{q_0}{q_1} L^2 \equiv \bar{A}_f \xi^2 + \overline{2b_f^2} (A_f \zeta - B_f \xi)^2 \equiv \overline{2b_f^2} \tilde{f}(\xi, -\zeta) \pmod{p^{\lfloor \frac{j}{2} \rfloor}}. \quad (3.37)$$

Similarly,

$$\bar{A}_{f'} \xi'^2 + \overline{2b_1 A_{f'}} \frac{q_0}{q_1} L^2 \equiv \overline{2b_{f'}^2} \tilde{f}'(\xi', -\zeta') \pmod{p^{\lfloor \frac{j}{2} \rfloor}} \quad (3.38)$$

Since  $b_f = b_{f'}$ , we have  $\tilde{f}(\xi, -\zeta) \equiv \tilde{f}'(\xi', -\zeta') \pmod{p^{\lfloor \frac{j}{2} \rfloor}}$  for every  $p \in \mathcal{P}_1$ . Thus we have

$$\prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}_1} \left( p^j, -\bar{A}_f \xi^2 - \overline{2b_1 A_f} \frac{q_0}{q_1} L^2 + \bar{A}_{f'} \xi'^2 + \overline{2b_1 A_{f'}} \frac{q_0}{q_1} L'^2 \right) \leq \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}_1} p^j \ll |\tilde{f}(\xi, -\zeta) - \tilde{f}'(\xi', -\zeta')|^2 \quad (3.39)$$

Plug (3.36) and (3.39) back into (3.35) we obtain our lemma.  $\square$

Now we go back to  $\mathcal{I}_Q$ . Again by non-stationary phase the sum is supported on the terms  $\xi, \xi', \zeta, \zeta' \ll U$ . Using (3.34) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_Q &\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon X^4 U^5}{T X^2} \sum_{f, f' \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{q \asymp Q} (b_f - b_{f'}, q)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \frac{q}{q_0} \right)^2 (q_0, b_f^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} (q_0, b_{f'}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} q^{-\frac{5}{4}} \\ &\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon X^2 U^9}{T} \sum_{f, f' \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{q \asymp Q} (b_f - b_{f'}, q)^{\frac{1}{4}} (q_0, b_f^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} (q_0, b_{f'}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} q^{-\frac{5}{4}} \end{aligned} \quad (3.40)$$

We further split (3.40) into two parts according to  $b_f = b_{f'}$  or not:

$$\mathcal{I}_Q \leq \mathcal{I}_Q^{(=)} + \mathcal{I}_Q^{(\neq)}.$$

We first deal with  $\mathcal{I}_Q^{(=)}$ . Noticing that  $\frac{q}{q_0} \leq U$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_Q^{(=)} &\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon X^2 U^9}{T} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{q \asymp Q} \frac{(q, b_f^2)}{q} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_{f'} = b_f}} 1 \\ &\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon X^2 U^9}{T} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{a | b_f^2} a \sum_{q \asymp Q} \mathbf{1}_{\{(q, b_f^2) = a\}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_{f'} = b_f}} 1 \\ &\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon X^2 U^9}{T} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_{f'} = b_f}} 1 \end{aligned} \quad (3.41)$$

For the last sum above, we introduce another lemma from [3]:

**Lemma 3.4.3** (Bourgain, Kontorovich). *There exists a positive constant  $\mathcal{C}$  and there exists some  $\eta_0 > 0$  which only depend on the spectral gap of  $\Gamma$  such that for any  $1 \leq q < N$  and any  $r \pmod{q}$ ,*

$$\sum \mathbf{1}_{\gamma \in \mathfrak{F} \{ \langle \mathbf{e}_1, \gamma \mathbf{r}_0 \rangle \equiv r \pmod{q} \}} \ll \frac{T^\delta}{q_0^{\eta_0}}.$$

The implied constant is independent of  $r$ .

Now we can finally determine  $K_0, Q_0$  and  $U$ . We set

$$Q_0 = T^{\frac{\delta-\theta}{20}}, K_0 = Q_0^2, U = Q_0^{\frac{\eta_0^2}{100}} \quad (3.42)$$

Apply this lemma to (3.41) we get

$$\mathcal{I}_Q^{(=)} \ll_\epsilon N^{-\eta_0 + \epsilon} T^{2\delta-1} X^2 U^9 \ll_\eta T^{2\delta-1} X^2 N^{-\eta} \quad (3.43)$$

which is a power saving.

Now we deal with  $\mathcal{I}_Q^{(\neq)}$ . We introduce a parameter  $H$  which is small power of  $N$ . We further split  $\mathcal{I}_Q^{(\neq)}$  into  $\mathcal{I}_Q^{(\neq, >)} + \mathcal{I}_Q^{(\neq, \leq)}$  according to  $(b_f, b_{f'}) > H$  or not. We first handle big gcd.

**Lemma 3.4.4.**

$$\mathcal{I}_Q^{(\neq, >)} \ll_\eta N T^{2(\delta-1)} N^{-\eta}$$

*Proof.* Apply (3.40) and replace  $(q_0, b_f^2)$  by  $(q, b_f^2)$  and  $(b_f - b_{f'}, q)$  by  $q$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_Q^{(\neq, >)} &\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon X^2 U^9}{T} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ (b_f, b_{f'}) > H}} \sum_{q \asymp Q} \frac{(q, b_f^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} (q, b_{f'}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{q} \\ &\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon X^2 U^9}{T} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\substack{h | b_f^2 \\ h > H}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_{f'} \equiv 0(h)}} \sum_{q \asymp Q} \frac{(q, b_f^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} (q, b_{f'}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{q} \\ &\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon X^2 U^9}{T} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\substack{h | b_f^2 \\ h > H}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_{f'} \equiv 0(h)}} \sum_{\tilde{q}_1 | b_{f^2}} \sum_{\tilde{q}_1' | b_{f'}^2} \frac{(\tilde{q}_1 \tilde{q}_1')^{\frac{1}{2}}}{q} \end{aligned} \quad (3.44)$$

Now since  $[\tilde{q}_1, \tilde{q}_1'] > (\tilde{q}_1 \tilde{q}_1')^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , the above

$$\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon X^2 U^9}{T} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\substack{h | b_f^2 \\ h > H}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_{f'} \equiv 0(h)}} \sum_{\tilde{q}_1 | b_{f^2}} \sum_{\tilde{q}_1' | b_{f'}^2} 1 \quad (3.45)$$

From Lemma 3.4.3, we have  $\sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_{f'} \equiv 0(h)}} 1 \ll \frac{T^\delta}{H^{\eta_0}}$ . Therefore,

$$(3.45) \ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon X^2 U^9 T^{2\delta}}{T H^{\eta_0}} \ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon T^{2\delta-1} X^2 U^9}{H^{\eta_0}} \ll_\eta T^{2\delta-1} X^2 N^{-\eta}$$

which is a power saving.  $\square$

Now we deal with small gcd. We write  $(b_f, b_{f'}) = h$  and  $b_f = hg_1, b_{f'} = hg_2, b_f - b_{f'} = hg_3$ . Then  $g_1, g_2, g_3$  are mutually relatively prime. We have

**Lemma 3.4.5.**

$$\mathcal{I}_Q^{(\neq, \leq)} \ll_{\eta} N^{1-\eta} T^{2(\delta-1)}$$

*Proof.* From (3.40),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_Q^{(\neq, \leq)} &\ll_{\epsilon} \frac{N^{\epsilon} X^2 U^9}{T} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ (b_{f'}, b_f) \leq H}} \sum_{q > Q} cde3 \frac{(q_0, b_f^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} (q_0, b_{f'}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} (b_f - b_{f'}, q)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{q^{\frac{5}{4}}} \\ &\ll_{\epsilon} \frac{N^{\epsilon} X^2 U^9}{T Q^{\frac{5}{4}}} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ (b_{f'}, b_f) \leq H}} \sum_{q > Q} (q_0, b_f)(q_0, b_{f'})(b_f - b_{f'}, q)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &\ll_{\epsilon} \frac{N^{\epsilon} X^2 U^9}{T Q^{\frac{5}{4}}} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ (b_{f'}, b_f) \leq H}} \sum_{h | (b_f, b_{f'})} h^{\frac{9}{4}} \sum_{g_1 | b_f} \sum_{g_2 | b_{f'}} \sum_{\substack{g_3 | b_f - b_{f'} \\ g_3 \ll Q}} g_1 g_2 g_3^{\frac{1}{4}} \sum_{\substack{q > Q \\ [hg_1, hg_2, hg_3] | q}} 1 \\ &\ll_{\epsilon} \frac{N^{\epsilon} X^2 U^9 H^{\frac{9}{4}}}{T Q^{\frac{5}{4}}} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ (b_{f'}, b_f) \leq H}} \sum_{g_1 | b_f} \sum_{g_2 | b_{f'}} \sum_{\substack{g_3 | b_f - b_{f'} \\ g_3 \ll Q}} g_1 g_2 g_3^{\frac{1}{4}} \frac{q}{g_1 g_2 g_3} \\ &\ll_{\epsilon} \frac{N^{\epsilon} X^2 U^9 H^{\frac{9}{4}}}{T Q^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ (b_{f'}, b_f) \leq H}} \sum_{\substack{g_3 | b_f - b_{f'} \\ g_3 \ll Q}} g_3^{-\frac{3}{4}} \\ &\ll_{\epsilon} \frac{N^{\epsilon} X^2 U^9 H^{\frac{9}{4}}}{T Q^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{g_3 \ll Q} g_3^{-\frac{3}{4}} \sum_{\substack{f \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_{f'} \equiv b_f(g_3)}} 1 \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.4.3,  $\sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_{f'} \equiv b_f(g_3)}} 1 \ll \frac{T^{\delta}}{g_3^{\eta_0}}$ . Therefore,

$$\mathcal{I}_Q^{(\neq, \leq)} \ll_{\epsilon} \frac{N^{\epsilon} X^2 U^9 H^{\frac{9}{4}}}{T Q^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} T^{\delta} Q^{\frac{1}{4} - \eta_0} \ll_{\epsilon} N^{\epsilon} T^{2\delta-1} X^2 U^9 H^{\frac{9}{4}} Q_0^{-\eta_0} \ll_{\eta} T^{2\delta-1} X^2 N^{-\eta}$$

Again we have a power savings for  $\mathcal{I}_Q^{(\neq, \leq)}$ . □

In summary, we have

**Lemma 3.4.6.**

$$\mathcal{I}_2 \ll_{\eta} N^{1-\eta} T^{2(\delta-1)}$$

### 3.5 Minor Arc Analysis III

Now we deal with the last part of the integral on the minor arcs ( $X < q < M$ ), namely  $\mathcal{I}_3$ , see (3.5.4). We keep all the notations from the previous sections. Return to (3.15). Again for simplicity we restrict our attention on the summands of  $\mathcal{R}_N^U$  where  $u$  even:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{u,f} \left( \frac{r}{q} + \beta \right) &= \sum_{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi \left( \frac{xu}{X} \right) \psi \left( \frac{yu}{X} \right) e \left( f(xu, yu) \left( \frac{r}{q} + \beta \right) \right) \\ &= e \left( - \left( \frac{r}{q} + \beta \right) b_f \right) \sum_{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi \left( \frac{xu}{X} \right) \psi \left( \frac{yu}{X} \right) e \left( \frac{ru_0 \tilde{f}(x, y)}{q_0} \right) e(\tilde{f}(x, y)u^2 \beta) \end{aligned} \quad (3.46)$$

Now we rewrite  $e_{q_0}(ru_0 \tilde{f}(x, y))$  using Fourier expansion, we have

$$\begin{aligned} e_{q_0}(ru_0 \tilde{f}(x, y)) &= \frac{1}{q_0^2} \sum_{m(q_0)} \sum_{n(q_0)} \sum_{l(q_0)} \sum_{t(q_0)} e_{q_0}(ru_0 \tilde{f}(l, t) + lm + tn) e_{q_0}(-mx - ny) \\ &= \sum_{m(q_0)} \sum_{n(q_0)} \mathcal{S}_f(q_0, u_0 r, m, n) e_{q_0}(-mx - ny) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\mathcal{R}_{u,f} \left( \frac{r}{q} + \beta \right) = e_q(-rb_f) \sum_{m(q_0)} \sum_{n(q_0)} \mathcal{S}_f(q_0, u_0 r, m, n) \lambda_f \left( X, \beta; \frac{m}{q_0}, \frac{n}{q_0}, u \right),$$

where

$$\lambda_f \left( X, \beta; \frac{m}{q_0}, \frac{n}{q_0}, u \right) := \sum_{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi \left( \frac{xu}{X} \right) \psi \left( \frac{yu}{X} \right) e \left( -\frac{mx}{q_0} \right) e \left( -\frac{ny}{q_0} \right) e(f(xu, yu)\beta).$$

Again we apply the Cauchy inequality in the  $u$  variable for  $\mathcal{I}_Q$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_Q &= \sum_{q \lesssim Q} \sum_{r(q)}' \int_{-\frac{1}{qM}}^{\frac{1}{qM}} \left| \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N^U \left( \frac{r}{q} + \beta \right) \right|^2 d\beta \\ &\ll U \sum_{u < U} \sum_{q \gtrsim Q} \sum_{r(q)}' \int_{-\frac{1}{qM}}^{\frac{1}{qM}} \left| \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \mathcal{R}_{u,f} \left( \frac{r}{q} + \beta \right) \right|^2 d\beta \\ &\ll U \sum_{u < U} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{f' \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{q \gtrsim Q} \sum_{m, n, m', n'(q_0)} \left( \sum_{r(q)}' \mathcal{S}_f(q_0, u_0 r, m, n) \mathcal{S}_{f'}(q_0, u_0 r, m', n') e_q(r(-b_f + b_{f'})) \right) \\ &\quad \times \int_{-\frac{1}{qM}}^{\frac{1}{qM}} \lambda_f \left( X, \beta; \frac{m}{q_0}, \frac{n}{q_0}, u \right) \overline{\lambda_{f'} \left( X, \beta; \frac{m'}{q_0}, \frac{n'}{q_0}, u \right)} d\beta \end{aligned}$$

Since  $m, n, m', n'$  comes from congruence classes (mod  $q_0$ ), we can choose representatives such that  $m, n, m', n' \leq \frac{q_0}{2}$ . The main contribution of  $\mathcal{I}_Q$  comes from the terms  $m, n, m', n' \ll$

$\frac{uq_0}{X}$  by non-stationary phase. To see this, for the terms  $m, n, m'$  or  $n' \gg \frac{uq_0}{X}$ , we use Poisson summation to rewrite  $\lambda_f$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_f \left( X, \beta; \frac{m}{q_0}, \frac{n}{q_0}, u \right) &= \frac{X^2}{u^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(x)\psi(y) e \left( -\frac{mX}{q_0u}x \right) e \left( -\frac{nX}{q_0u}y \right) e(\mathfrak{f}(xX, yX)\beta) dx dy \\ &+ \sum_{\substack{\xi, \zeta \in \mathbb{Z} \\ (\xi, \zeta) \neq (0,0)}} \frac{X^2}{u^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(x)\psi(y) e \left( \left( \frac{\xi X}{u} - \frac{mX}{q_0u} \right) x \right) e \left( \left( \frac{\zeta X}{u} - \frac{nX}{q_0u} \right) y \right) e(\mathfrak{f}(xX, yX)\beta) dx dy \end{aligned}$$

If  $\xi \neq 0$ , since  $\frac{mX}{q_0u} \leq \frac{X}{2u}$  and  $\mathfrak{f}(xX, yX)\beta \ll 1$ , we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(x)\psi(y) e \left( \left( \frac{\xi X}{u} - \frac{mX}{q_0u} \right) x \right) e \left( \left( \frac{\zeta X}{u} - \frac{nX}{q_0u} \right) y \right) e(\mathfrak{f}(xX, yX)\beta) dx dy \ll \left( \frac{u}{X\xi} \right)^{N_0}$$

for any  $N_0 > 0$ , by first using non-stationary phase for the  $x$  variable and trivially bound the  $y$  integral. With this, one gets

$$\lambda_f \left( X, \beta; \frac{m}{q_0}, \frac{n}{q_0}, u \right) = \frac{X^2}{u^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(x)\psi(y) e \left( -\frac{mX}{q_0u}x \right) e \left( -\frac{nX}{q_0u}y \right) e(\mathfrak{f}(xX, yX)\beta) dx dy + O \left( \left( \frac{u}{X} \right)^{N_0} \right) \quad (3.47)$$

for any  $N_0 > 0$ , We use non-stationary phase again to treat the above integral. We get

$$\lambda_f \left( X, \beta, \frac{m}{q_0}, \frac{n}{q_0}, u \right) \ll \frac{X^2}{u^2} \min \left\{ \left( \frac{q_0u}{Xm} \right)^{2N_0}, \left( \frac{q_0u}{Xn} \right)^{2N_0} \right\} \ll \frac{X^2}{u^2} \left( \frac{q_0U}{X} \right)^{2N_0} \frac{1}{m^{N_0}n^{N_0}}.$$

Therefore, if we set  $N_0 = 5$ , we have

$$\int_{-\frac{1}{qM}}^{\frac{1}{qM}} \lambda_f \left( X, \beta; \frac{m}{q_0}, \frac{n}{q_0}, u \right) \overline{\lambda_{f'} \left( X, \beta; \frac{m'}{q_0}, \frac{n'}{q_0}, u \right)} d\beta \ll \frac{1}{QM} \frac{X^4}{u^4} \left( \frac{uq_0}{X} \right)^{20} \sum_{t \gg \frac{uq_0}{X}} \frac{1}{t^5} \times t^3 \ll \frac{1}{QM} \frac{X^4}{u^4} \left( \frac{uq_0}{X} \right)^{19}$$

Now we use (3.34) to bound  $|\mathcal{S}|$ , we thus have

$$\begin{aligned} &U \sum_{u < U} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{f' \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{q > Q} \sum_{\substack{m, n, m', n' (q_0) \\ m, n, m' \text{ or } n' \gg \frac{uq_0}{X}}} \left( \sum_{r(q)} \mathcal{S}_f(q_0, u_0r, m, n) \mathcal{S}_{f'}(q_0, u_0r, m', n') e_q(r(-b_f + b_{f'})) \right) \\ &\times \int_{-\frac{1}{qM}}^{\frac{1}{qM}} \lambda_f \left( X, \beta; \frac{m}{q_0}, \frac{n}{q_0}, u \right) \overline{\lambda_{f'} \left( X, \beta; \frac{m'}{q_0}, \frac{n'}{q_0}, u \right)} d\beta \\ &\ll_{\epsilon} N^{\epsilon} U T^{2\delta} \sum_{u < U} \sum_{q > Q} \frac{T^{\frac{9}{4}} u^4}{Q^{\frac{5}{4}}} \frac{1}{QM} \frac{X^4}{u^4} \left( \frac{uq_0}{X} \right)^{19} \ll N^{\epsilon} U^{20} T^{2\delta + \frac{63}{4}} X^{\frac{7}{4}} \end{aligned} \quad (3.48)$$

Thus we see  $|\mathcal{S}|$  is indeed mainly supported on  $m, n, m', n' \ll \frac{uq_0}{X}$ . Now we split the terms  $m, n, m', n' \ll \frac{uq_0}{X}$  into two parts according to whether  $b_f = b_{f'}$  or not:

$$\mathcal{I}_Q \ll \mathcal{I}_Q^{(=)} + \mathcal{I}_Q^{(\neq)},$$



where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_Q^{(=)} &= \sum_{u < U} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_{f'} = b_f}} \sum_{q \succ Q} \sum_{m, n, m', n' \ll \frac{uq_0}{X}} \mathcal{S}(q, q_0, u_0, \xi, \zeta, f, \xi', \zeta', f') \\ &\times \int_{-\frac{1}{qM}}^{\frac{1}{qM}} \lambda_f \left( X, \beta; \frac{m}{q_0}, \frac{n}{q_0}, u \right) \overline{\lambda_{f'} \left( X, \beta; \frac{m'}{q_0}, \frac{n'}{q_0}, u \right)} d\beta \end{aligned} \quad (3.49)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_Q^{(\neq)} &= \sum_{u < U} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_{f'} \neq b_f}} \sum_{q \succ Q} \sum_{m, n, m', n' \ll \frac{uq_0}{X}} \mathcal{S}(q, q_0, u_0, \xi, \zeta, f, \xi', \zeta', f') \\ &\times \int_{-\frac{1}{qM}}^{\frac{1}{qM}} \lambda_f \left( X, \beta; \frac{m}{q_0}, \frac{n}{q_0}, u \right) \overline{\lambda_{f'} \left( X, \beta; \frac{m'}{q_0}, \frac{n'}{q_0}, u \right)} d\beta \end{aligned} \quad (3.50)$$

For  $\lambda$ , since  $x, y \asymp \frac{X}{u}$ ,  $\lambda$  has trivial bound  $\frac{X^2}{u^2}$ . Therefore, for  $\square \in \{=, \neq\}$ , we have

$$\mathcal{I}_Q^\square \ll \frac{UX^4}{QM} \sum_{u < U} \frac{1}{u^4} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_{f'} \square b_f}} \sum_{q \succ Q} \sum_{m, n, m', n' \ll \frac{uq_0}{X}} |\mathcal{S}|. \quad (3.51)$$

If  $b_f \neq b_{f'}$ , then we could use the bound from (3.34) to estimate  $\mathcal{S}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_Q^{(\neq)} &\ll_\epsilon \frac{UX^4}{QM} \sum_{u < U} \frac{1}{u^4} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_{f'} = b_f}} \sum_{q \succ Q} \sum_{m, n, m', n'} (b_f - b_{f'}, q)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \frac{q}{q_0} \right)^2 (q_0, b_f^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} (q_0, b_{f'}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} q^{-\frac{5}{4} + \epsilon} \\ &\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon UX^4}{QM} \sum_{u < U} \frac{1}{u^4} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{\substack{f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_f \neq b_{f'}}} \sum_{q \succ Q} \left( \frac{uq_0}{X} \right)^4 T^{\frac{9}{4}} u^4 Q^{-\frac{5}{4}} \ll_\epsilon T^{2(\delta-1)} N^{1+\epsilon} (T^6 X^{-\frac{1}{4}} U^6) \end{aligned} \quad (3.52)$$

where we replaced  $(b_f - b_{f'}, q)$ ,  $(q_0, b_f^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $(q_0, b_{f'}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  by  $T$ . Thus we have a significant power savings for  $\mathcal{I}_Q^{(\neq)}$ .

Next we deal with  $\mathcal{I}_Q^{(=)}$ , we further split  $\mathcal{I}_Q^{(=)}$  into two pieces

$$\mathcal{I}_Q^{(=)} = \mathcal{I}_Q^{(=,=)} + \mathcal{I}_Q^{(=,\neq)}$$

according to whether  $f(m, -n) = f'(m', -n')$  or not. For  $\mathcal{I}_Q^{(=,\neq)}$ , we use Lemma 3.4.2 to bound  $|\mathcal{S}|$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_Q^{(=,\neq)} &\ll \frac{UX^4}{QM} \sum_{u < U} \sum_{q \succ Q} \sum_{m, n, m', n' \ll \frac{uq_0}{X}} \sum_{\substack{f, f' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_f = b_{f'} \\ f(m, -n) \neq f'(m', -n')}} (q_0, b_f^2) q^{-\frac{9}{8} + \epsilon} \left( \frac{q}{q_0} \right)^{\frac{17}{8}} \left| f(m, -n) - f'(m', -n') \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (3.53)$$

Noticing that  $(q_0, b_f^2) \ll T^2, \frac{q}{q_0} \ll U^2$  and  $\mathfrak{f}(m, -n), \mathfrak{f}'(m', -n') \ll T(\frac{UQ}{X})^2$ , we have

$$\mathcal{I}_Q^{(=\neq)} \ll_\epsilon N^\epsilon \frac{UX^4}{QM} UQ \left(\frac{UQ}{X}\right)^4 T^{2\delta} \frac{T^2}{Q^{\frac{9}{8}}} U^{\frac{17}{4}} T^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{UQ}{X} \ll_\epsilon N^\epsilon U^{\frac{45}{4}} T^{2\delta + \frac{43}{8}} X^{\frac{15}{8}}, \quad (3.54)$$

which is again a significant power savings.

Next we deal with  $\mathcal{I}_Q^{(=,=)}$ . This will complete our minor arc analysis. From (3.34) and (3.51) we have

$$\mathcal{I}_Q^{(=,=)} \ll \frac{UX^4}{QM} \sum_{u < U} \frac{1}{u^4} \sum_{\mathfrak{f} \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{m, n \ll \frac{uq_0}{X}} \frac{(b_f^2, q)}{q} u^4 \sum_{\substack{\mathfrak{f}' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_{f'} = b_f}} \sum_{\substack{m', n' \ll \frac{uq_0}{X} \\ \mathfrak{f}'(m', -n') = \mathfrak{f}(m, -n)}} 1$$

For the inner double sum we shall prove the following lemma:

**Lemma 3.5.1.**

$$\sum_{\substack{\mathfrak{f}' \in \mathfrak{F} \\ b_{f'} = b_f}} \sum_{\substack{m', n' \ll \frac{uq_0}{X} \\ \mathfrak{f}'(m', -n') = \mathfrak{f}(m, -n)}} 1 \ll_\epsilon N^\epsilon (\mathfrak{f}(m, -n), -8b_f^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

*Proof.* This lemma will follow from the following three claims.

**Claim 1:** The number of classes of equivalent quadratic forms having discriminant  $-2b_f^2$  and representing the integer  $z = \mathfrak{f}(m, -n)$  is bounded by  $N^\epsilon (\mathfrak{f}(m, -n), -8b_f^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

Suppose  $z = \mathfrak{f}(m, -n)$  is primitively represented by a quadratic form  $\mathfrak{f}_0$  (i.e.  $(m, n) = 1$ ), then  $\mathfrak{f}_0$  is equivalent to a quadratic form  $zx^2 + B_0xy + C_0y^2$ , with  $|B_0| < z$ . Now since  $B_0^2 - 4zC_0 = -8b_f^2(z)$ , we have  $B_0^2 \equiv -8b_f^2(z)$ . From Chinese Remainder Theorem, the number of solutions of

$$B_0^2 \equiv -8b_f^2(z) \quad (3.55)$$

is the the product of the numbers of solutions of

$$B_0^2 \equiv -8b_f^2(p_i^{n_i}) \quad (3.56)$$

for each  $p_i^{n_i} \parallel z$ .

Now suppose  $-8b_f^2 \equiv kp_i^{l_i}$ , where  $0 \leq l_i \leq n_i$  and  $(k, p_i) = 1$ , then if  $l_i$  is odd, there's no solution to (3.56). If  $l_i$  is even, then all the solutions of (3.56) are given by

$$\pm p^{\frac{l_i}{2}} l + kp^{n_i - \frac{l_i}{2}},$$

where  $l$  is a solution of

$$l^2 \equiv -\frac{-8b_f^2}{p_i^{l_i}} (p^{n_i - l_i})$$

and  $0 \leq k \leq p^{\frac{i}{2}} - 1$ . There are  $2p^{\frac{i}{2}}$  such solutions. By multiplicativity, the number of solutions of (3.55) is bounded by  $2^{w(\mathfrak{f}(m, -n))}(\mathfrak{f}(m, -n), -8b_{\mathfrak{f}}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Therefore, our choices for  $B_0$  is at most  $2^{w(\mathfrak{f}(m, -n))+1}(\mathfrak{f}(m, -n), -8b_{\mathfrak{f}}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . If  $z$  is not primitively represented by  $\mathfrak{f}$ , then a divisor  $z_0$  of  $z$  is primitively represented. There are at most  $d(z)$  many such cases, and the bound  $2^{w(\mathfrak{f}(m, -n))+1}(\mathfrak{f}(m, -n), -8b_{\mathfrak{f}}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  works for each case. Thus claim 1 follows.

**Claim 2:** In each equivalent class in  $\mathfrak{F}$ , the number of equivalent quadratic forms is bounded: Suppose  $\mathfrak{f}' = (A', 2B', C')$  and  $\mathfrak{f}'' = (A'', 2B'', C'')$  are two equivalent quadratic forms in  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then we can find  $\begin{pmatrix} g & h \\ i & j \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \cup \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} A'' &= g^2 A' + 2giB' + i^2 C', \\ B'' &= ghA' + (gi + hj)B' + ijC', \\ C'' &= h^2 A' + 2hjB' + j^2 C' \end{aligned} \tag{3.57}$$

The first equation above can be rewritten as  $A'' = A' \left( g + i \frac{B'}{A'} \right)^2 + i^2 \frac{2b_{\mathfrak{f}}^2}{A'}$ . So from  $i^2 \frac{2b_{\mathfrak{f}}^2}{A'} \leq A''$ ,  $b_{\mathfrak{f}} \asymp T$ ,  $A'' \ll T$ , we know  $i \ll 1$ . Then from  $A' \left( g + i \frac{B'}{A'} \right) \leq A''$  we also know  $g \ll 1$ . Similarly  $h, j \ll 1$ , so the number of equivalent quadratic forms in each equivalent class in  $\mathfrak{F}$  is bounded. Therefore Claim 2 holds.

**Claim 3:** given an integer  $z \ll N$  and a quadratic form  $\mathfrak{f}$  of discriminant  $-8b_{\mathfrak{f}}^2$ , there are at most  $N^\epsilon$  pairs  $(m, n)$  such that  $\mathfrak{f}(m, -n) = z$ .

This is because  $Am^2 - 2Bmn + Cn^2 = z$  can be rewritten as

$$(Am + (B + \sqrt{-2b_{\mathfrak{f}}})n)(Am + (B - \sqrt{-2b_{\mathfrak{f}}})n) = Az$$

Since  $Az \ll N^2$ , the number of divisors of  $Az$  is bounded by  $N^\epsilon$ . The pairs  $(m, n)$  can be identified with  $Am + (B + \sqrt{-2b_{\mathfrak{f}}})n$ , which is a divisor of  $Az$ , therefore Claim 3 also holds.

Our lemma thus follows Claims 1, Claim 2 and Claim 3.  $\square$

We need the following final ingredient to estimate  $\mathcal{I}_Q^{(=, =)}$ :

**Lemma 3.5.2.** *Given any  $W > 0$  and  $\mathfrak{f} = (A, 2B, C)$  a primitive quadratic form of discriminant  $-8b_{\mathfrak{f}}^2$ , for any  $d|2b_{\mathfrak{f}}^2$ , we have*

$$\sum_{\substack{m, n \leq W \\ \mathfrak{f}(m, -n) \equiv 0(d)}} 1 \ll W^2 d^{-\frac{1}{2}} + W$$

The implied constant is absolute.

*Proof.* We first show that  $\exists \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} i & j \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  and  $\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}, \tilde{C} \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$Ax^2 + 2Bxy + Cy^2 = \tilde{A}(ix + gy)^2 + \tilde{B}(ij + gy)xy + \tilde{C}(jx + hy)^2$$

and

$$(\tilde{A}, -2b_{\mathfrak{f}}^2) = 1, \tilde{B} \equiv \tilde{C} \equiv 0(d).$$

We use a local-global argument: for each  $p_i^{n_i} \parallel d$ , since  $\mathfrak{f}$  is primitive, at least one of  $A, B, C$  can not be divided by  $p$ . For example, if  $(A, p) = 1$ , then

$$Ax^2 + 2Bxy + Cy^2 \equiv A(x + B\bar{A}y)^2 + 2b_{\mathfrak{f}}^2 \bar{A}y^2 \equiv A(x + B\bar{A}y)^2,$$

we set

$$\gamma_{p_i^{n_i}} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & B\bar{A} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z}/p_i^{n_i}\mathbb{Z})$$

so  $\gamma_{p_i^{n_i}}(A, 2B, C) = (A, 0, 0)(p_i^{n_i})$ . Now from the Chinese remainder theorem, we could find  $\gamma_d \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z})$  such that  $\gamma_d \equiv \gamma_{p_i^{n_i}}$  in  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}/p_i^{n_i})$  for each  $p_i^{n_i} \parallel d$ . Now since  $(\tilde{A}, d) = 1$  and  $\tilde{B} \equiv 0(d)$ , this forces  $\tilde{C} \equiv 0(d)$ . Therefore,

$$\sum_{\substack{m, n \leq W \\ \mathfrak{f}(m, -n) \equiv 0(d)}} 1 \ll \sum_{m, n \ll W} \mathbf{1}_{\{(im+gn)^2 \equiv 0(d)\}}$$

If  $(im + gn)^2 \equiv 0(d)$ , then  $im + gn$  can be parametrized by  $sd_0$ , where  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $d_0 \geq d^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Therefore, we have

$$im + gn \equiv 0(d_0) \tag{3.58}$$

For the above equation to have a solution, since  $(i, g) = 1$ ,  $gn$  should be of the form  $k(i, d_0)$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so there are at most  $\frac{W}{(i, d_0)} + 1$  many choices for  $n$ . Fixing such an  $n$ , (3.58) can be reduced to

$$\frac{i}{(i, d_0)} m \equiv k \pmod{\frac{d_0}{(i, d_0)}}.$$

There are at most  $\frac{W}{\frac{d_0}{(i, d_0)}} + 1$  such choices for  $m$ . Therefore,

$$\sum_{\substack{m, n \leq W \\ \mathfrak{f}(m, -n) \equiv 0(d)}} 1 = \sum_{m, n \leq W} \mathbf{1}_{\{im+gn \equiv 0(d_0)\}} \ll \left( \frac{W}{(i, d_0)} + 1 \right) \left( \frac{W}{\frac{d_0}{(i, d_0)}} + 1 \right) \ll W^2 d^{-\frac{1}{2}} + W$$

□

Now we can show that

**Lemma 3.5.3.**

$$\mathcal{I}_Q^{(=, =)} \ll_{\eta} T^{2\delta-1} X^2 N^{-\eta}$$

*Proof.* Apply Lemma 3.5.1 and Lemma 3.5.2 with  $W = \frac{uq_0}{X}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{I}_Q^{(=,=)} &\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon U X^4}{QM} \sum_{u < U} \frac{1}{u^4} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{q > Q} \sum_{m, n \ll \frac{uq_0}{X}} \frac{(b_f^2, q)}{q} u^4 (f(m, -n), -8b_f^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon U X^4}{QM} \sum_{u < U} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{q > Q} \frac{(b_f^2, q)}{q} \sum_{m, n \ll \frac{uq_0}{X}} u^4 (f(m, -n), -8b_f^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon U X^4}{QM} \sum_{u < U} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{q > Q} \frac{(b_f^2, q)}{q} \sum_{d_1 | -2b_f^2} d_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{\substack{m, n \ll \frac{uq_0}{X} \\ f(m, -n) \equiv 0(d_1)}} 1 \\
&\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon U X^4}{QM} \sum_{u < U} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{q > Q} \frac{(b_f^2, q)}{q} \sum_{d_1 | -2b_f^2} d_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \left( \frac{uq_0}{X} \right)^2 d_1^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{uq_0}{X} \right) \\
&\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon U X^4}{QM} \sum_{u < U} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{q > Q} \frac{(b_f^2, q)}{q} \left( \left( \frac{uq}{X} \right)^2 + \frac{Tuq}{X} \right) \\
&\ll_\epsilon \frac{N^\epsilon U X^4}{QM} \sum_{u < U} \sum_{f \in \mathfrak{F}} \sum_{q > Q} \sum_{\substack{q > Q \\ q \equiv 0(d_2)}} \frac{d_2}{q} \left( \left( \frac{uq}{X} \right)^2 + \frac{Tuq}{X} \right) \\
&\ll_\epsilon N^\epsilon U^4 X^2 T^\delta \ll_\epsilon N^\epsilon U^4 X^2 T^{2\delta-1} T^{1-\delta}
\end{aligned} \tag{3.59}$$

Therefore, we have a power savings here.  $\square$

From (3.52), (3.54) and (3.59) we obtain

**Lemma 3.5.4.**

$$\mathcal{I}_3 \ll_\eta T^{2\delta-1} X^2 N^{-\eta}.$$

## 3.6 Proof of Theorem 1.0.4

We now give the proof of the main theorem following the strategy at the end of §3.1.

*Proof of Theorem 1.0.4.* From Lemma 3.1.2 we know that

$$\sum_{\frac{n}{2} < n < N} |\mathcal{R}_N(n) - \mathcal{R}_N^U(n)| \ll_\epsilon \frac{T^\delta X^{2+\epsilon}}{U} \ll_\eta T^\delta X^2 N^{-\eta}$$

From Lemma 3.3.2, Lemma 3.4.6, Lemma 3.5.4 we know that

$$\sum_{\frac{n}{2} < n < N} |\mathcal{E}_N^U(n)|^2 \leq \int_{-1}^1 |(1 - \mathfrak{T}(\theta)) \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_N^U(\theta)|^2 d\theta \ll_\eta T^{2\delta-1} X^2 N^{-\eta}$$

By Cauchy inequality, we then have

$$\sum_{\frac{n}{2} < n < N} |\mathcal{E}_N^U(n)| \ll_\eta T^\delta X^2 N^{-\eta}$$

From Lemma 3.2.4, we also have

$$\sum_{n < N} |\mathcal{M}_N(n) - \mathcal{M}_N^U(n)| \ll_{\eta} T^{\delta} X^2 N^{-\eta}$$

Since  $\mathcal{M}_N = \mathcal{R}_N + \mathcal{E}_N$  and  $\mathcal{M}_N^U = \mathcal{R}_N^U + \mathcal{E}_N^U$ , we then have

$$\sum_{n < N} |\mathcal{E}_N(n) - \mathcal{E}_N^U(n)| \ll_{\eta} T^{\delta-1} X^2 N^{-\eta}$$

As a result,

$$\sum_{n < N} |\mathcal{E}_N(n)| \ll_{\eta} T^{\delta} X^2 N^{-\eta}$$

Let  $Z$  be the exceptional subset of  $\{n | n \equiv \kappa_1 \pmod{8}\} \cap (\frac{N}{2}, N)$  consisting of all numbers which are not represented by our ensemble. Then for  $z \in Z$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_N(z) \gg_{\epsilon} N^{-\epsilon} T^{\delta-1}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_N(z) = 0$ , so  $|\mathcal{E}_N(z)| \gg_{\epsilon} N^{-\epsilon} T^{\delta-1}$ .

Therefore,

$$|Z| T^{\delta-1} N^{-\epsilon} \ll_{\epsilon} \sum_{n \in Z} |\mathcal{E}_N(z)| \ll_{\eta} T^{\delta} X^2 N^{-\eta}.$$

So  $|Z| \ll N^{1-\eta}$ , and we prove the density one theorem for  $C_1$ -orbit under  $\Gamma$ . There are six orbits in  $\mathcal{P}$ , namely  $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_1', C_2', C_3'$ . We can prove the same conclusion for every orbit simply by changing the order of components of  $\mathbf{v}$  or  $\mathbf{v}'$  and define our ensemble accordingly. More concretely, if we want to get the  $C_2$  orbit, we just put  $\kappa_2$  in the first component of  $\mathbf{v}$ . Thus Theorem 1.0.4 follows.  $\square$

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