

## Fourth power mean of character sums

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $q \geq 3$  be an integer and  $\chi$  be a Dirichlet character modulo  $q$ . The character sums

$$\sum_{a=N+1}^{N+H} \chi(a)$$

play an important role in number theory. Pólya [5] and Vinogradov [6] proved the inequality

$$\left| \sum_{a=1}^x \chi(a) \right| \leq c\sqrt{p} \ln p$$

when  $q = p$  is a prime. Actually, the above inequality holds with the constant  $c = 1$ . D. A. Burgess [1] obtained the mean value estimate

$$\sum_{n=1}^k \left| \sum_{m=1}^h \chi(n+m) \right|^2 < kh,$$

where  $h$  is any positive integer. For fourth power moments, he specified the problem to the case of  $q = p$ , and proved (see [2])

$$\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \sum_{n=1}^p \left| \sum_{m=1}^h \chi(n+m) \right|^4 \leq 6p^2 h^2.$$

For general modulus  $q$ , he summed the mean value over all primitive characters and obtained (see [3])

$$\sum_{\chi \bmod q}^* \sum_{n=1}^p \left| \sum_{m=1}^h \chi(n+m) \right|^4 \leq 8\tau^7(q)q^2 h^2,$$

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where  $\sum_{\chi \bmod q}^*$  denotes the summation over all primitive characters modulo  $q$  and  $\tau(n)$  is the Dirichlet divisor function.

In order to obtain an asymptotic formula for higher moments of character sums, the authors [7] studied the  $2k$ th power mean of the even primitive character sums over the quarter interval  $[1, q/4)$ , and obtained the following sharper asymptotic formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\chi(-1)=1}^* \left| \sum_{a < q/4} \chi(a) \right|^{2k} \\ = \frac{J(q)q^k}{16} \left( \frac{\pi}{8} \right)^{2k-2} \prod_{p|q} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^2} \right)^{2k-1} \prod_{p \nmid 2q} \left( 1 - \frac{C_{2k-2}^{k-1}}{p^2} \right) + O(q^{k+\varepsilon}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sum_{\chi(-1)=1}^*$  denotes the summation over all primitive characters modulo  $q$  such that  $\chi(-1) = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon$  is any fixed positive number,  $J(q)$  denotes the number of primitive characters modulo  $q$ , and  $\prod_{p|q}$  denotes the product over all prime divisors  $p$  of  $q$ ; finally  $C_m^n = m!/n!(m-n)!$ .

Unfortunately, the methods used in [7] only work for the case of primitive characters. For a general nonprincipal character modulo  $q$ , they are not efficient.

The present work deals mainly with the fourth power mean of the nonprincipal character sums over the interval  $[1, q/4)$  by using the properties of Dedekind sums, Cochrane sums and Dirichlet L-functions, and obtains a sharper asymptotic formula for it. We prove the following:

**THEOREM.** *Let  $q \geq 5$  be an odd integer. Then we have the asymptotic formula*

$$\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \left| \sum_{a < q/4} \chi(a) \right|^4 = \frac{21\phi^4(q)}{256q} \prod_{p^\alpha \parallel q} \frac{\frac{(p+1)^3}{p(p^2+1)} - \frac{1}{p^{3\alpha-1}}}{1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2}} + O(q^{2+\varepsilon}),$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is any fixed positive number and  $\prod_{p^\alpha \parallel q}$  denotes the product over all prime divisors  $p$  of  $q$  with  $p^\alpha \mid q$  and  $p^{\alpha+1} \nmid q$ .

For  $k \geq 3$ , how to get an asymptotic formula for  $\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \left| \sum_{a < q/4} \chi(a) \right|^{2k}$  is an open problem.

**2. Some lemmas.** To prove the theorem, we need the following lemmas.

**LEMMA 1** (see [4]). *Let  $q \geq 3$  be an odd number. For any nonprincipal character  $\chi$  modulo  $q$ , we have*

$$\sum_{a=1}^q a\chi(a) = \frac{\chi(2)q}{1-2\chi(2)} \sum_{a=1}^{(q-1)/2} \chi(a).$$

LEMMA 2 ([7, proof of Lemma 3]). *Let  $q \geq 5$  be an odd integer and  $\chi$  be a Dirichlet character modulo  $q$  such that  $\chi(-1) = 1$ . Then*

$$\sum_{a=1}^{\lfloor q/4 \rfloor} \chi(a) = -\frac{\bar{\chi}(4)}{8q} \sum_{a=1}^{4q} a\chi\chi_4(a),$$

where  $\chi_4$  is the primitive Dirichlet character modulo 4.

LEMMA 3. *Let  $q$  be an odd number and  $\chi$  be a primitive Dirichlet character modulo  $q$  such that  $\chi(-1) = -1$ . Then*

$$\sum_{a=1}^{\lfloor q/4 \rfloor} \chi(a) = \frac{\bar{\chi}(4) - \bar{\chi}(2) - 2}{2q} \sum_{a=1}^q a\chi(a).$$

*Proof.* We only prove the lemma in the case of  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . A similar argument yields the same result for  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . From the properties of the Dirichlet character modulo  $q$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & 4\chi(4) \sum_{a=1}^{q-1} a\chi(a) \\ &= \sum_{a=1}^{(q-1)/4} 4a\chi(4a) + \sum_{a=(q+3)/4}^{(2q-2)/4} 4a\chi(4a) + \sum_{a=(2q+2)/4}^{(3q-3)/4} 4a\chi(4a) + \sum_{a=(3q+1)/4}^{q-1} 4a\chi(4a) \\ &= \sum_{a=1}^{(q-1)/4} 4a\chi(4a) + \sum_{a=1}^{(q-1)/4} (4a+q-1)\chi(4a-1) \\ &\quad + \sum_{a=1}^{(q-1)/4} (4a+2q-2)\chi(4a-2) + \sum_{a=1}^{(q-1)/4} (4a+3q-3)\chi(4a-3) \\ &= \sum_{a=1}^{q-1} a\chi(a) + \chi(4)q \sum_{a=1}^{(q-1)/4} \chi(a-\bar{4}) \\ &\quad + 2\chi(4)q \sum_{a=1}^{(q-1)/4} \chi(a-2\cdot\bar{4}) + 3\chi(4)q \sum_{a=1}^{(q-1)/4} \chi(a-3\cdot\bar{4}). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\bar{4} \equiv \frac{3q+1}{4} \pmod{q}$  if  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . So from (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \quad & 4\chi(4) \sum_{a=1}^{q-1} a\chi(a) = \sum_{a=1}^{q-1} a\chi(a) - \chi(4)q \sum_{a=(2q+2)/4}^{(3q-3)/4} \chi(a) \\ &\quad - 2\chi(4)q \sum_{a=(q+3)/4}^{(2q-2)/4} \chi(a) - 3\chi(4)q \sum_{a=1}^{(q-1)/4} \chi(a) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{a=1}^{q-1} a\chi(a) - \chi(4)q \sum_{a=(q+3)/4}^{(2q-2)/4} \chi(a) - 3\chi(4)q \sum_{a=1}^{(q-1)/4} \chi(a) \\
&= \sum_{a=1}^{q-1} a\chi(a) - \chi(4)q \sum_{a=1}^{(q-1)/2} \chi(a) - 2\chi(4)q \sum_{a=1}^{(q-1)/4} \chi(a),
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used the equality  $\chi(-1) = -1$  and

$$\sum_{a=(q+3)/4}^{(2q-2)/4} \chi(a) = - \sum_{a=(2q+2)/4}^{(3q-3)/4} \chi(a).$$

Now, from (2) and Lemma 1, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
4\chi(4) \sum_{a=1}^{q-1} a\chi(a) \\
&= \sum_{a=1}^{q-1} a\chi(a) - (\chi(2) - 2\chi(4)) \sum_{a=1}^{q-1} a\chi(a) - 2\chi(4)q \sum_{a=1}^{(q-1)/4} \chi(a).
\end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\sum_{a=1}^{(q-1)/4} \chi(a) = \frac{\bar{\chi}(4) - \bar{\chi}(2) - 2}{2q} \sum_{a=1}^{q-1} a\chi(a) = \frac{\bar{\chi}(4) - \bar{\chi}(2) - 2}{2q} \sum_{a=1}^q a\chi(a).$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 3 in the case of  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

LEMMA 4 (see [8]). *Let  $q \geq 3$  be an integer with  $(h, q) = 1$ . Denote by  $S(h, q)$  the Dedekind sum*

$$S(h, q) = \sum_{a=1}^q \left( \left( \frac{a}{q} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{ha}{q} \right) \right),$$

where

$$\left( \left( x \right) \right) = \begin{cases} x - [x] - 1/2 & \text{if } x \text{ is not an integer,} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is an integer.} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$S(h, q) = \frac{1}{\pi^2 q} \sum_{d|q} \frac{d^2}{\phi(d)} \sum_{\substack{\chi \pmod{d} \\ \chi(-1) = -1}} \chi(h) |L(1, \chi)|^2,$$

where the last sum is over all Dirichlet character modulo  $d$  with  $\chi(-1) = -1$ , and  $L(s, \chi)$  is the Dirichlet  $L$ -function corresponding to  $\chi$ .

LEMMA 5. Let  $q$  be any odd integer with  $q \geq 3$  and  $\chi$  be a Dirichlet character modulo  $q$ . Then for any integer  $m \geq 0$ , we have the identity

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \bar{\chi}(2^m) \left| \sum_{r=1}^{q'} r \chi(r) \right|^4 \\ = q^4 \phi(q) \sum_{d|q} \sum_{l|q} \mu(d) \mu(l) \sum_{r=1}^q S(2^m r, q/d) S(r, q/l), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu(n)$  is the Möbius function and the last sum is over all integers  $r$  with  $1 \leq r \leq q$  and  $(r, q) = 1$ .

*Proof.* First we define the Cochrane sum  $C(h, q)$ , which was first introduced by Professor Todd Cochrane during his visit to Xi'an in October 2000, as follows:

$$C(h, q) = \sum_{a=1}^q \left( \left( \frac{\bar{a}}{q} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{ah}{q} \right) \right).$$

Note that

$$\sum_{c=1}^q \chi(c) \left( \left( \frac{c}{q} \right) \right) = \sum_{c=1}^q \chi(c) \left( \frac{c}{q} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = 0 \quad \text{if } \chi(-1) = 1.$$

Then from the orthogonality relation for Dirichlet characters modulo  $q$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} (3) \quad C(a, q) &= \sum_{r=1}^q \left( \left( \frac{\bar{r}}{q} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{ar}{q} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\phi(q)} \sum_{\chi \bmod q} \left\{ \sum_{r=1}^q \chi(r) \left( \left( \frac{r}{q} \right) \right) \right\} \times \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^q \chi(s) \left( \left( \frac{as}{q} \right) \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\phi(q)} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \left\{ \sum_{r=1}^q \chi(r) \left( \left( \frac{r}{q} \right) \right) \right\} \times \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^q \bar{\chi}(a) \chi(as) \left( \left( \frac{as}{q} \right) \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\phi(q)} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \bar{\chi}(a) \left( \sum_{r=1}^q \chi(r) \left( \left( \frac{r}{q} \right) \right) \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{q^2 \phi(q)} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \bar{\chi}(a) \left( \sum_{r=1}^{q'} r \chi(r) \right)^2, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that  $\sum_{r=1}^q \chi(r) = 0$  if  $\chi$  is not the principal

character modulo  $q$ . Now the identity

$$(4) \quad \sum_{a=1}^q{}' C(2^m a, q) C(a, q) = \frac{1}{q^4 \phi(q)} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \bar{\chi}(2^m) \left| \sum_{r=1}^q{}' r \chi(r) \right|^4$$

follows from (3) immediately.

On the other hand, from the definition of  $C(a, q)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{a=1}^q{}' C(2^m a, q) C(a, q) &= \sum_{a=1}^q{}' \sum_{r=1}^q{}' \left( \left( \frac{\bar{r}}{q} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{2^m ar}{q} \right) \right) \sum_{s=1}^q{}' \left( \left( \frac{\bar{s}}{q} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{as}{q} \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^q{}' \sum_{s=1}^q{}' \left( \left( \frac{\bar{r}}{q} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{\bar{s}}{q} \right) \right) \sum_{a=1}^q{}' \left( \left( \frac{2^m ar}{q} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{as}{q} \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^q{}' \sum_{s=1}^q{}' \left( \left( \frac{\bar{r}}{q} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{\bar{s}}{q} \right) \right) \sum_{a=1}^q{}' \left( \left( \frac{2^m r \bar{s} a}{q} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{a}{q} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

In the last step we have used the fact that if  $(s, q) = 1$  and  $a$  runs through a reduced residue system modulo  $q$ , so does  $\bar{s}a$ . Therefore, from the definition of Dedekind sums  $S(h, q)$  and the identities

$$\sum_{s=1}^q{}' = \sum_{d|q} \mu(d) \sum_{s=1}^{q/d}$$

and  $S(r, q) = S(\bar{r}, q)$ ,

we have

$$\begin{aligned} (5) \quad \sum_{a=1}^q{}' C(2^m a, q) C(a, q) &= \sum_{r=1}^q{}' \sum_{s=1}^q{}' \left( \left( \frac{\bar{r}}{q} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{\bar{s}}{q} \right) \right) \sum_{a=1}^q{}' \left( \left( \frac{2^m r \bar{s} a}{q} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{a}{q} \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^q{}' \sum_{s=1}^q{}' \left( \left( \frac{\bar{r}}{q} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{\bar{s}}{q} \right) \right) \sum_{l|q} \mu(l) \sum_{a=1}^{q/l} \left( \left( \frac{2^m r \bar{s} a}{q/l} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{a}{q/l} \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{l|q} \mu(l) \sum_{r=1}^q{}' \sum_{s=1}^q{}' \left( \left( \frac{\bar{r}}{q} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{\bar{s}}{q} \right) \right) S(2^m r \bar{s}, q/l) \\ &= \sum_{l|q} \mu(l) \sum_{r=1}^q{}' \sum_{s=1}^q{}' \left( \left( \frac{\bar{r}}{q} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{s}{q} \right) \right) S(2^m r s, q/l) \\ &= \sum_{l|q} \mu(l) \sum_{d|q} \mu(d) \sum_{r=1}^q{}' \sum_{s=1}^{q/d} \left( \left( \frac{2^m r s}{q/d} \right) \right) \left( \left( \frac{s}{q/d} \right) \right) S(\bar{r}, q/l) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{d|q} \sum_{l|q} \mu(d)\mu(l) \sum_{r=1}^q{}' S(2^m r, q/d) S(\bar{r}, q/l) \\
&= \sum_{d|q} \sum_{l|q} \mu(d)\mu(l) \sum_{r=1}^q{}' S(2^m r, q/d) S(r, q/l).
\end{aligned}$$

Now Lemma 5 follows from (4) and (5). ■

LEMMA 6. Let  $u$  and  $v$  be odd integers with  $(u, v) = d \geq 2$ , and  $\chi_u^0$  and  $\chi_v^0$  be the principal characters modulo  $u$  and  $v$ , respectively. If  $r(n) = \sum_{d|n} \chi_u^0(d)\chi_v^0(n/d)$ , then for any integer  $m \geq 0$  we have the identity

$$\sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ (n,d)=1}}^{\infty} \frac{r(2^m n)r(n)}{n^2} = \frac{(3m+5)\pi^4}{72} \frac{\prod_{p|uv} \frac{(p^2-1)^2}{p^2(p^2+1)}}{\prod_{p|d} \frac{p^2}{p^2-1}}.$$

*Proof.* Noting that  $r(n)$  is a multiplicative function, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
(6) \quad &\sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ (n,d)=1}}^{\infty} \frac{r(2^m n)r(n)}{n^2} \\
&= \left( r(2^m) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(m+j+1)(j+1)}{4^j} \right) \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ (n,d)=1 \\ 2 \nmid n}}^{\infty} \frac{r^2(n)}{n^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

After some simple calculation, we get

$$(7) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(m+j+1)(j+1)}{4^j} = \frac{21m+53}{27}.$$

Moreover,

$$\sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ (n,d)=1 \\ 2 \nmid n}}^{\infty} \frac{r^2(n)}{n^2} = \prod_{\substack{p \nmid d \\ p \neq 2}} \left( 1 + \frac{r^2(p)}{p^2} + \frac{r^2(p^2)}{p^4} + \dots \right)$$

by using the Euler product formula. Note that

$$r(p^\alpha) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \mid u, p \nmid v, \\ \alpha + 1 & \text{if } p \nmid u, p \nmid v, \\ 1 & \text{if } p \nmid u, p \mid v, \\ 0 & \text{if } p \mid u, p \mid v, \end{cases}$$

for any positive integer  $\alpha$  and prime  $p$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ (n,d)=1 \\ 2 \nmid n}}^{\infty} \frac{r^2(n)}{n^2} &= \prod_{\substack{p \nmid uv \\ p \neq 2}} \left( 1 + \frac{2^2}{p^2} + \frac{3^2}{p^4} + \cdots \right) \\ &\quad \times \prod_{\substack{p|u \\ p \nmid v}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{p^2} + \frac{1}{p^4} + \cdots \right) \prod_{\substack{p|v \\ p \nmid u}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{p^2} + \frac{1}{p^4} + \cdots \right). \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$S = 1 + \frac{2^2}{p^2} + \frac{3^2}{p^4} + \cdots.$$

It is clear that

$$S \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^2} \right)^2 = 1 + \frac{2}{p^2} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{p^2}} \right).$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (8) \quad \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ (n,d)=1 \\ 2 \nmid n}}^{\infty} \frac{r^2(n)}{n^2} &= \prod_{\substack{p \nmid uv \\ p \neq 2}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^2} \right)^{-3} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{p^2} \right) \prod_{p|uv} \frac{p^2}{p^2-1} \prod_{p|d} \left( \frac{p^2}{p^2-1} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{27\zeta^4(2)}{80\zeta(4)} \prod_{p|uv} \frac{(p^2-1)^2}{p^2(p^2+1)} \prod_{p|d} \left( \frac{p^2}{p^2-1} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{3\pi^4}{128} \prod_{p|uv} \frac{(p^2-1)^2}{p^2(p^2+1)} \prod_{p|d} \left( \frac{p^2}{p^2-1} \right)^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where we used the identities  $\zeta(2) = \pi^2/6$  and  $\zeta(4) = \pi^4/90$ . Now from (6)–(8), we get the assertion.

**LEMMA 7.** *Let  $u$  and  $v$  be odd integers with  $(u, v) = d \geq 2$ , and  $\chi_u^0$  and  $\chi_v^0$  be the principal characters modulo  $u$  and  $v$ , respectively. Then for any integer  $m \geq 0$  we have the asymptotic formula*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \chi(2^m) |L(1, \chi\chi_u^0)|^2 |L(1, \chi\chi_v^0)|^2 \\ = \frac{(3m+5)\pi^4}{72 \cdot 2^{m+1}} \phi(d) \frac{\prod_{p|uv} \frac{(p^2-1)^2}{p^2(p^2+1)}}{\prod_{p|d} \frac{p^2}{p^2-1}} + O_m(d^\varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$



*Proof.* For convenience, we put

$$A(y, \chi) = \sum_{N < n \leq y} \chi(n)r(n),$$

where  $N$  is a parameter with  $d \leq N < d^4$  and  $r(n)$  was defined in Lemma 6. Then from Abel's identity we have

$$\begin{aligned} L(1, \chi\chi_u^0)L(1, \chi\chi_v^0) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)r(n)}{n} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq n \leq N} \frac{\chi(n)r(n)}{n} + \int_N^{\infty} \frac{A(y, \chi)}{y^2} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} (9) \quad & \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \chi(2^m) |L(1, \chi\chi_u^0)|^2 |L(1, \chi\chi_v^0)|^2 \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \chi(2^m) \left( \sum_{1 \leq n_1 \leq N} \frac{\bar{\chi}(n_1)r(n_1)}{n_1} + \int_N^{\infty} \frac{A(y, \bar{\chi})}{y^2} dy \right) \\ & \quad \times \left( \sum_{1 \leq n_2 \leq N} \frac{\chi(n_2)r(n_2)}{n_2} + \int_N^{\infty} \frac{A(y, \chi)}{y^2} dy \right) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \chi(2^m) \left( \sum_{1 \leq n_1 \leq N} \frac{\bar{\chi}(n_1)r(n_1)}{n_1} \right) \left( \sum_{1 \leq n_2 \leq N} \frac{\chi(n_2)r(n_2)}{n_2} \right) \\ & \quad + \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \chi(2^m) \left( \sum_{1 \leq n_1 \leq N} \frac{\bar{\chi}(n_1)r(n_1)}{n_1} \right) \left( \int_N^{\infty} \frac{A(y, \chi)}{y^2} dy \right) \\ & \quad + \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \chi(2^m) \left( \sum_{1 \leq n_2 \leq N} \frac{\chi(n_2)r(n_2)}{n_2} \right) \left( \int_N^{\infty} \frac{A(y, \bar{\chi})}{y^2} dy \right) \\ & \quad + \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \chi(2^m) \left( \int_N^{\infty} \frac{A(y, \bar{\chi})}{y^2} dy \right) \left( \int_N^{\infty} \frac{A(y, \chi)}{y^2} dy \right) \\ & := M_1 + M_2 + M_3 + M_4. \end{aligned}$$

Now we shall calculate each term in the expression (9).

(i) From the orthogonality of Dirichlet characters we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 (10) \quad M_1 &= \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \chi(2^m) \left( \sum_{1 \leq n_1 \leq N} \frac{\overline{\chi}(n_1)r(n_1)}{n_1} \right) \left( \sum_{1 \leq n_2 \leq N} \frac{\chi(n_2)r(n_2)}{n_2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\phi(d)}{2} \sum'_{\substack{1 \leq n_1 \leq N \\ 2^m n_2 \equiv n_1 \pmod{d}}} \sum'_{\substack{1 \leq n_2 \leq N \\ 2^m n_2 \equiv n_1 \pmod{d}}} \frac{r(n_1)r(n_2)}{n_1 n_2} - \frac{\phi(d)}{2} \sum'_{\substack{1 \leq n_1 \leq N \\ 2^m n_2 \equiv n_1 \pmod{d}}} \sum'_{\substack{1 \leq n_2 \leq N \\ 2^m n_2 \equiv n_1 \pmod{d}}} \frac{r(n_1)r(n_2)}{n_1 n_2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

For convenience, we split the sum over  $n_1$  or  $n_2$  into the following cases:

(a)  $d \leq n_1 \leq N$ ,  $d/2^m \leq n_2 \leq N$ ; (b)  $d \leq n_1 \leq N$ ,  $1 \leq n_2 \leq d/2^m - 1$ ; (c)  $1 \leq n_1 \leq d - 1$ ,  $d/2^m \leq n_2 \leq N$ ; (d)  $1 \leq n_1 \leq d - 1$ ,  $1 \leq n_2 \leq d/2^m - 1$ . So we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{\phi(d)}{2} \sum'_{\substack{d \leq n_1 \leq N \\ 2^m n_2 \equiv n_1 \pmod{d}}} \sum'_{\substack{d/2^m \leq n_2 \leq N \\ 2^m n_2 \equiv n_1 \pmod{d}}} \frac{r(n_1)r(n_2)}{n_1 n_2} \\
 &\ll \phi(d) \sum_{1 \leq s_1 \leq N/d} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq s_2 \leq 2^m N/d \\ l_2 \equiv l_1 \pmod{d}}} \sum'_{l_1=1}^{d-1} \sum'_{l_2=1}^{d-1} \frac{r(s_1 d + l_1)r(s_2 d + l_2)}{(s_1 d + l_1)(s_2 d + l_2)} \\
 &\ll \phi(d) \sum_{1 \leq s_1 \leq N/d} \sum_{1 \leq s_2 \leq 2^m N/d} \sum'_{l_1=1}^{d-1} \frac{[(s_1 d + l_1)(s_2 d + l_1)]^\varepsilon}{(s_1 d + l_1)(s_2 d + l_1)} \\
 &\ll \frac{\phi(d)}{d} \sum_{1 \leq s_1 \leq N/d} \sum_{1 \leq s_2 \leq 2^m N/d} \frac{[(s_1 d + 1)(s_2 d + 1)]^\varepsilon}{s_1 s_2} \\
 &\ll_m d^\varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{\phi(d)}{2} \sum'_{\substack{d \leq n_1 \leq N \\ 2^m n_2 \equiv n_1 \pmod{d}}} \sum'_{\substack{1 \leq n_2 \leq d/2^m - 1 \\ 2^m n_2 \equiv n_1 \pmod{d}}} \frac{r(n_1)r(n_2)}{n_1 n_2} \\
 &\ll \phi(d) \sum_{1 \leq r \leq N/d} \sum_{1 \leq n_2 \leq d/2^m - 1} (rn_2 d)^{\varepsilon-1} \ll d^\varepsilon,
 \end{aligned}$$

and also

$$\frac{\phi(d)}{2} \sum'_{\substack{1 \leq n_1 \leq d-1 \\ 2^m n_2 \equiv n_1 \pmod{d}}} \sum'_{\substack{d/2^m \leq n_2 \leq N \\ 2^m n_2 \equiv n_1 \pmod{d}}} \frac{r(n_1)r(n_2)}{n_1 n_2} \ll d^\varepsilon,$$

where we have used the estimate  $r(n) \ll n^\varepsilon$ .

For the case  $1 \leq n_1 \leq d - 1$ ,  $1 \leq n_2 \leq d/2^m - 1$ , the solution of the

congruence  $2^m n_2 \equiv n_1 \pmod{d}$  is  $2^m n_2 = n_1$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\phi(d)}{2} \sum'_{1 \leq n_1 \leq d-1} \sum'_{\substack{1 \leq n_2 \leq d/2^m-1 \\ 2^m n_2 \equiv n_1 \pmod{d}}} \frac{r(n_1)r(n_2)}{n_1 n_2} \\ &= \frac{\phi(d)}{2^{m+1}} \sum'_{1 \leq n_2 \leq d/2^m-1} \frac{r(2^m n_2)r(n_2)}{n_2^2} = \frac{\phi(d)}{2^{m+1}} \sum'_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{r(2^m n)r(n)}{n^2} + O_m(d^\varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

Now from Lemma 6, we immediately get

$$\begin{aligned} (11) \quad & \frac{\phi(d)}{2} \sum'_{\substack{1 \leq n_1 \leq N \\ 2^m n_2 \equiv n_1 \pmod{d}}} \sum'_{1 \leq n_2 \leq N} \frac{r(n_1)r(n_2)}{n_1 n_2} \\ &= \frac{(3m+5)\pi^4}{72 \cdot 2^{m+1}} \phi(d) \frac{\prod_{p|uv} \frac{(p^2-1)^2}{p^2(p^2+1)}}{\prod_{p|d} \frac{p^2}{p^2-1}} + O_m(d^\varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we also get the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} (12) \quad & \frac{\phi(d)}{2} \sum'_{\substack{1 \leq n_1 \leq N \\ 2^m n_2 \equiv -n_1 \pmod{d}}} \sum'_{1 \leq n_2 \leq N} \frac{r(n_1)r(n_2)}{n_1 n_2} \\ &= \frac{\phi(d)}{2} \sum'_{\substack{1 \leq n_1 \leq N \\ 2^m n_2 + n_1 = d}} \sum'_{1 \leq n_2 \leq N} \frac{r(n_1)r(n_2)}{n_1 n_2} + \frac{\phi(d)}{2} \sum'_{\substack{1 \leq n_1 \leq N \\ 2^m n_2 + n_1 = d, l \geq 2}} \sum'_{1 \leq n_2 \leq N} \frac{r(n_1)r(n_2)}{n_1 n_2} \\ &\ll \phi(d) \sum_{1 \leq n \leq d-1} \frac{2^m r(n)r(\frac{d-n}{2^m})}{n(d-n)} + \phi(d) \sum'_{1 \leq n_1 \leq N} \sum_{l=[n_1/d]+2}^{[(N+n_1)/d]} \frac{2^m r(n_1)r(\frac{ld-n_1}{2^m})}{ldn_1 - n_1^2} \\ &\ll_m \frac{\phi(d)}{d} \sum_{1 \leq n \leq d-1} \frac{(n(d-n))^\varepsilon}{n} + \frac{\phi(d)}{d} \sum'_{1 \leq n_1 \leq N} \sum_{l=[n_1/d]+2}^{[(N+n_1)/d]} \frac{n_1^\varepsilon (ld - n_1)^\varepsilon}{ln_1 - n_1^2/d} \\ &\ll_m d^\varepsilon + \frac{\phi(d)d^\varepsilon}{d} \sum_{n_1=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^N \frac{n_1^\varepsilon l^\varepsilon}{ln_1} \ll_m d^\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Then from (10)–(12), we have

$$(13) \quad M_1 = \frac{(3m+5)\pi^4}{72 \cdot 2^{m+1}} \phi(d) \frac{\prod_{p|uv} \frac{(p^2-1)^2}{p^2(p^2+1)}}{\prod_{p|d} \frac{p^2}{p^2-1}} + O_m(d^\varepsilon).$$

(ii) Note the partition identity

$$\begin{aligned}
A(y, \chi) &= \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{y}} \chi(n) \chi_u^0(n) \sum_{m \leq y/n} \chi(m) \chi_v^0(m) \\
&+ \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{y}} \chi(m) \chi_v^0(m) \sum_{n \leq y/m} \chi(n) \chi_u^0(n) \\
&- \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{N}} \chi(n) \chi_u^0(n) \sum_{m \leq N/n} \chi(m) \chi_v^0(m) \\
&- \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{N}} \chi(m) \chi_v^0(m) \sum_{n \leq N/m} \chi(n) \chi_u^0(n) \\
&- \left( \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{y}} \chi(n) \chi_u^0(n) \right) \left( \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{y}} \chi(n) \chi_v^0(n) \right) \\
&+ \left( \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{N}} \chi(n) \chi_u^0(n) \right) \left( \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{N}} \chi(n) \chi_v^0(n) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Applying the Cauchy inequality and the estimates for character sums

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \left| \sum_{N \leq n \leq M} \chi(n) \right|^2 &= \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \left| \sum_{N \leq n \leq M \leq N+d} \chi(n) \right|^2 \\
&= \phi(d) \sum_{N \leq n \leq M \leq N+d} \chi_0(n) - \left| \sum_{N \leq n \leq M \leq N+d} \chi_0(n) \right|^2 \leq \frac{\phi^2(d)}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

and the identity

$$\sum_{N \leq n \leq M} \chi(n) \chi_u^0(n) = \sum_{d|u} \mu(d) \chi(d) \sum_{N/d \leq n \leq M/d} \chi(n),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(14) \quad \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} |A(y, \chi)|^2 &\ll \sqrt{y} \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{y}} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \left| \sum_{m \leq y/n} \chi(m) \chi_u^0(m) \right|^2 \\
&+ \sqrt{y} \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{y}} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \left| \sum_{n \leq y/m} \chi(n) \chi_v^0(n) \right|^2 \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \left| \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{y}} \chi(n) \chi_u^0(n) \right|^2 \times \left| \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{y}} \chi(n) \chi_v^0(n) \right|^2 \\
&\ll y d^{2+\varepsilon}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then from the Cauchy inequality and (14) we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 (15) \quad M_2 &= \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \chi(2^m) \left( \sum_{1 \leq n_1 \leq N} \frac{\bar{\chi}(n_1)r(n_1)}{n_1} \right) \left( \int_N^\infty \frac{A(y, \chi)}{y^2} dy \right) \\
 &\ll \sum_{1 \leq n_1 \leq N} n_1^{\varepsilon-1} \int_N^\infty \frac{1}{y^2} \left( \sum_{\chi(-1)=-1} |A(y, \chi)| \right) dy \\
 &\ll N^\varepsilon \int_N^\infty \frac{d^{3/2+\varepsilon} \sqrt{y}}{y^2} dy \ll \frac{d^{3/2+\varepsilon}}{N^{1/2-\varepsilon}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Similar to (ii), we can also get

$$(16) \quad M_3 \ll \frac{d^{3/2+\varepsilon}}{N^{1/2-\varepsilon}}.$$

(iv) By the same argument as in (ii), and noting the absolute convergence of the integrals, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 (17) \quad M_4 &= \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \chi(2^m) \left( \int_N^\infty \frac{A(y, \bar{\chi})}{y^2} dy \right) \left( \int_N^\infty \frac{A(y, \chi)}{y^2} dy \right) \\
 &\leq \int_N^\infty \int_N^\infty \frac{1}{y^2 z^2} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} |A(y, \bar{\chi})| |A(z, \chi)| dy dz \\
 &\ll \int_N^\infty \frac{1}{y^2} \int_N^\infty \frac{1}{z^2} \left( \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} |A(y, \bar{\chi})|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} |A(z, \chi)|^2 \right)^{1/2} dy dz \\
 &\ll \left( \int_N^\infty \frac{1}{y^2} \left( \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} |A(y, \chi)|^2 \right)^{1/2} dy \right)^2 \\
 &\ll \left( \int_N^\infty \frac{d^{1+\varepsilon}}{y^{3/2}} dy \right)^2 \ll \frac{d^{2+\varepsilon}}{N}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, taking  $N = d^3$ , combining (9)–(17) we obtain the asymptotic formula of Lemma 7.

LEMMA 8 ([9, Lemma 5]). *Let  $p$  be a prime, and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be nonnegative integers with  $\beta \geq \alpha$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{d_1|p^\beta} \sum_{d_2|p^\alpha} \frac{d_1^2 d_2^2}{\phi(d_1)\phi(d_2)} \phi(d) \frac{\prod_{p|uv} \frac{(p^2-1)^2}{p^2(p^2+1)}}{\prod_{p|d} \frac{p^2}{p^2-1}} \\ &= p^{3\alpha} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{p}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{p^{3\alpha+1}}}{1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2}} + \frac{(p^2-1)^2 p^{2\alpha} (p^\beta - p^\alpha)}{(p-1)^2 (p^2+1)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $d = (d_1, d_2)$  denotes the greatest common divisor of  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ .

LEMMA 9. Let  $q$  be any odd integer with  $q \geq 3$ , and  $\chi$  be a Dirichlet character modulo  $q$ . Then for any integer  $m \geq 0$ , we have the asymptotic formulas

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \bar{\chi}(2^m) \left| \sum_{r=1}^q r \chi(r) \right|^4 \\ &= \frac{(3m+5)q^3 \phi^4(q)}{72 \cdot 2^{m+1}} \prod_{p^\alpha \| q} \frac{\frac{(p+1)^3}{p(p^2+1)} - \frac{1}{p^{3\alpha-1}}}{1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2}} + O_m(q^{6+\varepsilon}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod 4q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \left| \sum_{r=1}^{4q} r \chi(r) \right|^4 = \frac{488}{9} q^3 \phi^4(q) \prod_{p^\alpha \| q} \frac{\frac{(p+1)^3}{p(p^2+1)} - \frac{1}{p^{3\alpha-1}}}{1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2}} + O_m(q^{6+\varepsilon}).$$

*Proof.* We only prove the first formula; the second one can be proved by the same method. From Lemmas 5 and 4 we have

$$\begin{aligned} (18) \quad & \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \bar{\chi}(2^m) \left| \sum_{r=1}^q r \chi(r) \right|^4 \\ &= q^4 \phi(q) \sum_{d|q} \sum_{l|q} \mu(d) \mu(l) \sum_{a=1}^q S(2^m a, q/d) S(a, q/l) \\ &= q^4 \phi(q) \sum_{d|q} \sum_{l|q} \mu(d) \mu(l) \sum_{a=1}^q \left( \frac{d}{\pi^2 q} \sum_{u|q/d} \frac{u^2}{\phi(u)} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod u \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \chi(2^m a) |L(1, \chi)|^2 \right) \\ & \quad \times \left( \frac{l}{\pi^2 q} \sum_{v|q/l} \frac{v^2}{\phi(v)} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod v \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \chi(a) |L(1, \chi)|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{q^2 \phi(q)}{\pi^4} \sum_{d|q} \sum_{l|q} \mu(d) \mu(l) dl \sum_{u|q/d} \sum_{v|q/l} \frac{u^2 v^2}{\phi(u) \phi(v)} \\
&\quad \times \sum_{\substack{\chi_1 \bmod u \\ \chi_1(-1)=-1}} \sum_{\substack{\chi_2 \bmod v \\ \chi_2(-1)=-1}} \sum_{a=1}^k \chi_1(2^m a) \chi_2(a) |L(1, \chi_1)|^2 |L(1, \chi_2)|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

For each character  $\chi_1$  modulo  $u$ , it is clear that there exists one and only one  $q_1 | u$  with a unique primitive character  $\chi_{q_1}^1$  modulo  $q_1$  such that  $\chi_1 = \chi_{q_1}^1 \chi_u^0$ . Similarly, we also have  $\chi_2 = \chi_{q_2}^2 \chi_v^0$ , where  $q_2 | v$ , and  $\chi_{q_2}^2$  is a primitive character modulo  $q_2$ . Noting that  $u | q$  and  $q | k$ , from the orthogonality of Dirichlet characters we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(19) \quad \sum_{a=1}^q \chi_1(a) \chi_2(a) &= \sum_{a=1}^q [\chi_{q_1}^1(a) \chi_q^0(a)] [\chi_{q_2}^2(a) \chi_q^0(a)] \\
&= \begin{cases} \phi(q) & \text{if } q_1 = q_2 \text{ and } \chi_{q_1}^1 = \overline{\chi_{q_2}^2}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $d_1 = (u, v)$ . If  $q_1 = q_2$  and  $\chi_{q_1}^1 = \overline{\chi_{q_2}^2}$ , then  $\chi_{q_1}^1 \chi_{d_1}^0$  is also a character modulo  $d_1$ . So from (18), (19) and Lemma 7 we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(20) \quad &\sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \overline{\chi}(2^m) \left| \sum_{r=1}^q r \chi(r) \right|^4 \\
&= \frac{q^2 \phi^2(q)}{\pi^4} \sum_{d|q} \sum_{l|q} \mu(d) \mu(l) dl \sum_{u|q/d} \sum_{v|q/l} \frac{u^2 v^2}{\phi(u) \phi(v)} \\
&\quad \times \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod (u,v) \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \chi(2^m) |L(1, \chi \chi_u^0)|^2 |L(1, \chi \chi_v^0)|^2 \\
&= \frac{q^2 \phi^2(q)}{\pi^4} \sum_{d|q} \sum_{l|q} \sum_{u|q/d} \sum_{v|q/l} \frac{\mu(d) \mu(l) dl u^2 v^2}{\phi(u) \phi(v)} \\
&\quad \times \left\{ \frac{(3m+5)\pi^4}{72 \cdot 2^{m+1}} \phi((u, v)) \frac{\prod_{p|uv} \frac{(p^2-1)^2}{p^2(p^2+1)}}{\prod_{p|(u,v)} \frac{p^2}{p^2-1}} + O_m((u, v)^\varepsilon) \right\} \\
&= \frac{(3m+5)q^2 \phi^2(q)}{72 \cdot 2^{m+1}} \sum_{d|q} \sum_{l|q} \sum_{u|q/d} \sum_{v|q/l} \frac{\mu(d) \mu(l) dl u^2 v^2}{\phi(u) \phi(v)} \phi((u, v)) \frac{\prod_{p|uv} \frac{(p^2-1)^2}{p^2(p^2+1)}}{\prod_{p|(u,v)} \frac{p^2}{p^2-1}} \\
&\quad + O_m(q^{6+\varepsilon}).
\end{aligned}$$

For any multiplicative functions  $f(u)$  and  $g(v)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{d|q} \sum_{l|q} \mu(d)\mu(l)dl \sum_{u|q/d} \sum_{v|q/l} f(u)g(v) \\ &= \prod_{p^\alpha \| q} \left[ \sum_{u|p^\alpha} \sum_{v|p^\alpha} f(u)g(v) - 2p \sum_{u|p^{\alpha-1}} \sum_{v|p^\alpha} f(u)g(v) + p^2 \sum_{u|p^{\alpha-1}} \sum_{v|p^{\alpha-1}} f(u)g(v) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Now from Lemma 8 and the identity

$$\begin{aligned} & p^{3\alpha} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{p}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{p^{3\alpha+1}}}{1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2}} + p^2 \cdot p^{3\alpha-3} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{p}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{p^{3\alpha-2}}}{1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2}} \\ & - 2p \left[ p^{3\alpha-3} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{p}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{p^{3\alpha-2}}}{1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2}} + \frac{(p^2 - 1)^2 p^{2\alpha-2} (p^\alpha - p^{\alpha-1})}{(p-1)^2 (p^2 + 1)} \right] \\ &= \frac{p^{3\alpha+1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^2}{1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2}} \left( \frac{(p+1)^3}{(p^2+1)p^2} - \frac{1}{p^{3\alpha}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} (21) \quad & \sum_{d|q} \sum_{l|q} \sum_{u|q/d} \sum_{v|q/l} \frac{\mu(d)\mu(l)dl u^2 v^2}{\phi(u)\phi(v)} \phi((u, v)) \frac{\prod_{p|uv} \frac{(p^2-1)^2}{p^2(p^2+1)}}{\prod_{p|(u,v)} \frac{p^2}{p^2-1}} \\ &= \prod_{p^\alpha \| q} \left\{ \sum_{d|p^\alpha} \sum_{l|p^\alpha} \mu(d)d\mu(l)l \sum_{u|p^\alpha/d} \sum_{v|p^\alpha/l} \frac{uv}{\phi(u)\phi(v)} \phi((u, v)) \frac{\prod_{p_1|uv} \frac{(p_1^2-1)^2}{p_1^2(p_1^2+1)}}{\prod_{p_1|(u,v)} \frac{p_1^2}{p_1^2-1}} \right\} \\ &= q\phi^2(q) \prod_{p^\alpha \| q} \frac{\frac{(p+1)^3}{p(p^2+1)} - \frac{1}{p^{3\alpha-1}}}{1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now Lemma 9 follows immediately from (20) and (21).

LEMMA 10. *Let  $q > 2$  be an odd integer. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=1 \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} \left| \sum_{b=1}^{4q} b\chi\chi_4(b) \right|^4 \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod 4q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \left| \sum_{b=1}^{4q} b\chi(b) \right|^4 - 256 \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} |1 - \chi(2)|^4 \left| \sum_{b=1}^q b\chi(b) \right|^4. \end{aligned}$$



*Proof.* Let  $\chi_4^0$  denote the principal character modulo 4. Then

$$(22) \quad \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=1 \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} \left| \sum_{b=1}^{4q} b\chi\chi_4(b) \right|^4 \\ = \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod 4q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \left| \sum_{b=1}^{4q} b\chi(b) \right|^4 - \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \left| \sum_{b=1}^{4q} b\chi\chi_4^0(b) \right|^4.$$

For the inner summation in the second term, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{b=1}^{4q} b\chi\chi_4^0(b) &= \sum_{\substack{b=1 \\ (b,2)=1}}^{4q} b\chi(b) \\ &= 2 \sum_{\substack{b=1 \\ (b,2)=1}}^q b\chi(b) + 2 \sum_{\substack{b=1 \\ 2|b}}^q b\chi(b) + 4q \sum_{\substack{b=1 \\ 2|b}}^q \chi(b) + 2q \sum_{\substack{b=1 \\ (b,2)=1}}^q \chi(b) \\ &= 2 \sum_{b=1}^q b\chi(b) + 2q \sum_{\substack{b=1 \\ 2|b}}^q \chi(b) \\ &= 2 \sum_{b=1}^q b\chi(b) + 2\chi(2) \sum_{b=1}^{(q-1)/2} \chi(b). \end{aligned}$$

Now from Lemma 1, we have

$$\sum_{b=1}^{4q} b\chi\chi_4^0(b) = (4 - 4\chi(2)) \sum_{b=1}^q b\chi(b).$$

Combining this with (22), we get the lemma.

**3. Proof of the theorem.** In this section we complete the proof of the theorem. From Lemmas 2, 3 and 10, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \left| \sum_{a < q/4} \chi(a) \right|^4 &= \frac{1}{8^4 q^4} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=1 \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} \left| \sum_{a=1}^{4q} a\chi\chi_4(a) \right|^4 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{16q^4} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} |2 + \bar{\chi}(2) - \bar{\chi}(4)|^4 \left| \sum_{a=1}^q a\chi(a) \right|^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{8^4 q^4} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod 4q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \left| \sum_{a=1}^{4q} a\chi(a) \right|^4 - \frac{1}{16q^4} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} |1 - \chi(2)|^4 \left| \sum_{a=1}^q a\chi(a) \right|^4 \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{16q^4} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} |2 + \bar{\chi}(2) - \bar{\chi}(4)|^4 \left| \sum_{a=1}^q a\chi(a) \right|^4 \\
&= \frac{1}{8^4 q^4} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod 4q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \left| \sum_{a=1}^{4q} a\chi(a) \right|^4 \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{16q^4} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} [40 + 12\chi(2) + 12\bar{\chi}(2) - 24\chi(4) \\
&\quad - 24\bar{\chi}(4) - 4\chi(8) - 4\bar{\chi}(8)4\chi(16) + 4\bar{\chi}(16)] \left| \sum_{a=1}^q a\chi(a) \right|^4.
\end{aligned}$$

Noting that

$$\sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \bar{\chi}(2^m) \left| \sum_{r=1}^q r\chi(r) \right|^4 = \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi(-1)=-1}} \chi(2^m) \left| \sum_{r=1}^q r\chi(r) \right|^4,$$

from Lemma 9 we get

$$\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \left| \sum_{a < q/4} \chi(a) \right|^4 = \frac{21\phi^4(q)}{256q} \prod_{p^\alpha \parallel q} \frac{\frac{(p+1)^3}{p(p^2+1)} - \frac{1}{p^{3\alpha-1}}}{1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2}} + O(q^{2+\varepsilon}).$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

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