



**THE GENERAL DIVISOR PROBLEM OF CUSP FORM  
COEFFICIENTS OVER ARITHMETIC PROGRESSIONS**

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**Abstract**

Let  $f$  be a normalized primitive holomorphic cusp form of even integral weight  $k$  for the full modular group  $\Gamma = SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ , and denote by  $\lambda_f(n)$  the  $n$ th normalized Fourier coefficient of  $f$ . Let  $\lambda_{f \times f}(n)$  be the  $n$ th normalized coefficient of the Dirichlet expansion of the Rankin-Selberg  $L$ -function  $L(f \times f, s)$  associated with  $f$ . In this paper, we investigate the asymptotic behavior of the sum

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \equiv l \pmod{q}}} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n),$$

where  $q$  is a prime with  $(l, q) = 1$ . In a similar manner, we also consider the general divisor problem of the coefficients of Rankin-Selberg  $L$ -functions associated with  $f$  over the set of arithmetic progressions.

**1. Introduction**

The Fourier coefficients of modular forms are important and interesting objects in number theory. Let  $H_k^*$  be the set of all normalized primitive holomorphic cusp forms of even integral weight  $k \geq 2$  for the full modular group  $\Gamma = SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ . Then the Hecke eigenform  $f(z) \in H_k^*$  has the Fourier expansion at the cusp  $\infty$ :

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_f(n) n^{\frac{k-1}{2}} e(nz), \quad \Im(z) > 0,$$

where  $e(z) = e^{2\pi iz}$ , and  $\lambda_f(n)$  is the  $n$ -th normalized Fourier coefficient (Hecke eigenvalue) such that  $\lambda_f(1) = 1$ . Then  $\lambda_f(n)$  is real and satisfies the multiplicative

property

$$\lambda_f(m)\lambda_f(n) = \sum_{d|(m,n)} \lambda_f\left(\frac{mn}{d^2}\right), \tag{1}$$

where  $m \geq 1$  and  $n \geq 1$  are positive integers. In 1974, P. Deligne [8] proved the Ramanujan-Petersson conjecture

$$|\lambda_f(n)| \leq d(n), \tag{2}$$

where  $d(n)$  is the classical divisor function. By Equation (2), Deligne's bound is equivalent to the fact that there exist  $\alpha_f(p), \beta_f(p) \in \mathbb{C}$  satisfying

$$\alpha_f(p) + \beta_f(p) = \lambda_f(p), \quad \alpha_f(p)\beta_f(p) = |\alpha_f(p)| = |\beta_f(p)| = 1. \tag{3}$$

More generally, for all positive integers  $l \geq 1$ , one has

$$\lambda_f(p^l) = \alpha_f(p)^l + \alpha_f(p)^{l-1}\beta_f(p) + \cdots + \alpha_f(p)\beta_f(p)^{l-1} + \beta_f(p)^l.$$

In 1927, Hecke [11] proved that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_f(n) \ll x^{\frac{1}{2}}. \tag{4}$$

Later, the upper bound in Equation (4) was improved by several authors (see, for example, [8, 14, 46]). In particular, Wu [49] has shown that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_f(n) \ll x^{\frac{1}{3}} \log^{\rho} x,$$

where

$$\rho = \frac{102 + 7\sqrt{21}}{210} \left(\frac{6 - \sqrt{21}}{5}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{102 - 7\sqrt{21}}{210} \left(\frac{6 + \sqrt{21}}{5}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{33}{35} = -0.118 \dots$$

Using the Sato-Tate conjecture proved by T. Barnet-Lamb et al. [1], one has the best result to date that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_f(n) \ll x^{\frac{1}{3}} (\log x)^{-(1 - \frac{8}{3\pi})}.$$

In the 1930s, Rankin [45] and Selberg [47] independently proved the following asymptotic formula,

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_f^2(n) = c_f x + O(x^{3/5}), \tag{5}$$

where  $c_f > 0$  is a positive constant depending on  $f$ , and  $\varepsilon > 0$  is an arbitrarily small positive number. Recently, the exponent in Equation (5) was improved to  $\frac{3}{5} - \delta$  in place of  $\frac{3}{5}$  by Huang [16], where  $\delta \leq 1/560$ . More recently, motivated by the work of Kowalski, Lin, and Michel [28] concerning the Rankin-Selberg coefficients in large arithmetic progressions, Huang [17] further sharpened the exponent of the result to  $\frac{3}{5} - \delta_2$  with  $\delta_2 = \frac{3}{305}$ . This remains the best possible result in this direction.

Later, based on the work about symmetric power  $L$ -functions, Moreno and Shahidi [40] were able to prove

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \tau_0^A(n) \sim c_1 x \log x, \quad x \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $\tau_0(n) = \tau(n)/n^{\frac{11}{2}}$  is the normalized Ramanujan tau-function, and  $c_1 > 0$  is a positive constant. Obviously, Moreno and Shahidi's result also holds true if we replace  $\tau_0(n)$  with the normalized Fourier coefficient  $\lambda_f(n)$ .

Let  $f \in H_k^*$  be a Hecke eigenform and denote its  $n$ th normalized Fourier coefficient by  $\lambda_f(n)$ . Define

$$S_j(f; x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_f^j(n),$$

where  $j \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $x \geq 1$ .

Based on the work of Moreno and Shahidi concerning the symmetric power  $L$ -functions  $L(\text{sym}^j f, s)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , Fomenko [9] established the estimate

$$S_3(f; x) \ll_{f, \varepsilon} x^{5/6+\varepsilon}, \quad S_4(f; x) = c_f x \log x + d_f x + O_{f, \varepsilon}(x^{9/10+\varepsilon}),$$

where  $c_f > 0$  and  $d_f$  are suitable constants depending on  $f$ ; here  $\varepsilon$  is an arbitrarily small positive number. Later, Lü (see, e.g., [29, 30, 31]) considered higher moments  $S_j(f; x)$  for  $3 \leq l \leq 8$ , which improved and generalized the work of Fomenko. Later, Lau, Lü, and Wu [32] proved that

$$S_j(f; x) = xP_j^*(\log x) + O_{f, \varepsilon}(x^{\theta_j+\varepsilon}), \quad 3 \leq j \leq 8,$$

where  $P_j^*(t) \equiv 0$  are the constant functions for  $j = 3, 5, 7$ , and  $P_4^*(t), P_6^*(t), P_8^*(t)$  are polynomials of degree 1, 4, 13, respectively, and

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_3 &= \frac{7}{10}, & \theta_5 &= \frac{40}{43}, & \theta_7 &= \frac{176}{179}, \\ \theta_4 &= \frac{151}{175}, & \theta_6 &= \frac{175}{181}, & \theta_8 &= \frac{2933}{2957}. \end{aligned}$$

Lau and Lü [33] derived the general results for  $S_j(f; x)$  for all  $j \geq 2$  under the assumption that  $L(\text{sym}^l f, s)$  is automorphic cuspidal for some positive  $l$ . Now we know that  $L(\text{sym}^j f, s)$  is automorphic for all  $j \geq 1$  due to the recent celebrated works of Newton and Thorne [42, 43].

Andrianov and Fomenko [3] firstly considered the second power sum of  $\lambda_f(n)$  over arithmetic progressions for holomorphic cusp forms. Later, Andrianov [2] improved the error term. Ichihara [19, 20] has investigated  $\lambda_f^2(n)$  over arithmetic progressions for holomorphic cusp forms for  $x \ll q^2$ :

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \equiv l \pmod{q}}} \lambda_f^2(n) = \frac{c}{\varphi(q)} \prod_{p|q} (1 - \alpha_f(p)^2 p^{-1})(1 - p^{-1})(1 - \beta_f(p)^2)(1 + p^{-1})^{-1} x + O_{f,\varepsilon}(x^{\frac{3}{5}} q^{\frac{4}{5} + \varepsilon}),$$

where  $c$  is some suitable constant depending on  $f$ , and  $\alpha_f(p), \beta_f(p)$  are the Satake parameters given by Equation (3). Later, Jiang and Lü [22] considered the sum of  $\lambda_f^{2j}(n)$  over arithmetic progressions for  $j = 2, 3, 4$ . In a similar manner, they also established the corresponding results for the normalized Hecke-Maass cusp form with respect to  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  for  $j = 2, 3, 4$ .

Very recently, Zou et al. [52], by using the existence of automorphic cuspidal self-dual representation  $\text{sym}^j \pi_f$  for all  $j \geq 1$  due to Newton and Thorne [42, 43] in combination with some nice properties of the corresponding automorphic  $L$ -functions, established the following result.

**Theorem 1.1** ([52, Theorem 1]). *Let  $f \in H_k^*$  be a Hecke eigenform. Let  $q$  be a prime with  $(q, l) = 1$ . For  $j \geq 2$  and  $q \leq x^{\frac{3}{4}\delta_j}$ , one has*

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \equiv l \pmod{q}}} \lambda_f^2(n^j) = \frac{c_j x}{\varphi(q)} + O_{f,\varepsilon}(qx^{1 - \frac{3}{2}\delta_j + \varepsilon})$$

for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , where  $c_j > 0$  are some suitable constants, and  $\delta_2 = \frac{92}{597}$  and  $\delta_j = \frac{92}{69(j-1)(j+3)+247}$  for  $j \geq 3$ .

Let  $f \in H_k^*$  be a Hecke eigenform, and the Rankin-Selberg  $L$ -function  $L(f \times f, s)$  associated with  $f$  is defined as

$$L(f \times f, s) = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_f(p)^2}{p^s}\right)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-2} \left(1 - \frac{\beta_f(p)^2}{p^s}\right)^{-1}.$$

Then we can rewrite  $L(f \times f, s)$  as

$$L(f \times f, s) = \zeta(2s) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_f(n)^2}{n^s} := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{f \times f}(n)}{n^s}.$$

For any given integer  $w \geq 1$ , we write

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

for  $\Re(s) > 1$ . Then

$$\lambda_{w,f \times f}(n) = \sum_{n=n_1 \dots n_w} \lambda_{f \times f}(n_1) \dots \lambda_{f \times f}(n_w).$$

In particular,  $\lambda_{1,f \times f}(n) = \lambda_{f \times f}(n)$ .

Define

$$U_w(x) := \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{w,f \times f}(n).$$

A classical problem is to investigate the asymptotic behaviour of  $U_w(x)$ , which can be regarded as the general divisor problem considered by Kanemitsu, Sankaranarayanan, and Tanigawa [24]. When  $w = 1$ , Rankin [45] and Selberg [47] independently proved that

$$U_1(x) = C_f x + O_f(x^{\frac{3}{5}}),$$

where  $C_f$  is some suitable constant depending on  $f$ . For  $w \geq 2$ , Kanemitsu, Sankaranarayanan, and Tanigawa [24] showed that

$$U_w(x) = M_w(x) + O_{f,\varepsilon}(x^{1-\frac{1}{2w}+\varepsilon}), \tag{6}$$

where  $M_w(x)$  denotes the residue of the function  $\frac{L(f \times f, s)^w}{s} x^s$  at  $s = 1$ , which takes the form of  $xP_{w-1}(\log x)$ , where  $P_{w-1}(t)$  denotes a polynomial of  $t$  with degree  $w - 1$ .

In [36], Liu and Zhang established the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{f \times f}(n)^2 = xP(\log x) + O_{f,\varepsilon}(x^{\frac{6}{7}+\varepsilon}),$$

where  $P(t)$  is a polynomial of  $t$  with degree 1, and they also proved that

$$U_w(x) = \begin{cases} M_w(x) + O_{f,\varepsilon}(x^{1-\frac{84}{131w+42}+\varepsilon}), & \text{if } 2 \leq w \leq 5, \\ M_w(x) + O_{f,\varepsilon}(x^{1-\frac{84}{131w+33}+\varepsilon}), & \text{if } 6 \leq w \leq 11, \\ M_w(x) + O_{f,\varepsilon}(x^{1-\frac{84}{131w+24}+\varepsilon}), & \text{if } w \geq 12, \end{cases}$$

where  $M_w(x)$  is defined as in Equation (6). For more results in this direction, the interested readers can refer to [34, 35, 50, 38, 51].

Inspired by the above results, for  $j \geq 1$ , in this paper we firstly consider the distribution of the coefficients  $\lambda_{f \times f}^2(n)$  over arithmetic progressions by adopting the similar approach given by Zou et al. [52] and the celebrated work of Newton and Thorne [42, 43]. More precisely, we establish the following result.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $f \in H_k^*$  be a Hecke eigenform, and let  $q$  be a prime with  $(q, l) = 1$ . For  $j \geq 1$  and  $q \ll x^\eta$ , one has*

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \equiv l \pmod{q}}} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) = \frac{x}{\varphi(q)} P(\log x) + O_{f,\varepsilon}(qx^{1-\frac{3}{2}\eta+\varepsilon})$$

for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , where  $\eta = \frac{23}{261} \mathcal{L}^{-\eta}$  and  $P(t)$  is a polynomial in  $t$  of degree 1 with leading positive coefficient.

By using a similar approach as that of Theorem 1.2, along with some nice properties of the associated  $L$ -functions, we also establish the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $f \in H_k^*$  be a Hecke eigenform, and let  $q$  be a prime with  $(q, l) = 1$ . For  $w \geq 2$  and  $q \ll x^{\vartheta_w}$ , one has*

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \equiv l \pmod{q}}} \lambda_{w, f \times f}(n) = \frac{x}{\varphi(q)} P_{w-1}(\log x) + O_{f, \varepsilon}(qx^{1-\frac{3}{2}\vartheta_w+\varepsilon})$$

for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , where  $\vartheta_w = \frac{92}{247w+10}$ , and  $P_{w-1}(t)$  is a polynomial in  $t$  of degree  $w - 1$  with positive leading coefficient.

Throughout the paper, we always assume that  $f \in H_k^*$  is a Hecke eigenform. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be an arbitrarily small positive constant that may vary in different occurrence. The symbols  $p$  and  $q$  always denotes prime numbers.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we introduce some background on the analytic properties of automorphic  $L$ -functions and give some useful lemmas which play an important role in the proof of the main results in this paper.

Let  $f \in H_k^*$  be a Hecke eigenform, and let  $\lambda_f(n)$  denote its  $n$ -th normalized Fourier coefficient. It is natural to define the Hecke  $L$ -function  $L(f, s)$  associated to  $f$  by

$$\begin{aligned} L(f, s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_f(n)}{n^s} = \prod_p (1 - \lambda_f(p)p^{-s} + p^{-2s})^{-1} \\ &= \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_f(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{\beta_f(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1}, \quad \Re(s) > 1, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha_f(p), \beta_f(p)$  are the local parameters satisfying (3). The  $j$ -th symmetric power  $L$ -function associated with  $f$  is defined by

$$L(\text{sym}^j f, s) = \prod_p \prod_{m=0}^j (1 - \alpha_f(p)^{j-m} \beta_f(p)^m p^{-s})^{-1}, \quad \Re(s) > 1.$$

We may expand it into a Dirichlet series:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\text{sym}^j f, s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(n)}{n^s}, \\ &= \prod_p \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(p)}{p^s} + \dots + \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(p^k)}{p^{ks}} + \dots \right), \Re(s) > 1. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Apparently,  $\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(n)$  is a real multiplicative function. In particular, for  $j = 1$ , we have  $L(\text{sym}^1 f, s) = L(f, s)$ .

It is standard to find that

$$\lambda_f(p^j) = \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(p) = \frac{\alpha_f(p)^{j+1} - \beta_f(p)^{j+1}}{\alpha_f(p) - \beta_f(p)} = \sum_{m=0}^j \alpha_f(p)^{j-m} \beta_f(p)^m,$$

which can be rewritten as

$$\lambda_f(p^j) = \lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(p) = U_j(\lambda_f(p)/2),$$

where  $U_j(x)$  is the  $j$ -th Chebyshev polynomial of the second kind. It is not hard to find that

$$|\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(n)| \leq d_{j+1}(n),$$

where  $d_{j+1}(n)$  denotes the number of representations of  $n$  as the product of  $j + 1$  positive integers, which can also be regarded as the Dirichlet coefficients of  $\zeta(s)^{j+1}$ ; here, as usual,  $\zeta(s)$  denotes the classical Riemann zeta function.

Let  $\chi$  be a Dirichlet character modulo  $q$ . Then, we can define the twisted  $j$ th symmetric power  $L$ -function by the Euler product representation with degree  $j + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} L(\text{sym}^j f \otimes \chi, s) &= \prod_p \prod_{m=0}^j (1 - \alpha_f(p)^{j-m} \beta_f(p)^m \chi(p) p^{-s})^{-1} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{\text{sym}^j f}(n) \chi(n)}{n^s} \end{aligned}$$

for  $\Re(s) > 1$ .

As is well-known, to a primitive form  $f$  is associated an automorphic cuspidal representation  $\pi_f$  of  $GL_2(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$ , and hence an automorphic  $L$ -function  $L(\pi_f, s)$  which coincides with  $L(f, s)$ . It is predicted that  $\pi_f$  gives rise to a symmetric power lift—an automorphic representation whose  $L$ -function is the symmetric power  $L$ -function attached to  $f$ .

For  $1 \leq j \leq 8$ , the Langlands functoriality conjecture, which states that  $\text{sym}^j f$  is automorphic cuspidal, was proven by a series of important work of Gelbart and

Jacquet [10], Kim [27], Kim and Shahidi [26, 25], Shahidi [48], and Clozel and Thorne [5, 6, 7]. Very recently, Newton and Thorne [42, 43] proved that  $\text{sym}^j f$  corresponds with a cuspidal automorphic representation of  $GL_{j+1}(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$  for all  $j \geq 1$  (with  $f$  being a holomorphic cusp form). Then we know that  $L(\text{sym}^j f, s)$ ,  $j \geq 1$ , has the analytic continuation to the whole complex plane as an entire function and satisfies a certain Riemann-type functional equation. We refer the interested readers to [21, Chapter 5] for a more comprehensive treatment.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $f \in H_k^*$  be a distinct Hecke eigenform, and let  $\chi$  be a primitive character modulo a prime  $q$ . Then the complete  $L$ -function*

$$\Lambda(\text{sym}^i f \otimes \chi, s) := q^{(i+1)s/2} \gamma(s) L(\text{sym}^i f \otimes \chi, s)$$

*can be extended to the whole complex plane as an entire function, and satisfies the functional equation*

$$\Lambda(\text{sym}^i f \otimes \chi, s) = \varepsilon(f, \chi) \Lambda(\text{sym}^i f \otimes \bar{\chi}, 1 - s),$$

*where  $i \geq 1$  and  $|\varepsilon(f, \chi)| = 1$ . Here,  $\gamma(s)$  denotes the product of some gamma functions  $\Gamma((s + \kappa_n)/2)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots, (i + 1)$ , with  $\kappa_n$  depending on the weight of  $f$  and the parity of the character  $\chi$  and  $\Re(\kappa_n) \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* This can be deduced by a similar argument as done by Zou et al. [52]. □

**Lemma 2.2.** ([36, Lemma 2.2]) *For  $\Re(s) > 1$ , define*

$$F_1(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{f \times f}^2(n)}{n^s}.$$

*Then we have*

$$F_1(s) = \zeta^2(s) L^3(\text{sym}^2 f, s) L(\text{sym}^4 f, s) U(s),$$

*where the function  $U(s)$  admits the Dirichlet series which converges absolutely and uniformly in the half-plane  $\Re(s) \geq \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$ , and  $U(s) \neq 0$  for  $\Re(s) = 1$ .*

Let  $f \in H_k^*$  be a Hecke eigenform, and let  $\chi$  be the Dirichlet character modulo  $q$ . Define

$$F_1(s, \chi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) \chi(n)}{n^s}. \tag{8}$$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $F_1(s, \chi)$  be defined by (8), then*

$$F_1(s, \chi) = L^2(s, \chi) L^3(\text{sym}^2 f \otimes \chi, s) L(\text{sym}^4 f \otimes \chi, s) \tilde{U}(s, \chi),$$

*where  $\tilde{U}(s, \chi)$  admits the Dirichlet series which converges absolutely for  $\Re(s) \geq \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$ , and the convergence for all cases is uniform in  $q$ .*



*Proof.* This follows a similar approach as that of [52, Lemma 10] by using Lemma 2.2.  $\square$

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

$$\int_1^T \left| \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \right|^{12} dt \ll T^{2+\varepsilon}, \tag{9}$$

*uniformly for  $T \geq 1$ , and*

$$\zeta(\sigma + it) \ll (1 + |t|)^{\max\{\frac{13}{42}(1-\sigma), 0\} + \varepsilon} \tag{10}$$

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

*Proof.* The first result is given by Heath-Brown [12] and the second result is the recent breakthrough due to Bourgain [4, Theorem 5].  $\square$

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

$$L(\text{sym}^2 f, \sigma + it) \ll (1 + |t|)^{\max\{\frac{6}{5}(1-\sigma), 0\} + \varepsilon} \tag{11}$$

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

*Proof.* From the result given by Lin et al. [39, Corollary 1.2], we can easily deduce that

$$L\left(\text{sym}^2 f, \frac{1}{2} + it\right) \ll (1 + |t|)^{\frac{3}{5} + \varepsilon}. \tag{12}$$

We can obtain the required result from the Phragmén-Lindelöf principle for a strip [21, Theorem 5.53] and the Equation (12).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $\chi$  be a primitive character modulo  $q$ . For  $T \geq 1$  and  $q \ll T^2$ ,*

$$L(\sigma + iT, \chi) \ll_\varepsilon (q(1 + |T|))^{\max\{\frac{1}{3}(1-\sigma), 0\} + \varepsilon} \tag{13}$$

$$L(\sigma + iT, \text{sym}^2 f \otimes \chi) \ll_\varepsilon (q(1 + |T|))^{\max\{\frac{67}{46}(1-\sigma), 0\} + \varepsilon}, \tag{14}$$

*and further for  $q$  is a prime,*

$$\int_0^T |L(\sigma + it, \chi)|^{12} dt \ll_\varepsilon q^{4(1-\sigma)} T^{3-2\sigma+\varepsilon}. \tag{15}$$

*Proof.* The results follow from the work of Heath-Brown [13], Huang [15], and Motohashi [41], together with the Phragmén-Lindelöf principle for a strip, respectively.  $\square$

From above, we note that the automorphic  $L$ -functions  $L(\text{sym}^j f, s)$  and  $L(\text{sym}^j f \otimes \chi, s)$  are the general  $L$ -functions in the sense of Perelli [44]. For these  $L$ -functions, we have the following individual or averaged convexity bounds.

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $\chi$  be a primitive character modulo  $q$ . For the general  $L$ -functions  $\mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n}}^{\mathbf{d}}(s, \chi)$  of degree  $2A$  indicated above, we have*

$$\int_T^{2T} |\mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n}}^{\mathbf{d}}(\sigma + it, \chi)|^2 dt \ll (qT)^{2A(1-\sigma)+\varepsilon} \tag{16}$$

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

$$\mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n}}^{\mathbf{d}}(\sigma + it, \chi) \ll (q(|t| + 1))^{\max\{A(1-\sigma), 0\} + \varepsilon} \tag{17}$$

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

*Proof.* This can be derived by following a similar argument as in Zou et al. [52], which was originally deduced from Jiang and Lü [22].  $\square$

**Remark 2.8.** For the automorphic  $L$ -functions  $L(\text{sym}^j f, s), j \geq 1$  we can regard the modulus  $q$  to be 1.

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1.2

In order to prove Theorem 1.2, we firstly consider the sum  $\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) \chi(n)$ , where  $\chi$  is a primitive character modulo a prime  $q$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $f \in H_k^*$  be a Hecke eigenform, and let  $\chi$  be a primitive character modulo a prime  $q$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $q \ll x^\eta$ , we have*

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) \chi(n) = O_{f,\varepsilon}(qx^{1-\frac{3}{2}\eta+\varepsilon}), \tag{18}$$

where  $\eta = \frac{23}{261}$ .

*Proof.* Applying Perron’s formula [21, Proposition 5.54] to the generating function  $F_1(s, \chi)$  appearing in Lemma 2.3, and using Deligne’s bound, we obtain

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) \chi(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{1+\varepsilon-iT}^{1+\varepsilon+iT} F_1(s, \chi) \frac{x^s}{s} ds + O_{f,\varepsilon}\left(\frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T}\right),$$

where  $s = \sigma + it$ , and  $1 \leq T \leq x$  is a parameter to be chosen later.

By shifting the line of integration to the parallel line with  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$ , and invoking Cauchy’s residue theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) \chi(n) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left\{ \int_{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon - iT}^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + iT} + \int_{1 + \varepsilon - iT}^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon - iT} + \int_{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + iT}^{1 + \varepsilon + iT} \right\} F_1(s, \chi) \frac{x^s}{s} ds \\ &\quad + O_{f, \varepsilon} \left( \frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T} \right) \\ &:= I_{1,1} + I_{1,2} + I_{1,3} + O_{f, \varepsilon} \left( \frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

For the integral over the vertical segment, by Equations (14), (15) and (16), together with Hölder’s inequality, for  $q \ll T^2$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} I_{1,1} &\ll x^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon} \log T \sup_{1 \leq T_1 \leq T/2} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_1} \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} |F_1(\sigma + it, \chi)| dt \right\} \\ &\ll x^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon} \log T \sup_{1 \leq T_1 \leq T/2} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_1} \left( \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| L^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} + it, \chi \right) \right|^6 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{6}} \right. \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| L^3 \left( \text{sym}^2 f \otimes \chi, \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^3 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &\quad \times \left. \left( \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| L \left( \text{sym}^4 f \otimes \chi, \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \\ &\ll x^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon} \log T \sup_{1 \leq T_1 \leq T/2} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_1} \left( \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| L^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} + it, \chi \right) \right|^6 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{6}} \right. \\ &\quad \times \left( \max_{T_1 \leq t \leq 2T_1} \left| L \left( \text{sym}^2 f \otimes \chi, \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^7 \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| L \left( \text{sym}^2 f \otimes \chi, \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &\quad \times \left. \left( \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| L \left( \text{sym}^4 f \otimes \chi, \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \\ &\ll x^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon} q^{\frac{87}{23} + \varepsilon} T^{\frac{64}{23} + \varepsilon}. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

For the integrals over the horizontal segments, by Equations (13), (14) and (17), we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{1,2} + I_{1,3} &\ll \int_{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon}^{1 + \varepsilon} x^\sigma |F_1(\sigma + it, \chi)| T^{-1} d\sigma \\ &\ll \max_{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon \leq \sigma \leq 1 + \varepsilon} x^\sigma (qT)^{\left(\frac{1}{3} \times 2 + 3 \times \frac{67}{46} + \frac{5}{2}\right)(1 - \sigma) + \varepsilon} T^{-1} \\ &\ll \frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T} + x^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon} q^{\frac{260}{69}} T^{\frac{191}{69}}. \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Combining Equations (19)-(21) and taking  $T = x^{\frac{23}{174}}/q$ , we get (18). Since  $q \ll T^2$ , we have  $q \ll x^{\frac{23}{261}}$ . This proves the desired result.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $f \in H_k^*$  be a Hecke eigenform, and let  $\chi$  be a principal character modulo a prime  $q$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $q \ll x$ , we have*

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) \chi(n) = xP(\log x) + O_{f,\varepsilon}(x^{\tilde{\eta}+\varepsilon}), \tag{22}$$

where  $\tilde{\eta} = \frac{179}{209}$ , and  $P(t)$  is a polynomial in  $t$  of degree 1 with leading positive coefficient.

*Proof.* From Lemmas 2.2-2.3, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(s, \chi_0) &:= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) \chi_0(n)}{n^s} \\ &= F_1(s)H_1(s, \chi), \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

where  $H_1(s, \chi)$  is a Dirichlet series which converges absolutely for  $\Re(s) \geq \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$  and uniformly in  $q$ . Applying Perron's formula and invoking Cauchy's residue theorem, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) \chi(n) &= \int_{1+\varepsilon-iT}^{1+\varepsilon+iT} F_1(s, \chi_0) \frac{x^s}{s} ds + O_{f,\varepsilon}\left(\frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left\{ \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon-iT}^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon+iT} + \int_{1+\varepsilon-iT}^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon-iT} + \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon+iT}^{1+\varepsilon+iT} \right\} F_1(s, \chi_0) \frac{x^s}{s} ds \\ &\quad + \text{Res}_{s=1} \left( F_1(s, \chi_0) \frac{x^s}{s} \right) + O_{f,\varepsilon}\left(\frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T}\right) \\ &:= I_{2,1} + I_{2,2} + I_{2,3} + xP(\log x) + O_{f,\varepsilon}\left(\frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T}\right), \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

where  $P(t)$  is a polynomial in  $t$  of degree 1 with leading positive coefficient. Here, due to the holomorphy of  $L(\text{sym}^2 f, s)$  and  $L(\text{sym}^4 f, s)$  at  $s = 1$ , the main term  $xP(\log x)$  is derived from the residue of  $F_1(s, \chi_0) \frac{x^s}{s}$  at the pole  $s = 1$  of order 2, coming from the factor  $\zeta(s)^2$ .

Now we begin to handle the three terms  $I_{2,1}, I_{2,2}$  and  $I_{2,3}$ . For  $I_{2,1}$ , by Equations

(9), (17), and Lemma 2.5, and Hölder’s inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{2,1} &\ll x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} \log T \sup_{1 \leq T_1 \leq T/2} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_1} \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} |F_1(\sigma + it)| dt \right\} \\
 &\ll x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} \log T \sup_{1 \leq T_1 \leq T/2} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_1} \left( \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| \zeta^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^6 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{6}} \right. \\
 &\quad \times \left( \max_{T_1 \leq t \leq 2T_1} \left| L \left( \text{sym}^2 f, \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^7 \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| L \left( \text{sym}^2 f, \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
 &\quad \left. \times \left( \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| L \left( \text{sym}^4 f, \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \\
 &\ll x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} T^{\frac{149}{60}+\varepsilon}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

For  $I_{2,2}$  and  $I_{2,3}$ , by Equations (10), (11) and (17), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{2,2}+! I_{2,3} &\ll \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}^{1+\varepsilon} x^\sigma |F_1(\sigma + it)| T^{-1} d\sigma \\
 &\ll \max_{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon \leq \sigma \leq 1+\varepsilon} x^\sigma T^{(\frac{13}{42} \times 2 + 3 \times \frac{6}{5} + \frac{5}{2})(1-\sigma)+\varepsilon} T^{-1} \\
 &\ll \frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T} + x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} T^{\frac{991}{420}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

Putting together Equations (24)-(26), we obtain

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) \chi(n) = xP(\log x) + O_{f,\varepsilon} \left( x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} T^{\frac{149}{60}+\varepsilon} \right) + O_{f,\varepsilon} \left( \frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T} \right), \tag{27}$$

On taking  $T = x^{\frac{30}{209}}$  in Equation (27), we get

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) \chi(n) = xP(\log x) + O_{f,\varepsilon} \left( x^{\frac{179}{209}+\varepsilon} \right).$$

This completes the proof of the proposition. □

*Proof of Theorem 1.2* Let  $\chi$  be a Dirichlet character modulo a prime  $q$ . By the orthogonality of Dirichlet character, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \equiv l \pmod{q}}} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) &= \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\chi \pmod{q}} \bar{\chi}(l) \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) \chi(n) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) \chi_0(n) + O \left( \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) \chi(n) \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varphi(q)$  is the Euler function and  $\varphi(q) = q - 1$ .

From Equations (18) and (22), and noting that  $1 - \frac{3}{2}\eta > \tilde{\eta}$ , we have

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \equiv l \pmod{q}}} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) = \frac{x}{\varphi(q)} P(\log x) + O_{f,\varepsilon}(qx^{1-\frac{3}{2}\eta+\varepsilon}),$$

where  $P(t)$  is a polynomial in  $t$  of degree 1 with leading positive coefficient. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.2.

#### 4. Proof of Theorem 1.3

Now we are at the stage where we are able to give the proof of Theorem 1.3. Let  $f \in H_k^*$  and let  $\chi$  be a Dirichlet character modulo  $q$ . For  $\Re(s) > 1$ , by [36, Lemma 2.1], we define

$$\begin{aligned} F_2(s, \chi) &:= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{w, f \times f}(n) \chi(n)}{n^s} \\ &= L(f \times f \otimes \chi, s)^w G_1(s, \chi) \\ &= L(s, \chi)^w L(\text{sym}^2 f \otimes \chi, s)^w G_1(s, \chi), \end{aligned}$$

where  $G_1(s, \chi)$  is a Dirichlet series which converges absolutely for  $\Re(s) \geq \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$  and uniformly in  $q$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $f \in H_k^*$  a Hecke eigenform, and let  $\chi$  be a primitive character modulo a prime  $q$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0, q \ll x^{\vartheta_w}$  and  $w \geq 2$ , we have*

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{w, f \times f}(n) \chi(n) = O_{f,\varepsilon}(qx^{1-\frac{3}{2}\vartheta_w+\varepsilon}), \tag{28}$$

where  $\vartheta_w = \frac{92}{247w+10}$ .

*Proof.* Applying Perron’s formula to the generating function  $F_2(s, \chi)$ , shifting the line of integration to the parallel line with  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$ , and invoking Cauchy’s residue theorem, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{w, f \times f}(n) \chi(n) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left\{ \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon-iT}^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon+iT} + \int_{1+\varepsilon-iT}^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon-iT} + \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon+iT}^{1+\varepsilon+iT} \right\} F_2(s, \chi) \frac{x^s}{s} ds \\ &\quad + O_{f,\varepsilon}\left(\frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T}\right) \\ &:= J_{1,1} + J_{1,2} + J_{1,3} + O_{f,\varepsilon}\left(\frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T}\right), \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

where  $s = \sigma + it$ , and  $1 \leq T \leq x$  is some parameter to be chosen later.

For  $J_{1,1}$ , by Lemma 2.6, Equation (16), and Hölder’s inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_{1,1} &\ll x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} \log T \sup_{1 \leq T_1 \leq T/2} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_1} \left( \max_{T_1 \leq t \leq 2T_1} \left| L\left(\frac{1}{2} + it, \chi\right) \right| \right)^{6w-12} \right. \\
 &\quad \times \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| L\left(\frac{1}{2} + it, \chi\right) \right|^{12} dt \Big)^{\frac{1}{6}} \left( \max_{T_1 \leq t \leq 2T_1} \left| L\left(\text{sym}^2 f \otimes \chi, \frac{1}{2} + it\right) \right|^{\frac{3}{2}w-2} \right. \\
 &\quad \times \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| L\left(\text{sym}^2 f \otimes \chi, \frac{1}{2} + it\right) \right|^2 dt \Big)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
 &\quad \times \left( \max_{T_1 \leq t \leq 2T_1} \left| L\left(\text{sym}^2 f \otimes \chi, \frac{1}{2} + it\right) \right|^{w-2} \right. \\
 &\quad \times \left. \left. \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| L\left(\text{sym}^2 f \otimes \chi, \frac{1}{2} + it\right) \right|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \\
 &\ll x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} q^{\frac{247}{276}w + \frac{5}{138} + \varepsilon} T^{\frac{247}{276}w - \frac{133}{138} + \varepsilon}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

For the integrals over the horizontal segments  $J_{1,2}$  and  $J_{1,3}$ , by Equations (13) and (14), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_{1,2} + J_{1,3} &\ll \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}^{1+\varepsilon} x^\sigma |F_2(\sigma + it, \chi)| T^{-1} d\sigma \\
 &\ll \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}^{1+\varepsilon} x^\sigma |L(\sigma + it, \chi)L(\text{sym}^2 f \otimes \chi, \sigma + it)|^w T^{-1} d\sigma \\
 &\ll \frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T} + x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} q^{\frac{247}{276}w + \varepsilon} T^{\frac{247}{276}w - 1 + \varepsilon}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

Combining Equations (29)-(31), we obtain (28) by setting  $T = x^{\frac{138}{247w+10}}/q$ . Since  $q \ll T^2$ , we have  $q \ll x^{\frac{92}{247w+10}}$ . □

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $f \in H_k^*$  a Hecke eigenform, and let  $\chi$  be a principal character modulo a prime  $q$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0, q \ll x$  and  $w \geq 2$ , we have*

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{w,f \times f}(n) \chi_0(n) = x P_{w-1}(\log x) + O_{f,\varepsilon}(x^{\tilde{\vartheta}_w + \varepsilon}), \tag{32}$$

where  $\tilde{\vartheta}_w = 1 - \frac{210}{317w+115}$ , and  $P_{w-1}(t)$  is a polynomial of  $t$  with degree  $w - 1$ .

*Proof.* For  $\chi_0(n)$  being a principal character modulo  $q$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_2(s, \chi_0) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{w,f \times f}(n) \chi_0(n)}{n^s} \\
 &= \zeta(s)^w L(\text{sym}^2 f, s)^w G_2(s, \chi),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $G_2(s, \chi)$  is a Dirichlet series which converges absolutely for  $\Re(s) \geq \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$  and uniformly in  $q$ .

Applying Perron’s formula, moving the line of integration to the parallel line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$ , and invoking Cauchy’s residue theorem, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{w,f \times f}(n) \chi_0(n) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left\{ \int_{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon - iT}^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + iT} + \int_{1 + \varepsilon - iT}^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon - iT} + \int_{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + iT}^{1 + \varepsilon + iT} \right\} F_2(s, \chi_0) \frac{x^s}{s} ds \\ &\quad + \text{Res}_{s=1} \left( F_2(s, \chi_0) \frac{x^s}{s} \right) + O_{f,\varepsilon} \left( \frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T} \right) \\ &:= J_{2,1} + J_{2,2} + J_{2,3} + xP_{w-1}(\log x) + O_{f,\varepsilon} \left( \frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

where  $P_{w-1}(t)$  is a polynomial in  $t$  of degree  $w - 1$ .

For the integral over the vertical segment  $J_{2,1}$ , by Lemmas 2.4-2.5, Equation (16), and Hölder’s inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} J_{2,1} &\ll x^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon} \log T \sup_{1 \leq T_1 \leq T/2} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_1} \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| F_2 \left( \frac{1}{2} + it, \chi_0 \right) \right| dt \right\} \\ &\ll x^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon} \log T \sup_{1 \leq T_1 \leq T/2} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_1} \left( \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| \zeta \left( \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^6 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{6}} \right. \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| L \left( \text{sym}^2 f, \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^{\frac{w}{2}} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &\quad \left. \times \left( \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| L \left( \text{sym}^2 f, \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^{\frac{w}{2}} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \\ &\ll x^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon} \log T \sup_{1 \leq T_1 \leq T/2} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_1} \left( \max_{T_1 \leq t \leq 2T_1} \left| \zeta \left( \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^{6w-12} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \times \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| \zeta \left( \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^{12} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{6}} \\ &\quad \times \left( \max_{T_1 \leq t \leq 2T_1} \left| L \left( \text{sym}^2 f, \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^{\frac{3}{2}w-2} \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| L \left( \text{sym}^2 f, \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &\quad \left. \times \left( \max_{T_1 \leq t \leq 2T_1} \left| L \left( \text{sym}^2 f, \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^{w-2} \int_{T_1}^{2T_1} \left| L \left( \text{sym}^2 f, \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \\ &\ll x^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon} T^{\frac{317}{420}w - \frac{61}{84} + \varepsilon}. \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

The estimates for the integrals  $J_{2,2}$  and  $J_{2,3}$  can be treated similarly. By Equa-



tions (10) and (11), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_{2,2} + J_{2,3} &\ll \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}^{1+\varepsilon} x^\sigma |F_2(\sigma + it, \chi_0)| T^{-1} d\sigma \\
 &\ll \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}^{1+\varepsilon} x^\sigma |\zeta(\sigma + it)L(\text{sym}^2 f, \sigma + it)|^w T^{-1} d\sigma \\
 &\ll \frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T} + x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} T^{\frac{317}{420}w-1+\varepsilon}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

Putting together Equations (33)-(35), we obtain

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{w,f \times f}(n) \chi_0(n) = xP_{w-1}(\log x) + O_{f,\varepsilon}(x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} T^{\frac{317}{420}w-\frac{61}{84}+\varepsilon}) + O_{f,\varepsilon}\left(\frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T}\right). \tag{36}$$

On taking  $T = x^{\frac{210}{317w+115}}$  in Equation (36), we get

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{w,f \times f}(n) \chi_0(n) = xP_{w-1}(\log x) + O_{f,\varepsilon}(x^{1-\frac{210}{317w+115}+\varepsilon}).$$

This proves the proposition. □

*Proof of Theorem 1.3* Let  $\chi$  be a Dirichlet character modulo a prime  $q$ . By the orthogonality of Dirichlet character, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \equiv l \pmod{q}}} \lambda_{w,f \times f}(n) &= \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\chi \pmod{q}} \bar{\chi}(l) \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{f \times f}^2(n) \chi(n) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{w,f \times f}(n) \chi_0(n) + O\left(\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_{w,f \times f}(n) \chi(n)\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varphi(q)$  is the Euler function and  $\varphi(q) = q - 1$ .

From Equations (28) and (32), and noting  $1 - \frac{3}{2}\vartheta_w > \tilde{\vartheta}_w$ , we have

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \equiv l \pmod{q}}} \lambda_{w,f \times f}(n) = \frac{x}{\varphi(q)} P_{w-1}(\log x) + O_{f,\varepsilon}(qx^{1-\frac{3}{2}\vartheta_w+\varepsilon}),$$

where  $P_{w-1}(t)$  is a polynomial in  $t$  of degree  $w - 1$  with leading positive coefficient. This completes the proof. □

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