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Abstract. In this paper, we study the moments of central values of certain unitary families of Hecke $L$-functions of the Gaussian field, and establish quantitative non-vanishing result for their central values. We also establish a one level density result for the low-lying zeros of these families of Hecke $L$-functions.

1. Introduction

The non-vanishing of central values of $L$-functions is of central importance in number theory. In the classical case of Dirichlet $L$-functions, S. Chowla [5] conjectured that $L(1/2, \chi) \neq 0$ for every primitive Dirichlet character $\chi$. One typical way to investigate this non-vanishing problem is to study the moments of a family of $L$-functions. By considering the first and second mollified moments of $L(1/2, \chi)$, B. Balasubramanian and V. K. Murty [1] showed that $L(1/2, \chi) \neq 0$ for at least 4% of Dirichlet characters $\chi \mod q$. For primitive characters, the proportion was improved to $1/3$ by H. Iwaniec and P. Sarnak in [13], to 34.11% by H. M. Bui [4] and most recently to $3/8$ by R. Khan and H. T. Ngo [16].

Instead of mollified moments, one may be only interested in the moments of Dirichlet $L$-functions. The first moment of the family of primitive Dirichlet $L$-functions of modulus $q$ has long been known while the second moment is due to R. E. A. C. Paley [20]. In [10], D. R. Heath-Brown obtained an asymptotic formula for the fourth moment of the family of $L$-functions associated with primitive Dirichlet characters modulo $q$, provided $q$ does not have too many distinct prime divisors. The formula was extended to
all integers by K. Soundararajan in [23]. An asymptotic formula for prime moduli with power savings was obtained by M. P. Young in [25] and this result was later improved by V. Blomer, E. Fouvry, E. Kowalski, P. Michel and D. Miličević [3].

As an analogue of Dirichlet $L$-functions, T. Stefanicki [24] obtained the first and second moments of Dirichlet twists of modular $L$-functions. The formula for the second moment is valid for a density zero set and is extended to almost all integers in [6].

Motivated by the result of Stefanicki, we consider in this paper a family of Hecke $L$-functions in the Gaussian field. Throughout this paper, we let $K = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ and $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[i]$ for the ring of integers in $K$. We also denote $U_K = \langle i \rangle$ for the group of units in $\mathcal{O}_K$. Let $q \in \mathcal{O}_K$ with $(q, 2) = 1$ and $\chi$ be a homomorphism:

$$\chi : (\mathcal{O}_K/(q))^* \rightarrow S^1 := \{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1 \}.$$  

We shall say $\chi$ is a character modulo $q$. Note that in $\mathcal{O}_K$, every ideal coprime to 2 has a unique generator congruent to 1 modulo $(1 + i)^3$ (see the paragraph above Lemma 8.2.1 in [2]). Such a generator is called primary. When $q$ is coprime to 2, $\chi$ induces a character $\tilde{\chi}$ modulo $(1 + i)^3q$. To see this, note that the ring $(\mathcal{O}_K/(1 + i)^3q)^*$ is isomorphic to the direct product of the group of units $U_K$ and the group $N_q$ formed by elements in $(\mathcal{O}_K/(1 + i)^3q)^*$ and congruent to 1 (mod $(1 + i)^3$) (i.e., primary). Under this isomorphism, any element $n \in (\mathcal{O}_K/(1 + i)^3q)^*$ can be written uniquely as $n = u_n \cdot n_0$ with $u_n \in U_K$, $n_0 \in N_q$. We can now define $\tilde{\chi} \mod (1 + i)^3q$ such that for any $n \in (\mathcal{O}_K/(1 + i)^3q)^*$,

$$\tilde{\chi}(n) = \chi(n_0).$$

We say that $\chi$ is a primitive character modulo $q$ if it does not factor through $(\mathcal{O}_K/(q))^*$ for any proper divisor $q'$ of $q$. When $\chi$ is primitive and $\chi(-1) = -1$, we will show in Section 2.1 that the character $\tilde{\chi}$ is also primitive modulo $(1 + i)^3q$. As $\tilde{\chi}$ is primitive and trivial on units, it follows from the discussions on [12, p. 59–60] that $\tilde{\chi}$ can be regarded as a primitive Hecke character $(mod (1 + i)^3q)$ of trivial infinite type. We denote $\tilde{\chi}$ for this Hecke character as well. In the rest of the paper, unless otherwise specified, we shall always regard $\tilde{\chi}$ as a Hecke character.

Let $\psi^*(q)$ denote the number of primitive characters $\chi \mod q$ satisfying $\chi(-1) = -1$ and let $\omega(q)$ denote the number of distinct prime ideals dividing $(q)$. Our first result is the following
Theorem 1.1. For $q \in \mathcal{O}_K, (q, 2) = 1$ and any $\varepsilon > 0$, we have, as $N(q) \to \infty$,
\begin{equation}
\sum_{\chi \mod q}^{\ast} L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \tilde{\chi}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \psi^\ast(q) + O\left(2^{\omega(q)} N(q)^{1/2 + \varepsilon}\right),
\end{equation}
and
\begin{equation}
\sum_{\chi \mod q}^{\ast} \left| L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \tilde{\chi}\right) \right|^2 = \left(\frac{\pi \varphi(q)}{16 N(q)} \log N(q) + \frac{\pi \varphi(q)}{8 N(q)} \sum_{p|2q} \frac{\log N(p)}{N(p) - 1} + \frac{\varphi(q)}{N(q)} C_0\right) \psi^\ast(q)
+ O\left(N(q)^{3/4 + \varepsilon}\right).
\end{equation}

Here the $\ast$ on the sum over $\chi$ restricts the sum to primitive characters, $C_0 > 0$ is an explicitly computable constant and $\varphi(q) = \#(\mathcal{O}_K/(q))^\ast$.

We note here the asymptotic formulas in Theorem 1.1 are valid for all large $N(q)$ because of the lower bound for $\psi^\ast(q)$ given in (2.1) and if $N(q) \geq 3$, then (see [21, (2.1)])
\begin{equation}
\omega(q) \ll \frac{\log N(q)}{\log \log N(q)}.
\end{equation}

We readily deduce from Theorem 1.1 via a standard argument using Cauchy’s inequality (see [1, p. 568]), the following

Corollary 1.2. For $q \in \mathcal{O}_K, (q, 2) = 1$, we have as $N(q) \to \infty$,
\[\# \left\{ \tilde{\chi} : \chi \mod q, \chi(-1) = -1, \chi \text{ primitive}, L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \tilde{\chi}\right) \neq 0 \right\} \gg \frac{\psi^\ast(q)}{\log N(q)}.
\]

Note that Corollary 1.2 does not establish that $L(1/2, \tilde{\chi}) \neq 0$ for a positive proportion of the characters $\chi$ to a given modulus. To obtain a positive proportion result, other than studying the mollified moments, we can also study the 1-level densities of low-lying zeros of families of $L$-functions. The density conjecture of N. Katz and P. Sarnak [14, 15] suggests that the distribution of zeros near $1/2$ of a family of $L$-functions is the same as that of eigenvalues near 1 of a corresponding classical compact group. This conjecture implies that $L(1/2, \chi) \neq 0$ for almost all primitive Dirichlet $L$-functions. Assuming the generalized Riemann hypothesis (GRH), M. R. Murty [18] showed that at least 50% of both primitive Dirichlet $L$-functions and Dirichlet twists of modular $L$-functions do not vanish at the central point. The result of Murty can be regarded as the 1-level density of low-lying zeros of the corresponding families of $L$-functions for test functions whose Fourier transforms
being supported in $[-2, 2]$. In [11], H. P. Hughes and Z. Rudnick studied the 1-level density of low-lying zeros of the family of primitive Dirichlet $L$-functions of a fixed prime modulus. Their work shows that this family is a unitary family.

Our next result concerns the 1-level density of low-lying zeros of the family $\{L(s, \tilde{\chi})\}$ of Hecke $L$-functions in $\mathbb{Q}(i)$. Here $\chi$ runs over primitive characters modulo $q$ satisfying $\chi(-1) = -1$ with $q \in \mathbb{Z}[i], (q, 2) = 1$. We denote the non-trivial zeroes of the Hecke $L$-function $L(s, \tilde{\chi})$ by $1/2 + i\gamma_{\tilde{\chi}, j}$. Without assuming GRH, we order them as

$$\ldots \leq \Re \gamma_{\tilde{\chi}, -2} \leq \Re \gamma_{\tilde{\chi}, -1} < 0 \leq \Re \gamma_{\tilde{\chi}, 1} \leq \Re \gamma_{\tilde{\chi}, 2} \leq \ldots$$

We set

$$\tilde{\gamma}_{\tilde{\chi}, j} = \frac{\gamma_{\tilde{\chi}, j}}{2\pi} \log N(q)$$

and define for an even Schwartz class function $\phi$,

$$S(\tilde{\chi}, \phi) = \sum_j \phi(\tilde{\gamma}_{\tilde{\chi}, j})$$

Following [11, Definition 2.1], we say a function $f(x)$ is an admissible function if it is a real, even function, whose Fourier transform $\hat{f}(u)$ is compactly supported, and such that $f(x) \ll (1 + |x|)^{-1-\delta}$ for some $\delta > 0$. Our result is

**Theorem 1.3.** Let $\phi(x)$ be an admissible function whose Fourier transform $\hat{\phi}(u)$ has compact support in $(-2, 2)$. Then for $q \in \mathbb{Z}[i], (q, 2) = 1$, we have

$$\lim_{N(q) \to \infty} \frac{1}{\psi^*(q)} \sum_{\chi \mod q}^* S(\chi, \phi) = \int_\mathbb{R} \phi(x) \, dx.$$  

Here the $*$ on the sum over $\chi$ restricts the sum to primitive characters.

Theorem 1.3 can be regarded as an analogue to the above mentioned result of H. P. Hughes and Z. Rudnick in [11]. The left-hand side expression of (1.5) is known as the 1-level density of low-lying zeros of the family $\{L(s, \tilde{\chi})\}$. In connection with the random matrix theory (see the discussions in [7]), the right-hand side expression of (1.5) shows that the family is also a unitary family.

Using the argument in the proof of [9, Corollary 1.4], we deduce readily a positive proportion non-vanishing result for the family of Hecke $L$-functions under our consideration.
Corollary 1.4. Suppose that the GRH is true and that $1/2$ is a zero of $L(s, \tilde{\chi})$ of order $n_{\tilde{\chi}} \geq 0$. As $N(q) \to \infty$,

$$\sum_{\chi \text{ mod } q}^{*} \frac{n_{\tilde{\chi}}}{\chi(-1) = -1} \leq \left( \frac{1}{2} + o(1) \right) \psi^*(q).$$

Moreover, as $N(q) \to \infty$

$$\# \left\{ \tilde{\chi} \mid \chi \text{ mod } q, \chi(-1) = -1, \chi \text{ primitive, } L\left( \frac{1}{2}, \tilde{\chi} \right) \neq 0 \right\} \geq \left( \frac{1}{2} + o(1) \right) \psi^*(q).$$

Notations. The following notations and conventions are used throughout the paper.

- $e(z) = \exp(2\pi iz) = e^{2\pi iz}$
- $f = O(g)$ or $f \ll g$ means $|f| \leq cg$ for some unspecified positive constant $c$.
- $f = o(g)$ means $\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x)/g(x) = 0$.
- $K = \mathbb{Q}(i), \mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[i]$.
- $\mu[i]$ denotes the Möbius function on $\mathcal{O}_K$.
- $\varphi$ denotes Euler’s totient function on $\mathcal{O}_K$.
- $\varpi$ denotes a prime in $K$.

2. Preliminaries

2.1. Orthogonality relations and primitive Hecke characters. Let $q \in \mathcal{O}_K, (q, 2) = 1$ and let $\chi$ be a primitive character modulo $q$ defined in (1.1) satisfying $\chi(-1) = -1$. We note the following orthogonality relations. As the proof is similar to the classical case (see [23, Lemma 1]), we omit it here.

Lemma 2.1. Let $q \in \mathcal{O}_K, (q, 2) = 1$. Let $a = \pm 1$, we have for $(nm, q) = 1$

$$\sum_{\chi \text{ mod } q \atop \chi(-1) = (-1)^a} \frac{\chi(n) \overline{\chi}(m)}{2} \sum_{d|q \atop n \equiv m \text{ mod } d} \mu[i](q/d) \varphi(d)$$

$$\quad + \frac{(-1)^a}{2} \sum_{d|q \atop n \equiv -m \text{ mod } d} \mu[i](q/d) \varphi(d).$$

By setting $n = m = 1$ in Lemma 2.1, we deduce immediately the following
Corollary 2.2. Let $q \in \mathcal{O}_K$, $(q, 2) = 1$ and let $\psi^*(q)$ denote the number of primitive characters $\chi \pmod{q}$ satisfying $\chi(-1) = -1$, then

$$\psi^*(q) = \frac{1}{2} \psi(q) - \frac{1}{2} \mu_i(q),$$

where $\psi(q)$ denotes the number of primitive characters $\chi \pmod{q}$. Moreover, $\psi(q)$ is a multiplicative function given by $\psi(\varpi) = N(\varpi) - 2$ for primes $\varpi$, and $\psi(\varpi^k) = N(\varpi)^k(1 - 1/N(\varpi))^2$ for $k \geq 2$.

We note that Corollary 2.2 implies that for $(q, 2) = 1$, we have

$$\psi^*(q), \psi(q) \gg N(q) \left( \frac{\varphi(q)}{N(q)} \right)^2 \geq \frac{N(q)}{\log \log N(q)}.$$  

Now we show that the induced character $\tilde{\chi}$ modulo $(1 + i)^3 q$ is also primitive. Suppose that $\tilde{\chi}$ is induced by a character modulo $(1 + i)^3 q'$ for some proper divisor $q'$ of $q$. Then as $\chi$ is primitive, there exists a $c \equiv 1 \pmod{q'}$ such that $\chi(c) \neq 1$. By the Chinese Remainder Theorem, we can then find a $c_0$ such that $c_0 \equiv 1 \pmod{(1 + i)^3}$ and $c_0 \equiv c \pmod{q}$. It follows from our definition that $\tilde{\chi}(c_0) = \chi(c) \neq 1$. This contradiction shows that $\tilde{\chi}$ can only be possibly induced by a character $\chi'$ modulo $(1 + i)^2 q$. But in this case, we can again apply the Chinese Remainder Theorem to find a $c_0$ such that $c_0 \equiv -1 \pmod{(1 + i)^3}$ and $c_0 \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$. As $-1 \equiv 1 \pmod{(1 + i)^2}$, we have $c_0 \equiv 1 \pmod{(1 + i)^2 q}$ so that $\chi'(c_0) = 1$. However, it follows from the definition that $\tilde{\chi}(c_0) = \chi(-c_0) = -1$. This implies that $\tilde{\chi}$ can not be induced by $\chi'$ either and hence is primitive.

2.2. The approximate functional equation. Let $\tilde{\chi}$ be given as in the previous section regarding as a primitive Hecke character modulo $(1 + i)^3 q$ of trivial infinite type. The Hecke $L$-function associated with this Hecke character $\tilde{\chi}$ is defined for $\Re(s) > 1$ by

$$L(s, \tilde{\chi}) = \sum_{0 \neq \mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K} \tilde{\chi}(\mathcal{A})(N(\mathcal{A}))^{-s},$$

where $\mathcal{A}$ runs over all non-zero integral ideals in $K$ and $N(\mathcal{A})$ is the norm of $\mathcal{A}$. As shown by E. Hecke, $L(s, \tilde{\chi})$ admits analytic continuation to an entire function and satisfies a functional equation (see [19, Corollary 8.6]):

$$\Lambda(s, \tilde{\chi}) = g(\tilde{\chi})(N((1 + i)^3 q))^{-1/2}\Lambda(1 - s, \overline{\tilde{\chi}}),$$

where $D_K = -4$ is the discriminant of $K$, $g(\tilde{\chi})$ is the Gauss sum defined by

$$g(\tilde{\chi}) = \sum_{x \pmod{(1 + i)^3 q}} \tilde{\chi}(x)e\left(\frac{x}{(1 + i)^3 q}\right), \quad \tilde{e}(z) = e\left(\text{tr}\left(\frac{z}{2i}\right)\right),$$

and

$$\Lambda(s, \tilde{\chi}) = (|D_K|N((1 + i)^3 q))^{s/2}(2\pi)^{-s}\Gamma(s)L(s, \tilde{\chi}).$$
We refer the reader to [19] for a more detailed discussion of the Hecke characters and \( L \)-functions.

Note that we have \( |g(\tilde{x})| = (N((1+i)^3q))^{1/2} \) (see [12, Exercise 12, p. 61]) and that it follows from the definition that \( g(\tilde{x}) = \tilde{x}(-1)g(\tilde{x}) = g(\tilde{x}) \), as \( \tilde{x}(-1)(-1) = 1 \). From this and (2.2), we get that

\[
(2.3) \quad \Lambda \left( \frac{1}{2} + s, \tilde{x} \right) \Lambda \left( \frac{1}{2} + s, \overline{\tilde{x}} \right) = \Lambda \left( \frac{1}{2} - s, \tilde{x} \right) \Lambda \left( \frac{1}{2} - s, \overline{\tilde{x}} \right).
\]

For \( c > 1/2 \) we consider

\[
I := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(c)} \Lambda(1/2+s, \overline{\tilde{x}}) \Lambda(1/2+s, \overline{\tilde{x}}) \frac{ds}{s}.
\]

We move the line of integration to \( \text{Re}(s) = -c \) and use the relation (2.3) to see that \( I = |L(1/2, \tilde{x})|^2 - I \), so that \( |L(1/2, \tilde{x})|^2 = 2I \). On the other hand, expanding \( L(1/2+s, \tilde{x})L(1/2+s, \overline{\tilde{x}}) \) into its Dirichlet series and integrating termwise, we get \( I = A(\tilde{x}) \), where

\[
(2.4) \quad A(\tilde{x}) := \sum_{0 \neq A, B \subset \mathcal{O}_K} \tilde{x}(A)\overline{\tilde{x}(B)}(N(A)N(B))^{-1/2}W\left( \frac{N(A)N(B)}{N(q)} \right),
\]

with

\[
W(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(c)} \left( \frac{\Gamma(s+1/2)}{\Gamma(1/2)} \right)^2 \left( \frac{2|D_k|}{\pi^2} \right)^s x^{-s} \frac{ds}{s},
\]

for any positive \( x, c \). Similar to [23, (1.3a), (1.3b)], we have for any \( j \geq 0 \),

\[
(2.5) \quad W(x) = 1 + O(x^{1/2-\varepsilon}), \quad W^{(j)}(x) = O_c(x^{-c}).
\]

On the other hand, we note the following expression for \( L(1/2, \tilde{x}) \) (see [8, Section 2.3]):

\[
(2.6) \quad L \left( \frac{1}{2}, \tilde{x} \right) = \sum_{0 \neq A \subset \mathcal{O}_K} \frac{\tilde{x}(A)}{N(A)^{1/2}} V\left( \frac{N(A)}{x} \right)
\]

\[+ \frac{g(\tilde{x})}{N((1+i)^3q)^{1/2}} \sum_{0 \neq A \subset \mathcal{O}_K} \frac{\tilde{x}(A)}{N(A)^{1/2}} V\left( \frac{N(A)x}{|D_K|N((1+i)^3q)} \right),
\]

where \( x > 0 \) and

\[
V(\xi) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(2)} \frac{\Gamma(s+1/2)}{\Gamma(1/2)} \frac{(2\pi \xi)^{-s}}{s} \frac{ds}{s}.
\]

We note (see [22, Lemma 2.1]) the following estimation for the \( j \)-th derivative of \( V(\xi) \):

\[
(2.7) \quad V(\xi) = 1 + O(\xi^{1/2-\varepsilon}) \quad \text{for} \ 0 < \xi < 1
\]

\[\text{and} \quad V^{(j)}(\xi) = O(e^{-\xi}) \quad \text{for} \ \xi > 0, \ j \geq 0.\]
2.3. The explicit formula. Our approach of Theorem 1.3 relies on the following explicit formula, which essentially converts a sum over zeros of an \( L \)-function to a sum over primes. As it is similarly to that of [7, Lemma 2.3], we omit its proof here.

**Lemma 2.3.** Let \( \phi(x) \) be an admissible function whose Fourier transform \( \hat{\phi}(u) \) has compact support in \([-2,2]\). Let \( \Lambda_K \) be the von Mangoldt function in \( K \). Then for \( q \in \mathcal{O}_K \), \((q,2) = 1\) and any primitive character \( \chi \) modulo \( q \) satisfying \( \chi(-1) = -1 \), we have

\[
S(\overline{\chi}, \phi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(t) \, dt - \frac{1}{\log X} \sum_n \frac{\Lambda_K(n)}{\sqrt{N(n)}} \hat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log N(n)}{\log N(q)}\right) (\overline{\chi}(n) + \overline{\chi}(n)) \\
+ O\left(\frac{1}{\log N(q)}\right).
\]

3. Proof of Theorem 1.1

3.1. Evaluation of the first moment. Since any integral non-zero ideal \( A \) co-prime to 2 in \( \mathcal{O}_K \) has a unique primary generator \( a \), we apply the approximate functional equation (2.6) and the orthogonality relations Lemma 2.1 to get that

\[
\sum_{\chi \mod q}^{\ast} L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \chi\right) = \sum_{n \equiv 1 \mod (1+i)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(n)}} V\left(\frac{N(n)}{x}\right) \sum_{\chi \mod q}^{\ast} \overline{\chi}(n) \\
+ \frac{1}{(8N(q))^{1/2}} \sum_{n \equiv 1 \mod (1+i)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(n)}} V\left(\frac{N(n)x}{32N(q)}\right) \sum_{\chi \mod q}^{\ast} \overline{\chi}(n) g(\overline{\chi}) \\
= S_{1,1} + S_{1,2} + S_{1,3} + S_{1,4},
\]

where

\[
S_{1,1} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{d|q} \mu_{[i]}(q/d) \varphi(d) \sum_{d \equiv 1 \mod (1+i)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(n)}} V\left(\frac{N(n)}{x}\right),
\]

\[
S_{1,2} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{d|q} \mu_{[i]}(q/d) \varphi(d) \sum_{n \equiv -1 \mod d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(n)}} V\left(\frac{N(n)}{x}\right),
\]

\[
S_{1,3} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{d|q} \mu_{[i]}(q/d) \varphi(d) \sum_{n \equiv 1 \mod d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(n)}} V\left(\frac{N(n)}{x}\right),
\]

\[
S_{1,4} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{d|q} \mu_{[i]}(q/d) \varphi(d) \sum_{n \equiv 1 \mod d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(n)}} V\left(\frac{N(n)}{x}\right).
\]
\[ S_{1,3} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(8N(q))^{1/2}} \sum_{d|q} \mu_{[i]}(q/d) \varphi(d) \sum_{n \equiv 1 \pmod{(1+i)^3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(n)}} \]
\[ \times V\left( \frac{N(n)x}{32N(q)} \right) \sum_{x \equiv n \pmod{d} \atop x \equiv (1+i)^3q} \tilde{e}\left( \frac{x}{(1+i)^3q} \right) , \]
\[ S_{1,4} = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(8N(q))^{1/2}} \sum_{d|q} \mu_{[i]}(q/d) \varphi(d) \sum_{n \equiv 1 \pmod{(1+i)^3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(n)}} \]
\[ \times V\left( \frac{N(n)x}{32N(q)} \right) \sum_{x \equiv n \pmod{d} \atop x \equiv -n \pmod{d} \atop x \equiv (1+i)^3q} \tilde{e}\left( \frac{x}{(1+i)^3q} \right) . \]

As \( \tilde{e}(c) \ll 1 \) for \( c \in \mathcal{O}_K \), we have that
\[ \sum_{x \equiv n \pmod{d}} \tilde{e}\left( \frac{x}{(1+i)^3q} \right) \ll \sum_{x \equiv n \pmod{d}} 1 \ll \frac{N(q)}{N(d)}. \]

It follows that
\[ S_{1,3} \ll N(q)^{1/2} \sum_{d|q} \mu_{[i]}^2(q/d) \varphi(d) \frac{N(d)}{N(q)} \]
\[ \times \sum_{n \equiv 1 \pmod{(1+i)^3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(n)}} V\left( \frac{N(n)x}{32N(q)} \right) \]
\[ \ll \frac{N(q)^{1+\varepsilon}}{x^{1/2}} 2^{\omega(q)} . \]

Similarly, we also have
\[ S_{1,4} \ll \frac{N(q)^{1+\varepsilon}}{x^{1/2}} 2^{\omega(q)} . \]

In the evaluation of \( S_{1,1} \), we write \( n = td + 1 \) with \( t \in \mathcal{O}_K \). The term \( t = 0 \) gives the main term:
\[ M_1 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{d|q} \mu_{[i]}(q/d) \varphi(d) V\left( \frac{1}{x} \right) \]
\[ = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{d|q} \mu_{[i]}(q/d) \varphi(d) \left( 1 + O\left( x^{-1/2+\varepsilon} \right) \right) \]
\[ = \frac{1}{2} \psi^*(q) + O\left( N(q)x^{-1/2+\varepsilon} \right) , \]
where we have used Corollary 2.2 and the fact that
\begin{equation}
\sum_{d \mid q \atop d \equiv 1 \mod (1+i)^3} \varphi(d) = N(q).
\end{equation}

To treat the contribution from the terms \(n \neq 1\) in \(S_{1,1}\), we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let \(m, n \in \mathbb{Z}[i]\) satisfying \(N(m + n) \geq N(n)\), then we have
\begin{equation}
N(m + n) \geq \frac{N(m)}{64}.
\end{equation}

**Proof.** The assertion of the Lemma is clearly true when \(N(n) \leq \frac{N(m)}{64}\). We may therefore assume that \(N(n) \leq \frac{N(m)}{64}\). Writing \(m = a + bi, n = c + di\) with \(a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}\), we see that \(N(n) \leq \frac{N(m)}{64}\) is equivalent to
\[
\frac{a^2 + b^2}{64} \geq \frac{c^2 + d^2}{64}.
\]

We deduce from this that
\begin{equation}
\max\{|c|, |d|\} \leq \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{8}.
\end{equation}

Writing (3.2) in terms of \(a, b, c, d\), we find that it suffices to show
\begin{equation}
a^2 + 2ac + b^2 + 2bd \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2}{64}.
\end{equation}

Applying (3.3), we see that
\[
a^2 + 2ac + b^2 + 2bd \geq a^2 + b^2 - (|a| + |b|)\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} - \frac{a^2 + b^2}{4}.
\]

As the above inequality implies inequality (3.4), the assertion of the lemma now follows. \(\square\)

Applying Lemma 3.2 to the case \(n = td + 1\) with \(t \neq 0\), we see that in this case \(N(td + 1) \geq N(td)/64\). In view of the rapid decay of \(V\) in (2.7), we may further assume that \(N(n) \leq x^{1+\varepsilon}\) for any \(\varepsilon > 0\). This implies that \(N(td) \leq 64x^{1+\varepsilon}\). We then deduce that the terms with \(t \neq 0\) in \(S_{1,1}\) contribute an amount that is
\[
\ll \sum_{d \mid q \atop d \equiv 1 \mod (1+i)^3} \mu^2_{[i]}(q/d) \varphi(d) \sum_{0 \neq N(td) \leq 64x^{1+\varepsilon}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(td)}} \ll 2^{\omega(q)}x^{1/2+\varepsilon}.
\]

Thus, we have
\[
S_{1,1} = \frac{1}{2} \psi^*(q) + O\left(N(q)x^{-1/2+\varepsilon} + 2^{\omega(q)}x^{1/2+\varepsilon}\right).
\]
Now, to estimate $S_{1,2}$, we write $n = td - 1$ with $t \in \mathcal{O}_K$. Note that in this case $t \neq 0$ since $-1$ is not primitive. The treatment of the contribution from these $t \neq 0$ terms is similar to that of $S_{1,1}$ and we arrive at

$$S_{1,2} \ll 2^{\omega(q)}x^{1/2+\varepsilon}.$$  

We then conclude that

$$\sum_{\chi \mod q}^* L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \overline{\chi} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \psi^*(q) + O \left( N(q)x^{-1/2+\varepsilon} + 2^{\omega(q)}x^{1/2+\varepsilon} + \frac{N(q)^{1+\varepsilon}}{x^{1/2}} 2^{\omega(q)} \right).$$

By setting $x = N(q)$, we obtain (1.2).

3.2. The main term of the second moment. To establish (1.3), we note that it is shown in Section 2.2 that $|L(1/2, \overline{\chi})|^2 = 2A(\overline{\chi})$ with $A(\overline{\chi})$ given in (2.4). Again writing any integral non-zero ideal $A$ co-prime to $2$ in $\mathcal{O}_K$ in term of its unique primary generator $a$ and applying Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\sum_{\chi \mod q}^* |L(1/2, \overline{\chi})|^2 = 2 \sum_{n,m \text{ primary}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(n)N(m)}} W \left( \frac{N(nm)}{N(q)} \right) \sum_{\chi \mod q}^* \overline{\chi}(n) \overline{\chi}(m) = S_{2,1} - S_{2,2},$$

where

$$S_{2,1} = \sum_{d \mid q} \mu_{[i]}(d) \varphi(q/d) \sum_{\frac{n \equiv m \mod q/d}{n,m \text{ primary} (mn,q)=1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(n)N(m)}} W \left( \frac{N(nm)}{N(q)} \right),$$

$$S_{2,2} = \sum_{d \mid q} \mu_{[i]}(d) \varphi(q/d) \sum_{\frac{n \equiv -m \mod q/d}{n,m \text{ primary} (mn,q)=1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(n)N(m)}} W \left( \frac{N(nm)}{N(q)} \right).$$

We consider the terms $n = m$ in $S_{2,1}$. These terms contribute

$$M_2 = \sum_{d \mid q} \mu_{[i]}(d) \varphi(q/d) \sum_{\frac{n \text{ primary}}{(n,q)=1}} \frac{1}{N(n)} W \left( \frac{N(n)^2}{N(q)} \right).$$
We then apply Mellin inversion to get

\begin{align}
(3.5) & \sum_{\substack{n \text{ primary} \\ (n,q)=1}} \frac{1}{N(n)} W \left( \frac{N(n)^2}{N(q)} \right) \\
& = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(2)} \sum_{\substack{n \text{ primary} \\ (n,q)=1}} \frac{1}{N(n)^{1+2s}} N(q)^s \hat{W}(s) ds \\
& = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(2)} \zeta_K(1+2s) \left( \prod_{p|2q} \left( 1 - N(p)^{-(1+2s)} \right) \right) N(q)^s \hat{W}(s) ds.
\end{align}

Here and in what follows, we use \( \zeta_K(s) \) to denote the Dedekind zeta function of \( K \) and \( p \) to denote prime ideals in \( \mathcal{O}_K \). Moreover, \( \hat{W}(s) \) is the Mellin transform of \( W(t) \), so that

\[ \hat{W}(s) = \int_0^\infty W(t)t^s \frac{dt}{t}. \]

Using (2.5) and integration by parts implies that for \( \Re(s) > 0 \),

\begin{align}
(3.6) & \hat{W}(s) = \frac{1}{s} I(s), \quad I(s) = \int_0^\infty W'(t)t^s dt.
\end{align}

Note that (2.5) further implies that \( I(0) = 1 \) and integration by parts implies that \( I(s) \) is clearly analytic for \( \Re(s) > -1 \) and satisfies

\[ I(s) \ll \frac{1}{|1+s|}. \]

It follows that (3.6) gives an analytic extension of \( \hat{W}(s) \) to \( \Re(s) > -1 \) with a simple pole at \( s = 0 \) with residue 1 such that when \( \Re(s) > -1 \),

\begin{align}
(3.7) & \hat{W}(s) \ll \frac{1}{|s||1+s|}.
\end{align}

We now shift the line of integration in (3.5) to \( \Re(s) = -1/4 + \varepsilon \) and we encounter a double pole at \( s = 0 \). The residue is easily seen (by taking note that the residue of \( \zeta_K(s) \) at \( s = 1 \) is \( \pi/4 \)) to be

\begin{align}
(3.8) & \frac{\pi}{16} \frac{\varphi(q)}{N(q)} \log N(q) + \frac{\pi}{8} \frac{\varphi(q)}{N(q)} \sum_{p|2q} \frac{\log N(p)}{N(p)-1} + \frac{\varphi(q)}{N(q)} C_0,
\end{align}

where \( C_0 \) is an explicitly computable positive constant.

Since \( \sum_{p|q} \frac{\log N(p)}{N(p)-1} \) is the largest when \( q \) is of the form \( \prod_{N(\varpi) \leq y} \varpi \) for primes \( \varpi \), it follows from this and the prime ideal theorem [17, Theorem 8.9].
that

\[
\sum_{p \mid q} \frac{\log N(p)}{N(p) - 1} \ll 1 + \log \omega(q).
\]

To estimate the remaining integral at \( \Re(s) = -1/4 + \varepsilon \), we shall use the convexity bound that (see [12, Exercise 3, p. 100]) for \( \Re(s) = -1/4 + \varepsilon \),

\[
\zeta_K(1 + 2s) \ll \left(1 + |s|^2\right)^{1/4+\varepsilon}.
\]

Applying this and (3.7) gives that the integral on the line \( \Re(s) = -1/4 + \varepsilon \) is \( \ll N(q)^{-1/4+\varepsilon} \). From this and (3.8), we get

\[
M_2 = \left(\frac{\pi}{16} \frac{\varphi(q)}{N(q)} \log N(q) + \frac{\pi}{8} \frac{\varphi(q)}{N(q)} \sum_{p \mid 2q} \frac{\log N(p)}{N(p) - 1} + \frac{\varphi(q)}{N(q)} C_0\right)
\times \sum_{d \mid q \text{ primary}} \mu[d](d) \varphi(q/d) + O\left(N(q)^{-1/4+\varepsilon} \sum_{d \mid q} \mu^2[d](d) \varphi(q/d)\right).
\]

We then deduce using (3.1) and (3.9) that

\[
M_2 = \left(\frac{\pi}{16} \frac{\varphi(q)}{N(q)} \log N(q) + \frac{\pi}{8} \frac{\varphi(q)}{N(q)} \sum_{p \mid 2q} \frac{\log N(p)}{N(p) - 1} + \frac{\varphi(q)}{N(q)} C_0\right) W\left(q^{-1/2} \right)
\times \sum_{d \mid q} \mu[d](d) \varphi(q/d) + O\left(N(q)^{3/4+\varepsilon}\right).
\]

3.3. The error term of the second moment. We first note that the terms \( n = m \) in \( S_{2,2} \) can occur if and only if \( 2n \equiv 0 \pmod{q/d} \). As \( (q, 2) = 1 \), this occurs if and only if \( q/d \mid n \). It follows readily from this that the terms \( n = m \) in \( S_{2,2} \) contribute

\[
\ll 2^{\omega(q)} \log N(q).
\]

To treat the contributions from the terms \( n \neq m \) in \( S_{2,1} \) and \( S_{2,2} \), we note the following

Lemma 3.2. We have for any \( \varepsilon > 0 \),

\[
\sum_{\substack{n \neq m \\ n \equiv m \pmod{\ell} \\ (nm, q) = 1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(n)N(m)}} W\left(\frac{N(nm)}{N(q)}\right) \ll \frac{N(q)^{1/2+\varepsilon}}{N(l)}.
\]

Proof. We may assume that \( N(m) \geq N(n) \). In view of the rapid decay of \( W \) shown in (2.5), we may further assume that \( N(nm) \leq N(q)^{1+\varepsilon} \) for any
We then have
\begin{equation}
\sum_{n \neq m \atop n \equiv m \mod \ell \atop (nm,q) = 1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(n)N(m)}} W \left( \frac{N(nm)}{N(q)} \right) \ll \sum_{N(n) \leq N(q)^{1+\varepsilon}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(n)}} \sum_{m \neq n \atop m \equiv n \mod \ell \atop N(n) \leq N(m) \leq N(q)^{1+\varepsilon}/N(n)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(m)}}.
\end{equation}

We write \( m = n + kl \) with \( k \in O_K \) and we apply Lemma 3.1 to see that \( N(kl) \leq 64N(m) \leq 64N(q)^{1+\varepsilon}/N(n) \). Thus, we have
\begin{equation}
\sum_{m \neq n \atop m \equiv n \mod \ell \atop N(n) \leq N(m) \leq N(q)^{1+\varepsilon}/N(n)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(m)}} \ll \sum_{0 \neq k \leq 64N(q)^{1+\varepsilon}/N(n)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(l)}} \ll \frac{1}{N(l)\sqrt{N(n)}} N(q)^{1/2+\varepsilon}.
\end{equation}

Applying this in (3.13), we readily deduce (3.12) and this completes the proof of the lemma.

It follows from Lemma 3.2 that the terms \( n \neq m \) contribute in \( S_{2,1}, S_{2,2} \)
\begin{equation}
\ll 2^{\omega(q)} N(q)^{1/2+\varepsilon}.
\end{equation}

Using (1.4) and combining (3.10), (3.11) and (3.14), the proof of (1.3) is complete.

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Applying Lemma 2.3, we see that it suffices to show that for any \( \hat{\phi} \) supported in \((-2+\varepsilon,2-\varepsilon)\) with any \( 0 < \varepsilon < 1 \),
\begin{equation}
\lim_{N(q) \to \infty} \frac{\tilde{S}(q, \hat{\phi})}{N(q) \log N(q)} = 0,
\end{equation}
where
\[
\tilde{S}(q, \hat{\phi}) = \sum_{\chi \mod q} \sum_{n \text{ primary}}^* \frac{\Lambda_K(n)}{\sqrt{N(n)}} \hat{\phi} \left( \frac{\log N(n)}{\log N(q)} \right) \left( \tilde{\chi}(n) + \overline{\tilde{\chi}(n)} \right).
\]
Applying Lemma 2.1, we see that
\[
\tilde{S}(q, \phi) = \sum_{d|q} \mu_{\{i\}}(q/d) \phi(d) \sum_{n \text{ primary}} \Lambda_K(n) \frac{\log N(n)}{\sqrt{N(n)}} \tilde{\phi} \left( \frac{\log N(n)}{\log q} \right)
\]
\[-\sum_{d|q} \mu_{\{i\}}(q/d) \phi(d) \sum_{n \text{ primary}} \Lambda_K(n) \frac{\log N(n)}{\sqrt{N(n)}} \tilde{\phi} \left( \frac{\log N(n)}{\log q} \right).
\]

Similar to the treatment of the case \(n \neq 1\) in \(S_{1,1}\) in Section 3.1, we have
\[
\sum_{n \text{ primary}} \Lambda_K(n) \frac{\log N(n)}{\sqrt{N(n)}} \tilde{\phi} \left( \frac{\log N(n)}{\log q} \right) \ll \sum_{n \text{ primary}} \frac{\log N(q)}{\sqrt{N(n)}} \ll \frac{N(q)^{1-\epsilon/2} \log N(q)}{N(d)}.
\]

It follows that
\[
\tilde{S}(q, \phi) \ll \sum_{d|q} \mu^2_{\{i\}}(q/d) \phi(d) \frac{N(q)^{1-\epsilon/2} \log N(q)}{N(d)}
\]
\[
\ll 2^{\omega(q)} N(q)^{1-\epsilon/2} \log N(q).
\]

In view of (1.4), the desired limit in (4.1) follows from the above estimation and this completes the proof of Theorem 1.3.

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