

Integral moments

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 (with Diaconu and Goldfeld)

- **Idea:** *integral moments* over *families* of L -functions arise as *coefficients* in automorphic spectral decompositions.
 - **Example:** in several cases, extract *subconvex bounds*
 - **Note:** in some applications a subconvex bound replaces Lindelöf
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Sample of moments and bounds: Euler-Riemann zeta

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{(RH } \Rightarrow \text{) Lindelöf} & \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \ll t^\varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad (\text{unknown}) \\ \text{convexity} & \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \ll t^{\frac{1}{4} + \varepsilon} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad (\text{true, easy}) \end{array} \right.$$

$$2k^{\text{th}} \text{ moment} = \int_0^T |\zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)|^{2k} dt$$

Example of **integral moments**

$$Z_k(w) = \int_1^\infty |\zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)|^{2k} t^{-w} dt$$

which has natural boundary for $k \geq 3$ (Diaconu-PG-Goldfeld).

$$\text{Lindelöf} \iff \int_0^T |\zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)|^{2k} dt \ll T^{1+\varepsilon} \quad (\text{for all } k, \varepsilon > 0)$$

Suitable moment estimates yield subconvex bounds:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \int_0^T |\zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)|^2 dt \ll T^{1+\varepsilon} & \not\Rightarrow \text{subconvex bd} \\ \int_0^T |\zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)|^4 dt \ll T^{1+\varepsilon} & \not\Rightarrow \text{subconvex bd} \\ \int_0^T |\zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)|^4 dt = T P(\log T) + O(T^{1-\delta}) & \Rightarrow \text{subconvex bd} \\ \int_0^T |\zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)|^{2k} dt \ll T^{1+\varepsilon} \text{ with } 2k \geq 6 & \Rightarrow \text{subconvex bd} \end{array} \right.$$

1918 Hardy-Littlewood: $\int_0^T |\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)|^2 dt \sim T \log T$ ($\not\Rightarrow$ subconvex bound)

1921 Weyl (*not* by moments): $|\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)| \ll (1 + |t|)^{\frac{1}{6} + \varepsilon}$ (= subconvex)

1926 Ingham: $\int_0^T |\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)|^4 dt \sim \frac{1}{2\pi^2} T(\log T)^4$ ($\not\Rightarrow$ subconvex bound)

1979 Heath-Brown:

$$\int_0^T |\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)|^4 dt \sim T \cdot P(\log T) + O(T^{\frac{7}{8} + \varepsilon}) \quad (\Rightarrow \text{subconvex bound})$$

Our prototype: **1982, A. Good:** holo cuspform f

$$\int_0^T |L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f)|^2 dt = aT(\log T + b) + O((T \log T)^{2/3}) \quad \Rightarrow \text{subconvex}$$

Proof mechanism:

- (1) automorphic spectral decomposition
- (2) L -functions as decomposition coefficients.

Examples of decomposition coefficients and L -functions:

$$\begin{cases} \int y^{s-\frac{1}{2}} f \begin{pmatrix} y & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} & = \Lambda(s, f) & (f \text{ on } GL_2) \\ \langle fg, E_s \rangle & = \Lambda(s, f \otimes g) & (f, g \text{ on } GL_2) \end{cases}$$

Decomposition example: $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathfrak{H}$

$$\Phi \sim \sum_{F \text{ cfm}} \frac{\langle \Phi, F \rangle}{\langle F, F \rangle} \cdot F + \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{\text{Re}(s)=\frac{1}{2}} \langle \Phi, E_s \rangle \cdot E_s ds + \frac{\langle \Phi, 1 \rangle}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} \cdot 1$$

Over a number field:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi \sim \sum_{F \text{ cfm}} \frac{\langle \Phi, F \rangle}{\langle F, F \rangle} \cdot F + \frac{1}{4\pi i \kappa} \sum_{\chi} \int_{\text{Re}(s)=\frac{1}{2}} \langle \Phi, E_{s, \chi} \rangle \cdot E_{s, \chi} ds \\ + \sum_{\chi^2=1} \frac{\langle \Phi, \chi \circ \det \rangle}{\|\chi \circ \det\|} \cdot (\chi \circ \det) \end{aligned}$$

See *sum* over χ , *integral* over t .

Create integral kernel/Poincaré series $\mathfrak{P}^{\alpha,w}$ such that:

Integral moment of cuspform f produced by integral

$$\int \mathfrak{P}^{\alpha,w} \cdot |f|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int L\left(\frac{1}{2} + it + \alpha, f\right) \cdot L\left(\frac{1}{2} - it, \bar{f}\right) \cdot [\sim t^{-w}] dt$$

Spectral expansion of $\mathfrak{P}^{\alpha,w}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{P}^{\alpha,w} &= \frac{\pi^{\frac{1-w}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{w-1}{2}\right)}{\pi^{-\frac{w}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{w}{2}\right)} \cdot E_{1+\alpha} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{F \text{ on } GL_2} \frac{L\left(\frac{1}{2} + \alpha, \bar{F}\right)}{\langle F, F \rangle} \cdot \mathcal{G}\left(\frac{1}{2} - it_F, \alpha, w\right) \cdot F \\ &+ \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{\text{Re}(s)=\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\zeta(\alpha+s) \zeta(\alpha+1-s)}{\xi(2-2s)} \mathcal{G}(1-s, \alpha, w) \cdot E_s ds \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\mathcal{G}(s, \alpha, w) = \pi^{-(\alpha+\frac{w}{2})} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha+1-s}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha+s}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha-s+w}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha+s-1+w}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\alpha + \frac{w}{2}\right)}$$

Continuous part cancels pole of leading term at $\alpha = 0$. Evaluated at $\alpha = 0$:

$$\int \mathfrak{P}^{0,w} \cdot |f|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \left| L\left(\frac{1}{2} + it, f\right) \right|^2 \cdot [\sim t^{-w}] dt$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{P}^{0,w} &= \left(\text{pole at } w=1 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{F \text{ on } GL_2} \frac{L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \bar{F}\right)}{\langle F, F \rangle} \cdot \mathcal{G}\left(\frac{1}{2} - it_F, 0, w\right) \cdot F \\ &+ \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{\text{Re}(s)=\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\xi(s) \xi(1-s)}{\xi(2-2s)} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{w-s}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{w-1+s}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{w}{2}\right)} \cdot E_s ds \end{aligned}$$

Over $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ *grossencharacters* appear (Diaconu-Goldfeld 2006)

Similarly over number fields.

With suitable data,

Theorem: *t*-aspect subconvexity for GL_2 over number fields (Diaconu-PG 2006)

Proof ingredients: First, over \mathbb{Q} :

Spectral expansion of $\mathfrak{P}^{\alpha,w}$ gives meromorphic continuation

Obtain meromorphic continuation of generating function $Z(w)$

Leading pole at $w = 1$.

Trailing poles at $\mu = \mu_f$ with $\mu(\mu - 1)$ eigenvalue for waveform f .

Need polynomial vertical growth

Need **spectral gap** (Kim-Shahidi): separate cuspidal poles from leading pole

Need asymptotics of **triple integrals**

$$\int F \cdot |f|^2$$

of eigenfunctions (Sarnak, Bernstein-Reznikoff, Krötz-Stanton). Namely, *exponentially* decreasing, not merely *rapidly*.

See also Goldfeld-Hoffstein-Lockhart, Hoffstein-Ramakrishnan for asymptotics of

$$\frac{L(\frac{1}{2}, F)}{\langle F, F \rangle} \quad (F \text{ cuspform})$$

Use **positivity** of moment sum-and-integral ... Landau's lemma

Complications over **number field**:

Freeze parameters w at all but one place... thus, breaking t -aspect convexity *at a single place*, not hybrid

Poles at eigenvalues of *one* Laplacian presumably *accumulate*, ... requiring finesse proving polynomial vertical growth

The diagonal/positivity property:

The diagonal form

$$\sum_{\chi} \int |L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f \otimes \chi)|^2 \dots$$

rather than a smeared-out form

$$\sum_{\chi_1, \chi_2} \int \int L(\frac{1}{2} + it_1, f \otimes \chi_1) \cdot L(\frac{1}{2} - it_2, \bar{f} \otimes \chi_2) \dots$$

is essential, or at least extremely convenient.

Arises as *deformation* of *diagonal distribution*.

Simpler example: Distribution u on $S^1 \times S^1$ integrating along the diagonal

$$u(f \otimes g) = \int_{S^1} f \cdot g$$

Has diagonal Fourier expansion

$$u = \sum_n e^{2\pi i n x} \otimes e^{-2\pi i n y}$$

since, by Plancherel,

$$\int_{S^1} f \cdot g = \sum_n \widehat{f}(n) \widehat{g}(-n) = \sum_{m, n} \widehat{f \otimes g}(m, n) \cdot \widehat{u}(m, n)$$

Similarly for *any* diagonal integral.

Clean-but-harsh pure diagonal distributions often usefully *deformed* to nearly-diagonal more-classical function.

Something appealing that doesn't work: to obtain $2k^{\text{th}}$ moments for GL_2 cuspforms?

Corresponding idea in more tangible situation of classical Fourier series: let u be the distribution on

$$H = \underbrace{S^1 \times \dots \times S^1}_{2k}$$

given by integration along the subgroup

$$\Theta = \{(x_1, \dots, x_k, y_1, \dots, y_k) : \frac{x_1 \dots x_k}{y_1 \dots y_k} = 1\} \subset H$$

The Fourier expansion is concentrated along a diagonal line:

$$u = \sum_n e^{2\pi i n (x_1 + \dots + x_k - y_1 - \dots - y_k)}$$

For automorphic forms: let

$$H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \dots \times \begin{pmatrix} x_k & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \dots \times \begin{pmatrix} y_k & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \approx GL_1^{2k}$$

and let u be integration along

$$\Theta = \left\{ \text{elements in } H \text{ with } : \frac{x_1 \dots x_k}{y_1 \dots y_k} = 1 \right\}$$

For cuspform f on GL_2 , restrict

$$F = \underbrace{f \otimes \dots \otimes f \otimes \bar{f} \otimes \dots \otimes \bar{f}}_{2k}$$

to $H_k \backslash H_{\mathbb{A}}$ and evaluate u on it. Over \mathbb{Q} , produces

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \Lambda\left(\frac{1}{2} + it, f\right) \right|^{2k} dt$$

Obstacle: *spectral* interpretation/expansion for $2k > 2$? Can *deform* to soften exponential decay of gamma factors, but...

Technicality: the weight in the integral moment

At $\alpha = 0$, *finite*-prime factors are literal Hecke-Jacquet-Langlands Mellin transforms of local Whittaker functions

$$L_v(s, f \otimes \chi) = \int_{k_v^\times} |y|^{s-\frac{1}{2}} \chi(y) W_{f,v} \begin{pmatrix} y & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\left| L_v\left(\frac{1}{2} + it, f\right) \right|^2 = \int \int |y/y'|^{it} \cdot W_{f,v} \begin{pmatrix} y & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \overline{W}_{f,v} \begin{pmatrix} y' & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Deformation at archimedean places entangles this with integration over unipotent radical: with additive character ψ and

$$h = \begin{pmatrix} y & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad h' = \begin{pmatrix} y' & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$|L_v(\frac{1}{2} + it, f)|^2$ is deformed into

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\text{local factor at archimedean } v \right) \\ &= \int \int \int \varphi_v(n) |y'/y|_v^{s-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot W_{f,v}(hn) \cdot \overline{W}_{f,v}(h'n) \cdot \\ &= \int \int \int \varphi_v(n) \psi((y-y')x) \cdot W_{f,v}(h) \cdot \overline{W}_{f,v}(h') \cdot |y'/y|_v^{s-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \int \int \widehat{\varphi}_v(y-y') \cdot W_{f,v}(h) \cdot \overline{W}_{f,v}(h') \cdot |y'/y|_v^{s-\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Except for holomorphic discrete series, these seem not usefully expressible by classical special functions.

The map from data φ_v to these integrals is definitely not *surjective* to an elementary space of functions.

Nevertheless, **asymptotically** t^{-w} for data $\varphi_v \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1+x^2)^{-w/2}$

Other features/possibilities for GL_2

Over quadratic extensions of \mathbb{Q} , *should* break convexity in χ -**aspect**, with same proof.

Full χ -aspect over number field subtler, like **hybrid** bounds.

Allow deformation at *finite* place, *should* break convexity in **depth**: unlimited ramification of χ 's at *fixed* place. (Delia Letang, work-in-progress)

Replace cuspform by (packet of) Eisenstein series:

... *should* break t -aspect convexity for **Dedekind zetas of number fields**, via fourth moments.

... and *should* break t -aspect convexity for Hecke L -functions with grossencharacters, via fourth moments.

... and *should* break χ -aspect convexity for quadratic fields.

... and *should* break convexity in **depth** by deforming *finite prime* data.

Higher rank example (Diaconu-PG-Goldfeld, 2006)

Create $\mathfrak{P}^{\alpha,w}$ to produce **moment expansion** for $GL_3(\mathbb{Q})$ cuspform f

$$\int \mathfrak{P}^{0,w} \cdot |f|^2 = \sum_{F \text{ on } GL_2} \int \frac{|L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f \otimes F)|^2}{\langle F, F \rangle} M_F dt$$

$$+ \int \int \left| \frac{L(\frac{1}{2} + it_1 - it_2, f) \cdot L(\frac{1}{2} + it_1 + it_2, f)}{\zeta(1 - 2it_2)} \right|^2 M_E dt_1 dt_2$$

More-continuous part is sort of integral moment of *standard* $L(s, f)$ of f .

Spectral expansion of GL_3 Poincaré series is induced from GL_2

$$\mathfrak{P}^{\alpha,w} = (\infty\text{-part}) \cdot E_{\alpha+1}^{2,1}$$

$$+ \sum_{F \text{ on } GL_2} (\infty\text{-part}) \cdot \frac{L(\frac{3\alpha+1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}, \overline{F})}{\langle F, F \rangle} \cdot E_{\frac{\alpha+1}{2}, F}^{1,2}$$

$$+ \int_{\text{Re}(s)=\frac{1}{2}} (\infty\text{-part}) \cdot \frac{\zeta(\frac{3\alpha+1}{2} + 1 - s) \cdot \zeta(\frac{3\alpha+1}{2} + s)}{\zeta(2 - 2s)}$$

$$\times E_{\alpha+1, s - \frac{\alpha+1}{2}, -s - \frac{\alpha+1}{2}}^{1,1,1} ds$$

Only GL_2 cuspforms appear in spectral expansion of \mathfrak{P} ! No GL_3 cuspforms!

It is *good* that no cuspidal data beyond GL_2 appears.

But this is also *confusing*: obscures easiest heuristics for computing and understanding *spectral expansion* of \mathfrak{P} .

In fact, $\mathfrak{P}^{\alpha,w}$ is a *residue* of **overlying Poincaré series** $\Omega^{\alpha,\beta,w}$ with more balanced *spectral expansion*, and retaining meaningful *moment expansion*. More on this later.

$GL_n(\mathbb{Q})$ more generally

Moment expansion:

$$\int \mathfrak{P}^{0,w} \cdot |f|^2 = \sum_{F \text{ on } GL_{n-1}} \int_{\text{Re}(s)=\frac{1}{2}} \frac{|L(s, f \otimes F)|^2}{\langle F, F \rangle} M_F(s) ds + \dots$$

Spectral expansion of $\mathfrak{P}^{\alpha,w}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{P}^{\alpha,w} &= (\infty\text{-part}) \cdot E_{1+\alpha}^{n-1,1} \\ &+ \sum_{F \text{ on } GL_2} (\infty\text{-part}) \cdot \frac{L(\frac{n\alpha+n-2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}, F)}{\langle F, F \rangle} \cdot E_{\frac{1+\alpha}{2}, F}^{n-2,2} \\ &+ \int_{\text{Re}(s)=\frac{1}{2}} (\infty\text{-part}) \times \frac{L(\frac{n\alpha+n-2}{2} + 1 - s, \bar{\chi}) \cdot L(\frac{n\alpha+n-2}{2} + s, \chi)}{L(2 - 2s, \bar{\chi}^2)} \\ &\quad \times E_{\alpha+1, s-(n-2)\frac{\alpha+1}{2}, -s-(n-2)\frac{\alpha+1}{2}}^{n-2,1,1} ds \end{aligned}$$

Only GL_2 cuspforms appear in spectral expansion of \mathfrak{P} !

No GL_3, GL_4, GL_5, \dots cuspforms!

Construction of kernel $\mathfrak{P}^{\alpha,w}$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1_{n-1} & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad H = \begin{pmatrix} (n-1) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$Z =$ center G , K_v maximal compact in G_v . Let $\varphi = \otimes_v \varphi_v$ with

$$\varphi_v \left(\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot K_v \right) = |(\det A)/d^{n-1}|_v^\alpha \quad (\text{for } v \text{ finite})$$

Extend by 0 off $H_v Z_v K_v$. For $v|\infty$ require the same right left equivariance and K_v -invariance, with φ_v determined by values on U_v . For example, take

$$\varphi_v \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1_{n-1} & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = (1 + |x_1|^2 + \dots + |x_{n-1}|^2)^{-w/2}$$

Kernel is

$$\mathfrak{P}^{\alpha,w}(g) = \sum_{\gamma \in Z_k H_k \backslash G_k} \varphi(\gamma g)$$

More-continuous terms: higher integral moments

Most-continuous part of moment expansion for GL_n

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \int_{\Lambda} |L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f \otimes E_{\frac{1}{2}+it}^{\min})|^2 M dt d\tilde{t} \\ &= \int \int_{\Lambda} \left| \frac{\prod_{1 \leq \ell \leq n-1} L(\frac{1}{2} + it + it_{\ell}, f)}{\prod_{1 \leq j < \ell < n} \zeta(1 - it_j + it_{\ell})} \right|^2 M dt d\tilde{t} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Lambda = \{\tilde{t} \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1} : t_1 + \dots + t_{n-1} = 0\}$$

More generally, let $n - 1 = m \cdot k$. For F on GL_m , let

$$F^{\Delta} = F \otimes \dots \otimes F \quad \text{on} \quad \underbrace{GL_m \times \dots \times GL_m}_k$$

In moment expansion have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\text{Re}(s)=\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\Lambda} |L(s, f \otimes E_{F^{\Delta}, \frac{1}{2}+it})|^2 M_{F,t,s} ds dt \\ &= \int \int \left| \frac{\prod_{1 \leq \ell \leq k} L(s + it_{\ell}, f \otimes F)}{\prod_{1 \leq j < \ell \leq k} L(1 - it_j + it_{\ell}, F \otimes F^{\vee})} \right|^2 M ds dt \\ &\sim \text{a kind of } \textit{higher} \text{ moment of } L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f \otimes F) \end{aligned}$$

Wave-packets of Eisenstein series

Replace cuspform f on GL_n by (*packet of*) minimal-parabolic Eisenstein series E_β with $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$.

Most-continuous part of the moment expansion

$$\int \int_{\Lambda} \left| \frac{\prod_{1 \leq \mu \leq n, 1 \leq \ell \leq n-1} \zeta(\beta_\mu + \frac{1}{2} + it + it_\ell)}{\prod_{1 \leq j < \ell < n} \zeta(1 - it_j + it_\ell)} \right|^2 dt d\tilde{t}$$

where, again,

$$\Lambda = \{\tilde{t} \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1} : t_1 + \dots + t_{n-1} = 0\}$$

At $\beta = 0 \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$ (ignore vanishing of E_β !)

$$\int \int_{\Lambda} \left| \frac{\prod_{1 \leq \ell \leq n-1} \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it + it_\ell)^n}{\prod_{1 \leq j < \ell < n} \zeta(1 - it_j + it_\ell)} \right|^2 M dt d\tilde{t}$$

$\implies GL_n$ produces high moments of ζ .

Example: for GL_3 , where $\Lambda = \{(t_1, -t_1)\} \approx \mathbb{R}$,

$$\int \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it + it_1)^3 \cdot \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it - it_1)^3}{\zeta(1 - 2it_1)} \right|^2 M dt dt_1$$

Example: for GL_4

$$\int \int_{\Lambda} \left| \frac{\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it + it_1)^4 \cdot \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it + it_2)^4 \cdot \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it + it_3)^4}{\zeta(1 - it_1 + it_2) \zeta(1 - it_1 + it_3) \zeta(1 - it_2 + it_3)} \right|^2 M dt d\tilde{t}$$

Actually, these should be *integrated* as in corresponding *packets*.

Caution: not all moments results bear on subconvexity:

Assume Lindelöf, Weyl's Law to determine asymptotic-with-error for *moment*, see implied pointwise estimate.

Failure to match convexity ... does not imply corresponding asymptotic-with-error is *useless*.

Outcome depends upon the parameters varied in the L -functions... upon the *family* averaged-over.

Much more difficult to understand *joint* asymptotics-with-error. Do *not* expect to prove *hybrid* subconvexity. Essentially no result of this type is known! Thus, be cautious about reasonable forms of joint asymptotics-with-error, though Iwaniec-Sarnak formulation makes sense for hybrid estimates.

Of special interest are *second* moments, most easily produced by *spectral identities*.

Simplest failure to match convexity:

$$\int_0^T |\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)|^2 dt = T P(\log T) + O(T^{1-\text{small}}) \quad (\text{known})$$

implies, by standard methods,

$$|\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)|^2 \ll (1 + |t|)^{1-\text{small}}$$

and then

$$|\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)| \ll (1 + |t|)^{\frac{1}{2}-\text{small}}$$

But *convexity* is

$$\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it) \ll (1 + |t|)^{\frac{1}{4}+\varepsilon}$$

Small shift in exponent is *very* small, so cannot help get the exponent below $1/4$. *Failed* to match convexity.

Success:

$$\int_0^T |\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)|^4 dt = T P(\log T) + O(T^{1-\text{small}}) \quad (\text{known})$$

does break convexity.

Example: second moments of GL_2 L -functions

Convexity bound in terms of *analytic conductor* (Iwaniec-Sarnak)

$$|L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f)| \ll_{\varepsilon} (1 + |t + \mu_f|)^{\frac{1}{4} + \varepsilon} (1 + |t - \mu_f|)^{\frac{1}{4} + \varepsilon}$$

Success: t -aspect (as above). Fix f .

$$|L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f)| \ll_{\varepsilon, f} (1 + |t|)^{\frac{1}{2} + 2\varepsilon} \quad (\text{convexity})$$

From

$$\int_0^T |L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f)|^2 dt = T P(\log T) + O(T^{1-\text{small}}) \quad (\text{fixed } f)$$

Get pointwise

$$|L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f)| \ll_{\varepsilon, f} (1 + |t|)^{\frac{1}{2} - \text{small}}$$

breaking convexity in the t -aspect.

Failure: eigenvalue-aspect Fix t .

$$|L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f)| \ll_{\varepsilon, t} (1 + |\mu_f|)^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon} \quad (\text{convexity})$$

From

$$\sum_{|\mu| \leq T} |L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f)|^2 = T^2 P(\log T) + O(T^{2-\text{small}})$$

since (Weyl) number of f with $|\mu_f| \ll T$ is of the order of T^2 , would have

$$|L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f)| \ll_{\varepsilon, t} (1 + |\mu_f|)^{1 - \text{small}}$$

failing to equalize convexity.

Example: Rankin-Selberg convolutions

Convexity bound in terms of analytic conductor

$$|L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f \otimes g)| \ll_{\varepsilon} \left(\prod_{\text{signs}} (1 + |t \pm \mu_f \pm \mu_g|) \right)^{\frac{1}{4} + \varepsilon}$$

***t*-aspect?** Fix f, g .

$$|L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f \otimes g)| \ll_{\varepsilon, f, g} (1 + |t|)^{1 + \varepsilon} \quad (\text{convexity})$$

From

$$\int_0^T |L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f \otimes g)|^2 dt = T P(\log T) + O(T^{1 - \text{small}}) \quad (\text{fixed } f)$$

get pointwise

$$|L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f \otimes g)| \ll_{\varepsilon, f} (1 + |t|)^{\frac{1}{2} - \text{small}}$$

breaking convexity in t -aspect.

Too good for existence of corresponding spectral family.

***g*-aspect** Fix t, f .

$$|L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f \otimes g)| \ll_{\varepsilon, t, f} (1 + |\mu_g|)^{1 + \varepsilon} \quad (\text{convexity})$$

From

$$\sum_{|\mu_g| \leq T} |L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f \otimes g)|^2 = T^2 P(\log T) + O(T^{2 - \text{small}})$$

would have

$$|L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f \otimes g)| \ll_{\varepsilon, t, f} (1 + |\mu_g|)^{1 - \text{small}}$$

breaking convexity.

Plausible spectral family.

Spectral identity, Rankin-Selberg for GL_2

Avoiding conductor dropping considerations...

Can produce spectral identity

$$\int \int \mathfrak{P}^{0,w} \cdot |f \otimes E_{\frac{1}{2}+it}|^2 = \sum_{g \text{ cfm on } GL_2} |L(\frac{1}{2} + it, f \otimes g)|^2 \cdot \text{wt}(g) + \dots$$

with positivity and diagonal properties, weight depends upon archimedean data of g (and of fixed t and f).

$\mathfrak{P}^{0,w}$ has good spectral expansion on $GL_2 \times GL_2$.

Apparently:

Leading pole of \mathfrak{P} at $w = 2$.

Trailing poles of \mathfrak{P} at $\mu = \mu_F \in \mathbb{C}$ with cuspform F eigenvalue $\mu(\mu - 1)$.

Known **spectral gap** should allow subconvex bound.

Over *number field*, separate parameters at archimedean places.

Deformation at finite set of finite places should allow averaging g in *depth*.

Rankin-Selberg for GL_3 ?

Avoiding conductor dropping considerations...

A spectral identity exists, producing **g -aspect moment**

$$\int \mathfrak{P} \cdot |f \otimes E_s|^2 = \sum_{g \text{ cfm on } GL_3} |L(s, f \otimes g)|^2 \cdot \text{wt}(g) + \dots$$

with positivity and diagonal properties, and weight function depending only upon archimedean data of g (and t and f).

\mathfrak{P} itself has good spectral expansion on $GL_3 \times GL_3$.

Convexity bound:

$$|L(\tfrac{1}{2} + it, f \otimes g)| \ll_{\varepsilon, t, f} \left((1 + |\mu_1|)(1 + |\mu_2|)(1 + |\mu_3|) \right)^{\frac{9}{4} + \varepsilon}$$

Asymptotic with *very good* error

$$\sum_{|\mu_j| \leq T} |L(s, f \otimes g)|^2 = T^5 P(\log T) + O(T^{\frac{9}{2} - \text{small}})$$

would break convexity in g -aspect.