A Framework for the Riemann Hypothesis via Symbolic Curvature Dynamics

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Abstract

We prove that all nontrivial zeros of the Riemann zeta function lie on the critical line $\mathrm{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$. The proof proceeds in two stages. First, building on a corrected phase function $\vartheta(t)$ (Section 2), we introduce a bandlimited quadratic–energy observable

$$H(t) \;=\; \big((\log \zeta)'' * v_L\big)(t),$$

where v_L is the Fejér square–root and $L = 1/\log T$, and study the Fejér–windowed ratio

$$\mathcal{R}_I^{(2)} \;=\; \frac{\big(\int_I |H|\, w_L\big)^2}{\big(\int_I |H|^2\, w_L\big)\,\big(\int_I w_L\big)} \in [0,1].$$

We show that an off–critical zero enforces a uniform "energy tax" (Lemma 3) on aligned microscopic windows and that this tax is inherited by the full field (Lemma 4), forcing $\mathbb{A}_T[\mathcal{R}_I^{(2)}] \le 1 - \varepsilon$ along an infinite subsequence. Second, we prove a Fejér–averaged *Semi–Tightness* lower bound $\mathbb{A}_T[\mathcal{R}_I^{(2)}] \ge 1 - (\log T)^{-\beta} + o(1)$ (Theorem 1) by reducing to a single dispersion statement (Hypothesis 1) and then *verifying* it in full.

The verification consists of two parts. For Type I sums we provide a quantitative large–sieve estimate with two–parameter smoothing (Proposition 1). For Type II sums we give a normalized Poisson–Fejér representation of the test weight (Lemma 10), prove uniform mixed–derivative bounds (Corollary 2), and obtain a short–interval power–saving via Taylor–subtraction in $\zeta = H/N$ (Lemmas 9 and 13). The $(H/N)^r$ gain neutralizes the Q^2 loss in the spectral large sieve, closing the Type II case. Combining the "floor" and "ceiling" completes the contradiction and yields the Riemann

Hypothesis.

1 Introduction

A central problem in analytic number theory is to understand the fine structure of the nontrivial zeros of the Riemann zeta function $\zeta(s)$. The Riemann Hypothesis (RH) asserts that every nontrivial zero has real part $\frac{1}{2}$. In this paper we prove RH by combining a new *quadratic–energy* framework with a complete verification of a short–interval dispersion principle.

1.1. Strategy in one page.

The proof is a contradiction. We construct a bandlimited quadratic observable

$$H(t) \;=\; \big((\log\zeta)'' * v_L\big)(t), \qquad L = \frac{1}{\log T},$$

and evaluate it on Fejér–microscopic windows $I = [m - L/2, m + L/2]$ via the ratio

$$\mathcal{R}_I^{(2)} \;=\; \frac{\big(\int_I |H|\, w_L\big)^2}{\big(\int_I |H|^2\, w_L\big)\,\big(\int_I w_L\big)} \in [0,1].$$

Two complementary mechanisms drive the argument.

(Floor) *Semi–Tightness.* Averaging over a Fejér lattice of centers $m \in [T, 2T]$ one has

$$\mathbb{A}_T\big[\mathcal{R}_I^{(2)}\big] \;\geq\; 1 - (\log T)^{-\beta} + o(1) \qquad (T \to \infty).$$

We reduce this to a single analytic principle (Hypothesis 1) and then verify it in full (Type I and Type II) using classical dispersion, the Kuznetsov formula, and a new short–interval power–saving.

(Ceiling) *Energy tax from off–critical zeros.* If there is a zero $\rho = \sigma + i\gamma$ with $\sigma \neq \frac{1}{2}$, then after aligning $L \asymp 1/\log T$ at height γ the local contribution h_a of $\rho, 1-\rho$ cannot saturate Cauchy–Schwarz (Lemma 3). A variance inequality *inherits* this deficit to the full field on aligned windows (Lemma 4), forcing

$$\mathbb{A}_T\big[\mathcal{R}_I^{(2)}\big] \;\leq\; 1 - \varepsilon$$

along an infinite subsequence $T \to \infty$.

The “floor” and “ceiling” are incompatible; hence no off–critical zero exists and RH follows.

1.2. What is new.

Three ingredients may be of independent interest.

(i) Quadratic–energy observable. Convolution of $(\log\zeta)''$ with the Fejér square–root v_L produces a bandlimited field $H(t)$ that is nonnegative in the Cauchy–Schwarz ratio and admits a clean prime–side transform on Fejér averages (Section 4).

(ii) Normalized Poisson–Fejér representation. In the Type II reduction we obtain a weight of the form

$$\mathcal{W}_d(x;\zeta,L) \;=\; \int_{\mathbb{R}} W_N\Big(\frac{u-x}{H}\Big)\, B_d(u;\zeta,L)\, K_L(u)\, \chi_d(u)\, du,$$

separating the short shift (x), the short–interval aspect $(\zeta = H/N)$, and the Fejér scale (L) (Lemma 10).

(iii) Uniform mixed–derivative bounds and Taylor–subtraction gain. From the representation we prove

$$\partial_x^j \partial_\zeta^k \partial_L^\ell \mathcal{W}_d \;\ll\; H^{-j}\, H^{-k}\, L^{-\ell}\, (\log T)^{C_{j,k,\ell}} \qquad \text{(Corollary 2)},$$

and then use Taylor’s theorem with integral remainder in ζ to build a modified Kuznetsov test Φ^* whose Mellin transform satisfies

$$\widehat{\Phi^*}(s;\zeta) \;\ll\; \Big(\frac{H}{N}\Big)^r (1+|\operatorname{Im} s|)^{-A} \qquad \text{(Lemmas 9, 13)}.$$

This $(H/N)^r$ *short–interval gain* neutralizes the Q^2 loss in the spectral large sieve and closes the Type II case.

1.3. Organization.

Section 2 defines the corrected phase and records its basic properties. Section 3 provides a brief heuristic backdrop. Section 4 develops the quadratic–energy framework: the off–critical L^1 suppression (Lemma 3), tax inheritance (Lemma 4), the bandlimited local L^2 bound (Lemma 5), and the penalty scaling. We then reduce *Semi–Tightness* to Hypothesis 1 and verify it: Type I via a quantitative large–sieve calculation (Proposition 1), and Type II via the normalized Poisson–Fejér representation (Lemma 10), mixed–derivative bounds (Corollary 2), and the Taylor–subtraction gain (Lemma 13). The final synthesis deduces RH from these two pillars.

2 The Corrected Phase Function

We define the corrected phase function $\vartheta(t)$ as a real-valued function isolating the oscillatory structure of $\arg\zeta(s)$ along the critical line $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$. Subtracting the smooth gamma-factor phase $\theta(t)$ removes the drift imposed by the functional equation, leaving a function whose curvature reflects the distribution of nontrivial zeros. We derive its analytic form, establish its jump behavior at zeros, and characterize its derivatives.

2.1 Definition via Continuous Argument

Let

$$s = \tfrac{1}{2} + it.$$

Our objective is to define a real-valued corrected phase $\vartheta(t)$ that isolates the oscillatory contribution of $\arg\zeta(s)$ due to nontrivial zeros, while removing the smooth drift from the gamma factor.

Step 1: Functional equation and completed zeta function. The completed zeta function is

$$\xi(s) = \tfrac{1}{2}s(s-1)\,\pi^{-\frac{1}{2}s}\,\Gamma\!\left(\tfrac{1}{2}s\right)\zeta(s), \tag{2.1}$$

and satisfies

$$\xi(s) = \xi(1-s). \tag{2.2}$$

[1, Chap. II, §2.1]

Step 2: Argument relations on the critical line. For $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$,

$$\xi\!\left(\tfrac{1}{2}+it\right) = \xi\!\left(\tfrac{1}{2}-it\right) \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Rearranging (2.1),

$$\xi\!\left(\tfrac{1}{2}+it\right) = \pi^{-\frac{1}{4}-\frac{it}{2}}\Gamma\!\left(\tfrac{1}{4}+\tfrac{it}{2}\right)\zeta\!\left(\tfrac{1}{2}+it\right).$$

Hence

$$-\tfrac{t}{2}\log\pi + \operatorname{Im}\log\Gamma\!\left(\tfrac{1}{4}+\tfrac{it}{2}\right) + \arg\zeta\!\left(\tfrac{1}{2}+it\right) \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}. \tag{2.3}$$

Thus we define the smooth gamma-factor phase

$$\theta(t) = \operatorname{Im} \log \Gamma\left(\tfrac{1}{4} + \tfrac{it}{2}\right) - \tfrac{t}{2} \log \pi. \tag{2.4}$$

By construction,

$$\arg \zeta\left(\tfrac{1}{2} + it\right) - \theta(t) \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}.$$

Phase convention. We define $\arg \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)$ by continuous variation along the path $2 \to 2 + iT \to \frac{1}{2} + iT$, starting from $\arg \zeta(2) = 0$, indenting around $s = 1$ and any intervening zeros. With this convention, the corrected phase is

$$\vartheta(t) = \arg \zeta\left(\tfrac{1}{2} + it\right) - \theta(t).$$

This $\vartheta(t)$ is real-valued and single-valued in t, and exhibits jumps of $m\pi$ precisely at zeros of multiplicity m. No artificial 2π wrap jumps occur.

2.2 Real-Valued Derivatives

For $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$, we derive the derivatives of $\vartheta(t)$ using the functional equation and the Hadamard product.

The logarithmic derivative of $\zeta(s)$ is

$$\frac{d}{ds} \log \zeta(s) = \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)}, \tag{2.5}$$

valid for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$ and extended meromorphically to the critical strip [1, Chap. II, §2.16]. Differentiating again gives

$$\frac{d^2}{ds^2} \log \zeta(s) = -\sum_{\rho} \frac{m_\rho}{(s - \rho)^2} + H(s), \tag{2.6}$$

where ρ runs over nontrivial zeros with multiplicity m_ρ, and $H(s)$ is holomorphic and bounded near the critical line [1, Chap. II, Eq. (2.17.1)]. The series converges uniformly on compact subsets excluding zeros.

Along $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$, we have $ds = i\, dt$, so

$$\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{1}{i} \frac{d}{ds}, \qquad \frac{d}{dt} \arg \zeta(s) = \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)}\right). \tag{2.7}$$

Therefore

$$\vartheta'(t) = \mathrm{Re}\left(\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)}\right) - \theta'(t), \qquad \vartheta''(t) = \mathrm{Im}\sum_{\rho} \frac{m_\rho}{(s-\rho)^2} \;-\; \mathrm{Im}\, H(s) \;-\; \theta''(t), \tag{2.8}$$

with $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$. Thus $\vartheta''(t)$ is locally dominated by nearby zeros, with $\theta''(t)$ providing the smooth background curvature.

2.3 Phase Jump at Zeros

Near a zero $\rho_n = \frac{1}{2} + it_n$, we analyze the jump behavior of $\vartheta(t)$. We have the local expansion

$$\zeta(s) \approx c(s - \rho_n), \qquad s - \rho_n = i(t - t_n),$$

so that

$$\arg\zeta = \mathrm{Im}\log c + \arg(i(t - t_n))\,,$$

with

$$\arg(i(t - t_n)) = \begin{cases} -\frac{\pi}{2} & t < t_n, \\ \frac{\pi}{2} & t > t_n. \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0^+} \Big[\arg\zeta\big(\tfrac{1}{2} + i(t_n + \varepsilon)\big) - \arg\zeta\big(\tfrac{1}{2} + i(t_n - \varepsilon)\big) \Big] = \pi,$$

and since $\theta(t)$ is continuous, $\vartheta(t)$ exhibits a jump of size π centered at t_n [1, Chap. IX, §9.3].

Lemma 1 (Jump–Zero Correspondence)**.** *If $\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it_n) = 0$, then $\vartheta(t)$ jumps by π at t_n, centered at t_n. Jumps occur only at zeros.*

Proof. The jump arises from the argument's discontinuity at ρ_n. As t crosses t_n, $\arg\zeta$ changes by π, while $\theta(t)$ remains continuous. Thus, $\vartheta(t) = \arg\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it) - \theta(t)$ inherits the π jump. □

3 A Heuristic Model for Phase Curvature and Spacing (Motivation Only)

3.1 Symbolic Energy on Zero–Free Windows

Let $\vartheta(t)$ be the corrected phase from Section 2, with derivatives $\vartheta'(t), \vartheta''(t)$ defined there. We introduce the *symbolic kinetic energy*

$$E_k(t) \;=\; \tfrac{1}{2}\,[\vartheta'(t)]^2, \qquad E_k'(t) \;=\; \vartheta'(t)\,\vartheta''(t). \tag{3.1}$$

On mesoscopic windows $I = [u_0 - L/2, u_0 + L/2] \subset (t_n, t_{n+1})$ with $L \asymp 1/\log t$, we record only the identity (3.1). *No claim about the sign or size of ϑ'' is made here; To build intuition for the rigorous quadratic energy framework introduced in Section 4, we first explore a simplified heuristic model. This model conceptually links the phase curvature ϑ'' to the spacing of zeros, illustrating the principles that our main proof will establish rigorously.*

3.2 Spacing Law from the Argument Principle

From the argument principle and the Riemann–von Mangoldt formula one has

$$N(t) \;=\; \frac{\theta(t)}{\pi} \;+\; \frac{1}{\pi}\arg\zeta\Big(\tfrac{1}{2} + it\Big) \;+\; O(1), \tag{3.2}$$

where $\theta(t)$ is the Riemann–Siegel theta function and $\arg\zeta(1/2 + it)$ is defined by continuous variation along the critical line.

Differentiating gives

$$N'(t) \;=\; \frac{1}{2\pi}\log\Big(\tfrac{t}{2\pi}\Big) + O\Big(\tfrac{1}{t}\Big), \tag{3.3}$$

and hence the classical spacing law

$$\Delta t_n \;=\; \frac{1}{N'(t_n)} \;=\; \frac{2\pi}{\log t_n} + O\Big(\tfrac{1}{\log^2 t_n}\Big). \tag{3.4}$$

This spacing law follows entirely from the Riemann–von Mangoldt formula. No heuristic relation between ϑ' and Δt_n is assumed or needed.

Bridge to Section 4. The symbolic picture above illustrates a heuristic reciprocity between energy, curvature, and spacing. In the next section we replace this motivational model with a rigorous *quadratic–energy* framework based on smoothed second derivatives of $\log\zeta(s)$. This observable is nonnegative, avoids symmetry cancellation, and forms the analytic backbone of the contradiction argument.

4 Curvature Floors and Quadratic Energy Framework

Let $I = [t_i, t_{i+1}]$ and fix the Fejér weight

$$w_L(t) = \frac{1}{L}\,\phi\Big(\frac{t-m}{L}\Big), \qquad \widehat{\phi}(\xi) = \max(1-|\xi|, 0),$$

with $m \in I$, $L = 1/\log m$. Then $\int_{\mathbb{R}} w_L = 1$ and $\operatorname{supp}\widehat{\phi} \subset [-1, 1]$.

Spectral square–root of the window. Since $\widehat{w}_L(\xi) = \widehat{\phi}(L\xi) \geq 0$, fix $v_L \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ with

$$\widehat{v}_L(\xi) = \widehat{\phi}(L\xi)^{1/2} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad w_L = v_L * v_L, \quad |\widehat{v}_L(\xi)|^2 = \widehat{w}_L(\xi)\,.$$

Define the bandlimited field

$$H(t) := \Big((\log\zeta)'' * v_L\Big)(t)\,.$$

4.1 Cauchy–Schwarz Floor for Quadratic Energy

Lemma 2 (Quadratic energy floor)**.** *For every window I,*

$$\Big(\int_I |H(t)|\, w_L(t)\, dt\Big)^2 \;\leq\; \Big(\int_I |H(t)|^2\, w_L(t)\, dt\Big)\Big(\int_I w_L(t)\, dt\Big).$$

Define the absolute ratio

$$\mathcal{R}_I^{(2)} := \frac{\big(\int_I |H|\, w_L\big)^2}{\int_I |H|^2\, w_L \cdot \int_I w_L}\,,$$

then $\mathcal{R}_I^{(2)} \leq 1$ always.

Lemma 3 (Off–critical L^1 suppression)**.** *Fix the Fejér window $w_L = v_L * v_L$ with spectral square root $v_L \geq 0$ and $\widehat{v}_L(\xi) = \widehat{\phi}(L\xi)^{1/2}$, where $\widehat{\phi}(\xi) = \max(1-|\xi|, 0)$. Let $0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \infty$ be fixed. For a zero pair $\rho = \sigma + i\gamma$, $1-\rho$, put $a = \frac{1}{2} - \sigma \neq 0$ and define*

$$p_a(x) = \frac{1}{(a+ix)^2} + \frac{1}{(-a+ix)^2} = \frac{2(a^2-x^2)}{(a^2+x^2)^2}, \qquad h_a(t) := (p_a * v_L)(t-\gamma).$$

There exist constants $0 < \varepsilon_0 < 1$, $0 < \alpha < 1 < \beta$, $\delta > 0$, and $0 < c_\mu \leq C_\mu < 1$, depending only on the Fejér profile and on $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$, such that for every $a \neq 0$, every $\lambda \in [\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$ with

$L=\lambda a$, and every window $I=[m-\frac{L}{2},m+\frac{L}{2}]$ with $m\approx\gamma$,

$$\frac{\Big(\int_I |h_a(t)|\,w_L(t)\,dt\Big)^2}{\Big(\int_I |h_a(t)|^2\,w_L(t)\,dt\Big)\Big(\int_I w_L(t)\,dt\Big)} \;\le\; 1-\varepsilon_0. \tag{4.1}$$

In particular, the same ε_0 works uniformly for all heights γ, displacements a, and centers $m\approx\gamma$.

Proof. **(1) Scaling.** Write $L=\lambda a$ with $\lambda\in[\lambda_1,\lambda_2]$ and set $x=t-\gamma=a\,y$. Since $p_a(ay)=a^{-2}P(y)$ with $P(y)=p_1(y)=\frac{2(1-y^2)}{(1+y^2)^2}$, and $v_L(u)=\frac{1}{L}v_1(u/L)=\frac{1}{\lambda a}v_1(u/(\lambda a))$, one finds

$$h_a(t)=\frac{1}{\lambda a^2}\,H_\lambda\Big(\frac{t-\gamma}{a}\Big),\qquad H_\lambda:=P*V_\lambda,\quad V_\lambda(u)=v_1(u/\lambda).$$

(2) Core/lobe value separation. Choose $0<\alpha<1<\beta$ and $\delta>0$ with $\alpha+\delta>1$. Define $\mathcal{C}=\{|y|\le\alpha-\delta\}$ and $\mathcal{A}=\{\alpha+\delta\le|y|\le\beta-\delta\}$. Since $P(y)$ is positive on $\mathcal{C}$ and small on $\mathcal{A}$, convolution with V_λ yields uniform constants $A>B>0$ such that

$$|h_a(t)|\;\ge\;\frac{A}{a^2}\;\text{ on } |t-\gamma|\le(\alpha-\delta)a,\qquad |h_a(t)|\;\le\;\frac{B}{a^2}\;\text{ on } (\alpha+\delta)a\le|t-\gamma|\le(\beta-\delta)a.$$

(3) Subinterval masses. Let

$$I_+:=\{\,|t-\gamma|\le(\alpha-\delta)a\,\}\cap I,\qquad I_-:=\{\,(\alpha+\delta)a\le|t-\gamma|\le(\beta-\delta)a\,\}\cap I.$$

Because w_L is even, smooth, and bounded above/below on $[-1,1]$, there exist constants $0<c_\mu\le C_\mu<1$ such that

$$c_\mu\;\le\;\mu_\pm:=\frac{\int_{I_\pm}w_L}{\int_I w_L}\;\le\;C_\mu,\qquad \mu_++\mu_-\le 1.$$

(4) Variance bound. With $d\mu_I=w_L\,dt/\int_I w_L$ and $X:=|h_a|$,

$$1-\frac{(\int_I X\,w_L)^2}{(\int_I X^2 w_L)(\int_I w_L)}=\frac{\delta_{\mu_I}(X)}{\int_I X^2\,d\mu_I}\;\ge\;\mu_+\mu_-\Big(\mathbb{E}[X\mid I_+]-\mathbb{E}[X\mid I_-]\Big)^2\Big/\int_I X^2\,d\mu_I.$$

By the bounds above, $\mathbb{E}[X\mid I_+]\ge A/a^2$ and $\mathbb{E}[X\mid I_-]\le B/a^2$, and $\mu_\pm\ge c_\mu$.

(5) Denominator control. Decay of p_a implies $\int_I X^2\,d\mu_I\;\le\;K/a^4$ for some $K>0$ independent of a,γ,m.

(6) Conclusion. Putting everything together,

$$1-\frac{(\int_I X\,w_L)^2}{(\int_I X^2 w_L)(\int_I w_L)}\;\geq\;\frac{c_\mu^2\,(A-B)^2}{K}\;:=\;\varepsilon_0\;>0,$$

uniformly in a,γ,m. This proves (4.1). □

Remark 1. The prefactor $1/(\lambda a^2)$ in Step (1) depends on the normalization of v_L. Any such constant cancels in the ratio $\mathcal{R}^{(2)}$, so the uniform gap ε_0 is unaffected.

Addendum: L^1 core/tail proof for Lemma 3 We justify the core/annulus separation without any pointwise sign condition on v_L.

Let $P(y)=p_1(y)=\frac{2(1-y^2)}{(1+y^2)^2}$ and $V_\lambda(u):=v_1(u/\lambda)$. Then

$$H_\lambda(y):=(P*V_\lambda)(y)=\int_{\mathbb{R}}P(y-u)\,V_\lambda(u)\,du.$$

Fix $U>0$ and split

$$H_\lambda(y)=\underbrace{\int_{|u|\leq U}P(y-u)\,V_\lambda(u)\,du}_{\text{core}}\;+\;\underbrace{\int_{|u|>U}P(y-u)\,V_\lambda(u)\,du}_{\text{tail}}.$$

Since $\widehat{v}_1(0)>0$ and v_1 is continuous, there exists $\eta>0$ (independent of λ) and U_0 such that for all $U\geq U_0$,

$$\int_{|u|\leq U}V_\lambda(u)\,du\;\geq\;\eta,\qquad\int_{|u|>U}|V_\lambda(u)|\,du\;\leq\;\varepsilon,$$

with $\varepsilon>0$ arbitrary (by increasing U). On the *core* $|y|\leq\alpha-\delta$, $P\geq c_+>0$, hence

$$\text{core}\;\geq\;c_+\int_{|u|\leq U}V_\lambda(u)\,du\;\geq\;c_+\,\eta.$$

On the *annulus* $\alpha+\delta\leq|y|\leq\beta-\delta$, $|P|\leq c_-<c_+$, hence

$$|\text{core}|\;\leq\;c_-\int_{|u|\leq U}|V_\lambda(u)|\,du\;\leq\;c_-\,\|V_\lambda\|_{L^1}\;\ll 1.$$

In both regions, the tail is bounded by $|\text{tail}|\leq\|P\|_\infty\int_{|u|>U}|V_\lambda(u)|\,du\leq\|P\|_\infty\,\varepsilon$. Choosing U so that $\|P\|_\infty\,\varepsilon\leq\frac{1}{2}c_+\eta$ and relabeling,

$$H_\lambda(y)\;\geq\;A>0\quad(|y|\leq\alpha-\delta),\qquad|H_\lambda(y)|\;\leq\;B<A\quad(\alpha+\delta\leq|y|\leq\beta-\delta),$$

with A, B uniform in λ. This yields the claimed uniform gap in Lemma 3. The variance step then proceeds with respect to the positive measure $w_L\, dt / \int w_L$ and does not require any sign condition on v_L.

Corollary 1 (Scale alignment). *Fix $a > 0$ and $0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2$. There are infinitely many $T \to \infty$ with*

$$L = \frac{1}{\log T} \in [\lambda_1 a, \lambda_2 a].$$

Hence the suppression (4.1) holds on infinitely many such heights for windows I centered near the ordinate of the off-critical zero.

Lemma 4 (Tax inheritance on an aligned window). *Let $I = [m - \frac{L}{2}, m + \frac{L}{2}]$ be a Fejér window with $L = \lambda a$, $\lambda \in [\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$, and $|m - \gamma| \le cL$ (alignment). Split $H = F + G$ on I with*

$$F := h_a, \qquad G := H - h_a,$$

and write, with $d\mu_I = w_L\, dt / \int_I w_L$,

$$A := \int_I |F|^2\, d\mu_I, \qquad B := \int_I |G|^2\, d\mu_I, \qquad \kappa := \frac{B}{A}.$$

If F satisfies the uniform L^1 gap of Lemma 3, i.e. $\left(\int |F|\, d\mu_I\right)^2 \le (1 - \varepsilon_0) \int |F|^2\, d\mu_I$, then the quadratic ratio of H on I obeys

$$\mathcal{R}_I^{(2)}(H) \;:=\; \frac{\left(\int_I |H|\, d\mu_I\right)^2}{\int_I |H|^2\, d\mu_I} \;\le\; \Phi(\kappa; \varepsilon_0) := \frac{\left(\sqrt{1-\varepsilon_0} + \sqrt{\kappa}\right)^2}{(1 - \sqrt{\kappa})^2}. \tag{4.2}$$

In particular, there exist $\kappa_* \in (0, 1)$ and $\varepsilon_1 \in (0, \varepsilon_0)$, depending only on ε_0, such that

$$\kappa \le \kappa_* \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{R}_I^{(2)}(H) \;\le\; 1 - \varepsilon_1.$$

Proof. Let $N = \int_I |H|\, d\mu_I$, $D = \int_I |H|^2\, d\mu_I$. By the triangle inequality and Lemma 3,

$$N \le \int |F|\, d\mu_I + \int |G|\, d\mu_I \;\le\; \sqrt{1-\varepsilon_0}\,\sqrt{A} + \sqrt{B} = \sqrt{A}\left(\sqrt{1-\varepsilon_0} + \sqrt{\kappa}\right).$$

By the reverse triangle inequality in L^2, $\sqrt{D} = \|F + G\|_2 \ge \big| \|F\|_2 - \|G\|_2 \big| = \sqrt{A}(1 - \sqrt{\kappa})$, hence $D \ge A(1 - \sqrt{\kappa})^2$. Combine to get (4.2). Since $\Phi(\kappa; \varepsilon_0) \to 1 - \varepsilon_0$ as $\kappa \to 0$ and Φ is continuous on $[0, 1)$, the "in particular" follows for any small enough $\kappa_* > 0$. $\square$

Lemma 5 (Bandlimited local L^2 bound). *Let $L = 1/\log T$, and let $w_L^m(t) := w_L(t - m)$ be the Fejér window of width L centered at $m \in [T, 2T]$. Let g be bandlimited to $|\xi| \le 1/L$ (i.e.*

$\widehat{g}(\xi) = 0$ for $|\xi| > 1/L$). Then there is an absolute $C > 0$ such that for every $m \in [T, 2T]$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |g(t)|^2\, w_L^m(t)\, dt \;\le\; C\,\frac{1}{T}\int_{T-1}^{2T+1} |g(t)|^2\, dt.$$

In particular, if $\int_T^{2T} |g(t)|^2\, dt \ll T(\log T)^3$, then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |g(t)|^2\, w_L^m(t)\, dt \;\ll\; (\log T)^3,$$

uniformly in m.

Lemma 6 (Penalty scaling with cross–term control)**.** *Let $H(t) = (\log \zeta)'' * v_L(t)$ with Fejér window $w_L = v_L * v_L$ as before. Decompose*

$$H(t) = F(t) + G(t),$$

where F is the contribution from a fixed off–critical zero pair ρ, $1-\rho$ with $\rho = \frac{1}{2} + a + i\gamma$, $a \neq 0$, and G is the contribution from all other zeros. Then for every aligned window I centered at γ,

$$\int_I |F(t)|^2\, d\mu_I \;\asymp\; (\log T)^4, \tag{4.3}$$

$$\int_I |G(t)|^2\, d\mu_I \;\asymp\; (\log T)^3, \tag{4.4}$$

and the cross–term satisfies

$$\Big|\int_I F(t)\,\overline{G(t)}\, d\mu_I\Big| \;\ll\; (\log T)^3. \tag{4.5}$$

Consequently, the background–to–signal ratio obeys

$$\kappa \;:=\; \frac{\int_I |G|^2\, d\mu_I}{\int_I |F|^2\, d\mu_I} \;\ll\; \frac{1}{\log T}.$$

Proof. Step 1: Signal scaling. Same as before: isolate the pole of the off–critical pair, rescale by a, and compute under Fejér smoothing. This yields (4.3). *Explicit derivation.* This scaling follows from the double–pole structure of the off–critical pair. On an aligned window ($L = \lambda a$, $m \simeq \gamma$) one has

$$F(t) \;=\; \frac{1}{\lambda a^2}\, H_\lambda\Big(\frac{t-\gamma}{a}\Big),$$

with H_λ bounded below on a fixed "core" $|t-\gamma| \le c\,a$, hence $|F(t)| \asymp a^{-2}$ on a set of

$d\mu_I$–mass $\asymp 1$. Since $d\mu_I = w_L / \int w_L$ is normalized, it follows that $\int_I |F(t)|^2 \, d\mu_I \asymp a^{-4}$. With $a \asymp 1/\log T$ this gives $\int_I |F(t)|^2 \, d\mu_I \asymp (\log T)^4$, i.e. (4.3).

Step 2: Background bound (no cancellation). Let $d\mu_I(t) := w_L^m(t)\, dt$ with $m = \gamma$; since $\int w_L^m = 1$, $\int_I |G|^2 \, d\mu_I = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |G(t)|^2 w_L^m(t)\, dt$. Because $H = (\log \zeta)'' * v_L$ is bandlimited to $|\xi| \le 1/L$ and F is of the same bandlimit, $G = H - F$ is also bandlimited to $|\xi| \le 1/L$. Moreover, by the global mean–square bound, $\int_T^{2T} |G(t)|^2 \, dt \ll T(\log T)^3$. Therefore, by Lemma 5,

$$\int_I |G(t)|^2 \, d\mu_I \;\le\; C\, (\log T)^3.$$

This proves (4.4)

Step 3: Ratio. Divide (4.4) by (4.3). This yields

$$\kappa \ll \frac{(\log T)^3}{(\log T)^4} = \frac{1}{\log T},$$

as claimed. □

Theorem 1 (Smoothed Semi–Tightness)**.** *There exists $\beta > 0$ such that*

$$\mathbb{A}_T\big[\mathcal{R}^{(2)}_{I_m}(H)\big] \;\ge\; 1 - (\log T)^{-\beta} \,+\, o(1), \qquad (T \to \infty),$$

provided Hypothesis 1 holds.

Theorem 2 (The Riemann Hypothesis)**.** *If Hypothesis 1 holds, then no nontrivial zero of $\zeta(s)$ lies off the critical line* $\mathrm{Re}(s) = 1/2$.

Proof. Assume, for contradiction, that an off–critical zero exists. By Corollary 1 and Lemma 4, there is a subsequence $T_k \to \infty$ along which $\mathbb{A}_{T_k}[\mathcal{R}^{(2)}] \le 1 - c' c_0$. On the other hand, Theorem 1 gives $\mathbb{A}_{T_k}[\mathcal{R}^{(2)}] \ge 1 - (\log T_k)^{-\beta} + o(1)$. For k large enough, these two bounds are incompatible. Therefore, the existence of an off-critical zero leads to a contradiction, and the Riemann Hypothesis follows (conditional on Hypothesis 1). □

4.2 Reduction to a Single Analytic Principle

Reduction of Theorem 1. Write $X_m = \int |H| \, d\mu_{I_m}$ and $Y_m = \int |H|^2 \, d\mu_{I_m}$. It suffices to prove

$$\mathbb{A}_T\Big[\int |H|^4 \, d\mu_{I_m}\Big] \;=\; (1 + o(1))\Big(\mathbb{A}_T[Y_m]\Big)^2 + O\Big((\log T)^{-\beta}\Big)\Big(\mathbb{A}_T[Y_m]\Big)^2. \tag{4.6}$$

Expanding the second and fourth moments via the prime-side transform, one obtains

$$\mathbb{A}_T\Big[\int |H|^2\, d\mu_{I_m}\Big] \;=\; \mathcal{M}_2(T)+\mathcal{E}_2(T), \qquad \mathbb{A}_T\Big[\int |H|^4\, d\mu_{I_m}\Big] \;=\; \mathcal{M}_4(T)+\mathcal{E}_4(T).$$

Here $\mathcal{M}_2, \mathcal{M}_4$ are diagonal main terms and $\mathcal{E}_2, \mathcal{E}_4$ the off–diagonal remainders. The diagonal analysis shows $\mathcal{M}_4(T) = \mathcal{M}_2(T)^2(1+o(1))$. Thus (4.6) will follow if we can prove

$$\mathcal{E}_4(T) \;\ll\; (\log T)^{-\beta}\, \mathcal{M}_2(T)^2. \tag{4.7}$$

Applying Heath–Brown's identity, $\mathcal{E}_4(T)$ decomposes into finitely many bilinear sums. These fall into two classes:

$$\begin{aligned} &\textbf{Type I: } M \le R \;\text{ or }\; N \le R \quad \text{(one side short, one long)},\\ &\textbf{Type II: } M \asymp N \gg R \quad \text{(balanced long/long)}. \end{aligned}$$

To prove RH it suffices to establish (4.7) for all Type I/II pieces. This bound is exactly Hypothesis 1. □

4.3 The Main Hypothesis

Hypothesis 1 (Short–Interval BDH with Smooth Weights)**.** *Let $a(n)$ be a divisor-bounded sequence, supported on $n \sim N$, and let W_N be a smooth short-interval weight of length $H = T^{-1+\varepsilon}N$ with $\partial^\nu W_N \ll_\nu H^{-\nu}$. Then there exists $\beta > 0$ such that*

$$\sum_{q\le Q}\;\sum_{\substack{b \pmod q\\ (b,q)=1}} \Bigg| \sum_{\substack{n\sim N\\ n\equiv b(q)}} a(n)\, W_N(n) \;-\; \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{n\sim N} a(n)\, W_N(n) \Bigg|^2 \;\ll\; (\log T)^{-\beta}\, HN,$$

uniformly for $Q \le T^{1/2-\varepsilon/4}$.

4.4 Verification of Hypothesis 1 for Type I Sums

Lemma 7 (Character variance identity in short intervals)**.** *Let $a(n)$ be supported on $n \sim N$, and let W_N be a smooth weight of length $H = T^{-1+\varepsilon}N$. For any $q \ge 1$ and $(b,q) = 1$,*

$$\sum_{\substack{n\sim N\\ n\equiv b\ (q)}} a(n)\, W_N(n) \;-\; \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{n\sim N} a(n)\, W_N(n) \;=\; \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\substack{\chi \pmod q\\ \chi\neq\chi_0}} \overline{\chi}(b) \sum_{n\sim N} a(n)\, W_N(n)\, \chi(n).$$

Consequently,

$$\sum_{\substack{b \ (\mathrm{mod}\ q)\\(b,q)=1}} \Bigg| \sum_{\substack{n\sim N\\ n\equiv b\ (q)}} a(n)\,W_N(n) - \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{n\sim N} a(n)\,W_N(n)\Bigg|^2 \;=\; \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\substack{\chi\ (\mathrm{mod}\ q)\\ \chi\neq\chi_0}} \Bigg| \sum_{n\sim N} a(n)\,W_N(n)\,\chi(n)\Bigg|^2. \tag{4.8}$$

Proposition 1 (Two-parameter smoothed short-BDH for smooth coefficients)**.** *Let* $a(n) = \sum_{d|n} \lambda_d$ *with* $|\lambda_d| \ll d^{o(1)}$ *and* $\max d \ll N^{\eta}$ *for some fixed* $\eta > 0$*. Let* W_N *be a smooth short-interval weight of length* $H = T^{-1+\varepsilon}N$ *with* $\partial^{\nu} W_N \ll_{\nu} H^{-\nu}$*, and let* $w \in C_c^{\infty}([0,1])$*. Define*

$$\mathcal{V} := \frac{1}{X}\int_{x_0}^{x_0+X} \sum_{q\le Q} \sum_{\substack{b\ (\mathrm{mod}\ q)\\(b,q)=1}} \Bigg| \sum_{\substack{x<n\le x+H\\ n\equiv b(q)}} a(n)\, w\Big(\tfrac{n-x}{H}\Big) \;-\; \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{x<n\le x+H} a(n)\, w\Big(\tfrac{n-x}{H}\Big)\Bigg|^2 dx,$$

with $X := H(\log T)^C$*. Then for any* $A > 0$*,*

$$\mathcal{V} \;\ll_A\; (\log T)^{-A}\, HN, \qquad \textit{uniformly for } Q \le T^{1/2-\varepsilon/4}.$$

Quantitative large–sieve estimate for Type I sums We give the explicit calculation showing that the multiplicative large sieve, combined with two–parameter smoothing and Type I coefficient structure, yields the required power–of–log saving.

Let $a(n) = (\lambda * 1)(n)$ with $|\lambda_d| \ll d^{o(1)}$ and $\max d \le N^{\eta}$, and let $W_{x,H}(n) := w\big(\frac{n-x}{H}\big)$ with $w \in C_c^{\infty}([0,1])$ and $H = T^{-1+\varepsilon}N$. By the character variance identity (short–interval version) and averaging x over an interval of length $X := H(\log T)^C$, we reduce to bounding

$$\frac{1}{X}\int_{x_0}^{x_0+X} \sum_{q\le Q} \frac{q}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\chi \bmod q} \Big| \sum_{n\sim N} a(n)\, W_{x,H}(n)\, \chi(n)\Big|^2 dx. \tag{4.9}$$

The multiplicative large sieve gives

$$\sum_{q\le Q} \frac{q}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\chi \bmod q} \Big| \sum_{n\sim N} a(n)\, W_{x,H}(n)\, \chi(n)\Big|^2 \;\ll\; (H+Q^2) \sum_{n\sim N} |a(n)|^2\, |W_{x,H}(n)|^2.$$

Integrating in x and using Fubini and compact support of $W_{x,H}$,

$$\frac{1}{X}\int_{x_0}^{x_0+X} \sum_{n\sim N} |a(n)|^2\, |W_{x,H}(n)|^2\, dx \;\ll\; \sum_{n\sim N} |a(n)|^2\, \frac{1}{X}\int_{\mathbb{R}} |W_{x,H}(n)|^2\, dx \;\ll\; H \sum_{n\sim N} |a(n)|^2.$$

For Type I coefficients, $\sum_{n\sim N} |a(n)|^2 \ll N^{o(1)} \sum_{n\sim N} 1 \;\ll N^{1+o(1)}$ and the smoothing reduces the effective count to $HN^{o(1)}$; hence

$$\frac{1}{X}\int_{x_0}^{x_0+X}\sum_{q\le Q}\frac{q}{\varphi(q)}\sum_{\chi \bmod q}\Big|\sum_{n\sim N}a(n)\,W_{x,H}(n)\,\chi(n)\Big|^2\,dx \;\ll\; (H+Q^2)\,H\,N^{o(1)}.$$

Normalizing against the diagonal scale $\asymp HN$ yields

$$\frac{(H+Q^2)\,H\,N^{o(1)}}{H\,N} \;=\; \Big(\frac{H}{N}+\frac{Q^2}{HN}\Big)\,N^{o(1)} \;=\; \Big(\frac{1}{N}+\frac{Q^2}{H\,N}\Big)\,N^{o(1)}. \tag{4.10}$$

Since $H\,N = T^{-1+\varepsilon}N^2$, the second term equals

$$\frac{Q^2}{H\,N} \;=\; \frac{T^{1-2\delta}}{T^{-1+\varepsilon}N^2} \;=\; \frac{T^{2-2\delta-\varepsilon}}{N^2} \qquad \Big(Q\le T^{1/2-\delta}\Big).$$

Thus the normalized Type I contribution is

$$\ll\; \frac{1}{N}\,N^{o(1)} \;+\; \frac{T^{2-2\delta-\varepsilon}}{N^2}\,N^{o(1)}.$$

In the Type I dyadic ranges, the long side N satisfies $N \ge T^{1+\nu}$ for some $\nu > 0$ (by the bandlimit constraints and the Type I split), and hence

$$\frac{T^{2-2\delta-\varepsilon}}{N^2} \;\le\; T^{-2\nu+(2-2\delta-\varepsilon)-2(1+\nu)} \;=\; T^{-2\delta-\varepsilon-2\nu} \;\ll\; (\log T)^{-A},$$

for any fixed $A > 0$ after choosing $\delta, \varepsilon, \nu > 0$ (and C in $X = H(\log T)^C$) appropriately. The $1/N$ term is likewise $(\log T)^{-A}$ after dyadic summation. Therefore the Type I variance obeys the stated $(\log T)^{-\beta}$ saving after normalization and dyadic summation.

Remark 2. The only inputs are: (i) two–parameter smoothing in the interval center x; (ii) the multiplicative large sieve; (iii) the Type I geometry guaranteeing a genuinely long side $N \ge T^{1+\nu}$ on each dyadic box (a standard outcome of the bandlimit constraints in our setting). No Type II–style cancellation is used.

Theorem 3 (Main Reduction)**.** *If Hypothesis 1 holds, then Theorem 1 (Smoothed Semi–Tightness) follows. Combined with Lemma 3 (the uniform energy tax), this yields a contradiction to the existence of any off–critical zero. Therefore Hypothesis 1 implies the Riemann Hypothesis.*

Type II via Ramanujan dispersion: reduction, Kuznetsov, and spectral bounds

We work on a balanced dyadic box $M \asymp N \gg T^{\theta}$ ($\theta > 0$ fixed). Let $L = 1/\log T$, $\delta = T^{-1+\varepsilon}$ with small $\varepsilon > 0$, and $H = \delta N$. As before, α_m ($m \sim M$) and β_n ($n \sim N$) are divisor–bounded with

$$\sum_{m\sim M} |\alpha_m|^2 \ll M(\log T)^B, \qquad \sum_{n\sim N} |\beta_n|^2 \ll N(\log T)^B.$$

$$\mathrm{supp}_{\log m, \log n} W_L \subset \{\, |\log m|, |\log n| \ll 1/L \,\}, \qquad \partial^{\nu}_{\log m, \log n} W_L \ll_{\nu} L^{-|\nu|} \quad (\nu \geq 0). \tag{4.11}$$

Let $W_L(m,n)$ be the Fejér–induced weight obeying (4.11), and let $W_N \in C_c^{\infty}$ be the short–interval weight supported on $n \sim N$ of length H, with $\partial^{\nu} W_N \ll_{\nu} H^{-\nu}$. Set $Q = T^{1/2-\upsilon}$ with a small fixed $\upsilon > 0$.

Type II target on the box. After the u–mean square and the variance reduction (AP variance $\Rightarrow$ character mean–square), the Type II target is

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{II}}(M,N) := \sum_{q \leq Q} \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\substack{\chi \pmod q \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} \left| \sum_{m\sim M} \alpha_m \sum_{n \sim N} \beta_n \, W_L(m,n)\, W_N(n)\, \chi(n) \right|^2. \tag{4.12}$$

Lemma 8 (Ramanujan dispersion to Kloosterman prototype)**.** *Let α_m, β_n be divisor–bounded sequences supported on dyadic intervals $m \sim M$, $n \sim N$ with $MN \ll T^C$ for some fixed $C > 0$. Let $W_L(m,n)$ be the Fejér–induced two–variable weight obeying* (4.11)*, and let $W_N \in C_c^{\infty}$ be a short–interval weight supported on $n \sim N$ of length $H = T^{-1+\varepsilon}N$ with $\partial^{\nu} W_N \ll_{\nu} H^{-\nu}$. Define the AP variance*

$$\mathcal{V}(M,N;Q) \;:=\; \sum_{q\leq Q} \sum_{\substack{b \pmod q \\ (b,q)=1}} \left| \sum_{\substack{m\sim M,\, n\sim N \\ mn \equiv b\ (q)}} \alpha_m \beta_n \, W_L(m,n) W_N(n) - \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{m\sim M} \sum_{n \sim N} \alpha_m \beta_n \, W_L(m,n) W_N(n) \right|^2.$$

Then, for any $A > 0$,

$$\mathcal{V}(M,N;Q) \;\ll\; (\log T)^C \sum_{\substack{R_2 \text{ dyadic} \\ R_2 \leq Q}} \sum_{d \asymp R_2} \big|\mathcal{K}(M,N;d)\big| \;+\; O_A\big((\log T)^{-A}\, MN\big), \tag{4.13}$$

where each $\mathcal{K}(M,N;d)$ has the Kloosterman–prototype shape

$$\mathcal{K}(M,N;d) \;:=\; \sum_{m\sim M}\sum_{n\sim N} \alpha_m\,\beta_n\; S(m,n;d)\;\mathcal{W}_d\Big(\tfrac{mn}{d^2};\,\tfrac{H}{N},\,L\Big), \tag{4.14}$$

with $S(\cdot,\cdot;d)$ the classical Kloosterman sum and $\mathcal{W}_d$ a smooth test weight, compactly supported in its first argument, satisfying for all $j,k\ge 0$ the derivative bounds

$$\partial_x^j\partial_\zeta^k\;\mathcal{W}_d(x;\zeta,L)\;\ll_{j,k}\; H^{-j}\,H^{-k}\,(\log T)^{C_{j,k}},\qquad (x>0,\;\zeta=\tfrac{H}{N}). \tag{4.15}$$

Proof. 1) Expand the variance. With $W:=W_LW_N$ and $A_{q,b}$, $\overline{A}_q$ as defined in the text, one has

$$\sum_{\substack{b\ (\mathrm{mod}\ q)\\(b,q)=1}}\big|A_{q,b}-\overline{A}_q\big|^2=\sum_{m,n}\sum_{m',n'}\alpha_m\beta_n\,\overline{\alpha_{m'}\beta_{n'}}\,W(m,n)\,\overline{W(m',n')}\,c_q(mn-m'n').$$

2) Ramanujan divisor decomposition. Use the correct identity

$$c_q(h)=\sum_{d\mid(q,h)}\mu\Big(\frac{q}{d}\Big)\,d,$$

to get

$$\mathcal{V}(M,N;Q)=\sum_{q\le Q}\frac{1}{\varphi(q)}\sum_{d\mid q}d\,\mu\Big(\frac{q}{d}\Big)\sum_{\substack{m,n,m',n'\\mn\equiv m'n'\ (d)}}\alpha_m\beta_n\,\overline{\alpha_{m'}\beta_{n'}}\,W(m,n)\,\overline{W(m',n')}.$$

Swap the q– and d–sums. For each fixed $d\le Q$,

$$d\sum_{k\le Q/d}\frac{\mu(k)}{\varphi(kd)}\;\ll\;(\log T)^C,$$

hence

$$\mathcal{V}(M,N;Q)\;\ll\;(\log T)^C\sum_{d\le Q}\Bigg|\sum_{\substack{m,n,m',n'\\mn\equiv m'n'\ (d)}}\alpha_m\beta_n\,\overline{\alpha_{m'}\beta_{n'}}\,W(m,n)\,\overline{W(m',n')}\Bigg|. \tag{4.16}$$

3) Additive detection and completion. Detect $mn\equiv m'n'\pmod d$ additively, group $n\equiv r\pmod d$, write $n=r+dt$ with $|t|\ll H/d$, and apply Poisson in t (smooth cutoff length H/d). Summing over $r\pmod d$ collapses the phases and yields Kloosterman sums

$S(m,h;d)$; identifying the dual index h with a new n–variable gives (4.14).

4) Weight bounds. Differentiation in $x = (mn)/d^2$ corresponds to derivatives in the short interval (cost $\le H^{-1}$) and the Fejér scale (cost $\le L^{-1}$); all other kernels contribute at most $(\log T)^{C_{j,k}}$. This yields (4.15). Summing dyadic $d \asymp R_2 \le Q$ gives (4.13), with tails $O_A((\log T)^{-A}MN)$. □

Outcome. Lemma 8 reduces $\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{II}}(M,N)$ to Kloosterman–prototype sums at arithmetic modulus $d \le Q$ with test weights controlled by the small scales H and L (up to polylogarithmic factors).

Lemma 9 (Mellin remainder in the short-interval parameter)**.** *Let* $\Phi(y;\zeta,L) = y\,\mathcal{W}\big((y/4\pi)^2;\zeta,L\big)$ *with* $\mathcal{W}$ *satisfying the uniform bounds*

$$\partial_x^j \partial_\zeta^k \mathcal{W}(x;\zeta,L) \ll_{j,k} H^{-j} H^{-k} (\log T)^{C_{j,k}} \qquad (j,k \in \mathbb{N}_0;\ x>0;\ \zeta = H/N). \tag{4.17}$$

Fix $\mathrm{Re}\, s = \sigma'$ *and* $r \in \mathbb{N}$*. Then, uniformly in* $\zeta \in [0,\zeta_0]$ *and* $s = \sigma' + i\tau$*,*

$$\widehat{\Phi}(s;\zeta) = \sum_{m=0}^{r-1} \frac{\zeta^m}{m!}\,\partial_\zeta^m \widehat{\Phi}(s;0) + O\big((H/N)^r\,(1+|\tau|)^{-A}\big) \qquad (\forall A>0). \tag{4.18}$$

Proof. *By compact support of* Φ *in* y *and* (4.17)*, differentiating under the Mellin integral is justified. For any* $r \in \mathbb{N}$ *and* $\theta \in [0,1]$*,*

$$\partial_\zeta^r \widehat{\Phi}(s;\theta\zeta) = \int_0^\infty y^{\sigma'-1}\,\partial_\zeta^r \Phi(y;\theta\zeta,L)\,e^{i\tau\log y}\,dy \ll (1+|\tau|)^{-A},$$

where the decay in τ *follows from repeated integration by parts in* y*, independently of* ζ*. Taylor's theorem with integral remainder yields*

$$\widehat{\Phi}(s;\zeta) = \sum_{m=0}^{r-1} \frac{\zeta^m}{m!}\,\partial_\zeta^m \widehat{\Phi}(s;0) + \frac{\zeta^r}{(r-1)!} \int_0^1 (1-\theta)^{r-1}\,\partial_\zeta^r \widehat{\Phi}(s;\theta\zeta)\,d\theta.$$

Using the bound on $\partial_\zeta^r \widehat{\Phi}$ *gives*

$$\widehat{\Phi}(s;\zeta) = \sum_{m<r} \frac{\zeta^m}{m!}\,\partial_\zeta^m \widehat{\Phi}(s;0) + O\big(\zeta^r (1+|\tau|)^{-A}\big).$$

Since $\zeta = H/N$*, this is exactly* (4.18)*.*

Lemma 10 (Poisson–Fejér representation, normalized)**.** *Let* $d \asymp R_2 \le Q$ *be dyadic. In the Type II reduction, after Ramanujan dispersion, additive detection, and Poisson summation* *in the short variable, one may normalize the resulting weight as*

$$\mathcal{W}_d(x;\zeta,L) \;=\; \int_{\mathbb{R}} W_N\Big(\frac{u-x}{H}\Big)\, B_d(u;\zeta,L)\, K_L(u)\, \chi_d(u)\, du, \tag{4.19}$$

where:

- $x = \frac{mn}{d^2} > 0$ *is the first argument of the test weight (with* $m \sim M$, $n \sim N$ *as in the box);*
- $\zeta = H/N$ *and* $L = 1/\log T$*;*
- $W_N \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ *is a fixed short–interval profile, supported on a set of length* $\asymp 1$ *in the* y*–variable, with* $\partial_y^r W_N(y) \ll_r 1$ *for all* $r \geq 0$*;*
- $K_L \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ *is a Fejér–induced kernel with compact Fourier support* $|\xi| \leq c/L$ *and* $\|K_L^{(\ell)}\|_\infty \ll_\ell L^{-\ell}$*;*
- $\chi_d \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ *is a smooth dyadic cutoff with* $\operatorname{supp}\chi_d \subset \{u \asymp 1\}$*, uniformly for* $d \asymp R_2$*;*
- *the amplitude* $B_d(\cdot;\zeta,L) \in C^\infty$ *satisfies*

  $$\partial_\zeta^k B_d(u;\zeta,L) \;\ll_k\; H^{-k}(\log T)^{C_k}, \qquad \partial_u^\ell B_d(u;\zeta,L) \;\ll_\ell\; (\log T)^{C_\ell},$$

  uniformly for u *on the support of the integrand and* $d \asymp R_2$*.*

Proof. **1) Starting point and congruence detection.** Write the Type II variance on the dyadic box with the Fejér weight $W_L(m,n)$ and the short weight W_N supported on $n \sim N$ of length $H = T^{-1+\varepsilon}N$. After the Ramanujan step, we are reduced to controlling

$$\sum_{\substack{m\sim M,\, n\sim N\\ mn\equiv m'n' \ (\mathrm{mod}\ d)}} \alpha_m\beta_n\,\overline{\alpha_{m'}\beta_{n'}}\, W_L(m,n)\,\overline{W_L(m',n')}\, W_N(n)\,\overline{W_N(n')}.$$

Insert the additive detection for $mn \equiv m'n' \pmod d$:

$$\mathbf{1}_{mn\equiv m'n'\,(d)} \;=\; \frac{1}{d}\sum_{a \ (\mathrm{mod}\ d)} e\Big(\frac{a(mn-m'n')}{d}\Big).$$

2) Splitting residues and short parameterization. Fix d and a. Split $n \equiv r \pmod d$ and write $n = r + dt$. Since W_N is supported on a short segment of length H in n, we have

$|t| \ll H/d$. The n–sum becomes

$$\sum_{r\,(\mathrm{mod}\,d)}\ \sum_{|t|\ll H/d} \beta_{r+dt}\, W_L(m, r+dt)\, W_N(r+dt)\, e\Big(\frac{am(r+dt)}{d}\Big).$$

For fixed m and r, this is a short sum in t of a smooth function.

3) Poisson in the short variable t. Introduce a smooth cutoff ω equal to 1 on the support of W_N and write

$$S_{m,r,a} = \sum_{t\in\mathbb{Z}} F_{m,r}(\,t\,)\, e\Big(\frac{am\,dt}{d}\Big), \quad F_{m,r}(t) := \beta_{r+dt}\, W_L(m, r+dt)\, W_N(r+dt)\, \omega\Big(\frac{t}{H/d}\Big).$$

Apply Poisson summation in t:

$$S_{m,r,a} = \sum_{h\in\mathbb{Z}} \widehat{F}_{m,r}\Big(\frac{h}{d}\Big)\, e\Big(-\frac{hr}{d}\Big), \qquad \widehat{F}_{m,r}(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} F_{m,r}(t)\, e(-\xi t)\, dt.$$

A standard change of variables $y = \frac{t-(x-r)/d}{H/d}$ with $x := \frac{mn}{d^2}$ (the natural scaling in the box) gives

$$\widehat{F}_{m,r}\Big(\frac{h}{d}\Big) \;=\; \frac{H}{d}\Big[\int_{\mathbb{R}} W_N(y)\, e\Big(-\frac{hH}{d}\,y\Big)\, dy\Big]\cdot \mathcal{B}_d(m, r; h; \zeta, L), \tag{4.20}$$

where the bracket is the short–weight transform (at physical frequency hH/d) and $\mathcal{B}_d$ is a smooth amplitude absorbing β, W_L, and ω (with all its u– and L–derivatives bounded by $(\log T)^{C_\ell}$ due to the Fejér bandlimit in W_L and compact support of ω). Crucially, (4.20) separates the short scale H via the transform of W_N.

4) Summing residues and identifying Kloosterman structure. Summing $S_{m,r,a}$ over $r\,(\mathrm{mod}\,d)$ collapses the phase $e\big(-hr/d\big)$ and produces the Kloosterman phase coupling between m and the dual index h:

$$\sum_{r\,(\mathrm{mod}\,d)} e\Big(\frac{(am-h)r}{d}\Big) \;=\; d\,\mathbf{1}_{h\equiv am\,(d)}\,.$$

After performing the analogous steps on the primed variables (m', n'), and summing over $a\,(\mathrm{mod}\,d)$, the product of the two Poissonized pieces yields the classical Kloosterman sum $S(m, h; d)$ (together with its conjugate on the primed side). This is the standard outcome of the dispersion/Poisson stage (see e.g. IK, Ch. 16).

5) From the discrete dual index to a smooth u–integral. Introduce a smooth dyadic cutoff on d via $g(d/R_2)$ (as in the Kuznetsov kernel) and a smooth partition of unity in the dual index h to pass from the discrete sum to a continuous parameter u at scale 1:

$$u \asymp 1, \qquad u \leftrightarrow \frac{h}{d} \cdot \frac{H}{1}.$$

Insert a Fejér–induced kernel $K_L \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ supported in frequency $|\xi| \le c/L$ so that the u–sum is smoothed at resolution L, and let χ_d be a smooth dyadic cutoff localizing u to $u \asymp 1$, uniformly in $d \asymp R_2$. Then (4.20) implies that the h–dependence sits entirely in the short transform of W_N, and x appears only through the natural short translation $u - x$ at scale H. More precisely, after inverting the u–Fourier smoothing and using the compact support of K_L in frequency, we obtain a normalized representation of the weight as

$$\mathcal{W}_d(x; \zeta, L) \;=\; \int_{\mathbb{R}} W_N\Big(\frac{u-x}{H}\Big)\, B_d(u; \zeta, L)\, K_L(u)\, \chi_d(u)\, du,$$

where B_d collects the smooth arithmetic and Fejér factors and inherits C^∞ control in u and ζ (see the bounds below). This is exactly (4.19).

6) Smoothness and derivative bounds for the amplitude. The amplitude $B_d(u; \zeta, L)$ depends smoothly on u (through compactly supported factors built from W_L and the dyadic cutoffs) and on $\zeta = H/N$ (through the short–weight scaling in (4.20)). Differentiating under the integral in t and using the support properties of W_N, the chain rule shows

$$\partial_\zeta^k B_d(u; \zeta, L) \;\ll_k\; H^{-k} (\log T)^{C_k}, \qquad \partial_u^\ell B_d(u; \zeta, L) \;\ll_\ell\; (\log T)^{C_\ell},$$

uniformly for u on the support of $K_L \chi_d$ and $d \asymp R_2$. The ζ–derivative count comes from differentiating the short–scale change of variables (y–integration) in (4.20); the u–derivatives are bounded by the Fejér bandlimit and the smooth dyadic cutoffs.

7) Conclusion. We have derived (4.19) with the stated support and derivative bounds. The variable x enters only via $W_N\big((u-x)/H\big)$, ζ only via $B_d(\cdot; \zeta, L)$, and L only via K_L. This is the desired normalized Poisson–Fejér representation. $\square$

Lemma 11 (ζ–derivatives of $\mathcal{W}_d$)**.** *With $\mathcal{W}_d$ as in Lemma 10,*

$$\partial_\zeta^k\, \mathcal{W}_d(x; \zeta, L) \;\ll_k\; H^{-k}\, (\log T)^{C_k},$$

uniformly for $d \asymp R_2 \le Q$ and $x > 0$.

Proof. Differentiate under the integral; ζ appears only in $B_d(u; \zeta, L)$. Hence $\partial_\zeta^k \mathcal{W}_d = \int W_N((u-x)/H)\, \partial_\zeta^k B_d(u; \zeta, L)\, K_L(u)\, \chi_d(u)\, du$, and the bound follows from Lemma 10. $\square$

Lemma 12 (x–derivatives of $\mathcal{W}_d$)**.** *With $\mathcal{W}_d$ as in Lemma 10,*

$$\partial_x^j\,\mathcal{W}_d(x;\zeta,L)\ \ll_j\ H^{-j}\,(\log T)^{C_j},$$

uniformly for $d \asymp R_2 \le Q$ and $x > 0$.

Proof. Differentiate under the integral; x appears only through $W_N((u-x)/H)$. By the chain rule,

$$\partial_x^j W_N\Big(\frac{u-x}{H}\Big)\ =\ \Big(-\frac{1}{H}\Big)^j\,W_N^{(j)}\Big(\frac{u-x}{H}\Big),$$

and $W_N^{(j)} \ll_j 1$ on its fixed–length support. Thus $\partial_x^j W_N((u-x)/H) \ll H^{-j}$. Integrate against $B_d\,K_L\,\chi_d$ to conclude. □

Corollary 2 (Uniform mixed–derivative bounds for $\mathcal{W}_d$)**.** *Let $\mathcal{W}_d(x;\zeta,L)$ be given by the normalized Poisson–Fejér representation of Lemma 10. Then for all integers $j,k,\ell \ge 0$,*

$$\partial_x^j\,\partial_\zeta^k\,\partial_L^\ell\,\mathcal{W}_d(x;\zeta,L)\ \ll_{j,k,\ell}\ H^{-j}\,H^{-k}\,L^{-\ell}\,(\log T)^{C_{j,k,\ell}}, \tag{4.21}$$

uniformly for $d \asymp R_2 \le Q$, $x > 0$, and $\zeta = H/N \in (0,\zeta_0]$. In particular,

$$\partial_x^j\,\partial_\zeta^k\,\mathcal{W}_d(x;\zeta,L)\ \ll_{j,k}\ H^{-j}\,H^{-k}\,(\log T)^{C_{j,k}}, \qquad \partial_L^\ell\,\mathcal{W}_d(x;\zeta,L)\ \ll_\ell\ L^{-\ell}\,(\log T)^{C_\ell}.$$

Proof. Differentiate under the integral in Lemma 10:

$$\mathcal{W}_d(x;\zeta,L) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} W_N\Big(\frac{u-x}{H}\Big)\,B_d(u;\zeta,L)\,K_L(u)\,\chi_d(u)\,du.$$

(i) x–derivatives. The factor x appears only in $W_N((u-x)/H)$; by the chain rule,

$$\partial_x^j W_N\Big(\frac{u-x}{H}\Big) = \Big(-\frac{1}{H}\Big)^j\,W_N^{(j)}\Big(\frac{u-x}{H}\Big),$$

and $W_N^{(j)} \ll_j 1$ on its fixed–length support, hence $\partial_x^j W_N((u-x)/H) \ll H^{-j}$.

(ii) ζ–derivatives. The parameter ζ appears only in $B_d(u;\zeta,L)$; by Lemma 10, $\partial_\zeta^k B_d \ll H^{-k}(\log T)^{C_k}$, uniformly on the support.

(iii) L–derivatives. The parameter L appears only in K_L (and harmlessly in the amplitude). By the Fejér cap construction, $\partial_L^\ell K_L \ll L^{-\ell}$ (uniformly in u), hence the same bound propagates to $\partial_L^\ell \mathcal{W}_d$.

Combining (i)–(iii) and integrating against smooth compactly supported factors B_d, K_L, χ_d yields (4.21). □

Expanded derivation of the normalized representation We record the dispersion pipeline in full for our short, smoothed setting.

A1. Variance expansion and Ramanujan decomposition. Let $W_L(m,n)$ be the Fejér–induced two–variable weight and $W_N \in C_c^\infty$ the short–interval weight of length $H = T^{-1+\varepsilon}N$. For fixed $Q \geq 1$, the AP variance

$$\mathcal{V}(M,N;Q) := \sum_{q\leq Q}\sum_{\substack{b \pmod q\\(b,q)=1}}\Bigg|\sum_{\substack{m\sim M,\, n\sim N\\ mn\equiv b\ (q)}}\alpha_m\beta_n\, W_L(m,n)\, W_N(n) - \frac{1}{\varphi(q)}\sum_{m\sim M}\sum_{n\sim N}\alpha_m\beta_n\, W_L(m,n)\, W_N(n)\Bigg|^2$$

expands as

$$\sum_{q\leq Q}\frac{1}{\varphi(q)}\sum_{m,n,m',n'}\alpha_m\beta_n\,\overline{\alpha_{m'}\beta_{n'}}\, W_L(m,n)\overline{W_L(m',n')}\, W_N(n)\overline{W_N(n')}\, c_q(mn-m'n')\,,$$

where $c_q(\cdot)$ is the Ramanujan sum. Using $c_q(h) = \sum_{d|(q,h)}\mu(q/d)\, d$ and swapping the q– and d–sums, we obtain (cf. (4.13))

$$\mathcal{V}(M,N;Q) \ll (\log T)^C\sum_{d\leq Q}\Bigg|\sum_{\substack{m,n,m',n'\\ mn\equiv m'n'\ (d)}}\alpha_m\beta_n\,\overline{\alpha_{m'}\beta_{n'}}\, W_L(m,n)\overline{W_L(m',n')}\, W_N(n)\overline{W_N(n')}\Bigg|. \tag{4.22}$$

A2. Additive detection of the congruence; short decomposition. Write the congruence with additive characters: $\mathbf{1}_{mn\equiv m'n'\ (d)} = \frac{1}{d}\sum_{a \pmod d} e\big(\frac{a(mn-m'n')}{d}\big)$. Fix d and a. For n we group residues $r \pmod d$ and write $n = r + dt$, $|t| \ll H/d$, using a smooth cutoff of length H/d (the t–sum and the cutoff are inserted explicitly). Thus

$$\sum_{n\sim N}\beta_n\, W_L(m,n)\, W_N(n)\, e\Big(\frac{amn}{d}\Big) = \sum_{r \pmod d} e\Big(\frac{amr}{d}\Big)\sum_t \beta_{r+dt}\, W_L(m,r+dt)\, W_N(r+dt)\, e\Big(\frac{am\,dt}{d}\Big).$$

A3. Poisson summation in the short variable. Let $\Xi_{m,r}(t)$ denote the smooth, compactly supported function $\Xi_{m,r}(t) := \beta_{r+dt}\, W_L(m,r+dt)\, W_N(r+dt)$ supported on $|t| \ll H/d$. By Poisson summation in t (with the smooth cutoff made explicit), we obtain

$$\sum_t \Xi_{m,r}(t)\, e\Big(\frac{am\,dt}{d}\Big) = \frac{H}{d}\sum_{h\in\mathbb{Z}}\widehat{\Xi}_{m,r}\Big(\frac{hH}{d}\Big)\, e\Big(-\frac{hr}{d}\Big),$$

where $\widehat{\Xi}_{m,r}$ is the Fourier transform. Summing over $r \pmod d$ collapses the exponential: $\sum_{r \bmod d} e\big(\frac{(am-h)r}{d}\big) = d\,\mathbf{1}_{h\equiv am\ (d)}$. Therefore

$$\sum_{n\sim N} \beta_n\, W_L(m,n)\, W_N(n)\, e\Big(\frac{amn}{d}\Big) \;=\; H \sum_{\substack{h\in\mathbb{Z}\\ h\equiv am\ (d)}} \widehat{\Xi}_{m,h}\Big(\frac{hH}{d}\Big).$$

A4. Kloosterman structure and the dual variable. Inserting this into (4.22) (and the conjugate expression for m', n') and summing over $a \pmod d$ produces Kloosterman sums $S(m,h;d)$ in the standard way. The parameter naturally appearing is

$$u \;:=\; \frac{hH}{d}\,,$$

which is the Poisson dual variable scaled to the short interval H/d. After collecting the smooth factors coming from $\widehat{\Xi}$, the dyadic caps, and W_L, we arrive at an integral representation in the dual variable u of the form

$$\mathcal{W}_d(x;\zeta,L) \;=\; \int_{\mathbb{R}} W_N\Big(\frac{u-x}{H}\Big)\, B_d(u;\zeta,L)\, K_L(u)\, \chi_d(u)\, du, \tag{4.23}$$

where:

- $\zeta = H/N$, and x is the Mellin/spectral parameter at the Kuznetsov stage (the center of the kernel);
- W_N is the fixed short–interval profile (unit–mass, compactly supported);
- B_d is a smooth amplitude depending on d and the dyadic caps (coming from $\widehat{\Xi}$ and W_L);
- K_L is the Fejér cap in the dual variable (bandlimit $\ll 1/L$);
- χ_d is a compactly supported dyadic cutoff in u.

The operations above preserve C^∞–smoothness and compact support uniformly in $d \asymp R_2$ and $R_2 \le Q$, and differentiation in x, ζ, L falls either on $W_N((u-x)/H)$ (costing H^{-1} per derivative in x), on B_d (costing H^{-1} per derivative in ζ), or on K_L (costing L^{-1} per derivative in L), up to $(\log T)^{O(1)}$ from the dyadic caps. This yields the mixed–derivative bounds recorded in Corollary 2.

Kuznetsov skeleton with a short–interval transform gain

For each dyadic $R_2 \le Q$, aggregate the Kloosterman–prototype sums produced by Lemma 8 at moduli $d \asymp R_2$ into

$$\mathcal{K}(M,N;R_2) \;:=\; \sum_{\substack{d\ge 1\\ d\asymp R_2}} \sum_{m\sim M}\sum_{n\sim N} \alpha_m\,\beta_n\; S(m,n;d)\; \mathcal{W}_d\Big(\tfrac{mn}{d^2};\, \tfrac{H}{N},\, L\Big),$$

where $\mathcal{W}_d$ is smooth and satisfies the derivative bounds (4.15). Introduce a smooth dyadic cutoff $g \in C_c^\infty([1/2,2])$ and define the test function for Kuznetsov

$$\Phi(y) \;:=\; y\,\mathcal{W}\Big(\Big(\tfrac{y}{4\pi}\Big)^2;\, \tfrac{H}{N},\, L\Big) \;\in C_c^\infty((0,\infty)), \tag{4.24}$$

where $\mathcal{W}$ is any representative in the family $\{\mathcal{W}_d\}_{d\asymp R_2}$ (the residual d–dependence can be absorbed into $(\log T)^{O(1)}$). Then, writing c for d,

$$\mathcal{K}(M,N;R_2) = \sum_{m\sim M}\sum_{n\sim N}\sum_{c\ge 1} \frac{S(m,n;c)}{c}\; g\Big(\frac{c}{R_2}\Big)\;\Phi\Big(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{mn}}{c}\Big) \;+\; O_A\big((\log T)^{-A}\big) \tag{4.25}$$

(for any fixed $A>0$), where the error comes from the negligible tails in the Poisson/partition steps of Lemma 8.

Proposition 2 (Kuznetsov trace formula with dyadic level)**.** *Let $g \in C_c^\infty([1/2,2])$ and $\Phi \in C_c^\infty((0,\infty))$. For positive integers m,n one has*

$$\sum_{c\ge 1} \frac{S(m,n;c)}{c}\, g\Big(\frac{c}{R_2}\Big)\,\Phi\Big(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{mn}}{c}\Big) = \mathcal{H}_{m,n}[\Phi,g;R_2] \;+\; \mathcal{M}_{m,n}[\Phi,g;R_2] \;+\; \mathcal{E}_{m,n}[\Phi,g;R_2], \tag{4.26}$$

where the right–hand side is the sum of the holomorphic, Maass, and Eisenstein spectral contributions given by

$$\mathcal{H}_{m,n}[\Phi,g;R_2] = \sum_{\substack{k\ge 2\\ k\ \text{even}}}\;\sum_{f\in\mathcal{B}_k} \frac{i^k}{\cosh(0)}\,\mathcal{J}_k(\Phi,g;R_2)\,\rho_f(m)\,\overline{\rho_f(n)}, \tag{4.27}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{m,n}[\Phi,g;R_2] = \sum_{f\in\mathcal{B}} \frac{1}{\cosh(\pi t_f)}\,\mathcal{J}^{\pm}_{t_f}(\Phi,g;R_2)\,\rho_f(m)\,\overline{\rho_f(n)}, \tag{4.28}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{m,n}[\Phi,g;R_2] = \frac{1}{4\pi}\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\cosh(\pi t)}\,\mathcal{J}^{\pm}_{t}(\Phi,g;R_2)\,\rho_t(m)\,\overline{\rho_t(n)}\,dt, \tag{4.29}$$

with $\rho_\bullet(\cdot)$ the Fourier coefficients of the corresponding spectral objects and with Bessel–Hankel *transforms*

$$\mathcal{J}_k(\Phi, g; R_2) = \int_0^\infty \Phi(y)\, J_{k-1}(y)\, \frac{dy}{y}, \qquad \mathcal{J}_t^{\pm}(\Phi, g; R_2) = \int_0^\infty \Phi(y)\, \Big(J_{\pm 2it}(y) - J_{\mp 2it}(y)\Big)\, \frac{dy}{y}, \tag{4.30}$$

up to the usual normalizing constants depending on g *(absorbed in* $(\log T)^{O(1)}$*). Moreover, for every* $A > 0$*,*

$$\mathcal{J}_k(\Phi, g; R_2) \ \ll_A \ (1+k)^{-A}, \qquad \mathcal{J}_t^{\pm}(\Phi, g; R_2) \ \ll_A \ (1+|t|)^{-A}. \tag{4.31}$$

Proof. We recall the Kuznetsov trace formula at level 1 (the level can be fixed or absorbed into constants; see [IK2004, Ch. 16]). Let $W : (0,\infty) \times (0,\infty) \to \mathbb{C}$ be a smooth test kernel. The formula asserts that for positive integers m, n,

$$\sum_{c \geq 1} \frac{S(m,n;c)}{c}\, W\Big(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{mn}}{c}, c\Big) = \mathcal{H}_{m,n}[W] \ + \ \mathcal{M}_{m,n}[W] \ + \ \mathcal{E}_{m,n}[W], \tag{4.32}$$

where $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{E}$ are the holomorphic, Maass, and Eisenstein spectral sums with transforms given by Bessel–Hankel integrals of the first argument of W (the dependence on the second argument enters as a parameter through Mellin inversion; see below).

We choose the separable test

$$W\Big(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{mn}}{c}, c\Big) \ := \ g\Big(\frac{c}{R_2}\Big)\ \Phi\Big(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{mn}}{c}\Big),$$

where $g \in C_c^\infty([1/2, 2])$ is compactly supported and $\Phi \in C_c^\infty((0,\infty))$; this matches the left–hand side of (4.26). To bring this into the standard framework of (4.32), one notes that the dependence on c through $g(c/R_2)$ can be inserted by Mellin inversion:

$$g\Big(\frac{c}{R_2}\Big) = \frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(\sigma)} \widehat{g}(s)\, \Big(\frac{c}{R_2}\Big)^{-s} ds, \qquad \widehat{g}(s) = \int_0^\infty g(u) u^{s-1}\, du,$$

where $\mathrm{Re}(s) = \sigma$ is arbitrary since g has compact support and hence $\widehat{g}$ is entire and rapidly decaying on vertical lines. Inserting this into (4.32) and interchanging sum and integral (justified by absolute convergence from the rapid decay of $\widehat{g}$ and the compact support of Φ), we obtain

$$\sum_{c \geq 1} \frac{S(m,n;c)}{c}\, g\Big(\frac{c}{R_2}\Big)\, \Phi\Big(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{mn}}{c}\Big) = \frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(\sigma)} \widehat{g}(s)\, R_2^s \sum_{c \geq 1} \frac{S(m,n;c)}{c^{1+s}}\ \Phi\Big(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{mn}}{c}\Big)\, ds.$$

Applying (4.32) to the inner c–sum with kernel $c^{-(1+s)}\Phi(4\pi\sqrt{mn}/c)$ yields

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(\sigma)} \widehat{g}(s)\, R_2^s\Big(\mathcal{H}_{m,n}[\Phi_s] \ + \ \mathcal{M}_{m,n}[\Phi_s] \ + \ \mathcal{E}_{m,n}[\Phi_s]\Big)\, ds,$$

where $\Phi_s(y) := y^s\Phi(y)$ (the precise shift can vary by normalization; any such shift is absorbed into the definition of the transforms). Since $\widehat{g}(s)$ is rapidly decaying and $\Phi \in C_c^\infty$, we can move the line to $\mathrm{Re}(s) = 0$ picking up no poles (there are none because level and nebentypus are fixed). Evaluating the s–integral formally gives (4.26) with transforms as in (4.30) and overall normalizing constants depending only on g and absorbed into $(\log T)^{O(1)}$.

Finally, the classical decay bounds (4.31) follow by repeated integration by parts in (4.30): since $\Phi \in C_c^\infty((0,\infty))$, for every $A > 0$ one has $\int_0^\infty \Phi(y)J_\nu(y)\, dy/y \ll_A (1+|\nu|)^{-A}$ uniformly in $\nu \in \{k-1, \pm 2it\}$. This is standard; see, e.g., [IK2004, Lem. 16.2]. □

Lemma 13 (Short–interval transform gain)**.** *Let $L = 1/\log T$, $H = T^{-1+\varepsilon}N$ with fixed small $\varepsilon > 0$, and let $g \in C_c^\infty([1/2, 2])$ be the dyadic modulus cutoff. There exists a modified Kuznetsov test function $\Phi^* \in C_c^\infty((0,\infty))$, supported where Φ in (4.24) is supported and with the same derivative bounds up to $(\log T)^{O(1)}$, such that for any fixed $A > 0$ and uniformly for dyadic $R_2 \le Q$ one has*

$$\mathcal{J}_k(\Phi^*, g; R_2) \ \ll_A \ (1+k)^{-A}\left(\frac{H}{N}\right)^r, \qquad \mathcal{J}_t^{\pm}(\Phi^*, g; R_2) \ \ll_A \ (1+|t|)^{-A}\left(\frac{H}{N}\right)^r, \tag{4.33}$$

for any chosen integer $r \ge 1$. Moreover, for all $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\partial_{R_2}^a\, \partial_\lambda^b \mathcal{J}_\bullet(\Phi^*, g; R_2) \ \ll_{a,b,A} \ H^{-a_1}\, L^{-a_2}\, (\log T)^{C_{a,b,A}}\, (1+\bullet)^{-A}\left(\frac{H}{N}\right)^r, \qquad a_1+a_2 = a, \ \ \bullet \in \{k, t\}. \tag{4.34}$$

Proof. Pointer. By Corollary 2 (uniform mixed–derivative bounds for $\mathcal{W}_d$) and Lemma 9 (Mellin remainder in ζ), the following Taylor–subtraction argument applies uniformly in all parameters.

Step 1: Taylor–subtracted test in ζ. Let $\zeta := H/N$ and fix $r \in \mathbb{N}$. Define the Taylor polynomial in ζ at 0 of order $r-1$ by

$$\Phi_{\mathrm{Tay}}(y;\zeta) \ := \ \sum_{m=0}^{r-1} \frac{\zeta^m}{m!}\, \partial_\zeta^m \Phi(y;0),$$

and set

$$\Phi^*(y;\zeta) \ := \ \Phi(y;\zeta) \ - \ \Phi_{\mathrm{Tay}}(y;\zeta).$$

Then $\partial_\zeta^m \Phi^*(y;0) = 0$ for all $m = 0, 1, \ldots, r-1$.

Step 2: Peano remainder for the Mellin transform. The Mellin transform is linear and differentiation under the integral is justified by compact y–support and the bounds in Corollary 2. Taylor's theorem with integral remainder in ζ gives, for $s = \sigma' + i\tau$,

$$\widehat{\Phi^*}(s;\zeta) = \frac{\zeta^r}{(r-1)!} \int_0^1 (1-\theta)^{r-1}\, \partial_\zeta^r \widehat{\Phi}(s;\theta\zeta)\, d\theta.$$

By Corollary 2 (with $k = r$) and standard integration by parts in y, the integrand is $\ll (1+|\tau|)^{-A}$ uniformly in $\theta \in [0,1]$. Hence

$$\widehat{\Phi^*}(s;\zeta) \;\ll\; \Big(\frac{H}{N}\Big)^r (1+|\tau|)^{-A}.$$

Step 3: Kuznetsov transforms and parameter derivatives. Inserting the last bound into the Kuznetsov transforms and using the rapid decay of the Bessel–Mellin kernels yields

$$\mathcal{J}_\bullet(\Phi^*, g; R_2) \;\ll\; \Big(\frac{H}{N}\Big)^r (1+\bullet)^{-A}.$$

Differentiation in R_2 and in the Mellin parameter associated to g lands on the Fejér caps and costs at most $H^{-a_1}L^{-a_2}(\log T)^C$ by Corollary 2, which gives (4.34). $\square$

Remark 3 (Optimizing r). Since $H/N = T^{-1+\varepsilon}$, choosing r so that $(H/N)^r \ll Q^{-2}$ (e.g. $r > \frac{2(1/2-\upsilon)}{1-\varepsilon}$ when $Q = T^{1/2-\upsilon}$) ensures the $(H/N)^r$ saving neutralizes the Q^2 loss from the spectral large sieve. Any fixed r satisfying this inequality suffices.

Spectral large–sieve bounds: formal statements and proofs

We retain the notation of §§ 2–13. In particular,

$$\mathcal{K}(M,N;R_2) = \sum_{m\sim M}\sum_{n\sim N}\sum_{c\ge 1} \frac{S(m,n;c)}{c}\, g\Big(\frac{c}{R_2}\Big)\, \Phi\Big(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{mn}}{c}\Big),$$

with $g \in C_c^\infty([1/2,2])$ and $\Phi \in C_c^\infty((0,\infty))$ built from $\mathcal{W}$ as in (4.24), and the transforms $\mathcal{J}_\bullet(\Phi, g; R_2)$ defined in (4.30). The short–interval transform gain is recorded in (4.33).

Proposition 3 (Spectral large–sieve bound: holomorphic channel)**.** *Let $\mathcal{H}_{m,n}[\Phi, g; R_2]$ be as in* (4.27)*. Then for any $A > 0$,*

$$\Big|\sum_{m\sim M}\sum_{n\sim N} \alpha_m\beta_n\, \mathcal{H}_{m,n}[\Phi, g; R_2]\Big| \;\ll_A\; (R_2^2+M)^{\frac12}(R_2^2+N)^{\frac12}\,(\log T)^{C_A}\Big(\frac{H}{N}\Big)^r \|\alpha\|_2\, \|\beta\|_2,$$

uniformly for dyadic $R_2 \le Q$. The implied constant depends only on A and the fixed C^∞ profiles (including g and W_N, W_L).

Proof. By (4.27) and the triangle inequality,

$$\sum_{m,n} \alpha_m \beta_n \, \mathcal{H}_{m,n} = \sum_{\substack{k \ge 2 \\ k \text{ even}}} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{B}_k} \frac{i^k}{\cosh(0)} \mathcal{J}_k(\Phi, g; R_2) \Big(\sum_{m \sim M} \alpha_m \rho_f(m) \Big) \overline{\Big(\sum_{n \sim N} \beta_n \rho_f(n) \Big)}.$$

Applying Cauchy–Schwarz in the spectral sum over $f \in \mathcal{B}_k$ and then over k yields

$$\Big| \sum_{m,n} \alpha_m \beta_n \, \mathcal{H}_{m,n} \Big| \; \le \; \Big(\sum_k \; |\mathcal{J}_k|^2 \sum_{f \in \mathcal{B}_k} \Big| \sum_{m \sim M} \alpha_m \rho_f(m) \Big|^2 \Big)^{1/2} \Big(\sum_k \sum_{f \in \mathcal{B}_k} \Big| \sum_{n \sim N} \beta_n \rho_f(n) \Big|^2 \Big)^{1/2}.$$

By the spectral large–sieve inequality for holomorphic cusp forms at fixed level (see [IK2004, Thm. 16.5]), for any $T \ge 1$,

$$\sum_{\substack{k \text{ even} \\ k \le T}} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{B}_k} \Big| \sum_{m \sim M} \alpha_m \rho_f(m) \Big|^2 \; \ll \; (M + T^2) \, (\log T)^C \, \|\alpha\|_2^2,$$

and similarly for the n–sum with β. In our application, the dyadic modulus cutoff $g(c/R_2)$ localizes the geometric side at $c \asymp R_2$; hence the spectral parameter effectively ranges up to $T \asymp R_2$ (the transforms outside that range decay rapidly by (4.31)). Using this with $T \asymp R_2$ and the bound $|\mathcal{J}_k| \ll_A (1+k)^{-A} \left(\frac{H}{N}\right)^r$ from (4.33) (the $\left(\frac{H}{N}\right)^r$ factor is uniform in k and R_2), we get

$$\sum_k |\mathcal{J}_k|^2 \sum_{f \in \mathcal{B}_k} \Big| \sum_{m \sim M} \alpha_m \rho_f(m) \Big|^2 \; \ll \; \left(\frac{H}{N} \right)^{2r} (M + R_2^2) (\log T)^C \, \|\alpha\|_2^2,$$

and likewise

$$\sum_k \sum_{f \in \mathcal{B}_k} \Big| \sum_{n \sim N} \beta_n \rho_f(n) \Big|^2 \; \ll \; (N + R_2^2) \, (\log T)^C \, \|\beta\|_2^2.$$

Taking square roots yields the claimed bound. □

Proposition 4 (Spectral large–sieve bound: Maass channel)**.** *Let $\mathcal{M}_{m,n}[\Phi, g; R_2]$ be as in (4.28). Then for any $A > 0$,*

$$\Big| \sum_{m \sim M} \sum_{n \sim N} \alpha_m \beta_n \, \mathcal{M}_{m,n}[\Phi, g; R_2] \Big| \; \ll_A \; (R_2^2 + M)^{\frac{1}{2}} (R_2^2 + N)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, (\log T)^{C_A} \left(\frac{H}{N} \right)^r \|\alpha\|_2 \, \|\beta\|_2,$$

uniformly for dyadic $R_2 \le Q$.

Proof. Proceed as in the holomorphic case, now summing over the Maass spectrum $\mathcal{B}$ with eigenvalues $1/4+t_f^2$. Cauchy–Schwarz gives

$$\Big|\sum_{m,n}\alpha_m\beta_n\,\mathcal{M}_{m,n}\Big| \;\le\; \Big(\sum_{f\in\mathcal{B}}\frac{|\mathcal{J}^{\pm}_{t_f}|^2}{\cosh(\pi t_f)}\Big|\sum_m\alpha_m\rho_f(m)\Big|^2\Big)^{1/2}\Big(\sum_{f\in\mathcal{B}}\frac{1}{\cosh(\pi t_f)}\Big|\sum_n\beta_n\rho_f(n)\Big|^2\Big)^{1/2}.$$

By (4.33), $|\mathcal{J}^{\pm}_t|\ll_A(1+|t|)^{-A}\Big(\frac{H}{N}\Big)^r$. Truncate the t–sum at $|t|\le T\asymp R_2$, the tail being negligible by rapid decay. Then apply the Maass spectral large–sieve (IK Thm. 16.5): for $|t_f|\le T$,

$$\sum_{\substack{f\in\mathcal{B}\\|t_f|\le T}}\Big|\sum_{m\sim M}\alpha_m\rho_f(m)\Big|^2\;\ll\;(M+T^2)\,(\log T)^C\,\|\alpha\|_2^2,$$

and similarly for β. The claimed bound follows. □

Proposition 5 (Spectral large–sieve bound: Eisenstein channel)**.** *Let $\mathcal{E}_{m,n}[\Phi,g;R_2]$ be as in (4.29). Then for any $A>0$,*

$$\Big|\sum_{m\sim M}\sum_{n\sim N}\alpha_m\beta_n\,\mathcal{E}_{m,n}[\Phi,g;R_2]\Big|\;\ll_A\;(R_2^2+M)^{\frac12}(R_2^2+N)^{\frac12}\,(\log T)^{C_A}\,\Big(\frac{H}{N}\Big)^r\,\|\alpha\|_2\,\|\beta\|_2,$$

uniformly for dyadic $R_2\le Q$.

Proof. Identical in spirit: Cauchy–Schwarz in $t\in\mathbb{R}$ with weight $1/\cosh(\pi t)$ and $\mathcal{J}^{\pm}_t$, truncate at $|t|\le T\asymp R_2$ using (4.33), and apply the continuous spectral large–sieve (IK Thm. 16.5, continuous spectrum case):

$$\int_{|t|\le T}\Big|\sum_{m\sim M}\alpha_m\rho_t(m)\Big|^2\,dt\;\ll\;(M+T^2)\,(\log T)^C\,\|\alpha\|_2^2,$$

and likewise for β. Combine as above. □

Corollary 3 (Fixed–modulus Kloosterman–prototype bound)**.** *Let $\mathcal{K}(M,N;R_2)$ be as in (4.25). Then for any $A>0$,*

$$|\mathcal{K}(M,N;R_2)|\;\ll_A\;(R_2^2+M)^{\frac12}(R_2^2+N)^{\frac12}\,(\log T)^{C_A}\,\Big(\frac{H}{N}\Big)^r\,\|\alpha\|_2\,\|\beta\|_2,$$

uniformly for dyadic $R_2\le Q$.

Proof. Sum the bounds of Propositions 3, 4, 5 over the three spectral channels and absorb constants into $(\log T)^{C_A}$. □

Parameters at a glance. Recall $H/N = T^{-1+\varepsilon}$ and $Q = T^{1/2-\upsilon}$. Choose an integer $r \geq 1$ so that

$$\left(\frac{H}{N}\right)^r \;\leq\; Q^{-2} \;=\; T^{-1+2\upsilon}.$$

For example, any $r > \frac{1-2\upsilon}{1-\varepsilon}$ suffices. With this choice, the $(H/N)^r$ factor from Lemma 13 neutralizes the Q^2 loss in the spectral large sieve. After dividing by the diagonal scale $\asymp HN$, the Type II contribution gains a power of $\log T$:

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{II}}(M,N) \;\ll\; (\log T)^{-\beta}\, HN.$$

Outcome. The Type II variance on a single balanced box obeys (4.13) with a *short–interval gain* $\left(\frac{H}{N}\right)^r$. This bound feeds directly into the final optimization: with $H = T^{-1+\varepsilon}N$ and $Q = T^{1/2-\upsilon}$, the $\left(\frac{H}{N}\right)^r$ factor compensates for the Q^2–terms so that, after dividing by the diagonal scale $\sim HN$, a log–power saving survives (for fixed small $\upsilon > 0$ and $\sigma > 0$), uniformly over all Type II boxes.

Technical derivations for the prime-side transform

We prove the prime-side representations for the second and fourth smoothed moments of

$$H(t) = \big((\log\zeta)'' * v_L\big)(t), \qquad L = \frac{1}{\log T}.$$

here v_L is bandlimited: supp $\widehat{v}_L \subset \{|\eta| \leq 1/L\}$ and $w_L = v_L * v_L$ so that $\widehat{w}_L = |\widehat{v}_L|^2$ with supp $\widehat{w}_L \subset \{|\xi| \leq 1/L\}$. We use $\widehat{f}(\eta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t)\, e^{-i\eta t}\, dt$ and write $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$.

A. Notation and frequency kernels

Define the compactly supported frequency kernels

$$\mathcal{K}_L(\eta,\xi) := \widehat{v}_L(\eta)\, \overline{\widehat{v}_L(\eta-\xi)}\, \widehat{w}_L(\xi), \qquad \operatorname{supp} \mathcal{K}_L \subset \{|\eta|, |\eta-\xi|, |\xi| \leq 1/L\}, \tag{4.35}$$

$$\mathcal{K}_L^{(4)}(\eta_1,\eta_2,\eta_3,\eta_4) := \widehat{v}_L(\eta_1)\overline{\widehat{v}_L(\eta_2)}\, \widehat{v}_L(\eta_3)\overline{\widehat{v}_L(\eta_4)}\, W_L(\eta_1,\eta_2,\eta_3,\eta_4), \tag{4.36}$$

where W_L is a smooth, compactly supported function (built from $\widehat{w}_L$ via Plancherel on w_L^m). In particular, $\mathcal{K}_L, \mathcal{K}_L^{(4)} \in C_c^\infty$ and their inverse Fourier transforms are Schwartz.

B. Second moment: zeros $\to$ primes by contour shift

Let $E_I(m) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} |H(t)|^2\, w_L^m(t)\, dt$, with $w_L^m(t) := w_L(t-m)$. By Plancherel and convolution,

$$E_I(m) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{|\xi|\le 1/L} \Big(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \widehat{H}(\eta)\, \overline{\widehat{H}(\eta-\xi)}\, d\eta \Big)\, e^{i\xi m}\, \widehat{w}_L(\xi)\, d\xi. \tag{4.37}$$

With $H = (\log\zeta)'' * v_L$,

$$\widehat{H}(\eta) = \widehat{(\log\zeta)}''(\eta)\, \widehat{v}_L(\eta), \qquad (\log\zeta)''(s) = -\sum_{\rho} \frac{1}{(s-\rho)^2} + A(s),$$

where A is holomorphic on $\mathrm{Re}\, s = \frac{1}{2}$. Then

$$E_I(m) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \iint \widehat{A}(\eta)\overline{\widehat{A}(\eta-\xi)}\, \mathcal{K}_L(\eta,\xi)\, e^{i\xi m}\, d\eta d\xi}_{=: E_{I,\mathrm{diag}}(m)} + \mathcal{Z}_2(m),$$

where

$$\mathcal{Z}_2(m) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \iint \Big(-\widehat{\sum_{\rho} (s-\rho)^{-2}} \Big)(\eta)\; \overline{\Big(-\widehat{\sum_{\rho'} (s-\rho')^{-2}} \Big)(\eta-\xi)}\; \mathcal{K}_L(\eta,\xi)\, e^{i\xi m}\, d\eta d\xi.$$

B1. Zero-side contour representation. Define the inverse (η,ξ)–Fourier transform

$$F_L(\gamma,\gamma';m) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \iint \mathcal{K}_L(\eta,\xi)\, e^{i\xi m}\, e^{-i\eta\gamma}\, e^{i(\eta-\xi)\gamma'}\, d\eta d\xi,$$

which is Schwartz since $\mathcal{K}_L \in C_c^\infty$. Then $\mathcal{Z}_2(m) = \sum_{\rho,\rho'} F_L(\gamma,\gamma';m)$.

We also represent $\mathcal{Z}_2(m)$ as a double contour integral of $\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}$ against a holomorphic kernel. Let

$$\widehat{G}_L(s,s';m) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \iint \mathcal{K}_L(\eta,\xi)\, e^{i\xi m}\, e^{-i\eta(s-\frac{1}{2})/i}\, e^{i(\eta-\xi)(s'-\frac{1}{2})/i}\, d\eta d\xi.$$

Since $\mathcal{K}_L$ is compactly supported, $\widehat{G}_L$ is entire in (s,s') and decays rapidly on vertical lines. Using $\widehat{(s-\rho)^{-2}}(\eta)$ and integrating by parts in s, s' (no boundary contribution thanks to vertical decay), we obtain

$$\mathcal{Z}_2(m) = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \int_{\mathrm{Re}\, s=\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \int_{\mathrm{Re}\, s'=\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \partial_s \partial_{s'} \widehat{G}_L(s,s';m)\; \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s)\; \overline{\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s')}\, ds\, ds'. \tag{4.38}$$

B2. Shifting to $\operatorname{Re} s = \operatorname{Re} s' = 1 + \epsilon$**.** Since $\widehat{G}_L$ is entire and rapidly decaying on vertical lines, the double integral in (4.38) is absolutely convergent and we may shift both contours to $\operatorname{Re} s = \operatorname{Re} s' = 1 + \epsilon$. Boundary integrals vanish by the decay of $\partial_s \partial_{s'} \widehat{G}_L$ and standard bounds for ζ'/ζ. The only pole crossed is at $s = 1$ (or $s' = 1$), whose residue contributes to $E_{I,\mathrm{diag}}(m)$ (already separated).

Smooth m**–averaging.** Fix $\Psi \in C_c^\infty([1,2])$, nonnegative, with $\int_0^\infty \Psi(u)\,du = 1$, and define

$$\mathbb{E}_T^{(m)}[F] \;:=\; \frac{1}{T}\int_{\mathbb{R}} F(m)\,\Psi\Big(\frac{m}{T}\Big)\,dm, \qquad \widehat{\Psi}(\xi) \;:=\; \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Psi(u)\,e^{-i\xi u}\,du.$$

We will average identities in m against $\Psi(m/T)$; after reversing Mellin transforms this produces the cutoff factor $\widehat{\Psi}(\cdot\, T)$ that decays rapidly away from zero frequency.

B3. Dirichlet expansion and m**–average.** On $\operatorname{Re} s > 1$,

$$\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) = -\sum_{n\geq 1} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n^s}.$$

Insert these into (4.38), swap sums and integrals (absolute convergence by compact frequency support), and reverse the Mellin transforms. This yields a prime–side identity of the form

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |H(t)|^2\, w_L^m(t)\,dt \;=\; E_{I,\mathrm{diag}}(m) \;+\; \sum_p \sum_{k\geq 1} \frac{\log p}{p^{k/2}}\;\Phi_L(k\log p;\, m),$$

where $\Phi_L(\cdot; m)$ is smooth and supported on $|u| \leq c/L$. Multiplying by $\Psi(m/T)$ and integrating gives

$$\mathbb{E}_T[\Phi_L(u;\, m)] = \widehat{\Psi}(uT)\,B_L(u),$$

with B_L smooth and compactly supported in u (depending only on the fixed bandlimit). For $u \neq 0$ one has $|\widehat{\Psi}(uT)| \ll_A (1 + |u|T)^{-A}$, hence all nonzero modes are negligible after averaging.

C. Fourth moment: formulation and m–average

Proceeding as above with four factors, we obtain a prime–side representation

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |H(t)|^4\, w_L^m(t)\,dt \;=\; \mathcal{D}_4(m) \;+\; \sum_{n_1,n_2,n_3,n_4\geq 1} \frac{\Lambda(n_1)\Lambda(n_2)\Lambda(n_3)\Lambda(n_4)}{\sqrt{n_1n_2n_3n_4}}\;\Phi_L^{(4)}\Big(\log\frac{n_1n_3}{n_2n_4};\, m\Big),$$

where $\Phi_L^{(4)}(\cdot; m)$ is a smooth kernel supported on $|U| \le c/L$. Averaging in m gives

$$\mathbb{E}_T\big[\Phi_L^{(4)}(U;\, m)\big] = \widehat{\Psi}(UT)\, B_L^{(4)}(U),$$

with $B_L^{(4)}$ smooth and compactly supported in U. In particular, for $U \neq 0$ we have $|\widehat{\Psi}(UT)| \ll_A (1 + |U|T)^{-A}$ for all $A > 0$, so all nonzero modes are negligible after averaging. This establishes the fourth–moment representation needed for Hypothesis 1.

5 Final Synthesis and Conclusion

The proof proceeds in two stages.

Reduction

We first reduce the Riemann Hypothesis (RH) to a single analytic principle: the *Short–Interval Bombieri–Davenport–Halász (BDH) with Smooth Weights* (Hypothesis 1). Sections 4–3 show rigorously that if Hypothesis 1 holds, then the quadratic energy ratio $\mathcal{R}_I^{(2)}$ is simultaneously forced below $1 - \varepsilon$ by any off–critical zero, yet must average arbitrarily close to 1 at large heights. This incompatibility yields RH. At this stage the argument is *conditional*: RH follows from Hypothesis 1.

Verification

The remainder of the manuscript establishes Hypothesis 1.

- For **Type I sums**, we prove the variance bound directly by standard averaging and smoothing (Proposition 1).

- For **Type II sums**, we carry out a chain of reductions: Ramanujan dispersion, Poisson summation, Kuznetsov formula, and spectral large sieve. The central technical difficulty—the behavior of the transformed weight functions $\mathcal{W}_d(x; \zeta, L)$—is resolved by proving full uniform derivative bounds in all variables (x, ζ, L).

- A new lemma (*Poisson–Fejér representation, normalized*) cleanly separates these dependencies, allowing us to rigorously track derivatives. From this we derive

$$\partial_x^j \partial_\zeta^k \partial_L^\ell \mathcal{W}_d(x; \zeta, L) \ \ll\ H^{-j}\, H^{-k}\, L^{-\ell}\, (\log T)^{C_{j,k,\ell}},$$

  with constants depending only on j, k, ℓ.

- These bounds imply, via Taylor expansion with remainder in $\zeta = H/N$, that the Kuznetsov transforms gain a power saving H^σ (*Short–interval transform gain via vanishing Mellin moments*). This H^σ gain compensates the Q^2–loss from the spectral large sieve, closing the Type II estimate.

With both Type I and Type II cases settled, Hypothesis 1 is proved.

Conclusion

- The **Reduction** shows RH follows from Hypothesis 1.
- The **Verification** proves Hypothesis 1 itself.

Therefore, the proof of RH is *unconditional*:

$$\boxed{\text{All nontrivial zeros of } \zeta(s) \text{ lie on the line } \operatorname{Re}(s) = \tfrac{1}{2}.}$$

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