Zeros On the Critical Line II: A Finite Proportion of the Zeros lie on the Critical Line

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$$\leq 2H^{2} \int_{0}^{1/H} |f(y)|^{2} \, dy + 8 \int_{1/H}^{\infty} \frac{|f(y)|^{2}}{y^{2}} \, dy \tag{1}$$

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Hence, all sums involving β_{ν} run over [1,X] become: (as we may assume $\beta_{\nu}=0$ for $\nu\geq X$)

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and let \sum_1 denote the sum of those terms in which $m\kappa/\lambda=n\mu/\nu$, and \sum_2 the remainder.

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Under the assumption of the estimate of \sum_1 and \sum_2 from the previous slide, we can deduce that

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Similarly, one can show that:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \int_{t}^{t+H} |F(u)| \, du \right\}^{2} dt = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{h^{2} \log(1/\delta)}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \log X}\right) \tag{6}$$

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The proofs of these Lemmas use the property that $J(x, \theta)$ is uniformly convergent with respect to θ , and then taking special values of the x's and the θ 's.

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Recall the fact that each zero might be counted twice this way, there must be at least $\frac{1}{2}[A_3T/h] > AT\log T$ zeros in (0,T)