

1. SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT IN THE AFTERNOONS AND BEYOND

- (1) Understand the details of the consequences of subconvexity mentioned in lecture (reference: [19, §5]):

- Subconvexity vs. geometry of numbers.
- Distinguishing modular forms.
- Duke theorem. Reduction of supersingular elliptic curves.
- Quantum unique ergodicity. One exercise here is to understand how this follows from subconvexity in the special case of Eisenstein series, as in [17, §2].

- (2) Some “classic” papers (non-exhaustive):

- Bounds for Fourier coefficients of half-integral weight, applications to quadratic forms: [15], [9], [11]
- Subconvexity for GL_2 : [10] [12] [13].
- Moments and amplification via periods: [27], [20], [16], [24].
- Shifted convolution sums:
 - via δ -symbol: [10]
 - via periods: [25][4], [5].
- Papers emphasizing variation of the test vector: [23, 2, 27].

One exercise is draw parallels, e.g., between

- [20][Thm 5.1] and [10],
- [27, §4] and [12], or
- [20][Thm 5.2] and [13].

Another is to reprove some results using different methods, e.g., by working out a “classical” proof in the style of [13] for subconvexity for Maass forms at special points, namely, for $L(1/2 + it_f, f)$ with f on $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ of eigenvalue $1/4 + t_f^2$, by estimating an amplified fourth moment.

- (3) Some recent papers, concerning subconvexity or related problems, that haven’t been fully explored (e.g., interpreted via integral representations):

- δ -method papers such as [26] and [1]
- Higher moments over very large families, as in [7], [8]
- Rankin–Selberg when the rank difference is larger than one, as in [6]

- (4) Higher rank subconvex bounds [3, 18, 22, 21, 14]. There are many “exercises” implicit in these papers; for instance, a half-dozen are suggested in [22, Remark 1.4]. Some other questions:

- These have all proceeded via arithmetic amplification. Is it possible to succeed in some cases via “family shortening” (as in, e.g., [25])? A natural case to try would be the t -aspect. Some experiments with GL_2 suggest this is difficult (see https://ultronozm.github.io/math/20230522T174726__shrinking-archimedean-families-second-moment-gl2.html).

“Purely horizontal” aspects remain open, e.g., twists by Dirichlet characters of prime conductor on GL_4 .

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