

A Note on High-dimensional D. H. Lehmer Problem

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Abstract. By using the properties of trigonometric sums and the estimates of n -dimensional Kloosterman sums, we study the high-dimensional D. H. Lehmer problem over incomplete intervals. First we generalize the previous results in [11] by presenting some sharp asymptotic formulae. Then with the aid of a more elementary method, we improve the error terms in a straight-forward manner.

1. Introduction

Let $q > 2$ be an odd integer. If an integer b with $0 < b < q$ and $(q, b) = 1$ has an inverse \bar{b} modulo q with $2 \nmid (b + \bar{b})$, then b is called a D. H. Lehmer number. Denote the number of all Lehmer numbers modulo q by $M(1, q)$, D. H. Lehmer (see [3, Problem F12, p. 251]) asked whether anything non-trivial could be said about $M(1, p)$, where p is an odd prime. Zhang [16] proved that

$$M(1, q) = \frac{\phi(q)}{2} + O(q^{1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q),$$

where $\phi(q)$, $d(q)$ are the Euler and the divisor functions, respectively. Then Xu and Zhang [12] studied the mean square value of the error term of D. H. Lehmer problem over the incomplete interval $[1, (q - 1)/2]$, which proved that the bound of the error term is best to the possible. While for $q = p$ being an odd prime, Cohen and Trudgian [2] recently made Zhang's work explicit, that is,

$$\left| M(1, p) - \frac{p - 1}{2} \right| < \frac{1}{2} p^{1/2} \log^2 p.$$

They [2] also connected the problem with primitive roots.

In [4, 5], Khan and Shparlinski studied the maximal difference between an integer and its inverse

$$M(q) = \max\{|a - \bar{a}| : 1 \leq a \leq q, (a, q) = 1\},$$

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and proved

$$q - M(q) = o(q^{3/4+\epsilon})$$

for any $\epsilon > 0$. Then Xu [10] studied the distribution of the difference of an integer and its m -th power modulo q over incomplete intervals $[1, [\lambda q]]$ with $0 < \lambda \leq 1$. While Zhang and Liu [13] gave an identity for $2k$ -th power of the non-negative least residue $r_p(q)$ and Fermat quotient $q_p(q)$ of an integer q .

Now let s be a nonnegative integer, and a, b be integers with $0 < a, b < q$. Zhang [17] investigated the distribution of $2s$ -th power of $|a - b|$, and obtained that

$$\sum_{\substack{a=1 \\ ab \equiv 1 \pmod{q} \\ 2 \nmid (a+b)}}^q \sum_{b=1}^q (a - b)^{2s} = \frac{\phi(q)q^{2s}}{(2s+1)(2s+2)} + O(4^s q^{(2s+1)/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q).$$

In addition, Lu and Yi [6, 7] generalized the problems in [16, 17]. Let $n \geq 2$ be a fixed integer, c and $q \geq 3$ be integers with $(n, q) = (c, q) = 1$. For $0 < \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \leq 1$, they obtained

$$\sum_{\substack{a=1 \\ ab \equiv c \pmod{q} \\ n \nmid (a+b)}}^{\lfloor \lambda_1 q \rfloor} \sum_{b=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_2 q \rfloor} 1 = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \phi(q) + O(q^{1/2} d^6(q) \ln^2 q).$$

Let N be a positive integer and $\alpha > 0$. For any integer M , they also derived

$$\sum_{\substack{a=M+1 \\ ab \equiv c \pmod{q} \\ n \mid (a+b)}}^{M+N} \sum_{b=M+1}^{M+N} |a - b|^\alpha = \frac{2\phi(q)}{(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)nq^2} N^{\alpha+2} + O(q^{1/2+\epsilon} N^\alpha (Nq^{-1} + 1)).$$

In fact, they studied the more general case.

Another important direction is concerning the high-dimensional case. Let $q > 2$ and c are two integers with $(q, c) = 1$, k be a fixed positive integer, then for any nonnegative integers s , Zhang and Zhang [15] considered the distribution of $2s$ -th power of $|b_1 \cdots b_k - b_{k+1}|$, and obtained the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 \cdots b_k b_{k+1} \equiv c \pmod{q}}}^q \cdots \sum_{b_k=1}^q \sum_{b_{k+1}=1}^q (b_1 \cdots b_k - b_{k+1})^{2s} = \frac{\phi^k(q)q^{2sk}}{(2s+1)^k} + O(4^s q^{(2s+1)k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln q).$$

Soon afterwards, Shparlinski [8] improved the error term to $O(2sq^{(2s+1)s-s+1})$. Almost at the same time, Alkan, Stan and Zaharescu [1] considered $k+1$ -tuples numbers with product congruent to 1 modulo q , and the parity condition is replaced by linear congruences with respect to more general moduli.

Now let m be a nonnegative integer, and k be a fixed positive integer. For any positive integer t with $t \leq k$, it is natural to ask what about the distribution of m -th power of $(b_1 \cdots b_t - b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})$ over incomplete intervals. To be specific, let $0 < \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k+1} \leq 1$ be real numbers and $\mathbf{w} = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k+1})$. Let $q \geq \max \{[1/\lambda_j] : j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1\}$ be a positive integer, and a, n are integers coprime to q . Define

$$N(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n) = \sum'_{b_1=1}^{[\lambda_1 q]} \sum'_{b_2=1}^{[\lambda_2 q]} \cdots \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^{[\lambda_{k+1} q]} (b_1 \cdots b_t - b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^m.$$

$b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}$
 $n \nmid (b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_{k+1})$

It is obvious that by taking $t = k$, $m = 2s$ and $n = 2$, the above reduces to the case considered by Xu and Zhang [11]. By applying the properties of trigonometric sums and the estimates of high-dimensional Kloosterman sums, they [11] obtained the asymptotic formula

$$N(a, k+1, k, \mathbf{w}, q, 2s, 2) = C(k, \mathbf{w}, s) \phi^k(q) q^{2ks} + O(4^{s\varepsilon_k} q^{(2s+1)k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q),$$

where

$$C(k, \mathbf{w}, s) = \begin{cases} \frac{(\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_k)^{2s+1} \lambda_{k+1}}{2(2s+1)^k} & \text{if } k \geq 2, \\ \frac{\lambda_1^{2s+2} + \lambda_2^{2s+2} - (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^{2s+2}}{4(s+1)(2s+1)} & \text{if } k = 1 \end{cases}$$

and $\varepsilon_k = \frac{1}{2}(1 - (-1)^{[1/k]})$.

Actually, the error terms for $N(a, k+1, k, \mathbf{w}, q, 0, 2)$ can be improved to the best possible in some special cases like $\mathbf{w} = (1/2, 1/2, \dots, 1/2)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (1/4, 1/4, \dots, 1/4)$, which are shown in [11, 14] by studying the mean square value of the error terms. It should be pointed out that the latter case holds with a strict condition. While for other cases, the methods in [11, 14] failed to improve the error terms.

This article is outlined in the following way: we first generalize the previous results in [11] by presenting some sharp asymptotic formulae for $N(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n)$. Then with the aid of a more elementary method, we improve the error terms in a straight-forward manner.

We will prove the following

Theorem 1.1. *For any nonnegative integer m , we have the asymptotic formulae*

$$N(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n) = \begin{cases} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) A(k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, m) \phi^k(q) q^{mt} \\ \quad + O(q^{mt+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q) & \text{if } (k+1)/2 < t \leq k, \\ \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) B(k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, m) \phi^k(q) q^{m(k-t+1)} \\ \quad + O(q^{m(k-t+1)+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q) & \text{if } 1 \leq t < (k+1)/2, \\ \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) D(k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, m) \phi^k(q) q^{mt} \\ \quad + O(2^m q^{mt+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q) & \text{if } t = (k+1)/2, \end{cases}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A(k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, m) &= \frac{(\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_t)^{m+1} (\lambda_{t+1} \cdots \lambda_{k+1})}{(m+1)^t}, \\ B(k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, m) &= \frac{(-1)^m (\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_t) (\lambda_{t+1} \cdots \lambda_{k+1})^{m+1}}{(m+1)^{k-t+1}}, \\ D(k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, m) &= \sum_{j=0}^m C_m^j (-1)^j \frac{(\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_t)^{m-j+1} (\lambda_{t+1} \cdots \lambda_{k+1})^{j+1}}{((m-j+1)(j+1))^{(k+1)/2}} \end{aligned}$$

are computable constants.

Taking $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{1} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$ in Theorem 1.1, we can get the following result about the high-dimensional D. H. Lehmer problem over complete intervals.

Corollary 1.2. *For any nonnegative integer m , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} N(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{1}, q, m, n) &= \sum_{b_1=1}^q \sum_{b_2=1}^q \cdots \sum_{b_{k+1}=1}^q (b_1 \cdots b_t - b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^m \\ &\quad \begin{array}{l} b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\ n \nmid (b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_{k+1}) \end{array} \\ &= \begin{cases} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{\phi^k(q) q^{mt}}{(m+1)^t} + O(q^{mt+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q) & \text{if } (k+1)/2 < t \leq k, \\ \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{(-1)^m \phi^k(q) q^{m(k-t+1)}}{(m+1)^{k-t+1}} + O(q^{m(k-t+1)+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q) & \text{if } 1 \leq t < (k+1)/2, \\ \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \sum_{j=0}^m \frac{C_m^j (-1)^j}{((m-j+1)(j+1))^{(k+1)/2}} \phi^k(q) q^{mt} \\ \quad + O(2^m q^{mt+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q) & \text{if } t = (k+1)/2. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

While taking $n = 2$ in Theorem 1.1, we have

Corollary 1.3. *For any nonnegative integer m , we have the asymptotic formulae*

$$\begin{aligned} N(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, 2) &= \sum_{b_1=1}^{[\lambda_1 q]} \sum_{b_2=1}^{[\lambda_2 q]} \cdots \sum_{b_{k+1}=1}^{[\lambda_{k+1} q]} (b_1 \cdots b_t - b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^m \\ &\quad \begin{array}{l} b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\ 2 \nmid (b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_{k+1}) \end{array} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{A(k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, m)}{2} \phi^k(q) q^{mt} + O(q^{mt+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q) & \text{if } (k+1)/2 < t \leq k, \\ \frac{B(k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, m)}{2} \phi^k(q) q^{m(k-t+1)} + O(q^{m(k-t+1)+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q) & \text{if } 1 \leq t < (k+1)/2, \\ \frac{D(k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, m)}{2} \phi^k(q) q^{mt} + O(2^m q^{mt+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q) & \text{if } t = (k+1)/2. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Letting $t = k \geq 2$ in Corollary 1.3, our result recovers the main result of [11]. What's more, taking $k = t = 1$ in Theorem 1.1, we have

Corollary 1.4. *For any nonnegative even integer m , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} N(a, 2, 1, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n) &= \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \equiv a \pmod{q} \\ n \nmid (b_1+b_2)}}^{\lceil \lambda_1 q \rceil} \sum'_{\substack{b_2=1}}^{\lceil \lambda_2 q \rceil} (b_1 - b_2)^m \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{\lambda_1^{m+2} + \lambda_2^{m+2} - (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^{m+2}}{(m+1)(m+2)} \phi(q) q^m \\ &\quad + O(2^m q^{m+1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q). \end{aligned}$$

Taking $n = 2$, $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$ in Corollary 1.4, we can immediately obtain the result of [17]. While taking $m = 0$, we can also obtain the result of [6].

With the notation $\sigma_m(\lambda, q) = \sum'_{a=1}^{\lceil \lambda q \rceil} a^m$, we will give stronger error terms for $N(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n)$ in the cases $\mathbf{w} = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k+1})$ with at least one $\lambda_j = 1$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$). Define

$$N_j(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n) = \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\ n \nmid (b_1+b_2+\cdots+b_{k+1})}}^{\lceil \lambda_1 q \rceil} \sum'_{\substack{b_2=1 \\ b_j=1}}^{\lceil \lambda_2 q \rceil} \cdots \sum'_{\substack{b_j=1 \\ b_{k+1}=1}}^q (b_1 \cdots b_t - b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^m.$$

Then we have

Theorem 1.5. *For any nonnegative integer m , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} N_j(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n) &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \prod_{u=1}^t \sigma_m(\lambda_u, q) \prod_{\substack{v=t+1 \\ v \neq j}}^{k+1} \sigma_0(\lambda_v, q) + O(q^{2k+(m-2)t+1}) \\ &\quad + O(q^{mt+k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \ln^{k+1} q) \quad \text{if } (k+1)/2 < t < j, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} N_j(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n) &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) (-1)^m \prod_{\substack{u=1 \\ u \neq j}}^t \sigma_0(\lambda_u, q) \prod_{v=t+1}^{k+1} \sigma_m(\lambda_v, q) + O(q^{2k+(m-2)(k-t+1)+1}) \\ &\quad + O(q^{m(k-t+1)+k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \ln^{k+1} q) \quad \text{if } j < t < (k+1)/2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} N_j(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n) &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(\prod_{u=1}^{(k+1)/2} \sigma_m(\lambda_u, q) \prod_{\substack{v=(k+3)/2 \\ v \neq j}}^{k+1} \sigma_0(\lambda_v, q) + E(k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, m) \phi^k(q) q^{m(k+1)/2} \right) \\ &\quad + O(2^m q^{m(k+1)/2+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q) \quad \text{if } t = (k+1)/2 < j, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$E(k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, m) = \sum_{j=0}^m C_m^j (-1)^j \frac{(\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_t)^{m-j+1} (\lambda_{t+1} \cdots \lambda_k)^{j+1}}{((m-j+1)(j+1))^{(k+1)/2}}$$

is a computable constant.

Note. Let q be fixed positive integer, then for any nonnegative integer m , from the property of Möbius function, we have

$$\sigma_m(\lambda, q) = \sum_{a=1}^{[\lambda q]} a^m = \sum_{d|q} \mu(d) \sum_{a=1}^{[\lambda q]/d} (ad)^m = \frac{[\lambda q]^{m+1}}{m+1} \frac{\phi(q)}{q} + O([\lambda q]^m 2^{\omega(q)}).$$

This shows the bounds of error terms in the first two cases of Theorem 1.5 are sharper than those of [11]. However, our method does not improve the bound of the error term in the case $t = (k+1)/2$. So how to improve it is still an open problem.

Taking $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{1}$ in Theorem 1.5, we may have

Corollary 1.6. *For any nonnegative integer m , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & N(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{1}, q, m, n) \\ &= \sum_{b_1=1}^q \sum_{b_2=1}^q \cdots \sum_{b_{k+1}=1}^q (b_1 \cdots b_t - b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^m \\ &\quad \begin{array}{l} b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\ n \nmid (b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_{k+1}) \end{array} \\ &= \begin{cases} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \phi^{k-t}(q) (\sigma_m(q))^t + O(q^{2k+(m-2)t+1}) \\ \quad + O(q^{mt+k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \ln^{k+1} q) & \text{if } \frac{k+1}{2} < t, \\ \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) (-1)^m \phi^{t-1}(q) (\sigma_m(q))^{k-t+1} + O(q^{2k+(m-2)(k-t+1)+1}) \\ \quad + O(q^{m(k-t+1)+k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \ln^{k+1} q) & \text{if } t < \frac{k+1}{2}, \\ \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(\phi^{(k-1)/2}(q) (\sigma_m(q))^{(k+1)/2} + E(k+1, t, \mathbf{1}, m) \phi^k(q) q^{m(k+1)/2}\right) \\ \quad + O(2^m q^{m(k+1)/2+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q) & \text{if } t = \frac{k+1}{2}, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma_m(q) = \sigma_m(1, q)$.

It is obvious to see that the bounds of error terms in the first two cases are sharper than those in Corollary 1.2.

Taking $t = k \geq 2$ in Corollary 1.6, we can immediately obtain the following

Corollary 1.7. *For any positive integer m , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} N(a, k+1, k, \mathbf{1}, q, m, n) &= \sum_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\ n \nmid (b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_{k+1})}}^q \sum_{\substack{b_2=1 \\ \dots \\ b_{k+1}=1}}^q \cdots \sum_{\substack{b_{k+1}=1 \\ n \nmid (b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_{k+1})}}^q (b_1 \cdots b_k - b_{k+1})^m \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) (\sigma_m(q))^k + O(q^{(m+1/2)k} d_{k+1}(q) \ln^{k+1} q). \end{aligned}$$

Taking $m = 0$ in Corollary 1.7, we have

Corollary 1.8.

$$\begin{aligned} N(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{1}, q, 0, n) &= \sum_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\ n \nmid (b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_{k+1})}}^q \sum_{\substack{b_2=1 \\ \dots \\ b_{k+1}=1}}^q \cdots \sum_{\substack{b_{k+1}=1 \\ n \nmid (b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_{k+1})}}^q 1 \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \phi^k(q) + O(q^{k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \ln^{k+1} q). \end{aligned}$$

From the discussions in references [11] and [14], the bound in Corollary 1.8 is close to the best possible. Taking $k = 1$, $n = 2$ in Corollary 1.8, we can immediately obtain the result of [16].

2. Several lemmas

To prove Theorems 1.1 and 1.5, we need the following lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. *Let q and t be integers with $q > 2$ and $t \geq 0$. Let y and l be integers with $1 \leq y \leq q$ and $1 \leq l \leq n$. Let $0 < \lambda \leq 1$ be a real number. For any given integer $n \geq 2$, we have*

$$K(-y, t, l) = \sum_{c=1}^{[\lambda q]} c^t e\left(c \frac{-yn + ql}{qn}\right) = \begin{cases} \frac{(\lambda q)^{t+1}}{t+1} + O((\lambda q)^t) & \text{if } qn \mid (-yn + ql), \\ O\left(\frac{(\lambda q)^t}{\left|\sin \frac{\pi(-yn + ql)}{qn}\right|}\right) & \text{if } qn \nmid (-yn + ql). \end{cases}$$

Proof. If $qn \nmid (-yn + ql)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{c=1}^{[\lambda q]} c^t e\left(c \frac{-yn + ql}{qn}\right) \left(1 - e\left(\frac{-yn + ql}{qn}\right)\right) \\ &= \sum_{c=1}^{[\lambda q]} c^t e\left(c \frac{-yn + ql}{qn}\right) - \sum_{c=1}^{[\lambda q]} c^t e\left(\frac{(c+1)(-yn + ql)}{qn}\right) \\ &= e\left(\frac{-yn + ql}{qn}\right) - [\lambda q]^t e\left(\frac{([\lambda q]+1)(-yn + ql)}{qn}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{c=1}^{[\lambda q]-1} (c+1)^t e\left(\frac{(c+1)(-yn+ql)}{qn}\right) - \sum_{c=1}^{[\lambda q]-1} c^t e\left(\frac{(c+1)(-yn+ql)}{qn}\right) \\
& \ll 1 + [\lambda q]^t + \sum_{c=1}^{[\lambda q]-1} ((c+1)^t - c^t) \\
& \ll [\lambda q]^t.
\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\left| \left(1 - e\left(\frac{-yn+ql}{qn}\right) \right) \right| = \left| 2 \sin \frac{\pi(-yn+ql)}{qn} \right|,$$

we have

$$K(-y, t, l) = O\left(\frac{(\lambda q)^t}{\left|\sin \frac{\pi(-yn+ql)}{qn}\right|}\right).$$

If $qn \mid (-yn+ql)$, then we get

$$K(-y, t, l) = \sum_{c=1}^{[\lambda q]} c^t = \frac{(\lambda q)^{t+1}}{t+1} + O((\lambda q)^t).$$

This proves Lemma 2.1. \square

Lemma 2.2. *For each prime p and any $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}^{k+1}$, there exists a unique integer $r \geq 0$ such that $\mathbf{y} = p^r \mathbf{x}$ for some $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^{k+1} - p\mathbb{Z}^{k+1}$. Let t denote the number of components of \mathbf{x} which are divisible by p such that $0 \leq t \leq k$. For each $\alpha \geq 0$, define*

$$(\mathbf{y}; p^\alpha)_k = p^{\sigma_k(\mathbf{y}; p^\alpha)_k}$$

where

$$\sigma_k(\mathbf{y}; p^\alpha)_k = \begin{cases} \alpha & \text{if } r \geq \alpha, \\ r & \text{if } r < \alpha - 1, \\ r & \text{if } r = \alpha - 1 \text{ and } t = 0, \\ r - 1 + \frac{2(t-1)}{k} & \text{if } r = \alpha - 1 \text{ and } 1 \leq t \leq k. \end{cases}$$

For any integer $q \geq 1$, we now define

$$(\mathbf{y}; q)_k = \prod_{p^\alpha \parallel q} (\mathbf{y}; p^\alpha)_k.$$

Then for all integers $k, q \geq 1$ and all $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}^{k+1}$, we have the upper bound

$$|S_k(\mathbf{y}; q)| \leq q^{k/2} (\mathbf{y}; q)_k^{k/2} d_{k+1}(q),$$

where $d_{k+1}(n)$ is the $k+1$ -th divisor function (i.e., the number of solutions of the equation $n_1 n_2 \cdots n_{k+1} = n$ in positive integers n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{k+1}).

Proof. See [9]. □

Lemma 2.3. Let q, k, n, a be positive integers with $q > 2$ and $(n, q) = (a, q) = 1$, let $0 < \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k+1} \leq 1$ be real numbers. Then for any nonnegative integers t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{k+1} , we have

$$\sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \sum'_{\substack{b_2=1 \\ b_{k+1}=1}} \cdots \sum'_{\substack{b_{k+1}=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} b_1^{t_1} b_2^{t_2} \cdots b_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}} = \frac{\lambda_1^{t_1+1} \lambda_2^{t_2+1} \cdots \lambda_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}+1} \phi^k(q) q^{t_1+t_2+\cdots+t_{k+1}}}{(t_1+1)(t_2+1) \cdots (t_{k+1}+1)} + O(q^{t_1+t_2+\cdots+t_{k+1}+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q),$$

$$\sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\ n \nmid (b_1+b_2+\cdots+b_{k+1})}} \sum'_{\substack{b_2=1 \\ b_{k+1}=1}} \cdots \sum'_{\substack{b_{k+1}=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} b_1^{t_1} b_2^{t_2} \cdots b_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{\lambda_1^{t_1+1} \cdots \lambda_k^{t_k+1} \lambda_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}+1} \phi^k(q) q^{t_1+t_2+\cdots+t_{k+1}}}{(t_1+1)(t_2+1) \cdots (t_{k+1}+1)} + O(q^{t_1+t_2+\cdots+t_{k+1}+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \sum'_{\substack{b_2=1 \\ b_{k+1}=1}} \cdots \sum'_{\substack{b_{k+1}=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \left(e\left(\frac{b_1 l}{n}\right) b_1^{t_1} \right) \left(e\left(\frac{b_2 l}{n}\right) b_2^{t_2} \right) \cdots \left(e\left(\frac{b_{k+1} l}{n}\right) b_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}} \right) \\ & = O(q^{t_1+t_2+\cdots+t_{k+1}+k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \ln^{k+1} q). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. (i) For the first part of Lemma 2.3, see Lemma 2.6 in [11].

(ii) For the second part, first we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\ n \nmid (b_1+b_2+\cdots+b_{k+1})}} \sum'_{\substack{b_2=1 \\ b_{k+1}=1}} \cdots \sum'_{\substack{b_{k+1}=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} b_1^{t_1} b_2^{t_2} \cdots b_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}} \\ & = \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \sum'_{\substack{b_2=1 \\ b_{k+1}=1}} \cdots \sum'_{\substack{b_{k+1}=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} b_1^{t_1} b_2^{t_2} \cdots b_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}} - \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\ n \mid (b_1+b_2+\cdots+b_{k+1})}} \sum'_{\substack{b_2=1 \\ b_{k+1}=1}} \cdots \sum'_{\substack{b_{k+1}=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} b_1^{t_1} b_2^{t_2} \cdots b_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we only need to focus on the second sum. By using the trigonometric identity

$$\sum_{a=1}^q e\left(\frac{au}{q}\right) = \begin{cases} q & \text{if } q \mid u, \\ 0 & \text{if } q \nmid u, \end{cases}$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum'_{b_1=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_1 q \rfloor} \sum'_{b_2=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_2 q \rfloor} \cdots \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_{k+1} q \rfloor} b_1^{t_1} b_2^{t_2} \cdots b_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}} \\
& \quad \begin{array}{l} b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\ n | (b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_{k+1}) \end{array} \\
& = \frac{1}{n} \sum'_{b_1=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_1 q \rfloor} \sum'_{b_2=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_2 q \rfloor} \cdots \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_{k+1} q \rfloor} b_1^{t_1} b_2^{t_2} \cdots b_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}} \sum_{l=1}^n e\left(\frac{b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_{k+1}}{n} l\right) \\
& = \frac{1}{nq^{k+1}} \sum_{b_1=1}^q \sum_{b_2=1}^q \cdots \sum_{b_{k+1}=1}^q \sum_{c_1=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_1 q \rfloor} \cdots \sum_{c_{k+1}=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_{k+1} q \rfloor} c_1^{t_1} c_2^{t_2} \cdots c_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}} \sum_{l=1}^n e\left(\frac{c_1 + c_2 + \cdots + c_{k+1}}{n} l\right) \\
& \quad \times \sum_{y_1, \dots, y_{k+1}=1}^q e\left(\frac{y_1(b_1 - c_1) + \cdots + y_k(b_k - c_k) + y_{k+1}(b_{k+1} - c_{k+1})}{q}\right) \\
& = \frac{1}{nq^{k+1}} \sum_{y_1, \dots, y_{k+1}=1}^q \sum_{b_1=1}^q \sum_{b_2=1}^q \cdots \sum_{b_{k+1}=1}^q e\left(\frac{y_1 b_1 + \cdots + y_k b_k + y_{k+1} a \overline{b_1 \cdots b_k}}{q}\right) \\
& \quad \times \sum_{l=1}^n \left(\sum_{c_1=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_1 q \rfloor} c_1^{t_1} e\left(c_1 \frac{-y_1 n + ql}{qn}\right) \right) \cdots \left(\sum_{c_{k+1}=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_{k+1} q \rfloor} c_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}} e\left(c_{k+1} \frac{-y_{k+1} n + ql}{qn}\right) \right) \\
& = \frac{1}{nq^{k+1}} \sum_{y_1, \dots, y_{k+1}=1}^q \sum_{l=1}^n S(y_1, \dots, y_k, y_{k+1} a; q) K(-y_1, t_1, l) \cdots K(-y_k, t_k, l) K(-y_{k+1}, t_{k+1}, l) \\
& = \frac{1}{nq^{k+1}} S(q, \dots, q, qa; q) K(-q, t_1, n) \cdots K(-q, t_k, n) K(-q, t_{k+1}, n) \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{nq^{k+1}} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} S(q, \dots, q, qa; q) K(-q, t_1, l) \cdots K(-q, t_k, l) K(-q, t_{k+1}, l) \\
& \quad + \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{C_k^r}{q^{k+1}} E_1 + \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{C_k^{r-1}}{q^{k+1}} E_2 \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{nq^{k+1}} \sum_{y_1, \dots, y_{k+1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{l=1}^n S(y_1, \dots, y_k, y_{k+1} a; q) K(-y_1, t_1, l) \cdots K(-y_k, t_k, l) \\
& \quad \times K(-y_{k+1}, t_{k+1}, l) \\
& := \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 + \Sigma_3 + \Sigma_4 + \Sigma_5,
\end{aligned}$$

where $C_k^r = \frac{k!}{r!(k-r)!}$ ($1 \leq r \leq k$), $K(-y, t, l)$ and $S(y_1, \dots, y_k, y_{k+1} a; q) = S_k(\mathbf{y}; q)$ are defined on the above, and

$$E_1 = \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_r=1}^{q-1} \sum_{l=1}^n S(y_1, \dots, y_r, q, \dots, q, qa; q) K(-y_1, t_1, l) \cdots K(-y_r, t_r, l)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times K(-q, t_{r+1}, l) \cdots K(-q, t_k, l) K(-q, t_{k+1}, l), \\
E_2 = & \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_{r-1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{y_{k+1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{l=1}^n S(y_1, \dots, y_{r-1}, q, \dots, q, y_{k+1}a; q) \\
& \times K(-y_1, t_1, l) \cdots K(-y_{r-1}, t_{r-1}, l) K(-q, t_r, l) \cdots K(-q, t_k, l) K(-y_{k+1}, t_{k+1}, l).
\end{aligned}$$

For the contribution of Σ_1 , from Lemma 2.1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma_1 &= \frac{1}{nq^{k+1}} S(q, \dots, q, qa; q) K(-q, t_1, n) \cdots K(-q, t_k, n) K(-q, t_{k+1}, n) \\
&= \frac{\phi^k(q)}{nq^{k+1}} \left(\frac{(\lambda_1 q)^{t_1+1}}{t_1 + 1} + O((\lambda_1 q)^{t_1}) \right) \cdots \left(\frac{(\lambda_k q)^{t_k+1}}{t_k + 1} + O((\lambda_k q)^{t_k}) \right) \\
&\quad \times \left(\frac{(\lambda_{k+1} q)^{t_{k+1}+1}}{t_{k+1} + 1} + O((\lambda_{k+1} q)^{t_{k+1}}) \right) \\
&= \frac{\lambda_1^{t_1+1} \cdots \lambda_k^{t_k+1} \lambda_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}+1} \phi^k(q) q^{t_1+\cdots+t_k+t_{k+1}}}{n(t_1 + 1) \cdots (t_k + 1)(t_{k+1} + 1)} + O(q^{t_1+\cdots+t_k+t_{k+1}+k-1}).
\end{aligned}$$

For the contribution of Σ_2 , by applying the Jordan inequality

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \leq \frac{\sin x}{x} \quad \text{if } |x| \leq \frac{\pi}{2},$$

we can get the estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma_2 &= \frac{1}{nq^{k+1}} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} S(q, \dots, q, qa; q) K(-q, t_1, l) \cdots K(-q, t_k, l) K(-q, t_{k+1}, l) \\
&\ll \frac{\phi^k(q)}{nq^{k+1}} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \frac{q^{t_1}}{\left| \sin \frac{\pi(-qn+ql)}{qn} \right|} \cdots \frac{q^{t_k}}{\left| \sin \frac{\pi(-qn+ql)}{qn} \right|} \frac{q^{t_{k+1}}}{\left| \sin \frac{\pi(-qn+ql)}{qn} \right|} \\
&\ll n^k q^{t_1+\cdots+t_k+t_{k+1}-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

For the contributions of Σ_3 and Σ_4 , we need to estimate E_1 and E_2 . Now we estimate E_1 . Noting that $qn \mid (-yn + ql)$ if and only if $y = q$ and $l = n$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
E_1 &= \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_r=1}^{q-1} \sum_{l=1}^n S(y_1, \dots, y_r, q, \dots, q, qa; q) K(-y_1, t_1, l) \cdots K(-y_r, t_r, l) \\
&\quad \times K(-q, t_{r+1}, l) \cdots K(-q, t_k, l) K(-q, t_{k+1}, l) \\
&= \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_r=1}^{q-1} S(y_1, \dots, y_r, q, \dots, q, qa; q) K(-y_1, t_1, n) \cdots K(-y_r, t_r, n) \\
&\quad \times K(-q, t_{r+1}, n) \cdots K(-q, t_k, n) K(-q, t_{k+1}, n) \\
&+ \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_r=1}^{q-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} S(y_1, \dots, y_r, q, \dots, q, qa; q) K(-y_1, t_1, l) \cdots K(-y_r, t_r, l)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times K(-q, t_{r+1}, l) \cdots K(-q, t_k, l) K(-q, t_{k+1}, l) \\
= & \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_r=1}^{q-1} \sum'_{b_1=1}^q \cdots \sum'_{b_r=1}^q \sum'_{b_{r+1}=1}^q \cdots \sum'_{b_k=1}^q e\left(\frac{y_1 b_1 + \cdots + y_r b_r}{q}\right) \\
& \times K(-y_1, t_1, n) \cdots K(-y_r, t_r, n) K(-q, t_{r+1}, n) \cdots K(-q, t_k, n) K(-q, t_{k+1}, n) \\
& + \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_r=1}^{q-1} \sum'_{b_1=1}^q \cdots \sum'_{b_r=1}^q \sum'_{b_{r+1}=1}^q \cdots \sum'_{b_k=1}^q e\left(\frac{y_1 b_1 + \cdots + y_r b_r}{q}\right) \\
& \times \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} K(-y_1, t_1, l) \cdots K(-y_r, t_r, l) K(-q, t_{r+1}, l) \cdots K(-q, t_k, l) K(-q, t_{k+1}, l) \\
\ll & \phi^{k-r}(q) q^{r/2} d^r(q) \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_r=1}^{q-1} \frac{(y_1, q)^{1/2} q^{t_1}}{\left|\sin\left(\frac{\pi(-y_1 n + qn)}{qn}\right)\right|} \cdots \frac{(y_r, q)^{1/2} q^{t_r}}{\left|\sin\left(\frac{\pi(-y_r n + qn)}{qn}\right)\right|} \\
& \times \left(\frac{(\lambda_{r+1} q)^{t_{r+1}+1}}{t_{r+1}+1} + O((\lambda_{r+1} q)^{t_{r+1}}) \right) \cdots \left(\frac{(\lambda_{k+1} q)^{t_{k+1}+1}}{t_{k+1}+1} + O((\lambda_{k+1} q)^{t_{k+1}}) \right) \\
& + \phi^{k-r}(q) q^{r/2} d^r(q) \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_r=1}^{q-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \frac{(y_1, q)^{1/2} q^{t_1}}{\left|\sin\left(\frac{\pi(-y_1 n + ql)}{qn}\right)\right|} \cdots \frac{(y_r, q)^{1/2} q^{t_r}}{\left|\sin\left(\frac{\pi(-y_r n + ql)}{qn}\right)\right|} \\
& \times \frac{q^{t_{r+1}}}{\left|\sin\left(\frac{\pi(-qn + ql)}{qn}\right)\right|} \cdots \frac{q^{t_{k+1}}}{\left|\sin\left(\frac{\pi(-qn + ql)}{qn}\right)\right|} \\
\ll & q^{t_1+\cdots+t_k+t_{k+1}+2k-r/2+1} d^r(q) \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_r=1}^{q-1} \frac{(y_1, q)^{1/2} \cdots (y_r, q)^{1/2}}{y_1 \cdots y_r} \\
& + n^r q^{t_1+\cdots+t_k+t_{k+1}+k+r/2} d^r(q) \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_r=1}^{q-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \frac{(y_1, q)^{1/2} \cdots (y_r, q)^{1/2}}{|-y_1 n + ql| \cdots |-y_r n + ql|} \\
\ll & q^{t_1+\cdots+t_k+t_{k+1}+2k-r/2+1} d^{2r}(q) \ln^r q \\
& + q^{t_1+\cdots+t_k+t_{k+1}+k+r/2} d^r(q) \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_r=1}^{q-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \frac{(y_1, q)^{1/2} \cdots (y_r, q)^{1/2}}{y_1 \cdots y_r} \\
\ll & q^{t_1+\cdots+t_k+t_{k+1}+2k-r/2+1} d^{2r}(q) \ln^r q.
\end{aligned}$$

Then we estimate E_2 . From Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E_2 = & \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_{r-1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{y_{k+1}=1}^{q-1} S(y_1, \dots, y_{r-1}, q, \dots, q, y_{k+1}a; q) \\
& \times K(-y_1, t_1, n) \cdots K(-y_{r-1}, t_{r-1}, n) K(-q, t_r, n) \cdots K(-q, t_k, n) K(-y_{k+1}, t_{k+1}, n) \\
& + \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_{r-1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{y_{k+1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} S(y_1, \dots, y_{r-1}, q, \dots, q, y_{k+1}a; q) \\
& \times K(-y_1, t_1, l) \cdots K(-y_{r-1}, t_{r-1}, l) K(-q, t_r, l) \cdots K(-q, t_k, l) K(-y_{k+1}, t_{k+1}, l)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\ll \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_{r-1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{y_{k+1}=1}^{q-1} q^{k/2} (\mathbf{y}; q)_k^{k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \frac{q^{t_1}}{\left| \sin \left(\frac{\pi(-y_1 n + qn)}{qn} \right) \right|} \cdots \frac{q^{t_{r-1}}}{\left| \sin \left(\frac{\pi(-y_{r-1} n + qn)}{qn} \right) \right|} \\
&\times \frac{q^{t_{k+1}}}{\left| \sin \left(\frac{\pi(-y_{k+1} n + qn)}{qn} \right) \right|} \left(\frac{(\lambda_r q)^{t_r+1}}{t_r + 1} + O((\lambda_r q)^{t_r}) \right) \cdots \left(\frac{(\lambda_k q)^{t_k+1}}{t_k + 1} + O((\lambda_k q)^{t_k}) \right) \\
&+ \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_{r-1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{y_{k+1}=1}^{q-1} q^{k/2} (\mathbf{y}; q)_k^{k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \frac{q^{t_l}}{\left| \sin \left(\frac{\pi(-y_1 n + ql)}{qn} \right) \right|} \\
&\times \cdots \frac{q^{t_{r-1}}}{\left| \sin \left(\frac{\pi(-y_{r-1} n + ql)}{qn} \right) \right|} \frac{q^{t_{k+1}}}{\left| \sin \left(\frac{\pi(-y_{k+1} n + ql)}{qn} \right) \right|} \frac{q^{t_r}}{\left| \sin \left(\frac{\pi(-qn + ql)}{qn} \right) \right|} \cdots \frac{q^{t_k}}{\left| \sin \left(\frac{\pi(-qn + ql)}{qn} \right) \right|} \\
&\ll q^{t_1+\dots+t_k+t_{k+1}+3k/2+1} d_{k+1}(q) \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_{r-1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{y_{k+1}=1}^{q-1} \frac{(y_1, \dots, y_{r-1}, y_{k+1}, q)^{k/2}}{y_1 \cdots y_{r-1} y_{k+1}} \\
&+ q^{t_1+\dots+t_k+t_{k+1}+k/2+r} d_{k+1}(q) \\
&\times \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_{r-1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{y_{k+1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \frac{(y_1, \dots, y_{r-1}, y_{k+1}, q)^{k/2}}{| -y_1 n + ql | \cdots | -y_{r-1} n + ql | | -y_{k+1} n + ql | l^{k-r+1}} \\
&\ll q^{t_1+\dots+t_k+t_{k+1}+3k/2+1} d_{k+1}(q) \sum_{d|q} \sum_{s_1=1}^{(q-1)/d} \cdots \sum_{s_{r-1}=1}^{(q-1)/d} \sum_{s_r=1}^{(q-1)/d} \frac{d^{(k-2r)/2}}{s_1 \cdots s_{r-1} s_r} \\
&+ q^{t_1+\dots+t_k+t_{k+1}+k/2+r} d_{k+1}(q) \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_{r-1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{y_{k+1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \frac{(y_1, \dots, y_{r-1}, y_{k+1}, q)^{k/2}}{y_1 \cdots y_{r-1} y_{k+1} n^r l^{k-r+1}} \\
&\ll q^{t_1+\dots+t_k+t_{k+1}+2k-r+1} d_{k+1}(q) d(q) \ln^r q.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, for the contribution of Σ_5 , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma_5 &= \frac{1}{nq^{k+1}} \sum_{y_1, \dots, y_{k+1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{l=1}^n S(y_1, \dots, y_k, y_{k+1}a; q) \\
&\times K(-y_1, t_1, l) \cdots K(-y_k, t_k, l) K(-y_{k+1}, t_{k+1}, l) \\
&\ll \frac{1}{nq^{k+1}} \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_k=1}^{q-1} \sum_{y_{k+1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{l=1}^n q^{k/2} (\mathbf{y}; q)_k^{k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \\
&\times \frac{(\lambda_1 q)^{t_1}}{\left| \sin \left(\frac{\pi(-y_1 n + ql)}{qn} \right) \right|} \cdots \frac{(\lambda_k q)^{t_k}}{\left| \sin \left(\frac{\pi(-y_k n + ql)}{qn} \right) \right|} \frac{(\lambda_{k+1} q)^{t_{k+1}}}{\left| \sin \left(\frac{\pi(-y_{k+1} n + ql)}{qn} \right) \right|} \\
&\ll q^{t_1+\dots+t_k+t_{k+1}+k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \cdots \sum_{y_k=1}^{q-1} \sum_{y_{k+1}=1}^{q-1} \\
&\times \sum_{l=1}^n \frac{(y_1, \dots, y_k, y_{k+1}, q)^{k/2} n^{k+1}}{| -y_1 n + ql | \cdots | -y_k n + ql | | -y_{k+1} n + ql |}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\ll q^{t_1+\dots+t_k+t_{k+1}+k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \sum_{y_1=1}^{q-1} \dots \sum_{y_k=1}^{q-1} \sum_{y_{k+1}=1}^{q-1} \sum_{l=1}^n \frac{(y_1, \dots, y_k, y_{k+1}, q)^{k/2}}{y_1 \cdots y_k y_{k+1}} \\
&\ll q^{t_1+\dots+t_k+t_{k+1}+k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \sum_{d|q} \sum_{s_1=1}^{(q-1)/d} \dots \sum_{s_k=1}^{(q-1)/d} \sum_{s_{k+1}=1}^{(q-1)/d} \frac{1}{d^{(k+2)/2} s_1 \cdots s_k s_{k+1}} \\
&\ll q^{t_1+\dots+t_k+t_{k+1}+k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \ln^{k+1} q.
\end{aligned}$$

Collecting the contributions of all terms, we immediately deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum'_{b_1=1} \sum'_{b_2=1} \dots \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1} b_1^{t_1} b_2^{t_2} \cdots b_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}} \\
&\quad \text{subject to } b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\
&\quad n | (b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_{k+1}) \\
&= \frac{\lambda_1^{t_1+1} \cdots \lambda_k^{t_k+1} \lambda_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}+1} \phi^k(q) q^{t_1+\dots+t_k+t_{k+1}}}{n(t_1+1) \cdots (t_k+1)(t_{k+1}+1)} + O(q^{t_1+\dots+t_k+t_{k+1}+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q),
\end{aligned}$$

which implies the second part of Lemma 2.3.

(iii) For the third part of Lemma 2.3, similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \sum'_{b_1=1} \sum'_{b_2=1} \dots \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1} \left(e\left(\frac{b_1 l}{n}\right) b_1^{t_1} \right) \left(e\left(\frac{b_2 l}{n}\right) b_2^{t_2} \right) \cdots \left(e\left(\frac{b_{k+1} l}{n}\right) b_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}} \right) \\
&\quad \text{subject to } b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\
&= \frac{1}{q^{k+1}} \sum_{b_1=1}^q \dots \sum_{b_k=1}^q \sum_{b_{k+1}=1}^q \sum_{c_1=1}^{\lambda_1 q} \dots \sum_{c_k=1}^{\lambda_k q} \sum_{c_{k+1}=1}^{\lambda_{k+1} q} \left(e\left(\frac{c_1 l}{n} c_1^{t_1}\right) \right) \cdots \left(e\left(\frac{c_{k+1} l}{n} c_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}}\right) \right) \\
&\quad \times \sum_{y_1, \dots, y_k, y_{k+1}=1}^q e\left(\frac{y_1(b_1 - c_1) + \cdots + y_k(b_k - c_k) + y_{k+1}(b_{k+1} - c_{k+1})}{q}\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{q^{k+1}} \sum_{y_1, \dots, y_k, y_{k+1}=1}^q \sum_{b_1=1}^q \dots \sum_{b_k=1}^q e\left(\frac{y_1 b_1 + \cdots + y_k b_k + y_{k+1} a b_1 \cdots b_k}{q}\right) \\
&\quad \times \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \left(\sum_{c_1=1}^{\lambda_1 q} c_1^{t_1} e\left(c_1 \frac{-y_1 n + ql}{qn}\right) \right) \cdots \left(\sum_{c_k=1}^{\lambda_k q} c_k^{t_k} e\left(c_k \frac{-y_k n + ql}{qn}\right) \right) \\
&\quad \times \left(\sum_{c_{k+1}=1}^{\lambda_{k+1} q} c_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}} e\left(c_{k+1} \frac{-y_{k+1} n + ql}{qn}\right) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{q^{k+1}} \sum_{y_1, \dots, y_k, y_{k+1}=1}^q \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} S(y_1, \dots, y_k, y_{k+1} a; q) \\
&\quad \times K(-y_1, t_1, l) \cdots K(-y_k, t_k, l) K(-y_{k+1}, t_{k+1}, l).
\end{aligned}$$

Then using the same method as above, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \sum'_{b_1=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_1 q \rfloor} \sum'_{b_2=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_2 q \rfloor} \cdots \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_{k+1} q \rfloor} \left(e\left(\frac{b_1 l}{n}\right) b_1^{t_1} \right) \left(e\left(\frac{b_2 l}{n}\right) b_2^{t_2} \right) \cdots \left(e\left(\frac{b_{k+1} l}{n}\right) b_{k+1}^{t_{k+1}} \right) \\ & \quad b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\ & = O(q^{t_1+t_2+\cdots+t_{k+1}+k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \ln^{k+1} q). \end{aligned}$$

This proves Lemma 2.3. \square

Lemma 2.4. *Let q, k, t, m be positive integers with $q > 2$, and a an integer with $(a, q) = 1$. Then*

$$\sum'_{b_1=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_1 q \rfloor} \cdots \sum'_{b_k=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_k q \rfloor} \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^q \sum_{j=1}^m C_m^j (b_1 \cdots b_t)^{m-j} (b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^j = O(q^{2k+(m-2)t+1})$$

$$b_1 \cdots b_k b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}$$

if $(k+1)/2 < t < k+1$, and

$$\sum'_{b_1=1}^q \cdots \sum'_{b_k=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_k q \rfloor} \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_{k+1} q \rfloor} \sum_{j=1}^m C_m^j (b_1 \cdots b_t)^j (b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^{m-j} = O(q^{2k+(m-2)(k-t+1)+1})$$

$$b_1 \cdots b_k b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}$$

if $t < (k+1)/2$.

Proof. Note that

$$(1 + q^{k-2t+1})^m - 1 = O(mq^{k-2t+1})$$

holds for $t > (k+1)/2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum'_{b_1=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_1 q \rfloor} \cdots \sum'_{b_k=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_k q \rfloor} \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^q \sum_{j=1}^m C_m^j (b_1 \cdots b_t)^{m-j} (b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^j \\ & \quad b_1 \cdots b_k b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\ & = O \left(\sum'_{b_1=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_1 q \rfloor} \cdots \sum'_{b_k=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_k q \rfloor} \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^q \sum_{j=1}^m C_m^j q^{t(m-j)+(k-t+1)j} \right) \\ & = O \left(q^{mt} \sum_{j=1}^m C_m^j q^{(k-2t+1)j} \sum'_{b_1=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_1 q \rfloor} \cdots \sum'_{b_k=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_k q \rfloor} 1 \right) \\ & = O \left(q^{mt} ((1 + q^{k-2t+1})^m - 1) \prod_{u=1}^k \sigma_0(\lambda_u, q) \right) \\ & = O(q^{2k+(m-2)t+1}). \end{aligned}$$

If $t < (k+1)/2$, similarly we have

$$\sum_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 \cdots b_k b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}}^q \cdots \sum_{\substack{b_k=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}}^{\lfloor \lambda_k q \rfloor} \sum_{b_{k+1}=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_{k+1} q \rfloor} \sum_{j=1}^m C_m^j (b_1 \cdots b_t)^j (b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^{m-j} = O(q^{2k+(m-2)(k-t+1)+1}).$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 2.4. \square

3. Proofs of theorems

Proof of Theorem 1.1. First for $m > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & N(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}}^{\lfloor \lambda_1 q \rfloor} \cdots \sum_{\substack{b_k=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}}^{\lfloor \lambda_k q \rfloor} (b_1 \cdots b_t - b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^m \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^m C_m^j (-1)^j \sum_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}}^{\lfloor \lambda_1 q \rfloor} \cdots \sum_{\substack{b_k=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}}^{\lfloor \lambda_k q \rfloor} (b_1 \cdots b_t)^{m-j} (b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^j \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^m C_m^j (-1)^j \left(\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{(\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_t)^{m-j+1} (\lambda_{t+1} \cdots \lambda_{k+1})^{j+1}}{(m-j+1)^t (j+1)^{k-t+1}} \phi^k(q) q^{mt+(k-2t+1)j} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + O(q^{mt+(k-2t+1)j+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Lemma 2.3.

We can separate it into three cases $t > (k+1)/2$, $t < (k+1)/2$, and $t = (k+1)/2$. If $t > (k+1)/2$, noting the fact that the main term only comes from the item $j = 0$ and the other items $0 < j \leq m$ are all error terms, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & N(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{(\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_t)^{m+1} (\lambda_{t+1} \cdots \lambda_{k+1})}{(m+1)^t} \phi^k(q) q^{mt} + O(q^{mt+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q). \end{aligned}$$

If $t < (k+1)/2$, similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n) &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{(-1)^m (\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_t) (\lambda_{t+1} \cdots \lambda_{k+1})^{m+1}}{(m+1)^{k-t+1}} \phi^k(q) q^{m(k-t+1)} \\ &\quad + O(q^{m(k-t+1)+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q). \end{aligned}$$

While if $t = (k + 1)/2$, for the reason that all items $0 \leq j \leq m$ are the main terms, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & N(a, k + 1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^m C_m^j (-1)^j \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{(\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_t)^{m-j+1} (\lambda_{t+1} \cdots \lambda_{k+1})^{j+1}}{((m-j+1)(j+1))^{(k+1)/2}} \phi^k(q) q^{mt} \\ &\quad + O(2^m q^{mt+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q). \end{aligned}$$

Then for $m = 0$, we have

$$N(a, k + 1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n) = \frac{1}{2} \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \sum'_{\substack{b_2=1 \\ \dots \\ b_{k+1}=1}} \cdots \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} 1 - \frac{1}{2} \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \sum'_{\substack{b_2=1 \\ \dots \\ b_{k+1}=1}} \cdots \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} (-1)^{b_1+b_2+\cdots+b_{k+1}}.$$

Thus Theorem 1.1 holds again by appealing to Lemma 2.3. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.1. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.5. Noting that $(k + 1)/2 < t < k + 1$ and $\mathbf{w} = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k+1})$ with at least one $\lambda_j = 1$ ($j > t$), we can assume $\lambda_{k+1} = 1$ (without loss of generality). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & N_{k+1}(a, k + 1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n) \\ &= \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \cdots \sum'_{\substack{b_k=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \sum'_{\substack{b_{k+1}=1 \\ n \nmid (b_1+b_2+\cdots+b_{k+1})}} (b_1 \cdots b_t - b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^m \\ &= \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \cdots \sum'_{\substack{b_k=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \sum'_{\substack{b_{k+1}=1 \\ n \mid (b_1+b_2+\cdots+b_{k+1})}} (b_1 \cdots b_t - b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^m \\ &\quad - \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \cdots \sum'_{\substack{b_k=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \sum'_{\substack{b_{k+1}=1 \\ n \mid (b_1+b_2+\cdots+b_{k+1})}} (b_1 \cdots b_t - b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^m \\ &= \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \cdots \sum'_{\substack{b_k=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \sum'_{\substack{b_{k+1}=1 \\ n \mid (b_1+b_2+\cdots+b_{k+1})}} (b_1 \cdots b_t - b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^m \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \cdots \sum'_{\substack{b_k=1 \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \sum'_{\substack{b_{k+1}=1 \\ n \mid (b_1+b_2+\cdots+b_{k+1})}} (b_1 \cdots b_t - b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^m \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \frac{1}{n} \sum'_{b_1=1}^{[\lambda_1 q]} \cdots \sum'_{b_k=1}^{[\lambda_k q]} \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^q (b_1 \cdots b_t - b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^m \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} e\left(\frac{b_1 + \cdots + b_{k+1}}{n} l\right) \\
& \quad b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\
& = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \sum'_{b_1=1}^{[\lambda_1 q]} \cdots \sum'_{b_k=1}^{[\lambda_k q]} \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^q (b_1 \cdots b_t)^m \\
& \quad b_1 \cdots b_k b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\
& \quad + \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \sum_{j=1}^m C_m^j (-1)^j \sum'_{b_1=1}^{[\lambda_1 q]} \cdots \sum'_{b_k=1}^{[\lambda_k q]} \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^q (b_1 \cdots b_t)^{m-j} (b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^j \\
& \quad b_1 \cdots b_k b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\
& \quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^m C_m^j (-1)^j \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \sum'_{b_1=1}^{[\lambda_1 q]} \cdots \sum'_{b_k=1}^{[\lambda_k q]} \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^q \left(e\left(\frac{b_1 l}{n}\right) b_1^{m-j}\right) \cdots \left(e\left(\frac{b_t l}{n}\right) b_t^{m-j}\right) \\
& \quad b_1 \cdots b_k b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\
& \quad \times \left(e\left(\frac{b_{t+1} l}{n}\right) b_{t+1}^j\right) \cdots \left(e\left(\frac{b_{k+1} l}{n}\right) b_{k+1}^j\right) \\
& = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \sum'_{b_1=1}^{[\lambda_1 q]} \cdots \sum'_{b_k=1}^{[\lambda_k q]} (b_1 \cdots b_t)^m + O(q^{mt+k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \ln^{k+1} q) \\
& \quad + O\left(\sum'_{b_1=1}^{[\lambda_1 q]} \cdots \sum'_{b_k=1}^{[\lambda_k q]} \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^q \sum_{j=1}^m C_m^j (b_1 \cdots b_t)^{m-j} (b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^j\right) \\
& \quad b_1 \cdots b_k b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q} \\
& = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \prod_{u=1}^t \sigma_m(\lambda_u, q) \prod_{\substack{v=t+1 \\ v \neq j}}^{k+1} \sigma_0(\lambda_v, q) + O(q^{2k+(m-2)t+1}) + O(q^{mt+k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \ln^{k+1} q),
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4.

If $t < (k+1)/2$ and $\mathbf{w} = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k+1})$ with at least one $\lambda_j = 1$ ($j < t$), similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned}
N_1(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n) & = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) (-1)^m \prod_{\substack{u=1 \\ u \neq j}}^t \sigma_0(\lambda_u, q) \prod_{v=t+1}^{k+1} \sigma_m(\lambda_v, q) \\
& \quad + O(q^{2k+(m-2)(k-t+1)+1}) + O(q^{m(k-t+1)+k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \ln^{k+1} q).
\end{aligned}$$

If $t = (k+1)/2$ and $\mathbf{w} = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k+1})$ with at least one $\lambda_j = 1$ ($j > t$), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& N_{k+1}(a, k+1, t, \mathbf{w}, q, m, n) \\
& = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \sum'_{b_1=1}^{[\lambda_1 q]} \cdots \sum'_{b_k=1}^{[\lambda_k q]} \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^q (b_1 \cdots b_t)^m \\
& \quad b_1 \cdots b_k b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \sum_{j=1}^m C_m^j (-1)^j \sum'_{\substack{b_1=1 \\ b_k=1 \\ b_1 \cdots b_k b_{k+1} \equiv a \pmod{q}}}^{\lfloor \lambda_1 q \rfloor} \cdots \sum'_{\substack{b_k=1 \\ b_{k+1}=1}}^{\lfloor \lambda_k q \rfloor} \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^q (b_1 \cdots b_t)^{m-j} (b_{t+1} \cdots b_{k+1})^j \\
& - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^m C_m^j (-1)^j \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \sum'_{b_1=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_1 q \rfloor} \cdots \sum'_{b_k=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_k q \rfloor} \sum'_{b_{k+1}=1}^q \left(e\left(\frac{b_1 l}{n}\right) b_1^{m-j} \right) \cdots \left(e\left(\frac{b_t l}{n}\right) b_t^{m-j} \right) \\
& \times \left(e\left(\frac{b_{t+1} l}{n}\right) b_{t+1}^j \right) \cdots \left(e\left(\frac{b_{k+1} l}{n}\right) b_{k+1}^j \right) \\
& = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \sum_{b_1=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_1 q \rfloor} \cdots \sum_{b_k=1}^{\lfloor \lambda_k q \rfloor} (b_1 \cdots b_t)^m + O(q^{mt+k/2} d_{k+1}(q) \ln^{k+1} q) \\
& + \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \sum_{j=1}^m C_m^j (-1)^j \left(\frac{(\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_t)^{m-j+1} (\lambda_{t+1} \cdots \lambda_k)^{j+1}}{(m-j+1)^t (j+1)^{k-t+1}} \phi^k(q) q^{mt+(k-2t+1)j} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + O(q^{mt+(k-2t+1)j+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q) \right) \\
& = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \prod_{u=1}^{(k+1)/2} \sigma_m(\lambda_u, q) \prod_{\substack{v=(k+3)/2 \\ v \neq j}}^{k+1} \sigma_0(\lambda_v, q) + O(2^m q^{m(k+1)/2+k-1/2} d^2(q) \ln^2 q) \\
& + \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \sum_{j=0}^m C_m^j (-1)^j \frac{(\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_t)^{m-j+1} (\lambda_{t+1} \cdots \lambda_k)^{j+1}}{((m-j+1)(j+1))^{(k+1)/2}} \phi^k(q) q^{m(k+1)/2},
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.5. \square

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