

A HYBIRD MEAN VALUE INVOLVING GAUSS SUMS AND  
CHARACTER SUMS

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Let  $\chi$  be a Dirichlet character modulo  $q > 2$ , and  $L(s, \chi)$  denotes the Dirichlet L-function corresponding to  $\chi$ . The main purpose of this paper is using the estimate for character sums and the analytic method to study the mean value properties of  $\frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi)$  with the weight of Gauss sums and character sums, and give an interesting mean value formula for it.

**Key words :** L-functions; hybrid mean value; Gauss sums; character in short interval; asymptotic formula.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $q > 2$  be an integer and  $\chi$  denotes a Dirichlet character modulo  $q$ .  $L(s, \chi)$  denotes the Dirichlet L-function corresponding to  $\chi$ . It seems that

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one can hardly estimate  $\frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi) \equiv \frac{L'(1, \chi)}{L(1, \chi)}$ , though it has long history and plays an important role in number theory (see [1]). However,  $\frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi)$  enjoys good mean value properties. For example, the second author [2] studied the asymptotic properties of the summations

$$\sum_{q \leq Q} \frac{q}{\phi(q)} \sum_{\substack{\chi \pmod q \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} \left| \frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi) \right|^4 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{q \leq Q} \frac{1}{\phi(q)} \sum_{\substack{\chi \pmod q \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} \left| \frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi) \right|^4,$$

where  $\chi_0$  is the principal character modulo  $q$  and  $\phi(q)$  is the Euler function. Liu and Zhang [3] considered the mean value of  $\left| \frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi) \right|^{2k}$ , the hybrid mean value of  $\frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi)$  with general Kloosterman sums, general quadratic Gauss sums respectively, and obtained some asymptotic formulae. The second author [4] studied the mean value property of

$$\sum_{\substack{\chi \pmod q \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} \left| \sum_{n \leq N} \chi(n) \right|^2 \cdot |L(1, \chi)|^2,$$

by using the estimate for character sums and analytic method.

Gauss sum plays an important role in number theory. The classical Gauss sum  $G(m, \chi)$  is defined as:

$$G(m, \chi) = \sum_{a=1}^q \chi(a) e\left(\frac{ma}{q}\right),$$

where  $e(y) = e^{2\pi iy}$ . In particular for  $m = 1$ , we write  $G(1, \chi) = \tau(\chi)$ . The various properties and applications of  $\tau(\chi)$  have appeared in many analytic number theory books. Perhaps its most famous property is  $|\tau(\chi)| = \sqrt{q}$  when  $\chi$  is a primitive character mod  $q$ . Contrarily, when  $\chi$  is nonprimitive character, the value of  $\tau(\chi)$  is more irregular, even more it may be zero. However, many scholars have found it enjoys good value distribution properties in some problems of weighted mean value (see [5-7]).

In this paper, we shall study the asymptotic properties of the hybrid mean value

$$\sum_{\substack{\chi \pmod q \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} |\tau(\chi)|^m \cdot \left| \sum_{n \leq Q} \chi(n) \right|^2 \cdot \left| \frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi) \right|^2.$$

This problem is interesting, because it can help us to find some relations between the  $\frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi)$ , Gauss sum and Character sums.

By using the estimate for Character sums and the analytic method, we shall prove the following main conclusion.

**Theorem** — Let  $q = MN > 2$  be an integer,  $M = \prod_{p|q} p$ ,  $(M, N) = 1$ .

Then, for any real number  $Q$  and any fixed positive number  $\epsilon$  with  $1 < Q < q^{1-\epsilon}$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} |\tau(\chi)|^m \cdot \left| \sum_{n \leq Q} \chi(n) \right|^2 \cdot \left| \frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi) \right|^2 = \frac{\phi(q)\phi^2(N)}{q} Q N^{\frac{m}{2}-1} C$$

$$\prod_{p|M} \left( p^{\frac{m}{2}+1} - 2p^{\frac{m}{2}} + 1 \right) + O\left(2^{\omega(q)} q^{\frac{m}{2}+\epsilon}\right) + O\left(Q^2 q^{\frac{m}{2}+\epsilon}\right),$$

where  $\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0}$  denotes the summation over all non-principal characters modulo  $q$ ,  $\phi(q)$  is the Euler function,  $\omega(q)$  denotes the number of all different prime divisors of  $q$  and  $C$  is a constant depending only on  $q$ .

## 2. SEVERAL LEMMAS

In order to complete the proof of the theorem, we need following several lemmas. First we have

*Lemma 1* — Let  $q = uv$ ,  $u > 2$ ,  $v > 2$  and  $(u, v) = 1$ . Then for any  $\chi \bmod q$ , there exists one and only one character  $\chi_u \bmod u$ , one and only one character  $\chi_v \bmod v$ , such that  $\chi = \chi_u \chi_v$ , and

$$|\tau(\chi)| = |\tau(\chi_u)| \times |\tau(\chi_v)|.$$

PROOF : See Theorem 13.3.1 of Ref. [8].

*Lemma 2* — Let  $q$  and  $r$  be integers with  $q \geq 2$  and  $(r, q) = 1$ . Then we have the identities

$$\sum_{\chi \bmod q}^* \chi(r) = \sum_{d|(q, r-1)} \mu\left(\frac{q}{d}\right) \phi(d), \quad J(d) = \sum_{d|q} \mu(d) \phi\left(\frac{q}{d}\right),$$

where  $\sum^*$  denotes the summation over all primitive characters,  $\mu(n)$  is the Möbius function and  $J(q)$  denotes the number of primitive characters mod  $q$ .

PROOF : See Lemma 4 of Ref. [9].

*Lemma 3* — Let  $p$  be a prime,  $\alpha$  be a positive integer and  $\alpha \geq 2$ ,  $n = p^\alpha$ . Then for any nonprimitive character  $\chi_1 \pmod n$ , we have the identity

$$\sum_{a=1}^{p^\alpha} \chi_1(a) e\left(\frac{a}{p^\alpha}\right) = 0.$$

PROOF : See Ref. [6].

*Lemma 4* — Let  $q = MN > 2$  be a positive integer, where  $N = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_s^{\alpha_s}$ ,  $\alpha_i \geq 2$  ( $1 \leq i \leq s$ ), positive integer  $M$  has no square factor.  $(M, N) = 1$ ,  $T = \exp(q^\epsilon)$  and  $\epsilon$  is any fixed positive number. Then for any given positive integer  $1 \leq n, k \leq q$ ,  $(nk, q) = 1$  and  $d|M$ , we have

$$\sum_{\chi \pmod Nd}^* \chi \chi_M^0(n\bar{k}) \left| \frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi \chi_M^0) \right|^2 = \sum_{\chi \pmod Nd}^* \chi \chi_M^0(n\bar{k}) \left| \sum_{1 \leq a \leq T} \frac{\chi \chi_M^0(a) \Lambda(a)}{a} \right|^2 + O(1),$$

where  $\Lambda(n)$  is the Mangoldt function and  $\chi_M^0$  denotes the principal character modulo  $M$ .

PROOF : For convenience, firstly we let

$$A(\chi \chi_M^0, y) = \sum_{T < a \leq y} \chi \chi_M^0(a) \Lambda(a).$$

Then applying Abel's identity, we have

$$\frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi \chi_M^0) = \sum_{a=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi \chi_M^0(a) \Lambda(a)}{a} = \sum_{1 \leq a \leq T} \frac{\chi \chi_M^0(a) \Lambda(a)}{a} + \int_T^{\infty} \frac{A(\chi \chi_M^0, y)}{y^2} dy. \quad (1)$$

From (1) we may get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\chi \bmod Nd}^* \chi \chi_M^0(n\bar{k}) \left| \frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi \chi_M^0) \right|^2 &= \sum_{\chi \bmod Nd}^* \chi \chi_M^0(n\bar{k}) \\
 &\left| \sum_{1 \leq a \leq T} \frac{\chi \chi_M^0(a) \Lambda(a)}{a} + \int_T^\infty \frac{A(\chi \chi_M^0, y)}{y^2} dy \right|^2 \\
 &= \sum_{\chi \bmod Nd}^* \chi \chi_M^0(n\bar{k}) \left| \sum_{1 \leq a \leq T} \frac{\chi \chi_M^0(a) \Lambda(a)}{a} \right|^2 \\
 &+ \sum_{\chi \bmod Nd}^* \chi \chi_M^0(n\bar{k}) \left| \int_T^\infty \frac{A(\chi \chi_M^0, y)}{y^2} dy \right|^2 \\
 &+ \sum_{\chi \bmod Nd}^* \chi \chi_M^0(n\bar{k}) \left( \sum_{1 \leq a \leq T} \frac{\chi \chi_M^0(a) \Lambda(a)}{a} \right) \\
 &\left( \int_T^\infty \frac{A(\overline{\chi \chi_M^0}, y)}{y^2} dy \right) \\
 &+ \sum_{\chi \bmod Nd}^* \chi \chi_M^0(n\bar{k}) \left( \sum_{1 \leq a \leq T} \frac{\overline{\chi \chi_M^0(a) \Lambda(a)}}{a} \right) \\
 &\left( \int_T^\infty \frac{A(\chi \chi_M^0, y)}{y^2} dy \right). \tag{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

From the property of  $L$ -function (See [1 p.121-132].) we know, in all of the Dirichlet characters modulo  $q$ , there at most exists a character  $\chi_1$  with the exceptional zero  $\beta$ ,  $\beta > 1 - \frac{C}{\ln q}$ . For the other characters, we have

$$|A(\chi, y)| \ll y \exp(-c_1 \sqrt{\ln y}), \tag{3}$$

when  $y > T$ . When coming to the possible exceptional character  $\chi_1$ , from the famous Siegel's theorem, we know

$$|A(\chi_1, y)| \ll y \exp(-c_2 \sqrt{\ln y}), \tag{4}$$

when  $y > \exp(q^\epsilon)$  with  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are both positive numbers.

Using (3) and (4), we get

$$\left| \int_T^\infty \frac{A(\chi \chi_M^0, y)}{y^2} dy \right| \ll \int_T^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-c_1 \sqrt{\ln y}}}{y} dy + \int_T^{\exp(q^\epsilon)} \frac{1}{y} dy + \int_{\exp(q^\epsilon)}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-c_2 \sqrt{\ln y}}}{y} dy.$$

Because of

$$\int_T^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-c_1\sqrt{\ln y}}}{y} dy \ll e^{-\frac{c_1}{2}\sqrt{\ln T}} \int_T^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{c_1}{2}\sqrt{\ln y}}}{y} dy \ll e^{-\frac{c_1}{2}\sqrt{\ln T}} = e^{-cq^\epsilon},$$

one has

$$\left| \int_T^\infty \frac{A(\chi\chi_M^0, y)}{y^2} dy \right| \ll e^{-cq^\epsilon}.$$

Using the Cauchy inequality and the estimate  $\sum_{a \leq T} \frac{\Lambda(a)}{a} \ll \ln T$ , we have the estimates

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\chi \bmod Nd}^* \chi\chi_M^0(n\bar{k}) \left( \sum_{1 \leq a \leq T} \frac{\chi\chi_M^0(a)\Lambda(a)}{a} \right) \left( \int_T^\infty \frac{A(\overline{\chi\chi_M^0}, y)}{y^2} dy \right) \\ & \ll \left[ \sum_{\chi \bmod Nd}^* \left| \sum_{1 \leq a \leq T} \frac{\overline{\chi\chi_M^0}(a)\Lambda(a)}{a} \right|^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \sum_{\chi \bmod Nd}^* \left| \int_T^\infty \frac{A(\chi\chi_M^0, y)}{y^2} dy \right|^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \ll q^\epsilon e^{-cq^\epsilon} J(Nd) \ll 1, \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

$$\left| \sum_{\chi \bmod Nd}^* \chi\chi_M^0(a) \left( \sum_{1 \leq a \leq T} \frac{\chi\chi_M^0(a)\Lambda(a)}{a} \right) \left( \int_T^\infty \frac{A(\overline{\chi\chi_M^0}, y)}{y^2} dy \right) \right| \ll 1 \tag{6}$$

and

$$\left| \sum_{\chi \bmod Nd}^* \chi\chi_M^0(a) \left| \int_T^\infty \frac{A(\chi\chi_M^0, y)}{y^2} dy \right|^2 \right| \ll 1. \tag{7}$$

Combining (5), (6) and (7) we may immediately get the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{\chi \bmod Nd}^* \chi\chi_M^0(n\bar{k}) \left| \frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi\chi_M^0) \right|^2 = \sum_{\chi \bmod Nd}^* \chi\chi_M^0(n\bar{k}) \left| \sum_{1 \leq a \leq T} \frac{\chi\chi_M^0(a)\Lambda(a)}{a} \right|^2 + O(1).$$

This proves Lemma 4.

*Lemma 5* — Let  $Q$  and  $T$  be any real number with  $1 < Q < q^{1-\epsilon}$ ,  $\epsilon$  is any fixed positive number,  $\chi_M^0$  is the principle character mod  $M$ , then we



Let  $K = [q^\epsilon]$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_2 &\leq \sum_{l|Nd} \mu\left(\frac{Nd}{l}\right) \phi(l) \sum_{i,j=0}^K \sum_{e^i \leq a \leq e^{i+1}} \frac{\Lambda(a)}{a} \sum_{e^j \leq b \leq e^{j+1}} \frac{\Lambda(b)}{b} \sum_{\substack{n,k=1 \\ na \equiv kb \pmod{l} \\ na \neq kb}}^Q 1 \\
 &\leq 2 \sum_{l|Nd} \mu\left(\frac{Nd}{l}\right) \phi(l) \sum_{0 \leq i \leq j \leq K} \sum_{e^i \leq a \leq e^{i+1}} \frac{\Lambda(a)}{a} \sum_{e^j \leq b \leq e^{j+1}} \frac{\Lambda(b)}{b} \sum_{\substack{n,k=1 \\ na \equiv kb \pmod{l} \\ na \neq kb}}^Q 1 \\
 &\leq 2 \sum_{l|Nd} \mu\left(\frac{Nd}{l}\right) \phi(l) \sum_{0 \leq i \leq j \leq K} (i+1)(j+1)e^{-i-j} T_{ij},
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$T_{ij} = \sum_{\substack{n,k=1 \\ na \equiv kb \pmod{l} \\ na \neq kb}}^Q 1$$

is just the number of solutions  $(n, k, a, b)$  to the congruence

$$na \equiv kb \pmod{l}, \quad 1 \leq n, k \leq Q, \quad e^i \leq a \leq e^{i+1}, \quad e^j \leq b \leq e^{j+1},$$

with  $nk \neq ab$ .

If for a solution  $(n, k, a, b)$  we write  $na = kb + tl$  with an integer  $t$ , then we see that

$$1 \leq |t| \leq l^{-1} \max\{na, kb\} \leq l^{-1} Q \max\{e^{i+1}, e^{j+1}\} = e^{j+1} Q/l.$$

Thus, there are  $O(e^j Q/l)$  possible values for  $t$ . Clearly there are at most  $e^{i+1}$  possible values for  $a$  and  $Q$  possible values  $n$ . Thus the product  $kb = na - tl$  can take at most  $e^{i+j+2} Q^2/l$  possible values. Therefore, we see from the bound on the divisor function  $2^{\omega(l)} \leq \tau(l) = l^\epsilon$  ( $\tau(l)$  is the number of positive integer divisors of  $l$ ) that when  $n, a$  and  $t$  are fixe then  $k$  and  $b$  can take at most  $l^\epsilon$  possible values. Hence

$$T_{ij} \ll e^{i+j} Q^2 l^{-1+\epsilon}.$$



That is,

$$E_2 \ll \sum_{l|Nd} \mu\left(\frac{Nd}{l}\right) \phi(l) Q^2 q^\epsilon l^{-1+\epsilon} \ll Q^2 (qNd)^\epsilon.$$

Now, we estimate  $E_1$ . Let  $M = \lfloor \frac{\log T}{\log p} \rfloor$ ,  $M_i = \lfloor \frac{\log T}{\log p_i} \rfloor$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= 2J(Nd) \sum_{s=1}^M \sum_{t=1}^s \sum'_{d \leq \frac{Q}{p^{s-t}}} \sum'_{1 < p \leq T} \frac{\log^2 p}{p^{s+t}} - J(Nd) \sum_{s=1}^M \sum'_{d \leq Q} \sum'_{1 < p \leq T} \frac{\log^2 p}{p^{2s}} \\ &+ J(Nd) \sum_{s=1}^{M_1} \sum_{t=1}^{M_2} \sum'_{d \leq \min\{\frac{Q}{p_1^s}, \frac{Q}{p_2^t}\}} \sum'_{1 < p_1 \leq T} \sum'_{1 < p_2 \leq T} \frac{\log p_1 \log p_2}{p_1^s p_2^t}. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Note that  $\sum'_{1 \leq u \leq N} 1 = \frac{\phi(q)}{q} N + O(2^{\omega(q)})$ , then from Lemma 2 we have the first part in (9)

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2J(Nd) \sum_{s=1}^M \sum_{t=1}^s \sum'_{1 < p \leq T} \frac{\log^2 p}{p^{s+t}} \left( \frac{\phi(q)}{q} \cdot \frac{Q}{p^{s-t}} + O(2^{\omega(q)}) \right) \\ &= 2 \frac{\phi(q) J(Nd)}{q} Q \sum_{s=1}^M \sum_{t=1}^s \sum'_{1 < p \leq T} \frac{\log^2 p}{p^{2s}} + O(2^{\omega(q)} J(Nd) q^\epsilon) \\ &= 2 \frac{\phi(q) J(Nd)}{q} Q \sum'_{1 < p \leq T} \log^2 p \left( \frac{1}{4} \sum_{s=1}^M \frac{2s}{p^{2s}} + \frac{1}{8} \sum_{s=1}^M \frac{(2s)^2}{p^{2s}} \right) + O(2^{\omega(q)} J(Nd) q^\epsilon) \\ &= \frac{\phi(q) J(Nd)}{q} Q C_1(q) + O(2^{\omega(q)} J(Nd) q^\epsilon). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can estimate the other two parts in (9)

$$J(Nd) \sum_{s=1}^M \sum'_{d \leq Q} \sum'_{1 < p \leq T} \frac{\log^2 p}{p^{2s}} = \frac{\phi(q) J(Nd)}{q} Q C_2(q) + O(2^{\omega(q)} J(Nd) q^\epsilon)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &J(Nd) \sum_{s=1}^{M_1} \sum_{t=1}^{M_2} \sum'_{d \leq \min\{\frac{Q}{p_1^s}, \frac{Q}{p_2^t}\}} \sum'_{1 < p_1 \leq T} \sum'_{1 < p_2 \leq T} \frac{\log p_1 \log p_2}{p_1^s p_2^t} \\ &= 4 \frac{\phi(q) J(Nd)}{q} Q C_3(q) + O(2^{\omega(q)} J(Nd) q^\epsilon), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$C_1(q) = \sum'_p \log^2 p \frac{6p^{2M+1} - 8p^{2M} + 3p^{2M-1} - 2Mp^2 + (2M - 2)p + 2}{4p^{2M}(p - 1)^3},$$

$$C_2(q) = \sum'_p \log^2 p \frac{p^{2M} - 1}{p^{2M}(p^2 - 1)}$$

and

$$C_3(q) = \sum'_{p_1 < p_2} \log p_1 \log p_2 \frac{(p_1^{2M_1} - 1)(p_2^{2M_2} - 1)}{p_1^{2M_1} p_2^{2M_2} (p_1^2 - 1)(p_2^2 - 1)}.$$

So

$$E_1 = \frac{\phi(q)J(Nd)}{q}QC + O(2^{\omega(q)}J(Nd)q^\epsilon).$$

Substituting the estimates of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  in (8), we get the conclusion.

### 3. PROOF OF THE THEOREM

In this section, we shall complete the proof of the theorem. Let  $q = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k p_{k+1}^{\alpha_{k+1}} \cdots p_r^{\alpha_r}$ ,  $M = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k$ ,  $N = p_{k+1}^{\alpha_{k+1}} \cdots p_r^{\alpha_r}$ ,  $(M, N) = 1$

With the above lemmas and the orthogonality relation for Character sums modulo  $q$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod q \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} |\tau(\chi)|^m \cdot \left| \sum_{n \leq Q} \chi(n) \right|^2 \cdot \left| \frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi) \right|^2 \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\chi_1 \bmod M \\ \chi_1 \chi_2 \neq \chi_4^0}} \sum_{\chi_2 \bmod N} |\tau(\chi_1 \chi_2)|^m \cdot \left| \sum_{n \leq Q} \chi_1 \chi_2(n) \right|^2 \cdot \left| \frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi_1 \chi_2) \right|^2 \\ &= \sum_{\chi_1 \bmod M} \sum_{\chi_2 \bmod N}^* |\tau(\chi_1)|^m N^{\frac{m}{2}} \cdot \left| \sum_{n \leq Q} \chi_1 \chi_2(n) \right|^2 \cdot \left| \frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi_1 \chi_2) \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{d|M} d^{\frac{m}{2}} N^{\frac{m}{2}} \sum_{\chi_1 \bmod d}^* \sum_{\chi_2 \bmod N}^* \left| \sum_{n \leq Q} \chi_1 \chi_2 \chi_M^0(n) \right|^2 \cdot \left| \frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi_1 \chi_2 \chi_M^0) \right|^2 \\
 &= \sum_{d|M} d^{\frac{m}{2}} N^{\frac{m}{2}} \sum_{\chi \bmod Nd}^* \left| \sum_{n \leq Q} \chi \chi_M^0(n) \right|^2 \cdot \left| \frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi \chi_M^0) \right|^2 \\
 &= \sum_{d|M} d^{\frac{m}{2}} N^{\frac{m}{2}} \sum_{n \leq Q} \sum_{k \leq Q} \sum_{\chi \bmod Nd}^* \chi \chi_M^0(n\bar{k}) \cdot \left| \frac{L'}{L}(1, \chi \chi_M^0) \right|^2 \\
 &= \frac{\phi(q)\phi^2(N)}{q} Q N^{\frac{m}{2}-1} C \prod_{p|M} \left( p^{\frac{m}{2}+1} - 2p^{\frac{m}{2}+1} + 1 \right) \\
 &+ O\left(2^{\omega(q)} q^{\frac{m}{2}+\epsilon}\right) + O\left(Q^2 q^{\frac{m}{2}+\epsilon}\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

here we used

$$\sum_{d|M} d^{\frac{m}{2}} J(d) = \prod_{p|M} \sum_{j=0}^1 (p^j)^{\frac{m}{2}} J(p^j) = \prod_{p|M} \left( p^{\frac{m}{2}+1} - 2p^{\frac{m}{2}} + 1 \right).$$

This completes the proof of Theorem.

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