

# On the Generalized Kloosterman Sums\*

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Let  $q$  be a positive integer,  $\chi \pmod q$  be the Dirichlet character as usual. If  $a$  and  $b$  are the integers, the Kloosterman sums with character  $\chi \pmod q$  is defined by

$$S_\chi(a, b, q) = \sum_{x \pmod q} \chi(x) e\left(\frac{ax + b\bar{x}}{q}\right) \tag{1}$$

where  $x\bar{x} \equiv 1 \pmod q$  and  $e(\mathbb{T}) = e^{2i\mathbb{T}}$  for real  $\mathbb{T}$ . If  $\chi = \chi_0$  is the trivial character, then  $S_{\chi_0}(a, b, q)$  is known as the classical Kloosterman sums and we have Weil-Esternan type bound as follows

$$|S_{\chi_0}(a, b, q)| \leq d(q) q^{\frac{1}{2}} (a, b, q)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tag{2}$$

where  $d(q)$  is the number of positive divisors of  $q$ . For the generalized Kloosterman sums, some scholars such as Selberg<sup>[1]</sup>, Iwaniec<sup>[2]</sup> and Duke, Friedlander and Iwaniec<sup>[3]</sup> used the same estimate for  $S_\chi(a, b, q)$ .

This paper proves the Weil-Esternan type bound is not correct for the generalized Kloosterman sums, and gets the condition for the estimate.

To state the main result, we need a notation of local order for the character  $\chi \pmod q$ . For any character  $\chi$ , there exists a smallest positive integer  $n$  such that  $\chi^n = \chi_0$ , we call  $n$  is the order of  $\chi$ . Let  $q = p_1^{t_1} \cdots p_s^{t_s}$ , then  $\chi = \chi_1 \chi_2 \cdots \chi_s$ , where  $\chi_j \pmod{q_j^{t_j}}$  is the character, it is easy to see that  $\text{ord } \chi_j \mid h(p_j^{t_j}) = p_j^{t_j-1}(p_j-1)$ , so we define the local order of  $\chi$  on  $p_j^{t_j}$  by the following formula

$$N(\chi, p_j^{t_j}) = (\text{ord } \chi_j, p_j^{t_j}) \tag{3}$$

The main results of this paper is the following theorem.

**Theorem** Let  $q$  be a positive integer,  $\chi \pmod q$  be the Dirichlet character, then we have

(i) If  $q = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s$  is a square-free number, then for all  $S_\chi(a, b, q)$  we have uniformly

$$|S_\chi(a, b, q)| \leq d(q) q^{\frac{1}{2}} (a, b, q)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tag{4}$$

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(ii) For all  $p_j^T \parallel q$  with  $T_j > 1$ , if  $N(i, p_j^T)(a, b, p_j^T) < p_j^{T-1}$ , then we have

$$|S_i(a, b, q)| \leq d(q) q^{\frac{1}{2}} (a, b, q)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (5)$$

(iii) If  $i \neq i_0$  and there exists  $p_j^T \parallel q$  such that  $N(i, p_j^T)(a, b, p_j^T) \geq p_j^T$ , then

$$S_i(a, b, q) = 0 \quad (6)$$

(iv) If  $(a, b, q) > 1$ , then for all  $i \pmod q$  primitive we have

$$S_i(a, b, q) = 0 \quad (7)$$

(v) For any integers  $a$  and  $b$ , there exist many infinite  $q$  such that  $(a, b, q) = 1$  and exist at least a  $i \pmod q$  primitive such that

$$|S_i(a, b, q)| \geq (1 - 1/\sqrt{2})q^{\frac{2}{3}} \quad (8)$$

The conclusion (i) of theorem is due to Chowla<sup>[4]</sup>, in which he proved that Weil bound is true for all  $S_i(a, b, q)$  when  $q$  is prime number or this sums is defined over any finite fields.

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## 关于一般的 Kloosterman和

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**摘要** 在整数环上研究一般的 Kloosterman和, 给出其下界估计, 否定了 Iwaniec 等人的上界结果, 同时在一定条件下证明了 Weil-Esterman 上界的存在时, 将 Kloosterman和与 Salé 和的经典结果进一步予以扩张.

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