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Mean squares of long Dirichlet polynomials with the divisor function $\tau_2(n)$

In this talk, I report on a joint work with Nathan Ng. We prove an asymptotic formula for mean values of long Dirichlet polynomials with coefficients $\tau_2(n)$. This establishes a special case of a conjecture of Conrey and Gonek (1998) that gives an asymptotic estimate for the mean square of the Dirichlet polynomial associated with the divisor function $\tau_k(n)$. Our asymptotic formula has all lower order terms with a power savings error term.