

# Relations between Fourier coefficients of automorphic forms with applications to vanishing and Eulerianity

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Coefficients that are both neutral and Whittaker are Eulerian by local uniqueness of Whittaker models.

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Cf.  $\theta$ , Stone-von-Neumann thm, Poisson summation formula.

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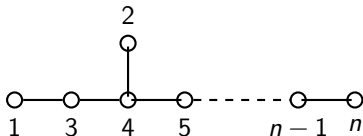
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