This article reviews applications of the Rankin-Selberg method in number theory to the computation of one-loop modular integrals in string theory, initiated by Angelantonj, Florakis and Pioline in [1]. This new method, contrary to previously known approaches, makes T-duality manifest throughout the computation. To survey recent results of the new method, the author presents various examples of the applications of the Rankin-Selberg method to closed string amplitudes, utilizing non-holomorphic Eisenstein series. The contents are highly technical and would be hard reading without proper understandings of the related subjects. The article also includes applications to the calculation of higher-loop modular integrals in string theory. It is recommendable for interested readers to see a recent review on this particular topic as well [2].

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