

RENEWAL THEOREMS FOR SOME WEIGHTED RENEWAL FUNCTIONS

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1. Introduction

Let X, X_1, X_2, \dots be a family of integer valued, independent and identically distributed random variables with positive mean μ and finite (positive) variance σ . Let $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$. The asymptotic behaviour of the weighted sum

$$(1.1) \quad R(k) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n P(S_n = k)$$

has been investigated in a paper of Galambos, Indlekofer and Kátai [1]. In the special case $a_n = \tau_r(n)$, the number of solutions of the equation $n = n_1 n_2 \dots n_r$ in positive integers n_j , $1 \leq j \leq r$, $R(k)$ becomes the renewal function $Q(k)$ for a random walk in r dimensional time whose terms are distributed as X . This special (important!) case has been investigated earlier by Maejima and Mori [2], Ney and Wainger [3] and Galambos and Kátai [4].

The main results proved in [1] are the following.

Assume that $a_n \geq 0$, $a_n = \mathcal{O}(n^\varepsilon)$, for every $\varepsilon > 0$. Let us assume that, with some positive constants c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 the inequalities

$$(1.2) \quad c_1 h L(x) \leq A(x+h) - A(x) \leq c_2 h L(x)$$

and

$$(1.3) \quad c_3 \leq \frac{L(h)}{L(x)} \leq c_4$$

hold with a positive function $L(x)$ for all $x \geq 1$ and $\sqrt{x} \leq h \leq x$.

Let

$$(1.4) \quad R_1(k) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \varphi_n(k),$$

where

$$(1.5) \quad \varphi_n(k) = \varphi_n(k; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi n}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\xi_{n,k}^2\right)$$

with

$$\xi_{n,k} = \frac{n\mu - k}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}.$$

Theorem A. *Assume that X and a_n satisfy the conditions related above hold true. Then*

$$(1.6) \quad R(k) = R_1(k) + o(R_1(k)) \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

Furthermore, with suitable positive constants c_5 and c_6 ,

$$(1.7) \quad c_5 \leq \frac{R_1(k)}{L(k)} \leq c_6.$$

Theorem B. *Let $a_n \geq 0$, $a_n = \mathcal{O}(n^\varepsilon)$ for every $\varepsilon > 0$. Let $L(x)$ be a positive function for which (1.3) holds. Furthermore assume that $A(x) < cxL(x)$ with some positive constants c and that the lower inequality of (1.2) is valid. Let X satisfy the conditions of Theorem A as well as the condition $\int_{|x| \geq z} x^2 dF(x) = \mathcal{O}(z^{-a})$ with a suitable constant $0 < a < 1$, where $F(x)$ is the distribution function of X . Then (1.6) holds.*

Theorem C. *Let a_n be as in Theorem B, furthermore assume that (1.2) and (1.3) hold. Furthermore assume that there exists a positive function $\varrho(x)$, tending to zero monotonically, such that*

$$(1.8) \quad (A(x+h) - A(x))/hL^*(x) \rightarrow 1 \quad (\text{as } x \rightarrow \infty)$$

uniformly in $h \in (\varrho(x)\sqrt{x}, \sqrt{x})$, where $L^*(x)$ is a very slowly varying function in the sense that, as $x \rightarrow \infty$,

$$(1.9) \quad L^*(Y(x))/L^*(x) \rightarrow 1, \quad \text{whenever } \frac{\log Y(x)}{\log x} \rightarrow 1.$$

Then, as $k \rightarrow \infty$,

$$(1.10) \quad \frac{R_1(k)}{\frac{1}{\mu} L^*\left(\frac{k}{\mu}\right)} \rightarrow 1 \quad (k \rightarrow \infty).$$

In the next section we shall give some examples of a_n originated by some functions defined on the lattice points for which the above conditions assumed in Theorem A, B, C hold.

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2.1.

Let

$$(2.1) \quad \varepsilon(x) = (\log \log x)^{-\frac{1}{5}} (\log x)^{\frac{3}{5}}.$$

Theorem 1. *Let $\alpha(m)$ ($m = 1, 2, \dots$) be such a sequence of real numbers for which $\alpha(m) = \mathcal{O}(\tau_3(m))$, and*

$$(2.2) \quad E(x) = \sum_{m \leq x} \alpha(m) \ll x \exp(-c\varepsilon(x))$$

holds with a positive constant c .

Let

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{cases} a_N^{(1)} := \sum_{N=nm^2} \tau(n)\alpha(m), \\ a_N^{(2)} := \sum_{N=nm^2} \tau_3(n)\alpha(m). \end{cases}$$

Let

$$(2.4) \quad A^{(1)}(x) = \sum_{N \leq x} a_N^{(1)}, \quad A^{(2)}(x) = \sum_{N \leq x} a_N^{(2)}.$$

Then

$$(2.5) \quad A^{(1)}(x) = A_1 x \log x + A_2 x + \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{x} \exp(-c\varepsilon(x)))$$

and

$$(2.6) \quad A^{(2)}(x) = A_3 x (\log x)^2 + A_4 x \log x + A_5 x + \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{x} \exp(-c\varepsilon(x)))$$

where A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5 are constants.

Proof of Theorem 1.

Lemma 1. *From (2.2) we have*

$$(2.7) \quad \sum_{m \geq z} \frac{\alpha(m)}{m^2} \ll \frac{1}{z} \exp(-c_1 \varepsilon(z)),$$

$$(2.8) \quad \sum_{m \geq z} \frac{\alpha(m)(\log m)^l}{m^2} \ll \frac{1}{z} \exp\left(\frac{-c_1}{2} \varepsilon(z)\right) \quad l = 1, 2, \dots$$

where $c_1 > 0$ is a suitable constant.

Proof of Lemma 1. The left hand side of (2.7) is

$$\int_z^\infty \frac{dE(u)}{u^2} = \frac{E(u)}{u^2} \Big|_z^\infty + 2 \int_z^\infty \frac{E(u)}{u^3} du \ll \frac{1}{z} \exp(-c_1 \varepsilon(z))$$

i.e. (2.7) is true. The proof of (2.8) is similar, we omit it.

We shall prove (2.6).

Let $A^{(2)}(x) = \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 - \Sigma_3$, where

$$(2.9) \quad \Sigma_1 = \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{Y}} \alpha(m) \left\{ \sum_{\nu \leq \frac{x}{m^2}} \tau_3(\nu) \right\} = \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{Y}} \alpha(m) T_3\left(\frac{x}{m^2}\right),$$

$$(2.10) \quad \Sigma_2 = \sum_{\nu \leq \frac{x}{Y}} \tau_3(\nu) E\left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{\nu}}\right),$$

$$(2.11) \quad \Sigma_3 = E(\sqrt{Y}) T_3\left(\frac{x}{Y}\right),$$

$$(2.12) \quad Y = x \exp(-c_1 \varepsilon(x))$$

and

$$(2.13) \quad T_3(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \tau_3(n).$$

Let

$$P(t) = \frac{1}{2}t^2 + (3\gamma - 1)t + (3\gamma^2 - 3\gamma + 3\gamma_1 + 1) = a_2 t^2 + a_1 t + a_0,$$

where γ and γ_1 are given from the Laurent expansion of $\zeta(s)$ around $s = 1$:

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + \gamma + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \gamma_k (s-1)^k.$$

According to the result of G. Kolesnik [5], (see A. Ivič [6])

$$(2.14) \quad |T_3(x) - xP(\log x)| \ll x^{\frac{43}{96} + \varepsilon}$$

for every $\varepsilon > 0$. Let $\theta = \frac{43}{96} + \varepsilon (< \frac{1}{2})$.

We have

$$(2.15) \quad \Sigma_1 = \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{Y}} \frac{\alpha(m)x}{m^2} P\left(\log \frac{x}{m^2}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(x^\theta \cdot \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{Y}} \frac{|\alpha(m)|}{m^{2\theta}}\right) = \Sigma_{1,1} + \Sigma_{1,2}.$$

Since

$$\sum_{m \leq \sqrt{Y}} \frac{|\alpha(m)|}{m^{2\theta}} \leq c \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{Y}} \frac{\tau_3(m)}{m^{2\theta}} \ll Y^{\frac{1-2\theta}{2}} (\log x)^2,$$

therefore the error term $\Sigma_{1,2}$ in (2.15) is $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{x} \exp(-c_1 \varepsilon(x)))$.

Let us write

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{1,1} &= x \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{Y}} \frac{\alpha(m)}{m^2} \left\{ a_2 \left(\log \frac{x}{m^2}\right)^2 + a_1 \left(\log \frac{x}{m^2}\right) + a_0 \right\} = \\ &= x \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{Y}} \frac{\alpha(m)}{m^2} \left\{ P(\log x) + (-2a_2 \log m + a_1) \log x + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \{2(\log m)^2 - 2a_1 \log m\} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

From the conditions on $\alpha(m)$, and from Lemma 1 we obtain that

$$\Sigma_{1,1} = a_4 x (\log x)^2 + a_5 x (\log x) + a_6 x + \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{x} \exp(-c_1 \varepsilon(x)))$$

holds with suitable constants a_4, a_5, a_6 , furthermore $a_4 = \frac{1}{4}$.

Now we estimate the sum Σ_2 .

We have

$$\sum_{U \leq \nu \leq 2U} \frac{\tau_3(\nu)}{\sqrt{\nu}} \ll \sqrt{U} \log U.$$

From (2.2),

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_2 &\leq \sum_{\nu \leq \frac{x}{Y}} \tau_3(\nu) \left(\frac{x}{\nu}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-c\varepsilon\left(\frac{x}{\nu}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) = c \sum_{t \geq 0} \sum_{\nu \in J_t}, \\ J_t &= \left[\frac{x}{Y} \cdot 2^{-t-1}, \frac{x}{Y} \cdot 2^{-t}\right]. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\sqrt{x} \cdot \sum_{\nu \in J_t} \frac{\tau_3(\nu)}{\sqrt{\nu}} \exp(-c\varepsilon(2^t Y)) \ll \sqrt{x} \cdot \left(\frac{x}{Y} 2^{-t}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (\log x) \exp(-c\varepsilon(2^t Y)),$$

therefore

$$\Sigma_2 \ll \frac{x \log x}{\sqrt{Y}} \sum_t \exp(-c\varepsilon(2^t Y)) \ll \sqrt{x} \exp(-c_2\varepsilon(x)),$$

if $0 < c_2$ is small enough.

Finally,

$$\Sigma_3 \ll \sqrt{Y} \exp(-c_1\varepsilon(x)) \cdot \left(\frac{x}{Y} \log^2 \frac{x}{Y} \right) \ll \sqrt{x} \exp(-c_3\varepsilon(x)),$$

with some $c_3 > 0$.

The proof of (2.6) is completed. ■

Remark. The proof of (2.5) is similar. Instead of $T_3(x)$ we have to take

$$T_2(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \tau(n),$$

and instead of $\tau_3(n)$ the function $\tau(n)$.

It is known that

$$|T_2(x) - x(\log x + (2\gamma - 1))| \leq cx^{\frac{35}{108}} \cdot \log^2 x.$$

We omit the details.

2.2.

Let $\zeta(s)$ be the Riemann zeta function. Then

$$(2.16) \quad \frac{1}{\zeta(s)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s},$$

where μ is the Möbius function. μ is multiplicative $\mu(p) = -1$, $\mu(p^a) = 0$ ($a = 2, 3, \dots$) for primes p .

Lemma 2. *Let*

$$(2.17) \quad \frac{1}{\zeta(s)^l} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\nu_l(n)}{n^s} \quad (l = 1, 2, \dots),$$

$$(2.18) \quad N_l(x) = \sum_{\nu \leq x} \nu_l(n).$$

For every fixed $l \in \mathbb{N}$

$$(2.19) \quad N_l(x) \ll x \exp(-c_l\varepsilon(x)),$$

where c_l is a positive, suitable constant.

Proof. We can follow the argument used by A. Ivič. According to Lemma 12.3 in [6] (page 310) there is an absolute constant $C > 0$ such that

$$(2.20) \quad \frac{1}{\zeta(s)} = \mathcal{O}\left((\log T)^{\frac{2}{3}} (\log \log T)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)$$

in the region ($s = \sigma + it$)

$$(2.21) \quad \sigma \geq 1 - \frac{c}{(\log t)^{\frac{2}{3}} (\log \log t)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \quad T_0 \leq t \leq T$$

and $\zeta(s) \neq 0$ in (2.21). We note that this assertion is a very deep result due to N.M. Korobov and I.M. Vinogradov (see [6]).

By using the Perron-formula,

$$N_l(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{1+\frac{1}{\log x}-iT}^{1+\frac{1}{\log x}+iT} \frac{x^s}{s\zeta^l(s)} ds + \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{x}),$$

if $T \geq x^2$, $x = [x] + \frac{1}{2}$.

See e.g. in K. Prachar [7], Appendix §3. Transforming the integration line as Ivič did (see page 314), we obtain Lemma 2. ■

2.3.

Let D be the set of those lattice points n_1, n_2, n_3 for which $n_1, n_2, n_3 \in \mathbb{N}$ and n_1, n_2, n_3 are square-free numbers.

Let $A_D(x) := \#\{(n_1, n_2, n_3) \in D \mid n_1 n_2 n_3 \leq x\}$. Since $\frac{\zeta(s)}{\zeta(2s)} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{|\mu(n)|}{n^s}$, therefore

$$\left(\frac{\zeta(s)}{\zeta(2s)}\right)^3 = \zeta(s)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{\zeta(2s)^3} = \left\{ \sum \frac{\tau_3(n)}{n^s} \right\} \left\{ \sum \frac{\nu_3(n)}{n^{2s}} \right\}.$$

Since the conditions for $\alpha(m) = \nu_3(m)$ in Theorem 1 hold, therefore for $A_D(x)$ ($= A^{(2)}(x)$) the relation (2.6) is true. A_3, A_4, A_5 are suitable constants.

Corollary 1. *Let*

$$R_D(k) = \sum_{(n_1, n_2, n_3) \in D} P(S_{n_1 n_2 n_3} = k).$$

Assume that the conditions stated for X in Theorem A hold true. Then

$$\frac{Q(k)}{\frac{1}{\mu} P\left(\log \frac{k}{\mu}\right)} \rightarrow 1 \quad (k \rightarrow \infty)$$

where $P(u) = A_3u^2 + A_4u + A_5$, A_3, A_4, A_5 are computed from $A^{(2)}(x)$ in the case $A^{(2)}(x) = A_D(x)$.

Remarks. We can prove similar theorems

- (i) for the subset of lattice points (n_1, n_2, n_3) such that n_1, n_2 run over the square-free positive numbers, and n_3 over all positive integers;
- (ii) for the subset of lattice points (n_1, n_2, n_3) such that n_1 runs over the positive square-free numbers, $n_2, n_3 \in \mathbb{N}$;
- (iii) for $D = \{(n_1, n_2) | n_1, n_2 \text{ are square-free}\}$;
- (iv) for $D = \{(n_1, n_2) | n_1 \text{ square-free, } n_2 \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

3.

Let $M_1, M_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, $(0 \leq) l_1 < \dots < l_T (\leq M_1)$, $(0 \leq) k_1 < \dots < k_R (\leq M_2)$, $GCD(l_j, M_1) = 1$ ($j = 1, \dots, T$), $GCD(k_l, M_2) = 1$ ($l = 1, \dots, R$).

Let $D = \left\{ (n, m) \left| \begin{array}{l} n \equiv l_\nu \pmod{M_1}, \quad \nu = 1, \dots, T \\ m \equiv k_\mu \pmod{M_2}, \quad \mu = 1, \dots, R \end{array} \right. \right\}$,

$$A_D(x) = \sum_{\substack{nm \leq x \\ (n, m) \in D}} 1.$$

Theorem 2. We have

$$(3.1) \quad A_D(x) = A_5 x \log x + A_6 x + \mathcal{O}\left(x^{\frac{1}{3}} (\log x)^A\right).$$

Consequently, if

$$(3.2) \quad Q_D(k) = \sum_{(n_1, n_2) \in D} P(S_{n_1, n_2} = k),$$

and the conditions of Theorem A hold true, then

$$(3.3) \quad \frac{Q_D(k)}{\frac{1}{\mu} \log \frac{k}{\mu}} \rightarrow 1 \quad (k \rightarrow \infty).$$

The proof of (3.1) can be done by the standard method used for proving that $\sum_{n \leq x} \tau(n) - x(\log x + (2\gamma - 1)) = \mathcal{O}\left(x^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)$. See e.g. E. Krätzel [8]. (3.3) is a consequence of (3.1) of Theorem A.

4.

4.1.

Let $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, $0 \leq \beta < 1$,

$$D(x) = \# \{(n, m) \in \mathbb{N}^2, (n + \alpha)(m + \beta) \leq x\}.$$

Theorem 3. *We have*

$$D(x) = x \log x + c(\alpha, \beta)x + R_x(\alpha, \beta)\sqrt{x} + \mathcal{O}\left(x^{\frac{1}{3}}(\log x)^2\right),$$

where $c(\alpha, \beta)$ and $R_x(\alpha, \beta)$ are defined in the end of the proof. $R_x(\alpha, \beta)$ is bounded.

Proof. Let $\psi(u) = \{u\} - \frac{1}{2}$. Then $[u] = (u - \frac{1}{2}) - (\{u\} - \frac{1}{2}) = (u - \frac{1}{2}) - \psi(u)$.

Let us write $D(x) = \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 - \Sigma_3$, where

$$\Sigma_1 = \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x} - \alpha} [\varphi(n) - \beta], \quad \varphi(n) = \frac{x}{n + \alpha},$$

$$\Sigma_2 = \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{x} - \beta} [\varphi^*(m) - \alpha], \quad \varphi^*(m) = \frac{x}{m + \beta},$$

$$\Sigma_3 = \#\{n | n \leq \sqrt{x} - \alpha\} \cdot \#\{m | m \leq \sqrt{x} - \beta\}. \quad \blacksquare$$

Lemma 3 (Theorem 2.2 in E. Krätzel [8]). *Let $f(t)$ be a real function in $[a, b]$, twice continuously differentiable, and let $|f''(t)| \geq \lambda_2 > 0$. Then*

$$\sum_{a < n \leq b} \psi(f(n)) \ll \frac{|f'(b) - f'(a)|}{\lambda_2^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}}.$$

Lemma 4 (Theorem 2.3 in E. Krätzel [8]). *Let $f(t)$ be a real function in $[a, b]$, twice continuously differentiable. Let $f''(t)$ be monotonic and b either positive or negative throughout. Then*

$$\sum_{a < n \leq b} \psi(f(n)) \ll \int_a^b |f''(t)|^{\frac{1}{3}} dt + \frac{1}{\sqrt{|f''(a)|}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{|f''(b)|}}.$$

Estimation of Σ_1 .

We shall write $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_A - \Sigma_B$, where

$$\Sigma_A = \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x} - \alpha} \left(\varphi(n) - \beta - \frac{1}{2} \right), \quad \Sigma_B = \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x} - \alpha} \psi(\varphi(n) - \beta)$$

$$\Sigma_A = \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x} - \alpha} \varphi(n) - (\beta + 1) [\sqrt{x} - \alpha].$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x} - \alpha} \frac{1}{n + \alpha} &= \int_{1-0}^{\sqrt{x} - \alpha} \frac{d([u] - \frac{1}{2})}{u + \alpha} = \int_{1-0}^{\sqrt{x} - \alpha} \frac{d(u - \frac{1}{2})}{u + \alpha} - \int_{1-0}^{\sqrt{x} - \alpha} \frac{d\psi(u)}{u + \alpha} \\ &= \log \sqrt{x} - \log(1 + \alpha) - \frac{\psi(u)}{u + \alpha} \Big|_1^{\sqrt{x} - \alpha} + \int_{1-0}^{\sqrt{x} - \alpha} \frac{\psi(u)}{(u + \alpha)^2} du. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x} - \alpha} \frac{1}{n + \alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \log x + C_0(\alpha) - \frac{\psi(\sqrt{x} - \alpha)}{\sqrt{x}} - \int_{\sqrt{x} - \alpha}^{\infty} \frac{\psi(u)}{(u + \alpha)^2} du$$

where

$$C_0(\alpha) = -\log(1 + \alpha) + \int_{1-0}^{\infty} \frac{\psi(u)}{(u + \alpha)^2} du.$$

Let

$$\sigma(x|\alpha) = \frac{\psi(\sqrt{x} - \alpha)}{\sqrt{x}} + \int_{\sqrt{x} - \alpha}^{\infty} \frac{\psi(u)}{(u + \alpha)^2} du.$$

Observe that $\sigma(x|\alpha)\sqrt{x} = \mathcal{O}(1)$.

Then

$$\Sigma_A = \frac{x}{2} \log x + xC_0(\alpha) - x\sigma(x|\alpha).$$

To estimate Σ_B we shall use Lemma 4.

We have $\varphi'(u) = \frac{-x}{(u+\alpha)^2}$, $\varphi''(u) = \frac{2x}{(u+\alpha)^3}$. Let us apply Lemma 4 with $[a, b] = [U, 2U]$, where $2U \leq \sqrt{x} - \alpha$. Then

$$\sum_{U \leq n \leq 2U} \psi(\varphi(n)) \ll \int_U^{2U} \left(\frac{x}{u^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} du + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{x}{U^3}}} \ll x^{\frac{1}{3}} \log U + \frac{U^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{x}}.$$

Doing this with $U = (\sqrt{x} - \alpha) \cdot 2^{-l}$ ($l = 1, 2, \dots, l_0$) where l_0 is the smallest integer for which $(\sqrt{x} - \alpha) \cdot 2^{-l_0} \leq x^{\frac{1}{3}}$, we have

$$\sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x} - \alpha} \psi(\varphi(n)) \ll x^{\frac{1}{3}} (\log x)^2.$$

Thus we have

$$\Sigma_1 = \frac{x}{2} \log x + xC_0(\alpha) - x\sigma(x|\alpha) - \left(\beta + \frac{1}{2}\right) x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \mathcal{O}\left(x^{\frac{1}{3}}(\log x)^2\right).$$

Estimation of Σ_2 . Completely analogously, we have

$$\Sigma_2 = \frac{x}{2} \log x + xC_0(\beta) - x\sigma(x|\beta) - \left(\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\right) x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \mathcal{O}\left(x^{\frac{1}{3}}(\log x)^2\right).$$

Estimation of Σ_3 .

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_3 &= \left(\sqrt{x} - \alpha - \frac{1}{2} - \psi(\sqrt{x} - \alpha)\right) \left(\sqrt{x} - \beta - \frac{1}{2} - \psi(\sqrt{x} - \beta)\right) = \\ &= x - \sqrt{x} \{\alpha + \beta + 1 + \psi(\sqrt{x} - \alpha) + \psi(\sqrt{x} - \beta)\} + \mathcal{O}(1). \end{aligned}$$

Collecting our inequalities we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(x) &= x \log x + x\{C_0(\alpha) + C_0(\beta) - 1\} + \\ &\quad + \sqrt{x} \{\alpha + \beta + 1 + \psi(\sqrt{x} - \alpha) + \psi(\sqrt{x} - \beta) - \\ &\quad - \alpha - \beta - 1 - \sqrt{x}(\sigma(x|\alpha) + \sigma(x|\beta))\} + \mathcal{O}(1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus our theorem holds with

$$\begin{aligned} c(\alpha, \beta) &= C_0(\alpha) + C_0(\beta) - 1, \\ R_x(\alpha, \beta) &= \psi(\sqrt{x} - \alpha) + \psi(\sqrt{x} - \beta) + \sqrt{x}\sigma(x|\alpha) + \sqrt{x}\sigma(x|\beta), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C_0(\alpha) &= -\log(1 + \alpha) + \int_1^\infty \frac{\psi(u)}{(u + \alpha)^2} du, \\ R_x(\alpha, \beta) &= -\sqrt{x} \left\{ \int_{\sqrt{x} - \alpha}^\infty \frac{\psi(u)}{(u + \alpha)^2} du + \int_{\sqrt{x} - \beta}^\infty \frac{\psi(u)}{(u + \beta)^2} du \right\} = \\ &= -\sqrt{x} \int_{\sqrt{x}}^\infty \frac{\psi(u - \alpha) + \psi(u - \beta)}{u^2} du. \end{aligned}$$

The theorem is proved. ■

Remark. $R_x(\alpha, \beta)$ is not constant, $\limsup |R_x(\alpha, \beta)| > 0$, $R_x(\alpha, \beta)$ is bounded in x .

4.2.

Let $E = \{e_1 < e_2 < \dots\}$, $F = \{f_1 < f_2 < \dots\}$, $E(x) := \#\{e \in E \mid e \leq x\}$, $F(x) = \#\{f \in F \mid f \leq x\}$. Let $D = \{(e, f) \mid e \in E, f \in F\}$, $A_D(x) = \#\{(e, f) \in D \mid ef \leq x\}$.

Theorem 4. *Assume that*

$$E(x) = c_1 x + \mathcal{O}(x^\alpha), \quad F(x) = c_2 x + \mathcal{O}(x^\beta),$$

where c_1, c_2 are positive constants, $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$, $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$. Then

$$A_D(x) = c_3 x \log x + c_4 x + \mathcal{O}(x^\gamma),$$

$$c_3 = c_1 c_2, \quad \gamma = \max \left\{ \frac{\alpha + 1}{2}, \frac{\beta + 1}{2} \right\},$$

c_4 is a calculable constant.

Proof. We shall start from the formula

$$A_D(x) = \sum_{f_\mu \leq \sqrt{x}} E\left(\frac{x}{f_\mu}\right) + \sum_{e_\nu \leq \sqrt{x}} F\left(\frac{x}{e_\nu}\right) - E(\sqrt{x})F(\sqrt{x}) + \mathcal{O}(1)$$

$$= \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 - \Sigma_3 + \mathcal{O}(1).$$

We have

$$\Sigma_1 = c_1 x \sum_{f_\mu \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{f_\mu} + \mathcal{O}(x^\alpha) \sum_{f_\mu \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{f_\mu^\alpha}.$$

Let $\Delta(u) := F(u) - c_2 u$.

$$T := \sum_{f_\mu \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{f_\mu} = \int_1^{\sqrt{x}} \frac{dF(u)}{u} = c_2 \int_1^{\sqrt{x}} \frac{du}{u} + \int_1^{\sqrt{x}} \frac{\Delta(u)}{u} =$$

$$= c_2 \log x + \frac{\Delta(u)}{u} \Big|_1^{\sqrt{x}} + \int_1^{\sqrt{x}} \frac{\Delta(u)}{u^2} du.$$

Let $c_4 = -\Delta(1) + \int_1^\infty \frac{\Delta(u)}{u^2} du$.

We have

$$\frac{\Delta(\sqrt{x})}{\sqrt{x}} \ll (\sqrt{x})^{\alpha-1},$$

$$\int_{\sqrt{x}}^\infty \frac{\Delta(u)}{u^2} du \ll \int_{\sqrt{x}}^\infty u^{\alpha-2} du \ll (\sqrt{x})^{\alpha-1},$$

thus

$$Tx = \frac{c_1 c_2}{2} x \log x + c_4 x + \mathcal{O}\left(x^{\frac{\alpha+1}{2}}\right).$$

Furthermore

$$\sum_{f_\mu \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{f_\mu^\alpha} \leq \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{n^\alpha} \leq (\sqrt{x})^{1-\alpha} = x^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{\alpha}{2}}.$$

Hence we obtain that

$$\Sigma_1 = \frac{c_1}{2} x \log x + c_4 x + \mathcal{O}\left(x^{\frac{\alpha+1}{2}}\right).$$

Similarly, we can prove that

$$\Sigma_2 = \frac{c_2}{2} x \log x + c_5 x + \mathcal{O}\left(x^{\frac{\beta+1}{2}}\right).$$

with a numerically calculable constant.

Finally

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_3 &= (c_1 \sqrt{x} + \mathcal{O}\left(x^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}\right)) \left(c_2 \sqrt{x} + \mathcal{O}\left(x^{\frac{\beta}{2}}\right)\right) = \\ &= c_1 c_2 x + \mathcal{O}\left(x^{\frac{1+\alpha}{2}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(x^{\frac{1+\beta}{2}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Collecting our estimations, we obtain our theorem. ■

We can prove similarly

Theorem 5. *Let*

$$E(x) = c_1 x + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon(x)x), \quad F(x) = c_2 x + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon(x)x),$$

$c_1, c_2 > 0$, $\varepsilon(x) \downarrow 0$. *Then*

$$A_D(x) = c_1 c_2 x \log x + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon(\sqrt{x})x \log x)$$

where c_5 is a calculable constant.

5.

Let $\{y\}$ = fractional part of y , $\|y\| = \min_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |x - n|$. Let x_1, \dots, x_N be real numbers, $S(I) = \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ \{x_i\} \in I}}^N 1$, where $I \subseteq [0, 1)$ is an interval.

Let

$$D(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \sup_{I \subseteq [0,1]} \frac{1}{N} |S(I) - \lambda(I)N|,$$

$\lambda(I)$ = length of I .

Let

$$\psi_k = \sum_{j=1}^N e(x_j) \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots), \quad e(x) := e^{2\pi i x}.$$

According to a wellknown theorem due to P. Erdős and P. Turán [9]

$$(5.1) \quad ND(x_1, \dots, x_N) \leq C \left(\sum_{1 \leq k \leq Y} \frac{|\psi_k|}{k} + \frac{N}{Y} \right),$$

where C is an absolute constant, $Y \geq 1$ is an arbitrary number.

Let α be an irrational number, I an interval in $[0, 1)$. Let $\mathcal{A} = \{n \mid \{n\alpha\} \in I\}$, $A(x) = \#\{n \leq x \mid n \in \mathcal{A}\}$. From (5.1) we obtain that

$$(5.2) \quad |A(x) - \lambda(I)x| \leq C \left(2 \sum_{1 \leq k \leq Y} \frac{1}{k} \cdot \frac{1}{\|k\alpha\|} + \frac{x}{Y} \right),$$

since in this case

$$\psi_k = \sum_{1 \leq n \leq x} e(kn\alpha),$$

and so

$$|\psi_k| = \left| \frac{e([x]k\alpha) - 1}{e(k\alpha) - 1} \right| \leq \frac{2}{\|k\alpha\|}.$$

Let $\tau = \sqrt{x}$, and $\frac{A}{Q}$, $(A, Q) = 1$ be such a rational number for which $\left| \alpha - \frac{A}{Q} \right| \leq \frac{1}{Q\tau}$, $Q < \tau$ holds. Choose $Y = Q - 1$. Since $\left| k\alpha - \frac{kA}{Q} \right| < \frac{k}{Q\tau}$, therefore $\|k\alpha\| > \frac{1}{2Q}$, and so $\frac{1}{\|k\alpha\|} \leq \frac{2Q}{1}$, thus

$$|A(x) - \lambda(I)x| \leq C \left(\frac{x}{Q} + 4Q \sum_{1 \leq k \leq Y} \frac{1}{k} \right) \leq C \left(\frac{x}{Q} + 4Q \log Q \right).$$

Lemma 5. *Let $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ be an irrational number, such that $\|k\alpha\| > \frac{1}{k^{1+\kappa}}$ ($k \in \mathbb{N}$), where κ is a fixed positive number. Let I be a subinterval in $[0, 1)$, \mathcal{A} and $A(x)$ be as above. Then*

$$(5.3) \quad |A(x) - \lambda(I)x| \leq Cx^{1-\frac{1}{2(1+\kappa)}}.$$

Proof. Since Q , defined earlier satisfies $\frac{1}{Q^{1+\kappa}} < |Q\alpha - A| \leq \frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$, we have $Q > x^{\frac{1}{2(1+\kappa)}}$. From Theorem 4 and Lemma 5 the following assertion is straightforward. ■

Theorem 6. Let α, β be irrational numbers, $\|k\alpha\|k^{1+\kappa_1} \geq 1$, $\|k\beta\|k^{1+\kappa_2} \geq 1$ ($k \in \mathbb{N}$). Let I, J be subintervals in $[0, 1)$,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A} &= \{n | \{n\alpha\} \in I\}, & \mathcal{B} &= \{m | \{m\beta\} \in J\}, \\ A(x) &= \#\{n \leq x | n \in \mathcal{A}\}, & B(x) &= \#\{m \leq x | m \in \mathcal{B}\}, \\ D(x) &= \#\{(n, m) | nm \leq x, n \in \mathcal{A}, m \in \mathcal{B}\}.\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}A(x) &= \lambda(I)x + \mathcal{O}\left(x^{1-\frac{1}{2(1+\kappa_1)}}\right), \\ B(x) &= \lambda(J)x + \mathcal{O}\left(x^{1-\frac{1}{2(1+\kappa_2)}}\right)\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$D(x) = \lambda(I)\lambda(J)x \log x + cx + \mathcal{O}(x^\gamma),$$

where c is a calculable constant,

$$\gamma = \max\left(1 - \frac{1}{4(1+\kappa_1)}, 1 - \frac{1}{4(1+\kappa_2)}\right).$$

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