

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE VALUES OF  
 $q$ -ADDITIVE FUNCTIONS  
ON SOME MULTIPLICATIVE SEMIGROUPS II.**

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**Abstract.** In [1] we investigated the distribution of the values of  $q$ -additive functions defined on multiplicative semigroups which are generated by an infinite sequence of primes satisfying Wirsing's condition. In this work we extend our investigations started in [1] to polynomial sequences of such semigroups and its subsets which contain integers with a given number of prime divisors.

## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1.**

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$\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$  are the sets of natural, real, complex numbers, respectively.  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Let  $e(x) := e^{2\pi ix}$ ;  $\omega(n)$  = number of distinct prime divisor of  $n$ ;  $\Omega(n)$  = number of prime power divisors of  $n$ . Let  $\{x\}$  = fractional part of  $n$ ,  $\|x\| = \min(\{x\}, 1 - \{x\})$ . For the sake of brevity let  $x_1 = \log x$ ,  $x_2 = \log x_1$ , and in general, let  $x_{k+1} = \log x_k$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ). Let  $\gamma$  be the Euler's constant,  $\Gamma$  be the gamma function and

$$\Phi(x) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-u^2/2} du.$$

### 1.2.

Let  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $q \geq 2$  be fixed,  $E = \{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}$ . The  $q$ -ary expansion of  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  is defined by

$$(1.1) \quad n = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j(n)q^j, \quad a_j(n) \in E.$$

A function  $f : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be  $q$ -additive, if  $f(0) = 0$  and

$$(1.2) \quad f(n) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f(a_j(n)q^j), \quad a_j(n) \in E.$$

Let  $\mathcal{A}_q$  be the set of  $q$ -additive functions. Let  $N(= N_x) = \left\lceil \frac{\log x}{\log q} \right\rceil$ ,

$$(1.3) \quad m_k = \frac{1}{q} \sum_{b \in E} f(bq^k), \quad \sigma_k^2 = \frac{1}{q} \sum_{b \in E} f^2(bq^k) - m_k^2,$$

$$(1.4) \quad M(x) = \sum_{k=0}^N m_k, \quad D^2(x) = \sum_{k=0}^N \sigma_k^2.$$

### 1.3.

Let

$$(1.5) \quad \nu_x(n) := \frac{f(n) - M(x)}{D(x)}.$$

In our recent paper [1] we proved the following

**Theorem A.** Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be an infinite sequence of primes, satisfying

$$(1.6) \quad \pi_{\mathcal{P}}(x) := \#\{p \leq x \mid p \in \mathcal{P}\} = (\tau + o(1)) \frac{x}{\log x} \quad (x \rightarrow \infty),$$

where  $\tau > 0$  is a constant. Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be the multiplicative semigroup generated by the elements of  $\mathcal{P}$ ,

$$(N_{\mathcal{P}}(x) =) N(x) := \#\{n \leq x, n \in \mathcal{N}\}.$$

Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_q$ ,  $f(bq^j) = \mathcal{O}(1)$  as  $b \in E$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Assume that  $D(x)/\log^\lambda x \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x$  tends to infinity for some  $\lambda > 0$ . Let

$$(1.7) \quad F_x(y) := \frac{1}{N(x)} \#\{\nu_x(n) < y, n \leq x, n \in \mathcal{N}\}.$$

Then

$$(1.8) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_x(y) = \Phi(y).$$

The proof is based on a theorem of Davenport for trigonometric sums (see [2], Lemma 1) and on the method developed in [3].

We observed that by using a theorem of L.K. Hua ([3], see Lemma 6.3), by using the method used by N.L. Bassily and I. Kátai [5] one can prove

**Theorem 1.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_q$ ,  $f(bq^j) = \mathcal{O}(1)$  ( $b \in E$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ),  $D(x)/\log^\delta x \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x$  tends to infinity with a suitable  $\delta > 0$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{P}$  satisfies the condition (1.6). Let  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  be a polynomial of degree  $t$ , with positive leading coefficient. Let

$$(1.9) \quad G_x(y) := \frac{1}{N(x)} \#\{n \leq x, n \in \mathcal{N}, \nu_{x^t}(P(n)) < y\}.$$

Then

$$(1.10) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} G_x(y) = \Phi(y)$$

holds for every  $y$ .

#### 1.4.

Let  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  be a polynomial of degree  $t$  taking positive integer values on  $\mathbb{N}$ . Let  $q, E$  be as in 1.2. If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n = \epsilon_0(n) + \epsilon_1(n)q + \dots + \epsilon_{r-1}(n)q^{r-1}$ , then

write  $\bar{n} = \epsilon_0(n) \cdots \epsilon_{r-1}(n)$  ( $\in E^r$ ),  $\epsilon_{r-1} \neq 0$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{N}$  be as in Theorem A. Let  $n_1 < n_2 < \dots$  be the whole sequence of the integers in  $\mathcal{N}$ , and let

$$(1.11) \quad \eta = 0, \overline{P(n_1)} \overline{P(n_2)} \dots$$

where the right hand side of (1.11) is the  $q$ -ary expansion of  $\eta$ .

**Theorem 2.** *We have that  $\{q^m \eta\}$  ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ) is a sequence uniformly distributed mod 1.*

This assertion can be derived from Theorem 3, formulated in 1.5.

### 1.5.

Let  $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{N}, P$  as earlier. Let  $\beta = b_0 b_1 \dots b_{k-1}$  be a typical element of  $E^k$ . We write  $\Phi_1^{(k)}(n) = \epsilon_j(n) \dots \epsilon_{j+k-1}(n)$ . Let  $F_k : E_1^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function such that  $F(0, \dots, 0) = 0$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_n &:= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} F_k(\Phi_j^k(\overline{P(n)})), & \kappa_1 &:= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} F_k(\Phi_j^k(n)), \\ M &:= q^{-k} \sum_{b_1 \dots b_k \in E^k} F_k(b_1 \dots b_k), \\ \sigma_h^2 &= q^{-(k+h)} \sum_{b_0 \dots b_{k+h-1} \in E^{k+h}} (F_k(b_0 \dots b_{k-1}) - M)(F_k(b_h \dots b_{h+k-1}) - M) \end{aligned}$$

for  $h = 0, 1, \dots, k-1$ . Let

$$\sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2 + \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} \sigma_h^2.$$

**Theorem 3.** *Assume that  $\sigma \neq 0$ . Then*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \# \left\{ n \leq x, n \in \mathcal{N} \mid \frac{\alpha_n - MNr}{\sigma \sqrt{Nr}} < y \right\} = \Phi(y)$$

holds for every  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

We can prove also

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{N}, P, f$  be as in Theorem 1. Let*

$$G_{x,k}(y) := \frac{1}{\pi_k(x)} \# \{n \leq x, n \in \mathcal{N}, \omega(n) = k, \nu_{x^t}(P(n)) < y\}.$$

Then, if  $k_0(x) \rightarrow \infty$ , then

$$\sup_y \sup_{k_0(x) \leq k \leq o_x(1) \frac{x_2}{x_3}} |G_{x,k} - \Phi(y)| = 0.$$

**Remark.** Unfortunately, we cannot prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} G_{x,1}(y) = \Phi(y).$$

## 2. Auxiliary results

### 2.1.

**The Erdős-Turán inequality ([6]):**

The discrepancy  $D_M$  of the real numbers  $x_1, \dots, x_M \pmod{1}$  is defined by

$$(2.1) \quad \sup \left| \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ \{x_n\} \in [\alpha, \beta)}}^M 1 - (\beta - \alpha) \right|$$

where the supremum is taken for all intervals  $[\alpha, \beta) \subset [0, 1)$ .

Let  $\psi_m := \sum_{l=1}^m e(mx_l)$ . We have

$$(2.2) \quad D_M \leq c \left( \sum_{0 < h \leq K} \frac{|\Psi_h|}{h} + \frac{M}{K} \right)$$

for any positive integer  $K$ .  $c$  is an absolute constant.

### 2.2.

**Lemma 6.3 of L.K. Hua ([4]):**

Let  $l$  be a positive integer ( $\leq x_1^{\sigma_3}$ ), and

$$\Omega = \sum_d \sum_m e(f(ldm)),$$

$$f(z) = \frac{h}{Q} z^t + \alpha_1 z^{t-1} + \dots + \alpha_t,$$

where  $(h, Q) = 1$ , all  $\alpha$  being real, and  $x_1^\sigma < Q < x^t \cdot x_1^{-\sigma}$ . The index  $d$  in  $\Omega$  runs through a set of positive integers satisfying the conditions

$$D < d \leq D', \quad 1 < D < \frac{x}{l}, \quad D' \leq 2D.$$

Further, for a fixed  $d$ , the index  $m$  runs through a set of positive integers satisfying the inequality

$$P'/d < m \leq \frac{x}{Dl},$$

where  $P'$  is a positive number. Hence, for  $x_1^{\sigma_5} < D < x \cdot x_1^{-\sigma_6}$ , subject to the conditions

$$\sigma \geq 2t\sigma_3 + 2^{2t+1}\sigma_6 + 2^{3(2t-1)}$$

we have

$$\Omega \ll \frac{x}{l} x_1^{-\sigma_6}.$$

### 2.3.

#### Theorem of E. Wirsing ([7]):

Let  $F$  be a multiplicative function, satisfying the conditions:  $F(n) \geq 0$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ );  $F(p^\alpha) \leq c_1 c_2^\alpha$ ,  $c_2 < 2$  for every prime  $p$  and  $\alpha = 2, 3, \dots$ . Assume that

$$\sum_{p \leq x} F(p) = (\tau + o(1)) \frac{x}{\log x} \quad (x \rightarrow \infty),$$

where  $\tau > 0$  is a constant. Then, for  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\sum_{n \leq x} F(n) = \left( \frac{e^{-\gamma\tau}}{\Gamma(\tau)} + o_x(1) \right) \frac{x}{\log x} \prod_{p \leq x} \left( 1 + \frac{F(p)}{p} + \frac{F(p^2)}{p^2} + \dots \right).$$

Analyzing the proof, one can see easily that the following version of the theorem of E. Wirsing is true.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $F_\lambda$  be a family of multiplicative functions satisfying the following conditions:  $F_\lambda(n) \geq 0$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ );  $F_\lambda(p^\alpha) \leq c_1 c_2^\alpha$ ,  $c_2 < 2$  for every prime  $p$  and  $\alpha = 2, 3, \dots$ . Assume that*

$$\left| \sum_{p \leq x} F_\lambda(p) - \tau_\lambda \frac{x}{\log x} \right| \leq \epsilon(x) \frac{x}{\log x},$$

where  $0 < c_3 < \tau_\lambda$ ,  $c_3$  is a suitable constant,  $\epsilon(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x$  tends to infinity. Then there exists a function  $\epsilon_1(x) \rightarrow 0$  ( $x \rightarrow \infty$ ) such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{n \leq x} F_\lambda(n) - \frac{e^{-\gamma \tau_\lambda}}{\Gamma(\tau_\lambda)} \frac{x}{\log x} \prod_{p \leq x} \left( 1 + \frac{F_\lambda(p)}{p} + \frac{F_\lambda(p^2)}{p^2} + \dots \right) \right| \leq \\ & \leq \epsilon_1(x) \frac{x}{\log x} \prod_{p \leq x} \left( 1 + \frac{F_\lambda(p)}{p} + \frac{F_\lambda(p^2)}{p^2} + \dots \right). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathcal{P}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}$  be as defined in Theorem A. Defining the multiplicative function  $F$  on prime powers  $p^\alpha$  by

$$F(p^\alpha) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } p \in \mathcal{P}, \\ 0, & \text{if } p \notin \mathcal{P}, \end{cases}$$

from Wirsing's theorem we obtain that

$$N_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = \left( \frac{e^{-\gamma \tau}}{\Gamma(\tau)} + o(1) \right) \frac{x}{\log x} \prod_{\substack{p \leq x \\ p \in \mathcal{P}}} \frac{1}{1 - 1/p}.$$

**2.4.**

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $0 < \Delta < \frac{1}{2q}$ ,  $\chi_0(x) = \sum c_m e(mx)$  be a  $(\bmod 1)$  periodic function such that  $0 \leq \chi_0(x) \leq 1$ ,*

$$\chi_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \Delta < \{x\} < \frac{1}{q} - \Delta, \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{q} + \Delta < \{x\} < 1 - \Delta, \end{cases}$$

$c_0 = \frac{1}{q}$ ,  $c_{jq} = 0$  when  $j \neq 0$ ,

$$|c_m| \leq \min \left( \frac{1}{q}, \frac{1}{\pi|m|}, \frac{1}{\Delta \pi^2 m^2} \right).$$

Let  $\chi_b(x) = \chi_0\left(x - \frac{b}{q}\right) = \sum c_m^{(b)} e(mx)$ . Then  $c_m^{(b)} = c_m e\left(-\frac{mb}{q}\right)$ , thus  $|c_m^{(b)}| = |c_m|$ . See in [5].

### 2.5.

Let  $\mathcal{P}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}$  be as earlier,

$$\pi_k(x) = \#\{n \leq x \mid n \in \mathcal{N}, \omega(n) = k\}, \quad N_k(x) = \#\{n \leq x \mid n \in \mathcal{N}, \Omega(n) = k\}.$$

Let

$$T(x) := \sum_{\substack{p^\nu \leq x \\ p \in \mathcal{P}}} \frac{1}{p^\nu}.$$

**Lemma 3.** *There is a function  $\epsilon(x) \rightarrow 0$  ( $x \rightarrow \infty$ ) and positive constants  $c_1, c_2$  such that*

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{c_2(\tau - \epsilon(x))x}{\log x} \frac{T\left(x^{\frac{1}{2(k-1)}}\right)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} - (\log x)\sqrt{x} \leq \pi_k(x) \leq \frac{c_1 x}{\log x} \frac{T(x)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$$

holds for every  $k$ , and

$$(2.4) \quad N_k(x) \leq \frac{c_3 x}{\log x} \frac{T(x)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$$

holds for  $1 \leq k \leq (1 - \delta)p_0 T(x)$ , where  $p_0$  is the smallest prime in  $\mathcal{P}$ ,  $\delta$  is an arbitrary constant,  $0 < \delta < 1$ , and  $c_3 = c_3(\delta)$  is a suitable constant.

**Proof of Lemma 3.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in \mathcal{P}_k}} \log n &\leq \sum_{\substack{p^\nu m \leq x \\ m \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}}} \log p^\nu = \sum_{\substack{m \leq x \\ m \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}}} \sum_{p^\nu \leq \frac{x}{m}} \log p^\nu \leq \\ &\leq 2x \sum_{\substack{m \leq x \\ m \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}}} \frac{1}{m} \leq \frac{2x T(x)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(\pi_k(x) - \pi_k(\sqrt{x})) \frac{1}{2} \log x \leq 2x \frac{T(x)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!},$$



$$\pi_k(x) \leq \pi_k(\sqrt{x}) + \frac{4x}{\log x} \frac{T(x)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}.$$

Iterating this, we obtain that the right hand side of (2.3) is true. Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_k(x) \log x &\geq \sum_{\substack{p^\nu m \leq x \\ m \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1} \\ p \in \mathcal{P}, p \nmid m \\ m \leq \sqrt{x}}} \log p^\nu \geq \sum_{\substack{m \leq \sqrt{x} \\ m \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}}} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{p^\nu \leq \frac{x}{m} \\ p \in \mathcal{P}}} \log p^\nu - \sum_{p|m} \log p^\nu \right\} \geq \\ &\geq (\tau - \epsilon(x)) \sum_{\substack{m \leq \sqrt{x} \\ m \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}}} \frac{x}{m} - (\log x) \sum_{\substack{m \leq \sqrt{x} \\ m \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}}} \sum_{p|m} 1, \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\pi_k(x) \geq (\tau - \epsilon(x)) x \frac{T\left(x^{\frac{1}{2(k-1)}}\right)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} - \sqrt{x} \log x.$$

To prove (2.4), write  $n \in \mathcal{N}_k$  in the form  $n = Km$ , where  $K$  is the squareful part and  $m$  is the squarefree part of  $n$ .

The size of those  $n \leq x$  for which  $K > x^{1/2}$  is

$$\leq \sum_{K > \sqrt{x}} \frac{x}{K} \leq cx^{3/4}.$$

Thus,

$$N_k(x) \leq \sum_{K \leq \sqrt{x}} \pi_{k-\Omega(K)}\left(\frac{x}{K}\right) + cx^{3/4}.$$

From inequality (2.3) we have

$$N_k(x) \leq \frac{c_1 x}{\log \sqrt{x}} \sum_{K \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{T(x)^{k-\Omega(K)-1}}{K(k-\Omega(K)-1)!} + cx^{3/4}.$$

Furthermore,

$$\sum_{K < \sqrt{x}} \frac{T(x)^{k-\Omega(K)-1}}{K(k-\Omega(K)-1)!} \leq \frac{T(x)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \sum_{K \leq \sqrt{x}} \left(\frac{k}{T(x)}\right)^{\Omega(K)} \frac{1}{K}.$$

Since  $\frac{k}{T(x)} \leq (1 - \delta)p_0$ ,

$$\sum_{K \leq \sqrt{x}} \left( \frac{k}{T(x)} \right)^{\Omega(K)} \frac{1}{K} \leq \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{k}{T(x)} \right) \frac{1}{p^2} \frac{1}{1 - \left( \frac{k}{T(x)} \right) \frac{1}{p}} \right).$$

Since  $cx^{3/4}$  is clearly smaller than  $c \frac{x}{\log x} \frac{T(x)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$ , our inequality holds.

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1

Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  be fixed. Let  $n_1 < \dots < n_s (\leq x)$  be the set all of the integers in  $\mathcal{N}$  up to  $x$ , for which  $\nu_{x^t}(P(n)) < y$ . Then  $s = G_x(y) \cdot N(x)$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_x = \mathcal{H} = \{\{m, p\}, p \in P, m \in \mathcal{N}, m > x^{\epsilon_x}, p > e^{(\log x)^{\epsilon_x}}, mp \leq x\}$ . Here we assume that  $\epsilon_x \rightarrow 0$  ( $x \rightarrow \infty$ ) (slowly).

Let  $R_x = \sum_{p \leq x} 1/p$ . Let  $Z$  be the number of those  $\{m, p\} \in \mathcal{H}_x$  for which  $\nu_{x^t}(P(mp)) < y$ . Repeating the argument, used in [1], we obtain that

$$\frac{1}{N(x)} \left| \frac{Z}{R_x} - s \right| \rightarrow 0 \quad (x \rightarrow \infty).$$

Let  $H(x) = \#\mathcal{H}_x$ . Let  $(1 \leq) l_1 < \dots < l_h \leq tN$ ,  $b_1, \dots, b_h \in E$  and

$$H \left( x \left| \begin{array}{l} l_1, \dots, l_h \\ b_1, \dots, b_h \end{array} \right. \right) = \#\{\{m, p\} \in \mathcal{H}_x, \epsilon_{l_j}(P(mp)) = b_j, j = 1, \dots, h\}.$$

By using the method developed in [3, 5, 1] we can prove that

$$(3.1) \quad \max_{\substack{N^\alpha \leq l_1 < \dots < l_h \leq tN - N^\alpha \\ b_1, \dots, b_h \in E}} \left| q^h H \left( x \left| \begin{array}{l} l_1, \dots, l_h \\ b_1, \dots, b_h \end{array} \right. \right) - H(x) \right| \leq c(h, \lambda) H(x) N^{-\lambda}$$

holds for every fixed  $h$ , every  $\alpha > 0$ , and every  $\lambda > 0$ .

By using the theorem of L.K. Hua ([4]) we can obtain that

$$\sum_{\{m, p\} \in \mathcal{H}_x} e \left( \frac{A_M}{H_M} P(mp) \right) \ll H(x) \log^{-B} x$$

holds for every fixed  $B$ , where

$$\frac{A_M}{H_M} = \frac{m_h}{q^{l_h+1}} + \dots + \frac{m_1}{q^{l_1+1}}, \quad q \nmid m_j \quad (j = 1, \dots, h),$$

$N^\alpha \leq l_1 < \dots < l_h < tN - N^\alpha$ . Continuing as in [1], by using the Frechet-Shohat theorem, we obtain Theorem 1.

#### 4. Proofs of Theorems 2 and 3

These can be done by the method used in [9].

#### 5. Proof of Theorem 4

Let

$$\pi_k(x) = \#\{n \leq x \mid n \in \mathcal{N}, \omega(n) = k\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{H}_{x,k} =$$

$$= \{\{m, p\}, m \in \mathcal{N}, p \in \mathcal{P}, \omega(m) = k - 1, p > e^{(\log x)^{\epsilon_x}}, m > x^{\epsilon'_x}, mp \leq x\},$$

where  $\epsilon'_x \rightarrow 0$  ( $x \rightarrow \infty$ ). Since

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1 := \sum_{\substack{m \leq x^{\epsilon'_x} \\ m \in \mathcal{N}, \omega(m) = k-1}} \sum_{\substack{p \leq \frac{x}{m} \\ p \in \mathcal{P}}} 1 &\ll \frac{x}{\log x} \sum_{\substack{m \leq x^{\epsilon'_x} \\ m \in \mathcal{N}, \omega(m) = k-1}} \frac{1}{m} \ll \\ (5.1) \quad &\ll \frac{x}{\log x} \frac{T^{k-1}(x^{\epsilon'_x})}{(k-1)!}, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain from the left hand side of (2.3) that the right hand side of (5.1) is at most  $o_x(1)k\pi_k(x)$  uniformly for  $2 \leq k \ll \frac{x_2}{x_3}$ . Furthermore, from (2.3) we

deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_2 &:= \sum_{\substack{p \leq c(\log x)^{\epsilon_x} \\ p \in \mathcal{P}}} \sum_{\substack{m \leq \frac{x}{p} \\ m \in \mathcal{N}, \omega(m)=k-1}} 1 \ll \sum_{\substack{p \leq c(\log x)^{\epsilon_x} \\ p \in \mathcal{P}}} \pi_{k-1}\left(\frac{x}{p}\right) \ll \\ &\ll \frac{x}{\log x} \frac{T^{k-2}(x)}{(k-2)!} \sum_{\substack{p \leq c(\log x)^{\epsilon_x} \\ p \in \mathcal{P}}} \frac{1}{p} \ll \\ &\ll \epsilon_x k \pi_k(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by the right hand side of (2.3),

$$\begin{aligned} \#\mathcal{H}_{x,k} &= k\pi_k(x) + \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 + \mathcal{O}((k-1)\pi_{k-1}(x)) = \\ &= k\pi_k(x) + o_x(1)k\pi_k(x). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $H_k(x) = \#\mathcal{H}_{x,k}$ . Let  $(1 \leq) l_1 < \dots < l_h \leq tN$ ,  $b_1, \dots, b_h \in E$  and

$$H_k\left(x \mid \begin{array}{c} l_1, \dots, l_h \\ b_1, \dots, b_h \end{array}\right) = \#\{\{m, p\} \in \mathcal{H}_{x,k}, \epsilon_{l_j}(P(mp)) = b_j, j = 1, \dots, h\}.$$

In the same way as we have seen by (3.1)

$$\max_{\substack{N^\alpha \leq l_1 < \dots < l_h < tN - N^\alpha \\ b_1, \dots, b_h \in E}} \left| q^h H_k\left(x \mid \begin{array}{c} l_1, \dots, l_h \\ b_1, \dots, b_h \end{array}\right) - H_k(x) \right| \leq c(h, \lambda) H_k(x) N^{-\lambda}$$

holds for every fixed  $h$ , every  $\alpha > 0$ , and every  $\lambda > 0$  uniformly for  $2 \leq k \ll \frac{x_2}{x_3}$ . Arguing as in [5], the proof is finished.

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