Annales Univ. Sci. Budapest., Sect. Comp. 38 (2012) 147-159

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

L. Germán (Paderborn, Germany)I. Kátai (Budapest, Hungary)

Dedicated to Dr. Bui Minh Phong on his sixtieth birthday

Communicated by K.-H. Indlekofer

(Received November 30, 2012)

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.

The project is supported by the European Union and co-financed by the European Social Fund (grant agreement TAMOP 4.2.1/B/09/1/KMR/2010/0003) and the second author is partly supported by the Hungarian and Vietnamese TET (grant agreement no. TET 10-1-2011-0645).

Mathematics Subject Classification: 11L07, 11A63 https://doi.org/10.71352/ac.38.147 $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$ are the sets of natural, real, complex numbers, respectively. $\mathbb{N}_0 =$ = $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$. Let $e(x) := e^{2\pi i x}$; $\omega(n)$ = 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, ...). Let γ be the Euler's constant, Γ be the gamma function and

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

1.2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.3.

Let

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

In our recent paper [1] we proved the following

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

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

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

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

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

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

Then

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

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, ...), $D(x)/\log^{\delta} x \to \infty$ 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)
$$G_x(y) := \frac{1}{N(x)} \#\{n \le x, \ n \in \mathcal{N}, \ \nu_{x^t}(P(n)) < y\}.$$

Then

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

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 $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n = \epsilon_0(n) + \epsilon_1(n)q + \cdots + \epsilon_{r-1}(n)q^{r-1}$, then

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

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

where the right hand side of (1.11) is the q-ary expansion of η .

Theorem 2. We have that $\{q^m\eta\}$ (m = 1, 2, ...) 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 $F_k : E_1^k \to \mathbb{R}$ be a function such that $F(0, \dots, 0) = 0$. Let

$$\alpha_{n} := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} F_{k}(\Phi_{j}^{k}(\overline{P(n)})), \quad \kappa_{1} := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} F_{k}(\Phi_{j}^{k}(n)),$$
$$M := q^{-k} \sum_{b_{1}...b_{k} \in E^{k}} F_{k}(b_{1}...b_{k}),$$
$$\sigma_{h}^{2} = q^{-(k+h)} \sum_{b_{0}...b_{k+h-1} \in E^{k+h}} (F_{k}(b_{0}...b_{k-1}) - M)(F_{k}(b_{h}...b_{h+k-1}) - M)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Remark. Unfortunately, we cannot prove that

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

2. Auxiliary results

2.1.

The Erdős-Turán inequality ([6]):

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

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

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

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 α being real, and $x_1^{\sigma} < Q < x^t \cdot x_1^{-\sigma}$. The index d in Ω runs through a set of positive integers satisfying the conditions

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

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

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

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

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

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: $F(n) \ge 0$ $(n \in \mathbb{N})$; $F(p^{\alpha}) \le c_1 c_2^{\alpha}$, $c_2 < 2$ for every prime p and $\alpha = 2, 3 \dots$ Assume that

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

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

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

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

Lemma 1. Let F_{λ} 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, $\epsilon(x) \to 0$ as x tends to infinity. Then there exists a function $\epsilon_1(x) \to 0$ $(x \to \infty)$ such that

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

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

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

2.4.

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

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

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

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

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,

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

Let

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

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

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

holds for every k, and

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

holds for $1 \leq k \leq (1-\delta)p_0T(x)$, where p_0 is the smallest prime in \mathcal{P} , δ is an arbitrary constant, $0 < \delta < 1$, and $c_3 = c_3(\delta)$ is a suitable constant.

Proof of Lemma 3. We have

$$\sum_{\substack{n \le x \\ n \in \mathcal{P}_k}} \log n \le \sum_{\substack{p^{\nu} m \le x \\ m \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}}} \log p^{\nu} = \sum_{\substack{m \le x \\ m \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}}} \sum_{p^{\nu} \le \frac{x}{m}} \log p^{\nu} \le$$
$$\le 2x \sum_{\substack{m \le x \\ m \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}}} \frac{1}{m} \le \frac{2xT(x)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}.$$

Thus

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

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

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

$$\pi_k(x)\log x \ge \sum_{\substack{p^{\nu}m\le x\\m\in\mathcal{P}_{k-1}\\p\in\mathcal{P},\ p|m\\m\le\sqrt{x}}}\log p^{\nu} \ge \sum_{\substack{m\le\sqrt{x}\\m\in\mathcal{P}_{k-1}}}\left\{\sum_{\substack{p^{\nu}\le x\\p\in\mathcal{P}}}\log p^{\nu} - \sum_{p|m}\log p^{\nu}\right\} \ge \\ \ge (\tau - \epsilon(x))\sum_{\substack{m\le\sqrt{x}\\m\in\mathcal{P}_{k-1}}}\frac{x}{m} - (\log x)\sum_{\substack{m\le\sqrt{x}\\m\in\mathcal{P}_{k-1}}}\sum_{p|m}1,$$

and so

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

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

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

Thus,

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

From inequality (2.3) we have

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

Furthermore,

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

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

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

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 $n_1 < \ldots < n_s (\leq x)$ 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 $\epsilon_x \to 0 \ (x \to \infty)$ (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

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

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

$$H\left(x \mid l_{1}, \dots, l_{h} \atop b_{1}, \dots, b_{h}\right) = \#\{\{m, p\} \in \mathcal{H}_{x}, \epsilon_{l_{j}}(P(mp)) = b_{j}, j = 1, \dots, h\}.$$

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

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

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

$$\frac{A_M}{H_M} = \frac{m_h}{q^{l_h+1}} + \dots + \frac{m_1}{q^{l_1+1}}, \qquad q \not| m_j \quad (j = 1, \dots, h),$$

 $N^{\alpha} \leq l_1 < \ldots < l_h < tN - N^{\alpha}$. 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

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

and

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

 $= \{\{m, p\}, m \in N, \ p \in \mathcal{P}, \ \omega(m) = k - 1, \ p > e^{(\log x)^{\epsilon_x}}, \ m > x^{\epsilon'_x}, \ mp \le x\},$ where $\epsilon'_x \to 0 \ (x \to \infty)$. Since

(5.1)
$$\Sigma_{1} := \sum_{\substack{m \leq x^{\epsilon'_{x}} \\ m \in \mathcal{N}, \ \omega(m) = k-1}} \sum_{p \leq \frac{x}{p \in \mathcal{P}}} 1 \ll \frac{x}{\log x} \sum_{\substack{m \leq x^{\epsilon'_{x}} \\ m \in \mathcal{N}, \ \omega(m) = k-1}} \frac{1}{m} \ll \frac{x}{\log x} \frac{x}{\log x} \frac{T^{k-1}(x^{\epsilon'_{x}})}{(k-1)!},$$

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 $2 \le k \ll \frac{x_2}{x_3}$. Furthermore, from (2.3) we deduce that

$$\Sigma_{2} := \sum_{\substack{p \le e^{(\log x)^{\epsilon_{x}}}\\p \in \mathcal{P}}} \sum_{\substack{m \le \frac{x}{p}\\m \in \mathcal{N}, \ \omega(m) = k-1}} 1 \ll \sum_{\substack{p \le e^{(\log x)^{\epsilon_{x}}}\\p \in \mathcal{P}}} \pi_{k-1}\left(\frac{x}{p}\right) \ll \\ \ll \frac{x}{\log x} \frac{T^{k-2}(x)}{(k-2)!} \sum_{\substack{p \le e^{(\log x)^{\epsilon_{x}}}\\p \in \mathcal{P}}} \frac{1}{p} \ll \\ \ll \epsilon_{x} k \pi_{k}(x).$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

References

- [1] Germán, L. and Kátai, I., Distribution of the values of q-additive functions on some multiplicative semigroups (submitted)
- [2] Davenport, H., On some infinite series involving arithmetical functions II., Quart. J. Math., 8 (1937), 313-320.
- [3] Kátai, I., Distribution of digits of primes in q-ary canonical form, Acta Math. Hungar., 47 (1986), 341-359.
- [4] Hua, L.K., Additive theory of prime numbers, Translations of Mathematical Monographs Vol. 13, Amer. Mathematical Society, 1966.

- [5] Bassily, N.L. and Kátai, I., Distribution of the values of q-additive functions on polynomial sequences, Acta Math. Hungar., 68 (1995), 353-361.
- [6] Erdős, P. and Turán, P., On a problem in the theory of uniform distributions I, II., *Indagationes Math.*, 10 (1948), 370-378, 406-413.
- [7] Wirsing, E., Das asymptotische Verhalten von Summen über multiplikative Funktionen, Math. Ann., 143 (1) (1961), 75-102.
- [8] Frechet, M. and Shohat, A., A proof of the generalized second limit theorem in the theory of probability, *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.*, 33 (1931), 533-544.
- [9] Bassily, N.L. and Kátai, I., Distribution of consequtive digits in the q-ary expansion of some subsequences of integers, *Journal of Mathematical Sciences*, 78 (1) (1994), 11-17.

I. Kátai

Department of Computer Algebra Eötvös Loránd University Pázmány Péter sét. 1/C H-1117 Budapest, Hungary katai@compalg.inf.elte.hu

L. Germán

Faculty of Computer Science, Electrical Engineering and Mathematics University of Paderborn Warburger Straße 100 D-33098 Paderborn, Germany laszlo@math.uni-paderborn.de