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# DISTRIBUTION OF *q*-ADDITIVE FUNCTIONS ON SOME SUBSETS OF INTEGERS

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Abstract: Distribution of q-additive functions on the subsets of integers characterized by the values of sum of digits function is investigated.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $q \ge 2$  be an integer,  $A_q := \{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}, n = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon_j(n) q^j$ ,

 $\varepsilon_j(n) \in A_q \ (j = 0, 1, ...)$  be the q-ary expansion of n. Let  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \cup \{0\}$  = set of nonnegative integers. Let  $\mathcal{A}_q, \mathcal{M}_q$  be the q-additive, q-multiplicative functions, respectively. We say that  $f : \mathbb{N}_0 \to \mathbb{R}$  belongs

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to  $\mathcal{A}_q$  if f(0) = 0, and  $f(n) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f(\varepsilon_j(n)q^j)$   $(n \in \mathbb{N})$ , furthermore g:

:  $\mathbb{N}_0 \to \mathbb{C}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{M}_q$  if g(0) = 1, and  $g(n) = \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} g(\varepsilon_j(n)q^j)$   $(n \in \mathbb{N})$ . We say that  $g \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_q$ , if  $g \in \mathcal{M}_q$  and |g(n)| = 1 (n = 1, 2, 3, ...).

Let 
$$\alpha(n) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon_j(n), \beta_l(n) = \#\{j \mid \varepsilon_j(n) = l\} \ (l = 1, 2, \dots, q-1).$$

Let N be a fixed integer. For some positive integers  $r_1, r_2, \ldots, r_{q-1}$ let  $\underline{r} = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{q-1}),$ 

$$\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}(N|\underline{r}) = \{ n < q^N \mid \beta_l(n) = r_l, \ l = 1, \dots, q-1 \}.$$

Let  $r_0 := N - (r_1 + r_2 + \ldots + r_{q-1})$ . It is clear that  $\mathcal{B}$  is empty if  $r_0 < 0$ , and that

(1.1) 
$$B(N|\underline{r}) := \#(\mathcal{B}(N|\underline{r})) = \frac{N!}{r_0!r_1!\dots r_{q-1}!},$$

if  $r_0 \geq 0$ .

Let  $\delta_j(=\delta_{j,N}) = \frac{r_j}{N}$   $(j = 0, 1, \dots, q-1)$ . Let  $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2q}$  be a fixed number, and assume that

$$(1.2)_{\varepsilon} \qquad \qquad \delta_j \ge \varepsilon \ (j=0,\ldots,q-1).$$

Let 
$$\underline{\delta}^{(N)} = (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{q-1})$$
. Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_q$ ,

(1.3) 
$$F_{\mathcal{B}(N|\underline{r})}(y) := \frac{1}{B(N|\underline{r})} \#\{n \in \mathcal{B}(N|\underline{r}), f(n) < y\}.$$

Let furthermore

(1.4) 
$$Q_{\mathcal{B}(N|\underline{r})}(D) := \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \left( F_{\mathcal{B}(N|\underline{r})}(y+D) - F_{\mathcal{B}(N|\underline{r})}(y) \right).$$

A direct consequence of the 3 series theorem of Kolmogorov is that  $f \in \mathcal{A}_q$  has a limit distribution, i.e. that

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{q^N} \#\{n < q^N \mid f(n) < y\} = F(y) \text{ (almost all } y),$$

F is a distribution function, if and only if

(1.5) 
$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{b=1}^{q-1} f(bq^j) \text{ is convergent},$$

and

(1.6) 
$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum f^2(bq^j) \quad \text{is convergent.}$$

First we shall give necessary and sufficient conditions for the exis tence of such distribution function  $F_{\underline{\xi}}(y)$  depending on the parameter  $\underline{\xi} = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{q-1}), \text{ where } \xi_i \ge \varepsilon \ (i = 1, \dots, q-1), \ \xi_0 := 1 - (\xi_1 + 1)$  $+\ldots+\xi_{q-1} \geq \varepsilon$ , for which

(1.7) 
$$\lim_{\substack{N \to \infty \\ \delta_j \to \xi_j}} F_{\mathcal{B}(N,r)}(y) = F_{\underline{\xi}}(y) \quad (\text{almost all } y)$$

is satisfied.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $f \in A_q$ . If there exists some  $\xi_1, \ldots, \xi_{q-1}$  satisfying  $\xi_i \geq \varepsilon$  (i = 0, 1, ..., q - 1), for which (1.7) holds, then (1.5), (1.6) are satisfied. If (1.5), (1.6) hold, then (1.7) holds true for all choices of  $\xi_i \text{ satisfying } \xi_i \geq \varepsilon \ (i = 0, \dots, q-1).$   $F_{\xi}(y) := P(\Theta_{\xi} < y), \text{ where }$  $\eta_0, \eta_1 \dots$  are independent random variables,  $P(\eta_j = f(aq^j)) = \xi_a \ (a = 0, 1, \dots, q-1), \ \Theta_{\underline{\xi}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \eta_j.$ **Theorem 2.** Let  $g \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_q$ , and for  $\xi_i \geq \varepsilon$   $(i = 0, \ldots, q - 1)$  let

(1.8) 
$$M_{N,\underline{\xi}}(g) := \prod_{j=0}^{N-1} \left( \xi_0 + \xi_1 g (1 \cdot q^j) + \ldots + \xi_{q-1} g ((q-1)q^j) \right).$$

Assume that

(1.9) 
$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{a=1}^{q-1} (g(aq^j) - 1) \quad is \ convergent.$$

Then

$$(1.2)_{\varepsilon} \quad \sup \left| \frac{1}{B(N,\underline{r})} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}(N,\underline{r})} g(n) - M_{N,\delta^{(N)}}(g) \right| \to 0 \quad (N \to \infty).$$

Consequently, if  $r_j = r_j^{(N)}$  (j = 1, ..., q - 1) are so chosen that  $r_{i}^{(N)}/N \to \xi_{j} \ (j = 1, \dots, q-1) \ then$ 

(1.10) 
$$\frac{1}{B(N,r^{(N)})} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}(N,\underline{r}^{(N)})} g(n) = M_{\infty,\underline{\xi}}(g),$$

where  $M_{\infty,\xi}$  is the limit of  $M_{N,\xi}$  (defined by (1.8)) for  $N \to \infty$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_q$ ,  $f(bq^j)$  be bounded for  $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $b \in \mathcal{A}_q$ . Let

(1.11) 
$$\tau_b = \tau_b^{(N)} := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f(bq^j),$$

 $\tilde{f}(bq^j) = f(bq^j) - \tau_b, \ b \in A_q, \ j = 0, 1, \dots, N-1, \ \tilde{f} \ be \ extended \ to \ \mathbb{N}_0$ as a q-additive function.

Let  $r_1, \ldots, r_{q-1}$  be satisfying  $(1.2)_{\varepsilon}$ ,

$$\sigma_N^2(\underline{\delta}^N) := \frac{1}{B(N|\underline{r})} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}(N|\underline{r})} \tilde{f}^2(n).$$

We have

$$\sigma_N^2(\underline{\delta}^N) = \frac{N}{N-1} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \left( \sum_{b \in A_q} \frac{r_b}{N} \left( \tilde{f}(bq^l) - m_l \right)^2 \right), \ m_l = \sum_{b \in A_q} \frac{r_l}{N} \tilde{f}(bq^l).$$

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$$\sigma_N^2 \left( \frac{1}{q}, \dots, \frac{1}{q} \right) \to \infty \quad (N \to \infty).$$
Let  $h = h_N \in \mathcal{A}_q, \ h(n) := \frac{\tilde{f}(n)}{\sigma_N(\underline{\delta}^N)}.$  Then  

$$\max_{(1.2)_{\varepsilon}} \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{B(N|\underline{r})} \#\{n \in \mathcal{B}(N|\underline{r}), \ h(n) < y\} - \Phi(y) \right| \to 0$$

as  $N \to \infty$ .

#### 2. Lemmata

**Lemma 1.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_q$ , D > 0 be fixed. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_q$ ,  $\limsup_{ba^j \to \infty} |f(bq^j)| =$  $=\infty$ , then

$$\max_{(1.2)_{\varepsilon}} \frac{Q_{B(N|\underline{r})}(D)}{B(N|\underline{r})} \to 0 \quad (N \to \infty).$$

**Proof.** Let  $b^* \in A_q \setminus \{0\}$  be such coefficient for which  $\limsup |f(b^*q^j)| =$  $j \rightarrow \infty$  $=\infty$ . By changing the sign of f, if needed, we may assume that  $\limsup_{j \to \infty} f(b^* q^j) = \infty.$ 

Let  $l_1 < l_2 < \dots$  be such a sequence of integers for which  $2D \leq$  $\leq f(b^*q^{l_1}), f(b^*q^{l_{h+1}}) \geq 2f(b^*q^{l_h}).$ 

Let N be a large integer, T be defined such that  $l_T \leq N - 1 < l_{T+1}$ . Then  $T = T_N \to \infty$ . We may assume that  $T_N | \log N \to 0$  (say). Let

 $U = \{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_T\}, \quad V = \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\} \setminus U.$ 

Consider all those  $n \in \mathcal{B}(N, \underline{r})$  for which  $f(n) \in [y, y + D]$ . Let  $s_0, s_1, \ldots, s_{q-1}$  be nonnegative integers such that  $s_0 + s_1 + \ldots + s_{q-1} = T$ . Let

$$\mathcal{E}_{s_{0},s_{1},...,s_{q-1}}^{(U)} = \left\{ m \mid m = \sum_{j=1}^{T} \varepsilon_{l_{j}}(m) q^{l_{j}}, \ \beta_{b}(m) = s_{b}, \ b \in \mathbb{A}_{q} \right\}$$
$$\mathcal{F}_{s_{0},...,s_{q-1}}^{(U)} = \left\{ \nu \mid \nu = \sum_{r \in V} \varepsilon_{r}(\nu) q^{r}, \ \beta_{b}(\nu) = r_{b} - s_{b}, \ b \in A_{q} \right\}.$$

We have

$$#\mathcal{F}_{s_0,\dots,s_{q-1}}^{(U)} = B(N-T \mid \underline{r}-\underline{s}) = \frac{(N-T)!}{(r_0-s_0)!(r_1-s_1)!\dots(r_{q-1}-s_{q-1})!} \\ #\mathcal{E}_{s_0,\dots,s_{q-1}}^{(U)} = B(T|\underline{s}) = \frac{T!}{s_0!s_1!\dots s_{q-1}!}.$$

It is clear that every  $n \in \mathcal{B}(N|\underline{r})$  can be written uniquely as  $n = m + \nu$ , where  $m \in \mathcal{E}_{s_0,\ldots,s_{q-1}}^{(U)}$  and  $\nu \in \mathcal{F}_{s_0,\ldots,s_{q-1}}^{(U)}$ . Let us fix a  $\nu$  with

$$\nu = \sum_{r \in V} \varepsilon_r(\nu) q^r, \ \beta_b(\nu) = r_b - s_b, \quad b \in A_q.$$

Let  $U_{s_0,s_{b^*}}$  be an arbitrary subset of U having exactly  $s_0 + s_{b^*}$  elements,

$$U_{s_0, s_{b^*}} = \{ j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_{s_0 + s_{b^*}} \},\$$
  
$$H_{s_0, s_{b^*}} = U \setminus U_{s_0, s_{b^*}}, \quad H_{s_0, s_{b^*}} = \{ k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_{T - (s_0 + s_{b^*})} \}.$$

We shall write every  $m \in \mathcal{E}_{s_0,\ldots,s_{q-1}}^{(U)}$  as  $\kappa + \rho$ , where  $\kappa = \sum_{h=1}^{s_{b^*}} b^* q^{r_h}$ ,

 $r_1 < r_2 < \ldots < r_{s_b}^*$  is an arbitrary sequence of the elements of  $U_{s_0,s_b^*}$ , and  $\rho = \sum \varepsilon_p(\rho)q^p$ , where p runs over all elements of  $H_{s_0,s_{b^*}}$ ,  $\varepsilon_p(\rho) \in A_q \setminus \{0, b^*\}$ , and  $\beta_l(\rho) = s_l$  if  $l \in A_q \setminus \{0, b^*\}$ .

Let  $H_{s_0,s_{b^*}}$  be fixed, and  $r_1^{(i)} < r_2^{(i)} < \ldots < r_{s_{b^*}}^{(i)}$  (i = 1,2) be two subsequences and  $\kappa^{(1)}$ ,  $\kappa^{(2)}$  be the corresponding integers:  $\kappa^{(j)} = \sum_{h=1}^{s_{b^*}} b^* q^{r_h^{(j)}}$  (j = 1,2). From the definition of the sequence U we obtain that  $|f(\kappa^{(1)}) - f(\kappa^{(2)})| > D$ .

Assume that  $f(n) \in [y, y + D]$ ,  $in \in \mathcal{B}(N|\underline{r})$ . Then n can be written in the form

$$n = \kappa + \rho + \nu.$$

Let  $\nu$  be fixed,  $\beta_l(\nu) = r_{\nu} - s_{\nu}, s_0, \dots, s_{q-1}$  are determined by  $\nu$ . We can form exactly  $\begin{pmatrix} T \\ s_0 + s_{b^*} \end{pmatrix}$  different sets  $U_{s_0}, s_{b^*}$ .

Assume that  $U_{s_0,s_{b^*}}$  is fixed. Then the number of  $\rho$  is

$$\frac{(T - (s_0 + s_{b^*}))!}{\prod_{j \neq 0, b^*} s_j!}.$$

Let us assume now that  $\nu, \rho, s_0, s_b^*$  and  $U_{s_0, s_b^*}$  are fixed. Then no more than one  $\kappa$  is appropriate. Thus we have

$$Q_{\mathcal{B}(N,\underline{r})}(d) \leq \\ \leq \sum_{s_0,\dots,s_{q-1}} \frac{(N-T)!}{(r_0-s_0)!\dots(r_{q-1}-s_{q-1})!} \binom{T}{s_0+s_{b^*}} \frac{(T-(s_0+s_{b^*}))!}{\prod_{j\neq 0,b^*} s_j!},$$

(2.1) 
$$\frac{Q_{\mathcal{B}(N,r)}(D)}{B(N|r)} \leq \\ \leq 2 \sum_{s_0 + \dots + s_{q-1} = T} \frac{T!}{s_0! \dots s_{q-1}!} \left(\frac{r_0}{N}\right)^{s_0} \dots \left(\frac{r_{q-1}}{N}\right)^{s_{q-1}} \cdot \frac{s_0! s_{b^*}!}{(s_0 + s_b^*)!}$$

We subdivide the sum on the right hand side of (2.1) as  $\sum_1 + \sum_2 + \sum_3 + \sum_4$ , where in  $\sum_1 s_0 = 0$ , in  $\sum_2 s_b^* = 0$ ; in  $\sum_3 s_0 + s_b^* \le H$  and  $s_0, s_{b^*} \ge 1$ ; and in  $\sum_4 : s_0 + s_b^* > H$ ,  $s_0 s_{b^*} \ne 0$ .

One can see easily that  $\sum_{1}, \sum_{2}, \sum_{3} = o_{N}(1)$ . Since  $\frac{s_{0}!s_{b}*!}{(s_{0}+s_{b})!} = \frac{1}{\left(\begin{array}{c}s_{0}+s_{b}\\s_{0}\end{array}\right)} \leq \frac{1}{s_{0}+s_{b}} \leq \frac{1}{H}$ , we obtain that  $\sum_{4} \leq 2/H$ .

Since *H* is an arbitrary large fixed number, therefore Lemma 1 is true. Lemma 2. Let  $f \in A_q$ ,  $\tilde{f}$  be defined as in Th. 3.

Let 
$$m_l := \sum_{b \in A_q} \frac{r_b}{N} \tilde{f}(bq^l)$$
. Then

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(2.2) 
$$\frac{1}{B(N|\underline{r})} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}(N|r)} \tilde{f}^2(n) = \frac{N}{N-1} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \sum_{b} \frac{r_b}{N} \left( \tilde{f}(bq^l) - m_l \right)^2.$$

**Proof.** Since

$$\frac{1}{B(N|\underline{r})}\sum_{n\in\mathcal{B}(N|\underline{r})}\tilde{f}(n) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1}\sum_{b\in A_q}\tilde{f}(bq^j)\frac{r_b}{N} = 0,$$

we have

$$\frac{1}{B(N|\underline{r})} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}(N|\underline{r})} \tilde{f}^2(n) = \sum_{b_1 \neq b_2} \frac{r_{b_1}}{N} \frac{r_{b_2}}{(N-1)} \sum_{l_1 \neq l_2} \tilde{f}(b_1 q^{l_1}) \tilde{f}(b_2 q^{l_2}) + \\ + \sum_{b \in A_q} \frac{(r_b - 1)r_b}{(N-1)N} \sum_{l_1 \neq l_2} \tilde{f}(bq^{l_1}) \tilde{f}(bq^{l_2}) + \sum_b \frac{r_b}{N} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \tilde{f}^2(bq^l).$$
  
Since  $\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \tilde{f}(bq^j) = 0$   $(b \in A_q)$ , therefore

$$\sum = -\sum_{b_1 \neq b_2} \frac{r_{b_1}}{N} \cdot \frac{r_{b_2}}{(N-1)} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \tilde{f}(b_1 q^l) \tilde{f}(b_2 q^l) + \\ + \sum_b \frac{r_b}{N} \left( 1 - \frac{r_{b-1}}{N-1} \right) \sum_l \tilde{f}^2(bq^l)$$

whence we obtain that

$$\sum_{l=0}^{N} = \frac{N}{N-1} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \sum_{b} \frac{r_{b}}{N} \left( \tilde{f}(bq^{l}) - m_{l} \right)^{2},$$

thus Lemma 2 is true.

## 3. Proof of Theorem 3

We shall use the Frechet–Shohat theorem. (See [1].) Let

(3.1) 
$$m_l := \sum_{b \in A_q} \frac{r_b}{N} \tilde{f}(bq^l),$$

and

(3.2) 
$$g_l(b) = \tilde{f}(bq^l) - m_l \quad (b \in A_q).$$

For 
$$n < q^N$$
 let

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(3.3) 
$$g(n) := \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} g_j(\varepsilon_j(n)).$$

We have

$$\sum_{l=0}^{N-1} m_l = \sum_{b \in A_q} \frac{r_b}{N} \sum_l (f(bq^l) - \tau_b) = 0.$$

Let

(3.4) 
$$K(n) := \frac{g(n)}{\sigma_N} \quad (n = 0, 1, \dots, q^N - 1),$$

and

(3.5) 
$$S_h(N) := \frac{1}{B(N|\underline{r})} \sum_{n < q^N} K^h(n).$$

We shall prove that

(3.6) 
$$\max_{(1.2)_{\varepsilon}} |S_h(N) - \mu_h| \to 0 \quad (N \to \infty),$$

where

$$\mu_h = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^h e^{-u^2/2} du$$

We have

$$\sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}(N|r)} K^h(n) = \sum_{s=1}^h \sum_{a_1 + \dots + a_s = h} d(a_1, \dots, a_s) \sum_{b_1, \dots, b_s \in A_q}$$
$$\sum_{l_1, \dots, l_s} K^{a_1}(b_1 q^{l_1}) \dots K^{a_s}(b_s q^{l_s}) E_N(s, \underline{b}, \underline{a}, \underline{l}),$$

where  $a_1, \ldots, a_s$  are positive integers,  $d(a_1, \ldots, a_s)$  the coefficient coming from the polynomial theorem,  $b_1, \ldots, b_s$  run over the possible values of  $A_q$ , independently,  $l_1, \ldots, l_s$  run over  $\{0, 1, \ldots, N-1\}$  such that  $l_i \neq l_j$ if  $i \neq j$ , and

$$E_N(s,\underline{b},\underline{a},\underline{l}) = \frac{(N-s)!}{\prod_{b=0}^{q-1} (r_b - e_b)!},$$

where  $e_b := \#\{b \text{ among } b_1, \dots, b_s\}$ . We have

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(3.7)  

$$\psi_{a}(s,\underline{b}) = \frac{E(s,\underline{b},\underline{a},\underline{l})}{B(N|\underline{r})} = \prod_{b=0}^{q-1} \prod_{j=0}^{e_{b}-1} (r_{b}-j) \cdot \prod_{j=0}^{s-1} \frac{1}{(N-j)} = \prod_{b=0}^{q-1} \left(\frac{r_{b}}{N}\right)^{e_{b}} \cdot \prod_{j=0}^{s-1} \frac{1}{(1-j/N)} \cdot \prod_{b=0}^{q-1} \prod_{j=0}^{e_{b}-1} (1-j/r_{b}) \cdot \prod_{b=0}^{q-1} \prod_{j=0}^{e_{b}-1} \prod_{$$

Thus

$$\frac{1}{B(N|\underline{r})} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}(N|\underline{r})} K^{h}(n) = \sum_{s=1}^{h} \sum_{a_{1},\dots,a_{s}=h} d(a_{1},\dots,a_{s})H(a_{1},\dots,a_{s}),$$
$$H(a_{1},\dots,a_{s}) = \sum_{b_{1},\dots,b_{s}} T(a_{1},\dots,a_{s} \mid b_{1},\dots,b_{s}),$$

(3.8)

$$T(a_1, ..., a_s \mid b_1, ..., b_s) = \sum_{l_1, ..., l_s} K^{a_1}(b_1 q^{l_1}) ... K^{a_s}(b_s q^{l_s}) \psi_a(s, b).$$

Let  $a_j = 1$  for some  $j \in \{1, \ldots, s\}$ . We have

$$\sum_{\substack{l \neq \{l_1, \dots, l_{j-1}, l_{j+1}, \dots, l_s\}}} K(b_j q^l) =$$
$$= -K(b_j q^{l_1}) - \dots - K(b_j q^{l_{j-1}}) - K(b_j q^{l_{j+1}}) - \dots - K(b_j q^{l_s}).$$

Iterating this procedure we can rewrite (3.8) as no more than O(h) sums of type

(3.9) 
$$\psi_a(s,\underline{b}) \cdot \sum_{t_1,t_2,\dots,t_p} \prod_{j=1}^p \left( \prod_{u=1}^{m_j} K^{q_{u,j}}(c_{u,j}q^{t_j}) \right) =: Q,$$

where  $c_{u,j} \in A_q$ ,  $\sum_{u=1}^{m_j} q_{u,j} \geq 2$ , and  $\#\{c_{u,j} = b \mid u, j\} = e_b$  and the summation is over those  $t_j \in \{0, \ldots, N-1\}$   $(j = 1, \ldots, p)$  for which  $t_i \neq t_j$   $(i \neq j)$ .

We shall prove that  $Q = o_N(1)$  if  $\max_j \sum_{u=1}^{m_j} q_{u,j} \ge 3$ .

Indeed

$$|K(b_1q^t)K(b_2q^t)| \le K^2(b_1q^t) + K^2(b_2q^t),$$

and in general

$$K(b_1q^t)\dots K(b_vq^t)| \le \left( \left| K^v(b_1q^t) \right| + \dots + \left| K^v(b_vq^t) \right| \right).$$

Furthermore  $\max_{b,l} |K(bq^l)| \leq \frac{c}{\sigma_N} \to 0 \ (N \to \infty)$ , and hence our asser-

tion directly follows.

It remains to consider the case when  $\sum_{u=1}^{m_j} q_{u,j} = 2$  holds for every  $j = 1, 2, \ldots, p$ .

Let Q be such a sum in which there is an l for which  $q_{1,l} = q_{2,l} = 1$ . Observe that

(3.10) 
$$\psi_a(s,b) = \prod_{b=0}^{q-1} \left(\frac{r_b}{N}\right)^{e_b} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)\right).$$

Then

$$Q\begin{pmatrix} c_l \\ d_l \end{pmatrix} =$$
(3.11)
$$= \psi_a(s,b) \sum_{t_l} K(c_l q^{t_l}) K(d_l q^{t_l}) \sum_{\substack{t_1,\dots,t_{l-1}, \\ t_{l+1},\dots,t_p}}^* \prod_{u=1}^{m_j} K^{q_{u,j}}(c_{u,j} q^{t_j})$$

and \* means that  $t_{\nu} \neq t_l$  if  $\nu \neq l$ .

$$(3.12)^{\text{Let}} Q_0 \begin{pmatrix} c_l \\ d_l \end{pmatrix} = \\ = \sum \left( \frac{r_{c_l}}{N} K(c_l q^{t_l}) \right) \frac{r_{d_l}}{N} K(d_1 q^{t_l}) \sum^* \prod_{j \neq l} \prod_{u=1}^{m_j} \left( \frac{r_{c_{u,j}}}{N} K^{q_{u,j}}(c_{u,j} q^{t_j}) \right)$$

Then

$$Q\begin{pmatrix} c_l \\ d_l \end{pmatrix} = Q_0 \begin{pmatrix} c_l \\ d_l \end{pmatrix} + O\left(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{t_l} \left|\frac{r_{c_l}}{N}K(c_lq^{t_l})\right| \left|\frac{r_{d_l}}{N}K(d_lq^{t_l})\right| \cdot \sum_{j \neq l}^* \prod_{u=1}^{m_j} \prod_{u=1}^{m_j} \left|\frac{r_{c_{u,j}}}{N}K(c_{u,j}q^{t_j})^{q_{u,j}}\right|\right).$$

The error term is clearly  $o_N(1)$ . Furthermore  $Q_0$  does not depend on the numbers  $e_j$ . In the definition of  $H(a_1, \ldots, a_s)$  we have to sum  $T(a_1, \ldots, a_s | b_1, \ldots, b_s)$  over all possible values of  $b_1, \ldots, b_s \in A_q$ . Since

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$$\left(\sum_{c_l=0}^{q-1} \frac{r_{c_l}}{N} K(c_l q^{t_l})\right) \left(\sum_{d_l=0}^{q-1} \frac{r_{d_l}}{N} K(d_l q^{t_l})\right) = 0,$$

the effect of these summands can be ignored.

Hence we obtain that (3.6) holds with  $\mu_h = 0$  if h = odd, and for h = 2s

(3.13) 
$$\frac{1}{B(N|\underline{r})} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}(N,r)} K^{2s}(n) = d(2, 2, \dots, \overset{s}{2})$$
$$\sum_{b_1,\dots,b_s \in A_q} \sum_{l_1,\dots,l_s} K^2(b_1 q^{l_1}) \dots K^2(b_s q^{l_s}) \psi_{\underline{2}}(s, \underline{b}) + o_N(1).$$

Substituting  $\psi_2(s, b)$  by  $\prod_{b=0}^{q-1} \left(\frac{r_b}{N}\right)^{e_b}$ , and omitting the condition on the right hand side of (3.13), the difference is  $o_N(1)$ . Thus the left hand side of (3.13) equals to

$$d(2,\ldots,2)\left(\sum_{l}\sum_{b\in A_{q}}\frac{r_{b}K^{2}(bq^{l})}{N}\right)^{s}+o_{N}(1)=\frac{(2s)!}{2^{s}}+o_{N}(1).$$

This proves the theorem.

## 4. Proof of Theorem 1, necessity

In Lemma 1 we proved that if f has a limit distribution according to Th. 1, then  $f(bq^j)$  is bounded. If (1.6) would be divergent, then we would be able to show that f satisfied the conditions of Th. 3, which would imply that  $Q_{\mathcal{B}(N,\underline{r})}(D) \to 0 \ (N \to \infty)$ .

Therefore (1.6) is convergent.

The proof of the convergence of (1.5) easily follows from Lemma 2. We omit the details.

## Proof of Theorem 2 and the sufficiency part of Theorem 1

Let  $g_R(n) := \prod_{j=0}^{R-1} g(\varepsilon_j(n)q^j)$ . Let  $g(aq^j) = e^{i\psi(aq^j)}, \ \psi(aq^j) \in (-\pi, \pi]$ . From (1.9) we obtain that  $\sum_j \sum_a \psi(aq^j)$  is convergent, and

that  $\sum_{j} \sum_{a} \psi^2(aq^j)$  is convergent as well. Hence, by using Lemma 2 we can deduce that

$$\sup_{(1,2)_{\varepsilon}} \frac{1}{B(N,\underline{r})} \sum_{n < q^N} |g(n) - g_R(n)| \le \kappa_R(N),$$

where  $\kappa_R(N) \to 0$  if  $R, N \to \infty$ , and this implies Th. 2.

The sufficiency part of Th. 1 can be proved by defining  $g(n) := g_{\tau}(n) = e^{i\tau f(n)}$ , and considering

$$\frac{1}{B(N|\underline{r})} \sum_{n < q^N} g_\tau(n)$$

as the characteristic function of the distribution function of f. Since

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{a=0}^{q-1} (g_{\tau}(aq^j) - 1)$$

converges, we can apply Th. 1. This completes the proof.  $\Diamond$ 

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