

## SOME THEOREMS ON THE PRIME DIVISORS OF INTEGERS

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**Abstract:** The distribution of  $\kappa(n) = \text{sum of distinct prime divisors} \pmod{t_k}$  is investigated over the set of integers having  $k$  distinct prime divisors.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the set of primes,  $p$  with and without suffixes always denote prime numbers. Let  $p(n)$  be the smallest and  $P(n)$  be the largest prime divisors of  $n$ . Let

$$\omega(n) = \sum_{p|n} 1; \quad \kappa(n) = \sum_{p|n} p; \quad \varrho(n) := \frac{\kappa(n)}{\omega(n)}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{P}_k = \{n \mid \omega(n) = k\}$ . For the sake of simplicity we shall write  $x_1 = \log x$ ,  $x_2 = \log x_1$ ,  $x_{r+1} = \log x_r$  ( $r = 2, 3, \dots$ ).

Let  $R(x) = \#\{n \leq x \mid \varrho(n) = \text{integer}\}$ .

W. Banks and his coauthors proved in [1] that

$$c_1 < \frac{R(x)x_2}{x} < c_2 \quad \text{if } x > c_3$$

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with some positive constants  $c_1, c_2, c_3$ .

In [4] I proved that

$$(1.1) \quad R(x) = (1 + o_x(1))c \cdot \frac{x}{x_2} \quad (x \rightarrow \infty)$$

with a suitable constant  $c > 0$ .

I obtained it quite easily by using our method developed in a joint paper with J.-M. De Koninck [2]. We used this method in [3] as well.

We shall prove much more than (1.1) (Th. 1). Namely we can determine the asymptotic of

$$(1.2) \quad \#\{n \leq x, \omega(n) = k, \kappa(n) = l \pmod{t_k}\}$$

where  $1 \leq t_k \leq cx_2$ ,  $l \pmod{t_k}$  arbitrary, and  $k \in J_x = [x_2 - x_2^{3/4}, x_2 + x_2^{3/4}]$ .

We note that our theorem remains valid for every  $k$  located in an interval larger than  $J_x$ . Furthermore, we can give the asymptotic of the numbers in (1.2) after substituting  $\kappa(n)$  by  $\kappa_r(n)$  ( $r = 2, 3, \dots$ ), where  $\kappa_r(n) = \sum_{p|n} p^r$ , or with  $\kappa_P(n) = \sum_{p|n} P(p)$ , where  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ .

## 2. Lemmata

**2.1.** Let  $e(\alpha) := e^{2\pi i\alpha}$  for real number  $\alpha$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Let*

$$c_R(n) := \sum_{\substack{h=1 \\ (h,R)=1}}^R e\left(\frac{hn}{R}\right)$$

*be the Ramanujan sum. Then*

$$c_R(n) = \frac{\mu(t)\varphi(R)}{\varphi(t)}, \quad t = \frac{R}{(R, n)}.$$

**Proof.** See G. Tenenbaum [5], p. 35.  $\diamond$

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\mathbb{Z}_q^*$  be the set of reduced residue classes mod  $q$ ,  $\lambda_{q,h}(s)$  be the number of solutions of  $l_1 + \dots + l_h \equiv s \pmod{q}$ , where  $l_\nu$  run over all possible values of  $\mathbb{Z}_q^*$ , independently. Then*

$$(2.1) \quad \lambda_{q,h}(s) = \frac{1}{q} \sum_{a=0}^{q-1} e\left(\frac{-sa}{q}\right) c_q(a)^h.$$

(1) If  $q = p_1^{a_1} \dots p_\nu^{a_\nu}$  is odd, then

$$(2.2) \quad \left| \frac{\lambda_{q,h}(s)}{\varphi(q)^h} - \frac{1}{q} \right| \leq \frac{c}{q} \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \frac{1}{\varphi(p_j)^{h-1}}.$$

(2) If  $q = \text{even} = 2^{a_0} p_1^{a_1} \dots p_\nu^{a_\nu}$ ,  $p_j$  are odd, then

2a) in the case  $h + s \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  we have  $\lambda_{q,h}(s) = 0$ ,

2b) in the case  $h + s \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  we obtain

$$(2.3) \quad \left| \frac{\lambda_{q,h}(s)}{\varphi(q)^h} - \frac{2}{q} \right| \leq \frac{c}{q} \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \frac{1}{\varphi(p_j)^{h-1}},$$

$c$  is an absolute, positive constant.

**Proof.** (2.1) is clear. Let  $q = \text{odd}$ . Separating  $a = 0$  in (2.1) we have

$$(2.4) \quad \left| \frac{\lambda_{q,h}(s)}{\varphi(q)^h} - \frac{1}{q} \left( \frac{c_q(0)}{\varphi(q)} \right)^h \right| \leq \frac{1}{q} \sum_{a=1}^{q-1} \left| \frac{c_q(a)}{\varphi(q)} \right|^h.$$

Since  $c_q(0) = \varphi(q)$ , and

$$(U :=) \sum_{a=1}^q \left| \frac{c_q(a)}{\varphi(q)} \right|^h = \prod_{j=1}^{\nu} \sum_{b=1}^{p_j^{a_j}} \left| \frac{c_{p_j^{a_j}}(b)}{\varphi(p_j^{a_j})} \right|^h$$

from Lemma 1 we obtain that

$$\sum_{b=1}^{p_j^{a_j}} \left| \frac{c_{p_j^{a_j}}(b)}{\varphi(p_j^{a_j})} \right|^h = 1 + \sum_{\substack{l=1 \\ (l, p_j)=1}}^{p_j-1} \frac{|\mu(l)|}{|\varphi(p_j)|^h} \leq 1 + \frac{1}{|\varphi(p_j)|^{h-1}}.$$

The right-hand side of (2.4) equals to  $\frac{U-1}{q} \leq \frac{1}{q} \left\{ \prod \left( 1 + \frac{1}{|\varphi(p_j)|^{h-1}} \right) - 1 \right\}$ , whence (2.2) is obvious.

The assertion for the case 2a) is clear.

Let us consider 2b). Observe that in (2.1) for  $a = q/2$  we have  $c_q\left(\frac{q}{2}\right) = \frac{\mu(2)\varphi(q)}{\varphi(2)} = -\varphi(q)$ , thus  $e\left(\frac{-sa}{q}\right) c_q\left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^h = (-1)^{h-s} \varphi(q)^h$ . Separating  $a = 0$  and  $a = q/2$  in (2.1), we obtain

$$\left| \frac{\lambda_{q,h}(s)}{\varphi(q)^h} - \frac{2}{q} \right| \leq \frac{1}{q} \sum_{\substack{a \pmod{q} \\ a \neq 0, q/2}} \left| \frac{c_q(a)}{\varphi(q)} \right|^h.$$

We can repeat the argument used earlier, and obtain (2.3) directly.  $\diamond$

**2.2.** Let

$$\pi(x, k, l) = \sum_{\substack{p \leq x \\ p \equiv l \pmod{k}}} 1.$$

**Lemma 3** (Siegel–Walfisz). *Let  $c, B$  be arbitrary positive constants. Then for  $\frac{x}{x_1^c} \leq y \leq x$ ,  $k \leq x_1^B$ ,  $(k, l) = 1$ , we have*

$$(2.5) \quad \pi(x + y, k, l) - \pi(x, k, l) = \frac{li(x + y) - lix}{\varphi(k)} (1 + \mathcal{O}(\exp(-c_1\sqrt{x_1})))$$

uniformly in  $k, l$ ,  $c_1$  is an absolute positive constant.

Let  $\pi_r(x) = \#\{n \leq x \mid \omega(n) = r\}$ . According to Hardy and Ramanujan we have

$$(2.6) \quad \pi_r(x) \leq c_1 \frac{x}{x_1} \frac{(x_2 + c)^{r-1}}{(r-1)!} \quad (x \geq e),$$

$c, c_1 > 0$  are absolute constants.

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $U_r(x, W)$  be the number of those  $n \leq x$  with  $\omega(n) = r$  for which  $p^2 \mid n$  and  $p > W$ . Then*

$$(2.7) \quad U_r(x, W) \leq c_1 \frac{x}{x_1} \frac{(x_2 + c)^{r-2}}{(r-2)!} \frac{1}{W \log W} + \mathcal{O}(x^{3/4}),$$

if  $2 \leq W \leq x^{1/4}$ , say.

**Proof.** If  $p^2 \mid n$ ,  $n \leq x$ ,  $\omega(n) = r$ ,  $p > W$ , then  $n = p^\alpha m$ ,  $\omega(m) = r - 1$ ,  $\alpha \geq 2$ ,  $m \leq x/p^\alpha$ , then the number of  $m$  is less than

$$c \left( \sum_{\substack{p > W \\ \alpha \geq 2 \\ p^\alpha \leq \sqrt{x}}} \frac{1}{p^\alpha} \right) \frac{x}{x_1} \frac{(x_2 + c)^{r-2}}{(r-2)!} + x \sum_{p \geq \sqrt{x}} 1/p^\alpha.$$

Hence (2.7) is clear.  $\diamond$

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $G_L(x)$  be the number of those integers  $n \leq x$  which have two prime divisors  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  satisfying  $L < p_1 < p_2 < 4p_1$ . Then*

$$(2.8) \quad G_L(x) \ll \frac{x}{\log L}.$$

Let  $G_{L,r}(x)$  be the number of those  $n \leq x$  with  $\omega(n) = r$  for which  $p_1 p_2 \mid n$  holds with prime numbers  $p_1, p_2$  such that  $L < p_1 < p_2 < 4p_1$ . Assume that  $r \geq 3$ . Then

$$(2.9) \quad G_{L,r}(x) \ll \frac{x}{x_1} \frac{x_2^{r-3}}{(r-3)! (\log L)} + \frac{x}{x_1}.$$

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} G_L(x) &\leq \sum_{L < p_1 < p_2 < 4p_1} \left[ \frac{x}{p_1 p_2} \right] \leq x \sum_{L < p_1 \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{p_1} \sum_{p_1 < p_2 < 4p_1} \frac{1}{p_2} \\ &\ll x \sum_{p_1 > L} \frac{1}{p_1 \log p_1} \ll x / \log L. \end{aligned}$$

Thus (2.8) is true.

We have

$$(2.10) \quad G_{L,r}(x) \leq \sum_{\substack{L < p_1 \leq p_2 \leq 4p_1 \\ \alpha, \beta}} \pi_{r-2} \left( \frac{x}{p_1^\alpha p_2^\beta} \right).$$

The contribution of those  $p_1^\alpha p_2^\beta$  for which  $\alpha \geq 2$  and  $p_1^\alpha > x^{1/4}$  or  $\beta \geq 2$  and  $p_2^\beta > x^{1/4}$  is less than

$$\ll \sum_{p_1^\alpha > x^{1/4}} \frac{x}{p_1^\alpha} \sum_{p_1 < p_2 < 4p_1} \frac{1}{p_2} \ll x \sum \frac{1}{p_1^\alpha \log L} \ll x^{0.9}.$$

The contribution of those  $p_1 p_2$  for which  $p_1 > x^{1/4}$  is less than  $G_{x^{1/4}}(x) \ll \ll \frac{x}{x_1}$ . Finally, if  $p_1^\alpha \leq x^{1/4}$ ,  $p_2^\beta \leq x^{1/4}$  then

$$\pi_{r-2} \left( \frac{x}{p_1^\alpha p_2^\beta} \right) \leq \frac{cx}{p_1^\alpha p_2^\beta} \frac{1}{x_1} \frac{x_2^{r-3}}{(r-3)!}.$$

From these inequalities (2.9) follows.  $\diamond$

**2.3.** Let  $B$  and  $c_0$  be large positive constants,

$$(2.11) \quad \mathcal{L} := \{l_j : j = 0, 1, 2, \dots\},$$

where

$$(2.12) \quad l_0 = \exp(x_2^B), \quad l_{j+1} = l_j + \frac{l_j}{(\log l_j)^{c_0}}.$$

Let  $I(l_j) = [l_j, l_{j+1})$ ,  $\beta(l_j) = li(l_{j+1}) - li(l_j)$ . If  $u \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $u = l_\nu$ , then let  $\Delta u := l_{\nu+1} - l_\nu$ , and so  $I(u) = [u, u + \Delta u]$ .

Let  $Y = [\sqrt{x}, x]$ . We shall consider such  $h$ -tuples  $(u_1, \dots, u_h)$  for which

$$(2.13) \quad (l_0 \leq) u_1 < \cdots < u_h, \quad u_\nu \in \mathcal{L} \quad (\nu = 1, \dots, h).$$

We say that  $(u_1, \dots, u_h)$  is

- a) feasible if  $u_1 \cdots u_h \leq Y$ ,
- b) well spaced if  $u_{j+1} \geq 2u_j \quad (j = 1, \dots, h-1)$ ,
- c) completely suitable, if  $(u_1 + \Delta u_1) \cdots (u_h + \Delta u_h) \leq Y$ .

Let

$$\mathcal{M}_h(l_0, Y) = \{m = p_1 \cdots p_h \leq Y, \quad l_0 \leq p_1 < \cdots < p_h\},$$

and let

$$(2.14) \quad M_h(l_0, Y) := \#(\mathcal{M}_h(l_0, Y)).$$

Let us assume that  $h \leq cx_2$ .

Adapting the method of Sathe and A. Selberg, we can deduce that

$$(2.15) \quad M_h(l_0, Y) = (1 + o_Y(1)) \frac{Y}{\log Y} \cdot \frac{x_2^{h-1}}{(h-1)!} \prod_{p < l_0} (1 - 1/p).$$

We shall count those elements  $m = p_1 \cdots p_h \in \mathcal{M}_h(l_0, Y)$  for which at least one of the following assertion is true:

- $\alpha)$  there exists such an  $i$  for which  $p_{i+1} < 4p_i$ ,
- $\beta)$   $p_{i+1} > 4p_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, h-1)$ , and if  $u_1, \dots, u_h \in \mathcal{L}$  are defined by  $p_i \in I(u_i)$ , then

$$(u_1 + \Delta u_1) \cdots (u_h + \Delta u_h) > Y.$$

From Lemma 5 we obtain that no more than

$$(2.16) \quad c \frac{Y}{\log Y} \frac{x_2^{h-3}}{(h-3)! \log l_0} + \frac{Y}{x_1}$$

integers exist, for which  $\alpha)$  holds.

Assume that  $p_i \in I(u_i) \quad (i = 1, \dots, h)$ ,  $u_{i+1} \geq 2u_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, h-1)$ ,  
 $u_1 \cdots u_h \leq p_1 \cdots p_h \leq (u_1 + \Delta u_1) \cdots (u_h + \Delta u_h)$ .

Since the right-hand side is bigger than  $Y$ , therefore

$$\prod_{\nu=1}^h u_\nu = \prod_{\nu=1}^h (u_\nu + \Delta u_\nu) \cdot \prod_{\nu=1}^h \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\Delta u_\nu}{u_\nu}} > Y \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\nu=1}^h \frac{\Delta u_\nu}{u_\nu} \right\},$$

and

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^h \frac{\Delta u_\nu}{u_\nu} \leq \sum_{\nu=0}^{h-1} \frac{1}{(\log 2^\nu l_0)^{c_0}} \ll \frac{hx_2}{x_2^{Bc_0}}.$$

Thus  $p_1 \cdots p_h \in [Y_1, Y]$ , where  $Y_1 = Y \exp\left(-c \frac{hx_2}{x_2^{Bc_0}}\right)$ .

Consequently, the number of elements  $m \in \mathcal{M}_h(l_0, Y)$  belonging to  $(\beta)$ , is no more than

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} \pi_h(Y) - \pi_h(Y_1) &\ll (Y - Y_1) \frac{1}{x_1} \frac{x_2^{h-1}}{(h-1)!} \ll \\ &\ll Y \cdot \frac{1}{x_1} \frac{x_2^{h-Bc_0+1}}{(h-1)!}, \quad \text{if } h \ll x_2. \end{aligned}$$

This can be deduced from the asymptotic formula for  $\pi_h(x)$  (see e.g. [5]). In [6] a short interval version of the asymptotic of  $\pi_h(x)$  has been proved.

Assume now that  $(u_1, \dots, u_h)$  is feasible, well-spaced, and completely suitable. Let

$$(2.18) \quad E_h(u_1, \dots, u_h) = \#\{p_1 \cdots p_h \mid p_\nu \in I(u_\nu), \nu = 1, \dots, h\}.$$

Let

$$(2.19) \quad \beta(u) = li(u + \Delta u) - li u, \quad \text{if } u \in \mathcal{L}.$$

In [3] we proved

**Lemma 6.** *If  $(u_1, \dots, u_h)$  is a well-spaced, feasible  $h$ -tuple, then*

$$(2.20) \quad E_h(u_1, \dots, u_h) = \prod_{\nu=1}^h \beta(u_\nu) \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-c_3 x_2^{B/2}}\right)\right),$$

the constant implied by  $\mathcal{O}$  is absolute.

**2.4.** Let  $1 \leq R \leq cx_2$ , and classify the primes  $p > l_0 \pmod R$ . It is known that

$$\pi(u + \Delta u, R, t) - \pi(u, R, t) = \frac{1}{\varphi(R)} \beta(u) \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-c(\log u)^{1/2}}\right)\right)$$

if  $(t, R) = 1$ .

Let  $H = H_R$  be defined on the set of primes  $p > l_0$  by

$$H(p) \equiv p \pmod R, \quad H(p) \in [0, R-1].$$

Let  $\alpha = t_1 \cdots t_h$  be a word over the alphabet

$$\mathcal{E}_R = \{t \mid t \in [0, R-1], (t, R) = 1\}.$$

We say that  $H(p_1 \cdots p_h) = \alpha$ , if  $p_1 < \cdots < p_h$ ,  $H(p_j) = t_j$ .

Let

$$(2.21) \quad E_h^{(R)}(u_1, \dots, u_h \mid \alpha) := \#\{p_1 \cdots p_h \mid p_j \in I(u_j), H(p_j) = t_j, j = 1, \dots, h\}.$$

By the observation used in [3] we obtain also

$$(2.22) \quad E_h^{(R)}(u_1, \dots, u_h \mid \alpha) = \frac{1}{\varphi(R)^h} E_h(u_1, \dots, u_h) (1 + \mathcal{O}(\exp(-c(\log l_0)^{1/2}))).$$

Let  $T_R(\alpha) := \sum_{j=1}^h t_j \pmod{R}$ , for  $\alpha = t_1 t_2 \cdots t_h$ .

From Lemma 2 we deduce that

$$(2.23) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum_{T_R(\alpha) \equiv s \pmod{R}} E_h^{(R)}(u_1, \dots, u_h \mid \alpha) = \\ &= \frac{\lambda_{R,h}(s)}{\varphi(R)^h} E_h^{(R)}(u_1, \dots, u_h) (1 + \mathcal{O}(\exp(-c(\log l_0)^{1/2}))) = \\ &= \frac{\delta_R(h+s)}{R} E_h^{(R)}(u_1, \dots, u_h) (1 + \mathcal{O}(\exp(-c(\log l_0)^{1/2}))) + \\ &+ \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{R \cdot 2^{h-1}} E_h^{(R)}(u_1, \dots, u_h)\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta_R(m) = 1$  if  $R = \text{odd}$ , while for  $R = \text{even}$   $\delta_R(m) = 2$  if  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , and  $\delta_r(m) = 0$ , if  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Hence, by (2.15), (2.16), (2.23) we obtain that

$$(2.24) \quad \begin{aligned} M_h(l_0, Y, R, s) &:= \#\{\nu = p_1 \cdots p_h \leq Y \mid l_0 \leq p_1 < \dots < p_h, \\ &T_R(H(p_1) \cdots H(p_h)) \equiv s \pmod{R}\} = \\ &= \frac{\delta_R(h+s)}{R} M_h(l_0, Y) + \mathcal{O}\left(\exp(-c(\log l_0)^{1/2}) + \frac{1}{2^{h-1}}\right) M_h(l_0, Y) + \\ &+ \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Y}{x_1} \left(\frac{x_2^{h-3}}{(h-3)!} \cdot \frac{1}{\log l_0} + 1\right)\right). \end{aligned}$$



### 3. Formulation and proof of the theorem

Let us write every  $n \leq x$  as  $(n =) A(n, l_0)B(n, l_0)$ , where

$$A(n, l_0) = \prod_{\substack{p^\alpha \parallel n \\ p < l_0}} p^\alpha; \quad B(n, l_0) = \frac{n}{A(n, l_0)}.$$

Let  $k \in J_x$ ,  $1 \leq t_k \leq cx_2$ . We classify the integers  $n \in \mathcal{P}_k$ ,  $n \leq x$  according to  $A(n, l_0)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{P}_{k,m}(x)$  be the set of those  $n \in \mathcal{P}_k$ ,  $n \leq x$ , for which  $A(n, l_0) = m$ , and  $\mathcal{P}'_{k,m}(x)$  be that subset of  $\mathcal{P}_{k,m}(x)$  which consists of those  $n = m\nu \in \mathcal{P}_{k,m}$  for which  $\nu$  is square-free. From Lemma 4 we obtain that

$$(3.1) \quad \#\left(\cup(\mathcal{P}_{k,m}(x) \setminus \mathcal{P}'_{k,m}(x))\right) \ll \frac{\pi_k(x)}{l_0 \log l_0},$$

where we sum over all  $m$  satisfying  $A(m, l_0) = m$ .

Starting from the well-known estimate

$$\psi(x, y) := \#\{n \leq x \mid P(n) \leq y\} \ll x \exp\left(-\frac{x_1}{2 \log y}\right)$$

(see for instance Tenenbaum [5]) we can deduce that

$$(3.2) \quad \#\{n \leq x \mid A(n, l_0) > \exp(x_2^{B+1})\} \ll \frac{x}{x_2^{2B}}.$$

We omit the details.

Furthermore, for a suitable constant  $b > 0$ ,

$$(3.3) \quad \#\{n \leq x \mid \omega(A(n, l_0)) > bx_3\} \ll \frac{x}{x_2^{2B}}$$

holds.

The proof is simple. The left-hand side of (3.3) is less than

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2^{bx_3}} \sum_{n \leq x} \tau(A(n, l_0)) &\leq \frac{x}{2^{bx_3}} \sum_{P(d) \leq l_0} \frac{\tau(d)}{d} \ll \frac{x}{2^{bx_3}} \prod_{p < l_0} \left(1 + \frac{2}{p} + \frac{3}{p^2} + \dots\right) \ll \\ &\ll \frac{x}{2^{bx_3}} \exp(\log \log l_0) \ll \frac{x}{x_2^{2B}}, \quad \text{if } b > \frac{3B}{\log 2}. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$(3.4) \quad B(x, k, t_k, s) := \#\{n \leq x \mid n \in \mathcal{P}_k, \quad \kappa(n) \equiv s \pmod{t_k}\}.$$

**Theorem.** Let  $J_x = [x_2 - x_2^{3/4}, x_2 + x_2^{3/4}]$ ,  $k \in J_x$ ,  $t_k$  be an integer  $1 \leq t_k \leq cx_2$ ,  $c$  an arbitrary constant. Then

$$(3.5) \quad \frac{B(x, k, t_k, s)}{\pi_k(x)} = \frac{\mu(t_k)}{t_k}(1 + o_x(1))$$

holds uniformly in  $k \in J_x$ , and  $t_k$ .

**Proof.** (3.5) is an easy consequence of our previous inequalities and lemmas.

Let  $m$  be fixed,  $P(m) < l_0$ , and consider all those  $n = m\nu \leq x$  for which  $\nu$  is square-free,  $p(\nu) \geq l_0$ ,  $\omega(n) = k$ ,  $\kappa(n) \equiv s \pmod{t_k}$ . In the notations of (2.24) the following relation holds.

$$(3.6) \quad M_{k-\omega(m)}\left(l_0, \frac{x}{m}, t_k, s - \kappa(m)\right) = (1 + o_x(1)) \frac{\delta_{t_k}(k + s - (\kappa(m) + \omega(m)))}{t_k} M_{k-\omega(m)}\left(l_0, \frac{x}{m}\right).$$

Let  $\varrho(l_0) = \prod_{p < l_0} (1 - 1/p)$ . From (2.15) we deduce that

$$(3.7) \quad M_{k-\omega(m)}\left(l_0, \frac{x}{m}\right) = (1 + o_x(1)) \varrho(l_0) \cdot \frac{1}{m} \cdot \pi_k(x)$$

if

$$m \ll \exp(x_2^{B+1}), \quad \omega(m) \leq bx_3, \quad P(m) < l_0.$$

Furthermore, if  $t_k = \text{odd}$ , then  $\delta_{t_k}(\nu) = 1$  for every  $\nu$ , if  $t_k = \text{even}$ , then  $\kappa(m) + \omega(m) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , if  $m$  is odd, and  $\kappa(m) + \omega(m) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , if  $m$  is even, consequently

$$\delta_{t_k}(k + s) - (\kappa(m) + \omega(m)) = \begin{cases} \delta_{t_k}(k + s) & \text{if } m = \text{odd}, \\ \delta_{t_k}(k + s - 1) & \text{if } m = \text{even}. \end{cases}$$

Let  $t_k$  be odd. From (3.6), (3.7), and from

$$(3.8) \quad \sum^* \frac{1}{m} = (1 + o_x(1)) \prod_{p < l_0} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} + \dots\right) = (1 + o_x(1)) \frac{1}{\varrho(l_0)}$$

we obtain (3.5) for  $t_k = \text{odd}$ . On the left-hand side we sum over  $m$  under (3.8).

Let  $t_k = \text{even}$ . If  $k + s \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , then we have to sum over odd  $m$  satisfying (3.8):

$$(3.9) \quad \sum_{\text{odd}}^* \frac{1}{m} = (1 + o_x(1)) = \prod_{3 \leq p < l_0} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} + \cdots\right) = \cdot (1 + o_x(1)) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\varrho(l_0)}.$$

If  $k + s \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , then we have to sum over the even  $m$ . Since (3.8)–(3.9) equals to  $\sum_{m=\text{even}}^* \frac{1}{m}$ , therefore it is  $(1 + o_x(1)) \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\varrho(l_0)}$ , also.

The proof of the theorem is complete.  $\diamond$

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