A SHORT INTERVALS RESULT FOR 2*n*-TWIN PRIMES IN ARITHMETIC PROGRESSIONS

By

M. B. S. LAPORTA

1. Introduction

In 1937 I. M. Vinogradov [11] proved that for every sufficiently large odd integer N the equation

(1)
$$N = p_1 + p_2 + p_3$$

has solutions in prime numbers p_1, p_2, p_3 . Vinogradov's estimate for linear trigonometric sums over primes enabled Chudakov, Estermann and Van der Corput (for example, see [1]) to prove in 1937 that almost all even integers 2n can be written as a sum of two primes (Goldbach's problem):

$$(2) 2n = p_1 + p_2.$$

The arguments used in the proof of (2) show that a similar result holds for the 2*n*-twin primes problem (for example, see [3]):

(3)
$$2n = p_1 - p_2.$$

Zulauf [12], [13] obtained asymptotic formulas for the number of the prime solutions of the equations (1) and (2) with $p_1 \equiv l \pmod{k}$, (l,k) = 1. Zulauf's formulas hold uniformly for $k \leq L^D$, where $L = \log N$ and D > 0 is some fixed constant. Recently Tolev [9] established the following result. Let us consider integers k, l such that (k, l) = 1 and denote

$$J_{k,l}(N) = \sum_{\substack{p_1 + p_2 + p_3 = N \\ p_1 \equiv l \pmod{k}}} \log p_1 \log p_2 \log p_3.$$

Then, for every A > 0 there exists B = B(A) > 0 such that

(4)
$$\sum_{k \leq \sqrt{N}L^{-B}} \max_{(l,k)=1} \left| J_{k,l}(N) - \frac{N^2}{2\varphi(k)} \mathfrak{S}_{k,l}(N) \right| \ll N^2 L^{-A}.$$

Received March 16, 1998 Revised June 25, 1998