

On an Average of $\omega(n)$ with Respect to Some Sets of Composite Integers

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Throughout this paper we shall use the following notations:

N : the set of all positive integers,

P : the set of all rational prime numbers,

$N(x) = \{n \in N; n \leq x\}$ (for x : real),

$S(x)$: a subset of $N(x)$,

$\#(S(x))$: the cardinal number of $S(x)$,

$\omega(n)$: the number of distinct prime factors of n ,

$\Omega(n)$: the total number of prime factors of n ,

$\|n\| = \min_{p \in P} (|n - p|)$, i.e., the distance from n to its nearest prime.

The letters p, q will always denote prime numbers. We shall write $\log_2 x = \log \log x$ and $\log_3 x = \log \log \log x$, and use $\pi(x), \pi(x; k, l)$ and $\text{Li}(x)$ in the usual sense.

§1. Statement of results.

Since the value of $\omega(n)$ or that of $\{\Omega(n) - \omega(n)\}$ fluctuates irregularly, we shall observe

$$V(S(x)) = \frac{\sum_{n \in S(x)} \omega(n)}{\#(S(x))}, \quad W(S(x)) = \frac{\sum_{n \in S(x)} \{\Omega(n) - \omega(n)\}}{\#(S(x))},$$

each of which can be regarded as an average of $\omega(n)$ or that of $\{\Omega(n) - \omega(n)\}$ for a given subset $S(x)$. For $S(x) = N(x)$, the value of $V(N(x))$ or that of $W(N(x))$ is, so to speak, "standard" average of $\omega(n)$ or that of $\{\Omega(n) - \omega(n)\}$. As is well known ([1: THEOREM 430]):

$$(1.1) \quad V(N(x)) = \log_2 x + A + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right),$$