

Some Results on Additive Number Theory III

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§ 1. The main theorem.

Let k be an integer > 1 and l be a positive integer. Let $\{P_{ij}; i=1, \dots, k; j=1, \dots, l\}$ be a given family of sets, each consisting of prime numbers, subject to the following conditions:

(C₁) For each $i=1, \dots, k$, the sets $P_{ij}(j=1, \dots, l)$ are pairwise disjoint;

(C₂) As $x \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\sum_{p \leq x, p \in P_{ij}} \frac{1}{p} = \lambda_{ij} \log \log x + o(\sqrt{\log \log x})$$

with positive constants λ_{ij} for $i=1, \dots, k; j=1, \dots, l$.

The sets P_{ij} with distinct i 's need not be disjoint, and $P_{i_1} \cup \dots \cup P_{i_l}$ may not contain all primes.

Throughout the paper, without repeated comment, the double subscripts ij will always run through the kl pairs of integers $i=1, \dots, k; j=1, \dots, l$.

Let $\omega_{ij}(n)$ denote the number of distinct prime factors of a positive integer n , which belong to the set P_{ij} :

$$\omega_{ij}(n) = \sum_{p|n, p \in P_{ij}} 1.$$

THEOREM 1. *Let E be a Jordan-measurable set, bounded or unbounded in the space R^{kl} of kl dimensions. For sufficiently large integer N , let $A(N; E)$ denote the number of representations of N as the sum of k positive integers: $N = n_1 + \dots + n_k$ such that, if we put*

$$x_{ij} = \frac{\omega_{ij}(n_i) - \lambda_{ij} \log \log N}{\sqrt{\lambda_{ij} \log \log N}},$$

the point $(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1l}, \dots, x_{k1}, \dots, x_{kl})$ belongs to the set E . Then, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, we have

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$$A(N; E) \sim \frac{N^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} (2\pi)^{-kl/2} \int_E \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^l x_{ij}^2\right) dx_{11} \cdots dx_{kl}.$$

This theorem was announced in [5] without proof, and the outline of the proof of a very special case of the theorem was sketched in [6]. We assume here for simplicity that l_i 's in [5] are equal to l . We shall, in Section 2, prove the theorem. The paper could somewhat be shortened by omitting some parts of the proof and making references to author's previous papers [1], [2], [3], and [4], but, for the reader's convenience, we shall give here the complete proof so that this will be read as a self-contained paper. In Section 3, we shall refer to some special cases of the theorem.

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§ 2. Proof of the theorem.

We first give a lemma concerning the number of solutions of a linear Diophantine equation in positive integers.

LEMMA 1. Let $a_1, \dots, a_t (t > 1)$, and b be positive integers such that the greatest common divisor (a_1, \dots, a_t) divides b . Let $S_t = S_t(a_1, \dots, a_t, b)$ denote the number of solutions of the Diophantine equation

$$(1) \quad a_1 x_1 + \cdots + a_t x_t = b$$

in positive integers, then we have

$$(2) \quad \left| S_t - \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_t) b^{t-1}}{(t-1)! a_1 \cdots a_t} \right| < C_t b^{t-2},$$

where C_t is a suitable positive number dependent only on t , and independent of a_1, \dots, a_t , and b .

PROOF. We shall prove the lemma by induction on t beginning with $t=2$. The case when $t=2$, our Diophantine equation is $a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 = b$ with $(a_1, a_2) | b$, and, from the well-known property of this equation we can easily see that

$$\left| S_2 - \frac{(a_1, a_2) b}{a_1 a_2} \right| < C_2,$$

where C_2 is independent of a_1, a_2 , and b .

Next we assume that (2) holds for one value of t , and consider $S_{t+1} = S_{t+1}(a_1, \dots, a_{t+1}, b)$, the number of solutions of the Diophantine

equation

$$a_1x_1 + \dots + a_{t+1}x_{t+1} = b$$

or

$$(3) \quad a_1x_1 + \dots + a_t x_t = b - a_{t+1}x_{t+1}$$

with $(a_1, \dots, a_{t+1}) | b$ in positive integers. Let $(x_{1,0}, \dots, x_{t+1,0})$ be an integral solution, not necessarily positive, of (3), then, as is easily seen, for any positive integral solution, if it exists, we can put

$$x_{t+1} = x_{t+1,0} + \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_t)}{(a_1, \dots, a_{t+1})} u,$$

where u is an integer for which $0 < b - a_{t+1}x_{t+1} < b$. For each of such u , if we denote for brevity by $S_t^*(u)$ the number of solutions of (3) in positive integers x_1, \dots, x_t , then, as (2) is assumed to be valid for the equation (1), replacing b by

$$b - a_{t+1}x_{t+1} = b - a_{t+1}x_{t+1,0} - \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_t)a_{t+1}}{(a_1, \dots, a_{t+1})} u,$$

we can write

$$\left| S_t^*(u) - \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_t)}{(t-1)! a_1 \dots a_t} \left\{ b - a_{t+1}x_{t+1,0} - \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_t)a_{t+1}}{(a_1, \dots, a_{t+1})} u \right\}^{t-1} \right| < C_t b^{t-2}.$$

Now, since

$$S_{t+1} = \sum_u S_t^*(u),$$

where u runs through the integers with above-mentioned condition, and the number of integers admissible for u is less than b , we obtain

$$\left| S_{t+1} - \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_t)}{(t-1)! a_1 \dots a_t} \sum_u \left\{ b - a_{t+1}x_{t+1,0} - \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_t)a_{t+1}}{(a_1, \dots, a_{t+1})} u \right\}^{t-1} \right| < C_t b^{t-1}.$$

Also, approximating the summation by an appropriate integral, we can easily obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_t)}{(t-1)! a_1 \dots a_t} \sum_u \left\{ b - a_{t+1}x_{t+1,0} - \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_t)a_{t+1}}{(a_1, \dots, a_{t+1})} u \right\}^{t-1} \\ &= \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_{t+1})b^t}{t! a_1 \dots a_{t+1}} + O(b^{t-1}), \end{aligned}$$

where the constant implied in O -symbol is independent of a_1, \dots, a_{t+1} .

Thus we see that an inequality obtained by replacing t by $t+1$ in (2) also holds with C_{t+1} independent of a_1, \dots, a_{t+1} , and b . Our induction is now completed.

Next we give two simple lemmas concerning binomial coefficients.

LEMMA 2. *Let a and b be non-negative integers, then*

$$\sum_{c=0}^b (-1)^c \binom{a}{c} \begin{cases} =1, & \text{when } a=0, \\ \geq 0, & \text{when } a>0 \text{ and } b \text{ is even,} \\ \leq 0, & \text{when } a>0 \text{ and } b \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

We omit the proof.

LEMMA 3. *Let a_1, \dots, a_t and b_1, \dots, b_t be non-negative integers. If we put*

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &= \gamma(a_1, \dots, a_t; b_1, \dots, b_t) \\ &= \sum_{s=1}^t \left\{ \sum_{c_s=0}^{2b_s+1} (-1)^{c_s} \binom{a_s}{c_s} \cdot \prod_{\substack{r=1 \\ r \neq s}}^t \sum_{c_r=0}^{2b_r} (-1)^{c_r} \binom{a_r}{c_r} \right\} - (t-1) \prod_{s=1}^t \sum_{c_s=0}^{2b_s} (-1)^{c_s} \binom{a_s}{c_s}, \end{aligned}$$

then we have

$$\gamma \begin{cases} =1, & \text{when } a_1 = \dots = a_t = 0, \\ \leq 0, & \text{when at least one of the } a\text{'s is positive.} \end{cases}$$

PROOF. The case $a_1 = \dots = a_t = 0$ is trivial. Suppose that at least one of the a 's is positive. Without loss of generality, we can assume that $a_s > 0$ for $s=1, \dots, t_1$, and $a_s = 0$ for $s=t_1+1, \dots, t$. Then we easily have

$$\gamma = \sum_{s=1}^{t_1} \left\{ \sum_{c_s=0}^{2b_s+1} (-1)^{c_s} \binom{a_s}{c_s} \cdot \prod_{\substack{r=1 \\ r \neq s}}^{t_1} \sum_{c_r=0}^{2b_r} (-1)^{c_r} \binom{a_r}{c_r} \right\} - (t_1-1) \prod_{s=1}^{t_1} \sum_{c_s=0}^{2b_s} (-1)^{c_s} \binom{a_s}{c_s},$$

from which, applying the case $a > 0$ of Lemma 2, we see that $\gamma \leq 0$. Thus the lemma is proved.

Now we define some functions and sets which will be used in the sequel. The positive integer N will be assumed to be sufficiently large as occasion demands.

We put

$$y_{ij}(N) = \sum_{p \leq N, p \in P_{ij}} \frac{1}{p},$$

then, by (C₂) in Section 1,

$$(4) \quad y_{ij}(N) = \lambda_{ij} \log \log N + o(\sqrt{\log \log N}) .$$

We define the sets Q_{ijN} as

$$(5) \quad Q_{ijN} = \{p: p \in P_{ij}, e^{(y_{ij}(N))^2} < p < N^{(y_{ij}(N))^{-2}}\} .$$

We introduce these sets obtained from P_{ij} by omitting comparatively small and large primes in analogy to the truncation method used in probability theory.

We put

$$z_{ij}(N) = \sum_{p \in Q_{ijN}} \frac{1}{p} .$$

Then obviously $z_{ij}(N) \leq y_{ij}(N)$. Also we have

LEMMA 4. $z_{ij}(N) = \lambda_{ij} \log \log N + o(\sqrt{\log \log N})$.

PROOF. As is well-known

$$\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} = \log \log x + O(1) .$$

Now we can write

$$y_{ij}(N) - z_{ij}(N) \leq \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 ;$$

in Σ_1 , p runs through primes $\leq e^{(y_{ij}(N))^2}$ and, in Σ_2 , p runs through primes satisfying $N^{(y_{ij}(N))^{-2}} \leq p \leq N$. Hence we have

$$\Sigma_1 = 2 \log y_{ij}(N) + O(1) ,$$

and

$$\Sigma_2 = \log \log N - \log \frac{\log N}{\{y_{ij}(N)\}^2} + O(1) = 2 \log y_{ij}(N) + O(1) .$$

Hence the lemma follows from (4).

Now we continue defining some further functions.

We denote by $\omega_{ijN}(n)$ the number of distinct prime factors of a positive integer n , which belong to the set Q_{ijN} :

$$(6) \quad \omega_{ijN}(n) = \sum_{p|n, p \in Q_{ijN}} 1 .$$

For any positive integer t , we define the sets $M_{ijN}(t)$ consisting of positive integers as

$$(7) \quad M_{ijN}(t) = \{m: m \text{ is squarefree};$$

m has t prime factors ;

m is composed only of primes $\in Q_{ijN}$.

We put for convenience $M_{ijN}(0) = \{1\}$.

For any kl positive integers t_{ij} , we denote by $F(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl})$ the number of representations of N as the sum of k positive integers: $N = n_1 + \dots + n_k$ such that $\omega_{ijN}(n_i) = t_{ij}$ simultaneously.

For any kl positive integers m_{ij} such that $m_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(t_{ij})$ with some positive integers t_{ij} , we denote by $G(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl})$ the number of representations of N as the sum of k positive integers: $N = n_1 + \dots + n_k$ such that

$$(8) \quad \prod_{p|n_i, p \in Q_{ijN}} p = m_{ij}$$

simultaneously.

We obviously have

$$(9) \quad F(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}) = \sum_{m_{11} \in M_{11N}(t_{11})} \dots \sum_{m_{kl} \in M_{klN}(t_{kl})} G(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}) ,$$

where the summation symbols \sum are repeated kl times.

For any $2kl$ positive integers t_{ij} and T_{ij} , we put

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} & \mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) \\ &= \sum_{m_{11} \in M_{11N}(t_{11})} \dots \sum_{m_{kl} \in M_{klN}(t_{kl})} \mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) , \\ & \mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) \\ &= \sum_{\tau_{11}=0}^{2T_{11}} \dots \sum_{\tau_{kl}=0}^{2T_{kl}} (-1)^{\tau_{11} + \dots + \tau_{kl}} \mathcal{L}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl}) , \\ & \mathcal{L}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl}) = \sum_{\substack{\mu_{11} \in M_{11N}(\tau_{11}) \\ (\mu_{11}, m_{11})=1}} \dots \sum_{\substack{\mu_{kl} \in M_{klN}(\tau_{kl}) \\ (\mu_{kl}, m_{kl})=1}} \sum_{\substack{n_1 + \dots + n_k = N \\ m_{ij} \mu_{ij} | n_i}} 1 . \end{aligned}$$

In the sum defining $\mathcal{L}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl})$, the kl summation-variables μ_{ij} run through positive integers satisfying the assigned conditions, and, for each of the systems of such μ_{ij} , the innermost sum means the number of representations of N as the sum of k positive integers: $N = n_1 + \dots + n_k$ such that $m_{ij} \mu_{ij} | n_i$ simultaneously. Similarly we put

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{H}^{(ij)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) \\ &= \sum_{m_{11} \in M_{11N}(t_{11})} \dots \sum_{m_{kl} \in M_{klN}(t_{kl})} \mathcal{H}^{(ij)}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) , \\ & \mathcal{H}^{(ij)}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) \\ &= \sum_{\tau_{11}=0}^{2T_{11}} \dots \sum_{\tau_{ij}=0}^{2T_{ij}+1} \dots \sum_{\tau_{kl}=0}^{2T_{kl}} (-1)^{\tau_{11} + \dots + \tau_{kl}} \mathcal{L}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl}) , \end{aligned}$$

where the summation-variable τ_{ij} runs through the integers $0, \dots, 2T_{ij}+1$ and other τ 's, in number $kl-1$, run through the same integers as in the definition of $\mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl})$ respectively.

LEMMA 5. For any $2kl$ positive integers t_{ij} and T_{ij} , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^l \mathcal{H}^{(ij)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) \\ & \quad - (kl-1) \mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) \\ & \leq F(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}) \leq \mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}). \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Because of the assumption (C₁), we can change the order of summations defining $\mathcal{L}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl})$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{L}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl}) \\ & = \sum_{\substack{n_1+\dots+n_k=N \\ m_{ij}|n_i}} \sum_{\substack{\mu_{11} \in M_{11N}(\tau_{11}) \\ (\mu_{11}, m_{11})=1 \\ \mu_{11}|n_1}} \dots \sum_{\substack{\mu_{kl} \in M_{klN}(\tau_{kl}) \\ (\mu_{kl}, m_{kl})=1 \\ \mu_{kl}|n_k}} 1 \\ & = \sum_{\substack{n_1+\dots+n_k=N \\ m_{ij}|n_i}} \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \sum_{\substack{\mu_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(\tau_{ij}) \\ (\mu_{ij}, m_{ij})=1 \\ \mu_{ij}|n_i}} 1 \\ & = \sum_{\substack{n_1+\dots+n_k=N \\ m_{ij}|n_i}} \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \binom{\omega_{ijN}(n_i) - t_{ij}}{\tau_{ij}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we can put

$$\mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) = \sum_{\substack{n_1+\dots+n_k=N \\ m_{ij}|n_i}} \delta(n_1, \dots, n_k),$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^l \mathcal{H}^{(ij)}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) \\ & \quad - (kl-1) \mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) = \sum_{\substack{n_1+\dots+n_k=N \\ m_{ij}|n_i}} \delta'(n_1, \dots, n_k), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(n_1, \dots, n_k) & = \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \sum_{\tau_{ij}=0}^{2T_{ij}} (-1)^{\tau_{ij}} \binom{\omega_{ijN}(n_i) - t_{ij}}{\tau_{ij}}, \\ \delta'(n_1, \dots, n_k) & = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^l \left\{ \sum_{\tau_{ij}=0}^{2T_{ij}+1} (-1)^{\tau_{ij}} \binom{\omega_{ijN}(n_i) - t_{ij}}{\tau_{ij}} \cdot \prod_{\substack{r=1 \\ (r,s) \neq (i,j)}}^k \prod_{s=1}^l \sum_{\tau_{rs}=0}^{2T_{rs}} (-1)^{\tau_{rs}} \binom{\omega_{rsN}(n_r) - t_{rs}}{\tau_{rs}} \right\} \\ & \quad - (kl-1) \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \sum_{\tau_{ij}=0}^{2T_{ij}} (-1)^{\tau_{ij}} \binom{\omega_{ijN}(n_i) - t_{ij}}{\tau_{ij}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, owing to Lemma 3, $\delta(n_1, \dots, n_k) = \delta'(n_1, \dots, n_k) = 1$ when $\omega_{ijN}(n_i) = t_{ij}$

simultaneously; and $\delta(n_1, \dots, n_k) \geq 0$, $\delta'(n_1, \dots, n_k) \leq 0$ when at least one inequality $\omega_{ijN}(n_i) > t_{ij}$ holds. Hence, recalling (8) in the definition of $G(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^l \mathcal{H}^{(ij)}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) \\ & \quad - (kl-1) \mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) \\ & \leq G(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}) \leq \mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}). \end{aligned}$$

Now by (9) and (10) we obtain the lemma.

This lemma enables us to obtain a certain asymptotic formula for $F(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl})$ proving the easier ones for $\mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl})$ and $\mathcal{H}^{(ij)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl})$ giving T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl} appropriate values. This procedure might be said to be a type of sieve method. Again $\mathcal{H}^{(ij)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl})$ can be dealt with in almost the same way as $\mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl})$, and so we shall for the present be concerned with $\mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl})$. For this purpose we introduce some more functions. We put

$$\begin{aligned} & H(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) \\ & = \sum_{m_{11} \in M_{11N}(t_{11})} \cdots \sum_{m_{kl} \in M_{klN}(t_{kl})} K(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}), \\ & K(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) \\ & = \sum_{\tau_{11}=0}^{2T_{11}} \cdots \sum_{\tau_{kl}=0}^{2T_{kl}} (-1)^{\tau_{11}+\cdots+\tau_{kl}} L(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl}), \\ & L(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl}) = \sum_{\substack{\mu_{11} \in M_{11N}(\tau_{11}) \\ (\mu_{11}, m_{11})=1}} \cdots \sum_{\substack{\mu_{kl} \in M_{klN}(\tau_{kl}) \\ (\mu_{kl}, m_{kl})=1 \\ (m_1^{\mu_1}, \dots, m_k^{\mu_k})|N}} \frac{(m_1^{\mu_1}, \dots, m_k^{\mu_k})}{m_1^{\mu_1} \cdots m_k^{\mu_k}}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have put for brevity

$$(11) \quad m_i = \prod_{j=1}^l m_{ij}, \quad \mu_i = \prod_{j=1}^l \mu_{ij}.$$

We put further

$$\begin{aligned} & H_1(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) \\ & = \sum_{m_{11} \in M_{11N}(t_{11})} \cdots \sum_{m_{kl} \in M_{klN}(t_{kl})} K_1(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}), \\ & K_1(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) \\ & = \sum_{\tau_{11}=0}^{2T_{11}} \cdots \sum_{\tau_{kl}=0}^{2T_{kl}} (-1)^{\tau_{11}+\cdots+\tau_{kl}} L_1(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl}) \\ & L_1(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{\substack{\mu_{11} \in M_{11N}(\tau_{11}) \\ (\mu_{11}, m_{11})=1}} \cdots \sum_{\substack{\mu_{kl} \in M_{klN}(\tau_{kl}) \\ (\mu_{kl}, m_{kl})=1 \\ (m_1^{\mu_1}, \dots, m_k^{\mu_k})=1}} \frac{1}{m_1^{\mu_1} \cdots m_k^{\mu_k}} ; \\
 H_2(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) &= \sum_{m_{11} \in M_{11N}(t_{11})} \cdots \sum_{m_{kl} \in M_{klN}(t_{kl})} K_2(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}), \\
 K_2(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) &= \sum_{\tau_{11}=0}^{2T_{11}} \cdots \sum_{\tau_{kl}=0}^{2T_{kl}} (-1)^{\tau_{11}+\dots+\tau_{kl}} L_2(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl}) \\
 L_2(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl}) &= \sum_{\substack{\mu_{11} \in M_{11N}(\tau_{11}) \\ (\mu_{11}, m_{11})=1}} \cdots \sum_{\substack{\mu_{kl} \in M_{klN}(\tau_{kl}) \\ (\mu_{kl}, m_{kl})=1 \\ (m_1^{\mu_1}, \dots, m_k^{\mu_k}) > 1 \\ (m_1^{\mu_1}, \dots, m_k^{\mu_k}) | N}} \frac{(m_1^{\mu_1}, \dots, m_k^{\mu_k})}{m_1^{\mu_1} \cdots m_k^{\mu_k}} ; \\
 H_3(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) &= \sum_{m_{11} \in M_{11N}(t_{11})} \cdots \sum_{m_{kl} \in M_{klN}(t_{kl})} K_3(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) \\
 K_3(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) &= \sum_{\tau_{11}=0}^{2T_{11}} \cdots \sum_{\tau_{kl}=0}^{2T_{kl}} (-1)^{\tau_{11}+\dots+\tau_{kl}} L_3(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl}) \\
 L_3(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl}) &= \sum_{\substack{\mu_{11} \in M_{11N}(\tau_{11}) \\ (\mu_{11}, m_{11})=1}} \cdots \sum_{\substack{\mu_{kl} \in M_{klN}(\tau_{kl}) \\ (\mu_{kl}, m_{kl})=1 \\ (m_1^{\mu_1}, \dots, m_k^{\mu_k}) > 1}} \frac{1}{m_1^{\mu_1} \cdots m_k^{\mu_k}} .
 \end{aligned}$$

The apparent complexity of introducing such similar but slightly different expressions would rather facilitate the subsequent arguments. Now, from the above definitions, we at once have

(12) $H(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) = H_1(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) + H_2(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}),$

(13) $H_1(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) + H_3(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11}, \dots, T_{kl}) = \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \sum_{m_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(t_{ij})} \frac{1}{m_{ij}} \sum_{\tau_{ij}=0}^{2T_{ij}} (-1)^{\tau_{ij}} \sum_{\substack{\mu_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(\tau_{ij}) \\ (\mu_{ij}, m_{ij})=1}} \frac{1}{\mu_{ij}} .$

LEMMA 6. Let $T_{ijN} = [5z_{ij}(N)]$. Then, as $N \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &H_1(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN}) + H_3(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN}) \\
 &= \frac{\{z_{11}(N)\}^{t_{11}} \cdots \{z_{kl}(N)\}^{t_{kl}} e^{-(z_{11}(N)+\dots+z_{kl}(N))}}{t_{11}! \cdots t_{kl}!} \{1 + o(1)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in t_{ij} with $t_{ij} < 2z_{ij}(N)$ simultaneously.

PROOF. In view of (13), we are allowed to consider the kl expressions

$$\sum_{m_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(t_{ij})} \frac{1}{m_{ij}} \sum_{\tau_{ij}=0}^{2T_{ij}N} (-1)^{\tau_{ij}} \sum_{\substack{\mu_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(\tau_{ij}) \\ (\mu_{ij}, m_{ij})=1}} \frac{1}{\mu_{ij}}$$

separately. We shall for simplicity omit the subscripts ij , and for a while deal with the expression

$$\sum_{m \in M_N(t)} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{\tau=0}^{2T_N} (-1)^\tau \sum_{\substack{\mu \in M_N(\tau) \\ (\mu, m)=1}} \frac{1}{\mu}$$

under the condition that $t < 2z(N)$.

Now, by the definition of the set $M_N(\tau)$, we have

$$\sum_{\tau=0}^{\infty} (-1)^\tau \sum_{\substack{\mu \in M_N(\tau) \\ (\mu, m)=1}} \frac{1}{\mu} = \prod_{\substack{p \in Q_N \\ p \nmid m}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right),$$

where the left-hand side is essentially a finite sum. From this we can write

$$(14) \quad \left| \sum_{\tau=0}^{2T_N} (-1)^\tau \sum_{\substack{\mu \in M_N(\tau) \\ (\mu, m)=1}} \frac{1}{\mu} - \prod_{\substack{p \in Q_N \\ p \nmid m}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) \right| \leq \sum_{\tau=2T_N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{\mu \in M_N(\tau)} \frac{1}{\mu}.$$

We shall first estimate the right-hand member of (14). From the definitions of $z(N)$ and $M_N(\tau)$, we have

$$\sum_{\mu \in M_N(\tau)} \frac{1}{\mu} \leq \frac{\{z(N)\}^\tau}{\tau!},$$

which gives

$$\sum_{\tau=2T_N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{\mu \in M_N(\tau)} \frac{1}{\mu} \leq \sum_{\tau=2T_N+1}^{\infty} \frac{\{z(N)\}^\tau}{\tau!} < \frac{\{z(N)\}^{2T_N+1} e^{z(N)}}{(2T_N+1)!} < \left(\frac{ez(N)}{2T_N+1}\right)^{2T_N+1} e^{z(N)},$$

where the last step is due to the inequality $(2T_N+1)^{2T_N+1} < (2T_N+1)! e^{2T_N+1}$. Also $2T_N+1 > 9z(N)$, so that

$$\left(\frac{ez(N)}{2T_N+1}\right)^{2T_N+1} < \left(\frac{e}{q}\right)^{9z(N)} < e^{-9z(N)}.$$

Thus we have

$$(15) \quad \sum_{\tau=2T_N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{\mu \in M_N(\tau)} \frac{1}{\mu} = O(e^{-9z(N)}) = o(e^{-z(N)}) .$$

On the other hand, since the primes contained in Q_N are greater than $e^{(y(N))^2}$ by (5), we have

$$\sum_{p \in Q_N} \frac{1}{p^2} = o(1) ,$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{p \in Q_N} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) &= \exp \left\{ \sum_{p \in Q_N} \log \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) \right\} = \exp \left\{ - \sum_{p \in Q_N} \frac{1}{p} + O \left(\sum_{p \in Q_N} \frac{1}{p^2} \right) \right\} \\ &= \exp \{ -z(N) + o(1) \} = e^{-z(N)} \{1 + o(1)\} . \end{aligned}$$

Also, since $m \in M_N(t)$ with $t < 2z(N)$, the number of prime factors of m is less than $2y(N)$, and each of the prime factors is $> e^{(y(N))^2}$ by (5), we can deduce that

$$1 < \prod_{p|m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^{-1} < \prod_{p|m} \left(1 + \frac{2}{p}\right) < (1 + 2e^{-(y(N))^2})^{2y(N)} = 1 + o(1) .$$

Thus we have

$$(16) \quad \prod_{\substack{p \in Q_N \\ p|m}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) = e^{-z(N)} \{1 + o(1)\} ,$$

and this holds uniformly in m with $m \in M_N(t)$, $t < 2z(N)$.

It follows from (14), (15), and (16) that

$$\sum_{\tau=0}^{2T_N} (-1)^\tau \sum_{\substack{\mu \in M_N(\tau) \\ (\mu, m)=1}} \frac{1}{\mu} = e^{-z(N)} \{1 + o(1)\}$$

uniformly in the above-mentioned sense, and hence

$$(17) \quad \sum_{m \in M_N(t)} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{\tau=0}^{2T_N} (-1)^\tau \sum_{\substack{\mu \in M_N(\tau) \\ (\mu, m)=1}} \frac{1}{\mu} = \{1 + o(1)\} e^{-z(N)} \sum_{m \in M_N(t)} \frac{1}{m}$$

uniformly in t with $t < 2z(N)$.

It follows from the multinomial theorem that

$$(18) \quad \sum_{m \in M_N(t)} \frac{1}{m} \leq \frac{\{z(N)\}^t}{t!} \leq \sum_{m \in M_N(t)} \frac{1}{m} + \sum_w \frac{1}{w} ,$$

where the summation-variable w runs through positive integers which are not squarefree and composed of t primes $\in Q_N$. For each of these

w , we can uniquely put $w = d^2 q$ with squarefree q . Since d is composed only of primes $\in Q_N$ and $d > 1$, it follows that $d > e^{(y(N))^2}$ by (5). Thus we can write

$$\sum \frac{1}{w} \leq \sum_d \frac{1}{d^2} \sum_q \frac{1}{q},$$

where

$$\sum_d \frac{1}{d^2} = O(e^{-\{y(N)\}^2}) = O(e^{-\{z(N)\}^2}).$$

As for the sum with the summation-variable q , we have

$$\sum_q \frac{1}{q} < 1 + z(N) + \frac{\{z(N)\}^2}{2!} + \dots = e^{z(N)},$$

thus it follows that

$$\sum_w \frac{1}{w} = O(e^{z(N) - \{z(N)\}^2}).$$

Also, since we assume that $t < 2z(N)$, we have

$$\frac{\{z(N)\}^t}{t!} > \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^t \cdot \frac{1}{t^t} = 2^{-t} > e^{-2z(N)}.$$

Hence we can write

$$\sum_w \frac{1}{w} = O\left(\frac{\{z(N)\}^t}{t!} e^{3z(N) - \{z(N)\}^2}\right),$$

which implies

$$\sum_w \frac{1}{w} = o\left(\frac{\{z(N)\}^t}{t!}\right).$$

Now, by this and (18), we have

$$\sum_{m \in M_N(t)} \frac{1}{m} = \frac{\{z(N)\}^t}{t!} \{1 + o(1)\},$$

and the above deduction shows that this holds uniformly in t with $t < 2z(N)$.

It follows from this and (17) that

$$\sum_{m \in M_N(t)} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{\tau=0}^{2T_N} (-1)^\tau \sum_{\substack{\mu \in M_N(\tau) \\ (\mu, m)=1}} \frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{\{z(N)\}^t e^{-z(N)}}{t!} \{1 + o(1)\}$$

uniformly in t with $t < 2z(N)$, or, attaching now the subscripts ij

$$\sum_{m_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(t_{ij})} \frac{1}{m_{ij}} \sum_{\tau_{ij}=0}^{2T_{ijN}} (-1)^{\tau_{ij}} \sum_{\substack{\mu_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(\tau_{ij}) \\ (\mu_{ij}, m_{ij})=1}} \frac{1}{\mu_{ij}} = \frac{\{z_{ij}(N)\}^{t_{ij}} e^{-z_{ij}(N)}}{t_{ij}!} \{1 + o(1)\}$$

uniformly in t_{ij} with $t_{ij} < 2z_{ij}(N)$. Finally the lemma follows on multiplying thus obtained kl equalities.

LEMMA 7. Let $T_{ijN} = [5z_{ij}(N)]$. Then, as $N \rightarrow \infty$,

$$H_2(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN}) = o\left(\frac{\{z_{11}(N)\}^{t_{11}} \dots \{z_{kl}(N)\}^{t_{kl}} e^{-\{z_{11}(N) + \dots + z_{kl}(N)\}}}{t_{11}! \dots t_{kl}!}\right)$$

uniformly in t_{ij} with $t_{ij} < 2z_{ij}(N)$.

PROOF. For each summand of the sum defining $L_2(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl})$ we put $d = (m_1 \mu_1, \dots, m_k \mu_k)$. Then we can obtain the positive integers m'_i, μ'_i , and m'_{ij}, μ'_{ij} with $m'_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(t'_{ij})$, $t'_{ij} \leq t_{ij}$, $\mu'_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(\tau'_{ij})$, $\tau'_{ij} \leq \tau_{ij}$ such that $m'_i | m_i$, $\mu'_i | \mu_i$, $m_i \mu_i = m'_i \mu'_i d$, and $m'_{ij} | m_{ij}$, $m'_i = m'_{i1} \dots m'_{il}$, $\mu'_{ij} | \mu_{ij}$, $\mu'_i = \mu'_{i1} \dots \mu'_{il}$, and, since the number of prime factors of $m_{ij} \mu_{ij}$ is less than $12z_{ij}(N)$, it is easily seen that at most $2^{12\{z_{11}(N) + \dots + z_{kl}(N)\}}$ distinct summands of $L_2(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl})$ go to the same system m'_i, μ'_i and d .

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |H_2(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN})| \\ & \leq \sum_{m_{11} \in M_{11N}(t_{11})} \dots \sum_{m_{kl} \in M_{klN}(t_{kl})} \sum_{\tau_{11}=0}^{2T_{11N}} \dots \sum_{\tau_{kl}=0}^{2T_{klN}} \\ & \sum_{\substack{\mu_{11} \in M_{11N}(\tau_{11}) \\ (\mu_{11}, m_{11})=1}} \dots \sum_{\substack{\mu_{kl} \in M_{klN}(\tau_{kl}) \\ (\mu_{kl}, m_{kl})=1 \\ (m_1 \mu_1, \dots, m_k \mu_k) > 1 \\ (m_1 \mu_1, \dots, m_k \mu_k) | N}} \frac{(m_1 \mu_1, \dots, m_k \mu_k)}{m_1 \mu_1 \dots m_k \mu_k}, \end{aligned}$$

and, applying the above considerations to each of the summands, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & |H_2(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN})| \leq 2^{12\{z_{11}(N) + \dots + z_{kl}(N)\}} \\ & \cdot \sum_d \frac{1}{d} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \sum_{t'_{ij}=0}^{t_{ij}} \sum_{m'_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(t'_{ij})} \frac{1}{m'_{ij}} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \sum_{\tau'_{ij}=0}^{2T_{ijN}} \sum_{\mu'_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(\tau'_{ij})} \frac{1}{\mu'_{ij}}, \end{aligned}$$

a fortiori

$$\begin{aligned} (19) \quad & |H_2(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN})| \\ & \leq 2^{12\{z_{11}(N) + \dots + z_{kl}(N)\}} \sum_d \frac{1}{d} \cdot \left(\prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \sum_{t'_{ij}=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m'_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(t'_{ij})} \frac{1}{m'_{ij}} \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

If we put for convenience

$$y_*(N) = \min_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq k \\ 1 \leq j \leq l}} y_{ij}(N), \quad y^*(N) = \max_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq k \\ 1 \leq j \leq l}} y_{ij}(N),$$

then, by (C₂) in Section 1,

$$\begin{aligned} y_*(N) &= \lambda_* \log \log N + o(\sqrt{\log \log N}), \\ y^*(N) &= \lambda^* \log \log N + o(\sqrt{\log \log N}), \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\lambda_* = \min_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq k \\ 1 \leq j \leq l}} \lambda_{ij}, \quad \lambda^* = \max_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq k \\ 1 \leq j \leq l}} \lambda_{ij},$$

and for the validity of (19), it will be sufficient to make d run through integers such that the number of prime factors of d is less than $12y^*(N)$ and each of them is greater than $e^{\{y_*(N)\}^2}$. Hence we can write

$$\sum_d \frac{1}{d} < (1 + e^{-\{y_*(N)\}^2})^{12y^*(N)} - 1,$$

which gives

$$(20) \quad \sum_d \frac{1}{d} = O(e^{-\{y_*(N)\}^2} y^*(N)).$$

Again, as in the proof of Lemma 6, we have

$$\sum_{m_{ij} \in M_{ijN}^{(t_{ij})}} \frac{1}{m_{ij}} \leq \frac{\{z_{ij}(N)\}^{t_{ij}}}{t_{ij}!},$$

which implies

$$(21) \quad \sum_{t_{ij}=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m_{ij} \in M_{ijN}^{(t_{ij})}} \frac{1}{m_{ij}} = O(e^{z_{ij}(N)}).$$

It follows from (19), (20), and (21) that

$$H_2(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN}) = O(e^{14\{z_{11}(N) + \dots + z_{kl}(N)\} - \{y_*(N)\}^2} y^*(N)).$$

On the other hand, since $t_{ij} < 2z_{ij}(N)$, we can argue

$$\begin{aligned} (22) \quad & \frac{\{z_{11}(N)\}^{t_{11}} \dots \{z_{kl}(N)\}^{t_{kl}} e^{-\{z_{11}(N) + \dots + z_{kl}(N)\}}}{t_{11}! \dots t_{kl}!} \\ & > \frac{\{z_{11}(N)\}^{t_{11}} \dots \{z_{kl}(N)\}^{t_{kl}} e^{-\{z_{11}(N) + \dots + z_{kl}(N)\}}}{\{2z_{11}(N)\}^{t_{11}} \dots \{2z_{kl}(N)\}^{t_{kl}}} = 2^{-(t_{11} + \dots + t_{kl})} e^{-\{z_{11}(N) + \dots + z_{kl}(N)\}} \\ & > e^{-3\{z_{11}(N) + \dots + z_{kl}(N)\}}, \end{aligned}$$

and hence we can write

$$H_2(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN}) = \frac{\{z_{11}(N)\}^{t_{11}} \dots \{z_{kl}(N)\}^{t_{kl}} e^{-\{z_{11}(N)+\dots+z_{kl}(N)\}}}{t_{11}! \dots t_{kl}!} O(e^{17\{z_{11}(N)+\dots+z_{kl}(N)\} - \{y_*(N)\}^2} y^*(N)).$$

Now, by Lemma 4 and the above formulas for $y_*(N)$ and $y^*(N)$, we obtain the lemma.

LEMMA 8. Let $T_{ijN} = [5z_{ij}(N)]$. Then, as $N \rightarrow \infty$,

$$H_3(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN}) = o\left(\frac{\{z_{11}(N)\}^{t_{11}} \dots \{z_{kl}(N)\}^{t_{kl}} e^{-\{z_{11}(N)+\dots+z_{kl}(N)\}}}{t_{11}! \dots t_{kl}!}\right)$$

uniformly in t_{ij} with $t_{ij} < 2z_{ij}(N)$.

PROOF. For each summand of the sum defining $L_3(N; m_{11}, \dots, m_{kl}; \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{kl})$ we put $d = (m_1 \mu_1, \dots, m_k \mu_k)$, then, as in the proof of Lemma 7, we can obtain

$$|H_3(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN})| \leq 2^{12\{z_{11}(N)+\dots+z_{kl}(N)\}} \sum_d \frac{1}{d^2} \cdot \left(\prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \sum_{t_{ij}=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(t_{ij})} \frac{1}{m_{ij}} \right)^2,$$

and this inequality is valid, if we make d run through the positive integers greater than $e^{\{y_*(N)\}^2}$, so that

$$\sum_d \frac{1}{d^2} = O(e^{-\{y_*(N)\}^2}).$$

The remaining part of the proof can also be performed as in the proof of Lemma 7.

LEMMA 9. Let $T_{ijN} = [5z_{ij}(N)]$. Then, as $N \rightarrow \infty$,

$$H(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN}) = \frac{\{z_{11}(N)\}^{t_{11}} \dots \{z_{kl}(N)\}^{t_{kl}} e^{-\{z_{11}(N)+\dots+z_{kl}(N)\}}}{t_{11}! \dots t_{kl}!} \{1 + o(1)\}$$

uniformly in t_{ij} with $t_{ij} < 2z_{ij}(N)$.

PROOF. The lemma follows from (12) and Lemmas 6, 7, and 8.

LEMMA 10. Let $T_{ijN} = [5z_{ij}(N)]$. Then, as $N \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN}) - \frac{N^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} H(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN})$$

$$= o \left(\frac{N^{k-1} \{z_{11}(N)\}^{t_{11}} \cdots \{z_{kl}(N)\}^{t_{kl}} e^{-(z_{11}(N) + \cdots + z_{kl}(N))}}{t_{11}! \cdots t_{kl}!} \right)$$

uniformly in t_{ij} with $t_{ij} < 2z_{ij}(N)$.

PROOF. From Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (23) \quad \mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN}) &= \frac{N^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \\ &\cdot H(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN}) = O \left(N^{k-2} \sum_{m_{11} \in M_{11N}(t_{11})} \cdots \sum_{m_{kl} \in M_{klN}(t_{kl})} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sum_{\tau_{11}=0}^{2T_{11N}} \cdots \sum_{\tau_{kl}=0}^{2T_{klN}} \sum_{\mu_{11} \in M_{11N}(\tau_{11})} \cdots \sum_{\mu_{kl} \in M_{klN}(\tau_{kl})} 1 \right) \\ &= O \left\{ N^{k-2} \left(\prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \sum_{t_{ij}=0}^{2T_{ijN}} \sum_{m_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(t_{ij})} 1 \right)^2 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

since $t_{ij} < T_{ijN}$ by the assumptions.

Now, denoting by $|Q_{ijN}|$ the number of elements of the set Q_{ijN} , we have

$$\sum_{m_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(t_{ij})} 1 = \binom{|Q_{ijN}|}{t_{ij}} \leq \frac{|Q_{ijN}|^{t_{ij}}}{t_{ij}!},$$

and hence

$$\sum_{t_{ij}=0}^{2T_{ijN}} \sum_{m_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(t_{ij})} 1 \leq \sum_{t_{ij}=0}^{2T_{ijN}} \frac{|Q_{ijN}|^{t_{ij}}}{t_{ij}!} < e |Q_{ijN}|^{2T_{ijN}}.$$

Since $T_{ijN} \leq 5z_{ij}(N) \leq 5y_{ij}(N)$ by assumption, and $|Q_{ijN}| < N^{(y_{ij}(N))^{-2}}$ by (5), it follows that

$$\sum_{t_{ij}=0}^{2T_{ijN}} \sum_{m_{ij} \in M_{ijN}(t_{ij})} 1 = O(N^{10(y_{ij}(N))^{-1}}) = O(N^{10(y_*(N))^{-1}}).$$

From this and (23), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN}) &= \frac{N^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \\ &\cdot H(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN}) = O(N^{k-2+20kl(y_*(N))^{-1}}). \end{aligned}$$

Again, from this and (22), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN}) &= \frac{N^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \\ &\cdot H(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN}) = \frac{\{z_{11}(N)\}^{t_{11}} \cdots \{z_{kl}(N)\}^{t_{kl}} e^{-(z_{11}(N) + \cdots + z_{kl}(N))}}{t_{11}! \cdots t_{kl}!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\cdot O(e^{\beta\{z_{11}(N)+\dots+z_{kl}(N)\}} N^{k-2+20kl\{y_*(N)\}^{-1}}).$$

Now the lemma follows from Lemma 4 and the formula for $y_*(N)$.

LEMMA 11. Let $T_{ijN}=[5z_{ij}(N)]$. Then, as $N \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN}) \\ &= \frac{N^{k-1}\{z_{11}(N)\}^{t_{11}} \dots \{z_{kl}(N)\}^{t_{kl}} e^{-(z_{11}(N)+\dots+z_{kl}(N))}}{(k-1)! t_{11}! \dots t_{kl}!} \{1+o(1)\} \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in t_{ij} with $t_{ij} < 2z_{ij}(N)$, and the same formulas also hold for $\mathcal{H}^{(ij)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN})$.

PROOF. The asymptotic formula for $\mathcal{H}^{(0)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN})$ follows from Lemmas 9 and 10. $\mathcal{H}^{(ij)}(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}; T_{11N}, \dots, T_{klN})$ can be treated in much the same way, as is easily seen, from their definitions.

LEMMA 12. As $N \rightarrow \infty$,

$$F(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}) = \frac{N^{k-1}\{z_{11}(N)\}^{t_{11}} \dots \{z_{kl}(N)\}^{t_{kl}} e^{-(z_{11}(N)+\dots+z_{kl}(N))}}{(k-1)! t_{11}! \dots t_{kl}!} \{1+o(1)\}$$

uniformly in t_{ij} with $t_{ij} < 2z_{ij}(N)$.

PROOF. The lemma follows from Lemmas 5 and 11.

LEMMA 13. Let $\alpha_{ij} < \beta_{ij}$. Let t_{ij} be positive integers such that $t_{ij} = z_{ij}(N) + x_{ij}\sqrt{z_{ij}(N)}$ with $\alpha_{ij} < x_{ij} < \beta_{ij}$. Then, as $N \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\begin{aligned} &F(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}) \\ &= \frac{N^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} (2\pi)^{-kl/2} \{z_{11}(N) \dots z_{kl}(N)\}^{-1/2} e^{-(x_{11}^2 + \dots + x_{kl}^2)/2} \{1+o(1)\} \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in t_{ij} with above-mentioned restrictions.

PROOF. We use the Stirling formula

$$t! = \sqrt{2\pi t} t^{t+1/2} e^{-t} \left\{ 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \right\}.$$

We put $t = t_{ij} = z_{ij}(N) + x_{ij}\sqrt{z_{ij}(N)}$, and consider large N , letting x_{ij} be bounded, then easy calculations give

$$t_{ij}! = \sqrt{2\pi} \{z_{ij}(N)\}^{z_{ij}(N) + x_{ij}\sqrt{z_{ij}(N)} + 1/2} e^{-z_{ij}(N) + x_{ij}^2/2} \left\{ 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z_{ij}(N)}}\right) \right\},$$

or

$$\frac{\{z_{ij}(N)\}^{t_{ij}} e^{-z_{ij}(N)}}{t_{ij}!} = \frac{e^{-x_{ij}^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi z_{ij}(N)}} \left\{ 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z_{ij}(N)}}\right) \right\}.$$

Multiplying thus obtained kl formulas, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\{z_{11}(N)\}^{t_{11}} \cdots \{z_{kl}(N)\}^{t_{kl}} e^{-(z_{11}(N) + \cdots + z_{kl}(N))}}{t_{11}! \cdots t_{kl}!} \\ &= (2\pi)^{-kl/2} \{z_{11}(N) \cdots z_{kl}(N)\}^{-1/2} e^{-(z_{11}^2 + \cdots + z_{kl}^2)/2} \{1 + o(1)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $t_{ij} < 2z_{ij}(N)$ for large N , the lemma follows from this and Lemma 12 including the enunciated uniformity.

LEMMA 14. *Let $\alpha_{ij} < \beta_{ij}$, and let $A^{**}(N) = A^{**}(N; \alpha_{11}, \beta_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{kl}, \beta_{kl})$ denote the number of representations of N as the sum of k positive integers: $N = n_1 + \cdots + n_k$ such that*

$$z_{ij}(N) + \alpha_{ij} \sqrt{z_{ij}(N)} < \omega_{ijN}(n_i) < z_{ij}(N) + \beta_{ij} \sqrt{z_{ij}(N)}$$

simultaneously. Then, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$A^{**}(N) \sim \frac{N^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} (2\pi)^{-kl/2} \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \int_{\alpha_{ij}}^{\beta_{ij}} e^{-x_{ij}^2/2} dx_{ij}.$$

PROOF. By the definition of $F(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl})$, we can write

$$A^{**}(N) = \sum_{t_{ij}} F(N; t_{11}, \dots, t_{kl}),$$

the summation extending over the systems of kl positive integers t_{ij} such that

$$z_{ij}(N) + \alpha_{ij} \sqrt{z_{ij}(N)} < t_{ij} < z_{ij}(N) + \beta_{ij} \sqrt{z_{ij}(N)}$$

simultaneously. Now let these values of t_{ij} be $t_{ij\nu}$, and let $t_{ij\nu} = z_{ij}(N) + x_{ij\nu} \sqrt{z_{ij}(N)}$ with $\nu = 1, \dots, s_{ij}$. Then

$$x_{ij,\nu+1} - x_{ij\nu} = \{z_{ij}(N)\}^{-1/2} \quad (\nu = 1, \dots, s_{ij} - 1),$$

and hence from Lemma 13, we obtain

$$A^{**}(N) = \{1 + o(1)\} \frac{N^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} (2\pi)^{-kl/2} \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \sum_{\nu=1}^{s_{ij}-1} e^{-x_{ij\nu}^2/2} (x_{ij,\nu+1} - x_{ij\nu}).$$

The lemma follows by making $N \rightarrow \infty$ in this formula.

LEMMA 15. Let $\alpha_{ij} < \beta_{ij}$, and let $A^*(N) = A^*(N; \alpha_{11}, \beta_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{kl}, \beta_{kl})$ denote the number of representations of N as the sum of k positive integers: $N = n_1 + \dots + n_k$ such that

$$z_{ij}(N) + \alpha_{ij}\sqrt{z_{ij}(N)} < \omega_{ij}(n_i) < z_{ij}(N) + \beta_{ij}\sqrt{z_{ij}(N)}$$

simultaneously. Then, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$A^*(N) \sim \frac{N^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} (2\pi)^{-kl/2} \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \int_{\alpha_{ij}}^{\beta_{ij}} e^{-x_{ij}^2/2} dx_{ij}.$$

PROOF. We shall estimate the sum

$$\sum_{n_1 + \dots + n_k = N} \{\omega_{ij}(n_i) - \omega_{ijN}(n_i)\}$$

extended over the systems of positive integers n_1, \dots, n_k such that $n_1 + \dots + n_k = N$. Transforming the summation to the form

$$\sum_{n_i < N} \{\omega_{ij}(n_i) - \omega_{ijN}(n_i)\} \sum_{n_1 + \dots + n_{i-1} + n_{i+1} + \dots + n_k = N - n_i} 1,$$

and estimating the inner sum trivially as $< N^{k-2}$, we have

$$\sum_{n_1 + \dots + n_k = N} \{\omega_{ij}(n_i) - \omega_{ijN}(n_i)\} \leq N^{k-2} \sum_{n_i \leq N} \{\omega_{ij}(n_i) - \omega_{ijN}(n_i)\}.$$

Also, by (4) and Lemma 4,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n_i \leq N} \{\omega_{ij}(n_i) - \omega_{ijN}(n_i)\} &= \sum_{n_i \leq N} \sum_{p|n_i, p \in P_{ij} - Q_{ijN}} 1 = \sum_{p \leq N, p \in P_{ij} - Q_{ijN}} \left[\frac{N}{p} \right] \\ &\leq N \sum_{p \leq N, p \in P_{ij} - Q_{ijN}} \frac{1}{p} = N \{y_{ij}(N) - z_{ij}(N)\} = o(N\sqrt{z_{ij}(N)}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\sum_{n_1 + \dots + n_k = N} \{\omega_{ij}(n_i) - \omega_{ijN}(n_i)\} = o(N^{k-1}\sqrt{z_{ij}(N)}).$$

Now it follows that, for any given $\epsilon > 0$, we can take $N_1 = N_1(\epsilon)$ so large that, when $N > N_1$, the number of representations of N as the sum of k positive integers: $N = n_1 + \dots + n_k$, such that at least one of the kl inequalities $\omega_{ij}(n_i) - \omega_{ijN}(n_i) > \epsilon\sqrt{z_{ij}(N)}$ holds, is less than ϵN^{k-1} . Then, for $N > N_1$,

$$\begin{aligned} A^{**}(N; \alpha_{11}, \beta_{11} - \epsilon, \dots, \alpha_{kl}, \beta_{kl} - \epsilon) - \epsilon N^{k-1} \\ < A^*(N; \alpha_{11}, \beta_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{jl}, \beta_{kl}) \\ < A^{**}(N; \alpha_{11} - \epsilon, \beta_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{kl} - \epsilon, \beta_{kl}) + \epsilon N^{k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

From this and Lemma 14, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(k-1)!} (2\pi)^{-kl/2} \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \int_{\alpha_{ij}}^{\beta_{ij}-\varepsilon} e^{-x_{ij}^2/2} dx_{ij} - \varepsilon \\ & \leq \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A^*(N; \alpha_{11}, \beta_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{kl}, \beta_{kl})}{N^{k-1}} \\ & \leq \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A^*(N; \alpha_{11}, \beta_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{kl}, \beta_{kl})}{N^{k-1}} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(k-1)!} (2\pi)^{-kl/2} \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \int_{\alpha_{ij}+\varepsilon}^{\beta_{ij}} e^{-x_{ij}^2/2} dx_{ij} + \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

which gives the lemma.

LEMMA 16. Let $\alpha_{ij} < \beta_{ij}$, and let $A(N) = A(N; \alpha_{11}, \beta_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{kl}, \beta_{kl})$ denote the number of representations of N as the sum of k positive integers: $N = n_1 + \dots + n_k$ such that

$$\lambda_{ij} \log \log N + \alpha_{ij} \sqrt{\lambda_{ij} \log \log N} < \omega_{ij}(n_i) < \lambda_{ij} \log \log N + \beta_{ij} \sqrt{\lambda_{ij} \log \log N}$$

simultaneously. Then, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$A(N) \sim \frac{N^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} (2\pi)^{-kl/2} \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \int_{\alpha_{ij}}^{\beta_{ij}} e^{-x_{ij}^2/2} dx_{ij}.$$

PROOF. It follows from Lemma 4 that for any given $\varepsilon > 0$, we can take $N_2 = N_2(\varepsilon)$ so large that, when $N > N_2$,

$$\begin{aligned} z_{ij}(N) + (\alpha_{ij} - \varepsilon) \sqrt{z_{ij}(N)} &< \lambda_{ij} \log \log N \\ &+ \alpha_{ij} \sqrt{\lambda_{ij} \log \log N} < z_{ij}(N) + (\alpha_{ij} + \varepsilon) \sqrt{z_{ij}(N)}, \\ z_{ij}(N) + (\beta_{ij} - \varepsilon) \sqrt{z_{ij}(N)} &< \lambda_{ij} \log \log N \\ &+ \beta_{ij} \sqrt{\lambda_{ij} \log \log N} < z_{ij}(N) + (\beta_{ij} + \varepsilon) \sqrt{z_{ij}(N)}, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} & A^*(N; \alpha_{11} + \varepsilon, \beta_{11} - \varepsilon, \dots, \alpha_{kl} + \varepsilon, \beta_{kl} - \varepsilon) \\ & \leq A(N; \alpha_{11}, \beta_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{kl}, \beta_{kl}) \\ & \leq A^*(N; \alpha_{11} - \varepsilon, \beta_{11} + \varepsilon, \dots, \alpha_{kl} - \varepsilon, \beta_{kl} + \varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

From this and Lemma 15, we conclude that

$$\frac{1}{(k-1)!} (2\pi)^{-kl/2} \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \int_{\alpha_{ij}+\varepsilon}^{\beta_{ij}-\varepsilon} e^{-x_{ij}^2/2} dx_{ij}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; \alpha_{11}, \beta_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{kl}, \beta_{kl})}{N^{k-1}} \\ &\leq \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; \alpha_{11}, \beta_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{kl}, \beta_{kl})}{N^{k-1}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(k-1)!} (2\pi)^{-kl/2} \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \int_{\alpha_{ij}-\varepsilon}^{\beta_{ij}+\varepsilon} e^{-x_{ij}^2/2} dx_{ij}, \end{aligned}$$

which gives the lemma.

Lemma 16 is the special case of Theorem 1, when the set E is an interval.

THE PROOF OF THEOREM 1. First we consider the case when the set E in R^{kl} is bounded. We take two systems of intervals I_ν, I'_ν ($\nu=1, 2, \dots$), finite in number, such that

$$\bigcup_{\nu} I_{\nu} \subset E \subset \bigcup_{\nu} I'_{\nu}$$

and any two of the intervals I_ν do not overlap. Then we have

$$\sum_{\nu} A(N; I_{\nu}) \leq A(N; E) \leq \sum_{\nu} A(N; I'_{\nu}).$$

On applying Lemma 16 to the intervals I_ν, I'_ν , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{(k-1)!} (2\pi)^{-kl/2} \sum_{\nu} \int_{I_{\nu}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^l x_{ij}^2\right) dx_{11} \dots dx_{kl} \\ &\leq \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; E)}{N^{k-1}} \leq \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; E)}{N^{k-1}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(k-1)!} (2\pi)^{-kl/2} \sum_{\nu} \int_{I'_{\nu}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^l x_{ij}^2\right) dx_{11} \dots dx_{kl}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, since E is supposed to be Jordan-measurable, we can take, for any positive ε , the intervals I_ν, I'_ν such that

$$\int_E -\varepsilon < \sum_{\nu} \int_{I_{\nu}} \leq \sum_{\nu} \int_{I'_{\nu}} < \int_E + \varepsilon$$

omitting the common integrand

$$\frac{1}{(k-1)!} (2\pi)^{-kl/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^l x_{ij}^2\right),$$

and, combining thus obtained inequalities, we obtain

$$\int_E -\varepsilon < \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; E)}{N^{k-1}} \leq \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; E)}{N^{k-1}} < \int_E + \varepsilon$$

which gives

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; E)}{N^{k-1}} = \int_E .$$

Next we consider the case when the set E is not bounded. For any given $\varepsilon > 0$, we can take an interval I so large that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; I)}{N^{k-1}} = \int_I > \frac{1}{(k-1)!} - \varepsilon ,$$

or

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; I^c)}{N^{k-1}} = \int_{I^c} < \varepsilon ,$$

which implies

$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; E \cap I^c)}{N^{k-1}} < \varepsilon .$$

Also, since the set $E \cap I$ is bounded, as is already proved,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; E \cap I)}{N^{k-1}} = \int_{E \cap I} .$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; E)}{N^{k-1}} &\geq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; E \cap I)}{N^{k-1}} = \int_{E \cap I} > \int_E - \varepsilon , \\ \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; E)}{N^{k-1}} &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; E \cap I)}{N^{k-1}} + \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; E \cap I^c)}{N^{k-1}} < \int_E + \varepsilon , \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(N; E)}{N^{k-1}} = \int_E ,$$

and the proof of Theorem 1 is completed.

§ 3. Some special cases.

Let m be a positive integer, and put $l = \varphi(m)$. For each i , let r_{i1}, \dots, r_{il} be a reduced system of residues with respect to the modulus

m in an arbitrary order. Let $\omega_{ij}(n)$ denote the number of distinct prime factors of n which are congruent to r_{ij} to modulus m . In this case $\lambda_{ij}=1/l$ and so we have

THEOREM 2. *Let $\alpha_{ij} < \beta_{ij}$, and let $A(N) = A(N; \alpha_{11}, \beta_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{kl}, \beta_{kl})$ denote the number of representations of N as the sum of k positive integers: $N = n_1 + \dots + n_k$ such that*

$$\frac{1}{l} \log \log N + \frac{\alpha_{ij}}{\sqrt{l}} \sqrt{\log \log N} < \omega_{ij}(n_i) < \frac{1}{l} \log \log N + \frac{\beta_{ij}}{\sqrt{l}} \sqrt{\log \log N}$$

simultaneously. Then, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$A(N) \sim \frac{N^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} (2\pi)^{-kl/2} \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^l \int_{\alpha_{ij}}^{\beta_{ij}} e^{-x_{ij}^2/2} dx_{ij}.$$

THEOREM 3. *Let $A(N)$ denote the number of representations of N as the sum of k positive integers: $N = n_1 + \dots + n_k$ such that*

$$\omega_{i1}(n_i) < \omega_{i2}(n_i) < \dots < \omega_{il}(n_i)$$

simultaneously. Then, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$A(N) \sim \frac{N^{k-1}}{(k-1)(l!)^k}.$$

Let $\omega(n)$ without subscript denote the number of distinct prime factors of n . It would be not so easy to prove the following theorem independently of this paper.

THEOREM 4. *Let $A(N)$ denote the number of representations of N as the sum of two positive integers: $N = n_1 + n_2$ such that $\omega(n_1) = \omega(n_2)$. Then, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have*

$$A(N) = o(N).$$

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