

Smooth numbers and zeros of Dirichlet L - functions

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1 Introduction

We investigate relations between sums of the form

$$\sum_{M < p \leq M'} \chi(p)p^{+it},$$

where χ is a non- principal character mod Q , $t \in \mathbb{R}$, $M < M' \leq 2M$ and zero- free regions of the related Dirichlet L - function

$$L(s, \chi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi(n)n^{-s}.$$

One direction can easily be obtained by complex integration as a generalization of the Explicit formula

$$\psi(x, \chi) = E_0(\chi)x - \sum_{|\Im(\rho)| \leq T} \frac{x^\rho}{\rho} + O_Q\left(\frac{x \log^2 x}{T}\right),$$

where $\psi(x, \chi) = \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n)\chi(n)$ with von- Mangoldt's function Λ and

$$E_0(\chi) = \begin{cases} 1, & \chi = \chi_0 \\ 0, & \chi \neq \chi_0. \end{cases}$$

We set

$$\psi(x, \chi, t) = \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n)\chi(n)n^{+it_0}$$

and obtain

$$\psi(x, \chi, t_0) = E_0(\chi)x^{1-it_0} - \sum_{|\Im(\rho)-t_0| \leq T} \frac{x^{\rho-it_0}}{\rho-it_0} + O\left(\frac{x \log^2(xt_0)}{T}\right). \quad (1)$$

The result for $\sum_{p \leq x} \chi(p)p^{it_0}$ follows by partial summation.

We obtain [Theorem 1](#):

Assume that $L(s, \chi) \neq 0$ for $\Re(\rho) \geq \sigma_0$. Then

$$\sum_{M < p \leq 2M} \chi(p)p^{it_0} \ll_Q M^{\sigma_0} \log^2 |t_0|.$$

Results in the other direction were obtained by Turán (1974, see [\[\]](#)) by the application of his power- sum method.

We just cite one example:

[Theorem](#) (Turán):

Suppose the existence of constants $\alpha \geq 2$, $0 < \beta \leq 1$ and $c(\alpha, \beta)$ so that $\tau > c(\alpha, \beta)$ the inequality

$$\left| \sum_{N_1 \leq p \leq N_2} \exp(-i\tau \log p) \right| \leq \frac{N \log^{10} N}{\tau^\beta}$$

holds for all N_1, N_2 integers with $\tau^\alpha \leq N \leq N_1 < N_2 \leq 2N \leq \exp(\tau^{\beta/10})$. Then $\zeta(s) \neq 0$ on the segment

$$\sigma > 1 - \frac{e^{-10}\beta^3}{\alpha^2}$$

with $t = \tau$ and $s = \sigma + it$.

We shall prove

Theorem 2:

Let $Q \in \mathbb{N}$ and $Q > 1$. Let $B = B(Q) > 0$ a fixed but arbitrarily large constant. Let χ be a non- principal Dirichlet- character mod Q . Let $\ell = \log(|t| + A) + B$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $A \geq \frac{1}{2}$. Assume that the following hypothesis holds:

$$\sum_{M < p \leq M'} \chi(p)p^{it} \leq M^{\sigma_0}$$

for $M < M' < 2M$, $M \geq \ell^A$ and $\sigma_0 = 1 - \frac{1}{A}$.

Then $L(s, \chi) \neq 0$ for $\sigma > \sigma_0 + \epsilon$, where $\epsilon = \epsilon(B) \rightarrow 0$ for $B \rightarrow 0$.

2 Proof of Theorem 1

A standard application of Perron's formula gives (1).

Let

$$N(T, \chi) = \{\rho: L(s, \chi) = 0, 0 \leq \Im(\rho) \leq T\}.$$

By the well- known estimate $N(T+1, \chi) - N(T, \chi) = O_Q(\log T)$, (see []) we obtain from (1) with $x = M$, $x = M'$, $T = t_0$

$$\sum_{M < n \leq M'} \Lambda(n)\chi(n)n^{it_0} \ll_Q M^{\sigma_0} \log^3 |t_0|.$$

Theorem 1 follows by partial summation.

3 Approximation by Dirichlet- polynomials

Definition 3.1:

$$L_x(s, \chi) = \sum_{1 \leq n \leq x} \chi(n)n^{-s}.$$

Lemma 3.1:

Let $C_1 > 1$, $\sigma > 0$, $s = \sigma + it$ and $|t| \leq \frac{2\pi x}{C_1}$. Then

$$L(s, \chi) = L_x(s, \chi) + O_{\sigma, C_1}(x^{-\sigma}).$$

Proof: Karacuba, [].

4 Construction of the Mollifier

We start with a partition of the set of integers into boxes, cartesian products of intervals for the prime factors of these integers.

Definition 4.1 (The boxes):

Let $\mathcal{L} = \ell^A$ and ℓ^ℓ .

We partition the interval $[\mathcal{L}, x]$ into subintervals I_j . For this purpose we define the sequence (Y_j) by

$$y_j = \mathcal{L} \cdot 2^j, \tag{2}$$

with $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $0 \leq j \leq J_0$, where $J_0 = \{\min j: \mathcal{L} \cdot 2^j \geq x\}$ and set $I_j = [y_j, y_{j+1}]$.

Let $\nu(m, I_j)$ be the number of primefactors of m ($\mu^2(m) = 1$) in the interval I_j . Let m_0 be an integer consisting only of primes $p \leq \mathcal{L}$:

$$p|m_0 \Rightarrow p \leq \mathcal{L}.$$

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $\mu^2(n) = 1$, we set

$$m_0(n) = \prod_{\substack{p|n \\ p \leq \mathcal{L}}} p.$$

Let $\{j_1, \dots, j_r\} \subset \{1, \dots, J_0\}$, $\nu_u \in \mathbb{N}$, $1 \leq u \leq r$. We then define the box

$$\mathcal{B}(m_0, j_1, \dots, j_r, \nu_1, \dots, \nu_r) = \{n : m_0(n) = m_0, \nu(n, I_{j_u}) = \nu_u \text{ for } 1 \leq u \leq r, \nu(n, I_j) = 0 \text{ for } j \notin \{j_1, \dots, j_r\}\}.$$

We also use the vectors notations

$$\vec{j} = (j_1, \dots, j_r) \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{\nu} = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_r)$$

and write $\mathcal{B}(m_0, \vec{j}, \vec{\nu})$.

Obviously each n belongs to at most one box, each $n \leq x$ to exactly one box which we denote by $\mathcal{B}(n)$.

Definition 4.2 (The mollifier):

We set

$$\tilde{\mu}(m) = \begin{cases} \mu(m), & \text{if } m \in \mathcal{X} \text{ or } m = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where \mathcal{X} is the union of all boxes $\mathcal{B}(m_0, y_{j_1}, \dots, y_{j_r}, \nu_1, \dots, \nu_r)$ with

$$m_0 y_{j_1}^{\nu_1} \cdots y_{j_r}^{\nu_r} \leq x. \quad (3)$$

We define

$$M(s, \chi) = \sum_m \tilde{\mu}(m) \chi(m) m^{-s}.$$

Lemma 4.1:

For $1 \leq x$ we have

$$\sum_{m|l} \tilde{\mu}(m) = 0.$$

Proof:

From $1 \leq l \leq x$ and $m|l$ it follows that $m = 1$ or that the box $\mathcal{B}(m)$ satisfies (3) and thus $\tilde{\mu}(m) = \mu(m)$ for all $m|l$. Thus

$$\sum_{m|l} \tilde{\mu}(m) = \sum_{m|l} \mu(m) = 0.$$

Definition 4.3:

For a box $\mathcal{B}(m_0, \vec{j}, \vec{\nu})$, $q \in \mathbb{N}$ and $s \in \mathbb{C}$ we set

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_1(\mathcal{B}, q, s) &= \sum_{n: \mathcal{B}(n)=\mathcal{B}} \chi(nq^2)(nq^2)^{-s} \\ \sum_{1,b}(\mathcal{B}, q, s) &= \sum_{\substack{n: \mathcal{B}(n)=\mathcal{B} \\ q^2 n \leq x}} \chi(nq^2)(nq^2)^{-s} \\ \sum_{(\mu)}(\mathcal{B}, s) &= \sum_{m: \mathcal{B}(m)=\mathcal{B}} \tilde{\mu}(m) \chi(m) m^{-s}. \end{aligned}$$

In the sequel we want to prove that $L(\sigma_3 + it_3, \chi) \neq 0$ for all $\sigma_3 = \sigma_0 + 10\epsilon$ for sufficiently large B , where $\epsilon = \epsilon(B)$ is any function with $\lim_{B \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon(B) = 0$.

Definition 4.4:

We set $\sigma_1 = \sigma_0 + \epsilon$ and $\sigma_2 = \sigma_0 + 2\epsilon$.

5 Cutoff by complex integration

$\sum_{1,b}$ is obtained from \sum_1 by adding the condition $q^2 n \leq x$. This cutoff may be accomplished by complex integration.

Lemma 5.1 (Perron's formula):

Let $c > 0$, $T > 0$ and $q > 0$. Then we have for $T \rightarrow \infty$

$$\int_{c-iT}^{c+iT} \frac{y^s}{s} ds = \begin{cases} 1 + O\left(\frac{y^c}{T|\log y|}\right), & \text{if } y > 1 \\ O\left(\frac{y^c}{T|\log y|}\right), & \text{if } 0 < y < 1. \end{cases}$$

Proof: see [].

Lemma 5.2:

Let $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}(n_0, \vec{j}, \vec{\nu})$, $s_1 = \sigma_1 + it_1$. For $T \geq 1$ we have

$$\sum_{1,b}(\mathcal{B}, q, s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\epsilon-iT}^{\epsilon+iT} \sum_1(\mathcal{B}, q, s_1 + s) \frac{x^s}{s} ds + O\left(\left(\frac{x}{q^4 n_0} \cdot 2^{\nu_1 + \dots + \nu_r}\right)^{1-\sigma_0} \frac{n_0^{-2\sigma_0} q^{-4\sigma_0}}{T}\right).$$

Proof: We apply Lemma 5.1 with $c = \epsilon$ and obtain

$$\sum_{1,b}(\mathcal{B}, q, s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\epsilon-iT}^{\epsilon+iT} \sum_1(\mathcal{B}, q, s_1 + s) \frac{x^s}{s} ds + O\left(\frac{1}{T} \left(\left|\sum^{(1)}\right| + \left|\sum^{(2)}\right| + \left|\sum^{(3)}\right|\right)\right)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \left|\sum^{(1)}\right| &= \sum_{n < \frac{1}{2} \frac{x}{q^2 n_0}} \frac{n^{-\sigma_2}}{\left|\log \frac{x}{q^2 n_0 n}\right|} \\ \left|\sum^{(2)}\right| &= \sum_{\frac{1}{2} \frac{x}{q^2 n_0} \leq n < \frac{2x}{q^2 n_0}} \frac{n^{-\sigma_2}}{\left|\log \frac{x}{q^2 n_0 n}\right|} \\ \left|\sum^{(3)}\right| &= \sum_{\frac{2x}{q^2 n_0} < n \leq \frac{x}{q^2 n_0} \cdot 2^{\nu_1 + \dots + \nu_r}} \frac{n^{-\sigma_2}}{\left|\log \frac{x}{q^2 n_0 n}\right|}. \end{aligned}$$

In $\sum^{(1)}$ and $\sum^{(3)}$ we have $\left|\log \frac{x}{q^2 n_0 n}\right|^{-1} = O(1)$ and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \left|\sum^{(1)}\right| &\ll \sum_{n < \frac{1}{2} \frac{x}{q^2 n_0}} n^{-\sigma_2} \ll \int_1^{\frac{x}{2n_0}} u^{-\sigma_2} du \ll_{\sigma_0} \left(\frac{x}{n_0}\right)^{1-\sigma_2} \\ \left|\sum^{(3)}\right| &\ll \left(\frac{x}{q^2 n_0} \cdot 2^{\nu_1 + \dots + \nu_r}\right)^{1-\sigma_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Estimate of $\sum^{(2)}$:

Let L be an integer closest to $\frac{x}{q^2 n_0}$. For $L < n \leq 2x$ let $r = n - L$. Then, since $\frac{x}{q^2 n_0} \leq L + \frac{1}{2}$ we have the estimate

$$\log\left(\frac{n_0 n q^2}{x}\right) \geq \log\left(\frac{L+r}{L+\frac{1}{2}}\right) = \log\left(1 + \frac{r-\frac{1}{2}}{L+\frac{1}{2}}\right).$$

In the sequel let $c_0, c_1 > 0$ be fixed constants. From the mean-value Theorem we have that $\log(1+u) \geq c_0 u$ for $0 \leq u \leq 1$ and obtain

$$\log\left(1 + \frac{r - \frac{1}{2}}{L + \frac{1}{2}}\right) \geq c_0 \frac{r - \frac{1}{2}}{L + \frac{1}{2}} \geq c_1 \frac{rq^2 n_0}{x}.$$

Thus

$$\sum^{(2)} = \sum_{\frac{1}{2} \frac{x}{q^2 n_0} \leq n < \frac{2x}{q^2 n_0}} \frac{1}{q^2 n^{\sigma_2} \left| \log \frac{x}{n_0 n} \right|} = O\left(\left(\frac{x}{q^2 n_0}\right)^{1-\sigma_1} \sum_{1 \leq r \leq \frac{2x}{q^2 n_0}} \frac{1}{r}\right) \ll \left(\frac{x}{q^2 n_0}\right)^{1-\sigma_1} \log\left(\frac{2x}{q^2 n_0}\right).$$

This concludes the proof of lemma 5.2.

We expect the mollifier $M(s, \chi)$ to be an approximation to the reciprocal of $L(s, \chi)$. An evaluation of $L_x(s, \chi)M(s, \chi)$ by definitions 4.1 and 4.2 gives

Lemma 5.3:

$$\begin{aligned} L_x(s, \chi)M(s, \chi) &= \sum_{1,b}(\mathcal{B}_1, q, s) \sum_{(\mu)}(\mathcal{B}_2, s) = \sum_{\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2} \sum_{\substack{n \in \mathcal{B}_1 \\ n \leq x}} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{B}_2} \tilde{\mu}(m) \chi(mn) (mn)^{-s} \\ &= \sum_l \left(\sum_{\substack{m|l, l/m \leq x \\ m \in \mathcal{X}}} \tilde{\mu}(m) \right) l^{-s}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4.1 the inner sum is 0 for $l \leq x$. Thus by a second cutoff we may remove from each pair $(\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2)$ of boxes all the pairs (m, n) for which $m \cdot n \leq x$.

Lemma 5.4:

Let $s_2 = \sigma_2 + it_2$. Let $\mathcal{B}_1 = \mathcal{B}(m_0, q, \vec{\nu}, \vec{j})$ and $\mathcal{B}_2 = \mathcal{B}(m_0, 1, \vec{\lambda}, \vec{k})$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{(m,n): m \in \mathcal{B}_1, n \in \mathcal{B}_2 \\ m \cdot n \leq x, n \leq x}} \tilde{\mu}(m) (mn)^{-s_2} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\epsilon - iT}^{\epsilon + iT} \sum_{1,b}(\mathcal{B}_1, s_2 + s) \sum_{(\mu)}(\mathcal{B}_2, s_2 + s) \frac{x^s}{s} ds \\ &\quad + O\left(x^\epsilon \left(\frac{x \cdot 2^{\nu_1 + \dots + \nu_{r_1} + \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_{r_2}}}{q^4 m_0 n_0}\right)^{1-\sigma_0} \frac{(m_0 n_0)^{-2\sigma_0} q^{-4\sigma_0}}{T}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Proof: We apply Lemma 5.1 with $c = \epsilon$ and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{(m,n): m \in \mathcal{B}_1, n \in \mathcal{B}_2 \\ m \cdot n \leq x, n \leq x}} \tilde{\mu}(m) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\epsilon - iT}^{\epsilon + iT} \sum_{1,b}(\mathcal{B}_1, s_2 + s) \sum_{(\mu)}(\mathcal{B}_2, s_2 + s) \frac{x^s}{s} ds \\ &\quad + O\left(\frac{1}{T} \left(|\sum^{(4)}| + |\sum^{(5)}| + |\sum^{(6)}|\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum^{(4)} &= \sum_{\substack{(m,n): m \cdot n \leq \frac{1}{2x} \\ n < \frac{1}{2} \frac{x}{q^2}}} \frac{|mn|^{-\sigma_2}}{\left| \log \frac{x}{q^2 m_0 n_0 mn} \right|} \\
\sum^{(5)} &= \sum_{(m,n): \frac{1}{2} \frac{x}{q^2 m_0 n_0} \leq m \cdot n \leq \frac{2xmn}{q^2 m_0 n_0}} \frac{|mn|^{-\sigma_2}}{\left| \log \frac{x}{q^2 m_0 n_0 mn} \right|} \\
\sum^{(6)} &= \sum_{(m,n): \frac{2x}{q^2 m_0 n_0} < m \cdot n \leq \frac{x}{q^2 m_0 n_0} \cdot 2^{\nu_1 + \dots + \nu_{r_1} + \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_{r_2}}} \frac{|mn|^{-\sigma_2}}{\left| \log \frac{x}{q^2 m_0 n_0 mn} \right|}.
\end{aligned}$$

By using the wellknown upper bound for the divisor function $d(n) \ll n^\epsilon$ we obtain the claim of Lemma 5.4 in an analogous manner to the proof of Lemma 5.2.

Lemma 5.5:

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
L_x(s, \chi)M(s, \chi) &= 1 + \sum'_{(\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2)} \left(\sum_{\substack{n \in \mathcal{B}_1 \\ n \leq x}} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{B}_2} \tilde{\mu}(m) \chi(mn) (mn)^{-s_2} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\epsilon - iT}^{\epsilon + iT} \sum_{1, b} (\mathcal{B}_1, s_2 + s) \sum_{(\mu)} (\mathcal{B}_2, s_2 + s) \frac{x^s}{s} ds \right) \\
&\quad + O \left(x^\epsilon \left(\frac{x}{q^4 m_0 n_0} \cdot 2^{\nu_1 + \dots + \nu_{r_1} + \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_{r_2}} \right)^{1 - \sigma_0} \frac{(m_0 n_0)^{-2\sigma_0} q^{-4\sigma_0}}{T} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where the sum \sum' is extended over all pairs $(\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2)$ of boxes $\mathcal{B}_1 = \mathcal{B}(n_0, q, \nu_1, \dots, \nu_{r_1}, j_1, \dots, j_{r_1})$, $\mathcal{B}_2 = \mathcal{B}(m_0, 1, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{r_2}, k_1, \dots, k_{r_2})$ with

$$m_0 n_0 q^2 y_{j_1}^{\nu_1} \cdots y_{j_{r_1}}^{\nu_{r_1}} \cdot y_{k_1}^{\lambda_1} \cdots y_{k_{r_2}}^{\lambda_{r_2}} \geq x^{\frac{9}{10}}. \quad (4)$$

Proof: We have by Lemma 5.3

$$L_x(s_2, \chi)M(s_2, \chi) = 1 + \sum_{(\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2)} \sum_{\substack{n \in \mathcal{B}_1 \\ n \leq x}} \sum_{\substack{m \in \mathcal{B}_2 \\ mn > x}} \tilde{\mu}(m) \chi(mn) (mn)^{-s_2}.$$

The inner double sum is empty, if $(\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2)$ does not satisfy (4). The claim of Lemma 5.5 now follows from Lemma 5.4.

Definition 5.1:

We define recursively $\log_k x$ by $\log_1 x = \log x$ and $\log_k x = \log(\log_{k-1} x)$.

Lemma 5.6:

With fixed constants $c_1, c_2 > 0$ we have:

The number of tuples $\vec{\nu}$ is $\ll \exp\left(c_1 \frac{\log x}{\log_2 x} \log_3 x\right)$. For fixed m_0, q we have for the number of boxes

$$|\{\mathcal{B}(m_0, q, \vec{j}, \vec{\nu})\}| \ll \exp\left(c_2 \frac{\log x}{\log_2 x} \log_3 x\right).$$

Proof: We have $\log y_{j_1} + \dots + \log y_{j_{r_1}} = l + \frac{\log 2}{j_1 + \dots + j_{r_1}}$. Thus the sum $j_1 + \dots + j_{r_1} = J$ may assume at most $O(\log^2 x)$ values $J \in \mathbb{N}$. For fixed r_1 and $J \in \mathbb{N}$ the number of possibilities to choose the j_1 is $\binom{J+r_1-1}{r_1}$. Because of $J \ll \log x$ and $r_1 \ll \frac{\log x}{\log_2 x}$ by Stirling's formula the number of tuples \vec{j} is $\ll \exp\left(c_1 \frac{\log x}{\log_2 x} \log_3 x\right)$. Since $\sum_{r=1}^{r_1} \nu_r \leq \nu(n)$, $\sum_{r=1}^{r_1} \nu_r \ll \frac{\log x}{\log_2 x}$ the bound for the tuples \vec{v} follows in the same manner.

Definition 5.2:

Let $g(s_2)$ be the vertical line

$$g(s_2) := \{s_2 + it : t \in [-x^{1-\sigma_2+\epsilon}, x^{1-\sigma_2+\epsilon}]\}.$$

Lemma 5.7:

We have

$$\begin{aligned} |L_x(s_3, \chi)M(s_3, \chi) - 1| &\ll \exp\left(c_1 \frac{\log x}{\log_2 x} \log_3 x\right) \cdot \\ &\sum'_{(\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2)} \max_{s \in g(s_2)} \left| \sum_1 (\mathcal{B}_2, q, s^{(2)} + s) \right| \cdot \max_{s \in g(s^{(1)})} \left| \sum_{(\mu)} (\mathcal{B}_1, s^{(2)} + s) \right| \end{aligned}$$

Proof: This follows from Lemmas 5.1 to 5.5.

6 Relation to exponential sums over primes

We now discuss the relation of the sums $\sum_1(\mathcal{B}, q, s)$ and $\sum_{(\mu)}(\mathcal{B}, s)$ to the sums $\sum_{M < p \leq 2M} \chi(p)p^{-it}$. We have for $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}(n_0, j_1, \dots, j_r, \nu_1, \dots, \nu_r)$

$$\sum_1(\mathcal{B}, q, s) = \chi(n_0)n_0^{-s} \chi(q)^2 q^{-2s} \prod_{u=1}^r \sum^{(\nu_u, j_u)}$$

with

$$\sum^{(\nu_u, j_u)} = \sum \chi(n^{(u)})(n^{(u)})^{-s},$$

where $n^{(u)}$ runs over all numbers of the form $n^{(u)} = p_{1, j_u} \cdots p_{\nu_u, j_u}$, $p_{v, j_u} \in I_{j_u}$ with $p_{v_1, j_u} \neq p_{v_2, j_u}$ for $v_1 \neq v_2$.

In the sequel we eliminate the restriction $p_{v_1, j_u} \neq p_{v_2, j_u}$ by the inclusion- exclusion- principle. For $\vec{v}_{j_u} = (v_1, v_2)$ with $v_1, v_2 \in \{1, \dots, \nu_u\}$ let $f(\vec{v}_{j_u}) = f(j_u, \nu_u, \vec{v}_{j_u})$ be the set of all tuples $\vec{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_{\nu_u})$ with p_v prime, $p_v \in I_{j_u}$ and $p_{v_1} = p_{v_2}$. (The p_v are not ordered by size.)

Definition 6.1:

For $\vec{p}_{j_u} = (p_{1, j_u}, \dots, p_{\nu_u, j_u})$ we set $\prod(\vec{p}_{j_u}) = p_{1, j_u} \cdots p_{\nu_u, j_u}$. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{\vec{p}_{j_u} : p_{v_1, j_u} \neq p_{v_2, j_u} \\ v_1 \neq v_2, p_{v, j_u} \in I_{j_u}}} \chi(p_{1, j_u} \cdots p_{\nu_u, j_u})(p_{1, j_u} \cdots p_{\nu_u, j_u})^{-s} &= \sum_{\vec{p}_{j_u} = (p_1, \dots, p_{\nu_u})} \chi(p_{1, j_u} \cdots p_{\nu_u, j_u})(p_{1, j_u} \cdots p_{\nu_u, j_u})^{-s} \\ &+ \sum_{w=1}^{\binom{\nu_u}{2}} (-1)^w \sum_{\vec{v}_{1, j_u}, \dots, \vec{v}_{w, j_u}} \sum_{p_{j_u} \in f(\vec{v}_{1, j_u}) \cap \dots \cap f(\vec{v}_{w, j_u})} \chi\left(\prod(\vec{p}_{j_u})\right) \left(\prod(\vec{p}_{j_u})\right)^{-s} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The condition $p_{j_u} \in f(\vec{v}_1, j_u) \cap \dots \cap f(\vec{v}_\omega, j_u)$ is equivalent to a set of conditions of the form

$$\begin{aligned} p_{v_1^{(1)}, j_u} &= p_{v_2^{(1)}, j_u} = \dots = p_{v_{\kappa_1}^{(1)}, j_u}, \mathcal{N}_1 = \{v_1^{(1)}, \dots, v_{\kappa_1}^{(1)}\} \\ p_{v_1^{(2)}, j_u} &= p_{v_2^{(2)}, j_u} = \dots = p_{v_{\kappa_2}^{(2)}, j_u}, \mathcal{N}_2 = \{v_1^{(2)}, \dots, v_{\kappa_2}^{(2)}\} \\ &\vdots \\ p_{v_1^{(\omega)}, j_u} &= p_{v_2^{(\omega)}, j_u} = \dots = p_{v_{\kappa_\omega}^{(\omega)}, j_u}, \mathcal{N}_\omega = \{v_1^{(\omega)}, \dots, v_{\kappa_\omega}^{(\omega)}\}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

This leads to

Definition 6.2:

For $\nu_u \in \mathbb{N}$ and a tuple $\vec{\kappa}_\omega = (\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_\omega)$ of natural numbers $\kappa_\omega \geq 2$ with $\kappa_1 + \dots + \kappa_\omega \leq \nu_u$ let $\mathcal{S} = (\nu_u, \vec{\kappa}_\omega)$ be the set of all tuple $\vec{\mathcal{N}} = (\mathcal{N}_1, \dots, \mathcal{N}_\omega)$ of subsets $\mathcal{N}_\varphi \subset \{1, \dots, \nu_u\}$ with $\mathcal{N}_{\varphi_1} \cap \mathcal{N}_{\varphi_2} = \emptyset$ for $\varphi_1 \neq \varphi_2$. $|\mathcal{N}_\varphi| = \kappa_\varphi$, $1 \leq \varphi \leq \omega$. $\text{sgn}(\vec{\mathcal{N}}) \in \{-1, 1\}$ comes from the factor $(-1)^w$ in (5) and the condition $p_{j_u} \in f(\vec{v}_1, j_u) \cap \dots \cap f(\vec{v}_\omega, j_u)$ with leads to (6) and thus to the definition of $\vec{\mathcal{N}}$.

We obtain

Lemma 6.1:

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_u! \sum^{\nu_u, j_u} &= \sum_{\substack{(p_1, j_1, \dots, p_{\nu_u}, j_{\nu_u}) \\ v_1 \neq v_2, p_{v, j_u} \in I_{j_u}}} \chi(p_1, j_u \cdots p_{\nu_u}, j_u) (p_1, j_u \cdots p_{\nu_u}, j_u)^{-s} = \left(\sum_{p \in I_{j_u}} \chi(p) p^{-s} \right)^{\nu_u} \\ &+ \sum_{\substack{\vec{\kappa}_\omega = (\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_\omega) \\ \kappa_1 + \dots + \kappa_\omega \leq \nu_u \\ \kappa_\varphi \geq 2}} \sum_{\vec{\mathcal{N}} \in \mathcal{S}(\nu_u, \vec{\kappa}_\omega)} \text{sgn}(\vec{\mathcal{N}}) \prod_{\varphi=1}^{\omega} \left(\sum_{p \in I_{j_u}} \chi(p_{\varphi}^{\kappa_\varphi}) p_{\varphi}^{-\kappa_\varphi s} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{p \in I_{j_u}} \chi(p) p^{-s} \right)^{\nu_u - (\kappa_1 + \dots + \kappa_\omega)} \end{aligned}$$

The sums $\sum_{(\mu)}$ are treated in an analogous manner.

Lemma 6.2:

We have for $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}(m_0, k_1, \dots, k_r, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r)$

$$\sum_{(\mu)} (\mathcal{B}, s) = \mu(m_0) \chi(m_0) m_0^{-s} \prod_{u=1}^r \sum_{(\mu)}^{(\lambda_u, k_u)}$$

with

$$\sum_{(\mu)}^{(\lambda_u, k_u)} = \sum \mu(m^{(u)}) \chi(m^{(u)}) (m^{(u)})^{-s},$$

where $m^{(u)}$ runs over all numbers of the form $m^{(u)} = p_{1, k_u} \cdots p_{\lambda_u, k_u}$ and $p_{v, k_u} \in I_{k_u}$ with $p_{v_1, k_u} \neq p_{v_2, k_u}$ for $v_1 \neq v_2$.

Lemma 6.3:

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_u! \sum^{\nu_u, k_u} &= (-1)^{\lambda_u} \left(\sum_{p \in I_{k_u}} \chi(p) p^{-s} \right)^{\lambda_u} \\ &+ \sum_{\substack{\vec{\psi}_\omega = (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_\omega) \\ \psi_1 + \dots + \psi_\omega \leq \lambda_u \\ \psi_\varphi \geq 2}} \sum_{\vec{\mathcal{N}} \in \mathcal{S}(\lambda_u, \vec{\psi}_\omega)} \text{sgn}(\vec{\mathcal{N}}) \prod_{\varphi=1}^{\omega} \left(\sum_{p \in I_{k_u}} \chi(p_{\varphi}^{\psi_\varphi}) p_{\varphi}^{-\psi_\varphi s} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{p \in I_{k_u}} \chi(p) p^{-s} \right)^{\lambda_u - (\psi_1 + \dots + \psi_\omega)} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 6.4:

$$|S(\nu_u, \kappa_\omega)| \ll \exp\left(c \frac{\log x}{\log_2 x} \log_3 x\right)$$

$$|S(\lambda_u, \psi_\omega)| \ll \exp\left(c \frac{\log x}{\log_2 x} \log_3 x\right)$$

for fixed $c > 0$.

Proof: By applying Stirling's formula to the multinomial coefficient.

We now carry out the substitutions

$$\zeta_u = \zeta_u(\nu_u, \kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_\omega) = \nu_u - \kappa_1 - \dots - \kappa_\omega \quad \text{and}$$

$$\vartheta_u = \vartheta_u(\lambda_u, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_\omega) = \lambda_u - \psi_1 - \dots - \psi_\omega$$

and obtain from the lemma 5.6, 6.1, 6.3 and 6.4.

Lemma 6.5:

$$|L_x(s^{(2)}, \chi)M(s^{(2)}, \chi) - 1| \leq \exp\left(c \frac{\log x}{\log_2 x} \log_3 x\right) \cdot$$

$$\sum''_{(m_0, n_0, q, \vec{\zeta}, \vec{k}, \vec{\vartheta}, \vec{j})} m_0^{-\sigma_3} n_0^{-\sigma_3} q^{-2\sigma_3} \prod_{u=1}^{r_1} \frac{1}{\zeta_u!} \max_{s \in g(s^{(2)})} \left| \sum_{p \in I_{j_u}} \chi(p) p^{-s} \right|^{\zeta_u} \cdot$$

$$\prod_{u=1}^{r_2} \frac{1}{\vartheta_u!} \max_{s \in g(s^{(2)})} \left| \sum_{p \in I_{k_u}} \chi(p) p^{-s} \right|^{\vartheta_u} \left| \sum_{r \text{ squarefree}} \vartheta(r) r^{-\sigma_3} \right| + O(x^{-\epsilon}),$$

where the summation in \sum'' is over all septuplets with $m_0 n_0 q^2 y_{\kappa_1}^{\nu_1} \dots y_{\kappa_{\omega_1}}^{\nu_{\omega_1}} y_{\psi_1}^{\lambda_1} \dots y_{\psi_{\omega_2}}^{\lambda_{\omega_2}} \geq x^{9/10}$.

7 Smooth numbers, end of the proof

We now make use of the hypothesis of Theorem 2:

$$\sum_{M \leq p < M'} \chi(p) p^{it} \leq M^{\sigma_0}$$

with $M \leq M' < 2M$ for $M \geq \ell^A$ and $\sigma_0 = 1 - \frac{1}{A}$.

From Lemma 6.4 we have

$$|L_x(s_0, \chi)M(s_0, \chi) - 1| \leq \exp\left(c \frac{\log x}{\log_2 x} \log_3 x\right) \cdot$$

$$\sum''_{(m_0, n_0, q, \vec{\lambda}, \vec{\nu}, \vec{k}, \vec{j})} m_0^{-\sigma_3} n_0^{-\sigma_3} q^{-2\sigma_3} \prod_{u=1}^{r_1} \frac{1}{\zeta_u!} y_u^{-\epsilon \zeta_u} \prod_{u=1}^{r_2} \frac{1}{\vartheta_u!} y_{k_u}^{-\epsilon \vartheta_u} + O(x^{-\epsilon}), \quad (7)$$

where the summation in \sum'' is over all septuplets with $m_0 n_0 q^2 y_{j_1}^{\nu_1} \dots y_{j_{u_1}}^{\nu_{u_1}} y_{k_1}^{\lambda_1} \dots y_{k_{u_2}}^{\lambda_{u_2}}$.

For the sake of simplicity we treat only the case $q = 1$.

We make another partition of the sum

$$\sum'' = \sum_{(M, N, R, S)} \sum(M, N, R, S),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \sum(M, N, R, S) = & \sum_{m_0, n_0, \vec{\lambda}, \vec{\nu}, \vec{k}, \vec{j}} \sum_{2^M < m_0 y < 2^{M+1}} \sum_{2^N < n_0 y < 2^{N+1}} m_0^{-\sigma_3} n_0^{-\sigma_3} \\ & \sum_{R < m_0 y_{j_1}^{\nu_1} \cdots y_{j_{u_1}}^{\nu_{u_1}} \leq 2R} \sum_{S < n_0 y_{k_1}^{\lambda_1} \cdots y_{k_{r_2}}^{\lambda_{r_2}} \leq 2S} \prod_{u=1}^{r_1} \frac{1}{\zeta_u!} y_{j_u}^{-\epsilon \zeta_u} \prod_{u=1}^{r_2} \frac{1}{\vartheta_u!} y_{k_u}^{-\epsilon \vartheta_u}. \end{aligned}$$

We need a result on smooth numbers:

Definition 7.1: For $1 \leq y \leq x$ let

$$\psi(x, y) = |\{n \leq x : p|n \Rightarrow p \leq y\}| \quad \text{and} \quad u = \frac{\log x}{\log y}.$$

Lemma 7.1: For $y > (\log x)^{1+\epsilon}$ we have

$$\psi(x, y) \leq x \exp(-u \log u (1 + o(1))).$$

Proof: Hildebrand []

case A: $S \geq x^{9/20}$

case distinction for (n_0, S) :

case 1: $N \leq c_1 \frac{\log S}{\log_2 S}$:

From (7) we have

$$\sum(M, N, R, S) \ll x^{-\epsilon}. \tag{8}$$

case 2: $N > c_1 \frac{\log S}{\log_2 S}$:

By lemma 7.1 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(2^{N+1}, \ell) & \ll 2^N \exp\left(\frac{-N \log 2}{A \log \ell} (\log N + \log_2 \ell (1 + o(1)))\right) \\ \sum(M, N, R, S) & \ll 2^{N(1-\sigma_3)} \exp\left(\frac{-N \log 2}{A \log \ell} (\log N + \log_2 \ell (1 + o(1)))\right). \end{aligned}$$

From $\sigma_0 = 1 - \frac{1}{A}$ we obtain

$$\sum(M, N, R, S) \ll \exp\left(-c \frac{\log x}{\log_2 x} \log_3 x\right). \tag{9}$$

case A: $R \geq x^{9/20}$

This is treated in an analogous manner.

From (7)-(9) we now have

$$|L_x(s, \chi) \cdot M(s, \chi) - 1| \exp\left(-c \frac{\log x}{\log_2 x} \log_3 x\right).$$

From lemma 3.1 and the bound $M(s, \chi) \ll x^\epsilon$ the claim of Theorem 2 follows.