

Exercise Sheet 6

1. Using summation by parts, and assuming the prime number theorem in the form

$$\pi(x) = \frac{x}{\log x} + O\left(\frac{x}{(\log x)^2}\right)$$

for $x \geq 2$ (where $\pi(x)$ is the number of primes $p \leq x$), prove asymptotic formulas (as precise as you can) for

$$\sum_{p \leq x} p, \quad \sum_{p \leq x} (\log p)^3.$$

Solution: Using summation by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p \leq x} p &= x\pi(x) + O(1) - \int_2^x \pi(u) du \\ &= x\pi(x) - \int_2^x \left(\frac{u}{\log u} + O\left(\frac{u}{(\log u)^2}\right) \right) du + O(1) \\ &= x\pi(x) - \left(\frac{u^2}{2 \log u} \Big|_2^x + O\left(\int_2^x \frac{u}{(\log u)^2} du\right) \right) + O(1), \end{aligned}$$

by integration by parts. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_2^x \frac{u}{(\log u)^2} du &\leq x \int_2^x \frac{1}{(\log u)^2} du \\ &= O\left(x \int_2^x \left(\frac{1}{(\log u)^2} - \frac{2}{(\log u)^3} \right) du\right) \\ &= O\left(x \left(\frac{u}{(\log u)^2} \Big|_2^x \right)\right) = O\left(\frac{x^2}{(\log x)^2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get

$$\sum_{p \leq x} p = x\pi(x) - \frac{x^2}{2 \log x} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{(\log x)^2}\right) = \frac{x^2}{2 \log x} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{(\log x)^2}\right).$$

We now turn to the quantity $\sum_{p \leq x} (\log p)^3$, where we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p \leq x} (\log p)^3 &= (\log x)^3 \pi(x) + O(1) - \int_2^x 3(\log u)^2 \pi(u) \frac{du}{u} \\ &= x(\log x)^2 + O(x \log x) - \int_2^x (3 \log u + O(1)) du \\ &= x(\log x)^2 + O(x \log x) - 3(u \log u) \Big|_2^x + \int_2^x du + O(x) \\ &= x(\log x)^2 + O(x \log x), \end{aligned}$$

where the third line follows from the second by integration by parts.

2. For $n \geq 1$, we define $\omega(n)$ to be the number of prime factors of n , counted without multiplicity (so that $\omega(p^2) = 1$ for any prime number p , for instance).

For $x \geq 1$, define

$$\sigma_x = \sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p}.$$

1. Using the formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n} = \log x + O(1)$$

for $x \geq 2$, proved in Exercise Sheet 1, Exercise 3, prove that

$$\sigma_x = \log \log x + O(1)$$

for $x \geq 3$.

Solution: We first consider the contribution to $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n}$ from higher prime powers, which is given by

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sum_{p \leq x^{1/k}} \frac{\log p}{p^k} \leq \sum_{p \leq x^{1/2}} \log p \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p^k} = \sum_{p \leq x^{1/2}} \log p \frac{1}{p(p-1)} \ll \sum_{p \leq x^{1/2}} \frac{\log p}{p^2} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log n}{n^2}.$$

This last sum converges to a constant, so we must have $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sum_{p \leq x^{1/k}} \frac{\log p}{p^k} = O(1)$.

We can thus restrict the von Mangoldt identity to primes, via

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

Let $\varrho_x := \sum_{p \leq x} (\log p)/p$. Now apply partial summation to σ_x to get

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_x &= \frac{\varrho_x}{\log x} + O(1) + \int_2^x \frac{\varrho_u}{u(\log u)^2} du \\ &= O(1) + \int_2^x \left(\frac{1}{u(\log u)} + O\left(\frac{1}{u(\log u)^2}\right) \right) du, \text{ by (1)} \\ &= \log \log x + O(1) \end{aligned}$$

after evaluating the integrals.

2. Prove that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \omega(n) = x \log \log x + O(x)$$

for $x \geq 3$.

Solution: On expanding the definition of $\omega(n)$ and rearranging sums, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n \leq x} \omega(n) &= \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{p|n} 1 \\
 &= \sum_{p \leq x} \sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ p|n}} 1 \\
 &= \sum_{p \leq x} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{p} \right\rfloor \\
 &= x \sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} + O\left(\sum_{p \leq x} 1\right) \\
 &= x \log \log x + O(\pi(x)),
 \end{aligned}$$

where the last line follows from the previous part. The result follows from noting that $\pi(x) = O(x)$ (and is in fact smaller).

3. Let $y = x^{1/2}$ and define

$$\omega'(n) = \sum_{\substack{p|n \\ p \leq y}} 1.$$

Prove that

$$\omega'(n) \leq \omega(n) \leq \omega'(n) + 1$$

for all integers $n \leq x$.

Solution: The function $\omega'(n)$ counts the number of prime factors of n that are less than y . Since this is a subset of all prime factors of n , $\omega'(n) \leq \omega(n)$.

It remains to show that $\omega(n) \leq \omega'(n) + 1$ whenever $n \leq x$. Assume by contradiction that $\omega(n) \geq \omega'(n) + 2$; then n has at least two prime factors, say p_1 and p_2 , which are $> y = x^{1/2}$. But then $n \geq p_1 p_2 > y^2 = x$, which contradicts the assumption that $n \leq x$.

4. Prove that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \left(\omega'(n) - \sum_{p \leq y} \frac{1}{p} \right)^2 = x \sigma_y + O(x).$$

(Hint: write

$$\omega'(n) - \sum_{p \leq y} \frac{1}{p} = \sum_{p \leq y} \left(\delta_p(n) - \frac{1}{p} \right),$$

where δ_p is the characteristic function of the integers divisible by p , and then expand the square and handle the various terms separately.)

Solution: Following the hint and expanding the square, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n \leq x} \left(\omega'(n) - \sum_{p \leq y} \frac{1}{p} \right)^2 &= \sum_{n \leq x} \left(\sum_{p \leq y} \left(\delta_p(n) - \frac{1}{p} \right) \right)^2 \\
&= \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{p_1, p_2 \leq y} (\delta_{p_1}(n) - 1/p_1)(\delta_{p_2}(n) - 1/p_2) \\
&= \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{p_1, p_2 \leq y} \left(\delta_{p_1}(n)\delta_{p_2}(n) - \frac{\delta_{p_1}(n)}{p_2} - \frac{\delta_{p_2}(n)}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_1 p_2} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

We will now split this into four terms which we handle separately. For the second term, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
- \sum_{p_1, p_2 \leq y} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\delta_{p_1}(n)}{p_2} &= - \sum_{p_1, p_2 \leq y} \frac{1}{p_2} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{p_1} \right\rfloor \\
&= -x \sum_{p_1, p_2 \leq y} \frac{1}{p_1 p_2} + O \left(\sum_{p_2 \leq y} \frac{1}{p_2} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

using the expansion that $\lfloor z \rfloor = z + O(1)$. By definition of σ_y , this is $-x\sigma_y^2 + O(\sigma_y)$. By an identical argument, the third term is also $-x\sigma_y^2 + O(\sigma_y)$, and the fourth term is precisely $x\sigma_y^2$.

We now handle the first term. If $p_1 \neq p_2$, then the number of integers $n \leq x$ with $\delta_{p_1}(n)\delta_{p_2}(n) = 1$ is $\left\lfloor \frac{x}{p_1 p_2} \right\rfloor$. But if $p_1 = p_2$, the number of these integers is $\left\lfloor \frac{x}{p_1} \right\rfloor$.

We thus have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{p_1, p_2 \leq y} \delta_{p_1}(n)\delta_{p_2}(n) &= \sum_{p_1 \neq p_2 \leq y} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{p_1 p_2} \right\rfloor + \sum_{p \leq y} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{p} \right\rfloor \\
&= \sum_{p_1, p_2 \leq y} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{p_1 p_2} \right\rfloor + \sum_{p \leq y} \left(\left\lfloor \frac{x}{p} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{x}{p^2} \right\rfloor \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly to the previous terms, the sum over p_1 and p_2 is $x\sigma_y^2 + O(\pi(y)^2)$, whereas the sum over p is

$$\sum_{p \leq y} \left(\left\lfloor \frac{x}{p} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{x}{p^2} \right\rfloor \right) = \sum_{p \leq y} \left(\frac{x}{p} - \frac{x}{p^2} + O(1) \right) = x\sigma_y + O(x).$$

Combining everything, we then get

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n \leq x} \left(\omega'(n) - \sum_{p \leq y} \frac{1}{p} \right)^2 &= \sum_{p_1 \neq p_2 \leq y} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{p_1 p_2} \right\rfloor + \sum_{p \leq y} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{p} \right\rfloor - \sum_{p_1, p_2 \leq y} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{p_1} \right\rfloor \frac{1}{p_2} - \sum_{p_1, p_2 \leq y} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{p_2} \right\rfloor \frac{1}{p_1} + \sum_{p_1, p_2 \leq y} \frac{x}{p_1 p_2} \\
&= x\sigma_y^2 + O(\pi(y)^2) + x\sigma_y + O(x) - x\sigma_y^2 + O(\sigma_y) - x\sigma_y^2 + O(\sigma_y) + x\sigma_y^2 \\
&= x\sigma_y + O(\pi(y)^2 + x + \sigma_y) \\
&= x\sigma_y + O(x),
\end{aligned}$$

where in the last step we note that $\pi(y)^2 \ll y^2 = x$ and $\sigma_y = \log \log y \ll \log \log x \ll x$.

5. Deduce that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (\omega(n) - \log \log x)^2 = x(\log \log x) + O(x\sqrt{\log \log x}),$$

for $x \geq 3$. (This is a theorem of Hardy and Ramanujan.)

Solution: From part 3, we know that $\omega(n) = \omega'(n) + O(1)$, and from part 2 we know that $\sigma_y = \log \log y + O(1) = \log \log x + \log \frac{1}{2} + O(1) = \log \log x + O(1)$.

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} (\omega(n) - \log \log x)^2 &= \sum_{n \leq x} (\omega'(n) - \sigma_y + O(1))^2 \\ &= \sum_{n \leq x} (\omega'(n) - \sigma_y)^2 + O\left(\sum_{n \leq x} |\omega'(n) - \sigma_y|\right) + O(x) \\ &= x\sigma_y + O\left(\sum_{n \leq x} |\omega'(n) - \sigma_y|\right) + O(x), \end{aligned}$$

where the last line follows from part 4.

We need to bound the first error term, which we can do by applying Cauchy-Schwarz to get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} |\omega'(n) - \sigma_y| &\leq \left(\sum_{n \leq x} 1^2\right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{n \leq x} |\omega'(n) - \sigma_y|^2\right)^{1/2} \\ &= x^{1/2} \left(\sum_{n \leq x} (\omega'(n) - \sigma_y)^2\right)^{1/2} \\ &= x^{1/2}(x\sigma_y + O(x))^{1/2}, \text{ by part 4} \\ &= x^{1/2}(x \log \log x + O(x))^{1/2}, \text{ by part 2} \\ &\ll x\sqrt{\log \log x}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (\omega(n) - \log \log x)^2 = x\sigma_y + O(x\sqrt{\log \log x}) = x \log \log x + O(x\sqrt{\log \log x}),$$

as desired.

6. Suppose an integer n has size about 10^{100} , and that $\omega(n) = 12$. Is that something remarkable?

Solution: For $n \sim 10^{100}$, the average size of $\omega(n)$ is $\log \log 10^{100} \approx 5.439$. By part 5, the variance of $\omega(n)$ is the same, so the standard deviation of this distribution is $\sqrt{5.439} \approx 2.332$. Thus the value $\omega(n) = 12$ is about 2.81 standard deviations above average. This is unlikely but not unheard of, occurring for about one in every four hundred integers of this size.

3. For $x \geq 1$, define

$$M(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n),$$

where μ is the Möbius function.

1. Show that for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$, we have the equality

$$\frac{1}{\zeta(s)} = s \int_1^{+\infty} M(t)t^{-s-1}dt.$$

Solution: For $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$, we have $\zeta(s) = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^{-1}$, so that

$$\frac{1}{\zeta(s)} = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s}.$$

Applying summation by parts (Lemma 3.2.1 with the sequence $a_n = \mu(n)$ and $f(n) = n^{-s}$), we get

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s} = \int_1^{\infty} \left(\sum_{1 \leq n \leq t} \mu(n) \right) st^{-s-1}dt,$$

which is precisely the desired equality.

2. Deduce that, if the estimate

$$M(x) = O(x^\delta)$$

for $x \geq 2$ is true for a certain $\delta > 0$, then $\zeta(s) \neq 0$ for all $s \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \delta$.

Solution: Assume that $M(x) = O(x^\delta)$ for a certain $\delta > 0$. Let $s \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \delta$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} s \int_1^{\infty} M(t)t^{-s-1}dt &= O\left(|s| \int_1^{\infty} t^{-\operatorname{Re}(s)-1+\delta}dt\right) \\ &= O\left(|s| \left(\frac{t^{-\operatorname{Re}(s)+\delta}}{-\operatorname{Re}(s)+\delta}\right)\Bigg|_1^{\infty}\right) \\ &= O\left(\frac{|s|}{\delta - \operatorname{Re}(s)}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used that $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \delta$ and thus $-\operatorname{Re}(s)+\delta-1 < -1$. In particular, we know that $s \int_1^{\infty} M(t)t^{-s-1}dt$ always converges to a finite value whenever $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \delta$, so it is a well-defined analytic function in this region. Thus equality in part (1) must hold not just in the region with $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$ but for the entire region $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \delta$, which in turn implies that $\frac{1}{\zeta(s)}$ has no poles in this region, and equivalently $\zeta(s)$ has no zeroes.

3. Similarly, prove that if the estimate

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) = x + O(x^\delta)$$

is valid for some $\delta > 0$, then $\zeta(s) \neq 0$ for all $s \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \delta$.

Solution: Again by summation by parts, we have that

$$-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n^s} = s \int_1^{\infty} \left(\sum_{n \leq t} \Lambda(n) \right) t^{-s-1} dt.$$

Applying the assumption and our work from the previous part, we get that for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \delta$,

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} &= s \int_1^{\infty} \left(\sum_{n \leq t} \Lambda(n) \right) t^{-s-1} dt \\ &= s \int_1^{\infty} t^{-s} dt + O\left(\frac{|s|}{\delta - \operatorname{Re}(s)}\right) \\ &= \frac{s}{s-1} + O\left(\frac{|s|}{\delta - \operatorname{Re}(s)}\right). \end{aligned}$$

In the region where $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \delta$, we therefore get that $-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)}$ has a unique pole at $s = 1$, which is simple, coming from the pole of $\zeta(s)$ at $s = 1$. Any zero of $\zeta(s)$ in this region would induce another pole, so $\zeta(s)$ cannot have any zeroes in this region.

4. The ternary divisor function d_3 is defined as the triple Dirichlet convolution $1 \star 1 \star 1$.

1. Compute the Dirichlet generating series $D(s)$ for d_3 and prove that it has meromorphic continuation to $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$ with a triple pole at $s = 1$.

Solution: The identity function 1 has polynomial growth, and thus so does $1 \star 1 = d$ and $d_3 = 1 \star 1 \star 1 = 1 \star d$, so the Dirichlet generating series $D(s)$ is given by

$$D(s) = \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} \right) \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} \right) \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} \right) = \zeta(s)^3.$$

The meromorphic continuation of $D(s)$ to $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$ is thus the cube of the meromorphic continuation of $\zeta(s)$ to the same region, so it exists, and has a unique pole of order 3 at $s = 1$ coming from the cube of the pole of $\zeta(s)$ at $s = 1$.

2. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be a real number. Prove that $d_3(n) \ll n^\epsilon$ for $n \geq 1$.

Solution: This follows along the lines of exercise 2.1 from exercise sheet 5, and just like for that problem, multiple proofs are available.

Note that d_3 is multiplicative, and for p prime and $k \geq 1$, $v \geq 2$ integers, we have

$$d_3(p)^k = \left(\sum_{\substack{a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{N} \\ a_1 a_2 a_3 = p}} 1 \right)^k = 3^k$$

and

$$d_3(p^v)^k = \binom{v+2}{3}^k \ll v^{3k}.$$

Thus we can apply Proposition 3.6.2 with $A = 3k$ to show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_3(n)^k}{n^s} = \zeta(s)^{3k} D_{d_3^k}^{\#}(s)$$

for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1/2$, where $D_{d_3^k}^{\#}(s)$ is holomorphic for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1/2$. Thus in particular, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_3(n)^k}{n^s}$ converges for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$ for all $k \geq 1$, so by exercise 2.1 from exercise sheet 5, $d_3(n) \ll_{\epsilon} n^{\epsilon}$ for all $\epsilon > 0$.

3. Let δ be a real number with $0 < \delta < 1$. Prove that

$$D_f(s) \ll (1 + |s|)^3$$

for $\operatorname{Re}(s) \geq \delta$ and $|\operatorname{Im}(s)| \geq 1$.

Solution: For all $s = \sigma + it$ with $\operatorname{Re}(s) = \sigma \geq \delta > 0$ and $|\operatorname{Im}(s)| = |t| \geq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |D_f(s)| &= |\zeta(s)|^3 \\ &\leq \left(\frac{|s|}{|s-1|} + \frac{|s|}{\sigma} \right)^3, \text{ by Prop 3.6.2 (1)} \\ &\ll \left(\frac{\sqrt{\sigma^2 + t^2}}{\sqrt{(\sigma-1)^2 + t^2}} + |s| \frac{1}{\delta} \right)^3. \end{aligned}$$

The first fraction approaches 1 when σ or t grows large, and is maximized when $\sigma = 1$ and $|t| = 1$ (recalling that $|t| \geq 1$). In this case $\sqrt{\sigma^2 + t^2} / \sqrt{(\sigma-1)^2 + t^2} = 2$; in particular, the fraction is $O(1)$ in the region under consideration. Thus

$$|D_f(s)| \ll \left(1 + |s| \frac{1}{\delta} \right)^3 \ll_{\delta} (1 + |s|)^3.$$

4. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be a real number. Using Mellin transform methods, prove that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} d_3(n) = xf(\log x) + O(x^{4/5+\epsilon})$$

for $x \geq 2$, where f is a polynomial of degree 2 with leading term $X^2/2$.

Solution: We will follow the procedure from the proof of Proposition 3.6.4. Many details are identical, so in some places we will be brief.

For a parameter λ with $0 < \lambda < x$, let $\varphi : [0, +\infty[\rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a smooth function such that $\varphi(t) = 0$ for $t \geq x + \lambda$, such that $\varphi(t) = 1$ for $0 \leq t \leq x$, and such that for every integer $j \geq 0$, $\varphi^{(j)}(t) = O(\lambda^{-j})$, with the implied constant depending only on j .

Let $\hat{\varphi}(s)$ denote the Mellin transform of $\varphi(t)$, which satisfies the fast-decay bound

$$\hat{\varphi}(s) \ll x^\sigma \left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^{m-1} (1+|t|)^{-m} \quad (2)$$

for any integer $m \geq 1$.

For $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$, the Dirichlet series $D_f(s)$ converges absolutely, so

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} d_3(n)\varphi(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(2)} D_f(s)\hat{\varphi}(s)ds,$$

since the integrand is integrable by the fast decay of the Mellin transform of φ . Now let $0 < \delta < 1/2$ be a fixed positive real number; by part 3, $|D_f(s)| \ll_\delta (1+|s|)^3$ whenever $\operatorname{Re}(s) \geq \delta$ and $|\operatorname{Im}(s)| \geq 1$.

We now apply Cauchy's theorem to the rectangle with vertices $2 - iT, 2 + iT, \delta + iT, \delta - iT$, oriented counterclockwise, for a parameter $T \geq 1$. The result is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{2-iT}^{2+iT} D_f(s)\hat{\varphi}(s)ds + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{2+iT}^{\delta+iT} D_f(s)\hat{\varphi}(s)ds \\ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\delta+iT}^{\delta-iT} D_f(s)\hat{\varphi}(s)ds + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\delta-iT}^{2-iT} D_f(s)\hat{\varphi}(s)ds = \operatorname{res}_{s=1} D_f(s)\hat{\varphi}(s). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

For $\delta \leq \sigma \leq 2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\varphi}(\sigma + iT) \ll (1+T)^{-4}, \hat{\varphi}(\sigma - iT) \ll (1+T)^{-4}, \\ D_f(\sigma + iT) \ll (1+T)^3, D_f(\sigma - iT) \ll (1+T)^3, \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{2+iT}^{\delta+iT} D_f(s)\hat{\varphi}(s)ds + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\delta-iT}^{2-iT} D_f(s)\hat{\varphi}(s)ds \ll T^{-1},$$

and thus taking $T \rightarrow +\infty$ we obtain that we can shift the contour from the vertical line with real part 2 to the vertical line with real part δ , obtaining from (3) that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(2)} D_f(s)\hat{\varphi}(s)ds = \operatorname{res}_{s=1} D_f(s)\hat{\varphi}(s) + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(\delta)} D_f(s)\hat{\varphi}(s)ds.$$

We now estimate the shifted integral. Applying (2) with $m = 5$, we get that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(2)} D_f(s)\hat{\varphi}(s)ds \ll x^\delta \left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^4 \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1+|t|)^{-2} dt \ll x^\delta \left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^4.$$

Next we compute the residue. In a neighborhood of $s = 1$ we have, for suitable constants c_0 and c_1 , the Laurent expansion

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + c_0 + c_1(s-1) + O((s-1)^2),$$

and thus

$$D_f(s) = \zeta(s)^3 = \frac{1}{(s-1)^3} + \frac{3c_0}{(s-1)^2} + \frac{(3c_0^2 + 3c_1)}{(s-1)} + O(1),$$

whereas

$$\hat{\varphi}(s) = \hat{\varphi}(1) + (s-1)\hat{\varphi}'(1) + \frac{(s-1)^2}{2}\hat{\varphi}''(1) + O((s-1)^3).$$

We thus have, recalling that $\text{res}_{s=1}$ is the coefficient of the $\frac{1}{s-1}$ term in the Laurent expansion around $s=1$, that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{res}_{s=1} D_f(s)\hat{\varphi}(s) &= \text{res}_{s=1} \zeta(s)^3 \hat{\varphi}(s) \\ &= \frac{\hat{\varphi}''(1)}{2} + 3c_0\hat{\varphi}'(1) + (3c_0^2 + 3c_1)\hat{\varphi}(1). \end{aligned}$$

In order to compute the residue, it remains to compute the derivatives of $\hat{\varphi}$ at 1, which can be done explicitly. We have, as in the notes,

$$\hat{\varphi}(1) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(y) dy = x + O(\lambda), \quad \hat{\varphi}'(1) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(y) \log y dy = x \log x - x + O(\lambda \log x).$$

Continuing to the second derivative, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\varphi}''(1) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(y) (\log y)^2 dy = \int_0^x (\log y)^2 dy + O(\lambda (\log x)^2) \\ &= (y(\log y)^2)|_0^x - \int_0^x (2 \log y) dy + O(\lambda (\log x)^2) \\ &= x(\log x)^2 - 2x \log x + 2x + O(\lambda (\log x)^2). \end{aligned}$$

Combining all terms, the residue is given by

$$\text{res}_{s=1} D_f(s)\hat{\varphi}(s) = xg(\log x) + O(\lambda (\log x)^2),$$

where $g(y)$ is the quadratic polynomial given by

$$g(y) = \frac{y^2}{2} + (3c_0 - 1)y + 3c_0^2 + 3c_1 - 3c_0 + 1.$$

We have now obtained the formula

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} d_3(n)\varphi(n) = xg(\log x) + O\left(\lambda (\log x)^2 + x^\delta \left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^4\right).$$

Choosing $\lambda = x^{4/5}$ to get that the error term is $O(x^{4/5+\delta})$. Finally we then have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} d_3(n) = \sum_{n \geq 1} d_3(n)\varphi(n) + O(\lambda x^\delta) = xg(\log x) + O(x^{4/5+\delta})$$

for any $\delta > 0$, where the implied constant depends on δ and where g is a quadratic polynomial with leading term $1/2$.

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