

Zeros on the Critical Line

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Abstract

The purpose of this report is to exhibit the proofs of two major results regarding the zeros of ζ on the critical line. First, we present a proof of Hardy's 1914 result, namely that there are infinitely many zeros of ζ on the critical line. Next we show Selbergs proof that the proportion of zeros of ζ on the critical line is positive.

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Part I

Hardy's Result

1 Introduction

We begin with some basic definitions. For $T > 0$, if there are no zeros of $\zeta(s)$ with imaginary part equal to T let

$$N(T) = |\{\beta + i\gamma : \zeta(\beta + i\gamma) = 0, 0 < \beta < 1, 0 < \gamma < T\}|$$

and if $\zeta(s)$ has a zero with imaginary part T let

$$N(T) = \frac{N(T^+) + N(T^-)}{2}.$$

This is the zero counting function for $\zeta(s)$, and we can show that (Corollary 14.3 of [2])

$$N(T) = \frac{T}{2\pi} \log \frac{T}{2\pi e} + O(\log T).$$

Since it is believed that all the zeros of $\zeta(s)$ lie on the line $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$, it is natural to consider the related function

$$N_0(T) = \left| \left\{ \beta + i\gamma : \zeta(\beta + i\gamma) = 0, \beta = \frac{1}{2}, 0 < \gamma < T \right\} \right|$$

which is defined with similar considerations as above when T is the ordinate of a zero of $\zeta(s)$. $N_0(T)$ counts the zeros on the critical line, and we see that upon assuming the Riemann Hypothesis we must have

$$N_0(T) = \frac{T}{2\pi} \log \frac{T}{2\pi e} + O(\log T).$$

(This can actually be improved to $N_0(T) = \frac{T}{2\pi} \log \frac{T}{2\pi e} + O\left(\frac{\log T}{\log \log T}\right)$ when the Riemann Hypothesis is assumed.)

Our goal is to examine some of the major results regarding lower bounds on the size of $N_0(T)$. We will make use of the familiar function ξ which is defined by

$$\xi(s) = \frac{1}{2} s(s-1) \zeta(s) \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}}. \quad (1.1)$$

ξ satisfies the functional equation $\xi(s) = \xi(1-s)$ (Corollary 10.3 of [2]) and hence is real on the line $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$. Most importantly, notice that inside the critical strip, $\xi(\beta + i\gamma) = 0$ if and only if $\zeta(\beta + i\gamma) = 0$, so we may focus our attention on the zeros of ξ . Since we are trying to count zeros on only the critical line it is natural to introduce the single variable function $\Xi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$\Xi(t) = \xi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right).$$

Again, the zeros of Ξ correspond exactly to the zeros of ζ on the critical line.

1.1 Brief History of Current Results

In 1914, Hardy showed that ζ has infinitely many zeros on the critical line, $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$. In 1921 Hardy and Littlewood showed that $N_0(T) \gg T$. Later, in 1942, Selberg proved that $N_0(T) \gg T \log T$, and hence that a positive proportion of the zeros lie on the critical line. In 1974, Levinson showed that the proportion is at least $\frac{1}{3}$, and in 1989, Conrey increased this to $\frac{2}{5}$ by using Levinson's method.

2 Preliminaries

Let

$$\psi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-n^2 \pi x}.$$

The function $\psi(x)$ will play a major role in the proofs regarding the zeros of the zeta function. This is because $\frac{1}{s(2s-1)} \xi(2s) = \zeta(2s) \Gamma(s) \pi^{-s}$ is the Mellin transform of $\psi(x)$.

Proposition 1. *For $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ we have the identity*

$$\zeta(2s) \Gamma(s) \pi^{-s} = \int_0^{\infty} x^s \psi(x) \frac{dx}{x}.$$

Proof. By Euler's formula for the Gamma function we have

$$\Gamma(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{s-1} dt.$$

Making the substitution $t = n^2 \pi x$ we find

$$\Gamma(s) \pi^{-s} n^{-2s} = \int_0^\infty e^{-n^2 \pi x} x^{s-1} dx.$$

Hence if $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$, summing over n and switching the order of the sum and the integral yields

$$\Gamma(s) \pi^{-s} n^{-2s} = \int_0^\infty \psi(x) x^{s-1} dx$$

as desired. \square

Corollary 2. *The function $\zeta(2s) \Gamma(s) \pi^{-s}$ is the Mellin transform of $\psi(x)$. Consequently for $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ we have the inverse transform*

$$\psi(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\sigma-i\infty}^{\sigma+i\infty} \zeta(2s) \Gamma(s) \pi^{-s} x^{-s} ds,$$

or equivalently for $\sigma > 1$ we have

$$\psi(y) = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{\sigma-i\infty}^{\sigma+i\infty} \zeta(s) \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}} y^{-\frac{s}{2}} ds. \quad (2.1)$$

The following functional equation for $\psi(x)$ we be used throughout the proof of Hardy's result.

Lemma 3. *$\psi(x)$ obeys the functional equation*

$$2\psi(x) + 1 = x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(2\psi\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 1 \right). \quad (2.2)$$

Proof. This follows from the functional equation for the Jacobi theta function

$$\theta(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-n^2 \pi x}.$$

It is well known that

$$\theta(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \theta\left(\frac{1}{x}\right),$$

and this also follows from the Poisson summation formula. Then, since $2\psi(x) + 1 = \theta(x)$ we see that

$$2\psi(x) + 1 = x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(2\psi\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 1 \right)$$

as desired. \square

Proposition 4. For all $s \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ we have

$$\zeta(s)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}s\right)\pi^{-\frac{1}{2}s} = \frac{1}{s(s-1)} + \int_1^\infty \left(x^{\frac{1}{2}s-1} + x^{-\frac{1}{2}s-\frac{1}{2}}\right)\psi(x)dx.$$

Proof. By 1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x) &= \frac{x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(2\psi\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 1\right) - 1}{2} \\ \zeta(s)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}s\right)\pi^{-\frac{1}{2}s} &= \int_1^\infty \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}s}\psi(x)}{x}dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}s}\psi(x)}{x}dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Then by 3 the second integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}s}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(2\psi\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 1\right)}{x} - x^{\frac{1}{2}s-1}dx &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}s-\frac{1}{2}}\psi\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 x^{\frac{1}{2}s-\frac{3}{2}} - x^{\frac{1}{2}s-1}dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}s-\frac{1}{2}}\psi\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x}dx + \frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{1}{s}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting $x = \frac{1}{u}$, $dx = -\frac{1}{u^2}$ this becomes

$$= \frac{1}{s(s-1)} + \int_1^\infty \frac{u^{-\frac{1}{2}s+\frac{1}{2}}\psi(u)}{u}du.$$

Substituting this into 2.3 we find

$$\zeta(s)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}s\right)\pi^{-\frac{1}{2}s} = \frac{1}{s(s-1)} + \int_1^\infty x^{\frac{1}{2}s-1}\psi(x) + x^{-\frac{1}{2}s-\frac{1}{2}}\psi(x)dx$$

as desired. □

3 Infinitely Many Zeros on the Critical Line

In this section we show a proof of Hardy's theorem that there are infinitely many zeros on the critical line.

The following Lemma relates an integral of the function $\Xi(t)$ to $\psi(e^{-2x})$. This identity will be at the center of the proof of Hardy's result.

Lemma 5. We have that

$$\int_0^\infty \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} \Xi(t) \cos(xt)dt = \frac{1}{2}\pi \left(e^{\frac{1}{2}x} - 2e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}\psi(e^{-2x})\right). \quad (3.1)$$

Proof. Let

$$Q(x) = \int_0^\infty \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} \Xi(t) \cos(xt) dt.$$

Then since $(t^2 + \frac{1}{4})^{-1} \Xi(t) \cos(xt)$ is an even function of t we see that

$$Q(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} \Xi(t) \cos(xt) dt.$$

Now, as $(t^2 + \frac{1}{4})^{-1} \Xi(t) \sin(xt)$ is an odd function of t , its integral over the real line is zero, and hence

$$Q(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} \Xi(t) e^{ixt} dt.$$

Let $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$. Then

$$Q(x) = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}xt}}{2i} \int_{\frac{1}{2}-\infty}^{\frac{1}{2}+\infty} \frac{1}{s(1-s)} \Xi(s) e^{xs} ds.$$

By 1.1, the definition of $\zeta(s)$, we have

$$Q(x) = -\frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}xt}}{4i} \int_{\frac{1}{2}-\infty}^{\frac{1}{2}+\infty} \zeta(s) \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}} e^{xs} ds.$$

The function $\zeta(s) \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}} e^{xs}$ is meromorphic on \mathbb{C} with poles at $s = 0, s = 1$. Hence if we move the line integral to the right of the line $\sigma = 1$, the change will be accounted for by subtracting the residue at $s = 1$. That is, for $\sigma > 1$ we have

$$Q(x) = -\frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}}{4i} \int_{\sigma-\infty}^{\sigma+\infty} \zeta(s) \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}} e^{xs} ds + \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}}{4i} \cdot 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}\left(\zeta(s) \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}} e^{xs}, 1\right).$$

The residue at $s = 1$ is computed to be e^x since $\zeta(s)$ has a simple pole with residue 1. Thus

$$Q(x) = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}}{4i} \int_{\sigma-\infty}^{\sigma+\infty} \zeta(s) \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}} e^{xs} ds + \frac{\pi}{2} e^{\frac{1}{2}x}.$$

By applying 2.1 with $y = e^{-2x}$ we see that

$$Q(x) = -\pi e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \psi(e^{-2x}) + \frac{\pi}{2} e^{\frac{1}{2}x}$$

as desired. □

Lemma 6. *For a every integer n we have*

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}\pi^+} \frac{d^{2n}}{d\alpha^{2n}} \left[e^{\frac{1}{2}i\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \psi(e^{2i\alpha}) \right) \right] = 0.$$

Proof. First, notice that

$$\psi(i + \delta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-n^2\pi(i+\delta)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n e^{-n^2\pi\delta}$$

and hence

$$\psi(i + \delta) = 2\psi(4\delta) - \psi(\delta). \quad (3.2)$$

As

$$\psi(x) = x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \psi\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2}$$

by 2.2, we see that 3.2 becomes

$$\psi(i + \delta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta}} \psi\left(\frac{1}{4\delta}\right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta}} \psi\left(\frac{1}{\delta}\right) - \frac{1}{2}.$$

By expanding the series definition for $\psi(x)$ it follows that $\frac{1}{2} + \psi(i + \delta)$ and all of its derivatives tend to zero as $\delta \rightarrow 0$ with $\delta \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Hence they also go to zero along any route with angle $|\arg(\delta)| < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ since for any δ with $\Re(\delta) > 0$ we have that

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\pi n^2 \frac{1}{\delta}} \right| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\pi n^2 \frac{\Re(\delta)}{|\delta|^2}} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\pi n^2 \frac{1}{|\delta|}}.$$

Now, as $\alpha \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}^+$ implies that $e^{2i\alpha} \rightarrow i$ along any route with $|\arg(e^{2i\alpha} - i)| < \frac{1}{2}\pi$, the lemma is proven. \square

Theorem 7. $\Xi(t)$ has infinitely many zeros.

Proof. Substituting $x = -i\alpha$ in 3.1 we find

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} \Xi(t) \cosh(\alpha t) dt &= \frac{\pi}{2} \left(e^{-\frac{1}{2}i\alpha} - 2e^{\frac{1}{2}i\alpha} \psi(e^{2i\alpha}) \right). \\ &= \pi \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} - \pi e^{\frac{1}{2}i\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \psi(e^{2i\alpha}) \right). \end{aligned}$$

In 1908 Lindelof proved that $\zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) + O\left(t^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)$ [3]. By Stirlings formula, $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\right) = O\left(e^{-\frac{1}{4}\pi t}\right)$, so that

$$\left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} t^{2n} \Xi(t) \cosh(\alpha t) = O\left(t^{\frac{1}{4}+2n} e^{-\frac{1}{4}\pi t + \alpha t}\right).$$

Consequently, we can take the derivative with respect to α and move this underneath the integration sign provided $\alpha < \frac{1}{4}\pi$. Taking the derivative $2n$ times we see

$$\int_0^{\infty} \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} t^{2n} \Xi(t) \cosh(\alpha t) dt = \frac{\pi(-1)^n}{2^{2n}} \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} - \pi \frac{d^{2n}}{d\alpha^{2n}} \left[e^{\frac{1}{2}i\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \psi(e^{2i\alpha}) \right) \right].$$

Taking the limit as $\alpha \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}\pi^+$ and applying 6 yields

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}\pi^+} \int_0^\infty \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} t^{2n} \Xi(t) \cosh(\alpha t) dt = \frac{\pi(-1)^n}{2^{2n}} \cos \frac{\pi}{8}. \quad (3.3)$$

□

Suppose to get a contradiction that $\Xi(t)$ had only finitely many zero, and hence never changes sign for $t > T$ for some large T . Assume without loss of generality that $\Xi(t) > 0$. (The other case is handled identically) Let L be defined by

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}\pi^+} \int_T^\infty \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} t^{2n} \Xi(t) \cosh(\alpha t) dt = L.$$

Then since \cosh is monotonically increasing on $[0, \infty)$, $T' > T$ implies

$$\int_T^{T'} \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} t^{2n} \Xi(t) \cosh(\alpha t) dt \leq L$$

where we can truncate the integral since the integrand is non-negative on $[T, \infty)$. As this holds for every $T' > T$ and for every $\alpha \in [0, \frac{\pi}{4})$ we see that

$$\int_T^{T'} \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} t^{2n} \Xi(t) \cosh\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi t\right) dt \leq L$$

and hence the integral

$$\int_0^\infty \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} t^{2n} \Xi(t) \cosh\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi t\right) dt$$

is absolutely convergent. As \cosh is monotonic, $\left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} t^{2n} \Xi(t) \cosh\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi t\right)$ dominates $\left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} t^{2n} \Xi(t) \cosh(\alpha t)$ for each $\alpha \in [0, \frac{\pi}{4})$ so that the dominated convergence theorem allows us to switch the order of the limit and the integral. Hence by 3.3 we have that for every n

$$\int_0^\infty \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} t^{2n} \Xi(t) \cosh\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi t\right) dt = \frac{\pi(-1)^n}{2^{2n}} \cos \frac{\pi}{8}.$$

However this is impossible since the right hand side switches sign infinitely often. Let n be odd. Then the right hand side is strictly less than zero so that

$$\int_T^\infty \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} t^{2n} \Xi(t) \cosh\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi t\right) dt < - \int_0^T \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} t^{2n} \Xi(t) \cosh\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi t\right) dt.$$

Since T is fixed, we have that

$$\left| \int_0^T \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} t^{2n} \Xi(t) \cosh\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi t\right) dt \right| \leq T^{2n} \int_0^T \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} |\Xi(t)| \cosh\frac{1}{4}\pi t dt$$

and setting $R = \int_0^T \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} |\Xi(t)| \cosh\frac{1}{4}\pi t dt$ we see that

$$- \int_0^T \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} t^{2n} \Xi(t) \cosh\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi t\right) dt < RT^{2n}$$

where R is independant of n . Now, by assumption there exists $\epsilon > 0$ such that $\Xi(t) \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} > \epsilon$ for all $2T < t < 2T + 1$ so that

$$\int_T^\infty \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} t^{2n} \Xi(t) \cosh\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi t\right) dt \geq \int_{2T}^{2T+1} t^{2n} \epsilon dt \geq \epsilon(2T)^{2n}.$$

Thus

$$\epsilon(2T)^{2n} < RT^{2n}$$

for all n . However, this is equivalent to

$$2^{2n} < \frac{R}{\epsilon}$$

holding for all n , which is impossible since n can be taken arbitrarily large. Thus we have our contradiction, and the theorem is proven.

Part II

A Positive Proportion of the Zeros Lie on the Critical Line

In this part we show Selbergs proof that a positive proportion of the zeros of ζ lie on the critical line.

4 Outline of the proof

For each T , the goal is to put a lower bound on the number of zeros of $\Xi(t)$ with $t \leq T$. Rather than count the zeros of $\Xi(t)$ themselves, we will choose a small constant h , and put a lower bound on the number of intervals of the form $(nh, (n+1)h) \subset (0, T)$ which contain a zero. With this in mind, it then makes sense to look at

$$E' = \left\{ 0 \leq t \leq T : \exists t' \in (t, t+h) \text{ with } \Xi(t') = 0 \right\},$$

and attempt to find $m(E')$, the size of E' . This set however is not desirable, as the method we use here to detect zeros of $\Xi(t)$ is by examining sign changes. A sign change of the function $\Xi(t)$ on the interval $(t, t+h)$ implies there must be a zero, however the converse is not necessarily true. Hence consider $E \subset E'$ defined by

$$E = \{0 \leq t \leq T : \Xi(t) \text{ changes sign on } (t, t+h)\}.$$

The goal then becomes finding a suitable lower bound on $m(E)$. In particular, we will show that when $h = \frac{c}{\log T}$, $c > 0$, we must have $m(E) > BT$, $B > 0$. Once we prove this, Selbergs result that $N_0(T) > AT \log T$ follows. To see why, notice that of the intervals

$$(0, h), (h, 2h), (2h, 3h) \dots$$

at least

$$\frac{BT}{h} = BcT \log T$$

must contain a point of E . Since $t \in (nh, (n+1)h)$ and $t \in E$ implies that there is a zero in $(nh, (n+2)h)$, we see that

$$N_0(T) > \frac{1}{2} BcT \log T$$

where the factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ comes from the fact that each zero could be counted by two different intervals.

Proving this lower bound for $m(E)$ consists of multiple steps. First, notice that

$$E = \left\{ 0 \leq t \leq T : \left| \int_t^{t+h} \Xi(u) du \right| < \int_t^{t+h} |\Xi(u)| du \right\}.$$

As the function $\Xi(t)$ itself can be difficult to deal with, we look instead at $F(t) = \Xi(t)W(t)$ for some suitable function $W(t) > 0$. In particular the function $W(t)$ will be chosen so that $\Xi(t)W(t)$ is the fourier transform of some $f(y)$ which we can work with more easily. Since the zeros of $F(t)$ will correspond to zeros of $\Xi(t)$ we see that

$$E = \left\{ 0 \leq t \leq T : \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right| < \int_t^{t+h} |F(u)| du \right\}.$$

The rest of the proof is then centered around finding bounds for integrals involving the functions $\int_t^{t+h} F(u) du$ and $\int_t^{t+h} |F(u)| du$. Specifically, we will find a way to bound the integral

$$\int_E \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du dt$$

from above and below, where the upper bound will introduce $m(E)$ by application of Cauchy-Schwarz. It is then from these upper and lower bounds that we are able to deduce $m(E) > BT$ when $h = \frac{c}{\log T}$.

The proof itself is divided into four major sections. In the first section, $W(t)$ will be specified, along with $F(t)$ and its Fourier transform $f(y)$. In the second section the function $J(x, \theta)$ is introduced, which is related to $F(t)$. The purpose of this entire section becomes bounding $J(x, \theta)$ from above. This is by far the longest, and is the most technically difficult section, as many of the sums run over as many as 7 variables. The third section will be a series of corollaries to the preceding upper bounds on $J(x, \theta)$, and in particular we will place bounds on

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(t)|^2 dt$$

and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right|^2 dt.$$

Some important lower bounds for the integrals of $F(t)$ and $|F(t)|$ are also derived. In the fourth section, we will prove the main result using the upper and lower bounds from the third section.

5 Preliminaries, and the function $W(t)$

Recall 2.1 which tells us that

$$\psi(y) = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{\sigma-i\infty}^{\sigma+i\infty} \zeta(s) \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}} y^{-\frac{s}{2}} ds.$$

We are going to modify the integrand by multiplying by $\phi(s)\phi(1-s)$ for a suitable function ϕ . The reason we multiply by $\phi(s)\phi(1-s)$ rather than just $\phi(s)$ is to show explicitly that the symmetry around the line $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ will be preserved.

Define α_ν by

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\zeta(s)}} = \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \alpha_\nu \nu^{-s}$$

where $\sigma > 1$ and $\alpha_1 = 1$. Notice that from the Euler product we have $\alpha_\mu \alpha_\nu = \alpha_{\mu\nu}$ if $(\nu, \mu) = 1$. Similarly define α'_ν by

$$\sqrt{\zeta(s)} = \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha'_\nu}{\nu^s}$$

where $\sigma > 1$ and $\alpha'_1 = 1$. By expanding into Euler products, the fact that the series $(1-z)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ termwise dominates the series for $(1-z)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ implies

$$|\alpha_\nu| \leq \alpha'_\nu \leq 1. \quad (5.1)$$

Fix X and let

$$\beta_\nu = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \alpha_\nu \left(1 - \frac{\log \nu}{\log X}\right) & \text{if } \nu < X \\ 0 & \nu \geq X \end{array} \right\} \quad (5.2)$$

when $\nu < X$, and $\beta_\nu = 0$ if $\nu \geq X$. Notice

$$|\beta_\nu| \leq 1$$

for all ν . Then let

$$\phi(s) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \beta_\nu \nu^{-s}.$$

With 2.1 in mind, consider the function

$$\Phi(z) = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{\sigma-i\infty}^{\sigma+i\infty} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}s\right) \pi^{-\frac{1}{2}s} \zeta(s) \phi(s) \phi(1-s) z^s ds$$

where $\sigma > 1$. Moving the line of integration to $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(z) &= \frac{1}{2} z \phi(1) \phi(0) + \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{\frac{1}{2}-i\infty}^{\frac{1}{2}+i\infty} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}s\right) \pi^{-\frac{1}{2}s} \zeta(s) \phi(s) \phi(1-s) z^s ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2} z \phi(1) \phi(0) - \frac{z^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Xi(t) \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} \left|\phi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)\right|^2 z^{it} dt. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\Phi(z) = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \sum_{\mu=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \beta_\nu \beta_\mu \int_{\sigma-i\infty}^{\sigma+i\infty} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}s\right) \pi^{-\frac{1}{2}s} \zeta(s) \frac{z^s}{\mu^s \nu^{1-s}} ds$$

which becomes

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\mu=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \frac{\beta_\nu \beta_\mu}{\nu} \exp\left(-\frac{\pi n^2 u^2}{z^2 \nu^2}\right)$$

by 2.1. Setting

$$z = e^{-i(\frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2}\delta) - y}$$

it follows that the functions

$$F(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \Xi(t) \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} \left|\phi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)\right|^2 e^{(\frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2}\delta)t} dt$$

and

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{2} z^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(1) \phi(0) - z^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\mu=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \frac{\beta_\nu \beta_\mu}{\nu} \exp\left(-\frac{\pi n^2 u^2}{z^2 \nu^2}\right)$$

are Fourier transforms.

This function $F(t)$ will be at the center of the rest of the proof, and referring to the outline, we are making the choice

$$W(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} \left|\phi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)\right|^2 z^{it} dt.$$

6 The functions $g(x)$ and $J(x, \theta)$

The purpose of this section is to define $g(x)$ and $J(x, \theta)$ and then find upper bounds for these two functions. In the next section, we will use the upper bound for $J(x, \theta)$ to bound several integrals of $F(t)$. We start with a lemma regarding Fourier transforms integrated over an interval of length h .

Lemma 8. *Suppose $F(u), f(y)$ are functions related by the Fourier formulas*

$$F(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y) e^{iyu} dy$$

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(u) e^{-iyu} du.$$

If $f(y)$ is even and $F(u)$ is real we have that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right|^2 \leq 2h^2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{h}} |f(y)|^2 dy + 8 \int_{\frac{1}{h}}^{\infty} \frac{|f(y)|^2}{y^2} dy. \quad (6.1)$$

Proof. Integrating over $(t, t+h)$ and switching the order we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y) \int_t^{t+h} e^{iyu} du dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y) \frac{e^{iyh} - 1}{iy} e^{iyt} dy \end{aligned}$$

so that the functions

$$\int_t^{t+h} F(u) du$$

and

$$f(y) \frac{e^{iyh} - 1}{iy}$$

are Fourier transforms. By applying Parseval's formula we see that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right|^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(y)|^2 \frac{|e^{iyh} - 1|^2}{y^2} dy.$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} |e^{iyh} - 1| &= \sqrt{(\cos(yh) - 1)^2 + \sin^2(yh)} \\ &= \sqrt{4 \left(\frac{1 - \cos(yh)}{2} \right)} = 2 \sin \left(\frac{yh}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

by the half angle formula, so we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right|^2 = 8 \int_0^{\infty} |f(y)|^2 \frac{\sin^2\left(\frac{yh}{2}\right)}{y^2} dy.$$

Splitting the integral on the right hand side into two parts, and using the bounds $|\sin(x)| \leq x$ and $|\sin(x)| \leq 1$ yields

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right|^2 \leq 2h^2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{h}} |f(y)|^2 dy + 8 \int_{\frac{1}{h}}^{\infty} \frac{|f(y)|^2}{y^2} dy$$

as desired. \square

6.1 $g(x)$ and its relation to $\int F(t) dt$.

Definition 9. Let

$$g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\mu=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \frac{\beta_{\mu} \beta_{\nu}}{\nu} \exp\left(\frac{-\pi n^2 \mu^2}{\nu^2} e^{-i(\frac{1}{2}\pi - \delta)} x^2\right)$$

so that

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{2} z^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(1) \phi(0) - z^{-\frac{1}{2}} g(e^y)$$

where as before,

$$z = e^{-i(\frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2}\delta) - y}.$$

The following proposition gives motivation for considering and bounding $g(x)$, as it arises naturally when we attempt to bound

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right)^2 dt.$$

Proposition 10. Suppose $h \leq 1$, and let $G = e^{\frac{1}{h}}$. Then we have that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right)^2 dt < \frac{h^2}{2} |\phi(1) \phi(0)|^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{G} \right) + 2h^2 \int_1^G |g(x)|^2 + 2 \int_1^G \frac{|g(x)|^2}{\log^2 x} dx \quad (6.2)$$

Proof. By 6.1

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right|^2 = \leq 2h^2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{h}} |f(y)|^2 dy + 8 \int_{\frac{1}{h}}^{\infty} \frac{|f(y)|^2}{y^2} dy \quad (6.3)$$

Setting $y = \log x$ we have that $z = e^{-i(\frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2}\delta) - y} = \frac{1}{y}e^{-i(\frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2}\delta)}$, and in particular $|z| = \frac{1}{y}$. Then if we set $G = e^{\frac{1}{H}}$ the first integral on the right hand side of 6.3 becomes

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{H}} |f(y)|^2 dy = \int_1^G \left| \frac{e^{-i(\frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2}\delta)}}{2x} \phi(1)\phi(0) - g(x) \right|^2 dx.$$

Then we have that

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{H}} |f(y)|^2 dy \leq 2 \int_1^G \frac{|\phi(1)\phi(0)|^2}{4x^2} dx + 2 \int_1^G |g(x)|^2 dx < \frac{1}{2} |\phi(1)\phi(0)|^2 + 2 \int_1^G |g(x)|^2 dx.$$

We can bound the second integral in a similar manner to find

$$8 \int_{\frac{1}{h}}^{\infty} \frac{|f(y)|^2}{y^2} dy < \frac{|\phi(1)\phi(0)|^2}{2G \log^2 G} + 2 \int_G^{\infty} \frac{|g(x)|^2}{\log^2 x} dx.$$

As $\frac{1}{\log^2 G} = h^2$, we have the desired result. \square

6.2 The Function $J(x, \theta)$.

To be able to bound $g(x)$ and its integrals of the form $\int |g(x)|^2 dx$ as they appear in 10, we consider

$$J(x, \theta) = \int_x^{\infty} |g(u)|^2 u^{-\theta} du$$

where $0 < \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}$, and $x \geq 1$. The goal of this subsection is to show that if $X = \delta^{-c}$ with $0 < c \leq \frac{1}{8}$ then

$$J(x, \theta) = O\left(\frac{1}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta x^{\theta} \log X}\right) \quad (6.4)$$

uniformly with respect to θ .

Notice that

$$J(x, \theta) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k\lambda\mu\nu} \frac{\beta_k \beta_{\lambda} \beta_{\nu} \beta_{\mu}}{\nu \lambda} R$$

where

$$R = \int_x^{\infty} \exp \left\{ -\pi \left(\frac{m^2 k^2}{\lambda^2} + \frac{n^2 \mu^2}{\nu^2} \right) u^2 \sin \delta + i\pi \left(\frac{m^2 k^2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{n^2 \mu^2}{\nu^2} \right) u^2 \cos \delta \right\} \frac{du}{u^{\theta}}$$

from the definition of $g(x)$. Let Σ_1 denote the sum of those terms in which

$$\frac{mk}{\lambda} = \frac{n\mu}{\nu}$$

and Σ_2 the remainder. That is

$$\Sigma_2 = J(x, \theta) - \Sigma_1.$$

To prove 6.4 we will bound Σ_2 and Σ_1 separately.

6.2.1 Bounding Σ_1 .

Here we prove that when $X = \delta^{-c}$ with $0 < c \leq \frac{1}{8}$

$$\Sigma_1 = O\left(\frac{1}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}}\theta x^\theta \log X}\right).$$

For each quadruplet k, ν, λ, μ let $q = (k\nu, \lambda\mu)$ so that $k\nu = aq$ and $\lambda\mu = bq$ for some a, b with $(a, b) = 1$. When $\frac{mk}{\lambda} = \frac{n\mu}{\nu}$ we have that $ma = nb$ and then $n = ra$, $m = rb$. This allows us to rewrite the sum of n and m as a single sum over r , and hence

$$\Sigma_1 = \sum_{k\lambda\mu\nu} \frac{\beta_k\beta_\lambda\beta_\nu\beta_\mu}{\nu\lambda} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \int_x^{\infty} \exp\left\{-2\pi\left(\frac{r^2k^2\mu^2}{q^2}\right)u^2 \sin \delta\right\} \frac{du}{u^\theta}. \quad (6.5)$$

Definition 11. Let

$$S(\theta) = \sum_{k\lambda\mu\nu} \left(\frac{q}{k\mu}\right)^{1-\theta} \frac{\beta_k\beta_\lambda\beta_\mu\beta_\nu}{\lambda\nu}$$

where $q = \gcd(k\nu, \lambda\mu)$.

Lemma 12. *We have that*

$$\Sigma_1 = \frac{S(0)}{2(2\sin \delta)^{\frac{1}{2}}\theta x^\theta} + \frac{Q_1(\theta)}{\theta} (2\pi \sin \delta)^{\frac{1}{2}\theta - \frac{1}{2}} S(\theta) + O\left(\frac{x^{1-\theta} \log\left(\frac{X}{\delta}\right)}{\theta} X^2 \log^2 X\right) \quad (6.6)$$

where $Q_1(\theta)$ is some bounded function of θ .

Proof. First, we will rewrite the sum over r in 6.5. Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \int_x^{\infty} e^{-r^2 u^2 \eta} \frac{du}{u^\theta} &= \eta^{\frac{1}{2}\theta - \frac{1}{2}} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^{1-\theta}} \int_{xr\sqrt{\eta}}^{\infty} e^{-y^2} \frac{dy}{y^\theta} \\ &= \eta^{\frac{1}{2}\theta - \frac{1}{2}} \int_{x\sqrt{\eta}}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-y^2}}{y^\theta} \left(\sum_{r \leq y/(x\sqrt{\eta})} \frac{1}{r^{1-\theta}} \right) dy. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\sum_{r \leq y/(x\sqrt{\eta})} \frac{1}{r^{1-\theta}} = \frac{1}{\theta} \left(\frac{y}{x\sqrt{\eta}} \right)^\theta - \frac{1}{\theta} + Q(\theta) + O\left(\left(\frac{y}{x\sqrt{\eta}} \right)^{\theta-1} \right)$$

where $Q(\theta)$ is a bounded function of θ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \int_x^{\infty} e^{-r^2 u^2 \eta} \frac{du}{u^\theta} &= \frac{1}{\theta x^\theta \sqrt{\eta}} \left(\int_0^{\infty} e^{-y^2} dy + O(x\sqrt{\eta}) \right) - \frac{\eta^{\frac{1}{2}\theta - \frac{1}{2}}}{\theta} \left(\int_0^{\infty} e^{-y^2} y^{-\theta} dy + O((x\sqrt{\eta})^{1-\theta}) \right) \\ &\quad + \eta^{\frac{1}{2}\theta - \frac{1}{2}} Q(\theta) \left(\int_0^{\infty} e^{-y^2} y^{-\theta} dy + O(x\sqrt{\eta})^{1-\theta} \right) + O(x^{1-\theta} \log(2 + \eta^{-1})) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\theta x^\theta \eta^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{Q_1(\theta) \eta^{\frac{1}{2}\theta - \frac{1}{2}}}{\theta} + O\left(\frac{x^{1-\theta}}{\theta} \log(2 + \eta^{-1})\right).$$

Setting

$$\eta = \frac{2\pi k^2 \mu^2 \sin \delta}{q^2}$$

it follows that

$$\Sigma_1 = \frac{S(0)}{2(2 \sin \delta)^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta x^\theta} + \frac{Q_1(\theta)}{\theta} (2\pi \sin \delta)^{\frac{1}{2}\theta - \frac{1}{2}} S(\theta) + O\left(\frac{x^{1-\theta}}{\theta} \sum_{k\lambda\mu\nu} \frac{|\beta_\lambda \beta_\mu \beta_\nu \beta_k|}{\nu \lambda} \log(2 + \eta^{-1})\right).$$

Since every non-zero term has each of $\lambda, k, \mu, \nu \leq X$, we see that

$$\log(2 + \eta^{-1}) = \log\left(2 + \frac{q^2}{2\pi k^2 \mu^2 \sin \delta}\right) = O\left(\log \frac{X}{\delta}\right)$$

and hence

$$\sum_{k\lambda\mu\nu} \frac{|\beta_\lambda \beta_\mu \beta_\nu \beta_k|}{\nu \lambda} \log(2 + \eta^{-1}) = O\left(\log \frac{X}{\delta} X^2 \log^2 X\right)$$

as desired □

Given that we can write Σ_1 as in 6.6, it is sufficient to find a suitable upper bound of $S(\theta)$.

Define $\phi_a(n)$ by

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\phi_a(n)}{n^s} = \frac{\zeta(s-a-1)}{\zeta(s)}$$

so that

$$\phi_a(n) = n^{1+a} \sum_{m|n} \frac{\mu(m)}{m^{1+a}} = n^{1+a} \prod_{p|n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{1+a}}\right). \quad (6.7)$$

Then

$$q^{1-\theta} = \sum_{\rho|q} \phi_{-\theta}(\rho) = \sum_{\rho|k\nu, \rho|\lambda\mu} \phi_{-\theta}(\rho).$$

Consequently,

$$S(\theta) = \sum_{k\nu\mu\lambda} \frac{1}{k^{1-\theta} \mu^{1-\theta}} \sum_{\substack{k, \nu, \lambda, \mu \\ \rho|k\nu, \rho|\lambda\mu}} \phi_{-\theta}(\rho) \frac{\beta_k \beta_\lambda \beta_\mu \beta_\nu}{\lambda \nu}$$

and by rearranging the order of summation we have

$$S(\theta) = \sum_{\rho < X^2} \phi_{-\theta}(\rho) \left(\sum_{\substack{k, \nu \\ \rho|k\nu}} \frac{\beta_k \beta_\nu}{k^{1-\theta} \nu} \right)^2. \quad (6.8)$$

For each k, ν let d, d_1 be divisors of ρ that satisfy $k = dk'$, $\nu = d_1 \nu'$ where $\gcd(k', \rho) = 1$ and $(\nu', \rho) = 1$. Then

$$\sum_{\substack{k, \nu \\ \rho | k\nu}} \frac{\beta_k \beta_\nu}{k^{1-\theta} \nu} = \sum_{\substack{d, d_1 \\ \rho | d, d_1}} \frac{1}{d^{1-\theta} d_1} \sum_{k'} \frac{\beta_{dk'}}{(k')^{1-\theta}} \sum_{\nu'} \frac{\beta_{d_1 \nu'}}{\nu'}.$$

Now, by 5.2, when $(k', \rho) = 1$ we have that

$$\beta_{dk'} = \frac{\alpha_d \alpha_{k'}}{\log X} \log \frac{X}{dk'}$$

so that

$$\sum_{\substack{k, \nu \\ \rho | k\nu}} \frac{\beta_k \beta_\nu}{k^{1-\theta} \nu} = \frac{1}{\log^2 X} \sum_{\substack{d, d_1 \\ \rho | d, d_1}} \frac{\alpha_d \alpha_{d_1}}{d^{1-\theta} d_1} \sum_{k' \leq \frac{X}{d}} \frac{\alpha_{k'}}{(k')^{1-\theta}} \log \frac{X}{dk'} \sum_{\nu' \leq \frac{X}{d_1}} \frac{\alpha_{\nu'}}{\nu'} \log \frac{X}{d_1 \nu'}. \quad (6.9)$$

The next three lemma focus on bounding the right hand side of 6.9. By doing so, and combining this upper bound with 6.8 we will find an upper bound for $S(\theta)$, and hence by 6.6 for Σ_1 as well.

Lemma 13. *We have*

$$\sum_{k \leq X/d} \frac{\alpha_k}{k^{1-\theta}} \log \frac{X}{kd} = O \left(\left(\frac{X}{d} \right)^\theta \log^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{X}{d} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right). \quad (6.10)$$

uniformly with respect to θ .

Proof. As, the only pole of

$$\frac{x^s}{s^2} = \frac{e^{s \log x}}{s^2}$$

is at $s = 0$ with residue $\log x$, it follows from the residue theorem that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{1-i\infty}^{1+i\infty} \frac{x^s}{s^2} ds = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ \log x & x > 1 \end{cases}. \quad (6.11)$$

The two different possibilities arise since we close the contour in a direction dependant on the sign of $\log x$. Now, as

$$\sum_{\substack{k' \\ (k', \rho) = 1}} \frac{\alpha_{k'}}{(k')^{1-\theta+s}} = \prod_{\substack{p \\ (p, \rho) = 1}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{1-\theta+s}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\zeta(1-\theta+s)}} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{1-\theta}} \right)$$

we can apply 6.11 to find

$$\sum_{k \leq X/d} \frac{\alpha_k}{k^{1-\theta}} \log \frac{X}{kd} = \sum_{k \leq X/d} \frac{\alpha_k}{k^{1-\theta}} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{1-i\infty}^{1+i\infty} \frac{1}{s^2} \left(\frac{X}{kd} \right)^s ds,$$

and upon switching the order of summation and integration this becomes

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{1-i\infty}^{1+i\infty} \frac{1}{s^2} \left(\frac{X}{d} \right)^s \frac{1}{\sqrt{\zeta(1-\theta+s)}} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{1-\theta}} \right) \frac{x^s}{s^2} ds. \quad (6.12)$$

The integrand has singularities at $s = 0$ and $s = \theta$. Now, let's split into cases based on the size of θ .

If $\theta \geq (\log(\frac{X}{d}))^{-1}$, we can move the line of integration to the line $\Re(s) = \theta$, with a small semicircle tending to zero at $s = \theta$. Notice we have that

$$\left| \frac{1}{\zeta(1+it)} \right| < A|t|$$

for all t , as well as

$$\prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{1-\theta+s}} \right)^{-1} = O \left(\prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p^{1-\theta+s}} \right) \right) = O \left(\prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right) \right). \quad (6.13)$$

Consequently 6.12 is

$$O \left(\left(\frac{X}{d} \right)^\theta \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|t|^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\theta^2 + t^2} dt \right) = O \left(\left(\frac{X}{d} \right)^\theta \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{\theta^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)$$

and the stated result follows.

If $\theta < (\log(\frac{X}{d}))^{-1}$, we take the same line integral as before, modified by going around the right hand side of the circle $|s| = 2(\log(\frac{X}{d}))^{-1}$. On this circle,

$$\left| \left(\frac{X}{d} \right)^s \right| \leq e^2,$$

and 6.13 holds as before. As

$$|\zeta(1-\theta+s)| > A \log \left(\frac{X}{d} \right)$$

we see that the integral around the circle is

$$O \left(\log^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{X}{d} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int \left| \frac{ds}{s^2} \right| \right) = O \left(\log^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{X}{d} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right).$$

The integral along the part of the line $\sigma = \theta$ above the circle is

$$O \left(\left(\frac{X}{d} \right)^\theta \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{A(\log(X/d))^{-1}} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right) = O \left(\left(\frac{X}{d} \right)^\theta \log^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{X}{d} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right).$$

Thus the lemma is proven in all cases. \square

Lemma 14.

$$\sum_{\substack{d, d_1 \\ \rho | dd_1}} \frac{|\alpha_d \alpha_{d_1}|}{dd_1} = O \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right) \right). \quad (6.14)$$

Proof. Let α'_d be defined as before so that

$$\sqrt{\zeta(s)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha'_n n^{-s}.$$

Then by 5.1 we have

$$\sum_{\substack{d, d_1 \\ \rho | dd_1}} \frac{|\alpha_d \alpha_{d_1}|}{dd_1} \leq \sum_{\substack{d, d_1 \\ \rho | dd_1}} \frac{\alpha'_d \alpha'_{d_1}}{dd_1} = \sum_D \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d|D} \alpha'_d \alpha'_{D/d}.$$

As α'_d are the coefficients of $\sqrt{\zeta(s)}$, $\sum_{d|D} \alpha'_d \alpha'_{D/d} = 1$ so that

$$\sum_{\substack{d, d_1 \\ \rho | dd_1}} \frac{|\alpha_d \alpha_{d_1}|}{dd_1} \leq \sum_D \frac{1}{D} = \frac{1}{\rho} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^{-1} = O \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right) \right)$$

as desired. \square

Lemma 15. *We have*

$$\sum_{\substack{k, \nu \\ \rho | k\nu}} \frac{\beta_k \beta_\nu}{k^{1-\theta} \nu} = O \left(\frac{X^\theta}{\rho \log X} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^2 \right). \quad (6.15)$$

Proof. By 6.10 we see that

$$\sum_{\nu'} \frac{\alpha_{\nu'}}{\nu'} \log \frac{X}{d_1 \nu'} = O \left(\log^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{X}{d_1} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

and

$$\sum_{k' \leq \frac{X}{d}} \frac{\alpha_{k'}}{(k')^{1-\theta}} = O \left(\left(\frac{X}{d} \right)^\theta \log^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{X}{d} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

so that 6.9 becomes

$$\sum_{\substack{k, \nu \\ \rho|k\nu}} \frac{\beta_k \beta_\nu}{k^{1-\theta} \nu} = O \left(\frac{1}{\log^2 X} \sum_{\substack{d, d_1 \\ \rho|d, d_1}} \frac{|\alpha_d \alpha_{d_1}|}{d^{1-\theta} d_1} \left(\frac{X}{d} \right)^\theta \log^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{X}{d} \log^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{X}{d_1} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right) \right).$$

This equals

$$O \left(\frac{X^\theta}{\log X} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right) \sum_{\substack{d, d_1 \\ \rho|d, d_1}} \frac{|\alpha_d \alpha_{d_1}|}{d^1 d_1} \right)$$

and by 6.14 we conclude

$$\sum_{\substack{k, \nu \\ \rho|k\nu}} \frac{\beta_k \beta_\nu}{k^{1-\theta} \nu} = O \left(\frac{X^\theta}{\rho \log X} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^2 \right)$$

as desired □

Lemma 16.

$$S(\theta) = O \left(\frac{X^{2\theta}}{\log X} \right) \tag{6.16}$$

uniformly with respect to θ . In particular

$$S(0) = O \left(\frac{1}{\log X} \right).$$

Proof. Combining 6.8 and 6.15 yields

$$S(\theta) = O \left(\frac{X^{2\theta}}{\log^2 X} \sum_{\rho < X^2} \frac{\phi_{-\theta}(\rho)}{\rho^2} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^4 \right).$$

By applying 6.7 we see that

$$S(\theta) = O \left(\frac{X^{2\theta}}{\log^2 X} \sum_{\rho < X^2} \frac{1}{\rho^{1+\theta}} \prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^4 \right).$$

Since

$$\prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^4 = O \left(\prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{4}{p} \right) \right) = O \left(\prod_{p|\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \right) = O \left(\sum_{n|\rho} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)$$

we have

$$S(\theta) = O \left(\frac{X^{2\theta}}{\log^2 X} \sum_{\rho < X^2} \frac{1}{\rho^{1+\theta}} \sum_{n|\rho} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} S(\theta) &= O \left(\frac{X^{2\theta}}{\log^2 X} \sum_{n \leq X^2} \sum_{\rho \leq \frac{X^2}{n}} \frac{1}{(n\rho)^{1+\theta} n^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \\ &= O \left(\frac{X^{2\theta}}{\log^2 X} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}+\theta}} \sum_{\rho \leq \frac{X^2}{n}} \frac{1}{\rho^{1+\theta}} \right) \\ &= O \left(\frac{X^{2\theta}}{\log^2 X} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \sum_{\rho \leq \frac{X^2}{n}} \frac{1}{\rho^1} \right) \\ &= O \left(\frac{X^{2\theta}}{\log X} \right). \end{aligned}$$

□

In what follows, let $X = \delta^{-c}$, $h = (a \log X)^{-1}$ where a, c are suitable positive constants. Then $G = X^a = \delta^{-ac}$. If $x \leq G$, the last two terms can be omitted in comparison with the first if $GX^2 = O(\delta^{-\frac{1}{4}})$, i.e. if $(a+2)c \leq \frac{1}{4}$.

Lemma 17. *Estimation of Σ_1 . When $X = \delta^{-c}$, $0 < c \leq \frac{1}{8}$ we have that*

$$\Sigma_1 = O \left(\frac{1}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta x^\theta \log X} \right). \quad (6.17)$$

Proof. By 6.6 along with 6.16 we have that

$$\Sigma_1 = O \left(\frac{1}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta x^\theta \log X} \right) + O \left(\frac{\left(\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} x X^2 \right)^\theta}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta x^\theta \log X} \right) + O \left(\frac{x^{1-\theta} \log \left(\frac{X}{\delta} \right)}{\theta} X^2 \log^2 X \right).$$

Since $X = \delta^{-c}$ with $0 < c \leq \frac{1}{8}$ this becomes

$$\Sigma_1 = O\left(\frac{1}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}}\theta x^\theta \log X}\right).$$

□

6.2.2 Bounding Σ_2 .

Lemma 18. *If P and Q are positive, and $x \geq 1$ we have*

$$\int_x^\infty e^{-Pu^2+iQu^2} \frac{du}{u^\theta} = O\left(\frac{e^{-P}}{x^\theta Q}\right) \quad (6.18)$$

Proof. Since $\int_x^\infty e^{-Pu^2+iQu^2} \frac{du}{u^\theta} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{x^2}^\infty \frac{e^{-Pv}}{v^{\frac{1}{2}\theta+\frac{1}{2}}} e^{iQv} dv$ □

Lemma 19. *When $X = \delta^{-c}$ with $0 < c \leq \frac{1}{8}$ we have that*

$$\Sigma_2 = O\left(\frac{X^4}{x^\theta} \log^2 \frac{1}{\delta}\right). \quad (6.19)$$

Proof. Letting $P = \pi\left(\frac{m^2 k^2}{\lambda^2} + \frac{n^2 \mu^2}{\nu^2}\right) \sin \delta$ and $Q = \pi\left(\frac{m^2 k^2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{n^2 \mu^2}{\nu^2}\right) \cos \delta$ in 6.18 it follows from the definition of Σ_2 that

$$\Sigma_2 = O\left(\frac{1}{x^\theta} \sum_{k\lambda\mu\nu} \frac{|\beta_k \beta_\lambda \beta_\nu \beta_\mu|}{\lambda\nu} \sum_{mn}^* \left|\frac{m^2 k^2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{n^2 \mu^2}{\nu^2}\right|^{-1} \exp\left(-\pi\left(\frac{m^2 k^2}{\lambda^2} + \frac{n^2 \mu^2}{\nu^2}\right) \sin \delta\right)\right)$$

where

$$\sum_{mn}^*$$

denotes the fact that the sum does not range over all m, n . Notice that by symmetry, the cases $\frac{mk}{\lambda} > \frac{n\mu}{\nu}$ and $\frac{mk}{\lambda} < \frac{n\mu}{\nu}$ are identical, so that

$$\Sigma_2 = O\left(\frac{1}{x^\theta} \sum_{k\lambda\mu\nu} \frac{|\beta_k \beta_\lambda \beta_\nu \beta_\mu|}{\lambda\nu} \sum_{m=1}^\infty e^{-\pi m^2 k^2 \lambda^{-2} \sin \delta} \sum_{n < mk\nu/\lambda\mu} \left(\frac{m^2 k^2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{n^2 \mu^2}{\nu^2}\right)^{-1}\right).$$

The presence of the $|\beta_k \beta_\lambda \beta_\nu \beta_\mu|$ term means that each nonzero term has all of $k, \nu, \lambda, \mu \leq X$. Hence ignore all quadruplets with $k\nu/\lambda\mu \geq X^2$ since that implies that one of $k, \nu \geq X$. Then

$$\sum_{n < mk\nu/\lambda\mu} \frac{1}{mk\nu - n\lambda\mu} \leq 1 + \frac{1}{\lambda\mu} + \frac{1}{2\lambda\mu} + \cdots = 1 + O\left(\frac{\log mX}{\lambda\mu}\right)$$

and also

$$\frac{m^2 k^2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{n^2 \mu^2}{\nu^2} \geq \frac{mk}{\lambda} \left(\frac{mk}{\lambda} - \frac{n\mu}{\nu} \right) = \frac{mk(mk\nu - n\lambda\mu)}{\lambda^2 \nu}.$$

Thus we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} e^{-\pi m^2 k^2 \lambda^{-2} \sin \delta} \sum_{n < mk\nu/\lambda\mu} \left(\frac{m^2 k^2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{n^2 \mu^2}{\nu^2} \right)^{-1} \\ &= O \left(\frac{\lambda^2 \nu}{k} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{\log(mX)}{m\lambda\mu} \right) e^{-\pi m^2 k^2 \lambda^{-2} \sin \delta} \right) \\ &= O \left(\frac{\lambda^2 \nu}{k} \left(1 + \frac{\log X}{\lambda\mu} \right) \log \frac{X^2}{\delta} + \frac{\lambda\nu}{k\mu} \log^2 \frac{X^2}{\delta} \right) \\ &= O \left(\frac{\lambda^2 \nu}{k} \log \frac{1}{\delta} + \frac{\lambda\nu}{k\mu} \log^2 \frac{1}{\delta} \right) \end{aligned}$$

since $X = \delta^{-c}$ with $0 < c < \frac{1}{8}$. Hence

$$\Sigma_2 = O \left(\frac{1}{x^\theta} \sum_{k\lambda\mu\nu} \left(\frac{\lambda}{k} \log \frac{1}{\delta} + \frac{1}{k\mu} \log^2 \frac{1}{\delta} \right) \right) = O \left(\frac{X^4}{x^\theta} \log^2 \frac{1}{\delta} \right)$$

as desired. \square

Lemma 20. *The upper bound 6.4 holds. That is, we have*

$$J(x, \theta) = O \left(\frac{1}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta x^\theta \log X} \right).$$

Proof. This follows from combining 6.17 and 6.19 along with the fact that $X = \delta^{-c}$ with $0 < c < \frac{1}{8}$. \square

7 Bounding $\int F(t)$ and $\int |F(t)|$.

Similar to the previous section, we assume that $X = \delta^{-c}$ for a positive constant c . Eventually we will choose $h = (a \log X)^{-1}$.

7.0.3 The integrals $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right|^2 dt$ and $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(t)|^2 dt$.

In this subsection we find upper bounds for $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(t)|^2 dt$ and $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right|^2 dt$ by using 6.2 and 6.4.

Lemma 21.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right|^2 dt = O \left(\frac{h}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \log X} \right). \quad (7.1)$$

Proof.

$$J(x, \theta) = \int_x^{\infty} |g(u)|^2 u^{-\theta} du$$

Since

$$J(x, \theta) = O \left(\frac{1}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta x^{\theta} \log X} \right)$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^G |g(x)|^2 dx &= - \int_1^G x^{\theta} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} dx = -x^{\theta} J \Big|_1^G + \theta \int_1^G x^{\theta-1} T dx \\ &= O \left(\frac{1}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta \log X} \right) + O \left(\theta \int_1^G \frac{dx}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta x \log X} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} J(G, \theta) d\theta &= \int_G^{\infty} |g(x)|^2 dx \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta x^{-\theta} d\theta \\ &= \int_G^{\infty} |g(x)|^2 \left(\frac{1}{\log^2 x} - \frac{1}{2x^{\frac{1}{2}} \log x} - \frac{1}{x^{\frac{1}{2}} \log^2 x} \right) dx \\ &\geq \int_G^{\infty} \frac{|g(x)|^2}{\log^2 x} dx - \frac{3}{2} \int_G^{\infty} \frac{|g(x)|^2}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}} dx \end{aligned}$$

since $G = e^{\frac{1}{h}} \geq e$. (We have been assuming $h \leq 1$ throughout.) Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_G^{\infty} \frac{|g(x)|^2}{\log^2 x} &\leq \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta J(G, \theta) d\theta + \frac{3}{2} J(G, \frac{1}{2}) \\ &= O \left(\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{d\theta}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} G^{\theta} \log X} \right) + O \left(\frac{1}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} G^{\frac{1}{2}} \log X} \right) = O \left(\frac{1}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \log G \log X} \right). \end{aligned}$$

By 6.2 we have that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right)^2 dt < \frac{1}{2} |\phi(1)\phi(0)|^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{G \log^2 G} \right) + 2 \int_1^G |g(x)|^2 + 2 \int_1^G \frac{|g(x)|^2}{\log^2 x} dx$$

Since $\phi(0) = O(x)$ and $\phi(1) = O(\log X)$, we then have that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right|^2 dt = O \left(\frac{h}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \log X} \right)$$

since $X = \delta^{-c}$ with $0 < c \leq \frac{1}{8}$. □

Lemma 22.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(t)|^2 dt = O\left(\frac{\log(1/\delta)}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \log X}\right) \quad (7.2)$$

Proof. By Plancherels formula, the left hand side becomes

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \int_0^{\infty} |f(y)|^2 dy &= 2 \int_1^{\infty} \left| \frac{e^{-i(\frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2}\delta)}}{2x} \phi(1)\phi(0) - g(x) \right|^2 dx \\ &\leq 4 \int_1^{\infty} |g(x)|^2 dx + O(X^2 \log^2 X). \end{aligned}$$

Taking $x = 1$, $\theta = \frac{1}{\log(1/\delta)}$ in

$$J(x, \theta) = O\left(\frac{1}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta x^{\theta} \log X}\right)$$

yields

$$\int_1^{\infty} |g(u)|^2 e^{\log u / \log \delta} du = O\left(\frac{\log(1/\delta)}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \log X}\right).$$

Hence

$$\int_1^{\delta^{-2}} |g(u)|^2 du = O\left(\frac{\log(1/\delta)}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \log X}\right).$$

Next,

$$J(\delta^{-2}, 0)$$

$$\leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k\lambda\mu\nu} \frac{|\beta_k \beta_{\lambda} \beta_{\nu} \beta_{\mu}|}{\nu \lambda} \int_{\delta^{-2}}^{\infty} \exp\left\{-\pi \left(\frac{m^2 k^2}{\lambda^2} + \frac{n^2 \mu^2}{\nu^2}\right) u^2 \sin \delta\right\} du.$$

Since $X = \delta^{-c}$ with $c < \frac{1}{2}$

$$k^2 \lambda^{-2} \sin \delta > A X^{-2} \delta > A \delta^2$$

and

$$\mu^2 \nu^{-2} \sin \delta > A X^{-2} \delta > A \delta^2.$$

As $|\beta_{\nu}| \leq 1$,

$$\sum_{k\lambda\mu\nu} \frac{|\beta_k \beta_{\lambda} \beta_{\nu} \beta_{\mu}|}{\nu \lambda} = O(X^2 \log^2 X)$$

so that

$$J(\delta^{-2}, 0) = O\left(X^2 \log^2 X \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\delta^{-2}}^{\infty} \exp\{-A(m^2 + n^2) u^2 \delta^2\} du\right)$$

□

$$\begin{aligned}
&= O\left(X^2 \log^2 X \int_{\delta^{-2}}^{\infty} e^{-Cu^2\delta^2} du\right) \\
&= O\left(X^2 \log^2 X e^{-C/\delta^2}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

As $\delta = \frac{1}{X^{1/c}}$ with $0 < c < \frac{1}{8}$, this error term is consumed by the term

$$O\left(\frac{\log 1/\delta}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \log X}\right)$$

so that we may conclude

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(t)|^2 dt = O\left(\frac{\log(1/\delta)}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \log X}\right)$$

as desired.

7.1 Additional bounds on $\int F(t)$ and $\int |F(t)|$

The following bounds are useful consequences of 7.1 and 7.2.

Lemma 23. (10.19)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_t^{t+h} |F(u)| du \right)^2 dt = O\left(\frac{h^2 \log(1/\delta)}{\delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \log X}\right) \quad (7.3)$$

Proof. By Cauchy-Schwarz we have that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_t^{t+h} |F(u)| du \right)^2 dt \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h \int_t^{t+h} |F(u)|^2 du dt.$$

Changing the order of integration yields

$$= h \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(u)|^2 du \int_{u-h}^u dt = h^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(u)|^2 du$$

so that the result follows from 7.2. □

Lemma 24. If $\delta = \frac{1}{T}$, then

$$\int_0^T |F(t)| dt > AT^{\frac{3}{4}}. \quad (7.4)$$

Proof. Consider the contour integral

$$\left(\int_{\frac{1}{2}+i}^{2+iT} + \int_{2+i}^{2+iT} + \int_{\frac{1}{2}+iT}^{\frac{1}{2}+i} + \int_{\frac{1}{2}+iT}^{\frac{1}{2}+i} \right).$$

Since either $\zeta(s)$ nor $\phi(s)$ have poles in this region, it follows that

$$\left(\int_{\frac{1}{2}+i}^{2+i} + \int_{2+i}^{2+iT} + \int_{2+iT}^{\frac{1}{2}+iT} + \int_{\frac{1}{2}+iT}^{\frac{1}{2}+i} \right) (\zeta(s)\phi^2(s)) = 0.$$

Let a_n be given by

$$\zeta(s)\phi^2(s) = 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}.$$

Since $\phi(s) = \sum \beta_\nu \nu^{-s}$, and $|\beta_\nu| \leq \alpha'_\nu$ where α'_ν was defined by $\sqrt{\zeta(s)} = \sum \alpha'_\nu \nu^{-s}$, we see that

$$a_n \leq d_2(n).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_2^{2+iT} \zeta(s)\phi^2(s)ds &= i(T-1) + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \int_{2+i}^{2+iT} \frac{ds}{n^s} \\ &= i(T-1) + O\left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{d_2(n)}{n^2 \log n}\right) = iT + O(1). \end{aligned}$$

As $\phi(s) = O(X^{\frac{1}{2}})$ for $\sigma \geq \frac{1}{2}$, and $\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + iT) = O(T^{\frac{1}{4}})$, we have

$$\int_{\frac{1}{2}+i}^{2+i} \zeta(s)\phi^2(s)ds = O(X)$$

and

$$\int_{2+iT}^{\frac{1}{2}+iT} \zeta(s)\phi^2(s)ds = O(XT^{\frac{1}{4}}).$$

It then follows that

$$\int_0^T \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \phi^2\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) dt \sim T.$$

By definition

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T |F(t)|dt &= \int_0^T \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \Xi(t) \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} \left|\phi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)\right|^2 e^{(\frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2}\delta)t} dt \\ &= \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^T \pi^{-\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}it} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}it\right) \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \left|\phi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)\right|^2 e^{(\frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2}\delta)t} dt. \end{aligned}$$

By Sterlings estimate

$$\left|\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}it\right)\right| \sim t^{-\frac{1}{4}} e^{-\pi \frac{t}{4}}$$

along with the fact that $\delta = \frac{1}{T}$, it follows that

$$\int_0^T |F(t)| dt > C \int_0^T t^{-\frac{1}{4}} \left| \zeta \left(\frac{1}{2} + it \right) \phi^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right| dt.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T |F(t)| dt &> CT^{-\frac{1}{4}} \left| \int_{\frac{1}{2}T}^T \zeta \left(\frac{1}{2} + it \right) \phi^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + it \right) dt \right| \\ &> AT^{\frac{3}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

for some positive constant A . □

Lemma 25. *We have that*

$$\int_0^T \left(\int_t^{t+h} |F(u)| du \right) dt > AhT^{\frac{3}{4}}. \quad (7.5)$$

Proof. By switching the order of integration, the left hand side becomes

$$\int_0^{T+h} |F(u)| du \int_{\max(0, u-h)}^{\min(T, u)} dt \geq \int_h^T |F(u)| du \int_{u-h}^u dt = h \int_h^T |F(u)| du$$

and the result follows from 7.4. □

8 The Proof

Theorem 26. *There exists a positive constant A such that*

$$N_0(T) > AT \log T.$$

Proof. Let E be the sub-set of $(0, T)$ where

$$\int_t^{t+h} |F(u)| du > \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right|.$$

For such values of t , $F(u)$ must change sign in $(t, t+h)$, and hence so must $\Xi(u)$, implying that $\zeta \left(\frac{1}{2} + iu \right)$ has a zero in this interval.

Since $\int_t^{t+h} |F(u)| du$ and $\left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right|$ are equal except in E , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E \int_t^{t+h} |F(u)| du dt &\geq \int_E \left(\int_t^{t+h} |F(u)| du - \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right| \right) dt \\ &= \int_0^T \left(\int_t^{t+h} |F(u)| du - \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right| \right) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by 7.5 we have that

$$\int_E \int_t^{t+h} |F(u)| du dt > A_1 h T^{\frac{3}{4}} - \int_0^T \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right| dt.$$

Applying the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$\int_E \int_t^{t+h} |F(u)| du dt \leq \left((m(E)) \int_E \left(\int_t^{t+h} |F(u)| du \right)^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

so that 7.3 with $\delta = \frac{1}{T}$ implies that

$$A_1 h T^{\frac{3}{4}} - \int_0^T \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right| dt < A_2 \left(m(E)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) h T^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{\log T}{\log X} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Again by the Cauchy Schwarz inequality,

$$\int_0^T \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right| dt \leq \left(T \int_0^T \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

so that 7.1 implies

$$\int_0^T \left| \int_t^{t+h} F(u) du \right| dt = O \left(\frac{h^{\frac{1}{2}} T^{\frac{3}{4}}}{\log^{\frac{1}{2}} X} \right).$$

Consequently, there are positive constants C_1, C_2 such that

$$C_1 T^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{\log X}{\log T} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - C_2 \frac{T^{\frac{1}{2}}}{h^{\frac{1}{2}} (\log T)^{\frac{1}{2}}} < m(E)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Since $X = \delta^{-c} = T^c$ and $h = (a \log X)^{-1} = (ac \log T)^{-1}$,

$$m(E)^{\frac{1}{2}} > C_1 c^{\frac{1}{2}} T^{\frac{1}{2}} - C_2 (ac)^{\frac{1}{2}} T^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and by taking a small enough we have that

$$m(E) > C_3 T$$

for some constant C_3 . It then follows that of the intervals

$$(0, h), (h, 2h), (2h, 3h) \dots$$

contained in $(0, T)$ at least

$$[C_3 T / h]$$

must contain points of E . If $(nh, (n+1)h)$ contains a point t of E there must be a zero of $\zeta \left(\frac{1}{2} + iu \right)$ inside $(t, t+h)$ and so in $(nh, (n+2)h)$. Allowing for the fact that each zero might be counted twice in this way, there must be at least

$$\frac{1}{2} C_3 T / h > AT \log T$$

zeros in $(0, T)$, and the proof is complete. \square

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