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EXPONENTIAL CARMICHAEL FUNCTION

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Lelechenko A. V. Exponential Carmichael function. Consider exponential Carmichael function $\lambda^{(e)}$ such that $\lambda^{(e)}$ is multiplicative and $\lambda^{(e)}(p^a) = \lambda(a)$, where λ is usual Carmichael function. We discuss the value of $\sum \lambda^{(e)}(n)$, where n runs over certain subsets of $[1, x]$, and provide bounds on the error term, using analytic methods and especially estimates of $\int_1^T |\zeta(\sigma + it)|^m dt$.

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INTRODUCTION. Consider an operator E over arithmetic functions such that for every f the function Ef is multiplicative and

$$(Ef)(p^a) = f(a), \quad p \text{ is prime.}$$

For various functions f (such as the divisor function, the sum-of-divisor function, Möbius function, the totient function and so on) the behaviour of Ef was studied by many authors, starting from Subbarao [12]. The bibliography can be found in [10].

The notation for Ef , established by previous authors, is $f^{(e)}$.

Carmichael function λ is an arithmetic function such that

$$\lambda(p^a) = \begin{cases} \phi(p^a), & p > 2 \text{ or } a = 1, 2, \\ \phi(p^a)/2, & p = 2 \text{ and } a > 2, \end{cases}$$

and if $n = p_1^{a_1} \cdots p_m^{a_m}$ is a canonical representation, then

$$\lambda(n) = \text{lcm}(\lambda(p_1^{a_1}), \dots, \lambda(p_m^{a_m})).$$

This function was introduced at the beginning of the XX century in [1], but intense studies started only in 1990-th, e. g. [2]. Carmichael function finds applications in cryptography, e. g. [3].

Consider also the family of multiplicative functions

$$\delta_r(p^a) = \begin{cases} 0, & a < r, \\ 1, & a \geq r, \end{cases} \quad r \text{ is integer.}$$

Function δ_2 is a characteristic function of the set of square-full numbers, δ_3 — of cube-full numbers and so on. Of course, $\delta_1 \equiv 1$.

Denote $\lambda_r^{(e)}$ for the product of δ_r and $\lambda^{(e)}$:

$$\lambda_r^{(e)}(n) = \delta_r(n)\lambda^{(e)}(n).$$

The aim of our paper is to study asymptotic properties of $\lambda^{(e)} \equiv \lambda_1^{(e)}, \lambda_2^{(e)}, \lambda_3^{(e)}$ and $\lambda_4^{(e)}$.

NOTATIONS.

Letter p with or without indexes denotes a prime number.

We write $f \star g$ for Dirichlet convolution

$$(f \star g)(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)g(n/d).$$

Denote

$$\tau(a_1, \dots, a_k; n) := \sum_{d_1^{a_1} \cdots d_k^{a_k} = n} 1.$$

In asymptotic relations we use \sim, \asymp , Landau symbols O and o , Vinogradov symbols \ll and \gg in their usual meanings. All asymptotic relations are given as an argument (usually x) tends to the infinity.

Everywhere $\varepsilon > 0$ is an arbitrarily small number (not always the same even in one equation).

As usual $\zeta(s)$ is Riemann zeta-function. Real and imaginary components of the complex s are denoted as $\sigma := \Re s$ and $t := \Im s$, so $s = \sigma + it$.

For a fixed $\sigma \in [1/2, 1]$ define

$$m(\sigma) := \sup \left\{ m \mid \int_1^T |\zeta(\sigma + it)|^m dt \ll T^{1+\varepsilon} \right\}.$$

and

$$\mu(\sigma) := \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |\zeta(\sigma + it)|}{\log t}.$$

Below $H_{2005} = (32/205 + \varepsilon, 269/410 + \varepsilon)$ stands for Huxley's exponent pair from [5].

PRELIMINARY LEMMAS.

Lemma 1. *Let $F: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a multiplicative function such that $F(p^\alpha) = f(a)$, where $f(n) \ll n^\beta$ for some $\beta > 0$. Then*

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log F(n) \log n}{\log n} = \sup_{n \geq 1} \frac{\log f(n)}{n}.$$

Proof. See [13].

Lemma 2. *Let $f(t) \geq 0$. If*

$$\int_1^T f(t) dt \ll g(T),$$

where $g(T) = T^\alpha \log^\beta T$, $\alpha \geq 1$, then

$$I(T) := \int_1^T \frac{f(t)}{t} dt \ll \begin{cases} \log^{\beta+1} T & \text{if } \alpha = 1, \\ T^{\alpha-1} \log^\beta T & \text{if } \alpha > 1. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let us divide the interval of integration into parts:

$$I(T) \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\log_2 T} \int_{T/2^{k+1}}^{T/2^k} \frac{f(t)}{t} dt < \sum_{k=0}^{\log_2 T} \frac{1}{T/2^{k+1}} \int_1^{T/2^k} f(t) dt \ll \sum_{k=0}^{\log_2 T} \frac{g(T/2^k)}{T/2^{k+1}}.$$

Now the lemma's statement follows from elementary estimates.

Lemma 3. *For $\sigma \geq 1/2$ and for any exponent pair (k, l) such that $l - k \geq \sigma$ we have*

$$\mu(\sigma) \leq \frac{k + l - \sigma}{2} + \varepsilon.$$

Proof. See [6, (7.57)].

A well-known application of Lemma 3 is

$$\mu(1/2) \leq 32/205, \tag{1}$$

following from the choice $(k, l) = H_{2005}$. Another (maybe new) application is

$$\mu(3/5) \leq 1409/12170, \tag{2}$$

following from

$$(k, l) = \left(\frac{269}{2434}, \frac{1755}{2434} \right) = ABAH_{2005},$$

where A and B stands for usual A - and B -processes [7, Ch. 2].

Lemma 4. *Let $\eta > 0$ be arbitrarily small. Then for growing $|t| \geq 3$*

$$\zeta(s) \ll \begin{cases} |t|^{1/2 - (1 - 2\mu(1/2))\sigma}, & \sigma \in [0, 1/2], \\ |t|^{2\mu(1/2)(1-\sigma)}, & \sigma \in [1/2, 1 - \eta], \\ |t|^{2\mu(1/2)(1-\sigma)} \log^{2/3} |t|, & \sigma \in [1 - \eta, 1], \\ \log^{2/3} |t|, & \sigma \geq 1. \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

More exact estimates for $\sigma \in [1/2, 1 - \eta]$ are also available, e. g.

$$\mu(\sigma) \ll \begin{cases} 10(\mu(3/5) - \mu(1/2))\sigma + (6\mu(1/2) - 5\mu(3/5)), & \sigma \in [1/2, 3/5], \\ 5\mu(3/5)(1 - \sigma)/2, & \sigma \in [3/5, 1 - \eta], \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Proof. Estimates follow from Phragmén—Lindelöf principle, exact and approximate functional equations for $\zeta(s)$ and convexity properties. See [14, Ch. 5] and [6, Ch. 7.5] for details.

Lemma 5. For any integer r

$$\max_{n \leq x} \lambda_r^{(e)}(n) \ll x^\varepsilon.$$

Proof. Surely $\lambda_r^{(e)}(n) \leq \lambda^{(e)}(n)$. By Lemma 1 we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \lambda^{(e)}(n) \log \log n}{\log n} = \sup_m \frac{\log \lambda(m)}{m} = \frac{\log 4}{5} =: c,$$

because $\lambda(m) \leq m - 1$. It implies

$$\max_{n \leq x} \lambda^{(e)}(n) \ll x^{c/\log \log n} \ll x^\varepsilon.$$

Lemma 6. Let $L_r(s)$ be the Dirichlet series for $\lambda_r^{(e)}$:

$$L_r(s) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_r^{(e)}(n) n^{-s}.$$

Then for $r = 1, 2, 3, 4$ we have $L_r(s) = Z_r(s)G_r(s)$, where

$$Z_1(s) = \zeta(s)\zeta(3s)\zeta^2(5s), \quad (5)$$

$$Z_2(s) = \zeta(2s)\zeta^2(3s)\zeta(4s)\zeta^2(5s), \quad (6)$$

$$Z_3(s) = \zeta^2(3s)\zeta^2(4s)\zeta^4(5s), \quad (7)$$

$$Z_4(s) = \zeta^2(4s)\zeta^4(5s)\zeta^2(6s)\zeta^6(7s), \quad (8)$$

Dirichlet series $G_1(s)$, $G_2(s)$, $G_3(s)$ converge absolutely for $\sigma > 1/6$ and $G_4(s)$ converges absolutely for $\sigma > 1/8$.

Proof. Follows from the identities

$$1 + \sum_{a \geq 1} \lambda^{(e)}(p^a) x^a = 1 + x + x^2 + 2x^3 + 2x^4 + 4x^5 + 2x^6 + 6x^7 + O(x^8)$$

$$= \frac{1 + O(x^8)}{(1-x)(1-x^3)(1-x^5)^2},$$

$$1 + \sum_{a \geq 2} \lambda^{(e)}(p^a) x^a = \frac{1 + O(x^6)}{(1-x^2)(1-x^3)^2(1-x^4)(1-x^5)^2},$$

$$1 + \sum_{a \geq 3} \lambda^{(e)}(p^a) x^a = \frac{1 + O(x^6)}{(1-x^3)^2(1-x^4)^2(1-x^5)^4},$$

$$1 + \sum_{a \geq 4} \lambda^{(e)}(p^a) x^a = \frac{1 + O(x^8)}{(1-x^4)^2(1-x^5)^4(1-x^6)^2(1-x^7)^6}.$$

Lemma 7. Let $\Delta(x)$ be the error term in the well-known asymptotic formula for $\sum_{n \leq x} \tau(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4; n)$, let $A_4 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4$ and let (k, l) be any exponent pair. Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied:

1. $(k + l + 2)a_4 < (k + l)a_1 + A_4$.
2. $2(k + l + 1)a_1 \leq (2k + 1)(a_2 + a_3)$.

$$(3.1) \quad la_1 \leq ka_2 \text{ and } (k + l + 1)a_1 \geq k(a_2 + a_3)$$

or

$$(3.2) \quad la_1 \geq ka_2 \text{ and } (l - k)(2k + 1)a_3 \leq (2l - 2k - 1)(k + l + 1)a_1 + (2k(k - l + 1) + 1)a_2.$$

Proof. This is [8, Th. 3] with $p = 4$.

Lemma 8.

$$m(\sigma) \geq \begin{cases} 4/(3 - 4\sigma), & 1/2 \leq \sigma \leq 5/8, \\ 10/(5 - 6\sigma), & 5/8 \leq \sigma \leq 35/54, \\ 19/(6 - 6\sigma), & 35/54 \leq \sigma \leq 41/60, \\ 2112/(859 - 948\sigma), & 41/60 \leq \sigma \leq 3/4, \\ 12408/(4537 - 4890\sigma), & 3/4 \leq \sigma \leq 5/6, \\ 4324/(1031 - 1044\sigma), & 5/6 \leq \sigma \leq 7/8, \\ 98/(31 - 32\sigma), & 7/8 \leq \sigma \leq 0.91591\dots, \\ (24\sigma - 9)/(4\sigma - 1)(1 - \sigma), & 0.91591\dots \leq \sigma \leq 1 - \varepsilon. \end{cases}$$

Proof. See [6, Th. 8.4].

MAIN RESULTS.

Theorem 1.

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda^{(e)}(n) = c_{11}x + c_{13}x^{1/3} + (c'_{15} \log x + c_{15})x^{1/5} + O(x^{1153/6073+\varepsilon}),$$

where c_{11}, c_{13}, c_{15} and c'_{15} are computable constants.

Proof. Lemma 6 and equation (5) implies that $\lambda^{(e)} = \tau(1, 3, 5, 5; \cdot) \star g_1$, where $\sum_{n \leq x} g_1(n) \ll x^{1/6+\varepsilon}$. Due to [7]

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \tau(1, 3, 5, 5; n) &= x\zeta(3)\zeta^2(5) \operatorname{res}_{s=1} \zeta(s) + 3x^{1/3}\zeta(1/3)\zeta^2(5/3) \operatorname{res}_{s=1/3} \zeta(3s) + \\ &\quad + 5x^{1/5}\zeta(1/5)\zeta(3/5) \operatorname{res}_{s=1/5} \zeta^2(5s) + R(x). \end{aligned}$$

To estimate $R(x)$ we use Lemma 7 with $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 3, a_3 = a_4 = 5$. Exponent pair $(k, l) = H_{2005}$ satisfies conditions 1, 2 and 3.2 and thus

$$R(x) \ll x^{(k+l+2)/(k+l+14)} = x^{1153/6073+\varepsilon}, \quad 1/6 < 1153/6073 < 1/5.$$

Now the convolution argument completes the proof.

Exponential totient function $\phi^{(e)}$ has similar to $\lambda^{(e)}$ Dirichlet series:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi^{(e)}(n) = \zeta(s)\zeta(3s)\zeta^2(5s)H(s),$$

where $H(s)$ converges absolutely for $\sigma > 1/6$. Theorem 1 can be extended to this case without any changes, so

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \phi^{(e)}(n) = c_{11}x + c_{13}x^{1/3} + (c'_{15} \log x + c_{15})x^{1/5} + O(x^{1153/6073+\varepsilon}).$$

This improves the result of Pétermann [11], who obtained $\sum_{n \leq x} \phi^{(e)}(n) = c_{11}x + c_{13}x^{1/3} + O(x^{1/5} \log x)$.

Theorem 2.

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_2^{(e)}(n) = c_{22}x^{1/2} + (c'_{23} \log x + c_{23})x^{1/3} + c_{24}x^{1/4} + O(x^{1153/5586+\varepsilon}),$$

where c_{22} , c_{23} , c'_{23} and c_{24} are computable constants.

Proof. Similar to Theorem 1 with following changes: now by (6)

$$\lambda_2^{(e)} = \tau(2, 3, 3, 4; \cdot) \star g_2,$$

where $\sum_{n \leq x} g_2(n) \ll x^{1/6+\varepsilon}$. But

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \tau(2, 3, 3, 4; n) &= 2x^{1/2}\zeta^2(3/2)\zeta(2) \operatorname{res}_{s=1/2} \zeta(2s) + \\ &+ 3x^{1/3}\zeta(2/3)\zeta(4/3) \operatorname{res}_{s=1/3} \zeta^2(3s) + 4x^{1/4}\zeta(1/2)\zeta^2(3/4) \operatorname{res}_{s=1/4} \zeta(4s) + R(s). \end{aligned}$$

Again by Lemma 7 with $a_1 = 2$, $a_2 = a_3 = 3$, $a_4 = 4$, $(k, l) = H_{2005}$ we get

$$R(x) \ll x^{(k+l+2)/(k+l+12)} = x^{1153/5586+\varepsilon}, \quad 1/5 < 1153/5586 < 1/4.$$

Theorem 3.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_3^{(e)}(n) &= (c'_{33} \log x + c_{33})x^{1/3} + (c'_{34} \log x + c_{34})x^{1/4} + \\ &+ P_{35}(\log x)x^{1/5} + O(x^{1/6+\varepsilon}), \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where c_{33} , c'_{33} , c_{34} and c'_{34} are computable constants, P_{35} is a polynomial of degree 3 with computable coefficients.

Proof. Lemma 6 and equation (7) implies that $\lambda_3^{(e)} = z_3 \star g_3$, where z_3 is defined implicitly by

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z_3(n)n^{-s} = Z_3(s) = \zeta^2(3s)\zeta^2(4s)\zeta^4(5s),$$

and g_3 is a multiplicative function such that $\sum_{n \leq x} g_3(n) \ll x^{1/6+\varepsilon}$.

The main term at the right side of (9) equals to

$$M_3(x) := \left(\operatorname{res}_{s=1/3} + \operatorname{res}_{s=1/4} + \operatorname{res}_{s=1/5} \right) (\zeta^2(3s)\zeta^2(4s)\zeta^4(5s)x^s s^{-1}).$$

To obtain the desirable error term it is enough to prove that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} z_3(n) = M_3(x) + O(x^{1/6+\varepsilon}).$$

By Perron formula for $c := 1/3 + 1/\log x$ we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} z_3(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-iT}^{c+iT} Z_3(s)x^s s^{-1} ds + O(x^{1+\varepsilon}T^{-1}).$$

Substituting $T = x$ and moving the contour of the integration till $[1/6 - ix, 1/6 + ix]$ we get

$$\sum_{n \leq x} f_3(n) = M_3(x) + O(I_0 + I_- + I_+ + x^\varepsilon),$$

where

$$I_0 := \int_{1/6-ix}^{1/6+ix} Z_3(s)x^s s^{-1} ds, \quad I_\pm := \int_{1/6 \pm ix}^{c \pm ix} Z_3(s)x^s s^{-1} ds.$$

Firstly,

$$I_+ \ll x^{-1} \int_{1/6}^c Z_3(\sigma + ix)x^\sigma d\sigma.$$

Let $\alpha(\sigma)$ be a function such that $Z_3(\sigma + ix) \ll x^{\alpha(\sigma)+\varepsilon}$. By (3) we have

$$\alpha(\sigma) \leq \begin{cases} (16 - 68\sigma)\mu(1/2) < 4/5, & \sigma \in [1/6, 1/5), \\ (8 - 28\sigma)\mu(1/2) < 3/4, & \sigma \in [1/5, 1/4), \\ (4 - 12\sigma)\mu(1/2) < 2/3, & \sigma \in [1/4, 1/3), \\ 0, & \sigma \in [1/3, c]. \end{cases}$$

This means that $I_+ \ll x^\varepsilon$. Plainly, the same estimate holds for I_- .

Secondly, it remains to prove that $I_0 \ll x^{1/6+\varepsilon}$. Here

$$I_0 \ll x^{1/6} \int_1^x Z_3(1/6 + it)t^{-1} dt$$

and taking into account Lemma 2 it is enough to show $\int_1^x Z_3(1/6 + it)dt \ll x^{1+\varepsilon}$.

Applying Cauchy inequality twice we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^x Z_3(1/6 + it)dt &\ll \left(\int_1^x |\zeta^4(1/2 + it)|dt \right)^{1/2} \times \\ &\times \left(\int_1^x |\zeta^8(2/3 + it)|dt \right)^{1/4} \left(\int_1^x |\zeta^{16}(5/6 + it)|dt \right)^{1/4} \ll \\ &\ll x^{(1+\varepsilon)\cdot 1/2} x^{(1+\varepsilon)\cdot 1/4} x^{(1+\varepsilon)\cdot 1/4} \ll x^{1+\varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$

since by Lemma 8 $m(1/2) \geq 4$, $m(2/3) \geq 8$ and $m(5/6) \geq 16$.

Theorem 4.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_4^{(\varepsilon)}(n) &= (c'_{44} \log x + c_{44})x^{1/4} + P_{45}(\log x)x^{1/5} + (c'_{46} \log x + c_{46})x^{1/6} + \\ &+ P_{47}(\log x)x^{1/7} + O(x^{C_4+\varepsilon}), \end{aligned}$$

where c_{44} , c'_{44} , c_{46} and c'_{46} are computable constants, P_{45} and P_{47} are computable polynomials, $\deg P_{45} = 3$, $\deg P_{47} = 5$,

$$C_4 = \frac{7863059 - \sqrt{13780693090921}}{85962240} = 0.134656\dots, \quad 1/8 < C_4 < 1/7. \quad (10)$$

Proof. We shall follow the outline of Theorem 3. Let us prove that for $c := 1/4 + 1/\log x$ we can estimate

$$I_+ := \int_{C_4+ix}^{c+ix} Z_4(s)x^s s^{-1} ds \ll x^{C_4+\varepsilon}$$

and

$$I_0 := \int_{C_4-ix}^{C_4+ix} Z_4(s)x^s s^{-1} ds \ll x^{C_4+\varepsilon}.$$

We start with $I_+ \ll x^{-1} \int_{C_4}^c Z_4(\sigma + ix)x^\sigma d\sigma$. Now let $\alpha(\sigma)$ be a function such that $Z_4(\sigma + ix) \ll x^{\alpha(\sigma)+\varepsilon}$. By (3) and (8) we have

$$\alpha(\sigma) \leq \begin{cases} (16 - 80\sigma)\mu(1/2) < 5/6, & \sigma \in [1/7, 1/6), \\ (12 - 56\sigma)\mu(1/2) < 4/5, & \sigma \in [1/6, 1/5), \\ (4 - 16\sigma)\mu(1/2) < 3/4, & \sigma \in [1/5, 1/4), \\ 0, & \sigma \in [1/4, c]. \end{cases}$$

So $\int_{1/7}^c Z_4(\sigma + ix)x^{\sigma-1}d\sigma \ll x^\varepsilon$ and the only case that requires further investigations is $\sigma \in [C_4, 1/7]$. Instead of (3) we apply (4) together with (1) and (2) to obtain

$$\alpha(\sigma) \leq \frac{1045018}{249485} - \frac{2459357}{99794} \sigma, \quad \sigma \in [1/8, 1/7],$$

which implies $\int_{C_4}^{1/7} x^{\alpha(\sigma)+\sigma-1}d\sigma \ll x^{C_4+\varepsilon}$ as soon as

$$C_4 \geq 1591066/12296785 = 0.129388\dots$$

Our choice of C_4 in (10) is certainly the case.

Let us move on I_0 and prove that $\int_1^x Z_4(C_4 + it) dt \ll x^{1+\varepsilon}$. For q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4 such that

$$1/q_1 + 1/q_2 + 1/q_3 + 1/q_4 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4 \geq 1 \quad (11)$$

by Hölder inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^x Z_4(C_4 + it) dt &\ll \left(\int_1^x |\zeta^{2q_1}(4s + it)| dt \right)^{1/q_1} \left(\int_1^x |\zeta^{4q_2}(5s + it)| dt \right)^{1/q_2} \times \\ &\times \left(\int_1^x |\zeta^{2q_3}(6s + it)| dt \right)^{1/q_3} \left(\int_1^x |\zeta^{6q_4}(7s + it)| dt \right)^{1/q_4}. \end{aligned}$$

Choose

$$q_1 = m(4C_4)/2, \quad q_2 = m(5C_4)/4, \quad q_3 = m(6C_4)/2, \quad q_4 = m(7C_4)/6 \quad (12)$$

One can make sure by substituting the value of C_4 from (10) into Lemma 8 that such choice of q_k satisfies (11). Thus we obtain

$$\int_1^x Z_4(C_4 + it) dt \ll x^{(1+\varepsilon)/q_1} x^{(1+\varepsilon)/q_2} x^{(1+\varepsilon)/q_3} x^{(1+\varepsilon)/q_4} \ll x^{1+\varepsilon},$$

which finishes the proof.

Now we obtain lower value of C_4 by improving lower bounds of $m(\sigma)$ from Lemma 8. Estimates below depend on values of

$$\inf_{(k,l)} \frac{ak + bl + c}{dk + el + f}, \quad (13)$$

where (k, l) runs over the set of exponent pairs and satisfies certain linear inequalities. A method to estimate (13) without linear constrains was given by Graham [4]. In the

recent paper [9] we have presented an effective algorithm to deal with (13) under a nonempty set of linear constrains.

Let c be an arbitrary function such that $c(\sigma) \geq \mu(\sigma)$. Define θ by an implicit equation

$$2c(\theta(\sigma)) + 1 + \theta(\sigma) - 2(1 + c(\theta(\sigma)))\sigma = 0.$$

Finally, define

$$f(\sigma) = 2 \frac{1 + c(\theta(\sigma))}{c(\theta(\sigma))}.$$

Due to Lemma 3 one can take $c(\sigma) = \inf_{l-k \geq \sigma} (k+l-\sigma)/2$, where (k, l) runs over the set of exponent pairs. However even rougher choice of c leads to satisfiable values of f such as in [6, (8.71)].

Lemma 9. *Let $\sigma \geq 5/8$. Compute*

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= \frac{4-4\sigma}{1+2\sigma}, & \beta_1 &= -\frac{12}{1+2\sigma}, & m_1 &= \frac{1-\alpha_1}{\mu(\sigma)} - \beta_1, \\ \alpha_2(k, l) &= \frac{4(1-\sigma)(k+l)}{(2+4l)\sigma - 1 + 2k - 2l}, & \beta_2(k, l) &= -\frac{4(1+2k+2l)}{(2+4l)\sigma - 1 + 2k - 2l}, \\ m_2(k, l) &= \frac{1-\alpha_2(k, l)}{\mu(\sigma)} - \beta_2(k, l), & m_2 &= \inf_{\alpha_2(k, l) \leq 1} m_2(k, l), \end{aligned}$$

where (k, l) runs over the set of exponent pairs. Then

$$m(\sigma) \geq \min(m_1, m_2, 2f(\sigma)).$$

Note that for $\sigma \geq 2/3$ the condition $\alpha_2(k, l) \leq 1$ is always satisfied.

Proof. Follows from [6, (8.97)] and from $T^\alpha V^\beta \ll TV^{\beta+(\alpha-1)/\mu(\sigma)}$ for $\alpha < 1$ and $V \ll T^{\mu(\sigma)}$.

Substituting pointwise estimates of $m(\sigma)$ from Lemma 9 instead of segmentwise from Lemma 8 into (12) we obtain following result.

Theorem 5. *The statement of Theorem 4 remains valid for*

$$C_4 = 0.133437785 \dots$$

CONCLUSION. We have obtained nontrivial error terms in asymptotic estimates of

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \lambda_r^{(e)}(n)$$

for $r = 1, 2, 3, 4$. Cases of $r = 1$ and $r = 2$ depend on the method of exponent pairs. Cases of $r = 3$ and $r = 4$ depend on lower bounds of $m(\sigma)$. Note that case of $r = 4$ may be improved under Riemann hypothesis up to $C_4 = 1/8$, because Riemann hypothesis implies $\mu(\sigma) = 0$ and $m(\sigma) = \infty$ for $\sigma \in [1/2, 1]$.

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