

99. Some Results on Additive Number Theory. II

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In this note we outline the proof of the

Theorem. Let k be an integer >1 , and let $\alpha_i < \beta_i$ ($i=1, \dots, k$). For sufficiently large positive integer N , let $A(N)$ denote the number of representations of N as the sum of k positive integers: $N=n_1+\dots+n_k$ such that

$\log \log N + \alpha_i \sqrt{\log \log N} < \omega(n_i) < \log \log N + \beta_i \sqrt{\log \log N}$ ($i=1, \dots, k$) simultaneously, where $\omega(n_i)$ denotes the number of distinct prime factors of n_i . Then, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$A(N) \sim \frac{N^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} (2\pi)^{-k/2} \prod_{i=1}^k \int_{\alpha_i}^{\beta_i} e^{-x^2/2} dx.$$

This theorem was announced as Theorem 3 in [2] without proof. Our proof is elementary and makes no use of any limit theorems in probability theory.

Lemma 1. Let a_i ($i=1, \dots, k$) and b be positive integers such that $d=(a_1, \dots, a_k)$ divides b . Let S denote the number of solutions of the Diophantine equation $a_1x_1+\dots+a_kx_k=b$ in positive integers, then we have $|S - db^{k-1}/[(k-1)! a_1 \dots a_k]| < Cb^{k-2}$, where C is a positive number dependent only on k and independent of a_i and b .

We define the set P_N consisting of primes as $P_N = \{p: e^{(\log \log N)^2} < p < N^{(\log \log N)^{-2}}\}$ and put $y(N) = \sum_{p \in P_N} 1/p$. Then we have

$$(1) \quad y(N) = \log \log N + O(\log \log \log N).$$

We denote by $\omega_N(n)$ the number of primes p such that $p|n$, $p \in P_N$.

For any positive integer t , we define the set $M(t)$ consisting of positive integers as $M(t) = M(N; t) = \{m: m \text{ is squarefree; } m \text{ has } t \text{ prime factors; } p|m \Rightarrow p \in P_N\}$. We put for convenience $M(0) = \{1\}$.

For any k positive integers t_i , we denote by $F(N; t_1, \dots, t_k)$ the number of representations of N as the sum of k positive integers: $N=n_1+\dots+n_k$ such that $\omega_N(n_i)=t_i$ simultaneously.

For any k positive integers $m_i \in M(t_i)$ with some positive integers t_i , we denote by $G(N; m_1, \dots, m_k)$ the number of representations of N as the sum of k positive integers: $N=n_1+\dots+n_k$ such that $\prod_{p|n_i, p \in P_N} p = m_i$ simultaneously. We have

$$F(N; t_1, \dots, t_k) = \sum_{m_1 \in M(t_1)} \dots \sum_{m_k \in M(t_k)} G(N; m_1, \dots, m_k).$$