

8. On the Deuring-Heilbronn Phenomenon. II

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1. Quite recently two simple proofs of the Deuring-Heilbronn phenomenon [4] have been obtained independently by the present author [6] and Jutila [2]. Jutila's proof can be much simplified by appealing to the weight $\Psi_r(n)$ of [6]. But, compared with [2], the real advantage of [6] is in its Lemma 4. To exhibit this, we prove here very briefly a hybrid of two fundamental theorems of Linnik [3] [4] coupled with further simplifications which are embodied in Lemmas 2 and 3 below and which show that whole things are now reduced to a simple application of the Selberg sieve. Similar simplifications are, of course, applicable to the former proofs of Linnik's zero-density theorem [3]. Our new result is as follows:

Theorem. Let $1-\delta$ be the exceptional zero of $L(s, \chi_1)$, χ_1 real (mod q). And let $\tilde{N}(\alpha, T, \chi)$ denote the number of zeros of $L(s, \chi)L(s + \delta, \chi\chi_1)$ in the region $\text{Re}(s) \geq \alpha$, $|\text{Im}(s)| \leq T$. Then we have, for $\alpha > 3/4$,

$$\sum_{\chi \pmod{q}} \tilde{N}(\alpha, T, \chi) \ll \delta (\log qT) (q^7 T^4)^{(1+\varepsilon)(1-\alpha)/(3\alpha-2)}.$$

This may not be the best exponent attainable by our method. A similar but much weaker result can be found in [1; Théorème 14], which was obtained by the power-sum method of Turán. The large sieve extension can be proved quite similarly.

2. In what follows, $B(n)$, $g(r)$, $G(R)$ are all defined in [6].

Lemma 1. Let

$$(f^{(1)} \circ f^{(2)})_d = \sum_{[u, v]=d} f_u^{(1)} f_v^{(2)}.$$

Then we have

$$\sum_{d|n} (f^{(1)} \circ f^{(2)})_d = \left(\sum_{u|n} f_u^{(1)} \right) \left(\sum_{v|n} f_v^{(2)} \right).$$

Lemma 2. Let $\eta_d = O(|\mu(d)| d^\varepsilon)$ and let

$$F(s, \chi; \eta) = \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \chi(d) d^{-s} \eta_d \prod_{p|d} \left(1 + \frac{\chi_1(p)}{p^\delta} - \frac{\chi\chi_1(p)}{p^{1+\delta}} \right).$$

Then we have, for $\text{Re}(s) > 1$,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi(n) B(n) \left(\sum_{d|n} \eta_d \right) n^{-s} = L(s, \chi) L(s + \delta, \chi\chi_1) F(s, \chi; \eta).$$

Lemma 3. Let

$$G_d(R) = \sum_{\substack{r \leq R \\ (r, d)=1}} \mu^2(r) g(r),$$