

ON IDEALS HAVING ONLY SMALL PRIME FACTORS

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1. **Introduction.** Let K be a fixed algebraic number field of degree n , with discriminant Δ and regulator R . Let r_1 and $2r_2$ denote the number of real and complex conjugates, respectively, ω the number of roots of unity, $r = r_1 + r_2 - 1$ the maximum number of independent nontrivial units,

$$d_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq k \leq r_1 \\ 2 & \text{if } r_1 + 1 \leq k \leq r_1 + r_2, \end{cases}$$

and

$$(1.1) \quad \lambda = \frac{2^{r_1+2r_2} \pi^{r_2} R}{\omega d_{r+1} |\Delta|^{1/2}}.$$

Let O denote the ring of integers in K , \mathfrak{a} an integral ideal in O , \mathfrak{p} a prime ideal in O , h the number of ideal classes, and $N\mathfrak{a}$ the norm of \mathfrak{a} . For real numbers $x \geq 1$, $t \geq 0$, and an ideal \mathfrak{f} of O , $\mathfrak{f} \neq (0)$, we denote by $\psi(x^t, x; \mathfrak{f})$ the number of integral ideals \mathfrak{a} of O with $N\mathfrak{a} \leq x^t$, $(\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{f}) = (1)$, and if \mathfrak{p} is a prime ideal dividing \mathfrak{a} , then $N\mathfrak{p} \leq x$.

J. B. Friedlander [1] and J. R. Gillett [2] derived essentially the following estimate for $\psi(x^t, x; \mathfrak{f})$ with t fixed and $\mathfrak{f} = (1)$:

$$(1.2) \quad \psi(x^t, x; \mathfrak{f}) = h\lambda Z_1(t)x^t + O\left(\frac{x^t}{\log x}\right)$$

where $Z_1(t)$ is the well-known Dickman function satisfying the differential-difference equation

$$(1.3) \quad tZ_1'(t) = -Z_1(t-1)$$

with initial condition $Z_1(t) = 1$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$ and the constant implied by the use of the O -notation depends not only on the field K , but also on the parameter t .

The object of this report is to establish an asymptotic estimate for $\psi(x^t, x; \mathfrak{f})$ generalizing (1.2) where the O -constant is independent of x , t , and \mathfrak{f} and depends only on the field K unless otherwise indicated.

Also, as a consequence of the theory, we derive an asymptotic esti-

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mate for $\Phi(x', x; \mathfrak{f})$, the number of integral ideals \mathfrak{a} in \mathcal{O} with $N\mathfrak{a} \leq x'$, $(\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{f}) = (1)$, and if \mathfrak{p} is a prime ideal dividing \mathfrak{a} , then $N\mathfrak{p} > x$.

Before stating the main theorem, we define the following functions. The function $q(\mathfrak{a})$ defined on the ideals of \mathcal{O} is a generalization of the Möbius function given by

$$(1.4) \quad q(\mathfrak{a}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = (1) \\ 0 & \text{if } \mathfrak{p}^2/\mathfrak{a} \\ (-1)^s & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{p}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{p}_s, \mathfrak{p}_i \neq \mathfrak{p}_j \text{ for } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

For M a natural number with $0 \leq m \leq M$ and $r = 0$ or 1 , the function $\xi_r(m; \mathfrak{f})$, derived in Section 4, is given by

$$(1.5) \quad \xi_r(m; \mathfrak{f}) = \sum_{\mathfrak{b}|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q_r(\mathfrak{b})}{N\mathfrak{b}} \sum_{s=0}^m (-1)^s \binom{m}{s} (\log N\mathfrak{b})^{m-s} \left\{ \frac{(\log N\mathfrak{b})^{s+1}}{s+1} + s! C_s(k) \right\}$$

where

$$(1.6) \quad q_r(\mathfrak{a}) = \begin{cases} q(\mathfrak{a}) & \text{if } r = 0 \\ |q(\mathfrak{a})| & \text{if } r = 1, \end{cases}$$

and

$$(1.7) \quad C_s(k) = (-1)^s (h\lambda)^{-1} \left\{ 1 - \sum_{m=0}^s \frac{\Gamma_m(k)}{m!} \right\}$$

where $\Gamma_m(K)$ is a generalization of Euler's constant for the algebraic number field K defined by

$$(1.8) \quad \Gamma_m(k) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \sum_{N\mathfrak{a} \leq x} \frac{(\log N\mathfrak{a})^m}{N\mathfrak{a}} - \frac{h\lambda(\log x)^{m+1}}{m+1} \right\}$$

As proved at the end of Section 4, we point out that

$$(1.9) \quad \xi_r(m; \mathfrak{f}) = O_m(\log 2N\mathfrak{f}(\log \log 3N\mathfrak{f})^{m+1}).$$

Finally, we define $H_1(x; \mathfrak{f})$ by

$$(1.10) \quad H_1(x; \mathfrak{f}) = (n\nu(N\mathfrak{f}) + 1) \exp(-C(\log x)^{1/2})$$

where $\nu(m)$ denotes the number of distinct prime factors of the rational integer m , n is the degree of K , and $C = a(4n^{1/2})^{-1}$ for an absolute constant $a > 0$.

THEOREM 1. *If \mathfrak{f} is an arbitrary integral ideal of \mathcal{O} , $\mathfrak{f} \neq (0)$, $x \geq 1$, $t \geq 0$ are real numbers, and M is an even integer, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(x^t, x; \mathfrak{f}) = & h\lambda x^t \left\{ \sum_{b|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q(b)}{Nb} Z_1(t) \right. \\
 & - \left. \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \frac{(-1)^m Z_1^{(m+1)}(t)}{m! (\log x)^{m+1}} \xi_0(m; \mathfrak{f}) \right\} \\
 (1.11) \quad & + O_{M,\epsilon} \left(x^t \left\{ t^{A_1} H_1(x; \mathfrak{f}) (\log x)^{A_2} \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + 2^{n\nu(N\mathfrak{f})} x^{-2\epsilon/(n+1)} (1 + Z_1(t)) + \xi_1(M; \mathfrak{f}) \frac{tZ_1^{(M)}(t)}{(\log x)^{M+1}} \right\} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in x, t , and \mathfrak{f} for t outside the intervals $(\gamma, \gamma + \epsilon)$ where $\gamma = 1, 2, \dots, M + 1, \epsilon$ is an arbitrary positive real number, n is the degree of K , and A_1 and A_2 are absolute constants.

We remark that this asymptotic formula is valid only for $t \leq (\log x)^{1/2}$ due to the behavior of $Z_1(t)$. We will consider other ranges for t in a later work.

An immediate corollary to Theorem 1 gives a better view of the leading term.

COROLLARY. *If $0 \leq t \leq (\log x)^{1/2}$, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(x^t, x; \mathfrak{f}) = & h\lambda x^t \sum_{b|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q(b)}{nb} Z_1(t) \\
 (1.12) \quad & + O_\epsilon \left(x^t \left\{ t^{A_1} H_1(x; \mathfrak{f}) (\log x)^{A_2} \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + 2^{n\nu(N\mathfrak{f})} x^{-2\epsilon/(n+1)} (1 + z_1(t)) + \xi_1(0; \mathfrak{f}) \frac{tZ_1(t)}{\log x} \right\} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in x, t , and \mathfrak{f} for t outside the interval $(1, 1 + \epsilon)$ for arbitrary $\epsilon > 0$.

The particular interest of (1.12) is that if $2 < t$, then ϵ can be chosen larger than 1 so that if $\nu(N\mathfrak{f}) \ll (2/n(n + 1)) \log x$, the last term of the O-term of (1.12) is dominant to yield

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(x^t, x; \mathfrak{f}) = & h\lambda x^t \sum_{b|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q(b)}{Nb} Z_1(t) \\
 (1.13) \quad & + O_\epsilon \left(x^t \log 2N\mathfrak{f} \log \log 3N\mathfrak{f} \frac{tZ_1(t)}{\log x} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Specifically, if $\mathfrak{f} = (1)$ and $2 < t \leq (\log x)^{1/2}$, then

$$(1.14) \quad \psi(x^t, x; \mathfrak{f}) = h\lambda x^t Z_1(t) + O_\epsilon \left(x^t \frac{tZ_1(t)}{\log x} \right)$$

to improve (1.2).

For the function $\Phi(x^t, x; \mathfrak{f})$, we obtain the following asymptotic estimate using Lemma 3.2.

THEOREM 2. *If \mathfrak{f} is an integral ideal of O , $\mathfrak{f} \neq (0)$, $x \geq 1$, $t \geq 0$, then*

$$(1.15) \quad \phi(x^t, x; \mathfrak{f}) = \int_1^t Z_2'(u)x^u du + O(x^{tA_1}H_1(x; \mathfrak{f})(\log x)^{A_2})$$

uniformly in x, t , and \mathfrak{f} for absolute constants A_1 and A_2 where $Z_2(t)$ is de Bruijn's function satisfying the equation

$$(1.16) \quad tZ_2'(t) = Z_2(t - 1)$$

with initial condition $Z_2(t) = 1$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

2. The General Question. After the manner of B. V. Levin and A. S. Fainleib [6] and [3], [4], we let $x \geq 1$ and fix

$$(2.1) \quad 0 = B_0 < B_1 < \dots < B_{k-1} < B_k = +\infty$$

for some natural number k . We say that an ideal \mathfrak{a} belongs to \mathfrak{M}_m for $1 \leq m \leq k$ if either $\mathfrak{a} = (1)$ or if all the prime ideal factors of \mathfrak{a} have norms greater than $x^{B_{m-1}}$ but not exceeding x^{B_m} . Thus any integral ideal \mathfrak{a} can be uniquely expressed in the form

$$(2.2) \quad \mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{a}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{a}_k, \quad \mathfrak{a}_m \in \mathfrak{M}_m, \quad 1 \leq m \leq k.$$

We let f_m , $1 \leq m \leq k$, denote completely multiplicative functions. Then for $t \geq 0$, we define

$$(2.3) \quad m_f(x^t) = \sum_{N\mathfrak{a} \leq x^t} f(N\mathfrak{a}) = \sum_{\substack{N\mathfrak{a} \leq x^t \\ \mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{a}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{a}_k}} f_1(N\mathfrak{a}_1) \cdots f_k(N\mathfrak{a}_k).$$

If $k = 2$, $B_1 = 1$, and

$$(2.4) \quad f_1(N\mathfrak{a}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } N\mathfrak{a} = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$(2.5) \quad f_2(N\mathfrak{a}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{f}) = (1) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

then $m_f(x^t) = \psi(x^t, x; \mathfrak{f})$.

Of course, the object is now to estimate the sum $m_f(x^t)$. To do this, we define for each function f_m , the function λ_{f_m} by the following rule:

$$(2.6) \quad f_m(N\mathfrak{a}) \log N\mathfrak{a} = \sum_{\mathfrak{b}|\mathfrak{a}} f_m(N\mathfrak{b}) \lambda_{f_m} \left(N \frac{\mathfrak{a}}{\mathfrak{b}} \right).$$

Since the functions f_m are completely multiplicative, λ_{f_m} can be characterized as follows:

$$(2.7) \quad \lambda_{f_m}(N\mathfrak{a}) = \begin{cases} \log N\mathfrak{a} f(N\mathfrak{a}) & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{p}^r \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Obviously, there must be some restriction on the functions f_m in order to estimate $m_f(x^t)$. We shall study the behavior of $m_f(x^t)$ for two classes of functions f_m . For $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ the first class is determined by the conditional existence of the following functions:

$$(2.8) \quad L_{f_m}(x, y) = \sum_{\substack{N\mathfrak{p}^r \leq x \\ N\mathfrak{p} \leq y}} \lambda_{f_m}(N\mathfrak{p}^r) = \sum_{\substack{N\mathfrak{p}^r \leq x \\ N\mathfrak{p} \leq y}} \log N\mathfrak{p} f_m(N\mathfrak{p}^r)$$

and

$$(2.9) \quad \prod_{f_m}(x) = \prod_{N\mathfrak{a} \leq x} \left(1 + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} |f_m(N\mathfrak{p}^r)| \right).$$

The alternate class of functions will be determined by conditions on the functions:

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} L_{f_m}^*(x, y) &= \sum_{\substack{N\mathfrak{p}^r \leq x \\ N\mathfrak{p} \leq y}} \lambda_{f_m}(N\mathfrak{p}^r) N\mathfrak{p}^{-r} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{N\mathfrak{p}^r \leq x \\ N\mathfrak{p} \leq y}} \log N\mathfrak{p} f_m(N\mathfrak{p}^r) N\mathfrak{p}^{-r} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.11) \quad \prod_{f_m}^*(x) = \prod_{N\mathfrak{p} \leq x} \left(1 + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} |f_m(N\mathfrak{p}^r)| N\mathfrak{p}^{-r} \right).$$

Now we define a class of functions Ω as those functions $f_m, 1 \leq m \leq k$ satisfying the following requirements:

$$(2.12) \quad L_{f_m}(x, y) = \tau_m \log(\min(x, y)) + D_m + h_m(x, y)$$

where τ_m is a complex number, D_m is an absolute constant, and $h_m(x, y) = O(H(x) + H(y)), H(x)$ is a nonincreasing, nonnegative function; and

$$(2.13) \quad \prod_{f_m}(x) = O(\log^{A_m} x)$$

where A_m is an absolute constant.

Similarly, we define the class of functions Ω^* with equivalent conditions on $L_{f_m}^*(x, y)$ and $\prod_{f_m}^*(x)$.

The condition (2.13) will be necessary only if the functions f_m have negative values.

We are now ready to state the basic general result necessary to estimate $m_f(x^t)$. The proof is omitted since it is similar to the proof of Lemma 4 of [4].

FUNDAMENTAL LEMMA. *Suppose the completely multiplicative functions f_m , $1 \leq m \leq k$, satisfy (2.12) and (2.13). Then $m_f(x^t)$ as defined by (2.3) satisfies the following equation:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.14) \quad tm_f(x^t) - \int_0^t m_f(x^u) du &= \sum_{m=1}^k \tau_m \int_{t-B_m}^{t-B_{m-1}} m_f(x^u) du \\
 &+ \frac{D_1}{\log x} m_f(x^t) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\log x} \sum_{Na \leq x^t} f(Na) h_1 \left(\frac{x^t}{Na}, x^{B_1} \right) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\log x} \sum_{m=2}^k \sum_{Na \leq x^{t-B_{m-1}}} f(Na) \left\{ h_m \left(\frac{x^t}{Na}, x^{B_m} \right) \right. \\
 &\left. - h_m \left(\frac{x^t}{Na}, x^{B_{m-1}} \right) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

To conclude this section on the general question, we shall also state a result that is proved in Levin and Fainleib [6]:

(Lemma 1.2.1 of [6]) Let $R(t, x)$ be a complex valued function of real variables t and x , integrable with respect to t ; let a and b_1, \dots, b_m be complex numbers, $C_1 \geq 0$, and $0 \leq B_0 < B_1 < \dots < B_m < +\infty$. Suppose further that $R(t, x) = 0$ for $t \leq 0$ and that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.15) \quad tR(t, x) - (a + 1) \int_0^t R(u, x) du + \sum_{s=1}^m b_s \int_{t-B_s}^{t-B_{s-1}} R(u, x) du \\
 = O(t^{C_1})
 \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in x . If

$$(2.16) \quad \int_0^{-n} |R(u, x)| du = O(1)$$

uniformly in x , where η is a positive constant, then there exists a constant $C_2 > 0$ such that for all $t \geq \eta$

$$(2.17) \quad R(t, x) = O(t^{C_2})$$

uniformly in x .

3. **The General Case with $k = 2$.** For all our further considerations, we fix $k = 2$ and $B_1 = 1$. Further we let g be a completely multiplicative function, $\mathfrak{f} \neq (0)$ an ideal of O , and define the completely multiplicative function G by the following rule:

$$(3.1) \quad G(N\mathfrak{a}) = \begin{cases} g(N\mathfrak{a}) & \text{if } (\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{f}) = (1) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We shall now prove our first asymptotic estimate for the special case of $m_f(x^t)$ defined in Section 2.

LEMMA 3.1. *Let G be a function defined by (3.1) where g is in Ω with $H(x) = \exp(-A(\log x)^a)$, $A > 0$, $a > 0$. If $x \geq 1$ and $t \geq 0$, then*

$$(3.2) \quad \sum_{\substack{N\mathfrak{a} \leq x^t \\ \mathfrak{p}|\mathfrak{a} \Rightarrow N\mathfrak{p} > x}} G(N\mathfrak{a}) = \sum_{\substack{N\mathfrak{a} \leq x^t \\ \mathfrak{p}|\mathfrak{a} \Rightarrow N\mathfrak{p} > x \\ (\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{f}) = (1)}} g(N\mathfrak{a}) = Z(t) + O(t^{A_1} H(x; \mathfrak{f}) (\log x)^{A_2})$$

uniformly in x, t , and \mathfrak{f} where A_1 and A_2 are absolute constants,

$$(3.3) \quad H(x; \mathfrak{f}) = (n\nu(N\mathfrak{f}) + 1) \exp(-A/2(\log x)^a),$$

and $Z(t)$ satisfies the equation

$$(3.4) \quad tZ'(t) = \tau Z(t - 1)$$

with initial condition $Z(t) = 1$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

PROOF. Let f_1 be defined by (2.4) and $f_2 = G$. It is a straight forward argument similar to the proof of Lemma 2 of [4] that the conditions of the Fundamental Lemma are satisfied with

$$m_f(x^t) = \sum_{\substack{N\mathfrak{a} \leq x^t \\ \mathfrak{p}|\mathfrak{a} \Rightarrow N\mathfrak{p} > x}} G(N\mathfrak{a}),$$

i.e.,

$$L_{f_1}(x, y) = 1$$

and

$$(3.5) \quad L_{f_2}(x, y) = \tau \log \min(x, y) + D(\mathfrak{f}) + h(x, y; \mathfrak{f})$$

where

$$(3.6) \quad D(\mathbf{f}) = D - \sum_{\mathfrak{p}|\mathbf{f}} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \lambda_g(N\mathfrak{p}^r)$$

and

$$(3.7) \quad h(x, y; \mathbf{f}) = h(x, y) + \sum_{\substack{\mathfrak{p}|\mathbf{f} \\ N\mathfrak{p}^r > x}} \lambda_g(N\mathfrak{p}^r) + \sum_{\substack{\mathfrak{p}|\mathbf{f} \\ N\mathfrak{p}^r > y}} \lambda_g(N\mathfrak{p}^r) - \sum_{\substack{\mathfrak{p}|\mathbf{f} \\ N\mathfrak{p}^r > x \\ N\mathfrak{p}^r > y}} \lambda_g(N\mathfrak{p}^r).$$

In particular,

$$(3.8) \quad h(x, y; \mathbf{f}) = O((n\nu(N\mathbf{f}) + 1)\exp(-A/2(\log \min(x, y))^a)).$$

Hence

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} tm_f(x^t) - \int_0^t m_f(x^u) du &= \tau \int_0^{t-1} m_f(x^u) du \\ &+ \frac{1}{\log x} \sum_{Na \leq x^{t-1}} f(Na) \left\{ h\left(x^t, \frac{x^t}{Na}; \mathbf{f}\right) \right. \\ &\left. - h\left(\frac{x^t}{Na}, x; \mathbf{f}\right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

since $\tau_1 = D_1 = 0$ and $\tau_2 = \tau$, $D_2 = D(\mathbf{f})$.

Now G satisfies (2.13) so that

$$\sum_{Na \leq x^t} |G(Na)| = O(t^A \log^A x).$$

Thus (3.9) becomes

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} tm_f(x^t) - \int_0^t m_f(x^u) du - \tau \int_0^{t-1} m_f(x^u) du \\ = O(t^A H(x; \mathbf{f})(\log x)^{A-1}) \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in x , t , and \mathbf{f} .

Now we let $R(t, x; \mathbf{f})$ be a function such that

$$(3.11) \quad m_f(x^t) = Z(t) + R(t, x; \mathbf{f})H(x; \mathbf{f})(\log x)^{A-1}$$

and substitute into (3.10) to get

$$\begin{aligned} tZ(t) - \int_0^t Z(u) du - \tau \int_0^{t-1} Z(u) du + tR(t, x; \mathbf{f})H(x; \mathbf{f})(\log x)^{A-1} \\ - \int_0^t R(u, x; \mathbf{f})H(x; \mathbf{f})(\log x)^{A-1} du \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \tau \int_0^{t-1} R(u, x; \mathfrak{f}) H(x; \mathfrak{f}) (\log x)^{A-1} du \\
 & = O(t^A H(x; \mathfrak{f}) (\log x)^{A-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(3.12) \quad tR(t, x; \mathfrak{f}) - \int_0^t R(u, x; \mathfrak{f}) du - \tau \int_0^{t-1} R(u, x; \mathfrak{f}) du = O(t^A)$$

uniformly in x, t , and \mathfrak{f} .

We also note that if $t = 1$, then $\int_0^1 |R(u, x; \mathfrak{f})| du = O(1)$. Thus, using the Levin and Fainleib result at the end of Section 2, there exists a constant $A_1 > 0$ such that $R(t, x; \mathfrak{f}) = O(t^{A_1})$ uniformly in x, t , and \mathfrak{f} , so that (3.11) implies (3.2) to prove Lemma 3.1.

Using Abel's summation on (3.2) we can prove the following lemma where g is in Ω^* . In particular, if $g(N\mathfrak{a}) = 1$, we shall see in Section 4 that $\tau = 1$ and $H(x) = \exp(-a/(2n^{1/2})(\log x)^{1/2})$ so that (3.13) implies (1.15) to prove Theorem 2.

LEMMA 3.2. *Let G be a function defined by (3.1) where g is in Ω^* with $H(x) = \exp(-A(\log x)^a)$, $A > 0$, $a > 0$. If $x \geq 1$ and $t \geq 0$, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.13) \quad \sum_{\substack{Na \leq x^t \\ \nu|a \Rightarrow N\nu > x}} G(N\mathfrak{a}) &= \sum_{\substack{Na \leq x^t \\ \nu|a \Rightarrow N\nu > x \\ (a, \mathfrak{f}) = (1)}} g(N\mathfrak{a}) \\
 &= \int_1^t Z'(u) x^u du + O(x^t t^{A+1} H(x; \mathfrak{f}) (\log x)^{A_2})
 \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in x, t , and \mathfrak{f} .

Now we let

$$(3.14) \quad S(x^t; \mathfrak{f}) = \sum_{Na \leq x^t} G(N\mathfrak{a}) = \sum_{\substack{Na \leq x^t \\ (a, \mathfrak{f}) = (1)}} g(N\mathfrak{a})$$

and let $f_1 = G$ and f_2 be defined by (2.4). Then

$$(3.15) \quad m_f(x^t) = \sum_{\substack{Na \leq x^t \\ \nu|a \Rightarrow N\nu > x}} G(N\mathfrak{a}) = \sum_{\substack{Na \leq x^t \\ \nu|a \Rightarrow N\nu \leq x \\ (a, \mathfrak{f}) = (1)}} g(N\mathfrak{a}).$$

The object of the next lemma is to write (3.15) in terms of (3.14) so that we will need only a good estimate for (3.14) to get one for (3.15).

LEMMA 3.3. Let G be a function defined by (3.1) where g is in Ω with $H(x) = \exp(-A(\log x)^a)$, $A > 0$, $a > 0$. If $x \geq 1$ and $t \geq 0$, then

$$(3.16) \quad \sum_{\substack{Na \leq x^t \\ \mathfrak{p} | a \Rightarrow N\mathfrak{p} \leq x}} G(Na) = \sum_{\substack{Na \leq x^t \\ \mathfrak{p} | a \Rightarrow N\mathfrak{p} \leq x \\ (a, \mathfrak{f}) = (1)}} g(Na) \\ = S(x^t; \mathfrak{f}) + \int_0^t Z'(t-u)S(x^u; \mathfrak{f}) du \\ + O(t^{A_3}H(x; \mathfrak{f})(\log x)^{A_4})$$

uniformly in x , t , and \mathfrak{f} where $Z(t)$ satisfies the equation

$$(3.17) \quad tZ'(t) = -\tau Z(t-1)$$

with initial condition $Z(t) = 1$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$ and A_3 and A_4 are absolute constants.

PROOF. Now recall from (3.15) that

$$m_f(x^t) = \sum_{\substack{Na \leq x^t \\ a = a_1 \cdot a_2}} f_1(Na_1)f_2(Na_2) = \sum_{\substack{Na \leq x^t \\ \mathfrak{p} | a \Rightarrow N\mathfrak{p} \leq x \\ (a, \mathfrak{f}) = (1)}} g(Na).$$

We define functions \hat{f}_1 and \hat{f}_2 by the relations

$$(3.18) \quad \sum_{\mathfrak{b} | \mathfrak{f}} f_m(N\mathfrak{b})\hat{f}_m(Na/\mathfrak{b}) = f_1(Na), \quad m = 1, 2.$$

It is easy to see that (3.18) implies that \hat{f}_1 is defined by (2.4) and $\hat{f}_2 = f_1$. Hence by Lemma 3.1

$$(3.19) \quad m_f(x^t) = \hat{Z}(t) + O(t^{A_1}H(x; \mathfrak{f})(\log x)^{A_2})$$

where

$$(3.20) \quad t\hat{Z}'(t) = \tau\hat{Z}(t-1)$$

with initial condition $\hat{Z}(t) = 1$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

Now using essentially the same argument as used in the proof of Theorem 1 of [3] and the fact that

$$(3.21) \quad \int_0^t Z'(t-u)\hat{Z}'(u) du + Z'(t) + \hat{Z}'(t) = 0,$$

we prove that

$$S(x^t; \mathfrak{f}) = m_f(x^t) - \int_0^t Z'(t-u)S(x^u; \mathfrak{f}) + O(t^{A_3}H(x; \mathfrak{f})(\log x)^{A_4})$$

which is (3.16) to prove Lemma 3.3.

Again using Abel's summation, we prove Lemma 3.4 where g is in Ω^* . This functional equation (3.22) will be the initial step toward proving Theorem 1.

LEMMA 3.4. *Let G be a function defined by (3.1) where g is in Ω^* with $H(x) = \exp(-A(\log x)^a)$, $A > 0$, $a > 0$. If $x \geq 1$ and $t \geq 0$, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\substack{Na \leq x^t \\ \nu|a \Rightarrow N\nu \leq x}} G(Na) &= \sum_{\substack{Na \leq x^t \\ \nu|a \Rightarrow N\nu \leq x \\ (a, \mathfrak{f}) = (1)}} g(Na) \\
 (3.22) \qquad \qquad \qquad &= S(x^t; \mathfrak{f}) + \int_0^t x^{t-u} Z'(t-u) S(x^u; \mathfrak{f}) du \\
 &\qquad \qquad \qquad + O(x^t A_3 H(x; \mathfrak{f}) (\log x)^{A_4})
 \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in x , t , and \mathfrak{f} where $Z(t)$ satisfies (3.17), and A_3 and A_4 are absolute constants.

4. The Proof of Theorem 1. If we define the function $g = 1$ in (3.1), then

$$(4.1) \qquad \psi(x^t, x; \mathfrak{f}) = \sum_{\substack{Na \leq x^t \\ \nu|a \Rightarrow N\nu \leq x}} G(Na) = \sum_{\substack{Na \leq x^t \\ \nu|a \Rightarrow N\nu \leq x \\ (a, \mathfrak{f}) = (1)}} 1.$$

From Theorem 190 of Landau [5],

$$(4.2) \qquad \sum_{Na \leq x} \log N\nu = x + O\left(x \exp\left(-a/n^{1/2}(\log x)^{1/2}\right)\right)$$

where $a > 0$ is an absolute constant and n is the degree of K . Thus it is easy to see that

$$(4.3) \qquad \sum_{Na \leq x} \frac{\log N\nu}{N\nu} = \log x + D + O\left(\exp\left(-a/2n^{1/2}(\log x)^{1/2}\right)\right)$$

where D is an absolute constant.

Hence with $g = 1$

$$(4.4) \qquad L_g^*(x, y) = \log(\min(x, y)) + D_1 + h_1(x, y)$$

where D_1 is an absolute constant and

$$(4.5) \qquad h_1(x, y) = O(H_1(x) + H_1(y))$$

where

$$(4.6) \qquad H_1(x) = \exp\left(-a/(2n^{1/2})(\log x)^{1/2}\right).$$

Further, we note that

$$(4.7) \quad \prod_g^*(x) = \prod_{N\mathfrak{p} \leq x} \left(1 + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} N\mathfrak{p}^{-r} \right) = O(\log x).$$

Therefore the conditions of Lemma 3.4 are satisfied with $g = 1$ so that

$$(4.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \psi(x^t, x; \mathfrak{f}) &= S_1(x^t; \mathfrak{f}) + \int_0^t x^{t-u} Z_1'(t-u) S_1(x^u; \mathfrak{f}) du \\ &+ O(x^t t^{A_1} H_1(x; \mathfrak{f}) (\log x)^{A_2}) \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in x, t , and \mathfrak{f} where A_1 and A_2 are absolute constants, $H_1(x; \mathfrak{f})$ is given by (1.10), $Z_1(t)$ by (1.3), and

$$(4.9) \quad S_1(x^t; \mathfrak{f}) = \sum_{\substack{Na \leq x^t \\ (a, \mathfrak{f}) = 1}} 1.$$

As stated previously, a good estimate for $S_1(x^t; \mathfrak{f})$ will yield a good estimate for $\psi(x^t, x; \mathfrak{f})$. For the estimate for $S_1(x^t; \mathfrak{f})$ we define the following functions:

$$(4.10) \quad S_1(x) = \sum_{Na \leq x} 1$$

and

$$(4.11) \quad R_1(x) = (h\lambda x)^{-1} \{h\lambda x - S_1(x)\}$$

where h is the number of ideal classes of K and λ is the constant given by (1.1).

From Theorem 210 of Landau [5],

$$(4.12) \quad R_1(x) = O(x^{-2/(n+1)})$$

where n is the degree of K .

Using the function q given by (1.4), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} S_1(x^t; \mathfrak{f}) &= \sum_{\mathfrak{b}|\mathfrak{f}} q(\mathfrak{b}) S_1(x^t/N\mathfrak{b}) \\ &= h\lambda x^t \left\{ \sum_{\mathfrak{b}|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q(\mathfrak{b})}{N\mathfrak{b}} - \sum_{\mathfrak{b}|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q(\mathfrak{b})}{N\mathfrak{b}} R_1(x^t/N\mathfrak{b}) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

We define

$$(4.13) \quad R_1(x^t; \mathfrak{f}) = \sum_{\mathfrak{b}|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q(\mathfrak{b})}{N\mathfrak{b}} R_1(x^t/N\mathfrak{b})$$

so that

$$(4.14) \quad S_1(x^t; \mathfrak{f}) = h\lambda x^t \left\{ \sum_{b|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q(b)}{Nb} - R_1(x^t; \mathfrak{f}) \right\}.$$

Substituting (4.14) in (4.8) we then use basically the same argument beginning with (7.7) of [3] to show that

$$(4.15) \quad \begin{aligned} \psi(x^t, x; \mathfrak{f}) = h\lambda x^t \left\{ \sum_{b|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q(b)}{Nb} Z_1(t) \right. \\ \left. - \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \frac{(-1)^m}{m!} \frac{Z_1^{(m+1)}(t)}{(\log x)^{m+1}} \int_1^\infty \frac{(\log u)^m R_1(u; \mathfrak{f})}{u} du \right\} \\ + O_{M,\epsilon} \left(x^t \left\{ t^{A_1} H_1(x; \mathfrak{f}) (\log x)^{A_2} + 2^{nv(N\mathfrak{f})} x^{-2\epsilon/(n+1)} (1 + Z_1(t)) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \frac{t Z_1^{(M)}(t)}{(\log x)^{M+1}} \int_1^\infty \frac{(\log u)^M |R_1(u; \mathfrak{f})|}{u} du \right\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

To conclude the proof of Theorem 1 we must show

$$(4.16) \quad \xi_0(m; \mathfrak{f}) = \int_1^\infty \frac{(\log u)^m R_1(u; \mathfrak{f})}{u} du$$

which in turn implies that

$$(4.17) \quad \xi_1(M; \mathfrak{f}) = \int_1^\infty \frac{(\log u)^M |R_1(u; \mathfrak{f})|}{u} du.$$

To accomplish this, we use the following argument. Using (4.13) we see that

$$(4.18) \quad \int_1^\infty \frac{(\log u)^m R_1(u; \mathfrak{f})}{u} du = \sum_{b|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q(b)}{Nb} \int_1^\infty \frac{(\log u)^m R_1(u/Nb)}{u} du$$

and changing the variable of integration the right hand side of (4.18) is equal to

$$(4.19) \quad \sum_{b|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q(b)}{Nb} \sum_{s=0}^m \binom{m}{s} (\log Nb)^{m-s} \int_{1/Nb}^\infty \frac{(\log u)^s R_1(u)}{u} du.$$

Breaking the integral in (4.19) into two parts we have

$$(4.20) \quad \int_{1/Nb}^\infty \frac{(\log u)^s R_1(u)}{u} du = \frac{(-1)^s (\log Nb)^{s+1}}{s+1} + \int_1^\infty \frac{(\log u)^s R_1(u)}{u} du.$$

By Abel's summation for s a nonnegative integer,

$$\sum_{N\mathfrak{a} \leq x} \frac{(\log N\mathfrak{a})^s}{N\mathfrak{a}} = \frac{h\lambda(\log x)^{s+1}}{s+1} - h\lambda(\log x)^s R_1(x) + sh\lambda \int_1^x \frac{(\log u)^{s-1} R_1(u)}{u} du - h\lambda \int_1^x \frac{(\log u)^s R_1(u)}{u} du$$

and using (4.12) we have for an arbitrary constant $\epsilon > 0$

$$h\lambda \int_x^\infty \frac{(\log u)^s R_1(u)}{x} du = O(x^{-\epsilon}),$$

$$sh\lambda \int_x^\infty \frac{(\log u)^s R_1(u)}{u} du = O_s(x^{-\epsilon}),$$

and

$$h\lambda(\log x)^s R_1(x) = O(x^{-\epsilon}).$$

Hence for s fixed, we see that

$$(4.21) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \sum_{N\mathfrak{a} \leq x} \frac{(\log N\mathfrak{a})^s}{N\mathfrak{a}} - \frac{h\lambda(\log x)^{s+1}}{s+1} \right\} = sh\lambda \int_1^\infty \frac{(\log u)^{s-1} R_1(u)}{u} du - h\lambda \int_1^\infty \frac{(\log u)^s R_1(u)}{u} du,$$

but from this and (1.8) we see that

$$(4.22) \quad \Gamma_s(K) = sh\lambda \int_1^\infty \frac{(\log u)^{s-1} R_1(u)}{u} du - h\lambda \int_1^\infty \frac{(\log u)^s R_1(u)}{u} du.$$

If we extend the definition (1.7) to $C_{-1}(K) = -1$, we can see from (4.22) that

$$(4.23) \quad \frac{(-1)^s}{s!} \int_1^\infty \frac{(\log u)^s R_1(u)}{u} du = (-1)^s (h\lambda)^{-1} \left\{ 1 - \sum_{m=0}^s \frac{\Gamma_m(K)}{m!} \right\}$$

so that $C_s(K)$ as defined by (1.7) is equal to

$$(4.24) \quad \frac{(-1)^s}{s!} \int_1^\infty \frac{(\log u)^s R_1(u)}{u} du.$$

Using (4.24) and (4.20) in (4.18) we have (4.16).

Finally we shall prove (1.9) that

$$\xi_r(m; \mathfrak{f}) = O_m(\log 2N\mathfrak{f} \log \log 3N\mathfrak{f})^{m+1}.$$

To do this we define the function

$$(4.25) \quad h_r(z) = \sum_{\mathfrak{p}|\mathfrak{f}} (-\log N\mathfrak{p}) \frac{q_r(\mathfrak{p})}{(N\mathfrak{p}^z + q_r(\mathfrak{p}))}$$

for any complex number z , $r = 0$ or 1 , and q_r defined by (1.6). Then for any natural number m , there exists integers a_{mj} , $1 \leq j \leq m + 1$ with $a_{m1} = 1$ such that

$$(4.26) \quad h_r^{(m)}(z) = \sum_{\mathfrak{p}|\mathfrak{f}} (-\log N\mathfrak{p})^{m+1} q_r(\mathfrak{p}) \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} \frac{a_{mj}}{(N\mathfrak{p}^z + q_r(\mathfrak{p}))^j}$$

where $h_r^{(m)}(z)$ denotes the m -th derivative of $h_r(z)$ with respect to z . This is seen by a straightforward argument using induction on m .

Now we consider the function

$$(4.27) \quad g_r(z) = \sum_{\mathfrak{b}|\mathfrak{f}} q_r(\mathfrak{b}) N\mathfrak{b}^{-z} = \prod_{\mathfrak{p}|\mathfrak{f}} (1 + q_r(\mathfrak{b}) N\mathfrak{b}^{-z}).$$

Taking the logarithmic derivative

$$(4.28) \quad g_r'(z) = h_r(z) g_r(z)$$

with

$$(4.29) \quad g_r'(z) = \sum_{\mathfrak{b}|\mathfrak{f}} q_r(\mathfrak{b}) N\mathfrak{b}^{-z} (-\log N\mathfrak{b}).$$

Using Leibnitz's rule we have

$$(4.30) \quad \sum_{\mathfrak{b}|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q_r(\mathfrak{b})}{N\mathfrak{b}} (\log N\mathfrak{b})^m = \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} \binom{m-1}{s} \left(\sum_{\mathfrak{b}|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q_r(\mathfrak{b})}{N\mathfrak{b}} (\log N\mathfrak{b})^s \right) (-1)^{m-s} h_r^{(m-s-1)}(1)$$

and

$$(4.31) \quad h_r^{(s)}(1) = O \left(\sum_{\mathfrak{p}|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{(\log N\mathfrak{p})^{s+1}}{N\mathfrak{p}} \right) = O_s \left((\log \log 3N\mathfrak{f})^{s+1} \right).$$

Hence from (4.28), (4.30), and (4.31) we see that

$$(4.32) \quad \sum_{\mathfrak{b}|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q_r(\mathfrak{b})}{N\mathfrak{b}} (\log N\mathfrak{b})^m = O_m(g_r(1) (\log \log 3N\mathfrak{f})^{m+1})$$

where

$$(4.33) \quad g_r(1) = O(\log 2N\mathfrak{f}).$$

Therefore writing $\xi_r(m; \mathfrak{f})$ as

$$(4.34) \quad \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{\mathfrak{b}|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q_r(\mathfrak{b})}{N\mathfrak{b}} (\log N\mathfrak{b})^{m+1} \\ + \sum_{s=0}^m \frac{m!}{(m-s)!} C_s(k) \sum_{\mathfrak{b}|\mathfrak{f}} \frac{q_r(\mathfrak{b})}{N\mathfrak{b}} (\log N\mathfrak{b})^{m-s}$$

we see that $\xi_r(m; \mathfrak{f})$ is $O_m(\log 2N\mathfrak{f}(\log \log 3N\mathfrak{f})^{m+1})$ to prove (1.9).

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