

# Modeling the beta distribution using multiplicative functions

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**Abstract.** We prove that any beta distribution can be simulated by means of a sequence of distributions defined via multiplicative functions related to the generalized divisors function. We also estimate the remainder terms.

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## 1 Introduction and results

In what follows, we assume that  $p$  is prime,  $d, k, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $s = \sigma + i\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $x, u, t, v \in \mathbb{R}$ . In the asymptotic relations, we assumed that  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . The letters  $c$  and  $C$  with or without subscripts denote constants. Either of the notations  $f = O(g)$  or  $f \ll g$  means that  $|f| \leq C|g|$  for some positive constant  $C$ , which may be absolute or depend upon various parameters.

**DEFINITION 1.** Let  $\varkappa \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq \delta < 1$ . We say that a multiplicative function  $\varphi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0; \infty)$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{G}(\varkappa; \delta)$  if there exists  $C_1 \geq 0$  such that  $\varphi(p^k) \leq C_1$  and the function

$$L(s) := \sum_p \frac{\varphi(p) - \varkappa}{p^s}, \quad s = \sigma + i\tau, \quad \sigma > 1,$$

has an analytic continuation  $P(s)$  into the region

$$\sigma \geq \sigma(\tau) := 1 - \frac{c}{\ln(|\tau| + 3)}$$

for some  $0 < c \leq 1/2$ , where  $P(s)$  is holomorphic, and  $|P(s)| \leq \delta \ln(|\tau| + 1) + c_0$  with some  $c_0 \geq 0$ .

For a multiplicative function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0; \infty)$ , we define

$$T_f(m, v) := \sum_{d|m, d \leq v} f(d), \quad T_f(m, m) =: T_f(m).$$

DEFINITION 2. We say that a pair  $(g; f)$  of the multiplicative functions  $g, f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{M}(\varkappa, \alpha; \delta_1, \delta_2)$  if  $g \in \mathcal{G}(\varkappa; \delta_1)$  and  $g/T_f \in \mathcal{G}(\alpha; \delta_2)$ . If  $1/T_f \in \mathcal{G}(\alpha; \delta_2)$ , then we say that the function  $f$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha; \delta_2)$ .

In this paper, we analyze the asymptotic behavior of the distributions

$$F_x(t; g, f) := \frac{1}{G(x)} \sum_{m \leq x} g(m) \frac{T_f(m, m^t)}{T_f(m)}, \tag{1.1}$$

where  $f, g$  are multiplicative functions, and

$$G(x) := \sum_{d \leq x} g(d).$$

We show that, for multiplicative functions  $(g; f) \in \mathcal{M}(\varkappa, \alpha; \delta_1, \delta_2)$ , distributions (1.1) may have only two types of the limit laws. Namely, it can be either the beta distribution  $B(t; a, b)$  concentrated on the interval  $t \in [0, 1]$  and defined by

$$B(t; a, b) := \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \int_0^t \frac{dv}{v^{1-a}(1-v)^{1-b}}, \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

or the improper distribution concentrated at a single point  $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$E_{t_0}(t) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \leq t_0, \\ 1 & \text{if } t > t_0. \end{cases}$$

The first attempt to simulate the arcsine law, that is,  $B(t; 1/2, 1/2)$ , by means of (1.1) with  $f = g \equiv 1$  and, consequently,  $(g; f) \in \mathcal{M}(1, 1/2; 0, 0)$  was made by Deshouillers et al. [5] (see also [6, Sect. II.6.2]).

**Theorem 1.** (See [5].) *Uniformly in  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,*

$$\frac{1}{x} \sum_{m \leq x} \frac{T_1(m, m^t)}{T_1(m)} = \frac{2}{\pi} \arcsin \sqrt{t} + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\ln x}}\right).$$

Bareikis and Manstavičius [3] generalized this result. They considered multiplicative functions  $f \in \mathcal{M}(\alpha; \delta_2)$  with  $\alpha \in (0; 1)$  such that  $0 < f(p^k) \leq C$  and proved that

$$\sup_t |F_x(t; 1, f) - B(t; 1 - \alpha, \alpha)| \ll \ln^{-\alpha} x + \ln^{\alpha-1} x.$$

Later, Bareikis and Mačiulis [1] proved that the increments of the function  $F_x(t; 1, f)$  without the assumption  $0 < f(p^k) \leq C$  approach the increments of the beta distribution. Moreover, when  $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}$ , it was proved (see [2]) that, in this case, only improper laws concentrated at the points 0 or 1 can occur as limits for (1.1).

The first result concerning the limit behavior of (1.1) with  $g \not\equiv 1$  was obtained by Daoud et al. [4].

**Theorem 2.** (See [4].) *Suppose that  $(g; f) \in \mathcal{M}(\varkappa, \alpha; \delta_1, \delta_2)$  with  $0 < \alpha < \varkappa \leq 1$  and  $0 < g(p^k) \leq 1, f(p^k) \leq C$ . Then, uniformly for  $x \geq 2$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,*

$$F_x(t; g, f) = B(t; \varkappa - \alpha, \alpha) + O\left(\frac{1}{(\ln x)^{\min(\alpha, \varkappa - \alpha)}}\right).$$

Theorem 2 shows that the beta distribution  $B(t; a, b)$  with parameters  $0 < a, b < 1$  can be simulated by means of (1.1). We generalize Theorem 2 by showing that if  $(g; f) \in \mathcal{M}(\varkappa, \alpha; \delta_1, \delta_2)$  with  $0 \leq \alpha \leq \varkappa$ , then distributions (1.1) approach some limit law. Moreover, the set of possible limits consists of the beta distributions  $B(t; a, b)$  with positive  $a, b$  and the improper distributions  $E_0(t)$  and  $E_1(t)$ .

To formulate our main result, we need some additional notation. For all  $a, b, u, t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x > 1$ , we set  $\eta_x := \ln^{-1} x$ ,

$$r_x(u, t; a, b) := \frac{\eta_x}{(\eta_x + u)^a(\eta_x + 1 - u)^b} + \frac{\eta_x}{(\eta_x + t)^a(\eta_x + 1 - t)^b},$$

$$F_x(u, t; g, f) := F_x(t; g, f) - F_x(u; g, f), \quad B(u, t; a, b) = B(t; a, b) - B(u; a, b).$$

DEFINITION 3. The Lévy distance between distribution functions  $F$  and  $H$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{L}(F, H) := \inf \{ \varepsilon > 0 \mid F(x - \varepsilon) - \varepsilon \leq H(x) \leq F(x + \varepsilon) + \varepsilon \ \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \}.$$

Note that  $\mathcal{L}(F_n, F) \rightarrow 0$  is necessary and sufficient for  $F_n \Rightarrow F$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

The main result of this paper is the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.** Suppose that  $x \geq 3$  and

$$(g; f) \in \mathcal{M}(\varkappa, \alpha; \delta_1, \delta_2), \quad \delta_1 + \delta_2 < 1.$$

(i) If  $0 < \alpha < \varkappa$  and  $0 \leq u \leq t \leq 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & |F_x(u, t; g, f) - B(u, t; \varkappa - \alpha, \alpha)| \\ & \ll r_x(u, t; 1 - \varkappa + \alpha, 1 - \alpha) + \frac{|\ln(\eta_x + u)|^{\varepsilon(\varkappa - \alpha)}}{\ln x} + \frac{|\ln(\eta_x + 1 - t)|^{\varepsilon(\alpha)}}{\ln x}, \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

where  $\varepsilon(v) = 1$  if  $v = 1$  and  $\varepsilon(v) = 0$  otherwise.

(ii) If  $\alpha = \varkappa > 0$ , then  $F_x \Rightarrow E_0$ .

(iii) If  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\varkappa > 0$ , then  $F_x \Rightarrow E_1$ .

In the last two cases, the convergence rates, estimated by means of the Lévy distance, are

$$\mathcal{L}(F_x, E_j) \ll \frac{(\ln \ln x)^2}{\ln x}$$

with  $j = 0$  and  $j = 1$ , respectively.

Theorem 4 yields a uniform version of estimate (1.2).

**Theorem 4.** Suppose that the assumptions of Theorem 3 are satisfied. If  $0 < \alpha < \varkappa$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_t |F_x(t; g, f) - B(t; \varkappa - \alpha, \alpha)| \\ & \ll \frac{1}{(\ln x)^{\min(\varkappa - \alpha; \alpha)}} + \frac{(\ln \ln x)^{\varepsilon(\varkappa - \alpha)} + (\ln \ln x)^{\varepsilon(\alpha)}}{\ln x}. \end{aligned}$$

Unless otherwise indicated, we assume that the implicit constants in the  $\ll$  or  $O()$  symbols depend at most on the parameters and constants involved in the definitions of the corresponding classes  $\mathcal{M}(\cdot)$  and  $\mathcal{G}(\cdot)$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

We need some estimates of the mean values on arithmetical progression for the multiplicative functions  $\psi \in \mathcal{G}(\varkappa; \delta)$ . Two results of this type yield the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.** (See [1].) *Let  $\psi$  belong to the class  $\mathcal{G}(\varkappa; \delta)$  for some  $\varkappa > 0$ .*

*Then, uniformly for all  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \geq 1$ ,*

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \psi(nd) = \frac{x}{\ln^{1-\varkappa}(ex)} \left( \frac{L(\psi, \varkappa) \tilde{\psi}(d)}{\Gamma(\varkappa)} + O\left(\frac{\hat{\psi}(d)}{\ln(ex)}\right) \right),$$

where  $L(\psi, \varkappa)$  and multiplicative functions  $\tilde{\psi}$  and  $\hat{\psi}$  are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} L(\psi, \varkappa) &:= \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^\varkappa \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{\psi(p^k)}{p^k}, \\ \tilde{\psi}(p^m) &:= \left(\sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{\psi(p^k)}{p^k}\right)^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{\psi(p^{k+m})}{p^k}, \\ \hat{\psi}(p^m) &:= \left(1 + \frac{c_1}{p^{\sigma_0}}\right) \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{\psi(p^{k+m})}{p^{k\sigma_0}}. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\sigma_0 = \sigma(0)$  and  $c_1 \geq 0$  is a constant depending on the parameters  $c, \varkappa, C_1$ .

**Lemma 2.** (See [2].) *Let  $\psi \in \mathcal{G}(\varkappa; \delta)$ . Then, uniformly for all  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \geq 1$ ,*

$$\sum_{m \leq x} \psi(md) \ll x \cdot \hat{\psi}(d) \eta(x, \varkappa),$$

where

$$\eta(x, \varkappa) := \begin{cases} e^{-c_2 \sqrt{\ln x}} & \text{if } \varkappa = 0, \\ \ln^{\varkappa-1}(ex) & \text{if } \varkappa > 0, \end{cases}$$

the multiplicative function  $\hat{\psi}$  is defined in Lemma 1, and  $c_2 = c_2(c, \delta) > 0$ .

For  $0 \leq u \leq t \leq 1$  and  $x \geq 1$ , we set

$$S(x, u, t, b) := \sum_{x^u < m \leq x^t} \frac{a_m}{m \ln^b\left(\frac{ex}{m}\right)}, \quad a_m \geq 0.$$

This sum may be evaluated in terms of the integral

$$I(u, t; a, b, \eta) := \int_u^t \frac{dv}{(\eta + v)^a (\eta + 1 - v)^b},$$

provided that some information about the behavior of the sum

$$M(v) := \sum_{m \leq v} a_m$$

is given. A slight modification of the proof of Lemma 3.3 in [1] yields the following result.

**Lemma 3.** Assume that  $x \geq 3$  and

$$\left| M(v) - \frac{Av}{\ln^a(ev)} \right| \leq \frac{Bv}{\ln^\gamma(ev)} \tag{2.1}$$

for some  $A, a, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $B \geq 0$ , and all  $1 \leq v \leq x$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| S(x, u, t, b) - \frac{A}{(\ln x)^{a+b-1}} I(u, t; a, b, \eta_x) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{|A \cdot a|}{(\ln x)^{a+b}} I(u, t; a + 1, b, \eta_x) + \frac{B}{(\ln x)^{b+\gamma-1}} (r_x(u, t; \gamma, b) + (1 + |b|) I(u, t; \gamma, b, \eta_x)). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Integration by parts yields

$$S(x, u, t, b) = \frac{M(v)}{v \ln^b(\frac{ex}{v})} \Big|_{x^u}^{x^t} + \int_{x^u}^{x^t} \frac{M(v)}{v^2 \ln^b(\frac{ex}{v})} \left( 1 - \frac{b}{\ln(\frac{ex}{v})} \right) dv.$$

Since

$$\int_{x^u}^{x^t} \frac{dv}{v \ln^a(ev) \ln^b(\frac{ex}{v})} = (\ln x)^{1-a-b} I(u, t; a, b, \eta_x),$$

setting  $\Delta_1(v) := M(v) - Av \ln^{-a}(ev)$  and

$$\Delta_2 := \ln^{-a}(ev) \ln^{-b}\left(\frac{ex}{v}\right) \Big|_{x^u}^{x^t} - b(\ln x)^{-a-b} I(u, t; a, b + 1, \eta_x),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & S(x, u, t, b) - \frac{A}{(\ln x)^{a+b-1}} I(u, t; a, b, \eta_x) \\ & = \frac{\Delta_1(v)}{v \ln^b(\frac{ex}{v})} \Big|_{x^u}^{x^t} + A \cdot \Delta_2 + \int_{x^u}^{x^t} \frac{\Delta_1(v)}{v^2 \ln^b(\frac{ex}{v})} \left( 1 - \frac{b}{\ln(\frac{ex}{v})} \right) dv. \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

Integrating the integral  $I(u, t; a, b + 1, \eta_x)$  by parts, we get

$$\Delta_2 = -a(\ln x)^{-a-b} I(u, t; a + 1, b, \eta_x)$$

if  $b \neq 0$ . For  $b = 0$ , the same equality follows immediately. Thus, in view of (2.1) and (2.2), we arrive at the desired inequality.  $\square$

The following simplified version of Lemma 3 will be useful.

**Lemma 4.** Assume that the conditions of Lemma 3 are satisfied and  $\gamma = a + 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (\ln x)^{a+b} \left| S(x, u, t, b) - \frac{A}{(\ln x)^{a+b-1}} I(u, t; a, b, \eta_x) \right| \\ & \ll r_x(u, t; a, b - 1) \ln x + |\ln(\eta_x + u)|^{\epsilon(a+1)} + |\ln(\eta_x + 1 - t)|^{\epsilon(b)}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

The implicit constant in  $\ll$  symbol depends on  $A, B, a$ , and  $b$  only.

*Proof.* Setting  $\rho(a, b) := r_x(u, t; a, b) \ln x$ , we note that

$$r_x(u, t; a + 1, b) \leq \frac{\eta_x \cdot \rho(a, b - 1)}{(\eta_x + u)(\eta_x + 1 - u)} + \frac{\eta_x \cdot \rho(a, b - 1)}{(\eta_x + t)(\eta_x + 1 - t)} \leq 4\rho(a, b - 1).$$

To estimate the integral  $I := I(u, t; a + 1, b, \eta_x)$ , we consider three cases.

1. If  $0 \leq u \leq t \leq 1/2$ , then

$$I \leq 2^b \int_u^t \frac{dv}{(\eta_x + v)^{a+1}} \ll (1 - \epsilon(a + 1))\rho(a, b - 1) + \epsilon(a + 1)|\ln(\eta_x + u)|. \quad (2.4)$$

2. If  $1/2 \leq u \leq t \leq 1$ , then, similarly,

$$I \ll (1 - \epsilon(b))\rho(a, b - 1) + \epsilon(b)|\ln(\eta_x + 1 - t)|. \quad (2.5)$$

3. For  $0 \leq u \leq 1/2 \leq t \leq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I &\leq 2^b \int_u^{1/2} \frac{dv}{(\eta_x + v)^{a+1}} + 2^{a+1} \int_{1/2}^t \frac{dv}{(\eta_x + 1 - v)^b} \\ &\ll (2 - \epsilon(a + 1) - \epsilon(b))(1 + \rho(a, b - 1)) \\ &\quad + \epsilon(a + 1)|\ln(\eta_x + u)| + \epsilon(b)|\ln(\eta_x + 1 - t)|. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

These inequalities and Lemma 3 imply estimate (2.3).  $\square$

### 3 Proofs of Theorems

*Proof of Theorem 3.* (i) We first consider the case  $0 < \alpha < \varkappa$ . Set

$$S_x(t; g, f) := \frac{1}{G(x)} \sum_{m \leq x} g(m) \frac{T_f(m, x^t)}{T_f(m)}.$$

Then

$$R_x(t) := S_x(t; g, f) - F_x(t; g, f) = \frac{1}{G(x)} \sum_{m \leq x} g(m) \frac{T_f(m, x^t) - T_f(m, m^t)}{T_f(m)}.$$

Setting

$$\Phi_x(u, t) := S_x(t; g, f) - S_x(u; g, f),$$

we have

$$F_x(u, t; g, f) = \Phi_x(u, t) + O(R_x(t) + R_x(u)). \quad (3.1)$$

The remainder and the main terms in (3.1) have the representations

$$R_x(t) = \frac{1}{G(x)} \sum_{l \leq x^t} f(l) \sum_{n < l^{(1-t)/t}} h(nl), \quad (3.2)$$

and

$$\Phi_x(u, t) = \frac{1}{G(x)} \sum_{x^u < l \leq x^t} f(l) \sum_{n \leq x/l} h(nl), \tag{3.3}$$

where  $h$  is the multiplicative function defined by  $h(n) = g(n)/T_f(n)$ . Note that  $h \in \mathcal{G}(\alpha; \delta_2)$  since  $(g; f) \in \mathcal{M}(\varkappa, \alpha; \delta_1, \delta_2)$ . Thus, Lemma 1 with  $\psi := h$  yields

$$\sum_{n \leq x/l} h(nl) = \frac{x}{l \ln^{1-\alpha}(e\frac{x}{l})} \left( \frac{\tilde{h}(l)L(h, \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + O\left(\frac{\hat{h}(l)}{\ln(e\frac{x}{l})}\right) \right). \tag{3.4}$$

Since  $g(p^k) \leq C_1$ , we have

$$\tilde{h}(p^k) = h(p^k) + O\left(\frac{1}{pT_f(p^k)}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{h}(p^k) = h(p^k) + O\left(\frac{1}{p^{\sigma_0}T_f(p^k)}\right). \tag{3.5}$$

The assumptions of the theorem and (3.5) yield that

$$\sum_{p \leq z} \frac{f(p)\hat{h}(p)}{p} = (\varkappa - \alpha) \ln \ln z + O(1) \tag{3.6}$$

and

$$\sum_{p \leq z} \frac{f(p)\tilde{h}(p)}{p} = (\varkappa - \alpha) \ln \ln z + O(1).$$

By Lemma 2 the inner sum in (3.2) can be estimated as follows:

$$\sum_{n \leq l^{(1-t)/t}} h(nl) \ll \hat{h}(l) \frac{l^{(1-t)/t}}{\ln^{1-\alpha}(el^{(1-t)/t})}. \tag{3.7}$$

Further, Lemma 1 with  $\psi := g$  and  $d = 1$  yields

$$G(x) = \frac{x}{\ln^{1-\varkappa}(ex)} \left( \frac{L(g, \varkappa)}{\Gamma(\varkappa)} + O\left(\frac{1}{\ln(ex)}\right) \right). \tag{3.8}$$

Combining the last estimate with (3.2) and (3.7), we get that

$$R_x(t) \ll \frac{1}{G(x)} \frac{x}{\ln^{1-\alpha}(ex^{1-t})} \frac{1}{x^t} \sum_{l \leq x^t} f(l)\hat{h}(l). \tag{3.9}$$

Applying (3.6), we deduce that  $\psi = f\hat{h} \in \mathcal{G}(\varkappa - \alpha; \delta_1 + \delta_2)$ . Thus, Lemma 2 with  $d = 1$  and (3.8) yield

$$R_x(t) + R_x(u) \ll r_x(u, t; 1 - \varkappa + \alpha, 1 - \alpha)$$

for  $0 \leq u \leq t \leq 1$ .

To continue with the proof of the theorem, we consider relation (3.3). An application of (3.4) shows that relation (3.3) can be written as

$$\Phi_x(u, t) = \frac{x}{G(x)} \left( \frac{L(h, \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \Psi_x(u, t; 1 - \alpha) + O(R_x(u, t; 2 - \alpha)) \right), \quad (3.10)$$

where

$$\Psi_x(u, t; a) = \sum_{x^u < l \leq x^t} \frac{f(l)\tilde{h}(l)}{l \ln^a(e \frac{x}{l})} \quad \text{and} \quad R_x(u, t; b) = \sum_{x^u < l \leq x^t} \frac{f(l)\hat{h}(l)}{l \ln^b(e \frac{x}{l})}.$$

Set

$$M(z) := \sum_{n \leq z} f(n)\hat{h}(n).$$

Using Lemma 2, we obtain that

$$M(z) \ll \frac{z}{\ln^{1-\varkappa+\alpha} z}.$$

Then in the notations of Lemma 4, taking  $A = 0$ ,  $b = 2 - \alpha$ ,  $a = \alpha - \varkappa$ , and  $S(x, u, t, b) = R_x(u, t; b)$ , we deduce

$$R_x(u, t; 2 - \alpha) \ll \frac{1}{\ln^{1-\varkappa} x} \left( r_x(u, t; \alpha - \varkappa, 1 - \alpha) + \frac{|\ln(\eta_x + 1 - t)|^{\epsilon(2-\alpha)}}{\ln x} \right). \quad (3.11)$$

Now we are in a position to estimate the main term of (3.10). From (3.5) it follows that  $\psi = f\tilde{h} \in \mathcal{G}(\varkappa - \alpha; \delta_1 + \delta_2)$ . So we can employ Lemma 1 with  $d = 1$  and then Lemma 4 again with

$$A = \frac{L(f\tilde{h}, \varkappa - \alpha)}{\Gamma(\varkappa - \alpha)}, \quad a = 1 - \varkappa + \alpha, \quad b = 1 - \alpha,$$

and  $S(x, u, t, b) = \Psi_x(u, t; 1 - \alpha)$ . This yields

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_x(u, t; 1 - \alpha) &= \frac{A}{\ln^{1-\varkappa} x} I(u, t; 1 - \varkappa + \alpha, 1 - \alpha, \eta_x) \\ &\quad + O\left( \frac{1}{\ln^{2-\varkappa} x} (\ln x \cdot r_x(u, t; 1 - \varkappa + \alpha, -\alpha) + |\ln(\eta_x + u)|^{\epsilon(2-\varkappa+\alpha)}) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Combining the last relation, (3.8), and (3.11), we conclude that (3.10) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_x(u, t) &= \frac{\Gamma(\varkappa)}{\Gamma(\varkappa - \alpha)\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{L(f\tilde{h}, \varkappa - \alpha)L(h, \alpha)}{L(g, \varkappa)} I(u, t; 1 - \varkappa + \alpha, 1 - \alpha, \eta_x) \\ &\quad + O\left( r_x(u, t; 1 - \varkappa + \alpha, 1 - \alpha) + \frac{|\ln(\eta_x + u)|^{\epsilon(2-\varkappa+\alpha)} + |\ln(\eta_x + 1 - t)|^{\epsilon(2-\alpha)}}{\ln x} \right) \end{aligned}$$

since

$$r_x(u, t; \alpha - \varkappa, 1 - \alpha) + r_x(u, t; 1 - \varkappa + \alpha, -\alpha) \ll r_x(u, t; 1 - \varkappa + \alpha, 1 - \alpha).$$

We have

$$L(h, \alpha)L(f\tilde{h}, \varkappa - \alpha) = \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p} \right)^{\varkappa} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(p^i)\tilde{h}(p^i)}{p^i} \cdot K(p), \quad (3.12)$$



where

$$K(p) := \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{h(p^i)}{p^i}.$$

By the definition of  $\tilde{h}$  the inner sum in (3.12) is

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{K(p)} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(p^i)}{p^i} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{h(p^{i+j})}{p^j}\right) K(p) = K(p) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{g(p^j)}{T(p^j)p^j} \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} f(p^{j-i}) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{g(p^j)}{p^j}.$$

From this and from (3.12) it follows that

$$L(h, \alpha)L(f\tilde{h}, \varkappa - \alpha) = L(g, \varkappa).$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_x(u, t) &= \frac{\Gamma(\varkappa)}{\Gamma(\varkappa - \alpha)\Gamma(\alpha)} I(u, t; 1 - \varkappa + \alpha, 1 - \alpha, \eta_x) \\ &\quad + O\left(r_x(u, t; 1 - \varkappa + \alpha, 1 - \alpha) + \frac{|\ln(\eta_x + u)|^{\epsilon(\varkappa - \alpha)} + |\ln(\eta_x + 1 - t)|^{\epsilon(\alpha)}}{\ln x}\right) \end{aligned}$$

since  $\epsilon(2 - \beta) = \epsilon(\beta)$ .

To complete the proof of case (i), we need to estimate the difference

$$\Delta_x(u, t) := I(u, t; a, b, 0) - I(u, t; a, b, \eta_x)$$

with  $a = 1 - \varkappa + \alpha < 1$  and  $b = 1 - \alpha < 1$ . First, assume that

$$\eta_x \leq u \leq t \leq 1 - \eta_x. \tag{3.13}$$

By the Lagrange mean value theorem

$$\Delta_x(u, t) = -\eta_x \frac{dI(u, t, a, b, \eta)}{d\eta} = \eta_x (a \cdot I(u, t; a + 1, b, \eta) + b \cdot I(u, t; a, b + 1, \eta)) \tag{3.14}$$

with some  $\eta \in (0, \eta_x)$ . Integrating  $I(u, t; a, b + 1, \eta)$  by parts, for  $b \neq 0$ , we have

$$\Delta_x(u, t) = \eta_x (2a \cdot I(u, t; a + 1, b, \eta) + (\eta + v)^{-a}(\eta + 1 - v)^{-b} \Big|_u^t).$$

From this and from (3.14), having in mind (3.13), we deduce that

$$|\Delta_x(u, t)| \ll \eta_x |a| \cdot I(u, t; a + 1, b, \eta_x) + r_x(u, t; a, b)$$

for any  $b < 1$ . The integral  $I(u, t; a + 1, b, \eta_x)$  was considered in the proof of Lemma 4. Namely, for  $a \neq 0$ , inequalities (2.4), (2.5), and (2.6) yield

$$I(u, t; a + 1, b, \eta_x) \ll 1 + r_x(u, t; a, b - 1) \ln x.$$

Thus,

$$|\Delta_x(u, t)| \ll \eta_x + r_x(u, t; a, b) \tag{3.15}$$

for all  $a < 1$  and  $b < 1$ , provided that (3.13) holds.

If  $0 \leq u \leq \eta_x$  or  $1 - \eta_x \leq t \leq 1$ , then, in addition, we have to estimate  $\Delta_x(u, \eta_x)$  and  $\Delta_x(1 - \eta_x, t)$ , respectively. So, for  $0 \leq u \leq \eta_x$ , we have

$$|\Delta_x(u, \eta_x)| \ll \int_u^{\eta_x} \left( \frac{1}{v^a} + \frac{1}{(\eta_x + v)^a} \right) dv \ll \eta_x^{1-a} \ll r_x(u, t; a, b).$$

Similarly, for  $1 - \eta_x \leq t \leq 1$ , we obtain

$$|\Delta_x(1 - \eta_x, t)| \ll \eta_x^{1-b} \ll r_x(u, t; a, b).$$

Thus, estimate (3.15) holds for all  $0 \leq u \leq t \leq 1$ , and the validity of (1.2) is proved for  $0 < \alpha < \varkappa$ .

(ii) Assume that  $\varkappa = \alpha > 0$ . Then  $g \in G(\alpha; \delta_1)$ ,  $h = g/T_f \in G(\alpha; \delta_2)$ . Consider the difference

$$1 - F_x(u; g, f) = \Phi_x(u, 1) + R_x(u). \quad (3.16)$$

Having in mind that  $h \in G(\alpha; \delta_2)$  and applying Lemma 2, we obtain

$$\Phi_x(u, 1) \ll \frac{x}{G(x)} \sum_{x^u < l \leq x} \frac{f(l)\hat{h}(l)}{l \ln^{1-\alpha}(e\frac{x}{l})}. \quad (3.17)$$

Note that  $f\hat{h} \in G(0; \delta_1 + \delta_2)$ . Therefore, by Lemma 2 we get

$$M(v) = \sum_{m \leq v} f(m)\hat{h}(m) \ll v \exp(-c_3 \sqrt{\ln v}). \quad (3.18)$$

From (3.17) and (3.8) we have

$$\Phi_x(u, 1) \ll \ln^{1-\alpha} x \int_{x^u}^x \frac{dM(v)}{v \ln^{1-\alpha}(e\frac{x}{v})}.$$

Partial integration with respect to (3.18) yields

$$\Phi_x(u, 1) \ll \exp(-c_4 \sqrt{u \ln x}). \quad (3.19)$$

Further, (3.9), (3.8), and (3.18) imply

$$R_x(u) \ll \frac{1}{(\eta_x + (1 - u))^{1-\alpha} x^u} \sum_{m \leq x^u} f(m)\hat{h}(m) \ll \exp(-c_5 \sqrt{u \ln x}). \quad (3.20)$$

Let

$$\varepsilon = c_6 \frac{\ln \ln^2 x}{\ln x}.$$

From (3.20), (3.16), and (3.19) it follows that

$$E_0(y - \varepsilon) - \varepsilon \leq F_x(y; g, f) \leq E_0(y + \varepsilon) + \varepsilon$$

for some  $c_6 > 0$  and any  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hence,

$$\mathcal{L}(F_x, E_0) \ll \frac{\ln \ln^2 x}{\ln x}.$$

(iii) Assume that  $\varkappa > 0$  and  $\alpha = 0$ . In this case, we have that

$$g \in G(\varkappa; \delta_1), \quad h \in G(0; \delta_2), \quad f\hat{h} \in G(\varkappa; \delta_1 + \delta_2).$$

It is easy to see that

$$F_x(t; g, f) \leq S_x(t; g, f) = \frac{1}{G(x)} \sum_{m \leq x^t} f(m) \sum_{l \leq x/m} h(ml).$$

Applying Lemma 2 and (3.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned} F_x(t; g, f) &\ll (\ln x)^{1-\varkappa} \sum_{m \leq x^t} \frac{f(m)\hat{h}(m)}{m} \exp\left(-c_7 \sqrt{\ln \frac{x}{m}}\right) \\ &= (\ln x)^{1-\varkappa} \int_{1^-}^{x^t} v^{-1} \exp(-c_7 \sqrt{\ln x - \ln v}) dM(v). \end{aligned} \tag{3.21}$$

Moreover, by the same Lemma 2

$$M(v) = \sum_{m \leq v} f(m)\hat{h}(m) \ll \frac{v}{\ln^{1-\varkappa}(ev)}.$$

Therefore, partial integration in (3.21) yields

$$F_x(t; g, f) \ll \exp(-c_8 \sqrt{(1-t) \ln x}).$$

The arguments above and the last estimate yield

$$\mathcal{L}(F_x, E_1) \ll \frac{\ln^2 \ln x}{\ln x}.$$

Theorem 3 is proved.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 4.* We have

$$F_x(t; g, f) = F_x(0, t; g, f) + F_x(0; g, f). \tag{3.22}$$

By Theorem 3

$$\begin{aligned} &|F_x(0, t; g, f) - B(t; \varkappa - \alpha, \alpha)| \\ &\ll r_x(0, t; 1 - \varkappa + \alpha, 1 - \alpha) + \frac{|\ln(\eta_x)|^{\varepsilon(\varkappa - \alpha)}}{\ln x} + \frac{|\ln(\eta_x)|^{\varepsilon(\alpha)}}{\ln x}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.23}$$

We recall that  $g/T_f \in \mathcal{G}(\alpha; \delta_2)$ . Therefore, Lemma 2 and (3.8) yield

$$F_x(0; g, f) = \frac{1}{G(x)} \sum_{m \leq x} \frac{g(m)}{T_f(m)} \ll \frac{1}{\ln^{\varkappa - \alpha} x}. \tag{3.24}$$

Since

$$r_x(0, t; 1 - \varkappa + \alpha, 1 - \alpha) \ll \frac{1}{\ln^{\varkappa - \alpha} x} + \frac{1}{\ln^\alpha x} + \frac{1}{\ln x},$$

the proof of Theorem 4 now follows from (3.22), (3.23), and (3.24).  $\square$

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