

# Modeling the beta distribution in short intervals

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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 in a short interval.

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## 1 Introduction and result

The letters  $c$  and  $C$  with or without subscripts denote constants. Both notations  $f = O(g)$  or  $f \ll g$  mean that  $|f| \leq C|g|$  for some positive constant  $C$ , which may be absolute or depend upon various parameters. In such cases, we sometimes indicate this by a subscript. All asymptotic relations are meant as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

The beta distribution  $B(a, b)$  with parameters  $a, b > 0$  is concentrated on the interval  $t \in [0, 1]$  and defined by

$$B(t; a, b) := \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \int_0^t \frac{dv}{v^{1-a}(1-v)^{1-b}}.$$

When  $a = b = 1/2$ , this distribution is known as the arcsine law.

Let  $f, g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0; \infty)$  be multiplicative functions. Set

$$T_f(m, v) := \sum_{d|n, d \leq v} f(d), \quad T_f(m, m) =: T_f(m), \quad m \in \mathbb{N}, v \in \mathbb{R},$$

and

$$G(x, y; g) := \sum_{x < n \leq x+y} g(n), \quad x, y \geq 0.$$

When  $G(x, y; g) \neq 0$ , we define

$$F(x, y, u; g, f) := \frac{1}{G(x, y; g)} \sum_{x < m \leq x+y} \frac{g(m)T_f(m, m^u)}{T_f(m)}. \tag{1.1}$$

In 1979, Deshouillers, Dress, and Tenenbaum [8] proved the following:

**DDT theorem.** *Uniformly in  $u \in [0; 1]$ ,*

$$F(0, x, u; 1, 1) = B\left(u, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\ln x}}\right).$$

Manstavičius [10] noticed that not only the arcsine law but also some other beta distributions can occur as limits for the means of type (1.1). Later a few generalizations of the DDT theorem were obtained. To describe these results, we need some additional definitions.

**DEFINITION 1.** Let  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0; \infty)$  be a multiplicative function such that  $f(p^k) \leq C$  for some  $C > 0$  and all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and primes  $p$ . We say that  $f$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{G}(\varkappa, \delta)$ ,  $\varkappa \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq \delta < 1$ , if the function defined by the series

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

for some  $0 < c \leq 1/2$ , has an analytic continuation  $P(s)$  into the region

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

where  $P(s)$  is holomorphic, and  $|P(s)| \leq \delta \log(|\tau| + 1) + c_0$  for some  $c_0 \geq 0$ .

In [4], it was proved that

$$F(0, x, u; 1, f) = B(u, 1 - \alpha, \alpha) + O\left(\frac{1}{\ln^{1-\alpha} x} + \frac{1}{\ln^\alpha x}\right)$$

when  $f \in \mathcal{G}(\alpha, \delta)$ ,  $\alpha \in (0; 1)$ . The particular cases  $\alpha = 1$  or  $\alpha = 0$  were considered in [1]. It was shown that only improper limit laws can occur in these cases.

A more general beta distribution can be modeled using the mean (1.1) with weight  $g \neq 1$ . In [7], it was proved that the distributions of type (1.1) can approach any beta law  $B(\varkappa - \alpha, \alpha)$  with  $0 < \alpha < \varkappa < 1$ . Later this result was extended.

**DEFINITION 2.** We say that a pair of multiplicative functions  $(g, f)$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{M}(\varkappa, \alpha; \delta_1, \delta_2)$  if  $g \in \mathcal{G}(\varkappa, \delta_1)$  and  $g/T_f \in \mathcal{G}(\alpha, \delta_2)$  with some  $\delta_1, \delta_2 > 0$ ,  $\delta_1 + \delta_2 < 1$ .

In [3], it was proved that any beta distribution  $B(a, b)$  can be a limit law for the mean (1.1) when a pair of multiplicative functions  $(g, f) \in \mathcal{M}(a + b, b, \delta_1, \delta_2)$ ,  $a, b > 0$ .

In [5, 6, 9], it was shown that similar problems can be considered in “short” intervals  $[x; x + y]$ . Namely, an analogue of the DDT theorem was proved [5, 6]:

$$F(x, y, u; 1, 1) = B\left(u, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\ln x}}\right)$$

uniformly in  $0 \leq u \leq 1$  and  $x^{19/24+\epsilon} \leq y \leq x$  for arbitrary  $\epsilon > 0$ .

In this paper, we generalize this result, showing that any beta distribution can be modeled by the means of type (1.1) if the pair of the multiplicative functions  $(g, f)$  satisfies some regularity conditions.

DEFINITION 3. Let  $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a multiplicative function such that  $g(p^k) \leq C$  for some  $C > 0$  and all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and primes  $p$ . We say that  $g$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{K}(\varkappa, \beta)$ ,  $\varkappa, \beta \geq 0$ , if the functions defined by the series

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(s) &:= \sum_p \frac{g(p) - \varkappa}{p^s}, & P_2(s) &:= \sum_p \frac{(g(p) - \varkappa)^2}{p^{2s}}, \\ P_3(s) &:= \sum_p \frac{g(p^2) - \beta}{p^{2s}}, & s &= \sigma + i\tau, \sigma > 1, \end{aligned}$$

can be analytically continued to the holomorphic functions into the region  $\sigma \geq 1/2 - \delta$  for some  $\delta > 0$ , and there  $|P_1(s)| + |P_2(s)| + |P_3(s)| \leq c_0$  for some  $c_0 \geq 0$ .

*Remark.* If  $g \in \mathcal{K}(\varkappa, \beta_1)$ ,  $g/T_f \in \mathcal{K}(\alpha, \beta_2)$ , then  $(g, f) \in \mathcal{M}(\varkappa, \alpha, 0, 0)$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a multiplicative function. If  $g \in \mathcal{K}(\varkappa, \varkappa)$  is a strongly multiplicative function and  $g/T_f \in \mathcal{K}(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \varkappa$ , then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &|F(x, y, u; g, f) - B(u; \varkappa - \alpha, \alpha)| \\ &\ll \frac{1}{\ln^{\varkappa - \alpha} x} + \frac{1}{\ln^\alpha x} + \frac{(\ln \ln x)^{\chi(\varkappa - \alpha)} + (\ln \ln x)^{\chi(\alpha)}}{\ln x} \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in  $0 \leq u \leq 1$  and  $x^{19/24 + \varepsilon} < y \leq x$ . Here  $\chi(1) = 1$  and  $\chi(v) = 0$  for  $v \neq 1$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $w, z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\varrho, \gamma, A, B, M > 0$  are some constants. As usual, let  $\zeta(s)$  be the Riemann zeta function. Suppose that  $f$  is an arithmetic function that satisfies the following conditions:

(i) for any  $\delta > 0$ , we have

$$|f(n)| \ll_\delta M n^\delta \quad (n \geq 1), \quad (2.1)$$

where the implied constant depends only on  $\delta$ ;

(ii) for  $\sigma > 1$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f(n)| n^{-\sigma} \leq M(\sigma - 1)^{-\varrho}; \quad (2.2)$$

(iii) the Dirichlet series

$$\mathcal{F}(s, z, w) := \zeta(s)^{-z} \zeta(2s)^{-w} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n) n^{-s}$$

can be analytically continued to a holomorphic function in some open set containing  $\sigma \geq 1/2$ , and, in this region,  $\mathcal{G}(s, z, w)$  satisfies the bound

$$|\mathcal{F}(s, z, w)| \leq M(|\tau| + 1)^{\max\{\gamma(1-\sigma), 0\}} \ln^A(|\tau| + 1) \quad (2.3)$$

uniformly in  $|z| \leq B$  and  $|w| \leq C$ .

**Lemma 1.** (See [5, Cor. 1.2].) Let  $w, z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\varrho > 0$ ,  $\gamma \geq 0$ ,  $A \geq 0$ ,  $B > 0$ ,  $C > 0$ , and  $M > 0$  some constants. Suppose that an arithmetic function  $f$  satisfies conditions (2.1)–(2.3). Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\sum_{x < n \leq x+y} f(n) = y \ln^{z-1} x \left( \lambda_0(z, w) + O\left(\frac{M}{\ln x}\right) \right)$$

uniformly in  $x^{1-\theta+\epsilon} \leq y \leq x$ ,  $0 < |z| \leq B$ , and  $|w| \leq C$ , where

$$\lambda_0(\kappa, w) := \frac{\mathcal{F}(1, z, w) \zeta^w(2)}{\Gamma(z)},$$

and  $\theta = 5/(12 + 5\gamma)$ . The implied constant in the  $O$  term depends only on  $A, B, C, \rho, \gamma$ , and  $\epsilon$ .

For  $\varkappa > 0$  and any multiplicative function  $\theta$ , set

$$A(\varkappa, \theta) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varkappa)} \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^{\varkappa} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\theta(p^k)}{p^k}.$$

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  be nonnegative multiplicative functions such that

$$\varphi(p^k) \leq C_1, \quad \psi(p^k) \leq C_1, \quad \text{and} \quad \psi(p^{k+1}) \leq \psi(p^k) \tag{2.4}$$

for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume furthermore that  $\varphi \cdot \psi \in \mathcal{K}(\varkappa, \beta)$ ,  $\varkappa, \beta > 0$ . Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\sum_{x < n \leq x+y} \varphi(n) \psi(nd) = \frac{y}{\ln^{1-\varkappa}(ex)} \left( A(\varkappa, \varphi \cdot \psi) \cdot \tilde{h}(d; \varphi, \psi) + O\left(\frac{\hat{h}(d; \varphi, \psi)}{\ln(ex)}\right) \right)$$

uniformly  $jn \geq 1$  and  $x^{7/12+\epsilon} \leq y \leq x$ . Here the multiplicative functions  $\tilde{h}$  and  $\hat{h}$  are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{h}(p^k; \varphi, \psi) &:= \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(p^j) \psi(p^j)}{p^j} \right)^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(p^j) \psi(p^{k+j})}{p^j}, \\ \hat{h}(p^k; \varphi, \psi) &:= \left( 1 + \frac{c_1}{p^{\sigma_0}} \right) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(p^j) \psi(p^{k+j})}{p^{j\sigma_0}}. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\sigma_0 = 1/2 - \delta$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1/2$ , and  $c_1 \geq 0$  is a constant depending on  $\varkappa, \beta, \delta$ , and  $C_1$ .

*Remark.* If (2.4) holds, then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{h}(p^k; \varphi, \psi) &= \psi(p^k) + O(p^{-1}), \\ \hat{h}(p^k; \varphi, \psi) &= \psi(p^k) + O(p^{-\sigma_0}) \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $\tilde{h} \in \mathcal{K}(\varkappa, \beta)$  and  $\hat{h} \in \mathcal{G}(\varkappa, 0)$ , provided that  $\psi \in \mathcal{K}(\varkappa, \beta)$ . We will further frequently use this property.

*Proof of Lemma 2.* We modify the proof of Lemma 3.1 in [2]. Suppose that  $x \geq 3$ . As usual, let  $\zeta(s)$  be the Riemann zeta function. Introduce the Dirichlet series

$$F_d(s) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(n)\psi(nd)}{n^s}, \quad G_d(s, \varkappa, w) := \zeta^{-\varkappa}(s)\zeta^{-w}(2s)F_d(s).$$

For  $\operatorname{Re} s > 1$ , we have

$$G_d(s, \varkappa, w) = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{\varkappa} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{2s}}\right)^w \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(p^k)\psi(p^{k+\alpha_p(d)})}{p^{ks}}. \quad (2.6)$$

Here  $\alpha_p(d)$  is defined by  $p^{\alpha_p(d)} \parallel d$ . Setting

$$\gamma(p, s, \varkappa, w) := \begin{cases} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{\varkappa} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{2s}}\right)^w & \text{if } p \leq p_0, \\ \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(p^k)\psi(p^k)}{p^{sk}}\right)^{-1} & \text{if } p > p_0, \end{cases}$$

we choose  $p_0 = p_0(\delta, C_1)$  and  $c_1 = c_1(\delta, C_1, \varkappa, w)$  such that, for  $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$ ,

$$|\gamma(p, s, \varkappa, w)| \leq 1 + \frac{c_1}{p^{\sigma_0}} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{C_1^2}{p_0^{k\sigma}} < 1. \quad (2.7)$$

Let  $\mathbb{P}'$  be the subset of primes  $p$  such that  $p \nmid d$  or  $p > p_0$ . Then the Euler product (2.6) can be written in the form

$$G_d(s, \varkappa, w) = L(s, \varkappa, w) \cdot g(d; s, \varkappa, w)$$

with

$$L(s, \varkappa, w) := \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}'} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{\varkappa} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{2s}}\right)^w \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(p^k)\psi(p^k)}{p^{ks}}$$

and the multiplicative function  $g(\cdot; s, \varkappa, w)$  defined by

$$g(p^k; s, \varkappa, w) := \gamma(p, s, \varkappa, w) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(p^j)\psi(p^{j+k})}{p^{js}}.$$

We have that, for  $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$ , the multiplicative functions  $g(d; s, \varkappa, w)$  and  $\hat{h}(d; \varphi, \psi)$  are related by the inequality

$$|g(d; s, \varkappa, w)| \leq \hat{h}(d; \varphi, g). \quad (2.8)$$

Taking the exponent and logarithm, which is allowed by (2.7), we can write

$$L(s, \varkappa, w) = H(s) \cdot e^{E(s, \varkappa, w)},$$

where

$$E(s, \varkappa, w) := \sum_p \frac{\varphi(p)\psi(p) - \varkappa}{p^s} + \sum_p \frac{1}{p^{2s}} \left( \varphi\psi(p^2) - \frac{(\varphi\psi(p))^2}{2} + \frac{\varkappa}{2} - w \right).$$

and  $H(s)$  is analytic and bounded for  $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$ . Moreover, we can take  $w = \beta - \varkappa(\varkappa + 1)/2$ . Then the assumptions of lemma allow us to assert that the function  $E(s, \varkappa, w)$  has an analytic continuation into the region  $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$ , and in this domain,

$$|L(s, \varkappa, w)| \ll 1.$$

This, together with (2.8), allows an analytic continuation of  $G_d(s, \varkappa, w)$  into the region  $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$  and yields there the estimate

$$|G_d(s, \varkappa, w)| \ll \hat{h}(d; \varphi, \psi).$$

Note that

$$G_d(1, \varkappa, w) = \Gamma(\varkappa) \cdot A(\varkappa, \varphi \cdot \psi) \cdot \zeta^{-w}(2) \cdot \tilde{h}(d; \varphi, \psi) \ll \hat{h}(d; \varphi, \psi)$$

and for  $\sigma > 1$ ,

$$F_d(\sigma) = G_d(\sigma, \varkappa, w) \cdot \zeta^\varkappa(\sigma) \cdot \zeta^w(2\sigma) \ll \hat{h}(d; \varphi, \psi).$$

Moreover, (2.4) implies

$$\varphi(n)\psi(nd) \leq \psi(d)C_1^{\omega(n)} \prod_{\substack{p^k \parallel n \\ (p,d)=1}} \psi(p^k) \leq \hat{h}(d; \varphi, \psi)C_1^{2\omega(n)}.$$

Since  $\omega(n) = o(\ln n)$  and

$$\frac{y}{\ln^{1-\varkappa} x} = \frac{y}{\ln^{1-\varkappa}(ex)} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{\ln x}\right)\right),$$

the proof of the lemma for  $x \geq 3$  now follows from Lemma 1. If  $x < 3$ , then

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \varphi(n)\psi(nd) \leq \sum_{n \leq 2} \varphi(n)\psi(nd) \ll \hat{h}(d; \varphi, \psi).$$

In this case, the lemma immediately follows, since  $\tilde{h}(d; \varphi, \psi) \leq \hat{h}(d; \varphi, \psi)$ .  $\square$

For  $0 \leq u \leq 1$ ,  $x \geq 1$ , and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ , we set

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

This sum may be evaluated in terms of the integral

$$I(u; a, b, \eta) := \int_0^u \frac{dv}{(\eta + v)^a(\eta + 1 - v)^b}, \quad \eta \geq 0,$$

provided that some information about the behavior of the sum

$$M(v) := \sum_{m \leq v} a_m, \quad v \geq 1,$$

is given.

The next lemma is a straightforward consequence of Lemma 4 in [3].

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

$$\left| M(v) - \frac{Av}{\ln^a(ev)} \right| \leq \frac{Bv}{\ln^{a+1}(ev)}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \Theta(x, u, b) - \frac{A}{\ln^{a+b-1}x} I(u; a, b, \eta_x) \right| \\ & \ll \frac{1}{\ln^{a+1}x} + \frac{1}{\ln^b x} + \frac{(\ln \ln x)^{\chi(a+1)} + (\ln \ln x)^{\chi(b)}}{\ln^{a+b}x}. \end{aligned}$$

Here and in what follows,  $\chi(1) = 1$  and  $\chi(v) = 0$  for  $v \neq 1$ . The implicit constant in symbol  $\ll$  depends at most on  $a, b, A$ , and  $B$ .

**Lemma 4.** Assume that  $a < 1$ ,  $b < 1$ , and  $h \in \mathcal{G}(1-a, \delta)$ ,  $u \in [0; 1]$ . Then for  $x \geq 3$  and  $0 \leq y \leq x$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_x(y, u, b; h) & := \sum_{m \leq (x+y)^u} \frac{h(m)}{m \ln^b(\frac{ex}{m})} \\ & = A(1-a, h) \frac{1}{\ln^{a+b-1}x} \int_0^u \frac{ds}{s^a(1-s)^b} \\ & \quad + O\left( \frac{1}{\ln^a x} + \frac{1}{\ln^b x} + \frac{(\ln \ln x)^{\chi(a+1)} + (\ln \ln x)^{\chi(b)}}{\ln^{a+b}x} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$S_x(y, u, b; h) \ll \ln^{1-a-b}x. \quad (2.9)$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\sum_{m \leq (x+y)^u} \frac{h(m)}{m \ln^b(\frac{ex}{m})} = \sum_{m \leq x^u} \frac{h(m)}{m \ln^b(\frac{ex}{m})} + \sum_{x^u < m \leq (x+y)^u} \frac{h(m)}{m \ln^b(\frac{ex}{m})}.$$

Suppose that  $u \leq \eta_x := \ln^{-1}x$ . Then

$$\sum_{m \leq (x+y)^u} \frac{h(m)}{m \ln^b(\frac{ex}{m})} \ll \frac{1}{\ln^b x}$$

since  $h(p^k) \ll 1$ .

Let us assume that  $\eta_x < u \leq 1$ . Then, applying Lemma 1 in [1], we have

$$\sum_{x^u < m \leq (x+y)^u} \frac{h(m)}{m \ln^b(\frac{ex}{m})} \ll \frac{1}{x^u(1+(1-u)\ln x)^b} \sum_{m \leq (2x)^u} h(m) \ll \frac{(1+u\ln x)^{-a}}{(1+((1-u)\ln x)^b)}.$$

Thus, uniformly in  $0 \leq u \leq 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{m \leq (x+y)^u} \frac{h(m)}{m \ln^b(\frac{ex}{m})} = \sum_{m \leq x^u} \frac{h(m)}{m \ln^b(\frac{ex}{m})} + \frac{1}{\ln^a x} + \frac{1}{\ln^b x}. \quad (2.10)$$

In [3], it was shown that

$$I(u; a, b, \eta_x) = I(u; a, b, 0) + O(\eta_x + \eta_x^{1-a} + \eta_x^{1-b}).$$

Moreover,  $A(1 - a, h) \ll 1$  when  $h \in \mathcal{G}(1 - a, \delta)$ . Thus the proof of Lemma 4 follows from (2.10), Lemma 1 in [3], and Lemma 3.  $\square$

### 3 Proof of Theorem 1

The distributions (1.1) can be written as follows:

$$F(x, y, u; g, f) = S(x) - R(x), \tag{3.1}$$

where

$$S(x) := \frac{1}{G(x, y; g)} \sum_{x < n \leq x+y} \frac{g(n)}{T_f(n)} \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ d \leq (x+y)^u}} f(d),$$

$$R(x) := \frac{1}{G(x, y; g)} \sum_{x < n \leq x+y} \frac{g(n)}{T_f(n)} \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ n^u < d \leq (x+y)^u}} f(d).$$

Since  $g \in \mathcal{K}(\varkappa, \varkappa)$ , Lemma 2 with  $\varphi \equiv 1$ ,  $\psi = g$ , and  $d = 1$  yields

$$\frac{1}{G(x, y; g)} = \frac{\ln^{1-\varkappa}(ex)}{yA(\varkappa, g)} \left( 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{\ln(ex)}\right) \right). \tag{3.2}$$

Consider two cases. First, assume that  $0 \leq u \leq 1/2$ . Changing the order of summation, we have

$$R(x) \ll \frac{1}{G(x, y; g)} \sum_{x^u < d \leq (x+y)^u} f(d) \sum_{x/d < m \leq (x+y)/d} \frac{g(md)}{T_f(md)}. \tag{3.3}$$

If  $u \in [0; 1/2]$ , then

$$\left(\frac{x}{d}\right)^{7/12+\varepsilon_1} \leq \frac{y}{d} \leq \frac{x}{d} \tag{3.4}$$

for some  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$ . Therefore, applying Lemma 2 for the inner sum in (3.3) and using (3.2), we get

$$R(x) \ll \ln^{1-\varkappa} x \sum_{x^u < d \leq (2x)^u} \frac{f(d)}{d \ln^{1-\alpha}\left(\frac{ex}{d}\right)} \hat{h}\left(d; 1, \frac{g}{T_f}\right).$$

Note that (2.5) implies  $f\hat{h} \in \mathcal{G}(\varkappa - \alpha, 0)$ . Therefore, taking  $h := f\hat{h}$ ,  $b = 1 - \alpha$ , and  $a = 1 - \varkappa + \alpha$  in Lemma 4, we have

$$R(x) \ll \frac{1}{\ln^\alpha x} + \frac{1}{\ln^{\varkappa-\alpha} x} + \frac{(\ln \ln x)^{\chi(\varkappa-\alpha)}}{\ln x}.$$

The main term in (3.1) is

$$S(x) = \frac{1}{G(x, y; g)} \sum_{d \leq (x+y)^u} f(d) \sum_{x/d < m \leq (x+y)/d} \frac{g(dm)}{T_f(dm)}.$$



We start with the observation that  $g/T_f \in \mathcal{K}(\alpha, \beta)$ . In Lemma 2, taking  $\varphi \equiv 1$  and  $\psi = g/T_f$  and having in mind (3.4), we obtain

$$S(x) = S_1(x) + O(R_1(x)),$$

where

$$S_1(x) := \frac{yA(\alpha, \frac{g}{T_f})}{G(x, y; g)} \sum_{d \leq (x+y)^u} \frac{f(d)}{d \ln^{1-\alpha}(\frac{ex}{d})} \tilde{h}\left(d; 1, \frac{g}{T_f}\right),$$

$$R_1(x) := \frac{y}{G(x, y; g)} \sum_{d \leq 2x} \frac{f(d) \hat{h}(d; 1, \frac{g}{T_f})}{d \ln^{2-\alpha}(\frac{ex}{d})}.$$

By (2.5),  $f\hat{h} \in \mathcal{G}(\varkappa - \alpha, 0)$ . Then, taking  $a = 1 - \varkappa + \alpha$  and  $b = 2 - \alpha$  in (2.9) and using (3.2), we deduce

$$R_1(x) \ll \frac{1}{\ln x}.$$

In view of (2.5), we can check that  $f\tilde{h} \in \mathcal{K}(\varkappa - \alpha, \varkappa - \varkappa\beta/\alpha) \subset \mathcal{G}(\varkappa - \alpha, 0)$ . Hence (3.2) and Lemma 4 yield

$$S_1(x) = \frac{A(\alpha, \frac{g}{T_f})A(\varkappa - \alpha, f\tilde{h})}{A(\varkappa, g)} \int_0^u \frac{ds}{s^{1-\varkappa+\alpha}(1-s)^{1-\alpha}}$$

$$+ O\left(\frac{1}{\ln^\alpha x} + \frac{1}{\ln^{\varkappa-\alpha} x} + \frac{(\ln \ln x)^{\chi(\varkappa-\alpha)}}{\ln x}\right).$$

In [3], it was shown that

$$\frac{A(\alpha, \frac{g}{T_f})A(\varkappa - \alpha, f\tilde{h})}{A(\varkappa, g)} = \frac{\Gamma(\varkappa)}{\Gamma(\varkappa - \alpha)\Gamma(\alpha)}.$$

Now collecting all needed estimates in (3.1), we prove the theorem for  $u \in [0; 1/2]$ .

Now suppose that  $1/2 < u \leq 1$ . Changing the order of summation in  $R(x)$ , we obtain

$$R(x) = \frac{1}{G(x, y; g)} \left( \sum_{x/(x+y)^u < m \leq x^{1-u}} \sum_{x/m < d \leq (x+y)/m} \frac{f(d)g(md)}{T_f(md)} \right.$$

$$\left. + \sum_{x^{1-u} < m \leq (x+y)^{1-u}} \sum_{m^{u/(1-u)} < d \leq (x+y)/m} \frac{f(d)g(md)}{T_f(md)} \right).$$

If  $x^{1-u} < m \leq (x+y)^{1-u}$ , then  $m^{u/(1-u)} > x/m$  and  $(x+y)^u \leq (x+y)/m$ . Hence

$$R(x) \ll R_2(x) := \frac{1}{G(x, y; g)} \sum_{x/(x+y)^u < m \leq x^{1-u}} \sum_{x/m < d \leq (x+y)/m} \frac{f(d)g(md)}{T_f(md)}. \quad (3.5)$$

If  $u \in (1/2; 1]$ , then  $m \leq (x+y)^{1-u} \leq (2x)^{1/2}$ . By the assumptions of the theorem this implies

$$\frac{x}{m} \geq \frac{y}{m} \geq \left(\frac{x}{m}\right)^{7/12+\varepsilon_2} \quad (3.6)$$

for some  $\varepsilon_2 > 0$ . Since  $fg/T_f \in \mathcal{K}(\varkappa - \alpha, \varkappa - \varkappa\beta/\alpha)$ , we can apply Lemma 2 with  $\varphi := f$  and  $\psi := g/T_f$  to estimate the inner sum in (3.5). This, together with (3.2), yields

$$R_2(x) \ll \ln^{1-\varkappa} x \sum_{x/(x+y)^u < m \leq (x+y)^{1-u}} \frac{\hat{h}(m; f, \frac{g}{T_f})}{m \ln^{1-\varkappa+\alpha}(\frac{ex}{m})} \\ \ll \ln^{1-\varkappa} x \left( S_x(y, 1-u, 1-\varkappa+\alpha; \hat{h}) - S_x\left(0, 1-u-\frac{\ln 2}{\ln x}, 1-\varkappa+\alpha; \hat{h}\right) \right).$$

From (2.5) it follows that  $\hat{h} \in \mathcal{G}(\alpha, 0)$ . Applying Lemma 4 with  $a = 1 - \alpha$  and  $b = 1 - \varkappa + \alpha$ , we derive

$$R_2(x) \ll \frac{1}{\ln^\alpha x} + \frac{1}{\ln^{\varkappa-\alpha} x} + \frac{(\ln \ln x)^{\chi(\varkappa-\alpha)} + (\ln \ln x)^{\chi(\alpha)}}{\ln x}. \tag{3.7}$$

Consider  $S(x)$  in (3.1). We have

$$S(x) = 1 - S_2(x) - R_2(x), \tag{3.8}$$

where

$$S_2(x) := \frac{1}{G(x, y; g)} \sum_{m \leq (x+y)^{1-u}} \sum_{x/m < d \leq (x+y)/m} \frac{f(d)g(md)}{T_f(md)}.$$

We have that  $fg/T_f \in \mathcal{K}(\varkappa - \alpha, \varkappa - \varkappa\beta/\alpha)$ . In view of (3.6), Lemma 2 with  $\varphi = f$  and  $\psi = g/T_f$  yields

$$S_2(x) = S_3(x) + O(R_3(x)), \tag{3.9}$$

where

$$S_3(x) := \frac{yA(\varkappa - \alpha, \frac{fg}{T_f})}{G_x(x, y; g)} \sum_{d \leq (x+y)^{1-u}} \frac{\tilde{h}(d; f, \frac{g}{T_f})}{d \ln^{1-\varkappa+\alpha}(\frac{ex}{d})}, \\ R_3(x) := \frac{y}{G(x, y; g)} \sum_{d \leq 2x} \frac{\hat{h}(d; f, \frac{g}{T_f})}{d \ln^{2-\varkappa+\alpha}(\frac{ex}{d})}.$$

Taking  $a = 1 - \alpha$  and  $b = 2 - \varkappa + \alpha$  in (2.9) and using (3.2), we get

$$R_3(x) \ll \frac{1}{\ln x}.$$

Note that (2.5) implies  $\tilde{h} \in \mathcal{K}(\alpha, \beta) \subset \mathcal{G}(\alpha, 0)$ . Then, choosing  $h := \tilde{h}$ ,  $b = 1 - \varkappa + \alpha$ , and  $a = 1 - \alpha$  in Lemma 4 and taking into account (3.2), we obtain

$$S_3(x) = \frac{A(\alpha, \tilde{h})A(\varkappa - \alpha, \frac{fg}{T_f})}{A(\varkappa, g)} \int_0^{1-u} \frac{ds}{s^{1-\alpha}(1-s)^{1-\varkappa+\alpha}} \\ + O\left(\frac{1}{\ln^\alpha x} + \frac{1}{\ln^{\varkappa-\alpha} x} + \frac{(\ln \ln x)^{\chi(\varkappa-\alpha)}}{\ln x}\right).$$

Routine calculations show that

$$\frac{A(\varkappa - \alpha, \frac{fg}{T_f})A(\alpha, \tilde{h})}{A(\varkappa, g)} = \frac{\Gamma(\varkappa)}{\Gamma(\varkappa - \alpha)\Gamma(\alpha)}.$$

Substituting these estimates of  $S_3(x)$  and  $R_3(x)$  into (3.9), from (3.8), (3.7), (3.5), and (3.1) we deduce

$$F(x, y, u; g, f) = 1 - \frac{\Gamma(\varkappa)}{\Gamma(\varkappa - \alpha)\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_u^1 \frac{ds}{s^{1-\varkappa+\alpha}(1-s)^{1-\alpha}} \\ + O\left(\frac{1}{\ln^\alpha x} + \frac{1}{\ln^{\varkappa-\alpha} x} + \frac{(\ln \ln x)^{\chi(\varkappa-\alpha)} + (\ln \ln x)^{\chi(\alpha)}}{\ln x}\right)$$

uniformly for  $1/2 < u \leq 1$ .

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

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