# AN EXPONENTIAL DIVISOR FUNCTION OVER GAUSSIAN INTEGERS 

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#### Abstract

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Let $\tau^{(e)}: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be a multiplicative function such that $\tau^{(e)}\left(p^{a}\right)=\sum_{d \mid a} 1$. In the present paper we introduce generalizations of $\tau^{(e)}$ over the ring of Gaussian integers $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. We determine their maximal orders by proving a general result and establish asymptotic formulas for their average orders.


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Нехай $\tau^{(e)}: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ - така мультиплікативна фукція, що $\tau^{(e)}\left(p^{a}\right)=\sum_{d \mid a} 1$. У статті означені узагальнення функції $\tau^{(e)}$ на кільце гаусових цілих чисел $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. Як наслідок загального результату визначено максимальні порядки таких функцій. Також побудовано асимптотичні формули для відповідних суматорних функцій.

## 1. Introduction

In 1972 M.V. Subbarao introduced [8] exponential divisor function $\tau^{(e)}: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, which is multiplicative and

$$
\tau^{(e)}\left(p^{a}\right)=\tau(a)
$$

where $\tau: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ stands for the usual divisor function. Erdös estimated its maximal order and Subbarao proved an asymptotic formula for $\sum_{n \leqslant x} \tau^{(e)}(n)$. Later Wu [11] gave a more precise estimation:

$$
\sum_{n \leqslant x} \tau^{(e)}(n)=A x+B x^{1 / 2}+O\left(x^{\theta_{1,2}+\varepsilon}\right),
$$

where $A$ and $B$ are computable constants, $\theta_{1,2}$ is an exponent in the error term of the estimation $\sum_{a b^{2} \leqslant x} 1=\zeta(2) x+\zeta(1 / 2) x^{1 / 2}+O\left(x^{\theta_{1,2}+\varepsilon}\right)$. The best modern result [2] yields the upper bound $\theta_{1,2} \leqslant 1057 / 4785$.

In the present paper we generalize the exponential divisor function over the ring of Gaussian integers $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. Namely we introduce multiplicative functions $\tau_{*}^{(e)}: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \mathfrak{t}^{(e)}$, $\mathfrak{t}_{*}^{(e)}: \mathbb{Z}[i] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tau_{*}^{(e)}\left(p^{a}\right)=\mathfrak{t}(a), \quad \mathfrak{t}^{(e)}\left(\mathfrak{p}^{a}\right)=\tau(a), \quad \mathfrak{t}_{*}^{(e)}\left(\mathfrak{p}^{a}\right)=\mathfrak{t}(a), \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $p$ is prime over $\mathbb{Z}, \mathfrak{p}$ is prime over $\mathbb{Z}[i], \mathfrak{t}(a)$ is a number of non-associated in pairs Gaussian integer divisors of $a$.

The aims of this paper are to determine maximal orders of $\tau_{*}^{(e)}, \mathfrak{t}^{(e)}, \mathfrak{t}_{*}^{(e)}$ and to provide asymptotic formulas for $\sum_{n \leqslant x} \tau_{*}^{(e)}(n), \sum_{N(\alpha) \leqslant x}^{\prime} \mathfrak{t}^{(e)}(\alpha), \sum_{N(\alpha) \leqslant x}^{\prime} \mathfrak{t}_{*}^{(e)}(\alpha)$. A theorem on the maximal order of multiplicative functions over $\mathbb{Z}[i]$, generalizing [9], is also proved.

## 2. Notation

Let us denote the ring of Gaussian integers by $\mathbb{Z}[i], N(a+b i)=a^{2}+b^{2}$. In asymptotic relations we use $\sim, \asymp$, Landau symbols $O$ and $o$, Vinogradov symbols $\ll$ and $\gg$ in their usual meanings. All asymptotic relations are written for the argument tending to the infinity. Letters $\mathfrak{p}$ and $\mathfrak{q}$ with or without indexes denote Gaussian primes; $p$ and $q$ denote rational primes.

As usual $\zeta(s)$ denotes the Riemann zeta-function, $L(s, \chi)$ is the Dirichlet $L$-function. Let $\chi_{4}$ be the single nonprincipal character modulo 4 , then $Z(s)=\zeta(s) L\left(s, \chi_{4}\right)$ is the Hecke zetafunction for the ring of Gaussian integers. Real and imaginary components of a complex number $s$ are denoted by $\sigma:=\operatorname{Re} s$ and $t:=\operatorname{Im} s$, so $s=\sigma+i t$. We use abbreviations $\log x:=\log \log x, 1 l \log x:=\log \log \log x$.

The notation $\sum^{\prime}$ means the summation over non-associated elements of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$, and $\Pi^{\prime}$ means the similar relative to multiplication. Notation $a \sim b$ means that $a$ and $b$ are associated, that is $a / b \in\{ \pm 1, \pm i\}$. But in asymptotic relations $\sim$ preserves its usual meaning.

The letter $\gamma$ denotes the Euler-Mascheroni constant. Everywhere $\varepsilon>0$ is an arbitrarily small number (not always the same). We write $f \star g$ for the notation of the Dirichlet convolution

$$
(f \star g)(n)=\sum_{d \mid n} f(d) g(n / d) .
$$

## 3. Preliminary lemmas

We need the following auxiliary results.
Lemma 3.1 (Gauss's criterion). Gaussian integer $\mathfrak{p}$ is prime if and only if one of the following cases holds:

- $\mathfrak{p} \sim 1+i$,
- $\mathfrak{p} \sim p$, where $p \equiv 3(\bmod 4)$,
- $N(\mathfrak{p})=p$, where $p \equiv 1(\bmod 4)$.

In the last case there are exactly two non-associated $\mathfrak{p}_{1}$ and $\mathfrak{p}_{2}$ such that $N\left(\mathfrak{p}_{1}\right)=N\left(\mathfrak{p}_{2}\right)=p$.

Proof. See [1, §34].

## Lemma 3.2.

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\sum_{N(\mathfrak{p}) \leqslant x}^{\prime} 1 \sim \frac{x}{\log x}, \\
\sum_{N(\mathfrak{p}) \leqslant x}^{\prime} \log N(\mathfrak{p}) \sim x, \tag{3}
\end{array}
$$

Proof. Taking into account Gauss's criterion and the asymptotic law of distribution of primes in the arithmetic progression we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{N(\mathfrak{p}) \leqslant x}^{\prime} 1 \sim \#\{p \mid p \equiv 3(\bmod 4), p \leqslant \sqrt{x}\}+2 \#\{p \mid & p \equiv 1(\bmod 4), p \leqslant x\} \sim \\
& \sim \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\varphi(4) \log x / 2}+2 \frac{x}{\varphi(4) \log x}=\frac{x}{\log x}
\end{aligned}
$$

A partial summation with use of (2) gives us the second statement of the lemma.

## Lemma 3.3.

$$
\begin{align*}
& \max _{n \geqslant 1} \frac{\log \tau(n)}{n}=\frac{\log 2}{2},  \tag{4}\\
& \max _{n \geqslant 1} \frac{\log \mathfrak{t}(n)}{n}=\frac{\log 3}{2} . \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

Proof. It is well-known that $\tau(n) \leqslant 2 \sqrt{n}$. Indeed the set of divisors of $n$ can be divided into pairs $(d, n / d)$ and the least element of a pair is $\leqslant \sqrt{n}$. Similarly the set of non-associated Gaussian divisors of $n$ can be divided into pairs $(\alpha, \beta)$ such that $\alpha \beta \sim n$, where $N(\alpha) \leqslant n$ or $N(\beta) \leqslant n$, so $\mathfrak{t}(n) \leqslant \pi n / 2$.

Consider the functions

$$
\begin{aligned}
f(n) & =n^{-1} \log (2 \sqrt{n})=n^{-1}(\log 2+(\log n) / 2) \\
g(n) & =n^{-1} \log (\pi n / 2)=n^{-1}\left(\log \frac{\pi}{2}+(\log n)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Both functions are decreasing for $n \geqslant 3$ because $\left(n^{-1} \log n\right)^{\prime}=n^{-2}(1-\log n)$. Then due to the definition (1)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \max _{n \geqslant 1} \frac{\log \tau(n)}{n}=\max \left\{0, \frac{\log 2}{2}, \frac{\log 3}{3}, f(4)\right\}=\frac{\log 2}{2} \\
& \max _{n \geqslant 1} \frac{\log \mathfrak{t}(n)}{n}=\max \left\{0, \frac{\log 3}{2}, g(3)\right\}=\frac{\log 3}{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Lemma 3.4. Let $F: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a multiplicative function such that $F\left(p^{a}\right)=f(a)$, where $f(n) \ll n^{\beta}$ for some $\beta>0$. Then

$$
\limsup _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log F(n) \log n}{\log n}=\sup _{n \geqslant 1} \frac{\log f(n)}{n} .
$$

Proof. See [9].
Lemma 3.5. Let $f(t) \geqslant 0$. If $\int_{1}^{T} f(t) d t \ll g(T)$, where $g(T)=T^{\alpha} \log ^{\beta} T, \alpha \geqslant 1$, then

$$
I(T):=\int_{1}^{T} \frac{f(t)}{t} d t \ll\left\{\begin{array}{cl}
\log ^{\beta+1} T & \text { if } \alpha=1 \\
T^{\alpha-1} \log ^{\beta} T & \text { if } \alpha>1
\end{array}\right.
$$

Proof. Let us divide the interval of integration into parts:

$$
I(T) \leqslant \sum_{k=0}^{\log _{2} T} \int_{T / 2^{k+1}}^{T / 2^{k}} \frac{f(t)}{t} d t<\sum_{k=0}^{\log _{2} T} \frac{1}{T / 2^{k+1}} \int_{1}^{T / 2^{k}} f(t) d t \ll \sum_{k=0}^{\log _{2} T} \frac{g\left(T / 2^{k}\right)}{T / 2^{k+1}} .
$$

Now the lemma's statement follows from elementary estimates.
Lemma 3.6. Let $T>10$ and $|d-1 / 2| \ll 1 / \log T$. Then we have the following estimates

$$
\int_{d-i T}^{d+i T}|\zeta(s)|^{4} \frac{d s}{s} \ll \log ^{5} T \quad \text { and } \quad \int_{d-i T}^{d+i T}\left|L\left(s, \chi_{4}\right)\right|^{4} \frac{d s}{s} \ll \log ^{5} T,
$$

for growing $T$.
Proof. The statement is the result of the application of Lemma 3.5 to the estimates $[6, \mathrm{Th}$. 10.1, p. 75].

Lemma 3.7. Let $\theta>0$ be a value such that $\zeta(1 / 2+i t) \ll t^{\theta}$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$, and let $\eta>0$ be arbitrarily small. Then

$$
\zeta(s) \ll\left\{\begin{array}{cc}
|t|^{1 / 2-(1-2 \theta) \sigma}, & \sigma \in[0,1 / 2], \\
|t|^{2 \theta(1-\sigma)}, & \sigma \in[1 / 2,1-\eta], \\
|t|^{2 \theta(1-\sigma)} \log ^{2 / 3}|t|, & \sigma \in[1-\eta, 1], \\
\log ^{2 / 3}|t|, & \sigma \geqslant 1 .
\end{array}\right.
$$

The same estimates are valid for $L\left(s, \chi_{4}\right)$ as well.
Proof. The statement follows from Phragmén-Lindelöf principle, exact and approximate functional equations for $\zeta(s)$ and $L\left(s, \chi_{4}\right)$. See [4] and [10] for details.

The best modern result [3] is that $\theta \leqslant 32 / 205+\varepsilon$.

## 4. Main results

First we give maximal orders of $\tau_{*}^{(e)}, \mathfrak{t}^{(e)}$ and $\mathfrak{t}_{*}^{(e)}$.
The following theorem generalizes Lemma 3.4 to Gaussian integers; the proof's outline follows the proof of Lemma 3.4 in [9].

Theorem 4.1. Let $F: \mathbb{Z}[i] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a multiplicative function such that $F\left(\mathfrak{p}^{a}\right)=f(a)$, where $f(n) \ll n^{\beta}$ for some $\beta>0$. Then

$$
\limsup _{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log F(\alpha) \log N(\alpha)}{\log N(\alpha)}=\sup _{n \geqslant 1} \frac{\log f(n)}{n}:=K_{f} .
$$

Proof. Let us fix arbitrarily small $\varepsilon>0$.
Firstly, let us show that there are infinitely many $\alpha$ such that

$$
\frac{\log F(\alpha) \log N(\alpha)}{\log N(\alpha)}>K_{f}-\varepsilon .
$$

By definition of $K_{f}$ we can choose $l$ such that $(\log f(l)) / l>K_{f}-\varepsilon / 2$. It follows from (3) that for $x \geqslant 2$ the inequality $\sum_{N(\mathfrak{p}) \leqslant x}^{\prime} \log N(\mathfrak{p})>A x$ holds, where $0<A<1$.

Let $\mathfrak{q}$ be an arbitrarily large Gaussian prime, $N(\mathfrak{q}) \geqslant 2$. Consider

$$
r=\sum_{N(\mathfrak{p}) \leqslant N(\mathfrak{q})}^{\prime} 1 \quad \text { and } \quad \alpha=\prod_{N(\mathfrak{p}) \leqslant N(\mathfrak{q})}^{\prime} \mathfrak{p}^{l} .
$$

Then $F(\alpha)=(f(l))^{r}$ and we have

$$
\begin{gather*}
r \log N(\mathfrak{q}) \geqslant \frac{\log N(\alpha)}{l}=\sum_{N(\mathfrak{p}) \leqslant N(\mathfrak{q})}^{\prime} \log N(\mathfrak{p})>A N(\mathfrak{q}),  \tag{6}\\
\log F(\alpha)=r \log f(l) \geqslant \frac{\log N(\alpha)}{\log N(\mathfrak{q})} \frac{\log f(l)}{l} . \tag{7}
\end{gather*}
$$

But (6) implies

$$
\log A+\log N(\mathfrak{q})<\log \frac{\log N(\alpha)}{l} \leqslant \log N(\alpha),
$$

so $\log N(\mathfrak{q})<\operatorname{llog} N(\alpha)-\log A$. Then it follows from (7) that

$$
\log F(\alpha)>\frac{\log N(\alpha)}{\log N(\alpha)-\log A} \frac{\log f(l)}{l}
$$

and since $(\log f(l)) / l>K_{f}-\varepsilon / 2$ and $A<1$ we have

$$
\frac{\log F(\alpha) \log N(\alpha)}{\log N(\alpha)}>\frac{\log N(\alpha)}{\log N(\alpha)-\log A}\left(K_{f}-\varepsilon / 2\right)>K_{f}-\varepsilon .
$$

Second, let us show the existence of $N(\varepsilon)$ such that for all $n \geqslant N(\varepsilon)$ we get

$$
\frac{\log F(n) \log N(\alpha)}{\log N(\alpha)}<(1+\varepsilon) K_{f} .
$$

Let us choose $\delta \in(0, \varepsilon)$ and $\eta \in(0, \delta /(1+\delta))$. Suppose $N(\alpha) \geqslant 3$, and put

$$
\omega:=\omega(\alpha)=\frac{(1+\delta) K_{f}}{\log N(\alpha)}, \quad \Omega:=\Omega(\alpha)=\log ^{1-\eta} N(\alpha) .
$$

By choice of $\delta$ and $\eta$ we have

$$
\Omega^{\omega}=\exp (\omega \log \Omega)=\exp \left((1-\eta)(1+\delta) K_{f}\right)>e^{K_{f}} .
$$

Suppose that the canonical expansion of $\alpha$ is

$$
\alpha \sim \mathfrak{p}_{1}^{a_{1}} \cdots p_{r}^{a_{r}} \mathfrak{q}_{1}^{b_{1}} \cdots \mathfrak{q}_{s}^{b_{s}},
$$

where $N\left(\mathfrak{p}_{k}\right) \leqslant \Omega$ and $N\left(\mathfrak{q}_{k}\right)>\Omega$. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{F(\alpha)}{N^{\omega}(\alpha)}=\prod_{k=1}^{r} \frac{f\left(a_{k}\right)}{N^{\omega a_{k}}\left(\mathfrak{p}_{k}\right)} \cdot \prod_{k=1}^{s} \frac{f\left(b_{k}\right)}{N^{\omega b_{k}}\left(\mathfrak{q}_{k}\right)}:=\Pi_{1} \cdot \Pi_{2} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Because of $\Omega^{\omega}>e^{K_{f}}$ and $K_{f} \geqslant\left(\log f\left(b_{k}\right)\right) / b_{k}$, we get

$$
\frac{f\left(b_{k}\right)}{N^{\omega} b_{k}\left(q_{k}\right)}<\frac{f\left(b_{k}\right)}{\Omega^{\omega b_{k}}}<\frac{f\left(b_{k}\right)}{e^{K_{f} b_{k}}} \leqslant 1,
$$

which implies $\Pi_{2} \leqslant 1$. Consider $\Pi_{1}$. From the statement of the theorem we have $f(n) \ll n^{\beta}$, so

$$
\frac{f\left(a_{k}\right)}{N^{\omega a_{k}}\left(p_{k}\right)} \ll \frac{a_{k}^{\beta}}{(\omega)^{a_{k} \beta}} \ll \omega^{-\beta} .
$$

Then

$$
\log \Pi_{1} \ll \Omega \log w^{-\beta} \ll \log ^{1-\eta} N(\alpha) 11 \log N(\alpha)=o\left(\frac{\log N(\alpha)}{\log N(\alpha)}\right)
$$

And finally by (8) we get

$$
\log F(n)=\omega \log n+\log \Pi_{1}+\log \Pi_{2}=\frac{(1+\delta) K_{f} \log n}{\log n}+\frac{(\varepsilon-\delta) K_{f} \log n}{\log n} .
$$

## Theorem 4.2.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \limsup _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \tau_{*}^{(e)}(n) \log n}{\log n}=\frac{\log 3}{2}, \\
& \limsup _{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \mathfrak{t}^{(e)}(\alpha) \log N(\alpha)}{\log N(\alpha)}=\frac{\log 2}{2}, \\
& \limsup _{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \mathfrak{t}_{*}^{(e)}(\alpha) \log N(\alpha)}{\log N(\alpha)}=\frac{\log 3}{2} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Proof. The first statement follows from (4) and Lemma 3.4. The second and the third statements follow from (4), (5) and Theorem 4.1.

A simple corollary of the Theorem 4.2 is that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tau_{*}^{(e)}(n) \ll n^{\varepsilon}, \quad \mathfrak{t}^{(e)}(\alpha) \ll N^{\varepsilon}(\alpha), \quad \mathfrak{t}_{*}^{(e)}(\alpha) \ll N^{\varepsilon}(\alpha) . \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now we are ready to provide asymptotic formulas for sums of $\tau_{*}^{(e)}(n), \mathfrak{t}^{(e)}(\alpha), \mathfrak{t}_{*}^{(e)}(\alpha)$.
Let us denote

$$
\begin{aligned}
G_{*}(s):=\sum_{n} \tau_{*}^{(e)}(n) n^{-s}, & T_{*}(x):=\sum_{n \leqslant x} \tau_{*}^{(e)}(n), \\
F(s):=\sum_{\alpha}^{\prime} \mathfrak{t}^{(e)}(\alpha) N^{-s}(\alpha), & M(x):=\sum_{N(\alpha) \leqslant x}^{\prime} \mathfrak{t}^{(e)}(\alpha), \\
F_{*}(s):=\sum_{\alpha}^{\prime} \mathfrak{t}_{*}^{(e)}(\alpha) N^{-s}(\alpha), & M_{*}(x):=\sum_{N(\alpha) \leqslant x}^{\prime} \mathfrak{t}_{*}^{(e)}(\alpha) .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Lemma 4.3.

$$
\begin{align*}
G_{*}(s) & =\frac{\zeta(s) \zeta^{2}(2 s) \zeta(5 s)}{\zeta(3 s)} K_{*}(s)  \tag{10}\\
F(s) & =\frac{Z(s) Z(2 s) Z(6 s)}{Z(5 s) Z(7 s)} H(s)  \tag{11}\\
F_{*}(s) & =\frac{Z(s) Z^{2}(2 s) Z(5 s)}{Z(3 s)} H_{*}(s) \tag{12}
\end{align*}
$$

where Dirichlet series $H(s)$ is absolutely convergent for $\operatorname{Re} s>1 / 8$ and the Dirichlet series for $H_{*}(s), K_{*}(s)$ are absolutely convergent for $\operatorname{Re} s>1 / 6$.

Proof. Bell series for $\mathfrak{t}^{(e)}$ have the following representation.
$\mathfrak{t}_{\mathfrak{p}}^{(e)}(x)=\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathfrak{t}^{(e)}\left(\mathfrak{p}^{k}\right) x^{k}=1+x+2 x^{2}+2 x^{3}+3 x^{4}+2 x^{5}+4 x^{6}+O\left(x^{7}\right)=\frac{\left(1-x^{5}\right)\left(1+O\left(x^{7}\right)\right)}{(1-x)\left(1-x^{2}\right)\left(1-x^{6}\right)}$.
In the case of $\mathfrak{t}_{*}^{(e)}$ we have
$\mathfrak{t}_{* \mathfrak{p}}^{(e)}(x)=\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathfrak{t}_{*}^{(e)}\left(\mathfrak{p}^{k}\right) x^{k}=1+x+3 x^{2}+2 x^{3}+5 x^{4}+4 x^{5}+6 x^{6}+O\left(x^{7}\right)=\frac{\left(1-x^{3}\right)\left(1+O\left(x^{6}\right)\right)}{(1-x)\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{2}\left(1-x^{5}\right)}$
and the same for $\tau_{* p}^{(e)}$.
Now (10), (11) and (12) follow from the representations of $G_{*}, F, F_{*}, \zeta$ and $Z$ in the form of infinite products by $p$ or $\mathfrak{p}$ :

$$
\begin{gathered}
G_{*}(s)=\prod_{p} \tau_{* p}^{(e)}\left(p^{-s}\right), \quad \zeta(s)=\prod_{p}\left(1-p^{-s}\right)^{-1} \\
F(s)=\prod_{\mathfrak{p}} \mathfrak{t}_{\mathfrak{p}}^{(e)}\left(\mathfrak{p}^{-s}\right), \quad F_{*}(s)=\prod_{\mathfrak{p}} \mathfrak{f}_{* \mathfrak{p}}^{(e)}\left(\mathfrak{p}^{-s}\right), \quad Z(s)=\prod_{\mathfrak{p}}\left(1-\mathfrak{p}^{-s}\right)^{-1} .
\end{gathered}
$$

Theorem 4.4. $T_{*}(x)=A_{1} x+A_{2} x^{1 / 2} \log x+A_{3} x^{1 / 2}+O\left(x^{1 / 3+\varepsilon}\right)$, where $A_{1}, A_{2}, A_{3}$ are computable constants.

Proof. Identity (10) implies

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tau_{*}^{(e)}=\tau(1,2,2 ; \cdot) \star f, \quad T_{*}(x)=\sum_{n \leqslant x} T(1,2,2 ; x / n) f(n), \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\tau(1,2,2 ; n)=\sum_{a b^{2} c^{2}=n} 1, \quad T(1,2,2 ; x):=\sum_{n \leqslant x} \tau(1,2,2 ; n)=\sum_{a b^{2} c^{2} \leqslant x} 1,
$$

and series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n) n^{-\sigma}$ is absolutely convergent for $\sigma>1 / 3$. Due to $[5,(6.4),(6.16)]$ we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
T(1,2,2 ; x)=\zeta^{2}(2) x+\frac{1}{2} \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) x^{1 / 2} \log x+\left((2 \gamma-1) \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)+\frac{1}{2} \zeta^{\prime}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) x^{1 / 2}+O\left(x^{8 / 25+\varepsilon}\right) \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let us define $C_{1}=\zeta^{2}(2), C_{2}=\zeta(1 / 2) / 2, C_{3}=(2 \gamma-1) \zeta(1 / 2)+\zeta^{\prime}(1 / 2) / 2$ and

$$
f_{1}=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(n)}{n}, \quad f_{2}=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(n)}{n^{1 / 2}}, \quad f_{3}=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(n) \log n}{n^{1 / 2}} .
$$

One can get the following estimations.

$$
\begin{align*}
\sum_{n>x} \frac{f(n)}{n} & =O\left(x^{-2 / 3+\varepsilon} \sum_{n>x} \frac{f(n)}{n^{1 / 3+\varepsilon}}\right)=O\left(x^{-2 / 3+\varepsilon}\right),  \tag{15}\\
\sum_{n>x} \frac{f(n)}{n^{1 / 2}} & =O\left(x^{-1 / 6+\varepsilon} \sum_{n>x} \frac{f(n)}{n^{1 / 3+\varepsilon}}\right)=O\left(x^{-1 / 6+\varepsilon}\right),  \tag{16}\\
\sum_{n>x} \frac{f(n) \log n}{n^{1 / 2}} & =O\left(x^{-1 / 6+\varepsilon} \sum_{n>x} \frac{f(n) \log n}{n^{1 / 3+\varepsilon}}\right)=O\left(x^{-1 / 6+\varepsilon}\right) . \tag{17}
\end{align*}
$$

Finally we get by substitution of estimates (14), (15), (16) and (17) into (13)

$$
\begin{gathered}
T_{*}(x)=C_{1} x \sum_{n \leqslant x} \frac{f(n)}{n}+C_{2} x^{1 / 2} \log x \sum_{n \leqslant x} \frac{f(n)}{n^{1 / 2}}-C_{2} x^{1 / 2} \sum_{n \leqslant x} \frac{f(n) \log n}{n^{1 / 2}}+C_{3} x^{1 / 2} \sum_{n \leqslant x} \frac{f(n)}{n^{1 / 2}}+ \\
+O\left(x^{8 / 25+\varepsilon}\right)=C_{1} f_{1} x+C_{2} f_{2} x^{1 / 2} \log x+\left(C_{3} f_{2}-C_{2} f_{3}\right) x^{1 / 2}+O\left(x^{1 / 3+\varepsilon}\right) .
\end{gathered}
$$

## Lemma 4.5.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\underset{s=1}{\operatorname{res}} F(s) x^{s} / s=C x, \quad \underset{s=1}{\operatorname{res}} F_{*}(s) x^{s} / s=C_{*} x, \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
& C=\frac{\pi}{4} \prod_{\mathfrak{p}}\left(1+\sum_{a=2}^{\infty} \frac{\tau(a)-\tau(a-1)}{N^{a}(\mathfrak{p})}\right) \approx 1,156101,  \tag{19}\\
& C_{*}=\frac{\pi}{4} \prod_{\mathfrak{p}}\left(1+\sum_{a=2}^{\infty} \frac{\mathfrak{t}(a)-\mathfrak{t}(a-1)}{N^{a}(\mathfrak{p})}\right) \approx 1,524172 . \tag{20}
\end{align*}
$$

Proof. As a consequence of the representation (11) we have

$$
\frac{F(s)}{Z(s)}=\prod_{p}\left(1+\sum_{a=1}^{\infty} \frac{\tau(a)}{N^{a s}(\mathfrak{p})}\right)\left(1-\mathfrak{p}^{-1}\right)=\prod_{\mathfrak{p}}\left(1+\sum_{a=2}^{\infty} \frac{\tau(a)-\tau(a-1)}{N^{a s}(\mathfrak{p})}\right)
$$

and so function $F(s) / Z(s)$ is regular in the neighbourhood of $s=1$. At the same time we have

$$
\operatorname{res}_{s=1}^{\operatorname{res}} Z(s)=L\left(1, \chi_{4}\right) \underset{s=1}{\operatorname{res}} \zeta(s)=\frac{\pi}{4},
$$

which implies (19). The proof of (20) is similar.
Numerical values of $C$ and $C_{*}$ in (19) and (20) were calculated in PARI/GP [7] with the use of the transformation

$$
\prod_{\mathfrak{p}} f(N(\mathfrak{p}))=f(2) \prod_{p=4 k+1} f(p)^{2} \prod_{p=4 k+3} f\left(p^{2}\right)
$$

due to Lemma 3.1.

## Theorem 4.6.

$$
\begin{align*}
M(x) & =C x+O\left(x^{1 / 2} \log ^{13 / 3} x\right)  \tag{21}\\
M_{*}(x) & =C_{*} x+O\left(x^{1 / 2} \log ^{17 / 3} x\right) \tag{22}
\end{align*}
$$

where $C$ and $C_{*}$ were defined in (19) and (20).

Proof. By Perron formula and by (9) for $c=1+1 / \log x, \log T \asymp \log x$ we have

$$
M(x)=\frac{1}{2 \pi i} \int_{c-i T}^{c+i T} F(s) x^{s} s^{-1} d s+O\left(\frac{x^{1+\varepsilon}}{T}\right)
$$

Suppose $d=1 / 2-1 / \log x$. Let us shift the interval of integration to $[d-i T, d+i T]$. To do this consider an integral about a closed rectangle path with vertexes in $d-i T, d+i T$, $c+i T$ and $c-i T$. There are two poles in $s=1$ and $s=1 / 2$ inside the contour. The residue at $s=1$ was calculated in (18). The residue at $s=1 / 2$ is equal to $D x^{1 / 2}, D=$ const and will be absorbed by error term (see below).

Identity (11) implies $F(s)=Z(s) Z(2 s) H(s)$, where $H(s)$ is regular for $\operatorname{Re} s>1 / 3$, so for each $\varepsilon>0$ it is uniformly bounded for $\operatorname{Re} s>1 / 3+\varepsilon$.

Let us estimate the error term using Lemma 3.6 and Lemma 3.7. The error term absorbs values of integrals about three sides of the integration's rectangle. We take into account $Z(s)=\zeta(s) L\left(s, \chi_{4}\right)$. On the horizontal segments we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int_{d+i T}^{c+i T} Z(s) Z(2 s) \frac{x^{s}}{s} d s & \ll \max _{\sigma \in[d, c]} Z(\sigma+i T) Z(2 \sigma+2 i T) x^{\sigma} T^{-1} \ll \\
& \ll x^{1 / 2} T^{2 \theta-1} \log ^{4 / 3} T+x T^{-1} \log ^{4 / 3} T
\end{aligned}
$$

It is well-known that $\zeta(s) \sim(s-1)^{-1}$ in the neighborhood of $s=1$. So on the vertical segment we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \int_{d}^{d+i} Z(s) Z(2 s) \frac{x^{s}}{s} d s \ll x^{1 / 2} \int_{0}^{1} \zeta(2 d+2 i t) d t \ll x^{1 / 2} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{d t}{|i t-1 / \log x|} \ll x^{1 / 2} \log x \\
& \begin{aligned}
\int_{d+i}^{d+i T} Z(s) Z(2 s) \frac{x^{s}}{s} d s \ll
\end{aligned} \\
& \ll\left(\left(\int_{1}^{T}|\zeta(1 / 2+i t)|^{4} \frac{d t}{t} \int_{1}^{T}\left|L\left(1 / 2+i t, \chi_{4}\right)\right|^{4} \frac{d t}{t}\right)^{1 / 2} \int_{1}^{T}|Z(1+2 i t)|^{2} \frac{d t}{t}\right)^{1 / 2} \ll \\
& \ll x^{1 / 2}\left(\log ^{5} T \cdot \log ^{8 / 3+1} T\right)^{1 / 2} \ll x^{1 / 2} \log ^{13 / 3} T
\end{aligned}
$$

The choice $T=x^{1 / 2+\varepsilon}$ finishes the proof of (21).
The proof of (22) is similar.

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