

On the Number of Prime Factors of Integers

to Professor IKUZO YAMAMOTO on his 70th Birthday

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1. Introduction. Throughout the paper, the letters p, p_1, p_2, \dots will be reserved for prime numbers. Let $\omega(n)$ be the number of distinct prime factors of a positive integer n , and let x be a positive real number. Let $f_i(\xi)$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$) be polynomials in ξ , satisfying the following conditions :

- (c₁) Each $f_i(\xi)$, ($1 \leq i \leq k$) has integral coefficients ;
- (c₂) Each $f_i(\xi)$, ($1 \leq i \leq k$) is of positive degree ;
- (c₃) Each $f_i(\xi)$, ($1 \leq i \leq k$) is positive for $\xi \geq 1$;
- (c₄) $f_1(\xi), \dots, f_k(\xi)$ are relatively prime in pairs.

Let r_i ($1 \leq i \leq k$) be the number of the primitive and irreducible factors of $f_i(\xi)$. Let c_1, c_2, \dots , be positive absolute constants. We put $g(x) = (\ln \ln x)^{1/4k} (\ln \ln \ln x)^{1/2k}$. Let $A\{\dots\}$ denote the number of positive integers with some conditions..... We put, for integers $n \geq 3$ and for $1 \leq i \leq k$,

$$\frac{\omega\{f_i(n)\} - r_i \ln \ln n}{\sqrt{r_i \ln \ln n}} = u_i(n)$$

To each integer $n \geq 3$, there corresponds a point $(u_1(n), \dots, u_k(n))$ in a k -dimensional space R^k . Let E be a Jordan-measurable set, bounded or unbounded, in R . Let $A(x; E)$ denote the number of integers n ($3 \leq n \leq x$), for which the points $(u_1(n), \dots, u_k(n))$ belong to the set E . Tanaka obtained the following Theorem A :

Theorem A.
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(x; E)}{x} = (2\pi)^{-k/2} \int_E \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k u_i^2\right) du_1 \dots du_k.$$

The integral is the sense of Riemann. [3].

Similarly, by using the sieve method of A. Selberg [2], [1] and Tanaka's method [3], we shall prove the following main theorem :

Main Theorem. Let α_i, β_i ($1 \leq i \leq k$) be any real numbers with $\alpha_i < \beta_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$). We put

$$A(x) = A\left\{3 \leq n \leq x ; r_i \ln \ln n + \alpha_i \sqrt{r_i \ln \ln n} < \omega\{f_i(n)\} < r_i \ln \ln n + \beta_i \sqrt{r_i \ln \ln n}\right\},$$

($1 \leq i \leq k$).

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Then we have

$$\frac{A(x)}{x} = (2\pi)^{-k/2} \prod_{i=1}^k \int_{\alpha_i}^{\beta_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u_i^2} du_i + O\left(\frac{\mu^{2(k+1)} (\ln \ln x)^{1-1/2k}}{(\ln x)^{1/4k}}\right),$$

where
$$\mu = \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} (1, |\alpha_i|, |\beta_i|).$$

The O -term is uniform with respect to sufficiently large x .

2. Selberg's sieve method.

Lemma 1. Let n be a positive integer. Let $z \geq 2$, $\ln z \geq c_1 \ln n$, where c_1 is a sufficiently small constant. Let Q be an arbitrary set of primes, none of which exceeds z . Let D be the set of all positive square-free integers which are divisible only by primes of Q ; assume that $1 \in D$. Further, let $a(m)$ ($1 \leq m \leq n$) be integers, such that the number of all $a(m)$ ($1 \leq m \leq n$) which are divisible by an integer d of D is equal to $n\vartheta(d) + R(d)$, where $\vartheta(d)$ is a multiplicative function, defined on D ,

$$0 \leq \vartheta(d) < 1 \text{ for } d > 1, \quad |R(d)| \leq c_2 d \vartheta(d),$$

$$\vartheta(p) \leq \frac{c_3}{c_3 + p} \text{ for } p \in Q.$$

Then the number of $a(m)$ ($1 \leq m \leq n$) which are not divisible by any prime of Q is

$$n \prod_{p \in Q} (1 - \vartheta(p)) \left\{ 1 + O\left(e^{-c_4 \frac{\ln n}{\ln z}}\right) \right\}.$$

Proof. Kubilius [1], lemma 1-4.

We shall denote by l_i ($1 \leq i \leq k$) the degree of the polynomial $f_i(\xi)$, and for any prime p , we denote by $\nu_i(p)$ the number of incongruent solutions of the congruence $f_i(\xi) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. We put

$$l = l_1 + \dots + l_k.$$

$$\nu(p) = \nu_1(p) + \dots + \nu_k(p).$$

It is plain that $\nu_i(p) \leq l_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$ and $\nu(p) \leq l$.

In virtue of the condition (c_4) we can take a positive number r_1 such that, for any prime $p > r_1$, no two of the congruences $f_i(\xi) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$) have common solution and therefore the congruence

$$f_1(\xi) \dots f_k(\xi) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad (p > r_1)$$

has $\nu(p)$ incongruent solutions (see lemma 2-1 of [3]).

Lemma 2. Let a be an integer, and let $d < x$ be a positive integer. Let $z \geq 2$, $z < c_5 \ln x$, where c_5 is a sufficiently small constant. Let p_j ($1 \leq j \leq h$) be prime numbers such that $p_j \nmid d$ ($1 \leq j \leq h$) and $\max(r_1, l) < p_j \leq z$ ($1 \leq j \leq h$). We put

$$F(x; a, d; p_1, p_2, \dots, p_h)$$

$$= A\{n \leq x; n \equiv a \pmod{d}; f_1(n) \dots f_h(n) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p_j} (1 \leq j \leq h)\}.$$

Then, we have uniformly with respect to sufficiently large x ,

$$F(x; a, d; p_1, \dots, p_h) = \frac{x}{d} \prod_{j=1}^h \left(1 - \frac{\nu(p_j)}{p_j}\right) \left\{1 + O\left(e^{-c_6 \frac{\ln x}{\ln z}}\right)\right\}.$$

Proof. Clearly, we can assume that $-d < a \leq 0$. For any numbers $n \leq x$ which satisfy $n \equiv a \pmod{d}$, we put $n = a + td$, ($1 \leq t \leq n_1$), $n_1 = \left\lfloor \frac{x-a}{d} \right\rfloor$. Thus $F(x; a, d; p_1, \dots, p_h)$ is equal to the number of t ($1 \leq t \leq n_1$) satisfying the conditions $f_1(a+td) \dots f_h(a+td) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p_j}$ ($1 \leq j \leq h$). Let H be the set of all positive square-free integers which are divisible only by primes p_j ($1 \leq j \leq h$). We denote by $\nu(g)$ the number of incongruent solutions of the congruence $f_1(\xi) \dots f_h(\xi) \equiv 0 \pmod{g}$, where g is an element of the set H . Then $\nu(g)$ is a multiplicative function defined on H . Since $(d, g) = 1$, the number of incongruent solutions of the congruence $f_1(a+\xi d) \dots f_h(a+\xi d) \equiv 0 \pmod{g}$ is equal to $\nu(g)$. If we denote by S_0 the number of t ($1 \leq t \leq n_1$) satisfying the condition $f_1(a+td) \dots f_h(a+td) \equiv 0 \pmod{g}$ and put $\vartheta(g) = \frac{\nu(g)}{g}$, then we have

$$S_0 = n_1 \vartheta(g) + R(g) \text{ for } g > 1, |R(g)| < g \vartheta(g),$$

$$\vartheta(p_j) = \frac{\nu(p_j)}{p_j} \leq \frac{l}{p_j} \leq \frac{c_7}{p_j + c_7} \quad (1 \leq j \leq h).$$

By lemma 1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(x; a, d; p_1, \dots, p_h) &= n_1 \prod_{j=1}^h (1 - \vartheta(p_j)) \left\{1 + O\left(e^{-c_8 \frac{\ln n_1}{\ln z}}\right)\right\} \\ &= \frac{x}{d} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) \prod_{j=1}^h (1 - \vartheta(p_j)) \left\{1 + O\left(e^{-c_8 \frac{\ln x}{\ln z}}\right)\right\} \\ &= \frac{x}{d} \prod_{j=1}^h \left(1 - \frac{\nu(p_j)}{p_j}\right) \left\{1 + O\left(e^{-c_6 \frac{\ln x}{\ln z}}\right)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

3. The proof of the main theorem.

We denote by $\pi = \pi(x)$ the set of all prime numbers p which lie in the interval

$$e^{(\ln \ln x)^2} < p < x^{1/(8r \ln \ln x)}.$$

Let $\omega'(n)$ be the number of distinct prime factors p ($p \in \pi$) of n . The following three lemmas are obtained by Tanaka [3].

Lemma 3.

$$A \{n \leq x; \exists i, \omega\{f_i(n)\} - \omega\{f_i(n)\} > g(x)\} = O\left(\frac{x \ln \ln x}{g(x)}\right),$$

where $g(x) = (\ln \ln x)^{1/4k} (\ln \ln \ln x)^{1/2k}$.

Proof. Tanaka [1] lemma 3-1.

Lemma 4. For x so large that any prime which belongs to the set π is greater than l , we put

$$y_i = y_i(x) = \prod_{p \in \pi} \frac{(p-1)\nu_i(p)}{p(p-\nu(p))} \quad (1 \leq i \leq k),$$

then we have

$$y_i = r_i \ln x + O(\ln \ln x) \quad (1 \leq i \leq k).$$

Proof. Tanaka [3], lemma 3-2.

We shall denote by $\mathfrak{M}(t)$, where t is a positive integer, the set of positive numbers n subject to the following conditions: (i) n is composed only of primes which belong to the set π ; (ii) n is square-free; (iii) n has t prime factors.

Lemma 5. *Let t_1, \dots, t_k be positive integers such that $t_i < 2r_i \ln x$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$), then we have*

$$\sum_{m_i \in \mathfrak{M}(t_i)} \frac{\nu_1(m_1) \dots \nu_k(m_k)}{m_1' \dots m_k'} = \frac{y_1^{t_1} \dots y_k^{t_k}}{t_1! \dots t_k!} + O\left(\frac{1}{\ln x}\right),$$

where the summation on the left-hand side is extended over the systems of positive integers (m_1, \dots, m_k) subject to the conditions that $m_i \in \mathfrak{M}(t_i)$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$), and furthermore that m_1, \dots, m_k are relatively prime in pairs, the latter condition being signified by the dash attached to Σ . The meaning of $\nu_1(m_1), \dots, \nu_k(m_k)$ and m_1', \dots, m_k' are as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_i(m_i) &= \prod_{p|m_i} \nu_i(p) & (1 \leq i \leq k), \\ m_i' &= \prod_{p|m_i} \frac{p(p-\nu(p))}{p-1} & (1 \leq i \leq k). \end{aligned}$$

The O-term is uniform with respect to the numbers t_1, \dots, t_k such that $t_i < 2r_i \ln x$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$).

Proof. Tanaka [3], lemma 3-3.

Now we put

$$\begin{aligned} G(x; t_1, \dots, t_k) &= A\{n \leq x; \omega'\{f_i(n)\} = t_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k\}, \\ G(x; t_1, \dots, t_k) &= A\{n \leq x: \omega'\{f_i(n)\} = t_i, p^2 \nmid f_i(n) \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k, p \in \pi\}, \\ H(x; m_1, \dots, m_k) &= A\{n \leq x; m_i | f_i(n), p \nmid f_i(n)/m_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k, p \in \pi\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$(1) \quad G(x; t_1, \dots, t_k) = G'(x; t_1, \dots, t_k) + O\left(\frac{x}{\ln x}\right)$$

and

$$(2) \quad G'(x; t_1, \dots, t_k) = \sum_{m_i \in \mathfrak{M}(t_i)} H(x; m_1, \dots, m_k).$$

We denote by p_1, \dots, p_h the primes which belong to the set π and do not divide m_1, \dots, m_k .

Lemma 6.

$$H(x; m_1, \dots, m_k) = x \frac{\varphi(m_1) \dots \varphi(m_k) \nu_1(m_1) \dots \nu_k(m_k)}{m_1^2 \dots m_k^2} \prod_{j=1}^h \left(1 - \frac{\nu(p_j)}{p_j}\right) \left\{1 + O\left(\frac{1}{(\ln x)^{c_{10}}}\right)\right\},$$

where $\varphi(m)$ is Euler's function.

The proof is similar to that of [T]. We have

$$(3) \quad H(x; m_1, \dots, m_k) = \sum_{\sigma=1}^s F(x; a_\sigma; m_1^2 \dots m_k^2; p_1, \dots, p_k),$$

where $s = \varphi(m_1) \dots \varphi(m_k) \nu_1(m_1) \dots \nu_k(m_k)$. If we take sufficiently large x , and we put $z = x^{1/(8r \ln l_n x)}$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{(r_1, l)} \langle e^{(l \ln l_n x)^2} \rangle &< p_j \quad (1 \leq j \leq h), \\ m_1^2 \dots m_k^2 &< (x^{1/8r \ln l_n x})^{4r \ln l_n x} = \sqrt{x}, \\ \ln \ln z &\leq c_5 \ln x. \end{aligned}$$

From lemma 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &F(x; a_\sigma, m_1^2 \dots m_k^2; p_1, \dots, p_k) \\ &= \frac{x}{m_1^2 \dots m_k^2} \prod_{j=1}^h \left(1 - \frac{\nu(p_j)}{p_j}\right) \left\{1 + O\left(\frac{1}{(\ln x)^{c_{10}}}\right)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

From this and (3) we obtain.

Lemma 7. Let t_1, \dots, t_k be positive integers such that $t_i < 2r_i \ln l_n x$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$), then we have

$$G(x; t_1, \dots, t_k) = x \frac{e^{-(y_1 + \dots + y_k)} y_1^{t_1} \dots y_k^{t_k}}{t_1! \dots t_k!} + O\left(\frac{x}{(\ln x)^{c_{11}}}\right).$$

Proof. By (1), (2), lemma 5 and lemma 6 we have

$$G(x; t_1, \dots, t_k) = x \prod_{p \in \pi} \left(1 - \frac{\nu(p)}{p}\right) \left\{ \frac{y_1^{t_1} \dots y_k^{t_k}}{t_1! \dots t_k!} + O\left(\frac{1}{\ln x}\right) \right\} \left\{1 + O\left(\frac{1}{(\ln x)^{c_{10}}}\right)\right\}.$$

We derive from simple calculations

$$\prod_{p \in \pi} \left(1 - \frac{\nu(p)}{p}\right) = e^{-(y_1 + \dots + y_k)} \left\{1 + O\left(\frac{1}{\ln x}\right)\right\}.$$

From this we obtain the lemma.

For given x , the system of real numbers $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_k, \beta_k)$ is said to be admissible if there exists at least one positive integer n satisfying

$$y_i(x) + \alpha_i \sqrt{y_i(x)} < n < y_i(x) + \beta_i \sqrt{y_i(x)} \quad (1 \leq i \leq k).$$

Lemma 8. We put $\mu = \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} (1, |\alpha_i|, |\beta_i|)$. Let x be a sufficiently large real number. Let $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_k, \beta_k)$ be an admissible system with $\mu^6 < y_i(x)$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$). Let $t_i = y_i(x) + u_i \sqrt{y_i(x)}$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$) be arbitrary positive integers with $\alpha_i < u_i < \beta_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$). Then we have

$$G(x; t_1, \dots, t_k) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{k}{2}} (y_1 \dots y_k)^{-\frac{1}{2}} x e^{-\frac{1}{2}(u_1^2 + \dots + u_k^2)} + O\left(\frac{\mu^3 x}{(\ln x)^{k/2} (\ln x)^{1/2}}\right).$$

The O-term is uniform with respect to t_1, \dots, t_k , that is, u_1, \dots, u_k .

Proof. Tanaka [3], Lemma 3.7.

When t is a positive integer, we have Stirling's formula

$$t! = 2\pi t^{t+\frac{1}{2}} e^{-t} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)\right).$$

Here we put $t = y + u\sqrt{y}$, we obtain

$$t! = 2\pi y^t e^{-y+\frac{1}{2}u^2} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{u^3}{y}\right)\right) \quad (|u^3| < \sqrt{y}).$$

From this and lemma 7, $G(x; t_1, \dots, t_k)$ may also be written

$$\begin{aligned} G(x; t_1, \dots, t_k) &= (2\pi)^{-\frac{k}{2}} (y_1 \dots y_k)^{-\frac{1}{2}} x e^{-\frac{1}{2}(u_1^2 + \dots + u_k^2)} \prod_{i=1}^k \left(1 + O\left(\frac{u_i^3}{\sqrt{y_i}}\right)\right) \\ &\quad + O\left(\frac{1}{(\ln x)^{c_{12}}}\right) \\ &= (2\pi)^{-\frac{k}{2}} (y_1 \dots y_k)^{-\frac{1}{2}} x e^{-\frac{1}{2}(u_1^2 + \dots + u_k^2)} + O\left(\frac{\mu^3 x}{(\ln x)^{k/2} (\ln x)^{1/2}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 9. We put

$$B^*(x) = A \{n \leq x; y_i + \alpha_i \sqrt{y_i} < \omega' \{f_i(n)\} < y_i + \beta_i \sqrt{y_i} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k\},$$

then we have

$$B^*(x) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{k}{2}} x \prod_{i=1}^k \int_{\alpha_i}^{\beta_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u_i^2} du_i + O\left(\frac{\mu^{3+k} x}{\sqrt{\ln x}}\right).$$

Proof. First we consider the case when the system $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_k, \beta_k)$ is an admissible with $\mu^6 < y_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$). We denote by s_i ($1 \leq i \leq k$) the number of distinct positive integers t_i satisfying the following inequality $y_i + \alpha_i \sqrt{y_i} < t_i < y_i + \beta_i \sqrt{y_i}$. Then we have

$$s_i = O(\mu \sqrt{\ln x}) \quad (1 \leq i \leq k).$$

We denote by t_{ij} ($1 \leq j \leq s_i$) the integral values of t_i taken in the above interval. Further we put $t_{ij} = y_i + u_{ij} \sqrt{y_i}$ and $u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j} = (y_i)^{-1/2} > 0$ ($1 \leq j \leq s_i$). By lemma 8, we have

$$\begin{aligned} B^*(x) &= \sum_{y_i + \alpha_i \sqrt{y_i} < t_i < y_i + \beta_i \sqrt{y_i}} G(x; t_1, \dots, t_k) \\ &= \sum_{l_1=1}^{s_1} \dots \sum_{l_k=1}^{s_k} G(x; t_{1,l_1}, \dots, t_{k,l_k}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{l_1=1}^{s_1} \dots \sum_{l_k=1}^{s_k} \left\{ (2\pi)^{-\frac{k}{2}} (y_1 \dots y_k)^{-\frac{1}{2}} x e^{-\frac{1}{2} (u_{1,l_1}^2 + \dots + u_{k,l_k}^2)} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + O\left(\frac{\mu^3 x}{(\ln x)^{k/2} (\ln x)^{1/2}} \right) \right\} \\
 &= (2\pi)^{-\frac{k}{2}} x \prod_{i=1}^k \sum_{l_i=1}^{s_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2} u_{i,l_i}^2} (u_{i,l_{i+1}} - u_{i,l_i}) + O\left(\frac{\mu^{3+k} x}{\sqrt{\ln x}} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

We may write

$$\sum_{l_i=1}^{s_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2} u_{i,l_i}^2} (u_{i,l_{i+1}} - u_{i,l_i}) = \int_{\alpha_i}^{\beta_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2} u_i^2} du_i + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{y_i}} \right).$$

and therefore we have

$$(4) \quad B^*(x) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{k}{2}} x \prod_{i=1}^k \int_{\alpha_i}^{\beta_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2} u_i^2} du_i + O\left(\frac{\mu^{3+k} x}{\sqrt{\ln x}} \right).$$

Secondly we consider the case when $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_k, \beta_k)$ is not admissible. $B^*(x)$ is equal to 0 and there exists i such that $0 < \beta_i - \alpha_i \leq (y_i)^{-1/2}$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(2\pi)^{-\frac{k}{2}} \prod_{i=1}^k \int_{\alpha_i}^{\beta_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2} u_i^2} du_i &= O\left(x \prod_{i=1}^k (\beta_i - \alpha_i) \right) \\
 &= O\left(\frac{\mu^{k-1} x}{\sqrt{\ln x}} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

and the result follows.

The proof of the main theorem. We put

$$B_1(x; \alpha_i, \beta_i) = A \{ \sqrt{x} < n \leq x; y_i + \alpha_i \sqrt{y_i} < \omega' \{ f_i(n) \} < y_i + \beta_i \sqrt{y_i} \text{ for } (1 \leq i \leq k) \},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_2(x; \alpha_i, \beta_i) &= A \{ \sqrt{x} < n \leq x; y_i + \alpha_i \sqrt{y_i} < \omega' \{ f_i(n) \} < y_i + \beta_i \sqrt{y_i} \\
 &\quad \omega \{ f_i(n) \} - \omega' \{ f_i(n) \} < g(x) \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k \},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_1(x; \alpha_i, \beta_i) &= A \{ \sqrt{x} < n \leq x; r_i \ln n + \alpha_i \sqrt{r_i} \ln n < \omega \{ f_i(n) \} \\
 &\quad < r_i \ln n + \beta_i \sqrt{r_i} \ln n \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k \},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_2(x; \alpha_i, \beta_i) &= A \{ \sqrt{x} < n \leq x; r_i \ln n + \alpha_i \sqrt{r_i} \ln n < \omega \{ f_i(n) \} \\
 &\quad < r_i \ln n + \beta_i \sqrt{r_i} \ln n, \\
 &\quad \omega \{ f_i(n) \} - \omega' \{ f_i(n) \} < g(x) \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k \},
 \end{aligned}$$

then we have

$$(5) \quad A(x) = A_1(x; \alpha_i, \beta_i) + O(\sqrt{x})$$

and

$$(6) \quad B^*(x) = B_1(x; \alpha_i, \beta_i) + O(\sqrt{x}),$$

By lemma 3 we have

$$(7) \quad A_1(x; \alpha_i, \beta_i) = A_2(x; \alpha_i, \beta_i) + O\left(\frac{x \ln \ln \ln x}{g(x)}\right),$$

and

$$(8) \quad B_1(x; \alpha_i, \beta_i) = B_2(x; \alpha_i, \beta_i) + O\left(\frac{x \ln \ln \ln x}{g(x)}\right).$$

For the positive number n such that

$$\sqrt{x} < n \leq x, \quad \omega\{f_i(n)\} - \omega'\{f_i(n)\} < g(x),$$

the inequality

$$r_i \ln \ln n + \alpha_i \sqrt{r_i \ln \ln n} < \omega\{f_i(n)\} < r_i \ln \ln n + \beta_i \sqrt{r_i \ln \ln n}$$

may be written

$$y_i + (\alpha_i + O(w_i))\sqrt{y_i} < \omega\{f_i(n)\} < y_i + (\beta_i + O(w_i))\sqrt{y_i},$$

where

$$w_i = \frac{\mu \ln \ln \ln x + g(x)}{\sqrt{y_i}}.$$

From these we have

$$(9) \quad A_2(x; \alpha_i, \beta_i) = B_2(x; \alpha_i + O(w_i), \beta_i + O(w_i)).$$

By (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9) we have

$$\begin{aligned} A(x) &= A_2(x; \alpha_i, \beta_i) + O\left(\frac{x \ln \ln \ln x}{g(x)}\right) + O(\sqrt{x}) \\ &= B_2(x; \alpha_i + O(w_i), \beta_i + O(w_i)) + O\left(\frac{x \ln \ln \ln x}{g(x)}\right) + O(\sqrt{x}) \\ &= B^*(x; \alpha_i + O(w_i), \beta_i + O(w_i)) + O\left(\frac{x \ln \ln \ln x}{g(x)}\right) + O(\sqrt{x}) \\ &= (2\pi)^{-\frac{k}{2}} x \prod_{i=1}^k \int_{\alpha_i}^{\beta_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du_i + O\left(\frac{x \mu^k (\mu \ln \ln \ln x + g(x))^k + \mu^{3+k} x}{\sqrt{\ln \ln x}}\right) \\ &\quad + O\left(\frac{x \ln \ln \ln x}{g(x)}\right) \\ &= (2\pi)^{-\frac{k}{2}} x \prod_{i=1}^k \int_{\alpha_i}^{\beta_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du_i + O\left(\frac{x \mu^{2(k+1)} (\ln \ln x)^{1-1/2k}}{(\ln x)^{1/4k}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

This proves the theorem.

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