

An Elementary Proof of the Prime Ideal Theorem with Remainder Term

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§ 1. **Introduction.** Let K be an algebraic number field of degree n and \mathfrak{o} be the integral domain consisting of all integers in K (the unit ideal of K). Small german characters denote integral ideals in K ; \mathfrak{p} represents a prime ideal in K , and x denotes a real number $x \geq 1$. We now introduce some ideal-theoretic functions :

$$(1.1) \quad \theta_K(x) = \sum_{N\mathfrak{p} \leq x} \log N\mathfrak{p},$$

$$(1.2) \quad \psi_K(x) = \sum_{N\mathfrak{a} \leq x} A_K(\mathfrak{a}),$$

where

$$(1.3) \quad A_K(\mathfrak{a}) = \log N\mathfrak{p}, \text{ if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{p}^E (E = 1, 2, \dots), \quad = 0, \text{ otherwise.}$$

From now on, E denotes a non-negative integer.

Using Selberg's elementary method[8] of the prime number theorem Shapiro obtained the prime ideal theorem[9], i.e.

$$(1.4) \quad \theta_K(x) - x = o(x).$$

It is easy to deduce that (1.4) is equivalent to

$$(1.5) \quad \psi_K(x) - x = R_K(x) = o(x).$$

Kuhn succeeded elementarily in dealing with the remainder term in the rational number field with a certain constant c ($c=1/10$)[4]

$$(1.6) \quad R_K(x) = O\left(\frac{x}{\log^c x}\right).$$

In this note we propose to extend Kuhn's method so as to yield a proof of the prime ideal theorem (1.6) in K with the remainder term. We shall first give an inversion formula (Lemma 2.3) and derive from this formula the following :

$$(1.7) \quad \sum_{N\mathfrak{a} \leq x} \frac{A_K(\mathfrak{a})}{N\mathfrak{a}} = \log x + O(1)$$

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and

$$(1.8) \quad R_K(x) \log x + \sum_{Na \leq x} R_K\left(\frac{x}{Na}\right) A_K(a) = O(x).$$

by means of the method of Iseki-Tatuzawa[3] and Shapiro[9]. It is easily seen that (1.8) is equivalent to the following result of Selberg in K :

$$(1.9) \quad \psi_K(x) \log x + \sum_{Na \leq x} A_K(a) \psi_K\left(\frac{x}{Na}\right) = 2x \log x + O(x).$$

Ayoub's proof of (1.9)[1] is based on the Iseki-Tatuzawa's ideas and the Tchebyscheff-Poincaré's formula[6].

We assume the following important result of Weber[10],[7]:

$$(1.10) \quad B_K(x) = \sum_{Na \leq x} = \alpha x + \lambda_K(x),$$

where $\lambda_K(x) = O(x^\omega)$ with $\omega = 1 - 1/n$ and

$$\alpha = \frac{2^{n_1+n_2} \pi^{n_2} R h}{w \sqrt{|d|}}$$

Here n_1 and n_2 are the numbers of real and pairs of complex conjugate fields, w is the order of the group of roots of unity in K , d is the discriminant of K , R is regulator and h is the class number. If we like to avoid (1.10) we must follow on the theory of abstract prime number theory of Shapiro and Forman[2],[5]. We shall assume more weaker result (Lemma 3.2) than Shapiro's prime ideal theorem (1.4) and from this result and (1.8) derive the Kuhn's fundamental formula in an algebraic number field K . Using this fundamental formula and (1.7) in much the same way as Khun uses it in the rational number field we shall prove the result (1.6) with a certain constant c .

If f and g are functions of certain variables and g is positive. then the notation $f = O(g)$ or $f \ll g$ means that there exists a positive constant c such that $|f| \leq cg$ in the domain designated and c is a positive constant depending only on K .

§ 2. Some Inversion Formulas and Their Applications. We first introduce Möbius function $\mu_K(a)$ defined as $\mu_K(a) = 1$ if $a = 0$, $= (-1)^\nu$ if a is squarefree and is the product of ν distinct prime ideals, $= 0$ otherwise. Then it follows easily that $\sum_{t|a} \mu_K(t) = [1/Na]$. The familiar Möbius inversion formula is given by

Lemma 2.1. *If $f(x)$ is a given complex valued function defined for all $x > 0$ and $g(x)$ is defined by*

$$g(x) = \sum_{Na \leq x} f\left(\frac{x}{Na}\right),$$

then

$$f(x) = \sum_{Na \leq x} \mu_K(a) g\left(\frac{x}{Na}\right).$$

As a Corollary of this Lemma we have:

Lemma 2.2. *If F_K is a complex valued function defined for all ideals a in K and*

$$G_K(a) = \sum_{t|a} F_K(t)$$

then

$$F_K(a) = \sum_{t|a} \mu_K(t) G_K\left(\frac{a}{t}\right)$$

A complex valued function $m_K(a)$ (or $a(x)$) is called a completely multiplicative idealtheoretic (additive number-theoretic) function if for any pair of ideals a_1, a_2 (reals x_1, x_2)

$$m_K(a_1 \cdot a_2) = m_K(a_1) m_K(a_2) \quad (a(x_1 x_2) = a(x_1) + a(x_2)).$$

It follows immediately that $a(1) = 0$ and if $m_K(a)$ is not identically zero (only such multiplicative functions will be considered below), $m_K(\mathfrak{p}) = 1$.

Next, we define

$$(2.1) \quad A_K^{(E)}(a) = \sum_{t|a} \mu_K(t) a^E\left(\frac{Na}{Nt}\right),$$

then, using Lemma 2.2 we have

$$(2.2) \quad a^E(Na) = \sum_{t|a} A_K^{(E)}(t).$$

For $E=0$, we obtain

$$(2.3) \quad A_K^{(0)}(a) = \sum_{t|a} \mu_K(t) = [1/Na]$$

$$(2.4) \quad \sum_{t|a} A_K^{(0)}(t) = \sum_{t|a} [1/Nt] = 1.$$

For $E=1$, we have

$$(2.5) \quad A_K^{(1)}(a) = \sum_{t|a} \mu_K(t) a\left(\frac{Na}{Nt}\right)$$

$$(2.6) \quad \sum_{t|a} A_K^{(1)}(t) = a(Na).$$

We obtain the following inversion formula :

Lemma 2.3. *Let $m_K(a)$ ($a(x)$) be a complex valued completely multiplicative idealtheoretic (number-theoretic) function. If $F(x)$ is a complex valued function defined for $x > 0$ and $G^{(E)}(x)$ is defined by*

$$(2.7) \quad G^{(E)}(x) = \sum_{Nt \leq x} m_K(t) F\left(\frac{x}{Nt}\right) a^E(x),$$

then

$$H^{(E)}(x) = \sum_{Nt \leq x} \mu_K(t) m_K(t) G^{(E)}\left(\frac{x}{Nt}\right) = F(y) a^E(x)$$

and

$$= \sum_{Nt \leq x} m_K(t) F\left(\frac{x}{Nt}\right) \left(a\left(\frac{x}{Nt}\right) + A(t) \right)^{(E)}.$$

Here $(\dots)^{(E)}$ means the symbolic power and $(a(\dots))^{(E)} = a^E(\dots)$, $(A(\dots))^{(E)} = A^{(E)}(\dots)$.

proof. Using Lemma 2.1 we have

$$H^{(E)}(x) = \sum_{Nt \leq x} \mu_K(t) m_K(t) G^{(E)}\left(\frac{x}{Nt}\right) = F(x) a^E(x)$$

from (2.7)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{Nt \leq x} \mu_K(t) m_K(t) \sum_{\substack{Na \leq x \\ Na \leq Nt}} m_K(a) F\left(\frac{x}{Nt/Na}\right) a^E\left(\frac{x}{Nt}\right) \\ &= \sum_{Na \leq x} m_K(a) F\left(\frac{x}{Na}\right) \sum_{t|a} \mu_K(a) a^E\left(\frac{x}{Nt}\right) \\ &= \sum_{Na \leq x} m_K(a) F\left(\frac{x}{Na}\right) \sum_{t|a} \mu_K(t) \left(a\left(\frac{x}{Na}\right) + a\left(\frac{Na}{Nt}\right) \right)^E. \end{aligned}$$

Combining the above with the definition (2.1) of $A_K^{(E)}(a)$ we get

$$H^{(E)}(x) = \sum_{Na \leq x} m_K(a) F\left(\frac{x}{Na}\right) \left(a\left(\frac{x}{Na}\right) + A(a) \right)^{(E)},$$

and the Lemma follows.

Making use of this inversion formula with $m_K(a) = 1$ and $a(x) = \log x$, we shall now derive (1.7) and (1.8). Here we use the following well-known results without proofs:

$$(2.8) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{Na \leq x} \frac{\log^E Na}{Na} = \frac{1}{E+1} \alpha \log^{E+1} x + r_E + O(x^{\omega-1} \log^E x), \\ \sum_{Na \leq x} \log^E Na = \alpha x \log^E x - \alpha E x + O(x^\omega \log^E x) \\ \sum_{Na \leq x} \frac{\log^E Na}{Na^\omega} = \alpha n \log x. x^{1-\omega} + O(\log^{E+1} x) \end{array} \right.$$

where $\omega = 1 - 1/n$ and r_E is a constant depending only on K .

Case 1. For $F(x) = 1$, $E = 0$, we have

$$G^{(0)}(x) = B_K(x) = \alpha x + O(x^\omega), \quad H^{(0)}(x) = 1$$

and

$$(2.9) \quad \sum_{Na \leq x} \frac{\mu_K(a)}{Na} = O(1).$$

Case 2. For $F(x) = x$, $E = 0$, using Of (2.8) we have

$$G^{(0)}(x) = \sum_{Na \leq x} \frac{x}{Na} = \alpha x \log x + r_0 x + O(x^\omega), \quad H^{(0)}(x) = x$$

and

$$(2.10) \quad \sum_{Na \leq x} \frac{\mu_K(a)}{Na} \log \left(\frac{x}{Na} \right) = O(1).$$

Case 3. For $F(x) = 1$, $E=1$, using of (1.10), we have

$$G^{(1)}(x) = \sum_{Na \leq x} \log x = \alpha x \log x + O(x^\omega \log x), \quad H^{(1)}(x) = \log x + \psi_K(x)$$

and

$$(2.11) \quad \psi_K(x) = O(x).$$

Case 4. For $F(x) = x$, $E=1$, using of (2.8) and (2.11), we have

$$G^{(1)}(x) = \sum_{Na \leq x} \left(\frac{x}{Na} \right) \log x = \alpha x \log x + r_0 x \log x + O(x^\omega \log x),$$

$$H^{(1)}(x) = x \log x + x \sum_{Na \leq x} \frac{A_K(a)}{Na}$$

and

$$(2.12) \quad \alpha \sum_{Na \leq x} \frac{\mu_K(a)}{Na} \log^2 \left(\frac{x}{Na} \right) = \log x + \sum_{Na \leq x} \frac{A_K(a)}{Na} + O(1)$$

Case 5. For $F(x) = x \log x$, $E=0$, using of (2.8) and (2.12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} G^{(0)}(x) &= \sum_{Na \leq x} \frac{x}{Na} \log \left(\frac{x}{Na} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x \log^2 x + r_0 x \log x - r_1 x + O(x^\omega \log x), \end{aligned}$$

$$H^{(0)}(x) = x \log x$$

and

$$(1.7) \quad \sum_{Na \leq x} \frac{A_K(a)}{Na} = \log x + O(1).$$

Case 6. For $F(x) = R_K + r_0/\alpha + 1$, $E=1$ using of (2.8) and (1.7) we have

$$G^{(1)}(x) = \sum_{Na \leq x} R_K \left(\frac{x}{Na} \right) \log x + (1 + r_0/\alpha) \sum_{Na \leq x} \log x = O(x^\omega \log^2 x),$$

$$H^{(1)}(x) = R_K(x) \log x + \sum_{Na \leq x} R_K \left(\frac{x}{Na} \right) A_K(a) + O(x)$$

and

$$(1.8) \quad R_K(x) \log x + \sum_{Na \leq x} R \left(\frac{x}{Na} \right) A_K(a) = O(x).$$

§ 3. Kuhn's Fundamental Theorem in an Algebraic Number Field.

Lemma 3.1.

$$(3.1) \quad |R_K(x) \log x| \leq 2 \left| \sum_{Na^2 \leq x} (A_K(a) - 1) R_K \left(\frac{x}{Na} \right) \right| + O(x).$$

prof. A simple calculation yields

$$\sum_{N\alpha \leq x} A_K(\alpha) \psi_K\left(\frac{x}{N\alpha}\right) = 2 \sum_{N\alpha^2 \leq x} A_K(\alpha) \psi_K\left(\frac{x}{N\alpha}\right) + O(x),$$

so that (1.8) may be rewritten as (3.1).

From now on we assume the following Shapiro's

Lemma 3.2. *We have a constant $\alpha(x_1) > 0$ such that*

$$(3.2) \quad |R_K(x)| \leq \alpha(x_1) x, \quad \alpha(x_1) \leq 0.11 \quad (x \geq x_1)$$

for x_1 sufficiently large.

Making use of Lemma 3.2 for $\eta: x_1 \leq N \leq \eta$, we obtain

$$(3.3) \quad |R_K(\eta)| \leq \beta(N) \eta \text{ with } \beta(N) \leq \alpha(x_1) \leq 0.11$$

for x_1 sufficiently large. Taking

$$(3.4) \quad N^2 \leq L \leq \sqrt{x},$$

we get for all $\alpha: N < N\alpha \leq L \left(x_1 \leq N \leq N\alpha, \frac{x}{N\alpha} \right)$

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{cases} |R_K\left(\frac{x}{N\alpha}\right)| / \frac{x}{N\alpha} \leq \beta(N), \\ |R_K(N\alpha)| / N\alpha \leq \beta(N). \quad \beta(N) \leq \alpha(x_1). \end{cases}$$

Let for all x

$$(3.6) \quad \delta = 1/\sqrt{\log N},$$

$$(3.7) \quad \eta_m = N(1 + \delta)^m, \quad \eta_m \eta_{-m} = x, \quad (0 \leq m \leq r),$$

where

$$(3.8) \quad r = [\log(L/N) / \log(1 + \delta)].$$

Next, we define for all m . ($0 \leq m \leq r$)

$$(3.9) \quad \eta_m^{-1} \{R_K(\eta_{m+1}) - R_K(\eta_m)\} = \sigma_K(m),$$

$$(3.10) \quad \eta_m^{-1} R_K(\eta_{-m}) = \rho_K(m).$$

Then, from (3.3) we have

$$(3.11) \quad |R_K(\eta_m)| / \eta_m, \quad |R_K(\eta_{-m}) / \eta_{-m}| \leq \beta(N).$$

Taking $\Delta: 0 \leq \Delta \leq \delta$, we obtain from (1.9) and (2.11)

$$(3.12) \quad 0 \leq \psi_K(\eta + \Delta\eta) - \psi_K(\eta) \leq 2\Delta\eta + O(\eta \log^{-1}\eta)$$

This formula may be written in the form

$$(3.13) \quad \frac{1}{\eta} |R_K(\eta + \Delta\eta) - R_K(\eta)| \leq \Delta + c/\log \eta$$

for sufficiently large constant $c=c(K) > 0$.

Lemma 3.3. *For $m: 0 \leq m \leq r$ we have*

$$(3.14) \quad | \rho_K(m) | \leq \beta(N),$$

$$(3.15) \quad | \rho_K(m+1) - \rho_K(m) | \leq \tau = \delta (1 + \beta(N)) + c\delta^2 \quad (= O(\delta)),$$

$$(3.16) \quad | \sigma_K(m) | \leq \varepsilon = \delta + c'\delta^2,$$

$$(3.17) \quad \left| \sum_{v \leq m \leq v+u} \sigma_K(m) \right| \leq 2\beta(N) + (u+1)\beta(N)\delta.$$

Proof. From (3.13) with $\eta = \eta_{-(m+1)}$, $\Delta = \delta$ and (3.14) we have (3.15). From (3.13) with $\eta = \eta_m$, $\Delta = \delta$ we have (3.16). Finally, using (3.11) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{v \leq m \leq v+u} \sigma_k(m) \right| &\leq | \eta_v^{-1} R_K(\eta_v) | + \delta \left| \sum_{v+1 \leq m \leq v+u} \eta_m^{-1} R_K(\eta-m) \right| \\ &\quad + | \eta_{v+u}^{-1} R_K(\eta_{v+u+1}) | \leq 2\beta(N) + (u+1)\beta(N)\delta. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3.4.

$$(3.18) \quad \frac{1}{x} \sum_{N \leq Na \leq L} (A_K(a) - 1) R_K\left(\frac{x}{Na}\right) = \sum_{o \leq m \leq r-1} \rho_K(m) \sigma_K(m) + O(\delta \log L).$$

Proof. From (3.13) with $\eta = \frac{x}{Na}$ and $o \leq \Delta \leq \delta$, we obtain

$$(3.19) \quad R_K\left(\frac{x}{Na}\right) = R_K(\eta-m) + O(\delta \eta_{-m}) = \eta_{-m} (\rho_K(m) + O(\delta))$$

for $\eta_{-(m+1)} \leq x/Na < \eta_{-m}$.

From (3.9) and (3.13) with $\eta = \eta_m$, $\Delta = \delta$

$$\sum_{\eta_m < Na \leq \eta_{m+1}} (A_K(a) - 1) = \eta_m \sigma_K(m)$$

and

$$\sum_{\eta_m < Na \leq \eta_{m+1}} A_K(a) \leq 2\delta \eta_m + O(\eta_m \delta^2).$$

Then we have

$$(3.20) \quad \sum_{\eta_m < Na \leq \eta_{m+1}} | A_K(a) - 1 | = O(\delta \eta_m).$$

From (3.7), (3.19) and (3.20) we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{\eta_m < Na \leq \eta_{m+1}} (A_K(a) - 1) R_K\left(\frac{x}{Na}\right) \\ &= \sum_{\eta_m < Na \leq \eta_{m+1}} (A_K(a) - 1) (R_K(\eta_m) + O(\delta \eta_m)) \end{aligned}$$

From (2.8) we have directly

$$\sum_{\eta_r < Na \leq L} \frac{1}{Na} = O(\log(1 + \delta))$$

and

$$(3.21) \quad \begin{aligned} &\sum_{\eta_r < Na \leq L} \frac{Na}{x} (A_K(a) - 1) \frac{1}{Na} \\ &\ll \frac{1}{x} \log L \sum_{\eta_r < Na \leq L} \frac{x}{Na} \ll \log L. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.8), (3.19), (3.20) and (3.21) finally we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{x} \left| \sum_{N < Na \leq L} (A_K(a) - 1) R_K\left(\frac{x}{Na}\right) \right| &\leq \frac{1}{x} \left| \sum_{\eta_0 < Na \leq \eta_r} \right| + \frac{1}{x} \left| \sum_{\eta_r < Na \leq L} \right| \\ &\ll \frac{1}{x} \sum_{m=0}^{r-1} \left\{ x (\rho_K(m) \sigma_K(m) + O(\delta^2)) \right\} + O(\delta \log L) \\ &\ll \sum_{m=0}^{r-1} \rho_K(m) \sigma_K(m) + O(\delta \log L). \end{aligned}$$

For all $m: 0 \leq m \leq r$, we define

$$(3.22) \quad \chi_i = \sum_{\rho > 0} \rho_K(m) \sigma_K(m) \quad \text{for } a_i \leq m < a_i + k_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq G)$$

$$(3.23) \quad \nu_j = \sum_{\rho > 0} \rho_K(m) \sigma_K(m) \quad \text{for } b_j \leq m < b_j + l_j \quad (1 \leq j \leq H).$$

Obviously we have

$$(3.24) \quad \left| \sum_{m=0}^{r-1} \rho_K(m) \sigma_K(m) \right| \leq \sum_{i \leq G} |\chi_i| + \sum_{j < H} |\nu_j|,$$

$$(3.25) \quad \sum_{1 \leq i \leq G} k_i + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq H} l_j \leq r.$$

Lemma 3.5. For $k_i \tau \leq 4\beta$ ($2 \leq i \leq G-1$) or $k_i \tau > 4\beta$

$$(3.26) \quad \frac{1}{k_i \delta} |\chi_i| \leq \frac{3}{4} \beta(N) (1 + \beta(N)) + O(\delta).$$

For $l_j \tau \leq 4\beta$ ($2 \leq j \leq H-1$) or $l_j \tau > 4\beta$

$$(3.27) \quad \frac{1}{l_j \delta} |\nu_j| \leq \frac{3}{4} \beta(N) (1 + \beta(N)) + O(\delta),$$

where $\tau = \delta(1 + \beta(N)) + c\delta^2$ and $\beta = \beta(N)$.

Proof. From (3.15)

$$-\tau + \rho_K(m-1) \leq \rho_K(m) \leq \tau + \rho_K(m-1),$$

hence from the obvious inequalities

$$\rho_K(a_i - 1) \leq 0, \quad \rho_K(a_i + k_i) \leq 0,$$

we have

$$(3.28) \quad \rho_K(m) \leq (m - a_i + 1) \tau,$$

$$(3.29) \quad \rho_K(m) \leq (a_i + k_i - m) \tau \quad \text{for } a_i \leq m \leq a_i + k_i - 1.$$

Case (a): $k_i \tau \leq 2\beta(N)$ ($i \neq 1, G$): From (3.16), (3.28), (3.29) and $\varepsilon/\delta = 1 + O(\delta)$, $\tau = O(\delta)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_i = \chi_i / k_i \delta &= \frac{1}{k_i \delta} \sum_{\rho > 0} \rho_K(m) \sigma_K(m) \quad (a_i \leq m < a_i + k_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{k_i \delta} \left(\sum_{\substack{\rho > 0, (3.28) \\ a_i \leq m_i \leq a_i + [k_i/2] - 1}} \rho_K(m) \sigma_K(m) + \sum_{\substack{\rho > 0, (3.29) \\ a_i + [k_i/2] \leq m \leq a_i + k_i - 1}} \rho_K(m) \sigma_K(m) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{k_i \delta} \varepsilon \left(\sum_{a_i \leq m \leq a_i + [k_i/2] - 1} (m - a_i + 1) \tau + \sum_{a_i + [k_i/2] \leq m \leq a_i + k_i - 1} (a_i + k_i - m) \tau \right) \\
 (3.30) \quad &\leq \frac{1}{2} \beta(N) + O(\delta)
 \end{aligned}$$

Case (b) : $2\beta(N) < k_i \tau \leq 4\beta(N)$ ($i \neq 1, G$) : From (3.14), (3.16), (3.28) and (3.29)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega_i &= \frac{1}{k_i \delta} \left(\sum_{\substack{\rho > 0, \\ a_i \leq m \leq a_i + [\beta/\tau] - 1}} \rho_K(m) \sigma_K(m) + \sum_{\substack{\rho > 0, \\ a_i + [\beta/\tau] \leq m \leq a_i + k_i - [\beta/\tau] - 1}} \rho_K(m) \sigma_K(m) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \sum_{\substack{\rho > 0, \\ a_i + k_i - [\beta/\tau] \leq m \leq a_i + k_i - 1}} \rho_K(m) \sigma_K(m) \right) \\
 &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{k_i \delta} \left(\tau \sum_{a_i \leq m \leq a_i + [\beta/\tau] - 1} (m - a_i + 1) + \frac{\beta}{a_i + [\beta/\tau] \leq m \leq a_i + k_i - [\beta/\tau] - 1} \sum_{m=1}^1 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{\tau}{a_i + k_i - [\beta/\tau] \leq m \leq a_i + k_i - 1} \sum_{m=1}^1 (a_i + k_i - m) \right) \\
 (3.31) \quad &\leq 0.75 \beta(N) + O(\delta)
 \end{aligned}$$

Case(c) : $k_i \tau > 4\beta$: From (3.14), (3.16), and (3.17)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega_i &= \frac{1}{k_i \delta} \left(\sum_{\substack{\rho > 0, \\ \sigma(m_i') > 0 \\ 1 \leq i' \leq k_i'}} \rho_K(m_i') \sigma_K(m_i') + \sum_{\substack{\rho > 0 \\ \sigma(m_i'') < 0 \\ 1 \leq i'' \leq k_i''}} \rho_K(m_i'') \sigma_K(m_i'') \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \sum_{\substack{\rho > 0 \\ \sigma(m_i''') = 0 \\ 1 \leq i''' \leq k_i'''}} \rho_K(m_i''') \sigma_K(m_i''') \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{k_i \delta} \left(\beta(N) \sum_{\substack{\sigma(m_i^i) > 0 \\ 1 \leq i \leq k_i}} \sigma_K(m_i^i) \right) \leq \frac{1}{k_i \delta} \beta(N) (\beta(N) + \frac{1}{2} \beta(N) k_i \delta + \frac{1}{2} k_i \varepsilon) \\
 (3.32) \quad &\leq 0.75 \beta(N) (1 + \beta(N)) + O(\delta),
 \end{aligned}$$

where $k_i' + k_i'' + k_i''' = k_i$.

From (3.30), (3.31) and (3.32) we have (3.26). By the same method we can prove (3.27) for ν_j .

Kuhn's fundamental theorem. For $x_1 \leq N$ and $L \leq \sqrt{x}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{x} \sum_{x_1 \leq N < N\alpha \leq L \leq \sqrt{x}} |(A_K(\alpha) - 1) R_K\left(\frac{x}{N\alpha}\right)| \\
 &\leq 0.75 \beta(N) (1 + \beta(N) \log(L/N) + c_1 \log L / \sqrt{\log N}).
 \end{aligned}$$

where c_1 is a positive constant depending only on K .

Proof. From Lemma 3.5 and (3.8) : $r = [\log(L/N)/\log(1+\delta)]$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{x} \sum_{N < N\alpha \leq L} |(A_K(\alpha) - 1) R_K\left(\frac{x}{N\alpha}\right)| \\
 &\leq \left\{ \sum_{i \leq G} k_i \delta + \sum_{j \leq H} l_j \delta \right\} \{0.75 \beta(N) (1 + \beta(N)) + O(\delta)\} + (\delta \log L) \\
 &\leq 0.75 \beta(N) (1 + \beta(N)) \log(L/N) + O(\log L / \sqrt{\log N})
 \end{aligned}$$

which was to be proved.

§ 4. **Proof of the Prime Ideal Theorem.** The details of this section are similar as in [4] but we shall include them for completeness. From (1.7) we obtain for any $x \geq x_1$

$$(4.1) \quad \left| \sum_{N\mathfrak{a} \leq x} \frac{A_K(\mathfrak{a})}{N\mathfrak{a}} - \log x \right| \leq c_2$$

where c_2 is a positive constant depending only on K . Now we define

$$(4.2) \quad \Sigma(N, L) = \frac{1}{x} \sum_{\substack{N < N\mathfrak{a} \leq L \\ (N^2 \leq L \leq \sqrt{x})}} (A_K(\mathfrak{a}) - 1) R_K \left(\frac{x}{N\mathfrak{a}} \right)$$

Then we obtain the following

Lemma 4.1. *For $x_1 \leq N$ and $L \leq \sqrt{x}$ we have*

$$(4.3) \quad |\Sigma(N, L)| \leq \frac{3}{4} \beta(N) (1 + \beta(N)) \log(L/N) + c_3 \sqrt{\log L},$$

where c_3 is a positive constant depending only on K .

Proof. It t is an integer with $N^{2^t} \leq L < N^{2^{t+1}}$, we have

$$|\Sigma(N, L)| \leq |\Sigma(N^{2^{t-j-1}}, N^{2^{t-j}})| + |\Sigma(N^{2^{t-1}}, L)|$$

Using Kuhn's fundamental theorem we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\Sigma(N, L)| &\leq \frac{3}{4} (N) (1 + \beta(N)) \log(L/N) \\ &\quad + c_1 \left(\frac{\log L}{\sqrt{\log N^{2^{t-1}}}} + (\sqrt{2} + 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots) \sqrt{\log N^{2^{t-1}}} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{3}{4} \beta(N) (1 + \beta(N)) \log(L/N) + c_3 \sqrt{\log L}. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4.2. *If $\sqrt{x} \geq \zeta \geq x_2$, $\varepsilon_1 = 10^{-3}$ for sufficiently large x_2 , then we have*

$$(4.4) \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{3}{4} \alpha_1(x_1) (1 - \alpha_1(x_1)) (1 + \varepsilon_1) < 0.092,$$

$$(4.5) \quad \varepsilon_1 \alpha_2 \log \zeta > c_3 \sqrt{\log \zeta},$$

$$(4.6) \quad |\Sigma(0, \zeta)| < \alpha_2 \log \zeta - \frac{1}{2} c$$

$$(4.7) \quad \zeta^{-2} |R_K(\zeta^2)| < \alpha_2$$

Proof. (4.4) is easy. Taking $x_1 \leq \sqrt{x}$ and $\alpha_1(x_1) = 0.11$ with (3.2), we get from (2.8) and (4.1)

$$(4.8) \quad \begin{aligned} |\Sigma(0, x_1)| &\leq \alpha_1(x_1) \sum_{N\mathfrak{a} \leq x_1} \frac{A_K(x)}{N\mathfrak{a}} + \sum_{N\mathfrak{a} \leq x_1} \frac{1}{N\mathfrak{a}} \\ &\leq \alpha_1(x_1) ((1 + \alpha_1(x)) \log_1 + c_4) \end{aligned}$$

where c_4 is a positive constant depending only on K . Then for all $x \geq \zeta^2$ and all $\zeta \geq x_1^2$ we obtain from (4.3) and (4.8)

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Sigma(0, \zeta)| &\leq |\Sigma(0, x_1)| + |\Sigma(x_1, \zeta)| \\
 &\leq \alpha_1(x_1) ((1 + \alpha_1(x_1) \log x + c_4) \\
 &\quad + \frac{3}{4} \alpha_1(x_1) (1 + \alpha_1(x_1)) \log \frac{\zeta}{x_1} + c_3 \sqrt{\log \zeta}) \\
 (4.9) \quad &\leq \frac{3}{4} \alpha_1(x_1) (1 + \alpha_1(x_1)) \log \zeta + c_3 \sqrt{\log \zeta} + c_5(x_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(4.10) \quad c_5(x_1) = \alpha_1(x_1) (c - \frac{3}{4} \alpha_1(x_1) (1 + \alpha_1(x_1))) \log x_1 + \alpha_1(x_1) c_4.$$

Applying Lemma 3.1 we have

$$(4.11) \quad \frac{1}{x} |R_k(x)| \log x \leq 2 |\Sigma(0, \sqrt{x})| + c_6.$$

we have for all $\zeta \geq x_2$ the following inequality

$$(4.12) \quad \frac{3}{4} \varepsilon_1 \alpha_1(x_1) (1 + \alpha_1(x_1)) \log \zeta \geq c_3 \sqrt{\log \zeta} + c_5(x_1) + \frac{1}{2} c_6,$$

where x_2 is sufficiently large. Then we obtain (4.5). From (4.9), (4.10) and (4.12) we obtain (4.6). Finally from (4.11) we have (4.7).

Lemma 4.3. For sufficiently large x ; $\zeta \geq x_2$ we have Lemma 4.2. Furthermore, when we put for all $k \geq 2$ and $\kappa \geq 2$

$$(4.13) \quad x_{k+1} \geq x_k^{2^\kappa} > x_{k+1} - 1$$

$$(4.14) \quad \alpha_{k+1} = (1 + \varepsilon_1) \alpha_k \varphi(\kappa, k), \quad \varphi(\kappa, k) = \kappa^{-1} (1 + \frac{3}{4} (\kappa - 1) (1 + \alpha_k))$$

then for all ζ : $\sqrt{x} \geq \zeta \geq x_{k+1}$ we have the following inequalities

$$(4.15) \quad |\Sigma(0, \zeta)| < \alpha_{k+1} \log \zeta - \frac{1}{2} c_6$$

$$(4.16) \quad \frac{1}{\zeta^2} |R_k(\zeta^2)| < \alpha_{k+1}.$$

Proof. Obviously we have

$$(4.17) \quad 0.75 < \varphi(\kappa, k) < 0.91,$$

$$(4.18) \quad \varphi(\kappa, k) = 0.75 (1 + \alpha_k) + \frac{1}{\kappa} (1 - 0.75 (1 + \alpha_k)).$$

From (4.17), (4.18) and (4.5) we have

$$(4.19) \quad \varepsilon_1 \alpha_k \varphi(\kappa, k) \log \zeta < c_1 \sqrt{\log \zeta}.$$

From (4.19) and Lemma 4.1 we have for ζ : $\zeta \geq x_{k+1} \geq x_k^{2^\kappa}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Sigma(0, \zeta)| &\leq |\Sigma(0, x_k^2)| + |\Sigma(x_k^2, \zeta)| \\
 &\leq \alpha_k \log x_k^2 - \frac{1}{2} c_4 + |\Sigma(x_k^2, \zeta)| \\
 &\leq \alpha_k \varphi(\kappa, k) \log \zeta + c_1 \sqrt{\log \zeta} - \frac{1}{2} c_4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$< \alpha_{k+1} \log \zeta - \frac{1}{2} c_4.$$

Next, applying (4.11) we have (4.16).

From (4.4) and (4.14) we have

$$(4.20) \quad \alpha_\kappa < 0.1 (0.92)^{k-1} \quad (k \geq 2).$$

Let I be an integer taken so large that $\alpha_I < 10^{-3}$ and let

$$Q(\kappa) = 1.001 \frac{1}{\kappa} (1 + 0.75(\kappa - 1) 1.001),$$

then $Q(\kappa) > (1 + \varepsilon_1)\varphi(\kappa, I - m)$, where $0.75 < \varphi < 0.91$. From (4.14) we obtain

$$(4.21) \quad \alpha_{I+m} < 10^{-3} Q^m(\kappa).$$

Now, we introduce for all non-negative integers m such that

$$(4.22) \quad y_{I+m} = \left[(\kappa_2 + 1)(2\kappa)^{m+I-2} \right]$$

Then, from (4.13) and (4.22), for $x: x_{I+m} < y_{I+m} \leq \sqrt{x}$ we have

$$(4.23) \quad \frac{1}{x} |R_K(x)| < 10^{-3} Q^m(\kappa).$$

Thus, for all sufficiently large $x: y_{I+m}^2 \leq x < y_{I+m+1}^2$ we obtain from (4.22)

$$(4.24) \quad (2\kappa)^m = O(\log x).$$

From (4.23) and (4.24) we have

$$\frac{1}{x} |R_K(x)| = O(Q^m(\kappa)) = O((2\kappa)^{-mc}) = O(\log^{-c} x),$$

where $c = c(\kappa) = -\log Q(\kappa) \log^{-1}(2\kappa)$ ($\kappa \geq 2$). Furthermore we can take c here not depending on κ as in [4] and the proof if the prime ideal theorem in the form of (1.6) is completed.

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