



# Sums of Averages of GCD-Sum Functions II

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**Abstract.** Let  $\gcd(k, j)$  denote the greatest common divisor of the integers  $k$  and  $j$ , and let  $r$  be any fixed positive integer. Define

$$M_r(x; f) := \sum_{k \leq x} \frac{1}{k^{r+1}} \sum_{j=1}^k j^r f(\gcd(j, k))$$

for any large real number  $x \geq 5$ , where  $f$  is any arithmetical function. Let  $\phi$ , and  $\psi$  denote the Euler totient and the Dedekind function, respectively. In this paper, we refine asymptotic expansions of  $M_r(x; \text{id})$ ,  $M_r(x; \phi)$  and  $M_r(x; \psi)$ . Furthermore, under the Riemann Hypothesis and the simplicity of zeros of the Riemann zeta-function, we establish the asymptotic formula of  $M_r(x; \text{id})$  for any large positive number  $x > 5$  satisfying  $x = [x] + \frac{1}{2}$ .

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## 1. Introduction and Statement of Results

Let  $\gcd(k, j)$  be the greatest common divisor of the integers  $k$  and  $j$ . The gcd-function, which is also known as Pillai's arithmetical function, is defined

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by

$$P(n) = \sum_{k=1}^n \gcd(k, n).$$

This function has been studied by many authors such as Broughan [4], Bordellés [3], Tanigawa and Zhai [18], Tóth [19], and others. Analytic properties for partial sums of the gcd-sum function  $f(\gcd(j, k))$  were recently studied by Inoue and Kiuchi [8]. We recall that the symbol  $*$  denotes the Dirichlet convolution of two arithmetical functions  $f$  and  $g$  defined by  $f * g(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)g(n/d)$ , for every positive integer  $n$ . For any arithmetical function  $f$ , the second author [11] showed, that for any fixed positive integer  $r$  and any large positive number  $x \geq 2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_r(x; f) &:= \sum_{k \leq x} \frac{1}{k^{r+1}} \sum_{j=1}^k j^r f(\gcd(k, j)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{f(n)}{n} + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * f(d)}{d} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * f(d)}{d} \frac{1}{\ell^{2m}}. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Here, as usual, the function  $\mu$  denotes the Möbius function and  $B_m = B_m(0)$  are the Bernoulli numbers, with  $B_m(x)$  being the Bernoulli polynomials defined by the generating function

$$\frac{ze^{xz}}{e^z - 1} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m(x) \frac{z^m}{m!}$$

with  $|z| < 2\pi$ . Many applications of Eq. (1) have been given in [10], [12] and [13].

In [11], Eq. (1) was used to establish asymptotic formulas for  $M_r(x; f)$  for specific choices of  $f$  such as the identity function  $\text{id}$ , the Euler totient function  $\phi = \text{id} * \mu$  or the Dedekind function  $\psi = \text{id} * |\mu|$ . More precisely, let  $\zeta(s)$  denote the Riemann zeta-function, then for  $f = \text{id}$ , it was proved that

$$\begin{aligned} M_r(x; \text{id}) &= \frac{1}{(r+1)\zeta(2)} x \log x + \frac{x}{2} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(r+1)\zeta(2)} \left( 2\gamma - 1 - \frac{\zeta'(2)}{\zeta(2)} + \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \zeta(2m+1) \right) \\ &\quad x + K_r(x), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$K_r(x) = \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + O_r(\log x). \tag{2}$$

For  $f = \phi$ , it was shown that

$$M_r(x; \phi) = \frac{1}{(r + 1)\zeta^2(2)} x \log x + \frac{x}{2\zeta(2)} + \frac{1}{(r + 1)\zeta^2(2)} \left( 2\gamma - 1 - 2\frac{\zeta'(2)}{\zeta(2)} + \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor} \binom{r + 1}{2m} B_{2m} \zeta(2m + 1) \right) x + L_r(x),$$

where

$$L_r(x) := \frac{1}{r + 1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(n)}{n} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + O_r((\log x)^2). \tag{3}$$

Lastly, for  $f = \psi$  it was proved that

$$M_r(x; \psi) = \frac{1}{(r + 1)\zeta(4)} x \log x + \frac{\zeta(2)}{2\zeta(4)} x + \frac{1}{(r + 1)\zeta(4)} \left( 2\gamma - 1 - 2\frac{\zeta'(4)}{\zeta(4)} + \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor} \binom{r + 1}{2m} B_{2m} \zeta(2m + 1) \right) x + U_r(x),$$

where

$$U_r(x) := \frac{1}{r + 1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu * |\mu|(n)}{n} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + O_r((\log x)^2). \tag{4}$$

The function  $\Delta(x)$  denotes the error term of the Dirichlet divisor problem: Let  $\tau = \mathbf{1} * \mathbf{1}$  be the divisor function, then for any large positive number  $x \geq 2$ ,

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \tau(n) = x \log x + (2\gamma - 1)x + \Delta(x), \tag{5}$$

where  $\gamma$  is the Euler constant and  $\Delta(x)$  can be estimated by  $\Delta(x) = O(x^{\theta+\epsilon})$ . It is known that one can take  $1/4 \leq \theta \leq 1/3$ . More precisely, the Dirichlet divisor problem is to find the smallest value of  $\theta$  for which the above estimate holds, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ . This problem is still unsolved. The best estimate to date is

$$O\left(x^{131/416}(\log x)^{26947/8320}\right),$$

obtained by Huxley [7] in 2003.

The first purpose of this paper is to refine the error terms  $K_r(x), L_r(x)$  and  $U_r(x)$  from the above formulas. Therefore, let  $\sigma_u = \text{id}_u * \mathbf{1}$  be the generalized divisor function for any real number  $u$  and let  $m \geq 1$  be an integer. Then for any large positive number  $x \geq 2$ , the function  $\Delta_{-2m}(x)$  denotes the error term of the generalized divisor problem given by

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \sigma_{-2m}(n) = \zeta(1 + 2m)x - \frac{1}{2}\zeta(2m) + \Delta_{-2m}(x). \tag{6}$$

For more details about the functions  $\Delta(x), \Delta_{-2m}(x)$ , see [1]. We have the following results:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\Delta(x)$  and  $\Delta_{-2m}(x)$  be the error terms given by Eqs. (5) and (6), respectively. For any large positive number  $x > 5$  and fixed positive integer  $r$ , we have*

$$K_r(x) = \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \sum_{m=1}^{[r/2]} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \Delta_{-2m}\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) + O_r(\delta(x)),$$

where the function  $\delta(x)$  is defined by

$$\delta(x) := \exp\left(-C \frac{(\log x)^{3/5}}{(\log \log x)^{1/5}}\right) \tag{7}$$

with  $C$  being a positive constant. Moreover, we have

$$L_r(x) = \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(n)}{n} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(n)}{n} \sum_{m=1}^{[r/2]} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \Delta_{-2m}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + O_r\left((\log x)^{2/3} (\log \log x)^{1/3}\right).$$

and

$$U_r(x) = \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu * |\mu|(n)}{n} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu * |\mu|(n)}{n} \sum_{m=1}^{[r/2]} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \Delta_{-2m}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) - \frac{1}{4\zeta(2)} \log x + O_r\left((\log x)^{2/3}\right).$$

*Remark 1.* It is easily checked that using the weakest estimate  $\Delta_{-2m}(x) = O_m(1)$  in the results Theorem 1 yields much better results than the previously known formulas for  $K_r(x)$ ,  $L_r(x)$  and  $M_r(x)$  from Eqs. (2), (3), and (4).

Furthermore, even better estimates of  $K_r(x)$  can be achieved by additional assumptions on the Riemann zeta-function. Under the Riemann Hypothesis, Maier and Montgomery [15] gave a sharper estimate of the partial sum of the Möbius function, which was later improved by Soundararajan [17].

The author proved that

$$M(x) := \sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n) = O\left(x^{1/2} \eta(x)\right)$$

where

$$\eta(x) := \exp\left((\log x)^{1/2} (\log \log x)^{14}\right), \tag{8}$$

for any large positive number  $x > 5$  satisfying  $x = [x] + \frac{1}{2}$ . This latter has been improved slightly by Balazard and de Roton [2]. By using the above result on  $M(x)$ , we obtain the next statement.

**Theorem 2.** *Assume the Riemann Hypothesis and let  $\Delta(x)$  and  $\Delta_{-2m}(x)$  be the error terms given by Eqs. (5) and (6), respectively. Then for any large positive number  $x > 5$  such that  $x = [x] + \frac{1}{2}$  and fixed positive integer  $r$ , we have*

$$K_r(x) = \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \sum_{m=1}^{[r/2]} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \Delta_{-2m}\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) + O_r\left(\frac{\eta(x) \log x}{x^{1/2}}\right).$$

For our further considerations, let  $\rho = \alpha + i\beta$  denote the generic non-trivial zeros of the Riemann zeta-function. Under the assumption that all zeros  $\rho$  in the critical strip of  $\zeta(s)$  are simple, we are able to prove an additional refinement for the error term  $K_r(x)$ .

**Theorem 3.** *Assume that the zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  are simple. Let  $T_* \geq x^6$  be some positive number satisfying the inequality*

$$\frac{1}{\zeta(\sigma + iT_*)} \ll T_*^\varepsilon$$

for  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \sigma \leq 2$ . For any large positive number  $x > 5$  with  $x = [x] + \frac{1}{2}$  we then have

$$K_r(x) = \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \sum_{m=1}^{[r/2]} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \Delta_{-2m}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + \frac{2\gamma + C_{\text{odd}}(r) - 1}{r+1} \sum_{|\beta| \leq T_*} \frac{x^{\rho-1}}{(\rho-2)\zeta'(\rho)} - \frac{C_{\text{even}}(r)}{2(r+1)} \sum_{|\beta| \leq T_*} \frac{x^{\rho-1}}{(\rho-1)\zeta'(\rho)} + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{|\beta| \leq T_*} \frac{x^{\rho-1}}{(\rho-2)^2 \zeta'(\rho)} + O_r(x^{-3}),$$

where the functions  $C_{\text{odd}}(r)$  and  $C_{\text{even}}(r)$  are given by

$$C_{\text{odd}}(r) := \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \zeta(2m+1),$$

and

$$C_{\text{even}}(r) := \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \zeta(2m)$$

for any fixed positive integer  $r$ .

Finally, define the sum

$$J_{-\lambda}(T) := \sum_{0 < \beta \leq T} \frac{1}{|\zeta'(\rho)|^{2\lambda}}$$

which is intimately connected to Mertens function. Assuming the simplicity of the zeros of  $\zeta(s)$ , Gonek [5] and Hejhal [6] independently conjectured that for any real number  $\lambda < 3/2$ , we have

$$J_{-\lambda}(T) \asymp T(\log T)^{(\lambda-1)^2} \tag{9}$$

We use this conjecture to prove the following:

**Theorem 4.** *Assume that the Riemann Hypothesis and Gonek-Hejhal conjecture. Then*

$$K_r(x) = \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \Delta_{-2m}\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) + O_r\left(\frac{(\log x)^{5/4}}{x^{1/2}}\right),$$

for any large positive number  $x > 5$  satisfying  $x = [x] + \frac{1}{2}$ .

## 2. Proofs of Theorems 1 and 2

In order to prove our main results, we first show some necessary lemmas.

### 2.1. Auxiliary Lemmas

**Lemma 1.** *For any large positive number  $x > 5$ , we have*

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^2} = \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} + O\left(\frac{\delta(x)}{x}\right), \tag{10}$$

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^2} \log n = \frac{\zeta'(2)}{\zeta^2(2)} + O\left(\frac{\delta(x)}{x}\right), \tag{11}$$

and

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} = O(\delta(x)), \tag{12}$$

where  $\delta(x)$  is given by Eq. (7). Assume that  $x = [x] + \frac{1}{2}$ . Under the Riemann Hypothesis we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^2} = \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} + O\left(\frac{\eta(x)}{x^{3/2}}\right), \tag{13}$$

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^2} \log n = \frac{\zeta'(2)}{\zeta^2(2)} + O\left(\frac{\eta(x) \log x}{x^{3/2}}\right), \tag{14}$$

and

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} = O\left(\frac{\eta(x)}{x^{1/2}}\right). \tag{15}$$

for any large positive number  $x > 5$ . Here  $\eta(x)$  is given by Eq. (8).

*Proof.* Eqs. (10) and (11) follow from Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3 in [16]. The proof of Eq. (12) can be found in [9]. The formulas (13)–(15) follow from Lemma 2.1 in [8]. □

**Lemma 2.** For any large positive number  $x > 5$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\phi(n)}{n} = \frac{x}{\zeta(2)} + O\left((\log x)^{2/3}(\log \log x)^{1/3}\right).$$

*Proof.* For any large positive number  $x \geq 5$ , we use the result of Liu in [14]

$$\sum_{\ell \leq x} \frac{\mu(\ell)}{\ell} \vartheta\left(\frac{x}{\ell}\right) = O\left((\log x)^{2/3}(\log \log x)^{1/3}\right),$$

the fact that  $\phi = \text{id} * \mu$ , and Eqs. (10), (12) to obtain the formula

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\phi(n)}{n} &= \sum_{\ell \leq x} \frac{\mu(\ell)}{\ell} \left(\frac{x}{\ell} - \vartheta\left(\frac{x}{\ell}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{x}{\zeta(2)} + O\left((\log x)^{2/3}(\log \log x)^{1/3}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\vartheta(x)$  is the oscillatory function defined by  $x - [x] - \frac{1}{2}$ . This completes the proof. □

**Lemma 3.** For any large positive number  $x > 5$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\psi(n)}{n} = \frac{\zeta(2)}{\zeta(4)}x - \frac{1}{2\zeta(2)} \log x + O\left((\log x)^{2/3}\right).$$

*Proof.* The proof can be found in [20, Satz 3]. □

**Lemma 4.** For any large positive number  $x > 5$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(n)}{n^2} = \frac{1}{\zeta^2(2)} + O\left(\frac{\kappa(x)}{x}\right), \tag{16}$$

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(n)}{n^2} \log n = 2 \frac{\zeta'(2)}{\zeta^3(2)} + O\left(\frac{\kappa(x)}{x}\right), \tag{17}$$

and

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(n)}{n} = O(\kappa(x)), \tag{18}$$

where  $\kappa(x)$  is given by

$$\kappa(x) = \exp\left(-D(\log x \log \log x)^{1/3}\right)$$

with  $D$  being a positive constant.

*Proof.* Eqs. (16), (17) and (18) follow from Eqs. (3.5), (3.6) and (3.3) in [8], respectively. □

**Lemma 5.** For any large positive number  $x > 5$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{|\mu| * \mu(n)}{n^2} = \frac{1}{\zeta(4)} + O\left(\frac{\delta(x)}{x^{3/2}}\right), \tag{19}$$

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{|\mu| * \mu(n)}{n^2} \log n = 2 \frac{\zeta'(4)}{\zeta^2(4)} + O\left(\frac{\delta(x)}{x^{3/2}}\right), \tag{20}$$

and

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{|\mu| * \mu(n)}{n} = \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} + O\left(\frac{\delta(x)}{x^{1/2}}\right). \tag{21}$$

*Proof.* Eqs. (19) and (20) follow from Eqs. (3.7) and (3.8) in [8], respectively. It is known that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\mu| * \mu(n)}{n} = \frac{1}{\zeta(2)},$$

Now, we write our sums as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{|\mu| * \mu(n)}{n} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\mu| * \mu(n)}{n} - \sum_{n > x} \frac{|\mu| * \mu(n)}{n} \\ &= \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} - \sum_{n > x} \frac{|\mu| * \mu(n)}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

To complete the proof, it remains to estimate the last sum above. Notice that

$$\sum_{n > x} \frac{|\mu| * \mu(n)}{n} = \int_x^{\infty} \frac{\sum_{x < n \leq t} |\mu| * \mu(n)}{t^2} dt$$

and that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} |\mu| * \mu(n) = \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x}} \mu(n) + O(x^\epsilon) = O\left(x^{1/2} \delta(x)\right),$$

where we used Eq. (3.4) from [8]. Therefore, we have

$$\sum_{n > x} \frac{|\mu| * \mu(n)}{n} = O\left(\int_x^\infty \frac{t^{1/2} \delta(t)}{t^2} dt\right) = O\left(\frac{\delta(x)}{x^{1/2}}\right),$$

and Eq. (21) is proved. □

**Lemma 6.** *For any large positive number  $x > 5$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} \frac{\phi(d)}{d} &= \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} x \log x + \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} \left(2\gamma - 1 - \frac{\zeta'(2)}{\zeta(2)}\right) x \\ &\quad + \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) + O(\delta(x)), \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

and

$$\sum_{d \ell \leq x} \frac{\phi(d)}{d} \frac{1}{\ell^{2m}} = \frac{\zeta(1+2m)}{\zeta(2)} x + \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \Delta_{-2m}\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) + O_m(\delta(x)) \tag{23}$$

for any positive integer  $m$ . Suppose that  $x = [x] + \frac{1}{2}$ . Under the Riemann Hypothesis, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} \frac{\phi(d)}{d} &= \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} x \log x + \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} \left(2\gamma - 1 - \frac{\zeta'(2)}{\zeta(2)}\right) x \\ &\quad + \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) + O\left(\frac{\eta(x) \log x}{x^{1/2}}\right), \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

and

$$\sum_{d \ell \leq x} \frac{\phi(d)}{d} \frac{1}{\ell^{2m}} = \frac{\zeta(1+2m)}{\zeta(2)} x + \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \Delta_{-2m}\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) + O_m\left(\frac{\eta(x)}{x^{1/2}}\right) \tag{25}$$

*Proof.* We recall the identity  $\frac{\phi}{\text{id}} * \mathbf{1} = \frac{\mu}{\text{id}} * \tau$ . Using Eqs. (5), (10) and (11), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} \frac{\phi(d)}{d} &= \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \sum_{\ell \leq x/d} \tau(\ell) \\ &= x(\log x + 2\gamma - 1) \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^2} - x \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^2} \log d + \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} x \log x + \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} \left(2\gamma - 1 - \frac{\zeta'(2)}{\zeta(2)}\right) x + \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) + O(\delta(x)), \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of Eq. (22). Further, we recall the identity  $\frac{\phi}{\text{id}} * \text{id}_{-2m} = \frac{\mu}{\text{id}} * \sigma_{-2m}$ , and use Eqs. (6), (10) and (12) to get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{d\ell \leq x} \frac{\phi(d)}{d} \frac{1}{\ell^{2m}} &= \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \sum_{\ell \leq x/d} \sigma_{-2m}(\ell) \\ &= \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \left( \zeta(1+2m) \frac{x}{d} - \frac{1}{2} \zeta(2m) + \Delta_{-2m} \left( \frac{x}{d} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{\zeta(1+2m)}{\zeta(2)} x + \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \Delta_{-2m} \left( \frac{x}{d} \right) + O_m(\delta(x)). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Eq. (23). Similarly, we use Eqs. (13), (14) and (15) to deduce Eqs. (24) and (25).  $\square$

**Lemma 7.** *For any large positive number  $x > 5$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} \frac{\mu * \phi(d)}{d} &= \frac{1}{\zeta^2(2)} x \log x + \frac{1}{\zeta^2(2)} \left( 2\gamma - 1 - 2 \frac{\zeta'(2)}{\zeta(2)} \right) x \\ &\quad + \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(d)}{d} \Delta \left( \frac{x}{d} \right) + O(\kappa(x)), \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

and

$$\sum_{d\ell \leq x} \frac{\mu * \phi(d)}{d} \frac{1}{\ell^{2m}} = \frac{\zeta(1+2m)}{\zeta^2(2)} x + \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(d)}{d} \Delta_{-2m} \left( \frac{x}{d} \right) + O_m(\kappa(x)) \tag{27}$$

for any positive integer  $m$ . Here  $\kappa(x)$  is defined above in Lemma 4.

*Proof.* We use the identity  $\frac{\mu * \phi}{\text{id}} * \mathbf{1} = \frac{\mu * \mu}{\text{id}} * \tau$ , Eqs. (5), (16), and (17) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k \leq x} \sum_{d|k} \frac{\mu * \phi(d)}{d} &= \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(d)}{d} \sum_{\ell \leq x/d} \tau(\ell) \\ &= x (\log x + 2\gamma - 1) \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(d)}{d^2} - x \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(d)}{d^2} \log d + \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(d)}{d} \Delta \left( \frac{x}{d} \right) \\ &= \frac{x \log x}{\zeta^2(2)} + \frac{1}{\zeta^2(2)} \left( 2\gamma - 1 - 2 \frac{\zeta'(2)}{\zeta(2)} \right) x + \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(d)}{d} \Delta \left( \frac{x}{d} \right) + O(\kappa(x)), \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of Eq. (26). By using the fact that  $\frac{\mu * \phi}{\text{id}} * \text{id}_{-2m} = \frac{\mu * \mu}{\text{id}} * \sigma_{-2m}$ , together with Eqs. (6), (16), and (18) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{d\ell \leq x} \frac{\mu * \phi(d)}{d} \frac{1}{\ell^{2m}} &= \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(d)}{d} \sum_{\ell \leq x/d} \sigma_{-2m}(\ell) \\ &= \frac{\zeta(1+2m)}{\zeta^2(2)} x + \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(d)}{d} \Delta_{-2m} \left( \frac{x}{d} \right) + O_m(\kappa(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Eq. (27) is proved. □

**Lemma 8.** *For any large positive number  $x > 5$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} \frac{\mu * \psi(d)}{d} &= \frac{1}{\zeta(4)} x \log x + \frac{1}{\zeta(4)} \left( 2\gamma - 1 - 2 \frac{\zeta'(4)}{\zeta(4)} \right) x \\ &\quad + \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{|\mu| * \mu(d)}{d} \Delta \left( \frac{x}{d} \right) + O \left( \frac{\delta(x)}{x^{1/2}} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{d\ell \leq x} \frac{\mu * \psi(d)}{d} \frac{1}{\ell^{2m}} &= \frac{\zeta(1+2m)}{\zeta(4)} x \\ &\quad + \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{|\mu| * \mu(d)}{d} \Delta_{-2m} \left( \frac{x}{d} \right) - \frac{\zeta(2m)}{2\zeta(2)} + O_m \left( \frac{\delta(x)}{x^{1/2}} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

for any positive integer  $m$ .

*Proof.* From the identity  $\frac{\mu * \psi}{\text{id}} * \mathbf{1} = \frac{\mu * |\mu|}{\text{id}} * \tau$ , we have

$$\sum_{k \leq x} \sum_{d|k} \frac{\mu * \psi(d)}{d} = \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * |\mu|(d)}{d} \sum_{\ell \leq x/d} \tau(\ell).$$

Using Eqs. (5), (19) and (20), we obtain the formula Eq. (28). Now, we use the identity  $\frac{\mu * \psi}{\text{id}} * \text{id}_{-2m} = \frac{\mu * |\mu|}{\text{id}} * \sigma_{-2m}$  to write our second sums as follows

$$\sum_{d\ell \leq x} \frac{\mu * \psi(d)}{d} \frac{1}{\ell^{2m}} = \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * |\mu|(d)}{d} \sum_{\ell \leq x/d} \sigma_{-2m}(\ell).$$

Again, we use Eq. (6) to get

$$\sum_{d\ell \leq x} \frac{\mu * \psi(d)}{d} \frac{1}{\ell^{2m}} = \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * |\mu|(d)}{d} \left( \zeta(1+2m) \frac{x}{d} - \frac{1}{2} \zeta(2m) + \Delta_{-2m} \left( \frac{x}{d} \right) \right).$$

Applying Eqs. (19) and (21) to the above, we deduce the desired result. □

Now we are ready to prove our main theorems.

### 2.2. Proofs of the Theorems

*Proof of Theorem 1.* First, we take  $f = \text{id}$  into Eq. (1) to get

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_r(x; \text{id}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \leq x} 1 + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{d \ell \leq x} \frac{\mu * \text{id}(d)}{d} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \sum_{d \ell \leq x} \frac{\mu * \text{id}(d)}{d} \frac{1}{\ell^{2m}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \leq x} 1 + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} \frac{\phi(d)}{d} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \sum_{d \ell \leq x} \frac{\phi(d)}{d} \frac{1}{\ell^{2m}}. \tag{30}
 \end{aligned}$$

Applying Eqs. (22) and (23) above yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_r(x) &= \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \Delta_{-2m}\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) + O_r(\delta(x)),
 \end{aligned}$$

which gives the desired result. We take  $f = \phi$  into Eq. (1) to get

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_r(x; \phi) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\phi(n)}{n} + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} \frac{\mu * \phi(d)}{d} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \sum_{d \ell \leq x} \frac{\mu * \phi(d)}{d} \frac{1}{\ell^{2m}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 2, as well as Eqs. (26) and (27), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_r(x) &= \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(n)}{n} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu * \mu(n)}{n} \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \Delta_{-2m}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \\
 &\quad + O_r\left((\log x)^{2/3} (\log \log x)^{1/3}\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

as desired. Taking  $f = \psi$  into Eq. (1) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_r(x; \psi) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\psi(n)}{n} + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * \psi(d)}{d} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{m=1}^{[r/2]} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * \psi(d)}{d} \frac{1}{\ell^{2m}}. \tag{31}
 \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 3, as well as Eqs. (28) and (29) in the above formula yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_r(x) &= \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu * |\mu|(n)}{n} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu * |\mu|(n)}{n} \sum_{m=1}^{[r/2]} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \Delta_{-2m}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{4\zeta(2)} \log x + O_r\left((\log x)^{2/3}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1. □

*Proof of Theorem 2.* By assuming the Riemann Hypothesis, and applying Eqs. (24) and (25) in Eq. (30), we immediately deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_r(x) &= \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \sum_{m=1}^{[r/2]} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \Delta_{-2m}\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) + O_r\left(\frac{\eta(x) \log x}{x^{1/2}}\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 2. □

### 3. Proofs of Theorems 3 and 4

To prove Theorems 3 we just need the following lemma.

**Lemma 9.** *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 3, we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^2} &= \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} + \sum_{|\beta| \leq T_*} \frac{x^{\rho-2}}{(\rho-2)\zeta'(\rho)} + \frac{\pi^2}{\zeta(3)} x^{-4} + O(x^{-5}), \\
 \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^2} \log \frac{x}{n} &= \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} \left( \log x - \frac{\zeta'(2)}{\zeta(2)} \right) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{|\beta| \leq T_*} \frac{x^{\rho-2}}{(\rho-2)^2 \zeta'(\rho)} - \frac{\pi^2}{4\zeta(3)} x^{-4} + O(x^{-5}),
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} = \sum_{|\beta| \leq T_*} \frac{x^{\rho-1}}{(\rho-1)\zeta'(\rho)} + \frac{4\pi^2}{3\zeta(3)} x^{-3} + O(x^{-5}).$$

*Proof.* The proof of the lemma can be found in [8, Lemma 3.5]. □

*Proof of Theorem 3.* We recall that

$$\begin{aligned} M_r(x; \text{id}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \leq x} 1 + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * \text{id}(d)}{d} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu * \text{id}(d)}{d} \frac{1}{\ell^{2m}}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that

$$\frac{\mu * \text{id}}{\text{id}} * \mathbf{1} = \frac{\mu}{\text{id}} * \tau, \quad \frac{\mu * \text{id}}{\text{id}} * \text{id}_{-2m} = \frac{\mu}{\text{id}} * \sigma_{-2m},$$

and Eqs. (5) and (6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} M_r(x; \text{id}) &= \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{2} + \frac{x}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^2} \log \frac{x}{n} + \frac{x}{r+1} (2\gamma - 1 + C_{\text{odd}}(r)) \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{C_{\text{even}}(r)}{2(r+1)} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor} \binom{r+1}{2m} B_{2m} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \Delta_{-2m}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Under the hypotheses of the theorem, we use Lemma 9 to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M_r(x; \text{id}) &= \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{2} + \frac{x \log x}{(r+1)\zeta(2)} + \frac{x}{(r+1)\zeta(2)} \left( 2\gamma - 1 - \frac{\zeta'(2)}{\zeta(2)} + C_{\text{odd}}(r) \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \Delta\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor} \binom{r+1}{2m} \\ &\quad B_{2m} \zeta(2m) \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \Delta_{-2m}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{r+1} (2\gamma - 1 + C_{\text{odd}}(r)) \sum_{|\beta| \leq T_*} \frac{x^{\rho-1}}{(\rho-2)\zeta'(\rho)} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{|\beta| \leq T_*} \frac{x^{\rho-1}}{(\rho-2)^2 \zeta'(\rho)} - \frac{C_{\text{even}}(r)}{2(r+1)} \\ &\quad \sum_{|\beta| \leq T_*} \frac{x^{\rho-1}}{(\rho-1)\zeta'(\rho)} + O_r(x^{-3}), \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 4.* To prove our theorem it suffices to show that

$$\sum_{|\beta| \leq T_*} \frac{x^{-\frac{1}{2} + i\beta}}{(-j + i\beta)\zeta'(\frac{1}{2} + i\beta)} = O\left(x^{-1/2}(\log x)^{5/4}\right)$$

with  $j = 1/2$  and  $3/2$ . We take  $\lambda = -1/2$  into Eq. (9), then  $J_{-1/2}(T_*) \ll T_*(\log T_*)^{1/4}$ . Using the above and partial summation we have

$$\sum_{|\beta| \leq T_*} \frac{1}{\beta|\zeta'(\frac{1}{2} + i\beta)|} \ll \left[ \frac{J_{-1/2}(t)}{t} \right]_{14}^{T_*} + \int_{14}^{T_*} \frac{J_{-1/2}(t)}{t^2} dt \ll (\log T_*)^{5/4},$$

and the proof is complete.  $\square$

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