ON CHEN'S THEOREM, GOLDBACH'S CONJECTURE AND ALMOST PRIME TWINS

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ABSTRACT. Let N denote a sufficiently large even integer, we define $D_{1,2}(N)$ as the same as those in previous articles about Chen's theorem. In this paper, we show that $D_{1,2}(N) \ge 1.733 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2}$, improving previous record of Wu about 93%. We also get similar results on twin prime problem and additive representations of integers. An important step in the proof is the application of the theorems of Lichtman.

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1. Introduction

Let N denote a sufficiently large even integer, p denote a prime number, and let P_2 denote an integer with at most two prime factors counted with multiplicity. We define

$$D_{1,2}(N) := |\{p : p \leqslant N, N - p = P_2\}|. \tag{1}$$

In 1973 Chen [5] established his remarkable Chen's theorem:

$$D_{1,2}(N) \geqslant 0.67 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2},$$
 (2)

where

$$C(N) := \prod_{\substack{p|N\\p>2}} \frac{p-1}{p-2} \prod_{p>2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(p-1)^2}\right). \tag{3}$$

Chen's constant 0.67 was improved successively to

0.689, 0.7544, 0.81, 0.8285, 0.836, 0.867, 0.899

by Halberstam and Richert [11] [10], Chen [7] [6], Cai and Lu [4], Wu [20], Cai [2] and Wu [21] respectively. Chen [8] announced a better constant 0.9, but this work has not been published.

In this paper, we obtain the following sharper result.

Theorem 1.1.

$$D_{1,2}(N) \geqslant 1.733 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2}.$$

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One important significance of our Theorem 1.1 is to make us truly achieve and exceed the constant 0.9 claimed by Chen [8]. Our constant 1.733 gives a 92.7% refinement of Wu's prior record 0.899. This is the greatest refinement on the problem since Chen [5] from 1973.

Furthermore, for two relatively prime square-free positive integers a, b, let M denote a sufficiently large integer that is relatively prime to both a and b, $a, b < M^{\varepsilon}$ and let M be even if a and b are both odd. Let $R_{a,b}(M)$ denote the number of primes p such that ap and M-ap are both square-free, $b \mid (M-ap)$, and $\frac{M-ap}{b} = P_2$. In 1976, Ross [[18], Chapter 3] established that

$$R_{a,b}(M) \geqslant 0.608 \frac{C(abM)M}{ab(\log M)^2},\tag{4}$$

where

$$C(abM) := \prod_{\substack{p|abM \\ p>2}} \frac{p-1}{p-2} \prod_{p>2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(p-1)^2}\right),\tag{5}$$

and the constant 0.608 was improved successively to 0.68 and 0.8671 by Li [13] and Li [14] respectively. By using the same sieve process and methods in [14], we have the following sharper.

Theorem 1.2.

$$R_{a,b}(M) \geqslant 1.733 \frac{C(abM)M}{ab(\log M)^2}.$$

Let x denote a sufficiently large integer and define

$$\pi_{1,2}(x) := |\{p : p \leqslant x, p+2 = P_2\}|. \tag{6}$$

In 1973 Chen [5] showed simultaneously that

$$\pi_{1,2}(x) \geqslant 0.335 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2},$$
(7)

where

$$C_2 := 2 \prod_{p>2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(p-1)^2} \right), \tag{8}$$

and the constant 0.608 was improved successively to

 $0.3445,\ 0.3772,\ 0.405,\ 0.71,\ 1.015,\ 1.05,\ 1.0974,\ 1.104,\ 1.123,\ 1.13$

by Halberstam [10], Chen [7] [6], Fouvry and Grupp [9], Liu [17], Wu [19], Cai [1], Wu [20], Cai [2] and Cai [3] respectively.

In this paper, we get the following sharper.

Theorem 1.3.

$$\pi_{1,2}(x) \geqslant 1.238 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}.$$

2. Lichtman's Distribution Theorems

In this section we put A, B > 0, $\theta = \frac{7}{32}$ from Kim–Sarnak [12], and we define the functions $\vartheta_{\alpha}(t_1)$ and $\vartheta_{\alpha}(t_1, t_2, t_3)$ with $\alpha = 0$ or 1 as the same as those in [16]. We consider the analogous set of well–factorable vectors $\mathbf{D}_r^{\text{well}}$:

$$\mathbf{D}_r^{\text{well}}(D) = \{(D_1, \dots, D_r) : D_1 \dots D_{m-1} D_m^2 < D \text{ for all } m \leq r \}.$$

Lemma 2.1. Let $(D_1, \ldots, D_r) \in \mathbf{D}_r^{well}(D)$ and write $D = N^{\vartheta}, D_i = N^{t_i}$ for $i \leqslant r$. If $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_1(t_1) - \varepsilon$, then

$$\sum_{\substack{b=p_1\cdots p_r\\D_i< p_i\leqslant D_i^{1+\varepsilon^9}}}\sum_{\substack{q=bc\leqslant D\\c|P(p_r)\\(q,N)=1}}\widetilde{\lambda}^{\pm}(q)\left(\pi(N;q,N)-\frac{\pi(N)}{\varphi(q)}\right)\ll \frac{N}{(\log N)^A}.$$
 (i)

Moreover if $t_1 \leqslant \frac{1-\theta}{4}$ and $r \geqslant 3$, then (i) holds if $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_1(t_1, t_2, t_3) - \varepsilon$.

If $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_1(t_1) - \varepsilon$ and r = 2, then

$$\sum_{\substack{b=p_1p_2\\D_1 < p_1 \leqslant D_1^{1+\varepsilon^9} \text{ } c|P(N^u)\\D_2 < p_2 \leqslant D_2^{1+\varepsilon^9} (q,N) = 1}} \widetilde{\lambda}^{\pm}(q) \left(\pi(N;q,N) - \frac{\pi(N)}{\varphi(q)}\right) \ll \frac{N}{(\log N)^A}.$$
 (ii)

Moreover if $t_1 \leqslant \frac{1-\theta}{4}$, then (ii) holds if $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_1(t_1, t_2, u) - \varepsilon$. If $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_1(t_1) - \varepsilon$ and r = 1, then

$$\sum_{\substack{b=p_1\\D_1 < p_1 \leqslant D_1^{1+\varepsilon^9} c|P(N^u)\\(q,N)=1}} \sum_{\substack{q=bc \leqslant D\\(P(N^u)\\(q,N)=1}} \widetilde{\lambda}^{\pm}(q) \left(\pi(N;q,N) - \frac{\pi(N)}{\varphi(q)}\right) \ll \frac{N}{(\log N)^A}.$$
 (iii)

Moreover if $t_1 \leqslant \frac{1-\theta}{4}$, then (iii) holds if $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_1(t_1, u, u) - \varepsilon$. If r = 0 and $u = \frac{1}{500}$, this simplifies as

$$\sum_{\substack{q \leqslant N \frac{19101}{32000} \\ q \mid P(N^{1/500}) \\ (q,N)=1}} \widetilde{\lambda}^{\pm}(q) \left(\pi(N;q,N) - \frac{\pi(N)}{\varphi(q)} \right) \ll \frac{N}{(\log N)^A}.$$
 (iv)

Lemma 2.2. Let $(D_1, \ldots, D_r) \in \mathbf{D}_r^{well}(D)$ and write $D = x^{\vartheta}, D_i = x^{t_i}$ for $i \leqslant r$. If $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_0(t_1) - \varepsilon$, then

$$\sum_{\substack{b=p_1\cdots p_r\\D_i< p_i\leqslant D_i^{1+\varepsilon^9}}}\sum_{\substack{q=bc\leqslant D\\c|P(p_r)\\(q,2)=1}}\widetilde{\lambda}^\pm(q)\left(\pi(x;q,-2)-\frac{\pi(x)}{\varphi(q)}\right)\ll\frac{x}{(\log x)^A}.\tag{v}$$

Moreover if $t_1 \leqslant \frac{1-\theta}{4-3\theta}$ and $r \geqslant 3$, then (v) holds if $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_0(t_1, t_2, t_3) - \varepsilon$. If $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_0(t_1) - \varepsilon$ and r = 2, then

$$\sum_{\substack{b=p_1p_2\\D_1 < p_1 \leqslant D_1^{1+\varepsilon^9} \text{ c} \mid P(x^u)\\D_2 < p_2 \leqslant D_2^{1+\varepsilon^9}}} \sum_{\substack{q=bc \leqslant D\\\text{ i} \mid P(x^u)\\(q,2) = 1}} \widetilde{\lambda}^{\pm}(q) \left(\pi(x;q,-2) - \frac{\pi(x)}{\varphi(q)}\right) \ll \frac{x}{(\log x)^A}. \tag{vi}$$

Moreover if $t_1 \leqslant \frac{1-\theta}{4-3\theta}$, then (vi) holds if $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_0(t_1, t_2, u) - \varepsilon$. If $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_0(t_1) - \varepsilon$ and r = 1, then

$$\sum_{\substack{b=p_1\\D_1 < p_1 \leqslant D_1^{1+\varepsilon^9}}} \sum_{\substack{q=bc \leqslant D\\c|P(x^u)\\(q,2)=1}} \widetilde{\lambda}^{\pm}(q) \left(\pi(x;q,-2) - \frac{\pi(x)}{\varphi(q)}\right) \ll \frac{x}{(\log x)^A}. \tag{vii}$$

Moreover if $t_1 \leqslant \frac{1-\theta}{4-3\theta}$, then (vii) holds if $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_0(t_1, u, u) - \varepsilon$. If r = 0 and $u = \frac{1}{500}$, this simplifies as

$$\sum_{\substack{q \leqslant x^{\frac{16483}{26750}} \\ q \mid P\left(x^{1/500}\right) \\ (q,2)=1}} \widetilde{\lambda}^{\pm}(q) \left(\pi(x;q,-2) - \frac{\pi(x)}{\varphi(q)}\right) \ll \frac{x}{(\log x)^A}. \tag{viii)}$$

Lemma 2.3. Let $(D_1, \ldots, D_r) \in \mathbf{D}_r^{well}(D)$ and write $D = N^{\boldsymbol{\vartheta}}, D_i = N^{t_i}$ for $i \leq r$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and real numbers $\varepsilon_1, \ldots, \varepsilon_k \geqslant \varepsilon$ such that $\sum_{i \leq k} \varepsilon_i = 1$, and let $\Delta = 1 + (\log N)^{-B}$. If $\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \leq \boldsymbol{\vartheta}_1(t_1) - \varepsilon$, then

$$\sum_{\substack{b=p_1'\cdots p_r'\\D_i < p_i' \leqslant D_i^{1+\varepsilon^9}}} \sum_{\substack{q=bc \leqslant D\\(p_i)\\(q,N)=1}} \widetilde{\lambda}^{\pm}(q) \left(\sum_{\substack{p_1\cdots p_k \equiv N (\bmod q)\\N^{\varepsilon_i}/\Delta < p_i \leqslant N^{\varepsilon_i} \ \forall i \leqslant k}} 1 - \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\substack{(p_1\cdots p_k, N) = 1\\N^{\varepsilon_i}/\Delta < p_i \leqslant N^{\varepsilon_i} \ \forall i \leqslant k}} 1 \right) \ll \frac{N}{(\log N)^A}.$$
 (ix)

Moreover if $t_1 \leqslant \frac{1-\theta}{4}$ and $r \geqslant 3$, then (ix) holds if $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_1(t_1, t_2, t_3) - \varepsilon$. If $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_1(t_1) - \varepsilon$ and r = 2, then

$$\sum_{\substack{b=p_1'p_2'\\D_1 < p_1' \leqslant D_1^{1+\varepsilon^9} \ c|P(N^u)\\D_1 < p_1' \leqslant D_1^{1+\varepsilon^9} \ (q,N) = 1}} \sum_{\substack{q=bc \leqslant D\\N^{\varepsilon_i}/\Delta < p_i \leqslant N^{\varepsilon_i} \ \forall i \leqslant k}} 1 - \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\substack{(p_1 \cdots p_k, N) = 1\\N^{\varepsilon_i}/\Delta < p_i \leqslant N^{\varepsilon_i} \ \forall i \leqslant k}} 1 \right) \ll \frac{N}{(\log N)^A}. \tag{x}$$

Moreover if $t_1 \leqslant \frac{1-\theta}{4}$, then (x) holds if $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_1(t_1, t_2, u) - \varepsilon$. If $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_1(t_1) - \varepsilon$ and r = 1, then

$$\sum_{\substack{b=p_1'\\D_1 < p_1' \leqslant D_1^{1+\varepsilon^9} c|P(N^u)\\(q,N)=1}} \sum_{\substack{q=bc \leqslant D\\N^{\varepsilon_i}/\Delta < p_i \leqslant N^{\varepsilon_i} \text{ } \forall i \leqslant k}} 1 - \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\substack{(p_1 \cdots p_k, N)=1\\N^{\varepsilon_i}/\Delta < p_i \leqslant N^{\varepsilon_i} \text{ } \forall i \leqslant k}} 1 \otimes \frac{N}{(\log N)^A}.$$
 (xi)

Moreover if $t_1 \leqslant \frac{1-\theta}{4}$, then (xi) holds if $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_1(t_1, u, u) - \varepsilon$. If r = 0 and $u = \frac{1}{500}$, this simplifies as

$$\sum_{\substack{q \leqslant N^{\frac{19101}{32000}} \\ q \mid P\left(N^{1/500}\right) \\ (q,N)=1}} \widetilde{\lambda}^{\pm}(q) \left(\sum_{\substack{p_1 \cdots p_k \equiv N \pmod{q} \\ N^{\varepsilon_i}/\Delta < p_i \leqslant N^{\varepsilon_i} \ \forall i \leqslant k}} 1 - \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\substack{(p_1 \cdots p_k, N) = 1 \\ N^{\varepsilon_i}/\Delta < p_i \leqslant N^{\varepsilon_i} \ \forall i \leqslant k}} 1 \right) \ll \frac{N}{(\log N)^A}.$$
 (xii)

Lemma 2.4. Let $(D_1, \ldots, D_r) \in \mathbf{D}_r^{well}(D)$ and write $D = x^{\boldsymbol{\vartheta}}, D_i = x^{t_i}$ for $i \leq r$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and real numbers $\varepsilon_1, \ldots, \varepsilon_k \geqslant \varepsilon$ such that $\sum_{i \leq k} \varepsilon_i = 1$, and let $\Delta = 1 + (\log x)^{-B}$. If $\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \leq \boldsymbol{\vartheta}_0(t_1) - \varepsilon$, then

$$\sum_{\substack{b=p_1'\cdots p_r'\\D_i < p_i' \leqslant D_i^{1+\varepsilon^9}}} \sum_{\substack{q=bc \leqslant D\\c|P(p_r')\\(q,2)=1}} \widetilde{\lambda}^{\pm}(q) \left(\sum_{\substack{p_1\cdots p_k \equiv 2 \pmod{q}\\x^{\varepsilon_i}/\Delta < p_i \leqslant x^{\varepsilon_i} \ \forall i \leqslant k}} 1 - \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\substack{(p_1\cdots p_k, 2)=1\\x^{\varepsilon_i}/\Delta < p_i \leqslant x^{\varepsilon_i} \ \forall i \leqslant k}} 1 \right) \ll \frac{x}{(\log x)^A}.$$
 (xiii)

Moreover if $t_1 \leqslant \frac{1-\theta}{4-3\theta}$ and $r \geqslant 3$, then (xiii) holds if $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_0(t_1, t_2, t_3) - \varepsilon$. If $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_0(t_1) - \varepsilon$ and r = 2, then

$$\sum_{\substack{b=p_1'p_2'\\D_1 < p_1' \leqslant D_1^{1+\varepsilon^9} \text{ cl}^P(x^u)\\D_2 < p_2' \leqslant D_1^{1+\varepsilon^9}}} \sum_{\substack{q=bc \leqslant D\\c|P(x^u)\\Q_2 > p_3' \leqslant D_1^{1+\varepsilon^9} \text{ (q,2)=1}}} \widetilde{\lambda}^{\pm}(q) \left(\sum_{\substack{p_1 \cdots p_k \equiv 2 \pmod{q}\\x^{\varepsilon_i}/\Delta < p_i \leqslant x^{\varepsilon_i} \text{ } \forall i \leqslant k}} 1 - \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\substack{(p_1 \cdots p_k, 2) = 1\\x^{\varepsilon_i}/\Delta < p_i \leqslant x^{\varepsilon_i} \text{ } \forall i \leqslant k}} 1\right) \ll \frac{x}{(\log x)^A}.$$
 (xiv)

Moreover if $t_1 \leqslant \frac{1-\theta}{4-3\theta}$, then (xiv) holds if $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_0(t_1, t_2, u) - \varepsilon$.

If $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_0(t_1) - \varepsilon$ and r = 1, then

$$\sum_{\substack{b=p_1'\\D_1 < p_1' \leqslant D_1^{1+\varepsilon^9}}} \sum_{\substack{q=bc \leqslant D\\c|P(x^u)\\(q,2)=1}} \widetilde{\lambda}^{\pm}(q) \left(\sum_{\substack{p_1 \cdots p_k \equiv 2 \pmod{q}\\x^{\varepsilon_i}/\Delta < p_i \leqslant x^{\varepsilon_i} \ \forall i \leqslant k}} 1 - \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\substack{(p_1 \cdots p_k, 2)=1\\x^{\varepsilon_i}/\Delta < p_i \leqslant x^{\varepsilon_i} \ \forall i \leqslant k}} 1 \right) \ll \frac{x}{(\log x)^A}. \tag{xv}$$

Moreover if $t_1 \leqslant \frac{1-\theta}{4-3\theta}$, then (xv) holds if $\vartheta \leqslant \vartheta_0(t_1, u, u) - \varepsilon$. If r = 0 and $u = \frac{1}{500}$, this simplifies as

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3. Weighted Sieve Method

Let \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} denote finite sets of positive integers, \mathcal{P} denote an infinite set of primes and $z \geq 2$. Put

$$\mathcal{A} = \{N - p : p \leqslant N\}, \quad \mathcal{B} = \{p + 2 : p \leqslant x\},$$

$$\mathcal{P} = \{ p : (p,2) = 1 \}, \quad \mathcal{P}(q) = \{ p : p \in \mathcal{P}, (p,q) = 1 \},$$

$$P(z) = \prod_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{P} \\ p < z}} p, \quad \mathcal{A}_d = \{a : a \in \mathcal{A}, a \equiv 0 \pmod{d}\}, \quad S(\mathcal{A}; \mathcal{P}, z) = \sum_{\substack{a \in \mathcal{A} \\ (a, P(z)) = 1}} 1.$$

Lemma 3.1. ([21], Lemma 2.2]). We have

$$4D_{1,2}(N) \geqslant 3S\left(\mathcal{A}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{13\cdot27}}\right) + S\left(\mathcal{A}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{8\cdot24}}\right)$$

$$-2\sum_{N^{\frac{1}{13\cdot27}} \leqslant p < N^{\frac{25}{128}}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_p; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{13\cdot27}}\right)$$

$$-2\sum_{N^{\frac{25}{128}} \leqslant p < N^{\frac{1}{4}}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_p; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{13\cdot27}}\right)$$

$$-2\sum_{N^{\frac{1}{4}} \leqslant p < N^{\frac{57}{224}}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_p; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{13\cdot27}}\right)$$

$$-2\sum_{N^{\frac{57}{224}} \leqslant p < N^{\frac{1}{3}}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_p; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{13\cdot27}}\right)$$

$$-\sum_{N^{\frac{57}{224}} \leqslant p < N^{\frac{1}{3}}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_p; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{13\cdot27}}\right)$$

$$-\sum_{N^{\frac{57}{224}} \leqslant p < N^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{13\cdot27}}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_p; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{13\cdot27}}\right)$$

$$+\sum_{N^{\frac{1}{13\cdot27}} \leqslant p_2 < p_1 < N^{\frac{1}{8\cdot24}}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_{p_1p_2}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{13\cdot27}}\right)$$

$$+\sum_{N^{\frac{1}{13\cdot27}} \leqslant p_2 < p_1 < N^{\frac{1}{8\cdot24}} \leqslant p_1 < N^{\frac{25}{228}}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_{p_1p_2}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{13\cdot27}}\right)$$

$$+\sum_{N^{\frac{1}{13\cdot27}} \leqslant p_2 < N^{\frac{1}{8\cdot24}} \leqslant p_1 < N^{\frac{25}{228}}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_{p_1p_2}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{13\cdot27}}\right)$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{13.27} \leqslant p_{2} < N \frac{1}{8.24} < N \frac{25}{128} \leqslant p_{1} < N \frac{57}{224}}} S\left(A_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{13.27}}\right)$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{13.27} \leqslant p_{2} < N \frac{1}{8.24} < N \frac{57}{224} \leqslant p_{1} < N^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{13.27}}}} S\left(A_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{13.27}}\right)$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{13.27} \leqslant p_{2} < N \frac{1}{8.24} < N \frac{57}{224} \leqslant p_{1} < N^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{13.27}}}} S\left(A_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}(Np_{1}), p_{2}\right)$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{3.27} \leqslant p_{1} < p_{2} < (\frac{N}{p_{1}})^{\frac{1}{2}}}} S\left(A_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}(Np_{1}), p_{2}\right)$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{13.27} \leqslant p_{1} < N \frac{1}{3} \leqslant p_{2} < (\frac{N}{p_{1}})^{\frac{1}{2}}}} S\left(A_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}(Np_{1}), p_{2}\right)$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{13.27} \leqslant p_{1} < N \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{13.27} \leqslant p_{2} < (\frac{N}{p_{1}})^{\frac{1}{2}}}} S\left(A_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}(Np_{1}), \left(\frac{N}{p_{1}p_{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)$$

$$- \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{13.27} \leqslant p_{1} < p_{2} < p_{3} < p_{4} < N \frac{1}{8.24}}} S\left(A_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}(Np_{1}), \left(\frac{N}{p_{1}p_{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)$$

$$- \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{13.27} \leqslant p_{1} < p_{2} < p_{3} < p_{4} < N \frac{1}{8.24}}} S\left(A_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}(Np_{1}), \left(\frac{N}{p_{1}p_{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right)$$

$$- \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{13.27} \leqslant p_{1} < p_{2} < p_{3} < p_{4} < N \frac{1}{8.24}}} S\left(A_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}(Np_{1}), \left(\frac{N}{p_{1}p_{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right)$$

$$- \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{13.27} \leqslant p_{1} < p_{2} < p_{3} < p_{4} < N \frac{1}{8.24}}} S\left(A_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}(Np_{1}), \left(\frac{N}{p_{1}p_{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right)$$

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$$- \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{13.27} \leqslant p_{1} < p_{2} < p_{3} < N \frac{1}{8.24}}} S\left(A_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}(Np_{1}), p_{2}\right)$$

$$- \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{13.27} \leqslant p_{1} < p_{2}$$

Lemma 3.2. ([3], Lemma 3.2]). We have

$$\begin{split} 4\pi_{1,2}(x) &\geqslant 3S\left(\mathcal{B};\mathcal{P},x^{\frac{1}{12}}\right) + S\left(\mathcal{B};\mathcal{P},x^{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{x^{\frac{1}{12}}\leqslant p_2 < p_1 < x^{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}}} S\left(\mathcal{B}_{p_1p_2};\mathcal{P},x^{\frac{1}{12}}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{x^{\frac{1}{12}}\leqslant p_2 < x^{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}}\leqslant p_1 < x^{\frac{25}{107}}} S\left(\mathcal{B}_{p_1p_2};\mathcal{P},x^{\frac{1}{12}}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{x^{\frac{1}{12}}\leqslant p_2 < x^{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}}\leqslant x^{\frac{25}{107}}\leqslant p_1 < \min(x^{\frac{2}{7}},x^{\frac{17}{42}}p_2^{-1}) \\ &- 2\sum_{x^{\frac{1}{12}}\leqslant p < x^{\frac{25}{107}}} S\left(\mathcal{B}_p;\mathcal{P},x^{\frac{1}{12}}\right) - 2\sum_{x^{\frac{25}{107}}\leqslant p < x^{\frac{2}{7}-\varepsilon}} S\left(\mathcal{B}_p;\mathcal{P},x^{\frac{1}{12}}\right) \\ &- \sum_{x^{\frac{2}{7}-\varepsilon}\leqslant p < x^{\frac{2}{7}}} S\left(\mathcal{B}_p;\mathcal{P},x^{\frac{1}{12}}\right) - \sum_{x^{\frac{27}{7}-\varepsilon}\leqslant p < x^{\frac{29}{100}}} S\left(\mathcal{B}_p;\mathcal{P},x^{\frac{1}{12}}\right) \\ &- \sum_{x^{\frac{29}{100}}\leqslant p < x^{\frac{1}{3}-\varepsilon}} S\left(\mathcal{B}_p;\mathcal{P},x^{\frac{1}{12}}\right) - \sum_{x^{\frac{1}{3}-\varepsilon}\leqslant p < x^{\frac{1}{3}}} S\left(\mathcal{B}_p;\mathcal{P},x^{\frac{1}{12}}\right) \\ &- \sum_{x^{\frac{1}{12}}\leqslant p_1 < x^{\frac{1}{3}}\leqslant p_2 < (\frac{x}{p_1})^{\frac{1}{2}}} S\left(\mathcal{B}_{p_1p_2};\mathcal{P}(p_1),p_2\right) \end{split}$$

$$-\sum_{x^{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}}\leqslant p_{1}< x^{\frac{2}{7}}\leqslant p_{2}<(\frac{x}{p_{1}})^{\frac{1}{2}}}S\left(\mathcal{B}_{p_{1}p_{2}};\mathcal{P}(p_{1}),\left(\frac{x}{p_{1}p_{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)$$

$$-2\sum_{x^{\frac{2}{7}}\leqslant p_{1}< p_{2}<(\frac{x}{p_{1}})^{\frac{1}{2}}}S\left(\mathcal{B}_{p_{1}p_{2}};\mathcal{P}(p_{1}),p_{2}\right)$$

$$-\sum_{x^{\frac{1}{12}}\leqslant p_{1}< p_{2}< p_{3}< p_{4}< x^{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}}}S\left(\mathcal{B}_{p_{1}p_{2}p_{3}p_{4}};\mathcal{P}(p_{1}),p_{2}\right)$$

$$-\sum_{x^{\frac{1}{12}}\leqslant p_{1}< p_{2}< p_{3}< x^{\frac{5}{42}}< x^{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}}< p_{4}< x^{\frac{2}{7}}}S\left(\mathcal{B}_{p_{1}p_{2}p_{3}p_{4}};\mathcal{P}(p_{1}),p_{2}\right)$$

$$-\sum_{x^{\frac{1}{12}}\leqslant p_{1}< p_{2}< x^{\frac{5}{42}}\leqslant p_{3}< x^{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}}< p_{4}< x^{\frac{17}{42}}p_{3}^{-1}}$$

$$-\sum_{x^{\frac{1}{12}}\leqslant p_{1}< x^{\frac{5}{42}}\leqslant p_{2}< p_{3}< x^{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}}\leqslant p_{4}< x^{\frac{17}{42}}p_{3}^{-1}}$$

$$-\sum_{x^{\frac{5}{42}}\leqslant p_{1}< p_{2}< p_{3}< x^{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}}\leqslant p_{4}< x^{\frac{17}{42}}p_{3}^{-1}}$$

$$-\sum_{x^{\frac{5}{42}}\leqslant p_{1}< p_{2}< p_{3}< x^{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}}\leqslant p_{4}< x^{\frac{17}{42}}p_{3}^{-1}}$$

$$+O\left(x^{\frac{11}{12}}\right)$$

$$=3S_{1}'+S_{2}'+S_{3}'+S_{4}'+S_{5}'-2S_{6}'-2S_{7}'-S_{8}'-S_{9}'-S_{10}'-S_{11}'$$

$$-S_{12}'-S_{13}'-2S_{14}'-S_{15}'-S_{16}'-S_{17}'-S_{18}'-S_{19}'+O\left(x^{\frac{11}{12}}\right).$$

4. Proof of Theorem 1.1

In this section, sets A and P are defined respectively. Let γ denote the Euler's constant, F(s) and f(s) are determined by the following differential-difference equation

$$\begin{cases} F(s) = \frac{2e^{\gamma}}{s}, & f(s) = 0, \\ (sF(s))' = f(s-1), & (sf(s))' = F(s-1), \end{cases} 0 < s \le 2,$$

and $\omega(u)$ denote the Buchstab function determined by the following differential-difference equation

$$\begin{cases} \omega(u) = \frac{1}{u}, & 1 \leq u \leq 2, \\ (u\omega(u))' = \omega(u-1), & u \geqslant 2. \end{cases}$$

We first consider S_1 and S_2 . By Buchstab's identity, we have

$$S_{1} = S\left(\mathcal{A}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{13.27}}\right) = S\left(\mathcal{A}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{500}}\right) - \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{500} \leqslant p < N^{\frac{1}{13.27}} \\ (p, N) = 1}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_{p}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{500}}\right)$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{500} \leqslant p_{2} < p_{1} < N^{\frac{1}{13.27}} \\ (p_{1}p_{2}, N) = 1}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{500}}\right)$$

$$- \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{500} \leqslant p_{3} < p_{2} < p_{1} < N^{\frac{1}{13.27}} \\ (p_{1}p_{2}p_{3}, N) = 1}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_{p_{1}p_{2}p_{3}}; \mathcal{P}(N), p_{3}\right)$$

$$(9)$$

and

$$S_{2} = S\left(\mathcal{A}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{8.24}}\right) = S\left(\mathcal{A}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{500}}\right) - \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{500} \leqslant p < N^{\frac{1}{8.24}} \\ (p, N) = 1}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_{p}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{500}}\right)$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{500} \leqslant p_{2} < p_{1} < N \frac{1}{8.24} \\ (p_{1}p_{2}, N) = 1}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{500}}\right)$$

$$- \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{500} \leqslant p_{3} < p_{2} < p_{1} < N \frac{1}{8.24} \\ (p_{1}p_{2}p_{3}, N) = 1}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_{p_{1}p_{2}p_{3}}; \mathcal{P}(N), p_{3}\right). \tag{10}$$

By Lemma 2.1, Iwaniec's linear sieve method and arguments in [15] and [16] we have

$$S_{1} \geqslant (1+o(1))\frac{2}{e^{\gamma}} \left(500f\left(500\vartheta_{\frac{1}{500}}\right) - 500\int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{1}{13.27}} \frac{F(500(\vartheta_{1}(t,\frac{1}{500},\frac{1}{500}) - t))}{t} dt + 500\int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{1}{13.27}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{1}} \frac{f(500(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1},t_{2},\frac{1}{500}) - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{t_{1}t_{2}} dt_{2} dt_{1} - \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{1}{13.27}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{1}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{2}} \frac{F\left(\frac{(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1},t_{2},t_{3}) - t_{1} - t_{2} - t_{3})}{t_{3}}\right)}{t_{1}t_{2}t_{3}^{2}} dt_{3} dt_{2} dt_{1} \right) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}}$$

$$(11)$$

and

$$S_{2} \geqslant (1+o(1))\frac{2}{e^{\gamma}} \left(500f\left(500\vartheta_{\frac{1}{500}}\right) - 500\int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{1}{8\cdot24}} \frac{F(500(\vartheta_{1}(t,\frac{1}{500},\frac{1}{500}) - t))}{t}dt + 500\int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{1}{8\cdot24}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{1}} \frac{f(500(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1},t_{2},\frac{1}{500}) - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{t_{1}t_{2}} dt_{2}dt_{1} - \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{1}{8\cdot24}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{1}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{2}} \frac{F\left(\frac{(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1},t_{2},t_{3}) - t_{1} - t_{2} - t_{3})}{t_{3}}\right)}{t_{1}t_{2}t_{3}^{2}} dt_{3}dt_{2}dt_{1} \right) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}},$$

$$(12)$$

where $\vartheta_{\frac{1}{500}} = \frac{19101}{32000}.$ By numerical calculations we get that

$$S_1 \geqslant 14.901125 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2}$$
 (13)

and

$$S_2 \geqslant 9.228483 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2}.$$
 (14)

For S_3 , we can either use Buchstab's identity and Lichtman's method to estimate S_3 with a better distribution level as in [16] or use Chen's double sieve technique as in [21]. The first option leads to

$$\sum_{\substack{p \ (p,N)=1}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_{p}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{13.27}}\right) = \sum_{\substack{p \ (p,N)=1}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_{p}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{k}}\right) \\
- \sum_{\substack{p_{1} \ N^{\frac{1}{k}} \leqslant p_{2} < N^{\frac{1}{13.27}} \\ (p_{1}p_{2}, N) = 1}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{k}}\right) \\
+ \sum_{\substack{p_{1} \ N^{\frac{1}{k}} \leqslant p_{3} < p_{2} < N^{\frac{1}{13.27}} \\ (p_{1}p_{2}p_{3}, N) = 1}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_{p_{1}p_{2}p_{3}}; \mathcal{P}(N), p_{3}\right) \tag{15}$$

for some $k \ge 13.27$, while the second option creates a small saving on S_3 itself. We can also use Chen's double sieve on the first two sums on the right-hand side of (15) after applying Buchstab's identity. We don't know which of these options gives a smaller value, hence we take a minimum. By Lemma 2.1, Iwaniec's

linear sieve method and arguments in [15] and [16] we have

$$S_{3} \leqslant (1+o(1)) \frac{2}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{1}{13.27}}^{\frac{25}{128}} \min \left(13.27 \frac{F(13.27(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1}, \frac{1}{13.27}, \frac{1}{13.27}) - t_{1}))}{t_{1}} \right) \right) dt_{1}$$

$$- \frac{26.54e^{\gamma}H(13.27(\frac{1}{2} - t_{1}))}{(13.27(\frac{1}{2} - t_{1}))t_{1}}, \min_{13.27 \leqslant k \leqslant 500} \left(k \frac{F(k(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1}, \frac{1}{k}, \frac{1}{k}) - t_{1}))}{t_{1}} \right) dt_{1}$$

$$- \frac{2ke^{\gamma}H(k(\frac{1}{2} - t_{1}))}{(k(\frac{1}{2} - t_{1}))t_{1}} - k \int_{\frac{1}{k}}^{\frac{1}{13.27}} \frac{f(k(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1}, t_{2}, \frac{1}{k}) - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{t_{1}t_{2}} dt_{2}$$

$$- 2ke^{\gamma} \int_{\frac{1}{k}}^{\frac{1}{13.27}} \frac{h(k(\frac{1}{2} - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{(k(\frac{1}{2} - t_{1} - t_{2}))t_{1}t_{2}} dt_{2}$$

$$+ \int_{\frac{1}{k}}^{\frac{1}{13.27}} \int_{\frac{1}{k}}^{t_{2}} \frac{F\left(\frac{(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1}, t_{2}, t_{3}) - t_{1} - t_{2} - t_{3})}{t_{3}}}{t_{1}t_{2}t_{3}^{2}} dt_{3} dt_{2}\right) dt_{3} dt_{2} dt_{2}$$

$$\leqslant 14.192163 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}},$$

$$(16)$$

where we choose k = 14.4 and $H(s) = H_{1/2}(s)$ and $h(s) = h_{1/2}(s)$ are defined as the same in [21]. We have used the following lower bounds of H(s) and h(s) for $2.0 \le s \le 4.9$. These values can be found at Tables 1 and 2 of [21]. We remark that we have $H_{\vartheta}(s) \ge H_{1/2}(s)$ and $h_{\vartheta}(s) \ge h_{1/2}(s)$ for $\vartheta > \frac{1}{2}$.

$$H(s) \geqslant \begin{cases} 0.0223939, & 2.0 < s \leqslant 2.2, \\ 0.0217196, & 2.2 < s \leqslant 2.3, \\ 0.0202876, & 2.3 < s \leqslant 2.4, \\ 0.0181433, & 2.4 < s \leqslant 2.5, \\ 0.0129923, & 2.6 < s \leqslant 2.7, \\ 0.0078162, & 2.8 < s \leqslant 2.9, \\ 0.0072943, & 2.9 < s \leqslant 3.0, \\ 0.0052233, & 3.1 < s \leqslant 3.1, \\ 0.00052233, & 3.1 < s \leqslant 3.2, \\ 0.00052233, & 3.1 < s \leqslant 3.2, \\ 0.0036995, & 3.3 < s \leqslant 3.4, \\ 0.0030860, & 3.4 < s \leqslant 3.5, \end{cases}$$

$$0.0020972, & 3.6 < s \leqslant 3.7, \\ 0.0017038, & 3.7 < s \leqslant 3.8, \\ 0.0017038, & 3.7 < s \leqslant 3.8, \\ 0.0013680, & 3.8 < s \leqslant 3.9, \\ 0.0013680, & 3.8 < s \leqslant 4.0, \\ 0.0010835, & 3.9 < s \leqslant 4.0, \\ 0.0008451, & 4.0 < s \leqslant 4.1, \\ 0.0006482, & 4.1 < s \leqslant 4.2, \\ 0.0004882, & 4.2 < s \leqslant 4.3, \\ 0.0003602, & 4.3 < s \leqslant 4.4, \\ 0.0001803, & 4.5 < s \leqslant 4.6, \\ 0.0001187, & 4.6 < s \leqslant 4.7, \\ 0.0000702, & 4.7 < s \leqslant 4.8, \\ 0.0000702, & 4.7 < s \leqslant 4.8, \\ 0.0000702, & 4.7 < s \leqslant 4.8, \\ 0.0000313, & 4.8 < s \leqslant 4.9, \end{cases}$$

$$h(s) \geqslant \begin{cases} 0.0232385, & s = 2.0, \\ 0.0211041, & 2.0 < s \leqslant 2.1, \\ 0.0191556, & 2.1 < s \leqslant 2.2, \\ 0.0173631, & 2.2 < s \leqslant 2.3, \\ 0.0157035, & 2.3 < s \leqslant 2.4, \\ 0.0127132, & 2.5 < s \leqslant 2.6, \\ 0.0113556, & 2.7 < s \leqslant 2.8, \\ 0.0100756, & 2.7 < s \leqslant 2.8, \\ 0.0077612, & 2.9 < s \leqslant 3.0, \\ 0.0055818, & 3.1 < s \leqslant 3.2, \\ 0.00337529, & 3.3 < s \leqslant 4.9, \\ 0.0037529, & 3.3 < s \leqslant 3.4, \\ 0.00009391, & 3.5 < s \leqslant 3.6, \\ 0.0018997, & 3.6 < s \leqslant 3.7, \\ 0.0015336, & 3.7 < s \leqslant 3.8, \\ 0.0015336, & 3.7 < s \leqslant 3.8, \\ 0.0015336, & 3.7 < s \leqslant 4.0, \\ 0.0012593, & 3.8 < s \leqslant 4.0, \\ 0.0012593, & 3.9 < s \leqslant 4.0, \\ 0.0010120, & 3.9 < s \leqslant 4.0, \\ 0.0008899, & 4.0 < s \leqslant 4.1, \\ 0.0006440, & 4.1 < s \leqslant 4.2, \\ 0.0003980, & 4.3 < s \leqslant 4.4, \\ 0.0003980, & 4.3 < s \leqslant 4.4, \\ 0.0001396, & 4.7 < s \leqslant 4.8, \\ 0.0001396, & 4.7 < s \leqslant 4.8, \\ 0.00009981, & 4.8 < s \leqslant 4.9. \end{cases}$$

Similarly, for S_4 and S_5 we have

$$S_{4} \leqslant (1+o(1)) \frac{2}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{25}{128}}^{\frac{1}{4}} \min\left(13.27 \frac{F(13.27(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1})-t_{1}))}{t_{1}} - \frac{26.54e^{\gamma}H(13.27(\frac{1}{2}-t_{1}))}{(13.27(\frac{1}{2}-t_{1}))t_{1}}, \right. \right.$$

$$\min_{13.27 \leqslant k \leqslant 500} \left(k \frac{F(k(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1})-t_{1}))}{t_{1}} - \frac{2ke^{\gamma}H(k(\frac{1}{2}-t_{1}))}{(k(\frac{1}{2}-t_{1}))t_{1}} \right. \right.$$

$$- \int_{\frac{1}{k}}^{\frac{1}{13.27}} \frac{f\left(\frac{(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1})-t_{1}-t_{2})}{t_{2}}\right)}{t_{1}t_{2}^{2}} dt_{2} \right) dt_{2} \right) dt_{1} \left(\frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}} \right.$$

$$\leqslant 3.721794 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}},$$

$$(19)$$

$$S_{5} \leqslant (1+o(1)) \frac{2}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{57}{224}} \min\left(13.27 \frac{F(13.27(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1})-t_{1}))}{t_{1}}, \right.$$

$$\min_{13.27 \leqslant k \leqslant 500} \left(k \frac{F(k(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1})-t_{1}))}{t_{1}} - \int_{\frac{1}{k}}^{\frac{1}{13.27}} \frac{f\left(\frac{(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1})-t_{1}-t_{2})}{t_{2}}\right)}{t_{1}t_{2}^{2}} dt_{2} \right) dt_{1} \right) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}}$$

$$\leqslant 0.282907 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}}.$$

$$(20)$$

We shall use Chen's double sieve to gain a small saving on S_6 . By the discussion in [21], we know that [[21], Proposition 4.4] can be used to handle the following sum:

$$\sum_{\substack{N^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2.9}{13.27} \leqslant p < N^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ (p,N) = 1}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_p; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{13.27}}\right). \tag{21}$$

By the same process as in [21] we get that

$$S_6 \leqslant (1 + o(1)) \frac{2}{e^{\gamma}} \left(13.27 \int_{\frac{57}{224}}^{\frac{1}{3}} \frac{F(13.27(\frac{1}{2} - t))}{t} dt \right) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2} - G_1$$

$$\leqslant (5.265577 - 0.031029) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2}$$

$$\leq 5.234548 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2},$$
 (22)

$$G_{1} = 8 \left(\log \left(\frac{\frac{9.2}{13.27}}{1 - \frac{4.6}{13.27}} \right) \Psi_{2}(2.3) + \sum_{4 \leqslant i \leqslant 5} \log \left(\frac{(2 + 0.1i) \left(1 - \frac{3.8 + 0.2i}{13.27} \right)}{(1.9 + 0.1i) \left(1 - \frac{4 + 0.2i}{13.27} \right)} \right) \Psi_{2}(2 + 0.1i) \right) + \sum_{6 \leqslant i \leqslant 9} \log \left(\frac{(2 + 0.1i) \left(1 - \frac{3.8 + 0.2i}{13.27} \right)}{(1.9 + 0.1i) \left(1 - \frac{4 + 0.2i}{13.27} \right)} \right) \Psi_{1}(2 + 0.1i) \right) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}},$$
(23)

where $\Psi_1(s)$ and $\Psi_2(s)$ are defined as the same in [[20], Lemmas 5.1–5.2] and we have used the following lower bounds of them. These values can be found at Table 1 of [20].

$$\Psi_{2}(s) \geqslant \begin{cases} 0.015247971, & s = 2.3, \\ 0.013898757, & s = 2.4, \\ 0.011776059, & s = 2.5, \end{cases} \qquad \Psi_{1}(s) \geqslant \begin{cases} 0.009405211, & s = 2.6, \\ 0.006558950, & s = 2.7, \\ 0.003536751, & s = 2.8, \\ 0.001056651, & s = 2.9. \end{cases}$$

$$(24)$$

Similarly, for S_7 we have

$$S_{7} \leqslant (1 + o(1)) \frac{2}{e^{\gamma}} \left(13.27 \int_{\frac{57}{224}}^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{13.27}} \frac{F(13.27(\frac{1}{2} - t))}{t} dt \right) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}}$$

$$\leqslant 1.256371 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}}.$$
(25)

For S_8 we can take a maximum of the lower bounds obtained by those two methods we used on the estimation of S_3 .

$$S_{8} \geqslant (1+o(1)) \frac{2}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{1}{3.27}}^{\frac{1}{3.27}} \int_{\frac{1}{13.27}}^{t_{1}} \max \left(13.27 \frac{f(13.27(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_{1}(t_{1},t_{2},\frac{1}{13.27})-t_{1}-t_{2}))}{t_{1}t_{2}} \right) + \frac{26.54e^{\gamma}h(13.27(\frac{1}{2}-t_{1}-t_{2}))}{(13.27(\frac{1}{2}-t_{1}-t_{2}))t_{1}t_{2}}, \max_{13.27\leqslant k\leqslant 500} \left(k \frac{f(13.27(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_{1}(t_{1},t_{2},\frac{1}{k})-t_{1}-t_{2}))}{t_{1}t_{2}} + \frac{2ke^{\gamma}h(k(\frac{1}{2}-t_{1}-t_{2}))}{(k(\frac{1}{2}-t_{1}-t_{2}))t_{1}t_{2}} - \int_{\frac{1}{k}}^{\frac{1}{13.27}} \frac{F\left(\frac{(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_{1}(t_{1},t_{2},t_{3})-t_{1}-t_{2}-t_{3})}{t_{3}}\right)}{t_{1}t_{2}t_{3}^{2}} dt_{3} \right) dt_{2}dt_{1} \right) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}}$$

$$\geqslant 1.691493 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}}. \tag{26}$$

Similarly, for S_9 – S_{11} we have

$$S_{9} \geqslant (1+o(1)) \frac{2}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{1}{8.24}}^{\frac{1}{28}} \int_{\frac{1}{3.27}}^{\frac{1}{8.24}} \max \left(13.27 \frac{f(13.27(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_{1}(t_{1}, t_{2}, \frac{1}{13.27}) - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{t_{1}t_{2}} \right) + \frac{26.54e^{\gamma}h(13.27(\frac{1}{2} - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{(13.27(\frac{1}{2} - t_{1} - t_{2}))t_{1}t_{2}}, \max_{13.27 \leqslant k \leqslant 500} \left(k \frac{f(13.27(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_{1}(t_{1}, t_{2}, \frac{1}{k}) - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{t_{1}t_{2}} + \frac{2ke^{\gamma}h(k(\frac{1}{2} - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{(k(\frac{1}{2} - t_{1} - t_{2}))t_{1}t_{2}} - \int_{\frac{1}{k}}^{\frac{1}{13.27}} \frac{F\left(\frac{(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_{1}(t_{1}, t_{2}, t_{3}) - t_{1} - t_{2} - t_{3})}{t_{3}}\right)}{t_{1}t_{2}t_{3}^{2}} dt_{3} \right) dt_{2}dt_{1} \right) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}}$$

$$\geqslant 3.367923 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}},$$

$$S_{10} + S_{11} \geqslant (1 + o(1)) \frac{2}{e^{\gamma}} \left(13.27 \int_{\frac{25}{128}}^{\frac{57}{224}} \int_{\frac{1}{13.27}}^{\frac{1}{8.24}} \frac{f(13.27(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_{1}(t_{1}) - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{t_{1}t_{2}} dt_{2}dt_{1}$$

$$+ 13.27 \int_{\frac{57}{224}}^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{13.27}} \int_{\frac{1}{13.27}}^{\frac{1}{8.24}} \frac{f(13.27(\frac{1}{2} - t_1 - t_2))}{t_1 t_2} dt_2 dt_1 \int \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2} + G_2$$

$$\geq (1.462958 + 0.041633) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2}$$

$$\geq 1.504591 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2}, \tag{28}$$

$$G_{2} = 4 \left(13.27 \int_{\frac{25}{128}}^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{8.24}} \int_{\frac{1}{13.27}}^{\frac{1}{8.24}} \frac{h(13.27(\frac{1}{2} - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{(13.27(\frac{1}{2} - t_{1} - t_{2}))t_{1}t_{2}} dt_{2} dt_{1} + 13.27 \int_{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{8.24}}^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{13.27}} \int_{\frac{1}{13.27}}^{\frac{1.5}{13.27}} \frac{h(13.27(\frac{1}{2} - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{(13.27(\frac{1}{2} - t_{1} - t_{2}))t_{1}t_{2}} dt_{2} dt_{1} \right) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}}.$$

$$(29)$$

For the remaining terms, we can use Chen's switching principle together with Lichtman's distribution level to estimate them. Namely, for S_{12} we have

$$S_{12} = \sum_{\substack{N^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{13.27} \leq p_1 < p_2 < (\frac{N}{p_1})^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ (p_1 p_2, N) = 1}} S\left(\mathcal{A}_{p_1 p_2}; \mathcal{P}(N p_1), p_2\right) = S\left(\mathcal{A}'; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{2}}\right), \tag{30}$$

where the set \mathcal{A}' is defined as

$$\mathcal{A}' = \left\{ N - p_1 p_2 m : N^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{13 \cdot 27}} \leqslant p_1 < p_2 < (N/p_1)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \ p' \mid m \Rightarrow p' > p_2 \text{ or } p' = p_1 \right\}.$$

We note that each m above must be a prime number since $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{13.27} > \frac{1}{4}$. By Buchstab's identity, we have

$$S_{12} = S\left(\mathcal{A}'; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \leqslant S\left(\mathcal{A}'; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{25}{128}}\right)$$

$$= S\left(\mathcal{A}'; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{500}}\right) - \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{500} \leqslant p' < N^{\frac{25}{128}} \\ (p', N) = 1}} S\left(\mathcal{A}'_{p'}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{500}}\right)$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{500} \leqslant p'_{2} < p'_{1} < N^{\frac{25}{128}} \\ (p'_{1}p'_{2}, N) = 1}} S\left(\mathcal{A}'_{p'_{1}p'_{2}}; \mathcal{P}(N), N^{\frac{1}{500}}\right)$$

$$- \sum_{\substack{N \frac{1}{500} \leqslant p'_{3} < p'_{2} < p'_{1} < N^{\frac{25}{128}} \\ (p'_{1}p'_{2}p'_{3}, N) = 1}} S\left(\mathcal{A}'_{p'_{1}p'_{2}p'_{3}}; \mathcal{P}(N), p'_{3}\right). \tag{31}$$

Then by Lemma 2.3, Iwaniec's linear sieve method and arguments in [15] and [16] we have

$$S_{12} \leqslant (1+o(1)) \frac{2C(N) |\mathcal{A}'|}{e^{\gamma} \log N} \left(500F \left(500\vartheta_{\frac{1}{500}} \right) - 500 \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{25}{128}} \frac{f(500(\vartheta_{1}(t, \frac{1}{500}, \frac{1}{500}) - t))}{t} dt \right)$$

$$+ 500 \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{25}{128}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{1}} \frac{F(500(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1}, t_{2}, \frac{1}{500}) - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{t_{1}t_{2}} dt_{2} dt_{1}$$

$$- \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{25}{128}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{1}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{2}} \frac{f\left(\frac{(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1}, t_{2}, t_{3}) - t_{1} - t_{2} - t_{3})}{t_{3}}\right)}{t_{1}t_{2}t_{3}^{2}} dt_{3} dt_{2} dt_{1}$$

$$\leqslant (1+o(1)) \frac{2G_{3}}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{2}^{\frac{1927}{727}} \frac{\log(t-1)}{t} dt \right) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}}$$

$$\leqslant 0.498525 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^{2}},$$

$$(32)$$

$$G_{3} = 500F \left(500\vartheta_{\frac{1}{500}}\right) - 500 \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{25}{128}} \frac{f(500(\vartheta_{1}(t, \frac{1}{500}, \frac{1}{500}) - t))}{t} dt$$

$$+ 500 \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{25}{128}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{1}} \frac{F(500(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1}, t_{2}, \frac{1}{500}) - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{t_{1}t_{2}} dt_{2} dt_{1}$$

$$- \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{25}{128}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{1}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{2}} \frac{f\left(\frac{(\vartheta_{1}(t_{1}, t_{2}, t_{3}) - t_{1} - t_{2} - t_{3})}{t_{3}}\right)}{t_{1}t_{2}t_{3}^{2}} dt_{3} dt_{2} dt_{1}.$$

$$(33)$$

Similarly, for S_{13} – S_{16} we have

$$S_{13} \leq (1 + o(1)) \frac{2G_3}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_2^{12.27} \frac{\log\left(2 - \frac{3}{t+1}\right)}{t} dt \right) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2}$$

$$\leq 4.514343 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2},$$

$$3G_2 \left(\int_2^{7.24} \frac{\log\left(\frac{1927}{727} - \frac{2654}{\frac{727}{241}}\right)}{2G_2} \right) C(N)N$$

$$(34)$$

$$S_{14} \leqslant (1 + o(1)) \frac{2G_3}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{1927}{727}}^{7.24} \frac{\log\left(\frac{1927}{727} - \frac{\frac{2654}{727}}{t+1}\right)}{t} dt \right) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2}$$

$$\leqslant 4.576860 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2}, \tag{35}$$

$$S_{15} \leqslant (1 + o(1)) \frac{2G_3}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{1}{13.27}}^{\frac{1}{8.24}} \int_{t_1}^{\frac{1}{8.24}} \int_{t_2}^{\frac{1}{8.24}} \int_{t_3}^{\frac{1}{8.24}} \frac{\omega\left(\frac{1 - t_1 - t_2 - t_3 - t_4}{t_2}\right)}{t_1 t_2^2 t_3 t_4} dt_4 dt_3 dt_2 dt_1 \right) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2}$$

$$\leqslant 0.090595 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2}, \tag{36}$$

$$S_{16} \leqslant (1+o(1)) \frac{2G_3}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{1}{13.27}}^{\frac{1}{8.24}} \int_{t_1}^{\frac{1}{8.24}} \int_{t_2}^{\frac{1}{8.24}} \int_{\frac{1}{8.24}}^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{13.27} - t_3} \frac{\omega\left(\frac{1-t_1-t_2-t_3-t_4}{t_2}\right)}{t_1 t_2^2 t_3 t_4} dt_4 dt_3 dt_2 dt_1 \right) \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2}$$

$$\leqslant 0.499530 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2}.$$

$$(37)$$

Finally, by Lemma 3.1 and (9)-(37) we get

$$3S_1 + S_2 + S_8 + S_9 + S_{10} + S_{11} \geqslant 60.495865 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2},$$
$$2S_3 + 2S_4 + 2S_5 + S_6 + S_7 + 2S_{12} + S_{13} + S_{14} + S_{15} + S_{16} \leqslant 53.563025 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2},$$

$$4D_{1,2}(N) \geqslant (3S_1 + S_2 + S_8 + S_9 + S_{10} + S_{11})$$

$$- (2S_3 + 2S_4 + 2S_5 + S_6 + S_7 + 2S_{12} + S_{13} + S_{14} + S_{15} + S_{16})$$

$$\geqslant 6.932 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2},$$

$$D_{1,2}(N) \geqslant 1.733 \frac{C(N)N}{(\log N)^2}$$

Theorem 1.1 is proved. Since the detail of the proof of Theorem 1.2 is similar to those of Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.1 in [14] so we omit it in this paper.

5. Proof of Theorem 1.3

In this section, sets \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{P} are defined respectively. For S'_1 and S'_2 , by Buchstab's identity, we have

$$S_{1}' = S\left(\mathcal{B}; \mathcal{P}, x^{\frac{1}{12}}\right) = S\left(\mathcal{B}; \mathcal{P}, x^{\frac{1}{500}}\right) - \sum_{x^{\frac{1}{500}} \leqslant p < x^{\frac{1}{12}}} S\left(\mathcal{B}_{p}; \mathcal{P}, x^{\frac{1}{500}}\right)$$

$$+ \sum_{x^{\frac{1}{500}} \leqslant p_{2} < p_{1} < x^{\frac{1}{12}}} S\left(\mathcal{B}_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}, x^{\frac{1}{500}}\right)$$

$$- \sum_{x^{\frac{1}{500}} \leqslant p_{3} < p_{2} < p_{1} < x^{\frac{1}{12}}} S\left(\mathcal{B}_{p_{1}p_{2}p_{3}}; \mathcal{P}, p_{3}\right)$$

$$(38)$$

and

$$S_{2}' = S\left(\mathcal{B}; \mathcal{P}, x^{\frac{1}{7.2}}\right) = S\left(\mathcal{B}; \mathcal{P}, x^{\frac{1}{500}}\right) - \sum_{x^{\frac{1}{500}} \leqslant p < x^{\frac{1}{7.2}}} S\left(\mathcal{B}_{p}; \mathcal{P}, x^{\frac{1}{500}}\right)$$

$$+ \sum_{x^{\frac{1}{500}} \leqslant p_{2} < p_{1} < x^{\frac{1}{7.2}}} S\left(\mathcal{B}_{p_{1}p_{2}}; \mathcal{P}, x^{\frac{1}{500}}\right)$$

$$- \sum_{x^{\frac{1}{500}} \leqslant p_{3} < p_{2} < p_{1} < x^{\frac{1}{7.2}}} S\left(\mathcal{B}_{p_{1}p_{2}p_{3}}; \mathcal{P}, p_{3}\right).$$

$$(39)$$

By Lemma 2.2, Iwaniec's linear sieve method and arguments in [15] and [16] we have

$$S_{1}' \geqslant (1+o(1))\frac{1}{e^{\gamma}} \left(500f\left(500\vartheta_{\frac{1}{500}}'\right) - 500\int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{1}{12}} \frac{F(500(\vartheta_{0}(t, \frac{1}{500}, \frac{1}{500}) - t))}{t} dt + 500\int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{1}{12}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{1}} \frac{f(500(\vartheta_{0}(t_{1}, t_{2}, \frac{1}{500}) - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{t_{1}t_{2}} dt_{2} dt_{1} - \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{1}{12}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{1}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{2}} \frac{F\left(\frac{(\vartheta_{0}(t_{1}, t_{2}, t_{3}) - t_{1} - t_{2} - t_{3})}{t_{3}}\right)}{t_{1}t_{2}t_{3}^{2}} dt_{3} dt_{2} dt_{1}\right) \frac{C_{2}x}{(\log x)^{2}}$$

$$\geqslant 6.737438 \frac{C_{2}x}{(\log x)^{2}}$$

$$(40)$$

and

$$S_{2}' \geqslant (1+o(1))\frac{1}{e^{\gamma}} \left(500f\left(500\vartheta_{\frac{1}{500}}'\right) - 500\int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{1}{7.2}} \frac{F(500(\vartheta_{0}(t, \frac{1}{500}, \frac{1}{500}) - t))}{t} dt + 500\int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{1}{7.2}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{1}} \frac{f(500(\vartheta_{0}(t_{1}, t_{2}, \frac{1}{500}) - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{t_{1}t_{2}} dt_{2} dt_{1} - \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{1}{7.2}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{1}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{2}} \frac{F\left(\frac{(\vartheta_{0}(t_{1}, t_{2}, t_{3}) - t_{1} - t_{2} - t_{3})}{t_{3}}}{t_{1}t_{2}t_{3}^{2}} dt_{3} dt_{2} dt_{1}\right) \frac{C_{2}x}{(\log x)^{2}}$$

$$\geqslant 4.008831 \frac{C_{2}x}{(\log x)^{2}}, \tag{41}$$

where $\vartheta'_{\frac{1}{500}} = \frac{16483}{26750}$. For $S'_3 - S'_7$, by Lemma 2.2, Iwaniec's linear sieve method and above discussion, we have

$$\begin{split} S_3' \geqslant (1+o(1)) \frac{1}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{1}{12}}^{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}} \int_{\frac{1}{12}}^{t_1} \max\left(12 \frac{f(12(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_0(t_1,t_2,\frac{1}{12})-t_1-t_2))}{t_1t_2}, \right. \\ \max_{12 \leqslant k \leqslant 500} \left(k \frac{f(k(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_0(t_1,t_2,\frac{1}{k})-t_1-t_2))}{t_1t_2} \right) \end{split}$$

$$-\int_{\frac{1}{k}}^{\frac{1}{12}} \frac{F\left(\frac{(\vartheta_0(t_1,t_2,t_3)-t_1-t_2-t_3)}{t_3}\right)}{t_1t_2t_3^2} dt_3\right) dt_2 dt_1 \left(\frac{C_2x}{(\log x)^2}\right)$$

$$\geqslant 0.874702 \frac{C_2x}{(\log x)^2}, \tag{42}$$

$$S_4' \geqslant (1+o(1)) \frac{1}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{25}{107}} \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \max\left(12 \frac{f(12(\vartheta_0(t_1,t_2,\frac{1}{12})-t_1-t_2))}{t_1t_2}, \frac{1}{t_2}\right) - \frac{1}{t_2} \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{F\left(\frac{(\vartheta_0(t_1,t_2,t_3)-t_1-t_2-t_3)}{t_3}\right)}{t_1t_2t_3^2} dt_3\right) dt_2 dt_1 \left(\frac{C_2x}{(\log x)^2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1.704764 \frac{C_2x}{(\log x)^2}, \tag{43}$$

$$S_5' \geqslant (1+o(1)) \frac{1}{e^{\gamma}} \left(12 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\frac{25}{107}}^{\min(\frac{2}{2},\frac{15}{42}-t_1)} \frac{f(12(\vartheta_0(t_2)-t_1-t_2))}{t_1t_2} dt_2 dt_1\right) \frac{C_2x}{(\log x)^2}$$

$$\geqslant 0.448166 \frac{C_2x}{(\log x)^2}, \tag{44}$$

$$S_6' \leqslant (1+o(1)) \frac{1}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{25}{107}} \min\left(12 \frac{F(12(\vartheta_0(t_1,\frac{1}{12},\frac{1}{12})-t_1))}{t_1}, \frac{1}{t_1}\right) + \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{f(k(\vartheta_0(t_1,t_2,\frac{1}{k})-t_1-t_2))}{t_1t_2} dt_2 + \int_{\frac{1}{k}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{F\left(\frac{(\vartheta_0(t_1,t_2,t_3)-t_1-t_2-t_3)}{t_3}\right)}{t_1t_2t_3^2} dt_3 dt_2\right) dt_1 \left(\frac{C_2x}{(\log x)^2}\right)$$

$$\leqslant 6.953322 \frac{C_2x}{(\log x)^2}, \tag{45}$$

$$S_7' \leqslant (1+o(1)) \frac{1}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{25}{107}}^{\frac{25}{107}} \min\left(12 \frac{F(12(\vartheta_0(t_1)-t_1))}{t_1}, \frac{1}{t_1}\right) - \int_{\frac{1}{k}}^{\frac{1}{k}} \frac{f\left(\frac{(\vartheta_0(t_1-t_1-t_2-t_2)}{t_2}\right)}{t_1t_2^2} dt_2\right) dt_1 \right) \frac{C_2x}{(\log x)^2}$$

$$\leqslant 1.390939 \frac{C_2x}{(\log x)^2}. \tag{46}$$

For S'_{12} – S'_{19} , by Chen's switching principle, Lemma 2.4 and above arguments on estimating S_{12} – S_{16} we have

$$S'_{12} \leqslant (1 + o(1)) \frac{G_4}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_2^{11} \frac{\log\left(2 - \frac{3}{t+1}\right)}{t} dt \right) \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}$$

$$\leqslant 1.981662 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2},$$

$$S'_{13} \leqslant (1 + o(1)) \frac{G_4}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{2.5}^{6.2} \frac{\log\left(2.5 - \frac{3.5}{t+1}\right)}{t} dt \right) \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}$$

$$(47)$$

$$\leq 1.717054 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2},$$
 (48)

$$S'_{14} \leqslant (1 + o(1)) \frac{G_4}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_2^{2.5} \frac{\log(t - 1)}{t} dt \right) \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}$$

$$\leqslant 0.153821 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}, \tag{49}$$

$$S'_{15} \leqslant (1+o(1)) \frac{G_4}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{1}{12}}^{\frac{1}{7.2}} \int_{t_1}^{\frac{1}{7.2}} \int_{t_2}^{\frac{1}{7.2}} \int_{t_3}^{\frac{1}{7.2}} \frac{\omega\left(\frac{1-t_1-t_2-t_3-t_4}{t_2}\right)}{t_1 t_2^2 t_3 t_4} dt_4 dt_3 dt_2 dt_1 \right) \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}$$

$$\leqslant 0.051713 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}, \tag{50}$$

$$S'_{16} \leqslant (1+o(1)) \frac{G_4}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{1}{12}}^{\frac{5}{42}} \int_{t_1}^{\frac{5}{42}} \int_{t_2}^{\frac{5}{42}} \int_{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}}^{\frac{5}{42}} \frac{\omega\left(\frac{1-t_1-t_2-t_3-t_4}{t_2}\right)}{t_1 t_2^2 t_3 t_4} dt_4 dt_3 dt_2 dt_1 \right) \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}$$

$$\leqslant 0.101840 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}, \tag{51}$$

$$S'_{17} \leqslant (1 + o(1)) \frac{G_4}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{1}{12}}^{\frac{5}{42}} \int_{t_1}^{\frac{5}{42}} \int_{\frac{5}{42}}^{\frac{1}{7.2}} \int_{\frac{1}{7.2}}^{\frac{17}{42} - t_3} \frac{\omega\left(\frac{1 - t_1 - t_2 - t_3 - t_4}{t_2}\right)}{t_1 t_2^2 t_3 t_4} dt_4 dt_3 dt_2 dt_1 \right) \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}$$

$$\leqslant 0.118478 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}, \tag{52}$$

$$S_{18}' \leqslant (1 + o(1)) \frac{G_4}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{1}{12}}^{\frac{5}{42}} \int_{\frac{7}{42}}^{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}} \int_{t_2}^{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}} \int_{\frac{1}{7\cdot2}}^{\frac{17}{42} - t_3} \frac{\omega\left(\frac{1 - t_1 - t_2 - t_3 - t_4}{t_2}\right)}{t_1 t_2^2 t_3 t_4} dt_4 dt_3 dt_2 dt_1 \right) \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}$$

$$\leqslant 0.042337 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}, \tag{53}$$

$$S'_{19} \leqslant (1 + o(1)) \frac{G_4}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{\frac{5}{42}}^{\frac{1}{7.2}} \int_{t_1}^{\frac{1}{7.2}} \int_{t_2}^{\frac{1}{7.2}} \int_{\frac{1}{7.2}}^{\frac{17}{42} - t_3} \frac{\omega\left(\frac{1 - t_1 - t_2 - t_3 - t_4}{t_2}\right)}{t_1 t_2^2 t_3 t_4} dt_4 dt_3 dt_2 dt_1 \right) \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}$$

$$\leqslant 0.005901 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}.$$

$$(54)$$

$$G_{4} = 500F \left(500\vartheta'_{\frac{1}{500}}\right) - 500 \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{21}{107}} \frac{f(500(\vartheta_{0}(t, \frac{1}{500}, \frac{1}{500}) - t))}{t} dt$$

$$+ 500 \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{21}{107}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{1}} \frac{F(500(\vartheta_{0}(t_{1}, t_{2}, \frac{1}{500}) - t_{1} - t_{2}))}{t_{1}t_{2}} dt_{2} dt_{1}$$

$$- \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{\frac{21}{107}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{1}} \int_{\frac{1}{500}}^{t_{2}} \frac{f\left(\frac{(\vartheta_{0}(t_{1}, t_{2}, t_{3}) - t_{1} - t_{2} - t_{3})}{t_{3}}\right)}{t_{1}t_{2}t_{3}^{2}} dt_{3} dt_{2} dt_{1}.$$

$$(55)$$

For the remaining terms, by the arguments in [3] and [21], we have

$$S_8' \ll \frac{\varepsilon C_2 x}{(\log x)^2},\tag{56}$$

$$S_9' \leqslant (1 + o(1)) \frac{12}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{(\frac{11}{20} - \frac{29}{100})12}^{(\frac{4}{7} - \frac{2}{7})12} \frac{F(t)}{2 \times 12 - t} dt \right) \leqslant 0.111039 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}, \tag{57}$$

$$S'_{10} \leqslant (1 + o(1)) \frac{12}{e^{\gamma}} \left(\int_{(\frac{11}{20} - \frac{1}{3})12}^{(\frac{11}{20} - \frac{29}{100})12} \frac{F(t)}{\frac{11}{20} \times 12 - t} dt \right) \leqslant 1.169696 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}, \tag{58}$$

$$S_{11}' \ll \frac{\varepsilon C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}. (59)$$

Finally, by Lemma 3.2 and (38)–(59) we get

$$3S'_1 + S'_2 + S'_3 + S'_4 + S'_5 \ge 27.248777 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2},$$

$$2S'_6 + 2S'_7 + S'_8 + S'_9 + S'_{10} + S'_{11} + S'_{12} + S'_{13}$$

$$+ 2S'_{14} + S'_{15} + S'_{16} + S'_{17} + S'_{18} + S'_{19} \le 22.295884 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2},$$

$$4\pi_{1,2}(x) \ge (3S'_1 + S'_2 + S'_3 + S'_4 + S'_5)$$

$$- (2S'_6 + 2S'_7 + S'_8 + S'_9 + S'_{10} + S'_{11} + S'_{12} + S'_{13}$$

$$+ 2S'_{14} + S'_{15} + S'_{16} + S'_{17} + S'_{18} + S'_{19})$$

$$\ge 4.952 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2},$$

$$\pi_{1,2}(x) \ge 1.238 \frac{C_2 x}{(\log x)^2}.$$

Theorem 1.3 is proved.

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