

# EFFECTIVE APPROXIMATION OF HEAT FLOW EVOLUTION OF THE RIEMANN XI FUNCTION, AND AN UPPER BOUND FOR THE DE BRUIJN-NEWMAN CONSTANT

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ABSTRACT. For each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , define the entire function

$$H_t(z) := \int_0^\infty e^{tu^2} \Phi(u) \cos(zu) du$$

where  $\Phi$  is the super-exponentially decaying function

$$\Phi(u) := \sum_{n=1}^\infty (2\pi^2 n^4 e^{9u} - 3\pi n^2 e^{5u}) \exp(-\pi n^2 e^{4u}).$$

Newman showed that there exists a finite constant  $\Lambda$  (the *de Bruijn-Newman constant*) such that the zeroes of  $H_t$  are all real precisely when  $t \geq \Lambda$ . The Riemann hypothesis is the equivalent to the assertion  $\Lambda \leq 0$ , and Newman conjectured the complementary bound  $\Lambda \geq 0$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $H_0: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  denote the function

$$(1) \quad H_0(z) := \frac{1}{8} \xi \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{iz}{2} \right),$$

where  $\xi$  denotes the Riemann xi function

$$(2) \quad \xi(s) := \frac{s(s-1)}{2} \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma \left( \frac{s}{2} \right) \zeta(s)$$

(removing the singularities at the poles of the Gamma function) and  $\zeta$  is the Riemann zeta function. Then  $H_0$  is an entire even function with functional equation  $H_0(\bar{z}) = \overline{H_0(z)}$ , and the Riemann hypothesis is equivalent to the assertion that all the zeroes of  $H_0$  are real.

It is a classical fact (see [20, p. 255]) that  $H_0$  has the Fourier representation

$$H_0(z) = \int_0^\infty \Phi(u) \cos(zu) du$$

where  $\Phi$  is the super-exponentially decaying function

$$(3) \quad \Phi(u) := \sum_{n=1}^\infty (2\pi^2 n^4 e^{9u} - 3\pi n^2 e^{5u}) \exp(-\pi n^2 e^{4u}).$$

The sum defining  $\Phi(u)$  converges absolutely for negative  $u$  also. From Poisson summation one can verify that  $\Phi$  satisfies the functional equation  $\Phi(u) = \Phi(-u)$  (i.e.,  $\Phi$  is even).

De Bruijn [3] introduced the more general family of functions  $H_t: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  by the formula

$$(4) \quad H_t(z) := \int_0^\infty e^{tu^2} \Phi(u) \cos(zu) \, du.$$

As noted in [7, p.114], one can view  $H_t$  as the evolution of  $H_0$  under the backwards heat equation  $\partial_t H_t(z) = -\partial_{zz} H_t(z)$ . As with  $H_0$ , each of the  $H_t$  are entire even functions with functional equation  $H_t(\bar{z}) = \overline{H_t(z)}$ . De Bruijn showed that the zeroes of  $H_t$  are purely real for  $t \geq 1/2$ , and if  $H_t$  has purely real zeroes for some  $t$ , then  $H_{t'}$  has purely real zeroes for all  $t' > t$ . Newman [12] strengthened this result by showing that there is an absolute constant  $-\infty < \Lambda \leq 1/2$ , now known as the *De Bruijn-Newman constant*, with the property that  $H_t$  has purely real zeroes if and only if  $t \geq \Lambda$ . The Riemann hypothesis is then clearly equivalent to the upper bound  $\Lambda \leq 0$ . Recently in [15] the complementary bound  $\Lambda \geq 0$  was established, answering a conjecture of Newman [12]. Furthermore, Ki, Kim, and Lee [8] sharpened the upper bound  $\Lambda \leq 1/2$  of de Bruijn [3] slightly to  $\Lambda < 1/2$ .

## 2. NOTATION

Unless otherwise specified,  $\log$  denotes the standard branch of the complex logarithm, thus the branch cut is on the negative real axis and imaginary part in  $(-\pi, \pi]$ . We then define the standard complex powers  $z^w := \exp(w \log z)$ , and in particular define the standard square root  $\sqrt{z} := z^{1/2}$ . We record the standard gaussian identity

$$(5) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-(au^2 + bu + c)) \, du = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \exp\left(\frac{b^2}{4a} - c\right)$$

for any complex numbers  $a, b, c$  with  $\operatorname{Re} a > 0$ .

To obtain effective estimates, it is convenient to use the notation  $O_{\leq}(X)$  to denote any quantity that is bounded in magnitude by  $X$ . Any expression of the form  $A = B$  using this notation should be interpreted as the assertion that any quantity of the form  $A$  is also of the form  $B$ , thus for instance  $O_{\leq}(1) + O_{\leq}(1) = O_{\leq}(3)$ . (In particular, the equality relation is no longer symmetric with this notation.)

If  $F$  is a meromorphic function, we use  $F'$  to denote its derivative. We also use  $F^*$  to denote the reflection  $F^*(s) := \overline{F(\bar{s})}$  of  $F$ . Observe from analytic continuation that if  $F: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is meromorphic and is real-valued on  $\mathbb{R}$  then it is equal to its own reflection:  $F = F^*$ .

## 3. APPLYING THE FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTION FOR THE HEAT EQUATION

We can write  $H_t$  in terms of  $H_0$  using the fundamental solution to the heat equation. Namely, for any  $t > 0$ , we have from (5) that

$$e^{tu^2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{\pm 2\sqrt{t}vu} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} \, dv$$

for any complex  $u$  and any choice of sign  $\pm$ . Multiplying by  $e^{\pm izu}$  and averaging, we conclude that

$$e^{tu^2} \cos(zu) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \cos((z - 2i\sqrt{t}v)u) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} \, dv$$

for any complex  $z, u$ . Multiplying by  $\Phi(u)$  and using Fubini's theorem, we conclude that

$$H_t(z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} H_0(z - 2i\sqrt{t}v) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} dv$$

for any complex  $z$ . Using (1), we thus have

$$(6) \quad H_t(z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{8} \xi \left( \frac{1+iz}{2} + \sqrt{t}v \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} dv.$$

We now combine this formula with expansions of the Riemann  $\xi$ -function. From [20, (2.10.6)] we have the Riemann-Siegel formula

$$(7) \quad \frac{1}{8} \xi(s) = R_{0,0}(s) + R_{0,0}^*(1-s)$$

for any complex  $s$  that is not an integer (in order to avoid the poles of the Gamma function), where  $R_{0,0}(s)$  is the contour integral

$$R_{0,0}(s) := \frac{1}{8} \frac{s(s-1)}{2} \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \int_{0 \swarrow 1} \frac{w^{-s} e^{i\pi w^2}}{e^{\pi i w} - e^{-\pi i w}} dw$$

with  $0 \swarrow 1$  any infinite line oriented in the direction  $e^{5\pi i/4}$  that crosses the interval  $[0, 1]$ . From the residue theorem (and the gaussian decrease of  $e^{i\pi w^2}$  along the  $e^{\pi i/4}$  and  $e^{5\pi i/4}$  directions) we may expand

$$R_{0,0}(s) = \sum_{n=1}^N r_{0,n}(s) + R_{0,N}(s)$$

for any non-negative integer  $N$ , where  $r_{0,n}, R_{0,N}$  are the meromorphic functions

$$(8) \quad r_{0,n}(s) := \frac{1}{8} \frac{s(s-1)}{2} \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) n^{-s},$$

$$(9) \quad R_{0,N}(s) := \frac{1}{8} \frac{s(s-1)}{2} \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \int_{N \swarrow N+1} \frac{w^{-s} e^{i\pi w^2}}{e^{\pi i w} - e^{-\pi i w}} dw$$

and  $N \swarrow N+1$  denotes any infinite line oriented in the direction  $e^{5\pi i/4}$  that crosses the interval  $[N, N+1]$ . For any  $z$  that is not purely imaginary, we see from Stirling's approximation that the functions  $r_{0,n}(\frac{1+iz}{2} + \sqrt{t}v)$  and  $R_{0,N}(\frac{1+iz}{2} + \sqrt{t}v)$  grow slower than gaussian as  $v \rightarrow \pm\infty$  (indeed they grow like  $\exp(O(|v| \log |v|))$ , where the implied constants depend on  $t, z$ ). From this and (6), (7) we conclude that

$$(10) \quad H_t(z) = \sum_{n=1}^N r_{t,n} \left( \frac{1+iz}{2} \right) + \sum_{n=1}^N r_{t,n}^* \left( \frac{1-iz}{2} \right) + R_{t,N} \left( \frac{1+iz}{2} \right) + R_{t,N}^* \left( \frac{1-iz}{2} \right)$$

for any  $t > 0$ , any  $z$  that is not purely imaginary, and any non-negative integer  $N$ , where  $r_{t,n}(s), R_{t,N}(s)$  are defined for non-real  $s$  by the formulae

$$r_{t,n}(s) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} r_{0,n}(s + \sqrt{t}v) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} dv$$

$$R_{t,N}(s) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} R_{0,N}(s + \sqrt{t}v) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} dv;$$

these can be thought of as the evolutions of  $r_{0,n}, R_{0,N}$  respectively under the forward heat equation.

The functions  $r_{0,n}(s), R_{0,N}(s)$  grow slower than gaussian as long as the imaginary part of  $s$  is bounded and bounded away from zero. As a consequence, we may shift contours (replacing  $v$  by  $v + \frac{\sqrt{t}}{2}\alpha_n$ ) and write

$$(11) \quad r_{t,n}(s) = \exp\left(-\frac{t}{4}\alpha_n^2\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\left(-\sqrt{t}v\alpha_n\right) r_{0,n}\left(s + \sqrt{t}v + \frac{t}{2}\alpha_n\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} dv$$

for any complex number  $\alpha_n$  with  $\text{Im}(s), \text{Im}(s + \frac{t}{2}\alpha_n)$  having the same sign. Similarly we may write

$$(12) \quad R_{t,N}(s) = \exp\left(-\frac{t}{4}\beta_N^2\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\left(-\sqrt{t}v\beta_N\right) R_{0,N}\left(s + \sqrt{t}v + \frac{t}{2}\beta_N\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} dv$$

for any complex number  $\beta_N$  with  $\text{Im}(s), \text{Im}(s + \frac{t}{2}\beta_N)$  having the same sign. In the spirit of the saddle point method, we will select the parameters  $\alpha_n, \beta_N$  later in the paper in order to make the phases in  $r_{0,n}, R_{0,N}$  close to stationary, in order to obtain good estimates and approximations for these terms.

#### 4. ELEMENTARY ESTIMATES

We have the following elementary estimates:

**Lemma 4.1** (Elementary estimates). *Let  $x > 0$ .*

(i) *If  $a > 0$  and  $b \geq 0$  are such that  $x > b/a$ , then*

$$O_{\leq}\left(\frac{a}{x}\right) + O_{\leq}\left(\frac{b}{x^2}\right) = O_{\leq}\left(\frac{a}{x - b/a}\right).$$

*More generally, if  $a > 0$  and  $b, c \geq 0$  are such that  $x > b/a, \sqrt{c/a}$ , then*

$$O_{\leq}\left(\frac{a}{x}\right) + O_{\leq}\left(\frac{b}{x^2}\right) + O_{\leq}\left(\frac{c}{x^3}\right) = O_{\leq}\left(\frac{a}{x - \max(b/a, \sqrt{c/a})}\right).$$

(ii) *If  $x > 1$ , then*

$$\log\left(1 + O_{\leq}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) = O_{\leq}\left(\frac{1}{x-1}\right).$$

*or equivalently*

$$1 + O_{\leq}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \exp\left(O_{\leq}\left(\frac{1}{x-1}\right)\right).$$

(iii) *If  $x > 1/2$ , then*

$$\exp\left(O_{\leq}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) = 1 + O_{\leq}\left(\frac{1}{x-0.5}\right).$$

(iv) *We have*

$$\exp(O_{\leq}(x)) = 1 + O_{\leq}(e^x - 1).$$

(v) *If  $z$  is a complex number with  $|\text{Im}(z)| \geq 1$  or  $\text{Re} z \geq 1$ , then*

$$\Gamma(z) = \sqrt{2\pi} \exp\left((z - \frac{1}{2}) \log z - z + O_{\leq}\left(\frac{1}{12(|z| - 0.33)}\right)\right).$$

(vi) *If  $a, b > 0$  and  $x \geq x_0 \geq \exp(b/a)$ , then*

$$\log^a x \leq \frac{\log^a x_0}{x_0^b} x^b.$$

*Proof.* Claim (i) follows from the geometric series formula

$$\frac{a}{x-t} = \frac{a}{x} + \frac{at}{x^2} + \frac{at^2}{x^3} + \dots$$

whenever  $0 \leq t < x$ .

For Claim (ii), we use the Taylor expansion of the logarithm to note that

$$\log \left( 1 + O_{\leq} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) \right) = O_{\leq} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2x^2} + \frac{1}{3x^3} + \dots \right)$$

which on comparison with the geometric series formula

$$\frac{1}{x-1} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^3} + \dots$$

gives the claim. Similarly for Claim (iii), we may compare the Taylor expansion

$$\exp \left( O_{\leq} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) \right) = 1 + O_{\leq} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2!x^2} + \frac{1}{3!x^3} + \dots \right)$$

with the geometric series formula

$$\frac{1}{x-0.5} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2x^2} + \frac{1}{2^2x^3} + \dots$$

and note that  $k! \geq 2^k$  for all  $k \geq 2$ .

Claim (iv) follows from the trivial identity  $e^x = 1 + (e^x - 1)$  and the elementary inequality  $e^{-x} \geq 1 - (e^x - 1)$ . For Claim (v), we may use the functional equation  $\Gamma = \Gamma^*$  to assume that  $\text{Im}(z) \geq 0$ . We use equations (1.13), (3.1), (3.14) and (3.15) of [2] to obtain the Stirling approximation

$$\Gamma(z) = \sqrt{2\pi} \exp \left( \left( z - \frac{1}{2} \right) \log z - z \right) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{12z} + R_2(z) \right)$$

where the remainder  $R_2(z)$  obeys the bound

$$|R_2(z)| \leq (2\sqrt{2} + 1) \frac{C_2 \Gamma(2)}{(2\pi)^3 |z|^2}$$

for  $\text{Re}(z) \geq 0$  and

$$|R_2(z)| \leq (2\sqrt{2} + 1) \frac{C_2 \Gamma(2)}{(2\pi)^3 |z|^2 |1 - e^{2\pi iz}|}$$

for  $\text{Re}(z) \leq 0$ , where  $C_2$  is the constant

$$C_2 := \frac{1}{2}(1 + \zeta(2)) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right).$$

In the latter case, we have  $\text{Im}(z) \geq 1$  by hypothesis, and hence  $|1 - e^{2\pi iz}| \geq 1 - e^{-2\pi}$ . We conclude that in all ranges of  $z$  of interest, we have

$$|R_2(z)| \leq (2\sqrt{2} + 1) \frac{C_2 \Gamma(2)}{(2\pi)^3 |z|^2 (1 - e^{-2\pi})} \leq \frac{0.0205}{|z|^2}$$

and hence by Claim (i)

$$\Gamma(z) = \sqrt{2\pi} \exp \left( \left( z - \frac{1}{2} \right) \log z - z \right) \left( 1 + O_{\leq} \left( \frac{1}{12(|z| - 0.246)} \right) \right)$$

and the claim then follows by Claim (ii).

For Claim (vi), it suffices to show that the function  $x \mapsto \frac{\log^a x}{x^b}$  is nonincreasing for  $x \geq \exp(b/a)$ . Taking logarithms and writing  $y = \log x$ , it suffices to show that  $a \log y - by$  is non-increasing for  $y \geq b/a$ , but this is clear from taking a derivative.  $\square$

### 5. INITIAL ESTIMATION OF $r_{t,n}, R_{t,N}$

In this section we give some initial estimates on the functions  $r_{t,n}, R_{t,N}$  appearing in Section 3.

We begin with the estimation of  $r_{t,n}$ . We will need the function

$$(13) \quad M_0(s) := \frac{1}{8} \frac{s(s-1)}{2} \pi^{-s/2} \sqrt{2\pi} \exp\left(\left(\frac{s}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \log \frac{s}{2} - \frac{s}{2}\right)$$

defined for all  $s$  away from the negative axis. Clearly this function is non-vanishing for all such  $s$ . We may compute the logarithmic derivative  $\alpha := \frac{M'_0}{M_0}$  of this function as

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha(s) &= \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{1}{2} \log \pi + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{s}{2} - \frac{1}{2s} \\ &= \frac{1}{2s} + \frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{s}{2\pi}. \end{aligned}$$

We can also compute one further derivative:

$$(15) \quad \alpha'(s) = -\frac{1}{2s^2} - \frac{1}{(s-1)^2} + \frac{1}{2s}.$$

If  $\text{Im}(s) > 3$ , we conclude in particular that

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha'(s) &= O_{\leq} \left( \frac{1}{2\text{Im}(s)^2} \right) + O_{\leq} \left( \frac{1}{\text{Im}(s)^2} \right) + O_{\leq} \left( \frac{1}{2\text{Im}(s)} \right) \\ &= O_{\leq} \left( \frac{1}{2(\text{Im}(s) - 3)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

thanks to Lemma 4.1(i). Finally, we introduce the more general functions

$$(17) \quad M_t(s) := \exp\left(\frac{t}{4} \alpha(s)^2\right) M_0(s)$$

for any  $t \geq 0$ , as well as the sequence

$$(18) \quad b'_n := \exp\left(\frac{t}{4} \log^2 n\right).$$

**Proposition 5.1** (Estimate for  $r_{t,n}$ ). *Let  $\sigma$  be real, let  $T > 10$ , let  $n$  be a positive integer, and let  $0 < t \leq 1/2$ . Then*

$$r_{t,n}(\sigma + iT) = M_t(\sigma + iT) \frac{b'_n}{n^{\sigma + iT + \frac{t}{2} \alpha(\sigma + iT)}} (1 + O_{\leq}(\epsilon_{t,n}(\sigma + iT)))$$

where

$$\epsilon_{t,n}(\sigma + iT) := \exp\left(\frac{1}{T - 3.33} \left( \frac{t^2}{8} |\alpha(\sigma + iT) - \log n|^2 + \frac{t}{4} + \frac{1}{6} \right)\right) - 1,$$

*Proof.* From (8), (13) and Lemma 4.1(v) one has

$$r_{0,n}(s) = M_0(s)n^{-s} \exp\left(O_{\leq}\left(\frac{1}{6(|s| - 0.66)}\right)\right)$$

whenever  $\text{Im}(s) > 2$ . Let  $\alpha_n$  denote the quantity

$$(19) \quad \alpha_n := \alpha(\sigma + iT) - \log n;$$

this is the logarithmic derivative of  $M(s)n^{-s}$  at  $s = \sigma + iT$ . From (11) we have

$$\begin{aligned} r_{t,n}(\sigma + iT) &= \exp\left(-\frac{t}{4}\alpha_n^2\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-\sqrt{t}v\alpha_n) M_0(\sigma + iT + \sqrt{t}v + \frac{t}{2}\alpha_n) \times \\ &\quad \times \exp\left(-(\sigma + iT + \sqrt{t}v + \frac{t}{2}\alpha_n) \log n + O_{\leq}\left(\frac{1}{6(|\sigma + iT + \sqrt{t}v + \frac{t}{2}\alpha_n| - 0.66)}\right)\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} dv. \end{aligned}$$

By (14) and the hypothesis  $T \geq 10$ , the imaginary part of  $\alpha_n$  may be lower bounded by

$$\text{Im}(\alpha_n) \geq -\frac{1}{2T} - \frac{1}{T} \geq -0.15;$$

since  $t \leq 1/2$ , we conclude that  $\sigma + iT + \sqrt{t}v + \frac{t}{2}\alpha_n$  has imaginary part at least  $T - 0.08$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} r_{t,n}(s) &= \exp\left(-\frac{t}{4}\alpha_n^2\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-\sqrt{t}v\alpha_n) M_0(\sigma + iT + \sqrt{t}v + \frac{t}{2}\alpha_n) \times \\ &\quad \times \exp\left(-(\sigma + iT + \sqrt{t}v + \frac{t}{2}\alpha_n) \log n + O_{\leq}\left(\frac{1}{6(T - 0.74)}\right)\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} dv. \end{aligned}$$

From (16) we have

$$\alpha'(s) = O_{\leq}\left(\frac{1}{2(T - 3.08)}\right)$$

for all  $s$  between  $\sigma + iT$  and  $\sigma + iT + \sqrt{t}v + \frac{t}{2}\alpha_n$ . Applying Taylor's theorem with remainder to a branch of the complex logarithm of  $M_0$ , we conclude that

$$M_0(\sigma + iT + \sqrt{t}v + \frac{t}{2}\alpha_n) = M_0(\sigma + iT) \exp\left(\alpha(\sigma + iT)(\sqrt{t}v + \frac{t}{2}\alpha_n) + O_{\leq}\left(\frac{|\sqrt{t}v + \frac{t}{2}\alpha_n|^2}{4(T - 3.08)}\right)\right).$$

Inserting this estimate, writing  $\alpha(\sigma + iT) = \alpha_n + \log n$ , estimating  $\frac{1}{6(T-0.74)}$  by  $\frac{1}{6(T-3.08)}$  and  $|\sqrt{t}v + \frac{t}{2}\alpha_n|^2$  by  $2tv^2 + \frac{t^2}{2}|\alpha_n|^2$ , and simplifying, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} r_{t,n}(s) &= M_0(\sigma + iT) \exp\left(\frac{t}{4}\alpha_n^2 - (\sigma + iT) \log n\right) \times \\ &\quad \times \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\left(O_{\leq}\left(\frac{\frac{t}{2}v^2 + \frac{t^2}{8}|\alpha_n|^2 + \frac{1}{6}}{T - 3.08}\right)\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} dv. \end{aligned}$$

Using (19), (17), (18) we see that

$$M_0(\sigma + iT) \exp\left(\frac{t}{4}\alpha_n^2 - (\sigma + iT) \log n\right) = M_t(\sigma + iT) \frac{b_n^t}{n^{\sigma + iT + \frac{t}{2}\alpha(\sigma + iT)}}$$

and so it suffices to show that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\left(O_{\leq}\left(\frac{\frac{t}{2}v^2 + \frac{t^2}{8}|\alpha_n|^2 + \frac{1}{6}}{T - 3.08}\right)\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} dv = 1 + O\left(\exp\left(\frac{\frac{t^2}{8}|\alpha_n|^2 + \frac{t}{4} + \frac{1}{6}}{T - 3.33}\right) - 1\right).$$

Since  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}e^{-v^2} dv$  integrates to one, and  $\frac{1}{T-3.08} \leq \frac{1}{T-3.33}$ , it suffices by Lemma 4.1(iv) to show that

$$(20) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\left(\frac{tv^2}{2(T-3.08)}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}e^{-v^2} dv \leq \exp\left(\frac{t}{4(T-3.33)}\right).$$

Using (5), the left-hand side may be calculated exactly as

$$\left(1 - \frac{t}{2(T-3.08)}\right)^{-1/2}.$$

Applying Lemma 4.1(ii) and using the hypotheses  $t \leq 1/2$ ,  $T \geq 10$ , one has

$$1 - \frac{t}{2(T-3.08)} = \exp(O_{\leq}(\frac{t}{2(T-3.33)}))$$

and the claim follows.  $\square$

Now we begin the estimation of  $R_{t,N}$ . We begin with the following estimates of Arias de Reyna [1] on the term  $\int_{N \swarrow N+1} \frac{w^{-s}e^{i\pi w^2}}{e^{\pi i w} - e^{-\pi i w}}$  appearing in (9):

**Proposition 5.2.** *Let  $\sigma$  be real and  $T' > 0$ , and define the quantities*

$$(21) \quad s := \sigma + iT'$$

$$(22) \quad a := \sqrt{\frac{T'}{2\pi}}$$

$$(23) \quad N := \lfloor a \rfloor$$

$$(24) \quad p := 1 - 2(a - N)$$

$$(25) \quad U := \exp\left(-i\left(\frac{T'}{2} \log \frac{T'}{2\pi} - \frac{T'}{2} - \frac{\pi}{8}\right)\right).$$

Let  $K$  be a positive integer. Then we have an expansion

$$\int_{N \swarrow N+1} \frac{w^{-s}e^{i\pi w^2}}{e^{\pi i w} - e^{-\pi i w}} = (-1)^{N-1} U a^{-\sigma} \left( \sum_{k=0}^K \frac{C_k(p, \sigma)}{a^k} + RS_K(s) \right)$$

where  $C_0(p, \sigma) = C_0(p)$  is independent of  $\sigma$  and is given explicitly by the formula

$$(26) \quad C_0(p) := \frac{e^{\pi i(\frac{p^2}{2} + \frac{3}{8})} - i\sqrt{2} \cos \frac{\pi p}{2}}{2 \cos(\pi p)}$$

(removing the singularities at  $p = \pm 1/2$ ), while for  $k \geq 1$  the  $C_k(p, \sigma)$  are quantities obeying the bounds

$$(27) \quad |C_k(p, \sigma)| \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2\pi} \frac{9^\sigma \Gamma(k/2)}{2^k}$$

for  $\sigma > 0$  and

$$(28) \quad |C_k(p, \sigma)| \leq \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}-\sigma}}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma(k/2)}{2\pi((3-2\log 2)\pi)^{k/2}}$$

for  $\sigma \leq 0$ , while the error term  $RS_K(s)$  is a quantity obeying the bounds

$$(29) \quad |RS_K(s)| \leq \frac{1}{7} 2^{3\sigma/2} \frac{\Gamma((K+1)/2)}{(a/1.1)^{K+1}}$$



for  $\sigma \geq 0$ , and

$$(30) \quad |RS_K(s)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{9}{10} \right)^{\lceil -\sigma \rceil} \frac{\Gamma((K+1)/2)}{(a/1.1)^{K+1}}$$

if  $\sigma < 0$  and  $K + \sigma \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* This follows from [1, Theorems 3.1, 4.1, 4.2] combined with [1, (3.2), (5.2)]. The dependence of  $C_k(p, \sigma)$ ,  $k \geq 1$  on  $\sigma$  and the dependence of  $RS_K(s)$  on  $s$  is suppressed in [1], but can be discerned from the definitions of these quantities (and the related quantities  $g(\tau, z)$ ,  $P_k(z) = P_k(z, \sigma)$ ,  $Rg_K(\tau, z)$ ) in [1, (3.9), (3.10), (3.7), (3.6)].  $\square$

Note that  $p$  ranges in the interval  $[-1, 1]$ . One can show that

$$(31) \quad |C_0(p)| \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

for all  $p \in [-1, 1]$ ; this follows for instance from the  $n = 0$  case of [1, Theorem 6.1].

**Proposition 5.3** (Estimate for  $R_{t,N}$ ). *Let  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$ , let  $T \geq 100$ , and let  $0 < t \leq 1/2$ . Set*

$$T' := T + \frac{\pi t}{8}$$

*and then define  $a, N, p, U, C_0(p)$  using (22), (23), (25), (26) Then*

$$R_{t,N}(\sigma + iT) = (-1)^{N-1} U e^{\pi i \sigma / 4} \exp\left(\frac{t\pi^2}{64}\right) M_0(iT')(C_0(p) + O_{\leq}(\epsilon'(\sigma + iT)))$$

where

$$\epsilon'(\sigma + iT) := \left( \frac{0.366 \times 9^\sigma + 1.023 \times 2^{-\sigma}}{a - 0.125} + \frac{5}{3(T' - 3.33)} \right) \exp\left(\frac{3.49}{T' - 3.33}\right).$$

*Proof.* We apply (12) with  $\beta_N := \pi i/4$  to obtain

$$R_{t,N}(\sigma + iT) = \exp\left(\frac{t\pi^2}{64}\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{t}v\pi i}{4}\right) R_{0,N}(\sigma + iT' + \sqrt{t}v) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} dv.$$

From (9) we have

$$R_{0,N}(\sigma + iT' + \sqrt{t}v) = \frac{1}{8} \frac{s_v(s_v - 1)}{2} \pi^{-s_v/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s_v}{2}\right) (-1)^{N-1} U a^{-\sigma - \sqrt{t}v} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K_v} \frac{C_k(p, \sigma + \sqrt{t}v)}{a^k} + RS_{K_v}(s_v) \right)$$

for any positive integer  $K_v$  that we permit to depend (in a measurable fashion) on  $v$ , where  $s_v := \sigma + iT' + \sqrt{t}v$ . From (13) and Lemma 4.1(v) we thus have

$$R_{0,N}(\sigma + iT' + \sqrt{t}v) = M_0(s_v) \exp\left(O_{\leq}\left(\frac{1}{12(T' - 0.33)}\right)\right) (-1)^{N-1} U a^{-\sigma - \sqrt{t}v} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K_v} \frac{C_k(p, \sigma + \sqrt{t}v)}{a^k} + RS_{K_v}(s_v) \right).$$

From (16) and Taylor expansion of a logarithm of  $M$ , we have

$$M_0(s_v) = M_0(iT') \exp\left(\alpha(iT')(\sigma + \sqrt{t}v) + O_{\leq}\left(\frac{(\sigma + \sqrt{t}v)^2}{4(T' - 0.33)}\right)\right);$$

from (14), (22) one has

$$\alpha(iT') = O_{\leq}\left(\frac{1}{2T'}\right) + O_{\leq}\left(\frac{1}{T'}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{iT'}{2\pi} = \log a + \frac{i\pi}{4} + O_{\leq}\left(\frac{3}{2T'}\right)$$

and hence (bounding  $\frac{3}{2T'}$  by  $\frac{6}{4(T'-0.33)}$ )

$$\alpha(iT')(\sigma + \sqrt{t}v) = (\sigma + \sqrt{t}v) \log a + \frac{\pi i \sigma}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{t}v \pi i}{4} + O_{\leq} \left( \frac{6|\sigma + \sqrt{t}v|}{4(T' - 0.33)} \right).$$

We conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \left( -\frac{\sqrt{t}v \pi i}{4} \right) R_{0,N}(\sigma + iT' + \sqrt{t}v) &= M_0(iT') \exp \left( O_{\leq} \left( \frac{(\sigma + \sqrt{t}v)^2 + 6|\sigma + \sqrt{t}v| + \frac{1}{3}}{4(T' - 0.33)} \right) \right) \times \\ &\times (-1)^{N-1} U e^{\pi i \sigma / 4} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K_v} \frac{C_k(p, \sigma + \sqrt{t}v)}{a^k} + RS_{K_v}(s_v) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Bounding  $6|\sigma + \sqrt{t}v| \leq 3(\sigma + \sqrt{t}v)^2 + 3$ , we have

$$\frac{(\sigma + \sqrt{t}v)^2 + 6|\sigma + \sqrt{t}v| + \frac{1}{3}}{4(T' - 0.33)} \leq \frac{(\sigma + \sqrt{t}v)^2 + \frac{5}{6}}{T' - 0.33}.$$

Putting all this together, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} R_{t,N}(\sigma + iT) &= (-1)^{N-1} U e^{\pi i \sigma / 4} \exp \left( \frac{t\pi^2}{64} \right) M_0(iT') \times \\ &\times \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp \left( O_{\leq} \left( \frac{(\sigma + \sqrt{t}v)^2 + \frac{5}{6}}{T' - 0.33} \right) \right) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K_v} \frac{C_k(p, \sigma + \sqrt{t}v)}{a^k} + RS_{K_v}(s_v) \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} dv. \end{aligned}$$

We separate the  $k = 0$  term from the rest. By Lemma 4.1(iv) and the fact that  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2}$  integrates to one, we can write the above expression as

$$(32) \quad R_{t,N}(\sigma + iT) = (-1)^{N-1} U e^{\pi i \sigma / 4} \exp \left( \frac{t\pi^2}{64} \right) M_0(iT') (C_0(p)(1 + O_{\leq}(\epsilon)) + O_{\leq}(\delta))$$

where

$$\epsilon := \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left( \exp \left( \frac{(\sigma + \sqrt{t}v)^2 + \frac{5}{6}}{T' - 0.33} \right) - 1 \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} dv$$

and

$$\delta := \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp \left( \frac{(\sigma + \sqrt{t}v)^2 + \frac{5}{6}}{T' - 0.33} \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{K_v} \frac{|C_k(p, \sigma + \sqrt{t}v)|}{a^k} + |RS_{K_v}(s_v)| \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-v^2} dv.$$

Bounding  $(\sigma + \sqrt{t}v)^2 \leq 2\sigma^2 + 2tv^2$  and using (5) we obtain

$$\epsilon \leq \exp \left( \frac{2\sigma^2 + \frac{5}{6}}{T' - 0.33} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{2t}{T' - 0.33} \right)^{-1/2} - 1.$$

Applying Lemma 4.1(ii) and using the hypotheses  $t \leq 1/2$ ,  $T \geq 100$ , one has

$$1 - \frac{2t}{T' - 0.33} = \exp \left( O_{\leq} \left( \frac{2t}{T' - 3.33} \right) \right)$$

and hence

$$\epsilon \leq \exp \left( \frac{2\sigma^2 + t + \frac{5}{6}}{T' - 3.33} \right) - 1.$$

With  $t \leq 1/2$  and  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$ , one has  $2\sigma^2 + t + \frac{5}{6} \leq \frac{10}{3}$ . By the mean value theorem we then have

$$(33) \quad \epsilon \leq \frac{10}{3(T' - 3.33)} \exp\left(\frac{10}{3(T' - 3.33)}\right).$$

Now we work on  $\delta$ . Making the change of variables  $u := \sigma + \sqrt{t}\nu$ , we have

$$\delta = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\left(\frac{u^2 + \frac{5}{6}}{T' - 0.33}\right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\tilde{K}_u} \frac{|C_k(p, u)|}{a^k} + |RS_{\tilde{K}_u}(u + iT')| \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}} e^{-(u-\sigma)^2/t} du,$$

where  $\tilde{K}_u$  is a positive integer parameter that can depend arbitrarily on  $u$  (as long as it is measurable, of course).

We choose  $\tilde{K}_u$  to equal 1 when  $u \geq 0$  and  $\lfloor -\sigma \rfloor + 3$  when  $u < 0$ , so that Proposition 5.2 applies. The expression

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\tilde{K}_u} \frac{|C_k(p, u)|}{a^k} + |RS_{\tilde{K}_u}(u + iT')|$$

is then bounded by

$$(34) \quad \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2\pi} \frac{9^u \Gamma(1/2)}{2a} + \frac{1}{7} 2^{3u/2} \frac{\Gamma(1)}{(a/1.1)^2} \leq \frac{0.200 \times 9^u}{a} + \frac{0.173 \times 2^{3u/2}}{a^2}$$

for  $u \geq 0$  and

$$(35) \quad \sum_{1 \leq k \leq \lfloor -u \rfloor + 3} \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}-u}}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma(k/2)}{2\pi((3 - 2 \log 2)\pi)^{k/2} a^k} + \frac{1}{2} (9/10)^{\lfloor -u \rfloor} \frac{\Gamma((\lfloor -u \rfloor + 4)/2)}{(a/1.1)^{\lfloor -u \rfloor + 4}}$$

for  $u < 0$ . One can calculate that

$$\frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{((3 - 2 \log 2)\pi)^{1/2}} \leq 1.1$$

and hence we can bound (35) somewhat crudely by

$$\frac{1}{2} 2^{-u} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq -u+4} \frac{\Gamma(k/2)}{(a/1.1)^k}.$$

For  $u \geq 0$ , we can estimate (34) by

$$0.2 \times 9^u \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{0.865}{a^2} \right) \leq \frac{0.2 \times 9^u}{a - 0.865}$$

thanks to Lemma 4.1(i). For  $u < 0$ , we observe that if  $k \leq \frac{a^2}{1.21} = \frac{T'}{2.42\pi}$  then

$$\frac{\Gamma(k + 2/2)}{(a/1.1)^{k+2}} = \frac{1.21k}{2a^2} \frac{\Gamma(k/2)}{(a/1.1)^k} \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma(k/2)}{(a/1.1)^k}$$

and hence by the geometric series formula

$$\sum_{2 \leq k \leq \frac{T'}{2.42\pi}, k \text{ even}} \frac{\Gamma(k/2)}{(a/1.1)^k} \leq 2 \frac{\Gamma(2/2)}{(a/1.1)^2} = \frac{2.42}{a^2}$$

and similarly

$$\sum_{3 \leq k \leq \frac{T'}{2.42\pi}, k \text{ odd}} \frac{\Gamma(k/2)}{(a/1.1)^k} \leq 2 \frac{\Gamma(3/2)}{(a/1.1)^3} = \frac{1.331 \sqrt{\pi}}{a^3}$$

and hence we can bound (35) by

$$\frac{1}{2} 2^{-u} \left( \frac{1.1 \sqrt{\pi}}{a} + \frac{2.42}{a^2} + \frac{1.331 \sqrt{\pi}}{a^3} + \sum_{\frac{T'}{2.42\pi} \leq k \leq -u+4} \frac{\Gamma(k/2)}{(a/1.1)^k} \right).$$

By Lemma 4.1(i) we have

$$\frac{1.1 \sqrt{\pi}}{a} + \frac{2.42}{a^2} + \frac{1.331 \sqrt{\pi}}{a^3} \leq \frac{1.1 \sqrt{\pi}}{a - 1.25}$$

and thus we can bound (35) by

$$\frac{1}{2} 2^{-u} \left( \frac{1.1 \sqrt{\pi}}{a - 1.25} + \sum_{\frac{T'}{2.42\pi} \leq k \leq -u+4} (1.1)^k \frac{\Gamma(k/2)}{a^k} \right).$$

Putting this together, we conclude that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\tilde{K}_u} \frac{|C_k(p, u)|}{a^k} + |RS_{\tilde{K}_u}(u + iT')| \leq \frac{0.2 \times 9^u}{a - 0.865} + \frac{1.1 \sqrt{\pi} \times 2^{-u}}{2(a - 1.25)} + \frac{2^{-u}}{2} \sum_{\frac{T'}{2.2\pi} \leq k \leq -u+4} (1.1)^k \frac{\Gamma(k/2)}{a^k}$$

for all  $u$  (positive or negative). We conclude that  $\delta \leq \delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_3$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1 &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\left(\frac{u^2 + \frac{5}{6}}{T' - 0.33}\right) \frac{0.2 \times 9^u}{a - 0.865} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}} e^{-(u-\sigma)^2/t} du \\ \delta_2 &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\left(\frac{u^2 + \frac{5}{6}}{T' - 0.33}\right) \frac{1.1 \sqrt{\pi} \times 2^{-u}}{2(a - 1.25)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}} e^{-(u-\sigma)^2/t} du \\ \delta_3 &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\left(\frac{u^2 + \frac{5}{6}}{T' - 0.33}\right) \frac{2^{-u}}{2} \sum_{\frac{T'}{2.2\pi} \leq k \leq -u+4} (1.1)^k \frac{\Gamma(k/2)}{a^k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}} e^{-(u-\sigma)^2/t} du. \end{aligned}$$

For  $\delta_1$ , we translate  $u$  by  $\sigma$  to obtain

$$\delta_1 = \frac{0.2 \times 9^\sigma}{a - 0.865} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\left(\frac{1}{T' - 0.33} \left(u^2 + 2\sigma u + \sigma^2 + \frac{5}{6}\right) + 2u \log 3\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}} e^{-u^2/t} du$$

and hence by (5)

$$(36) \quad \delta_1 = \frac{0.2 \times 9^\sigma}{a - 0.865} \exp\left(\frac{\sigma^2 + \frac{5}{6}}{T' - 0.33} + \frac{t(\log 3 + \frac{\sigma}{T' - 0.33})^2}{1 - \frac{t}{T' - 0.33}}\right) \left(1 - \frac{t}{T' - 0.33}\right)^{-1/2}.$$

One can write

$$(37) \quad \frac{1}{1 - \frac{t}{T' - 0.33}} = 1 + \frac{t}{T' - 0.33 - t} \leq 1 + \frac{t}{T' - 0.83}$$

while by Lemma 4.1(ii) we have

$$(38) \quad 1 - \frac{t}{T' - 0.33} = \exp\left(O_{\leq}\left(\frac{t}{T' - 0.33 - t}\right)\right) = \exp\left(O_{\leq}\left(\frac{t}{T' - 0.83}\right)\right).$$

We conclude that

$$\delta_1 \leq \frac{0.2 \times 9^\sigma}{a - 0.865} \exp\left(\frac{5 + 3t + 6\sigma^2}{6(T' - 0.83)} + t\left(\log 3 + \frac{\sigma}{T' - 0.33}\right)^2\left(1 + \frac{t}{T' - 0.83}\right)\right).$$

From Lemma 4.1(i) and the hypothesis  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\log 3 + \frac{\sigma}{T' - 0.33}\right)^2 &\leq \log^2 3 \left(1 + \frac{2\sigma/\log 3}{T' - 0.33 - \frac{\sigma}{2\log 3}}\right) \\ &\leq \log^2 3 \left(1 + \frac{2\sigma/\log 3}{T' - 0.83}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\log 3 + \frac{\sigma}{T' - 0.33}\right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{t}{T' - 0.83}\right) &\leq \log^2 3 \left(1 + \frac{\frac{2\sigma}{\log 3} + t}{T' - 0.83 - \frac{2\sigma t/\log 3}{2\sigma/\log 3 + t}}\right) \\ &\leq \log^2 3 \left(1 + \frac{\frac{2\sigma}{\log 3} + t}{T' - 0.83 - t}\right) \\ &\leq \log^2 3 \left(1 + \frac{\frac{2\sigma}{\log 3} + t}{T' - 1.33}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\delta_1 \leq \frac{0.2 \times 9^\sigma \exp(t \log^2 3)}{a - 0.865} \exp\left(\frac{5 + 3t + 6\sigma^2 + 12t\sigma \log 3 + 6t^2 \log^2 3}{6(T' - 1.33)}\right).$$

By repeating the proof of (36), we have

$$\delta_2 = \frac{1.1 \sqrt{\pi} \times 2^{-\sigma}}{2(a - 1.25)} \exp\left(\frac{\sigma^2 + \frac{5}{6}}{T' - 0.33} + \frac{t(-\log \sqrt{2} + \frac{\sigma}{T' - 0.33})^2}{1 - \frac{t}{T' - 0.33}}\right) \left(1 - \frac{t}{T' - 0.33}\right)^{-1/2}.$$

We can bound  $(-\log \sqrt{2} + \frac{\sigma}{T' - 0.33})^2$  by  $\log^2 \sqrt{2}$ . Using (37), (38) we thus have

$$\delta_2 \leq \frac{1.1 \sqrt{\pi} \times 2^{-\sigma} \exp(t \log^2 \sqrt{2})}{2(a - 1.25)} \exp\left(\frac{5 + 3t + 6\sigma^2}{6(T' - 1.33)}\right).$$

With  $t \leq 1/2$  and  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$  one has

$$\begin{aligned} 0.2 \exp(t \log^2 3) &\leq 0.366 \\ \frac{1.1 \sqrt{\pi} \exp(t \log^2 \sqrt{2})}{2} &\leq 1.023 \\ \frac{5 + 3t + 6\sigma^2}{6} &\leq \frac{5 + 3t + 6\sigma^2 + 12t\sigma \log 3 + 6t^2 \log^2 3}{6} \leq 3.49 \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\delta_1 \leq \frac{0.366 \times 9^\sigma}{a - 0.865} \exp\left(\frac{3.49}{T' - 1.33}\right)$$

and

$$\delta_2 \leq \frac{1.023 \times 2^{-\sigma}}{a - 1.25} \exp\left(\frac{3.49}{T' - 1.33}\right).$$

Now we turn to  $\delta_3$ . By the Fubini-Tonelli theorem, we have

$$\delta_3 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi t}} \sum_{k \geq \frac{T'}{2.2\pi}} (1.1)^k \frac{\Gamma(k/2)}{a^k} \int_{-\infty}^{4-k} \exp\left(\frac{1}{T' - 0.33}(u^2 + \frac{5}{6}) - \frac{(u - \sigma)^2}{t} - u \log 2\right) du.$$

Since  $u \leq 4 - k$ ,  $k \geq \frac{T'}{2.2\pi}$ , and  $T' \geq T \geq 100$ , we have  $k \geq 14$  and  $u \leq -10$ ; since  $\sigma \geq 0$ , we may thus lower bound  $(u - \sigma)^2/t$  by  $u^2/t$ . Since  $t \leq 1/2$ , we can upper bound  $\frac{1}{T' - 0.33}(u^2 + \frac{5}{6}) - \frac{u^2}{t}$  by  $-\frac{u^2}{2t}$ , thus

$$\delta_3 \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi t}} \sum_{k \geq \frac{T'}{2.2\pi}} (1.1)^k \frac{\Gamma(k/2)}{a^k} \int_{-\infty}^{4-k} e^{-u^2/2t - u \log 2} du.$$

We can bound  $e^{-u^2} \leq e^{(k-4)u/2t}$ , and thus

$$\int_{-\infty}^{4-k} e^{-u^2/2t - u \log 2} du \leq \frac{1}{\frac{k-4}{2t} - \log 2} e^{-\frac{(k-4)^2}{2t} + (k-4) \log 2} \leq \frac{1}{\frac{k-4}{2t} - \log 2} e^{-(k-4)^2 + (k-4) \log 2},$$

bounding

$$\frac{k-4}{2t} - \log 2 = \frac{k-4-2t \log 2}{2t} \geq \frac{k-6}{2t}$$

we conclude that

$$\delta_3 \leq \frac{\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{k \geq \frac{T'}{2.2\pi}} (1.1)^k \frac{\Gamma(k/2)}{(k-6)a^k} e^{-(k-4)^2 + (k-4) \log 2}.$$

For  $k \geq 14$  one can easily verify that  $(1.1)^k \Gamma(k/2) e^{-(k-4)^2 + (k-4) \log 2} \leq 10^{-30}$ ; discarding the  $\frac{\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{\pi}}$  and  $\frac{1}{k-6}$  factors we thus have

$$\delta_3 \leq \sum_{k \geq 14} \frac{10^{-30}}{a^k} \leq \frac{2 \times 10^{-30}}{a^{14}}$$

(say). Since

$$\frac{0.366}{a - 0.865} + \frac{2 \times 10^{-30}}{a^{14}} \leq \frac{0.366}{a - 1.25}$$

we thus have

$$\delta \leq \delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_3 \leq \frac{0.366 \times 9^\sigma + 1.023 \times 2^{-\sigma}}{a - 1.25} \exp\left(\frac{3.49}{T' - 1.33}\right).$$

Inserting this and (33), (31) into (32) we obtain the claim.  $\square$

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