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## ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF $\alpha p$ MODULO ONE FOR PRIMES $p$ OF A SPECIAL FORM

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### Abstract

In this paper it is proved that for any irrational  $\alpha$  and some  $0 < \theta \leq 1.5/100$ , there are infinitely many primes  $p$  such that  $p + 2$  has at most two prime factors and  $\|\alpha p + \beta\| < p^{-\theta}$  which improves K. Matomäki's result  $\theta < 1/1000$ .

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\alpha$  be a irrational real number and  $\|x\|$  denote the distance from  $x$  to nearest integers. Earlier work about the distribution of the fractional parts of the sequence  $\alpha p$  was considered by I.M. Vinogradov [16] who showed that for any real number  $\beta$ , there are infinitely many primes  $p$  such that if  $\theta = 1/5 - \varepsilon$ , then

$$(1) \quad \|\alpha p + \beta\| < p^{-\theta},$$

where and below  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrarily small. Later the exponent  $\theta$  was improved by several authors (Harman [3, 4], Jia [8, 9], Heath-Brown and Jia [5]). So far the best result is given by Matomäki with  $\theta = 1/3 - \varepsilon$ .

Let  $P_r$  denote an almost prime with at most  $r$  prime factors, counted according to multiplicity. The famous prime twins conjecture states that there exist infinitely many primes  $p$  such that  $p + 2$  is a prime too. Up to now this conjecture is still open, but many approximation to it established. One of the most interesting of them is due to J.R. Chen [2], who showed in 1973 that there exist infinitely many primes  $p$  such that  $p + 2 = P_2$ .

In [14] Todorova and Tolev considered the distribution of  $\alpha p$  modulo one with primes of the form specified above, and showed that for  $\theta = 1/100$ , there are infinitely many solutions in primes  $p$  to (1) such that  $p + 2 = P_4$ . Later Matomäki [11] has shown that this actually holds with  $p + 2 = P_2$  and  $\theta = 1/1000$ .

In this paper, our purpose is to improve the range  $\theta$  and we shall prove the following result.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{R} \setminus \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $\beta \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $0 < \theta \leq 1.5/100$ . Then there are infinitely many primes  $p$  satisfying  $p + 2 = P_2$  and such that*

$$(2) \quad \|\alpha p + \beta\| < p^{-\theta}.$$

NOTATION. Let  $\alpha$  be a real number with a rational approximation  $a/q$  satisfying

$$\left| \alpha - \frac{a}{q} \right| < \frac{1}{q^2}, \quad \text{where } (a, q) = 1, \quad \text{and } q \geq 1.$$

Here  $K \geq 1$ ,  $k \sim H$  means  $H < k \leq 2H$  and  $0 < \theta \leq 1.5/100$ . As usual let  $\Lambda(n)$  and  $\phi(n)$  respectively denote Von Mangoldt’s function and Euler’s function. For simplicity instead of  $m \equiv n \pmod{k}$ ,  $e^{2\pi ix}$  we write  $m \equiv n(k)$ ,  $e(x)$  respectively. Letter  $C$  is a positive constant, which is not necessarily the same at each occurrence.

**2. Some lemmas**

In order to prove Theorem 1.1, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1** ([11, Theorem 1]). *For any well-factorable function  $\lambda$  of level  $D$ , we have*

$$(3) \quad \sum_{\substack{d \sim D \\ (d,c)=1}} \lambda_d \sum_{k \sim H} c_k \sum_{\substack{n \sim x \\ n \equiv c(d)}} \Lambda(n)e(\alpha nk) \\ \ll H(\log x)^C x^{3/4+\varepsilon} \left( \frac{x}{q} + \frac{q}{H} + D^2 + x^{7/9+4\varepsilon} + \min \left\{ D^{4+20\varepsilon}, \frac{x}{D} \right\} \right)^{1/4-\varepsilon}.$$

**Lemma 2.2** ([10, 13]). *Let  $x > 1$ ,  $z = x^{1/u}$ . Then for  $u \geq 1$ , we have*

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ (n, P(z))=1}} 1 = w(u) \frac{x}{\log z} + O\left(\frac{x}{\log^2 z}\right),$$

where  $w(u)$  is determined by the following differential-difference equation

$$\begin{cases} w(u) = \frac{1}{u}, & \text{if } 1 < u \leq 2, \\ (uw(u))' = w(u - 1), & \text{if } u \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 2.3** ([13]). *For any given constant  $A > 10$ , there exists a constant  $B = B(A) > 0$  such that*

$$\sum_{d \leq D} \max_{(l,d)=1} \max_{y \leq x} \left| \sum_{\substack{k \leq E(x) \\ (k,d)=1}} g(x, k)H(y; k, d, l) \right| \ll \frac{x}{\log^A x},$$

where

$$H(y; k, d, l) = \sum_{\substack{kp \leq y \\ kp \equiv l(d)}} 1 - \frac{1}{\phi(d)} \sum_{kp \leq y} 1,$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \leq E(x) \ll x^{1-\vartheta}, \quad 0 < \vartheta \leq 1,$$

$$g(x, k) \ll d_r(k), \quad D = x^{1/2} \log^{-B} x.$$

**Lemma 2.4** ([13]). *Let the condition of Lemma 2.3 be given and  $r_1(y)$  be a positive function depending on  $x$  and satisfying  $r_1(y) \ll x^\vartheta$  for  $y \leq x$ . Then we have*

$$\sum_{d \leq D} \max_{(l,d)=1} \max_{y \leq x} \left| \sum_{\substack{k \leq E(x) \\ (k,d)=1}} g(x, k) H(kr_1(y); k, d, l) \right| \ll \frac{x}{\log^A x}.$$

**Lemma 2.5** ([13]). *Let the condition of Lemma 2.3 be given and  $r_2(y)$  be a positive function depending on  $x, y$  and satisfying  $kr_2(y) \ll x$  for  $k \leq E(x), y \leq x$ . Then we have*

$$\sum_{d \leq D} \max_{(l,d)=1} \max_{y \leq x} \left| \sum_{\substack{k \leq E(x) \\ (k,d)=1}} g(x, k) H(kr_2(y); k, d, l) \right| \ll \frac{x}{\log^A x}.$$

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1.1

As in [14] we begin with a periodic function  $\chi(t)$  with period 1 such that

$$\chi(t) \begin{cases} \in (0, 1) & \text{if } -\Delta < t < \Delta, \\ = 0 & \text{if } \Delta \leq t \leq 1 - \Delta, \end{cases}$$

and which has a Fourier series

$$(4) \quad \chi(t) = \Delta + \sum_{|k| > 0} g(k)e(kt)$$

with coefficients satisfying

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} g(0) &= \Delta, \\ g(k) &\ll \Delta, \quad \text{for all } k, \\ \sum_{|k| > H} |g(k)| &\ll N^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(6) \quad \Delta = \Delta(N) = N^{-\theta} \quad \text{and} \quad H = \Delta^{-1} \log^2 N.$$

Next we will use sieve methods. As usual, for any sequence  $\mathcal{E}$  of integers weighted by the numbers  $f_n, n \in \mathcal{E}$ , we set

$$S(\mathcal{E}, z) = \sum_{\substack{n \in \mathcal{E} \\ (n, P(z))=1}} f_n,$$

and denote by  $\mathcal{E}_d$  be the subsequence of elements  $n \in \mathcal{E}$  with  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{d}$ . We write

$$P(z) = \prod_{p < z} p$$

and

$$V(z) = \prod_{p|P(z)} \left(1 - \frac{\omega(p)}{p}\right).$$

Let further

$$C_0 = \prod_{p > 2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(p-1)^2}\right),$$

and we will use the following form of the linear sieve due to Iwaniec [6].

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $2 \leq z \leq D^{1/2}$  and let  $s = \log D / \log z$ . If*

(A<sub>1</sub>)  $|\mathcal{E}_d| = (\omega(d)/d)X + r(\mathcal{E}, d), \mu(d) \neq 0;$

(A<sub>2</sub>)  $\sum_{z_1 \leq p < z_2} \omega(p)/p = \log(\log z_2 / \log z_1) + O(1/\log z_1), z_2 > z_1 \geq 2,$

where  $\omega(d)$  is a multiplicative function,  $0 \leq \omega(p) < p, X > 1$  is independent of  $d$ . Then

$$S(\mathcal{E}, z) \leq XV(z)(F(s) + o(1)) + \sum_{l < L} \sum_{d|P(z)} \lambda_l^+(d)r(\mathcal{E}, d),$$

$$S(\mathcal{E}, z) \geq XV(z)(f(s) - o(1)) - \sum_{l < L} \sum_{d|P(z)} \lambda_l^+(d)r(\mathcal{E}, d),$$

where  $L = O(1), \lambda^\pm$  are well-factorable bounded functions of level  $D, f(s), F(s)$  are determined by the following differential-difference equation

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

where  $\gamma$  denote the Euler's constant.

So, if we define  $\mathcal{A}$  to be the sequence of integers  $n \leq N$  weighted by

$$a_n = \begin{cases} \chi(\alpha(n-2) + \beta) & \text{if } n-2 \in \mathbb{P}, \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Then to prove Theorem 1.1, it suffice to show that

$$(7) \quad S(\mathcal{A}, N^{1/3}) = \sum_{\substack{p+2 \leq N \\ (p+2, P(N^{1/3}))=1}} \chi(\alpha p + \beta) > 0.$$

However, we cannot quite do that, but need to use a more sophisticated weighted sieve method. Indeed following Cai (see [1], Lemma 5), let  $k = 1/12$ ,  $l = 1/3.1$ , and we consider

$$S \geq \sum_{\substack{n \in \mathcal{A} \\ (n, N^{1/12})=1}} a_n \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{N^{1/12} \leq p < N^{1/3.1} \\ p|n}} 1 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{n=p_1 p_2 p_3 \\ N^{1/12} \leq p_1 < N^{1/3.1} \\ N^{1/3.1} \leq p_2 < (N/p_1)^{1/2}}} 1 - \sum_{\substack{n=p_1 p_2 p_3 \\ N^{1/3.1} \leq p_1 < p_2 < (N/p_1)^{1/2}}} 1 \right) + O(N^{11/12}).$$

Here we notice that the weight of  $n$  is  $a_n$  if and only if  $n$  has no prime factors  $< N^{1/3.1}$  in which case clearly  $n = P_2$ . If the weight of  $n$  is  $a_n/2$ , then  $a_n$  has one prime factor in the interval  $[N^{1/12}, N^{1/3.1})$  and the third, fourth sum is 0. But this again implies that  $n = P_2$ . Thus the weight of  $n$  is positive only if

$$n = P_2, \quad n-2 \in \mathbb{P} \quad \text{and} \quad \|\alpha(n-2) + \beta\| < N^{-\theta},$$

and so it is enough to show that  $S > 0$ .

Using the sieve notation, we can write

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} S &\geq S(\mathcal{A}, N^{1/12}) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{N^{1/12} \leq p < N^{1/3.1}} S(\mathcal{A}_p, N^{1/12}) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{N^{1/12} \leq p_1 < N^{1/3.1} \\ N^{1/3.1} \leq p_2 < (N/p_1)^{1/2}}} S(\mathcal{A}_{p_1 p_2}, p_2) \\ &- \sum_{N^{1/3.1} \leq p_1 < p_2 < (N/p_1)^{1/2}} S(\mathcal{A}_{p_1 p_2}, p_2) + O(N^{11/12}) \\ &=: S_1 - \frac{1}{2} S_2 - \frac{1}{2} S_3 - S_4 + O(N^{11/12}). \end{aligned}$$

Consider a square-free number  $d$ . If  $2 \mid d$ , then we write  $|\mathcal{A}_d| = |r(\mathcal{A}, d)| \leq 1$ . Otherwise we have by the Fourier expansion of  $\chi(n)$

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{A}_d| &= \sum_{\substack{md \leq N \\ md-2 \in \mathbb{P}}} \chi(\alpha(md-2) + \beta) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{p \leq N-2 \\ p \equiv -2(d)}} \chi(\alpha p + \beta) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{p \leq N \\ p \equiv -2(d)}} \left( \Delta + \Delta \sum_{0 < |k| < H} c_k e(\alpha kp) + O(N^{-1}) \right) \\ &= \Delta \left( \frac{\text{Li } N}{\phi(d)} + R_1(d) + R_2(d) + O\left(\frac{N}{d(\log N)^C}\right) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_k \ll 1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} R_1(d) &= \sum_{\substack{p \leq N \\ p \equiv -2(d)}} 1 - \frac{\text{Li } N}{\phi(d)}, \\ R_2(d) &= \sum_{\substack{p \leq N \\ p \equiv -2(d)}} \sum_{0 < |k| < H} c_k e(\alpha kp). \end{aligned}$$

Applying Bombieri–Vinogradov theorem (see [7], Theorem 17.1) implies that

$$\sum_{d \leq N^{1/2}/\log^C N} |R_1(d)| \ll \frac{N}{\log^A N}.$$

On the other hand, Lemma 2.1 implies that for a well-factorable function  $\lambda$  of level  $D < N^{1/2}/(H^2 \log^C N)$ , we get

$$\sum_{d \leq D} \lambda_d R_2(d) \ll \frac{N}{\log^A N},$$

when  $N = q^2$ , where  $a/q$  is a convergent to  $\alpha$  with a large enough denominator.

Therefore we apply Lemma 3.1 with

$$\omega(d) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 2 \mid d, \\ \frac{d}{\phi(d)} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad X = \Delta \text{Li } N, \quad \text{and} \quad D < \frac{N^{1/2}}{H^2 \log^C N},$$

to  $S_1$  and obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_1 &\geq \Delta \operatorname{Li} N V(N^{1/12}) f(6 - 24\theta)(1 + o(1)) \\
 (9) \quad &= \frac{8}{1 - 4\theta} \left( \log(5 - 24\theta) + \int_3^{5-24\theta} \frac{1}{t} dt \int_2^{t-1} \frac{\log(s-1)}{s} ds \right) \frac{C_0 \Delta N}{\log^2 N} (1 + o(1)) \\
 &\geq 13.471 \frac{C_0 \Delta N}{\log^2 N}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(\mathcal{A}_p)_d = \mathcal{A}_{pd}$ , we can use Lemma 3.1 also to  $S_2$  by using the same method. In this case one faces the sum

$$\sum_{N^{1/12} \leq p < N^{1/3.1}} \sum_{d \leq D} \lambda_d R_2(pd),$$

by Remark 10 in [11], the above sum is at most

$$\ll \frac{N}{\log^A N},$$

then

$$\omega(d) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 2 \mid d, \\ \frac{d}{\phi(d)} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad X = \frac{\Delta \operatorname{Li} N}{\phi(p)}, \quad \text{and} \quad D < \frac{N^{1/2}}{p H^2 \log^C N}.$$

And applying partial summation, prime number theory, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_2 &\leq \sum_{N^{1/12} \leq p < N^{1/3.1}} \frac{\Delta \operatorname{Li} N}{\phi(p)} V(N^{1/12}) F\left(6 - 24\theta - 12 \frac{\log p}{\log N}\right) (1 + o(1)) \\
 &= 6 \int_{1/12}^{1/3.1} \frac{F(6 - 24\theta - 12t)}{t} dt \frac{C_0 \Delta N}{\log^2 N} (1 + o(1)) \\
 &= 8 \left( \int_{1/12}^{(1-8\theta)/4} \frac{dt}{t(1 - 4\theta - 2t)} \left( 1 + \int_2^{5-24\theta-12t} \frac{\log(s-1)}{s} ds \right) \right. \\
 (10) \quad &\quad \left. + \int_{(1-8\theta)/4}^{1/3.1} \frac{1}{t(1 - 4\theta - 2t)} dt \right) \frac{C_0 \Delta N}{\log^2 N} (1 + o(1)) \\
 &= 8 \left( \int_{1/12}^{(1-8\theta)/4} \frac{dt}{t(1 - 4\theta - 2t)} \int_2^{5-24\theta-12t} \frac{\log(s-1)}{s} ds \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \int_{1/12}^{1/3.1} \frac{1}{t(1 - 4\theta - 2t)} dt \right) \frac{C_0 \Delta N}{\log^2 N} (1 + o(1)) \\
 &\leq 21.3643 \frac{C_0 \Delta N}{\log^2 N}.
 \end{aligned}$$



For the sum  $S_3$ , we write

$$\begin{aligned} S_3 &= \sum_{N^{1/12} \leq p_1 < N^{1/3.1} \leq p_2 < (N/p_1)^{1/2}} \sum_{\substack{np_1 p_2 \leq N \\ np_1 p_2 - 2 \in \mathbb{P}, (n, P(p_2))=1}} \chi(\alpha(np_1 p_2 - 2) + \beta) \\ &= \sum_{N^{1/12} \leq p_1 < N^{1/3.1} \leq p_2 < (N/p_1)^{1/2}} \sum_{\substack{p=np_1 p_2 - 2 \\ 1 \leq n \leq N/(p_1 p_2), (n, P(p_2))=1}} \chi(\alpha p + \beta) \\ &\leq \sum_{N^{1/3.1} \leq p_2 < N^{11/24}} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq n \leq N^{11/12}/p_2 \\ (n, P(p_2))=1}} \sum_{\substack{p=np_1 p_2 - 2 \\ N^{1/12} \leq p_1 < \min(N^{1/3.1}, N/(np_2))}} 1. \end{aligned}$$

Let's consider the set

$$\mathcal{E} = \left\{ e \mid e = np_2, N^{1/3.1} \leq p_2 < N^{11/24}, 1 \leq n \leq \frac{N^{11/12}}{p_2}, (n, P(p_2)) = 1 \right\}.$$

By the definition of the set  $\mathcal{E}$ , it is easy to see that for every  $e \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $p_2$  is determined by  $e$  uniquely. Let  $p_2 = r(e)$ , then we have

$$N^{1/3.1} \leq r(e) < N^{11/24} \quad \text{and} \quad er(e) < N.$$

Let

$$\mathcal{L} = \left\{ l \mid l = ep_1 - 2, e \in \mathcal{E}, N^{1/12} \leq p_1 < \min\left(N^{1/3.1}, \frac{N}{np_2}\right) \right\}.$$

Then

$$N^{1/3.1} < e < N^{11/12} \quad \text{for} \quad e \in \mathcal{E}$$

and

$$|\mathcal{E}| \leq N^{11/12}, \quad \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}, l \leq N^{1/3.1}} 1 \ll N^{11/12},$$

and also we have

$$(11) \quad S_3 \leq S(\mathcal{L}, z) + O(N^{11/12}) \quad \text{for} \quad z \leq N^{1/3}.$$

We write

$$z^2 = D = N^{1/2} \log^{-B} N,$$

then

$$(12) \quad S(\mathcal{L}, z) \leq 8 \frac{C_0 |\mathcal{L}|}{\log N} + R_3 + R_4,$$

where

$$R_3 = \sum_{\substack{d \leq D \\ (d, N) = 1}} \left| \sum_{\substack{e \in \mathcal{E} \\ (e, d) = 1}} \left( \sum_{\substack{N^{1/12} \leq p_1 < \min(N^{1/3.1}, N/e) \\ ep_1 \equiv 2(d)}} 1 - \frac{1}{\phi(d)} \sum_{N^{1/12} \leq p_1 < \min(N^{1/3.1}, N/e)} 1 \right) \right|,$$

$$R_4 = \sum_{d \leq D, (d, N) = 1} \frac{1}{\phi(d)} \sum_{\substack{e \in \mathcal{E} \\ (e, d) > 1}} \sum_{N^{1/12} \leq p_1 < \min(N^{1/3.1}, N/e)} 1.$$

Let

$$Q(k) = \sum_{e=k, e \in \mathcal{E}} 1,$$

then

$$R_3 = \sum_{d \leq D} \left| \sum_{\substack{N^{1/3.1} < k < N^{11/12} \\ (k, d) = 1}} Q(k) \left( \sum_{\substack{N^{1/12} \leq p_1 < \min(N^{1/3.1}, N/k) \\ kp_1 \equiv 2(d)}} 1 - \frac{1}{\phi(d)} \sum_{N^{1/12} \leq p_1 < \min(N^{1/3.1}, N/k)} 1 \right) \right|,$$

$$R_4 = \sum_{d \leq D} \frac{1}{\phi(d)} \sum_{\substack{N^{1/3} < k < N^{11/12} \\ (k, d) > N^{1/3.1}}} \sum_{N^{1/12} \leq p_1 < \min(N^{1/3.1}, N/k)} 1.$$

It is easy to show

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

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_4 &\ll \sum_{d \leq D} \frac{1}{\phi(d)} \sum_{\substack{N^{1/3.1} < k < N^{11/12} \\ (k, d) > N^{1/3.1}}} \frac{N}{k} \\ &\ll N \sum_{d \leq D} \frac{1}{\phi(d)} \sum_{h|d, h \geq N^{1/3.1}} \sum_{\substack{k < N^{11/12} \\ (k, d) = h}} \frac{1}{k} \\ (13) \quad &\ll N \log N \sum_{d \leq D} \frac{1}{\phi(d)} \sum_{h|d, h \geq N^{1/3.1}} \frac{1}{h} \\ &\ll N \log N \sum_{N^{1/3.1} \leq h \leq D} \frac{1}{h\phi(h)} \sum_{d \leq D/h} \frac{1}{\phi(d)} \\ &\ll N^{2.1/3.1} \log^2 N, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(14) \quad R_3 \leq R_5 + R_6 + R_7,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_5 &= \sum_{d \leq D, (d, N)=1} \left| \sum_{\substack{N^{1/3.1} < k < N^{2.1/3.1} \\ (k, d)=1}} Q(k) \left( \sum_{\substack{p_1 < N^{1/3.1} \\ kp_1 \equiv 2(d)}} 1 - \frac{1}{\phi(d)} \sum_{p_1 < N^{1/3.1}} 1 \right) \right|, \\
 R_6 &= \sum_{d \leq D, (d, N)=1} \left| \sum_{\substack{N^{2.1/3.1} < k < N^{11/12} \\ (k, d)=1}} Q(k) \left( \sum_{\substack{kp_1 < N \\ kp_1 \equiv 2(d)}} 1 - \frac{1}{\phi(d)} \sum_{kp_1 < N} 1 \right) \right|, \\
 R_7 &= \sum_{d \leq D, (d, N)=1} \left| \sum_{\substack{N^{1/3.1} < k < N^{11/12} \\ (k, d)=1}} Q(k) \left( \sum_{\substack{p_1 < N^{1/12} \\ kp_1 \equiv 2(d)}} 1 - \frac{1}{\phi(d)} \sum_{p_1 < N^{1/12}} 1 \right) \right|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Due to Lemma 2.3–2.5,

$$(15) \quad R_j \ll \frac{N}{\log^4 N}, \quad j = 5, 6, 7.$$

By Lemma 2.2 and prime number theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{L}| &= \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} \sum_{N^{1/12} \leq p_1 < N^{1/3.1}} 1 \\
 &= \sum_{N^{1/12} \leq p_1 < N^{1/3.1} \leq p_2 < (N/p_1)^{1/2}} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq n \leq N/(p_1 p_2) \\ (n, P(p_2))=1}} 1 + O(N^{11/12}) \\
 (16) \quad &< (1 + o(1)) \sum_{N^{1/12} \leq p_1 < N^{1/3.1} \leq p_2 < (N/p_1)^{1/2}} w\left(\frac{\log(N/(p_1 p_2))}{\log p_2}\right) \frac{N}{p_1 p_2 \log p_2} \\
 &\quad + O(N^{11/12}) \\
 &\leq \left( \int_{1/12}^{1/3.1} \frac{dt}{t} \int_{1/3.1}^{(1-t)/2} \frac{ds}{s(1-t-s)} \right) \frac{N}{\log N}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By (11)–(16), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_3 &\leq 8 \left( \int_{1/12}^{1/3.1} \frac{dt}{t} \int_{1/3.1}^{(1-t)/2} \frac{ds}{s(1-t-s)} \right) \frac{C_0 \Delta N}{\log^2 N} (1 + o(1)) \\
 &\leq 5.52946 \frac{C_0 \Delta N}{\log^2 N}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We also use the same idea to  $S_4$ ,

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} S_4 &\leq 8 \left( \int_{1/3.1}^{1/3} \frac{dt}{t} \int_t^{(1-t)/2} \frac{ds}{s(1-t-s)} \right) \frac{C_0 \Delta N}{\log^2 N} (1 + o(1)) \\ &\leq 0.018745 \frac{C_0 \Delta N}{\log^2 N}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining (7)–(10), (17) and (18), then we obtain

$$S > S_1 - \frac{1}{2}S_2 - \frac{1}{2}S_3 - S_4 \gg \frac{\Delta N}{\log^2 N},$$

which concludes the proof of Theorem 1.1.

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