

## A conditional result on Goldbach numbers in short intervals

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**1. Introduction.** Define a *Goldbach number* (G-number) to be an even number representable as a sum of two primes, and write  $L = \log X$ . The first result concerning the existence of G-numbers in short intervals is due to Linnik [11] who proved, assuming the Riemann Hypothesis (RH), that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $X$  sufficiently large, the interval  $[X, X + L^{3+\varepsilon}]$  contains a G-number. Linnik's result was improved by Kátai [8] and, independently, by Montgomery–Vaughan [14] who showed that the interval  $[X, X + CL^2]$  contains a G-number for some constant  $C$  and  $X$  sufficiently large. Other proofs of the Kátai and Montgomery–Vaughan result have recently been obtained by Goldston [3] and Languasco–Perelli [9].

The main aim of this paper is to study the distribution of G-numbers in short intervals under the assumption of RH and Montgomery's pair correlation conjecture, a form of which asserts that

$$(1) \quad F(X, T) \sim \frac{1}{2\pi} T \log T \quad \text{for } X \rightarrow \infty$$

uniformly for  $X^\varepsilon \leq T \leq X$ , for every fixed  $\varepsilon > 0$ , where

$$F(X, T) = 4 \sum_{0 < \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \leq T} \frac{X^{i(\gamma_1 - \gamma_2)}}{4 + (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2)^2}$$

and  $\gamma_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , run over the imaginary part of the nontrivial zeros of the Riemann zeta-function  $\zeta(s)$ .

It is easy to see that

$$(2) \quad F(X, T) \ll T \log^2 T$$

uniformly in  $X$ . Moreover, Montgomery [13] (see also Goldston–Montgomery

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[4]) proved, again under RH, that

$$(3) \quad F(X, T) \sim \frac{1}{2\pi} T \log X \quad \text{for } X \rightarrow \infty$$

holds uniformly for  $X \leq T$ .

In the following we will denote by MC the hypothesis (1) and by WMC a weaker form of it where  $\ll$  replaces  $\sim$ . As a slight generalization of WMC, we state the following

**HYPOTHESIS.** *Let  $\theta \in [1, 2)$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  the estimate*

$$(4) \quad F(X, T) \ll T(\log T)^\theta$$

*holds uniformly for  $X^\varepsilon \leq T \leq X$ .*

We will denote the hypothesis above by  $\text{WMC}(\theta)$ . Observe that  $\text{WMC} = \text{WMC}(1)$  and that, for  $\theta \geq 2$ , (4) is implied by (2). Our result is

**THEOREM.** *Let  $\theta \in [1, 2)$  be fixed and  $1/(2X) \leq \xi \leq 1/2$ . Assume RH and  $\text{WMC}(\theta)$  uniformly in the range  $2X\xi \leq T \leq X$ . Then*

$$\int_{-\xi}^{\xi} \left| \sum_{X \leq n \leq 2X} (\Lambda(n) - 1)e(n\alpha) \right|^2 d\alpha \ll X\xi L^\theta + \min \left( \frac{L^2}{\xi(\log 2\xi)^2}; X\xi L^{\theta+2} \right),$$

where  $\Lambda$  is the von Mangoldt function and  $e(x) = \exp(2\pi ix)$ .

We remark that this theorem is an analogue of Theorem 3 of Languasco–Perelli [10]. As an application we can obtain the following result on the distribution of Goldbach numbers in short intervals.

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $\theta \in [1, 2)$  and  $H = CL^\theta$ , where  $C > 0$  is a sufficiently large constant. Assume RH and  $\text{WMC}(\theta)$  uniformly in the range  $X/H \leq T \leq X$ . Then, for all sufficiently large  $X$ , the interval  $[X, X + H]$  contains a G-number.*

We remark that our Corollary can be obtained using the method of Goldston [3].

We also recall that, under RH and MC, Goldston [3] proved that the interval  $[X, X + CL]$  contains a G-number and that Friedlander–Goldston [2] proved that the interval  $[X, X + C \frac{(\log \log X)^2}{\log \log \log X}]$  contains a G-number assuming RH together with a strong form of MC and a suitable form of the Elliott–Halberstam conjecture.

Our second aim is to prove the following result, which may have some independent interest, on the mean-square of the singular series of the Goldbach problem.

PROPOSITION. *Let*

$$\mathfrak{S}(n) = \begin{cases} 2 \prod_{p>2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(p-1)^2}\right) \prod_{\substack{p|n \\ p>2}} \left(\frac{p-1}{p-2}\right) & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\sum_{n \leq X} \mathfrak{S}(n)^2 = 2X \prod_{p>2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{(p-1)^3}\right) - \frac{1}{4}L^2 + O(L^{5/3}).$$

The Proposition is a sharper version of Lemma 2 of Goldston [3], and its proof is based on the argument in Friedlander–Goldston [2].

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**2. Some lemmas.** Now we state two lemmas whose proofs follow the lines of Languasco–Perelli [10] (see also Heath-Brown [6]).

LEMMA 1. *Writing*

$$\Sigma(X, T, v) = \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq T} X^{i\gamma} e^{iv\gamma}$$

we have

$$F(X, T) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\Sigma(X, T, v)|^2 e^{-2|v|} dv.$$

LEMMA 2. *Let  $\alpha = \alpha(X)$  and  $\beta = \beta(X)$  be real numbers satisfying  $c \leq \alpha < \beta \leq C$  for some absolute constants  $c, C > 0$ . Let  $T > U \geq 0$ . Then*

$$\int_{\alpha X}^{\beta X} \left| \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq T} y^{i\gamma} \right|^2 dy \ll XF(X, T)$$

and

$$\sum_{U < \gamma \leq T} X^{i\gamma} \ll T^{1/2} \left( \max_{U \leq u \leq T} F(X, u) \right)^{1/2}.$$

The next lemma is an analogue of Lemma 2 in which we insert a factor  $1/\varrho$  in the summation on the  $\gamma$ .

LEMMA 3. *Let  $\varrho = 1/2 + i\gamma$ ,  $\alpha = \alpha(X)$  and  $\beta = \beta(X)$  be real numbers satisfying  $c \leq \alpha < \beta \leq C$  for some absolute constants  $c, C > 0$ . Let  $T > U \geq 0$ . Then*

$$\int_{\alpha X}^{\beta X} \left| \sum_{U < \gamma \leq T} \frac{y^{i\gamma}}{\varrho} \right|^2 dy \ll X \left( \frac{F(X, T)}{T^2} + \frac{F(X, U)}{U^2} + \frac{1}{U^{1/2}} \int_U^T F(X, u) \frac{du}{u^{5/2}} \right)$$

and

$$\sum_{U < \gamma \leq T} \frac{X^{i\gamma}}{\varrho} \ll \left( \frac{1}{T} \max_{U \leq u \leq T} F(X, u) \right)^{1/2} + \int_U^T \left( \max_{U \leq v \leq u} F(X, v) \right)^{1/2} \frac{du}{u^{3/2}}.$$

*Proof.* By partial summation

$$\sum_{U < \gamma \leq T} \frac{X^{i\gamma}}{\varrho} \ll \frac{1}{T} \left| \sum_{U < \gamma \leq T} X^{i\gamma} \right| + \int_U^T \left| \sum_{U < \gamma \leq u} X^{i\gamma} \right| \frac{du}{u^2}.$$

The second estimate above follows immediately from the second estimate in Lemma 2. For the first estimate we have, by the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality and Lemma 2,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\alpha X}^{\beta X} \left| \sum_{U < \gamma \leq T} \frac{y^{i\gamma}}{\varrho} \right|^2 dy \\ & \ll \frac{1}{T^2} \int_{\alpha X}^{\beta X} \left| \sum_{U < \gamma \leq T} y^{i\gamma} \right|^2 dy + \int_{\alpha X}^{\beta X} \left| \int_U^T \left| \sum_{U < \gamma \leq u} y^{i\gamma} \right| \frac{du}{u^2} \right|^2 dy \\ & \ll \frac{X}{T^2} (F(X, T) + F(X, U)) + \int_{\alpha X}^{\beta X} \left( \int_U^T \left| \sum_{U < \gamma \leq u} y^{i\gamma} \right| \frac{du}{u^{5/2}} \right) \left( \int_U^T \frac{du}{u^{3/2}} \right) dy \\ & \ll \frac{X}{T^2} (F(X, T) + F(X, U)) + \frac{1}{U^{1/2}} \int_U^T X (F(X, u) + F(X, U)) \frac{du}{u^{5/2}} \\ & \ll X \left( \frac{F(X, T)}{T^2} + \frac{F(X, U)}{U^2} + \frac{1}{U^{1/2}} \int_U^T F(X, u) \frac{du}{u^{5/2}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

**3. Proof of the Theorem and of the Corollary.** Writing Selberg's integral

$$J(X, 2X, H) = \int_X^{2X} |\psi(t+H) - \psi(t) - H|^2 dt,$$

where  $\psi(t) = \sum_{n \leq t} \Lambda(n)$ , we get, by Gallagher's lemma (see, e.g., Montgomery [12], Lemma 1.9),

$$\begin{aligned}
(5) \quad & \int_{-\xi}^{\xi} \left| \sum_{X \leq n \leq 2X} (\Lambda(n) - 1)e(n\alpha) \right|^2 d\alpha \\
& \ll \xi^2 \left[ \int_{X-1/(2\xi)}^X \left| \psi\left(t + \frac{1}{2\xi}\right) - \psi(X) - \left(t - X + \frac{1}{2\xi}\right) \right|^2 dt \right. \\
& \quad \left. + J\left(X, 2X - \frac{1}{2\xi}, \frac{1}{2\xi}\right) + \int_{2X-1/(2\xi)}^{2X} |\psi(2X) - \psi(t) - (2X - t)|^2 dt \right] \\
& \quad + X\xi^2 + \xi \\
& = \xi^2(I_1 + I_2 + I_3) + O(X\xi^2 + \xi),
\end{aligned}$$

say. We remark that the term  $O(X\xi^2 + \xi)$  in (5) arises from the  $O(1)$  term in the estimate  $\sum_{a < n < b} 1 = b - a + O(1)$  applied in the above integrals.

Using the explicit formula (see Davenport [1], Ch. 17)

$$\psi(x) = x - \sum_{|\gamma| \leq K} \frac{x^\rho}{\rho} + O\left(\frac{x(\log xK)^2}{K}\right) + O\left(\log x \min\left(1, \frac{x}{K\|x\|}\right)\right),$$

where  $\|x\| = \min_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x - n|$ , with  $K = XL^2\xi^{1/2}$ , we get, by (5),

$$(6) \quad \int_{-\xi}^{\xi} \left| \sum_{X \leq n \leq 2X} (\Lambda(n) - 1)e(n\alpha) \right|^2 d\alpha \ll \xi^2(J_1 + J_2 + J_3) + O(X\xi),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
J_1 &= \int_{X-1/(2\xi)}^X \left| \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq K} \frac{(y + 1/(2\xi))^\rho - X^\rho}{\rho} \right|^2 dy, \\
J_2 &= \int_X^{2X-1/(2\xi)} \left| \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq K} \frac{(y + 1/(2\xi))^\rho - y^\rho}{\rho} \right|^2 dy, \\
J_3 &= \int_{2X-1/(2\xi)}^{2X} \left| \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq K} \frac{(2X)^\rho - y^\rho}{\rho} \right|^2 dy.
\end{aligned}$$

We first consider the terms in  $J_1 + J_2 + J_3$  where  $0 < \gamma \leq 2X\xi$ , and show that they make a contribution

$$(7) \quad \ll \frac{1}{X\xi^2} \int_{\alpha X}^{\beta X} \left| \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq 2X\xi} y^{i\gamma} \right|^2 dy.$$

Using the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality with  $0 < V < W$  we get

$$\left| \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq U} \frac{W^\rho - V^\rho}{\rho} \right|^2 = \left| \int_V^W \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq U} u^{\rho-1} du \right|^2 \leq |W - V| \int_V^W \left| \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq U} u^{i\gamma} \right|^2 \frac{du}{u}.$$

Applying this estimate in  $J_1, J_2$  and  $J_3$  we obtain (7). By Lemma 2 and  $\text{WMC}(\theta)$  the right hand side of (7) is  $\ll F(X, 2X\xi)/\xi^2 \ll XL^\theta/\xi$ , which, by (6), makes the contribution  $X\xi L^\theta$ .

Now we consider the contribution from the terms  $2X\xi < \gamma \leq K$  in  $J_1 + J_2 + J_3$ . We see immediately that this contribution is

$$\ll X \int_{\alpha X}^{\beta X} \left| \sum_{2X\xi < \gamma \leq K} \frac{y^{i\gamma}}{\rho} \right|^2 dy + \frac{X}{\xi} \left( \left| \sum_{2X\xi < \gamma \leq K} \frac{X^{i\gamma}}{\rho} \right|^2 + \left| \sum_{2X\xi < \gamma \leq K} \frac{(2X)^{i\gamma}}{\rho} \right|^2 \right).$$

By Lemma 3 and  $\text{WMC}(\theta)$  the first term is  $\ll XL^\theta/\xi$ . The other terms on the right come from  $J_1$  and  $J_3$ . By Lemma 3 and  $\text{WMC}(\theta)$  they contribute  $\ll XL^{2+\theta}/\xi$ ; alternatively they are bounded by  $I_1 + I_3$ , which by the Brun–Titchmarsh theorem is  $\ll L^2/(\xi^3(\log 2\xi)^2)$ . These estimates, combined with (6), give the second error term in the Theorem.

Now we prove the Corollary. Let  $H = [CL^\theta]$ , where  $C \geq 1$  is a constant. Define

$$L(\alpha) = \left| \sum_{m=1}^H e(-m\alpha) \right|^2 = \sum_{m=-H}^H a(m)e(-m\alpha),$$

where  $a(m) = H - |m|$ ,

$$R(n) = \sum_{h+k=n} \Lambda(h)\Lambda(k), \quad S(\alpha) = \sum_{X \leq n \leq 2X} \Lambda(n)e(n\alpha),$$

$$T(\alpha) = \sum_{X \leq n \leq 2X} e(n\alpha), \quad E(\alpha) = S(\alpha)^2 - T(\alpha)^2.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} (8) \quad \sum_{n=X-H}^{X+H} a(n-X)R(n) &= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} S(\alpha)^2 L(\alpha) e(-X\alpha) d\alpha \\ &= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} T(\alpha)^2 L(\alpha) e(-X\alpha) d\alpha \\ &\quad + \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} E(\alpha) L(\alpha) e(-X\alpha) d\alpha = A + B, \end{aligned}$$

say. It is easy to prove that

$$(9) \quad A = \sum_{n=X-H}^{X+H} a(n-X) \sum_{h+k=n} 1 = H^2 X + O(H^3).$$

Now we proceed to estimate  $B$ . Using

$$T(\alpha) \ll \min(X; 1/|\alpha|) \quad \text{for } |\alpha| \leq 1/2$$

we get

$$(10) \quad \int_{-\xi}^{\xi} |T(\alpha)|^2 d\alpha \begin{cases} \ll X^2 \xi & \text{if } 0 < \xi < 1/X, \\ = X + O(1/\xi) & \text{if } 1/X \leq \xi \leq 1/2. \end{cases}$$

Hence, using the identity

$$f^2 - g^2 = 2f(f-g) - (f-g)^2,$$

the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality and (10), we have

$$(11) \quad \int_{-\xi}^{\xi} |E(\alpha)| d\alpha \ll \left( X \int_{-\xi}^{\xi} |S(\alpha) - T(\alpha)|^2 d\alpha \right)^{1/2} + \int_{-\xi}^{\xi} |S(\alpha) - T(\alpha)|^2 d\alpha$$

provided  $1/X \leq \xi \leq 1/2$ .

Since

$$(12) \quad L(\alpha) \ll \min(H^2; 1/|\alpha|^2) \quad \text{for } |\alpha| \leq 1/2,$$

we have

$$(13) \quad B \ll H^2 \int_{-1/H}^{1/H} |E(\alpha)| d\alpha + \int_{1/H}^{1/2} |E(\alpha)| \frac{d\alpha}{\alpha^2}.$$

From the Theorem and (11) we get

$$(14) \quad H^2 \int_{-1/H}^{1/H} |E(\alpha)| d\alpha \ll H^{3/2} X L^{\theta/2}.$$

By partial integration, the Theorem and (11) we obtain

$$(15) \quad \int_{1/H}^{1/2} |E(\alpha)| \frac{d\alpha}{\alpha^2} \ll H^{3/2} X L^{\theta/2}.$$

Hence from (13)–(15) we have

$$(16) \quad B \ll H^{3/2} X L^{\theta/2},$$

and from (8), (9) and (16) we get

$$(17) \quad \sum_{n=X-H}^{X+H} a(n-X)R(n) \gg H^2 X$$

provided that  $C$  is sufficiently large. Thus the Corollary follows.

**4. Proof of the Proposition.** Let

$$\mathfrak{S} = \prod_{p>2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(p-1)^2}\right).$$

We have

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq X} \mathfrak{S}(n)^2 &= 4\mathfrak{S}^2 \sum_{2n \leq X} \prod_{\substack{p|n \\ p>2}} \left(\frac{p-1}{p-2}\right)^2 \\ &= 4\mathfrak{S}^2 \sum_{2n \leq X} \prod_{\substack{p|n \\ p>2}} \left(1 + \frac{2p-3}{(p-2)^2}\right) \\ &= 4\mathfrak{S}^2 \sum_{n \leq X/2} \sum_{j|n} f(j), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$f(j) = \begin{cases} \mu^2(j) \prod_{p|j} \frac{2p-3}{(p-2)^2} & \text{if } j \text{ is odd,} \\ 0 & \text{if } j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Then, changing the order of summation in (18), we obtain

$$(19) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq X} \mathfrak{S}(n)^2 &= 4\mathfrak{S}^2 \sum_{j \leq X/2} f(j) \left[\frac{X}{2j}\right] \\ &= 2\mathfrak{S}^2 X \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(j)}{j} - 2\mathfrak{S}^2 X \sum_{j>X/2} \frac{f(j)}{j} \\ &\quad - 2\mathfrak{S}^2 \sum_{j \leq X/2} f(j) - 4\mathfrak{S}^2 \sum_{j \leq X/2} f(j) P\left(\frac{X}{2j}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $P(u) = u - [u] - 1/2$ .

By straightforward computations we get

$$(20) \quad \begin{aligned} 2\mathfrak{S}^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(j)}{j} &= 2 \prod_{p>2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(p-1)^2}\right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{2p-3}{p(p-2)^2}\right) \\ &= 2 \prod_{p>2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{(p-1)^3}\right). \end{aligned}$$



Next, we will show

$$(21) \quad \sum_{j \leq U} f(j) = \frac{1}{8\mathfrak{G}^2} \log^2 U + B \log U + O(1),$$

where  $B$  is a constant. By partial summation this implies

$$(22) \quad \sum_{j > U} \frac{f(j)}{j} = \frac{1}{4\mathfrak{G}^2} \cdot \frac{\log U}{U} + O\left(\frac{1}{U}\right).$$

The Proposition follows from (19)–(22) together with the estimate

$$(23) \quad \sum_{j \leq X} f(j)P(X/j) \ll L^{5/3}.$$

Now we prove (21). Writing

$$H(s) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} f(m)m^{-s} = \prod_{p>2} \left(1 + \frac{2p-3}{p^s(p-2)^2}\right)$$

we see that  $H(s)$  is an analytic function for  $\operatorname{Re} s = \sigma > 0$  and, using the Perron formula with error term (see, e.g., Lemma 3.12 of Titchmarsh [15]), we obtain

$$\sum_{j \leq U} f(j) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-iZ}^{c+iZ} H(s) \frac{U^s}{s} ds + O\left(U^c \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{|f(m)|}{m^c(1+Z|\log(U/m)|)}\right),$$

where  $\varepsilon > 0$  is a fixed constant,  $c = \varepsilon + 1/\log U < 1/4$  and  $Z$  will be chosen later on.

The error term can be estimated using

$$f(m) \ll \frac{d(m)}{m} \sum_{h|m} \frac{d^2(h)}{h}$$

(see (30) of Goldston [3]), where  $d(m)$  is the divisor function, and the classical estimates  $\sum_{v \leq m} d(v)^q \ll m(\log m)^{2^q-1}$  (see, e.g., Theorem 5.3 of Hua [7]) and  $d(m) \ll m^\varepsilon$  (see, e.g., Theorem 315 of Hardy–Wright [5]). So we have

$$(24) \quad \sum_{j \leq U} f(j) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-iZ}^{c+iZ} H(s) \frac{U^s}{s} ds + O\left(\frac{U^c}{Z}\right).$$

Now we observe that

$$H(s) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{s+1}}\right)^2 \zeta(s+1)^2 g(s),$$

where

$$g(s) = \prod_{p>2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{s+1}}\right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{2p-3}{p^s(p-2)^2}\right),$$

which converges absolutely and is analytic for  $\sigma > -1/2$ . So  $H(s)U^s/s$  has a triple pole at  $s = 0$  with residue

$$\frac{1}{8\mathfrak{G}^2} \log^2 U + B \log U + O(1).$$

Consider a rectangular contour with right side  $s = c + it$ ,  $t \in [-Z, Z]$ , and left side  $-1/4 + it$ ,  $t \in [-Z, Z]$ . The contribution of the top, bottom and left sides of the contour can be estimated using  $\zeta(\sigma + it) \ll t^{1/6}$  for  $\sigma \geq 1/2$  (see, e.g., Titchmarsh [15], p. 115). Hence we have

$$\sum_{j \leq U} f(j) = \frac{1}{8\mathfrak{G}^2} \log^2 U + B \log U + O(Z^{-2/3}U^c + Z^{1/3}U^{-1/4}) + O(1).$$

Choosing  $Z = U^{3c}$ , we obtain (21).

Now we prove (23). For  $j$  odd we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(j) &= \mu^2(j) \prod_{p|j} \left( \frac{2}{p-2} \right) \left( \frac{p-3/2}{p-2} \right) = \frac{\mu^2(j)d(j)}{\varphi_2(j)} \prod_{p|j} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2(p-2)} \right) \\ &= \frac{\mu^2(j)d(j)}{\varphi_2(j)} \sum_{\delta|j} \frac{\mu^2(\delta)}{2^{\omega(\delta)}\varphi_2(\delta)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\omega(n)$  is the number of distinct prime factors of  $n$ ,  $\varphi_2(p) = p - 2$  and  $\varphi_2$  is extended to square-free numbers by multiplicativity.

Hence, interchanging the order of summation, we obtain

$$\sum_{j \leq X} f(j) P\left(\frac{X}{j}\right) = \sum_{\substack{\delta \leq X \\ (\delta, 2)=1}} \frac{\mu^2(\delta)d(\delta)}{2^{\omega(\delta)}(\varphi_2(\delta))^2} \left( \sum_{\substack{k \leq X/\delta \\ (k, 2)=1}} \frac{\mu^2(k)d(k)}{\varphi_2(k)} P\left(\frac{X/\delta}{k}\right) \right).$$

Using the argument in (2.9)–(2.13) of Friedlander–Goldston [2], we find that the inner sum can be estimated by

$$\sum_{n \leq X} \frac{d(n)}{n} P(X/n),$$

which is  $\ll L^{5/3}$  by the remark at the end of Section 2 of [2]. Using this estimate we obtain

$$\sum_{j \leq X} f(j) P\left(\frac{X}{j}\right) \ll L^{5/3} \sum_{\substack{\delta \leq X \\ (\delta, 2)=1}} \frac{\mu^2(\delta)d(\delta)}{(\varphi_2(\delta))^2}$$

and hence (23) follows from the convergence of the series

$$\sum_{\substack{\delta=1 \\ (\delta, 2)=1}}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^2(\delta)d(\delta)}{(\varphi_2(\delta))^2}.$$

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