

# On the distribution of q-additive functions under some conditions III.

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**Abstract.** The existence of the limit distribution of a q-additive function over the set of integers characterized by the sum of digits is investigated.

#### 1 Introduction

#### Notation

 $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$ , as usual denote the set of natural, real and complex numbers, respectively. Let  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

# q-additive and q-multiplicative functions

Let  $q \geq 2$  be an integer, the q-ary expansion of  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  is defined as

$$n = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon_{j}(n) q^{j}, \qquad (1)$$

where the digits  $\varepsilon_j(n)$  are taken from  $\mathbb{A}_q=\{0,1,\ldots,q-1\}$ . It is clear that the right hand side of (1) is finite.

Let  $\mathcal{A}_q$  be the set of q-additive, and  $\mathcal{M}_q$  be the set of q-multiplicative functions.

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 $f:\mathbb{N}_0\to\mathbb{R}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}_q$  if f(0)=0 and

$$f\left(n\right) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f\left(\epsilon_{j}\left(n\right)q^{j}\right) \quad \left(n \in \mathbb{N}_{0}\right). \tag{2}$$

We say that  $g: \mathbb{N}_0 \to \mathbb{C}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{M}_q$ , if g(0) = 1,

$$g(n) = \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} g\left(\varepsilon_{j}(n) q^{j}\right) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}_{0}). \tag{3}$$

Let  $\bar{\mathcal{M}}_q \subseteq \mathcal{M}_q$  be the set of those q-multiplicative functions g, for which  $|g(n)| = 1 \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}_0).$ 

Let  $\beta_h(n) = \sum_{\epsilon_j(n) = h} 1$   $(h = 1, \dots, q - 1)$ ,  $\alpha(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \epsilon_j(n)$ . We say that  $f \in \mathcal{A}_q$  has a limit distribution, if

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{1}{x} \# \{ n \le x | f(n) < y \} \quad (= G(y))$$
 (4)

exists for almost all y, and G is a distribution function, i.e. it is monotonic, furthermore  $\lim_{y\to-\infty}G\left(y\right)=0$ ,  $\lim_{y\to\infty}G\left(y\right)=1$ . H. Delange [1] proved that  $f\in\mathcal{A}_q$  has a limit distribution if and only the

series

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\alpha \in A_q} f\left(\alpha q^j\right),\tag{5}$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\alpha \in A_{\alpha}} f^{2} \left( \alpha q^{j} \right) \tag{6}$$

are convergent. He proved that for some  $g \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_q$ , the limit

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \le x} g(n) = M(g)$$

exists and  $M(g) \neq 0$ , if and only if

$$m_{j} := \frac{1}{q} \sum_{c \in A_{q}} g(cq^{j}) \neq 0 \quad (j = 0, 1, 2, ...)$$
 (7)

and

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (1 - m_j) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{q} \left( \sum_{c \in A_q} \left( 1 - g \left( c q^j \right) \right) \right)$$
 (8)

is convergent. Furthermore,

$$M(g) = \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} m_j, \tag{9}$$

if (7) holds and (8) is convergent.

# Distribution of q-additive functions under the conditions that $\beta_h(n)$ are fixed.

For some fixed N, let  $r_1,\ldots,r_{q-1}$  be such nonnegative integers for which  $r_1+\cdots+r_{q-1}\leq N.$  Let  $r_0=N-(r_1+\cdots+r_{q-1})$ ,  $\underline{r}=(r_1,r_2,\ldots,r_{q-1}).$ 

Let

$$S_{N}\left(\underline{r}\right)=\left\{ n< q^{N}|\beta_{h}\left(n\right)=r_{h},\ h=1,\ldots,q-1\right\} . \tag{10}$$

Then

$$M(N|\underline{r}) = \#S_N(\underline{r}) = \frac{N!}{r_0!r_1!\dots r_{q-1}!}.$$
(11)

In [2] we proved the following

Lemma 1 Let 
$$f \in \mathcal{A}_{q}$$
,  $E_{N} = \sum_{b \in A_{q}} \frac{r_{b}}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f(bq^{j})$ ,
$$\Delta_{N}(\underline{r}) = \frac{1}{M(N|\underline{r})} \sum_{n \in S_{N}(\underline{r})} (f(n) - E_{N})^{2}. \tag{12}$$

Then

$$\Delta_{N}(\underline{r}) < c \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \sum_{b=0}^{q-1} f^{2}\left(bq^{j}\right), \tag{13}$$

c is a constant which may depend only on q.

We shall prove

**Theorem 1** Let  $g \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_q$ , assume that

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{b \in A_g} \left( 1 - g \left( b q^j \right) \right) \tag{14}$$

is convergent. Let  $\lambda_0,\lambda_1,\ldots,\lambda_{q-1}$  be positive numbers, such that  $\lambda_0+\cdots+\lambda_{q-1}=1.$  Let

$$H\left(g|\lambda_{0},\ldots,\lambda_{q-1}\right):=\prod_{j=0}^{\infty}\left(\sum_{b\in A_{q}}\lambda_{j}g\left(bq^{j}\right)\right).\tag{15}$$

If  $\underline{r}^{(N)} = \left(r_1^{(N)}, \dots r_{q-1}^{(N)}\right)$  is such a sequence for which  $\frac{r_j^{(N)}}{N} \to \lambda_j$   $(j=1,\dots,q-1)$ , then

$$\lim_{N\to\infty} \frac{1}{M\left(N|\underline{r}^{(N)}\right)} \sum_{\substack{n$$

Hence we obtain

**Theorem 2** Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_q$ , assume that (5),(6) are convergent. Let  $\lambda_0,\ldots,\lambda_{q-1}$  be positive numbers such that  $\lambda_0+\cdots+\lambda_{q-1}=1$ . Let  $\eta_0,\eta_1\ldots$  be independent random variables,  $P\left(\eta_1=f\left(bq^1\right)\right)=\lambda_b\quad (b\in A_q)$ .

Let

$$\Theta = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \eta_l, \tag{17}$$

$$F_{\lambda}(y) := P(\Theta < y), \ \underline{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{a-1}). \tag{18}$$

From the 3 series theorem of Kolmogorov it follows that the sum (17) is convergent with probability 1, thus  $F_{\underline{\lambda}}(y)$  exists.

If 
$$\frac{r_j^{(N)}}{N} \to \lambda_j \quad (j=0,\dots,q-1), \ \text{then}$$

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{M\left(N|\underline{r}^{(N)}\right)} \# \left\{ n < q^N | n \in S_N\left(\underline{r}^{(N)}\right), \; f(n) < y \right\} = F_{\lambda}\left(y\right),$$

if y is a continuity point of  $F_{\lambda}$ .

 $F_{\lambda}$  is continuous, if  $f(bq^{j}) \neq 0$  holds for infinitely many elements of  $\{bq^{j}|j=0,1,2,\ldots,b\in A_{q}\}$ .

In [2] we proved Theorem 1 for  $\lambda_1=\ldots=\lambda_{q-1}=\frac{1}{q},$  and in the case q=2 for  $0<\lambda_1<1.$ 

Furthermore, in [2] we proved the following assertion.

 $\mathbf{Theorem}\ \mathbf{A}\ \mathit{Let}\ f\in\mathcal{A}_{2},\ f\left(2^{j}\right)=\mathcal{O}\left(1\right)\quad (j\in\mathbb{N}),\ \eta_{N}=\tfrac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N-1}f\left(2^{j}\right),$ 

$$B_N^2 := \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left( f\left(2^i\right) - \eta_N \right)^2.$$

Assume that  $B_N \to \infty$ . Let  $\rho_N \to 0$ . Then

$$\lim_{N\to\infty}\frac{1}{\binom{N}{k}}\#\left\{n<2^{N}\left|\frac{f\left(n\right)-k\eta_{N}}{B_{N}}< y,\alpha\left(n\right)=k\right.\right\}=\Phi\left(y\right)$$

holds uniformly as  $N\to\infty,\ k=k^{(N)}$  satisfies

$$\left|\frac{k}{N} - \frac{1}{2}\right| < \rho_N.$$

In [3] we mentioned that we are able to prove that under the conditions of Theorem A

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{\frac{k}{N} \in \left[\delta, 1 - \delta\right]} \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{{N \choose k}} \# \left\{ n < 2^N, \alpha\left(n\right) = k, \frac{f\left(n\right) - k\eta_N}{2B_N \sqrt{\left(1 - \eta\right)\eta}} < y \right\} - \Phi\left(y\right) \right|.$$

This assertion is not true, the correct assertion is

Theorem 3 Let 
$$f \in A_2$$
,  $f(2^j) = \mathcal{O}(1)$   $(j = 0, 1, 2, ...)$ . Let  $m_N = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f(2^j)$ ,  $\sigma_N^2 = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \left( f(2^j) - \frac{m_N}{N} \right)^2$ . Let  $0 < \lambda < 1$ ,

$$F_{r,N}\left(y\right)=\frac{1}{\binom{N}{r}}\#\left\{n<2^{N},\ \alpha\left(n\right)=r,\ \frac{f\left(n\right)-\frac{r}{N}m_{N}}{\sigma_{N}}< y\right\}.$$

Furthermore, let  $F_{\lambda}(y)$  be the distribution the characteristic function  $\phi_{\lambda}(\tau) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \alpha_l \frac{(i\tau)^l}{l!}$  of which is given by the following formulas:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \alpha_1 & = & 0, & \text{if} & l \text{ is odd}, \ \alpha_0 = 1, \\ \\ \alpha_{2k} & = & \sum_{t=1}^{2k} \frac{\lambda^t}{t! 2^t} \sum_{2m \le t} (-1)^m \binom{t}{2m} \cdot 2^{2m} \left(2m-1\right) !! & (k=1,2,\ldots). \end{array}$$

Since  $\alpha_{2k}$  is bounded as  $k \to \infty$ , therefore the series defining  $\phi_{\lambda}(\tau)$  is absolutely convergent in  $|\tau| < 1$ .

We have

$$\lim_{\stackrel{r}{N}\rightarrow\lambda\atop N\rightarrow\infty}F_{r,N}\left(y\right)=F_{\lambda}\left(y\right).$$

# 2 Proof of Theorem 1 and 2

Let us define  $f(bq^j)$  as the argument of  $g(bq^j)$ , i.e.  $g(bq^j) = e^{if(bq^j)}$ . The condition (8) implies the convergence of (5) and (6). We can extend f as a q-additive function. Then  $g(n) = e^{if(n)}$ .

Let 
$$g_{M}(n) = \prod_{j=0}^{M-1} g\left(\epsilon_{j}\left(n\right)q^{j}\right)$$
. Thus  $g_{M}\left(nq^{M}\right) = 1$   $(n \in \mathbb{N}_{0})$ . Let  $f_{M}(n) = 1$ 

$$\textstyle\sum_{j=0}^{M-1}f\left(\epsilon_{j}\left(n\right)q^{j}\right);\;h_{M}\left(n\right)=\sum_{j\geq M}f\left(\epsilon_{j}\left(n\right)q^{j}\right).$$

Let M be fixed, and consider the integers  $\mathfrak{n} < \mathfrak{q}^{N+M}$ . Let  $\delta > 0$  be an arbitrary (small) number. We shall estimate the number of those  $\mathfrak{n} \in S_{N+M}\left(\underline{r}^{(N+M)}\right)$  for which  $|g\left(\mathfrak{n}\right) - g_{M}\left(\mathfrak{n}\right)| \geq \delta$ . If  $\mathfrak{n}$  is such an integer, then  $|h_{M}\left(\mathfrak{n}\right)| \geq \delta_{k}$ .

Assume that M is so large that for

$$E_{M}^{(N+M)} := \sum_{j=M}^{M+N-1} \sum_{b \in A_{q}} f\left(bq^{j}\right)$$

 $\left|E_{M}^{(N+M)}\right|<\frac{\delta}{4}$ . We shall apply (12), (13) for  $h_{M}\left(n\right)$  and  $E_{M}^{(N+M)}$ . Then, in the right hand side of (13)

$$\sum_{j=M}^{N+M-1} \sum_{b \in A_q} f^2 \left( b q^j \right)$$

tends to zero as  $M \to \infty$ . Consequently, the following assertion is true.

Let  $\delta>0, \epsilon>0$  be arbitrary constants. Then there exists such an M for which

$$\limsup_{N\to\infty}\frac{1}{M\left(N+M|\underline{r}^{(N+M)}\right)}\#\left\{n\in S_{N+M}\left(\underline{r}^{(N+M)}\right)\left|\left|g\left(n\right)-g_{M}\left(n\right)\right|>\delta\right\}<\epsilon.$$

Now we estimate

$$\frac{1}{M\left(N+M|\underline{r}^{(N+M)}\right)}\sum_{n\in S_{N+M}\left(\underline{r}^{(n+M)}\right)}g_{M}\left(n\right).$$

Let us subdivide the integers  $n \in S_{N+M}\left(\underline{r}^{(N+M)}\right)$  according to the digits  $\epsilon_0(n),\ldots,\epsilon_{M-1}(n)$ . Let  $n=t+m\cdot q^M$ . Then  $n\in S_{N+M}\left(\underline{r}^{(N+M)}\right)$ , if and only if

 $m \in S_{N}\left(r_{1}^{(N+M)} - \beta_{1}\left(t\right), \dots, r_{q-1}^{(N+M)} - \beta_{q-1}\left(t\right)\right). \tag{19}$ 

For fixed t the number of the m satisfying the condition (19) is

$$\left(\Psi_{N}\left(t\right):=\right)\frac{N!}{\prod_{i=0}^{q-1}\left(r_{i}^{\left(N+M\right)}-\beta_{i}\left(t\right)\right)!},$$

where  $\beta_{0}\left(t\right)$  is so defined that  $\sum\limits_{i=0}^{q-1}\beta_{i}\left(t\right)=M.$ 

Let  $\frac{r_b^{(N+M)}}{N+M} \to \lambda_b$ . Then

$$\begin{split} \frac{\Psi_{N}\left(t\right)}{S_{N+M}\left(\underline{r}^{(N+M)}\right)} &= \frac{1}{(N+1)\cdots(N+M)} \prod_{b=0}^{q-1} \frac{r_{b}^{(N+M)}!}{\left(r_{b}^{(N+M)} - \beta_{b}\left(t\right)\right)!} \\ &= \frac{1}{(N+1)\cdots(N+M)} \prod_{b=0}^{q-1} \prod_{l=0}^{\beta_{b}\left(t\right)-1} \left(r_{b}^{(N+M)} - l\right) \\ &= (1+\mathcal{O}_{N}\left(1\right)) \prod_{b=0}^{q-1} \lambda_{b}^{\beta_{b}\left(t\right)}, \end{split}$$

and so

$$\lim_{N\to\infty}\frac{1}{M\left(N+M|\underline{r}^{(N+M)}\right)}\sum_{n\in S_{N+M}\left(\underline{r}^{(N+M)}\right)}g_{M}\left(n\right)=\prod_{j=0}^{M-1}\left\{\sum_{b}\lambda_{b}g\left(bq^{j}\right)\right\}.$$

Finally, let us to tend  $M \to \infty$ . Then (16) follows. Theorem 1 is proved. Theorem 2 is a direct consequence of Theorem 1.

# 3 Some lemmas

**Lemma 2 (Wintner, Frechet-Shohat)** Let  $F_n(z)$  (n = 1, 2, ...) be a sequence of distribution functions. For each non-negative integer k let

$$\alpha_{k} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z^{k} dF_{n}(z)$$

exist. Then there is a subsequence  $F_{n_j}(z)$   $(n_1 < n_2 < \cdots)$  which converges weakly to a limiting distribution F(z) for which

$$\alpha_{\mathbf{k}} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z^{\mathbf{k}} dF(z) \quad (\mathbf{k} = 0, 1, 2, \ldots).$$

Moreover, if the set of moments  $\alpha_k$  determine F(z) uniquely, then as  $n \to \infty$  the distributions  $F_n(z)$  converge weakly to F(z).

Lemma 3 In the notations of Lemma 2 let the series

$$\phi\left(\tau\right)=\sum_{l=0}^{\infty}\alpha_{l}\frac{\left(i\tau\right)^{l}}{l!}$$

converge absolutely in a disc of complex  $\tau$  values in  $|\tau| < c$ , c > 0. Then the  $\alpha_k$  determine the distribution function F(u) uniquely. Moreover, the characteristic function  $\phi(t)$  of this distribution had the above representation in the disc  $|\tau| < t$ , and can be analytically continued into the strip  $|Im(t)| < \tau$ .

The proof of Lemma 2 can be found in [5] while the proof of Lemma 3 is given in [6]. (Vol. I., page 60).

# 4 Proof of Theorem 3

Let

$$m_{N} = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f\left(2^{j}\right), \tag{20}$$

$$F\left(2^{j}\right) = f\left(2^{j}\right) - \frac{m_{N}}{N},\tag{21}$$

$$\sigma_{N}^{2}(f) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} F^{2}\left(2^{j}\right), \qquad (22)$$

$$G\left(2^{j}\right) = \frac{F\left(2^{j}\right)}{\sigma_{N}\left(f\right)}.$$
(23)

Then

$$\sigma_{N}^{2}(G) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} G^{2}(2^{j}) = 1.$$
 (24)

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Let

$$T_{k} := \frac{1}{\binom{N}{r}} \sum_{\substack{n < 2^{N} \\ \alpha(n) = r}} G^{k}(n). \tag{25}$$

 $T_k$  depends on N and on r, also. Let

$$\alpha_k \coloneqq \frac{1}{k!} \lim_{\substack{N \to \infty \\ \frac{r}{N} \to \infty}} T_k.$$

We shall prove that  $\alpha_k$  exists for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and that the function  $\varphi(\tau)$  in Lemma 3 with these  $\alpha_k$  is regular in a circle  $|\tau| < c, c > 0$ . It is enough to prove that  $\alpha_k$  is bounded. The theorem will follow from Lemma 2, 3 immediately.

It is clear that  $T_1 = 0$  and so  $\alpha_1 = 0$ .

We observe that

$$\begin{split} \sum_{l_1,\dots,l_t\in\{0,1,\dots,N-1\}} & G\left(2^{l_1}\right)^{j_1}\dots G\left(2^{l_t}\right)^{j_t} \kappa \binom{l_1,\dots,l_t}{j_1,\dots,j_t} \\ &= \begin{cases} \mathcal{O}\left(1\right), & \text{if } \min j_1 \geq 2, \\ o_N\left(1\right), & \text{if } \min j_1 \geq 2 \text{ and } \max j_1 \geq 3, \end{cases} \end{split}$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathrm{if}\; 0 \leq \kappa \binom{l_1, \ldots, l_t}{j_1, \ldots, j_t} \leq 1. \\ \mathrm{Since}\; \max_l |G\left(2^l\right)| \leq \frac{c}{\sigma_N\left(f\right)} \, \to \, 0 \quad \, (N \to \infty) \,, \;\; \sigma_N^2\left(G\right) \, = \, 1, \; \mathrm{this} \; \mathrm{assertion} \; \mathrm{is} \end{array}$ 

Let  $D_N := \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}.$ 

Let us consider sums of type

$$A_{\nu} := \sum_{\substack{l_{1}, \dots, l_{t} \\ j_{1}, \dots, j_{t} \\ u_{1}, \dots, u_{\nu}}} B\binom{l_{1}, \dots, l_{t}}{j_{1}, \dots, j_{t}} G(2^{u_{1}}) \cdots G(2^{u_{\nu}})$$
(27)

where  $l_1, \ldots, l_t, u_1, \ldots, u_{\nu}$  run over all possible distinct choices of  $l_1, \ldots, l_t$ ,  $u_1,\dots,u_\nu\in D_N,\ \min_{l=1,\dots,t}j_l\geq 2$ 

$$B\begin{pmatrix} l_1, \dots, l_t \\ j_1, \dots, j_t \end{pmatrix} = G\left(2^{l_1}\right)^{j_1} \cdots G\left(2^{l_t}\right)^{j_t} \kappa \begin{pmatrix} l_1, \dots, l_t \\ j_1, \dots, j_t \end{pmatrix}, \tag{28}$$

 $0 \leq \kappa \binom{l_1, \dots, l_t}{j_1, \dots, j_t}.$ 

Assume that  $\nu=1.$  Let us sum  $G(2^{u_1})$  over all possible values,  $u_1\in D_N\setminus\{l_1,\ldots,l_t\}.$ 

We have

$$A_1 = -\sum_{j=1}^t \sum_{\substack{l_1,\ldots,l_t\\j_1,\ldots,j_t}} B\binom{l_1,\ldots,l_t}{j_1,\ldots,j_t} G\left(2^{l_j}\right),$$

and so  $A_{\nu} \to 0 \quad (N \to \infty)$  follows from (26). Let now  $\nu = 2$ . We obtain that

$$\sum_{\substack{u_{2}\notin\left\{l_{1},\ldots,l_{t}\right\}\\u_{2}\neq u_{1}}}G\left(2^{u_{2}}\right)=-G\left(2^{l_{1}}\right)-\cdots-G\left(2^{l_{t}}\right)-G\left(2^{u_{1}}\right)$$

and so

$$A_{2} = \sum_{\substack{l_{1},\ldots,l_{t},u_{1}\\j_{1},\ldots,j_{t}}} B\binom{l_{1},\ldots,l_{t}}{j_{1},\ldots,j_{t}} G^{2}(2^{u_{1}}) + o_{N}\left(1\right).$$

Let  $\nu>2$ . For fixed  $l_1,\ldots,l_t,u_1,\ldots,u_{\nu-1}$  the variable  $u_\nu$  run over  $D_N\setminus (\{l_1,\ldots,l_t\}\cup\{u_1,\ldots,u_{\nu-1}\})$ . Since

$$\sum_{u_{\nu}} G(2^{u_{\nu}}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{t} G(2^{l_{i}}) - G(2^{u_{1}}) - \dots - G(2^{u_{\nu-1}}),$$

we have

$$\begin{split} A_{\nu} &= -\sum_{\substack{l_{1}, \dots, l_{t} \\ j_{1}, \dots, j_{t}}} B\binom{l_{1}, \dots, l_{t}}{j_{1}, \dots, j_{t}} G(2^{u_{1}}) \dots G(2^{u_{\nu-1}}) (G(2^{u_{1}}) + \dots + G(2^{u_{\nu-1}})) \\ &+ o_{N}(1), \end{split}$$

and so

$$\begin{split} A_{\nu} = & - \left(\nu - 1\right) \sum_{\substack{l_{1}, \dots, l_{t}, l_{t+1} \\ j_{1}, \dots, j_{t}, 2 \\ u_{1}, \dots, u_{\nu-2}}} B\binom{l_{1}, \dots, l_{t}}{j_{1}, \dots, j_{t}} G^{2}\left(2^{l_{t+1}}\right) G\left(2^{u_{1}}\right) \dots G\left(2^{u_{\nu-2}}\right) \\ + & o_{N}\left(1\right). \end{split}$$

Thus the sum  $A_{\nu}$  can be substituted by  $(\nu - 1)$  sums of type  $A_{\nu-2}$ , with the error  $o_{N}(1)$ .

Let us continue the reduction. We obtain that  $A_{\nu} = o_{N}(1)$ , if  $\nu$  is an odd number, furthermore,  $A_{\nu} = o_{N}(1)$ , if  $\max_{j=1,\dots,t} l_{j} \geq 3$ .

We can write

$$T_{k} = \frac{1}{\binom{N}{r}} \sum_{\substack{\alpha(n)=r \\ n<2^{N}}} G^{k}(n) = \frac{1}{\binom{N}{r}} \sum_{\substack{n<2^{n} \\ \alpha(n)=r}} \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} G\left(\epsilon_{j}(n) \cdot 2^{j}\right) \right\}^{k}$$

$$= \sum_{t=1}^{k} \gamma(t, N) \sum_{\substack{u_{1}, \dots, u_{k} \\ u_{1}, \dots, u_{k}}} G(2^{u_{1}}) \dots G(2^{u_{k}}),$$
(29)

where \* indicates that the summation is over those  $u_1, \ldots, u_k \in D_N$ , for which the number of distinct element of  $u_1, \ldots, u_k$  is t, and  $v(t, N) = \frac{1}{N}$ .

$$\frac{r-1}{N-1}\dots\frac{r-(t-1)}{N-(t-1)}. \text{ Thus } \nu\left(t,N\right)=\lambda^{t}+o_{N}\left(1\right).$$

 $\frac{r-1}{N-1} \cdots \frac{r-(t-1)}{N-(t-1)}. \text{ Thus } \nu\left(t,N\right) = \lambda^t + o_N\left(1\right).$  The sum  $\sum_{u_1,\dots,u_k}^* \text{ can be rewritten in the form } \sum_{\substack{i_1<\dots<it_t\\ i_1,\dots,i_t}}, \text{ where the multi-}$ 

plicity of the occurrence of  $l_h$  is  $j_h$ , thus  $j_1 + \cdots + j_t = k$ . It is clear that  $G(2^{l_1})^{j_1} \dots G(2^{l_t})^{j_t}$  occurs for

distinct choices of  $u_1, \ldots, u_k$  as  $G(2^{u_1}) \ldots G(2^{u_k})$ . Thus

$$T_{k} = \sum_{t=1}^{k} \nu(t, N) \, k! \sum_{\substack{l_{1} < \dots < l_{t} \\ j_{1}, \dots, j_{t}}} \frac{G(2^{l_{1}})^{j_{1}}}{j_{1}!} \dots \frac{G(2^{l_{t}})^{j_{t}}}{j_{t}!}$$

$$= k! \sum_{t=1}^{k} \frac{\nu(t, N)}{t!} \sum_{\substack{l_{1} < \dots < l_{t} \\ j_{1}, \dots, j_{t}}} \frac{G(2^{l_{1}})^{j_{1}}}{j_{1}!} \dots \frac{G(2^{l_{t}})^{j_{t}}}{j_{t}!}.$$

$$(30)$$

In the last sum  $l_1,\ldots,l_t$  run over all those elements of  $D_N$  for which  $l_u\neq l_v,$ if  $u \neq v$ .

Let 
$$E(j_1,\ldots,j_t)=\sum\limits_{\substack{l_1,\ldots,l_t\\j_1,\ldots,j_t}}G\left(2^{l_1}\right)^{j_1}\ldots G\left(2^{l_t}\right)^{j_t}.$$
 As we have seen earlier,

 $E\left(j_1,\ldots,j_t\right) \to 0$  if  $\max j_u \geq 3,$  or if  $\#\{u|j_u=1\}=$  odd number. Hence we obtain that  $T_k \to 0$  if k is odd. Thus  $\alpha_k = 0$  for odd k. Let us write now 2kinto the place of k.

Then

$$T_{2k} = (2k)! \sum_{t=1}^{2k} \frac{v(t, N)}{t!} \sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_t = 2k}^{*} \frac{E(j_1, \dots, j_t)}{j_1! \dots j_t!} + o_N(1)$$

where \* indicates that we have to sum over those  $j_1, \ldots, j_t$  for which  $j_{\nu} = 1, 2$ . It is clear that  $E(j_1, \ldots, j_t)$  is symmetric in the variables, i.e.  $E(j_{m_1}, \ldots, j_{m_t}) = E(j_1, \ldots, j_t)$  if  $m_1, \ldots, m_t$  is a permutation of  $\{1, \ldots, t\}$ . Let

$$\sigma_{h,m} = E\left( \stackrel{h}{\underbrace{2,\ldots,2}}, \stackrel{m}{\underbrace{1,\ldots,1}} \right).$$

If  $j_1 + \cdots + j_t = 2k$ , then 2h + m = 2k, t = h + m, thus

$$T_{2k} = (2k) ! \sum_{t=1}^{2k} \frac{\nu\left(t,N\right)}{t!} \sum_{h \leq t} \binom{t}{h} \frac{1}{2^h} \sigma_{h,t-h} + o_N\left(1\right). \tag{31}$$

It is clear that

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{h,0} &= \sum_{l_1,\dots,l_h} G\left(2^{l_1}\right)^2 \dots G\left(2^{l_h}\right)^2 \\ &= \left\{\sum G^2\left(2^l\right)\right\}^h = 1 + o_N\left(1\right). \end{split}$$

Furthermore, as we observed earlier,  $\sigma_{h,m}\to 0 \pmod{N\to\infty}$  if  $m=\!\operatorname{odd}.$  Let m=2. We have

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{h,2} &= \sum_{l_1, \dots, l_h, u_1, u_2} G^2\left(2^{l_1}\right) \dots G^2\left(2^{l_h}\right) G\left(2^{u_1}\right) G\left(2^{u_2}\right) \\ &= -\sum_{l_1, \dots, l_h, u_1} G^2\left(2^{l_1}\right) \dots G^2\left(2^{l_h}\right) G^2\left(2^{u_1}\right) + o_N\left(1\right) \\ &= -\sigma_{h+1,0} + o_N\left(1\right) = -1 + o_N\left(1\right). \end{split}$$

Let  $m = 2\nu, \nu \geq 2$ .

$$\sigma_{h,2\nu} = \sum_{\substack{l_1,\ldots,l_h\\u_1,\ldots,u_{2\nu}}} G^2\left(2^{l_1}\right)\ldots G^2\left(2^{l_h}\right)G\left(2^{u_1}\right)\ldots G\left(2^{u_{2\nu}}\right).$$

Since  $G\left(2^{u_{2\nu}}\right)$  should be summed over  $D_N\setminus\{l_1,\ldots,l_h\}\cup\{u_1\ldots,u_{2\nu-1}\}$ , and so  $\sum\limits_{u_{2\nu}}G\left(2^{u_{2\nu}}\right)=-\sum\limits_{1}G\left(2^{l_i}\right)-\sum\limits_{1}^{2\nu-1}G\left(2^{u_j}\right)$ , we obtain that

$$\sigma_{h,2\nu} = -(2\nu - 1) \, \sigma_{h+1,2(\nu-1)} + o_N(1) \quad (\nu = 1, 2, ...).$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{split} &\sigma_{h,0} = 1 + o_{N}\left(1\right), \quad \sigma_{h,2} = -1 + o_{N}\left(1\right), \\ &\sigma_{h,4} = -3 \cdot \sigma_{h+1,2} = 3 + o_{N}\left(1\right), \\ &\sigma_{h,6} = -5 \cdot \sigma_{h+1,4} = -3 \cdot 5 + o_{N}\left(1\right), \end{split}$$

and in general

$$\sigma_{h,2\nu} = \left(-1\right)^{\nu} \left(2\nu - 1\right) !! + o_{N}\left(1\right).$$

Here  $(2m-1)!! = (2m-1)(2m-3)...\cdot 3\cdot 1$ . Let us write t-h=2m in (31). Then

$$\begin{split} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ h \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2^h} \sigma_{h,t-h} &= \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 2m \end{pmatrix} \frac{2^{2m}}{2^t} \sigma_{h,2m} \\ &= (-1)^m \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 2m \end{pmatrix} \frac{2^{2m}}{2^t} \left(2m-1\right) !! + o_N\left(1\right), \end{split}$$

and so

$$T_{2k} = \left(2k\right)! \sum_{t=1}^{2k} \lambda^t \cdot \frac{1}{t! 2^t} \sum_{2m \leq t} \left(-1\right)^m \binom{t}{2m} 2^{2m} \cdot \left(2m-1\right)!! + o_N\left(1\right).$$

Let us apply Lemma 3. In the notation of Lemma 3 we have

$$\begin{split} \alpha_{2k} &= \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{T_{2k}}{(2k)\,!} \\ &= \sum_{t=1}^{2k} \frac{\lambda^t}{t! 2^t} \sum_{2m \le t} \left(-1\right)^m \binom{t}{2m} 2^{2m} \cdot \left(2m-1\right) !!. \end{split}$$

We shall prove that  $\alpha_{2k}$  is bounded as  $2k\to\infty.$  Indeed

$$\frac{(2m-1)!!}{(2m)!} = \frac{1}{2^m m!}, \quad \frac{2^{2m}}{2^t} \le 1,$$

thus

$$\begin{split} |\alpha_{2k}| & \leq \sum_{t=1}^{2k} \frac{\lambda^t}{t!} \sum_{2m \leq t} \frac{t! \, (2m-1) \, !!}{(2m) \, ! \, (t-2m) \, !} \\ & \leq \sum_{t=1}^{2k} \lambda^t \sum_{2m \leq t} \frac{1}{(t-2m) \, ! \, (2^m m!)}. \end{split}$$

Here m = 0 can be occur, 0! = 1.

We obtain that

$$|\alpha_{2k}| < c\lambda$$

with some c, c may depend on  $\lambda$ .

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