

## The mean square of the Riemann zeta-function in the critical strip III

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $\zeta(s)$  be the Riemann zeta-function, and define  $E(T)$  by

$$\int_0^T |\zeta(\tfrac{1}{2} + it)|^2 dt = T \log T + (2\gamma - 1 - \log 2\pi)T + E(T)$$

for  $T \geq 2$ , where  $\gamma$  is Euler's constant. In 1949, Atkinson [1] proved the following now famous formula for  $E(T)$ . For any positive number  $\xi$ , let

$$e(T, \xi) = \left(1 + \frac{\pi\xi}{2T}\right)^{-1/4} \left(\frac{2T}{\pi\xi}\right)^{-1/2} \left(\operatorname{arsinh} \sqrt{\frac{\pi\xi}{2T}}\right)^{-1},$$

$$f(T, \xi) = 2T \operatorname{arsinh} \sqrt{\frac{\pi\xi}{2T}} + (\pi^2\xi^2 + 2\pi\xi T)^{1/2} - \frac{\pi}{4},$$

and

$$g(T, \xi) = T \log \frac{T}{2\pi\xi} - T + \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

Then Atkinson's formula asserts that for any positive number  $X$  with  $X \asymp T$  (i.e.  $T \ll X \ll T$ ), the relation

$$(1.1) \quad E(T) = \Sigma_1(T, X) - \Sigma_2(T, X) + O(\log^2 T)$$

holds, where

$$\Sigma_1(T, X) = \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{T}{2\pi}\right)^{1/4} \sum_{n \leq X} (-1)^n d(n) n^{-3/4} e(T, n) \cos(f(T, n)),$$

$$\Sigma_2(T, X) = 2 \sum_{n \leq B(T, \sqrt{X})} d(n) n^{-1/2} \left(\log \frac{T}{2\pi n}\right)^{-1} \cos(g(T, n)),$$

$d(n)$  is the number of positive divisors of the integer  $n$ , and

$$B(T, \xi) = \frac{T}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{2}\xi^2 - \xi \left( \frac{T}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{4}\xi^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

The analogue of Atkinson’s formula in the strip  $1/2 < \sigma = \text{Re}(s) < 1$  was first investigated by Matsumoto [9]. Define  $E_\sigma(T)$  by

$$\int_0^T |\zeta(\sigma + it)|^2 dt = \zeta(2\sigma)T + (2\pi)^{2\sigma-1} \frac{\zeta(2-2\sigma)}{2-2\sigma} T^{2-2\sigma} + E_\sigma(T).$$

Matsumoto proved that if  $1/2 < \sigma < 3/4$  and  $X \asymp T$ , then

$$(1.2) \quad E_\sigma(T) = \Sigma_{1,\sigma}(T, X) - \Sigma_{2,\sigma}(T, X) + O(\log T),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{1,\sigma}(T, X) &= \sqrt{2} \left( \frac{T}{2\pi} \right)^{3/4-\sigma} \sum_{n \leq X} (-1)^n \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-5/4} e(T, n) \cos(f(T, n)), \\ \Sigma_{2,\sigma}(T, X) &= 2 \left( \frac{T}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2-\sigma} \sum_{n \leq B(T, \sqrt{X})} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-1} \left( \log \frac{T}{2\pi n} \right)^{-1} \cos(g(T, n)), \end{aligned}$$

with the notation  $\sigma_a(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^a$ , and the implied constant depends only on  $\sigma$ .

The reason of the restriction  $1/2 < \sigma < 3/4$  in [9] is as follows. Define

$$D_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) = \sum'_{n \leq \xi} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n),$$

where the symbol  $\sum'$  means that the last term is to be halved if  $\xi$  is an integer. In case  $\sigma = 1/2$ , the classical formula of Voronoï asserts

$$D_0(\xi) = \xi \log \xi + (2\gamma - 1)\xi + 1/4 + \Delta_0(\xi)$$

with

$$(1.3) \quad \Delta_0(\xi) = \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{2}} \xi^{1/4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d(n) n^{-3/4} \left\{ \cos(4\pi\sqrt{n\xi} - \pi/4) - \frac{3}{32\pi} (n\xi)^{-1/2} \sin(4\pi\sqrt{n\xi} - \pi/4) \right\} + O(\xi^{-3/4}).$$

This formula is one of the essential tools in the proof of Atkinson’s formula. Analogously, Matsumoto’s proof of (1.2) depends on the following Voronoï-

type formula of Oppenheim [16]:

$$(1.4) \quad D_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) = \zeta(2\sigma)\xi + \frac{\zeta(2-2\sigma)}{2-2\sigma}\xi^{2-2\sigma} - \frac{1}{2}\zeta(2\sigma-1) + \Delta_{1-2\sigma}(\xi)$$

with

$$(1.5) \quad \Delta_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) = \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{2}}\xi^{3/4-\sigma} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n)n^{\sigma-5/4} \left\{ \cos(4\pi\sqrt{n\xi} - \pi/4) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{16(1-\sigma)^2-1}{32\pi}(n\xi)^{-1/2} \sin(4\pi\sqrt{n\xi} - \pi/4) \right\} + O(\xi^{-1/4-\sigma}).$$

However, the series in (1.5) converges only for  $\sigma < 3/4$ , which gives rise to the restriction  $1/2 < \sigma < 3/4$  in [9]. Therefore a new method is required to obtain an analogue of Atkinson's formula beyond the line  $\sigma = 3/4$ .

In this paper we shall prove

**THEOREM 1.** *For any  $\sigma$  and  $X$  satisfying  $1/2 < \sigma < 1$  and  $X \asymp T$ , the formula (1.2) holds.*

Our starting point is the Voronoï-type formula for

$$\tilde{D}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) = \int_0^{\xi} \sum_{n \leq t} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) dt,$$

given in the next section. The crucial point is that the Voronoï series for  $D_{1-2\sigma}(\xi)$  converges for any  $\sigma$  satisfying  $1/2 < \sigma < 1$ . The basic principle of the proof of Theorem 1 is similar to the proofs of (1.1) and (1.2), but the details are more complicated.

In [9], as an application of (1.2), the upper bound estimate

$$(1.6) \quad E_{\sigma}(T) = O(T^{1/(1+4\sigma)} \log^2 T)$$

has been proved for  $1/2 < \sigma < 3/4$ . Now it follows easily from Theorem 1 that (1.6) holds for  $1/2 < \sigma < 1$ . We should mention that already in 1990, in a different way, Motohashi [15] proved (1.6) for  $1/2 < \sigma < 1$ , and Ivić [6, Ch. 2] gave an improvement by using the theory of exponent pairs. (See also Ivić [7].) <sup>(1)</sup>

Another application of Theorem 1 is the mean square result for  $E_{\sigma}(T)$ . In [9] it has been shown that

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<sup>(1)</sup> Added in proof (June 1993). In [6] there is an error on top of p. 89 invalidating Theorem 2.11 and its Corollary 1 but not its Corollary 2. However, Professor Ivić has informed us that he can now recover his corollaries.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1.7) \quad & \int_2^T E_\sigma(t)^2 dt \\
 &= \frac{2}{5-4\sigma} (2\pi)^{2\sigma-3/2} \frac{\zeta^2(3/2)}{\zeta(3)} \zeta\left(\frac{5}{2}-2\sigma\right) \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}+2\sigma\right) T^{5/2-2\sigma} + F_\sigma(T)
 \end{aligned}$$

with  $F_\sigma(T) = O(T^{7/4-\sigma} \log T)$  for  $1/2 < \sigma < 3/4$ , and in [10], the improvement  $F_\sigma(T) = O(T)$  has been proved. In case  $3/4 \leq \sigma < 1$ , by using Heath-Brown's [4] method and Theorem 1, it can be shown easily that

$$(1.8) \quad \int_2^T E_\sigma(t)^2 dt \ll T \log^2 T.$$

This can be slightly improved. In particular, for  $\sigma = 3/4$  we get an asymptotic formula.

THEOREM 2. *We have*

$$\int_2^T E_{3/4}(t)^2 dt = \frac{\zeta^2(3/2)\zeta(2)}{\zeta(3)} T \log T + O(T(\log T)^{1/2}),$$

and for  $3/4 < \sigma < 1$ , we have

$$\int_2^T E_\sigma(t)^2 dt \ll T.$$

COROLLARY.  $E_{3/4}(T) = \Omega((\log T)^{1/2})$ .

Comparing Theorem 2 with (1.7), we can observe, as has already been pointed out in [9], that the line  $\sigma = 3/4$  is a kind of “critical line” in the theory of the Riemann zeta-function, or at least for the function  $E_\sigma(T)$ .

It might be possible to reduce the error term  $O(T(\log T)^{1/2})$  to  $O(T)$  in Theorem 2 without any new idea but only with a lot of extra work.

We also prove in this paper the following result, which has been announced in [10].

THEOREM 3. *For any fixed  $\sigma$  satisfying  $1/2 < \sigma < 3/4$ , we have*

$$E_\sigma(T) = \Omega_+(T^{3/4-\sigma} (\log T)^{\sigma-1/4}).$$

COROLLARY.  $F_\sigma(T) = \Omega(T^{9/4-3\sigma} (\log T)^{3\sigma-3/4})$ .

We can deduce Theorem 3 from (1.2). The problem of deducing a certain  $\Omega_+$ -result in case  $3/4 \leq \sigma < 1$  seems to be much more difficult. This situation also suggests the critical property of the line  $\sigma = 3/4$ .

**2. A Voronoï-type formula.** Hereafter, except for the last section, we assume  $3/4 \leq \sigma < 1$ . Let  $\xi \geq 1$ , and define  $\tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi)$  by

$$(2.1) \quad \tilde{D}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) = \frac{1}{2}\zeta(2\sigma)\xi^2 + \frac{\zeta(2-2\sigma)}{(2-2\sigma)(3-2\sigma)}\xi^{3-2\sigma} - \frac{1}{2}\zeta(2\sigma-1)\xi + \frac{1}{12}\zeta(2\sigma-2) + \tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi).$$

Then the following Voronoï-type formula holds.

LEMMA 1. *We have*

$$(2.2) \quad \tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) = c_1\xi^{5/4-\sigma} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n)n^{\sigma-7/4} \cos(c_2\sqrt{n\xi} + c_3) + c_4\xi^{3/4-\sigma} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n)n^{\sigma-9/4} \cos(c_2\sqrt{n\xi} + c_5) + O(\xi^{1/4-\sigma}),$$

where the two infinite series on the right-hand side are uniformly convergent on any finite closed subinterval in  $(0, \infty)$ , and the values of the constants are  $c_1 = -1/(2\sqrt{2}\pi^2)$ ,  $c_2 = 4\pi$ ,  $c_3 = \pi/4$ ,  $c_4 = (5 - 4\sigma)(7 - 4\sigma)/(64\sqrt{2}\pi^3)$  and  $c_5 = -\pi/4$ .

Voronoï-type formulas are studied in Hafner [3] in a fairly general situation. We can prove the formula (2.2) as a special case of Hafner’s theorem. In fact, let  $F(s) = \pi^{-s}\zeta(s)\zeta(s-1+2\sigma)$  and  $G(s) = \Gamma(s/2)\Gamma((s-1+2\sigma)/2)$ . Then the functional equation

$$G(s)F(s) = G(2-2\sigma-s)F(2-2\sigma-s)$$

holds, which agrees with Hafner’s Definition 1.1 with  $a(n)=b(n)=\sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n)$ ,  $\lambda_n = \mu_n = \pi n$ ,  $\phi(s) = \psi(s) = F(s)$ ,  $\sigma_a^* = \sigma_a = 1$ ,  $\Delta(s) = G(s)$ ,  $N = 2$ ,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 1/2$ ,  $\beta_1 = 0$ ,  $\beta_2 = \sigma - 1/2$ ,  $S = \{1 - 2\sigma, 0, 2 - 2\sigma, 1\}$ ,  $D = \mathbb{C} - S$ ,  $\chi(s) = G(s)F(s)$  and  $r = 2 - 2\sigma$ . Also we choose  $\varrho = 1$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $c = 3/2$  and  $R = 2$  in Hafner’s notation. In this case Hafner’s  $A_\varrho(x)$  is equal to

$$\sum_{\pi n \leq x} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n)(x - \pi n) = \pi \int_0^{x/\pi} \sum_{n \leq t} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) dt,$$

which is obviously continuous in  $(0, \infty)$ . Therefore, (2.2) and the claim of uniform convergence in Lemma 1 follow from Theorem B and Lemma 2.1 (with  $m = 1$ ) of Hafner [3]. Hafner does not give the values of the constants  $c_1, \dots, c_5$  explicitly, but the values of  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  and  $c_5$  can be determined by combining Lemma 2.1 of Hafner [3] with the explicit values of  $\mu$  and  $h$  given in Lemma 1 of Chandrasekharan–Narasimhan [2]. (There is a minor misprint in Hafner’s paper. The right-hand side of (2.3) in [3] should be multiplied by  $\sqrt{2}$ .) The value of  $c_4$  may also be determined by tracing the

proof of Lemma 1 in Chandrasekharan–Narasimhan [2] carefully, but the value of  $c_4$  is not necessary for the purpose of the present paper.

Meurman [13] gives a considerably simpler proof of (1.3). All the steps of Meurman’s proof are explicit, and the same method can be applied to our present case. Therefore we can obtain a different proof of Lemma 1, with explicit values of all the constants  $c_1, \dots, c_5$ . The details, omitted here, are given in a manuscript form [14].

By using Lemma 1, we can prove the following useful estimate.

LEMMA 2. *We have  $\tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) = O(\xi^r \log \xi)$ , where*

$$r = \frac{-4\sigma^2 + 7\sigma - 2}{4\sigma - 1} \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Proof. We first note the elementary estimate

$$(2.3) \quad \Delta_{1-2\sigma}(v) \ll v^{1-\sigma}.$$

In fact, by the Euler–Maclaurin summation formula we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{v}} m^{-2\sigma} &= \frac{1}{1-2\sigma} v^{1/2-\sigma} + \zeta(2\sigma) + O(v^{-\sigma}), \\ \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{v}} m^{2\sigma-2} &= \frac{1}{2\sigma-1} v^{\sigma-1/2} + \zeta(2-2\sigma) + O(v^{\sigma-1}), \end{aligned}$$

and, for  $1 \leq n \leq \sqrt{v}$ ,

$$\sum_{m \leq v/n} m^{1-2\sigma} = \frac{1}{2-2\sigma} \left(\frac{v}{n}\right)^{2-2\sigma} + c(\sigma) + O(v^{1/2-\sigma}),$$

where  $c(\sigma)$  is a constant depending on  $\sigma$ . By the well-known splitting up argument of Dirichlet (see Titchmarsh [18, §12.1]), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq v} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) &= v \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{v}} m^{-2\sigma} + \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{v}} \left( \sum_{m \leq v/n} m^{1-2\sigma} - \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{v}} m^{1-2\sigma} \right) + O(v^{1-\sigma}). \end{aligned}$$

Applying the above summation formulas we get

$$\sum_{n \leq v} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) = \zeta(2\sigma)v + \frac{\zeta(2-2\sigma)}{2-2\sigma} v^{2-2\sigma} + O(v^{1-\sigma}),$$

which implies (2.3). Hence, by (1.4) and (2.1),

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) - \tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(u) = \int_u^\xi \Delta_{1-2\sigma}(v) dv \ll |\xi - u| \xi^{1-\sigma}$$

for  $u \asymp \xi$ . Hence

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) = Q^{-1} \int_{\xi}^{\xi+Q} \tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(u) du + O(Q\xi^{1-\sigma})$$

for  $0 < Q \ll \xi$ . Formula (2.2) gives trivially

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(u) &= c_1 u^{5/4-\sigma} \sum_{n>N} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-7/4} \cos(4\pi\sqrt{nu} + c_3) \\ &\quad + O(u^{3/4-\sigma}) + O(u^{5/4-\sigma} N^{\sigma-3/4} \log N), \end{aligned}$$

where  $N \geq 1$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) &= c_1 Q^{-1} \sum_{n>N} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-7/4} \int_{\xi}^{\xi+Q} u^{5/4-\sigma} \cos(4\pi\sqrt{nu} + c_3) du \\ &\quad + O(Q\xi^{1-\sigma}) + O(\xi^{5/4-\sigma} N^{\sigma-3/4} \log N). \end{aligned}$$

The integral here is  $\ll \xi^{7/4-\sigma} n^{-1/2}$  by the first derivative test. Therefore the series contributes

$$O(Q^{-1} \xi^{7/4-\sigma} N^{\sigma-5/4}).$$

Choosing  $N = \xi Q^{-2}$  and  $Q = \xi^{(2\sigma-1)/(4\sigma-1)}$  completes the proof of Lemma 2.

The following lemma gives the average order of  $\tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi)$ . We shall need it because the factor  $\log \xi$  in Lemma 2 causes trouble when  $\sigma = 3/4$ .

LEMMA 3. *We have*

$$\int_1^x \tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi)^2 d\xi \ll x^{7/2-2\sigma}.$$

Proof. By Lemma 1, for  $1 \leq \xi \leq x$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) &= c_1 \xi^{5/4-\sigma} \sum_{n \leq N(x)} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-7/4} \cos(4\pi\sqrt{n\xi} + \pi/4) + O(\xi^{5/4-\sigma}) \end{aligned}$$

with a sufficiently large  $N(x)$  depending only on  $x$  (and  $\sigma$ ). The rest of the proof is standard and proceeds similarly to the proof of Theorem 13.5 in Ivić [5].

It is not hard to refine Lemma 3 by showing that

$$\int_1^x \tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi)^2 d\xi = \frac{\zeta^2(5/2)\zeta(7/2-2\sigma)\zeta(3/2+2\sigma)}{8\pi^4(7-4\sigma)\zeta(5)} x^{7/2-2\sigma} + O(x^{3-2\sigma}).$$

However, Lemma 3 is sufficient for our purpose.

It should be noted that except for the inequality  $r \leq 1/2$  in Lemma 2, the results in this section are also valid for  $1/2 < \sigma < 3/4$ . However, estimate (4.2) depends on the inequality  $r \leq 1/2$ , and in §6 there are several estimates which require the condition  $3/4 \leq \sigma < 1$ . Therefore the proof of Theorem 1 is valid only on this condition.

**3. The basic decomposition.** Now we start the proof of Theorem 1. At first we assume  $X \asymp T$  and  $X$  is not an integer. Let  $u$  be a complex variable,  $\xi \geq 1$ ,

$$h(u, \xi) = 2 \int_0^\infty y^{-u}(1+y)^{u-2\sigma} \cos(2\pi\xi y) dy,$$

and define

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(u) &= \sum_{n \leq X} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n)h(u, n), \\ g_2(u) &= \Delta_{1-2\sigma}(X)h(u, X), \\ g_3(u) &= \int_X^\infty (\zeta(2\sigma) + \zeta(2-2\sigma)\xi^{1-2\sigma})h(u, \xi) d\xi, \\ g_4(u) &= \int_X^\infty \Delta_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) \frac{\partial h(u, \xi)}{\partial \xi} d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Since the integral  $h(u, \xi)$  is absolutely convergent for  $\text{Re}(u) < 1$ ,  $g_1(u)$  and  $g_2(u)$  can be defined in the same region. Also, Matsumoto [9, (4.2)] gives the analytic continuation of  $g_3(u)$  to the region  $\text{Re}(u) < 1$ . Hence, if  $g_4(u)$  can be analytically continued to  $\text{Re}(u) < 1$ , then we can define

$$G_j = \int_{\sigma-iT}^{\sigma+iT} g_j(u) du \quad (1 \leq j \leq 4)$$

for  $1/2 < \sigma < 1$ , and obtain (see [9, (4.3)])

$$(3.1) \quad E_\sigma(T) = -i(G_1 - G_2 + G_3 - G_4) + O(1).$$

Now we show the analytic continuation of  $g_4(u)$ . From (1.4) and (2.1) it follows that

$$\frac{1}{12}\zeta(2\sigma-2) + \tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) = \int_0^\xi \Delta_{1-2\sigma}(t) dt.$$

Hence, by integration by parts we have

$$(3.2) \quad g_4(u) = -\tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(X)h'(u, X) - \int_X^\infty \tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi)h''(u, \xi) d\xi,$$



where  $h'$  and  $h''$  mean  $\partial h/\partial \xi$  and  $\partial^2 h/\partial \xi^2$ , respectively. Here we have used Lemma 2 and the estimate

$$(3.3) \quad h'(u, \xi) = O(\xi^{\operatorname{Re}(u)-2})$$

for  $\operatorname{Re}(u) < 1$  and bounded  $u$ , proved in Atkinson [1]. Differentiating the expression

$$h(u, \xi) = \int_0^{i\infty} y^{-u}(1+y)^{u-2\sigma} e^{2\pi i \xi y} dy + \int_0^{-i\infty} y^{-u}(1+y)^{u-2\sigma} e^{-2\pi i \xi y} dy$$

with respect to  $\xi$ , and estimating the resulting integrals, we obtain (3.3). One more differentiation gives

$$(3.4) \quad h''(u, \xi) = -4\pi^2 \int_0^{i\infty} y^{2-u}(1+y)^{u-2\sigma} e^{2\pi i \xi y} dy - 4\pi^2 \int_0^{-i\infty} y^{2-u}(1+y)^{u-2\sigma} e^{-2\pi i \xi y} dy,$$

and from this formula we can deduce that

$$(3.5) \quad h''(u, \xi) = O(\xi^{\operatorname{Re}(u)-3}).$$

It follows from (3.5) and Lemma 2 that the integral on the right-hand side of (3.2) is absolutely convergent for  $\operatorname{Re}(u) < 1$ . Hence (3.2) gives the desired analytic continuation of  $g_4(u)$ . And we divide  $G_4$  as

$$(3.6) \quad G_4 = -\tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(X) \int_{\sigma-iT}^{\sigma+iT} h'(u, X) du - \int_X^\infty \tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) \int_{\sigma-iT}^{\sigma+iT} h''(u, \xi) du d\xi = -G_4^* - G_4^{**},$$

say.

The integrals  $G_1, G_2$  and  $G_3$  can be treated by the method described in [9, §4–§5], and the results are

$$(3.7) \quad G_1 = i\Sigma_{1,\sigma}(T, X) + O(T^{1/4-\sigma}),$$

$$(3.8) \quad G_2 = O(T^{1/2-\sigma}),$$

$$(3.9) \quad G_3 = -2\pi i \zeta(2\sigma - 1) + O(T^{\sigma-1}).$$

We note that the proof of (3.8) uses (2.3) instead of [9, Lemma 2].

**4. Evaluation of  $G_4^*$ .** We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\sigma-iT}^{\sigma+iT} h'(u, X) du &= \frac{\partial}{\partial X} \int_{\sigma-iT}^{\sigma+iT} h(u, X) du \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial X} \left( 2i \int_0^\infty y^{-\sigma} (1+y)^{-\sigma} \cos(2\pi X y) \int_{-T}^T \left( \frac{1+y}{y} \right)^{it} dt dy \right) \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial X} \left( 4i \int_0^\infty \frac{\cos(2\pi X y) \sin(T \log((1+y)/y))}{y^\sigma (1+y)^\sigma \log((1+y)/y)} dy \right) \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial X} \left( 4i \int_0^\infty \frac{X^{2\sigma-1} \cos(2\pi y) \sin(T \log((X+y)/y))}{y^\sigma (X+y)^\sigma \log((X+y)/y)} dy \right) \\
 &= 4i(2\sigma-1)X^{2\sigma-2} \int_0^\infty \frac{\cos(2\pi y) \sin(T \log((X+y)/y))}{y^\sigma (X+y)^\sigma \log((X+y)/y)} dy \\
 &\quad + 4iX^{2\sigma-1}T \int_0^\infty \frac{\cos(2\pi y) \cos(T \log((X+y)/y))}{y^\sigma (X+y)^{\sigma+1} \log((X+y)/y)} dy \\
 &\quad - 4i\sigma X^{2\sigma-1} \int_0^\infty \frac{\cos(2\pi y) \sin(T \log((X+y)/y))}{y^\sigma (X+y)^{\sigma+1} \log((X+y)/y)} dy \\
 &\quad - 4iX^{2\sigma-1} \int_0^\infty \frac{\cos(2\pi y) \sin(T \log((X+y)/y))}{y^\sigma (X+y)^{\sigma+1} \log^2((X+y)/y)} dy.
 \end{aligned}$$

We split up these four integrals at  $y = T$ . Then we estimate in each case  $\int_T^\infty$  by the first derivative test and  $\int_0^T$ , after the further splitting up into integrals over the intervals  $(2^{-k}T, 2^{-k+1}T]$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ), by the second derivative test (see Ivić [5, (2.3), (2.5)]). This gives

$$(4.1) \quad \int_{\sigma-iT}^{\sigma+iT} h'(u, X) du \ll T^{-1/2}.$$

Together with Lemma 2 and the definition of  $G_4^*$  this gives

$$(4.2) \quad G_4^* \ll \log T.$$

The integral in (4.1) has already been calculated in Matsumoto [9, §4], but there are some misprints in the formula stated between (4.6) and (4.7) in [9]. The above calculation contains the correction.

**5. Evaluation of  $G_4^{**}$  (the first step).** In this section we evaluate the inner integral of  $G_4^{**}$ . Integrating (3.4) twice by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 h''(u, \xi) = & 2\xi^{-2} \int_0^\infty \{(2-u)(1-u)y^{-u}(1+y)^{u-2\sigma} \\
 & + 2(2-u)(u-2\sigma)y^{1-u}(1+y)^{u-2\sigma-1} \\
 & + (u-2\sigma)(u-2\sigma-1)y^{2-u}(1+y)^{u-2\sigma-2}\} \cos(2\pi\xi y) dy.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$(5.1) \quad \int_{\sigma-iT}^{\sigma+iT} h''(u, \xi) du = 2\xi^{-2} \int_0^\infty (1+y)^{-2\sigma-2} I(y) \cos(2\pi\xi y) dy,$$

where

$$I(y) = \int_{\sigma-iT}^{\sigma+iT} (u^2 + P_1(y)u + P_2(y)) \left(\frac{1+y}{y}\right)^u du$$

and  $P_j(y)$  is a polynomial in  $y$  of degree  $j$  whose coefficients may depend on  $\sigma$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\sigma-iT}^{\sigma+iT} x^u du &= 2ix^\sigma \frac{\sin(T \log x)}{\log x}, \\
 \int_{\sigma-iT}^{\sigma+iT} ux^u du &= 2ix^\sigma \frac{\sigma \sin(T \log x) + T \cos(T \log x)}{\log x} - 2ix^\sigma \frac{\sin(T \log x)}{\log^2 x}, \\
 \int_{\sigma-iT}^{\sigma+iT} u^2 x^u du &= 2ix^\sigma \frac{\sigma^2 \sin(T \log x) + 2\sigma T \cos(T \log x) - T^2 \sin(T \log x)}{\log x} \\
 &\quad - 4ix^\sigma \frac{\sigma \sin(T \log x) + T \cos(T \log x)}{\log^2 x} + 4ix^\sigma \frac{\sin(T \log x)}{\log^3 x}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(y) = & 2i \left(\frac{1+y}{y}\right)^\sigma \left(\log \frac{1+y}{y}\right)^{-1} \left\{ -T^2 \sin\left(T \log \frac{1+y}{y}\right) \right. \\
 & \left. + H_1(y)T \cos\left(T \log \frac{1+y}{y}\right) + H_0(y) \sin\left(T \log \frac{1+y}{y}\right) \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $H_0(y)$  and  $H_1(y)$  are linear combinations of terms of the form

$$y^\mu \left(\log \frac{1+y}{y}\right)^{-\nu}$$

with non-negative integers  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  satisfying  $\mu + \nu \leq 2$ . We substitute this

expression for  $I(y)$  into (5.1). The method used in §4 gives

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\exp(iT \log((1+y)/y)) \cos(2\pi\xi y)}{y^{\sigma-\mu}(1+y)^{\sigma+2}(\log((1+y)/y))^{\nu+1}} dy \ll T^{-1/2}$$

for  $\xi \geq X$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\sigma-iT}^{\sigma+iT} h''(u, \xi) du \\ &= -4iT^2 \xi^{-2} \int_0^\infty \frac{\cos(2\pi\xi y) \sin(T \log((1+y)/y))}{y^\sigma(1+y)^{\sigma+2} \log((1+y)/y)} dy + O(\xi^{-2} T^{1/2}). \end{aligned}$$

Then we apply [9, Lemma 3] to estimate the integral on the right hand side. Substituting the result into the definition of  $G_4^{**}$  we arrive at

$$G_4^{**} = (i\sqrt{\pi})^{-1} T^{5/2} J + O\left(T^{1/2} \int_X^\infty \xi^{-2} |\tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi)| d\xi\right),$$

where

$$J = \int_X^\infty \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) \sin(TV + 2\pi\xi U - \pi\xi + \pi/4)}{\xi^3 V U^{1/2} (U - 1/2)^\sigma (U + 1/2)^{\sigma+2}} d\xi$$

with

$$U = \left(\frac{T}{2\pi\xi} + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{1/2}, \quad V = 2 \operatorname{arsinh} \sqrt{\frac{\pi\xi}{2T}}.$$

Using Lemma 3 we get

$$(5.2) \quad G_4^{**} = (i\sqrt{\pi})^{-1} T^{5/2} J + O(T^{3/4-\sigma}).$$

**6. Evaluation of  $G_4^{**}$  (the second step).** Now our problem is reduced to the evaluation of  $J$ . Consider the truncated integral

$$J(b) = \int_X^b \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi) \sin(TV + 2\pi\xi U - \pi\xi + \pi/4)}{\xi^3 V U^{1/2} (U - 1/2)^\sigma (U + 1/2)^{\sigma+2}} d\xi \quad (b > X),$$

and substitute (2.2) into the right-hand side. By Lemma 1 the series in the expression for  $\tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(\xi)$  are uniformly convergent when  $b$  is finite, so that in  $J(b)$  we can perform termwise integration to obtain

$$(6.1) \quad \begin{aligned} J(b) &= c_1 \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-7/4} J_1(n, b) \\ &\quad + c_4 \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-9/4} J_2(n, b) + O(T^{-\sigma-7/4}), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$J_1(n, b) = \int_X^b \xi^{-7/4-\sigma} \frac{\cos(4\pi\sqrt{n\xi} + \pi/4) \sin(TV + 2\pi\xi U - \pi\xi + \pi/4)}{VU^{1/2}(U - 1/2)^\sigma(U + 1/2)^{\sigma+2}} d\xi$$

and

$$J_2(n, b) = \int_X^b \xi^{-9/4-\sigma} \frac{\cos(4\pi\sqrt{n\xi} - \pi/4) \sin(TV + 2\pi\xi U - \pi\xi + \pi/4)}{VU^{1/2}(U - 1/2)^\sigma(U + 1/2)^{\sigma+2}} d\xi.$$

Hence our task is to evaluate the integral

$$\int_X^b \frac{\exp(i(\pm 4\pi\sqrt{n\xi} - TV - 2\pi\xi U + \pi\xi))}{\xi^{\sigma+\mu} VU^{1/2}(U^2 - 1/4)^\sigma(U + 1/2)^2} d\xi = \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^\sigma I_\mu(n, b; \pm),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I_\mu(n, b; \pm) &= \int_{\sqrt{X}}^{\sqrt{b}} x^{1-2\mu} \left(\operatorname{arsinh}\left(x\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2T}}\right)\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{T}{2\pi x^2} + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1/4} \\ &\quad \times \left(\left(\frac{T}{2\pi x^2} + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2} \exp\left\{i\left(\pm 4\pi x\sqrt{n} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - 2T \operatorname{arsinh}\left(x\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2T}}\right) - (2\pi T x^2 + \pi^2 x^4)^{1/2} + \pi x^2\right)\right\} dx. \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 4. For  $b \geq T^2$  and for  $\mu = 7/4$  or  $\mu = 9/4$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_\mu(n, b; \pm) &= 2\delta_n \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 n^{\mu-\sigma-1} \left(\frac{T}{2\pi} - n\right)^{7/2+2\sigma-2\mu} \left(\log \frac{T}{2\pi n}\right)^{-1} \\ &\quad \times \exp\left(i\left(T - T \log \frac{T}{2\pi n} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right) \\ &\quad + O\left(\delta_n n^{\mu-\sigma-1} \left(\frac{T}{2\pi} - n\right)^{2+2\sigma-2\mu} T^{-3/2}\right) + O(e^{-cT-c\sqrt{nT}}) \\ &\quad + O\left(X^{1/2+\sigma-\mu} \min\left\{1, \left|\pm 2\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{X} - \left(X + \frac{2T}{\pi}\right)^{1/2}\right|^{-1}\right\}\right) \\ &\quad + O(b^{1/2+\sigma-\mu} n^{-1/2}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  is a positive constant and

$$\delta_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq n < T/(2\pi), \ nX \leq (T/(2\pi) - n)^2 \\ & \text{and the double sign takes } +, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This is a slight modification of Lemma 3 of Atkinson [1], and we omit the proof.

We have  $\delta_n = 1$  if and only if  $1 \leq n \leq B(T, \sqrt{X})$  and the double sign takes  $+$ . Apply the above lemma to  $J_2(n, b)$ , and substitute the result into (6.1). The contribution of the error term including  $b$  vanishes as  $b$  tends to infinity. Noting that  $B(T, \sqrt{X}) \ll T$  and  $T/2\pi - B(T, \sqrt{X}) \gg T$ , we conclude that the total contribution of  $J_2(n, b)$  to  $J$  is  $O(T^{-\sigma-7/4})$ .

Next, applying Lemma 4 to  $J_1(n, b)$ , we have

$$(6.2) \quad J_1(n, b) = -\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^\sigma \left\{ \delta_n \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 n^{3/4} \left(\log \frac{T}{2\pi n}\right)^{-1} \right. \\ \left. \times \sin\left(T - T \log \frac{T}{2\pi n} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + O(R_1 + R_2 + R_3^+ + R_3^- + R_4) \right\},$$

where

$$R_1 = \delta_n n^{3/4} \left(\frac{T}{2\pi} - n\right)^{-3/2} T^{-3/2}, \\ R_2 = e^{-cT - c\sqrt{nT}}, \\ R_3^\pm = X^{-5/4} \min\left\{1, \left|\pm 2\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{X} - \left(X + \frac{2T}{\pi}\right)^{1/2}\right|^{-1}\right\}, \\ R_4 = b^{-5/4} n^{-1/2}.$$

The contribution of the error term  $R_4$  to  $J(b)$  vanishes as  $b$  tends to infinity. The contribution of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  can be easily estimated by  $O(T^{-3})$ . The contribution of  $R_3^+$  is

$$\ll T^{-\sigma-5/4} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-7/4} \min\{1, |2(\sqrt{n} - \sqrt{B(T, \sqrt{X})})|^{-1}\} \\ = T^{-\sigma-5/4} \left( \sum_{n \leq B/2} + \sum_{B/2 < n \leq B - \sqrt{B}} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{B - \sqrt{B} < n \leq B + \sqrt{B}} + \sum_{B + \sqrt{B} < n < 2B} + \sum_{2B \leq n} \right) \\ = T^{-\sigma-5/4} (R_{31} + R_{32} + R_{33} + R_{34} + R_{35}),$$

say, where  $B = B(T, \sqrt{X})$ . Since  $B \asymp T$  it is easy to see that  $R_{31} = O(T^{\sigma-5/4} \log T)$  and  $R_{35} = O(T^{\sigma-5/4})$ . Next,

$$(6.3) \quad R_{32} \ll B^{1/2} \sum_{B/2 < n \leq B - \sqrt{B}} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-7/4} (B - n)^{-1} \\ \ll B^{\sigma-5/4} \sum_{\sqrt{B} \leq n \leq B/2} n^{-1} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}([B] - n),$$

where  $[B]$  means the greatest integer  $\leq B$ . For any positive numbers  $x$  and

$y$ , the elementary estimate

$$(6.4) \quad \sum_{x < n \leq x+y} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \ll y + \sqrt{x}$$

holds (see Matsumoto–Meurman [10, (2.1)]). By using this inequality and partial summation, the last sum in (6.3) can be estimated by  $O(\log T)$ , whence  $R_{32} = O(T^{\sigma-5/4} \log T)$ . Quite similarly, we have  $R_{34} = O(T^{\sigma-5/4} \log T)$ . Also, since

$$R_{33} \ll \sum_{B-\sqrt{B} < n \leq B+\sqrt{B}} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-7/4},$$

the estimate  $R_{33} = O(T^{\sigma-5/4})$  follows by using (6.4) again. Hence, the total contribution of  $R_3^+$  is  $O(T^{-5/2} \log T)$ , and likewise for  $R_3^-$ , because  $R_3^- \leq R_3^+$  for any  $n$ . Therefore we now arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} J &= -c_1 \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^{\sigma+2} \sum_{n \leq B} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-1} \\ &\quad \times \left(\log \frac{T}{2\pi n}\right)^{-1} \sin\left(T - T \log \frac{T}{2\pi n} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + O(T^{-5/2} \log T), \end{aligned}$$

which by (5.2) implies

$$G_4^{**} = -i\Sigma_{2,\sigma}(T, X) + O(\log T),$$

since  $c_1 = -1/(2\pi^2\sqrt{2})$ . Combining this with (4.2) and (3.6) gives

$$G_4 = i\Sigma_{2,\sigma}(T, X) + O(\log T).$$

Combining this with (3.7)–(3.9) and (3.1), we obtain (1.2) when  $X$  is not an integer. This last condition can be removed, because we can easily show that  $\Sigma_{j,\sigma}(T, X) - \Sigma_{j,\sigma}(T, X') \ll 1$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) if  $X - X' \ll \sqrt{T}$ , by using (6.4) and the fact that  $B(T, \sqrt{X}) - B(T, \sqrt{X'}) \ll \sqrt{T}$ . The proof of Theorem 1 is, therefore, now complete.

**7. An averaged formula.** Now we consider the mean square of  $E_\sigma(T)$ . To prove the weak estimate (1.8), Theorem 1 is enough. But the proof of Theorem 2 requires the following ideas: the averaging technique introduced in Meurman [12]; the application of Montgomery–Vaughan’s inequality as Preissmann [17] did; the application of the mean value theorem for Dirichlet polynomials similarly to Matsumoto–Meurman [10]. In this section we prove an averaged formula for  $E_\sigma(T)$ .

From (3.1) and (3.6)–(3.9) we get

$$E_\sigma(T) = \Sigma_{1,\sigma}(T, X) - iG_4^* - iG_4^{**} + O(1)$$

for  $X \asymp T$ . We average with respect to  $X$ . Let  $X = (L + \mu)^2$ , where  $L \asymp \sqrt{T}$ ,  $0 \leq \mu \leq M$  and  $M \asymp \sqrt{T}$ .

We note that in Matsumoto–Meurman [10] we chose  $M \asymp T^{1/4}$ . This was necessary to get  $O(T^{-1/4})$  in [10, (3.29)]. In the present situation  $O(1)$  is enough (and in fact the best we can get for  $\sigma = 3/4$ ), and hence we may choose  $M \asymp \sqrt{T}$ .

We have

$$\frac{1}{M} \int_0^M \Sigma_{1,\sigma}(T, (L + \mu)^2) d\mu = \Sigma_{1,\sigma}^*(T, L, M),$$

where  $\Sigma_{1,\sigma}^*(T, L, M)$  is the same as  $\Sigma_{1,\sigma}(T, (L + M)^2)$  except that its terms are multiplied by the function

$$w_1(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \leq L^2, \\ 1 + \frac{L}{M} - \frac{\sqrt{n}}{M} & \text{if } L^2 < n \leq (L + M)^2. \end{cases}$$

From (3.6) and (4.1) we have

$$G_4^* \ll T^{-1/2} |\tilde{\Delta}_{1-2\sigma}(X)|.$$

Hence, using Lemma 3, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{M} \int_0^M G_4^* d\mu \ll 1.$$

From (5.2) we have

$$\frac{1}{M} \int_0^M G_4^{**} d\mu = (i\sqrt{\pi})^{-1} T^{5/2} \frac{1}{M} \int_0^M J d\mu + O(1)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{M} \int_0^M J d\mu = c_1 \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^\sigma \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-7/4} K_n + O(T^{-7/4-\sigma}),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K_n &= \frac{1}{M} \int_0^M \int_{L+\mu}^\infty x^{-5/2} \left( \operatorname{arsinh} \left( x \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2T}} \right) \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{T}{2\pi x^2} + \frac{1}{4} \right)^{-1/4} \\ &\quad \times \left( \left( \frac{T}{2\pi x^2} + \frac{1}{4} \right)^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^{-2} \sin(f(T, x^2) - \pi x^2 + \pi/2) \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \cos(4\pi x\sqrt{n} + \pi/4) + c_1^{-1} c_4 \frac{1}{x\sqrt{n}} \cos(4\pi x\sqrt{n} - \pi/4) \right\} dx d\mu. \end{aligned}$$

This is obtained by applying Lemma 1, and the constants  $c_1$  and  $c_4$  are as in Lemma 1. The change of the summation and the integrations can be



justified as in Matsumoto–Meurman [10]. We can evaluate  $K_n$  by Jutila [8, Theorem 2.2]. The saddle point is  $x_0 = n^{-1/2}(T/(2\pi) - n)$ . Note that  $c_0 = 1$  in Jutila’s theorem. We get

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_n &= -w_2(n, T) \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 n^{3/4} \left(\log \frac{T}{2\pi n}\right)^{-1} \cos(g(T, n)) \\
 &\quad + O\left(M^{-1}T^{-5/4} \sum_{j=0}^1 \min\{1, (\sqrt{n} - \sqrt{B(T, L + jM)})^{-2}\}\right) \\
 &\quad + O(R(n)T^{-5/2}n^{3/4}),
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$w_2(n, T) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < B(T, L + M), \\ \frac{1}{M} \left(\frac{T}{2\pi\sqrt{n}} - \sqrt{n} - L\right) & \text{if } B(T, L + M) \leq n < B(T, L), \\ 0 & \text{if } n \geq B(T, L) \end{cases}$$

and

$$R(n) = \begin{cases} T^{-1/2} & \text{if } n < B(T, L + M), \\ 1 & \text{if } B(T, L + M) \leq n < B(T, L), \\ 0 & \text{if } n \geq B(T, L). \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{M} \int_0^M J d\mu &= -c_1 \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^{\sigma+2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-1} w_2(n, T) \\
 &\quad \times \left(\log \frac{T}{2\pi n}\right)^{-1} \cos(g(T, n)) + O(T^{-5/2}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Collecting the above results, we now obtain

$$(7.1) \quad E_\sigma(T) = \Sigma_{1,\sigma}^*(T, L, M) - \Sigma_{2,\sigma}^*(T, L, M) + O(1),$$

where  $\Sigma_{2,\sigma}^*(T, L, M)$  is the same as  $\Sigma_{2,\sigma}(T, B(T, L))$  except that its terms are multiplied by  $w_2(n, T)$ .

**8. Proof of Theorem 2.** Let  $T \leq t \leq 2T$ . From (7.1) with  $L = M = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{T}$  we have

$$E_\sigma(t) = \Sigma_{1,\sigma}^*(t, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{T}, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{T}) - \Sigma_{2,\sigma}^*(t, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{T}, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{T}) + O(1).$$

We shall prove that

$$(8.1) \quad \int_T^{2T} (\Sigma_{1,\sigma}^*(t, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{T}, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{T}))^2 dt = \begin{cases} \zeta^2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \frac{\zeta(2)}{\zeta(3)} T \log T + O(T) & \text{if } \sigma = \frac{3}{4}, \\ O(T) & \text{if } \sigma > \frac{3}{4}, \end{cases}$$

and that

$$(8.2) \quad \int_T^{2T} (\Sigma_{2,\sigma}^*(t, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{T}, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{T}))^2 dt = O(T).$$

Theorem 2 then follows easily.

Consider the left-hand side of (8.1). We square out and integrate term by term. The non-diagonal terms give  $O(T)$ , as in Matsumoto–Meurman [10]. The diagonal terms contribute

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \leq T} w_1(n)^2 n^{2\sigma-2} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n)^2 \\ & \quad \times \int_T^{2T} \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)^{1-2\sigma} \left(\operatorname{arsinh} \sqrt{\frac{\pi n}{2t}}\right)^{-2} \left(\frac{2t}{\pi n} + 1\right)^{-1/2} dt \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \leq T} w_1(n)^2 n^{2\sigma-2} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n)^2 \\ & \quad \times \int_T^{2T} \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)^{1-2\sigma} \left(\operatorname{arsinh} \sqrt{\frac{\pi n}{2t}}\right)^{-2} \left(\frac{2t}{\pi n} + 1\right)^{-1/2} \cos(2f(t, n)) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used the formula  $\cos^2 z = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2z)$ . The second sum is  $O(T^{2-2\sigma})$ , which we can see by estimating the integral by Ivić [5, Lemma 15.3]. For the first sum we use

$$(\operatorname{arsinh} z)^{-2} = z^{-2} + O(1) \quad (z \rightarrow 0)$$

and

$$(z + 1)^{-1/2} = z^{-1/2} + O(z^{-3/2}) \quad (z \rightarrow \infty)$$

to deduce that it is equal to

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \leq T} w_1(n)^2 n^{2\sigma-2} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n)^2 \int_T^{2T} \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)^{1-2\sigma} \left(\frac{2t}{\pi n}\right)^{1/2} dt + O(T).$$

For  $\sigma > 3/4$  this is  $O(T)$ , proving the second part of (8.1). For  $\sigma = 3/4$  the above is equal to

$$T \sum_{n \leq T} w_1(n)^2 n^{-1} \sigma_{-1/2}(n)^2 + O(T) = T \sum_{n \leq T/4} n^{-1} \sigma_{-1/2}(n)^2 + O(T),$$

because the terms with  $T/4 < n \leq T$  contribute  $O(T)$  and for  $n \leq T/4$  we have  $w_1(n) = 1$ . By Titchmarsh [18, (1.3.3)] and Perron’s formula we get

$$\sum_{n \leq T/4} n^{-1} \sigma_{-1/2}(n)^2 = \frac{\zeta^2(3/2)\zeta(2)}{\zeta(3)} \log T + O(1),$$

which proves the first part of (8.1).

Next we prove (8.2). The left-hand side of (8.2) is

$$(8.3) \quad \ll T^{1-2\sigma} \int_T^{2T} \left| \sum_n w_2(n, t) \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-1+it} \left( \log \frac{t}{2\pi n} \right)^{-1} \right|^2 dt.$$

We proceed to remove the factor  $w_2(n, t)/\log(t/(2\pi n))$  in the above sum by partial summation. We have  $B(t, \sqrt{T}) \geq \alpha T$  for some sufficiently small positive  $\alpha$ . Consequently,  $w_2(n, t) = 1$  for  $n \leq \alpha T$ . For  $n > \alpha T$  we have  $w_2(n+1, t) - w_2(n, t) \ll T^{-1}$ . It follows that

$$(8.4) \quad w_2(n+1, t) \left( \log \frac{t}{2\pi(n+1)} \right)^{-1} - w_2(n, t) \left( \log \frac{t}{2\pi n} \right)^{-1} \ll \left( n \log^2 \frac{t}{2\pi n} \right)^{-1} \ll \left( n \log^2 \frac{T}{n} \right)^{-1}.$$

In particular, since  $w_2(n, t) = 0$  for  $n \geq B(t, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{T})$ , we have

$$(8.5) \quad w_2(\beta, t) \left( \log \frac{t}{2\pi\beta} \right)^{-1} \ll T^{-1},$$

where  $\beta$  means the greatest integer  $\leq B(t, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{T})$ . Now using (8.4), (8.5) and partial summation we see that the sum  $\sum_n$  in (8.3) is

$$\ll T^{-1} \left| \sum_{n=1}^{\beta} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-1+it} \right| + \sum_{n=1}^{\beta-1} \left( n \log^2 \frac{T}{n} \right)^{-1} \left| \sum_{m=1}^n \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(m) m^{\sigma-1+it} \right|.$$

The first sum here is trivially  $O(T^\sigma)$ , so its contribution to the left-hand side of (8.2) is  $O(1)$ . Hence it remains to show that

$$\int_T^{2T} \left( \sum_{n \leq T/2} \left( n \log^2 \frac{T}{n} \right)^{-1} \left| \sum_{m=1}^n \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(m) m^{\sigma-1+it} \right| \right)^2 dt \ll T^{2\sigma},$$

since  $\beta - 1 \leq T/2$ . Here we use Schwarz's inequality, take the integration under the summation and use the mean value theorem for Dirichlet polynomials (see Ivić [5, Theorem 5.2]). We also need the elementary estimate

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n)^2 \ll x$$

(see [10, §2]). Then (8.2) follows and the proof of Theorem 2 is complete.

**9. Proof of Theorem 3.** In this final section we assume  $1/2 < \sigma < 3/4$ . Let  $G$  be a parameter satisfying  $G = o(T)$ . Our first goal is to deduce from (1.2) a suitable expression for  $E_\sigma(T+u)$ , where  $|u| \leq G$ . In (1.2) we take  $X = T$ . For  $n \leq T$  and  $|u| \leq G$  we find by straightforward calculation that

$$e(T+u, n) = e(T, n)(1 + O(|u|T^{-1})) = O(1),$$

$$(T + u)^{3/4-\sigma} = T^{3/4-\sigma}(1 + O(|u|T^{-1})),$$

and

$$f(T + u, n) = f(T, n) + 2u \operatorname{arsinh} \sqrt{\frac{\pi n}{2T}} + u^2 d(T, n) + O(|u|^3 T^{-2}),$$

where  $d(T, n)$  is real and

$$(9.1) \quad d(T, n) \ll T^{-1}$$

(see Meurman [11, p. 363]). We have

$$B(T + u, \sqrt{T}) = c_6 T + O(|u|),$$

where

$$(9.2) \quad c_6 = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{2} + \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2} \right)^{-1} < \frac{1}{4\pi^2}.$$

For  $n \leq B(T + u, \sqrt{T})$  and  $|u| \leq G$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (T + u)^{1/2-\sigma} &= T^{1/2-\sigma}(1 + O(|u|T^{-1})), \\ \left( \log \frac{T + u}{2\pi n} \right)^{-1} &= \left( \log \frac{T}{2\pi n} \right)^{-1} + O(|u|T^{-1}), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$g(T + u, n) = g(T, n) + u \log \frac{T}{2\pi n} + \frac{u^2}{2T} + O(|u|^3 T^{-2}).$$

Using these facts and (6.4), it may be easily deduced from (1.2) that for  $|u| \leq G$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (9.3) \quad E_\sigma(T + u) &= \sqrt{2} \left( \frac{T}{2\pi} \right)^{3/4-\sigma} \sum_{n \leq T} a(n) e(T, n) \\ &\quad \times \cos \left( f(T, n) + 2u \operatorname{arsinh} \sqrt{\frac{\pi n}{2T}} + u^2 d(T, n) \right) \\ &\quad - 2 \left( \frac{T}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2-\sigma} \sum_{n \leq c_6 T} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-1} \left( \log \frac{T}{2\pi n} \right)^{-1} \\ &\quad \times \cos \left( g(T, n) + u \log \frac{T}{2\pi n} + \frac{u^2}{2T} \right) \\ &\quad + O(\log T) + O(G^3 T^{-3/2}) + O(GT^{-1/2}), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$a(n) = (-1)^n \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-5/4}.$$

Set  $Z = \sqrt{2T/\pi Y}$ , and suppose that  $Y$  satisfies

$$(9.4) \quad 1 \leq Y \leq T^{1/4}.$$

Our next goal is to deduce from (9.3) an expression for

$$(9.5) \quad E_\sigma(T, Y) = \int_{-G/Z}^{G/Z} E_\sigma(T + Zt)e^{-t^2} dt.$$

For this purpose we have to consider the integrals

$$(9.6) \quad I_1(n) = \int_{-G/Z}^{G/Z} \exp\left(2iZ\left(\operatorname{arsinh}\sqrt{\frac{\pi n}{2T}}\right)t - (1 - id(T, n)Z^2)t^2\right) dt$$

( $n \leq T$ )

and

$$(9.7) \quad I_2(n) = \int_{-G/Z}^{G/Z} \exp\left(iZ\left(\log\frac{T}{2\pi n}\right)t - \left(1 - \frac{iZ^2}{2T}\right)t^2\right) dt$$

( $n \leq c_6T$ ).

By the general formula

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(At - Bt^2) dt = (\pi/B)^{1/2} \exp(A^2/4B) \quad (\operatorname{Re}(B) > 0)$$

(see Ivić [5, (A.38)]) we get

$$I_1(n) = \left(\frac{\pi}{1 - id(T, n)Z^2}\right)^{1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{(Z \operatorname{arsinh}\sqrt{\pi n/2T})^2}{1 - id(T, n)Z^2}\right) + O(e^{-(G/Z)^2})$$

and

$$I_2(n) = \left(\frac{\pi}{1 - iZ^2/2T}\right)^{1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{(Z \log(T/2\pi n))^2}{4 - 2iZ^2/T}\right) + O(e^{-(G/Z)^2}).$$

Suppose now that  $G \geq T^{1/2+\varepsilon}$  for some fixed positive  $\varepsilon$ . Then  $\exp(-(G/Z)^2) \ll \exp(-T^\varepsilon)$ . In case  $n \leq Y^2$  we have

$$\left(\frac{\pi}{1 - id(T, n)Z^2}\right)^{1/2} = \pi^{1/2} + O(Z^2T^{-1}) = \pi^{1/2} + O(Y^{-1})$$

by (9.1), since  $d(T, n)$  is real. Also, using (9.4) and the formula  $\operatorname{arsinh} x = x + O(x^3)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{(Z \operatorname{arsinh}\sqrt{\pi n/2T})^2}{1 - id(T, n)Z^2} &= -Z^2\frac{\pi n}{2T} + O\left(\left(\frac{Zn}{T}\right)^2\right) + O(Z^4T^{-2}n) \\ &= -nY^{-1} + O(nY^{-2}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence it follows that, for  $n \leq Y^2$ ,

$$(9.8) \quad \begin{aligned} I_1(n) &= \pi^{1/2} e^{-n/Y} (1 + O(Y^{-1}) + O(nY^{-2})) + O(\exp(-T^\varepsilon)) \\ &= \pi^{1/2} e^{-n/Y} + O(n^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

In case  $Y^2 < n \leq T$  we have

$$(9.9) \quad \begin{aligned} I_1(n) &\ll \exp(-c_7 Z^2 n/T) + \exp(-T^\varepsilon) \\ &= \exp(-2c_7 n/\pi Y) + \exp(-T^\varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

with some positive  $c_7$ . For any  $n \leq c_6 T$  we have

$$(9.10) \quad I_2(n) \ll \exp\left(-c_8 \left(Z \log \frac{T}{2\pi c_6 T}\right)^2\right) + \exp(-T^\varepsilon) \ll \exp(-T^\varepsilon)$$

with some positive  $c_8$ . By (9.3) and (9.5)–(9.7) we get

$$\begin{aligned} E_\sigma(T, Y) &= \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{T}{2\pi}\right)^{3/4-\sigma} \sum_{n \leq T} a(n) e(T, n) \operatorname{Re}(e^{if(T, n)} I_1(n)) \\ &\quad - 2 \left(\frac{T}{2\pi}\right)^{1/2-\sigma} \sum_{n \leq c_6 T} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) n^{\sigma-1} \left(\log \frac{T}{2\pi n}\right)^{-1} \\ &\quad \times \operatorname{Re}(e^{ig(T, n)} I_2(n)) + O(G^3 T^{-3/2}). \end{aligned}$$

Here we have combined the error terms using  $G \geq T^{1/2+\varepsilon}$ . Then we use (9.8)–(9.10) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} E_\sigma(T, Y) &= \sqrt{2\pi} \left(\frac{T}{2\pi}\right)^{3/4-\sigma} \sum_{n \leq Y^2} a(n) e(T, n) e^{-n/Y} \cos(f(T, n)) \\ &\quad + O(G^3 T^{-3/2}) + O(T^{3/4-\sigma}). \end{aligned}$$

Now we choose  $G = T^{3/4-\sigma/3}$  whence  $T^{1/2+\varepsilon} \leq G = o(T)$  with  $\varepsilon = 1/4 - \sigma/3$ , as required. Then, since  $e(T, n) = 1 + O(n/T)$  and

$$f(T, n) = \sqrt{8\pi nT} - \pi/4 + O(n^{3/2} T^{-1/2})$$

(see [5, (15.74), (15.75)]), and noting (9.4), we get easily

$$(9.11) \quad E_\sigma(T, Y) = \sqrt{2\pi} \left(\frac{T}{2\pi}\right)^{3/4-\sigma} (S(T, Y) + O(1)),$$

where

$$(9.12) \quad S(T, Y) = \sum_{n \leq Y^2} a(n) e^{-n/Y} \cos(\sqrt{8\pi nT} - \pi/4).$$

From (9.5) and (9.11) it is clear that Theorem 3 follows from

LEMMA 5. For any positive  $T_1$  we can choose  $T \geq T_1$  and  $Y$  satisfying (9.4) for which

$$(9.13) \quad S(T, Y) \geq 10^{-11} \zeta(2\sigma)^{-2} (\log T)^{\sigma-1/4}.$$

To prove Lemma 5, we shall first obtain a lower bound for the sum

$$\varrho(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} (-1)^n \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n).$$

LEMMA 6. There exists a constant  $c_9 = c_9(\sigma) \geq 1$  such that  $\varrho(x) \geq x/12$  for any  $x \geq c_9$ .

Proof. Since

$$\sigma_{1-2\sigma}(2n) \geq 1 + 2^{1-2\sigma} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n)$$

and

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \sim \zeta(2\sigma)x$$

(see (1.4)), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho(x) &= 2 \sum_{n \leq x/2} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(2n) - \sum_{n \leq x} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \\ &\geq 2[x/2] + 2^{2-2\sigma} \sum_{n \leq x/2} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) - \sum_{n \leq x} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \\ &\sim (1 + (2^{1-2\sigma} - 1)\zeta(2\sigma))x. \end{aligned}$$

By Titchmarsh [18, (2.2.1)], the coefficient of  $x$  equals

$$1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} n^{-2\sigma} \geq 2^{-2\sigma} - 3^{-2\sigma} \geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3^{-3/2} > \frac{1}{12},$$

which completes the proof of Lemma 6.

We denote by  $q$  the greatest integer  $\leq 10^8 \zeta(2\sigma)^2$ . Clearly we may suppose that  $T_1 \geq \exp((c_9 q)^4)$ . Let  $Y = \log T_1$ . Then  $Y \geq 1$ , as required in (9.4). We apply Dirichlet's theorem (see Ivić [5, Lemma 9.1]) to find a  $T$  satisfying

$$T_1 \leq T \leq T_1 q^{2qY}, \quad \|\sqrt{2nT/\pi}\| \leq q^{-1} \quad (1 \leq n \leq qY),$$

where  $\|x\|$  denotes the distance of  $x$  from the nearest integer. Then  $Y \leq \log T \leq T^{1/4}$  as required in (9.4). Moreover, it follows that

$$\log T \leq \log T_1 + 2qY \log q \leq q^2 Y$$

whence

$$(9.14) \quad Y^{\sigma-1/4} \geq q^{1/2-2\sigma} (\log T)^{\sigma-1/4} \geq q^{-1} (\log T)^{\sigma-1/4}.$$

Another consequence is that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (9.15) \quad & \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \cos(\sqrt{8\pi nT} - \pi/4) \right| \\
 &= |\cos(-\pi/4) - \cos(\pm 2\pi \|\sqrt{2nT/\pi}\| - \pi/4)| \\
 &\leq 2\pi \|\sqrt{2nT/\pi}\| \leq 2\pi q^{-1} \quad (1 \leq n \leq qY).
 \end{aligned}$$

By a simple elementary argument we have

$$(9.16) \quad \sum_{n \leq x} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \leq \zeta(2\sigma)x.$$

Hence

$$\sum_{n \leq x} |a(n)| \leq 4\zeta(2\sigma)x^{\sigma-1/4}$$

and

$$\sum_{n > x} |a(n)|n^{-1} \leq 3\zeta(2\sigma)x^{\sigma-5/4}.$$

Using the last two inequalities and (9.15) we get

$$(9.17) \quad S(T, Y) = S_1(Y) - S_2(Y) - S_3(Y),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 (9.18) \quad S_1(Y) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n \leq qY} a(n)e^{-n/Y}, \\
 S_2(Y) &= \sum_{n \leq qY} a(n)e^{-n/Y} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \cos(\sqrt{8\pi nT} - \pi/4) \right) \\
 &\leq 2\pi q^{-1} \sum_{n \leq qY} |a(n)| \leq 8\pi\zeta(2\sigma)q^{-1/2}Y^{\sigma-1/4},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (9.19) \quad S_3(Y) &= - \sum_{qY < n \leq Y^2} a(n)e^{-n/Y} \cos(\sqrt{8\pi nT} - \pi/4) \\
 &\leq Y \sum_{n > qY} |a(n)|n^{-1} \leq 3\zeta(2\sigma)q^{-1/2}Y^{\sigma-1/4}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Consider  $S_1(Y)$ . We define  $\phi(x) = x^{\sigma-5/4}e^{-x/Y}$ . Then

$$\phi'(x) = -\left(\left(\frac{5}{4} - \sigma\right)x^{-1} + Y^{-1}\right)\phi(x),$$

which is negative, and for  $1 \leq x \leq c_9$  we have  $|\phi'(x)| \leq 2/x$ . Using these facts, (9.16) and partial summation we get

$$S_1(Y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n \leq qY} (-1)^n \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \phi(n) = S_{11}(Y) - S_{12}(Y) - S_{13}(Y),$$



where

$$S_{11}(Y) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{c_9}^{qY} \phi'(x)\varrho(x) dx ,$$

$$S_{12}(Y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_1^{c_9} \phi'(x)\varrho(x) dx \leq \sqrt{2}\zeta(2\sigma)c_9 \leq \zeta(2\sigma)q^{-1/2}Y^{\sigma-1/4} ,$$

$$S_{13}(Y) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi(qY)\varrho(qY) \leq \zeta(2\sigma)q^{-1/2}Y^{\sigma-1/4} .$$

Consider  $S_{11}(Y)$ . Since  $Y \geq c_9$ , we get, by Lemma 6,

$$S_{11}(Y) \geq -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_Y^{qY} \phi'(x)\varrho(x) dx \geq -\frac{Y}{12\sqrt{2}} \int_Y^{qY} \phi'(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{Y}{12\sqrt{2}}(\phi(Y) - \phi(qY)) \geq \frac{1}{100}Y^{\sigma-1/4} .$$

Hence

$$S_1(Y) \geq \left( \frac{1}{100} - 2\zeta(2\sigma)q^{-1/2} \right) Y^{\sigma-1/4} .$$

Combined with (9.17)–(9.19) and (9.14) this gives

$$S(T, Y) \geq c_{10}Y^{\sigma-1/4} \geq c_{10}q^{-1}(\log T)^{\sigma-1/4} ,$$

where  $c_{10} = \frac{1}{100} - (8\pi + 5)\zeta(2\sigma)q^{-1/2}$ . By the choice of  $q$  we have

$$c_{10}q^{-1} \geq \frac{1}{200}q^{-1} > 10^{-11}\zeta(2\sigma)^{-2} ,$$

which completes the proof of Lemma 5, and hence of Theorem 3.

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