



On the frequency of Titchmarsh's phenomenon for $\zeta(s)$ —III

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Abstract. We obtain a lower bound for $\max |\zeta(\frac{1}{2}+it)|$ as t varies over $T < t < T+Y$, where $(\log T)^{1/100} \leq Y \leq T$, as a function of Y ($1/100$ is unimportant). Our lower bound is $\exp \{D(\log Y)^{\frac{1}{2}} (\log \log Y)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\}$ where D is a positive constant. (After submitting this paper for publication we came to know through a preprint of H L Montgomery that he had proved our result in the case $Y=T$. In his proof an essential assumption is Riemann hypothesis and our result is independent of any such unproved hypothesis. However he has other new results which are free from any hypothesis).

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1. Introduction and statement of the result

The object of this paper is to prove the following:

Theorem. Let C be any positive constant, $T \geq 200$, $\log T \geq (200)^{1/C}$, and $(\log T)^C \leq Y \leq T$. Then there exists a positive constant D depending only on C such that

$$\max_{T < t \leq T+Y} |\zeta(\frac{1}{2}+it)| > \exp \left\{ D \left(\frac{\log Y}{\log \log Y} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}.$$

Remark 1. Levinson (1972) proved in his paper, Ω -theorems for the Riemann-zeta function that

$$\max_{1 < t < 2T} |\zeta(\frac{1}{2}+it)|$$

exceeds

$$\exp \left\{ \frac{D_1(\log T)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\log \log T} \right\}.$$

Our result gives an improvement of this result in 2 ways. First when $Y=T$ and next we have a new result with the parameter Y . By taking $Y=T^\theta$ with a constant θ $0 < \theta < 1$ we see that between T and $2T$ there are $\gg T^{1-\theta}$ points t (no two of which, are at a distance ≤ 1) at which $|\zeta(\frac{1}{2}+it)|$ is large.

Remark 2. Our proof runs closely along the lines of Ramachandra's (1974) paper. The new ideas are embodied in lemmas 1 to 4 below.

Remark 3. Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of complex numbers with the following properties. (i) The functions

$$F(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}, \quad (s = \sigma + it),$$

convergent somewhere in the complex plane, can be continued in $\sigma \geq \frac{1}{2}$, $T \leq t \leq T+Y$ analytically and there $|F(s)| \leq T^A$ where A is a constant, (ii) There exists an infinite set S of primes and an integer constant q such that a_n are real and of the same sign (0 can be interpreted of either sign) when n runs through integers composed entirely of the prime factors in S (to the first power) and those of q to any power, (iii) whenever n is of the form $q \prod_{p \in S} p^{b(p)}$ with $b(p) = 0$ or 1 and $b(p) = 0$ for all but finitely many p , $|a_n|$ is bounded below, (iv) There exists a constant D_2 such that for all $x \geq 10$, $\sum_{x < p < D_2 x}^* 1$ (* denotes the restriction to the primes in S) lies between two constant multiples of $x/\log x$ (note: upper bound is always satisfied). Under those conditions we can assert that

$$\max_{T < t < T+Y} |F(\frac{1}{2} + it)| \geq \exp \left\{ D_3 \left(\frac{\log Y}{\log \log Y} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}$$

where the notation is as in the theorem. It is also possible to prove that for every constant σ in $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$ we have

$$\max_{T < t < T+Y} |F(\sigma + it)| \geq \exp \left\{ D_4 \frac{(\log Y)^{1-\sigma}}{\log \log Y} \right\}$$

and that for $(\log \log T)^C \leq Y \leq T$ with $\log \log T \geq (200)^{1/C}$.

$$\max_{T < t < T+Y} |F(1 + it)| > D_5 \log \log Y.$$

The proof of these generalisations are left to the reader. $F(s)$ can be taken for instance $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (an+b)^{-s}$ (where a and b are positive integers) or the zeta function of a ray class in an algebraic number field and so on. It is also possible to formalize the result $[|\zeta(1+it)|]^{-1}$ is infinitely often bigger than $\log \log t$ so as to include the reciprocals of zeta functions, L series of number fields and so on.

2. Proof of the theorem

We will denote the positive constants by E, C_1, C_2, \dots , 0 constants will be absolute and p will denote primes. Let k be a positive integer ≥ 10 . Put

$$(\zeta(s))^k = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_k(n) n^{-s} \quad (\text{Re } s > 1)$$

and then for $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ put $f_k(\sigma) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (d_k(n))^2 n^{-2\sigma}$. Our first object is to obtain sharp upper and lower bounds for $f_k(\sigma)$. This is done in lemmas 1 to 4.

Lemma 1.

Put $A_p = 1 + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (d_k(p^r))^2 p^{-2r\sigma}$ where of course

$d_k(p^r) = \frac{k(k+1)\dots(k+r-1)}{r!} \leq kd_{k+1}(p^{r-1})$ then we have

$$1 + k^2 p^{-2\sigma} < A_p < \left(\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} d_k(p^r) p^{-r\sigma} \right)^2 = (1 - p^{-\sigma})^{-2k}.$$

Also

$$A_p < 1 + k^2 p^{-2\sigma} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (d_{k+1}(p^{r-1}))^2 p^{-2(r-1)\sigma} < 1 + k^2 p^{-2\sigma} (1 - p^{-\sigma})^{-2k+1}$$

Proof. Trivial.

Lemma 2. For $p > k^{1/\sigma}$ we have $(1 - p^{-\sigma})^{-2(k+1)} < (1 - 1/k)^{-2(k+1)} < 1000$, and so for $p > k^{1/\sigma}$ we have $A_p < 1 + 1000 k^2 p^{-2\sigma}$.

Proof. Trivial.

Lemma 3. We have

$$\prod_p (1 + k^2 p^{-2\sigma}) < f_k(\sigma) < \prod_{p > k^{1/\sigma}} (1 + 1000 k^2 p^{-2\sigma}) \prod_{p \leq k^{1/\sigma}} (1 - p^{-\sigma})^{-2k}$$

Proof. Follows from lemmas 1 and 2.

Lemma 4. Put $\delta = \sigma - \frac{1}{2}$ and assume that $\delta \leq (\log k)^{-1}$ (we can also assume that $\delta = O((\log k)^{-1})$). Then there exist positive constants C_1, C_2 such that

$$\exp \{ C_1 k^2 L \} < f_k(\sigma) < \exp \{ C_2 k^2 L \},$$

where $L = \log(e \delta \log k)^{-1}$.

Proof. For $p > (2k)^{1/\sigma}$, $1 + k^2 p^{-2\sigma} > \exp(\frac{1}{2} k^2 p^{-2\sigma})$ since for $0 < x < \frac{1}{2}$, $e^{x/2} < 1 + x$.

We have only to check that $\sum_{p > (2k)^{1/\sigma}} p^{-2\sigma} \gg (\delta \log k)^{-1}$.

To see this put $U_n = 2^n (2k)^{1/\sigma}$ ($n=1, 2, 3, \dots$). We have

$$\sum_{U_n < p < U_{n+1}} p^{-2\sigma} \gg (\log U_{n+1})^{-1} U_{n+1}^{-2\delta} \text{ and if } U_{n+1} \leq k C_3 (\delta \log k)^{-1}$$

then

$$U_{n+1} \leq e C_3 \delta^{-1}$$

and so

$$U_{n+1}^{-2\delta} \geq e^{-2C_3}.$$

If C_3 is a large constant we see that $\sum (\log U_{n+1})^{-1} \gg (\delta \log k)^{-1}$, where U_{n+1} runs over all possible values with $U_2 \leq U_{n+1} \leq e^{C_3 \delta^{-1}}$. This proves the lower bound in the lemma.

To prove the upper bound we see that

$$\log \prod_{p \leq k^{1/\sigma}} (1-p^{-\sigma})^{-2k}$$

is $O(k)^2$ and also that

$$\begin{aligned} & \log \pi (1+1000 k^2 p^{-2\sigma}) \\ & \leq \log \left(\prod_{p \geq k^{1/\sigma}} (1-p^{-2\sigma})^{-1} \right)^{1000k^2} = \log (\zeta(2\sigma) \prod_{p \leq k^{1/\sigma}} (1-p^{-2\sigma})^{1000k^2}). \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\prod_{p \leq k^{1/\sigma}} (1-p^{-2\sigma}) = O\left(\frac{1}{\log k}\right).$$

This proves the lemma completely.

Lemma 5. Let E be a large positive constant and $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} + (\log k)^{-1}$.

Fix k to be the largest integer satisfying $\exp(E k^2 \log k) \leq Y$.

Put $X = Y^{1/10}$. Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (d_k(n))^2 n^{-2\sigma} e^{-2n/X} \gg \exp(C_1 k^2).$$

Also the error in breaking the series at $n = [X (\log X)^3]$ is $O(100^k)$.

Proof. By Lemma 4, $f_k(\sigma)$ lies between $e^{C_1 k^2}$ and $e^{C_2 k^2}$. It suffices to prove that $\sum_{n > X} (d_k(n))^2 n^{-2\sigma}$ does not exceed 1. This is clear since an upper bound for this sum is $X^{-(\log k)^{-1}} f_k(\sigma - (2 \log k)^{-1})$ which is by lemma 4 less than 1 if E is large. The last remark follows from the fact that if $n \geq X (\log X)^3$, $e^{-2n/X} = O(n^{-10})$ and so the total contribution from such terms is $O\left(\left(\sum_1^{\infty} d_k(n) n^{-2}\right)^2\right)$.

Lemma 6. Let now $\max_{T \leq t \leq T+Y} |\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)| = M$. Then there exists a constant C_5 such that in the region $T + (Y/800) \leq t \leq T + Y - Y/800$, $\sigma \geq \frac{1}{2}$ we have

$$\max |\zeta(s)| \leq C_5 (M+1).$$

Proof. It suffices to confine to the sub region $\frac{1}{2} \leq \sigma \leq 2$. Let s_0 be a point at which the maximum is attained. Then we apply maximum modulus principle to the function $\zeta(s)e^{(s-s_0)^{4a+2}}$ (where a is a large positive integer constant depending on C) to the rectangle $T \leq t \leq T+Y, \frac{1}{2} \leq \sigma \leq 2$. The proof follows.

Lemma 7. Let $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} + (\log k)^{-1}$ and $T + Y/400 \leq t \leq T + Y - Y/400$.
Then either

$$\exp(10^{-10} Y) \leq (C_6(M+1))^k$$

or

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_k(n)n^{-s} e^{-n/X} \right| \leq (C_7(M+1))^k.$$

Also the error in breaking off the series at $n = [X(\log X)^3]$ is at most 100^k in absolute value.

Proof. We start with

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_k(n)n^{-s} e^{-n/X} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{2-i\infty}^{2+i\infty} (\zeta(s+w))^k \Gamma(w) X^w dw.$$

We first break off the portions $\text{Im}(s+w) \leq T + Y/600$ and $\text{Im}(s+w) \geq T + Y - Y/600$ of the integral and move the remaining portion to $\text{Re } w = \frac{1}{2} - \sigma$. This proves the lemma.

Lemma 8. Let $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} + (\log k)^{-1}$ and the other parameters as before. Then

$$\int_I \left| \sum_{n < Y^{1/9}} d_k(n)n^{-s} e^{-n/X} \right|^2 dt \gg \sum_{n < Y^{1/9}} \frac{(d_k(n))^2}{n^{2\sigma}} e^{-2n/X} (Y + O(Y^{1/8}))$$

where I is the interval for t given by Lemma 7.

Proof. Follows from the well known result that for arbitrary $\{a_n\}$ and $T \geq 10, N \geq 2$,

$$\int_0^T \left| \sum_{n < N} a_n n^{-it} \right|^2 dt = \sum_{n < N} (T + O(N \log N)) |a_n|^2.$$

The well known result follows on using

$$\left| \log(n/n') \right| \gg \left| \frac{n-n'}{n+n'} \right|$$

for positive integers n, n' .

Lemma 9. Let

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{2} + (\log k)^{-1}.$$

Then there exists a point $s = \sigma + it$, with

$$T + Y/400 \leq t \leq T + Y - Y/400$$

such that

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_k(n) n^{-s} e^{-n/X} \right| > e^{C_8 k^2}.$$

Proof. Follows from lemmas 5 and 8.

Lemma 10. Let k be defined as the largest integer satisfying $\exp(Ek^2 \log k) \leq Y$
(with a large constant E defined already). Then at least one of the following two
inequalities is true:

$$(C_6(M+1))^k \geq \exp(10^{-10} Y), \quad e^{C_8 k^2} \leq ((M+1)C_9)^k \text{ i.e.}$$

$$\log M \geq \min(k, k^{-1} Y).$$

Proof. Follows from lemmas 7 and 9.

Lemma 10 proves the theorem completely.

3. Final remarks

To prove the first result of remark 3 we use $\sum'_{n \leq X} (d_k(n))^2 (nq^k)^{-2\sigma}$ (where n runs through square free integers generated by S , and X defined to be $e^{E'k^2 \log k}$, E' being now a large constant) exceeds $\exp(C'k^2)$. The second result is also proved similarly. We take

$$X = \prod_{p < k^{1/\sigma}} p$$

and the lower bound $\prod_{p < k^{1/\sigma}} (1 + k^2 p^{-2\sigma})$ for $f_k(\sigma)$, (here \prod' denotes primes in S).

The last result in remark 3 follows by

$$\prod_p \left(1 + \sum_{r=1}^k p^{2\sigma r} \left(\frac{k(k-1)\dots(k-r+1)}{r!} \right)^2 \right) >$$

$$\prod_{p < k^{1/\sigma}} \prod_{(\log k)^{-2}} \left\{ p^{-2\sigma r} p \left(\frac{k(k-1)\dots(k-r_p+1)}{r_p!} \right)^2 \right\}$$

where $r_p = [kp^{-\sigma}]$. We define X to be $\prod_{p < k^{1/\sigma}} (p^r p)$.

We have then to use asymptotic formulae for $n!$. Also for this result we need in place of $|F(s)| \leq T^A$ in the region mentioned, the result $|F(s)| \leq (\log T)^A$ in the region $T \leq t \leq T+Y, \sigma \geq 1$, we need analytic continuation in $\sigma \geq 1$ and no further information for $F(s)$ in $\sigma < 1$ is required. More precise information than the above theorems about $|\zeta(s)|$ is contained (by way of upper bounds for the maximum, for some set of values of T and Y) without any hypothesis, in Ramachandra's (1977) paper.

Appendix

Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of complex numbers such that the dirichlet series

$$f(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}$$

is convergent for some s . For each positive integer k define

$$(f(s))^k = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_k(n) n^{-s}.$$

Suppose $f(s)$ can be continued analytically in $\sigma \geq \alpha, T \leq t \leq T+Y$ where Y is as in theorem 1, and in that region satisfies $|f(s)| \leq T^A$.

Put

$$M = \max_{T \leq t \leq T+Y} |f(\alpha+it)|.$$

Then arguing on the line $\alpha + (\log Y)^{-1}$ as in the proof of theorem 1 (note that the first conclusion of lemma 7 is unnecessary if we choose $X = Y^{\frac{1}{2}}$) we are led to the following theorem.

Theorem 2. There exist positive constants C_{10} and C_{11} independent of α, k and Y such that

$$M + C_{10} > C_{11}(\phi(\alpha, Y, k) (\log Y)^{-2})^{1/2k}$$

for every k , where

$$\phi(\alpha, Y, k) = \sum_{n < Y^{1/10}} |a_k(n)|^2 n^{-2\alpha}.$$

Corollary. Let $\psi(s)$ be an analytic function in the region $\sigma \geq \alpha, T \leq t \leq T+Y$ and suppose $\psi(s)$ is bounded both above and below by positive constants. Put

$$M_1 = \max_{T \leq t \leq T+Y} \operatorname{Re}(\psi(\alpha+it) f(\alpha+it))$$

$$M_2 = M_1 (\log_2 Y)^2.$$

Then M_2 also satisfies an inequality similar to the conclusion of theorem 2 provided that in addition to $Y \leq T$ we also have $\log Y / \log T \gg 1$.

Remark. Consider the special case $\zeta(s)$. Put

$$\phi_\alpha(X) = \text{maximum of } (\phi(\alpha, X, k))^{1/2k}$$

as k varies over all positive integers. Let α be any constant satisfying $\frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha < 1$. Then the best Ω theorem for $|\zeta(\alpha + it)|$ obtainable by our contributions to the fundamental ideas of Titchmarsh is $|\zeta(\alpha + it)| = \Omega(\phi_\alpha(t))$. It is easy to prove that

$$\log \phi_\alpha(X) \gg \frac{(\log X)^{1-\alpha}}{(\log \log X)^{\theta(\alpha)}}$$

where

$$\theta(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ if } \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } 1 \text{ if } \frac{1}{2} < \alpha < 1.$$

By an ingenious argument Balasubramanian (to appear) has proved that*

$$\log \phi_\alpha(X) \ll \frac{(\log X)^{1-\alpha}}{(\log \log X)^{\theta(\alpha)}}.$$

This shows that either our results are best possible or only slight improvements are possible and ideas entirely different from Titchmarsh's are necessary for such improvements.

Theorem 3. If $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha < 1$, then we have

$$\frac{1}{k} \log \left(\sum_{n < X} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n^{2\sigma}} \right) = O \left(\frac{(\log X)^{1-\sigma}}{(2\sigma-1) \log \log X} \right), \text{ where the } O\text{-constant is}$$

absolute.

Theorem 4. We have

$$\frac{1}{k} \log \left(\sum_{n < X} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n} \right) = O \left(\sqrt{\frac{\log X}{\log \log X}} \right) \text{ where the } O\text{-constant is}$$

absolute.

Proof. For the proof of the theorems, we need the following

*Balasubramanian has simplified his proof very much and the proof as it stands now is not worth publishing separately. So we give it as a continuation of this appendix. (We may also note that in the definition of $\phi_\alpha(X)$, X is arbitrary and should not be confused with the earlier limitation on X .)

Lemma 11. If $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$, then

$$\log \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n^{2\sigma}} = O\left(\frac{k^{1/\sigma}}{(2\sigma-1)\log k}\right)$$

where the O -constant is absolute.

Proof. We have, by an application of lemmas 1 and 2,

$$\begin{aligned} \log \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n^{2\sigma}} &= \sum_{p-1}^{\infty} \log A_p \\ &= \sum_{p \leq k^{1/\sigma}} \log A_p + \sum_{p > k^{1/\sigma}} \log A_p \\ &= O\left(k \sum_{p \leq k^{1/\sigma}} \frac{1}{p^\sigma}\right) + O\left(\sum_{p > k^{1/\sigma}} \frac{k^2}{p^{2\sigma}}\right) \\ &= O\left(\frac{k^{1/\sigma}}{\log k}\right) + O\left(\frac{k^{1/\sigma}}{(2\sigma-1)\log k}\right) \\ &= O\left(\frac{k^{1/\sigma}}{(2\sigma-1)\log k}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Theorem 3. If $\log X^\sigma > k^{1/\sigma}$, then, using lemma 11,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{k} \log \sum_{n < X} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n^{2\sigma}} &= O\left(\frac{1}{k} \log \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n^{2\sigma}}\right) \\ &= O\left(\frac{k^{1/\sigma-1}}{(2\sigma-1)\log k}\right) \\ &= O\left(\frac{(\log X)^{1-\sigma}}{(2\sigma-1)\log \log X}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we can assume that $\log X \leq k^{1/\sigma}$.

Now put $\delta = \frac{k}{(\log X)^\sigma \log \log X}$.

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1}{k} \log \sum_{n < X} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n^{2\sigma}} = O\left(\frac{1}{k} \log \left(X^{2\delta} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n^{2\sigma+2\delta}}\right)\right)$$

which is $O\left(\frac{(\log X)^{1-\sigma}}{\log \log X}\right)$ if $\delta > 10$.

If $\delta < 10$, then, using lemma 11,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{k} \log \sum_{n < X} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n^{2\sigma}} &= O\left(\frac{1}{k} \log \left(X^{2\delta} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n^{2\sigma+2\delta}} \right)\right) \\ &= O\left(\frac{2\delta}{k} \log X\right) + O\left(\frac{K^{(1/\sigma+\delta)-1}}{(2(\sigma+\delta)-1) \log k}\right). \end{aligned}$$

By the choice of δ ,

$$\frac{2\delta}{k} \log X = O\left(\frac{(\log X)^{1-\sigma}}{\log \log X}\right).$$

Since $\delta < 10$, and $k \geq (\log X)^\sigma$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{k^{(1/\sigma+\delta)-1}}{(2(\sigma+\delta)-1) \log k} &= O\left(\frac{k^{1/\sigma-1-\delta/100}}{(2\sigma-1) \log k}\right) \\ &= O\left(\frac{k^{1/\sigma-1}}{(2\sigma-1) \log k} \exp\left(-\frac{\delta}{100} \log k\right)\right) \\ \exp\left(\frac{\delta}{100} \log k\right) &= \exp\left(\frac{k \log k}{100 (\log X)^\sigma \log \log X}\right) \\ &\geq \exp\left(\frac{k}{100 (\log X)^\sigma}\right) \\ &\gg \left(\frac{k}{(\log X)^\sigma}\right)^{1/\sigma-1} \frac{\log k}{\log \log X}, \end{aligned}$$

since

$$e^{a/b} \geq \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^a \frac{\log a}{\log b},$$

uniformly in $0 \leq a \leq 2$ and $b \geq a \geq 2$, as can be easily verified by distinguishing the cases $a < b^2$ and $a \geq b^2$. This completes the proof of theorem 3.

Proof of Theorem 4: Let $\delta = \frac{k}{\sqrt{\log X} \sqrt{\log \log X}}$

$$\text{Now } \frac{1}{k} \log \sum_{n < X} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n} = O\left(\frac{1}{k} \log \left(X^{2\delta} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n^{1+2\delta}} \right)\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= O\left(\frac{2\delta}{k} \log X\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{k} \log \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n^{1+2\delta}}\right) \\
 &= O\left(\sqrt{\frac{\log X}{\log \log X}}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{k} \log \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n^{1+2\delta}}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

If $\log X > k^2 \log k$, then $\delta = O\left(\frac{1}{\log k}\right)$ and consequently, by lemma 4,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{k} \log \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n^{1+2\delta}} &= O\left(k \log \left(\frac{e}{\delta \log k}\right)\right) \\
 &= O\left(k \log \left(\frac{e \sqrt{\log X} \sqrt{\log \log X}}{k \log X}\right)\right) \\
 &= O\left(\frac{\sqrt{\log X}}{\sqrt{\log \log X}}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

as can be easily verified.

If $\log X < k^2 \log k$, then using lemma 11, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{k} \log \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_k^2(n)}{n^{1+2\delta}} &= O\left(\frac{k}{\delta \log k}\right) = O\left(\frac{\sqrt{\log X} \sqrt{\log \log X}}{k \log k}\right) \\
 &= O\left(\frac{\sqrt{\log X}}{\sqrt{\log \log X}}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

and this completes the proof.

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