

**DISTRIBUTION  
OF 2-ADDITIVE FUNCTIONS  
UNDER SOME CONDITIONS**

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**Abstract.** Distribution of 2-additive functions under the condition  $\alpha(n) = k$  is investigated, where  $\alpha(n)$  is the sum of digits in the binary expansion of  $n$ .

**1. Introduction and formulation of the theorems**

Let  $\varepsilon_j(n)$  be the  $j$ 'th digit in the binary expansion of  $n$ ,

$$(1.1) \quad n = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon_j(n) \cdot 2^j, \quad \varepsilon_j(n) \in \{0, 1\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{A}_2$  be the class of 2-additive and  $\mathcal{M}_2$  be the class of 2-multiplicative functions.

A function  $f : \mathbb{N}_0 (= \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}_2$ , if

$$f(0) = 0, \text{ and } f(n) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon_j(n) f(2^j),$$

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and  $g : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{M}_2$ , if

$$g(0) = 1, \text{ and } g(n) := \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} g(\varepsilon_j(n) \cdot 2^j).$$

Let  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_2$  be the set of those  $g \in \mathcal{M}_2$  for which additionally  $|g(n)| = 1$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ) holds.

Let  $\alpha(n) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon_j(n)$  be the so called "sum of digits" function.

Let

$$\mathcal{E}_{N,k} = \{n < 2^N \mid \alpha(n) = k\}, \text{ and}$$

$$\eta = \eta_{N,k} = \frac{k}{N}.$$

Here we continue our work [1].

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $g \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_2$  be such a function for which*

$$(1.2) \quad \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (1 - g(2^j))$$

*is convergent. Let*

$$(1.3) \quad M_\eta := \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} ((1 - \eta) + g(2^j)\eta).$$

*Let  $\delta > 0$  be a constant. Then*

$$\max_{\delta \leq \frac{k}{N} \leq 1 - \delta} \left| \frac{1}{\binom{N}{k}} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{E}_{N,k}} g(n) - M_{\eta_{N,k}} \right| \rightarrow 0 \quad (N \rightarrow \infty).$$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_2$  such that  $\sum f(2^j)$ ,  $\sum f^2(2^j)$  are convergent. Let  $\varphi_\eta(\tau)$  be the characteristic function of  $\Theta = \xi_0 + \xi_1 + \dots$ , where  $\xi_0, \xi_1, \dots$  are independent random variables,*

$$P(\xi_\nu = 0) = 1 - \eta, \quad P(\xi_\nu = f(2^\nu)) = \eta.$$

Thus

$$\varphi_\eta(\tau) = \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} \left( (1-\eta) + \eta \cdot e^{i\tau f(2^j)} \right).$$

Let  $F_\eta(y)$  be the distribution function of  $\Theta$ .

Then

$$\max_{\delta \leq \frac{k}{N} \leq 1-\delta} \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{\binom{N}{k}} \# \{n \in \mathcal{E}_{N,k}, f(n) < y\} - F_\eta(y) \right| \rightarrow 0 \quad (N \rightarrow \infty).$$

Here  $\delta > 0$  is an arbitrary small constant.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_2$ ,  $f(2^j) = O(1)$ . Let  $A_N = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f(2^j)$ ,  $m_N(\eta) := \eta A_N$ ,

$$\sigma_N^2(\eta) = (1-\eta)\eta \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \left( f(2^j) - \frac{A_N}{N} \right)^2$$

$\eta \in [\delta, (1-\delta)]$ ,  $\delta > 0$  be a constant.

Assume that  $\sigma_N^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \rightarrow \infty$  ( $N \rightarrow \infty$ ). Then

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\frac{k}{N} \in [\delta, 1-\delta]} \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{\binom{N}{k}} \# \left\{ n \in \mathcal{E}_{N,k} \left| \frac{f(n) - m_N\left(\frac{k}{N}\right)}{\sigma_N\left(\frac{k}{N}\right)} < y \right. \right\} - \Phi(y) \right| = 0.$$

The proof of this last theorem is very similar to the proof of Theorem 3 in [1], so we omit it.

## 2. Proof of Theorem 1 and 2

It is enough to prove Theorem 1. Theorem 2 follows hence, if we consider  $g_\tau(n) = e^{i\tau f(n)}$  and apply Theorem 1.

The proof is almost the same as that of Theorem 2 in [1].

Let  $M$  be a large fixed integer,  $\arg g(2^j) = h(2^j)$ ,  $h(2^j) \in [-\pi, \pi]$ . From (1.2) we obtain that

$$\sum |1 - g(2^j)|^2 \asymp \sum h^2(2^j) < \infty,$$

and that  $\sum h(2^j)$  is convergent. Thus  $g(2^j) \rightarrow 1$  ( $j \rightarrow \infty$ ). Let  $h$  be defined on  $\mathbb{N}_0$  as a 2-additive function. Then  $g(n) = e^{ih(n)}$ .

Let

$$g_M(n) = \prod_{j=0}^{M-1} g(\varepsilon_j(n) \cdot 2^j), \quad h_M(n) = \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} h(\varepsilon_j(n) \cdot 2^j),$$

$$h_M^*(n) = \sum_{j=M}^{N-1} h(\varepsilon_j(n) \cdot 2^j).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\binom{N}{k}} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{E}_{N,k}} h_M^*(n) &= \sum_{j=M}^{N-1} h(2^j) \cdot \frac{\binom{N-1}{k-1}}{\binom{N}{k}}, \\ \frac{1}{\binom{N}{k}} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{E}_{N,k}} h_M^{*2}(n) &= \sum_{j=M}^{N-1} h^2(2^j) \frac{\binom{N-1}{k-1}}{\binom{N}{k}} + \\ &+ \sum_{\substack{i_1 \neq i_2 \\ M \leq i_1, i_2 \leq N-1}} \frac{\binom{N-2}{k-2}}{\binom{N}{k}} h(2^{i_1}) h(2^{i_2}). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore

$$\frac{\binom{N-1}{k-1}}{\binom{N}{k}} = \frac{k}{N} = \eta, \quad \frac{\binom{N-2}{k-2}}{\binom{N}{k}} = \frac{k(k-1)}{N(N-1)} = \eta^2 \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)\right).$$

Hence we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\binom{N}{k}} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{E}_{N,k}} \left( h_M^*(n) - \eta \sum_{j=M}^{N-1} h(2^j) \right)^2 &\ll_{\eta} \sum_{j=M}^{N-1} h^2(2^j) + \\ &+ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{M \leq i, j \leq N-1} |h(2^i)| \cdot |h(2^j)|. \end{aligned}$$

The right hand side tends to zero as  $M \rightarrow \infty$ . It implies that

$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \max_{\delta \leq \frac{k}{N} \leq 1-\delta} \frac{1}{\binom{N}{k}} \left| \sum_{n \in V_{N,k}} (g(n) - g_M(n)) \right| = \Delta(M) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } M \rightarrow \infty.$$

To estimate  $\frac{1}{\binom{N}{k}} \sum_{n < 2^N} g_M(n)$ , we write each  $n \in \mathcal{E}_{N,k}$  as  $n = t + q^M m$ .

For a fixed  $t$ ,  $n \in \mathcal{E}_{N,k}$  if and only if  $m \in \mathcal{E}_{N-M, k-\alpha(t)}$ , thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\binom{N}{k}} \sum_{n < 2^N} g_M(n) &= \sum_{t=0}^{2^M-1} g(t) \cdot \frac{\binom{N-M}{k-\alpha(t)}}{\binom{N}{k}} = \\ &= \sum_{t=0}^{2^M-1} g(t) \left( \frac{\eta}{1-\eta} \right)^{\alpha(t)} \cdot (1-\eta)^M (1 + o_N(1)) = \\ &= (1 + o_N(1)) (1-\eta)^M \sum_{t=0}^{2^M-1} g(t) \left( \frac{\eta}{1-\eta} \right)^{\alpha(t)} = \\ &= (1 + o_N(1)) (1-\eta)^M \prod_{j=0}^{M-1} \left( 1 + g(2^j) \frac{\eta}{1-\eta} \right) = \\ &= (1 + o_N(1)) \prod_{j=0}^{M-1} ((1-\eta) + g(2^j)\eta). \end{aligned}$$

The relation is uniform as  $\frac{k}{N} \in [\delta, 1-\delta]$ . Hence the theorem is immediate.

### 3. Final remarks

We can prove the following assertions.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $g \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_2$ ,  $\delta > 0$  and assume that there is a sequence  $k_N = k$  such that*

$$\frac{1}{\binom{N}{k}} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{E}_{N,k}} g(n) - M_{\eta_{N,k}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty, k = k_N.$$

*Then (1.2) is convergent.*

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_2$ ,  $\delta > 0$ , and assume that for a suitable sequence  $k = k_N$  such that  $\eta \in (\delta, 1 - \delta)$  we have*

$$\sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{\binom{N}{k}} \# \{n \in \mathcal{E}_{N,k}, f(n) < y\} - F_{\eta_{N,k}}(y) \right| \rightarrow 0$$

*as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $k = k_N$ . Then the series'  $\sum f(2^j)$ ,  $\sum f^2(2^j)$  are convergent.*

We shall prove these assertions in more general form in a subsequent paper.

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