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A DIOPHANTINE EQUATION INVOLVING
SPECIAL PRIME NUMBERS

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Abstract. Let $[\cdot]$ be the floor function. In this paper, we prove by asymptotic formula that when $1 < c < \frac{3441}{2539}$, then every sufficiently large positive integer N can be represented in the form

$$N = [p_1^c] + [p_2^c] + [p_3^c] + [p_4^c] + [p_5^c],$$

where p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5 are primes such that $p_1 = x^2 + y^2 + 1$.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULT

The celebrated Waring's problem states that for every integer $n \geq 2$ there is a positive integer $G(n)$ such that if $s \geq G(n)$, then every sufficiently large positive integer N can be represented as

$$N = x_1^n + x_2^n + \dots + x_s^n,$$

where $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s$ are nonnegative integers. The first proof of Waring's problem belongs to Hilbert, see [13]. In 1933–1934, Segal in [22], [23] considered Waring's problem with noninteger powers. He showed that when $c > 1$ is not an integer, there exists $k_0(c) > 0$ such that every sufficiently large positive integer N can be represented in the form

$$N = [x_1^c] + [x_2^c] + \dots + [x_k^c],$$

where $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$ are nonnegative integers and $k > k_0(c)$. Subsequently, the result of Segal was sharpened by Deshouillers (see [4]) and by Arkhipov and Zhitkov, see [1].

In the interesting case for $k = 2$ we find papers by Deshouillers (see [5]), Gritsenko (see [11]) and most recently Konyagin (see [18]), where it is shown that the range $1 < c < \frac{3}{2}$ is permissible.

Another important problem in number theory is Hua's theorem on five squares of primes. In 1938, Hua in [15] proved that every sufficiently large positive integer N such that $N \equiv 5 \pmod{24}$, can be represented in the form

$$N = p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 + p_4^2 + p_5^2,$$

where p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5 are prime numbers. As an analogue of Hua's five square theorem, in 2019, Zhang and Li in [25] investigated the Diophantine equation

$$(1.1) \quad [p_1^c] + [p_2^c] + [p_3^c] + [p_4^c] + [p_5^c] = N,$$

where p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5 are primes, $c > 1$ and N is a positive integer. For $1 < c < \frac{4109054}{1999527}$, $c \neq 2$ they showed that for the sum

$$R(N) = \sum_{[p_1^c] + [p_2^c] + [p_3^c] + [p_4^c] + [p_5^c] = N} \log p_1 \log p_2 \log p_3 \log p_4 \log p_5,$$

the asymptotic formula

$$(1.2) \quad R(N) = \frac{\Gamma^5(1 + 1/c)}{\Gamma(5/c)} N^{5/c-1} + \mathcal{O}(N^{5/c-1} \exp(-(\log N)^{1/4}))$$

holds.

Afterwards, the result of Zhang and Li was sharpened by Li (see [19]) to $2 < c < \frac{408}{197}$ and by Baker (see [2]) to $1 < c < \frac{609}{293}$, $c \neq 2$ and this is the best result up to now.

On the other hand, in 1960 Linnik in [20] showed that there exist infinitely many prime numbers of the form $p = x^2 + y^2 + 1$, where x and y are integers. More precisely, he proved the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{p \leq X} r(p-1) = \pi \prod_{p > 2} \left(1 + \frac{\chi_4(p)}{p(p-1)}\right) \frac{X}{\log X} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{X(\log \log X)^7}{(\log X)^{1+\theta_0}}\right),$$

where $r(k)$ is the number of solutions of the equation $k = x^2 + y^2$ in integers, $\chi_4(k)$ is the nonprincipal character modulo 4 and

$$(1.3) \quad \theta_0 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}e \log 2 = 0.0289 \dots$$

Recently, the author in [9] showed that for any fixed $1 < c < \frac{5363}{3900}$, every sufficiently large positive number N and a small constant $\varepsilon > 0$, the Diophantine inequality

$$|p_1^c + p_2^c + p_3^c + p_4^c + p_5^c - N| < \varepsilon$$

has a solution in primes p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5 , such that $p_1 = x^2 + y^2 + 1$.

These results raise the question of the solvability of the Diophantine equation (1.1) in primes p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5 , with $p_1 = x^2 + y^2 + 1$. Let N be a sufficiently large positive integer and

$$(1.4) \quad X = N^{1/c}.$$

Define

$$(1.5) \quad \tilde{\Gamma} = \sum_{\substack{X/2 < p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5 \leq X \\ [p_1^c] + [p_2^c] + [p_3^c] + [p_4^c] + [p_5^c] = N}} r(p_1 - 1) \log p_1 \log p_2 \log p_3 \log p_4 \log p_5.$$

We establish the following theorem.

Theorem 1.1. *Let $1 < c < \frac{3441}{2539}$. Then for every sufficiently large positive integer N , the asymptotic formula*

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{\Gamma} = \pi \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{\chi_4(p)}{p(p-1)} \right) \frac{\Gamma^5(1+1/c)}{\Gamma(5/c)} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{5-c}} \right) N^{5/c-1} \\ + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{N^{5/c-1} (\log \log N)^5}{(\log N)^{\theta_0}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

holds. Here θ_0 is defined by (1.3).

Conjecture 1.2. *There exists $c_0 > 1$ such that for any fixed $1 < c < c_0$ and every sufficiently large positive integer N , the Diophantine equation*

$$[p_1^c] + [p_2^c] + [p_3^c] + [p_4^c] + [p_5^c] = N$$

has a solution in prime numbers p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5 , such that $p_i = x_i^2 + y_i^2 + 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq 5$.

2. NOTATIONS

Let N be a sufficiently large positive integer. The letter p with or without subscript will always denote a prime number. The notation $m \sim M$ means that m runs through the interval $(\frac{1}{2}M, M]$. As usual, $\varphi(n)$ is Euler's function and $\Lambda(n)$ is von Mangoldt's function. Instead of $m \equiv n \pmod{d}$ we write for simplicity $m \equiv n(d)$. By ε we denote an arbitrary small positive number, not the same in all appearances. Moreover, $e(y) = e^{2\pi i y}$. As usual, $[t]$, $\{t\}$ and $\|t\|$ denote the integer part of t ,

the fractional part of t and the distance from t to the nearest integer, respectively. Throughout this paper unless something else is said, we suppose that $1 < c < \frac{3441}{2539}$. Denote

$$(2.1) \quad D = \frac{X^{1/2}}{(\log N)^{(6A+34)/3}}, \quad A > 3;$$

$$(2.2) \quad \Delta = X^{1/4-c};$$

$$(2.3) \quad S_{l,d;J}(t) = \sum_{\substack{p \in J \\ p \equiv l(d)}} e(t[p^c]) \log p;$$

$$(2.4) \quad S(t) = S_{1,1;(X/2,X]}(t);$$

$$(2.5) \quad \bar{S}_{l,d;J}(t) = \sum_{\substack{p \in J \\ p \equiv l(d)}} e(tp^c) \log p;$$

$$(2.6) \quad \bar{S}(t) = \bar{S}_{1,1;(X/2,X]}(t);$$

$$(2.7) \quad I_J(t) = \int_J e(ty^c) dy;$$

$$(2.8) \quad I(t) = I_{(X/2,X]}(t);$$

$$(2.9) \quad E(y, t, d, a) = \sum_{\substack{\mu y < n \leq y \\ n \equiv a(d)}} \Lambda(n) e(tn^c) - \frac{1}{\varphi(d)} \int_{\mu y}^y e(tx^c) dx, \quad \text{where } 0 < \mu < 1.$$

3. PRELIMINARY LEMMAS

Lemma 3.1. *For any complex numbers $a(n)$ we have*

$$\left| \sum_{a < n \leq b} a(n) \right|^2 \leq \left(1 + \frac{b-a}{Q} \right) \sum_{|q| \leq Q} \left(1 - \frac{|q|}{Q} \right) \sum_{\substack{a < n \\ n+q \leq b}} a(n+q) \overline{a(n)},$$

where Q is any positive integer.

Proof. See [17], Lemma 8.17. □

Lemma 3.2. *Let $|f^{(m)}(u)| \asymp YX^{1-m}$ for $1 \leq X < u < X_0 \leq 2X$ and $m \geq 1$. Then*

$$\left| \sum_{X < n \leq X_0} e(f(n)) \right| \ll Y^\varkappa X^\lambda + Y^{-1},$$

where $(\varkappa, \lambda)$ is any exponent pair.

Proof. See [10], equation (3.3.4). □

Lemma 3.3. For every $\varepsilon > 0$, the pair $(\frac{32}{205} + \varepsilon, \frac{269}{410} + \varepsilon)$ is an exponent pair.

Proof. See [16], Corollary of Theorem 1. $\square$

Lemma 3.4. Let α, β be real numbers such that

$$\alpha\beta(\alpha-1)(\beta-1)(\alpha-2)(\beta-2) \neq 0.$$

Set

$$\Sigma_{II} = \sum_{m \sim M} a(m) \sum_{l \sim L} b(l) e\left(F \frac{m^\alpha l^\beta}{M^\alpha L^\beta}\right),$$

where

$$F > 0, \quad M \geq 1, \quad L \geq 1, \quad |a(m)| \leq 1, \quad |b(l)| \leq 1.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{II}(FML)^{-\varepsilon} &\ll (F^4 M^{31} L^{34})^{1/42} + (F^6 M^{53} L^{51})^{1/66} + (F^6 M^{46} L^{41})^{1/56} \\ &\quad + (F^2 M^{38} L^{29})^{1/40} + (F^3 M^{43} L^{32})^{1/46} + (FM^9 L^6)^{1/10} \\ &\quad + (F^2 M^7 L^6)^{1/10} + (FM^6 L^6)^{1/8} + M^{1/2} L + ML^{1/2} + F^{-1/2} ML. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. See [21], Theorem 9. $\square$

Lemma 3.5. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $H \geq 3$. Then the formula

$$e(-x\{y\}) = \sum_{|h| \leq H} c_h(x) e(hy) + \mathcal{O}\left(\min\left(1, \frac{1}{H\|y\|}\right)\right)$$

holds. Here

$$c_h(x) = \frac{1 - e(-x)}{2\pi i(h+x)}.$$

Proof. See [3], Lemma 12. $\square$

Lemma 3.6. Let $3 < U < V < Z < X$ and suppose that $Z - \frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{N}$, $X \gg Z^2 U$, $Z \gg U^2$, $V^3 \gg X$. Assume further that $F(n)$ is a complex valued function such that $|F(n)| \leq 1$. Then the sum

$$\sum_{n \sim X} \Lambda(n) F(n)$$

can be decomposed into $O(\log^{10} X)$ sums, each of which is either of Type I:

$$\sum_{m \sim M} a(m) \sum_{l \sim L} F(ml), \quad \text{where } L \gg Z, \quad LM \asymp X, \quad |a(m)| \ll m^\varepsilon,$$

or of Type II:

$$\sum_{m \sim M} a(m) \sum_{l \sim L} b(l) F(ml),$$

where

$$U \ll L \ll V, \quad LM \asymp X, \quad |a(m)| \ll m^\varepsilon, \quad |b(l)| \ll l^\varepsilon.$$

Proof. See [12], Lemma 3. □

Lemma 3.7. *Let $1 < c < 3$, $c \neq 2$ and $|t| \leq \Delta$. Then the asymptotic formula*

$$\sum_{X/2 < p \leq X} e(tp^c) \log p = \int_{X/2}^X e(ty^c) dy + O\left(\frac{X}{e^{(\log X)^{1/5}}}\right)$$

holds.

Proof. See [24], Lemma 14. □

Lemma 3.8. *Let $1 < c < 3$, $c \neq 2$, $|t| \leq \Delta$ and $A > 0$ be fixed. Then the inequality*

$$\sum_{d \leq \sqrt{X}/(\log N)^{(6A+34)/3}} \max_{y \leq X} \max_{(a,d)=1} |E(y, t, d, a)| \ll \frac{X}{\log^A X}$$

holds. Here Δ and $E(y, t, d, a)$ are denoted by (2.2) and (2.9).

Proof. See [8], Lemma 18. □

Lemma 3.9. *For the sum denoted by (2.4) and the integral denoted by (2.8) we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} |S(t)|^2 dt \ll X^{2-c} \log^2 X, \\ \text{(ii)} \quad & \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} |I(t)|^2 dt \ll X^{2-c} \log X, \\ \text{(iii)} \quad & \int_0^1 |S(t)|^2 dt \ll X \log X. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. It follows from the arguments used in [24], Lemma 7, pages 293–294. □

Lemma 3.10. *For the sum denoted by (2.3) we have*

$$\int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} |S_{l,d,J}(t)|^2 dt \ll \frac{X^{2-c} \log^3 X}{d^2}.$$

Proof. It follows by the arguments used in [6], Lemma 6 (i), pages 344–345. □

Lemma 3.11. For any real number t and $H \geq 1$, there holds

$$\min\left(1, \frac{1}{H\|t\|}\right) = \sum_{h=-\infty}^{\infty} a_h e(ht), \quad \text{where } a_h \ll \min\left(\frac{\log 2H}{H}, \frac{1}{|h|}, \frac{H}{|h|^2}\right).$$

Proof. See [12], page 245. □

The next two lemmas are due to Hooley.

Lemma 3.12. For any constant $\omega > 0$ we have

$$\sum_{p \leq X} \left| \sum_{\substack{d|p-1 \\ \sqrt{X}(\log X)^{-\omega} < d < \sqrt{X}(\log X)^{\omega}}} \chi_4(d) \right|^2 \ll \frac{X(\log \log X)^7}{\log X},$$

where the constant in Vinogradov's symbol depends on $\omega > 0$.

Lemma 3.13. Suppose that $\omega > 0$ is a constant and let $\mathcal{F}_{\omega}(X)$ be the number of primes $p \leq X$ such that $p-1$ has a divisor in the interval $(\sqrt{X}(\log X)^{-\omega}, \sqrt{X}(\log X)^{\omega})$. Then

$$\mathcal{F}_{\omega}(X) \ll \frac{X(\log \log X)^3}{(\log X)^{1+2\theta_0}},$$

where θ_0 is defined by (1.3) and the constant in Vinogradov's symbol depends only on $\omega > 0$.

The proofs of very similar results are available in [14], Chapter 5, pages 89–105.

Lemma 3.14. For the sum denoted by (2.4) we have

$$\int_0^1 |S(t)|^4 dt \ll (X^{4-c} + X^2)X^{\varepsilon}.$$

Proof. See [25], Lemma 2.6. □

Lemma 3.15. Let $0 < t < 1$. Set

$$(3.1) \quad A(t) = \sum_{n \sim X} e(t[n^c]).$$

Then

$$A(t) \ll X^{(269c+538)/1217} \log X + \frac{X^{1-c}}{t}.$$

Proof. See [26], Lemma 11. □

4. OUTLINE OF THE PROOF

From (1.5) and well-known identity

$$r(n) = 4 \sum_{d|n} \chi_4(d)$$

we write

$$(4.1) \quad \tilde{\Gamma} = 4(\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2 + \Gamma_3),$$

where

$$(4.2) \quad \Gamma_1 = \sum_{\substack{X/2 < p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5 \leq X \\ [p_1^c] + [p_2^c] + [p_3^c] + [p_4^c] + [p_5^c] = N}} \left(\sum_{\substack{d|p_1-1 \\ d \leq D}} \chi_4(d) \right) \prod_{k=1}^5 \log p_k,$$

$$(4.3) \quad \Gamma_2 = \sum_{\substack{X/2 < p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5 \leq X \\ [p_1^c] + [p_2^c] + [p_3^c] + [p_4^c] + [p_5^c] = N}} \left(\sum_{\substack{d|p_1-1 \\ D < d < X/D}} \chi_4(d) \right) \prod_{k=1}^5 \log p_k,$$

$$(4.4) \quad \Gamma_3 = \sum_{\substack{X/2 < p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5 \leq X \\ [p_1^c] + [p_2^c] + [p_3^c] + [p_4^c] + [p_5^c] = N}} \left(\sum_{\substack{d|p_1-1 \\ d \geq X/D}} \chi_4(d) \right) \prod_{k=1}^5 \log p_k.$$

In order to estimate Γ_1 and Γ_3 we have to consider the sum

$$(4.5) \quad I_{l,d;J}(N) = \sum_{\substack{X/2 < p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5 \leq X \\ [p_1^c] + [p_2^c] + [p_3^c] + [p_4^c] + [p_5^c] = N \\ p_1 \equiv l(d) \\ p_1 \in J}} \prod_{k=1}^5 \log p_k,$$

where d and l are coprime natural numbers, and $J \subset (\frac{1}{2}X, X]$ -interval. If $J = (\frac{1}{2}X, X]$, then we write for simplicity $I_{l,d}(N)$. Clearly

$$(4.6) \quad I_{l,d;J}(N) = \int_{-\Delta}^{1-\Delta} S_{l,d;J}(t) S^4(t) e(-tN) dt = I_{l,d;J}^{(1)}(N) + I_{l,d;J}^{(2)}(N),$$

where

$$(4.7) \quad I_{l,d;J}^{(1)}(N) = \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} S_{l,d;J}(t) S^4(t) e(-tN) dt,$$

$$(4.8) \quad I_{l,d;J}^{(2)}(N) = \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} S_{l,d;J}(t) S^4(t) e(-tN) dt.$$

We shall estimate $I_{l,d;J}^{(1)}(N)$, Γ_3 , Γ_2 and Γ_1 , respectively, in Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8. In Section 9 we shall finalize the proof of Theorem 1.1.

5. ASYMPTOTIC FORMULA FOR $I_{l,d;J}^{(1)}(N)$

Using (2.3), (2.5) and $|t| \leq \Delta$ we write

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.1) \quad S_{l,d;J}(t) &= \sum_{\substack{p \in J \\ p \equiv l(d)}} e(tp^c + \mathcal{O}(|t|)) \log p = \sum_{\substack{p \in J \\ p \equiv l(d)}} e(tp^c)(1 + \mathcal{O}(|t|)) \log p \\
 &= \bar{S}_{l,d;J}(t) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Delta X \log X}{d}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Put

$$(5.2) \quad S_1 = S(t),$$

$$(5.3) \quad S_2 = S_{l,d;J}(t),$$

$$(5.4) \quad I_1 = I(t),$$

$$(5.5) \quad I_2 = \frac{I_J(t)}{\varphi(d)}.$$

We use the identity

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.6) \quad S_1^4 S_2 &= I_1^4 I_2 + (S_2 - I_2) I_1^4 + S_2 (S_1 - I_1) I_1^3 + S_1 S_2 (S_1 - I_1) I_1^2 \\
 &\quad + S_1^2 S_2 (S_1 - I_1) I_1 + S_1^3 S_2 (S_1 - I_1).
 \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$(5.7) \quad \Phi_{\Delta,J}(X, d) = \frac{1}{\varphi(d)} \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} I^4(t) I_J(t) e(-Nt) dt.$$

From (2.2)–(2.8), (4.7), (5.1)–(5.7), Lemmas 3.7, 3.9, 3.10 and Cauchy's inequality it follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.8) \quad I_{l,d;J}^{(1)}(X) - \Phi_{\Delta,J}(X, d) &= \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} \left(S_{l,d;J}(t) - \frac{I_J(t)}{\varphi(d)} \right) I^4(t) e(-Nt) dt \\
 &\quad + \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} S_{l,d;J}(t) (S(t) - I(t)) I^3(t) e(-Nt) dt \\
 &\quad + \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} S(t) S_{l,d;J}(t) (S(t) - I(t)) I^2(t) e(-Nt) dt \\
 &\quad + \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} S^2(t) S_{l,d;J}(t) (S(t) - I(t)) I(t) e(-Nt) dt \\
 &\quad + \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} S^3(t) S_{l,d;J}(t) (S(t) - I(t)) e(-Nt) dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\ll X^2 \left(\max_{|t| \leq \Delta} \left| \bar{S}_{l,d;J}(t) - \frac{I_J(t)}{\varphi(d)} \right| + \frac{\Delta X \log X}{d} \right) \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} |I(t)|^2 dt \\
&\quad + \frac{X^2 \log X}{d} \left(\frac{X}{e^{(\log X)^{1/5}}} + \Delta X \right) \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} |I(t)|^2 dt \\
&\quad + \frac{X^2 \log X}{d} \left(\frac{X}{e^{(\log X)^{1/5}}} + \Delta X \right) \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} |S(t)|^2 dt \\
&\ll X^{4-c} (\log X) \max_{|t| \leq \Delta} \left| \bar{S}_{l,d;J}(t) - \frac{I_J(t)}{\varphi(d)} \right| + \frac{X^{5-c}}{de^{(\log X)^{1/6}}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Put

$$(5.10) \quad \Phi_J(X, d) = \frac{1}{\varphi(d)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} I^4(t) I_J(t) e(-Nt) dt.$$

Using (2.7), (2.8), (5.7), (5.9) and the estimates

$$(5.11) \quad I_J(t) \ll \min \left(X, \frac{X^{1-c}}{|t|} \right), \quad I(t) \ll \min \left(X, \frac{X^{1-c}}{|t|} \right),$$

we deduce

$$\Phi_{\Delta,J}(X, d) - \Phi_J(X, d) \ll \frac{1}{\varphi(d)} \int_{\Delta}^{\infty} |I(t)|^4 |I_J(t)| dt \ll \frac{X^{5-5c}}{\varphi(d)} \int_{\Delta}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^5} \ll \frac{X^{5-5c}}{\varphi(d) \Delta^4}$$

and therefore

$$(5.12) \quad \Phi_{\Delta,J}(X, d) = \Phi_J(X, d) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{X^{5-5c}}{\varphi(d) \Delta^4} \right).$$

Finally (2.2), (5.8), (5.11) and the identity

$$I_{l,d;J}^{(1)}(X) = I_{l,d;J}^{(1)}(X) - \Phi_{\Delta,J}(X, d) + \Phi_{\Delta,J}(X, d) - \Phi_J(X, d) + \Phi_J(X, d)$$

imply

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.13) \quad I_{l,d;J}^{(1)}(X) &= \Phi_J(X, d) + \mathcal{O} \left(X^{4-c} (\log X) \max_{|t| \leq \Delta} \left| \bar{S}_{l,d;J}(t) - \frac{I_J(t)}{\varphi(d)} \right| \right) \\
&\quad + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{X^{5-c}}{de^{(\log X)^{1/6}}} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

We are now in a good position to estimate the sum Γ_3 .

6. UPPER BOUND OF Γ_3

Consider the sum Γ_3 . Since

$$\sum_{\substack{d|p_1-1 \\ d \geq X/D}} \chi_4(d) = \sum_{\substack{m|p_1-1 \\ m \leq (p_1-1)D/X}} \chi_4\left(\frac{p_1-1}{m}\right) = \sum_{j=\pm 1} \chi_4(j) \sum_{\substack{m|p_1-1 \\ m \leq (p_1-1)D/X \\ (p_1-1)/m \equiv j \pmod{4}}} 1,$$

from (4.4) and (4.5) we obtain

$$\Gamma_3 = \sum_{\substack{m < D \\ 2|m}} \sum_{j=\pm 1} \chi_4(j) I_{1+jm, 4m; J_m}(N),$$

where $J_m = (\max\{1 + mX/D, \frac{1}{2}X\}, X]$. The last formula and (4.6) give us

$$(6.1) \quad \Gamma_3 = \Gamma_3^{(1)} + \Gamma_3^{(2)},$$

where

$$(6.2) \quad \Gamma_3^{(i)} = \sum_{\substack{m < D \\ 2|m}} \sum_{j=\pm 1} \chi_4(j) I_{1+jm, 4m; J_m}^{(i)}(N), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

6.1. Estimation of $\Gamma_3^{(1)}$. From (5.12) and (6.2) we get

$$(6.3) \quad \Gamma_3^{(1)} = \Gamma^* + \mathcal{O}(X^{4-c}(\log X)\Sigma_1) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{X^{5-c}}{e^{(\log X)^{1/6}}}\Sigma_2\right),$$

where

$$(6.4) \quad \Gamma^* = \sum_{\substack{m < D \\ 2|m}} \Phi_J(X, 4m) \sum_{j=\pm 1} \chi_4(j),$$

$$(6.5) \quad \Sigma_1 = \sum_{\substack{m < D \\ 2|m}} \max_{|t| \leq \Delta} \left| \bar{S}_{1+jm, 4m; J}(t) - \frac{I_J(t)}{\varphi(4m)} \right|,$$

$$(6.6) \quad \Sigma_2 = \sum_{m < D} \frac{1}{4m}.$$

From the properties of $\chi(k)$ we have that

$$(6.7) \quad \Gamma^* = 0.$$

By (2.1), (2.3), (2.7), (6.5) and Lemma 3.8 we deduce

$$(6.8) \quad \Sigma_1 \ll \frac{X}{\log^A X}.$$

It is well known that

$$(6.9) \quad \Sigma_2 \ll \log X.$$

Bearing in mind (6.3), (6.7), (6.8) and (6.9) we find

$$(6.10) \quad \Gamma_3^{(1)} \ll \frac{X^{5-c}}{\log X}.$$

6.2. Estimation of $\Gamma_3^{(2)}$. Now we consider $\Gamma_3^{(2)}$. The formulas (4.8) and (6.2) yield

$$(6.11) \quad \Gamma_3^{(2)} = \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} S^4(t) K(t) e(-Nt) dt,$$

where

$$(6.12) \quad K(t) = \sum_{\substack{m < D \\ 2|m}} \sum_{j=\pm 1} \chi_4(j) S_{1+jm, 4m; J_m}(t).$$

Lemma 6.1. *For the sum denoted by (6.12) we have*

$$\int_0^1 |K(t)|^2 dt \ll X \log^6 X.$$

Proof. It follows by the arguments used in [8], Lemma 22. □

Lemma 6.2. *Assume that*

$$(6.13) \quad \Delta \leq |t| \leq 1 - \Delta, \quad |a(m)| \ll m^\varepsilon, \quad LM \asymp X, \quad L \gg X^{51/103}, \quad H = X^{164/2539}$$

and $c_h(t)$ denote complex numbers such that $|c_h(t)| \ll (1 + |h|)^{-1}$. Set

$$(6.14) \quad S_I = \sum_{|h| \leq H} c_h(t) \sum_{m \sim M} a(m) \sum_{l \sim L} e((h+t)m^c l^c).$$

Then

$$S_I \ll X^{2375/2539+\varepsilon}.$$

Proof. By (6.13) and (6.14) we write

$$(6.15) \quad S_I \ll X^\varepsilon \max_{|\eta| \in (\Delta, H+1)} \sum_{m \sim M} \left| \sum_{l \sim L} e(\eta m^c l^c) \right|.$$

We first consider the case when

$$(6.16) \quad M \ll X^{7273/18414}.$$

From (2.2), (6.13), (6.15), (6.16) and Lemma 3.2 with the exponent pair $(\frac{2}{40}, \frac{33}{40})$ it follows

$$(6.17) \quad \begin{aligned} S_I &\ll X^\varepsilon \max_{|\eta| \in (\Delta, H+1)} \sum_{m \sim M} \left((|\eta| X^c L^{-1})^{2/40} L^{33/40} + \frac{1}{|\eta| X^c L^{-1}} \right) \\ &\ll X^\varepsilon \max_{|\eta| \in (\Delta, H+1)} \left(|\eta|^{2/40} X^{2c/40} M L^{31/40} + \frac{LM}{|\eta| X^c} \right) \\ &\ll X^\varepsilon (H^{1/20} X^{2c+31/40} M^{9/40} + \Delta^{-1} X^{1-c}) \ll X^{2375/2539+\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

Next we consider the case when

$$(6.18) \quad X^{7273/18414} \ll M \ll X^{52/103}.$$

Using (6.15), (6.18) and Lemma 3.4 we deduce

$$(6.19) \quad S_I \ll X^{2375/2539+\varepsilon}.$$

Bearing in mind (6.17) and (6.19) we establish the statement of the lemma. □

Lemma 6.3. *Assume that*

$$(6.20) \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta \leq |t| \leq 1 - \Delta, \quad |a(m)| \ll m^\varepsilon, \quad |b(l)| \ll l^\varepsilon, \quad LM \asymp X, \\ X^{1/9} \ll L \ll X^{1/3}, \quad H = X^{164/2539} \end{aligned}$$

and $c_h(t)$ denote complex numbers such that $|c_h(t)| \ll (1 + |h|)^{-1}$.

$$(6.21) \quad S_{II} = \sum_{|h| \leq H} c_h(t) \sum_{m \sim M} a(m) \sum_{l \sim L} b(l) e((h+t)m^c l^c).$$

Then

$$S_{II} \ll X^{2375/2539+\varepsilon}.$$

Proof. Using (6.20), (6.21), Cauchy's inequality and Lemma 3.1 with $Q = X^{6475/30468}$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.22) \quad S_{II} &\ll \sum_{|h| \leq H} |c_h(\alpha)| \left| \sum_{m \sim M} a(m) \sum_{l \sim L} b(l) e((h+t)m^c l^c) \right| \\
&\ll \sum_{|h| \leq H} |c_h(t)| \left(\sum_{m \sim M} |a(m)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{m \sim M} \left| \sum_{l \sim L} b(l) e((h+t)m^c l^c) \right|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
&\ll M^{1/2+\varepsilon} \sum_{|h| \leq H} |c_h(t)| \left(\sum_{m \sim M} \frac{L}{Q} \sum_{|q| < Q} \left(1 - \frac{q}{Q} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \sum_{\substack{l \sim L \\ l+q \sim L}} b(l+q) \overline{b(l)} e(f_h(l, m, q)) \right)^{1/2} \\
&\ll M^{1/2+\varepsilon} \sum_{|h| \leq H} |c_h(t)| \frac{L}{Q} \sum_{M < m \leq M_1} \left(L^{1+\varepsilon} + \sum_{1 \leq |q| < Q} \left(1 - \frac{q}{Q} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \sum_{\substack{l \sim L \\ l+q \sim L}} b(l+q) \overline{b(l)} e(f_h(l, m, q)) \right)^{1/2} \\
&\ll X^\varepsilon \sum_{|h| \leq H} |c_h(t)| \left(\frac{X^2}{Q} + \frac{X}{Q} \sum_{1 \leq q \leq Q} \sum_{l \sim L} \left| \sum_{m \sim M} e(f(l, m, q)) \right| \right)^{1/2},
\end{aligned}$$

where $f_h(l, m, q) = (h+t)m^c((l+q)^c - l^c)$. Now (2.2), (6.20), (6.22) and Lemma 3.2 with the exponent pair $(\frac{32}{205} + \varepsilon, \frac{269}{410} + \varepsilon)$ imply

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{II} &\ll X^\varepsilon \sum_{|h| \leq H} |c_h(t)| \\
&\quad \times \left(\frac{X^2}{Q} + \frac{X}{Q} \sum_{1 \leq q \leq Q} \sum_{l \sim L} \left((|h+t|qX^{c-1})^{32/205} M^{269/410} + \frac{1}{|h+t|qX^{c-1}} \right) \right)^{1/2} \\
&\ll X^\varepsilon \sum_{|h| \leq H} |c_h(t)| \\
&\quad \times \left(\frac{X^2}{Q} + \frac{X}{Q} (H^{32/205} X^{32(c-1)/205} M^{269/410} Q^{237/205} L + \Delta^{-1} X^{1-c} L \log Q) \right)^{1/2} \\
&\ll X^{2375/2539+\varepsilon} \sum_{|h| \leq H} |c_h(t)| \ll X^{2375/2539+\varepsilon} \sum_{|h| \leq H} \frac{1}{1+|h|} \ll X^{2375/2539+\varepsilon},
\end{aligned}$$

which proves the statement of the lemma. $\square$

Lemma 6.4. *Let $\Delta \leq |t| \leq 1 - \Delta$. Then for the exponential sum denoted by (2.4) we have*

$$S(t) \ll X^{2375/2539+\varepsilon}.$$

Proof. In order to prove the lemma we will use the formula

$$(6.23) \quad S(t) = S^*(t) + \mathcal{O}(X^{1/2}),$$

where

$$(6.24) \quad S^*(t) = \sum_{X/2 < n \leq X} \Lambda(n) e(t[n^c]).$$

By (6.24) and Lemma 3.5 with $x = t$, $y = n^c$ and $H = X^{164/2539}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} (6.25) \quad S^*(t) &= \sum_{X/2 < n \leq X} \Lambda(n) e(tn^c - t\{n^c\}) = \sum_{X/2 < n \leq X} \Lambda(n) e(tn^c) e(-t\{n^c\}) \\ &= \sum_{X/2 < n \leq X} \Lambda(n) e(tn^c) \left(\sum_{|h| \leq H} c_h(t) e(hn^c) + \mathcal{O}\left(\min\left(1, \frac{1}{H\|n^c\|}\right)\right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{|h| \leq H} c_h(t) \sum_{X/2 < n \leq X} \Lambda(n) e((h+t)n^c) \\ &\quad + \mathcal{O}\left((\log X) \sum_{X/2 < n \leq X} \min\left(1, \frac{1}{H\|n^c\|}\right)\right) \\ &= S_0^*(t) + \mathcal{O}\left((\log X) \sum_{X/2 < n \leq X} \min\left(1, \frac{1}{H\|n^c\|}\right)\right), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(6.26) \quad S_0^*(t) = \sum_{|h| \leq H} c_h(t) \sum_{X/2 < n \leq X} \Lambda(n) e((h+t)n^c).$$

Let

$$U = X^{1/103}, \quad V = X^{1/3}, \quad Z = [X^{51/103}] + \frac{1}{2}.$$

According to Lemma 3.6, the sum $S_0^*(t)$ can be decomposed into $O(\log^{10} X)$ sums, each of which is either of Type I:

$$\sum_{|h| \leq H} c_h(t) \sum_{m \sim M} a(m) \sum_{l \sim L} e((h+t)m^c l^c), \quad \text{where } L \gg Z, \quad LM \asymp X, \quad |a(m)| \ll m^\varepsilon,$$

or of Type II:

$$\sum_{|h| \leq H} c_h(t) \sum_{m \sim M} a(m) \sum_{l \sim L} b(l) e((h+t)m^c l^c),$$

where

$$U \ll L \ll V, \quad LM \asymp X, \quad |a(m)| \ll m^\varepsilon, \quad |b(l)| \ll l^\varepsilon.$$

Using (6.26), Lemma 6.2 and Lemma 6.3 we obtain

$$(6.27) \quad S_0^*(t) \ll X^{2375/2539+\varepsilon}.$$

On the other hand, Lemma 3.2 with the exponent pair $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ and Lemma 3.11 yield

$$(6.28) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum_{X/2 < n \leq X} \min\left(1, \frac{1}{H \|n^c\|}\right) \\ &= \sum_{X/2 < n \leq X} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e(kn^c) \ll \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |a_k| \left| \sum_{X/2 < n \leq X} e(kn^c) \right| \\ &\ll \frac{X \log 2H}{H} + \sum_{1 \leq k \leq H} \frac{1}{k} \left| \sum_{X/2 < n \leq X} e(kn^c) \right| + \sum_{k > H} \frac{H}{k^2} \left| \sum_{X/2 < n \leq X} e(kn^c) \right| \\ &\ll \frac{X \log 2H}{H} + \sum_{1 \leq k \leq H} \frac{1}{k} (k^{1/2} X^{c/2} + k^{-1} X^{1-c}) + \sum_{k > H} \frac{H}{k^2} (k^{1/2} X^{c/2} + k^{-1} X^{1-c}) \\ &\ll X^\varepsilon (H^{-1} X + H^{1/2} X^{c/2} + X^{1-c}) \ll X^{2375/2539+\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account (6.23), (6.25), (6.27) and (6.28) we establish the statement of the lemma. $\square$

Lemma 6.5. *For the sum denoted by (2.4) we have*

$$\int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |S(t)|^6 dt \ll X^{14660/2539-c+\varepsilon}.$$

Proof. For any continuous function $\mathfrak{S}(t)$ defined in the interval $[\Delta - 1, 1 - \Delta]$ we have

$$(6.29) \quad \begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} S(t) \mathfrak{S}(t) dt \right| &= \left| \sum_{p \sim X} (\log p) \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} e(tp^c) \mathfrak{S}(t) dt \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{p \sim X} (\log p) \left| \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} e(tp^c) \mathfrak{S}(t) dt \right| \\ &\leq (\log X) \sum_{n \sim X} \left| \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} e(tn^c) \mathfrak{S}(t) dt \right|. \end{aligned}$$

By (6.29) and Cauchy's inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.30) \quad \left| \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} S(t) \mathfrak{S}(t) dt \right|^2 &\leq X(\log X)^2 \sum_{n \sim X} \left| \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} e(tn^c) \mathfrak{S}(t) dt \right|^2 \\
&= X(\log X)^2 \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} \overline{\mathfrak{S}(y)} dy \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} \mathfrak{S}(t) A(t-y) dt \\
&\leq X(\log X)^2 \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |\mathfrak{S}(y)| dy \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |\mathfrak{S}(t)| |A(t-y)| dt,
\end{aligned}$$

where $A(t)$ is defined by (3.1). Using Lemma 3.15 we write

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.31) \quad &\int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |\mathfrak{S}(t)| |A(t-y)| dt \\
&\ll \int_{\substack{\Delta \leq |t| \leq 1-\Delta \\ |t-y| \leq X^{-c}}} |\mathfrak{S}(t)| |A(t-y)| dt + \int_{X^{-c} < |t-y| \leq 2(1-\Delta)} |\mathfrak{S}(t)| |A(t-y)| dt \\
&\ll X \int_{\substack{\Delta \leq |t| \leq 1-\Delta \\ |t-y| \leq X^{-c}}} |\mathfrak{S}(t)| dt \\
&\quad + \int_{X^{-c} < |t-y| \leq 2(1-\Delta)} |\mathfrak{S}(t)| \left(X^{(269c+538)/1217} \log X + \frac{X^{1-c}}{|t-y|} \right) dt \\
&\ll X \max_{\Delta \leq |t| \leq 1-\Delta} |\mathfrak{S}(t)| \int_{|t-y| \leq X^{-c}} dt + X^{(269c+538)/1217} (\log X) \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |\mathfrak{S}(t)| dt \\
&\quad + X^{1-c} \max_{\Delta \leq |t| \leq 1-\Delta} |\mathfrak{S}(t)| \int_{X^{-c} < |t-y| \leq 2(1-\Delta)} \frac{1}{|t-y|} dt \\
&\ll X^{1-c} (\log X) \max_{\Delta \leq |t| \leq 1-\Delta} |\mathfrak{S}(t)| + X^{(269c+538)/1217} (\log X) \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |\mathfrak{S}(t)| dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Now (6.30) and (6.31) imply

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.32) \quad \left| \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} S(t) \mathfrak{S}(t) dt \right|^2 &\leq X^{2-c+\varepsilon} \max_{\Delta \leq |t| \leq 1-\Delta} |\mathfrak{S}(t)| \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |\mathfrak{S}(t)| dt \\
&\quad + X^{(269c+1755)/1217+\varepsilon} \left(\int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |\mathfrak{S}(t)| dt \right)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Let us put first

$$(6.33) \quad \mathfrak{S}_1(t) = \overline{S(t)} |S(t)|^3.$$

Bearing in mind (6.32), (6.33), Lemma 3.14 and Lemma 6.4 we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.34) \quad \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |S(t)|^5 dt &= \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} S(t) \mathfrak{S}_1(t) dt \\
&\ll X^{7289/2539-c/2+\varepsilon} \left(\int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |S(t)|^4 dt \right)^{1/2} + X^{(269c+1755)/2434+\varepsilon} \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |S(t)|^4 dt \\
&\ll X^{7289/2539-c/2+\varepsilon} \left(\int_0^1 |S(t)|^4 dt \right)^{1/2} + X^{(269c+1755)/2434+\varepsilon} \int_0^1 |S(t)|^4 dt \\
&\ll X^{12367/2539-c+\varepsilon} + X^{(11491-2165c)/2434+\varepsilon} \\
&\ll X^{12367/2539-c+\varepsilon}.
\end{aligned}$$

Next we put

$$(6.35) \quad \mathfrak{S}_2(t) = \overline{S(t)} |S(t)|^4.$$

Taking into account (6.32), (6.34), (6.35) and Lemma 6.4 we find

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |S(t)|^6 dt &= \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} S(t) \mathfrak{S}_2(t) dt \\
&\ll X^{16953/5078-c/2+\eta} \left(\int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |S(t)|^5 dt \right)^{1/2} + X^{269c+1755/2434+\varepsilon} \int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |S(t)|^5 dt \\
&\ll X^{14660/2539-c+\varepsilon} + X^{34557223/6179926-2165c/2434+\varepsilon} \\
&\ll X^{14660/2539-c+\varepsilon}.
\end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved. $\square$

Bearing in mind (6.11), Cauchy's inequality, Lemmas 6.1, 6.4 and 6.5, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.36) \quad \Gamma_3^{(2)} &\ll \max_{\Delta \leq t \leq 1-\Delta} |S(t)| \left(\int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |S(t)|^6 dt \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |K(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \\
&\ll \max_{\Delta \leq t \leq 1-\Delta} |S(t)| \left(\int_{\Delta}^{1-\Delta} |S(t)|^6 dt \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_0^1 |K(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \\
&\ll \frac{X^{5-c}}{\log X}.
\end{aligned}$$

6.3. Estimation of Γ_3 . Summarizing (6.1), (6.10) and (6.36) we obtain

$$(6.37) \quad \Gamma_3 \ll \frac{X^{5-c}}{\log X}.$$

7. UPPER BOUND OF Γ_2

In this section we need a lemma that gives us information about the upper bound of the number of solutions of the binary equation corresponding to (1.1).

Lemma 7.1. *Let $1 < c < 3$, $c \neq 2$ and N_0 be a sufficiently large positive integer. Then for the number of solutions $B_0(N_0)$ of the Diophantine equation*

$$(7.1) \quad [p_1^c] + [p_2^c] + [p_3^c] + [p_4^c] = N_0$$

in prime numbers p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 we have that

$$B_0(N_0) \ll \frac{N_0^{4/c-1}}{\log^4 N_0}.$$

Proof. Define

$$(7.2) \quad B(X_0) = \sum_{\substack{X_0/2 < p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 \leq X_0 \\ [p_1^c] + [p_2^c] + [p_3^c] + [p_4^c] = N_0}} \log p_1 \log p_2 \log p_3 \log p_4,$$

where

$$(7.3) \quad X_0 = N_0^{1/c}.$$

From (7.2) we write

$$(7.4) \quad B(X_0) = \int_{-\Delta_0}^{1-\Delta_0} S_0^4(t) e(-N_0 t) dt = B_1(X_0) + B_2(X_0),$$

where

$$(7.5) \quad S_0(t) = \sum_{X_0/2 < p \leq X_0} e(t[p^c]) \log p,$$

$$(7.6) \quad \overline{S}_0(t) = \sum_{X_0/2 < p \leq X_0} e(tp^c) \log p,$$

$$(7.7) \quad \Delta_0 = \frac{(\log X_0)^{A_0}}{X_0^c}, \quad A_0 > 10,$$

$$(7.8) \quad B_1(X_0) = \int_{-\Delta_0}^{\Delta_0} S_0^4(t) e(-N_0 t) dt,$$

$$(7.9) \quad B_2(X_0) = \int_{\Delta_0}^{1-\Delta_0} S_0^4(t) e(-N_0 t) dt.$$

First we estimate $B_1(X_0)$. Put

$$(7.10) \quad I_0(t) = \int_{X_0/2}^{X_0} e(ty^c) dy,$$

$$(7.11) \quad \Psi_{\Delta_0}(X_0) = \int_{-\Delta_0}^{\Delta_0} I_0^4(t) e(-N_0 t) dt,$$

$$(7.12) \quad \Psi(X_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} I_0^4(t) e(-N_0 t) dt.$$

Using (5.10), (7.10) and (7.12) we obtain

$$(7.13) \quad \begin{aligned} \Psi(X_0) &= \int_{-X_0^{-c}}^{X_0^{-c}} I_0^4(t) e(-N_0 t) dt + \int_{|t| > X_0^{-c}} I_0^4(t) e(-N_0 t) dt \\ &\ll \int_{-X_0^{-c}}^{X_0^{-c}} X_0^4 dt + \int_{X_0^{-c}}^{\infty} \left(\frac{X_0^{1-c}}{t} \right)^4 dt \ll X_0^{4-c}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand (5.1), (7.5)–(7.8), (7.11), Lemma 3.7 and the trivial estimations

$$(7.14) \quad S_0(t) \ll X_0, \quad I_0(t) \ll X_0$$

give us

$$(7.15) \quad \begin{aligned} B_1(X_0) - \Psi_{\Delta_0}(X_0) &\ll \int_{-\Delta_0}^{\Delta_0} |S_0^4(t) - I_0^4(t)| dt \\ &\ll \int_{-\Delta_0}^{\Delta_0} |S_0(t) - I_0(t)| (|S_0(t)|^3 + |I_0(t)|^3) dt \\ &\ll \left(\max_{|t| \leq \Delta_0} |\overline{S}_0(t) - I_0(t)| + \Delta_0 X_0 \right) \\ &\quad \times \left(\int_{-\Delta_0}^{\Delta_0} |S_0(t)|^3 dt + \int_{-\Delta_0}^{\Delta_0} |I_0(t)|^3 dt \right) \\ &\ll \left(\frac{X_0}{e^{(\log X_0)^{1/5}} + \Delta_0 X_0} + \Delta_0 X_0 \right) \Delta_0 X_0^3 \ll \frac{X_0^{4-c}}{e^{(\log X_0)^{1/6}}}. \end{aligned}$$

By (5.10), (7.7), (7.11) and (7.12) we deduce

$$(7.16) \quad |\Psi(X_0) - \Psi_{\Delta_0}(X_0)| \ll \int_{\Delta_0}^{\infty} |I_0(t)|^4 dt \ll \frac{1}{X_0^{4(c-1)}} \int_{\Delta_0}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^4} \ll \frac{1}{X_0^{4(c-1)} \Delta_0^3} \ll \frac{X_0^{4-c}}{\log X_0}.$$

Now (7.13), (7.15) and (7.16) and the identity

$$B_1(X_0) = B_1(X_0) - \Psi_{\Delta_0}(X_0) + \Psi_{\Delta_0}(X_0) - \Psi(X_0) + \Psi(X_0)$$

imply

$$(7.17) \quad B_1(X_0) \ll X_0^{4-c}.$$

It remains to estimate $B_2(X_0)$. By (7.3), (7.9), (7.14) and partial integration it follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7.18) \quad B_2(X_0) &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Delta_0}^{1-\Delta_0} \frac{S_0^4(t)}{N_0} de(-N_0 t) \\
 &= -\frac{S_0^4(t)e(-N_0 t)}{2\pi i N_0} \Big|_{\Delta_0}^{1-\Delta_0} + \frac{1}{2\pi i N_0} \int_{\Delta_0}^{1-\Delta_0} e(-N_0 t) d(S_0^4(t)) \\
 &\ll X_0^{4-c} + X_0^{-c} |\Omega|,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(7.19) \quad \Omega = \int_{\Delta_0}^{1-\Delta_0} e(-N_0 t) d(S_0^4(t)).$$

Next we consider Ω . Put

$$(7.20) \quad \Gamma: z = f(t) = S_0^4(t), \quad \Delta_0 \leq t \leq 1 - \Delta_0.$$

Using (7.14), (7.19) and (7.20) we obtain

$$(7.21) \quad \Omega = \int_{\Gamma} e(-N_0 f^{-1}(z)) dz \ll \int_{\Gamma} |dz| \ll (|f(\Delta_0)| + |f(1 - \Delta_0)|) \ll X_0^4.$$

Bearing in mind (7.18) and (7.21) we find

$$(7.22) \quad B_2(X_0) \ll X_0^{4-c}.$$

Summarizing (7.4), (7.17) and (7.22) we deduce

$$(7.23) \quad B(X_0) \ll X_0^{4-c}.$$

Taking into account (7.2), (7.3) and (7.23), for the number of solutions $B_0(N_0)$ of the Diophantine equation (7.1) we get

$$B_0(N_0) \ll \frac{N_0^{4/c-1}}{\log^4 N_0}.$$

The lemma is proved. □

We are now ready to estimate the sum Γ_2 . We denote by $\mathcal{F}(X)$ the set of all primes $X/2 < p \leq X$ such that $p-1$ has a divisor belonging to the interval $(D, X/D)$. The inequality $xy \leq x^2 + y^2$ and (4.3) give us

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_2^2 &\ll (\log X)^{10} \sum_{\substack{X/2 < p_1, \dots, p_{10} \leq X \\ [p_1^c] + [p_2^c] + [p_3^c] + [p_4^c] + [p_5^c] = N \\ [p_6^c] + [p_7^c] + [p_8^c] + [p_9^c] + [p_{10}^c] = N}} \left| \sum_{\substack{d|p_1-1 \\ D < d < X/D}} \chi_4(d) \right| \left| \sum_{\substack{t|p_6-1 \\ D < t < X/D}} \chi_4(t) \right| \\ &\ll (\log X)^{10} \sum_{\substack{X/2 < p_1, \dots, p_{10} \leq X \\ [p_1^c] + [p_2^c] + [p_3^c] + [p_4^c] + [p_5^c] = N \\ [p_6^c] + [p_7^c] + [p_8^c] + [p_9^c] + [p_{10}^c] = N \\ p_6 \in \mathcal{F}(X)}} \left| \sum_{\substack{d|p_1-1 \\ D < d < X/D}} \chi_4(d) \right|^2. \end{aligned}$$

The summands in the last sum for which $p_1 = p_6$ can be estimated with $\mathcal{O}(X^{7+\varepsilon})$. Thus,

$$(7.24) \quad \Gamma_2^2 \ll (\log X)^{10} \Sigma_0 + X^{7+\varepsilon},$$

where

$$(7.25) \quad \Sigma_0 = \sum_{X/2 < p_1 \leq X} \left| \sum_{\substack{d|p_1-1 \\ D < d < X/D}} \chi_4(d) \right|^2 \sum_{\substack{X/2 < p_6 \leq X \\ p_6 \in \mathcal{F}(X) \\ p_6 \neq p_1}} \sum_{\substack{X/2 < p_2, p_3, p_5, p_{10} \leq X \\ [p_1^c] + [p_2^c] + [p_3^c] + [p_4^c] + [p_5^c] = N \\ [p_6^c] + [p_7^c] + [p_8^c] + [p_9^c] + [p_{10}^c] = N}} 1.$$

Now (7.25) and Lemma 7.1 yield

$$(7.26) \quad \Sigma_0 \ll \frac{X^{8-2c}}{\log^8 X} \Sigma'_0 \Sigma''_0,$$

where

$$\Sigma'_0 = \sum_{X/2 < p \leq X} \left| \sum_{\substack{d|p-1 \\ D < d < X/D}} \chi_4(d) \right|^2, \quad \Sigma''_0 = \sum_{\substack{X/2 < p \leq X \\ p \in \mathcal{F}(X)}} 1.$$

Applying Lemma 3.12 we obtain

$$(7.27) \quad \Sigma'_0 \ll \frac{X(\log \log X)^7}{\log X}.$$

Using Lemma 3.13 we get

$$(7.28) \quad \Sigma''_0 \ll \frac{X(\log \log X)^3}{(\log X)^{1+2\theta_0}},$$

where θ_0 is denoted by (1.3). Finally (7.24), (7.26), (7.27) and (7.28) imply

$$(7.29) \quad \Gamma_2 \ll \frac{X^{5-c}(\log \log X)^5}{(\log X)^{\theta_0}}.$$

8. LOWER BOUND FOR Γ_1

Consider the sum Γ_1 . From (4.2), (4.5) and (4.6) we deduce

$$(8.1) \quad \Gamma_1 = \Gamma_1^{(1)} + \Gamma_1^{(2)},$$

where

$$(8.2) \quad \Gamma_1^{(i)} = \sum_{d \leq D} \chi_4(d) I_{1,d}^{(i)}(N), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

8.1. Estimation of $\Gamma_1^{(1)}$. First we consider $\Gamma_1^{(1)}$. Using formula (5.12) for $J = (X/2, X]$, (8.2) and treating the remainder term in the same way as for $\Gamma_3^{(1)}$ we find

$$(8.3) \quad \Gamma_1^{(1)} = \Phi(X) \sum_{d \leq D} \frac{\chi_4(d)}{\varphi(d)} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{X^{5-c}}{\log X}\right),$$

where

$$(8.4) \quad \Phi(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} I^5(t) e(-Nt) dt.$$

Lemma 8.1. *For the integral denoted by (8.4), the asymptotic formula*

$$\Phi(X) = \frac{\Gamma^5(1+1/c)}{\Gamma(5/c)} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{5-c}}\right) X^{5-c} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{X^{5-c}}{e^{(\log X)^{1/6}}}\right)$$

holds.

P r o o f. From (8.4) write

$$(8.5) \quad \Phi(X) = \Theta_1 - \Omega_S + \Omega_S + \Theta_2,$$

where

$$(8.6) \quad \Theta_1 = \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} I^5(t) e(-Nt) dt,$$

$$(8.7) \quad \Theta_2 = \int_{|t| > \Delta} I^5(t) e(-Nt) dt,$$

$$(8.8) \quad \Omega_S = \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} S^5(t) e(-Nt) dt.$$

By (2.2), (2.4), (2.5), (5.1), (8.6), (8.8), Lemmas 3.7 and 3.9 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(8.9) \quad \Theta_1 - \Omega_S &\ll \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} |S^5(t) - I^5(t)| dt \\
&\ll \max_{|t| \leq \Delta} |S(t) - I(t)| \left(\int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} |S(t)|^4 dt + \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} |I(t)|^4 dt \right) \\
&\ll \left(\max_{|t| \leq \Delta} |\overline{S}(t) - I(t)| + \Delta X \right) X^2 \left(\int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} |S(t)|^2 dt + \int_{-\Delta}^{\Delta} |I(t)|^2 dt \right) \\
&\ll \left(\frac{X}{e^{(\log X)^{1/5}}} + \Delta X \right) X^{4-c} \log^2 X \ll \frac{X^{5-c}}{e^{(\log X)^{1/6}}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Arguing as in Proposition 3.1 of [25] for the integral denoted by (8.8) we get

$$(8.10) \quad \Omega_S = \frac{\Gamma^5(1+1/c)}{\Gamma(5/c)} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{5-c}}\right) X^{5-c} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{X^{5-c}}{e^{(\log X)^{1/4}}}\right).$$

From (2.2), (5.10) and (8.7) it follows

$$(8.11) \quad \Theta_2 \ll \int_{\Delta}^{\infty} |I(t)|^5 dt \ll \frac{1}{X^{5(c-1)}} \int_{\Delta}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^5} \ll \frac{1}{X^{5(c-1)} \Delta^4} = X^{4-c}.$$

Now the lemma follows from (8.5), (8.9), (8.10) and (8.11). $\square$

According to [7] we have

$$(8.12) \quad \sum_{d \leq D} \frac{\chi_4(d)}{\varphi(d)} = \frac{\pi}{4} \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{\chi_4(p)}{p(p-1)}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(X^{-1/20}\right).$$

From (8.3) and (8.12) we obtain

$$(8.13) \quad \Gamma_1^{(1)} = \frac{\pi}{4} \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{\chi_4(p)}{p(p-1)}\right) \Phi(X) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{X^{5-c}}{\log X}\right) + \mathcal{O}(\Phi(X) X^{-1/20}).$$

Now (8.13) and Lemma 8.1 yield

$$(8.14) \quad \Gamma_1^{(1)} = \frac{\pi}{4} \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{\chi_4(p)}{p(p-1)}\right) \frac{\Gamma^5(1+1/c)}{\Gamma(5/c)} (1 - 1/2^{5-c}) X^{5-c} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{X^{5-c}}{\log X}\right).$$

8.2. Estimation of $\Gamma_1^{(2)}$. Arguing as in the estimation of $\Gamma_3^{(2)}$ we get

$$(8.15) \quad \Gamma_1^{(2)} \ll \frac{X^{5-c}}{\log X}.$$

8.3. Estimation of Γ_1 . Summarizing (8.1), (8.14) and (8.15) we deduce

$$(8.16) \quad \Gamma_1 = \frac{\pi}{4} \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{\chi_4(p)}{p(p-1)}\right) \frac{\Gamma^5(1+1/c)}{\Gamma(5/c)} (1 - 1/2^{5-c}) X^{5-c} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{X^{5-c}}{\log X}\right).$$

9. PROOF OF THE THEOREM

Bearing in mind (1.4), (4.1), (6.37), (7.29) and (8.16) we establish asymptotic formula (1.6). This completes the proof of the theorem.

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