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For an increasing sequence of positive integers  $n_1, n_2, \dots$ , let  $A(x)$  be the number of  $n_i$ 's up to  $x$ . Copeland and Erdős [1] proved that if, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$(1) \quad A(x) > x^{1-\epsilon}$$

provided that  $x$  is sufficiently large, or what amounts the same thing

$$\log \frac{x}{A(x)} = o(\log x)$$

as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , then the infinite decimal  $0.n_1 n_2 \dots$  is normal to base  $r$  when each of these integers  $n_i$  is replaced by its  $r$ -adic expansion. In the present paper we shall refine this results and make some remarks on it.

§1. Statements of Results

Throughout of this paper  $r$  is an integer greater than 1.

Every positive integer  $n$  can be written uniquely as

$$n = a_1 a_2 \dots a_k = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i r^{k-i}, \quad (2)$$

where each  $a_i$  is one of  $0, 1, \dots, r-1$ , and  $a_1 \neq 0$ , or equivalently  $k = [\log_r n] + 1$ , where  $[t]$  is the greatest integer not exceeding a real number  $t$ . For any sequence  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_\ell$  of 0's, 1's,  $\dots$ , and  $r-1$ 's of length  $\ell$ , we denote by  $N(n) = N_r(n; b_1 b_2 \dots b_\ell)$  the number of indices  $i$ 's in the expression (2) such that  $a_i = b_1, a_{i+1} = b_2, \dots, a_{i+\ell-1} = b_\ell$ .

We put  $s_r(n) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i$ , so that

$$s_r(n) = \sum_{b=1}^{r-1} b N_r(n; b) \quad (3)$$

Theorem 1. Let  $n_1, n_2, \dots$  be any, finite or infinite, increasing sequence of positive integers. Then, for any  $\ell$  integers  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_\ell$  with  $0 \leq b_i < r$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{n_i \leq x} N_r(n_i; b_1 b_2 \dots b_\ell) - \frac{1}{r} A(x) \log_r x \right| \\ & \leq c \left( \frac{\log \frac{x}{A(x)} + \log \log x}{\log x} \right)^{1/2} A(x) \log_r x, \end{aligned}$$

provided  $x \geq r^{\ell r^2}$ , where  $c = 2^{8\ell\sqrt{\ell}} \log r$ .

By the relation (1) we have the following

Corollary 1. (cf. Heppner [2]). For any, finite or infinite, increasing sequence  $n_1, n_2, \dots$  of positive integers, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{n_i \leq x} s_r(n_i) - \frac{r-1}{2} A(x) \log_r x \right| \\ & \leq c_1 \left( \frac{\log \frac{x}{A(x)} + \log \log x}{\log x} \right)^{1/2} A(x) \log_r x, \end{aligned}$$

provided  $x \geq r^{r^2}$ , where  $c_1 = 2^7 r(r-1)\sqrt{\log r}$ .

Example 1. Let  $\mathcal{G}(n)$  be the Euler function. Then we obtain

$$\sum_{\substack{m \leq n \\ (m,n)=1}} s_r(m) = \frac{r-1}{2} \mathcal{G}(n) \log_r n \cdot \left( 1 + O\left(\frac{\log \log n}{\log n}\right)^{1/2} \right),$$

using the estimates  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{G}(n)(\log \log n)/n > 0$ .

Example 2. (Shiokawa [8], Heppner [2]).

$$\sum_{p \leq x} s_r(p) = \frac{r-1}{2} \frac{x}{\log r} \left( 1 + O\left(\frac{\log \log x}{\log x}\right)^{1/2} \right),$$

where  $p$  runs through prime numbers.

Every irrational number  $\theta$  with  $0 \leq \theta < 1$  can be uniquely expanded to base  $r$  as

$$\theta = 0.a_1a_2\cdots = a_1r^{-1} + a_2r^{-2} + \cdots, \quad (4)$$

where each  $a_i$  is one of  $0, 1, \dots, r-1$ . Then  $\theta$  is said to be normal to base  $r$ , if the relative frequency  $t^{-1}N(t; \theta; b_1b_2\cdots b_\ell)$  of a given sequence  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_\ell$  as in Theorem 1 tends to  $r^{-\ell}$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $N(t; \theta; b_1b_2\cdots b_\ell)$  is the number of occurrences of the sequence  $b_1b_2\cdots b_\ell$  in the first  $t$  digits  $a_1a_2\cdots a_t$ . Let  $n_1, n_2, \dots$  be any increasing sequence of positive integers and let  $n_j = a_{j1}a_{j2}\cdots a_{jk_j}$  be the expression (2) of  $n_j$ . We define by (4) a number  $\theta_r = 0.a_{11}a_{12}\cdots a_{1k_1}a_{21}\cdots a_{2k_2}\cdots$ , which will be written simply as  $\theta_r = 0.n_1n_2\cdots$ . Then Copeland and Erdős proved that, for any increasing sequence  $n_1, n_2, \dots$  of positive integers satisfying (1),  $t^{-1}N(t; \theta_r; b_1b_2\cdots b_\ell) = r^{-\ell} + o(1)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . It seems difficult, in general, to estimate the remainder  $o(1)$  explicitly in terms of  $t$ . However, choosing an index  $i=i(t)$  such that

$$\sum_{h=1}^{i-1} [\log_r n_h + 1] \leq t < \sum_{h=1}^i [\log_r n_h + 1],$$

we have the following

**Theorem 2.** Let  $n_1, n_2, \dots$  be any increasing sequence of positive integers satisfying (1). Then, for any  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_\ell$  as in Theorem 1, we have

$$\frac{N(t)}{t} = \frac{1}{r^\ell} + O\left(\frac{\log \frac{n_{i(t)}}{i(t)} + \log \log t}{\log t}\right)^{1/2},$$

where  $\log(n_{i(t)}/i(t)) = o(\log t)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and the constant implied depends possibly on  $r$  and  $\ell$ .

Example 3. Let  $\theta_r = 0.23571113\dots$  be the number defined by the sequence of primes. Then

$$\frac{1}{t} N(t; \theta_r; b_1 b_2 \dots b_\ell) = \frac{1}{r^\ell} \left( 1 + O\left(\frac{\log \log t}{\log t}\right)^{1/2} \right).$$

The assumption (1) in the theorem of Copeland and Erdős as well as Corollary 2 is indispensable as the following theorem shows.

Theorem. (Shiokawa [7]) For any given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is an increasing sequence  $n_1, n_2, \dots$  of positive integers satisfying

$$A(x) > x^{1-\epsilon},$$

provided that  $x$  is sufficiently large, such that  $\theta_r = 0.n_1 n_2 \dots$  is not normal to base  $r$ .

The estimate obtained in Theorem 1 is best possible in the sense that  $O((\log(x/A(x)) + \log \log x)/\log x)^{1/2}$  cannot be replaced by  $o((\log(x/A(x)) + \log \log x)/\log x)^{1/2}$ . The same is true for Theorem 2, and when  $r=2$  for Corollary 1, since  $N_2(n; 1) = s_2(n)$ . Indeed we have the following

Theorem 3. Let  $b$  be one of  $0, 1, \dots, r-1$ . Then there is an increasing sequence  $n_1, n_2, \dots$  of positive integers satisfying

$$A(x) > \frac{1}{8} \frac{x}{\log x}$$

for all sufficiently large  $x$  such that

$$N_r(n; b) \geq \left( 1 + \frac{1}{16} \left( \frac{\log \log x}{r \log x} \right)^{1/2} \right) \frac{1}{r} A(x) \log_r x$$

for infinitely many integers  $x$ .

For some specified sequences  $n_1, n_2, \dots$  satisfying the condition (1), one may get better results than those which can be deduced from Theorem 1. For instance, we can show the following by a method similar to that used in [3]: Let  $\ell$  and  $m$  be integers such that  $0 \leq \ell < m$ , and

let  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_\ell$  as in Theorem 1. Then

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \equiv a \pmod{m}}} N_r(n; b_1 b_2 \dots b_\ell) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{x}{m} \log_r x + O(x)$$

and

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ (n, m) = 1}} N_r(n; b_1 b_2 \dots b_\ell) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\mathcal{P}(m)}{m} x \log_r x + O(d(m)x).$$

where  $d(n)$  is the number of divisors of  $n$ . By (1) we also have the estimates for the corresponding sums of digits as Corollary 1.

Finally we exhibit a theorem which is of interest in connection with Example 1.

**Theorem 4.** For any  $\ell$  integers  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_\ell$  with  $0 \leq b_i < r$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{\substack{m \leq n \\ (m, n) = 1}} N_r(n; b_1 b_2 \dots b_\ell) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{3}{\pi^2} x^2 \log_r x \cdot \left(1 + O\left(\frac{\log \log x}{\log x}\right)\right),$$

as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , where the constant implied depends possibly on  $r$  and  $\ell$ .

Especially,

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{\substack{m \leq n \\ (m, n) = 1}} s_r(m) = \frac{r-1}{2} \frac{3}{\pi^2} x^2 \log_r x \cdot \left(1 + O\left(\frac{\log \log x}{\log x}\right)\right).$$

## §2. Proofs

For the proofs of Theorems 1 and 3, we need the following Lemma which is a refinement of those proved in [6] and [7]. We denote by  $T(k, \epsilon; b)$  and  $S(k, \epsilon; b)$  the number of integers  $n$  with  $0 \leq n < r^k$  such that  $|N_r(n; b) - k/r| > k\epsilon$  and  $N_r(n; b) - k/r > k\epsilon$ , respectively.

**Lemma.** Let  $b$  be any integer with  $0 \leq b < r$ . Then we have

$$T(k, \epsilon; b) < r^k k \exp\left(-\frac{1}{32} k \epsilon^2\right)$$

and

$$S(k, \epsilon; b) > \frac{1}{16} r^{k\sqrt{k}} \exp(-8r k \epsilon^2)$$

for any  $\epsilon$  with  $0 < \epsilon < 1/8$  and any integer  $k$  with  $k \epsilon \geq 4r$ .

Proof of the first inequality. Putting  $p(mr, \ell) = \binom{mr}{\ell} (r-1)^{mr-\ell}$  for brevity, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(mr, \epsilon/2) &\leq \sum_{|\ell-m| > mr\epsilon/2} p(mr, \ell) \\ &= \sum_{|j| > mr\epsilon/2} p(mr, m+j) < r^{mr} \exp(-\frac{1}{16} mr \epsilon^2), \end{aligned}$$

provided  $mr\epsilon \geq 2$ , using the inequality (see [5])  $p(mr, m+j) < r^{mr} \exp(-j^2/(4mr))$ , where  $j$  is an integer with  $|j| \geq 2$ . Now let  $k = mr + d$ ,  $0 \leq d < r$ . Then writing  $n < r^k$  as (2) and putting  $n_1 = \sum_{i=d+1}^k a_i r^{k-i}$ , we have  $|N(n) - k/r| < |N(n_1) - m| + r$ , so that if  $|N(n) - k/r| > k\epsilon$ , we have  $|N(n_1) - m| > mr\epsilon/2$ , provided  $k\epsilon \geq 4r$ . Therefore we obtain

$$T(k, \epsilon; b) < r^d T(mr, \epsilon/2) < r^k \exp(-\frac{1}{32} k \epsilon^2).$$

Proof of the second inequality. Assume first that  $b \neq 0$ . Then

$$S(mr, 2\epsilon; b) = \sum_{\ell-m > 2mr\epsilon} p(mr, \ell) = \sum_{mr\epsilon < j < mr-m} p(mr, m+j).$$

Here

$$p(mr, m+j)/p(mr, m) = \prod_{i=1}^j (1 + \frac{i}{m})^{-1} (1 + \frac{i-1}{mr-m}) > \exp(-\frac{2j^2}{m}),$$

provided  $j < (mr-m)/2$ , noticing that  $1-x > e^{-2x}$  with  $0 \leq x \leq 1/2$ . Thus we have

$$p(mr, m+j) > \frac{r^{mr}}{\sqrt{m}} \exp(-4mr^2 \epsilon^2)$$

for all  $j$  with  $mr\epsilon < j < (mr-m)/2$ , using the inequality  $p(mr, m) > r^{mr}/\sqrt{m}$ .

Hence

$$S(mr, 2\epsilon; b) > \frac{1}{8} r^{mr+1} \sqrt{m} \exp(-4mr^2 \epsilon^2),$$

since  $(mr-m)/2-mr\epsilon > mr/8$  provided  $\epsilon < 1/8$ .

Now let  $k=mr+d$ ,  $0 \leq d < r$ . Then  $N(n_1)-m > 2mr\epsilon$  implies  $N(n)-k/r > N(n_1)-k/r > k\epsilon$ , provided  $k\epsilon \geq 4r$ . Therefore we obtain

$$S(k, \epsilon; b) > r^d S(mr, 2\epsilon; b) > \frac{1}{8} r^k \sqrt{k} \exp(-8rk\epsilon^2).$$

For the remaining case of  $b=0$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(k, \epsilon; 0) &\geq \sum_{\substack{r^{k-1} \leq n < r^k \\ N_r(n; 0) - k/r > k\epsilon}} 1 = \frac{r-1}{r} S(k, \epsilon; r-1) \\ &> \frac{1}{16} r^k \sqrt{k} \exp(-8rk\epsilon^2) \end{aligned}$$

as required, and the proof of Lemma is completed.

Proof of Theorem 1. Assume first that  $\ell=1$ . Putting  $k = \lceil \log_r x + 1 \rceil$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{n_1 \leq x} N(n_1) - \frac{A(x)}{r} \log_r x \right| &\leq \left| \sum_{n_1 \leq x} N(n_1) - \frac{A(x)}{r} k \right| + \left| \frac{A(x)}{r} k - \frac{A(x)}{r} \log_r x \right| \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{\substack{n_1 \leq x \\ |n(n_1) - k/r| \leq k\epsilon}} + \sum_{\substack{n_1 \leq x \\ |n(n_1) - k/r| > k\epsilon}} \right) \left| N(n_1) - \frac{k}{r} \right| + \frac{A(x)}{r} \\ &\leq A(x)k\epsilon + \frac{A(x)}{r} + kT(k, \epsilon; b), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\epsilon = \epsilon(x)$  is defined by

$$\epsilon^2 = \frac{2^5}{k} \left( \log \frac{r^k}{A(x)} + 2 \log k \right),$$

so that, by the assumption  $x \geq r^{r^2}$ , we find  $k\epsilon \geq 4r$  and

$$\epsilon^2 < \frac{2^8}{\log_r x} \log \frac{x}{A(x)} + \log(\log_r x). \quad (5)$$

Thus we may use the first inequality of Lemma and obtain  $T(k, \epsilon; b) < A(x)/k$ .

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{n_i \leq x} N(n_i) - r^{-1} A(x) \log_r x \right| &< A(x) k \varepsilon + A(x)/r + A(x) \\ &< 4r \varepsilon A(x) \log_r x, \end{aligned}$$

noticing that  $\varepsilon \geq 4r/k > 1/\log_r x$ , which together with (5) leads to

$$\leq 2^6 r \left( \frac{\log(x/A(x)) + \log(\log_r x)}{\log_r x} \right)^{1/2} A(x) \log_r x. \quad (6)$$

Now let  $\ell \geq 2$ . It follows from the definition that

$$\left| N_r(n; b_1 b_2 \cdots b_\ell) - \sum_{j=0}^{\ell-1} \frac{N_r([nr^{-j}]; B) |}{r^j} \right| \leq \ell,$$

where  $B = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} b_i r^{\ell-1}$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{n_i \leq x} \frac{N_r(n_i; b_1 b_2 \cdots b_\ell)}{r^\ell} - r^{-\ell} A(x) \log_r x \right| \\ \leq \sum_{j=0}^{\ell-1} \left| \sum_{n_i \leq x} \frac{N_r([n_i r^{-j}]; B_0) - r^{-\ell} A(x) \log_r (x r^{-j})}{r^{\ell-j}} \right| + 2\ell A(x), \end{aligned}$$

and hence using (6) with  $r^\ell$  and  $x r^{-j}$  in place of  $r$  and  $x$ ,

$$\leq \ell 2^7 \left( \frac{\log(x/A(x)) + \log(\log_{r^\ell} x)}{\log_{r^\ell} x} \right)^{1/2} A(x) \log_{r^\ell} x + 2\ell A(x),$$

provided  $x \geq r^{2\ell}$ , which leads to Theorem 1.

Proof of Theorem 2. We put for brevity

$$N(t) = N(t; \theta_r; b_1 b_2 \cdots b_\ell), \quad N(m) = N_r(m; b_1 b_2 \cdots b_\ell), \quad K(m) = [\log_r m] + 1, \quad \text{and} \quad n = n(t).$$

Then

$$t = \sum_{n_i \leq n} K(n_i) + O(\log n) \quad (7)$$

and

$$N(t) = \sum_{n_i \leq n} N(n_i) + O(\log n) + O(A(n)),$$

so that

$$\frac{N(t)}{t} = \frac{\sum_{n_i \leq n} N(n_i)}{\sum_{n_i \leq n} K(n_i)} + O\left(\frac{\log n}{t}\right), \quad (8)$$

noticing that  $A(n) = O(\log n)$  by (1).

Now putting  $k=K(n)$ , we get

$$A(n)k - \sum_{n_i \leq n} K(n_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} A(r^j - 1), \quad (9)$$

and so

$$\frac{\sum_{n_i \leq n} N(n_i)}{\sum_{n_i \leq n} K(n_i)} = \frac{\sum_{n_i \leq n} N(n_i)}{A(n)k} \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} A(r^j - 1)}{\sum_{n_i \leq n} K(n_i)}\right). \quad (10)$$

Here

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} A(r^j) &\leq \sum_{1 \leq j \leq [\log_r A(r^{k-1})]} r^j + (k-1 - [\log_r A(r^{k-1})])A(r^{k-1}) \\ &\leq \left(3 + \log_r \frac{r^{k-1}}{A(r^{k-1})}\right) A(r^{k-1}), \end{aligned}$$

so that by (1) and (9)

$$\sum_{n_i \leq n} K(n_i) = A(n)k(1 + o(1)), \quad (11)$$

and consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} A(r^j - 1)}{\sum_{n_i \leq n} K(n_i)} &= O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) + O\left(\frac{A(r^{k-1})}{kA(n)}\left(\log_{A(n)} \frac{n}{A(n)} + \log \frac{A(n)}{A(r^{k-1})} + \log \frac{r^{k-1}}{n}\right)\right) \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{\log n}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{\log n} \log \frac{n}{A(n)}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we obtain by (1) and Theorem 1

$$\frac{\sum_{n_i \leq n} N(n_i)}{\sum_{n_i \leq n} K(n_i)} = \frac{1}{r^l} + O\left(\frac{\log \frac{n}{A(n)} + \log \log n}{\log n}\right)^{1/2},$$

which together with (8) yields Theorem 2, since by (7) and (11)

$\log t = \log n + o(\log n)$ , and so  $\log(n/A(n)) = o(\log t)$ .

Proof of Theorem 3. Let  $k_0$  be a sufficiently large integer.

We define

$$\epsilon_k = \left(\frac{3 \log k}{16rk}\right)^{1/2},$$

so that

$$r^{k/\sqrt{k}} \exp(-8rk\epsilon_k^2) = r^k/k$$

and  $k\epsilon_k \geq 4r$  for  $k \geq k_0$ . Then for each integer  $k \geq k_0$  we can choose, by the second inequality of Lemma,  $[r^k/(16k)+1]$  integers  $n$ 's with  $r^{k-1} \leq n < r^k$  such that  $N_r(n; b) - k/r > k\epsilon_k$ . We denote by  $n_1, n_2, \dots$  the increasing sequence consisting of all these integer for all  $k \geq k_0$ .

By the partial summation formula, we have

$$\sum_{j=k_0}^k \frac{r^j}{j} \leq \frac{r^{k+1}}{(r-1)k} + \frac{4r^k}{(r-1)k^2},$$

so that

$$A(r^k) \leq \frac{1}{16} \sum_{j=k_0}^k \frac{r^j}{j} + k \leq \frac{r^{k+1}}{8k}, \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{A(x)}{x} \geq \frac{A(r^{\lfloor \log_r x \rfloor})}{r^{\lfloor \log_r x \rfloor + 1}} > \frac{1}{8 \log_r x}, \quad (13)$$

and

$$\sum_{j=k_0}^k (k-j) \frac{r^j}{j} \leq \frac{8r^k}{k}. \quad (14)$$

Using (12) and (14), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n_1 \leq r^k} N_r(n; b) - \frac{1}{r} A(r^k) k \\ &= \sum_{j=k_0}^k \sum_{r^{j-1} \leq n_1 < r^j} N_r(n; b) - \frac{k}{r} - \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=k_0}^k (k-j) \left[ \frac{r^j}{16j} + 1 \right] \\ &> k \epsilon_k \frac{r^k}{16k} - \frac{r^{k-1}}{2k} - \frac{k^2}{24} > \frac{\epsilon_k}{4} \frac{A(r^k)}{r} k \end{aligned}$$

for all  $k \geq k_0$ ; which as well as (13) implies that the sequence  $n_1, n_2, \dots$  satisfies the properties mentioned in the theorem.

Proof of Theorem 4. We note first that for any interger  $b$  with  $0 \leq b < r$

$$\sum_{n \leq x} N_r(n; b) = \frac{x}{r} \log_r x + O(x),$$

(which can be proved for instance by using the same idea as in [4],) and consequently, the same argument as in the proof of Theorem 1 will yield

$$\sum_{n \leq x} N_r(n; b_1 b_2 \dots b_\ell) = \frac{x}{r^\ell} \log_r x + O(x). \quad (15)$$

Now we put

$$\lambda = [\log_r(\log n)] \quad \text{and} \quad J = [nr^{-\lambda}]$$

so that  $Jr^\lambda \leq n < (J+1)r^\lambda$ . We note that for any integer  $j \geq 0$ ,

$$N(j) \leq N(m) \leq N(j) + \lambda$$

if  $m$  is an integer with  $jr^\lambda \leq m < (j+1)r^\lambda$ , where  $N(n) = N_r(n; b_1 b_2 \dots b_\ell)$ .

Then, using the equality (see [5])

$$\sum_{\substack{m \leq q \\ (m, n) = 1}} 1 = \frac{(n)}{n} q - \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \left\{ \frac{q}{d} \right\},$$

where  $n$  and  $q$  are positive integers and  $\{x\} = x - [x]$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\substack{m \leq n \\ (m,n)=1}} N(m) &= \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{\substack{(j-1)r^\lambda < m \leq jr^\lambda \\ (m,n)=1}} N(m) + \sum_{Jr^\lambda < m \leq n} N(m) \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^J N(j) \sum_{\substack{(j-1)r^\lambda < m \leq jr^\lambda \\ (m,n)=1}} 1 + O(\lambda \varphi(n)) + O(r^\lambda \log n) \\
 &= \frac{\varphi(n)}{n} r^\lambda \sum_{j=1}^J N(j) - \sum_{j=1}^J N(j) \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \left( \left\{ \frac{jr^\lambda}{d} \right\} - \left\{ \frac{(j-1)r^\lambda}{d} \right\} \right) \\
 &\quad + O(\varphi(n) \log \log n). \tag{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

Here it follows from (15) that

$$\frac{\varphi(n)}{n} r^\lambda \sum_{j=1}^J N(j) = \frac{\varphi(n)}{r} \log n + O(\varphi(n) \log \log n). \tag{17}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{j=1}^J N(j) \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \left( \left\{ \frac{jr^\lambda}{d} \right\} - \left\{ \frac{(j-1)r^\lambda}{d} \right\} \right) \\
 &= N(J) \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \left\{ \frac{Jr^\lambda}{d} \right\} - \sum_{j=2}^J (N(j) - N(j-1)) \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \left\{ \frac{(j-1)r^\lambda}{d} \right\} \\
 &= O(N(J)d(n)) + O(d(n) \sum_{j=1}^J |N(j) - N(j-1)|) \\
 &= O(d(n)n/\log n), \tag{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $d(n)$  is the number of divisors of  $n$ , since

$$\sum_{j=1}^J |N(j) - N(j-1)| \leq \sum_{k \geq 0} \sum_{J=1}^J \sum_{r^k || j} (k+1) = O(J).$$

Combining (16), (17), and (18), we get

$$\sum_{\substack{m \leq n \\ (m,n)=1}} N(m) = \frac{\mathcal{V}(n)}{r} \log_r n + O(\mathcal{V}(n) \log \log n) + O\left(\frac{d(n)n}{\log n}\right).$$

Therefore we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{\substack{m \leq n \\ (m,n)=1}} N(m) &= \frac{1}{r} \sum_{n \leq x} \mathcal{V}(n) \log_r n \\ &+ O\left(\sum_{n \leq x} \mathcal{V}(n) \log \log n\right) + O\left(\sum_{n \leq x} d(n) \frac{n}{\log n}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{3}{\pi^2} x^2 \log_r x + O(x^2 \log \log x), \end{aligned}$$

using the inequalities

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \mathcal{V}(n) = \frac{3}{\pi^2} x^2 + O(x \log x)$$

and

$$\sum_{n \leq x} d(n) = x \log x + O(x),$$

and the proof of Theorem 3 is completed.

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