

# Joint distribution in residue classes of families of “polynomially-defined” multiplicative functions

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But for multiplicative functions, this is **NOT** the correct notion to consider. (Recall:  $f$  is multiplicative if  $f(mn) = f(m)f(n)$  for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ .)

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For multiplicative functions  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ , it makes sense to study their distribution in the multiplicative group  $U_q \pmod{q}$ . So now our sample space is  $\{n : \gcd(f(n), q) = 1\}$ .

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**A consequence of this:** Let  $\sigma(n) = \sum_{d|n} d$ ,  $\sigma_2(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^2$ .

## Theorem 2.

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**Question (made precise).** Can we establish analogues of Siegel-Walfisz with primes replaced by values of  $\varphi$  or  $(\varphi, \sigma, \sigma_2)$ ?



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**Work-around:** Restrict to inputs  $n$  having sufficiently many large prime factors. Equidistribution is restored among these inputs.

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**Heuristic:** Assume  $\gcd(q, 6) = 1$  and let

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As  $J \rightarrow \infty$ , each element of  $U_q$  becomes roughly equally likely to appear as one of the products  $\prod_{j=1}^J (u_j - 1)$ .

This mixing plays a central role for WUD of  $\varphi(n)$ . In our case, the analogous mixing phenomenon is that of the tuples  $(u - 1, u + 1, u^2 + u + 1)$  in the group  $U_q^3$ , where  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots$  are chosen from the set  $\mathcal{R} = \{u \in U_q : (u - 1)(u + 1)(u^2 + u + 1) \in U_q\}$ .

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### *Proposition 1.*

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*Proposition 3.*

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Key tool:

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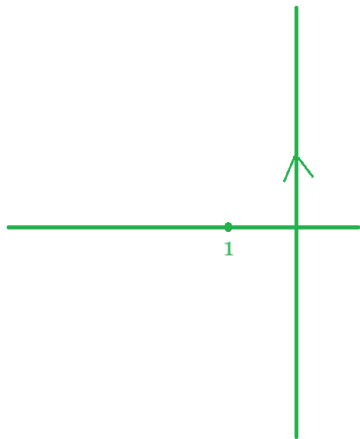
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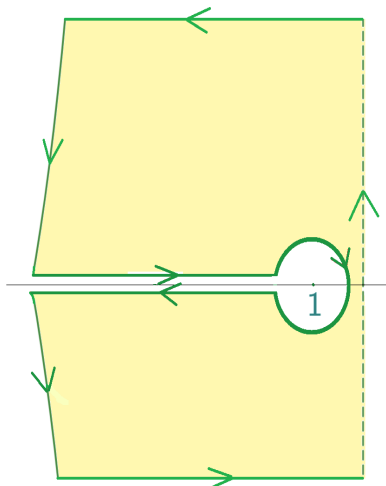
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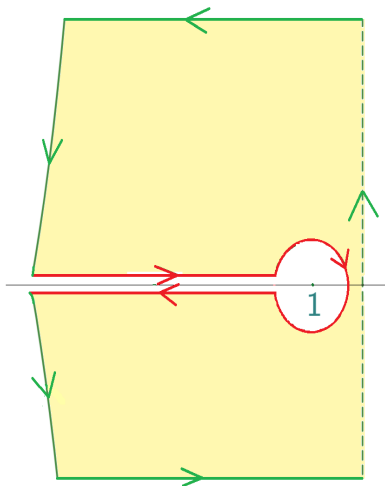
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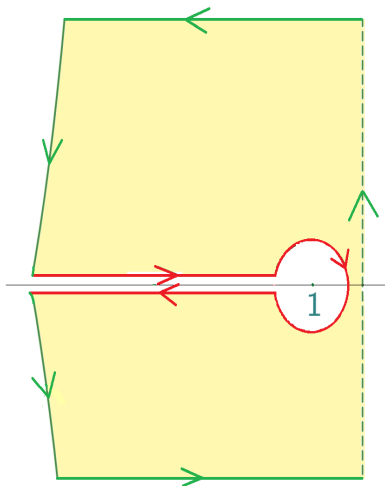
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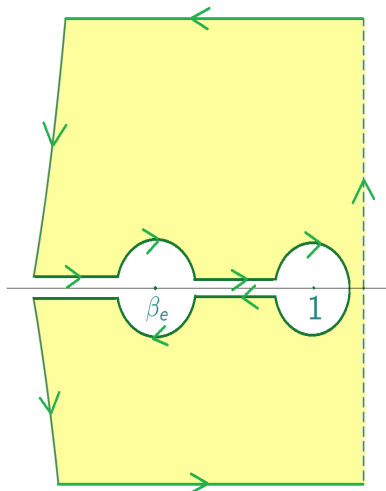
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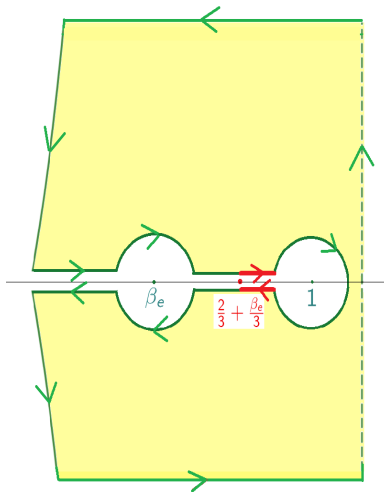
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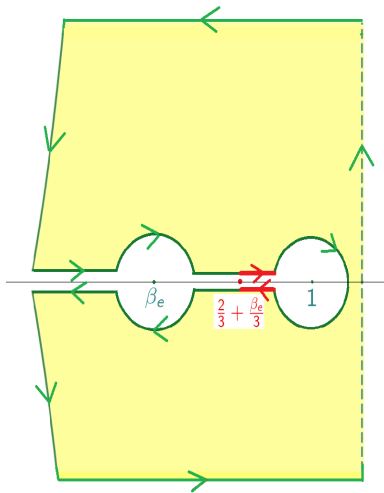
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### Theorem 9 (S.R., 2023).

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To give uniform analogues of Narkiewicz's results we'll need two technical hypotheses  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , which we can prove to be necessary.

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Thank you for your attention!