# Asymptotic formulae of generalized Chebyshev functions* 

Catalina Calderón<br>María José Zárate<br>Universidad del País Vasco, ESPAÑA


#### Abstract

In this paper we study the behavior of certain generalized Chebyshev functions over the square r-free integers and will prove Selberg's inequality for such functions Key words and phrases. Selberg's formula, Chebyshev functions, prime number theorem.

1991 Mathematics Subject Classification. Primary 11N05. Secondary 11N69.


## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

In the last three decades a number of elementary proofs of the prime number theorem have appeared (see [3] for a survey). Most of these proofs are based, at least in part, on ideas from the original proof of Erdös [4] and Selberg [9]. One of the main ingredients of the Erdös -Selberg proof is Selberg's formula

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{p \leq x} \log ^{2} p+\sum_{p q \leq x} \log p \log q=2 x \log x+O(x) \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

which appears, in some form, in almost all these proofs.

[^0]Several proofs of Selberg's formula appeared soon (see [7], [11] ,[12]). Bombieri [1] used a class of analogues of Selberg's formulae of greater weight to improve the error term in the prime number theorem. Wirsing [13] introduced a recursion whereby each time that an error estimate was found for $\pi(x)-l i x$, it was used again to obtain an improved form of Selberg's formula.
H.N. Shapiro [11] obtained a generalization of Selberg's formula and its equivalences. Also, A. Selberg [10] gave an elementary proof of the prime number theorem for arithmetic progressions. Its starting point is the following formula

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{\substack{p \leq x \\ \ell(\bmod k)}} \log ^{2} p+\sum_{\substack{p q \leq x \\ p q \equiv \ell(\bmod k)}} \log p \log q \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
=\frac{2}{\phi(k)} x \log x+O(x), \quad(k, \ell)=1
$$

In 1958 G.J. Rieger obtained formula (1.2) in an algebraic field [8].
Applying the inversion formula, K. Iseki and T. Tatuzawa [12] established the formula

$$
\begin{equation*}
\psi(x) \log x+\sum_{n \leq x} \psi(x / n) \Lambda(n)=2 x \log x+O(x), \quad \psi(x)=\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) . \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

This result may be used in place of Selberg's formula to prove the prime number theorem.

In this paper we will prove Selberg's inequality for the generalized Chebyshev functions $\Psi_{r, k}^{*}(x), \theta_{r, k}^{*}(x)$ which will be defined in (1.4). Let $G_{2}$ be the set of square integers and let $Q_{r}$ be the set of r-free integers $(r>2)$. If $r=1$ we take $G_{2} \cap Q_{1}=\{1\}$. If $r \geq 2$ is even, $G_{2} \cap Q_{r}=G_{2} \cap Q_{r-1}$, so that it is sufficient to consider the case when $r$ is odd.

We denote by $C_{r, k}$ the set of natural numbers $n$ such that $n=N$ or $n=$ $p m N$, where $N \in G_{2} \cap Q_{r}$ and $m$ is an arbitrary integer with $\omega(m) \leq k-1$, $(p m, N)=1, \omega(m)$ being the number of distinct prime factors of $m$.

For positive integers $r$ and $k$, let $\psi_{r, k}^{*}(x), \theta_{r, k}^{*}(x)$ be the summatory functions

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Psi_{r, k}^{*}(x)=\sum_{n \leq x} \wedge_{r, k}^{*}(n), \quad \theta_{r, k}^{*}(x)=\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in C_{r, k}}} \wedge_{r, k}^{*}(n) \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\wedge_{r, k}^{*}(n)$ is the function of Mangoldt type

$$
\begin{equation*}
\wedge_{r, k}^{*}(n)=\sum_{d \delta=n} \mu_{r}^{*}(d) \log ^{k} \delta, \tag{1.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\mu_{r}^{*}(n)$ being given by $\mu_{r}^{*}(1)=1, \mu_{r}^{*}(n)=0$ if $p^{r+1} \mid n$ for some prime $p$, and $\mu_{r}^{*}(n)=(-1)^{\Omega(n)}$ if $n=\prod p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}}, 0 \leq \alpha_{i} \leq r$, with $\Omega(n)=\sum \alpha_{i}$ (observe that $\mu_{1}^{*}(n)$ is the Moebius function $\left.\mu(n)\right)$.

The functions $\wedge_{r, k}^{*}(n)$ generalize the well-known von Mangoldt function $\wedge(n)$ and also Ivić functions $\wedge_{k}(n)$ (cf. [5]). Since

$$
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_{r}^{*}(n) n^{-s}=(\zeta(2 s) / \zeta(s)) \gamma_{r}((r+1) s)
$$

for $\operatorname{Re}(s)>1$, where $\gamma_{r}(s)=1 / \zeta(s)$ if $r \geq 1$ is odd and $\gamma_{r}(s)=\zeta(s) / \zeta(2 s)$ if $r \geq 2$ is even, the Dirichlet series for $\wedge_{r, k}^{*}(n)$ is

$$
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \wedge_{r, k}^{*}(n) n^{-s}=(-1)^{k}\left(\zeta^{(k)}(s) / \zeta(s)\right) \zeta(2 s) \gamma_{r}((r+1) s)
$$

which is absolutely convergent for $\operatorname{Re}(s)>1 . \zeta(s)$ is the Riemann zeta function and $\zeta^{(k)}(s)$ its $k$-th order derivative. The function $\wedge_{r, k}^{*}(n)$ has the property $\wedge_{r, k}^{*}(n)=\sum_{d \delta=n} \wedge_{1, k}^{*}(d) h_{r}(\delta), h_{r}(n)=\sum_{d \delta=n} \mu_{r}^{*}(d)$. For odd integer $r$, $h_{r}(n)$ is the characteristic function of the square $r$-free integers.

Moreover, from [2, Theorem 2] we know that for fixed positive integers $r, k$, there exists a constant $C=C(k)>0$ such that

$$
\begin{align*}
\Psi_{r, k}^{*}(x) & =x P_{k-1}(\log x)+O(x \exp (-C \delta(x)), \\
\delta(x) & =\log ^{3 / 5} x(\log \log x)^{-1 / 5} \tag{1.6}
\end{align*}
$$

where $P_{k-1}(t)$ is a polynomial of degree $k-1$ in $t$ (the case $r=k=1$ is formula (12.26) of [6]). An extension of (1.3) for $\Psi_{r, k}^{*}(x)$ is given in [2, Theorem 3]. We will give here other formulae of type (1.3) and (1.1) for $\Psi_{r, k}^{*}(x)$ and $\theta_{r, k}^{*}(x)$, the sums being extended over a certain class of integers (mentioned above).

## 2. The theorems

Theorem 1. For integers $r, k \geq 1$, with $r$ odd, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
0 \leq \Psi_{r, k}^{*}(x)-\theta_{r, k}^{*}(x) \ll x^{1 / 2} \log ^{2 k} x . \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. From (1.4) we obtain that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Psi_{r, k}^{*}(x)-\theta_{r, k}^{*}(x)=\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \notin C_{r, k}}} \wedge_{r, k}^{*}(n) \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Moreover let $n=\prod_{i=1}^{s} p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}}$ be the factorial descomposition of the positive integer $n$ and let $\delta_{i}=\min \left\{\alpha_{i}, r\right\}$. Using (1.5) and the definition of $\mu_{r}^{*}(n)$ we get have that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\wedge_{r, k}^{*}(n)=\sum_{\beta_{1}=0}^{\delta_{1}} \cdots \sum_{\beta_{s}=0}^{\delta_{s}}(-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^{i} \beta_{i}}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{s}\left(\alpha_{i}-\beta_{i}\right) \log p_{i}\right)^{k}= \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
=\sum_{n_{1}+\cdots+n_{s}=k} \frac{k!}{n_{1}!\ldots n_{s}!} \log ^{n_{1}} p_{1} \ldots \log ^{n_{s}} p_{s} S\left(n_{1}\right) \ldots S\left(n_{s}\right),
$$

where $S\left(n_{i}\right)=\sum_{\beta=0}^{\delta_{i}}(-1)^{\beta}\left(\alpha_{i}-\beta\right)^{n_{i}}$. Since $0 \leq S\left(n_{i}\right)<\alpha_{i}^{n_{i}}, i=1, \ldots, s$ from (2.3) we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\wedge_{r, k}^{*}(n) \leq \log ^{k} n \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

If at least $k+1$ exponents $\alpha_{i}$ are such that $\alpha_{i} \geq r$ or $\alpha_{i}<r$ is odd then $\wedge_{r, k}^{*}(n)=0$ and, from the definition of $C_{r, k}$,

$$
\left\{n: n \notin C_{r, k}, \quad \wedge_{r, k}^{*}(n) \neq 0\right\} \subset M_{r, k}=\cup_{j=1}^{k} M_{r, k}^{j}
$$

where
$M_{r, k}^{j}=\left\{n=N \prod_{s=1}^{j} p_{s}^{\alpha_{s}}: 1<\alpha_{s}(\right.$ odd $)<r$ or $\left.\alpha_{s} \geq r, N \in G_{2} \cap Q_{r},\left(p_{s}, N\right)=1\right\}$.
We consider the sums

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{j}=\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in M_{r, k}^{j}}} \log ^{k} n \quad, \quad(1 \leq j \leq k) \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $j=1, N=1$ and let $\pi(x)$ be the number of prime numbers which do not exceed $x$. Since the order of magnitude of $\pi(x)$ is $x / \log x$, then

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{p^{\alpha} \leq x} \log ^{k} p^{\alpha} & \lll \sum_{2 \leq \alpha \leq \log _{2} x} \alpha^{k} \sum_{p \leq x^{1 / \alpha}} \log ^{k} p \\
& \ll \sum_{2 \leq \alpha \leq \log _{2} x} \alpha^{k} \pi\left(x^{1 / \alpha}\right) \log ^{k}\left(x^{1 / \alpha}\right) \ll x^{1 / 2} \log ^{k+1} x .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Therefore

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{1}=\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in M_{r, k}^{1}}} \log ^{k}(n) \ll \max _{0 \leq \beta \leq k} \sum_{\substack{p^{\alpha} \leq x \\ \alpha \geq 2}} \log ^{k-\beta} p^{\alpha} \sum_{\substack{N \leq x / p^{\alpha} \\ N \text { square }}} \log ^{\beta} N \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\ll \max _{0 \leq \beta \leq k} x^{1 / 2} \log ^{\beta} x \sum_{\substack{p^{\alpha} \leq x \\ \alpha \geq 2}} \frac{\log ^{k-\beta} p^{\alpha}}{\sqrt{p^{\alpha}}} \ll x^{1 / 2} \log ^{k+1} x
$$

because for a non-negative integer $m$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{p^{\alpha} \leq x, \alpha \geq 2} \frac{\log ^{m} p^{\alpha}}{\sqrt{p^{\alpha}}} \ll \log ^{m+1} x \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

From (2.6) and (2.7) we obtain the following estimate for $S_{2}$ ( $p, q$ are prime numbers):

$$
\begin{align*}
S_{2} & =\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\
n \in M_{r, k}^{2}}} \log ^{k}(n) \\
& \ll \max _{0 \leq \beta \leq k} \sum_{\substack{p^{\alpha} \leq x \\
\alpha \geq 2}} \log ^{k-\beta}\left(p^{\alpha}\right) \cdot \sum_{\substack{q^{\gamma} N \leq x / p^{\alpha} \\
\gamma \geq 2, N \text { square }}} \log ^{\beta}\left(q^{\gamma} N\right) \tag{2.8}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\ll \max _{0 \leq \beta \leq k} x^{1 / 2} \log ^{\beta+1} x \sum_{\substack{p^{\alpha} \leq x \\ \alpha \geq 2}} \frac{\log ^{k-\beta} p^{\alpha}}{\sqrt{p^{\alpha}}} \ll x^{1 / 2} \log ^{k+2} x
$$

By repeating the above argument for every $j=1,2, \ldots, k$ we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{j} \ll x^{1 / 2} \log ^{k+j} x \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Therefore, we have

$$
\Psi_{r, k}^{*}(x)-\theta_{r, k}^{*}(x) \ll \max _{1 \leq j \leq k} S_{j} \ll x^{1 / 2} \log ^{2 k} x
$$

$\square$

It is well-known that

$$
\psi(x) \log x+\sum_{p \leq x} \psi(x / p) \log p=2 x \log x+O(x)
$$

In the following theorem we will get the corresponding expression for the general case.

Theorem 2. Let $r$ be an odd positive integer and let $k$ be a positive integer. Then

$$
\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in G_{2} \cap Q_{r}}} \Psi_{r, k}^{*}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \log ^{k}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)+\sum_{i=1}^{k}\binom{k}{i} \sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in C_{r, i}}} \Psi_{r, k}^{*}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \log ^{k-i}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \wedge_{r, i}^{*}(n)=
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
=k\left[\frac{\zeta(2)}{\zeta(r+1)}\right]^{2}\left(\frac{k!}{(2 k-1)!} \sum_{i=0}^{k} \frac{(2 k-i-1)!}{(k-i)!}\right) x \log ^{2 k-1} x+O\left(x \log ^{2 k-2} x\right) \tag{2.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. By [2, Theorem 3], we know that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n \leq x} \Psi_{r, k}^{*}(x / n) \log ^{k}(x / n) h_{r}(n)+\sum_{i=1}^{k}\binom{k}{i} \sum_{n \leq x} \Psi_{r, k}^{*}(x / n) \log ^{k-i}(x / n) \wedge_{r, i}^{*}(n)= \\
& =k\left[\frac{\zeta(2)}{\zeta(r+1)}\right]^{2}\left(\frac{k!}{(2 k-1)!} \sum_{i=0}^{k} \frac{(2 k-i-1)!}{(k-i)!}\right) x \log ^{2 k-1} x+O\left(x \log ^{2 k-2} x\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $h_{r}(n)$ is the characteristic function of $G_{2} \cap Q_{r}$, to deduce formula (2.10) it will be sufficient to prove that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\max _{1 \leq i \leq k}\left\{\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \notin C_{r, i}}} \Psi_{r, k}^{*}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \log ^{k-i}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \wedge_{r, i}^{*}(n)\right\} \ll x \log ^{2 k-2} x \tag{2.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

The natural numbers $n \notin C_{r, i}$ such that $\wedge_{r, i}^{*}(n) \neq 0$ are contained in $M_{r, i}$, therefore we can write the sum $T_{i}$ within braces as

$$
\begin{equation*}
T_{i}=\sum_{j=1}^{i} \sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in M_{r, i}^{j}}} \Psi_{r, k}^{*}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \log ^{k-i}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \wedge_{r, i}^{*}(n) \tag{2.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

As a consecuence of [2, Theorem 2] we know that $\Psi_{r, k}^{*}(x) \ll x \log ^{k-1} x$, so, due to (2.4), we have that

$$
\begin{equation*}
T_{i} \ll \max _{1 \leq j \leq i} \sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in M_{r, i}^{j}}}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \log ^{2 k-i-1}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \log ^{i}(n) \tag{2.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

For $j=1$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\
n \in M_{r, i}^{1}}} \frac{x}{n} \log ^{2 k-i-1}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \log ^{i}(n) \ll \\
& \ll x \sum_{\substack{p^{\alpha} N \leq x \\
\alpha \geq 2 N \text { square }}} \frac{\log ^{2 k-i-1}\left(x / p^{\alpha} N\right) \log ^{i}\left(p^{\alpha} N\right)}{p^{\alpha} N} \\
& \ll x \max _{0 \leq \gamma \leq 2 k-i-1} \log ^{2 k-i-1-\gamma} x \sum_{\substack{p^{\alpha} N \leq x \\
\alpha \geq 2 N \text { square }}} \frac{\log ^{i+\gamma}\left(p^{\alpha} N\right)}{p^{\alpha} N} \\
& \ll x \log ^{2 k-i-1} x
\end{aligned}
$$

because for integer numbers $m \geq 1$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{\substack{p^{\alpha} N \leq x \\
\alpha \geq 2 N \text { square }}} \frac{\log ^{m}\left(p^{\alpha} N\right)}{p^{\alpha} N} & \ll \max _{0 \leq \delta \leq m} \sum_{\substack{p^{\alpha} \leq x \\
\alpha \geq 2}} \frac{\log ^{m-\delta}\left(p^{\alpha}\right)}{p^{\alpha}} \sum_{\substack{N \leq x \\
N \leq q u a r e}} \frac{\log ^{\delta} N}{N} \\
& \ll \max _{0 \leq \delta \leq m} \sum_{\substack{p^{\alpha} \leq x \\
\alpha \geq 2}} \frac{\log ^{m-\delta}\left(p^{\alpha}\right)}{p^{\alpha}} \\
& \ll \max _{0 \leq \delta \leq m} \sum_{p \leq \sqrt{x}} \sum_{\alpha \geq 2} \frac{\log ^{m-\delta}\left(p^{\alpha}\right)}{p^{\alpha}} \\
& \ll \max _{0 \leq \delta \leq m} \sum_{p \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{\log ^{m-\delta} p}{p^{2}} \ll 1 .
\end{aligned}
$$

In a similar way for each $j=2,3 \ldots i$, the sum of $(2.13)$ is $\ll x \log ^{2 k-i-j} x$. Hence, $T_{i} \ll x \log ^{2 k-i-1} x,(1 \leq i \leq k)$ and formula (2.11) is proved.

It is well-known that

$$
\theta(x) \log x+\sum_{p \leq x} \theta(x / p) \log p=2 x \log x+O(x)
$$

In the following theorem we will generalize the above formula for $\theta_{r, k}^{*}$.
Theorem 3. For positive integers $r, k$ with $r$ odd we have,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in G_{2} \cap Q_{r}}} \theta_{r, k}^{*}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \log ^{k}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)+\sum_{i=1}^{k}\binom{k}{i} \sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in C_{r, i}}} \theta_{r, k}^{*}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \log ^{k-i}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \wedge_{r, i}^{*}(n)= \tag{2.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
=k\left[\frac{\zeta(2)}{\zeta(r+1)}\right]^{2}\left(\frac{k!}{(2 k-1)!} \sum_{i=0}^{k} \frac{(2 k-i-1)!}{(k-i)!}\right) x \log ^{2 k-1} x+O\left(x \log ^{2 k-2} x\right)
$$

Proof. By Theorem 2 it is sufficient to prove that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in G_{2} \cap Q_{r}}}\left[\Psi_{r, k}^{*}(x / n)-\theta_{r, k}^{*}(x / n)\right] \log ^{k}(x / n)+ \tag{2.15}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& +\sum_{i=1}^{k}\binom{k}{i} \sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\
n \in C_{r, i}}}\left[\Psi_{r, k}^{*}(x / n)-\theta_{r, k}^{*}(x / n)\right] \log ^{k-i}(x / n) \wedge_{r, i}^{*}(n) \\
& =\sum_{1}+\sum_{2} \ll x \log ^{2 k-2} x
\end{aligned}
$$

By Theorem 1 ,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{1} \ll \sum_{m^{2} \leq x}\left[\Psi_{r, k}^{*}\left(x / m^{2}\right)-\theta_{r, k}^{*}\left(x / m^{2}\right)\right] \log ^{k}\left(x / m^{2}\right) \tag{2.16}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\ll x^{1 / 2} \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{\log ^{3 k}\left(x / m^{2}\right)}{m} \ll x
$$

On the other hand, we can deduce

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{2} & \ll \max _{1 \leq i \leq k} \log ^{k-i} x \sum_{\substack{m n \leq x \\
n \in C_{r, i}, m \in M_{r, k}}} \wedge_{r, k}^{*}(m) \wedge_{r, i}^{*}(n) \\
& \ll \max _{1 \leq i \leq k} \log ^{k-i} x \sum_{\substack{m \leq x \\
m \in M_{r, k}}} \wedge_{r, k}^{*}(m) \Psi_{r, i}^{*}(x / m)
\end{aligned}
$$

Applying the argument which has been used to estimate $T_{i}$ in the proof of Theorem 2 we can write :

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{2} \ll x \max _{1 \leq i \leq k} \log ^{k-i} x \sum_{\substack{m \leq x \\
m \in M_{r, k}}} \frac{\wedge_{r, k}^{*}(m) \log ^{i-1}(x / m)}{m} \ll  \tag{2.17}\\
& \ll x \max _{1 \leq i \leq k} \max _{0 \leq \gamma \leq i-1} \log ^{k-1-\gamma} x\left\{\sum_{\substack{p^{\alpha} N \leq x \\
\alpha \geq 2, N \text { square }}} \frac{\log ^{k+\gamma} p^{\alpha} N}{p^{\alpha} N}+\ldots+\right.
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\left.+\sum_{\substack{p_{1}^{\alpha_{1} \ldots p_{k}^{\alpha_{k}} N \leq x} \\ \alpha_{i} \geq 2, N \text { square }}} \frac{\log ^{k+\gamma} p_{1}^{\alpha_{1}} \ldots p_{k}^{\alpha_{k}} N}{p_{1}^{\alpha_{1}} \ldots p_{k}^{\alpha_{k}} N}\right\} \ll x \log ^{k-1} x
$$

$\square$

Corollary. When $r$ is an odd positive integer and $k$ is a positive integer the following estimate holds

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{\substack{n m \leq x \\
m \in C_{r, k} \\
n \in G_{2} \cap Q_{r}}} \wedge_{r, k}^{*}(m) \log ^{k}(m)+\sum_{i=1}^{k}\binom{k}{i} \sum_{\substack{n m \leq x \\
m \in C_{r, k}, n \in C_{r, 2}}} \wedge_{r, k}^{*}(m) \log ^{k-i}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \wedge_{r, i}^{*}(n)= \\
& (2.18) \\
& =  \tag{2.18}\\
& =k\left[\frac{\zeta(2)}{\zeta(r+1)}\right]^{2}\left(\frac{k!}{(2 k-1)!} \sum_{i=0}^{k} \frac{(2 k-i-1)!}{(k-i)!}\right) x \log ^{2 k-1} x+O\left(x \log ^{2 k-2} x\right)
\end{align*}
$$

Proof. By Abel's identity,

$$
\sum_{\substack{m \leq y \\ m \in C_{r, k}}} \wedge_{r, k}^{*}(m) \log ^{k} m=\theta_{r, k}^{*}(y) \log ^{k} y-k \int_{3 / 2}^{y} \frac{\theta_{r, k}^{*}(z) \log ^{k-1} z}{z} d z
$$

Since $\theta_{r, k}^{*}(z)=O\left(z \log ^{k-1} z\right)$, the last integral is $O\left(y \log ^{2 k-2} y\right)$. Taking $y=$ $x / N$ and adding over $N \leq x, \mathrm{~N}$ square r-free, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{\substack{N \leq x \\
N \in G_{2} \cap Q_{r}}} \theta_{r, k}^{*}(x / N) \log ^{k}(x / N)=  \tag{2.19}\\
& \sum_{\substack{N \leq x \\
N \in G_{2} \cap Q_{r}}} \sum_{\substack{m \leq x / N \\
m \in C_{r, k}}} \wedge_{r, k}^{*}(m) \log ^{k} m+O\left(x \log ^{2 k-2} x\right)
\end{align*}
$$

Replacing (2.19) in (2.14) the Corollary is deduced.

## 3. Applications and special cases

1. When $r=1$ we have $\Lambda_{1, k}^{*}=\Lambda_{k}, \Psi_{1, k}^{*}=\Psi_{k}$ and by Theorem 2 we deduce
that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Psi_{k}(x) \log ^{k}(x)+\sum_{i=1}^{k}\binom{k}{i} \sum_{\substack{p m \leq x \\ \omega(m)<i}} \Psi_{k}\left(\frac{x}{p m}\right) \log ^{k-i}\left(\frac{x}{p m}\right) \wedge_{i}(p m)= \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
=k\left(\frac{k!}{(2 k-1)!} \sum_{i=0}^{k} \frac{(2 k-i-1)!}{(k-i)!}\right) x \log ^{2 k-1} x+O\left(x \log ^{2 k-2} x\right) .
$$

2. When $r=1$ we have $\theta_{1, k}^{*}=\theta_{k}$ and by Theorem 3 we deduce that

$$
\begin{align*}
& \theta_{k}(x) \log ^{k}(x)+\sum_{i=1}^{k}\binom{k}{i} \sum_{\substack{p m \leq x \\
\omega(m)<i}} \theta_{k}\left(\frac{x}{p m}\right) \log ^{k-i}\left(\frac{x}{p m}\right) \wedge_{i}(p m)=  \tag{3.2}\\
= & k\left(\frac{k!}{(2 k-1)!} \sum_{i=0}^{k} \frac{(2 k-i-1)!}{(k-i)!}\right) x \log ^{2 k-1} x+O\left(x \log ^{2 k-2} x\right) .
\end{align*}
$$

3. For $r=3, k=1$ we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{m^{2} \leq x}|\mu(m)| \Psi_{3,1}^{*}\left(\frac{x}{m^{2}}\right)\left\{\log \left(\frac{x}{m^{2}}\right)+\wedge_{3,1}^{*}\left(m^{2}\right)\right\} \\
&+\sum_{\substack{p m^{2} \leq x \\
(p, m)=1}}|\mu(m)| \Psi_{3,1}^{*}\left(\frac{x}{p m^{2}}\right) \wedge_{3,1}^{*}\left(p m^{2}\right) \tag{3.3}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
=k\left[\frac{\zeta(2)}{\zeta(4)}\right]^{2} x \log x+O(x)
$$

4. For $r=3, k=1$ we get

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{m^{2} \leq x}|\mu(m)| \theta_{3,1}^{*}\left(\frac{x}{m^{2}}\right)\left\{\log \left(\frac{x}{m^{2}}\right)+\wedge_{3,1}^{*}\left(m^{2}\right)\right\} \\
&+\sum_{\substack{p m^{2} \leq x \\
(p, m)=1}}|\mu(m)| \theta_{3,1}^{*}\left(\frac{x}{p m^{2}}\right) \wedge_{3,1}^{*}\left(p m^{2}\right) \tag{3.4}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
=2\left[\frac{\zeta(2)}{\zeta(4)}\right]^{2} x \log x+O(x)
$$

## References

1. Bombieri, E., Sulle formule di A. Selberg generalizzate per classi di funzioni arimetiche ele applicazioni al problema del resto nel "Prinzahlsatz", Riv. Math. Univ. Parma (2) 3 (1962), 393-440.
2. Calderón C., Zárate, M. J., A generalization of Selberg's asymptotic formula, Arch. Math. 56 (1991), 465-470.
3. Diamond, H., Elementary methods in the study of the distribution of prime numbers, Bull Amer. Math. Soc. 7 (1982), 553-589.
4. Erdös, P., On a new method, which leads to an elementary proof of the prime number theorem, Proc. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 35 (1949), 374-384.
5. Ivić. A., On the asymptotic formulas for a generalization of von Mangoldt's function, Rendiconti. Mat. Roma (6) 10 (1977), 51-59.
6. Ivić. A., The Riemann Zeta-Function, J. Wiley and Sons, New York, 1985.
7. Popken, J., On convolutions in number theory, Indag. Math. 17 (1955), 10-15.
8. Rieger, G.J., Ein weiter Beweis der Selbergschen Formel für Idealklassen mof $f$ in algebraischen Zahlkörpern, Math. Annalen 134 (1958), 403-407.
9. Selberg, A., An elementary proof of the prime number theorem, Ann. of Math. (2) 50 (1949), 305-313.
10. Selberg, A., An elementary proof of the prime number theorem for arithmetic progressions, Can. J. Math. 2 (1950), 66-78.
11. Shapiro, H.N., On a theorem of Selberg and generalizations, Annals of Math. 51 no. 2 (1950), 485-497.
12. Tatuzawa, T., and Iseki, K., On Selberg's elementary proof of the prime number theorem, Can. J. Math. 2 (1950), 66-78.
13. Wirsing, E., Elementare Beweise des Primzahlsatzes mit Restglied II, J. Reine Angew. Math. 214/215 (1963), 1-18.
(Recibido en marzo de 1995; revisado en febrero de 1996)

Catalina Calderón
Departamento de Matemáticas
Universidad del País Vasco
E-48080 Bilbao
ESPAÑA
e-mail: mtpcagac@lg.ehu.es
Maria José Zárate
Departamento de Matemáticas
Universidad del País Vasco
E-48080 Bilbao
ESPAÑA
e-mail: mtpzaazm@lg.ehu.es


[^0]:    * Work supported by the University of the Basque Country and DGICYT PB91-0449.

