

# A survey on Smarandache notions in number theory I: Smarandache function

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**Abstract** In this paper we give a survey on recent results on Smarandache function.

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## §1. Definition and simple properties

For any positive integer  $n$ , the famous Smarandache function  $S(n)$  is defined as the smallest positive integer  $m$  such that  $n \mid m!$ . That is,

$$S(n) = \min \{m : n \mid m!, n \in \mathbb{N}\}. \quad (1.1)$$

Many people studied the lower bound of  $S(n)$ .

**M. Le [16].** Let  $p > 2$  be a prime. Then  $S(2^{p-1}(2^p - 1)) \geq 2p + 1$ .

**J. Su [35].** Let  $p \geq 5$  be a prime. Then  $S(2^{p-1}(2^p - 1)) \geq 6p + 1$ .

**J. Su and S. Shang [36].** Let  $p \geq 7$  be a prime. Then  $S(2^p + 1) \geq 6p + 1$ .

**M. Liang [23].** Let  $p > 7$  be a prime. Then  $S(2^p \pm 1) \geq 8p + 1$ .

**T. Wen [40].** Let  $p \geq 17$  be a prime. Then  $S(2^p \pm 1) \geq 10p + 1$ .

**C. Shi [33].** Let  $p \geq 17$  be a prime. Then  $S(2^p \pm 1) \geq 14p + 1$ .

**X. Wang [38].** For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $p \geq 9m^2(\log m + 1)^3$  be a prime. Then  $S(2^p - 1) \geq 2mp + 1$ .

**F. Li and C. Yang [20].** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be distinct positive integers, and let  $p \geq 17$  be a prime. Then  $S(a^p + b^p) \geq 8p + 1$ .

**P. Shi and Z. Liu [34].** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be distinct positive integers, and let  $p \geq 17$  be a prime. Then  $S(a^p + b^p) \geq 10p + 1$ .

**L. Gao, H. Hao and W. Lu [6].** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be positive integers with  $a > b$ , and let  $p \geq 17$  be a prime. Then  $S(a^p - b^p) \geq 8p + 1$ .

**J. Wang [37].** Let  $F_n = 2^{2^n} + 1$  be the Fermat number. Then  $S(F_n) \geq 8 \cdot 2^n + 1$  for  $n \geq 3$ .

**M. Zhu [55].** Let  $F_n = 2^{2^n} + 1$  be the Fermat number. Then  $S(F_n) \geq 12 \cdot 2^n + 1$  for  $n \geq 3$ .

**M. Liu and Y. Jin [26].** Let  $F_n = 2^{2^n} + 1$  be the Fermat number. Then  $S(F_n) \geq 4(4n + 9) \cdot 2^n + 1$  for  $n \geq 4$ .

**M. Bencze [2].** For positive integer sequences  $m_1, \dots, m_n$ , we have

$$S\left(\prod_{k=1}^n m_k\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n S(m_k).$$

**M. Le [17].** There are infinite many  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $S(n) \leq S(n - S(n))$ .

The distribution properties have also been studied.

**W. Zhu [56].** Let  $m = p_1^{T_1} p_2^{T_2} \cdots p_k^{T_k}$ , where  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$  are distinct primes. For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$S(m^n) = n \cdot \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} \{(p_i - 1)T_i\} + O\left(\frac{m}{\ln m} \ln n\right).$$

**M. Le [15].** For any distinct positive integers  $k$  and  $n$ ,  $\log_{k^n} S(n^k)$  is never a positive integer.

**F. Du [4].** 1. Assume that  $n = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k$ , where  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$  are distinct primes. Then  $\sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{S(d)}$  can not be an integer.

2. Suppose that  $n = p^T$ , where  $p > 2$  is a prime and  $T \leq p$ . Then  $\sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{S(d)}$  can not be an integer.

3. Let  $n = p_1^{T_1} p_2^{T_2} \cdots p_{k-1}^{T_{k-1}} \cdot p_k$ , where  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$  are distinct primes. If  $S(n) = p_k$ , then  $\sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{S(d)}$  can not be an integer.

**L. Huan [9].** 1. Assume that  $n = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k$ , where  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$  are distinct primes. Then we have

$$\prod_{d|n} S(d) = p_1 \cdot p_2^2 \cdots p_{k-1}^{2^{k-2}} p_k^{2^{k-1}}.$$

**B. Liu and X. Pan [25].** For any positive integer  $n$ , the formula

$$\frac{S(2)S(4) \cdots S(2n)}{S(1)S(3) \cdots S(2n-1)}$$

is an integer if and only if  $n = 1$ .

**A. Zhang [49].** For integer  $n > 1$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{n} |\{m : 1 \leq m \leq n, S(m) \text{ is a prime}\}| = 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{\ln n}\right).$$

**W. Xiong [43].** Define

$$ES(n) = |\{a : 1 \leq a \leq n, 2 \mid S(a)\}|, \quad OS(n) = |\{a : 1 \leq a \leq n, 2 \nmid S(a)\}|.$$

Then for integer  $n > 1$ , we have

$$\frac{ES(n)}{OS(n)} = O\left(\frac{1}{\ln n}\right).$$

**Q. Liao and W. Luo [24].** Let  $p$  be a prime and  $\alpha$  be a positive integer.

1) For any positive integer  $r$  and  $\alpha = p^r$ , we have

$$S(p^\alpha) = p^{r+1} - p^r + p.$$

2) For any positive integer  $r$ ,  $t \in [1, r]$  and  $\alpha = p^r - t$ , we have

$$S(p^\alpha) = p^{r+1} - p^r.$$

3) For any positive integer  $r$ ,  $t \in [r+1, p^r - p^{r-1}]$  and  $\alpha = p^r - t$ .

(I) If

$$\alpha = p^r - r - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (-1)^{i-1} (p^{k_i} - k_i) + (-1)^n p^{k_n}$$

with

$$k_i < p^{k_i-1} (p-1) - 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1,$$

then we have

$$S(p^\alpha) = (p-1) \left( p^r + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i p^{k_i} \right) + (-1)^n p.$$

(II) If

$$\alpha = p^r - r - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (-1)^{i-1} (p^{k_i} - k_i) + (-1)^n (p^{k_n} - t)$$

with  $t \in [1, k_n]$  and

$$k_i < p^{k_i-1} (p-1) - 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1,$$

then

$$S(p^\alpha) = (p-1) \left( p^r + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i p^{k_i} \right).$$

**Q. Liao and W. Luo [24].** Let  $\phi(n)$  be the Euler function and let  $\sigma(n)$  be the sum of the different positive factors for  $n$ .

1) For any positive integer  $k$ , there are no any prime  $p$  and positive integer  $m$  coprime with  $p$ , such that  $\phi(pm) = S(p^k)$  and  $S(p^k) \geq S(m^k)$ .

2) For any positive integer  $k$ , if there are some prime  $p$  and positive integer  $m$  coprime with  $p$ , such that  $\phi(p^2m) = S(p^{2k})$  and  $S(p^{2k}) \geq S(m^k)$ , then  $p = 2k+1$  or  $2 \neq p \leq k$ . Furthermore,

(I) If  $2k+1 = p$ , then

$$(p, m) = (2k+1, 1), \quad (2k+1, 2), \quad (2, 3).$$

(II) If  $2 \leq p \leq k$ , then  $k \geq 3$  and

$$\begin{cases} 2 \leq \phi(m) \leq \frac{2k^2+k-1}{3}, & k \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, \\ 2 \leq \phi(m) \leq \frac{2k^2+k}{3}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

3) For any positive integer  $k$ , if there are some prime  $p$  and positive integer  $m$  coprime with  $p$ , such that  $\phi(p^\alpha m) = S(p^{\alpha k})$  and  $S(p^{\alpha k}) \geq S(m^k)$ . Then  $\alpha k + 1 > p^{\alpha-3}(p^2 - 1)$  and  $1 \leq \phi(m) \leq q$ , where

$$\alpha k + 1 = qp^{\alpha-3}(p^2 - 1) + r, \quad 0 \leq r < p^{\alpha-3}(p^2 - 1).$$

4) For any positive integer  $k$ , there exist some prime  $p$  and positive integer  $m$  coprime with  $p$ , such that  $\phi(p^3 m) = S(p^{3k})$  and  $S(p^{3k}) \geq S(m^k)$ ,  $m = 1, 2$ .

**Q. Liao and W. Luo [24].** 1) For any prime  $p$ , there is no any positive integer  $\alpha$  such that  $\frac{\sigma(p^\alpha)}{S(p^\alpha)}$  is a positive integer.

2) Let  $p$  be an odd prime,  $\alpha \geq 1$  and  $n = 2^\alpha p$ .

(I) If  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{p}{2^i} \right] \geq \alpha$  and  $\frac{\sigma(n)}{S(n)}$  is a positive integer, then  $2^{\alpha+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

(II) If  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{p}{2^i} \right] < \alpha$  and  $\frac{\sigma(n)}{S(n)}$  is a positive integer, then

$$\frac{\sigma(n)}{S(n)} = m \frac{2^{\alpha+1} - 1}{d} \quad \text{and} \quad p = m \frac{S(2^\alpha)}{d} - 1,$$

where  $d = (2^{\alpha+1} - 1, S(2^\alpha))$  and  $0 < m \leq d$ .

**§2. Mean values of the Smarandache function**

**C. Yang and D. Liu [45].** Define  $\sigma(n) = \sum_{d|n} d$ . For any real  $x \geq 3$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \sigma(S(n)) = \frac{\pi^2}{12} \cdot \frac{x^2}{\ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{\ln^2 x}\right).$$

**Y. Wang [39].** For any real  $x \geq 2$  we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{S(n)}{n} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \cdot \frac{x}{\ln x} + O\left(\frac{x}{\ln^2 x}\right).$$

**W. Yao [48].** Let  $\Lambda(n)$  be the Mangoldt function. For any real  $x \geq 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n)S(n) = \frac{x^2}{4} + O\left(\frac{x^2 \log \log x}{\log x}\right).$$

**B. Shi [31].** Let  $k$  be any fixed positive integer. For any real  $x \geq 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n)S(n) = x^2 \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{c_i}{\log^i x} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{\log^{k+1} x}\right),$$

where  $c_i$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ) are constants, and  $c_0 = 1$ .

**Z. Lv [28].** Let  $k$  be any fixed positive integer. For any real  $x > 2$  we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (S(n) - S(S(n)))^2 = \frac{2}{3} \zeta\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) x^{\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\log^i x} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\log^{k+1} x}\right),$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function,  $c_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) are computable constants, and  $c_1 = 1$ .

**J. Ge [7].** The Smarandache LCM function  $SL(n)$  is defined as the smallest positive integer  $k$  such that  $n \mid [1, 2, \dots, k]$ , where  $[1, 2, \dots, k]$  denotes the least common multiple of  $1, 2, \dots, k$ . Let  $k$  be any fixed positive integer. For any real  $x > 2$  we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (SL(n) - S(n))^2 = \frac{2}{3} \zeta\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) x^{\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\log^i x} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\log^{k+1} x}\right),$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function,  $c_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) are computable constants.

**X. Fan and C. Zhao [5].** Let  $d(n)$  be the divisor function. For any real  $x \geq 2$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S(n)d(n) = \frac{\pi^4}{36} \cdot \frac{x^2}{\ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{\ln^2 x}\right).$$

**Z. Lv [29].** Let  $k \geq 2$  be any fixed positive integer. For any real  $x > 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S(n)d(n) = \frac{\pi^4}{36} \cdot \frac{x^2}{\ln x} + \sum_{i=2}^k \frac{c_i \cdot x^2}{\ln^i x} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{\ln^{k+1} x}\right),$$

where  $c_i$  ( $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$ ) are computable constants.

**M. Zhu [54].** Define  $\sigma_\alpha(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \geq 1$ . Let  $k \geq 2$  be any fixed positive integer. For any real  $x > 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S(n)\sigma_\alpha(n) = \frac{\zeta(\alpha+2)\zeta(2)}{2+\alpha} \cdot \frac{x^{\alpha+2}}{\ln x} + \sum_{i=2}^k \frac{c_i \cdot x^{\alpha+2}}{\ln^i x} + O\left(\frac{x^{\alpha+2}}{\ln^{k+1} x}\right),$$

where  $c_i$  ( $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$ ) are computable constants.

**H. Zhou [53].** Let  $k \geq 1$  be any fixed positive integer. For any complex  $s$  with  $\operatorname{Re} s > 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Lambda(n^k)}{S^s(n^k)} = -\zeta(s) \frac{\zeta'(ks)}{\zeta(ks)}.$$

**Y. Guo [8].** Define a function  $F(n)$  as follows:

$$F(n) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n = 1, \\ \alpha_1 p_1 + \alpha_2 p_2 + \dots + \alpha_r p_r, & \text{if } n > 1 \text{ and } n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_r^{\alpha_r}. \end{cases}$$

Let  $k \geq 1$  be any fixed positive integer. For any real  $x > 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (F(n) - S(n))^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i \cdot x^2}{\ln^{i+1} x} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{\ln^{k+2} x}\right),$$

where  $c_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) are computable constants, and  $c_1 = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ .

**C. Shi [32].** For any positive integer  $k$ , the Smarandache  $kn$ -digital sequence  $a(k, n)$  is defined as all positive integers which can be partitioned into two groups such that the second part is  $k$  times bigger than the first. For  $1 \leq k \leq 9$  and real  $x > 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{S(n)}{a(k, n)} = \frac{3\pi^2}{20k} \ln \ln x + O(1).$$

**C. Yang, C. Li and D. Liu [44].** For any real  $x \geq 2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} S^2(n) &= \frac{\zeta(3)x^3}{3 \ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^3}{\ln^2 x}\right), \\ \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{S^2(n)}{n} &= \frac{\zeta(3)x^2}{3 \ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{\ln^2 x}\right). \end{aligned}$$

**W. Huang [11].** Let  $k \geq 1$  be any fixed integer. For any real  $x \geq 2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} S^k(n) &= \frac{\zeta(k+1)}{k+1} \cdot \frac{x^{k+1}}{\ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^{k+1}}{\ln^2 x}\right), \\ \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{S^k(n)}{n} &= \frac{2\zeta(k+1)}{k+1} \cdot \frac{x^k}{\ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^k}{\ln^2 x}\right). \end{aligned}$$

**C. Li, C. Yang and D. Liu [19].** Let  $P(n)$  denote the largest prime factor of  $n$ . For any real  $x \geq 2$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{S(n)}{P(n)} = x \ln 2 + \frac{6x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{\ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{\ln^2 x}\right).$$

**M. Yang [46].** For any real  $x \geq 2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{S(n)}{SL(n)} &= x + O\left(\frac{x \ln \ln x}{\ln x}\right), \\ \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{P(n)}{SL(n)} &= x + O\left(\frac{x \ln \ln x}{\ln x}\right). \end{aligned}$$

**L. Li, J. Hao and R. Duan [22].** For any real  $x \geq 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \ln S(n) = x \ln x + O(x).$$

**Z. Liu and P. Shi [27].** For any real  $x \geq 3$  and  $\beta > 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (S(n) - P(n))^\beta = \frac{2\zeta\left(\frac{\beta+1}{2}\right)x^{\frac{\beta+1}{2}}}{(\beta+1)\ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{\beta+1}{2}}}{\ln^2 x}\right).$$

**W. Huang [12].** For  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ , we define  $\varpi(n) = p_1 + p_2 + \cdots + p_k$ . For any real  $x \geq 2$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S(n)\varpi(n) = B \frac{x^3}{\ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^3}{\ln^2 x}\right),$$

where  $B$  is computable constant.

**G. Chen [3].** Define  $H(n) = \sum_{[r,s]=n} S(r)S(s)$ . Let  $k \geq 1$  be any fixed positive integer.

For any real  $x > 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} H(n) = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{d_i \cdot x^3}{\ln^i x} + O\left(\frac{x^3}{\ln^{k+1} x}\right),$$

where  $d_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) are computable constants, and  $d_1 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\zeta^3(3)}{\zeta(6)}$ .

**Q. Yang [47].** For any real  $\delta \leq 1$ , the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{S(n)^\delta}$$

diverges.

For any real  $\epsilon > 0$ , the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{S(n)^{\epsilon S(n)}}$$

converges.

### §3. Mean values of the Smarandache function over sequences

**W. Zhang and Z. Xu [50].** Let  $a(n)$  denote the square complements of  $n$ . For any real  $x \geq 3$  we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S(a(n)) = \frac{\pi^2}{12} \cdot \frac{x^2}{\ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{\ln^2 x}\right).$$

**H. Li and X. Zhao [21].** Let  $r_k(n)$  denote the integer part of  $k$ -th root of  $n$ . For any real  $x \geq 3$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S(r_k(n)) = \frac{\pi^2}{6(k+1)} \cdot \frac{x^{1+\frac{1}{k}}}{\ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^{1+\frac{1}{k}}}{\ln^2 x}\right).$$

**J. Ma [30].** Define  $L(n) = [1, 2, \dots, n]$ . For any real  $x \geq 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S(L(n)) = \frac{1}{2} x^2 + O\left(x^{\frac{23}{18} + \epsilon}\right).$$

**Q. Wu [41].** Define  $Z(n) = \min \left\{ k : n \leq \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \right\}$ . Let  $k \geq 2$  be any fixed positive integer. For any real  $x > 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S(Z(n)) = \frac{\pi^2}{18} \cdot \frac{(2x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln 2x} + \sum_{i=2}^k \frac{c_i(2x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln^i 2x} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln^{k+1} x}\right),$$

where  $c_i$  ( $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$ ) are computable constants.

**H. Zhao [51].** Let  $a_k(n)$  denote the  $k$ -th power complements of  $n$ . For any real  $x \geq 3$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (S(a_k(n)) - (k-1)P(n))^2 = \frac{2\zeta\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)}{3} \cdot \frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln^2 x}\right).$$

**W. Huang [10].** Define  $u(n) = \min \{k : n \leq k(2k-1)\}$ . Let  $k \geq 2$  be any fixed positive integer. For any real  $x > 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S(u(n)) = \frac{\pi^2}{144} \cdot \frac{(2x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln \sqrt{2x}} + \sum_{i=2}^k \frac{c_i(2x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln^i \sqrt{2x}} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln^{k+1} x}\right),$$

where  $c_i$  ( $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$ ) are computable constants.

**Q. Zhao and L. Gao [52].** Define  $W(n) = \min \{k : n \leq k(3k+1)\}$ . Let  $k \geq 2$  be any fixed positive integer. For any real  $x > 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S(W(n)) = \frac{\pi^2}{486} \cdot \frac{(3x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln \sqrt{3x}} + \sum_{i=2}^k \frac{b_i(3x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln^i \sqrt{3x}} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln^{k+1} x}\right),$$

where  $b_i$  ( $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$ ) are computable constants.

**W. Huang and J. Zhao [14].** Define

$$u_r(n) = \min \left\{ m + \frac{1}{2}m(m-1)(r-2) : n \leq m + \frac{1}{2}m(m-1)(r-2), r \in \mathbb{N}, r \geq 3 \right\},$$

$$v_r(n) = \max \left\{ m + \frac{1}{2}m(m-1)(r-2) : n \geq m + \frac{1}{2}m(m-1)(r-2), r \in \mathbb{N}, r \geq 3 \right\}.$$

Let  $k \geq 2$  be any fixed positive integer. For any real  $x > 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S(u_r(n)) = \frac{\pi^2}{18(r-2)^3} \cdot \frac{(2(r-2)x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln \sqrt{2(r-2)x}} + \sum_{i=2}^k \frac{c_i(2(r-2)x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln^i \sqrt{2(r-2)x}} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln^{k+1} x}\right),$$

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S(v_r(n)) = \frac{\pi^2}{18(r-2)^3} \cdot \frac{(2(r-2)x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln \sqrt{2(r-2)x}} + \sum_{i=2}^k \frac{c_i(2(r-2)x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln^i \sqrt{2(r-2)x}} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln^{k+1} x}\right),$$

where  $c_i$  ( $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$ ) are computable constants.

**W. Huang [13].** Define  $a(n) = n - u_r(n)$  and  $b(n) = v_r(n) - n$ . Let  $k \geq 1$  be any fixed positive integer. For any real  $x > 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S(n)a(n) = \frac{8\sqrt[4]{2}\pi^2}{63(r-2)^{\frac{5}{4}}} \cdot \frac{x^{\frac{7}{4}}}{\ln 2x} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{7}{4}}}{\ln^2 2x}\right),$$



$$\sum_{n \leq x} S(n)b(n) = \frac{8\sqrt[4]{2}\pi^2}{63(r-2)^{\frac{5}{4}}} \cdot \frac{x^{\frac{7}{4}}}{\ln 2x} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{7}{4}}}{\ln^2 2x}\right).$$

**R. Xie, L. Gao and Q. Zhao [42].** Define  $q_d(n) = \prod_{\substack{d|n \\ d < n}} d$ . Let  $k \geq 1$  be any fixed positive integer. For any real  $x > 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \left( S(q_d(n)) - \left(\frac{1}{2}d(n) - 1\right) P(n) \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln^i x} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln^{k+1} x}\right),$$

where  $c_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) are computable constants, and

$$c_1 = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{\zeta^4\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)}{\zeta(3)} - 2\zeta^2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + \frac{2}{3}\zeta\left(\frac{3}{2}\right).$$

**B. Li, J. Guo and H. Dong [18].** Define

$$U(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 1, \\ \max_{1 \leq i \leq r} \{\alpha_1 p_1, \alpha_2 p_2, \dots, \alpha_r p_r\}, & \text{if } n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_r^{\alpha_r}. \end{cases}$$

Let  $k \geq 2$  be any fixed positive integer. For any real  $x \geq 3$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (S(a_k(n)) - (k-1)U(n))^2 = \frac{2}{3}\zeta\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)k^2 \cdot \frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{11}{6}}}{\ln^2 x}\right).$$

**J. Bai and W. Huang [1].** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the set of the simple numbers. Let  $k \geq 2$  be any fixed positive integer. For any real  $x \geq 2$  we have

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in \mathcal{A}}} S^k(n) = \frac{Bx^{k+1}}{(k+1)\ln x} + \sum_{i=2}^k \frac{C_i x^{k+1}}{\ln^i x} + O\left(\frac{x^{k+1}}{\ln^{k+1} x}\right),$$

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in \mathcal{A}}} \frac{1}{S(n)} = D \ln \ln x + \frac{E\sqrt{x} \ln \ln x}{\ln x} + O\left(\frac{\sqrt{x}}{\ln x}\right),$$

where  $B, D, E, C_i$  ( $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$ ) are computable constants.

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