

# On the distribution of the greatest $r^{\text{th}}$ power common divisor of the elements in integral part sets

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**Abstract** Let  $r \geq 1$  be a fixed integer, the greatest  $r^{\text{th}}$  power common divisor of positive integers  $a$  and  $b$  is defined to be the largest positive integers  $d^r$  such that  $d^r | a$  and  $d^r | b$ , which is denoted by  $\text{gcd}(a, b)_r$  and called the  $r$ -gcd of  $a$  and  $b$ . In this paper we study the distribution of the greatest  $r^{\text{th}}$  power common divisor of the elements in integral part sets.

## 1 Introduction and results

Let  $\lfloor z \rfloor$  denote the integer part of a real  $z$ , Piatetski-Shapiro sequences are defined by

$$\mathbb{N}^c = \{\lfloor n^c \rfloor\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, \quad (c > 1, c \notin \mathbb{N}).$$

Let  $\alpha > 1$  be an irrational number and with bounded partial quotients,  $\beta \in [0, \alpha)$ . The Beatty sequence of parameter  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is defined by

$$\{\lfloor \alpha n + \beta \rfloor\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}.$$

The natural density for the set of pairs of integers which are coprime is a classical result in number theory. In [3], Dirichlet asserts that the proportion of coprime pairs of integers in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \#\{(n_1, n_2) \in \{1, \dots, n\}^2; \text{gcd}(n_1, n_2) = 1\}$$

tends to  $\frac{1}{\zeta(2)} = \frac{6}{\pi^2} \sim 0.608\dots$ , where  $\zeta$  is the Riemann zeta-function. The proof can be found in [6, Theorem 332]. In 1953, Watson [11] proved that for any given irrational number  $\alpha$ , the positive integers  $n$  for which  $(n, \lfloor \alpha n \rfloor) = 1$ , have the natural density  $\frac{6}{\pi^2}$ . Later, Estermann [5] gave a different proof of a generalization of Watson’s theorem. Afterwards, Erdős and Lorentz [4] established sufficient conditions for a differentiable function  $f : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to satisfy  $(n, f(n)) = 1$ , have the natural density  $\frac{6}{\pi^2}$ . In 2022, Pimsert, Srichan and Tangsupphathawat [9] studied the asymptotic formulas for the number of the integral pairs  $(\lfloor a^c \rfloor, \lfloor b^c \rfloor)$  that are coprime,  $a, b \leq x$  and  $1 < c < 2$ . They proved that, as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\sum_{\substack{a, b \leq x \\ \text{gcd}(\lfloor a^c \rfloor, \lfloor b^c \rfloor) = 1}} 1 = \frac{x^2}{\zeta(2)} + \begin{cases} O(x^{(c+4)/3}) & ; 1 < c \leq \frac{5}{4}, \\ O(x^{(c+1)/2}) & ; \frac{5}{4} < c < \frac{3}{2}, \end{cases}$$

and for  $1 < c_1 < c_2 < \frac{3}{2}$ ,

$$\sum_{\substack{a, b \leq x \\ \text{gcd}(\lfloor a^{c_1} \rfloor, \lfloor b^{c_2} \rfloor) = 1}} 1 = \frac{x^2}{\zeta(2)} + \begin{cases} O(x^{(c_2+4)/3}) & ; 1 < c_1 \leq \frac{5}{4}, \\ O(x^{1/2+(2c_1+c_2)/3}) & ; \frac{5}{4} < c_1 < \frac{3}{2}. \end{cases}$$

Very recently, Srichan [10] studied the coprimality of any pairs in other sequence. He established the natural density of the set

$$\{(n, m) \in \mathbb{N}^2 | n, m \leq x; \gcd(\lfloor g_1(n) \rfloor, \lfloor g_2(n) \rfloor) = 1\},$$

where  $g_i(n) = n, n^c, \alpha n + \beta, i = 1, 2$  and showed that the natural density of such sets also tends to  $\frac{1}{\zeta(2)}$ . It would be interesting to study the natural density of these sets with other greatest common divisors.

Let  $r \geq 1$  be a fixed integer, the greatest  $r^{th}$  power common divisor of positive integers  $a$  and  $b$  is defined to be the largest positive integers  $d^r$  such that  $d^r | a$  and  $d^r | b$ , which is denoted by  $\gcd(a, b)_r$  and called the  $r$ -gcd of  $a$  and  $b$ . Note that  $\gcd(a, b)_1 = \gcd(a, b)$ . We refer [8] for the related research on the greatest  $r^{th}$  power common divisor. Normally, we use the greatest common divisor function to count visible lattice points. In 2018, Harris and Omar [7] showed that a point  $(k, n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  is visible along the curve  $y = hx^r$  if and only if  $\max\{d \geq 1 : d | k \text{ and } d^r | n\} = 1$ , where  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $h \in \mathbb{Q}$ . They mention that the greatest  $r^{th}$  power common divisor provides a necessary criterion for the combined visibility of a lattice point along the curves  $y = hx^r$  or  $x = hy^r$ . This indicates that the fundamental research on the greatest  $r^{th}$  power common divisor is important in future work.

The goal of this paper is to study the distribution of the greatest  $r^{th}$  power common divisor of the elements in integral part sets, for  $r > 1$ .

We obtain the following results.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $\alpha > 1$  be an irrational number and with bounded partial quotients,  $\beta \in [0, \alpha)$ . As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , we have*

$$\sum_{\substack{a, b \leq x \\ \gcd(a, b)_r = 1}} 1 = \frac{x^2}{\zeta(2r)} + O(x), \tag{1.1}$$

$$\sum_{\substack{a, b \leq x \\ \gcd(a, \lfloor b^c \rfloor)_r = 1}} 1 = \frac{x^2}{\zeta(2r)} + O(x^{(c+4)/3}), \tag{1.2}$$

$$\sum_{\substack{a, b \leq x \\ \gcd(\lfloor a^c \rfloor, \lfloor b^c \rfloor)_r = 1}} 1 = \frac{x^2}{\zeta(2r)} + O(x^{(c+4)/3}), \tag{1.3}$$

$$\sum_{\substack{a, b \leq x \\ \gcd(\lfloor a^c \rfloor, \lfloor \alpha b + \beta \rfloor)_r = 1}} 1 = \frac{x^2}{\zeta(2r)} + O(x^{(c+4)/3}), \tag{1.4}$$

$$\sum_{\substack{a, b \leq x \\ \gcd(a, \lfloor \alpha b + \beta \rfloor)_r = 1}} 1 = \frac{x^2}{\zeta(2r)} + O\left(x^{1+1/2r} \log^{3-3/2r-\epsilon} x\right), \tag{1.5}$$

$$\sum_{\substack{a, b \leq x \\ \gcd(\lfloor \alpha a + \beta \rfloor, \lfloor \alpha b + \beta \rfloor)_r = 1}} 1 = \frac{x^2}{\zeta(2r)} + O\left(x^{1+1/2r} \log^{3-3/2r-\epsilon} x\right). \tag{1.6}$$

## 2 Lemmas

Throughout this paper, implied constants in symbols  $O$  and  $\ll$  may depend on parameters  $\alpha, \beta, c, \epsilon$ , but are absolute otherwise. For given function  $F$  and  $G$ , the notations  $f \ll G$  and  $F = O(G)$  are equivalent to the statement that the inequality  $|F| \leq C|G|$  holds with some constant  $C > 0$ .

The following Lemmas are the main ingredient in the our proofs.

**Lemma 2.1.** ([2]) For  $1 < c < 2$ . Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a, q \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $0 \leq a < q \leq x^c$ . Then

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ [n^c] \equiv a \pmod{q}}} 1 = \frac{x}{q} + O\left(\min\left(\frac{x^c}{q}, \frac{x^{(c+1)/3}}{q^{1/3}}\right)\right).$$

**Lemma 2.2.** ([1]) For  $\alpha > 1$  irrational and with bounded partial quotients,  $\beta \in [0, \alpha)$ , and positive integer  $d \geq 2, 0 \leq a < d$ , we have

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ [\alpha n + \beta] \equiv a \pmod{d}}} 1 = \frac{x}{d} + O(d \log^3 x), \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

For growing difference  $d$  the result is non-trivial provided  $d \ll \sqrt{x} \log^{-3/2-\varepsilon} x$ , for  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

### 3 Proofs

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* To prove (1.1), we write

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{a, b \leq x \\ \gcd(a, b)_r = 1}} 1 &= \sum_{a, b \leq x} \sum_{\substack{d^r | a \\ d^r | b}} \mu(d) = \sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} \mu(d) \sum_{\substack{a \leq x \\ a \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \sum_{\substack{b \leq x \\ b \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \\ &= \sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} \mu(d) \left(\frac{x}{d^r} + O(1)\right) \left(\frac{x}{d^r} + O(1)\right) \\ &= x^2 \sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^{2r}} + O\left(\sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} \frac{x}{d^r}\right) + O\left(\sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} 1\right) \\ &= x^2 \sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^{2r}} + O(x) + O(x^{1/r}). \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

We note that, for  $r > 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^{2r}} &= \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^{2r}} + \sum_{d > x^{1/r}} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^{2r}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\zeta(2r)} + O(x^{1/r-2}). \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

The proof of (1.1) follows from (3.1) and (3.2).

We now prove (1.2). We do this by considering the value of  $c$  in the two cases. In view of

Lemma 2.1, for  $1 < c \leq 3/2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\substack{a,b \leq x \\ \gcd(a, [b^c])_r = 1}} 1 &= \sum_{a,b \leq x} \sum_{\substack{d^r | a \\ d^r \nmid [b^c]}} \mu(d) = \sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} \mu(d) \sum_{\substack{a \leq x \\ a \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \sum_{\substack{b \leq x \\ [b^c] \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \\
 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O(1) \right) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O\left( \min\left( \frac{x^c}{d^r}, \frac{x^{(c+1)/3}}{d^{r/3}} \right) \right) \right) \\
 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{c/r-1/2r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O(1) \right) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O\left( \frac{x^{(c+1)/3}}{d^{r/3}} \right) \right) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{x^{c/r-1/2r} < d \leq x^{1/r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O(1) \right) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O\left( \frac{x^c}{d^r} \right) \right) \\
 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{c/r-1/2r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O\left( \frac{x}{d^r} \right) + O\left( \frac{x^{(c+1)/3}}{d^{r/3}} \right) + O\left( \frac{x^{(c+4)/3}}{d^{4r/3}} \right) \right) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{x^{c/r-1/2r} < d \leq x^{1/r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O\left( \frac{x}{d^r} \right) + O\left( \frac{x^{c+1}}{d^{2r}} \right) + O\left( \frac{x^c}{d^r} \right) \right). \tag{3.3}
 \end{aligned}$$

We note that  $d \leq x^{c/r-1/2r} < x^{1/r} < x^{c/r+1/r}$ , then  $\frac{x^{(c+4)/3}}{d^{4r/3}} > \frac{x}{d^r}$  and  $\frac{x^{(c+1)/3}}{d^{r/3}} > \frac{x^{(c+1)/3}}{d^{r/3}}$ . Thus, the O-terms of the first sum in (3.3) are dominated by  $O\left(\frac{x^{(c+4)/3}}{d^{4r/3}}\right)$ . For the second sum in (3.3), we note that  $\frac{x^{c+1}}{d^{2r}} > \frac{x^c}{d^r} > \frac{x}{d^r}$ , when  $d < x^{1/r}$ . Thus the O-terms of the second sum in (3.3) are dominated by  $O\left(\frac{x^{c+1}}{d^{2r}}\right)$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\substack{a,b \leq x \\ \gcd(a, [b^c])_r = 1}} 1 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{c/r-1/2r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O\left( \frac{x^{(c+4)/3}}{d^{4r/3}} \right) \right) + \sum_{x^{c/r-1/2r} < d \leq x^{1/r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O\left( \frac{x^{c+1}}{d^{2r}} \right) \right) \\
 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} \mu(d) \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O(x^{(c+4)/3}) + O(x^{2-1/2r+c/r-c}).
 \end{aligned}$$

From  $c > 1$ , we have  $\frac{c+4}{3} > 2 - \frac{1}{2r} + \frac{c}{r} - c$ . Thus

$$\sum_{\substack{a,b \leq x \\ \gcd(a, [b^c])_r = 1}} 1 = \sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} \mu(d) \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O(x^{(c+4)/3}). \tag{3.4}$$

Thus, for the case  $1 < c \leq \frac{3}{2}$ , the proof of (1.2) follows from (3.2), (3.4) and the inequality  $\frac{c+4}{3} > \frac{1}{r}$  for  $r \geq 2$ .

For  $3/2 < c < 2$ , the case  $x^{c/r-1/2r} < d \leq x^{1/r}$  is impossible. From Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\substack{a,b \leq x \\ \gcd(a, [b^c])_r = 1}} 1 &= \sum_{a,b \leq x} \sum_{\substack{d^r | a \\ d^r \nmid [b^c]}} \mu(d) = \sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} \mu(d) \sum_{\substack{a \leq x \\ a \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \sum_{\substack{b \leq x \\ [b^c] \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \\
 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O(1) \right) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O\left( \min\left( \frac{x^c}{d^r}, \frac{x^{(c+1)/3}}{d^{r/3}} \right) \right) \right) \\
 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O(1) \right) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O\left( \frac{x^{(c+1)/3}}{d^{r/3}} \right) \right) \\
 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O\left( \frac{x}{d^r} \right) + O\left( \frac{x^{(c+1)/3}}{d^{r/3}} \right) + O\left( \frac{x^{(c+4)/3}}{d^{4r/3}} \right) \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

We note that, for  $d \leq x^{1/r}$ ,  $\frac{x}{d^r} \leq \frac{x^{(c+4)/3}}{d^{4r/3}}$  and  $\frac{x^{(c+1)/3}}{d^{r/3}} \leq \frac{x^{(c+4)/3}}{d^{4r/3}}$ . Thus, in view of (3.2), we have

$$\sum_{\substack{a, b \leq x \\ \gcd(a, [b^c])_r = 1}} 1 = \frac{x^2}{\zeta(2r)} + O(x^{(c+4)/3}).$$

This completes the proof of (1.2).

Next we will prove (1.3).

$$\sum_{\substack{a, b \leq x \\ \gcd([a^c], [b^c])_r = 1}} 1 = \sum_{a, b \leq x} \sum_{\substack{d^r | [a^c] \\ d^r | [b^c]}} \mu(d) = \sum_{d \leq x^{c/r}} \mu(d) \sum_{\substack{a \leq x \\ [a^c] \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \sum_{\substack{b \leq x \\ [b^c] \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1.$$

In view of Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{a, b \leq x \\ \gcd([a^c], [b^c])_r = 1}} 1 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{c/r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O(\min(\frac{x^c}{d^r}, \frac{x^{(c+1)/3}}{d^{r/3}})) \right)^2 \\ &= \sum_{d \leq x^{c/r-1/2r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O(\frac{x^{(c+1)/3}}{d^{r/3}}) \right)^2 + \sum_{x^{c/r-1/2r} < d \leq x^{c/r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O(\frac{x^c}{d^r}) \right)^2 \\ &= \sum_{d \leq x^{c/r-1/2r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O(\frac{x^{(2c+2)/3}}{d^{2r/3}}) + O(\frac{x^{(c+4)/3}}{d^{4r/3}}) \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{x^{c/r-1/2r} < d \leq x^{c/r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O(\frac{x^{c+1}}{d^{2r}}) + O(\frac{x^{2c}}{d^{2r}}) \right). \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

We note that  $x^{(2-c)/2r} < x^{c/r-1/2r}$ . Thus, for  $d \leq x^{c/r-1/2r}$ , the  $O$ -terms in the first sum of (3.5) are dominated by  $O(\frac{x^{(c+4)/3}}{d^{4r/3}})$  and in the second sum of (3.5) we have  $x^{2c} > x^{1+c}$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{a, b \leq x \\ \gcd([a^c], [b^c])_r = 1}} 1 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{c/r-1/2r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O(\frac{x^{(c+4)/3}}{d^{4r/3}}) \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{x^{c/r-1/2r} < d \leq x^{c/r}} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O(\frac{x^{2c}}{d^{2r}}) \right) \\ &= \sum_{d \leq x^{c/r}} \mu(d) \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O(x^{(c+4)/3}) + O(x^{c/r+1-1/2r}). \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

Then (1.3) follows from (3.2), (3.6) and the inequality  $\frac{c+4}{3} > \frac{c}{r} + 1 - \frac{1}{2r}$ , for  $r \geq 2, 1 < c < 2$ .

Next we prove (1.4). For  $x > 1$ , we write

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{a, b \leq x \\ \gcd([a^c], [\alpha b + \beta])_r = 1}} 1 &= \sum_{a, b \leq x} \sum_{\substack{d^r | [a^c] \\ d^r | [\alpha b + \beta]}} \mu(d) \\ &= \sum_{d \leq (\alpha x + \beta)^{1/r}} \mu(d) \sum_{\substack{a \leq x \\ [a^c] \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \sum_{\substack{b \leq x \\ [\alpha b + \beta] \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1. \end{aligned}$$

In view of Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{a, b \leq x \\ \gcd([a^c], [\alpha b + \beta])_r = 1}} 1 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r-\epsilon} x} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O(\min(\frac{x^c}{d^r}, \frac{x^{(c+1)/3}}{d^{r/3}})) \right) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O(d^r \log^3 x) \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r-\epsilon} x < d \leq (\alpha x + \beta)^{1/r}} \mu(d) \sum_{\substack{a \leq x \\ [a^c] \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \sum_{\substack{b \leq x \\ [\alpha b + \beta] \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1. \end{aligned}$$

From  $x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r-\epsilon} x < x^{c/r-1/2r}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{a,b \leq x \\ \gcd([a^c], [\alpha b + \beta]), r=1}} 1 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r-\epsilon} x} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O\left(\frac{x^{(c+1)/3}}{d^{r/3}}\right) \right) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O(d^r \log^3 x) \right) \\ &\quad + O\left( \sum_{x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r-\epsilon} x < d \leq (\alpha x + \beta)^{1/r}} \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{d \leq x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r-\epsilon} x} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O\left(\frac{x^{(c+4)/3}}{d^{4r/3}}\right) + O(x \log^3 x) + O(x^{(c+1)/3} d^{2r/3} \log^3 x) \right) \\ &\quad + O\left(x^{1+1/2r} \log^{3-3/2r+\epsilon} x\right). \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that, for  $d \leq x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r-\epsilon} x$ ,  $\frac{x^{(c+4)/3}}{d^{4r/3}} \geq x \log^3 x$ ,  $\frac{x^{(c+1)/3}}{d^{r/3}} \geq x^{(c+1)/3} d^{2r/3} \log^3 x$ . Thus, in view of (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{a,b \leq x \\ \gcd([a^c], [\alpha b + \beta]), r=1}} 1 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r-\epsilon} x} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O\left(\frac{x^{(c+4)/3}}{d^{4r/3}}\right) \right) + O\left(x^{1+1/2r} \log^{3-3/2r+\epsilon} x\right) \\ &= \frac{x^2}{\zeta(2r)} + O(x^{(c+4)/3}) + O\left(x^{1+1/2r} \log^{3-3/2r+\epsilon} x\right). \end{aligned}$$

The proof of (1.4) follows from  $\frac{c+1}{3} > \frac{1}{4} \geq \frac{1}{2r}$ .

We now prove (1.5). In view of Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{a,b \leq x \\ \gcd(a, [\alpha b + \beta]), r=1}} 1 &= \sum_{a,b \leq x} \sum_{\substack{d^r | a \\ d^r | [\alpha b + \beta]}} \mu(d) = \sum_{d \leq x^{1/r}} \mu(d) \sum_{\substack{a \leq x \\ a \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \sum_{\substack{b \leq x \\ [\alpha b + \beta] \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \\ &= \sum_{d \leq x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r-\epsilon} x} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O(1) \right) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O(d^r \log^3 x) \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r-\epsilon} x < d \leq x^{1/r}} \mu(d) \left( \sum_{\substack{a \leq x \\ a \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \sum_{\substack{b \leq x \\ [\alpha b + \beta] \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \right) \\ &= \sum_{d \leq x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r-\epsilon} x} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O\left(\frac{x}{d^r}\right) + O(x \log^3 x) + O(d^r \log^3 x) \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r-\epsilon} x < d \leq x^{1/r}} O\left(\frac{x^2}{d^{2r}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

We note that, for  $d \leq x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r-\epsilon} x$ ,  $x \log^3 x \geq \frac{x}{d^r}$  and  $x \log^3 x \geq d^r \log^3 x$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{a,b \leq x \\ \gcd(a, [\alpha b + \beta]), r=1}} 1 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r-\epsilon} x} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O(x \log^3 x) \right) + O\left(x^{1/2r} \log^{3-3/2r+\epsilon} x\right) \\ &= x^2 \sum_{d \leq x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r-\epsilon} x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^{2r}} + O\left(x^{1+1/2r} \log^{3-3/2r-\epsilon} x\right). \end{aligned}$$

In view of (3.2), the proof of (1.5) completes.

We now prove (1.6). Similarly to the proof of (1.5), in view of Lemma 2.2, we write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\substack{a,b \leq x \\ \gcd([\alpha a + \beta], [\alpha b + \beta]), r=1}} 1 &= \sum_{a,b \leq x} \sum_{\substack{d^r \mid [\alpha a + \beta] \\ d^r \mid [\alpha b + \beta]}} \mu(d) = \sum_{d \leq (\alpha x + \beta)^{1/r}} \mu(d) \sum_{\substack{a \leq x \\ [\alpha a + \beta] \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \sum_{\substack{b \leq x \\ [\alpha b + \beta] \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \\
 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r - \epsilon} x} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x}{d^r} + O(d^r \log^3 x) \right)^2 \\
 &\quad + \sum_{x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r - \epsilon} x < d \leq (\alpha x + \beta)^{1/r}} \mu(d) \sum_{\substack{a \leq x \\ [\alpha a + \beta] \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \sum_{\substack{b \leq x \\ [\alpha b + \beta] \equiv 0 \pmod{d^r}}} 1 \\
 &= \sum_{d \leq x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r - \epsilon} x} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x^2}{d^{2r}} + O(x \log^3 x) + O(d^{2r} \log^6 x) \right) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{x^{1/2r} \log^{-3/2r - \epsilon} x < d \leq x^{1/r}} O\left(\frac{x^2}{d^{2r}}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the same calculation as in the proof of (1.5), the equation (1.6) follows. □

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