

**Math 539: Analytic Number Theory**  
**Lecture Notes**

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## Introduction (Lecture 1, 4/1/2016)

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### 0.1. Administrivia

- Problem sets will be posted on the course website.
  - To the extent I have time, solutions may be posted on Connect.
  - I will do my best to mark regularly.
- Textbooks
  - Davenport [5]
  - Montgomery–Vaughn [9]
  - Iwaniec–Kowalski [8]

### 0.2. Course plan (subject to revision)

- Elementary counting (“change the order of summation”)
- Exponential sums
- Counting primes, primes in arithmetic progressions
- Other topics if time permits.

### 0.3. Introduction

DEFINITION 1 (Caricature). Number Theory tries to find integer solutions to polynomial equations.

- Algebraic Number Theory: study individual solutions.
  - Solve  $x^2 + y^2 = p$ , and  $x^2 + y^2 = n$  using prime factorization in the Gaussian integers.
  - Solve  $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$  using prime factorization in the Eisenstein integers.
  - Solve  $a^p + b^p = c^p$  using the Frey curve  $y^2 = x(x - a^p)(x - b^p)$ .
- Analytic Number Theory: count the solutions.
  - (Gauss circle) What is the average number of ways to represent an integer at most  $x$  as a sum of two squares?
  - (Roth) Let  $A$  be a dense subset of  $[n]$ . Then  $A$  must have many solutions to  $x + z = 2y$ .
  - Primes
    - \* (Mertens)  $\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} = \log \log x + C + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right)$ .
    - \* (Gauss; Riemann+dvP/Hadamard)  $\sum_{p \leq x} \log p = x + O\left(x \exp\{-\sqrt{\log x}\}\right)$ , hence  $\sum_{p \leq x} 1 \sim \frac{x}{\log x}$ .
    - \* (Twin primes conj)  $\sum_{p \leq x, p+2 \text{ prime}} 1 \sim 2C_2 \frac{x}{\log^2 x}$

- (Vinogradov 1937 [12]) Let  $n$  be large enough and odd. Then the equation  $p_1 + p_2 + p_3 = n$  has about  $\frac{n^2}{\log^3 n}$  solutions.
- (Green) Let  $A$  be a dense subset of the primes. Then  $A$  must have many solutions to  $x + z = 2y$ .

THEOREM 2 (Helfgott 2013). *For all odd  $N > 10^{28}$  there is  $x$  for which*

$$\sum_{n_1+n_2+n_3=N} \prod_{i=1}^3 \Lambda(n_i) \eta_i \left( \frac{n_i}{x} \right) > 0,$$

where  $\eta_i$  are appropriate (positive) smooth functions.

COROLLARY 3. (Adding numerics of Helfgott–Platt) *Every odd integer  $N > 5$  is the sum of three primes.*

THEOREM 4 (Zhang 2013 [13]). *There is a weight function  $v(n) > 0$ , a finite set  $\mathcal{H}$  of positive integers such that for all large enough  $x$*

$$\sum_{\substack{x \leq n \leq 2x \\ n \equiv b \pmod{W(x)}}} \left( \sum_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \theta(n+h) - \log 3x \right) v(n) > 0,$$

where  $\theta(n) = \begin{cases} \log n & n \text{ prime} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ ,  $W(x)$  is some slowly growing function of  $x$  and  $b$  is chosen appropriately.

COROLLARY 5. *For every  $x$  large enough there is  $x \leq n \leq 2x$  and distinct  $h_1, h_2 \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $n + h_1, n + h_2$  are prime. In particular, there are arbitrarily large pairs of prime numbers whose difference is at most  $\max \mathcal{H} - \min \mathcal{H}$ .*

REMARK 6. Zhang obtained the bound  $7 \cdot 10^7$  for the gap  $\max \mathcal{H} - \min \mathcal{H}$ . Further work by Polymath8, Motohashi–Pintz and Maynard has reduced the gap to 246.

## CHAPTER 1

### Elementary counting

#### 1.1. Basic tools

##### 1.1.1. Stirling's formula (PS0).

##### 1.1.2. Abel Summation (PS0).

##### 1.1.3. Arithmetic functions (PS0) (Lecture 2; 8/6/2016).

DEFINITION 7. An *arithmetic function* is a function  $f: \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

EXAMPLE 8.  $\delta(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 1 \\ 0 & n > 1 \end{cases}$ ,  $I(n) = 1$ ;  $N(n) = n$ . The *divisor function*  $\tau(n) = \sum_{d|n} 1$  and sum-of-divisors function  $\sigma(n) = \sum_{d|n} d$ . The *Euler totient*  $\phi(n) = \#(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$ . For  $n = \prod_{i=1}^r p_i^{e_i}$  set  $\omega(n) = r$ ,  $\Omega(n) = \sum_{i=1}^r e_i$  (so  $\omega$  is additive,  $\Omega$  completely additive), *Möbius function*  $\mu(n) = \begin{cases} (-1)^{\omega(n)} & n \text{ squarefree} \\ 0 & n \text{ squarefull} \end{cases}$ , *Liouville function*  $\lambda(n) = (-1)^{\Omega(n)}$ .

DEFINITION 9. The *Dirichlet convolution* (or *multiplicative convolution*) of  $f, g$  is the function

$$(f * g)(n) = \sum_{de=n} f(d)g(e).$$

EXAMPLE 10.  $\tau = I * I$ ,  $\sigma = I * N$ ,  $I * \mu = \delta$ ,  $I * \phi = N$ .

LEMMA 11. *The set of arithmetic functions with pointwise addition and Dirichlet convolution forms a commutative ring with identity  $\delta$ .  $f$  is invertible iff  $f(1)$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{C}$  (note  $f \mapsto f(1)$  is ring hom to  $\mathbb{C}$ ).*

COROLLARY 12 (Möbius inversion formula). *If  $F = G * I$  then  $G = F * \mu$ .*

The Chinese Remainder Theorem says: if  $(m, n) = 1$  then  $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/nm\mathbb{Z})$  as rings. This forces some relations. For example,  $\phi(nm) = \phi(n)\phi(m)$ ,  $\tau(nm) = \tau(n)\tau(m)$ ,  $\sigma(nm) = \sigma(n)\sigma(m)$ .

DEFINITION 13. Call  $f$  *multiplicative* if  $f(nm) = f(n)f(m)$  if  $(n, m) = 1$ , *completely multiplicative* if  $f(nm) = f(n)f(m)$  for all  $n, m$ .

LEMMA 14. *If  $f, g$  are multiplicative so is  $f * g$ . If  $f(1) \neq 0$  then  $f$  is multiplicative iff  $f^{-1}$  is.*

EXAMPLE 15.  $I, N$  hence  $\tau, \sigma, \mu, \lambda$ .

Multiplicative  $f$  are determined by values at prime powers.

- To an arithmetic function associate the (formal) Dirichlet series  $D_f(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} f(n)n^{-s}$ .
- Multiplication given by Dirichlet convolution – isomorphism of rings.

EXAMPLE 16.  $\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s} = \prod_p (1 - p^{-s})^{-1}$ . Then  $\zeta(s)^{-1} = \prod_p (1 - p^{-s}) = \sum_n \mu(n)n^{-s}$ , new proof of Möbius inversion.

THEOREM 17 (Folklore). *There are infinitely many primes.*

EULER'S PROOF. Euler product converges for  $\Re(s) > 1$ , locally uniformly, so actually get identity of functions. By MCT  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 1^+} \zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty$  so infinitely many primes.  $\square$

EXAMPLE 18. Formal differentiation gives  $-\zeta'(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} L(n)n^{-s}$  with  $L(n) = \log n$ . Multiplication by  $L$  (or any additive function) is a derivation in the ring. Formally differentiating the Euler product also gives

$$-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \Lambda(n)n^{-s}$$

where

$$\Lambda(n) = \begin{cases} \log p & n = p^k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is the *von Mangoldt function*. Note the identity above:  $\zeta(s) \sum_{n \geq 1} \Lambda(n)n^{-s} = -\zeta'(s)$ , that is

$$I * \Lambda = L.$$

## 1.2. Averages of arithmetic functions (Lecture 3, 8/1/2016)

- Goal: how big  $f(n)$  is “on average”.

**1.2.1. Idea: convolutions are smoothing.** Suppose  $f = g * h$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} f(n) &= \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} g(d)h\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) \\ &= \sum_{d \leq x} g(d) \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{d}} h(m). \end{aligned}$$

Now if  $h$  is “smooth” then  $\sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{d}} h(m)$  may be nice enough to evaluate.

EXAMPLE 19 (Elementary calculations). (1) The divisor function

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \tau(n) &= \sum_{d \leq x} \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{d}} 1 \\ &= \sum_{d \leq x} \left[ \frac{x}{d} \right] = \sum_{d \leq x} \left( \frac{x}{d} + O(1) \right) \\ &= x \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{1}{d} + O(x) \\ &= x \log x + O(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} \tau(n) = \log x + O(1).$$

(2) The totient function.

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n \leq x} \phi(n) &= \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \frac{n}{d} = \sum_{d \leq x} \mu(d) \sum_{d|n \leq x} \frac{n}{d} \\
&= \sum_{d \leq x} \mu(d) \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{d}} m = \sum_{d \leq x} \mu(d) \left( \frac{x^2}{2d^2} + O\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) \right) \\
&= x^2 \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^2} + O\left(x \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{1}{d}\right) \\
&= x^2 \left( \zeta^{-1}(2) - O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right) + O(x \log x) \\
&= \frac{x^2}{\zeta(2)} + O(x \log x).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} \phi(n) = \frac{x}{\zeta(2)} + O(\log x).$$

(3) The normalized totient function

### 1.2.2. The Gauss Circle Problem.

DEFINITION 20. Let  $r_k(n) = \#\{a \in \mathbb{Z}^k \mid \sum_{i=1}^k a_i^2 = n\}$  be the number of representations of  $n$  as a sum of  $k$  squares.

Then  $\sum_{n \leq x} r_k(n) = \#\left(\mathbb{Z}^k \cap B_{\mathbb{R}^k}(\sqrt{x})\right)$ . Now tile the plane with unit cubes centered at the lattice points of  $\mathbb{Z}^k$  and let  $d$  be the diameter of the unit cube. Then

$$B_{\mathbb{R}^k}(\sqrt{x} - d) \subset \bigcup_{a \in \mathbb{Z}^k \cap B_{\mathbb{R}^k}(\sqrt{x})} \left( a + \left[ -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right]^k \right) \subset B_{\mathbb{R}^k}(\sqrt{x} + d).$$

Now let  $\gamma_k$  be the volume of the unit ball in  $k$  dimensions. Then  $\text{vol}(B_{\mathbb{R}^k}(\sqrt{x} + O(1))) = \gamma_k (\sqrt{x} + O(1))^k = \gamma_k x^{\frac{k}{2}} + O\left(x^{\frac{k-1}{2}}\right)$ .

COROLLARY 21 (Gauss). *We have*

$$\#\left(\mathbb{Z}^k \cap B_{\mathbb{R}^k}(\sqrt{x})\right) = \gamma_k x^{\frac{k}{2}} + O\left(x^{\frac{k-1}{2}}\right).$$

*Note that the error term has a natural interpretation as the volume of the sphere.*

Consider first the case  $k = 2$ , where the size of the error term is known as the *Gauss Circle Problem*.

THEOREM 22 (Hardy 1915). *Write  $\#\left(\mathbb{Z}^2 \cap B_{\mathbb{R}^2}(\sqrt{x})\right) = \pi x + E(x)$ . Then  $E(x) \gg x^{1/4} \log^{1/4} x$  infinitely often.*

CONJECTURE 23 (Hardy).  $E(x) \ll_{\varepsilon} x^{\frac{1}{4} + \varepsilon}$ .

We may later give Voronoi's bound  $E(x) \ll_{\varepsilon} x^{\frac{1}{3} + \varepsilon}$  (see section XX). The world record is

THEOREM 24 (Huxley 2003).  $E(x) \ll_{\varepsilon} x^{\frac{131}{416} + \varepsilon}$ .



REMARK 25. This actually applies to counting in the dilates of a convex set whose boundary has curvature bounded below.

When  $k \geq 4$  the situation is easier, because  $r_4(n)$  is a nicer function.

THEOREM 26 (Jacobi).

$$r_4(n) = 8(2 + (-1)^n) \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ d \text{ odd}}} d.$$

COROLLARY 27.  $\sum_{n \leq x} r_4(n) = \frac{\pi^2}{2} x^2 + O(x \log x)$ .

PROOF. By the usual method

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} r_4(n) &= \sum_{\substack{n=md \leq x \\ d \text{ odd}}} 8(2 + (-1)^n) d \\ &= 8 \sum_{m \leq x} (2 + (-1)^m) \sum_{\substack{d \leq \frac{x}{m} \\ d \text{ odd}}} d \\ &= 8 \sum_{m \leq x} (2 + (-1)^m) \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{x}{m} \right)^2 + O\left( \frac{x}{m} \right) \right) \\ &= 2x^2 \sum_{m \leq x} \frac{2 + (-1)^m}{m^2} + O\left( x \sum_{m \leq x} \frac{1}{m} \right) \\ &= 2x^2 \left( \zeta(2) + \frac{1}{2} \zeta(2) \right) + O(x \log x) \\ &= 3\zeta(2)x^2 + O(x \log x) \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{2} x^2 + O(x \log x). \end{aligned}$$

□

Note that Gauss's argument would have given the error term  $O(x^{3/2})$ .

EXERCISE 28. Improve for  $k \geq 5$  the error term to  $O(x^{\frac{k}{2}-1})$  using the result for  $k = 4$ .

**1.2.3. Dirichlet hyperbola method (“divisor switching”) (Lecture 4, 11/1/2016).** The calculation above of the average of  $\tau(n)$  is inefficient, since the estimate  $\left[ \frac{x}{d} \right] = \frac{x}{d} + O(1)$  is bad for large  $d$ . We observe with Dirichlet, however, that every  $n \leq x$  has a divisor smaller than  $\sqrt{x}$ . Thus

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \tau(n) = 2 \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{x}} \left[ \frac{x}{d} \right] - [\sqrt{x}]^2$$

(error coming from cases where both divisors are  $\leq x$ , including square  $n$ ). Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \tau(n) &= 2 \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{x}{d} - x + O(\sqrt{x}) \\ &= 2x \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{d} - x + O(\sqrt{x}) \\ &= x \left( 2 \log \sqrt{x} + 2\gamma + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right) - 1 \right) + O(\sqrt{x}) \\ &= x \log x + (2\gamma - 1)x + O(\sqrt{x}). \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that

$$\frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} \tau(n) = \log x + (2\gamma - 1) + O(x^{-1/2}).$$

EXERCISE 29. Prove by the hyperbola method that  $\frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} \tau_k(n) = P_k(\log x) + O(x^{1-\frac{1}{k}})$  where  $P_k$  is a polynomial of degree  $k$ .

EXERCISE 30. Let  $k \geq 4$ . Writing  $r_k(n) = \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_{k-4}} r_4(n - \sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2)$  and changing the order of summation, show that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} r_k(n) = \frac{(\pi x)^{k/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{k}{2} + 1)} + O(x^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \log x)$$

Note that the same formula with error term  $O(x^{\frac{k-1}{2}})$  follows from a volume argument as in the circle method.

### 1.3. Elementary prime estimates

**1.3.1. Cramer's model.** Let  $A \subset [2, x]$  be chosen as follows: each  $2 \leq n \leq x$  independently declares itself "prime" with probability  $\frac{1}{\log n}$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}|A| = \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{\log n} \approx \int_2^x \frac{dt}{\log t}.$$

DEFINITION 31.  $\text{Li}(x) = \int_2^x \frac{dt}{\log t}$ .

CONJECTURE 32 (Gauss).  $\pi(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |P \cap [0, x]| \sim \text{Li}(x) \sim \frac{x}{\log x}$ .

Similarly we find

$$(1.3.1) \quad \mathbb{E} \sum_{n \in A} \log n = \sum_{n \leq x} 1 \approx x.$$

$$(1.3.2) \quad \mathbb{E} \sum_{n \in A} \frac{1}{n} = \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n \log n} \approx \int_2^x \frac{dt}{t \log t} = \log \log x + O(1).$$

$$(1.3.3) \quad \mathbb{E} \sum_{n \leq x} A(n)A(n+2) \approx \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{\log^2 n} \approx \int_2^x \frac{dt}{\log^2 t} \sim \frac{x}{\log^2 x}.$$

While these look similar, for the true set of primes (1.3.2) is easy (we are about to prove it), (1.3.1) is hard (one of the highlights of the course) and (1.3.3) is open:

CONJECTURE 33 (Hardy–Littlewood twin primes conjecture).  $\sum_{n \leq x} P(n)P(n+2) \sim 2C_2 \int_2^x \frac{dt}{\log^2 t}$   
 where  $C_2 = \prod_p \frac{p(p-2)}{(p-1)^2}$ .

REMARK 34. Numerical estimates show our model to be somewhat off. The reason is that primality is not independent. For example, if  $n$  is prime then  $n+1$  is not. A better model is to fix a small parameter  $z$  (say  $z \approx C \log \log x$ ), take the primes up to  $z$  as known, and exclude from  $A$  any  $n$  divisible by a small prime.

CONJECTURE 35 (Generalized Hardy–Littlewood). See Green–Tao.

### 1.3.2. Chebychev’s estimate.

- Idea: dyadic decomposition

Let  $n < p \leq 2n$ . Then  $p \mid \binom{2n}{n}$  since  $p$  divides  $(2n)!$  once and  $n!$  not at all. Given  $x$  set  $n = \lfloor \frac{x}{2} \rfloor$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\frac{x}{2} < p \leq x} \log p &\leq \sum_{n < p \leq 2n} \log p + \log x \\ &\leq \log \binom{2n}{n} + \log x \leq \log(4^n) + \log x \\ &\leq x \log 2 + \log x. \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $\theta(x) = \sum_{p \leq x} \log p$  we find

$$\theta(x) \leq \theta\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + x \log 2 + \log x$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(x) &\leq x \log 2 \sum_{j=0}^{\log_2 x} \frac{1}{2^j} + \sum_{j=0}^{\log_2 x} \log x \\ &\leq (2 \log 2)x + \log^2 x \\ &= O(x). \end{aligned}$$

- Idea: there are very few prime powers

Now set  $\psi(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n)$ . Then  $\psi(x) = \theta(x) + \theta(x^{1/2}) + \theta(x^{1/3}) + \dots = O(x + x^{1/2} + x^{1/3} + \dots) = O(x)$  as well.

REMARK 36. Can also get a lower bound  $\theta(x) \geq cx$  from this method, by noting that primes  $\frac{2}{3}n < p < n$  don’t divide  $\binom{2n}{n}$  at all, and bounding the number of times primes  $\sqrt{n} < p < \frac{2}{3}n$  can divide. Note that  $\binom{2n}{n} \geq \frac{4^n}{2n+1}$  since it’s the largest of  $2n+1$  summands.

### 1.3.3. Mertens’s formula (Lecture 4, continued). Note that

$$\sum_{d|n} \Lambda(d) = \sum_{p^j|n} \log p = \sum_{p^e|n} e \log p = \log \left( \prod_{p^e|n} p^e \right) = \log n.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n \leq x} \log n &= \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} \Lambda(d) = \sum_{d \leq x} \Lambda(d) \sum_{d|n \leq x} 1 \\
 &= \sum_{d \leq x} \Lambda(d) \left( \frac{x}{d} + O(1) \right) \\
 &= x \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\Lambda(d)}{d} + O \left( \sum_{d \leq x} \Lambda(d) \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Now  $\sum_{d \leq x} \Lambda(d) = \psi(x) = O(x)$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n \leq x} \log n &= \int_1^x \log t \, dt + O(\log x) \\
 &= x \log x - x + O(\log x).
 \end{aligned}$$

Dividing by  $x$  we thus find

$$\sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\Lambda(d)}{d} = \log x + O(1).$$

Using the principle of “very few prime powers” it also follows that

$$\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{\log p}{p} = \log x + O(1).$$

We are now ready to prove

**THEOREM 37 (Mertens).** *There is a constant  $C$  such that  $\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} = \log \log x + C + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right)$ .*

PROOF. Let  $S_n = \sum_{p \leq n} \frac{\log p}{p}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} &= \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{\log n} (S_n - S_{n-1}) \\
&= \sum_{n \leq x} S_n \left( \frac{1}{\log n} - \frac{1}{\log(n+1)} \right) + C + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right) \\
&= \sum_{n \leq x} \left( 1 - \frac{\log n}{\log(n+1)} \right) + O\left( \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{\log n} - \frac{1}{\log(n+1)} \right) + C + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right) \\
&= \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\log(n+1) - \log n}{\log(n+1)} + C + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right) \\
&= \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\frac{1}{n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)}{\log(n+1)} + C + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right) \\
&= \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n \log n} + C + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right) \\
&= \int_2^x \frac{dt}{t \log t} + C + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right) \\
&= \log \log x + C + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

□

REMARK 38. Can express as a Riemann–Stieltjes integral and integrate by parts instead.

### 1.3.4. The number of prime divisors (Lecture 5, 13/1/2016).

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n \leq x} \omega(n) &= \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{p|n} 1 \\
&= \sum_{p \leq x} \left[ \frac{x}{p} \right] = \sum_{p \leq x} \left( \frac{x}{p} + O(1) \right) \\
&= x \sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} + O(\pi(x)) \\
&= x \log \log x + Cx + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} \omega(n) = \log \log x + C + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right).$$

We now compute the standard deviation

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} (\omega(n) - \log \log x)^2 &= \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} (\omega(n))^2 - \frac{2}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} \omega(n) \log \log x + (\log \log x)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{x} \sum_{p_1, p_2 \leq x} \sum_{p_1, p_2 | n \leq x} 1 - 2 \log \log x (\log \log x + O(1)) + (\log \log x)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{x} \left( \sum_{p \leq x} \left[ \frac{x}{p} \right] + \sum_{p_1 \neq p_2 \leq x} \left[ \frac{x}{p_1 p_2} \right] - \sum_{p \leq x} \left[ \frac{x}{p^2} \right] \right) - (\log \log x)^2 + O(\log \log x) . \\
&\leq \sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} + \left( \sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} \right)^2 - (\log \log x)^2 + O(\log \log x) \\
&= \log \log x + C + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right) + (\log \log x)^2 + 2C \log \log x + C^2 + O\left(\frac{\log \log x}{\log x}\right) - (\log \log x)^2 \\
&= O(\log \log x) .
\end{aligned}$$

(Theorem of Turan–Kubilius).

COROLLARY 39 (Hardy–Ramanujan). *Most  $n \leq x$  have about  $\log \log n$  prime divisors.*

PROOF. By the triangle inequality in  $\ell^2$ ,

$$\left( \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} (\omega(n) - \log \log n)^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \left( \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} (\omega(n) - \log \log x)^2 \right)^{1/2} + \left( \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} (\log \log x - \log \log n)^2 \right)^{1/2} .$$

Now for  $n \geq \sqrt{x}$ ,  $\log n \geq \frac{1}{2} \log x$  and  $\log \log n \geq \log \log x - \log 2$ . It follows that  $\frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} (\log \log x - \log \log n)^2 \leq O(1) + \frac{(\log \log x)^2}{\sqrt{x}} = O(1)$  and, squaring, that

$$\frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} (\omega(n) - \log \log n)^2 = O(\log \log x)$$

as well. Now if  $|\omega(n) - \log \log n| \geq (\log \log n)^{3/2}$  □

THEOREM 40 (Erdős–Kac). *Fix  $a, b$ . Then*

$$\frac{1}{x} \# \left\{ n \leq x \mid a \leq \frac{\omega(n) - \log \log x}{\sqrt{\log \log x}} \leq b \right\} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_a^b e^{-t^2/2} dt$$

## CHAPTER 2

### Fourier analysis

NOTATION 41. For  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  set  $e(z) = \exp(2\pi iz)$ .

#### 2.1. The Fourier transform on $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$

##### 2.1.1. Basics.

DEFINITION 42. For  $f: \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  set  $\mathbb{E}_x f(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x \bmod N} f(x)$ . Set  $e_N(x) = e\left(\frac{x}{N}\right)$ . Set  $\psi_k(x) = e_N(kx)$ . Note that  $N$  is implicit and that  $kx$  is well-defined mod  $N$ .

LEMMA 43.  $\{\psi_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}}$  is a complete orthonormal system in  $L^2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$  (wrt the probability measure).

COROLLARY 44 (Fourier analysis mod  $N$ ). Set  $\hat{f}(k) = \langle \psi_k, f \rangle = \mathbb{E}_x \psi_{-k}(x) f(x)$ . Then

(1) (continuity in  $L^1$ )  $\|\hat{f}\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_1$ .

(2) (Fourier inversion)  $f(x) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}} \hat{f}(k) \psi_k(x)$ .

(3) (Parseval formula)  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}} |f(x)|^2 = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}} |\hat{f}(k)|^2$ .

(4) (Expansion of  $\delta$  distribution)  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}} \psi_{-k}(x) \psi_k(y) = \delta_{x,y}$ . Equivalently,

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}} e_N(k(x-y)) = \begin{cases} 1 & x = y \\ 0 & x \neq y \end{cases}.$$

DEFINITION 45. Let  $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$  we define their *convolution* to be

$$\begin{aligned} (f * g)(x) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{a+b=x} f(a)g(b) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_y f(y)g(x-y). \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 46.  $\widehat{f * g}(k) = \hat{f}(k)\hat{g}(k)$ .

PROOF.  $\mathbb{E}_x (f * g)(x) e_{-k}(x) = \mathbb{E}_{x,y} f(y)g(x-y) \psi_{-k}(y) \psi_{-k}(x-y) = \mathbb{E}_{x,z} f(y)g(z) \psi_{-k}(y) \psi_{-k}(z)$ . □

##### 2.1.2. Application: Roth's Theorem (Lectures 6-8, 15,18,20/1/2016).

PROBLEM 47. Let  $A \subset \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$  be large enough. Must  $A$  contain a 3-AP, that is a solution to  $x + z = 2y$ ?

Let  $\alpha = \frac{\#A}{N} = \|A\|_1$  be the *density* of  $A$ . Here's an easy combinatorial argument.

LEMMA 48. Suppose  $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $A$  contains  $\Theta(N^2)$  3-APs.

PROOF. For  $x \in A$  consider the sets  $\{d \mid x+d \in A\}$ ,  $\{d \mid x-d \in A\}$  (basically shifts of  $A$ ). Each has density  $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$  and hence their intersection has density  $> 2\alpha - 1$ . It follows that  $x$  is the middle element of  $\Theta(N)$  3-APs.  $\square$

We count 3-APs using a Fourier expansion instead. Set

$$\Lambda_3(f_1, f_2, f_3) = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{x,d} f(x-d)f(x)f(x+d),$$

so that  $\Lambda_3(A, A, A)$  is the (normalized) number of 3-APs in  $A$ , including degenerate ones. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_3(f_1, f_2, f_3) &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{x,d} \sum_{k_1, k_2, k_3} e_N(k_1(x-d) + k_2x + k_3(x+d)) \hat{f}_1(k_1) \hat{f}_2(k_2) \hat{f}_3(k_3) \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{k_1, k_2, k_3} \hat{f}_1(k_1) \hat{f}_2(k_2) \hat{f}_3(k_3) \sum_{x,d} e_N((k_1 + k_2 + k_3)x + (k_3 - k_1)d) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k_1, k_2} \hat{f}_1(k_1) \hat{f}_2(k_2) \hat{f}_3(k_1) \sum_x e_N((2k_1 + k_2)x) \\ &= \sum_k \hat{f}_1(k) \hat{f}_2(-2k) \hat{f}_3(k). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, let  $f_1 = f_2 = f_3 = A$  be the characteristic functions of  $A$ . We then have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_3(A, A, A) &= \sum_k \hat{A}(k)^2 \hat{A}(-2k) \\ &= \alpha^3 + \sum_{k \neq 0} \hat{A}(k)^2 \hat{A}(-2k) \end{aligned}$$

Natural to let  $f_A(x) = A(x) - \alpha$  be the *balanced function*, which has  $\hat{f}_A(k) = \begin{cases} \hat{A}(k) & k \neq 0 \\ 0 & k = 0 \end{cases}$ .

Then

$$\Lambda_3(A, A, A) = \Lambda_3(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha) + \Lambda_3(f_A, f_A, f_A) = \alpha^3 + \Lambda_3(f_A, f_A, f_A)$$

since in each of the other 6 terms some argument has  $\hat{f}$  supported away from zero, and some argument has  $\hat{f}$  supported at zero. We conclude that:

$$\begin{aligned} |\Lambda_3(A, A, A) - \alpha^3| &= |\Lambda_3(f_A, f_A, f_A)| \\ &\leq \sum_k |\hat{f}_A(k)|^2 \|\hat{f}_A\|_\infty \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_x (A(x) - \alpha)^2 \right) \|\hat{f}_A\|_\infty \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_x (A(x) - 2\alpha A(x) + \alpha^2) \right) \|\hat{f}_A\|_\infty \\ &= \alpha(1 - \alpha) \|\hat{f}_A\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

COROLLARY 49 (Base case). *Suppose  $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $A$  contains  $\Theta_\alpha(N^2)$  3-APs.*



PROOF.  $\|\hat{f}_A\|_\infty \leq \|f_A\|_1 = \frac{1}{N} (\#A(1-\alpha) + (N-\#A)\alpha) = 2\alpha(1-\alpha)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{x,d} A(x)A(x+d)A(x-d) &\geq \alpha^3 - 2\alpha^2(1-\alpha)^2 \\ &\geq \alpha^3 - \frac{1}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Idea:** If  $\hat{f}_A(k)$  is large for some  $k$ , then  $\hat{f}_A$  correlates strongly with the function  $e_N(kx)$ , which is constant on relatively lengthy APs. This forces  $\hat{f}_A$  to be relatively constant along such progressions, showing that the restriction of  $A$  to such a progression has somewhat larger density, at which point one can give an argument by induction.

**THEOREM 50 (Roth 1953).** *For all  $\alpha > 0$  there is  $N_0 = N_0(\alpha)$  such that for odd  $N > N_0$  and  $A \subset \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$  with density at least  $\alpha$ ,  $A$  has 3-APs.*

PROOF. By downward induction on  $\alpha$  (“density increment method”). Specifically, we show that for any  $\alpha > 0$  if the theorem is true for  $\alpha + \frac{\alpha^2}{10}$  is it true for  $\alpha$  as well. Applying this to the infimum of the  $\alpha$  for which the Theorem holds shows the infimum is 0.

Let  $A \subset [N]$  have density  $\alpha$ . In order to deal with “wraparound” issues embed  $A$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/M\mathbb{Z}$  where  $M = 2N + 1$  and let

$$f_A(x) = \begin{cases} A(x) - \alpha & 0 \leq x < N \\ 0 & N \leq x < M. \end{cases}$$

and

$$1_N(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq x < N \\ 0 & N \leq x < M \end{cases}$$

so that  $A = f_A + \alpha 1_N$  as functions in  $\mathbb{Z}/M\mathbb{Z}$ . Repeating the calculation above we find

$$\Lambda_3(A, A, A) = \alpha^3 \Lambda_3(1_N, 1_N, 1_N) + \text{seven terms}.$$

Here,  $\Lambda_3(1_N, 1_N, 1_N)$  can be computed exactly, and each of the other error terms has the form  $\Lambda_3(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  where each  $f_i$  is either  $f_A$  or the balanced version of  $\alpha 1_N$  (since  $\hat{f}_A(0) = 0$ ). Now by C-S and Parseval,

$$|\Lambda_3(f_1, f_2, f_3)| = \left| \sum_{k(M)} \hat{f}_1(k) \hat{f}_2(-2k) \hat{f}_3(k) \right| \leq \|\hat{f}_i\|_\infty \|f_j\|_2 \|f_k\|_2$$

for any permutation  $(i, j, k)$  of  $(1, 2, 3)$ . Now  $\|f_A\|_2 = \left(\frac{1}{M} (\alpha N(1-\alpha)^2 + (1-\alpha)N\alpha^2)\right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{N}{2N+1}\right)^{1/2} (\alpha(1-\alpha))^{1/2}$  and

$$\left\| \alpha 1_N - \alpha \frac{N}{M} \right\|_2 = \alpha \left( \frac{1}{M} \left( N \left( \frac{N+1}{M} \right)^2 + (N+1) \left( \frac{N}{M} \right)^2 \right) \right)^{1/2} = \alpha \frac{(N(N+1))^{1/2}}{M} \leq \frac{\alpha}{2}.$$

It follows that each of the seven terms is bounded above by one of  $\|\hat{f}_A\|_\infty \frac{\alpha^2}{4}$  or  $\|\hat{f}_A\|_\infty \frac{\alpha^{3/2}}{2\sqrt{2}}$  or  $\|\hat{f}_A\| \frac{\alpha}{2}$ , each of which is at most  $\|\hat{f}_A\| \frac{\alpha}{2}$ . Setting  $\varepsilon = \frac{\alpha^2}{10}$  we divide in two cases:

(1) (“quasi-randomness”) If  $\|\hat{f}_A\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon$  then we have shown:

$$\Lambda_3(A, A, A) \geq \alpha^3 - 7\frac{\alpha^3}{20} > \frac{\alpha^3}{2}.$$

(2) (“structured case”) Suppose instead  $|\hat{A}(k)| \geq \varepsilon$  for some  $k \neq 0$ . We will then construct a longish AP  $P \subset \mathbb{Z}/M\mathbb{Z}$  on which  $A \cap P$  has larger density, and then apply the induction hypothesis to  $A \cap P$ , noting that any 3-AP in  $A \cap P$  is an AP in  $A$ .

(a) Let  $L, \delta$  be parameters to be chosen later.

(b) There is  $1 \leq r \leq \frac{M}{\delta L}$  such that  $kr$  has a representative of magnitude at most  $\delta L$  (if not then there are  $1 \leq r_1 < r_2 \leq \frac{M}{\delta L}$  such that  $kr_1, kr_2$  have distance at most  $\delta L$ , and take  $r = r_2 - r_1$ ).

(c) Let  $P = r[L] = \{jr\}_{j=0}^{L-1}$ . Then  $e_k$  is roughly constant on any progression  $b + P$ : since  $kr$  has a representative of magnitude at most  $\delta L$ ,

$$|e_k(b + jr) - e_k(b)| = |e_k(jr) - 1| = 2 \left| \sin \left( \pi \frac{kr}{M} j \right) \right| \leq 2\pi \frac{\delta L^2}{M}$$

(d) We now compute  $\hat{f}_A$  by averaging over all translates of  $P$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &\leq |\hat{f}_A(k)| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{M} \sum_{b(M)} \frac{1}{L} \sum_{y \in P} f_A(b+y) e_{-k}(b+y) \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{1}{M} \sum_{b(M)} e_{-k}(b) \frac{1}{L} \sum_{y \in P} f_A(b+y) \right| + \frac{1}{M} \sum_b \frac{1}{L} \sum_{y \in P} |f_A(b+y)| |e_{-k}(b+y) - e_{-k}(b)| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{1}{M} \sum_{b(M)} e_{-k}(b) \frac{1}{L} \sum_{y \in P} f_A(b+y) \right| + \varepsilon \|f_A\|_1, \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$|\mathbb{E}_b e_{-k}(b) \mathbb{E}_{x \in b+P} f_A(x)| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} - \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{M}}.$$

(e) (Endgame) Let  $e(-\theta)$  be the phase of the term in the paranthesis. Then we have found

$$\mathbb{E}_b e_{-k}(b) e(\theta) \mathbb{E}_{x \in b+P} f_A(x) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} - \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{M}}.$$

Since  $f_A$  averages to zero, this can also be written as

$$\mathbb{E}_b (e_{-k}(b) e(\theta) + 1) \mathbb{E}_{x \in b+P} f_A(x) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} - \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{N}}.$$

The real parts of  $(e_{-k}(b) e(\theta) + 1)$  are in  $[0, 2]$ . Get  $b$  such that

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \in b+P} f_A(x) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{4} - \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{N}}.$$

Therefore, for  $N$  large enough, the restriction of  $A$  to  $b + P$  has density at least  $\alpha + \frac{\varepsilon}{5} = \alpha + \frac{\alpha^2}{10}$ , and  $P$  itself is long. □

- REMARK 51 (Corner cases). (1) Varvanides argument gives  $\Theta_\alpha(N^2)$  3-APs.  
 (2) Degenerate triples.  
 (3) The claim in  $\mathbb{Z}$  and wraparound.

In fact, we have shown:

THEOREM 52. *Let  $A \subset \{1, \dots, N\}$  have density  $\gg \frac{1}{\log \log N}$ . Then  $A$  has a 3-AP.*

The best result to date is

THEOREM 53 (Bloom [2]). *Let  $A \subset \{1, \dots, N\}$  have density  $\gg \frac{(\log \log N)^4}{\log N}$ . Then  $A$  has a 3-AP.*

Previous results include Bourgain's  $\sqrt{\frac{\log \log N}{\log N}}$  [4] and Sanders's  $\frac{(\log \log N)^6}{\log N}$  [10]. In the finite-field setting it is possible to break the  $\frac{1}{\log N}$  density barrier; see [1].

Compare also

THEOREM 54 (Sárközy, Furstenberg). *Let  $A \subset \{1, \dots, N\}$  have density  $\gg (\log \log N)^{-2/5}$ . Then there are distinct  $a, a' \in A$  such that  $a - a'$  is a perfect square.*

### 2.1.3. Remarks: additive number theory.

- Szemerédi's Theorem and higher-order Fourier analysis.
- Corners Theorem.
- Sum-product; Bourgain–Katz–Tao.

## 2.2. Dirichlet characters and the Fourier transform on $(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$

### 2.2.1. The Ramanujan sum (Lecture 9, 22/1/2016).

DEFINITION 55. The *Ramanujan sum* is  $c_N(k) = \sum'_{a(N)} e_N(ka)$ , that is the Fourier transform of the characteristic function of  $(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$ .

PROPOSITION 56.  $\sum_{d|n} c_d(k) = \begin{cases} n & n|k \\ 0 & n \nmid k \end{cases}$ , so that  $c_n(k) = \sum_{d|(k,n)} d \mu\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$ , and in particular  $c_n(1) = \mu(n)$ .

PROOF. We sum:

$$\sum_{d|n} c_d(k) = \sum_{d|n} c_{n/d}(k) = \sum_{d|n} \sum_{\substack{a(n) \\ (a,n)=d}} e_n(ka) = \sum_{a(n)} e_n(ka) = \begin{cases} n & n|k \\ 0 & n \nmid k \end{cases}.$$

Now apply Möbius inversion. □

COROLLARY 57.  $\mathbb{1}_{(x,N)=1} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k(N)} \sum_{d|(k,N)} d \mu\left(\frac{N}{d}\right) e_N(kxxa) = \sum_{k(N)} \left( \sum_{d|(k,N)} \frac{d}{N} \mu\left(\frac{N}{d}\right) \right) e_N(kx)$

### 2.2.2. Basics.

- Construction

For each  $a \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$ , let  $M_a \in U(L^2((\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times))$  be multiplication by  $A$ . Clearly  $M_a M_b = M_{ab}$  so this is a commuting family of unitary operators, hence jointly diagonalizable. Let  $a \mapsto \chi(a)$  be an eigenvalue system. The multiplicative relation above gives  $\chi(a)\chi(b) = \chi(ab)$  so  $\chi: (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is a group homomorphism

Every associated eigenvector  $f$  satisfies  $f(a) = (M_a f)(1) = \chi(a)f(1)$ , so the eigenspace is 1-dimensional and spanned by  $\chi$ . Conversely, every  $\chi \in \text{Hom}((\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times, \mathbb{C})$  lies in an eigenspace, and we see  $\text{Hom}((\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times, \mathbb{C})$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L^2((\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times)$  (prob measure).

DEFINITION 58. A *Dirichlet character* (of modulus  $N$ ) a group homomorphism  $(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ , or equivalently its pullback to  $\mathbb{Z}$ : a multiplicative map  $\chi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\chi(n) = 0$  iff  $(n, N) \neq 1$ .

EXAMPLE 59. The *Legendre symbol*  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right)$  and its generalization the *Jacobi symbol* are Dirichlet characters mod  $p, N$  respectively.

For every  $N$  we have the *principal character*  $\chi_0(n) = \mathbb{1}_{(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times}(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & (n, N) = 1 \\ 0 & (n, N) > 1 \end{cases}$ .

The map  $\chi_4(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ -1 & n \equiv -1 \pmod{4} \\ 0 & 2|n \end{cases}$  is the unique non-principal character mod 4.

REMARK 60 (Motivation). For  $a \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$  we can expand the delta-function  $\delta_a(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n \equiv a \pmod{N} \\ 0 & n \not\equiv a \pmod{N} \end{cases}$

in our basis:

$$\delta_a(n) = \sum_{\chi(N)} \langle \chi, \delta_a \rangle \chi = \sum_{\chi(N)} \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \bar{\chi}(a) \chi(n) = \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \sum_{\chi(N)} \bar{\chi}(a) \chi(n)$$

where  $\overline{\chi(n)} = \bar{\chi}(n) = \chi^{-1}(n) = \chi(n^{-1})$  is the inverse character. Then in a sum over the residue class we have

$$\sum_{x \geq n \equiv a \pmod{N}} f(x) = \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \sum_{\chi(N)} \bar{\chi}(a) \sum_{n \leq x} \chi(n) f(n)$$

where we hope that the summand with the *principal character*  $\chi = \chi_0(n) = \mathbb{1}_{(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times}(n)$  gives the main term, and there is cancellation in the other terms.

- Primitive characters (Lecture 10, 25/1/2016)

Note that if  $\chi'$  is a Dirichlet character mod  $N'$  where  $N'|N$  then we can obtain a Dirichlet character

mod  $N$  by setting  $\chi(n) = \begin{cases} \chi'(n) & (n, N) = 1 \\ 0 & (n, N) > 1 \end{cases}$ . If  $N > N'$  we say that  $\chi$  is *imprimitive*. If  $\chi$  is not

imprimitive (that is, it does not arise from this construction for any proper divisor  $N'|N$ ) we say it is *primitive*. Given a Dirichlet character  $\chi$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$  say  $q$  is a *period* of  $\chi$  if whenever  $a, b$  are prime to  $q$  and  $a \equiv b \pmod{q}$  we have  $\chi(a) = \chi(b)$ . Note that  $N$  is always a period, and that if  $\chi$  is imprimitive as above then  $N'$  is a period.

LEMMA 61 (The conductor). Let  $q(\chi)$  be the minimal positive period of  $\chi$ .

- (1) If  $q$  is a period then so is  $(q, N)$ .
- (2) More generally, if  $q_1, q_2$  are periods then so is their gcd.
- (3) Let  $q$  be a period. Then there is a unique character  $\chi'$  mod  $q$  which agrees with  $\chi$  on  $n$  prime to  $Nq$ .
- (4) The minimal period divides all periods, and the resulting character is primitive.

PROOF. (1) If  $q$  is a period then so is  $xq + yN$  for all  $x, y$ ; (2) See PS2; (3) Let  $n$  be prime to  $q$ . For any  $j$  such that  $n + jq$  is prime to  $N$  (for example,  $j$  can be the product of the primes dividing  $N$  but not  $n$ ) set  $\chi'(n) = \chi(n + jq)$ , noting that the RHS is independent of the choice of  $j$  since  $q$  is a period. This is clearly multiplicative and uniquely defined. (4) Follows from (2).  $\square$

DEFINITION 62. We call  $q(\chi)$  the *conductor* of  $q$ .

- Values

For fixed  $a \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$  we will consider the possible values  $\chi(a)$  as  $\chi$  ranges over  $(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}})^\times$ . For this let  $r$  be the multiplicative order of  $a$  mod  $N$ . Then for each  $\chi$ ,  $\chi(a)$  must be a root of unity of order dividing  $r$ . The set  $\{\chi(a)\}_{\chi \in (\widehat{\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}})^\times}$  is a finite group of roots of unity, hence cyclic (a

finite subgroup of a field), say of order  $s|r$ . It follows that  $\chi(a^s) = 1$  for all  $\chi \in (\widehat{\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}})^\times$ . Let  $\delta_1$  be the characteristic function of  $1 \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$ . Then  $\frac{1}{\varphi(N)} \sum_{\chi} \chi(a) = \sum_{\chi} \langle \delta_1, \chi \rangle \chi(a) = \delta_1(a)$ . In particular, if  $\chi(a^s) = 1$  for all  $\chi$  then  $a^s = 1$  and hence  $s = r$ . It follows that the set of values  $\{\chi(a)\}$  is exactly the set of roots of unity of order  $r$ . Finally, let  $\chi$  be such that  $\chi(a) = \zeta_r$  is a primitive root of unity of order  $r$ . Then multiplication by  $\chi^j$  gives a bijection between  $\{\chi \mid \chi(a) = \zeta_r^u\}$ ,  $\{\chi \mid \chi(a) = \zeta_r^{u+j}\}$  so all these sets must have the same size. We have shown:

PROPOSITION 63 (Existence of characters). *Let  $a \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$  have order  $r$ . Then for each root of unity  $\zeta \in \mu_r$  there are  $\frac{\varphi(N)}{r}$  Dirichlet characters  $\chi$  mod  $N$  such that  $\chi(a) = \zeta$ .*

**2.2.3. L-functions and Dirichlet's Theorem on primes in arithmetic progressions (Lectures 11-12, 27,29/12/2016).** We now reprise the argument of Theorem 17.

DEFINITION 64. For a Dirichlet character  $\chi$  let  $L(s; \chi)$  be the Dirichlet series  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \chi(n)n^{-s}$ .

LEMMA 65.  $L(s; \chi)$  converges absolutely in  $\Re(s) > 1$ , where it has the Euler product  $L(s; \chi) = \prod_p (1 - \chi(p)p^{-s})^{-1}$ .

EXAMPLE 66. Let  $\chi_0$  be the principal character mod  $q$ . Then  $L(s; \chi_0) = [\prod_{p|q} (1 - p^{-s})] \zeta(s)$ . In particular,  $L(s; \chi_0)$  continues to  $\Re(s) > 0$  and has a pole at  $s = 1$ .

LEMMA 67. *Let  $\chi$  be a non-principal character. Then  $L(s; \chi)$  converges in  $\Re(s) > 0$ .*

PROOF. We have  $\sum_{a(qN)} \chi(a) = \sum'_{a(q)} \chi(a) = \varphi(q) \langle \chi_0, \chi \rangle = 0$  so the series  $\sum_n \chi(n)$  is bounded. For  $\sigma > 0$   $\{n^{-\sigma}\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges monotonically to zero so by Dirichlet's criterion the series  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \chi(n)n^{-\sigma}$  converges.  $\square$

PROPOSITION 68. *Let  $\chi$  be non-principal. Then  $L(1; \chi) \neq 0$ .*

PROOF. Consider the Dirichlet series  $Z(s) = \prod_{\chi} L(s; \chi)$  (this is roughly the Dedekind zeta-function of  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_N)$ ). The Euler factor at  $p \nmid N$  is

$$\prod_{\chi} \frac{1}{(1 - \chi(p)p^{-s})^{-1}}.$$

Suppose that  $p$  has order  $r$  mod  $N$ . By Proposition 63, this product is exactly

$$\left[ \prod_{\zeta \in \mu_r} (1 - \zeta p^{-s}) \right]^{-\varphi(N)/r} = (1 - p^{-rs})^{-\varphi(N)/r}$$

since  $\prod_{\zeta \in \mu_r} (1 - \zeta X) = 1 - X^r$  (the two polynomials have degree  $r$ , agree at the  $r + 1$  points  $\mu_r \cup \{0\}$ ). It follows that  $Z(s)$  is a Dirichlet series with non-negative coefficients, and in particular that  $Z(\sigma) \geq 1$  for  $\sigma > 1$ . Suppose  $\chi \neq \bar{\chi}$ . Then if  $L(1; \chi) = 0$  then also  $L(1; \bar{\chi}) = 0$  and so the product of the two zeroes will cancel the pole of  $L(s; \chi_0)$  at  $s = 1$ , a contradiction.

The real case requires more work, and we give three proofs.

- (1) [5, pp. 33-34] Suppose  $\chi$  is real and  $L(1; \chi) = 0$ . Consider the auxiliary Dirichlet series  $\psi(s) = \frac{L(s; \chi_0)L(s; \chi)}{L(2s; \chi_0)}$ , which converges absolutely in  $\Re(s) > 1$ , is meromorphic in  $\Re(s) > 0$ , and is regular for  $\Re(s) > \frac{1}{2}$  (the numerator is regular at  $s = 1$  and the denominator is non-vanishing in  $\Re(s) > \frac{1}{2}$ ). Its Euler product (convergent in  $\Re(s) > 1$ ) is

$$\prod_{p \nmid q} \frac{(1 - p^{-2s})}{(1 - p^{-s})(1 - \chi(p)p^{-s})} = \prod_{p \nmid q} \frac{(1 + p^{-s})}{(1 - \chi(p)p^{-s})} = \prod_{\chi(p)=1} \frac{1 + p^{-s}}{1 - p^{-s}}.$$

In particular,  $\psi(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n n^{-s}$  for some positive coefficients  $a_n$ . Now consider its Taylor expansion about  $s = 2$ , which has radius of convergence at least  $\frac{3}{2}$ . Differentiating  $m$  times we see  $\psi^{(m)}(2) = (-1)^m \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n (\log n)^m n^{-2}$  so there are  $b_m \geq 0$  such that

$$\psi(s) = \sum_{m \geq 0} (-1)^m b_m (s - 2)^m = \sum_{m \geq 0} b_m (2 - s)^m.$$

Now any  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 2$  is in the domain of convergence and since  $(2 - \sigma) > 0$  we have  $\psi(\sigma) \geq b_0 = \psi(2) > 1$ . But  $\psi(\frac{1}{2}) = 0$  due to the pole of the denominator there.

- (2) By Landau's Theorem, the domain of convergence of  $Z(s)$  ends with a singularity on the real axis. If  $L(1; \chi) = 0$  for some  $\chi$  then this will cancel the simple pole of  $L(s; \chi_0)$  there, so that  $Z(s)$  will be regular at  $s = 1$ . Since  $\zeta(s), L(s; \chi)$  are regular on  $(0, 1)$  it would follow that the series definite  $Z(s)$  converges in  $\Re(s) > 0$ . However, for real  $\sigma > 0$ ,

$$\zeta_K(s) = \prod_{p \nmid N} (1 - p^{-r\sigma})^{-\varphi(N)/r} \geq \prod_{p \nmid N} (1 - p^{-\varphi(N)\sigma})^{-1} = \sum_{(n, N)=1} n^{-\varphi(N)\sigma},$$

which diverges for  $\sigma = \frac{1}{\varphi(N)}$  by comparison with the harmonic series.

- (3) Replacing  $\chi$  with its primitive counterpart changes only finitely many Euler factors in  $L(s; \chi)$  and doesn't affect vanishing at  $s = 1$ . Now if  $\chi^2 = 1$  then  $\chi(n) = \chi_d(n) = \left(\frac{d}{n}\right)$  (Kronecker symbol) for some quadratic discriminant  $d$ , and we have

**THEOREM 69** (Dirichlet's class number formula 1839; Conj. Jacobi 1832). *For  $d < 0$ ,  $L(1; \chi_d) = \frac{2\pi h(d)}{w|d|^{1/2}} > 0$ . For  $d > 0$ ,  $L(1; \chi_d) = \frac{h(d)\log \varepsilon}{d^{1/2}} > 0$  where  $w$  is the number of roots of unity in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  (usually  $w = 2$ ),  $h(d)$  is the number of equivalence classes of binary quadratic forms of discriminant  $d$  and  $\varepsilon$  is a fundamental unit of norm 1.*

□

**REMARK 70.** For any character  $\chi \bmod N$ , write  $\chi'$  for its primitive counterpart. Then  $\zeta_K(s) = \prod_{\chi(N)} L(s; \chi')$  is exactly the Dedekind zetafunction of  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_N)$ . Since  $L(s; \chi'_0) = \zeta(s)$  has a simple pole at  $s = 1$  with residue 1, we have by the class number formula for Dedekind zetafunctions

that

$$\prod_{\chi \neq \chi_0} L(1; \chi') = \text{Res}_{s=1} \zeta_K(s) = \frac{(2\pi)^{\phi(N)/2} h R}{w |\Delta|^{1/2}} > 0$$

where  $h = \text{Cl}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_N))$  is the class number,  $R$  is the regulator,  $\Delta$  is the discriminant and  $w$  is the number of roots of unity in the field. Finally, since  $L(1; \chi) = L(1; \chi') \prod_{p|N} (1 - \chi'(p)p^{-1})$  we see that either both vanish or neither does.

**THEOREM 71 (Dirichlet 1837 [6]).** *Let  $(a, N) = 1$ . Then there are infinitely many primes  $p$  such that  $p \equiv a \pmod{N}$ .*

**PROOF.** For each character  $\chi \pmod{N}$  and  $s$  with  $\Re(s) > 1$  consider  $\log L(s; \chi) = \sum_p \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \chi(p)^m p^{-ms}$  (note that  $|\chi(p)p^{-s}| < 1$  so we may use the Taylor expansion for  $\log(1 - \chi(p)p^{-s})$ ). Since  $\sum_p \sum_{m \geq 2} p^{-m} \leq \sum_{n \geq 2} \sum_{m \geq 2} n^{-m} = \sum_{n \geq 2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{n}} n^{-2} = \sum_{n \geq 2} \frac{1}{n(n-1)} = \frac{1}{2}$  we see that for  $\Re(s) > 1$  we have

$$\log L(s; \chi) = \sum_p \chi(p) p^{-s} + O(1).$$

Now  $\frac{1}{\phi(N)} \sum_{\chi} \bar{\chi}(a) \chi(n) = \sum_{\chi} \langle \delta_a, \chi \rangle \chi = \delta_a$ . Thus

$$\sum_{p \equiv a(N)} p^{-s} = \sum_p \delta_a(p) p^{-s} = \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \sum_{\chi} \bar{\chi}(a) \log L(s; \chi) + O(1).$$

Now let  $s \rightarrow 1^+$  through real values. For non-principal  $\chi$  we have  $\log L(s; \chi) \rightarrow \log L(1; \chi)$  which is finite by the Proposition. For the principal character,  $\log L(s; \chi_0) \rightarrow \infty$  since  $L(s; \chi_0) = \prod_{p|N} (1 - p^{-s}) \zeta(s)$ . It follows that the RHS diverges as  $s \rightarrow 1^+$ . By the MCT we conclude that

$$\sum_{p \equiv a(N)} \frac{1}{p} = \infty.$$

In particular, there are infinitely many such primes. □

**REMARK 72.** In fact, our proof shows

$$\sum_{\substack{p \equiv a(N) \\ p \leq x}} p^{-1} = \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \log \log x + O(1).$$

Moreover, it is natural to believe that the primes are evenly distributed between the residue classes. We will prove a quantitative version, but note the theory of “prime number races”.

#### 2.2.4. Additive transform of multiplicative characters: Gauss’s sum (Lecture 12, 29/1/2016).

Consider the (additive) Fourier transform of a Dirichlet character  $\chi \pmod{N}$ . Since  $\hat{\chi}(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{a(N)} \chi(a) e_N(-ka)$  we note that for  $u \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\chi}(ku) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{a(N)} \chi(a) e_N(-kau) \\ &= \bar{\chi}(u) \cdot \frac{1}{N} \sum_{a(N)} \chi(au) e_N(-kau) \\ &= \bar{\chi}(u) \hat{\chi}(k). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, from the point of view of computing  $|\hat{\chi}(k)|$  we can replace  $k$  with  $uk$ .

LEMMA 73. For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$  there is  $u \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$  such that  $ku \equiv (k, N) \pmod{N}$ .

PROOF. Let  $g = \gcd(k, N)$ ,  $k' = \frac{k}{g}$ ,  $N' = \frac{N}{g}$ . Then  $ku \equiv g(N)$  is equivalent to  $k'u \equiv 1(N')$ . Since  $(k', N') = 1$  there is  $u'$  prime to  $N'$  such that  $k'u' \equiv 1(N')$ , and it remains to find  $u = u' + kN'$  which is prime to  $N$ . The existence of such  $j$  was verified in Lemma 61.  $\square$

Accordingly we'll now assume  $k|N$ . Taking absolute values

$$|\hat{\chi}(k)|^2 = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum'_{a, b(N)} \chi(a)\bar{\chi}(b)e_N(k(b-a)),$$

we change variables by setting  $b = ca$  for  $c \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$ , getting

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{\chi}(k)|^2 &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum'_{a, c(N)} \chi(a)\bar{\chi}(ac)e_N(k(ac-a)) \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum'_{a, c(N)} \bar{\chi}(c)e_N(k(c-1)a). \end{aligned}$$

Now if  $k(c-1) \not\equiv 0(N)$  the sum over  $a$  is zero, while  $k(c-1) \equiv 0(N)$  means  $c \equiv 1 \pmod{\frac{N}{k}}$  so that

$$|\hat{\chi}(k)|^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{c \equiv 1 \pmod{\frac{N}{k}}} \bar{\chi}(c).$$

LEMMA 74. Let  $q|N$ . Then  $\{c \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times \mid c \equiv 1 \pmod{q}\}$  is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$ , and  $\chi$  is trivial on this subgroup iff  $q$  is a period.

PROOF. This is the kernel of the reduction map  $(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times$ , so is a subgroup. If  $q$  is a period then whenever  $c \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ ,  $\chi(c) = \chi(1) = 1$ . If  $\chi$  vanishes on the subgroup then given  $a, b$  prime to  $N$  with  $a \equiv b \pmod{q}$ , let  $\bar{a}$  be an inverse mod  $N$ . Then  $\bar{a}$  is also an inverse mod  $q$ , so that  $\bar{a}b \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ ,  $\chi(\bar{a}b) = 1$  and hence  $\chi(a) = \chi(b)$ .

We have therefore proved (for the principal character see Proposition 56):  $\square$

PROPOSITION 75. Let  $\chi$  be a non-principal Dirichlet character mod  $N$ , and let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ . With  $q = \frac{N}{\gcd(k, N)}$  we have:

$$|\hat{\chi}(k)| = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{\phi(N)}{N\phi(q)}} & q \text{ is a period of } \chi \\ 0 & q \text{ is not a period of } \chi \end{cases}.$$

COROLLARY 76. When  $\chi$  is a primitive character we have

$$|\hat{\chi}(k)| = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} & (k, N) = 1 \\ 0 & (k, N) > 1 \end{cases}.$$

## 2.3. The Fourier transform on $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ and the Poisson summation formula

### 2.3.1. Fourier series (Lecture 13, 1/2/2016).



### 2.3.1.1. $L^2$ theory.

- $\{e(kx)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset C^\infty(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}) \subset C(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}) \subset L^2(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$  is a set of characters, hence an orthonormal system in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$  (prob measure). The unital algebra they span is closed under complex conjugation and separates the points, hence is dense in  $C(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$ . This is dense in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$  so  $\{e(kx)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a complete orthonormal system. Set

$$\hat{f}(k) = \langle e(kx), f \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})} = \int_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} f(x) e(-kx) dx.$$

- Then for  $f \in L^2$  we have  $f = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{f}(k) e(kx)$  (convergence in  $L^2$ ). This must converge almost everywhere, but at no specific point.
- We have *Parseval's identity*  $\|f\|_{L^2}^2 = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\langle e_k, f \rangle|^2 = \|\hat{f}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{Z})}^2$ .
- As usual the integral defining  $\hat{f}(k)$  makes sense for  $f \in L^1$  (note that  $L^2(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}) \subset L^1(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$  since the measure is finite), and we note  $\|\hat{f}\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{Z})} \leq \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})}$ .
- As usual  $\widehat{(f * g)}(k) = \hat{f}(k) \hat{g}(k)$ .

We are interested in *pointwise* convergence of the Fourier expansion. We divide this in two parts.

2.3.1.2. *Smoothness  $\Rightarrow$  decay.* Suppose  $f \in C^1$ . Then integrating by parts shows that for  $k \neq 0$ ,

$$\hat{f}(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi i k} \hat{f}'(k).$$

By induction, this means that for  $k \neq 0$  and  $r \geq 0$ ,

$$|\hat{f}(k)| \leq \frac{\|f\|_{C^r}}{(2\pi)^r} |k|^{-r}.$$

**COROLLARY 77.** For  $f \in C^2$ , the series  $\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{f}(k) e(kx)$  converges uniformly absolutely.

**EXERCISE 78 (PS2).** Suppose that for  $r \geq 1$  we have  $|\hat{f}(k)| \ll |k|^{-r-\epsilon}$ . Then  $\sum_k \hat{f}(k) e(kx) \in C^{r-1}(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$ .

### 2.3.1.3. Convergence to $f$ .

**DEFINITION 79.** Set  $(s_n f)(x) = \sum_{|k| \leq n} \hat{f}(k) e(kx)$  and  $(\sigma_N f)(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{|n| < N} (s_n f)(x) = \sum_{|k| < N} \left(1 - \frac{|k|}{N}\right) \hat{f}(k) e(kx)$ .

The second sum is *smoother*, so we expect it to be better behaved.

**LEMMA 80.**  $s_n f = D_n * f$ ,  $\sigma_N f = F_N * f$  where

$$D_n(x) = \sum_{|k| \leq n} e(kx) = \frac{\sin(2\pi(N + \frac{1}{2})x)}{\sin(\pi x)}$$

("Dirichlet kernel") and

$$F_N(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n < N} D_n(x) = \frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{\sin(\pi N x)}{\sin(\pi x)} \right)^2$$

("Fejér kernel").

Both kernels satisfy  $\int_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} D_n(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} F_N(x) dx = 1$ . Moreover,  $F_N(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$ .

**PROOF.** Calculation. □

**THEOREM 81 (Fejér).** *Suppose  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$  is continuous at  $x$ . Then  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (\sigma_N f)(x) = f(x)$ . In particular, if  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n f(x)$  exists, it equals  $f(x)$ .*

**PROOF.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_N f(x) - f(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} F_N(y) f(x+y) dy - \int_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} F_N(y) f(x) dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} F_N(y) (f(x+y) - f(x)) dy. \end{aligned}$$

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  let  $0 < \delta \leq \frac{1}{2}$  be such that  $|f(x+y) - f(x)| \leq \varepsilon$  if  $|y| \leq \delta$ . Then

$$|\sigma_N f(x) - f(x)| \leq \varepsilon \int_{|y| \leq \delta} F_N(y) dy + C_N \int_{\delta \leq |y| \leq \frac{1}{2}} (|f(x+y)| + |f(x)|) dy$$

where  $C_N(\delta) = \max \{F_N(y) \mid \delta \leq |y| \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$ . Since  $\int_{|y| \leq \delta} F_N(y) dy \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} F_N(y) dy = 1$  we see that

$$|\sigma_N f(x) - f(x)| \leq \varepsilon + (\|f\|_{L^1} + (1 - 2\delta) |f(x)|) C_N(\delta).$$

Since  $C_N(\delta) = O_\delta(N^{-1})$  (PS2), the claim follows.  $\square$

**REMARK 82.** The Dirichlet kernel takes negative values. Since  $\|D_n\|_{L^1} \gg \log n$ , the proof would not have worked with it.

In fact, Fejér's theorem can be strengthened to

**THEOREM 83 (Fejér).** *Suppose  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$  has  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^\pm} f(x) = L_\pm$ . Then  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (\sigma_N f)(x) = \frac{L_+ + L_-}{2}$ . In particular, if  $s_n f(x)$  converges it converges to that limit.*

**REMARK 84.** Suppose  $f$  has a jump discontinuity at  $x_0$  and is otherwise smooth. Then  $s_N f(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  for all  $x \neq x_0$  (pointwise), but this convergence is not uniform: for fixed  $N$ ,  $s_N f(x)$  has a "spike" of height about  $L_+ + c(L_+ - L_-)$  at a point  $x_N = x_0 + \frac{1}{2N}$ , an similarly  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} s_N f(x_0 - \frac{1}{2N}) = L_- + c(L_- - L_+)$ .

### 2.3.2. The Poisson Summation formula (Lecture 14, 3/2/2016).

**LEMMA 85.** *Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $\Phi(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi(x+n) \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$ .*

By our Fourier inversion theorem, this means that

$$(2.3.1) \quad \Phi(x) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{\Phi}(k) e(kx)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Phi}(k) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} \Phi(x) e(-kx) dx = \int_0^1 \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi(n+x) \right) e(-kx) dx \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_n^{n+1} \varphi(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(x) e(-kx) dx. \end{aligned}$$

**DEFINITION 86.** For  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  set  $\hat{f}(k) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) e(-kx) dx$ .

**PROPOSITION 87 (Poisson sum).** *Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ . Then*

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi(n) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{\varphi}(k)$$

**PROOF.** Set  $x = 0$  in (2.3.1).  $\square$

## 2.4. Application: Pólya–Vinogradov

### 2.4.1. The meaning of “Smooth cutoff” (Lecture 15, 5/2/2016).

LEMMA 88 (Cutoff at ). *Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ , and let  $X \geq 1$ . Then  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left| \varphi\left(\frac{n}{X}\right) \right| = O_\varphi(X)$ . In particular, for any bounded  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  we have*

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n}{X}\right) = O_{\varphi, \|f\|_\infty}(X).$$

PROOF. Fix  $T > 1$ . Then there is  $C = C(\varphi, T)$  such that for  $|x| \geq 1$ ,  $|\varphi(x)| \leq Cx^{-T}$  and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{|n| > X} \left| \varphi\left(\frac{n}{X}\right) \right| &\leq 2C \sum_{|n| > X} \left(\frac{n}{X}\right)^{-T} \\ &\leq 2C \left(1 + \int_X^\infty \left(\frac{x}{X}\right)^{-T} dx\right) \\ &= 2C \left(1 + X^T \left[\frac{x^{1-T}}{1-T}\right]_X^\infty\right) \\ &\leq 2C \left(X + \frac{X}{T-1}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\sum_{|n| \leq X} \left| \varphi\left(\frac{n}{X}\right) \right| \leq (2X+1) \|\varphi\|_\infty = O_\varphi(X).$$

□

We also need the “dual” version

LEMMA 89. *Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  and let  $X \geq 1$ . Then for any  $T > 1$ ,  $\sum_{|n| \geq 1} |\varphi(nX)| = O_{\varphi, T}(X^{-T})$ . In particular, for any bounded  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  we have*

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f(n) \varphi(Xn) = f(0) \varphi(0) + O_{\|f\|_\infty, \varphi, T}(X^{-T}).$$

PROOF. Let  $C$  be such that  $|\varphi(x)| \leq Cx^{-T}$  for  $|x| \geq 1$ . Then

$$\sum_{|n| \geq 1} |\varphi(nX)| \leq 2C \sum_{n=1}^\infty (nX)^{-T} = \frac{2C\zeta(T)}{X^T}.$$

□

### 2.4.2. Smooth version, applications.

THEOREM 90 (Polya–Vinogradov). *Let  $\chi$  be primitive mod  $q > 1$  and let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n-M}{N}\right) \ll_\varphi \sqrt{q}$ .*

PROOF. Several stages.

(1) The sum is long: We have the trivial bound

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n-M}{N}\right) \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left| \varphi\left(\frac{n}{N}\right) \right| = O_\varphi(N).$$

In particular, the claim is trivial unless  $N \gg \sqrt{q}$ , which we assume from now on.

(2) Gauss sum: Since  $\chi$  is primitive we have  $\chi(n) = \frac{\tau(\chi)}{q} \sum_{k(q)} \bar{\chi}(k) e_q(kn)$  so

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n-M}{N}\right) = \frac{\tau(\chi)}{q} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k(q)} \bar{\chi}(k) e_q(kn) \varphi\left(\frac{n-M}{N}\right).$$

(3) Poisson sum: Let  $f(x) = \varphi\left(\frac{x-M}{N}\right) e\left(\frac{kx}{q}\right)$ . Then  $\hat{f}(\xi) = N e\left(-M\left(\xi - \frac{k}{q}\right)\right) \hat{\varphi}\left(N\left(\xi - \frac{k}{q}\right)\right)$  and hence

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e_q(kn) \varphi\left(\frac{n-M}{N}\right) = N \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e\left(-M\left(n - \frac{k}{q}\right)\right) \hat{\varphi}\left(N\left(n - \frac{k}{q}\right)\right)$$

and

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n-M}{N}\right) = \frac{N\tau(\chi)}{q} \sum_{|k| \leq \frac{q}{2}} \bar{\chi}(k) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e\left(-M\left(n - \frac{k}{q}\right)\right) \hat{\varphi}\left(N\left(n - \frac{k}{q}\right)\right).$$

(4) Rapid decay of  $\hat{\varphi}$ : This will shorten our dual sum. We choose  $k$  so that  $\left|\frac{k}{q}\right| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , at which point the proof of Lemma 89 still applies to the inner sum, so

$$= \frac{N\tau(\chi)}{q} \sum_{|k| \leq \frac{q}{2}} \bar{\chi}(k) e\left(\frac{Mk}{q}\right) \hat{\varphi}\left(\frac{Nk}{q}\right) + \frac{N\tau(\chi)}{q} \cdot q O_{\varphi, T}(N^{-T}).$$

The remaining sum is certainly at most  $\sum_{|k| \geq 1} \left| \hat{\varphi}\left(\frac{Nk}{q}\right) \right|$ .

(a) If  $N \leq q$  we apply Lemma 88 to get the bound

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n-M}{N}\right) = \frac{N\tau(\chi)}{q} O\left(\frac{q}{N}\right) + \tau(\chi) O(q^{-\frac{T-1}{2}}) = O(q^{1/2}).$$

(b) If  $N \geq q$  we may apply Lemma 89 get for any  $T$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n-M}{N}\right) &= \tau(\chi) O\left(\left(\frac{q}{N}\right)^T\right) + \tau(\chi) O(q^{-\frac{T-1}{2}}) \\ &= O(q^{1/2}). \end{aligned}$$

□

REMARK 91. Note that the precise choice of  $\varphi$  and the precise values for  $T$  are immaterial. This can be extended to non-primitive  $\chi$ .

COROLLARY 92. Let  $\chi$  be primitive, of conductor  $q > 1$ . Let  $n$  be minimal such that  $\chi(n) \neq 1$  (perhaps  $\chi(n) = 0$ ). Then  $n = O(q^{1/2})$ .

PROOF. Let  $\varphi$  be supported on  $[-\varepsilon, 1 + \varepsilon]$ , valued in  $[0, 1]$ , and satisfying  $\varphi \equiv 1$  on  $[0, 1]$ . Suppose that  $\chi(n) = 1$  if  $|n| \leq N$  is prime to  $q$ . Then on the one hand

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n}{N}\right) = O(q^{1/2})$$

and on the other hand

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n}{N}\right) \geq N - 2\varepsilon N = (1 - 2\varepsilon)N.$$

It follows that

$$N = O(q^{1/2}).$$

□

This can be improved, noting that if  $\chi(n) = 1$  up to some  $y$  then the bias toward 1s continues much farther.

DEFINITION 93. Call  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$   $y$ -smooth if every prime divisor of  $n$  is at most  $y$ . Let  $\psi(x; y)$  denote the number of  $y$ -smooth numbers up to  $x$ .

In those terms, if  $\chi(n) = 1$  for  $n \leq y$  then also  $\chi(n) = 1$  for all  $y$ -smooth  $n$ , with the same  $\varphi$  as before,

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n}{x}\right) \geq \psi(x; y) - 2\epsilon x - \sum_{y < p \leq q} \frac{x}{p}.$$

Now suppose that  $\sqrt{x} < y < x$ . Then (since no integer up to  $x$  is divisible by *two* primes  $> \sqrt{x}$ ) we have

$$\psi(x; y) = [x] - \sum_{y < p \leq x} \left[ \frac{x}{p} \right] \geq x - 1 - \sum_{y < p \leq x} \frac{x}{p}.$$

It follows that if  $\chi(n) = 1$  up to  $y$ , and if  $y < x < y^2$  then for any  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} O_\epsilon(q^{1/2}) &\geq (1 - 2\epsilon)x - 1 - 2x \sum_{y < p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} \\ &= (1 - 2\epsilon)x - 1 - 2x \left[ \log \log x + C + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right) - \log \log y - C + O\left(\frac{1}{\log y}\right) \right] \\ &= x(1 - 2\epsilon - 2 \log \frac{\log x}{\log y}) + O\left(\frac{x}{\log x}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Given  $\delta > 0$  suppose  $y = x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}(1+\delta)}}$ . Then we have  $\frac{\log x}{\log y} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}(1+\delta)}} = \sqrt{e}(1+\delta)^{-1}$  and hence

$$O\left(\frac{x}{\log x}\right) + 2(1 - 2\epsilon - 1 + 2 \log(1 + \delta))x = O(q^{1/2}).$$

Now given a small  $\delta > 0$  choose  $\epsilon < \log(1 + \delta)$ . Then the LHS is  $\Omega(x)$ , and hence

$$x = O(q^{1/2})$$

and

$$y \ll_\epsilon q^{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{e}} + \epsilon}.$$

The argument above (due to Vinogradov) gives:

THEOREM 94. *There is  $n \ll_\epsilon q^{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{e}} + \epsilon}$  such that  $\chi(n) \neq 1$ .*

Further improvement:

THEOREM 95 (Burgess).  $|\sum_{n \leq t} \chi(n)| \leq \frac{t}{100}$  if  $t > q^{\frac{1}{4} + \epsilon}$ .

COROLLARY 96. *First non-residue at  $q^{\frac{1}{4} + \epsilon}$ . Vinogradov trick improves this to  $q^{\frac{1}{4\sqrt{e}} + \epsilon}$ .*

EXERCISE 97. Apply Vinogradov trick to Burgess bound.

Theorem 90 is essentially best possible.

PROPOSITION 98. *There are  $N, M$  such that  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n-M}{N}\right) \gg \frac{N}{\sqrt{q}}$ .*

PROOF. Consider

$$\left| \sum_{M(q)} e_q(-M) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n-M}{N}\right) \right| \leq q \max_M \left| \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n-M}{N}\right) \right|.$$

Applying Poisson sum as before we have

$$\sum_{M(q)} e_q(-M) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n-M}{N}\right) = \frac{N\tau(\chi)}{q} \sum_{k(q)} \bar{\chi}(k) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{\varphi}\left(N\left(n - \frac{k}{q}\right)\right) \sum_{M(q)} e_q(-M) e\left(-M\left(n - \frac{k}{q}\right)\right).$$

Now since  $M$  is integral,  $e(-Mn) = 0$  and  $\sum_{M(q)} e_q(M(k-1)) = \begin{cases} q & k=1 \\ 0 & k \neq 1 \end{cases}$  so

$$= \frac{N\tau(\chi)}{q} q \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{\varphi}\left(N\left(n - \frac{1}{q}\right)\right).$$

Using Lemma 89 we see that

$$\sqrt{q} \frac{N}{q} \left( \left| \hat{\varphi}\left(\frac{N}{q}\right) \right| + \text{small} \right) \leq \max_M \left| \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n-M}{N}\right) \right|.$$

Now  $\hat{\varphi}(x)$  is an analytic function, and in particular is non-vanishing on  $[0, 1]$ . Letting  $N = qx$  where  $\hat{\varphi}(x) \neq 0$  gives

$$\max_M \left| \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n-M}{N}\right) \right| \geq \sqrt{qx} |\hat{\varphi}(x)| - \text{small}.$$

Taking  $N = [qx]$  will be fine since  $\varphi'(x)$  is bounded.  $\square$

**2.4.3. Sharp cutoff.** For the following, see [5], [9, §9.4], or [8, Ch. 12] which gives a good constant and also covers the smooth case.

- (1) For  $\chi$  primitive,  $|\sum_{n=M+1}^{n=M+N} \chi(n)| \leq q \log q$ , and for  $\chi$  non-principal  $|\sum_{n=M+1}^{n=M+N} \chi(n)| \leq 6\sqrt{q} \log q$ .
  - (a) On GRH (Montgomery–Vaughan Inv Math 43; simpler proof by Granville–Soundararajan JAMS 20 2007)  $|\sum_{n=M+1}^{n=M+N} \chi(n)| \ll \sqrt{q} \log \log q$ .
  - (b) For all  $q$  there are  $N, M$  such that  $|\sum_{n=M+1}^{n=M+N} \chi(n)| \geq \frac{\sqrt{q}}{\pi}$ .
  - (c) (Paley) There is  $c > 0$  such that for infinitely many quadratic discriminants  $d$ ,

$$\max_{M, N} \left| \sum_{n=M+1}^{n=M+N} \chi_d(n) \right| > c\sqrt{d} \log \log d.$$

- (d) These bounds (not Burgess) are trivial for  $N \ll \sqrt{q}$ . It is believed that  $|\sum_{n=M+1}^{n=M+N} \chi(n)| \ll_\varepsilon N^{\frac{1}{2}} q^\varepsilon$ .

**2.4.4. Connection to Dirichlet L-functions [see Goldmakher's Thesis].** Set  $S_\chi(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n}{t}\right)$  (with  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  having the same parity as  $\chi$ ) Then for  $\Re(s) > 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty S_\chi(t) t^{-s} \frac{dt}{t} &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^\infty \chi(n) \int_0^\infty \varphi\left(\frac{n}{t}\right) t^{-s} \frac{dt}{t} \\ &= \left(2 \int_0^\infty \varphi(t) t^s \frac{dt}{t}\right) \left(\sum_{n=1}^\infty \chi(n) n^{-s}\right), \end{aligned}$$

and the manipulation is justified by the absolute convergence. Now  $\int_0^\infty \varphi(t) t^s \frac{dt}{t}$  is holomorphic for  $\Re(s) > 0$ . Our bound  $S_\chi(t) \ll_\varphi \sqrt{q}$  shows that the LHS converges absolutely for  $\Re(s) > 0$ , and on the RHS the same is true for the Mellin transform  $(2 \int_0^\infty \varphi(t) t^s \frac{dt}{t})$ . It follows that  $L(s; \chi)$  extends meromorphically to  $\Re(s) > 0$ . In fact, the extension is holomorphic, since by varying  $\varphi$  we can ensure the denominator in the following expression is non-vanishing at any specific points

$$L(s; \chi) = \frac{\int_0^\infty S_\chi(t) t^{-s} \frac{dt}{t}}{2 \int_0^\infty \varphi(t) t^s \frac{dt}{t}}.$$

EXAMPLE 99.  $L(1; \chi) \ll \log q$ .

PROOF.  $\int_0^\infty S_\chi(t) t^{-1} \frac{dt}{t} = \int_0^q S_\chi(t) t^{-2} dt + \int_q^\infty S_\chi(t) t^{-2} dt \ll \int_0^q t^{-1} dt + \sqrt{q} \int_q^\infty t^{-2} dt = O(\log q + 1)$ .  $\square$

EXERCISE 100 (Convexity bound).  $L(\frac{1}{2}; \chi) \ll q^{1/4}$ .

CONJECTURE 101 (ELH).  $L(\frac{1}{2}; \chi) \ll_\varepsilon q^\varepsilon$ .

THEOREM 102 (Burgess).  $L(\frac{1}{2}; \chi) \ll_\varepsilon q^{\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{16} + \varepsilon}$ .

## 2.5. The Fourier transform on $\mathbb{R}^n$

LEMMA 103. Assuming all integrals converge,

$$\widehat{\varphi(ax+b)}(k) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(ax+b) e(-kx) dx = \frac{e\left(\frac{kb}{a}\right)}{a} \widehat{\varphi}\left(\frac{k}{a}\right),$$

integration by parts shows (smoothness therefore decay)

$$\widehat{\varphi}(k) = \frac{1}{(2\pi i k)^d} \widehat{\varphi^{(d)}}(k).$$

and differentiation under the integral sign gives (decay therefore smoothness)

$$\widehat{\varphi^{(r)}}(k) = (-2\pi i)^r x^r \widehat{\varphi}(k).$$

COROLLARY 104. Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $\widehat{\varphi} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ .

THEOREM 105 (Fourier inversion formula). Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ .

$$\varphi(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \widehat{\varphi}(k) e(kx) dk.$$

PROOF. We have

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi(Tn + x) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{\varphi} \left( \frac{k}{T} \right) e \left( \frac{k}{T} x \right).$$

Letting  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , the LHS converges to  $\varphi(x)$ , the RHS to  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \hat{\varphi}(k) e(kx) dk$ .  $\square$

LEMMA 106 (Fourier inversion). *Let  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  and suppose that  $S = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \hat{f}(t) e^{2\pi i t x} dx$  converges as a symmetric improper integral for some  $t$ . Suppose that  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ . Then  $S = f(x)$ .*

PROOF. Let  $\varphi(u) \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  be odd. Setting  $S_u(x) = \int_{-u}^u \hat{f}(t) e^{2\pi i t x} dt = (D_u * f)(x)$ , we consider the average

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^\infty \varphi \left( \frac{u}{T} \right) S_u(x) du = \int_0^\infty \varphi(u) S_{Tu}(x) du \xrightarrow{T \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int_0^\infty \varphi(u) du \right) S.$$

On the other hand,

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^\infty \varphi(u/T) S_u(x) du = \frac{1}{T} \int_{u=0}^{u=\infty} du \varphi(u/T) \int_{t=-u}^{t=u} dt e^{2\pi i t x} \int_{y=-\infty}^{y=+\infty} dy e^{-2\pi i t y} f(y) dy$$

converges absolutely so we may change the order of integration and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \varphi(u/T) S_u(x) du &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{u=0}^{u=\infty} \int_{y=-\infty}^{y=+\infty} du dy \varphi(u/T) f(y) \int_{t=-u}^{t=u} dt e^{2\pi i t(x-y)} \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{y=-\infty}^{y=+\infty} dy f(y) \int_{u=0}^{u=\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i(x-y)u} - e^{-2\pi i(x-y)u}}{2\pi i(x-y)} du \varphi(u/T) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{y=-\infty}^{y=+\infty} dy f(y) \frac{\hat{\varphi}(T(x-y))}{x-y} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy f(x+y) \frac{\hat{\varphi}(Ty)}{y}. \end{aligned}$$

Now  $\frac{\hat{\varphi}(y)}{2\pi i y}$  is the Fourier transform of  $\int_{-\infty}^u \varphi(t) dt$ . In particular,  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\hat{\varphi}(Ty)}{2\pi i y} dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\hat{\varphi}(y)}{2\pi i y} dy = \int_{-\infty}^0 \varphi(u) du = -\int_0^\infty \varphi(u) du$ . It follows that

$$\left( \int_0^\infty \varphi(u) du \right) S - \left( \int_0^\infty \varphi(u) du \right) f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy [f(x) - f(x+y)] \frac{\hat{\varphi}(Ty)}{y}.$$

Choosing  $\delta$  such that  $|f(x+y) - f(x)| \leq \varepsilon$  for  $|y| \leq \delta$  and setting  $C_T = \sup \{ |\hat{\varphi}(y)| \mid |y| \geq T \}$  we get:

$$\left| \int_0^\infty \varphi(u) du \right| |S - f(x)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{\hat{\varphi}(Ty)}{y} \right| dy + \frac{1}{2\pi} |f(x)| \int_{|y| \geq T\delta} \left| \frac{\hat{\varphi}(y)}{y} \right| dy + \frac{1}{2\pi\delta} C_T \delta \|f\|_{L^1}$$

and, taking  $T \rightarrow \infty$  and using Riemann–Lebesgue we get

$$\left| \int_0^\infty \varphi(u) du \right| |S - f(x)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2\pi} \left\| \frac{\hat{\varphi}(y)}{y} \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R})}.$$

$\square$

COROLLARY 107 (Fourier inversion formula). *Suppose that  $f, \hat{f} \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  and in addition  $f \in C(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \hat{f}(k) e(kx) dx$  for all  $x$ .*



## CHAPTER 3

### Dirichlet series and the Prime Number Theorem

We'd like to estimate  $\sum_{n \leq x} a_n$ , and we saw that it's better to work with  $\sum_n a_n \varphi\left(\frac{n}{X}\right)$ . We made gains here via additive Fourier expansion of  $\varphi$  (Poisson sum). We will now make a *multiplicative* Fourier expansion. We first investigate the associated transform.

#### 3.1. Preliminaries

##### 3.1.1. The Mellin Transform and zetafunction counting (Lecture 18, 26/2/2016).

DEFINITION 108. For a reasonable  $\varphi$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  set

$$\tilde{\varphi}(s) = \int_0^\infty \varphi(x) x^s \frac{dx}{x}$$

can call this the *Mellin transform* of  $\varphi$ .

This is the Fourier transform on the locally compact abelian group  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}^\times$ , isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^+$  via the logarithm map. We thus get:

THEOREM 109. *Suppose  $\varphi$  decays rapidly enough. Then  $\tilde{\varphi}$  extends to a meromorphic function, and in any vertical strip where the integrals converge absolutely, we have*

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(c)} \tilde{\varphi}(s) x^{-s} ds.$$

##### 3.1.2. Zetafunction counting.

3.1.2.1. *Setup and motivation.* Fix a smooth cutoff  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ . We then have for  $c$  large enough that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \varphi\left(\frac{n}{X}\right) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \tilde{\varphi}(s) \left(\frac{n}{X}\right)^{-s} ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \tilde{\varphi}(s) X^s D(s) ds, \end{aligned}$$

assuming the integral and the series converge absolutely. Here  $D(s)$  is the multiplicative generating series

$$D(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}.$$

We need  $c$  large enough so that the series converges absolutely, and small enough to be in the strip of definition of  $\tilde{\varphi}$ .

COROLLARY 110. *When everything converges absolutely, we have*

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \varphi\left(\frac{n}{X}\right) \right| \ll \left( \int_{(c)} |\tilde{\varphi}(s) D(s)| d|s| \right) X^c.$$

In particular,

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \varphi\left(\frac{n}{X}\right) \right| \ll_{\varepsilon} X^{\sigma_{ac} + \varepsilon}.$$

We would now like to shift the contour of integration as far to the left as possible, depending on the domain of holomorphy of  $D(s)$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}(s)$ . This would have the effect of making the  $X^s$  term smaller. Along the way we pick up contributions of the form  $X^{\rho} \operatorname{Res}_{s=\rho} \tilde{\varphi}(s) D(s)$  where  $\rho$  ranges over the poles of  $D(s)$ . We are therefore motivated to investigate analytical continuation of  $D(s)$  as far to the left as possible.

Why use a smooth cutoff? Suppose we took  $\varphi(x) = \mathbb{1}_{[0,1]}$ . Then  $\tilde{\varphi}(s) = \frac{1}{s}$ , and the integral  $\int D(s) X^s \frac{ds}{s}$  may only converge conditionally.

**3.1.3. Estimating a sharp cutoff: Multiplicative smoothing (Lecture 19, 29/2/2016).** Define  $(f \star g)(x) = \int_{y=0}^{\infty} f(y) g\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \frac{dy}{y}$  (Multiplicative convolution). Then in the region of absolute convergence,

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{(f \star g)}(s) &= \int_0^{\infty} x^s \frac{dx}{x} \int_{y=0}^{\infty} f(y) g\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \frac{dy}{y} \\ &= \int_{y=0}^{\infty} y^s f(y) \frac{dy}{y} \int_{x=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^s g\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \frac{dx}{x} = \tilde{f}(s) \tilde{g}(s). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\psi_H(x) = H\eta(H \log x)$  for some positive test function  $\eta \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  supported in  $[-1, 1]$  and integrating to 1. Here  $H = H(x)$  is the scale of the cutoff (we may take, for example,  $H = x^{\varepsilon}$  for some  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ ).

Let  $\varphi_H = \psi_H \star \mathbb{1}_{[0,1]}$  so that  $\varphi_H \in C_c^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  with  $\varphi_H(x) = 1$  for  $x \leq e^{-1/H}$ ,  $\psi_H(x) = 0$  for  $x \geq e^H$ , and  $0 \leq \psi_H(x) \leq 1$  in between. It follows that

$$(3.1.1) \quad \left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \varphi_{\delta}\left(\frac{n}{X}\right) - \sum_{n \leq X} a_n \right| \leq \sum_{e^{-1/HX} \leq n \leq e^{1/HX}} |a_n|.$$

Turning to the Mellin transform, we have (with  $\psi = \psi_1$ ) that

$$\tilde{\psi}_{\delta}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} H\eta(H \log x) x^s \frac{dx}{x} \stackrel{x=y^{1/H}}{=} \int_0^{\infty} \eta(\log y) y^{s/H} \frac{dy}{y} = \tilde{\psi}\left(\frac{s}{H}\right),$$

so that

$$\tilde{\varphi}_H(s) = \frac{1}{s} \tilde{\psi}\left(\frac{s}{H}\right).$$

LEMMA 111. We have  $\tilde{\psi}_H(0) = 1$ , and

$$\tilde{\psi}_H(s) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \eta(u) \exp\left\{\frac{us}{H}\right\} du,$$

and in particular the estimates:

- (1) For  $\delta |s|$  bounded,  $\tilde{\psi}_H(s) = 1 + O\left(\frac{s}{H}\right)$ .
- (2) In the region  $|\Re(s)| \leq \sigma$  we have for each  $k \geq 0$  that

$$|\tilde{\psi}_H(s)| \ll_{\eta,k} \exp\left\{\frac{\sigma}{H}\right\} \frac{H^k}{|s|^k}.$$

PROOF. Setting  $x = e^{\delta u}$  in the Mellin transform gives:

$$\tilde{\Psi}_H(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \eta(u) \exp\left\{\frac{us}{H}\right\} du.$$

Integrating by parts  $k$  times we get

$$\tilde{\eta}_H(s) = (-1)^k \frac{H^k}{s^k} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \eta^{(k)}(u) \exp\left\{\frac{us}{H}\right\} du,$$

and taking absolute values we get

$$\begin{aligned} |\tilde{\eta}_H(s)| &\leq \frac{H^k}{|s|^k} \int_{-1}^{+1} \left| \eta^{(k)}(u) \right| \exp\left\{\frac{u\Re(s)}{H}\right\} du \\ &\leq \left\| \eta^{(k)} \right\|_{L^1} \exp\left\{\frac{\sigma}{H}\right\} \frac{H^k}{|s|^k}. \end{aligned}$$

□

COROLLARY 112.  $\tilde{\Phi}_H(s)$  extends to a meromorphic function in  $\mathbb{C}$  with a unique pole at  $s = 0$ ,  $\text{Res}_{s=0} \tilde{\Phi}_H(s) = 1$ , and we have the estimate

$$\tilde{\Phi}_H(s) \ll \exp\left\{\frac{\sigma}{H}\right\} \frac{H^k}{|s|^{k+1}}$$

in  $|\Re s| \leq \sigma$ . In particular,  $\tilde{\Phi}_H$  decays rapidly in vertical strips away from its pole at  $s = 0$ , and the Mellin inversion formula applies to it on any vertical line to the right of this pole.

Returning to our computation, the vertical decay gives us (for  $c$  large enough)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \varphi_H\left(\frac{n}{X}\right) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \tilde{\Psi}\left(\frac{s}{H}\right) X^s D(s) \frac{ds}{s},$$

and hence

$$\sum_{n \leq X} a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \tilde{\Psi}\left(\frac{s}{H}\right) X^s D(s) \frac{ds}{s} + O\left(\sum_{e^{-1/H}X \leq n \leq e^{1/H}X} |a_n|\right).$$

Suppose that  $|a_n| \ll n^{\sigma_{ac}-1}$  and that  $D(s)$  continues to the left up to the line  $(\sigma)$ , picking up a pole at  $\sigma_{ac}$  and finitely many other simple poles  $\rho$ . Then the error term is  $O\left(\frac{X^{\sigma_{ac}}}{H}\right)$  and we have

$$\sum_{n \leq X} a_n = \tilde{\Psi}\left(\frac{\sigma_{ac}}{H}\right) \frac{X^{\sigma_{ac}}}{\sigma_{ac}} \text{Res}_{s=\sigma_{ac}} D(s) + \sum_{\rho} \tilde{\Psi}\left(\frac{\rho}{H}\right) \frac{X^{\rho}}{\rho} \text{Res}_{s=\rho} D(s) + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(\sigma)} \tilde{\Psi}\left(\frac{s}{H}\right) X^s D(s) \frac{ds}{s} + O(X^{\sigma_{ac}}/H)$$

(if  $\sigma < 0$  there need also be a contribution from the pole at  $s = 0$ ). Using our Taylor expansion for  $\tilde{\Psi}$ , we can write this as

$$\sum_{n \leq X} a_n = \frac{\text{Res}_{s=\sigma_{ac}} D(s)}{\sigma_{ac}} X^{\sigma_{ac}} + \sum_{\rho} \frac{\text{Res}_{s=\rho} D(s)}{\rho} X^{\rho} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(\sigma)} \tilde{\Psi}\left(\frac{s}{H}\right) X^s D(s) \frac{ds}{s} + O(X^{\sigma_{ac}}/H).$$

Now say  $|D(\sigma + it)| \ll (1 + |t|)^K$ . Supposing  $\sigma \neq 0$ , we can instead write this bound as  $O(|s|^K)$ . The integral is then bounded above by

$$X^{\sigma} \int_{\Re(s)=\sigma} \left| \tilde{\Psi}\left(\frac{s}{H}\right) \right| |s|^{K-1} |ds| \ll X^{\sigma} H^k \exp\left(\frac{\sigma}{H}\right) \int_{\Re(s)=\sigma} |s|^{K-1-k} |ds|$$

We thus get, for  $k > K$ , that

$$\sum_{n \leq X} a_n = \frac{\operatorname{Res}_{s=\sigma_{ac}} D(s)}{\sigma_{ac}} X^{\sigma_{ac}} + \sum_{\rho} \frac{\operatorname{Res}_{s=\rho} D(s)}{\rho} X^{\rho} + O(X^{\sigma_{ac}}/H) + O\left(H^k X^{\sigma}\right).$$

The minimum is when  $H = X^{\frac{\sigma_{ac}-\sigma}{k+1}}$  so we have for any  $k$ ,

**THEOREM 113.** *Suppose that  $a_n \ll n^{\sigma_{ac}-1}$ , that  $D(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n n^{-s}$  continues to a meromorphic function with pole at  $\sigma_{ac}$  and finitely many more poles in  $\{\sigma < \Re(s) < \sigma_{ac}\}$  where  $\sigma \neq 0$ . Suppose that  $|D(\sigma + it)| \ll |t|^K$  and let  $k > K$ . Then*

$$\sum_{n \leq X} a_n = \frac{\operatorname{Res}_{s=\sigma_{ac}} D(s)}{\sigma_{ac}} X^{\sigma_{ac}} + \sum_{\rho} \frac{\operatorname{Res}_{s=\rho} D(s)}{\rho} X^{\rho} + O\left(X^{\sigma_{ac}-\frac{\sigma_{ac}-\sigma}{k+1}}\right)$$

(where if  $\sigma < 0$  there is the additional term  $D(0)$ ).

**3.1.4. Convergence of Dirichlet series (Proofs in PS3).** Given an arithmetical function  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{C}$  get the Dirichlet series  $D(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n n^{-s}$  (generating function for multiplicative convolution). Let  $R \subset \mathbb{C}$  be its domain of convergence,  $R_a$  be its domain of absolute convergence.

**LEMMA 114.**  *$R$  is non-empty iff  $|a_n| = O(n^T)$  for some  $T$ .*

**PROPOSITION 115** (Domain of convergence). *Fix  $s_0 = \sigma_0 + it_0 \in \mathbb{C}$*

- (1) *Suppose  $D(s)$  converges absolutely at  $s_0$ . Then it converges absolutely in the half-plane  $\{\Re(s) \geq \sigma_0\}$ , uniformly absolutely in any half-plane  $\{\Re(s) > \sigma_0 + \varepsilon\}$ .*
- (2) *Suppose  $D(s)$  converges at  $s_0$ . Then it converges in the half-plane  $\{\Re(s) > \sigma_0\}$ , uniformly in any half-plane  $\{\Re(s) > \sigma_0 + \varepsilon\}$ . Furthermore, it converges absolutely in  $\Re(s) > \sigma_0 + 1$ .*

**COROLLARY 116.** *Suppose  $R$  is non-empty. Then the interiors of  $R$  and  $R_a$  are half-planes  $\{\sigma > \sigma_c\} \supset \{\sigma > \sigma_{ac}\}$ .*

**DEFINITION 117.**  $\sigma_c, \sigma_{ac}$  are called the *abscissas of convergence* and *absolute convergence*, respectively.

**EXAMPLE 118.** The abscissa of convergence and absolute convergence of  $\zeta(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} n^{-s}$  is clearly  $\sigma_c = 1$ . The function blows up there by the MCT since  $\sum_{n \geq 1} n^{-1} = \infty$ . But  $\zeta(s) = \prod_p (1 - p^{-s})^{-1}$  and each individual factor is regular at  $s = 1$  (the poles are at  $2\pi i \log p \mathbb{Z}$ ). We conclude that there are infinitely many primes.

We can show a little more by elementary means. Let  $D(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n n^{-s}$ . This converges for  $\sigma > 0$  by Dirichlet's criterion, hence for  $\Re(s) > 0$ . For  $\Re(s) > 1$  we have  $D(s) + \zeta(s) = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k)^{-s} = 2 \cdot 2^{-s} \zeta(s)$ . It follows that  $\zeta(s) = -\frac{D(s)}{1-2^{1-s}}$  on  $\Re(s) > 1$ , showing that  $\zeta(s)$  continues meromorphically to  $\Re(s) > 0$ . At  $s = 1$   $\frac{1}{1-2^{1-s}}$  has a simple pole with residue  $-\frac{1}{\log 2}$ , and  $D(1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} = -\log 2 \neq 0$  so  $\zeta(s)$  has a simple pole at  $s = 1$  with residue 1. We will later see that  $\zeta(s)$  is regular at  $1 + it$ ,  $t \neq 0$  so the other singularities of  $\frac{D(s)}{1-2^{1-s}}$  are removable.

### 3.2. Counting primes with the Riemann zetafunction (Lecture ??, 2/3/2016)

After Gauss it is natural to count primes with the weight  $\log p$ . Riemann pointed out it is better to count with the von Mangoldt function.

Consider the *logarithmic derivative*

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} &= \sum_p \frac{d}{ds} \log(1 - p^{-s}) = \sum_p \log p \frac{p^{-s}}{1 - p^{-s}} = \sum_p \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log p}{p^{ms}} \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \Lambda(n) n^{-s}. \end{aligned}$$

The latter series converges absolutely for  $\Re(s) > 1$ . Thus, for  $c > 1$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n}{X}\right) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(c)} \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \tilde{\varphi}(s) X^s ds.$$

We have already seen that  $\zeta(s)$  continues meromorphically to  $\Re(s) > 0$ , with a unique pole at  $s = 1$ . Recall, however, that the logarithmic derivative has a pole at every zero and pole of the original function, with residue equal to the order. Thus, shifting formally to some  $c' < 1$ , and assuming there are no zeroes on the line  $\Re(s) = c'$  itself, we formally:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n}{X}\right) = \tilde{\varphi}(1)X - \sum_{\zeta(\rho)=0} \tilde{\varphi}(\rho)X^\rho - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(c')} \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \tilde{\varphi}(s) X^s ds.$$

The first term is the desired main term, conjectured by Gauss. Assuming  $\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)}$  does not grow too fast, the last term is clearly an error term. The problem is with the term in the middle – we have no idea where the zeroes are, or how many there are. If  $\Re(\rho)$  is close to one (perhaps equal to one) or if they are very dense, these “error terms” could overwhelm the main term. In the next parts we first analytically continue  $\zeta(s)$  to all of  $\mathbb{C}$ , allowing us to take  $c'$  to  $-\infty$ . We then establish enough about the zeroes to prove the Riemann’s formula above. We then improve our control on the zeroes (obtaining the “zero free region”) to obtain the Prime Number Theorem.

**3.2.1. Analytical continuation of the Riemann zetafunction.** For even  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  set  $\varphi(r\mathbb{Z}) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi(rn) - \varphi(0)$ . This decays faster than any polynomial at infinity, and grows at most like  $r^{-1}$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$ . It follows that the Mellin transform

$$Z(\varphi; s) = \int_0^{\infty} \varphi(r\mathbb{Z}) r^s \frac{dr}{r}$$

converges absolutely for  $\Re(s) > 1$ . In that domain we may exchange summation and integration to get

$$Z(\varphi; s) = 2\zeta(s) \tilde{\varphi}(s).$$

Since  $\tilde{\varphi}(s)$  can be chosen entire (say if  $\varphi$  is compactly supported away from 0), to meromorphically continue  $\zeta(s)$  it is enough to continue  $Z(\varphi; s)$ .

PROPOSITION 119.  $Z(\varphi; s)$  extends (AC) to a meromorphic function in  $\mathbb{C}$ , (BVS) bounded in vertical strips, satisfying (FE) the functional equation

$$Z(\varphi; s) = Z(\hat{\varphi}; 1 - s)$$

and with simple poles at  $s = 0, 1$  where the residues are  $-\varphi(0), \hat{\varphi}(0)$  respectively.

PROOF. Calculation, using Poisson sum:

$$\begin{aligned}
Z(\varphi; s) &= \int_0^\infty \varphi(r\mathbb{Z}) r^s \frac{dr}{r} \\
&= \int_1^\infty \varphi(r\mathbb{Z}) r^s \frac{dr}{r} + \int_0^1 \left[ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi(rn) \right] r^s \frac{dr}{r} - \varphi(0) \int_0^1 r^s \frac{dr}{r} \\
&= \int_1^\infty \varphi(r\mathbb{Z}) r^s \frac{dr}{r} - \frac{\varphi(0)}{s} + \int_0^1 \left[ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{\varphi}(r^{-1}n) \right] r^s \frac{dr}{r} \\
&= \int_1^\infty \varphi(r\mathbb{Z}) r^s \frac{dr}{r} - \frac{\varphi(0)}{s} + \int_1^\infty \left[ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{\varphi}(rn) \right] r^{1-s} \frac{dr}{r} \\
&= \int_1^\infty \varphi(r\mathbb{Z}) r^s \frac{dr}{r} - \frac{\varphi(0)}{s} + \int_1^\infty \hat{\varphi}(r\mathbb{Z}) r^{1-s} \frac{dr}{r} - \frac{\hat{\varphi}(0)}{1-s}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

Now let  $\varphi(x) = e^{-\pi x^2}$ . Then  $\hat{\varphi} = \varphi$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\pi x^2} x^s \frac{dx}{x} = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} \left(\frac{t}{\pi}\right)^{s/2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{dt}{t} = \frac{1}{2} \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)$ .

DEFINITION 120.  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s) = \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)$ .

COROLLARY 121. Let  $\xi(s) = \Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s) \zeta(s)$ . Then  $\xi(s)$  has AC, BVS, the FE

$$\xi(s) = \xi(1-s)$$

and with poles at  $s = 0$  (residue  $-1$ ) and at  $s = 1$  (residue  $1$ ). Moreover,  $\zeta(k) = 0$  for  $k \in -2\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ .

THEOREM 122.  $\zeta(s)$  itself is polynomially bounded in vertical strips.

PROOF. For  $\Re(s) \geq \sigma > 1$ ,  $\zeta(s)$  is uniformly bounded by absolute convergence. By the functional equation,

$$\zeta(1-s) = \frac{\Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s)}{\Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(1-s)} \zeta(s).$$

Stirling's approximation shows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Re \log \Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(\sigma + it) &= -\frac{s}{2} \log \pi + \frac{s-1}{2} \log \frac{s}{2} - \frac{s}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \\
&= C(\sigma) + \left(\frac{\sigma-1}{2}\right) \Re \log s - \frac{t}{2} \Im \log \frac{\sigma + it}{2} + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \\
&= C(\sigma) + \left(\frac{\sigma-1}{2}\right) \log \left(t \sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma^2}{t^2}}\right) - \frac{t}{2} \arccos \left(\frac{\sigma}{t} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (\sigma/t)^2}}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \\
&= C(\sigma) + \frac{\sigma-1}{2} \log t - \frac{t}{2} \left[\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\sigma}{t} + O\left(\frac{1}{t^2}\right)\right] + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \\
&= C(\sigma) + \frac{\sigma-1}{2} \log t - \frac{\pi t}{4} + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

In other words,

$$\Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(\sigma + it) = C(\sigma) |t|^{\frac{\sigma-1}{2}} e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}|t|} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)\right).$$

Note that the exponential decay term is independent of  $\sigma$ . Thus for  $s = \sigma + it$  with  $\sigma > 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta(1-s) &= \frac{C(\sigma)}{C(1-\sigma)} |t|^{\frac{\sigma-1}{2} - \frac{(1-\sigma)-1}{2}} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)\right) \zeta(s) \\ &\ll |t|^{\sigma - \frac{1}{2}}.\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we apply Phragmen–Lindelöf. □

COROLLARY 123.  $\xi(s)$  is of order 1.

PROOF. By FE enough to check for  $\sigma \geq \frac{1}{2}$ . There  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s)$  satisfies the bound by Stirling, and  $\zeta(s)$  grows at most polynomially as we saw above. □

### 3.2.2. Functions of finite order.

DEFINITION 124. Call an entire function  $f$  of order  $\leq \alpha$  if  $|f(z)| \ll_{\varepsilon} \exp(|z|^{\alpha+\varepsilon})$ . The order is the least  $\alpha$  for which this holds.

Call a meromorphic function of order  $\leq \alpha$  if it is of the form  $\frac{f}{g}$  where  $f, g$  are entire of order  $\leq \alpha$ .

LEMMA 125. *The set of entire functions of order  $\leq \alpha$  (or finite order) is an algebra; the corresponding sets of meromorphic functions are division algebras.*

LEMMA 126 (Jensen’s formula). *Let  $f$  be holomorphic in  $|z| < R$ , continuous in the closed ball, and non-vanishing on the circle and at the origin. Then*

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log |f(Re^{i\theta})| d\theta = \log |f(0)| + \sum_{f(z_k)=0} \log \frac{R}{|z_k|}$$

where the sum is over the zeroes in the ball, counted with multiplicity.

PROOF. Write  $f(z) = g(z) \prod_{k=1}^n (z - z_k)$  with  $g$  non-vanishing. Then the formula holds for  $g$  since  $\log |g(z)|$  is harmonic, and for  $z - z_k$  by direct calculation. □

COROLLARY 127. *Let  $f$  have order  $\leq \alpha$ , and let  $\{z_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  enumerate its zeroes. Then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |z_k|^{-\beta}$  converges for any  $\beta > \alpha$ .*

PROOF.  $\log |f(Re^{i\theta})| < R^{\alpha+\varepsilon}$  for  $R$  large enough. By the maximum principle also  $|f(0)| \leq R^{\alpha+\varepsilon}$  and hence

$$\sum_{\substack{f(z_k)=0 \\ R/2 \leq |z_k| < R}} \log 2 \leq \sum_{\substack{f(z_k)=0 \\ 0 < |z_k| < R}} \log \frac{R}{|z_k|} \leq 2R^{\alpha+\varepsilon}$$

so the number of zeroes of  $f$  of magnitude between  $\frac{R}{2}$  and  $R$  is at most  $\frac{2R^{\alpha+\varepsilon}}{\log 2}$ . Thus, ignoring the finite contributions small radii,

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |z_k|^{-\beta} &\leq C + \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \sum_{2^n \leq |z_k| < 2^{n+1}} |z_k|^{-\beta} \leq C + \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} 2^{-\beta n} \cdot 2 \cdot (2^{n+1})^{\alpha+\varepsilon} \\ &\ll \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} 2^{-(\beta-\alpha-\varepsilon)n}.\end{aligned}$$

Now choosing  $\varepsilon$  small enough so that  $\alpha + \varepsilon < \beta$  solves the problem. □

THEOREM 128 (Hadamard factorization). *Let  $f$  have order  $\leq \alpha$ , with zeros  $\{z_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  excepting possibly zero. Then for some polynomial  $g$  of degree  $\leq \alpha$ ,*

$$f(z) = e^{g(z)} z^e \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z}{z_k}\right) \exp \left\{ \sum_{1 \leq m \leq \alpha} \frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{z}{z_k}\right)^m \right\}.$$

COROLLARY 129. *We have the product representation*

$$(3.2.1) \quad s(s-1)\xi(s) = e^{Bs} \prod_{\xi(\rho)=0} \left(1 - \frac{s}{\rho}\right) e^{s/\rho},$$

where  $\rho$  runs over the zeroes of  $\xi(s)$ , which all occur in the critical strip.

PROOF. Applying the theorem gives this except the initial exponential is  $e^{A+Bs}$ .  $s(s-1)\xi(s) \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow 1} \text{Res}_{s=1} \xi(s) = 1$  so by the FE the function has the value 1 at 0, and  $e^A = 1$ .  $\square$

**3.2.3. Counting zeroes.** Taking the logarithmic derivative of (3.2.1) gives:

$$(3.2.2) \quad -\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \log \pi - B + \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{1-s} - \sum_{\rho} \left(\frac{1}{s-\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho}\right).$$

It will be useful to recall the Stirling's approximation for the digamma function:

$$F(s) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\Gamma'(s)}{\Gamma(s)} = \log s - \frac{1}{2s} + O_{\delta}(|s|^{-2}),$$

valid in any cone  $|\arg(s)| \leq \pi - \delta$  (for proof see PS0).

LEMMA 130. *Let  $\rho = \beta + i\gamma$  run through the zeroes. Then as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,*

$$\sum_{\rho} \frac{1}{4 + (T - \gamma)^2} = O(\log T).$$

PROOF. Setting  $s = 2 + iT$  in (3.2.2), we have  $F\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) = O(\log T)$  by Stirling's formula, so

$$-\Re \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) = O(\log T) - \Re \sum_{\rho} \left(\frac{1}{s-\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho}\right).$$

Next,  $-\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \Lambda(n)n^{-s}$  is uniformly bounded in any halfplane  $\sigma \geq 1 + \varepsilon$ , so we get

$$\Re \sum_{\rho} \left(\frac{1}{s-\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho}\right) = O(\log T).$$

Finally,  $\Re \frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{\beta}{|\rho|^2} > 0$  and  $\Re \frac{1}{s-\rho} = \frac{2-\beta}{|s-\rho|^2} > 0$  ( $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ ), so each term in the series is positive. Specifically,

$$\Re \frac{1}{s-\rho} = \frac{2-\beta}{(2-\beta)^2 + (T-\gamma)^2} \geq \frac{1}{4 + (T-\gamma)^2},$$

and the claim follows.  $\square$

COROLLARY 131.  $N(T+1) - N(T-1) = O(\log T)$ , and  $\sum_{|\gamma-T| > 1} \frac{1}{(T-\gamma)^2} = O(\log T)$ .



Next, let  $T$  be large and let  $-1 \leq \sigma \leq 2$ . Subtracting (3.2.2) evaluated at  $s = \sigma + iT, 2 + iT$  we get

$$\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = O(1) + \sum_{\rho} \left( \frac{1}{s - \rho} - \frac{1}{2 + iT - \rho} \right),$$

since  $F\left(\frac{\sigma + iT}{2}\right) - F\left(\frac{2 + iT}{2}\right) = O(1)$ . Now for  $\rho$  with  $\gamma \notin (T - 1, T + 1)$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{s - \rho} - \frac{1}{2 + iT - \rho} \right| \leq \frac{2 - \sigma}{|s - \rho||2 + iT - \rho|} \leq \frac{3}{|\gamma - T|^2}$$

and for  $\rho$  with  $\gamma \in (t - 1, t + 1)$  we have  $\left| \frac{1}{2 + iT - \rho} \right| \leq \frac{1}{|2 - \beta|} \leq 1$ . We have shown:

LEMMA 132. *Let  $s = \sigma + iT$ ,  $\sigma \in [-1, 2]$ . Then*

$$\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = \sum_{\gamma \in (T-1, T+1)} \frac{1}{s - \rho} + O(\log T).$$

COROLLARY 133. *For each  $T > 2$  there exists  $T' \in [T, T + 1]$  such that for  $s = \sigma + iT'$ ,  $\sigma \in [-1, 2]$  we have*

$$\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = O(\log^2 T').$$

PROOF. There are  $O(\log T)$  zeroes with  $\gamma \in [T, T + 1]$ . In particular, there is a gap of length  $O\left(\frac{1}{\log T}\right)$  there, and we can choose  $T'$  in the middle of the gap. Then  $|\gamma - T'| \gg \frac{1}{\log T}$  for all zeroes of the zetafunction, so that

$$\left| \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(\sigma + iT') \right| \ll (N(T' + 1) - N(T' - 1)) O(\log T) + O(\log T') = O(\log^2 T').$$

□

THEOREM 134.  $N(T) = \frac{T}{2\pi} \log \frac{T}{2\pi} - \frac{T}{2\pi} + O(\log T)$ .

PROOF. Suppose  $T$  is not the ordinate of any zero, and let  $R$  be the rectangle  $[-1, 2] \times [-T, T]$ . We need to calculate the real number

$$2N(T) - 2 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\partial R} \frac{\xi'(s)}{\xi(s)} ds.$$

Since  $\overline{\xi(\bar{s})} = \xi(s)$  and by the functional equation  $\xi(1 - s) = \xi(s)$ , it is enough to consider the quarter-rectangle  $2 \rightarrow 2 + iT \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + iT$ . Recall that  $\xi(s) = \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \zeta(s)$ . The argument of  $\pi^{-s/2}$  changes exactly by  $-\frac{1}{2}T \log \pi$ . The argument of  $\Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)$  changes by  $\Im \log \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}iT\right) = \frac{T}{2} \log\left(\frac{T}{2}\right) - \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{T}{2} + O(T^{-1})$ . It remains to estimate the change  $S(T)$  in  $\arg \zeta(s)$ . Since  $\Re(\zeta(2 + it)) \geq 1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} > 0$ , the change of argument in  $[2, 2 + iT]$  is at most  $\pi$ . On  $[\frac{1}{2} + iT, 2 + iT]$  Lemma 132 gives:

$$\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = \sum_{\gamma \in (t-1, t+1)} (\log(s - \rho))' + O(\log T).$$

Now the change of the argument of each  $s - \rho$  on the interval is at most  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ , so the total change in the argument of  $\zeta(s)$  is  $O(\log T)$ . In summary, we have:

$$2\frac{1}{4}2\pi N(T) = \frac{T}{2} \log\left(\frac{T}{2}\right) - \frac{T}{2} \log \pi - \frac{T}{2} + O(\log T).$$

□

REMARK 135. Note that the “main” term came from the argument of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s)$ , the “error term” from the argument of  $\zeta(s)$ , despite the zeroes being those of  $\zeta(s)$ . The reason is the functional equation, which is symmetrical only for  $\xi(s)$ . In the left half of the rectangular path, the argument of  $\zeta(s)$  will change considerably (note that  $\zeta(1-s) \neq \zeta(s)$ !).

The functional equation connects the zeroes  $\rho$ ,  $1 - \rho$  and hence zeroes with opposite imaginary parts, showing that indeed  $R$  contains  $2N(T)$  zeroes. The real-on-the-real axis relation  $\overline{\xi(\bar{s})} = \xi(s)$  shows that the zeroes are symmetric about the critical line. In particular, a zero slightly off the line must have a “partner” on the other side, and so a numerical countour integral argument can *prove* that a suspected simple zero is *exactly* on the line rather than off it. Of course, a double zero would be indistinguishable from two off-the-line zeroes, but no such double zero has ever been found, and conjecturally they don’t exist.

REMARK 136. A more precise version of the Theorem is

$$N(T) = \frac{T}{2\pi} \log \frac{T}{2\pi} - \frac{T}{2\pi} + \frac{7}{8} + S(T) + O(T^{-1}).$$

- This is easy to prove (just keep track of the constant term in the Stirling approximation and of the contribution of the two poles).
- To see that this is significant note that (Littlewood)

$$\int_0^T S(t) dt = O(\log T),$$

showing massive cancellation. It is clear that the term  $\frac{7}{8}$  is significant when averaging the rest of the formula.

- This is important in numerical calculation of the zeroes: suppose we missed a zero between  $[0, T - O(\log T)]$ . Then  $\int_0^T N(t) dt$  will be small by  $O(\log T)$ . But the RHS can be calculated to that precision.

Now let  $N_0(T)$  denote the number of zeroes  $\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma \leq T$ . Hardy–Littlewood shows that  $N_0(T) \gg T$ . This was improved:

THEOREM 137. Let  $\kappa = \liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N_0(T)}{N(T)}$ ,  $\kappa^*$  similar for simple zeroes. Then:

- (1) (Selberg 1942)  $\kappa > 0$ .
- (2) (Levinson 1974)  $\kappa > 34.74\%$
- (3) (Heath–Brown 1979)  $\kappa^* > 34.74\%$
- (4) (Conrey 1989)  $\kappa > 40.88\%$ ,  $\kappa^* > 40.13\%$
- (5) (Bui–Conrey–Young 2012)  $\kappa \geq 41.05\%$ ,  $\kappa^* \geq 40.58\%$
- (6) (Feng 2012)  $\kappa \geq 41.28\%$

THEOREM 138. (Zero density estimate)

**3.2.4. A smooth cutoff.** Let  $\eta \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  be positive, supported in  $[-1, 1]$  and such that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \eta = 1$ . For  $H > 0$  set  $\eta_H(x) = H\eta(H \log x)$ , and let  $\varphi_H = \eta_H * \mathbb{1}_{[0,1]}$  (multiplicative convolution), a smooth function on  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}^\times$ . Then  $\tilde{\varphi}_H(s) = \tilde{\eta}_H(s) \tilde{\mathbb{1}}_{[0,1]}(s)$ . The second integral is  $\frac{1}{s}$  so that

$$\tilde{\varphi}_H(s) = \frac{1}{s} \tilde{\eta}_H(s).$$

### 3.2.5. The explicit formula.

LEMMA 139. For  $\sigma \leq -1$  we have  $\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = O(\log |s|)$ .

PROOF. By the duplication formula,

$$\zeta(1-s) = 2^{1-s} \pi^{-s} \cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right) \Gamma(s) \zeta(s)$$

and hence

$$\frac{\zeta'(1-s)}{\zeta(1-s)} = -\frac{1}{2} \pi \tan\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right) + \frac{\Gamma'(s)}{\Gamma(s)} + \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)}.$$

Now if  $\sigma \geq 2$  the last term is  $O(1)$ , the second term is  $O(\log |s|) = O(\log |1-s|)$  and if  $1-s$  is away from the trivial zeroes, then the first term is  $O(1)$  as well.  $\square$

PROPOSITION 140. Let  $U \geq 1$  not be an even integer. Then

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) + O\left(\frac{x \log x}{H}\right) = x - \sum_{\rho} \tilde{\eta}_H(\rho) \frac{x^\rho}{\rho} - \frac{\zeta'(0)}{\zeta(0)} + \sum_{2m < U} \tilde{\eta}_H(-2m) \frac{x^{-2m}}{2m} - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(-U)} \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \tilde{\eta}_H(s) x^s \frac{ds}{s}.$$

PROOF. In Section 3.1.2 we obtained the formula:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda(n) \varphi_H\left(\frac{n}{x}\right) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(2)} \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \tilde{\varphi}_H(s) x^s ds.$$

On the left-hand-side,  $\varphi_H\left(\frac{n}{x}\right) = 1$  if  $n \leq x$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}_H\left(\frac{n}{x}\right) = 0$  if  $n \geq xe^{1/H} = x + O\left(\frac{x}{H}\right)$  and for  $x \leq n \leq x + O\left(\frac{x}{H}\right)$  we have  $\Lambda(n) \varphi_H\left(\frac{n}{x}\right) \leq \log x$ , so

$$\text{LHS} = \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) + O\left(\frac{x \log x}{H}\right).$$

On the RHS we would like to shift the contour to the line  $(-U)$ . For this, let  $T$  not be the height of a zero and let  $R_T = [-U, 2] \times [-T, T]$ . By the Residuuum Theorem,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\partial R_T} \left(-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)}\right) \tilde{\varphi}_H(s) x^s ds = \tilde{\varphi}_H(1)x - \sum_{|\gamma| < T} \tilde{\varphi}_H(\rho) x^\rho - \frac{\zeta'(0)}{\zeta(0)} - \sum_{2m < U} \tilde{\varphi}_H(-2m) x^{-2m}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{2-iT}^{2+iT} \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \tilde{\varphi}_H(s) x^s ds &= x - \sum_{|\gamma| < T} \tilde{\eta}_H(\rho) \frac{x^\rho}{\rho} - \frac{\zeta'(0)}{\zeta(0)} + \sum_{2m < U} \tilde{\eta}_H(-2m) \frac{x^{-2m}}{2m} - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(-U)} \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \tilde{\varphi}_H(s) x^s ds \\ &\quad + R_1(T) + R_2(U, T) \end{aligned}$$

where  $R_1(T)$  represents the integral over  $[-1, 2] \times \{\pm T\}$ ,  $R_2(U, T)$  the integral over  $[-U, -1] \times \{\pm T\}$ . Let  $T$  be on of the heights guaranteed by Corollary 133. Then

$$\begin{aligned} R_1(T) &\ll \int_{-1+iT}^{2+iT} [\log^2 T] \left[ \exp\left\{\frac{2}{H}\right\} \frac{H^k}{T^{k+1}} \right] [x^2] ds \\ &\ll x^2 H^k \exp\left\{\frac{2}{H}\right\} \frac{\log^2 T}{T^{k+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

For the rest of the integration we use the bound  $\left| \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \right| \ll \log |s|$  of Lemma 139 to get

$$\begin{aligned} R_2(U, T) &\ll \int_{-U+iT}^{-1+iT} [\log |s|] \left[ \exp\left\{\frac{U}{H}\right\} \frac{H^k}{|s|^{k+1}} \right] [x^{-1}] ds \\ &\ll H^k \exp\left\{\frac{U}{H}\right\} \frac{U \log U + \log T}{x |T|^{k+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now letting  $T \rightarrow \infty$  we see  $R_1(T), R_2(U, T) \rightarrow 0$ . The superpolynomial decay of  $\tilde{\varphi}_H(s)$  along vertical lines shows that the vertical integrals converge to the intergrals alone (2),  $(-U)$  respectively.  $\square$

REMARK 141. By the FE,  $-\frac{\zeta'(0)}{\zeta(0)} = \log(2\pi)$ .

COROLLARY 142 (von Mangoldt's explicit formula). *Interpreting the sum over the zeroes symmetrically, we have*

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) = x - \sum_{\rho} \frac{x^{\rho}}{\rho} - \frac{\zeta'(0)}{\zeta(0)} - \frac{1}{2} \log(1 - x^{-2}).$$

PROOF. We take  $H = U \rightarrow \infty$  in the proposition. The LHS is fine. The last term on the RHS reads:

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(-U)} \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \tilde{\eta}_H(s) x^s \frac{ds}{s} &\ll \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \log |H + iT| \exp\left\{\frac{U}{H}\right\} \frac{H^k}{|H + iT|^{k+1}} x^{-H} dT \\ &\ll x^{-H} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\log H + \log |1 + iT|}{|1 + iT|^k} dT \\ &\ll x^{-H} \log H. \end{aligned}$$

We need to show:

$$\lim_{H \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\rho} \tilde{\eta}_H(\rho) \frac{x^{\rho}}{\rho} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{|\gamma| < T} \frac{x^{\rho}}{\rho}$$

and

$$\lim_{H \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{2m < H} \tilde{\eta}_H(-2m) \frac{x^{-2m}}{2m} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{-2m}}{m} = -\frac{1}{2} \log(1 - x^{-2}).$$

For the second claim, we have

$$\sum_{\rho} \tilde{\eta}_H(\rho) \frac{x^{\rho}}{\rho} = \sum_{\rho} \tilde{\eta}_1\left(\frac{\rho}{H}\right) \frac{x^{\rho}}{\rho}$$

For the third claim, if  $2m < H$  we have  $\left| \tilde{\eta}_H(-2m) \frac{x^{-2m}}{2m} \right| \leq \exp \left\{ \left( \frac{2m}{H} \right) \right\} \frac{x^{-2m}}{2m} \leq e \frac{x^{-2m}}{2m}$  and we are done by the bounded convergence theorem.  $\square$

PROPOSITION 143. *Let  $\beta(T)$  be such that if  $|\gamma| < T$  then  $\beta \leq \beta(T)$ . We then have*

$$|\psi(x) - x| \ll \log^2 T \cdot x^{\beta(T)} + \frac{x \log x}{H} + \frac{xH \log T}{T}.$$

PROOF. In the previous proposition take  $U = 1$ . Then the  $U$  integral reads

$$-\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(-U)} \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \tilde{\eta}_H(s) x^s \frac{ds}{s} \ll x^{-1} H \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{H} \right\} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\log |1+it|}{|1+it|^2} dt.$$

Since the zero density is about  $\log t$  at height  $t$ , and since  $\tilde{\eta}_H(\rho) \ll 1$ , we can bound  $\sum_{|\gamma| < T} \tilde{\eta}_H(\rho) \frac{x^\rho}{\rho}$  by  $x^{\beta(T)} \int_1^T \frac{\log t}{t} dt = \log^2 T \cdot x^{\beta_{\max}}$ . Similarly,  $\left| \sum_{|\gamma| > T} \tilde{\eta}_H(\rho) \frac{x^\rho}{\rho} \right|$  is bounded by

$$x \int_T^\infty \frac{H \log t}{t} \frac{dt}{t} \ll \frac{xH \log T}{T}.$$

$\square$

THEOREM 144 (Prime Number Theorem). *Suppose, further, that every zero have  $\beta \leq 1 - \frac{c}{\log \gamma}$ . Then*

$$|\psi(x) - x| \ll x \exp \left\{ -c' \sqrt{\log x} \right\}.$$

On RH we have

$$\psi(x) = x + O(\sqrt{x} \log x).$$

PROOF. On RH we have

$$\sqrt{x} \log^2 T + \frac{x \log x}{H} + \frac{xH \log T}{T}$$

can take  $H = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $T = x^2$ .  $\square$

With zero-free region get bound

$$x \log^2 T \exp \left\{ -c \frac{\log x}{\log T} \right\} + \frac{x \log x}{H} + \frac{xH \log T}{T}$$

and taking  $T = \exp \left\{ c_1 (\log x)^{1/2} \right\}$ ,  $H = \exp \left\{ c_2 \sqrt{\log x} \right\}$  with  $c_1 > c_2$  works.

3.2.5.1. *Proof from Iwaniec–Kowalski.* We have

$$\sum_n \Lambda(n) \varphi_H \left( \frac{n}{x} \right) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(2)} \left( -\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \right) \tilde{\eta}_H(s) x^s \frac{ds}{s}.$$

Shift to the contour  $1 - \sigma = \frac{c}{\log(|t|+2)}$ . We pick up the pole, but not zeroes, and get

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) + O \left( \frac{x \log x}{H} \right) \ll x \int_0^\infty (\log(|t|+2)) \tilde{\eta}_H \left( 1 - \frac{c}{\log(|t|+2)} + it \right) x^{-c/\log(|t|+2)} \frac{dt}{|t|+2}$$

### 3.2.6. The zero-free region.

LEMMA 145 (Hadamard / de la Vallée Poussin; argument due to Mertens).  $\zeta(1+it) \neq 0$  if  $t \neq 0$ .

PROOF. For  $s = \sigma + it$ ,  $\sigma > 1$  have  $\log \zeta(s) = \sum_p \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-1} p^{-m\sigma} p^{-mit}$  so that

$$\Re \log \zeta(s) = \sum_p \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-1} p^{-m\sigma} \cos(t \log p^m).$$

Using  $2(1 + \cos \theta)^2 = 3 + 4 \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta \geq 0$ , get

$$3 \log \zeta(\sigma) + 4 \Re \log \zeta(\sigma + it) + \Re \log \zeta(\sigma + 2it) \geq 0,$$

that is

$$|\zeta^3(\sigma) \zeta^4(\sigma + it) \zeta(\sigma + 2it)| \geq 1.$$

Letting  $\sigma \rightarrow 1$ , suppose  $\zeta(\sigma + it) = 0$ . Then  $\zeta(\sigma + 2it)$  must be a pole, lest  $\zeta^3(s) \zeta^4(s + it) \zeta(\sigma + 2it)$  vanish there.  $\square$

THEOREM 146. If  $\zeta(\beta + i\gamma) = 0$  then  $\beta < 1 - \frac{c}{\log \gamma}$ .

PROOF. The same identity shows

$$-3 \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(\sigma) - 4 \Re \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(\sigma + it) - \Re \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(\sigma + 2it) \geq 0.$$

Now  $-\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{\sigma-1} + A$  (pole!), and we know

$$-\Re \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) < A \log t - \sum_{\rho} \Re \left( \frac{1}{s-\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \right)$$

where each summand is positive. In particular,  $-\Re \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(\sigma + 2it) \leq A \log t$ . Setting  $t = \gamma$  we have  $s - \rho = \sigma - \beta$  so

$$-\Re \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(\sigma + i\gamma) \leq A \log t - \frac{\sigma - \beta}{|s - \rho|^2} = A \log t - \frac{1}{\sigma - \beta}.$$

It follows that

$$\frac{3}{\sigma - 1} + 3A + 4A \log t - \frac{4}{\sigma - \beta} + A \log t \geq 0$$

so

$$\frac{4}{\sigma - \beta} \leq A \log \gamma + \frac{3}{\sigma - 1}.$$

Take  $\sigma = 1 + \frac{c}{A \log \gamma}$ . Then  $\frac{4}{\sigma - \beta} \leq (1 + \frac{3}{c}) A \log \gamma$  so  $1 + \frac{3c}{A \log \gamma} - \beta \leq \frac{4}{(1 + \frac{3}{c}) A \log \gamma}$  so

$$1 - \beta \leq \left( \frac{4}{1 + \frac{3}{c}} - c \right) \frac{1}{A \log \gamma} = \frac{c(1-c)}{(c+3)A} \frac{1}{\log \gamma} \ll \frac{1}{\log \gamma}$$

if  $0 < c < 1$ .  $\square$

### 3.3. The Prime Number Theorem in Arithmetic Progressions

Follow same scheme, using Dirichlet L-functions

- (1) AC, FE, BVS
- (2) ...

New features:

- (1) The *conductor*  $q$ , and the *analytic conductor*  $q(s) = q \cdot (|s + a| + 3)$ .
- (2) The *root number*  $w$ .

**3.3.1. Analytic continuation.** From now until Section xxx we fix a primitive Dirichlet character  $\chi \bmod q > 1$ . We have the Dirichlet series

$$L(s; \chi) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \chi(n) n^{-s}$$

convergent in  $\Re(s) > 0$ , absolutely in  $\Re(s) > 1$ . Define  $a \in \{0, 1\}$  by  $\chi(-1) = (-1)^a$ .

For  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  of the same parity as  $\chi$  ( $\varphi(-x) = \chi(-1)\varphi(x)$ ) set

$$F(\chi; \varphi; r) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi(rn).$$

LEMMA 147 (Properties of  $F$ ). (1)  $F(r) = F(\chi; \varphi; r)$  decays rapidly as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$(2) F(\chi; \varphi; r) = \frac{G(\chi)}{rq} F(\bar{\chi}; \hat{\varphi}; \frac{1}{rq}).$$

$$(3) F(r) \rightarrow 0 \text{ rapidly as } r \rightarrow 0.$$

PROOF.  $|F(r)| \leq \sum_{n \neq 0} |\varphi(rn)|$ . The second claim is Poisson sum (see PS2), and the third follows from the second.  $\square$

DEFINITION 148. Let

$$Z(\chi; \varphi; s) = \int_0^\infty F(\chi; \varphi; r) r^s \frac{dr}{r}.$$

This converges absolutely for  $\Re(s) > 0$ . For  $\Re(s) > 1$  we can change the order of summation and integration and get:

$$Z(\chi; \varphi; s) = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi(n) n^{-s} \tilde{\varphi}(s) = 2L(s; \chi) \tilde{\varphi}(s).$$

We now break the integral in two:

$$\begin{aligned} Z(\chi; \varphi; s) &= \int_{\sqrt{q}}^{\infty} F(\chi; \varphi; r) r^s \frac{dr}{r} + \int_0^{\sqrt{q}} F(\chi; \varphi; r) r^s \frac{dr}{r} \\ &= \int_{\sqrt{q}}^{\infty} F(\chi; \varphi; r) r^s \frac{dr}{r} + \frac{G(\chi)}{q} \int_0^{\sqrt{q}} F(\bar{\chi}; \hat{\varphi}; \frac{1}{rq}) r^{s-1} \frac{dr}{r} \\ &= \int_{\sqrt{q}}^{\infty} F(\chi; \varphi; r) r^s \frac{dr}{r} + \frac{G(\chi)}{\sqrt{q}} q^{\frac{1}{2}-s} \int_{\sqrt{q}}^{\infty} F(\bar{\chi}; \hat{\varphi}; r) r^{1-s} \frac{dr}{r}. \end{aligned}$$

We have shown:

$$q^{s/2} Z(\chi; \varphi; s) = q^{s/2} \int_{\sqrt{q}}^{\infty} F(\chi; \varphi; r) r^s \frac{dr}{r} + \frac{G(\chi)}{\sqrt{q}} q^{\frac{1-s}{2}} \int_{\sqrt{q}}^{\infty} F(\bar{\chi}; \hat{\varphi}; r) r^{1-s} \frac{dr}{r}.$$

COROLLARY 149.  $Z(\chi; \varphi; s)$  extends to an entire function.

Next, note that  $\left| \frac{G(\chi)}{\sqrt{q}} \right| = 1$  and  $F(\chi; \hat{\varphi}; r) = \chi(-1)F(\chi; \varphi; r)$ . Thus:

$$q^{\frac{1-s}{2}} Z(\bar{\chi}; \hat{\varphi}; 1-s) = q^{\frac{1-s}{2}} \int_{\sqrt{q}}^{\infty} F(\bar{\chi}; \hat{\varphi}; r) r^{1-s} \frac{dr}{r} + \frac{\chi(-1)G(\bar{\chi})}{\sqrt{q}} q^{\frac{s}{2}} \int_{\sqrt{q}}^{\infty} F(\chi; \varphi; r) r^s \frac{dr}{r},$$

and applying  $G(\chi)G(\bar{\chi}) = q\chi(-1)$  gives:

$$q^{s/2} Z(\chi; \varphi; s) = \frac{G(\chi)}{\sqrt{q}} q^{\frac{1-s}{2}} Z(\bar{\chi}; \hat{\varphi}; 1-s).$$

COROLLARY 150 (Non-symmetric FE).

$$L(s; \chi) = G(\chi) q^{-s} \frac{\tilde{\varphi}(1-s)}{\tilde{\varphi}(s)} L(1-s; \bar{\chi}).$$

We now make a specific choice:  $\varphi_a(x) = x^a e^{-\pi x^2}$ . For  $a = 0$  we have  $\hat{\varphi}_a(k) = \varphi_a(k)$ . For  $a = 1$  we have  $\hat{\varphi}_a(k) = -i\varphi_a(k)$ . Also,  $\tilde{\varphi}_a(s) = \tilde{\varphi}_0(s+a) = \Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s+a)$  is nowhere zero and  $\tilde{\varphi}_a(s) = (-i)^a \tilde{\varphi}_0(s)$ . We conclude:

THEOREM 151. Let  $\Lambda(s; \chi) = q^{s/2} \Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s+a) L(s; \chi)$ . Then  $\Lambda(s; \chi)$  extends to an entire function, and satisfies the functional equation

$$\Lambda(s; \chi) = w \Lambda(1-s; \bar{\chi})$$

with the root number  $w = w(\chi) = \frac{G(\chi)(-i)^a}{\sqrt{q}}$ . Since  $q^{s/2} \Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s+a)$  is nowhere zero,  $L(s; \chi)$  extends to an entire function. This has “trivial” zeroes at  $\{a - 2n \mid n \geq 1\}$ .

Note that by the absolute convergence of the Euler product,  $L(s; \chi)$  hence  $\Lambda(s; \chi)$  has no zeroes in  $\Re(s) > 1$  hence in  $\Re(s) < 0$ .

**3.3.2. The Hadamard product.** In the right half-plane  $\Re(s) > \varepsilon$  we have  $L(s; \chi)$  bounded, and  $q^{s/2} \Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s+a)$  of order 1 (Stirling). Applying the FE we see that  $\Lambda(s; \chi)$  is of order 1, and therefore has the expansion

$$\Lambda(s; \chi) = e^{A+B(\chi)s} \prod_{\rho} \left( 1 - \frac{s}{\rho} \right) e^{s/\rho}.$$

Taking the logarithmic derivative, we find:

$$\frac{\Lambda'}{\Lambda}(s; \chi) = B(\chi) + \sum_{\rho} \left[ \frac{1}{s-\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \right].$$

Now  $\Re B(\chi)$  will contribute to the

$$B(\chi) = \frac{\Lambda'}{\Lambda}(0; \chi) = -\frac{\Lambda'}{\Lambda}(1; \bar{\chi}) = -B(\bar{\chi}) - \sum_{\rho} \left[ \frac{1}{1-\bar{\rho}} + \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \right].$$

Thus

$$2\Re B(\chi) = -\sum_{\rho} \left[ \frac{1}{\rho} + \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \right] = -2 \sum_{\rho} \Re \frac{1}{\rho} < 0.$$



Finally, we note that

$$(3.3.1) \quad -\frac{L'(s; \chi)}{L(s; \chi)} = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{q}{\pi} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma'(\frac{s+a}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{s+a}{2})} - B(\chi) - \sum_{\rho} \left[ \frac{1}{s-\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \right].$$

and that  $\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{q}{\pi} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma'(\frac{s+a}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{s+a}{2})} \approx \log q(s)$ .

**3.3.3. The zero-free region.** Note that

$$-\Re \frac{L'(s; \chi)}{L(s; \chi)} = O(\log q(s)) - \Re B(\chi) - \Re \sum_{\rho} \left[ \frac{1}{s-\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \right] = O(\log q(s)) - \sum_{\rho} \frac{\sigma - \beta}{|\sigma - \beta|^2 + |\gamma - t|^2}.$$

In particular, if  $\sigma > 1$  then for any single zero  $\rho$ ,

$$-\Re \frac{L'(s; \chi)}{L(s; \chi)} \leq O(\log q(s)) - \frac{\sigma - \beta}{|\sigma - \beta|^2 + |\gamma - t|^2}$$

From the Euler product we have for  $s = \sigma + it$  with  $\sigma > 1$  that

$$-\frac{L'(s; \chi)}{L(s; \chi)} = \sum_n \chi(n) \Lambda(n) n^{-s} = \sum_n \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n^{\sigma}} (\chi(n) n^{-it}).$$

Applying Mertens's identity again we get:

$$(3.3.2) \quad -3 \frac{L'}{L}(\sigma, \chi_0) - 4 \Re \frac{L'}{L}(\sigma + it, \chi) - \Re \frac{L'}{L}(\sigma + 2it, \chi^2) \geq 0.$$

Note that  $\chi_0$  isn't and  $\chi^2$  need not be primitive, and that we may have  $\chi^2 = \chi_0$ . We first note that if  $\psi$  is a Dirichlet character mod  $q$ ,  $\psi_1$  its primitive counterpart then at  $\sigma > 1$  their logarithmic derivatives differ by at most

$$\sum_{p|q} \frac{\log p p^{-\sigma}}{1 - p^{-\sigma}} \leq \sum_{p|q} \log p \leq \log q.$$

It follows that our estimate

$$-\Re \frac{L'}{L}(s; \psi_1) \leq \Re \frac{\delta_{\psi_1}}{s-1} + O(\log q_1(s))$$

also gives

$$-\Re \frac{L'}{L}(s; \psi_1) \leq \Re \frac{\delta_{\psi}}{s-1} + O(\log q(s)).$$

Applying this in (3.3.2) gives with  $s = \sigma + i\gamma$ , for the zero  $\rho = \beta + i\gamma$  gives:

$$3 \Re \frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{4}{\sigma - \beta} + \Re \frac{\delta_{\chi^2}}{\sigma + 2it - 1} + O(\mathcal{L}) \geq 0$$

with  $\mathcal{L} = \log q(\gamma)$ . Thus:

$$\frac{4}{\sigma - \beta} \leq \frac{3}{\sigma - 1} + \Re \frac{\delta_{\chi^2}}{\sigma + 2it - 1} + C\mathcal{L}.$$

Case 1. If  $\chi^2$  is non-principal (“complex”), take  $\sigma = 1 + \frac{\delta}{\mathcal{L}}$  and get

$$1 - \beta + \frac{\delta}{\mathcal{L}} \geq \frac{4}{\frac{3}{\delta} + C} \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}}$$

so

$$1 - \beta \geq \left( \frac{4\delta}{3 + C\delta} - \delta \right) \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}} \gg \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}}.$$

Case 2. If  $\chi^2 = \chi_0$ , suppose  $\gamma \geq \frac{\delta}{\mathcal{L}}$  and  $\sigma = 1 + \frac{\delta}{\mathcal{L}}$ . Then  $\Re \frac{1}{\sigma + 2it - 1} = \frac{\sigma - 1}{|\sigma - 1|^2 + 4t^2} \leq \frac{\mathcal{L}}{5\delta}$ . Then

$$\frac{4}{\sigma - \beta} \leq \frac{3\mathcal{L}}{\delta} + \frac{\mathcal{L}}{5\delta} + C\mathcal{L}$$

so

$$\beta < 1 - \frac{4 - 5C\delta}{16 + 5C\delta} \frac{\delta}{\mathcal{L}}.$$

In other words, we have our zero-free region for  $\gamma > \frac{\delta}{\log q}$ .

Now suppose  $\chi$  is real. We need to study small zeroes. For this recall

$$-\frac{L'}{L}(\sigma; \chi) = O(\log q) - \sum_{\rho} \frac{1}{\sigma - \rho}.$$

Now  $-\frac{L'}{L}(\sigma; \chi) \geq -\sum_n \Lambda(n)n^{-\sigma} = \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(\sigma) = -\frac{1}{\sigma-1} - O(1)$ . Suppose two complex zeroes. Then

$$-\frac{1}{\sigma-1} - O(1) \leq O(\log q) + \frac{2(\sigma - \beta)}{(\sigma - \beta)^2 + \gamma^2}.$$

For  $\sigma = 1 + \frac{2\delta}{\log q}$  get  $|\gamma| < \frac{1}{2}(\sigma - \beta)$  so

$$-\frac{1}{\sigma-1} = O(\log q) - \frac{8}{5(\sigma - \beta)}$$

and if  $\delta$  is small enough get  $\beta < 1 - \frac{\delta}{\log q}$ . Same if two real zeroes.

**THEOREM 152.** *There exists  $C$  such that if  $0 < \delta < C$  the only possible zero for  $L(s; \chi)$  with  $|\gamma| < \frac{\delta}{\log q}$  and  $\beta > 1 - \frac{\delta}{\log q}$  is a single real zero, and this only if  $\chi$  is real. In any case all zeroes with  $|\gamma| \geq \frac{\delta}{\log q}$  satisfy  $1 - \beta \gg \frac{1}{\log q(\gamma)}$ .*

**REMARK 153.** Note that if  $\chi$  is imprimitive, coming from primitive  $\chi_1$  then  $L(s; \chi)$  and  $L(s; \chi_1)$  have same zeroes except for zeroes of Euler factors  $(1 - \chi(p)p^{-s})$  for  $p|q$ , and these are all on the line  $\Re(s) = 0$ , and we still obtain the conclusion of the Theorem.

**REMARK 154.** (Landau) Let  $\chi_1, \chi_2$  be two quadratic characters. Then the Euler product  $\zeta(s)L(s; \chi_1)L(s; \chi_2)L(s; \chi_1\chi_2)$  has positive coefficients. From this can deduce that Siegel zeroes are rare: at most one character mod  $q$  can have then, and the sequence of moduli supporting such characters must satisfy  $q_{n+1} \geq q_n^2$ .

**3.3.4. Counting zeroes.** We return to the formula

$$-\Re \frac{L'(s; \chi)}{L(s; \chi)} = O(\log q(s)) - \sum_{\rho} \frac{\sigma - \beta}{|\sigma - \beta|^2 + |\gamma - t|^2}.$$

Applying this with  $\sigma = 2$ , where  $\left| \frac{L'(s; \chi)}{L(s; \chi)} \right| \leq \left| \frac{\zeta'(2)}{\zeta(2)} \right|$ , and using  $\sigma - \beta \geq 1$ , we get:

$$(3.3.3) \quad \#\{\gamma \mid |\gamma - T| \leq 1\} = O(\log qT)$$

and

$$(3.3.4) \quad \sum_{|\gamma - T| > 1} \frac{1}{(T - \gamma)^2} = O(\log qT).$$

LEMMA 155. *Let  $s = \sigma + iT$ ,  $\sigma \in [-1, 2]$ . Then*

$$\frac{L'}{L}(s; \chi) = \sum_{\gamma \in (T-1, T+1)} \frac{1}{s - \rho} + O(\log qT).$$

PROOF. Subtracting (3.3.1) evaluated at  $s = \sigma + iT, 2 + iT$  we get

$$\frac{L'}{L}(s; \chi) = O(1) + \sum_{\rho} \left( \frac{1}{s - \rho} - \frac{1}{2 + iT - \rho} \right),$$

since  $F\left(\frac{\sigma + iT}{2}\right) - F\left(\frac{2 + iT}{2}\right) = O(1)$ . Now for  $\rho$  with  $\gamma \notin (T - 1, T + 1)$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{s - \rho} - \frac{1}{2 + iT - \rho} \right| \leq \frac{2 - \sigma}{|s - \rho| |2 + iT - \rho|} \leq \frac{3}{|\gamma - T|^2}$$

and for  $\rho$  with  $\gamma \in (t - 1, t + 1)$  we have  $\left| \frac{1}{2 + iT - \rho} \right| \leq \frac{1}{|2 - \beta|} \leq 1$ .  $\square$

COROLLARY 156. *For each  $T > 2$  there exists  $T' \in [T, T + 1]$  such that for  $s = \sigma + iT'$ ,  $\sigma \in [-1, 2]$  we have*

$$\frac{L'}{L}(s; \chi) = O(\log^2 qT').$$

PROOF. Same as Corollary 133.  $\square$

DEFINITION 157.  $N_{\chi}(T)$  counts zeroes of  $L(s; \chi)$  up to height  $T$ .

THEOREM 158.  $N_{\chi}(T) = \frac{T}{2\pi} \log \frac{qT}{2\pi} - \frac{T}{2\pi} + O(\log qT)$ .

PROOF. Suppose  $T$  is not the ordinate of any zero, and let  $R$  be the rectangle  $[-1, 2] \times [-T, T]$ . We need to calculate the real number

$$2N_{\chi}(T) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\partial R} \frac{\Lambda'}{\Lambda}(s; \chi) ds.$$

Since  $\overline{\Lambda(\bar{s}; \chi)} = \Lambda(s; \bar{\chi})$  and by the functional equation  $\Lambda(1 - s; \chi) = w(\bar{\chi})\Lambda(s; \bar{\chi})$ , it is enough to consider the quarter-rectangle  $2 \rightarrow 2 + iT \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + iT$ . Recall that  $\Lambda(s; \chi) = q^{s/2} \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+a}{2}\right) L(s; \chi)$ .

The argument of  $\left(\frac{q}{\pi}\right)^{s/2}$  changes exactly by  $\frac{1}{2}T \log \frac{q}{\pi}$ . The argument of  $\Gamma\left(\frac{s+a}{2}\right)$  changes by  $\Im \log \Gamma\left(\frac{1+2a}{4} + \frac{1}{2}iT\right) = \frac{T}{2} \log\left(\frac{T}{2}\right) - \frac{T}{2} - \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{\pi a}{4} + O(T^{-1})$ . It remains to estimate the change  $S(T)$

in  $\arg \zeta(s)$ . Since  $\Re(L(2+it; \chi)) \geq 1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} > 0$ , the change of argument in  $[2, 2+iT]$  is at most  $\pi$ . On  $[\frac{1}{2}+iT, 2+iT]$  Lemma 155 gives:

$$\frac{L'}{L}(s; \chi) = \sum_{\gamma \in (t-1, t+1)} (\log(s-\rho))' + O(\log qT).$$

Now the change of the argument of each  $s-\rho$  on the interval is at most  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ , so the total change in the argument of  $\zeta(s)$  is  $O(\log qT)$ . In summary, we have:

$$2\frac{1}{4}2\pi N_{\chi}(T) = \frac{T}{2} \log\left(\frac{T}{2}\right) + \frac{T}{2} \log q - \frac{T}{2} \log \pi - \frac{T}{2} + O(\log qT).$$

□

Now get

$$N_{\chi}(T) = \frac{T}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{qT}{2\pi}\right) - \frac{T}{2\pi} + O(\log qT).$$

### 3.3.5. The explicit formula for $L(s; \chi)$ .

LEMMA 159. For  $\sigma \leq -1$  we have  $\frac{L'}{L}(s; \chi) = O(\log q|s|)$ .

PROOF. By the duplication formula,

$$L(1-s; \chi) = w(\chi) 2^{1-s} \pi^{-s} q^{s-\frac{1}{2}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi(s-a)}{2}\right) \Gamma(s) L(s; \bar{\chi})$$

and hence

$$\frac{L'}{L}(1-s; \chi) = \log q - \frac{1}{2} \pi \tan\left(\frac{\pi(s+a)}{2}\right) + \frac{\Gamma'(s)}{\Gamma(s)} + \frac{L'}{L}(s; \bar{\chi}).$$

Now if  $\sigma \geq 2$  the last term is  $O(1)$ , the third term is  $O(\log|s|) = O(\log|1-s|)$  and if  $1-s$  is away from the trivial zeroes, then the second term is  $O(1)$  as well. □

PROPOSITION 160. Let  $U \geq 1$  not be an even integer. Then

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \chi(n) \Lambda(n) + O\left(\frac{x \log x}{H}\right) = - \sum_{\rho} \tilde{\eta}_H(\rho) \frac{x^{\rho}}{\rho} + (1-a) \log x + b(\chi) - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(-1)} \frac{L'}{L}(s; \chi) \tilde{\eta}_H(s) x^s \frac{ds}{s},$$

where  $b(\chi)$  is the zeroes order term in the Laurent expansion of  $-\frac{L'}{L}(s; \chi)$  at  $s=0$ .

PROOF. More-or-less as before: we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \chi(n) \Lambda(n) + O\left(\frac{x \log x}{H}\right) = \sum_n \chi(n) \Lambda(n) \varphi_H\left(\frac{n}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(2)} \frac{L'}{L}(s; \chi) \tilde{\eta}_H(s) x^s \frac{ds}{s}.$$

We now shift the contour to  $(-1)$ , acquiring contributions from the poles of  $\frac{1}{s} \frac{L'}{L}(s; \chi)$ . These occur at the zeroes of  $L(s; \chi)$  (which itself has no poles), accounting for the terms  $\tilde{\eta}_H(\rho) \frac{x^{\rho}}{\rho}$ , and at  $s=0$ . To understand the contribution of  $s=0$  we go back to the logarithmic derivative (3.3.1). If  $a=1$  this is regular at  $s=0$  and  $b(\chi) = -\frac{L'}{L}(0; \chi)$  (note that  $\tilde{\eta}_H(0) = 1$ ). If  $a=0$ , however,  $\Gamma(\frac{s}{2})$  has pole at  $s=0$ , and so does its logarithmic derivative, at which point the integrand has a double pole. In that case near  $s=0$ ,

$$-\frac{L'}{L}(s; \chi) = \frac{1}{s} + b(\chi) + O(s); \quad \frac{x^s}{s} = \frac{1}{s} + \log x + O(s).$$

Now,

$$\frac{d}{ds} \tilde{\eta}_H(s) = \frac{d}{ds} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \eta(u) \exp\left\{\frac{us}{H}\right\} du = \frac{1}{H} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u \eta(u) \exp\left\{\frac{us}{H}\right\} du.$$

In particular, choosing since  $\eta$  symmetric we see that  $\tilde{\eta}'_H(0) = 0$  so that  $\tilde{\eta}_H(s) = 1 + O(s^2)$  and the residue of the integrand is  $\log x + b(\chi)$ .  $\square$

We need to estimate  $b(\chi)$ .

LEMMA 161. *We have*

$$b(\chi) = O(\log q) + \sum_{|\gamma| < 1} \frac{1}{\rho}.$$

PROOF. Subtract (3.3.1) at  $s, 2$  and use  $-\frac{L'}{L}(2; \chi) = O(1)$  and  $\frac{1}{2}F\left(\frac{s+a}{2}\right) = \frac{1-a}{s} + O(1)$  ( $O(1)$  absolute) to get

$$-\frac{L'}{L}(s; \chi) = \frac{1-a}{s} + O(1) - \sum_{\rho} \left( \frac{1}{s-\rho} - \frac{1}{2-\rho} \right),$$

with the  $O(1)$  absolute. Now  $\frac{1}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2-\rho} = \frac{2}{\rho(2-\rho)}$ . In particular,  $\left| \sum_{|\gamma| \geq 1} \frac{1}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2-\rho} \right| \ll \sum_{|\gamma| > 1} \frac{1}{|\gamma|^2} \ll \log q$  by (3.3.4). If  $|\gamma| < 1$  then  $\left| \frac{1}{2-\rho} \right| = O(1)$  so  $\sum_{|\gamma| < 1} \frac{1}{2-\rho} = O(\log q)$  by (3.3.3).  $\square$

PROPOSITION 162. *Let  $\beta(T)$  be such that if  $|\gamma| < T$  then  $\beta \leq \beta(T)$ , except possibly for the single real zero  $\beta_0$ . We then have*

$$\psi(x; \chi) = \sum_{n \leq x} \chi(n) \Lambda(n) \ll \psi(x; \chi) \ll -\frac{x^{\beta_0}}{\beta_0} + \left[ x^{1/4} \log x + \log^2 qT \cdot x^{\beta(T)} + \frac{x \log x}{H} + \frac{xH \log(qT)}{T} + \frac{H \log q}{x} \right].$$

PROOF. The integral in the last Proposition satisfies:

$$-\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(-1)} \frac{L'}{L}(s; \chi) \tilde{\eta}_H(s) x^s \frac{ds}{s} \ll x^{-1} H \exp\left\{\frac{1}{H}\right\} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\log(q|1+it|)}{|1+it|^2} dt.$$

Since the zero density is about  $\log qt$  at height  $t$ , and since  $\tilde{\eta}_H(\rho) \ll 1$ , we can bound  $\sum_{1 < |\gamma| < T} \tilde{\eta}_H(\rho) \frac{x^\rho}{\rho}$  by

$$x^{\beta(T)} \int_1^T \frac{\log qt}{t} dt \leq x^{\beta(T)} \int_1^{qT} \frac{\log t}{t} dt \ll \log^2(qT) x^{\beta(T)}.$$

Similarly,  $\left| \sum_{|\gamma| > T} \tilde{\eta}_H(\rho) \frac{x^\rho}{\rho} \right|$  is bounded by

$$x \int_T^\infty \frac{H \log(qt)}{t} dt \ll \frac{xH \log(qT)}{T}.$$

In summary so far, we have

$$\psi(x; \chi) = \sum_{|\gamma| < 1} \left( \frac{1}{\rho} - \frac{x^\rho}{\rho} \right) + (1-a) \log x + O(\log q) + O(\log^2 qT \cdot x^{\beta(T)} + \frac{x \log x}{H} + \frac{xH \log(qT)}{T} + \frac{H \log q}{x}).$$

Now zeroes with  $\beta < 1 - \frac{c}{\log q}$  also have  $\beta > \frac{c}{\log q}$  by the functional equation, except (if  $\chi$  is real) for a single pair of zeroes  $\beta_0, 1 - \beta_0$ , where we have  $\beta_0 > \frac{3}{4}$  since can take  $c$  small and  $q \geq 3$ . Thus  $\frac{1}{\beta_0}$  is  $O(1)$ . The sum over  $\frac{x^\rho}{\rho}$  is  $O(\log^2 q) x^{\beta(T)}$ , so absorbed in the existing error terms. Also,  $\frac{1-x^{1-\beta_0}}{1-\beta_0} = x^\sigma \log x$  for  $0 < \sigma < 1 - \beta_0 < \frac{1}{4}$  and we get the claim.  $\square$

THEOREM 163. For  $\log q \ll (\log x)^{1/2}$

$$\psi(x; \chi) = -\frac{x^{\beta_0}}{\beta_0} + O(x \exp\{-c' \sqrt{\log x}\}).$$

On RH we have for  $q \leq x$  that

$$\psi(x; \chi) \ll \sqrt{x} \log^2 x.$$

PROOF. On RH we have the bound

$$x^{1/4} \log x + \sqrt{x} \log^2 qT + \frac{x \log x}{H} + \frac{xH \log(qT)}{T} + \frac{H \log q}{x}.$$

Take  $T = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $H = x$ . Then for  $x \geq q$ , the error term is

With zero-free region get bound

$$x \log^2 qT \exp\left\{-c \frac{\log x}{\log qT}\right\} + \frac{x \log x}{H} + \frac{xH \log qT}{T} + \frac{H \log q}{x}.$$

Taking  $T = \exp\{c_1 (\log x)^{1/2}\}$ ,  $H = \exp\{c_2 (\log x)^{1/2}\}$  with  $c_1 > c_2$  works if  $\log q \leq C(\log x)^{1/2}$ .

Finally, we note that if  $\chi$  is a (possibly non-primitive) character mod  $q$ , with primitive associate  $\chi_1$  mod  $q_1$ . Then

$$\psi(x; \chi_1) - \psi(x; \chi) = \sum_{\substack{p^m \leq x \\ p|q \\ p \nmid q_1}} \chi(p^m) \log p \ll \sum_{p|q} \log p \sum_{p^m \leq x} 1 \ll \log q \log x,$$

which can be absorbed in our error terms in either case. Thus we may apply the theorem for non-primitive characters as well.  $\square$

**3.3.6. The PNT in APs.** Averaging Theorem (163) over the group of characters, we find:

$$\sum_{x \geq p^m \equiv a(q)} \log p = \frac{1}{\phi(q)} \sum_{n \leq x} \bar{\chi}(a) \psi(x; \chi) = \frac{x}{\phi(q)} + \text{error}$$

where on the RH the error is  $O(x^{1/2} \log^2 x)$  for  $q \leq x$ , and  $-\frac{\chi(a)x^{-\beta_0}}{\phi(q)\beta_0} + O(x \exp\{-C\sqrt{\log x}\})$  unconditionally, if  $\log q \ll (\log x)^{1/2}$ .

LEMMA 164.  $\beta_0 \leq 1 - \frac{c}{q^{1/2} \log^2 q}$ .

PROOF. Using  $h(d) \geq 1$  in the class number formula we get  $L(1; \chi) \gg q^{-1/2}$ . Now for  $1 - \frac{c}{\log q} \leq \sigma \leq 1$  we have  $n^{-\sigma} \leq \frac{1}{n} \exp\left\{\frac{c \log n}{\log q}\right\}$ . Thus

$$\sum_{n=1}^q \frac{\chi(n) \log n}{n^\sigma} \ll \sum_{n=1}^q \frac{\log n}{n} \ll \log^2 q.$$

Also, partial summation gives

$$\sum_{q+1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n) \log n}{n^\sigma} \ll \sum_{q+1}^{\infty} |S(n)| \left[ \frac{\log n}{n^\sigma} - \frac{\log(n+1)}{(n+1)^\sigma} \right] \ll q^{1/2} \frac{\log q}{q^\sigma} \ll \log q.$$

It follows that  $L'(\sigma; \chi) \ll \log^2 q$  for  $\beta \leq \sigma \leq 1$ . Then

$$q^{-1/2} \ll L(1; \chi) = L(1; \chi) - L(\beta; \chi) \ll (1 - \beta) \log^2 q.$$

□

THEOREM 165 (PNT I). For  $q \ll (\log x)^{1-\delta}$  we have

$$\sum_{x \geq p \equiv a(q)} \log p = \frac{x}{\varphi(q)} + O\left(x \exp\left\{-C\sqrt{\log x}\right\}\right).$$

PROOF.  $x^{\beta_0-1} \leq \exp\left\{-\frac{\log x}{q^{1/2} \log q}\right\}$ .

□

COROLLARY 166. The first prime in an AP occurs before  $\exp(q^{1+\delta})$ .

Note that RH predicts  $q^{2+\delta}$  and probably  $q^{1+\delta}$  is enough.

THEOREM 167 (Siegel 1935).  $L(1; \chi) \geq C(\varepsilon)q^{-\varepsilon}$  for some ineffective constant.

COROLLARY 168. Any exceptional zero has  $\beta \leq 1 - \frac{c(\varepsilon)}{q^\varepsilon}$ , and the error term holds for  $q \ll (\log x)^A$  for  $A$  arbitrarily large. The first prime in an AP occurs before  $\exp(q^\varepsilon)$ .

### 3.3.7. Statement of Bombieri–Vinogradov.

DEFINITION 169. Let  $\psi(x; q, a) = \sum_{x \geq n \equiv a(q)} \Lambda(n)$ .

We expect this to be about  $\frac{x}{\varphi(q)} + O(\sqrt{x} \log^2 x)$ .

THEOREM 170 (Bombieri, Vinogradov 1965 [3, 11]). Given  $A > 0$  and for  $x^{1/2} (\log x)^{-A} \leq Q \leq x^{1/2}$  we have

$$\frac{1}{Q} \sum_{q \leq Q} \max_{(a,q)=1} \max_{y \leq x} \left| \psi(y; q, a) - \frac{y}{\varphi(q)} \right| \ll x^{1/2} (\log x)^5.$$

CONJECTURE 171 (Elliott–Halberstam). Can take  $Q \leq x^\theta$  for  $\theta < 1$ .

THEOREM 172 (Zhang 2013). Can take  $Q \leq x^\theta$  for some  $\theta > \frac{1}{2}$  if restrict  $q$  to be sufficiently smooth.

## CHAPTER 4

### Topics

#### 4.1. The circle method: Waring problem (31/3/2014)

(Based on [8, §20.2])

Let  $f(\underline{x}) \in \mathbb{Z}[\underline{x}]$  be an integer polynomial of degree  $k$ . For a ring  $R$  set  $V_f(R) = \{\underline{x} \in R^n \mid f(\underline{x}) = 0\}$ . We'd like to estimate the size of  $V_f(\mathbb{Z}) \cap [-X, X]^n$ , that is solve  $f(\underline{x}) = 0$  in a box.

THEOREM 173. *Under appropriate hypotheses, we have*

$$\#V_f(\mathbb{Z}) \cap \mathcal{B} = \mathfrak{S}_f \mathfrak{V}_f X^{n-k} +$$

The idea is to detect  $f(\underline{m}) = 0$  using  $\int_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} e(\alpha k) d\alpha = \begin{cases} 1 & k = 0 \\ 0 & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$ . Accordingly we fix a nice set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , set  $\Omega_X = X \cdot \Omega$  and set

$$S(\alpha) = \sum_{\underline{m} \in \mathbb{Z}^n \cap \Omega_X} e(\alpha f(\underline{m})).$$

Then

$$\#(V_f(\mathbb{Z}) \cap \Omega_X) = \int_0^1 S(\alpha) d\alpha.$$

In order to estimate  $S(\alpha)$ , consider first the case of rational  $\alpha = \frac{a}{q}$ . Then  $e\left(\frac{a}{q}f(\underline{m})\right)$  only depends on  $\underline{m} \bmod q$ , so that

$$S\left(\frac{a}{q}\right) = \sum_{\underline{u}(q)} e\left(\frac{a}{q}f(\underline{u})\right) \#\{\underline{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^n \cap \Omega_X \mid \underline{x} \equiv \underline{u}(q)\}.$$

Now integrating over  $\alpha$  roughly corresponds to summing over  $a$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} \sum_{a(q)} e\left(\frac{a}{q}k\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & k \equiv 0(q) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

shows show the singular series arises. More precisely,  $\alpha$  is not exactly rational.

LEMMA 174 (Dirichlet). *Let  $P > 0$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then there is  $1 \leq q \leq P$  and a prime to  $q$  with  $\left|\alpha - \frac{a}{q}\right| \leq \frac{1}{qP}$ .*

PROOF. For each  $q$  choose  $a$  such that  $q\alpha - a \in [0, 1]$ . Then either for some  $q, a$  this number in  $\left[0, \frac{1}{P}\right]$  and we are done, or the  $P$  numbers  $q\alpha - a$  are in the  $P - 1$  intervals  $\left[\frac{i}{P}, \frac{i+1}{P}\right]$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq P - 1$ . In the second case suppose  $q_1\alpha - a_1, q_2\alpha - a_2$  are in the same interval. Then  $|(q_1 - q_2)\alpha - (a_1 - a_2)| \leq \frac{1}{P}$  and we are again done.  $\square$

Fixing  $P$ , approximate every  $\alpha$  by  $\frac{a}{q} + \beta$ ,  $|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{qP}$ . We divide in two cases

(1) "Major arcs":  $q \leq Q$ ;



(2) “Minor arcs”:  $q > Q$ .

The “Major arcs” should contribute the main terms. The “minor arcs” cover most of the circle  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  but are all error term.

Note that if  $\frac{a}{q} \neq \frac{a'}{q'}$  then  $\left| \frac{a}{q} - \frac{a'}{q'} \right| = \frac{|aq' - a'q|}{qq'} \geq \frac{1}{qq'}$ . Thus if  $Q \leq \frac{P}{2}$ , the major arcs are the disjoint union  $\mathfrak{M}$  of the arcs  $\mathfrak{M}(a, q) = \left[ \frac{a}{q} - \frac{1}{qP}, \frac{a}{q} + \frac{1}{qP} \right]$ . The “minor arcs” are the complement.

For  $\alpha$  of the form  $\frac{a}{q} + \beta$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(\alpha) &= \sum_{\underline{u}(q)} e\left(\frac{a}{q}f(\underline{u})\right) \sum_{\substack{m \in \mathbb{Z}^n \cap \Omega_X \\ m \equiv \underline{u}(q)}} e(\beta f(\underline{m})) \\ &= q^{-n} \sum_{\underline{u}(q)} e\left(\frac{a}{q}f(\underline{u})\right) \sum_{\substack{m \in \mathbb{Z}^n \cap \Omega_X \\ m \equiv \underline{u}(q)}} e(\beta f(\underline{m})) q^n. \end{aligned}$$

Now note that the inner sum is a Riemann sum for the integral

$$\int_{\Omega_X} e(\beta f(\underline{x})) d^n x,$$

with the domain discretized into cubes of size  $[0, q]^n$ . Now  $\beta$  is small, so the integrand is roughly constant and the Riemann well-approximates the integral. Specifically,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} e(\beta f(\underline{x})) = 2\pi i \beta \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\underline{x}) e(\beta f(\underline{x}))$$

has size roughly  $\beta X^{k-1}$  since  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$  is a polynomial of degree  $k$ . We have  $\beta \leq \frac{1}{qP}$ , so if  $P \sim X^{k-1}$  then the derivative is of order  $\frac{1}{q}$  and  $f$  is roughly constant on the cube. We get

$$S(\alpha) \approx q^{-n} \sum_{\underline{u}(q)} e\left(\frac{a}{q}f(\underline{u})\right) \int_{\Omega_X} e(\beta f(\underline{x})) d^n x.$$

It follows that

$$\int_{\mathfrak{M}} S(\alpha) d\alpha \approx \sum_{q \leq Q} q^{-n} \sum_{a(q)} \sum_{\underline{u}(q)} e\left(\frac{a}{q}f(\underline{u})\right) \int_{-1/qP}^{+1/qP} d\beta \int_{\Omega_X} e(\beta f(\underline{x})) d^n x.$$

Now one shows that the  $\beta$  integral can be extended to all of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and using the continuous version of our delta function we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\beta \int_{\Omega_X} e(\beta f(\underline{x})) d^n x &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \text{vol} \{x \in \Omega_X : |f(\underline{x})| \leq \varepsilon\} \\ &\approx \mathfrak{S}_\infty(f) X^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

under appropriate hypotheses.

Turning to the exponential sum, one extends it over all  $q$  (it converges) and shows that this is the singular series. and summing gives

$$\mathfrak{S}(f) = \sum_q c(q) = \prod_p \delta_f(p)$$

One the minor arcs one directly estimates the exponential sum to get some cancellation. That's the hard part.

## 4.2. The circle method: Ternary Golbach (2/4/2014)

We'd like to estimate

$$r_3(N) = \sum_{n_1+n_2+n_3=N} \prod_{i=1}^3 \Lambda(n_i).$$

THEOREM 175 (Vinogradov 1937 [12]). *We have*

$$r(N) = \frac{1}{2} \mathfrak{S}(N) N^2 + O_A \left( N^2 (\log N)^{-A} \right),$$

with the singular series

$$\mathfrak{S}(N) = \left( \prod_{p|N} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{(p-1)^2} \right) \right) \left( \prod_{p \nmid N} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{(p-1)^3} \right) \right).$$

COROLLARY 176. *Every sufficiently large odd number is a sum of three primes.*

PROOF. In that case  $\mathfrak{S}(N) \gg 1$  and so  $r(N) \gg N^2$ . Prime powers contribute  $O(N^{3/2} \log^2 N)$ .  $\square$

REMARK 177. Note that if  $N$  is even,  $\mathfrak{S}(N) = 0$ .

Set  $S(\alpha) = \sum_n \Lambda(n) e(n\alpha) \varphi\left(\frac{n}{x}\right)$ . Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} S(\alpha)^3 e(-N\alpha) d\alpha = \sum_{n_1+n_2+n_3=N} \prod_{i=1}^3 \Lambda(n_i) \varphi\left(\frac{n_i}{x}\right).$$

The key idea is to divide the region integration into *major arcs*: those  $\alpha$  which are close to rational numbers  $\frac{a}{q}$  with small denominator, and *minor arcs*: the remainder. When  $\alpha$  is close to rational,  $S(\alpha)$  is a sum over primes in AP and can be estimated very accurately. When  $\alpha$  is far from rational, we hope to make a crude estimate, still approximating  $\alpha$  by a rational.

REMARK 178. On ERH, can have major arcs cover the whole circle (Hardy–Littlewood, 1922).

**4.2.1. Major arcs I.** Fix  $Q, \delta$  to be chosen later. For  $(a, q) = 1$  let  $\mathfrak{M}(a, q) = \left[ \frac{a}{q} - \delta, \frac{a}{q} + \delta \right] \subset \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  and set

$$\mathfrak{M} = \bigsqcup_{q \leq Q} \bigsqcup_{(a, q)=1} \mathfrak{M}(a, q).$$

Note that we are working in  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  so the inner union is over the multiplicative group. For  $q \neq q'$  we have  $\left| \frac{a}{q} - \frac{a'}{q'} \right| \geq \frac{1}{qq'} \geq \frac{1}{Q^2}$  (and for  $q = q'$  we have  $\left| \frac{a}{q} - \frac{a'}{q} \right| \geq \frac{1}{Q} > \frac{1}{Q^2}$ ) so these sets are disjoint as long as  $2\delta \leq \frac{1}{Q^2}$ .

We can make a crude approximation, but a cleaner argument is as follows: for  $n$  prime to  $q$ , the function  $e\left(\frac{nx}{q}\right)$  on  $(\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times$  has multiplicative Fourier coefficients

$$\left\langle \chi, e\left(\frac{nx}{q}\right) \right\rangle = \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{b(q)}' \bar{\chi}(b) e\left(\frac{nb}{q}\right) = \frac{\chi(n)}{\varphi(q)} G(\bar{\chi}),$$

and hence if  $(na, q) = 1$  we have

$$e\left(\frac{na}{q}\right) = \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\chi(q)} G(\bar{\chi}) \chi(n) \chi(a).$$

Now let  $\alpha = \frac{a}{q} + \beta$  with  $(a, q) = 1$ . Then most prime powers  $n$  are prime to  $q$ , and for them we have:

$$\sum_{(n, q)=1} \Lambda(n) e(n\alpha) \varphi\left(\frac{n}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\chi(q)} G(\bar{\chi}) \chi(a) \sum_n \Lambda(n) \chi(n) e(n\beta) \varphi\left(\frac{n}{x}\right).$$

If  $(n, q) > 1$  and  $\Lambda(n) \neq 0$  then  $n$  is a power of some prime divisor of  $q$ , so the remainder is at most

$$\sum_{p|q} \log p \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \varphi\left(x^{-1} p^k\right) \right|.$$

Now for  $k \leq \frac{\log x}{\log p}$  we have  $|\varphi(x^{-1} p^k)| = O(1)$  and for large  $k$  we have  $\varphi\left(\frac{p^k}{x}\right) \ll \frac{x}{p^k}$  so that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \varphi\left(x^{-1} p^k\right) \right| \ll \frac{\log x}{\log p} + O(1)$$

and

$$\sum_{p|q} \log p \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \varphi\left(x^{-1} p^k\right) \right| \ll \sum_{p|q} (\log x + \log p) \ll \log x \log q.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} S(\alpha) &= \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\chi(q)} G(\bar{\chi}) \chi(a) \sum_{(n, q)=1} \Lambda(n) \chi(n) \varphi\left(\frac{n}{x}\right) + \sum_{q|n} \Lambda(n) e(n\beta) \varphi\left(\frac{n}{x}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\chi(q)} G(\bar{\chi}) \chi(a) \sum_n \Lambda(n) \chi(n) e(n\beta) \varphi\left(\frac{n}{x}\right) + O(\log x \log Q). \end{aligned}$$

#### 4.2.2. Primes in AP. Set

$$F_{\beta}(y) = e(\beta y) \varphi(y), \quad G_{\beta}(s) = \tilde{F}_{\gamma}(s).$$

Now for reasonable  $\varphi$  (vanishing to second order at  $y = 0$ , say),

$$\text{Res}_{s=0} G_{\beta}(s) = F_{\beta}(0) = \varphi(0) = 0$$

and

$$G_{\beta}(0) = \int_0^{\infty} F_{\beta}(y) \frac{dy}{y} \ll \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(y)}{y} dy = O(1).$$

Also,  $G_{\beta}(1) = \int_0^{\infty} F_{\beta}(y) dy = \hat{\varphi}(-\beta)$ .

For  $\chi$  primitive we have the explicit formula:

$$\sum_n \Lambda(n) \chi(n) F_{\beta x}\left(\frac{n}{x}\right) = I_{q=1} \hat{\varphi}(-\beta x) x - \sum_{\rho} G_{\beta x}(\rho) x^{\rho} + (1-a) G_{\beta x}(0) + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(-1/2)} \left(-\frac{L'}{L}(s; \chi)\right) G_{\beta x}(s) ds.$$

We compute the last integral using CS. Since  $\frac{L'}{L}(s; \chi) \ll \log(q|s|)$ ,

$$\left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left| \frac{L'}{L} \left( -\frac{1}{2} + it \right) \frac{1}{s} \right|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \ll 1 + \log q$$

while since  $sG_{\beta x}(s)$  is the Mellin transform of  $-yF'_{\beta x}(y)$ , we have by Plancherel

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left| sG_{\beta x} \left( -\frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right|^2 dt &= \int_0^{\infty} \left| F'_{\beta x}(y) y^{-1/2} \right|^2 \frac{dy}{y} \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \left| F'_{\beta x}(y) \right|^2 y^{-2} dy \\ &\ll 1 + |\beta|x. \end{aligned}$$

We now execute the sum over the zeroes. With Hardy–Littlewood we set  $\varphi(t) = t^2 \exp(-t)$  so that

$$G_{\beta x}(s) = \frac{\Gamma(s+2)}{(1-2\pi i \beta x)^{s+2}}.$$

In particular,

$$|G_{\beta x}(s)| = \frac{|\Gamma(s+2)|}{(1+4\pi^2\beta^2x^2)^{\sigma/2+1}} \ll e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}|t|}.$$

The sum over the zeroes with height at least  $T$  is then  $O$

**4.2.3. Minor arcs.** We need to estimate

$$\sum_n \Lambda(n) e(\alpha n) \varphi\left(\frac{n}{x}\right).$$

By Dirichlet's approximation theorem, we have

$$\left| \alpha - \frac{a}{q} \right| \leq \frac{\delta}{q}$$

for some  $q \leq \delta^{-1}$ . We may also assume  $q \geq Q$  since otherwise we're in a major arc. We are reduced to estimating

$$\sum_n \Lambda(n) \chi(n) e(\beta n) \varphi\left(\frac{n}{x}\right)$$

and this can be done.

## CHAPTER 5

### Extra Stuff

#### 5.1. The Large Sieve Inequality and Bombieri–Vingoradov

**5.1.1. Proof of the inequality.** Source: [5, §27]; for further discussion see [8, §§7.3-7.5].

Quite often would like to bound sums of the form  $\sum_r |\sum_n a(n)e(\xi_r n)|^2 \leq \Delta \sum_n |a(n)|^2$ . Note first that Cauchy–Schwartz gives

$$\sum_r \left| \sum_n a(n)e(\xi_r n) \right|^2 \leq \sum_r \left( \sum_n |a(n)|^2 \right) \left( \sum_n |e(\xi_r(n))|^2 \right) = RN \|a\|_2^2.$$

We would like to exploit the cancellation in the inner sum to get better bounds. Opening the parentheses, we can write the LHS as

$$\sum_{n,m} a(n)\overline{a(m)} \sum_r e(\xi_r(n-m)) = R \sum_n |a(n)|^2 + \sum_{n \neq m} a(n)\overline{a(m)} \sum_r e(\xi_r(n-m)).$$

We hope that by orthogonality the second term is small. In particular, we cannot really hope for  $\Delta < R$ .

Secondly, the norm of a matrix is equal to the norm of its transpose. Thus the same  $\Delta$  holds for

$$\sum_n \left| \sum_r b(r)e(\xi_r n) \right|^2 \leq \Delta \|b\|_2^2.$$

For the same reason as before, we can't really hope for  $\Delta < N$ . So try to prove the bound with  $\Delta \sim R + N$  (recall that  $\Delta = RN$  is trivial).

**DEFINITION 179.** Say that  $\{\xi_r\}_{r=1}^R \subset \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  is  $\delta$ -spaced if this is so in the quotient metric from  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**THEOREM 180 (Selberg; Montgomery–Vaughan).** Let  $\{\xi_r\}_{r=1}^R \subset \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  be  $\delta$ -spaced. Then for any  $\{a(r)\}_{r=1}^R$  and any  $N, M$ ,

$$(5.1.1) \quad \sum_{r=1}^R \left| \sum_{M < n \leq N+M} a(n)e(\xi_r n) \right|^2 \leq \Delta \sum_{M < n \leq N+M} |a(n)|^2,$$

where  $\Delta \leq N - 1 + \delta^{-1}$ .

This is best possible. We give an argument due to Gallagher [7] giving the weaker bound  $\Delta \leq 2\pi N + \delta^{-1}$ , which is good enough for most applications.

**LEMMA 181 (Sobolev embedding).** Let  $F$  be continuously differentiable on  $[x-h, x+h]$ . Then

$$|F(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2h} \int_{x-h}^{x+h} |F(t)| dt + \int_{x-h}^{x+h} |F'(t)| dt.$$

PROOF. Since  $F$  is continuous, there is  $y \in [x-h, x+h]$  where  $F$  attains its average value there. Then  $|F(y)|$  is at most the average of  $|F|$  and  $|F(x) - F(y)|$  is at most the variation of  $F$ .  $\square$

PROOF OF THEOREM 180. Since the LHS of (5.1.1) is independent of  $M$  (up to translating  $a$ ), we may assume the sum ranges over  $|n| \leq \frac{N}{2}$ . Let  $f(x) = \sum_{|n| \leq N/2} a(n)e(nx)$  and  $F(x) = |f(x)|^2$ . Choose representatives so that  $\xi_1 < \xi_2 < \dots < \xi_r < \xi_1 + 1 - \delta$ . Then the intervals  $(\xi_r - \frac{\delta}{2}, \xi_r + \frac{\delta}{2})$  are disjoint in  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_r F(\xi_r) &\leq \sum_r \left( \frac{1}{\delta} \int_{\xi_r - \delta/2}^{\xi_r + \delta/2} |F(t)| dt + \int_{\xi_r - \delta/2}^{\xi_r + \delta/2} |F'(t)| dt \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\delta} \int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 dt + 2 \int_0^1 |f(t)| |f'(t)| dt. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Parseval on  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  we see that  $\int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 dt = \sum_n |a(n)|^2$  and  $\int_0^1 |f'(t)|^2 dt = 4\pi^2 \sum_{|n| \leq N/2} n^2 |a(n)|^2 \leq \pi^2 N^2 \sum_{|n| \leq N/2} |a(n)|^2$ . The claim now follows from Cauchy–Schwartz.  $\square$

**5.1.2. Application: Bombieri–Vinogradov (ERH on average).** Given  $q$  and  $a$  prime to  $q$  set

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x; q, a) &= \sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \equiv a(q)}} \Lambda(n) \\ E(x; a, q) &= \psi(x; q, a) - \frac{x}{\phi(q)} \\ E(x; q) &= \max_{(a, q)=1} |E(x; q, a)| \\ E^*(x, q) &= \max_{y \leq x} |E(y; q)| \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 182 (Bombieri–Vinogradov). Fix  $A > 0$ . Suppose  $x^{1/2} (\log x)^{-A} \leq Q \leq x^{1/2}$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{Q} \sum_{q \leq Q} E^*(x, q) \ll x^{1/2} \log^5 x.$$

Note that  $\psi(y; q, a) \leq \left(\frac{y}{q} + 1\right) \log y \ll \frac{1}{q} x \log x$  so  $\sum_{q \leq Q} E^*(x, q) \ll x \log x \sum_{q \leq Q} \frac{1}{q} \ll x \log^2 x$ . On the other hand, note that this states that for most  $q \leq Q$ ,  $E^*(x; q) \ll x^{1/2} \log^6 x$ , that is that the ERH holds most of the time.

5.1.2.1. *Reduction 1: Dirichlet characteres.* Recall that

$$\psi(y; q, a) = \frac{1}{\phi(q)} \sum_{\chi(q)} \bar{\chi}(a) \psi(y; \chi)$$

with

$$\psi(y; \chi) = \sum_{n \leq y} \chi(n) \Lambda(n).$$

We then have

$$\begin{aligned} |E(y; q, a)| &= \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \left| \sum_{\chi(q)} \bar{\chi}(a) (\psi(y; \chi) - \delta_{\chi, \chi_0 y}) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\chi(q)} |\psi(y; \chi) - \delta_{\chi, \chi_0 y}|. \end{aligned}$$

Noting that the RHS is independent of  $a$ , we have

$$|E(y; q)| \leq \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\chi(q)} |\psi(y; \chi) - \delta_{\chi, \chi_0 y}|.$$

Let  $\chi'$  be primitive mod  $q'$  and induce  $\chi$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi(y; \chi) - \psi(y; \chi')| &= \left| \sum_{\substack{p^k \leq y \\ p|q}} (\log p) \chi'(p^k) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{p|q} \frac{\log y}{\log p} \log p \\ &= \omega(q) \log y. \end{aligned}$$

Setting

$$E^*(x; \chi') = \max_{y \leq x} \left| \psi(y; \chi') - \delta_{\chi', 1} \frac{y}{q'} \right|$$

and using  $\omega(q) \leq \log q \leq \log x$  we get

$$E^*(x; q) \leq \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\chi(q)} E^*(x; \chi') + \log^2 x.$$

We now execute the sum over  $q$ , by considering the contribution of each primitive character.

$$\sum_{q \leq Q} E^*(x; q) \leq \sum_{q' \leq Q} \sum_{\chi(q')} E^*(x; \chi') \sum_{\substack{r \leq \frac{Q}{q'} \\ q|qr}} \frac{1}{\varphi(qr)} + \sum_{q \leq Q} \log^2 x.$$

The last term is in the error range. Also,  $\sum_{r \leq \frac{Q}{q}} \frac{1}{\varphi(qr)} \leq \frac{1}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{r \leq \frac{Q}{q}} \frac{1}{\varphi(r)}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r \leq z} \frac{1}{\varphi(r)} &\leq \sum_{r \leq z} \prod_{p^k || r} \frac{1}{p^{k-1}(p-1)} \leq \prod_{p \leq z} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{p-1} + \frac{1}{p(p-1)} + \dots \right) \\ &= \prod_{p \leq z} \left( 1 + \frac{p}{(p-1)^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

## 5.2. The circle method: the Partition Function

LEMMA 183 (Dirichlet). *Given  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $P > 0$  there are  $a, q$  relatively prime with  $1 \leq q \leq P$  and  $\left| \alpha - \frac{a}{q} \right| \leq \frac{1}{qP}$ .*

PROOF. Consider the set of integers  $\{q\alpha - a \mid 1 \leq q \leq P, 0 \leq a < q\}$ . This is a set of size  $\frac{P(P+1)}{2}$ , so it has two distinct members with distance  $\square$



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