

Dirichlet's theorem on prime numbers

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We shall study the celebrated theorem of Dirichlet:

If $m, k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $(m, k) = 1$, there are infinitely many primes of the form $m + kn$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

We shall denote p the general prime, ϕ is the well known Euler function and we shall denote $U(R)$ the group of the invertible elements of a ring R . For example, $U(\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$ consists of all equivalence classes mod k of the form $[n]_k$ with $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $(n, k) = 1$.

Chapter 1

Characters

We consider the multiplicative group $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$.

Definition. Let G be a finite Abelian group. Every group homomorphism $\chi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ is called **character** of G

Proposition 1.1. If $|G| = n$ and $\chi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ is a character of G , then $\chi(g)$ is a n -th root of unity for every $g \in G$.

Proof. $\chi(g)^n = \chi(g^n) = \chi(e) = 1$, where e is the unit element of G . □

For example, if χ is a character of $U(\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$, then $\chi([n]_k)$ is a $\phi(k)$ -th root of unity for every $[n]_k \in U(\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$.

We observe that $\chi(G) \subseteq \mathbb{S}^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\}$ for every character χ of G .

Definition. We denote \widehat{G} the set of all characters of the group G

\widehat{G} is an abelian group with multiplication $(\chi_1, \chi_2) \mapsto \chi_1\chi_2$, where $(\chi_1\chi_2)(g) = \chi_1(g)\chi_2(g)$ for every $g \in G$.

Definition. We denote χ_0 the character $\chi_0 : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ defined by $\chi_0(g) = 1$ for every $g \in G$.

The character χ_0 is the unit element of \widehat{G} .

Theorem 1.1. $G \simeq \widehat{\widehat{G}}$.

Proof. It is enough to prove the result for finite cyclic groups G , since the structure theorem of finite Abelian groups will allow us to extend the result from the finite cyclic groups to all finite Abelian groups.

Let $|G| = n$ and assume that G is generated by g_0 . If Λ_n is the cyclic group of all n -th roots of unity, then $G \simeq \Lambda_n$.

We define $f : \widehat{G} \rightarrow \Lambda_n$ by

$$f(\chi) = \chi(g_0) \quad \text{for every } \chi \in \widehat{G}.$$

Clearly f is a homomorphism.

Now take $\chi \in \widehat{G}$ such that $f(\chi) = 1$. Then for every $g \in G$ we have $g = g_0^m$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and then $\chi(g) = \chi(g_0^m) = \chi(g_0)^m = f(\chi)^m = 1$. Hence $\chi = \chi_0$ and thus f is one-to-one.

Finally, f is onto since for every $\omega \in \Lambda_n$ there is a specific $\chi \in \widehat{G}$ such that $\chi(g_0) = \omega$ and hence $f(\chi) = \omega$. □

Proposition 1.2. For every $\chi_1, \chi_2 \in \widehat{G}$ we have

$$\sum_{g \in G} \chi_1(g) \overline{\chi_2(g)} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \chi_1 \neq \chi_2 \\ |G|, & \text{if } \chi_1 = \chi_2 \end{cases}$$

Proof. If $\chi_1 = \chi_2$, then

$$\sum_{g \in G} \chi_1(g) \overline{\chi_1(g)} = \sum_{g \in G} |\chi_1(g)|^2 = \sum_{g \in G} 1 = |G|.$$

If $\chi_1 \neq \chi_2$, we choose $g_0 \in G$ such that $\chi_1(g_0) \neq \chi_2(g_0)$ or, equivalently, $\chi_1(g_0) \overline{\chi_2(g_0)} \neq 1$ and we get

$$\chi_1(g_0) \overline{\chi_2(g_0)} \sum_{g \in G} \chi_1(g) \overline{\chi_2(g)} = \sum_{g \in G} \chi_1(g g_0) \overline{\chi_2(g g_0)} = \sum_{g \in G} \chi_1(g) \overline{\chi_2(g)}.$$

Thus $\sum_{g \in G} \chi_1(g) \overline{\chi_2(g)} = 0$. □

Proposition 1.3. For every $g_1, g_2 \in G$ we have

$$\sum_{\chi \in \hat{G}} \chi(g_1) \overline{\chi(g_2)} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } g_1 \neq g_2 \\ |G|, & \text{if } g_1 = g_2 \end{cases}$$

Proof. The proof is similar to the previous one. □

Definition. For every character χ of the group $U(\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$ we define $\chi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by:

$$\chi(n) = \begin{cases} \chi([n]_k), & \text{if } (n, k) = 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The function $\chi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is called **character mod k**.

The function $\chi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ has the same symbol as the character χ from which it is derived, but this should cause no confusion.

The new function χ is substantially an extension of the original χ from the numbers $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $(n, k) = 1$ to all numbers $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. We observe that the new function is multiplicative, i.e.

$$\chi(nm) = \chi(n)\chi(m) \quad \text{for every } n, m \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

In the case of characters mod k Propositions 1.2 and 1.3 take the following forms.

Proposition 1.4. If χ_1, χ_2 are characters mod k and $A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ consists of k numbers from k different equivalence classes mod k , then

$$\sum_{n \in A} \chi_1(n) \overline{\chi_2(n)} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \chi_1 \neq \chi_2 \\ \phi(k), & \text{if } \chi_1 = \chi_2 \end{cases}$$

Proposition 1.5. For every $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have

$$\sum_{\chi \text{ char. mod } k} \chi(n) \overline{\chi(m)} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \not\equiv m \pmod{k} \\ \phi(k), & \text{if } n \equiv m \pmod{k} \end{cases}$$

Proposition 1.6. Let χ be a character mod k . If $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n = p_1^{a_1} \cdots p_m^{a_m}$ is the representation of n as a product of primes, then

$$\sum_{d|n} \chi(d) = \frac{1 - \chi(p_1)^{a_1+1}}{1 - \chi(p_1)} \cdots \frac{1 - \chi(p_m)^{a_m+1}}{1 - \chi(p_m)},$$

where the expression $\frac{1-t^{a+1}}{1-t}$ is taken to be equal to $a+1$ when $t=1$.

Proof. The divisors of n are the numbers $d = p_1^{b_1} \cdots p_m^{b_m}$ with $0 \leq b_1 \leq a_1, \dots, 0 \leq b_m \leq a_m$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{d|n} \chi(d) &= \sum_{0 \leq b_1 \leq a_1, \dots, 0 \leq b_m \leq a_m} \chi(p_1^{b_1} \cdots p_m^{b_m}) = \sum_{0 \leq b_1 \leq a_1, \dots, 0 \leq b_m \leq a_m} \chi(p_1)^{b_1} \cdots \chi(p_m)^{b_m} \\ &= \sum_{b_1=0}^{a_1} \chi(p_1)^{b_1} \cdots \sum_{b_m=0}^{a_m} \chi(p_m)^{b_m} = \frac{1 - \chi(p_1)^{a_1+1}}{1 - \chi(p_1)} \cdots \frac{1 - \chi(p_m)^{a_m+1}}{1 - \chi(p_m)} \end{aligned}$$

and the proof is complete. □

Chapter 2

The zeta-function of Riemann

Definition. The zeta-function of Riemann, $\zeta : \{s \in \mathbb{R} \mid s > 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, is defined by

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} \quad \text{for every } s > 1.$$

When we write $\sum_p a(p)$ we mean the series of numbers $a(p)$ over all primes p . Thus, if $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_n < \dots$ are the primes in increasing order, we define

$$\sum_p a(p) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} a(p_n).$$

The same can be said of the product:

$$\prod_p a(p) = \prod_{n=1}^{+\infty} a(p_n).$$

Proposition 2.1. For every $s > 1$ we have

$$\zeta(s) = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1}.$$

Proof. We observe that $\zeta(s) \frac{1}{p^s} = \sum_{n \equiv 0 \pmod{p}} \frac{1}{n^s}$ and thus

$$\zeta(s) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right) = \sum_{n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}} \frac{1}{n^s}. \quad (2.1)$$

If $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_n < \dots$ are the primes in increasing order, we define

$$a_n = \zeta(s) \prod_{m=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_m^s}\right).$$

Using (2.1) with $p = p_1$ and applying induction, we can easily prove that

$$1 \leq a_n = \sum_{m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{(p_1 \cdots p_n)}} \frac{1}{m^s} \leq 1 + \sum_{m=p_{n+1}}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{m^s}$$

Therefore $a_n \rightarrow 1$ and hence $\prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1}$ converges to $\zeta(s)$. □

Proposition 2.2. $\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + O(1)$ when $s \rightarrow 1+$.

Proof. For all $s > 1$ we have

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} \geq \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \int_n^{n+1} \frac{1}{t^s} dt = \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{t^s} dt = \frac{1}{s-1}$$

and

$$\zeta(s) = 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} \leq 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} \int_{n-1}^n \frac{1}{t^s} dt = 1 + \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{t^s} dt = 1 + \frac{1}{s-1}.$$

Hence $\frac{1}{s-1} \leq \zeta(s) \leq 1 + \frac{1}{s-1}$ for every $s > 1$. □

Theorem 2.1. $\sum_p \frac{1}{p^s} = \log \frac{1}{s-1} + O(1)$ when $s \rightarrow 1+$.

Proof. From $\log(1-z)^{-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{z^n}{n}$ and Proposition 2.2 we get

$$\sum_p \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{np^{ns}} = \sum_p \log \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1} = \log \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1} = \log \zeta(s) = \log \frac{1}{s-1} + O(1)$$

when $s \rightarrow 1+$. Moreover, for every $s > 1$ we have

$$0 \leq \sum_p \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{np^{ns}} \leq \sum_p \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{p^n} = \sum_p \frac{1}{p(p-1)} < +\infty$$

These two relations and

$$\sum_p \frac{1}{p^s} = \sum_p \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{np^{ns}} - \sum_p \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{np^{ns}}$$

imply the result. □

Chapter 3

Dirichlet's theorem

Dirichlet's Theorem. *If $m, k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $(m, k) = 1$, there are infinitely many primes p such that $p \equiv m \pmod{k}$.*

Proof. We take $m' \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $mm' \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$. Proposition 1.5 implies

$$\sum_{\chi \text{ char. mod } k} \chi(pm') = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } p \not\equiv m \pmod{k} \\ \phi(k), & \text{if } p \equiv m \pmod{k} \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$\phi(k) \sum_{p \equiv m \pmod{k}} \frac{1}{p^s} = \sum_p \frac{1}{p^s} \sum_{\chi \text{ char. mod } k} \chi(pm') = \sum_{\chi \text{ char. mod } k} \chi(m') \sum_p \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s}. \quad (3.1)$$

For the term of the last sum corresponding to $\chi = \chi_0$ we observe that:

$$\chi_0(m') \sum_p \frac{\chi_0(p)}{p^s} = \sum_{(p,k)=1} \frac{1}{p^s} = \sum_p \frac{1}{p^s} - \sum_{p|k} \frac{1}{p^s}.$$

Since $\sum_{p|k} \frac{1}{p^s}$ is a finite sum, Theorem 2.1 implies that the right side of the last identity diverges to $+\infty$ when $s \rightarrow 1+$.

The only thing left for us to show is that, if $\chi \neq \chi_0$, then $\sum_p \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s} = O(1)$ when $s \rightarrow 1+$. Indeed, if we show this, then (3.1) will imply that

$$\sum_{p \equiv m \pmod{k}} \frac{1}{p} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 1+} \sum_{p \equiv m \pmod{k}} \frac{1}{p^s} = +\infty$$

and thus there will be infinitely many primes p such that $p \equiv m \pmod{k}$.

That $\sum_p \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s} = O(1)$ when $s \rightarrow 1+$ is the content of Proposition 4.3 at the end of this work. \square

It is worthwhile to note that up to now we have used no complex analysis.

Chapter 4

Dirichlet's L -functions

We use the halfplane notation

$$\mathbb{H}_\sigma^+ = \{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re}(s) > \sigma\}$$

for every $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$.

Now we extend the zeta-function on the halfplane \mathbb{H}_1^+ in the natural manner:

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1.$$

The series defining $\zeta(s)$ converges absolutely when $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$.

Definition. If (a_n) is a complex sequence, the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}, \quad s \in \mathbb{C}$$

is called **Dirichlet series**.

For instance, the series defining the zeta-function is a Dirichlet series.

Lemma 4.1. *If the Dirichlet series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$ converges when $s = s_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, then for every $\theta \in (0, \pi/2)$ it converges uniformly on the angular set $\Gamma(s_0, \theta) = \{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\operatorname{Arg}(s - s_0)| < \theta\}$.*

Proof. Let $s = \sigma + i\tau \in \Gamma(s_0, \theta)$ and $s_0 = \sigma_0 + i\tau_0$. We set $b_n = \frac{a_n}{n^{s_0}}$ and then we have

$$r_n := \sum_{l=n}^{+\infty} b_l \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{when } n \rightarrow +\infty.$$

We consider an arbitrary $\epsilon > 0$ and then there is some n_0 so that $|r_n| < \epsilon$ for every $n \geq n_0$. Moreover, since $s \in \Gamma(s_0, \theta)$, we have that $\sigma - \sigma_0 > 0$ and thus $|n^{s-s_0}| = n^{\sigma-\sigma_0} \geq 1$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Now, if $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n_0 \leq n < m$, then:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \sum_{l=n}^m \frac{a_l}{l^s} \right| &= \left| \sum_{l=n}^m \frac{b_l}{l^{s-s_0}} \right| = \left| \sum_{l=n}^m \frac{r_l - r_{l+1}}{l^{s-s_0}} \right| = \left| \sum_{l=n}^m \frac{r_l}{l^{s-s_0}} - \sum_{l=n+1}^{m+1} \frac{r_l}{(l-1)^{s-s_0}} \right| \\
&\leq \left| \frac{r_n}{n^{s-s_0}} \right| + \left| \frac{r_{m+1}}{m^{s-s_0}} \right| + \left| \sum_{l=n+1}^m r_l \left(\frac{1}{l^{s-s_0}} - \frac{1}{(l-1)^{s-s_0}} \right) \right| \\
&\leq 2\epsilon + \left| \sum_{l=n+1}^m r_l (s-s_0) \int_{l-1}^l \frac{1}{t^{s-s_0+1}} dt \right| \\
&\leq 2\epsilon + \epsilon |s-s_0| \sum_{l=n+1}^m \int_{l-1}^l \frac{1}{t^{\sigma-\sigma_0+1}} dt = 2\epsilon + \epsilon |s-s_0| \int_n^m \frac{1}{t^{\sigma-\sigma_0+1}} dt \\
&= 2\epsilon + \epsilon \frac{|s-s_0|}{\sigma-\sigma_0} \left(\frac{1}{n^{\sigma-\sigma_0}} - \frac{1}{m^{\sigma-\sigma_0}} \right) \leq 2\epsilon + \frac{\epsilon}{\cos \theta} \frac{1}{n^{\sigma-\sigma_0}} \leq 2\epsilon + \frac{\epsilon}{\cos \theta}.
\end{aligned}$$

Cauchy's criterion implies the result. \square

Lemma 4.2. For every r, R with $0 < r < R < +\infty$ the partial sums of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$ are uniformly bounded on the halfring $\{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re}(s) \geq 1, r \leq |s-1| \leq R\}$.

Proof. Take $s = \sigma + i\tau$ such that $\sigma \geq 1$ and $r \leq |s-1| \leq R$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n^s} \right| &\leq \left| \sum_{n=1}^N \left(\frac{1}{n^s} - \int_n^{n+1} \frac{1}{x^s} dx \right) \right| + \left| \sum_{n=1}^N \int_n^{n+1} \frac{1}{x^s} dx \right| \\
&= \left| \sum_{n=1}^N \int_n^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{n^s} - \frac{1}{x^s} \right) dx \right| + \left| \int_1^{N+1} \frac{1}{x^s} dx \right| \\
&= |s| \left| \sum_{n=1}^N \int_n^{n+1} \int_n^x \frac{1}{t^{s+1}} dt dx \right| + \frac{1}{|s-1|} \left| 1 - \frac{1}{(N+1)^{s-1}} \right| \\
&\leq (1+R) \sum_{n=1}^N \int_n^{n+1} \int_n^x \frac{1}{t^{\sigma+1}} dt dx + \frac{1}{r} \left(1 + \frac{1}{(N+1)^{\sigma-1}} \right) \\
&\leq (1+R) \sum_{n=1}^N \int_n^{n+1} \int_n^x \frac{1}{t^2} dt dx + \frac{2}{r} \leq (1+R) \sum_{n=1}^N \int_n^{n+1} \int_n^x \frac{1}{n^2} dt dx + \frac{2}{r} \\
&\leq (1+R) \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{2}{r} \leq (1+R) \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{2}{r}
\end{aligned}$$

and the result has been proved. \square

Lemma 4.3. If $b_1 \geq \dots \geq b_N \geq 0$, then

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^N b_n x_n \right| \leq b_1 \max_{1 \leq n \leq N} \left| \sum_{l=1}^n x_l \right|.$$

Proof. Let $s_0 = 0$ and $s_n = \sum_{l=1}^n x_l$ for all n with $1 \leq n \leq N$.

If $M = \max_{1 \leq n \leq N} |\sum_{l=1}^n x_l|$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{n=1}^N b_n x_n \right| &= \left| \sum_{n=1}^N b_n (s_n - s_{n-1}) \right| = \left| \sum_{n=1}^N b_n s_n - \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} b_{n+1} s_n \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} (b_n - b_{n+1}) s_n + b_N s_N \right| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} (b_n - b_{n+1}) |s_n| + b_N |s_N| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} (b_n - b_{n+1}) M + b_N M = b_1 M. \end{aligned}$$

and the proof is complete. \square

Lemma 4.4. *Suppose that for some $s_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ the sequence $(\frac{a_n}{n^{s_0-1}})$ is non-negative and decreasing. Then for every r, R with $0 < r < R < +\infty$ the partial sums of the Dirichlet series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$ are uniformly bounded on the halfring $\{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re}(s) \geq \operatorname{Re}(s_0), r \leq |s - s_0| \leq R\}$.*

Proof. Assume that $\operatorname{Re}(s) \geq \operatorname{Re}(s_0)$ and $r \leq |s - s_0| \leq R$. We set $b_n = \frac{a_n}{n^{s_0-1}}$ and $x_n = \frac{1}{n^{s-s_0+1}}$ and we have that $b_1 \geq \dots \geq b_n \geq \dots \geq 0$ and the Dirichlet series takes the form $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} b_n x_n$. Lemma 4.2 implies that there is $M = M(r, R)$ so that $|\sum_{l=1}^n x_l| \leq M$ for every n and Lemma 4.3 implies the result: $|\sum_{n=1}^N b_n x_n| \leq b_1 M = a_1 M$. \square

Theorem 4.1. *Let (f_n) be a sequence of analytic functions on the open $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$. If $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly on the compact subsets of Ω , then f is analytic on Ω .*

Proof. f is continuous on Ω since the convergence is uniform on every closed disc contained in Ω and since every f_n is continuous. Now we take any triangle Δ in Ω and the uniform convergence on $\partial\Delta$ together with Cauchy's theorem imply

$$\int_{\partial\Delta} f(z) dz = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{\partial\Delta} f_n(z) dz = 0.$$

Morera's theorem implies the result. \square

Theorem 4.2. *Let $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$ be a Dirichlet series.*

(i) *If the series converges when $s = s_0 = \sigma_0 + i\tau_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, then the series defines an analytic function on the open halfplane $\mathbb{H}_{\sigma_0}^+$.*

(ii) *If for some $s_0 = \sigma_0 + i\tau_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ the sequence $(\frac{a_n}{n^{s_0-1}})$ is non-negative and decreasing, then the series defines an analytic function on $\mathbb{H}_{\sigma_0}^+$ and for every r, R with $0 < r < R < +\infty$ this analytic function is bounded on the halfring $\{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re}(s) > \sigma_0, r \leq |s - s_0| \leq R\}$.*

Proof. (i) Every compact subset of $\mathbb{H}_{\sigma_0}^+$ is contained in $\Gamma(s_0, \theta)$ for some $\theta \in (0, \pi/2)$. Thus the result is a corollary of Lemma 4.1 and Theorem 4.1.

(ii) Take $s'_0 = \sigma'_0 + i\tau_0$ with $\sigma'_0 > \sigma_0$. Then the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^{s'_0}} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^{s_0-1}} \frac{1}{n^{\sigma'_0 - \sigma_0 + 1}}$$

converges absolutely and, according to (i), defines an analytic function on $\mathbb{H}_{\sigma'_0}^+$. Therefore the series defines an analytic function on $\mathbb{H}_{\sigma_0}^+$. The rest is a consequence of Lemma 4.4. \square

Corollary 4.1. *The zeta-function is analytic on \mathbb{H}_1^+ and for every r, R with $0 < r < R < +\infty$ it is bounded on the halfring $\{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1, r \leq |s - 1| \leq R\}$.*

We observe that

$$(1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} - \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{2}{(2n)^s} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^s}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1. \quad (4.1)$$

The series at the right side of (4.1) converges for every $s > 0$, and Theorem 4.2 implies that it defines a function, say f , analytic on \mathbb{H}_0^+ . Hence the function $h(s) = \frac{f(s)}{1-2^{1-s}}$ is analytic on \mathbb{H}_0^+ except for possible poles at the points $s = 1 + m \frac{2\pi}{\log 2} i$ ($m \in \mathbb{Z}$) which are the roots of order one of the function $1 - 2^{1-s}$ and all of which lie on the line $\operatorname{Re}(s) = 1$. Since h is identical to the zeta-function on \mathbb{H}_1^+ and due to Corollary 4.1, all the above points, except $s = 1$, are regular points of h . Moreover, Proposition 2.2 implies that $s = 1$ is a pole of order one of h . We can now extend the zeta-function on \mathbb{H}_0^+ defining it as being identical to the function h . Therefore we can think of the zeta-function as a meromorphic function on \mathbb{H}_0^+ with a single pole of order one at $s = 1$.

Definition. Let χ be a character mod k , $\chi \neq \chi_0$. The function $L(\cdot, \chi) : \mathbb{H}_0^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by

$$L(s, \chi) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0,$$

is called **Dirichlet's L-function**.

Especially for χ_0 , we define Dirichlet's L-function $L(\cdot, \chi_0)$ in the same way but with \mathbb{H}_1^+ as its domain of definition.

Lemma 4.5. If χ is a character mod k , $\chi \neq \chi_0$, then $|\sum_{l=n}^m \chi(l)| \leq \phi(k)$ for every $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $n \leq m$.

Proof. We group the natural numbers l from n up to m in subsets each of which consists of k successive numbers and at most one of which consists of at most $k-1$ successive numbers. Proposition 1.4 implies that the sum $\sum_l \chi(l)$ over each of the complete subsets consisting of k successive numbers equals 0. Moreover, the sum over the last subset contains at most $\phi(k)$ non-zero terms and each of them satisfies $|\chi(l)| \leq 1$. \square

Proposition 4.1. If χ is a character mod k , $\chi \neq \chi_0$, then the Dirichlet series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s}$ converges on \mathbb{H}_0^+ and the corresponding $L(\cdot, \chi)$ is analytic on \mathbb{H}_0^+ . If $\chi = \chi_0$, we have the same result but with \mathbb{H}_1^+ instead of \mathbb{H}_0^+ .

Proof. Take $\chi \neq \chi_0$ and $s > 0$. Then for every n, m with $n \leq m$ Lemmas 4.3 and 4.5 imply

$$\left| \sum_{l=n}^m \frac{\chi(l)}{l^s} \right| \leq \frac{\phi(k)}{n^s}.$$

By Cauchy's criterion the Dirichlet series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s}$ converges. Since this is true for every $s > 0$, the Dirichlet series converges on \mathbb{H}_0^+ and $L(\cdot, \chi)$ is analytic on \mathbb{H}_0^+ .

If $\chi = \chi_0$, then we simply observe that $|\chi_0(n)| \leq 1$ for every n , and hence $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\chi_0(n)}{n^s}$ converges for every $s > 1$. \square

Proposition 4.2. If χ is any character mod k , then

$$L(s, \chi) = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1} = \prod_{p \not\equiv 0 \pmod{k}} \left(1 - \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1} \neq 0, \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1.$$

Especially when $\chi = \chi_0$,

$$L(s, \chi_0) = \prod_{p \not\equiv 0 \pmod{k}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1} = \zeta(s) \prod_{p \equiv 0 \pmod{k}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right) \neq 0, \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1.$$

Proof. Let $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$. We define

$$a_n = L(s, \chi) \prod_{m=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\chi(p_m)}{p_m^s}\right).$$

With the method of the proof of Proposition 2.1, we show that $a_n \rightarrow 1$. Thus $L(s, \chi) \neq 0$ and $\prod_p \left(1 - \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1}$ converges to $L(s, \chi)$. \square

If k is not a prime, the product $\prod_{p \equiv 0 \pmod{k}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)$ contains no terms and it is equal to 1. In this case we have $L(s, \chi_0) = \zeta(s)$ when $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$. If k is prime, then $\prod_{p \equiv 0 \pmod{k}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{k^s}$ and hence $L(s, \chi_0) = \zeta(s) \left(1 - \frac{1}{k^s}\right)$ when $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$. In every case we can extend the function $L(s, \chi_0)$ on \mathbb{H}_0^+ with a single pole of order one at $s = 1$.

Theorem 4.3. *If χ is a character mod k , $\chi \neq \chi_0$, then $L(1, \chi) \neq 0$*

Proof. We consider two cases.

(i) Assume that there is at least one *complex* (i.e. having at least one non-real value) character χ_1 mod k such that $L(1, \chi_1) = 0$. Then $\chi_2 = \overline{\chi_1}$ is a second complex character mod k such that $L(1, \chi_2) = 0$. We define the function ζ_k by

$$\zeta_k(s) = \prod_{\chi \text{ char. mod } k} L(s, \chi).$$

Then ζ_k is analytic on \mathbb{H}_0^+ except for at most one pole of order one at $s = 1$. Since $L(s, \chi_0)$ has a pole of order one at $s = 1$ and the product defining ζ_k contains at least two functions having $s = 1$ as a root, we get $\zeta_k(1) = 0$. But when $s > 1$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \log \zeta_k(s) &= \log \prod_{\chi \text{ char. mod } k} \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1} = \sum_{\chi \text{ char. mod } k} \sum_p \log \left(1 - \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1} \\ &= \sum_{\chi \text{ char. mod } k} \sum_p \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\chi(p^n)}{np^{ns}} = \sum_p \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{np^{ns}} \sum_{\chi \text{ char. mod } k} \chi(p^n) \\ &= \phi(k) \sum_p \sum_{n: p^n \equiv 1 \pmod{k}} \frac{1}{np^{ns}} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\zeta_k(s) \geq 1$ for all $s > 1$ and we arrive at a contradiction.

(ii) If every character mod k is real, the previous argument does not work.

Now for every real character χ mod k we define

$$f(n) = \sum_{d|n} \chi(d).$$

Since χ is real, its only possible values are 0 and ± 1 . Proposition 1.6 easily implies that $f(n) \geq 0$ and $f(n^2) \geq 1$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{f(n)}{\sqrt{n}} \geq \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{f(n^2)}{\sqrt{n^2}} \geq \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n} = +\infty.$$

Now it is enough to show that $\sum_{n=1}^{N^2} \frac{f(n)}{\sqrt{n}} = 2NL(1, \chi) + O(1)$. This contradicts $L(1, \chi) = 0$.

In the following, the symbol 1_M denotes the characteristic function of the set M : the function which equals 1 on M and 0 on the complement of M .

We consider the following subsets of $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$:

$$A = \{(d, b) \mid d \leq N, b \leq N^2/d\}, \quad B = \{(d, b) \mid b \leq N, N < d \leq N^2/b\}.$$

Now, considering that all variables of the following sums are natural numbers, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{d \leq N} \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\sum_{b \leq N^2/d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \right) + \sum_{b \leq N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \left(\sum_{N < d \leq N^2/b} \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{d}} \right) \\
&= \sum_{d,b} \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{db}} 1_A(d,b) + \sum_{d,b} \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{db}} 1_B(d,b) = \sum_{d,b} \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{db}} (1_A(d,b) + 1_B(d,b)) \\
&= \sum_{d,b} \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{db}} 1_{A \cup B}(d,b),
\end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

The last equality is true because $A \cap B = \emptyset$.

Now we observe that $A \cup B = \{(d,b) \mid db \leq N^2\}$ and we make the change of variables: $d = d$, $n = db$. Then $1_{A \cup B} = 1_C$, where $C = \{(n,d) \mid n \leq N^2, d \mid n\}$ and thus

$$\sum_{d,b} \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{db}} 1_{A \cup B}(d,b) = \sum_{n,d} \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{n}} 1_C(n,d) = \sum_{n=1}^{N^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{d \mid n} \chi(d) = \sum_{n=1}^{N^2} \frac{f(n)}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

The last equality together with (4.2) imply

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N^2} \frac{f(n)}{\sqrt{n}} = \sum_{d \leq N} \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\sum_{b \leq N^2/d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \right) + \sum_{b \leq N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \left(\sum_{N < d \leq N^2/b} \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{d}} \right) = P + Q. \tag{4.3}$$

We shall first prove that $P = 2NL(1, \chi) + O(1)$. We have:

$$\begin{aligned}
P &= \sum_{d=1}^N \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\sum_{b \leq N^2/d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \right) \\
&= \sum_{d=1}^N \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\sum_{b \leq N^2/d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} - \frac{2N}{\sqrt{d}} \right) + 2N \left(\sum_{d=1}^N \frac{\chi(d)}{d} - L(1, \chi) \right) + 2NL(1, \chi) \\
&= I + II + III.
\end{aligned}$$

The integral criterion for series implies:

$$\sum_{b \leq N^2/d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{N^2}{d}} + O(1) = \frac{2N}{\sqrt{d}} + O(1).$$

Hence:

$$|I| = \left| \sum_{d=1}^N \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\sum_{b \leq N^2/d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} - \frac{2N}{\sqrt{d}} \right) \right| = O(1) \left| \sum_{d=1}^N \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{d}} \right| = O(1).$$

The last equality is due to the convergence of $\sum_{d=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{d}}$.

Regarding II we observe the following. Since $\sum_{d=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\chi(d)}{d} = L(1, \chi)$, there is some $M \geq N + 1$ such that $\left| \sum_{d=M+1}^{+\infty} \frac{\chi(d)}{d} \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2N}$. Then:

$$|II| = 2N \left| \sum_{d=N+1}^{+\infty} \frac{\chi(d)}{d} \right| \leq 2N \left| \sum_{d=N}^M \frac{\chi(d)}{d} \right| + 2N \left| \sum_{d=M+1}^{+\infty} \frac{\chi(d)}{d} \right| \leq 2N \frac{\phi(k)}{N} + \epsilon = O(1)$$

For the second inequality we used Lemmas 4.3 and 4.5.

We have thus proved $P = 2NL(1, \chi) + O(1)$ and we shall now show that $Q = O(1)$.

Lemmas 4.3 and 4.5 imply:

$$\left| \sum_{N < d \leq N^2/b} \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{d}} \right| \leq \frac{\phi(k)}{\sqrt{N}}.$$

Hence

$$|Q| = \left| \sum_{b=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \sum_{N < d \leq N^2/b} \frac{\chi(d)}{\sqrt{d}} \right| \leq \frac{\phi(k)}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{b=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} = O(1).$$

Finally, (4.3) implies $\sum_{n=1}^{N^2} \frac{f(n)}{\sqrt{n}} = 2NL(1, \chi) + O(1)$ and the proof is complete. \square

Proposition 4.3. *If χ is a character mod k , $\chi \neq \chi_0$, then $\sum_p \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s} = O(1)$ when $s \rightarrow 1+$.*

Proof. Using

$$\sum_p \sum_{m=2}^{+\infty} \left| \frac{\chi(p^m)}{mp^{ms}} \right| \leq \sum_p \sum_{m=2}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{p^m} = \sum_p \frac{1}{p(p-1)} < +\infty$$

for every $s > 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_p \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s} &= \sum_p \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\chi(p^m)}{mp^{ms}} - \sum_p \sum_{m=2}^{+\infty} \frac{\chi(p^m)}{mp^{ms}} = \sum_p \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\chi(p^m)}{mp^{ms}} + O(1) \\ &= \sum_p \log \left(1 - \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s} \right)^{-1} + O(1) = \log L(s, \chi) + O(1) \end{aligned}$$

for every $s > 1$. Theorem 4.3 implies that the function $\log L(s, \chi)$ is well defined and analytic in a neighborhood of 1. \square

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