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Exercise Sheet 5

1. Completed Dirichlet *L*-functions. Let χ be a primitive Dirichlet character mod q. The completed Dirichlet *L*-function $\Lambda(s, \chi)$ is defined as

$$\Lambda(s,\chi) := q^{\frac{s}{2}} \gamma(s,\chi) L(s,\chi),$$

where

$$\gamma(s,\chi) := \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+\kappa}{2}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if} \quad \chi(-1) = 1, \\ 1 & \text{if} \quad \chi(-1) = -1. \end{cases}$$

Show that $\Lambda(s,\chi)$ is a function of order 1.

2. Show that

$$-\frac{L'}{L}(s,\chi) = \frac{\log q}{2} + \frac{\gamma'}{\gamma}(s,\chi) - B(\chi) - \sum_{\rho} \left(\frac{1}{s-\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho}\right),$$

where $B(\chi)$ is a complex number such that

$$\operatorname{Re}(B(\chi)) = -\sum_{\rho} \operatorname{Re}(\rho^{-1}).$$

Here the sums over ρ run over all zeros of $L(s, \chi)$ inside the critical strip counted with their multiplicity.

3. Let $\mathcal{N}(T,\chi)$ be the number of zeros of $L(s,\chi)$ inside the critical strip which have imaginary part in [-T,T] counted with multiplicity. Prove that

$$\mathcal{N}(T+1,\chi) - \mathcal{N}(T,\chi) \ll \log(q(T+2))$$
 and $\mathcal{N}(T,\chi) \ll T \log(q(T+2)).$

Hint: Show first that

$$\sum_{\rho} \frac{1}{1+|T-\operatorname{Im}(\rho)|^2} \ll \log(q(T+2)).$$

4. Prove that, for $-\frac{1}{2} \leq \operatorname{Re}(s) \leq 2$ and $|\operatorname{Im}(s)| \geq 1$, we can approximate $\frac{L'}{L}(s,\chi)$ by

$$\frac{L'}{L}(s,\chi) = \sum_{\substack{\rho \\ |\operatorname{Im}(\rho-s)| \le 1}} \frac{1}{s-\rho} + \mathcal{O}\left(\log(q|\operatorname{Im}(s)|)\right).$$

5. Weil's explicit formula for Dirichlet *L*-functions. Let $f : (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{C}$ be a smooth and compactly supported function, and let \tilde{f} be its Mellin inverse. Prove the identity

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n} \Lambda(n) \left(\chi(n) f(n) + \overline{\chi}(n) n^{-1} f(n^{-1}) \right) \\ &= f(1) \log q + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(1/2)} \left(\frac{\gamma'}{\gamma}(s,\chi) + \frac{\gamma'}{\gamma}(1-s,\overline{\chi}) \right) \tilde{f}(s) \, ds - \sum_{\rho} \tilde{f}(\rho). \end{split}$$

6. Let $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $1 \leq Y \leq X$. Construct a smooth and compactly supported function $f: (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$ which satisfies

 $f(\xi) = 1$ for $\xi \in \left[\frac{X}{2}, X\right]$ and $\operatorname{supp} f \subset \left[\frac{X-Y}{2}, X+Y\right]$,

and

$$f^{(\nu)}(\xi) \ll Y^{-\nu} \text{ for } \nu \ge 0.$$

7. Let f be the function constructed above. Show that its Mellin transform satisfies the bound

$$\tilde{f}(s) \ll X^{\operatorname{Re}(s)} \min\left(1, \frac{X}{Y|s||s+1|}\right).$$

8. Prove that

$$\sum_{\frac{x}{2} < n \le x} \Lambda(n) = \frac{x}{2} + \mathcal{O}\left(xe^{-C\sqrt{\log x}}\right),$$

for some constant C > 0.

Hint: Use Weil's explicit formula for the Riemann zeta function with the weight function constructed in Exercise 6.

9. Prime number theorem. Prove that

$$\sum_{n \le x} \Lambda(n) = x + \mathcal{O}\left(xe^{-C\sqrt{\log x}}\right),$$

for some constant C > 0.