

# MAT 311 LECTURE 20

DIRICHLET'S THEOREM  
ON PRIMES IN ARITHMETIC  
PROGRESSION.

# EULER'S PROOF OF THE INFINITUDE OF PRIMES.

RECALL:

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

$$= \prod_{p \text{ PRIME}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{p^s} + \frac{1}{p^{2s}} + \dots \right)$$

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

$$\log \zeta(s) = \sum_p \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \cdot \frac{1}{p^{ks}} \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$$

WE CONSIDER  
 $\lim_{s \downarrow 1} \log \zeta(s)$ .

IT'S KNOWN  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} = \infty$

SO  $\lim_{s \downarrow 1} \zeta(s) = \infty \Rightarrow \lim_{s \downarrow 1} \log \zeta(s) = \infty$ .

NOTICE THAT (s REAL)

$$\sum_p \sum_{k \geq 2} \frac{1}{k} \frac{1}{p^k} < \sum_p \left( \frac{1}{p^2} + \frac{1}{p^3} + \frac{1}{p^4} + \dots \right)$$

$$= \sum_p \frac{1}{p(1-1/p)} < \infty.$$

THIS MEANS  $\sum_p \frac{1}{p} = \infty$ .  $\square$

THEOREM (DIRICHLET): IF  
 $q > 1$  AND  $\gcd(a, q) = 1$  THEN  
THERE ARE INFINITELY MANY  
PRIMES  $p \equiv a \pmod{q}$ .

CASE  $q$  PRIME:  $(\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times$  IS

CYCLIC, GENERATED BY A

PRIMITIVE ROOT  $\omega$ . GIVEN

$(n, q) = 1$ , DEFINE

$\nu(n)$  SUCH THAT  $\omega^{\nu(n)} \equiv n \pmod{q}$

FOR EACH  $b = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q-2$

DEFINE A DIRICHLET CHARACTER

$$\chi_b(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{IF } n \equiv 0 \pmod{q} \\ e^{\frac{2\pi i b \nu(n)}{q-1}} & \text{IF } n \equiv \omega^{\nu(n)} \pmod{q} \end{cases}$$

THESE ARE CHARACTERS OF

$(\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times$ , AND MULTIPLICATIVE,

$$\chi(mn) = \chi(m)\chi(n).$$

## ORTHOGONALITY RELATION

$$\sum_{h \pmod{q}} \chi_b(h) = \begin{cases} q-1 & \text{IF } b=0 \\ 0 & \text{OTHERWISE.} \end{cases}$$

PROOF: THE RESIDUE 0 MOD  $q$   
(CONTRIBUTES 0. THE REMAINING  
RESIDUES MAY BE REP'D

$$1 = \omega^0, \omega^1, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{q-2}$$

THUS THE SUM IS

$$\sum_{k=0}^{q-2} e^{\frac{2\pi i k \cdot h}{q-1}} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{IF } q-1 \nmid h \\ q-1 & \text{OTHERWISE.} \end{cases}$$

## 2ND ORTHOGONALITY RELATION:

IF  $(a, h, q) = 1$  THEN

$$\sum_{b=0}^{q-2} \overline{\chi_b(a)} \chi_b(h) = \begin{cases} q-1 & \text{IF } a \equiv h \pmod{q} \\ 0 & \text{OTHERWISE} \end{cases}$$

PROOF:

$$\sum_{b=0}^{q-2} e^{\frac{2\pi i b(-\nu(a) + \nu(h))}{q-1}}$$

$$= \begin{cases} q-1 & \text{IF } \nu(a) \equiv \nu(h) \pmod{q-1} \\ 0 & \text{OTHERWISE} \end{cases}$$

THE  $q-1$  CASE IS EQUIVALENT TO  $a \equiv h \pmod{q}$ .

## THE DIRICHLET L-FNS:

$$L(s, \chi_b) = \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi_b(h)}{h^s} \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1.$$

SINCE  $\chi_b$  IS MULTIPLICATIVE

$$L(s, \chi_b) = \prod_p \left( 1 + \frac{\chi_b(p)}{p^s} + \frac{\chi_b(p^2)}{p^{2s}} + \dots \right)$$

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

$$\log L(s, \chi_b) = \sum_p \sum_k \frac{\chi_b(p^k)}{k p^{ks}}.$$



WE CONSIDER THE LIMIT  
AS  $s \downarrow 1$  IN THE LINEAR  
COMBINATION

$$\frac{1}{q-1} \sum_{b=0}^{q-2} \bar{\chi}_b(a) \log L(s, \chi_b).$$

$$= \sum_p \sum_k \frac{1}{k p^{ks}}$$

$$\cdot \frac{1}{q-1} \sum_{b=0}^{q-2} \bar{\chi}_b(1) \chi_b(1^k)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{IF } p^k \equiv a \pmod{q} \\ 0 & \text{OTHERWISE} \end{cases}$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{p, k \\ p^k \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \frac{1}{k p^{ks}}$$

AS BEFORE, THE SUM OVER  
 $p^k$   $k \geq 2$  IS BOUNDED BY A

CONSTANT, SO IF WE CAN  
SHOW THAT THE LIMIT OF THE  
LINEAR COMBINATION TENDS TO  
 $\infty$  THEN WE'LL PROVE

DIRICHLET'S THM,  $\sum_{p \equiv a \pmod{q}} \frac{1}{p} = \infty$ .

THE CHARACTER  $\chi_0$  IS CALLED THE PRINCIPLE CHARACTER.

$$\chi_0(h) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{IF } q \mid h \\ 0 & \text{OTHERWISE} \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi_0(h)}{h^s} = \sum_{q \mid h} \frac{1}{h^s} = \sum_n \frac{1}{n^s} - \sum_{q \nmid n} \frac{1}{n^s}$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{1}{q^s}\right) \sum_n \frac{1}{n^s}$$

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

THUS  $\lim_{s \downarrow 1} L(s, \chi_0) = \infty.$

# MEROMORPHIC CONTINUATION OF $\zeta(s)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} \\ &\stackrel{\text{'STIELTJES INTEGRAL'}}{=} \int_{1-}^{\infty} \frac{d(Lx)}{x^s} \\ &\stackrel{\text{INTEGRATE BY PARTS}}{=} s \int_{1-}^{\infty} \frac{Lx}{x^{s+1}} dx \\ &= s \int_{1-}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^s} + s \int_{1-}^{\infty} \frac{\boxed{Lx} \cdot x}{x^{s+1}} dx \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{s}{s-1}$   
SIMPLE POLE  
RESIDUE  $\underline{1}$   
AT  $s = \underline{1}$ .

CONVERGES TO  
AN ANALYTIC FN  
IN  $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ .

SINCE  $L(s, \chi) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{q^s}\right) \zeta(s)$   
THIS ALSO GIVES THE MEROMORPHIC  
CONTIN OF  $L(s, \chi_0)$  TO  $\text{Re}(s) > 0$

ANALYTIC CONTINUATION OF  
 $L(s, \chi)$ ,  $\chi$  NON-PRINCIPAL.

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DEFINITION:  $S(x, \chi_b) = \sum_{h < x} \chi_b(h)$ .

$$S(x, \chi_b) = \sum_{h \in \mathbb{Q} \cdot \left\lfloor \frac{x}{L} \right\rfloor} \chi_b(h) + \sum_{\mathbb{Q} \cdot \left\lfloor \frac{x}{L} \right\rfloor < h < x} \chi_b(h).$$

THIS SUM IS OVER  
 $\mathbb{Q} \cdot \left\lfloor \frac{x}{L} \right\rfloor$  FULL PERIODS  
 OF RESIDUES FOR  
 $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Q}$ , SO IS 0!

THUS  $\leq \left\lfloor \frac{x}{L} \right\rfloor$  TERMS  
 $|S(x, \chi_b)| \leq \mathbb{Q}$  IN SUM.

$$L(s, \chi_b) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi_b(n)}{n^s}$$

'STIELER  
INTEGRAL'

$$= \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dS(x, \chi_b)}{x^s}$$

$$= s \int_1^{\infty} \frac{S(x, \chi_b)}{x^{s+1}} dx$$

BOUNDED  
BY  $s^2$

THIS CONVERGES ABSOLUTELY TO  
AN ANALYTIC FUNCTION IN  
 $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ .

CONSIDER

$$\sum_{b=0}^{q-2} \log L(s, \chi_b) \quad \left( s > \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$= (q-1) \sum_{p^k \equiv 1 \pmod{q}} \frac{1}{k^s} \geq 0$$

THIS MEANS, BY EXPONENTIATING,

$$\prod_{b=0}^{q-2} L(s, \chi_b) \geq 1, \quad s > 1.$$

HENCE  $\lim_{s \downarrow 1} \prod_{b=0}^{q-2} L(s, \chi_b) \geq 1.$

$L(s, \chi_0)$  HAS A SIMPLE POLE  
AT  $1$ , AND  $L(s, \chi_b)$   $b \neq 0$   
IS ANALYTIC AT  $1 \Rightarrow$

EXACTLY  $1$  POLE IN THE  
PRODUCT  $\Rightarrow \leq 1$  ZEROS IN  
THE PRODUCT, SINCE OTHERWISE  
IT WOULD VANISH AT  $1$ .

THIS ESTABLISHES THAT  
IF  $\chi_b$  TAKES COMPLEX VALUES,  
 $L(1, \chi_b) \neq 0$ , SINCE OTHERWISE  
 $L(1, \chi_b) = 0$  WOULD CONTRIBUTE  
TWO ZEROS, A CONTRADICTION.

ASIDE FROM THE PRINCIPAL  
CHARACTER, THERE IS A  
SINGLE REAL CHARACTER

MOD  $q$

$$\left[ e^{\frac{2\pi i b \chi(n)}{q-1}} \right] \text{ REAL} \Rightarrow b = \frac{q-1}{2} \text{ OR } q-1.$$

THIS CHARACTER IS  $\left(\frac{n}{q}\right)$ , THE

LEGENDRÉ SYMBOL.

$$\text{WE SHOWED } L(1, \left(\frac{\cdot}{q}\right)) \neq 0$$

WHEN WE PROVED DIRICHLET'S  
CLASS NUMBER FORMULA, SINCE  
IT APPEARS AS A FACTOR IN

THE FORMULA FOR THE  
NUMBER OF CLASSES OF  
BINARY QUADRATIC FORMS OF

THE DISCRIMINANT.

PROOF OF THEOREM:

$$\sum_{\substack{p \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \frac{1}{p} = o(1) + \sum_{\substack{p^k \equiv a \pmod{q}}} \frac{1}{k p^k}$$

$$= \lim_{s \downarrow 1} \frac{1}{q-1} \sum_{b=0}^{q-2} \bar{\chi}(b) \log L(s, \chi_b)$$

$$= \lim_{s \downarrow 1} \frac{1}{q-1} \log L(s, \chi_0) + \underbrace{\frac{1}{q-1} \sum_{b=1}^{q-2} \bar{\chi}_b(b) \log L(1, \chi_b)}_{= o(1)}$$

$$= \lim_{s \downarrow 1} \frac{1}{q-1} \log L(s, \chi_0) + o(1) = \infty. \quad \square$$



GENERALIZATION TO GENERAL  
MODULI:

IN GENERAL

$$q = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k}$$

BY THE CHINESE REMAINDER  
THEOREM

$$(\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times = (\mathbb{Z}/p_1^{a_1}\mathbb{Z})^\times \times \dots \times (\mathbb{Z}/p_k^{a_k}\mathbb{Z})^\times$$

WE CHECKED AT THE BEGINNING  
OF TERM THAT IF  $p$  IS

ODD,  $(\mathbb{Z}/p^k\mathbb{Z})^\times \cong \mathbb{Z}/p^{k-1}(p-1)\mathbb{Z}$

IS CYCLIC. GENERATED BY  
A PRIMITIVE ROOT. THE

THEORY OF DIRICHLET CHAR.  
TO ODD PRIME POWER MODULI  
IS DESCRIBED THE SAME WAY.

MOD  $2^k$ , EVERY ODD RES.

CLASS HAS A UNIQUE REP'n

$$\chi \equiv (-1)^{\sum v_i} \prod p_i^{v_i}, \quad v_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$0 \leq v_i < 2^{k-2}$$

THE DIRICHLET CHARACTERS  
MOD  $2^k$  HAVE FORM

$$\chi_{m_1, m_2}(n) = e^{2\pi i \left( \frac{m_1 v_1}{2} + \frac{m_2 v_2}{2^{k-2}} \right)}$$

IF  $n$  IS ODD, 0 IF  $n$  IS EVEN.

THIS IS A GROUP CHARACTER,  
MULTIPLICATIVE, SINCE EXPONENTS  
ADD.

THE DIRICHLET CHARACTERS  
 MOD  $q$  ARE THE  
 GROUP CHARACTERS OF  
 $(\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times$  EXTENDED TO  
 BE 0 ON NON-REDUCIBLE  
 RESIDUES.

THEY FACTOR OVER PRIME  
 POWERS

$$\chi = \prod \chi_{p^\alpha}$$

WHERE  $\chi_{p^\alpha}$  IS A DIRICHLET  
 CHARACTER MOD  $p^\alpha$ .

$\chi_{p^\alpha}$  IS PRIMITIVE IF IT  
 IS NOT EQUAL TO A DIRICHLET  
 CHARACTER MOD  $p^\beta$  FOR  $\beta < \alpha$ .  
 ( $\chi$  IS PRIMITIVE IF  $\chi$  IS PRIMITIVE)

ALL OF THE FACTORS  
 $\chi_{p^\alpha}$  IS PRIMITIVE.

THE DIRICHLET CHARACTERS  
SATISFY THE SAME ORTHOC.  
AS FOR PRIME MODULI

E.C.

$$\sum_{h \pmod{q}} \chi(h) = \begin{cases} \varphi(q) & \text{IF } \chi \\ & \text{IS PRIMITIVE} \\ 0 & \text{OTHERWISE} \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{\chi \pmod{q}} \bar{\chi}(a) \chi(h) = \begin{cases} \varphi(q) & \text{IF } a \equiv h \\ & \pmod{q} \\ 0 & \text{OTHERWISE.} \end{cases}$$

THE PROOF FOR PRIME  
POWER CHARACTERS IS AS  
BEFORE, FACTOR.

$$L(s, \chi) = \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(h)}{h^s}.$$

THE MEROMORPHIC CT'N  
FOR  $\chi$  PRINCIPAL IS AS  
BEFORE, ANALYTIC CT'N  
ALSO FOR THE OTHER  
CHARACTERS.

THIS PROVES  $L(1, \chi) \neq 0$   
FOR ALL BUT  $\neq \chi$  AS BEFORE,  
WHICH REDUCES TO REAL  
CHARACTERS.

UNDERSTANDING THE  
SIZE OF  $L(1, \chi)$ ,  $\chi$  REAL  
IS ONE OF THE MAJOR  
OPEN PROBLEMS OF ANALYTIC  
NUMBER THEORY

WORKS OF SIEGEL,  
GOLDFELD, GROSS-ZAGIER

GIVE PARTIAL RESULTS.

→ THIS WORK RECALLED GAUSS'S

(CLASS #1 PROBLEM, TO

ENUMERATE ALL DISCRIMINANTS  
WITH A SINGLE CLASS OF

FORMS OF THE DISCRIMINANT

(NEG. DISC. CASE).

IF  $\chi = \prod \chi_{p^2}$  IS REAL,  
 THEN EACH  $\chi_{p^2}$  IS ALSO  
 REAL,

IF  $p$  IS ODD, EITHER  
 PRINCIPAL OR  $\left(\frac{\cdot}{p}\right)$ .

FOR  $p=2$ , SEVERAL  
 REAL CHARACTERS.

FACTORIZING OUT THE  
 PRINCIPAL CHARACTER PART  
 JUST CONTRIBUTES A FINITE  
 PRODUCT TO THE L-FN.

THE NON-VANISHING  
 AT  $1$  STILL FOLLOWS FROM  
 THE CLASS NUMBER FORMULA  
 APPLIED TO THE L-FN OF  
 THE PRIMITIVE PART.

THE REMAINDER OF  
 THE PROOF IS THE SAME.