

Let's go back to Euler's method and how we got the initial information about $\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p}$. We considered (here we can work with $s \in \mathbb{R}^{>1}$.)

$$\sum \frac{1}{n^s} = \prod_p \frac{1}{(1 - 1/p^s)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln\left(\sum \frac{1}{n^s}\right) = \sum_p -\ln\left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{p, m \geq 1} \frac{1}{m p^{ms}}$$

$$= \sum_p \frac{1}{p^s} + O(1)$$

\Rightarrow Since the LHS $\rightarrow \infty$ as $s \rightarrow 1^+$,
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$$\Rightarrow \sum_p \frac{1}{p^s} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } s \rightarrow \infty.$$

Dirichlet's idea was to reverse engineer this approach for

$$\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{N,a}} \frac{1}{p^s}$$

where $\mathcal{P}_{N,a} := \{Nk+a \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

The first step is O.K.:

$$\textcircled{I} \quad \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{N,a}} \frac{1}{p^s} + O(1) = \sum_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{P}_{N,a} \\ m \geq 1}} \frac{1}{m p^{ms}}$$

This, however, is not ln of a Euler-product-type of formula. Let's recall that in one of your homework assignments you have proved:

If $f: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a strictly multiplicative and $|f(n)| \leq 1$,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{p \leq x} (1 + \frac{f(p)}{p^s}) = \prod_p (1 + \frac{f(p)}{p^s})$$

then
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(n)}{n^s} = \prod_p \frac{1}{1 - \frac{f(p)}{p^s}} \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$$

(and both sides are convergent.)

So in order to have a Euler-product-type of formula, one needs to have (strictly) multiplicative function. Let's examine

Ⓘ: what kind of function is involved?

$$\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{N,a}} \frac{1}{p^s} = \sum_p \frac{\mathbb{1}_{N,a}(p)}{p^s} \quad \text{where } \mathbb{1}_{N,a}(m) = \begin{cases} 1 & m \in \mathcal{P}_{N,a} \\ 0 & m \notin \mathcal{P}_{N,a} \end{cases}$$

And it seems we need to change Ⓘ to

$$\text{Ⓘ}' \quad \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{N,a}} \frac{1}{p^s} + O(1) = \sum_{p, m \geq 1} \frac{\mathbb{1}_{N,a}(p^m)}{m p^{ms}},$$

but we are still stuck as $\mathbb{1}_{N,a}$ is NOT necessarily a (strictly) multiplicative function.

Notice that $\mathbb{1}_{N,a}$ factors through $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$, i.e.

$$n_1 \equiv n_2 \pmod{N} \Rightarrow \mathbb{1}_{N,a}(n_1) = \mathbb{1}_{N,a}(n_2).$$

So it is essentially a function $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Since $\gcd(a, N) = 1$ and we are "looking for" multiplicative functions it is better to think about $\mathbb{1}_{N,a}$ as a function

$$\left(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}\right)^{\times} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$

Dirichlet is a German mathematician and, when he spent time in Paris, he was a friend of Fourier. So he learned Fourier analysis from him. In the context that we need it implies the following:

Theorem For any finite abelian group G ,

$$\hat{G} := \operatorname{Hom}(G, S^1)$$

forms an orthonormal basis of the vector space $\{f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\}$

$$\text{where } \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} f_1(g) \overline{f_2(g)}.$$

(We will prove this later.)

Corollary. Suppose G is a finite abelian group. Then

$$\forall g_0 \in G, \quad \mathbb{1}_{g_0} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{\chi \in \hat{G}} \overline{\chi(g_0)} \chi,$$

$$\text{where } \mathbb{1}_{g_0}(g) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } g = g_0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Since \hat{G} is an orthonormal basis,

$$\mathbb{1}_{g_0} = \sum_{\chi \in \hat{G}} \langle \mathbb{1}_{g_0}, \chi \rangle \chi. \text{ And}$$

$$\langle \mathbb{1}_{g_0}, \chi \rangle = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \mathbb{1}_{g_0}(g) \overline{\chi(g)} = \frac{\overline{\chi(g_0)}}{|G|}. \quad \blacksquare$$

So by the above Corollary

$$\forall m \in \left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{N\mathbb{Z}}\right)^\times, \quad \mathbb{1}_{N,a}(m) = \frac{1}{\varphi(N)} \sum_{\chi \in \left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{N\mathbb{Z}}\right)^\times} \overline{\chi(a)} \chi(m).$$

Any $\chi \in \left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{N\mathbb{Z}}\right)^\times$ gives us a function from \mathbb{Z}^+ to S^1

(that we again denote by χ):

$$\chi(m) := \begin{cases} \chi(m + N\mathbb{Z}) & \text{if } \gcd(m, N) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that these are strictly multiplicative.

These are called Dirichlet characters.

Altogether we get

$$\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{N,a}} \frac{1}{p^s} + O(1) = \sum_{p, m \geq 1} \frac{\mathbb{1}_{N,a}(p^m)}{m p^{ms}} \\ - \sum_{\chi \in \left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{N\mathbb{Z}}\right)^\times} \frac{1}{\varphi(N)} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \overline{\chi(a)} \chi(p^m)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{p, m \geq 1} \frac{1}{\varphi(N)} \frac{\chi \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times}{m p^{ms}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\varphi(N)} \sum_{\chi \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times} \overline{\chi(a)} \underbrace{\sum_{p, m \geq 1} \frac{\chi(p)^m}{m p^{ms}}}_{l(\chi, s)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\varphi(N)} l(\chi_0, s) + \frac{1}{\varphi(N)} \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} l(\chi, s)
 \end{aligned}$$

where χ_0 is the trivial character, i.e.

$$\chi_0(m) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \gcd(m, N) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Notice that $l(\chi_0, s) = \sum_{\substack{p, m \geq 1 \\ p \nmid N}} \frac{1}{m p^{ms}} = \sum_p \frac{1}{p^s} + O(1)$

Only finitely many primes divide N

So $l(\chi_0, s) \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow 1^+} \infty$. Hence to get the desired result it is enough to show

$l(\chi, s)$ stays bounded as $s \rightarrow 1^+$ if $\chi \neq \chi_0$.

For $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$, $\sum_{p, m \geq 1} \frac{\chi(p)^m}{m p^{ms}}$ is absolutely convergent

$$\Rightarrow l(\chi, s) = \sum_p \left(\sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{\chi(p)}{p^s} \right)^m \right)$$

Since $\left| \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s} \right| = \frac{1}{p^{\operatorname{Re}(s)}} < 1$, we have

$$-\operatorname{Ln} \left(1 - \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s} \right) = \sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{\chi(p)}{p^s} \right)^m \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow l(\chi, s) = \sum_p -\operatorname{Ln} \left(1 - \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s} \right)$$

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$$\Rightarrow e^{\ell(\chi, s)} = e^{\sum_p -\ln\left(1 - \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s}\right)}$$

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

we need to show this

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

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

as χ is strictly multip and $|\chi| \leq 1$

These are called Dirichlet L -functions. So to show

$\ell(\chi, s)$ stays bounded as $s \rightarrow 1^+$, one should at least show

⊗ $\lim_{s \rightarrow 1^+} L(\chi, s)$ is not 0 and can be

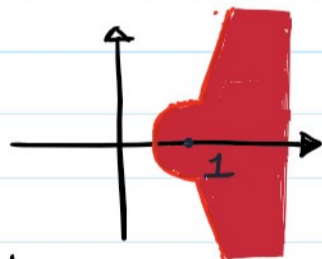
extended holomorphically to $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1 - \varepsilon$.

(In fact, it will be extended to $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$.)

Before we prove ⊗, let's see why ⊗ is enough in order to get that

$\ell(\chi, s)$ stays bounded as $s \rightarrow 1^+$.

Since $L(\chi, s)$ is holomorphic on $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1 - \varepsilon$ and half-plane is open and simply-connected and $L(\chi, s) \neq 0$ for s in U ,



there is a holomorphic function $g: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $L(\chi, s) = e^{g(s)}$.

Hence $g(s) = \ell(\chi, s) + 2\pi i n(s)$ for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$ and $s \in U$

$\Rightarrow n(s)$ is holomorphic on $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$ and $s \in U$ $\Rightarrow n(s) = n_0$ is constant.

$$n(s) \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\Rightarrow \ell(\chi, s) = g(s) - 2\pi i n_0$ for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$ and $s \in U$

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$\Rightarrow \lim_{s \rightarrow 1^+} \zeta(s) = \gamma(1) = \gamma(1) - \gamma(1) = 0$, where $\lim_{s \rightarrow 1^+} \zeta(s)$

stays bounded as $s \rightarrow 1^+$.

Proposition. If $\chi \neq \chi_0$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s}$ is convergent for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$.

And it is uniformly on compact subsets of $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$. Hence

$L(\chi, s)$ is holomorphic on $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$.

Proof. Let $C(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \chi(n)$. Then

$$\sum_{n \leq m} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s} = \frac{C(m)}{m^s} + s \int_1^m \frac{C(t)}{t^{s+1}} dt$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{Nk \leq n < N(k+N)} \chi(n) = 0 \quad \text{as } \langle \chi, \chi_0 \rangle = 0. \\ \Rightarrow C(x) \leq N. \end{array} \right.$$

$\Rightarrow \int_1^{\infty} \frac{C(t)}{t^{s+1}} dt$ is absolutely convergent for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$

and $\frac{C(m)}{m^s} \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} 0$ for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$.

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s}$ is convergent.

(Ex. show why it is uniform on bounded closed subsets.) ■

So it is enough to show

$$L(\chi, 1) \neq 0 \quad \text{if } \chi \neq \chi_0.$$

Let's consider $\prod_{\chi \in \widehat{(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})}^\times} L(\chi, s) =: \zeta_N(s)$.

For $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_N(s) &= \prod_{\chi \in \widehat{(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})}^\times} \prod_p \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s}} \\ &= \prod \left(\prod (1 - \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s}) \right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

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

• If $p \mid N$, then $\chi(p) = 0 \Rightarrow \prod_{\chi} \left(1 - \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s} \right) = 1$.

• If $p \nmid N$, then $p + N\mathbb{Z} \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$.

For any finite abelian group G and any $g \in G$ we have

$$\prod_{\chi \in \hat{G}} (T - \chi(g)) = (T^{\text{ord}(g)} - 1)^{|G|/\text{ord}(g)}$$

where $\text{ord}(g)$ is the order of g in G .

(We will prove this later.)

Hence we have

$$\textcircled{**} \quad \zeta_N(s) = \prod_{p \nmid N} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{\text{ord}_N(p) s}} \right)^{-\frac{\varphi(N)}{\text{ord}_N(p)}}$$

for $\text{Re}(s) > 1$, and, if $L(\chi, 1) = 0$ for some χ , then $\zeta_N(s)$ is holomorphic on $\text{Re}(s) > 0$.

Let's focus on values of right hand side of the above equation at real values for s . For any $s \in \mathbb{R}^+$,

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{\text{ord}_N(p) s}} \right)^{-\frac{\varphi(N)}{\text{ord}_N(p)}} \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{\varphi(N) s}} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \prod_{p \nmid N} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{\text{ord}_N(p) s}} \right)^{-\frac{\varphi(N)}{\text{ord}_N(p)}} &\geq \prod_{p \nmid N} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{\varphi(N) s}} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \zeta(\varphi(N) s) \cdot \prod_{p \nmid N} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{\varphi(N) s}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow The right hand side of $\textcircled{**}$ diverges at $s = \frac{1}{\varphi(N)}$.

It seems contradictory: the RHS has a holomorphic to $\text{Re}(s) > 0$,

but itself diverges at $s = \frac{1}{\varphi(N)}$. Can we get a contradiction?

So we focus on the RHS. Notice that $(1 + x + x^2 + \dots)^m = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k$

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that there is a binomial expansion even for negative powers:

$$(1-x)^{-m} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-m}{k} (-1)^k x^k \quad \text{where}$$

$$\binom{-m}{k} = \frac{(-m)(-m-1)\dots(-m-k+1)}{k!} = (-1)^k \binom{m-k+1}{k}$$

$$\text{So } (1-x)^{-m} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{m-k+1}{k} x^k \quad \text{for } |x| < 1. \quad)$$

$$\text{Hence } \zeta_N(s) = \prod_{p \mid N} \left(1 + c_{1,p} \frac{1}{p^{(\text{ord}_N p)s}} + c_{2,p} \frac{1}{p^{2(\text{ord}_N p)s}} + \dots \right)$$

for some $c_{i,p} \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $\text{Re}(s) > 1$.

$$\Rightarrow \zeta_N(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n^s} \quad \text{for some } \underline{b_n \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}} \quad \text{and } \underline{\text{Re}(s) > 1}.$$

Summary of what we have got: Some $b_n \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$ such that

$$(1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n^s} \text{ converges absolutely for } \text{Re}(s) > 1.$$

$$(2) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n^s} \text{ diverges for } s = 1/\varphi(N).$$

$$(3) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n^s} \text{ has a holomorphic extension on } \text{Re}(s) > 0.$$

The following theorem due to Landau gives us a contradiction.

Theorem. Suppose $a_n \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$. If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$ is convergent on $\text{Re}(s) > \rho$

and has a holomorphic extension on an open disk around ρ , then

$$\exists \varepsilon > 0 \text{ s.t. } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s} \text{ converges on } \text{Re}(s) > \rho - \varepsilon.$$

Before we prove the above theorem, let's see how it gives us a

contradiction: Let $s_0 := \inf \{ s \in \mathbb{R} \mid \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n^s} \text{ converges} \}$.

By (2), $s_0 \geq 1/\varphi(N) > 0$.

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So $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n^s}$ cannot have even a continuous extension to

$\text{Re}(s) > 0$, let alone holomorphic.

Proof of Landau's theorem. First observe that if for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^\alpha} < \infty$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$ is absolutely convergent, and uniformly

on compact sets on $\text{Re}(s) > \alpha$.

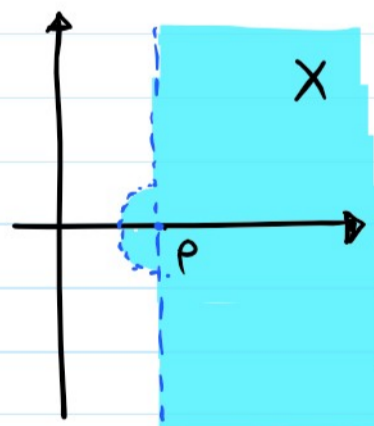
$\text{Re}(s) > \alpha \Rightarrow \left| \frac{a_n}{n^s} \right| \leq \frac{a_n}{n^\alpha} \Rightarrow$ By comparison, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$ is abs. conv.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Using the fact that } \left| \frac{1}{n^{s_1}} - \frac{1}{n^{s_2}} \right| &= \left| \int_{s_1}^{s_2} (-\ln n) n^{-z} dz \right| \\ &\leq \ln(n) \int_{s_1}^{s_2} n^{-\text{Re}(z)} |dz| \\ &\leq \ln(n) \cdot n^{-\min\{\text{Re}(s_1), \text{Re}(s_2)\}} |s_1 - s_2|, \end{aligned}$$

it is easy to see that, on $\text{Re}(s) > \alpha$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$ converges uniformly on compact sets. And so on $\text{Re}(s) > \alpha$ it is holomorphic.

Let f be the holomorphic function on X ,

and $f(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$ for $\text{Re}(s) > p$.

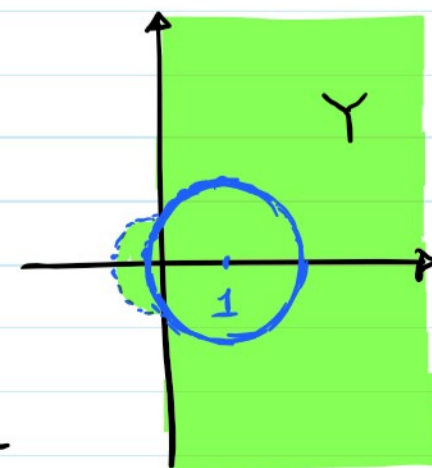


For simplicity, let's shift the whole thing to

assume $p=0$, i.e. let $g(s) = f(s-p)$.

So g is holomorphic on Y and

$$g(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{c_n}{n^s} \text{ where } c_n = \frac{a_n}{n^p} \geq 0.$$



For some $\varepsilon > 0$, the open disk centered at 1

with radius $1+2\varepsilon$ is a subset of γ . So $g(s)$ is equal to its Taylor expansion on this open disk; and Taylor series converges abs.

$$|s-1| < 1+2\varepsilon \Rightarrow g(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{g^{(k)}(1)}{k!} (s-1)^k.$$

$$\frac{d}{ds} (n^{-s}) = \frac{d}{ds} (e^{-(\ln n)s}) = -(\ln n) e^{-(\ln n)s} = -(\ln n) n^{-s}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^k}{(ds)^k} (n^{-s}) = (-\ln n)^k n^{-s}.$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{(k)}(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-\ln n)^k c_n}{n^s} \quad \text{on } \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{(k)}(1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-\ln n)^k c_n}{n}.$$

$$\Rightarrow g(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-\ln n)^k c_n}{n} \right) (s-1)^k \quad \text{if } |s-1| < 1+2\varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow g(-\varepsilon) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\ln n)^k (1+\varepsilon)^k c_n}{n} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} ((1+\varepsilon) \ln n)^k \right) \frac{c_n}{n}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{(1+\varepsilon) \ln n} \cdot \frac{c_n}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{c_n}{n^{-\varepsilon}}.$$

Since it is absolutely conv.

So by the first part $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{c_n}{n^s}$ is absolutely convergent on

$$\operatorname{Re}(s) > -\varepsilon \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s} \text{ is abs. conv. on } \operatorname{Re}(s) > \rho - \varepsilon. \quad \blacksquare$$