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Analytic Number Theory Exponent Database

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Chapter 1

Introduction

This is the LaTeX “Blueprint” form of the *analytic number theory exponent database (ANTEDB)*, which is an ongoing project to record (both in a human-readable and computer-executable formats) the latest known bounds, conjectures, and other relationships concerning several exponents of interest in analytic number theory. Currently, the database is recording information on the following exponents:

- The growth exponent $\mu(\sigma)$ of the zeta function $\zeta(\sigma + it)$.
- Exponent pairs (k, ℓ) .
- The exponential sum function $\beta(\alpha)$ dual to exponent pairs.
- The moment exponents $M(\sigma, A)$ of the zeta function.
- Large value exponents $\text{LV}_\zeta(\sigma, \tau)$ of the exponential sums $\sum_{n \in I} n^{it}$.
- Large value exponents $\text{LV}(\sigma, \tau)$.
- Large value additive energy exponents $\text{LV}^*(\sigma, \tau)$.
- Zero density exponents $A(\sigma)$ for the zeta function.
- Zero density additive energy exponents $A^*(\sigma)$ for the zeta function.
- Exponents α_k for the Dirichlet divisor problem.
- The primitive Pythagorean triple exponent θ_{Pythag} .
- Exponents θ_{PNT} , $\theta_{\text{PNT-AA}}$ for the prime number theorem in all or almost all short intervals.
- The maximal prime gap exponent θ_{gap} .
- The prime gap second moment exponent $\theta_{\text{gap},2}$.

Possible future directions for expansion include

- Exponents for double zeta sums
- Exponents for L -functions (in both q and T aspects)
- More exponents relating to prime gaps

The database aims to enumerate, as comprehensively as possible, all the various known or conjectured facts about these exponents, including “trivial” or “obsolete” such facts. Of particular interest are implications that allow new bounds on exponents to be established from existing bounds on other exponents.

Each of the facts in the database can be supported with a reference, or one or more proofs, or with executable code in Python; ideally one should have all three (and with a preference for proofs that rely as much as possible on other facts in the database). In the future we could also expand this database to support each fact with formal proofs in proof assistant languages such as Lean.

In order to facilitate the dependency tree of the python code, as well as to assist readers who wish to derive the facts in this database from first principles, the blueprint is arranged in linear order. Thus, the statement and proof of a proposition in the blueprint is only permitted to use propositions and definitions that are located earlier in the blueprint, although we do allow forward-referencing references in the remarks. As a consequence, the material relating to a single topic will not necessarily be located in a single chapter, but could be spread out over multiple chapters, depending on how much advanced material is needed to state or prove the required results. Additionally, a single proposition may occur multiple times in the blueprint, if it has multiple proofs with varying prerequisites. In the future, we plan to implement a search feature that will allow the reader to locate all propositions of relevance to a given topic (e.g., all propositions whose statement involves the concept of an exponent pair).