

Math 539 Notes

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1 Introduction

Motivating questions (some statistics):

- the “probability” that a random number has some property
- the “distribution” of some given multiplicative/additive function

Idea: we can answer the question for $\{1, \dots, \lfloor x \rfloor\}$ for some parameter x . Then, take the limit $x \rightarrow \infty$ for all natural numbers.

1.1 Notation

Let $g(x) \geq 0$.

Definition 1.1.1. $O(g(x))$ means some unspecified function $u(x)$ such that $|u(x)| \leq cg(x)$ for some constant $c > 0$.

Example 1.1.2. Show that $e^{2x} - 1 = 2x + O(x^2)$ for $x = [-1, 1]$.

Proof. Observe that $f(z) = e^{2z} - 1 - 2z$ is analytic (and entire) and has a double zero at $z = 0$ (one can check that $f(z) = f'(z) = 0$). Hence, $g(z) = (e^{2z} - 1 - 2z)/z^2$ has a removable singularity at $z = 0$, whence g is analytic and entire. Let $C = \max\{|g(z)| : |z| \leq 1\}$. Then

$$|g(z)| \leq C \implies |e^{2z} - 1 - 2z| \leq C|z^2| \implies e^{2z} - 1 - 2z = O(|z|^2).$$

□

Exercise 1.1.3. Show that $\sqrt{x+1} = \sqrt{x} + O(1/\sqrt{x})$ for $x \in [1, \infty)$.

Definition 1.1.4. $f(x) \ll g(x)$ means $f(x) = O(g(x))$.

Exercise 1.1.5. Suppose that $f_1 \ll g_1, f_2 \ll g_2$, then $f_1 + f_2 \ll \max\{g_1, g_2\}$. ✓

Exercise 1.1.6. Let f, g be continuous on $[0, \infty)$, and $f \ll g$ on $[123, \infty)$. Show that $f \ll g$ on $[0, \infty)$. ✓

Definition 1.1.7. $f(x) \sim g(x)$ means $\lim \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 1$.

Definition 1.1.8. $f(x) = o(g(x))$ means $\lim \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 0$.

Definition 1.1.9. $f(x) = O_y(g(x))$ means f, g depend on some parameter y , and the implicit constant depends on y .

Exercise 1.1.10. For any $A, \epsilon > 0$, show that $(\log x)^A \ll_{A, \epsilon} x^\epsilon$.

1.2 Riemann-Stieltjes Integral

Appendix A in the book.

Definition 1.2.1. Some definitions for partitions

1. Let $\underline{x} = \{x_0, \dots, x_N\}$ be a partition of $[c, d]$ if $c = x_0 < \dots < x_N = d$.
2. The mesh size $m(\underline{x}) = \max_{1 \leq j \leq N} x_j - x_{j-1}$.
3. Sample points $\xi_j \in [x_{j-1}, x_j]$.

Definition 1.2.2 (Riemann-Stieltjes Integral). Given two functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$, define the Riemann-Stieltjes integral as

$$\int_c^d f(x) dg(x) = \lim_{m(\underline{x}) \rightarrow 0} \sum_{j=1}^N f(\xi_j)(g(x_j) - g(x_{j-1})).$$

Remark 1.2.3. Setting $g(x) = x$ gives the Riemann integral.

Theorem 1.2.4. Let $f(x)$ have bounded variation and let $g(x)$ be continuous on $[c, d]$, or vice versa. Then $\int_c^d f(x) dg(x)$ exists.

Remark 1.2.5. If a function is piecewise monotone, then it has bounded variation.

Example 1.2.6. Given a sequence $a_n \in \mathbb{N}$, define the summatory function $A(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} a_n$. Then, on any $[c, d]$, $A(x)$ is bounded, piecewise continuous and piecewise monotone. Hence, the Riemann-Stieltjes integral exists when g is continuous.

Remark 1.2.7. We present 3 facts that we will use.

1. If $A(x)$ is the summatory function as above, and $f(x)$ is continuous, then

$$\int_c^d f(x) dA(x) = \sum_{c < n \leq d} a_n f(n).$$

2. (Integration by parts). If the integrals exist, then

$$\int_c^d f(x) dg(x) = f(x)g(x)|_c^d - \int_c^d g(x) df(x).$$

3. If $f(x)$ is continuously differentiable, then

$$\int_c^d g(x) df(x) = \int_c^d g(x)f'(x) dx.$$

Example 1.2.8 (Summation by parts). Consider $\sum_{n \leq y} \frac{a_n}{n}$. Let $f(x) = 1/x$, then we can write

$$\sum_{n \leq y} \frac{a_n}{n} = \sum_{n \leq y} a_n \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \int_0^y \frac{1}{x} dA(x) = \frac{1}{x} A(x) \Big|_0^y - \int_0^y A(x) d\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{A(y)}{y} - \int_0^y A(x) \frac{1}{x^2} dx.$$

The final manipulation that we want to get is

$$\sum_{n \leq y} a_n f(n) = A(y)f(y) - \int_0^y A(x)f'(x) dx. \quad (1)$$

2 Dirichlet Series

A Dirichlet series is $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}$.

Facts about Dirichlet series:

- converge in some right half-plane $\{s \in \mathbb{C} : \Re s > R\}$ for some R (possibly $R = \pm\infty$).
- Sometimes converge conditionally. Example: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n / n^{1/2}$.
- $(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s})(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n n^{-s}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n n^{-s}$ where $c = \sum_{de=n} a_d b_e = \sum_{d|n} a_d b_{e/d}$. (multiplicative convolution)

Some notation: for $s \in \mathbb{C}$, we write $s = \sigma + it$, that is σ is the real part of s , and t is the imaginary part of s . Note that if $x > 0$, then $|x^s| = |x^\sigma| |x^{it}| = |x^\sigma| |e^{it \log x}| = |x^\sigma|$.

Theorem 2.0.1 (thm 1.1). *Let $\alpha(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}$ be a Dirichlet series. Suppose that $s_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ is such that $\alpha(s_0)$ converges. Then $\alpha(s)$ converges uniformly in the sector*

$$S = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : \sigma \geq \sigma_0, |t - t_0| \leq H |\sigma - \sigma_0|\}$$

for any $H > 0$.

Proof. WLOG, let $s_0 = 0$, otherwise we can do a change of variables.

Let $A(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} a_n = \alpha(0) - R(x)$. Then, for $\sigma > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{M < n \leq N} a_n n^s &= \int_M^N x^{-s} dA(x) = \int_M^N x^{-s} d(\alpha(0) - R(x)) \\ &= \int_M^N x^{-s} d\alpha(0) - \int_M^N x^{-s} dR(x) = - \int_M^N x^{-s} dR(x) \\ &= -x^{-s} R(x) \Big|_M^N + \int_M^N R(x) d(x^{-s}) \\ &= R(M)M^{-s} - R(N)N^{-s} - s \int_M^N R(x) x^{-s-1} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $R(N)N^{-s} \rightarrow 0$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$, and that $R(x)x^{-s-1} \ll x^{-\sigma-1}$. Hence, letting $N \rightarrow \infty$ gives

$$\sum_{M < n} a_n n^{-s} = R(M)M^{-s} - s \int_M^\infty R(x)x^{-s-1} dx \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } M \rightarrow \infty.$$

Now, choose M large such that $|R(x)| < \epsilon$ for all $x \geq M$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{n > M} a_n n^{-s} \right| &\leq \epsilon M^{-\sigma} + |s| \int_M^\infty \epsilon x^{-\sigma-1} dx \\ &= \epsilon M^{-\sigma} + |s| \epsilon x^{-\sigma} \frac{1}{-\sigma} \Big|_M^\infty \\ &= \epsilon M^{-\sigma} + |s| \epsilon \frac{M^{-\sigma}}{\sigma} = \frac{\epsilon}{M^\sigma} \left(1 + \frac{|s|}{\sigma} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since $s \in S$, we have

$$|s| = \sqrt{\sigma^2 + t^2} \leq \sqrt{\sigma^2 + |H\sigma|^2} = \sigma \sqrt{1 + H^2},$$

so $\left| \sum_{n > M} a_n n^{-s} \right| \leq \epsilon(1 + \sqrt{1 + H^2})$ as $M \rightarrow \infty$. Observe that the latter only depends on H , so the convergence is uniform. \square

Corollary 2.0.2. *If $\alpha(s_0)$ converges, then $\alpha(s)$ converges for all s with $\sigma > \sigma_0$.*

Corollary 2.0.3. *If $\alpha(s_0)$ diverges, then $\alpha(s)$ diverges for all s with $\sigma < \sigma_0$.*

Remark 2.0.4. The Dirichlet series $\alpha(s)$ has an abscissa of convergence σ_c such that $\alpha(s)$ converges if $\sigma > \sigma_c$, and diverges if $\sigma < \sigma_c$. It is allowed to have $\sigma_c = \pm\infty$. Furthermore, $\alpha(s)$ converges locally uniformly right of σ_c and each $a_n n^{-s}$ is analytic, whence $\alpha(s)$ is analytic. (Conway; Theorem VII.2.1; p.147)

Remark 2.0.5. Observe that $\int_1^N x^{-s} dA(x) = \sum_{1 < n \leq N} a_n n^{-s} = \sum_{n=2}^N a_n n^{-s}$. Sometimes we write \int_{-1}^N to include the 1.

Theorem 2.0.6 (thm 1.3). *Let $\alpha(s) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n n^{-s}$ have an abscissa of convergence $\sigma_c \geq 0$. Then for $\sigma > \sigma_c$, we have $\alpha(s) = s \int_1^\infty A(x)x^{-s-1} dx$. Moreover,*

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |A(x)|}{\log x} = \sigma_c.$$

Proof. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^N a_n n^{-s} &= \int_{1^-}^N x^{-s} dA(x) = x^{-s} A(x) \Big|_{1^-}^N - \int_{1^-}^N A(x) d(x^{-s}) \\ &= A(N)N^{-s} - \int_{1^-}^N A(x)(-sx^{-s-1} dx) = A(N)N^{-s} + s \int_1^N A(x)x^{-s-1} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that in the last line, we can replace 1^- with 1 because the integrand is bounded.

Define $\phi = \limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |A(x)|}{\log x}$. We compare this to σ_c .

Let $\sigma = \phi + \epsilon$ for some $\epsilon > 0$. Then $\frac{\log |A(x)|}{\log x} < \phi + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ for large x , so $A(x) \ll x^{\phi+\epsilon/2}$. Then, $A(N)N^{-s} \ll N^{\phi+\epsilon/2} N^{-(\phi+\epsilon)} = N^{-\epsilon/2}$. Hence,

$$\int_N^\infty A(x)x^{-\sigma-1} dx \ll \int_N^\infty x^{-\phi+\epsilon/2} x^{-(\phi+\epsilon+1)} dx = \int_N^\infty x^{-1-\epsilon/2} dx \ll N^{-\epsilon/2}.$$

It follows that

$$\sum_{n=1}^N a_n n^{-s} = O(N^{-\varepsilon/2}) + s \left(\int_1^\infty A(x) x^{-s-1} dx + O(N^{-\varepsilon/2}) \right).$$

Let $N \rightarrow \infty$ gives $s \int_1^\infty A(x) x^{-s-1} dx$ converges. Hence $\sigma_c \leq \phi$.

Conversely, let $\sigma_0 = \sigma_c + \varepsilon$, and let $R_0(x) = \sum_{n>x} a_n n^{-\sigma_0} = \alpha(\sigma_0) - \sum_{n \leq x} a_n n^{-\sigma_0}$. Observe that

$$A(N) = -R_0(N)N^{\sigma_0} + \sigma_0 \int_0^N R_0(x) x^{\sigma_0-1} dx.$$

Since $\alpha(0)$ converges, $R_0(x) = o(1)$ so $R_0(x) \ll 1$. Then

$$A(N) \ll 1 \cdot N^{\sigma_0} + \sigma_0 \int_0^N 1 \cdot x^{\sigma_0-1} dx = N^{\sigma_0} + N^{\sigma_c} \ll N^{\sigma_0} = N^{\sigma_c+\varepsilon}.$$

Hence $\frac{\log|A(x)|}{\log x} \ll \frac{(\sigma_c+\varepsilon)\log x}{\log x} = \sigma_c + \varepsilon$, so $\phi \leq \sigma_c + \varepsilon$. Take $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, so $\phi \leq \sigma_c$. \square

Definition 2.0.7. The abscissa of absolute convergence is $\sigma_a = \inf \{ \sigma \in \mathbb{R} : \sum_{n=1}^\infty |a_n| n^{-\sigma} \text{ converges} \}$.

Example 2.0.8. Let $\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty (-1)^{n-1} n^{-s}$. Observe that $\sigma_c = 0$ by the alternating series test. However, we only have absolute convergence when $\sigma > 1$, so the abscissa of absolute convergence is $\sigma_a = 1$.

Remark 2.0.9. When $a_n \geq 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have $\sigma_c = \sigma_a$.

Theorem 2.0.10 (thm 1.4). *For any Dirichlet series $\alpha(s)$, we have $\sigma_c \leq \sigma_a \leq \sigma_c + 1$.*

Proof. The first inequality is trivial.

Let $\sigma = \sigma_c + 1 + \varepsilon$ where $\varepsilon > 0$. We show that $\alpha(\sigma)$ converges absolutely. Note that $\alpha(s)$ converges at $s = \sigma_c + \varepsilon/2$, that is

$$a_n n^{-(\sigma_c+\varepsilon/2)} = o(1) \implies a_n n^{-(\sigma_c+\varepsilon/2)} \ll 1.$$

Then,

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty |a_n| n^{-(\sigma_c+1+\varepsilon)} = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left| a_n n^{-(\sigma_c+\varepsilon/2)} \right| n^{-(1+\varepsilon/2)} \ll \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^{-(1+\varepsilon/2)} \ll 1.$$

It follows that $\alpha(\sigma)$ converges absolutely for all $\varepsilon > 0$. \square

Theorem 2.0.11 (Landau's Theorem (thm 1.7)). *Let $\alpha(s) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n n^{-s}$ with $\sigma_c < \infty$. If $a_n \geq 0$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then, $\alpha(s)$ has a singularity at $s = \sigma_c$.*

Proof. Suppose that there does not exist a singularity at $s = \sigma_c$. Then, there exists an analytic continuation of α to $C = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : |s - \sigma_c| < \delta\}$.

Let $z = \sigma_c - \frac{1}{4}\delta$ and let $w = \sigma_c + \frac{3}{4}\delta$. Let $D = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : |s - w| < \frac{5}{4}\delta\}$. Observe that $D \subset C \cup \{s \in \mathbb{C} : \sigma > 0\}$, so α has an analytic continuation to D . Let $P(s)$ be the power series of α

centered at w . Observe that $z \in D$, so it suffices to show that $P(z) = \alpha(z)$, whence we contradict the assumption that the abscissa of convergence is σ_c . Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
P(z) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^{(k)}(w)}{k!} (z-w)^k \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (z-w)^k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n (-\log n)^k n^{-w} && \text{we can differentiate termwise for } \alpha^{(k)}(w) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (w-z)^k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n (\log n)^k n^{-w} && \text{where the terms are all nonnegative} \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-w} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (w-z)^k (\log n)^k \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-w} e^{(w-z) \log n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-z}.
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that $\alpha(z)$ converges left of σ_c , which is a contradiction. \square

2.1 Dirichlet convolutions

Motivating question: are these calculations legitimate?

- $\zeta(s)^2 = \sum_{l,m=1}^{\infty} (lm)^{-s} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d(n) n^{-s}$.
- $\zeta(s) = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} (1 + p^{-s} + p^{-2s} + \dots) = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} (1 - p^{-s})^{-1}$.

Definition 2.1.1. Let $a = \{a_n\}$, $b = \{b_n\}$ be sequences. The Dirichlet/multiplicative convolution $a * b$ by $c = \{c_n\}$ where $c_n = \sum_{de=n} a_d b_e = \sum_{d|n} a_d b_{n/d}$.

Theorem 2.1.2 (thm 1.8). Let $\alpha(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}$, let $\beta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n n^{-s}$, and let $\gamma(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n n^{-s}$. If $s \in \mathbb{C}$ is such that $\alpha(s)$ and $\beta(s)$ converge absolutely, and if $c = a * b$, then $\gamma(s)$ converges absolutely and $\gamma(s) = \alpha(s)\beta(s)$.

Example 2.1.3. Observe that $d(n) = (1 * 1)(n)$.

Example 2.1.4. Let $M(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(n) n^{-s}$, where μ is the Möbius function which defined as

$$\mu(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is not square free} \\ 1 & \text{if } n \text{ has an even number of prime divisors} \\ -1 & \text{if } n \text{ has an odd number of prime divisors} \end{cases}$$

Equivalently, we can define μ as the function that satisfies

$$\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}.$$

Observe that $M(s)\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\mu * 1)(n) n^{-s} = 1$ for $\sigma > 1$, since $(\mu * 1)(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d)$. It follows that $M(s) = 1/\zeta(s)$.

Since the abscissa of convergence of M is $\sigma_c = 1$, we get that $\zeta(s)$ has no zeroes when $\sigma > 1$.

Example 2.1.5 (Möbius Inversion Formula). Write $F(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)n^{-s}$ and $G(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g(n)n^{-s}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} F(s)\zeta(s) = G(s) &\iff F(s) = \frac{G(s)}{\zeta(s)} = G(s)M(s) \\ (f * 1)(n) = g(n) &\iff f(n) = (g * \mu)(n) \\ \sum_{d|n} f(n) = g(n) &\iff f(n) = \sum_{d|n} g(d)\mu\left(\frac{n}{d}\right). \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Example 2.1.6. It is known that $\sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = n$. This gives $(\phi * 1)(n) = \sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = n$. Then, for $\sigma > 2$, we have

$$\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(n)n^{-s}\right) \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \cdot n^{-s} = \zeta(s-1).$$

This gives $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(n)n^{-s} = \zeta(s-1)/\zeta(s)$.

Exercise 2.1.7. Let $\sigma_1(n) = \sum_{d|n} d$. Show that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_1(n)n^{-s} = \zeta(s-1)\zeta(s)$.

Definition 2.1.8. A function f is multiplicative if $f(m)f(n) = f(mn)$ if $\gcd(m, n) = 1$.

Definition 2.1.9. A number n is y -friable if $p \mid n \implies p \leq y$.

Theorem 2.1.10 (thm 1.9). Let f be a multiplicative function, and let $F(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)n^{-s}$. If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f(n)|n^{-\sigma}$ converges, we have the Euler product

$$F(s) = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} (1 + f(p)p^{-s} + f(p^2)p^{-2s} + \dots).$$

Proof. Let $\sigma > \sigma_a$. Then, for all p , we have

$$|1 + f(p)p^{-s} + f(p^2)p^{-2s} + \dots| \leq 1 + |f(p)|p^{-s} + |f(p)|p^{-2s} + \dots \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f(n)|n^{-s}.$$

Since the above converges, we can rearrange the finite product

$$\prod_{p \leq y} (1 + f(p)p^{-s} + f(p^2)p^{-2s} + \dots) = \sum_{n \text{ } y\text{-friable}} f(n)n^{-s}.$$

Now, we can compute

$$\begin{aligned} \left| F(s) - \prod_{p \leq y} (1 + f(p)p^{-s} + f(p^2)p^{-2s} + \dots) \right| &= \left| F(s) - \sum_{n \text{ } y\text{-friable}} f(n)n^{-s} \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{n \text{ not } y\text{-friable}} f(n)n^{-s} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{n > y} |f(n)|n^{-s} = o(1). \end{aligned}$$

The tail goes to 0, so the theorem is proved. □

Remark 2.1.11. Almost the same proof shows that the Euler product converges absolutely. In particular, it is nonzero (unless an individual factor is zero). Note that the convergence of a product is defined as the convergence of the sum of logs.

Example 2.1.12. Note that μ is multiplicative, so $M(s) = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} (1 - p^{-s})$.

Property 2.1.13. If f and g are multiplicative, then $f * g$ is also multiplicative (If $F(s)$ and $G(s)$ have Euler products, the $F(s)G(s)$ also has an Euler product).

Property 2.1.14. Dirichlet convolutions are associative, that is $(f * g) * h = f * (g * h)$.

Definition 2.1.15. Let $\omega(n)$ be the number of distinct prime factors of n .

Definition 2.1.16. Let $\Omega(n)$ be the number of prime factors of n counting with multiplicity.

Definition 2.1.17 (Liouville lambda function). Let $\lambda(n) = (-1)^{\Omega(n)}$. Note that $\lambda(n) = \mu(n)$ if and only if n is squarefree.

Example 2.1.18. Find an Euler product for $L(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda(n)n^{-s}$.

Solution: First, note that $\lambda(n)$ is totally multiplicative, that is $\lambda(mn) = \lambda(m)\lambda(n)$ for all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ (not just when $(m, n) = 1$). Also, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\lambda(n)n^{-s}| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-\sigma}$ converges when $\sigma > 1$. So, for $\sigma > 1$, by theorem 2.1.10,

$$\begin{aligned} L(s) &= \prod_{p \text{ prime}} (1 + \lambda(p)p^{-s} + \lambda(p^2)p^{-2s} + \cdots) \\ &= \prod_{p \text{ prime}} (1 - p^{-s} + p^{-2s} - \cdots) \\ &= \prod_{p \text{ prime}} (1 + p^{-s})^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2.1.19. Show that $L(s) = \frac{\zeta(2s)}{\zeta(s)}$.

Remark 2.1.20. If $f(n)$ is totally multiplicative, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)n^{-s} &= \prod_p (1 + f(p)p^{-s} + f(p^2)p^{-2s} + \cdots) \\ &= \prod_p (1 + f(p)p^{-s} + f(p)^2p^{-2s} + \cdots) \\ &= \prod_p (1 - f(p)p^{-s})^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 2.1.21 (von Mangoldt Lambda function). Define the von Mangoldt Lambda function as

$$\Lambda(n) = \begin{cases} \log p & n = p^r \text{ for some prime } p \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Remark 2.1.22. Recall that $\zeta(s) = \prod_p (1 - p^{-s})^{-1}$ for $\sigma > 1$, so we can take logarithms.

$$\log \zeta(s) = \sum_p \log(1 - p^{-s})^{-1} = \sum_p \left(p^{-s} + \frac{1}{2}p^{-2s} + \frac{1}{3}p^{-3s} + \cdots \right).$$

This is a Dirichlet series which we can differentiate term by term, hence

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} &= \frac{d}{ds} \sum_p \left(p^{-s} + \frac{1}{2} p^{-2s} + \frac{1}{3} p^{-3s} + \dots \right) \\ &= \sum_p \left((-\log p) p^{-s} + \frac{1}{2} (-2 \log p) p^{-2s} + \dots \right) \\ &= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda(n) n^{-s}.\end{aligned}$$

2.2 Meromorphic continuation of $\zeta(s)$

Example 2.2.1. We prove that $\eta(s) = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s)$ in two different ways (for $\sigma > 1$).

Proof 1. For $\sigma > 1$, $\eta(s)$ converges absolutely, so

$$\begin{aligned}\eta(s) &= 1^{-s} + (2^{-s} - 2 \cdot 2^{-s}) + 3^{-s} + (4^{-s} - 2 \cdot 4^{-s}) + \dots \\ &= (1^{-s} + 2^{-s} + 3^{-s} + \dots) - 2(2^{-s} + 4^{-s} + \dots) \\ &= \zeta(s) - 2 \cdot 2^{-s} \zeta(s) \\ &= (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s).\end{aligned}$$

Proof 2. Note that $(-1)^{n-1}$ is multiplicative, and its value at p^r equals -1 if $p = 2$ and 1 if $p \geq 3$. Thus,

Note that $\zeta(s) = (1 - 2^{1-s})^{-1} \eta(s)$, and $\eta(s)$ converges when $\sigma > 0$. Hence, this is a meromorphic continuation of $\zeta(s)$ to $\sigma > 0$. Note that $(1 - 2^{1-s})^{-1} \eta(s)$ has singularities when $1 - 2^{1-s} = 0$, that is $s = 1 + \frac{2\pi i}{\log 2}$.

Exercise 2.2.2. Show that $\zeta(s)$ has a simple pole at $s = 1$ with residue 1.

Theorem 2.2.3 (thm 1.12). *For $\sigma > 0$ and $s \neq 1$, we can write*

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n \leq x} n^{-s} + \frac{x^{1-s}}{s-1} + \frac{\{x\}}{x^s} - s \int_x^\infty \{u\} u^{-s-1} du. \quad (3)$$

Proof. For $\sigma > 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n > x} n^{-s} &= \int_x^\infty u^{-s} d(\lfloor u \rfloor) \\ &= \int_x^\infty u^{-s} du - \int_x^\infty u^{-s} d(\{u\}) \\ &= \frac{u^{1-s}}{1-s} \Big|_x^\infty - \left(\{u\} u^{-s} \Big|_x^\infty - \int_x^\infty \{u\} d(u^{-s}) \right) \\ &= \frac{x^{1-s}}{s-1} + \frac{\{x\}}{x^s} - s \int_x^\infty \{u\} u^{-s-1} du.\end{aligned}$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$, then for $\sigma > \varepsilon$, we have

$$\left| \int_x^\infty \{u\} u^{-s-1} du \right| \leq \int_x^\infty 1 \cdot u^{-\sigma-1} du = \frac{x^{-\sigma}}{\sigma}.$$

Note that this is uniform for $\sigma > \varepsilon$, so we have analyticity. Then, we conclude that the equation 3 holds for all $\sigma > 0$ by the uniqueness of analytic continuation. \square

Remark 2.2.4. We can use a similar method to show that $\zeta(s)$ is defined for all $s \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\}$.

Consequences of Theorem 2.2.3:

- When $x = 1$, we have

$$\zeta(s) = 1 + \frac{1}{s-1} - s \int_1^\infty \{u\} u^{-s-1} du,$$

so $\zeta(s) - \frac{1}{s-1}$ has a removable singularity at $s = 1$ with value

$$C_0 = 1 - \int_1^\infty \{u\} u^{-2} du.$$

Then, by DCT, we get $\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + C_0 + O(|s-1|)$.

- We can rearrange to get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} n^{-s} &= \zeta(s) - \frac{x^{1-s}}{s-1} - \frac{\{x\}}{x^s} + s \int_x^\infty \{u\} u^{-s-1} du \\ &= \zeta(s) + \frac{x^{1-s}}{1-s} + O\left(\frac{1}{x^\sigma} + |s| \int_x^\infty 1 \cdot u^{-\sigma-1} du\right) \\ &= \zeta(s) + \frac{x^{1-s}}{1-s} + O\left(\frac{1}{x^\sigma} + \frac{|s|}{\sigma} \frac{1}{x^\sigma}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we get asymptotics for $\sum_{n \leq x} n^{-\alpha}$.

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n^\alpha} = \begin{cases} O(x^{1-\alpha}) & \text{if } 0 < \alpha < 1 \\ \zeta(\alpha) + O(x^{1-\alpha}) & \text{if } \alpha > 1 \end{cases}.$$

- Let $s = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} &= \int_{1^-}^x \frac{1}{t} d[t] = \int_{1^-}^x \frac{1}{t} dt - \int_{1^-}^x \frac{1}{t} d\{t\} \\ &= \log x - \frac{\{t\}}{t} \Big|_{1^-}^x + \int_1^x \{t\} \frac{1}{t^2} dt \\ &= \log x - \frac{\{x\}}{x} + 1 - \int_1^x \{t\} \frac{1}{t^2} dt \\ &= \log x + 1 - \int_1^\infty \{t\} t^{-2} dt + \int_x^\infty \{t\} t^{-2} dt - \frac{\{x\}}{x} \\ &= \log x + C_0 + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Note that an error of $1/x$ is the best approximation with a smooth function (because we can't get better than the jumps).

Remark 2.2.5. Note that C_0 is Euler's constant, that is

$$C_0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} - \log x \right) \approx 0.577.$$

3 Elementary Estimates for Arithmetic Functions

Motivating question: what is the expectation of $\frac{\phi(n)}{n}$?

Note that $(\phi * 1)(n) = n$, so by Möbius inversion,

$$\phi(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \frac{n}{d} \implies \frac{\phi(n)}{n} = \sum_{d|n} \frac{\mu(d)}{d}.$$

Then, we get

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\phi(n)}{n} = \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} = \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{d} \right\rfloor = \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \left(\frac{x}{d} + O(1) \right).$$

Hence, dividing by x gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\phi(n)}{n} &= \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^2} + O \left(\frac{1}{x} \sum_{d \leq x} \left| \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \right| \right) \\ &= \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^2} + O \left(\sum_{d > x} \left| \frac{\mu(d)}{d^2} \right| + \frac{1}{x} \sum_{d \leq x} \left| \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \right| \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} + O \left(\sum_{d > x} \frac{1}{d^2} + \frac{1}{x} \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{1}{d} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} + O \left(\frac{\log x}{x} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Example 3.0.1. Estimate the number of square-free numbers up to x . Let $Q(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n)^2$. Note that $\mu(n)^2$ is the indicator function for square-free numbers.

Lemma 3.0.2. Define $g(d)$ as

$$g(d) = \begin{cases} \mu(m) & \text{if } d = m^2 \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{N} \\ 0 & \text{if } d \text{ is not a square} \end{cases}.$$

Then $\mu^2 = 1 * g$.

Proof 1. Let k^2 be the largest square divisor of n . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(n)^2 &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } k > 1 \end{cases} \\ &= \sum_{d|k} \mu(d) = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ d=m^2}} \mu(m) = \sum_{d|n} g(d). \end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise 3.0.3 (Proof 2). Show that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(n)^2 n^{-s} = \frac{\zeta(s)}{\zeta(2s)}$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g(n) n^{-s} = \frac{1}{\zeta(2s)}$.

Exercise 3.0.4 (Proof 3). Show that $\mu(n)^2 = \sum_{d|n} g(d)$ by Möbius inversion, along with the fact that every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ can be uniquely written as $n = a^2 b$ where b is square-free.

We can approximate $Q(x)$ as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
Q(x) &= \sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n)^2 = \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} g(d) = \sum_{d \leq x} g(d) \left(\frac{x}{d} + O(1) \right) = x \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{g(d)}{d} + O \left(\sum_{d \leq x} \left| \frac{g(d)}{d} \right| \right) \\
&= x \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{\mu(m)}{m^2} + O \left(\sum_{m \leq \sqrt{x}} |\mu(m)| \right) \quad \text{by the definition of } g \\
&= x \left(\frac{1}{\zeta(2)} + O \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right) \right) + O(\sqrt{x}) \\
&= \frac{x}{\zeta(2)} + O(\sqrt{x})
\end{aligned}$$

Definition 3.0.5. The density of $A \subset \mathbb{N}$ is

$$\delta(A) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \# \{n \leq x : n \in A\}.$$

Exercise 3.0.6. Show $\forall y \geq 1$ that

$$\# \{n \leq x : p \leq y \implies p^2 \nmid n\} = x \prod_{p \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^2} \right) + O_y(1).$$

The general method we get from the above is as follows. Let $A(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} a_n$ and $B(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} b_n$. Define $c = a * b$ and $C(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} c_n$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
C(x) &= \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} a_d b_{n/d} = \sum_{d \leq x} \sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ d|n}} a_d b_{n/d} \\
&= \sum_{d \leq x} a_d \sum_{l \leq x/d} b_l = \sum_{d \leq x} a_d B \left(\frac{x}{d} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Example 3.0.7. Let $a_n = b_n = 1$ and $c_n = d(n)$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n \leq x} d(n) &= C(x) = \sum_{d \leq x} a_d B \left(\frac{x}{d} \right) \\
&= \sum_{n \leq x} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{n} \right\rfloor = \sum_{d \leq x} \left(\frac{x}{d} + O(1) \right) = x \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{1}{d} + O(x) \\
&= x \left(\log x + C_0 + O \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) \right) + O(x) = x \log x + O(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Remark 3.0.8. Note that

$$x \log x - x = \int_1^x \log t \, dt < \sum_{n \leq x} \log n < \int_1^{x+1} \log t \, dt = (x+1) \log(x+1) - (x+1).$$

Exercise 3.0.9. For $x \geq 2$, we have $\sum_{n \leq x} \log n = x \log x - x + O(\log x)$.

Then, $\sum_{n \leq x} d(n) \sim x \log x \sim \sum_{n \leq x} \log n$, so we say $d(n)$ has average order $\log n$.

Note that example 3.0.7 does not give a very good error term. This is because $B\left(\frac{x}{d}\right)$ gives a poor approximation when x/d is small. Instead, we can compute

$$[Dirichlet's Hyperbola Method] C(x) = \sum_{d \leq y} a_d B\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) + \sum_{l \leq x/y} b_l A\left(\frac{x}{l}\right) - A(y) B\left(\frac{x}{y}\right). \quad (4)$$

Now we can improve example 3.0.7 as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} d(n) &= \sum_{d \leq y} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{d} \right\rfloor + \sum_{l \leq x/y} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{l} \right\rfloor - \lfloor y \rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{x}{y} \right\rfloor \\ &= x \left(\log y + C_0 + O\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) \right) + O(y) + x \left(\log \frac{x}{y} + C_0 + O\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \right) + O\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \\ &\quad - y \frac{x}{y} + O(y) + O\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + O(1) \\ &= x \log x + (2C_0 - 1)x + O\left(y + \frac{x}{y}\right) \\ &= x \log x + (2C_0 - 1)x + O(\sqrt{x}). \end{aligned}$$

3.1 Prime number estimates

We can think of the von Mangoldt Lambda function as a prime indicator function because proper prime powers are rare, so they should not influence the main term. Let $\Psi(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n)$. Note that the Prime Number Theorem is equivalent to

$$\Psi(x) \sim x.$$

Recall that $\Psi(s) = -\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)}$. Since $-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)}\zeta(s) = -\zeta'(s)$, we get

$$\Lambda * 1 = \log \implies \Lambda = \log * \mu \implies \Lambda(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \log\left(\frac{n}{d}\right).$$

Exercise 3.1.1. Show that $\Lambda(n) = -\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \log(d)$.

Note that for $x \geq 2$, we get

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \log n = \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} \Lambda(d) = \sum_{d \leq x} \Lambda(d) \left\lfloor \frac{x}{d} \right\rfloor \quad (5)$$

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \log n = x \log x - x + O(\log x). \quad (6)$$

Call these two equations $[x]$. Now, replace x with $x/2$ in $[x]$ and call it $[x/2]$. Let $E(t) = \lfloor t \rfloor - 2 \lfloor t/2 \rfloor$. Taking $[x] - 2[x/2]$ gives

$$\text{LHS: } (x \log x - x + O(\log x)) - 2 \left(\frac{x}{2} \log \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x}{2} + O(\log x) \right) = (\log 2)x + O(\log x)$$

$$\text{RHS: } \sum_{d \leq x} \Lambda(d) [x] d - 2 \sum_{d \leq x} \Lambda(d) \left\lfloor \frac{x}{2d} \right\rfloor = \sum_{d \leq x} \Lambda(d) E\left(\frac{x}{d}\right).$$

This gives the bounds

$$\Psi(x) - \Psi\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \sum_{\frac{x}{2} \leq d \leq x} \Lambda(d) \leq \sum_{d \leq x} \Lambda(d) E\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) \leq \sum_{d \leq x} \Lambda(d) = \Psi(x).$$

Immediately we get

$$\Psi(x) \geq \sum_{d \leq x} \Lambda(d) E\left(\frac{x}{d}\right) = (\log 2)x + O(\log x). \quad (7)$$

With some calculation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(x) &= \left(\Psi(x) - \Psi\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) + \left(\Psi\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \Psi\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)\right) + \cdots \\ &\leq ((\log 2)x + O(\log x)) + \left((\log 2)\frac{x}{2} + O(\log x)\right) + \cdots \\ &= (2 \log 2)x + O(\log^2(x)) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Chebyshev took $[x] - [x/2] - [x/3] - [x/5] + [x/30]$ to get the bounds

$$0.9212x + O(\log x) \leq \Psi(x) \leq 1.1056x + O(\log^2 x).$$

Definition 3.1.2. We write $f \asymp g$ if $f \ll g$ and $g \ll f$. We say “ f is of the same order of magnitude as g ”.

Therefore, $\Psi(x) \asymp x$.

Exercise 3.1.3 (a weak version of Bertrand’s Postulate). Note that $\sum_{x < n \leq 2x} \Lambda(n) = \Psi(2x) - \Psi(x) \gg x$. Then,

$$\#\{p : x < p \leq 2x\} \gg \frac{x}{\log x}.$$

Theorem 3.1.4 (Mertens). For $x \geq 2$,

1. $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n} = \log x + O(1).$
2. $\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{\log p}{p} = \log x + O(1).$
3. $\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} = \log \log x + b + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right).$
4. $\prod_{p \leq x} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^{-1} = e^{\gamma} \log x + O(1).$

Proof of (a). Note that equations 5 and 6 give

$$\begin{aligned} x \log x + O(x) &= \sum_{d \leq x} \Lambda(d) \left\lfloor \frac{x}{d} \right\rfloor = x \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\Lambda(d)}{d} + O\left(\sum_{d \leq x} \Lambda(d)\right) \\ &= x \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\Lambda(d)}{d} + O(x). \end{aligned}$$

Dividing by x gives the desired result. □

Proof of (b). Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n} - \sum_{p \leq x} \frac{\log p}{p} &= \sum_{\substack{p^r \leq x \\ r \geq 2}} \frac{\log p}{p^r} \leq \sum_{p \leq x} \log p \sum_{r=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p^r} \\ &= \sum_{p \leq x} (\log p) \cdot \frac{1}{p(p-1)} \ll \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \frac{p^{\varepsilon}}{p^2} = O(1). \end{aligned}$$

□

Proof of (d). Write $R(x) = \sum_{p \leq x} \frac{\log p}{p} - \log x$, so $R(x) \ll 1$ and $R(2^-) = -\log 2$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} &= \int_{2^-}^x \frac{1}{\log u} d \left(\sum_{p \leq u} \frac{\log p}{p} \right) \\ &= \int_{2^-}^x \frac{1}{\log u} d(\log u) + \int_{2^-}^x \frac{1}{\log u} dR(u) \\ &= \int_{2^-}^x \frac{1}{u \log u} du + \frac{R(u)}{\log u} \Big|_{2^-}^x - \int_{2^-}^x R(u) d \left(\frac{1}{\log u} \right) \\ &= \log \log u \Big|_{2^-}^x + \frac{R(x)}{\log x} - \frac{R(2^-)}{\log 2} + \int_{2^-}^x R(u) \frac{1}{u \log^2 u} du \\ &= \log \log x - \log \log 2 + 1 + O \left(\frac{1}{\log x} \right) + \int_2^{\infty} \frac{R(u)}{u \log^2 u} + O \left(\int_x^{\infty} \frac{|R(u)|}{u \log^2 u} du \right) \\ &= \log \log x + \left(1 - \log \log 2 + \int_2^{\infty} \frac{R(u)}{u \log^2 u} du \right) + O \left(\frac{1}{\log x} \right). \end{aligned}$$

□

Proof of (e). Note that $\log(1-t)^{-1} - t \ll |t|^2$ for $|t| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ by power series. Hence

$$S = \sum_{p > x} \log \left(1 - \frac{1}{p} \right)^{-1} - \frac{1}{p} \ll \sum_{p > x} \left(\frac{1}{p} \right)^2 \leq \sum_{n > x} \frac{1}{n^2} \ll \frac{1}{x}.$$

Note that S exists and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p \leq x} \log \left(1 - \frac{1}{p} \right)^{-1} &= \sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} + S + \sum_{p > x} \left(\log \left(1 - \frac{1}{p} \right)^{-1} - \frac{1}{p} \right) \\ &= \log \log x + b + O \left(\frac{1}{\log x} \right) + S + O \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) \\ &= \log \log x + c + O \left(\frac{1}{\log x} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Note that $e^t = 1 + O(|t|)$ by power series, so

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{p \leq x} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p} \right)^{-1} &= \exp \left(\sum_{p \leq x} \log \left(1 - \frac{1}{p} \right)^{-1} \right) = \exp \left(\log \log x + c + O \left(\frac{1}{\log x} \right) \right) \\ &= \log x \cdot e^c \cdot e^{O(1/\log x)} = e^c \log x \left(1 + O \left(\frac{1}{\log x} \right) \right) \\ &= e^c \log x + O(1). \end{aligned}$$

□

Remark 3.1.5. Note that in theorem 3.1.4, we have $c = C_0$ and $b = C_0 - \sum_p \sum_{k \geq 2} \frac{1}{kp^k}$.

Proposition 3.1.6. The average order of $\omega(n) = \#\{p : p|n\}$ is $\log \log n$.

Proof. We can compute

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \omega(n) &= \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{p|n} 1 = \sum_{p \leq x} \sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ p|n}} 1 = \sum_{p \leq x} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{p} \right\rfloor = x \sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} + O\left(\sum_{p \leq x} 1\right) \\ &= x \log \log x + O(x). \end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise 3.1.7. Check that $\sum_{n \leq x} \log \log n \sim x \log \log x$.