

# DIRICHLET'S THEOREM ON ARITHMETIC PROGRESSIONS

## 1. INTRODUCTION

**Question:** Let  $a, N$  be integers with  $0 \leq a < N$  and  $\gcd(a, N) = 1$ . Does the arithmetic progression

$$\{a, a + N, a + 2N, a + 3N, \dots\}$$

contain infinitely many primes?

For example, if  $a = 4, N = 15$ , does the arithmetic progression

$$\{4, 19, 34, 49, \dots\}$$

contain infinitely many primes?

**Answer (Dirichlet, 1837):** Yes. Further, for fixed  $N$  the primes distribute evenly among the arithmetic progressions for all such  $a$ .

For example, if  $N = 15$ , eight arithmetic progressions are candidates to contain primes:

$$\begin{aligned} &\{1, 1 + 15, 1 + 2 \cdot 15, 1 + 3 \cdot 15, \dots\}, \\ &\{2, 2 + 15, 2 + 2 \cdot 15, 2 + 3 \cdot 15, \dots\}, \\ &\{4, 4 + 15, 4 + 2 \cdot 15, 4 + 3 \cdot 15, \dots\}, \\ &\{7, 7 + 15, 7 + 2 \cdot 15, 7 + 3 \cdot 15, \dots\}, \\ &\{8, 8 + 15, 8 + 2 \cdot 15, 8 + 3 \cdot 15, \dots\}, \\ &\{11, 11 + 15, 11 + 2 \cdot 15, 11 + 3 \cdot 15, \dots\}, \\ &\{13, 13 + 15, 13 + 2 \cdot 15, 13 + 3 \cdot 15, \dots\}, \\ &\{14, 14 + 15, 14 + 2 \cdot 15, 14 + 3 \cdot 15, \dots\}. \end{aligned}$$

In fact, each of these progressions contains infinitely many primes, and the primes distribute evenly among them. The phrase *distribute evenly* will be defined more precisely later on.

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## 2. EULER'S PROOF OF INFINITELY MANY PRIMES

Recall some formulas:

- Geometric series:

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} X^m = (1 - X)^{-1}, \quad X \in \mathbb{C}, |X| < 1,$$

- Logarithm series:

$$\log(1 - X)^{-1} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-1} X^m, \quad X \in \mathbb{C}, |X| < 1,$$

- Telescoping series:

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m(m-1)} = 1.$$

(Proof:  $\frac{1}{m(m-1)} = \frac{1}{m-1} - \frac{1}{m}$ .)

First we establish Euler's identity, in which  $\mathcal{P}$  denotes the set of prime numbers,

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} n^{-s} = \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (1 - p^{-s})^{-1}, \quad s > 1.$$

The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic asserts that any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  is uniquely expressible as  $n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_r^{e_r}$  with all  $e_i \in \mathbb{N}$  and almost all  $e_i = 0$ . Euler's identity really just rephrases this fact:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2^e} n^{-s} &= \sum_{e=0}^{\infty} (2^{-s})^e = (1 - 2^{-s})^{-1}, \\ \sum_{n=2^{e_1} 3^{e_2}} n^{-s} &= \sum_{e_1=0}^{\infty} (2^{-s})^{e_1} \sum_{e_2=0}^{\infty} (3^{-s})^{e_2} = (1 - 2^{-s})^{-1} (1 - 3^{-s})^{-1}, \\ &\vdots \\ \sum_{n=2^{e_1} \dots p_r^{e_r}} n^{-s} &= \prod_{i=1}^r \sum_{e_i=0}^{\infty} (p_i^{-s})^{e_i} = \prod_{i=1}^r (1 - p_i^{-s})^{-1}, \\ &\vdots \\ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} n^{-s} &= \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (1 - p^{-s})^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

With Euler's identity in place, his proof that there are infinitely many primes follows. Let

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} n^{-s} = \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (1 - p^{-s})^{-1}, \quad s > 1.$$

By the product expansion of  $\zeta$ ,

$$\log \zeta(s) = \log \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (1 - p^{-s})^{-1} = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \log(1 - p^{-s})^{-1} = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-1} p^{-ms}.$$

That is,

$$\log \zeta(s) = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} p^{-s} + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m^{-1} p^{-ms}.$$

But the second term in the previous display is small by a basic estimate, then the geometric sum formula, then comparison with the telescoping series,

$$\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m^{-1} p^{-ms} < \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} p^{-m} = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \frac{1}{p^2(1-p^{-1})} = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \frac{1}{p(p-1)} < 1.$$

And so

$$\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} p^{-s} = \log \zeta(s) + \varepsilon, \quad |\varepsilon| < 1.$$

By the sum expansion of  $\zeta$ ,  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 1+} \zeta(s) = \infty$  because the harmonic series diverges. So  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 1+} \log \zeta(s) = \infty$ , and thus

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 1+} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} p^{-s} = \infty.$$

The only way for the sum to diverge is if it is over an infinite set of summands, so there must be infinitely many primes.

### 3. DIRICHLET CHARACTERS

Dirichlet augmented Euler's idea by using Fourier analysis to pick off only the primes  $p$  such that  $p \equiv a \pmod{N}$ .

Let

$$G = (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times,$$

a finite abelian multiplicative group of order

$$|G| = \phi(N) \quad \text{where } \phi \text{ is Euler's totient function.}$$

Define

$$G^* = \{\text{homomorphisms : } G \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times\}.$$

Then  $G^*$  forms a finite abelian multiplicative group also. Specifically, for any  $\chi_1, \chi_2 \in G^*$ , define  $\chi_1 \chi_2$  by the rule

$$(\chi_1 \chi_2)(g) = \chi_1(g) \chi_2(g), \quad g \in G.$$

The identity element of  $G^*$  is the character  $\chi$  such that  $\chi(g) = 1$  for all  $g \in G$ , and we use the symbol  $1$  (or  $1_N$  to emphasize  $N$ ) to denote this character. The group  $G^*$  is called the *dual group* of  $G$ . One can show that  $G^* \cong G$  by using the elementary divisor structure of finite abelian groups (or by using the Sun Ze theorem and the structure of the groups  $(\mathbb{Z}/p^e\mathbb{Z})^\times$ ), but the isomorphism is not canonical.

**Proposition 3.1** (Orthogonality Relations). *For each  $\chi \in G^*$ ,*

$$\sum_{g \in G} \chi(g) = \begin{cases} |G| & \text{if } \chi = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

*And for each  $g \in G$ ,*

$$\sum_{\chi \in G^*} \chi(g) = \begin{cases} |G| & \text{if } g = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For the second orthogonality relation, an argument is needed that if  $g \neq 1_G$  then there is a character  $\chi \in G^*$  such that  $\chi(g) \neq 1_{\mathbb{C}}$ . We will address this point later in this writeup.

For any function  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , the *Fourier transform* of  $f$  is a corresponding function on the dual group,

$$\widehat{f} : G^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \widehat{f}(\chi) = \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \sum_{x \in G} f(x) \chi(x^{-1}),$$

and then the *Fourier series* of  $f$  is

$$s_f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad s_f = \sum_{\chi \in G^*} \widehat{f}(\chi) \chi.$$

The second orthogonality relation shows that the Fourier series synthesizes the original function,

$$\begin{aligned} s_f(x) &= \sum_{\chi \in G^*} \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \sum_{y \in G} f(y) \chi(y^{-1}) \chi(x) \\ &= \sum_{y \in G} f(y) \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \sum_{\chi \in G^*} \chi(xy^{-1}) = f(x). \end{aligned}$$

Because the group  $G$  is finite, no qualifications on the function  $f$ , and no convergence issues of any sort, are involved here.

Returning to the Dirichlet proof, specialize the function  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  to the indicator function  $\delta_a$  that picks off  $a \pmod{N}$ ,

$$\delta_a(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = a, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then for any  $\chi \in G^*$ , the  $\chi$ th Fourier coefficient  $1/\phi(N) \sum_{x \in G} \delta_a(x) \chi(x^{-1})$  of  $\delta_a$  is simply

$$\widehat{\delta}_a(\chi) = \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \chi(a^{-1}),$$

and so the Fourier series synthesis of  $\delta_a$ ,

$$\delta_a = \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \sum_{\chi} \chi(a^{-1}) \chi,$$

is inevitably just the second orthogonality relation,

$$\frac{1}{\phi(N)} \sum_{\chi \in G^*} \chi(xa^{-1}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = a, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The Dirichlet proof is concerned with the sum  $\sum_{p \equiv a(N)} p^{-s}$ . The indicator function  $\delta_a$  lets us take a sum over all primes instead and then replace  $\delta_a$  by its Fourier series from the penultimate display, obtaining

$$\sum_{p \equiv a(N)} p^{-s} = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \delta_a(p) p^{-s} = \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \sum_{\chi \in G^*} \chi(a^{-1}) \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \chi(p) p^{-s}.$$

We will return to this formula soon.

## 4. MORE ON DIRICHLET CHARACTERS

Associate to any character  $\chi \in G^*$  a corresponding function from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ , also called  $\chi$ , as follows. First, there exists a least positive divisor  $M$  of  $N$  such that  $\chi$  factors as

$$\chi = \chi_o \circ \pi_M : (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times \xrightarrow{\pi_M} (\mathbb{Z}/M\mathbb{Z})^\times \xrightarrow{\chi_o} \mathbb{C}^\times.$$

The integer  $M$  is the *conductor* of  $\chi$ , and the character  $\chi_o$  is *primitive*. Note that

$$\chi_o(n + M\mathbb{Z}) = \chi(n + N\mathbb{Z}) \quad \text{if } \gcd(n, N) = 1,$$

but if  $\gcd(n, M) = 1$  while  $\gcd(n, N) > 1$  then  $\chi_o(n + M\mathbb{Z})$  is defined and nonzero even though  $\chi(n + N\mathbb{Z})$  is undefined. Second, redefine the original symbol  $\chi$  to denote the primitive character  $\chi_o$  lifted to a multiplicative function on the positive integers,

$$\chi : \mathbb{Z}^+ \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \chi(n) = \begin{cases} \chi_o(n + M\mathbb{Z}) & \text{if } \gcd(n, M) = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } \gcd(n, M) > 1. \end{cases}$$

The following relation, with the new  $\chi$  on the left and the original  $\chi$  on the right,

$$\chi(n) = \chi(n + N\mathbb{Z}) \quad \text{if } \gcd(n, N) = 1,$$

justifies the multiple use of the symbol  $\chi$ . For example, the orthogonality relations are undisturbed if we apply the new  $\chi$  to coset representatives rather than applying the original  $\chi$  to cosets. For  $\gcd(n, N) > 1$ ,  $\chi(n)$  is defined and possibly nonzero, while  $\chi(n + N\mathbb{Z})$  is undefined. By default, we pass all Dirichlet characters through the process described here, suppressing further reference to  $\chi_o$  from the notation.

In particular, if  $N > 1$  then the trivial character  $1_N \in G^*$  does not lift directly to the constant function 1 on the positive integers. However,  $1_N$  has conductor  $M = 1$ , and the primitive trivial character 1 modulo 1 is identically 1 on  $(\mathbb{Z}/1\mathbb{Z})^\times = \{\bar{0}\}$ . The primitive trivial character lifts to the constant function  $1(n) = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

For another example, the Dirichlet character  $\chi : (\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z})^\times \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  given by

$$1 + 12\mathbb{Z} \mapsto 1, \quad 5 + 12\mathbb{Z} \mapsto -1, \quad 7 + 12\mathbb{Z} \mapsto 1, \quad 11 + 12\mathbb{Z} \mapsto -1$$

factors through the map  $\pi_3 : (\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z})^\times \longrightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^\times$ , which takes  $1 + 12\mathbb{Z}$  and  $7 + 12\mathbb{Z}$  to  $1 + 3\mathbb{Z}$  and takes  $5 + 12\mathbb{Z}$  and  $11 + 12\mathbb{Z}$  to  $2 + 3\mathbb{Z}$ , with the resulting primitive character  $\chi_o : (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^\times \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  being

$$1 + 3\mathbb{Z} \mapsto 1, \quad 2 + 3\mathbb{Z} \mapsto -1.$$

Now the redefined  $\chi : \mathbb{Z}^+ \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is

$$\chi(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \\ 1 & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ -1 & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

Overall there are four Dirichlet characters modulo 12, having conductors 1, 3, 4, and 12, as in the table just below. For each character  $\chi = \chi_m$ , having conductor  $m$ , the first four columns are values  $\chi(a + 12\mathbb{Z})$  while the fifth column gives the nonzero

values of  $\chi$  after it is made primitive and then lifted to  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ .

	1	5	7	11	nonzero values of $\chi$ on $\mathbb{Z}^+$
$\chi_1 = (1/\cdot)$	1	1	1	1	$\mathbb{Z}^+ \mapsto 1$
$\chi_3 = (-3/\cdot)$	1	-1	1	-1	$1 + 3\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \mapsto 1, 2 + 3\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \mapsto -1$
$\chi_4 = (-4/\cdot)$	1	1	-1	-1	$1 + 4\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \mapsto 1, 3 + 4\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \mapsto -1$
$\chi_{12} = (12/\cdot)$	1	-1	-1	1	$\{1, 11\} + 12\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \mapsto 1, \{5, 7\} + 12\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \mapsto -1$

The orthogonality relations say that the four rows of character values at 1, 5, 7, and 11 form an orthogonal matrix scaled by  $\phi(12)^{1/2}$ , and because the first row entries are all 1 the entries of each other row sum to 0, and similarly for columns. We will return to the Dirichlet characters modulo 12 later in this writeup.

## 5. YET MORE ON DIRICHLET CHARACTERS

**Proposition 5.1.** *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group, written additively, and let  $H$  be a subgroup. Suppose that  $\chi : H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is a character. Then  $\chi$  extends to a character of  $G$ , and there are  $[G : H]$  such extensions.*

*Proof.* Consider any element  $g$  of  $G$  that does not lie in  $H$ . Some positive integer multiple  $dg$  does lie in  $H$ , and we take the smallest such  $d$ . Consider the direct sum  $H \oplus \langle g \rangle$ , which need not be a subgroup of  $G$ . Consider also the subgroup  $\langle -dg \oplus dg \rangle$  of the direct sum. The quotient  $(H \oplus \langle g \rangle) / \langle -dg \oplus dg \rangle$  is isomorphic to the subgroup  $H + \langle g \rangle$  (nondirect sum) of  $G$ , which properly contains  $H$ .

Extend  $\chi$  from  $H$  to the direct sum  $H \oplus \langle g \rangle$  by defining  $\chi(h \oplus 0) = \chi(h)$  for all  $h \in H$  and defining  $\chi(0 \oplus g)$  to be any complex number whose  $d$ th power is  $\chi(dg)$ ; there are  $d$  such extensions of  $\chi$ . This extended  $\chi$  is trivial on  $\langle -dg \oplus dg \rangle$  because  $\chi(-dg \oplus dg) = \chi(-dg \oplus 0)\chi(0 \oplus dg) = \chi(dg)^{-1}\chi(0 \oplus g)^d = 1$ , and so it descends to the quotient  $(H \oplus \langle g \rangle) / \langle -dg \oplus dg \rangle$ . That is, the extended  $\chi$  is defined on the subgroup  $H + \langle g \rangle$  of  $G$  that properly contains  $H$ . The number  $d$  of such possible characters is also the index  $[H + \langle g \rangle : H]$  of  $H$  in  $H + \langle g \rangle$ .

Repeat the process to extend the character  $\chi$  until it is defined on all of  $G$ . The nature of the construction shows that there are  $[G : H]$  extensions.  $\square$

As a small example let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ , notated  $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ , and let  $H = \{0, 2\}$ . Consider the character  $\chi : H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  given by  $\chi(0) = 1$  and  $\chi(2) = -1$ . Let  $g = 1$ , an element of  $G$  and not of  $H$  but with  $2g = 2$  in  $H$ . To extend  $\chi$  to  $g$  we must take  $\chi(g)$  to be a complex number that squares to  $\chi(2)$ , either of  $\chi(g) = \pm i$ . Now  $\chi$  is a homomorphism from  $H \oplus \langle g \rangle = \{0, 2\} \oplus \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $\chi(-2 \oplus 2) = \chi((-2 \oplus 0) + (0 \oplus 2)) = \chi(-2 \oplus 0)\chi(0 \oplus 2) = \chi(2)^{-1}\chi(1)^2 = (-1)^{-1}(\pm i)^2 = 1$ , so  $\chi$  is defined on the quotient  $(\{0, 2\} \oplus \{0, 1, 2, 3\}) / \langle -2 \oplus 2 \rangle$ , in which  $2 \oplus n \equiv 0 \oplus (n+2)$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$ , making the quotient isomorphic to  $G$ . Thus the extended character is either of  $\chi(0) = 1, \chi(1) = \pm i, \chi(2) = -1, \chi(3) = \mp i$ .

Now return to the setting of this writeup, with the finite multiplicative abelian group  $G = (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$  for some  $N$ . This discussion has shown that any Dirichlet character of any subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  extends to a Dirichlet character of  $G$ , and there are  $|G|/|H|$  such extensions. Especially, for any  $g \neq 1_G$  in  $G$ , the cyclic subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  generated by  $g$  has a character that doesn't take  $g$  to 1, and this character extends to a character of  $G$ . This observation justifies the observation made earlier in connection with the second orthogonality relation that if  $g \neq 1_G$  then there is a character  $\chi \in G^*$  such that  $\chi(g) \neq 1_{\mathbb{C}}$ .

6.  $L$ -FUNCTIONS AND THE FIRST IDEA OF DIRICHLET'S PROOF

Recall that  $G = (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$ ,  $a \in G$ , and the goal is to show that the set

$$\{p \in \mathcal{P} : p \equiv a \pmod{N}\}$$

is infinite.

For each  $\chi \in G^*$ , with its corresponding  $\chi : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , define

$$L(\chi, s) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} \chi(n)n^{-s} = \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (1 - \chi(p)p^{-s})^{-1}, \quad s > 1.$$

The equality of the sum and product follow from a straightforward analogue of the proof of Euler's identity, because characters are homomorphisms. Then

$$\log L(\chi, s) = \sum_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{P} \\ m \in \mathbb{Z}^+}} m^{-1} \chi(p^m) p^{-ms} = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \chi(p) p^{-s} + \sum_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{P} \\ m \geq 2}} m^{-1} \chi(p^m) p^{-ms},$$

and the second term has absolute value at most 1 by the argument in Euler's proof. Equivalently,

$$\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \chi(p) p^{-s} = \log L(\chi, s) + \varepsilon(\chi), \quad |\varepsilon(\chi)| < 1.$$

Recall the formula that came from the Fourier series of the indicator function of  $a \pmod{N}$ ,

$$\sum_{p \equiv a(N)} p^{-s} = \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \sum_{\chi} \chi(a^{-1}) \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \chi(p) p^{-s}.$$

The last sum  $\sum_p \chi(p) p^{-s}$  in the previous display is the left side of the penultimate display. Thus the previous two displays combine to show that the desired sum is close to the linear combination of  $\{\log L(\chi, s)\}$  whose coefficients are the Fourier coefficients of the indicator function,

$$\sum_{p \equiv a(N)} p^{-s} = \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \sum_{\chi} \chi(a^{-1}) \log L(\chi, s) + \varepsilon, \quad |\varepsilon| < 1.$$

This is the first idea of Dirichlet's proof. Now the goal is to show that the right side goes to  $+\infty$  as  $s \rightarrow 1^+$ . Already we know that the summand for the trivial character does so. The crux of the matter will be that the finite value  $L(\chi, 1)$  for nontrivial  $\chi$  is *nonzero*. Thus the summands for nontrivial characters are finite, making the sum altogether infinite.

7. ANALYTIC PROPERTIES OF  $L(\chi, s)$ 

We need to study the behavior of  $L(\chi, s)$  as  $s \rightarrow 1^+$ . Even though  $s$  is real,  $L(\chi, s)$  still takes complex values. Bring complex analysis to bear on the matter by viewing  $s$  as a complex variable. Begin by extending the definition of  $L(\chi)$  to

$$L(\chi, s) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} \chi(n)n^{-s} = \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (1 - \chi(p)p^{-s})^{-1}, \quad s \in \mathbb{C}, \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1.$$

Here  $n^{-s} = e^{-s \ln n}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Thus, with  $s = \sigma + it$ , the size of  $n^{-s}$  is  $|n^{-s}| = |e^{-(\sigma+it) \ln n}| = |n^{-\sigma} e^{it \ln n}| = n^{-\sigma}$ . Consequently the sum expression for  $L(\chi, s)$  converges absolutely on the half plane  $\{s : \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1\}$ , and the convergence is uniform on compacta. Its summands, hence its partial sums, are analytic. So  $L(\chi, s)$  is analytic on the half plane.

**Proposition 7.1.** *The function  $L(\chi, s)$  has a meromorphic continuation to the right half plane  $\{\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\}$ . If  $\chi = 1$  then the extended function  $\zeta(s)$  has a simple pole at  $s = 1$  with residue 1 and otherwise is analytic. If  $\chi \neq 1$  then the extended function  $L(\chi, s)$  is analytic.*

Elementary arguments to be given at the end of this writeup establish the proposition. In a separate writeup, results that subsume the proposition are proved by methods that have greater scope.

We reiterate here that the identity

$$\log \zeta(s) \sim \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} p^{-s},$$

meaning that

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\log \zeta(s)}{\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} p^{-s}} = 1,$$

is the substance of Euler's proof.

## 8. THE SECOND IDEA OF DIRICHLET'S PROOF

Recall that for  $s > 1$ ,

$$\sum_{p \equiv a(N)} p^{-s} = \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \sum_{\chi} \chi(a^{-1}) \log L(\chi, s) + \varepsilon, \quad |\varepsilon| < 1.$$

Also,  $L(1, s) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $s \rightarrow 1^+$ . We will show that for  $\chi \neq 1$ ,  $L(\chi, 1) \neq 0$  and thus  $\log L(\chi, 1)$  is finite. Because  $|\chi(a)^{-1}| = 1$  for all  $\chi \in G^*$ , it follows that

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 1^+} \left| \sum_{\chi \in G^*} \chi(a)^{-1} \log L(\chi, s) \right| = +\infty$$

and Dirichlet's proof is complete.

We study the function

$$\zeta_N(s) = \prod_{\chi \in G^*} L(\chi, s).$$

Because  $L(1, s)$  is meromorphic on  $\{s : \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\}$  with a simple pole at  $s = 1$  and all other  $L(\chi, s)$  are analytic on  $\{s : \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\}$ , there are two possibilities. Either

$\zeta_N(s)$  is meromorphic on  $\{s : \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\}$  with a simple pole at  $s = 1$

or

$\zeta_N(s)$  is analytic on  $\{s : \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\}$ .

We will rule out the second possibility to complete the proof.

The function  $\zeta_N(s)$  has another definition as the *cyclotomic Dedekind zeta function*. A separate writeup describes  $\zeta_N(s)$  this way, but in doing so it must invoke some language and some results from algebraic number theory.



9. MEROMORPHY OF  $\zeta_N(s)$  AT  $s = 1$ 

**Lemma 9.1.** *Let  $p$  be prime. Let  $N = p^d N_p$  with  $p \nmid N_p$ . Let  $e_p = \phi(p^d)$ . Let  $f_p$  be the order of  $p$  in  $(\mathbb{Z}/N_p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ , i.e., the smallest positive integer such that  $p^{f_p} \equiv 1 \pmod{N_p}$ . Let  $g_p = \phi(N_p)/f_p$ . Thus altogether  $e_p f_p g_p = \phi(N)$ . Then for any indeterminate  $T$ ,*

$$\prod_{\chi \in G^*} (1 - \chi(p)T) = (1 - T^{f_p})^{g_p}.$$

(Although  $e_p$  does not appear in the previous display, we will encounter it soon. See the comment immediately below for a careful parsing of the product in the display.)

On the left side of the equality asserted by the lemma, the expression  $\chi(p)$  connotes that the character  $\chi \in G^*$  has been reduced to the primitive character  $\chi_o$  modulo  $M$  where  $M \mid N$  is the conductor of  $\chi$ , then lifted  $M$ -periodically to  $\chi : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , and this is the character that is evaluated at  $p$ .

When  $p \nmid N$ , the process described in the previous paragraph merely reproduces  $\chi(p + N\mathbb{Z})$ , now referring to the original  $\chi$ . More generally, the process produces a nonzero value  $\chi(p)$  if and only if  $p$  does not divide the conductor  $M$  of the original  $\chi$ . That is, the multiplicand  $1 - \chi(p)T$  on the left side of the lemma's equality is nontrivial if and only if the original  $\chi$  factors through  $(\mathbb{Z}/N_p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ . To repeat: only the characters in  $G^*$  that factor through  $(\mathbb{Z}/N_p\mathbb{Z})^\times$  contribute something other than 1 to the left side of the lemma's equality. Furthermore, any character in  $G^*$  that does factor,  $\chi = \chi_{N_p} \circ \pi_{N, N_p}$ , is determined by  $\chi_{N_p}$ . Thus, *to prove the lemma we may consider only characters modulo  $N_p$ .*

The subgroup  $\langle p + N_p\mathbb{Z} \rangle$  of  $(\mathbb{Z}/N_p\mathbb{Z})^\times$  generated by  $p$  modulo  $N_p\mathbb{Z}$  has  $f_p$  characters; specifically, with  $\rho$  a primitive  $f_p$ th root of unity in  $\mathbb{C}$ , these characters take  $p + N_p\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\rho^j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, f_p - 1$ . Thus for each  $j$  there exist  $g_p = \phi(N_p)/f_p$  characters  $\chi$  modulo  $N_p$  that take  $p$  to  $\rho^j$ . Now the proof of the lemma is immediate.

*Proof.* Let  $\rho$  be a primitive  $f_p$ th root of unity in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then

$$\prod_{j=0}^{f_p-1} (1 - \rho^j T) = 1 - T^{f_p},$$

and consequently, because  $g_p$  characters  $\chi \in G^*$  take  $p$  to  $\rho^j$  for each  $j$ ,

$$\prod_{\chi \in G^*} (1 - \chi(p)T) = \prod_{j=0}^{f_p-1} (1 - \rho^j T)^{g_p} = (1 - T^{f_p})^{g_p}.$$

□

For example, we confirm the lemma directly for  $N = 12$ . Recall the four Dirichlet characters modulo 12, having conductors 1, 3, 4, and 12.

	1	5	7	11	nonzero values of $\chi$ on $\mathbb{Z}^+$
$\chi_1 = (1/\cdot)$	1	1	1	1	$\mathbb{Z}^+ \mapsto 1$
$\chi_3 = (-3/\cdot)$	1	-1	1	-1	$1 + 3\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \mapsto 1, 2 + 3\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \mapsto -1$
$\chi_4 = (-4/\cdot)$	1	1	-1	-1	$1 + 4\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \mapsto 1, 3 + 4\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \mapsto -1$
$\chi_{12} = (12/\cdot)$	1	-1	-1	1	$\{1, 11\} + 12\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \mapsto 1, \{5, 7\} + 12\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \mapsto -1$

First consider the prime  $p = 2$ . We have  $1 - \chi_4(2)T = 1$  and  $1 - \chi_{12}(2)T = 1$  because 2 divides the conductors; also  $1 - \chi_1(2)T = 1 - T$  and  $1 - \chi_3(2)T = 1 + T$ ;

so altogether  $\prod_{\chi \in G^*} (1 - \chi(2)T) = 1 - T^2$ . On the other hand, the values of  $N_2$  and  $f_2$  and  $g_2$  for  $N = 12$  are 3 and 2 and 1, and so also  $(1 - T^{f_2})^{g_2} = 1 - T^2$ , confirming the lemma when  $N = 12$  for  $p = 2$ . Similar arguments work for  $p = 3$  with  $(N_p, f_p, g_p) = (4, 2, 1)$ , for  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$  with  $(N_p, f_p, g_p) = (12, 1, 4)$ , and (together) for  $p \equiv 5, 7, 11 \pmod{12}$  with  $(N_p, f_p, g_p) = (12, 2, 2)$ ; because the 5, 7, and 11 columns in the previous table contain the same entries though in different orders, they produce the same value of  $\prod_{\chi} (1 - \chi(p)T)$ . To summarize in a table, recalling that  $e_p = \phi(N/N_p)$  so that  $e_p f_p g_p = \phi(N)$ ,

$p$	$(e_p, f_p, g_p)$
2	(2, 2, 1)
3	(2, 2, 1)
$p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$	(1, 1, 4)
$p \equiv 5, 7, 11 \pmod{12}$	(1, 2, 2)

(The reader can similarly confirm the lemma for  $N = 18$ ; here one character has conductor 1, one has conductor 3, four have conductor 9, and the cases to check are  $p = 2$ ,  $p = 3$ ,  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$ ,  $p \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{9}$ ,  $p \equiv 4, 7 \pmod{9}$ ,  $p \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$ .) Further, we can compute that the 12th cyclotomic polynomial is

$$\Phi_{12}(X) = \prod_{d|12} (X^d - 1)^{\mu(12/d)} = \frac{(X^{12} - 1)(X^2 - 1)}{(X^6 - 1)(X^4 - 1)} = \frac{X^6 + 1}{X^2 + 1} = X^4 - X^2 + 1.$$

If we factor this polynomial modulo various primes  $p$  and now let  $e_p$  denote the multiplicity of each factor,  $f_p$  the degree of each factor, and  $g_p$  the number of factors, then these turn out to be the same as just above.

- $\Phi_{12}(X) \equiv (X^2 + X + 1)^2 \pmod{2}$ , so  $(e_2, f_2, g_2) = (2, 2, 1)$ .
- $\Phi_{12}(X) \equiv (X^2 + 1)^2 \pmod{3}$ , so  $(e_3, f_3, g_3) = (2, 2, 1)$ .
- For  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$ ,  $\Phi_{12}(X) \equiv \prod_{j=1,5,7,11} (X - g^{j(p-1)/12}) \pmod{p}$  where  $g$  generates  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ , so  $(e_p, f_p, g_p) = (1, 1, 4)$ ; here the four values  $g^{j(p-1)/12}$  are primitive 12th roots of unity modulo  $p$ , whereas for  $p \equiv 5, 7, 11 \pmod{12}$  there are no such because  $12 \nmid p-1$ , and so  $(1, 1, 4)$  is impossible in those cases.
- For  $p \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$ ,  $(-1/p) = 1$  and so  $\Phi_{12}(X) \equiv (X^2 + aX - 1)(X^2 - aX - 1) \pmod{p}$  where  $a^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ , so  $(e_p, f_p, g_p) = (1, 2, 2)$ .
- For  $p \equiv 7 \pmod{12}$ ,  $(-3/p) = 1$  and so  $\Phi_{12}(X) \equiv (X^2 + b)(X^2 + b^{-1}) \pmod{p}$  where  $b^2 + b + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  (solvable because the quadratic's discriminant  $-3$  is a square modulo  $p$ ), so  $(e_p, f_p, g_p) = (1, 2, 2)$ .
- For  $p \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$ ,  $(3/p) = 1$  and so  $\Phi_{12}(X) \equiv (X^2 + aX + 1)(X^2 - aX + 1) \pmod{p}$  where  $a^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{3}$ , so  $(e_p, f_p, g_p) = (1, 2, 2)$ .

At least for  $N = 12$  each of the symbols  $e_p, f_p, g_p$  has two different meanings, one defined in terms of the factorization  $N = p^d N_p$  and the element  $p + N_p \mathbb{Z}$  of the group  $(\mathbb{Z}/N_p \mathbb{Z})^\times$ , and relating to the group of characters modulo  $N$ , and the other defined in terms of the factorization of  $\Phi_N(X)$  modulo  $p$ . We will learn later in this course that the second meaning of  $(e_p, f_p, g_p)$  indicates how the prime  $p$  factors in the integer ring  $\mathbb{Z}[e^{2\pi i/N}]$  of the field  $\mathbb{Q}(e^{2\pi i/N})$  generated by the complex  $N$ th roots of unity.

In the lemma we could have let  $H = (\mathbb{Z}/N_p \mathbb{Z})^\times$ , which equals  $G$  for all  $p \nmid N$ , and then stated the lemma's formula as a product over  $\chi \in H^*$  rather than worrying

about it holding for  $G^*$ . Our insistence on  $G^*$  pays off in the simplicity of the next proof.

**Proposition 9.2.**  $\zeta_N(s) = \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (1 - p^{-f_p s})^{-g_p}$  for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$ .

*Proof.* Compute, using the lemma with  $T = p^{-s}$  at the last step,

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_N(s) &= \prod_{\chi \in G^*} L(\chi, s) = \prod_{\chi \in G^*} \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (1 - \chi(p)p^{-s})^{-1} \\ &= \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \prod_{\chi \in G^*} (1 - \chi(p)p^{-s})^{-1} = \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (1 - p^{-f_p s})^{-g_p}. \end{aligned}$$

The product converges absolutely for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$ , justifying the rearrangements.  $\square$

For a small example, let  $N = 3$ . There are two characters modulo 3, the trivial character and the quadratic character  $(\cdot/3)$ , and so, not yet referring to the proposition,

$$\zeta_3(s) = \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (1 - p^{-s})^{-1} (1 - (p/3)p^{-s})^{-1}.$$

The  $p$ th factor is as follows.

- If  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  then  $(p/3) = 1$  and the  $p$ th factor of  $\zeta_3(s)$  is  $(1 - p^{-s})^{-2}$ ; this is  $(1 - p^{-f_p s})^{-g_p}$  with  $f_p = 1$  and  $g_p = 2$ .
- If  $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  then  $(p/3) = -1$  and the  $p$ th factor of  $\zeta_3(s)$  is  $(1 - p^{-s})^{-1} (1 + p^{-s})^{-1} = (1 - p^{-2s})^{-1}$ ; this is  $(1 - p^{-f_p s})^{-g_p}$  with  $f_p = 2$  and  $g_p = 1$ .
- If  $p = 3$  then  $(p/3) = 0$  and the  $p$ th factor of  $\zeta_3(s)$  is  $(1 - p^{-s})^{-1}$ ; this is  $(1 - p^{-f_p s})^{-g_p}$  with  $f_p = 1$  and  $g_p = 1$ .

We recognize these  $f$  and  $g$  values from our discussion of factorization in the cubic integer ring  $D = \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ , to wit,  $p = \prod_{i=1}^g \pi_i^e$  where each  $\pi_i$  has norm  $N\pi = p^f$  and  $efg = 2$ . Here  $e_p = 1$  in the first two cases above, while the value  $e_3 = 2$  in the third case plays no role in the  $p$ th factor of  $\zeta_3(s)$ . Recall that in  $D$  the primary prime  $\lambda = 1 - \omega$  divides 3 with  $(e_p, f_p, g_p) = (2, 1, 1)$  (3 is *ramified*), and two nonassociate primary primes divide each  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  with  $(e_p, f_p, g_p) = (1, 1, 2)$  ( $p$  *splits*), and one primary prime divides each  $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  with  $(e_p, f_p, g_p) = (1, 2, 1)$  ( $p$  is *inert*). So we have shown that in fact (with  $\pi$  denoting primary primes in the next display)

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_3(s) &= \prod_p (1 - p^{-f_p s})^{-g_p} \\ &= (1 - 3^{-s})^{-1} \prod_{p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}} (1 - p^{-s})^{-2} \prod_{p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}} (1 - p^{-2s})^{-1} \\ &= (1 - (N\lambda)^{-s})^{-1} \prod_{p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}} \prod_{\pi|p} (1 - (N\pi)^{-s})^{-1} \prod_{p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}} \prod_{\pi|p} (1 - (N\pi)^{-s})^{-1} \\ &= \prod_{\pi} (1 - (N\pi)^{-s})^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $\zeta_3(s) = \prod_{\pi} (1 - (N\pi)^{-s})^{-1}$  generalizes the original zeta function  $\zeta(s) = \prod_p (1 - p^{-s})^{-1}$  from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $D$ . Naturally we speculate that  $\zeta_N(s)$  similarly generalizes the original zeta function to  $\mathbb{Z}[e^{2\pi i/N}]$ .

**Theorem 9.3.**  $\zeta_N(s)$  has a simple pole at  $s = 1$ . Therefore  $L(\chi, 1) \neq 0$  for each nontrivial character  $\chi$  modulo  $N$ .

*Proof.* Otherwise  $\zeta_N(s)$  is analytic on  $\{s : \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\}$  so that its product expression converges there. But for  $s \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,

$$(1 - p^{-f_p s})^{-g_p} = \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} p^{-m f_p s} \right)^{g_p} \geq \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} p^{-m \phi(N) s} = (1 - p^{-\phi(N) s})^{-1}$$

(or one can show the inequality in a more elementary way<sup>1</sup>), and so for  $s > 1/\phi(N)$ ,

$$\zeta_N(s) \geq \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (1 - p^{-\phi(N) s})^{-1} = \zeta(\phi(N) s).$$

Now letting  $s$  approach  $1/\phi(N)$  from the right shows that the product expression of  $\zeta_N$  diverges there. This gives a contradiction.  $\square$

We note that the complex analysis is being treated somewhat loosely here.

## 10. REVIEW OF THE PROOFS

Let the notation  $f(s) \sim g(s)$  mean  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 1^+} f(s)/g(s) = 1$ . The three ideas in Euler's proof were

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(s) &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} n^{-s} = \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (1 - p^{-s})^{-1}, \\ \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} p^{-s} &\sim \log \zeta(s), \\ \lim_{s \rightarrow 1^+} \zeta(s) &= \infty. \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding ideas in Dirichlet's proof were

$$\begin{aligned} L(\chi, s) &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} \chi(n) n^{-s} = \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (1 - \chi(p) p^{-s})^{-1}, \\ \sum_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{P} \\ p \equiv a(N)}} p^{-s} &\sim \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \sum_{\chi \in G^*} \chi(a)^{-1} \log L(\chi, s), \\ \lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \zeta_N(s) &= \infty \quad \text{where } \zeta_N(s) = \prod_{\chi \in G^*} L(\chi, s). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\sum_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{P} \\ p \equiv a(N)}} p^{-s} \sim \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \log \zeta(s) \sim \frac{1}{\phi(N)} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} p^{-s}.$$

In other words,

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\sum_{p \equiv a(N)} p^{-s}}{\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} p^{-s}} = \frac{1}{\phi(N)}.$$

That is, not only is the set  $\{p \in \mathcal{P} : p \equiv a \pmod{N}\}$  infinite, but furthermore in some limiting sense it contains  $1/\phi(N)$  of all the primes. This is the sense in which the primes distribute evenly among the candidate arithmetic progressions  $a + N\mathbb{Z}$ .

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<sup>1</sup>  $0 < p^{-f_p s} < 1$ , so  $0 < p^{-f_p g_p s} \leq p^{-f_p s} < 1$ , so  $1 > 1 - p^{-f_p g_p s} > 1 - p^{-f_p s} > 0$ , so  $1 < (1 - p^{-f_p g_p s})^{-1} < (1 - p^{-f_p s})^{-1} < (1 - p^{-f_p s})^{-g_p}$ .

## 11. PLACE-HOLDER CONTINUATION ARGUMENTS

One way to continue the Euler–Riemann zeta function from  $\{\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1\}$  to  $\{\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\}$  is as follows. Compute that for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$ ,

$$\zeta(s) - \frac{1}{s-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s} - \int_1^{\infty} t^{-s} dt = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_n^{n+1} (n^{-s} - t^{-s}) dt.$$

This last sum is an infinite sum of analytic functions; call it  $\psi(s)$ . For positive real  $s$  it is the sum of small areas above the  $y = t^{-s}$  curve but inside the circumscribing box of the curve over each unit interval, and hence it is bounded absolutely by 1. More generally, for complex  $s$  with positive real part we can quantify the smallness of the sum as follows. For all  $t \in [n, n+1]$  we have

$$|n^{-s} - t^{-s}| = |s \int_n^t x^{-s-1} dx| \leq |s| \int_n^t x^{-\operatorname{Re}(s)-1} dx \leq |s| n^{-\operatorname{Re}(s)-1},$$

with the last quantity in the previous display independent of  $t$  and having the power of  $n$  smaller by 1. It follows that

$$\left| \int_n^{n+1} (n^{-s} - t^{-s}) dt \right| \leq |s| n^{-\operatorname{Re}(s)-1}.$$

This estimate shows that the sum

$$\psi(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_n^{n+1} (n^{-s} - t^{-s}) dt$$

converges on  $\{s : \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\}$ , uniformly on compact subsets, making  $\psi(s)$  analytic there. Thus

$$\zeta(s) = \psi(s) + \frac{1}{s-1}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1.$$

But the right side is meromorphic for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$ , its only singularity for such  $s$  being a simple pole at  $s = 1$  with residue 1. The previous display extends  $\zeta$  and gives it the same properties.

The value  $\psi(1) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 1} (\zeta(s) - \frac{1}{s-1})$  is called *Euler's constant* and denoted  $\gamma$ ,

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + \gamma + \mathcal{O}(s-1), \quad \gamma = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_n^{n+1} (n^{-1} - t^{-1}) dt.$$

With  $H_N$  denoting the  $N$ th harmonic number  $\sum_{n=1}^N n^{-1}$ , Euler's constant is

$$\gamma = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (H_N - \log N).$$

As above, this is the area above the  $y = 1/x$  curve for  $x \geq 1$  but inside the circumscribing boxes  $[n, n+1] \times [0, 1/n]$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

One way to extend  $L(\chi, s)$  to  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$  for  $\chi \neq 1$  uses the discrete analogue of integration by parts.

**Proposition 11.1** (Summation by Parts). *Let  $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  and  $\{b_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be complex sequences. Define*

$$A_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \quad \text{for } n \geq 0 \text{ (including } A_0 = 0),$$

so that

$$a_n = A_n - A_{n-1} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.$$

Also define

$$\Delta b_n = b_{n+1} - b_n \quad \text{for } n \geq 1,$$

so that, with  $b_0$  understood to be 0,

$$b_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \Delta b_k \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.$$

Then for any  $1 \leq m \leq n$ , the summation by parts formula is

$$\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} a_k b_k = A_{n-1} b_n - A_{m-1} b_m - \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} A_k \Delta b_k.$$

*Proof.* The formula is easy to verify in consequence of

$$a_k b_k = A_k b_{k+1} - A_{k-1} b_k - A_k \Delta b_k, \quad k \geq 1,$$

noting that the first two terms on the right side telescope when summed.  $\square$

For example, the proposition shows that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k e^{-k} = e/(e-1)^2$ .

Returning to  $L(\chi, s) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} \chi(n) n^{-s}$  where  $\chi$  is nontrivial, the first orthogonality relation gives

$$\sum_{n=n_0}^{n_0+N-1} \chi(n) = 0 \quad \text{for any } n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

Let  $\{a_n\} = \{\chi(n)\}$  and  $\{b_n\} = \{n^{-s}\}$ , and note that  $\{A_n\}$  is bounded while  $|\Delta b_n| \leq |s| n^{-\operatorname{Re}(s)-1}$  as shown above. Summation by parts gives

$$L(\chi, s) = \lim_n \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k b_k = - \lim_n \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} A_k \Delta b_k,$$

and the right side converges on  $\{s : \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\}$ , uniformly on compacta. Thus  $L(\chi, s)$  is analytic on  $\{s : \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\}$ .

Summation by parts gives a second argument for the continuation of the zeta function as well. For any prime  $q$ , introduce the sequence of coefficients  $\{a_n\}$  consisting of  $q-1$  times 1, then a single  $1-q$ , then  $q-1$  more times 1, then another  $1-q$ , and so on,

$$\{a_n\} = \{1, 1, \dots, 1, 1-q, 1, 1, \dots, 1, 1-q, 1, 1, \dots, 1, 1-q, \dots\}.$$

and consider the Dirichlet series

$$f_q(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n n^{-s}.$$

The sequence of partial sums of the coefficients is (starting at index 0 here)

$$\{A_n\} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1, 0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1, 0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1, 0, \dots\}.$$

And so summation by parts shows that the Dirichlet series  $f_q(s)$  is analytic on  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$ .

Compute that for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$  (where we have absolute convergence and therefore may rearrange terms freely),

$$f_q(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} n^{-s} - q \sum_{n \geq 1} (qn)^{-s} = (1 - q^{1-s})\zeta(s), \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1.$$

Because  $f_q(s)$  is analytic on  $\{\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\}$  and agrees with  $(1 - q^{1-s})\zeta(s)$  on  $\{\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1\}$ , it follows that  $(1 - q^{1-s})\zeta(s)$  continues analytically to  $\{\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\}$ . Therefore  $\zeta(s)$  continues meromorphically to  $\{\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\}$  with poles possible only where  $q^{1-s} = 1$ .

Because  $q^{1-s} = e^{(1-s)\ln q}$ , the condition  $q^{1-s} = 1$  is  $s \in 1 + 2\pi i\mathbb{Z}/\ln q$ . Thus the only possible poles of  $\zeta(s)$  in  $\{\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\}$  are distributed evenly along the line  $\operatorname{Re}(s) = 1$  with spacing  $2\pi/\ln q$ . However, the prime  $q$  is arbitrary, and the sets  $2\pi\mathbb{Z}/\ln q$  and  $2\pi\mathbb{Z}/\ln q'$  for distinct primes  $q$  and  $q'$  meet only at 0. Thus the only possible pole of the extended  $\zeta(s)$  is at  $s = 1$ . This completes the proof.