

More $L(1, \chi) \neq 0$.

Recall: to show $L(1, \chi) \neq 0$ for χ real and nonprincipal, we need only prove:

Theorem 6.20(b) (slight return).

Suppose χ is real and nonprincipal,

$$f(n) = \chi(n)/\sqrt{n}, \quad g(n) = 1/\sqrt{n},$$

$$F(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} f(n), \quad G(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} g(n),$$

and

$$B(x) = \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x}} f(n)G(x/n) + \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x}} g(n)F(x/n) - F(\sqrt{x})G(\sqrt{x}).$$

$$\text{Then } B(x) = 2\sqrt{x} L(1, \chi) + O(1).$$

Proof.

Recall that, for certain constants $A, B > 0$:

$$(i) \quad G(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 2\sqrt{x} + A + O(1/\sqrt{x}) \quad (\text{Thm. 3.2(b)}),$$

$$(ii) \quad F(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\chi(n)}{\sqrt{n}} = B + O(1/\sqrt{x}) \quad (\text{Thm. 6.18(c)}),$$

$$(iii) \quad \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} = L(1, \chi) + O(1/x) \quad (\text{Thm. 6.18(a)}).$$

So (i) and (ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(x) &= \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{\chi(n)}{\sqrt{n}} \left(2\sqrt{\frac{x}{n}} + A + O\left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{x}}\right) \right) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(B + O\left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{x}}\right) \right) \\
 &\quad - (B + O(x^{-1/4}))(2x^{1/4} + A + O(x^{-1/4})) \\
 &= 2\sqrt{x} \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} + A \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{\chi(n)}{\sqrt{n}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x}} 1\right) \\
 &\quad + B \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{x}} 1\right) - 2Bx^{1/4} + O(1) \\
 &\stackrel{(iii), (ii), (i)}{=} 2\sqrt{x} (L(1, \chi) + O(1/\sqrt{x})) + A(B + O(x^{-1/4})) \\
 &\quad + O(1) + B(2x^{1/4} + A + O(x^{-1/4})) + O(1) - 2Bx^{1/4} + O(1) \\
 &= 2\sqrt{x} L(1, \chi) + O(1). \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we need only show that $L(1, \chi) \neq 0$ for χ nonreal. To this end:

Lemma 7.8.

If χ is nonprincipal and $L(1, \chi) = 0$, then

$$L'(1, \chi) \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n) \chi(n)}{n} = \log x + O(1)$$

for $x \geq 1$.

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Proof. Assume $L(1, \chi) = 0$.

Recall:

$$(iv) \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\chi(n) \log n}{n} = -L'(1, \chi) + O\left(\frac{\log x}{x}\right) \quad (\text{Thm 6.18(b)}),$$

$$(v) \sum_{n \leq x} \log n = x \log x - x + O(\log x) \quad (\text{Thm. 3.15}).$$

Now define $F(x) = x \log x$ for $x \geq 1$, and

$$G(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \chi(n) F(x/n). \text{ Then}$$

$$G(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \chi(n) \cdot \frac{x}{n} \log(x/n)$$

$$= x \log x \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} - x \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} \log n$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{(iii), (iv)}{=} x \log x (L(1, \chi) + O(1/x)) + x (L'(1, \chi) + O(\frac{\log x}{x})) \\ & = x L'(1, \chi) + O(\log x), \end{aligned}$$

since $L(1, \chi)$ by assumption. But then, by generalized Möbius inversion, since χ is completely multiplicative,

$$x \log x = F(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n) \chi(n) G(x/n)$$

$$= \sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n) \chi(n) \left(\frac{x}{n} L'(1, \chi) + O\left(\log\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)\right) \right)$$

$$= x L'(1, \chi) \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n) \chi(n)}{n} + O\left(\sum_{n \leq x} \log(x/n)\right)$$

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or, dividing by x ,

$$\log x = L(1, \chi) \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n) \chi(n)}{n} + O\left(\frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} \log(x/n)\right),$$

and we need only show the quantity in $O(\quad)$ is $O(1)$.

But

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} \log(x/n) &= \frac{\log x}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} 1 - \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} \log n \\ &\stackrel{(v)}{=} \frac{\log x}{x} (x + O(1)) - \frac{1}{x} (x \log x - x + O(\log x)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\log x + O\left(\frac{\log x}{x}\right) - \log x + 1 + O\left(\frac{\log x}{x}\right)$$

$$= O(1).$$

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Next, let

$$N(k) = |\{ \text{nonreal } \chi \bmod k : L(1, \chi) = 0 \}|.$$

To prove Dirichlet's theorem, it now suffices to show $N(k) = 0$.

To this end, note that $N(k)$ is even, since $L(1, \chi) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 = \overline{L(1, \chi)} = L(1, \overline{\chi})$, and for χ nonreal, $\chi \neq \overline{\chi}$.

Lemma 7.7.

$$\sum_{\substack{p \leq x \\ p \equiv 1 \pmod{k}}} \frac{\log p}{p} = \frac{1 - N(k)}{\phi(k)} \log x + O(1).$$

[This proves $N(k) = O(1)$: if not then $N(k) \geq 2$, meaning the right side above $\rightarrow -\infty$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$. But the left side is ≥ 0 .]

Proof.

By Lemmas 7.4 and 7.5,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{p \leq x \\ p \equiv 1 \pmod{k}}} \frac{\log p}{p} &= \frac{\log x}{\varphi(k)} + \frac{1}{\varphi(k)} \sum_{r=2}^{\varphi(k)} \sum_{p \leq x} \frac{\chi_r(p) \log p}{p} + O(1) \\ &= \frac{\log x}{\varphi(k)} + \frac{1}{\varphi(k)} \sum_{r=2}^{\varphi(k)} \left[-L'(1, \chi_r) \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n) \chi_r(n)}{n} \right] + O(1). \end{aligned}$$

Now if $L(1, \chi_r) = 0$, the summand in $[]$ is $-\log x + O(1)$, by Lemma 7.8. If not (in particular, if χ_r is real), it's $O(1)$ by Lemma 7.6. So

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{p \leq x \\ p \equiv 1 \pmod{k}}} \frac{\log p}{p} &= \frac{\log x}{\varphi(k)} + \frac{1}{\varphi(k)} \cdot N(k) (-\log x) + O(1) \\ &= \frac{1 - N(k)}{\varphi(k)} \log x + O(1). \end{aligned}$$

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