

Recall Perron formula:  $f \in \mathcal{R}, c > \sigma_a(f)$ .

$$\sum_{n \leq X} f(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(c)} L_f(s) X^s \frac{ds}{s}.$$

We are now ready to provide a more precise version of Perron formula, which has many important applications.

Theorem (Truncated Perron formula)

Let  $c > 0$ ,  $T, X > 2$  and  $f \in \mathcal{R}$ .

If  $c > \sigma_a(f)$  and  $c > 1$ , then

$$\sum_{n \leq X} f(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-iT}^{c+iT} L_f(s) X^s \frac{ds}{s} + E_{X,c}(T),$$

where  $|E_{X,c}(T)| \ll \frac{X^c}{T} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|f(n)|}{n^c} + \max_{\frac{3}{4}X \leq n \leq \frac{5}{4}X} |f(n)| (\log T + \frac{X \log X}{T})$

(Advantages: - truncated integral that

we may be able to compute

- flexible choices of  $X, T, c$

Disadvantage: convoluted formula.)

Corollary: If  $f(n) \ll (\log n)^k$  and  $2 \leq T \leq 2X$ ,

Set  $c = 1 + \frac{1}{\log X}$ . Then

$$\sum_{n \leq X} f(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-iT}^{c+iT} L_f(s) X^s \frac{ds}{s} + O\left(\frac{X (\log X)^{k+1}}{T}\right).$$

Proof of corollary: Note that if  $c = 1 + \frac{1}{\log X}$ , then  $X^c = e \cdot X \ll X$ .

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|f(n)|}{n^c} \ll \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\log n)^k}{n^c} \leq |g^{(k)}(c)|.$$

Recall:  $g(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + \gamma + O(|s-1|)$

(Laurent expansion at 1)

$$\Rightarrow g^{(k)}(s) = \frac{(-1)^k k!}{(s-1)^{k+1}} + O(1)$$

( $g^{(k)}$  has pole of order  $k+1$  at  $s=1$ )

$$c = 1 + \frac{1}{\log X} \Rightarrow |g^{(k)}(c)| \ll (\log X)^k \quad \square$$

Applications:

- counting primes

let  $c = 1 + \frac{1}{\log X}$  and  $2 \leq T \leq 2X$ . Then

$$\psi(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-iT}^{c+iT} x^s \left( -\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \right) \frac{ds}{s} + O\left(\frac{x(\log x)^2}{T}\right)$$

- counting square-free numbers

$$c = 1 + \frac{1}{\log x}, \quad 2 \leq T \leq 2x$$

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \mu^2(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-iT}^{c+iT} \frac{\zeta(s)}{\zeta(2s)} x^s \frac{ds}{s} + O\left(\frac{x \log x}{T}\right)$$

- generalised divisor function:

$$\tau_k(n) = \sum_{d_1 \dots d_k = n} 1 = \underbrace{\sum x \dots x}_{k \text{ times}} \wedge \sum 1(n)$$

We know  $\tau_k(n) \ll_\epsilon n^\epsilon$ ,  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ .

For  $c = 1 + \frac{1}{\log x}$ ,  $2 \leq T \leq 2x$ :

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \tau_k(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-iT}^{c+iT} \zeta^k(s) x^s \frac{ds}{s} + O\left(\frac{x^{1+\epsilon}}{T}\right)$$

(check error term!)

# Proof of Truncated Perron Formula:

$$\text{Denote } M_x := \max_{\frac{3}{4}x \leq n \leq \frac{5}{4}x} |f(n)|.$$

$$\text{Recall that for } \delta(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 < y < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & y = 1 \\ 1, & y > 1 \end{cases}$$

we have that

$$\delta(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-iT}^{c+iT} y^s \frac{ds}{s} + O\left(\frac{y^c}{T|\log y|}\right).$$

( $y \neq 1$ ).

let  $N > x$ . Then

$$\sum_{n \leq x} f(n) = \sum_{n \leq N} f(n) \delta\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + O(M_x)$$

$$\delta\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) = \begin{cases} 1, & n < x \\ 0, & n > x \\ \frac{1}{2}, & n = x \end{cases}$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{n \leq N \\ |n-x| > 3}} f(n) \left( \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-iT}^{c+iT} \left(\frac{x}{n}\right)^s \frac{ds}{s} + O\left(\frac{(x/n)^c}{T|\log(x/n)|}\right) \right) + O(M_x)$$

Note that for  $|n-x| \leq 3$ , we have  $\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)^c = O(1)$   
 (since  $\frac{x}{n} = O(1)$ ) and we assume  $c > 1$ .

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-iT}^{c+iT} \left(\frac{x}{n}\right)^s \frac{ds}{s} \ll \int_0^T \frac{1}{|c+it|} dt \ll \log T.$$

$$\text{Therefore } \sum_{|n-x| \leq 3} f(n) \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-iT}^{c+iT} \left(\frac{x}{n}\right)^s \frac{ds}{s} \ll M_x \cdot \log T.$$

We have that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} f(n) = \sum_{n \leq N} f(n) \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-iT}^{c+iT} \left(\frac{x}{n}\right)^s \frac{ds}{s} + O\left(M_x \log T + \sum_{\substack{n \leq N \\ |n-x| > 3}} f(n) \frac{\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)^c}{T |\log(\frac{x}{n})|}\right)$$

Note that for  $n > \frac{5}{4}x$ ,  $|\log(\frac{x}{n})| \geq \log \frac{5}{4} > 0$ .

$$\text{So } \left| \sum_{\substack{n \leq N \\ n > 5/4x}} f(n) \frac{\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)^c}{T |\log(\frac{x}{n})|} \right| \leq \frac{1}{\log(\frac{5}{4})} \cdot \frac{x^c}{T} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}} \frac{|f(n)|}{n^c}.$$

Similarly for  $n < \frac{3}{4}x$ ,  $\log(\frac{x}{n}) \geq \log(\frac{4}{3}) > 0$ ,

$$\text{so } \left| \sum_{n < \frac{3}{4}x} f(n) \cdot \frac{(x/n)^c}{T |\log(x/n)|} \right| \leq \frac{1}{\log(\frac{4}{3})} \cdot \frac{x^c}{T} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{|f(n)|}{n^c}.$$

Finally, for  $\frac{3}{4}x \leq n \leq \frac{5}{4}x$ , write  $n = \lfloor x \rfloor + h$ ,

$$\text{so } \left| \log\left(\frac{n}{x}\right) \right| = \left| \log\left(1 + \frac{n-x}{x}\right) \right| \geq \frac{|h|}{2x}$$

(we have used that  $\log(1+\delta) \geq \frac{\delta}{2}$ , for  $\delta < \frac{1}{3}$ .)

Therefore  $\sum_{\frac{3}{4}x \leq n \leq \frac{5}{4}x} f(n) \cdot \frac{(x/n)^c}{T |\log(x/n)|} \rightarrow O(1)$

$$\frac{3}{4}x \leq n \leq \frac{5}{4}x \quad |n-x| \geq \frac{x}{3} \quad \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^c \leq \left(\frac{x}{n}\right)^c \leq \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^c$$

$$\ll \frac{Mx}{T} \sum_{\frac{x}{2} \leq h \leq \frac{x}{4}} \frac{1}{h} \ll \frac{Mx \log x}{T}.$$

Hence we showed  $\sum_{n \leq x} f(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-iT}^{c+iT} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{f(n)}{n^s} \right) \frac{x^s}{s} ds + O(E_{x,c}(T)).$

But the Dirichlet series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(n)}{n^s}$

converges uniformly absolutely on  $\text{Re}(s) \geq c$

(since  $c > \sigma_a(f)$ ), so let  $N \rightarrow \infty$  gives the result.

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Application: For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \mu^2(n) = \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} x + O(x^{\frac{3}{5} + \varepsilon}).$$

(we will use without proof that for  $0 < \sigma \leq 1$ ,  $|t| \geq 2$ , we have  $\zeta(\sigma + it) \ll (1 + |t|)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{2} + \varepsilon}$ . we prove this later in the course).

(compare with EX 2, Sheet 2, where we show there exists a constant  $c > 0$  s.t.

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \mu^2(n) = c \cdot x + O(\sqrt{x}).$$

This implies  $\sum_{n \leq x} \mu^2(n) = \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} x + O(\sqrt{x})$

PS: Since  $\zeta_{\mu^2}(s) = \frac{\zeta(s)}{\zeta(2s)}$ , we have that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \mu^2(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{\zeta(s)}{\zeta(2s)} x^s \frac{ds}{s} + O\left(\frac{x \log x}{T}\right),$$

where  $c = 1 + \frac{1}{\log x}$ .

Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We want to shift line of integration to  $\text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$  and apply the residue theorem.

$\frac{x^s}{s}$  has no pole in  $\{\operatorname{Re}(s) > \frac{1}{2}\}$ .

$\zeta(s)$  has a simple pole at  $s=1$  in  $\{\operatorname{Re}(s) > \frac{1}{2}\}$

$\frac{1}{\zeta(2s)}$  is holomorphic and uniformly bounded in  $\{\operatorname{Re}(s) > \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon\}$

Indeed, since if  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$ , then  $\operatorname{Re}(2s) > 1 + 2\varepsilon$ ,

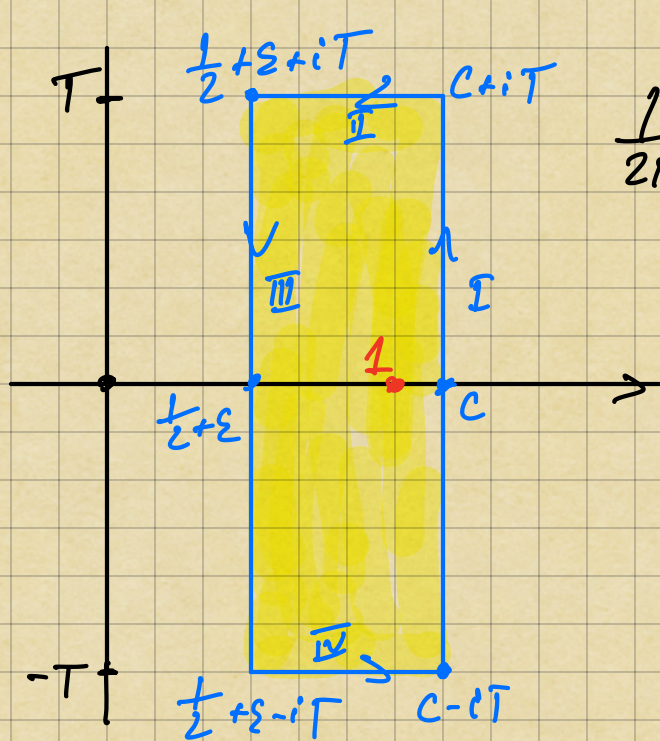
$$\frac{1}{\zeta(2s)} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^{2s}}$$

(we are in the area of absolute convergence)

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{\zeta(2\sigma + it)} \right| &\leq \sum_{n \geq 1} \left| \frac{\mu(n)}{n^{2(\sigma + it)}} \right| \quad (\mu(n) \in \{0, \pm 1\}) \\ &\leq \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n^{2\sigma}} = \zeta(2\sigma) \leq \zeta(1 + 2\varepsilon) \\ &= \mathcal{O}_\varepsilon(1). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $F(s) = \frac{\zeta(s)}{\zeta(2s)} \cdot \frac{x^s}{s}$ . We apply residue theorem in the box with corners  $c - iT$ ,  $c + iT$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + iT$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon - iT$ .

$F(s)$  has only one simple pole at  $s=1$  in this box, and  $\operatorname{Res}_{s=1} F(s) = \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} \cdot x$ .



$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \left( \int_{c-iT}^{c+iT} F(s) ds + \int_{c+iT}^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon+iT} F(s) ds + \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon+iT}^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon-iT} F(s) ds + \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon-iT}^{c-iT} F(s) ds \right)$$

$$= \operatorname{Res}_{s=1} F(s) = \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} X.$$

$$\text{II: } \left| \int_{c-iT}^{c+iT} \frac{\zeta(s)}{\zeta(2s)} \frac{X^s}{s} ds \right| \ll \frac{1}{T} \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}^c |\zeta(\sigma+iT)| X^\sigma d\sigma$$

$$\ll \frac{1}{T} \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}^c X^\sigma T^{\max(\frac{1-\sigma}{2}, 0)+\epsilon} d\sigma$$

(we used  $|\zeta(\sigma+iT)| \ll (1+|t|)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{2}+\epsilon}$ , for  $0 < \sigma \leq 1$ )

$$\ll \frac{X^\epsilon}{T^{1/2}} \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}^c \left(\frac{X}{T^{1/2}}\right)^\sigma d\sigma$$

( $c = 1 + \frac{1}{\log X}$ ).

$$\ll \frac{X^\epsilon}{T^{1/2}} \cdot \frac{X^c}{T^{c/2}} \ll \frac{X^{1+\epsilon}}{T} \cdot (\text{similarly for IV})$$

$$\text{III: } \left| \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon+iT}^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon-iT} \frac{\zeta(s)}{\zeta(2s)} \frac{X^s}{s} ds \right| \ll X^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \int_0^T \frac{|\zeta(\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon+it)|}{1+t} dt$$

$$\ll X^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \int_0^T (1+t)^{-3/4+\epsilon} dt \ll X^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \cdot T^{1/4}$$

Putting everything together:

$$\sum_{n \leq X} \mu^2(n) = \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} X + O\left(X^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon} T^{1/4} + \frac{X^{1 + \varepsilon}}{T}\right)$$

Choose  $T = X^{2/5}$ .

□

# Fourier transform

Definition: Let  $G$  an abelian topological group.  
 $\widehat{G}$  is the set of continuous homomorphisms  
 $\chi: G \rightarrow S^1$ .

Examples:

- $G$  finite abelian (with discrete topology)  
We saw earlier  $G \cong \widehat{G}$ .
- $G = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\widehat{\mathbb{R}} \cong \mathbb{R}$   
Given  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , define  $\chi_y \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}$  given by  $\chi_y(x) = e^{2\pi i x y}$
- $G = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\widehat{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} \cong \mathbb{Z}$   
For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\chi_n(x) = e^{2\pi i n x}$
- $G = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \cong \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$   
For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\chi_\alpha(n) = e^{2\pi i n \alpha}$
- $G = \mathbb{R}^\times$ , then  $\mathbb{R}^\times \cong \{\pm 1\} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}^\times \cong \{\pm 1\} \times \mathbb{R}$   
( $\mathbb{R} \cong \mathbb{R}_{>0}^\times$  via exponential map)  
Given  $(\varepsilon, \sigma) \in (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \times \mathbb{R}$ , define character  
given by  $x \mapsto \text{sgn}(x)^\varepsilon |x|^{i\sigma}$ .

Note: The map  $x \mapsto x(g)$  gives an element of  $\hat{G}$ ,  
for all  $g \in G$ .

Remark: If  $G$  is locally compact, then  
 $G \rightarrow \hat{G}$  is an isomorphism.

Definition (Fourier transform)

• If  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  (functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  s.t.  $\int |f| dx < \infty$ ),

define Fourier transform  $F(f)(y) = \hat{f}(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) e^{-2\pi i xy} dx$

• If  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $F(f)(n) = \hat{f}(n) = \int_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} f(x) e^{-2\pi i nx} dx$ ,  
for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

• If  $f: \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , then  $\hat{f}: \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$\hat{f}(a) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{a \bmod 2} f(a) e^{-\frac{2\pi i a a}{2}}.$$

In general, if  $G$  is a locally compact abelian group, then there is unique left translation invariant measure on  $G$  (up to scaling)  
Haar measure.

- for  $G = \mathbb{R}$ , Haar measure is the usual Lebesgue measure
- $G$  is discrete, then Haar measure is the counting measure " $\int f dg = \sum_{g \in G} f(g)$ ".
- $G = \mathbb{R}_{>0}^{\times}$ , integral given by Haar measure is  $\int f(x) \frac{dx}{x}$ , since  $\frac{dx}{x}$  invariant under multiplication of  $x$  by a constant.

Definition: If  $G$  locally compact abelian group with Haar measure  $dg$  and  $f \in L^2(G)$ , define  $\hat{f}: \hat{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by

$$\hat{f}(\chi) = \int_G f(g) \overline{\chi(g)} dg.$$

Definition (Schwartz spaces)

- let  $S(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$  be the space of all infinitely differentiable functions  $f: \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$
- let  $S(\mathbb{R})$  be the space of all infinitely differentiable functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that for all  $k, j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f^{(j)}(x) = O_{k,j}(|x|^{-k})$ .

- $S(\mathbb{Z})$  the space of all functions  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $f(x) = O_k(|x|^{-k})$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Theorem: • Let  $f \in S(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $\hat{f} \in S(\mathbb{R})$

$$\text{and } f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \hat{f}(y) e^{2\pi i x y} dy = \hat{\hat{f}}(-x).$$

(Fourier inversion formula)

• Let  $g \in S(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$ . Then  $\hat{g} \in S(\mathbb{Z})$

$$\text{and } g(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{g}(n) e^{2\pi i n x}.$$

• Let  $g: \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . Then

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\alpha} \hat{g}(\alpha) e^{\frac{2\pi i x \alpha}{2}}.$$

Proof: exercise.