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Recall : explicit formula gives

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) \chi(n) = \delta_q x - \sum_{\substack{L(\beta+iy, \chi) \neq 0 \\ 0 \leq \beta \leq 1 \\ |t| \leq X}} \frac{x^{\beta+iy}}{\beta+iy} + (\text{error})$$

with  $X = x^2$  [so error is really negligible]

so

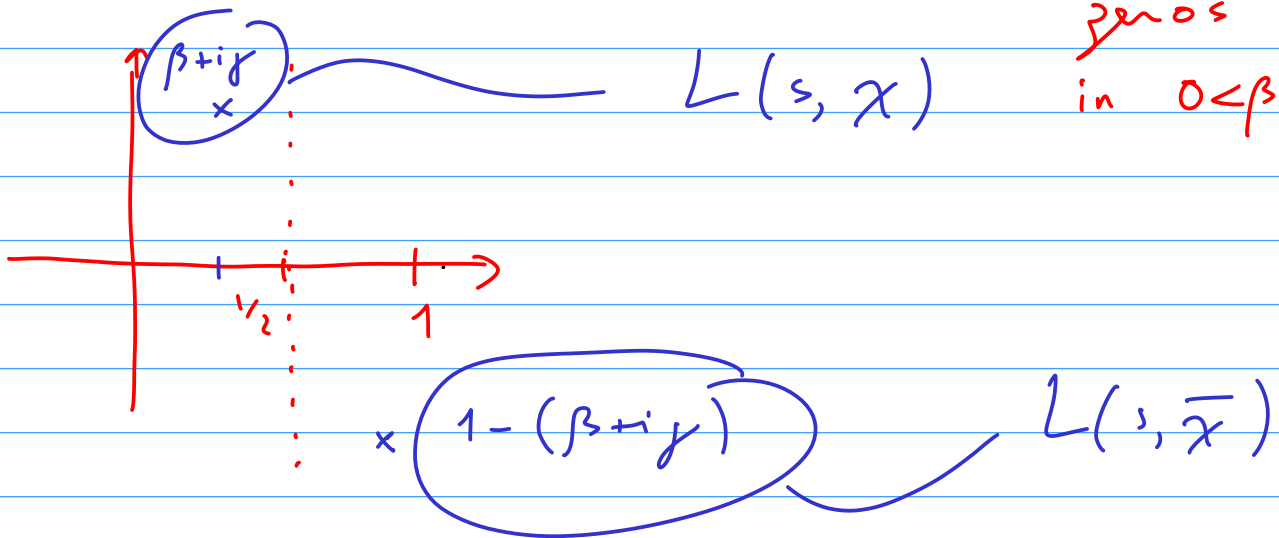
$$|\psi(x; \chi) - \delta_q x| \leq x \sum_{\substack{\beta+iy \\ |t| \leq X}}^{\max(\beta)} \frac{1}{|\beta+iy|} + (\text{error})$$

Two facts: (essentially due to Riemann)

(1) if  $\beta+iy$  is a zero of  $L(s, \chi)$  then  $1 - (\beta+iy)$  is a zero of  $L(s, \bar{\chi})$  ["functional equation"]

$$\rightarrow \max_x \max \beta \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

One can show:  
There are zeros  
in  $0 < \beta \leq 1$



so the best possible bound for  $x^\beta$  is  $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , if GRH ( $\rho$ ) is true

(2) Need a bound on

$$\sum_{|y| \leq x} \frac{1}{|\beta + iy|}$$

bound on number of zeros  $m(T)$

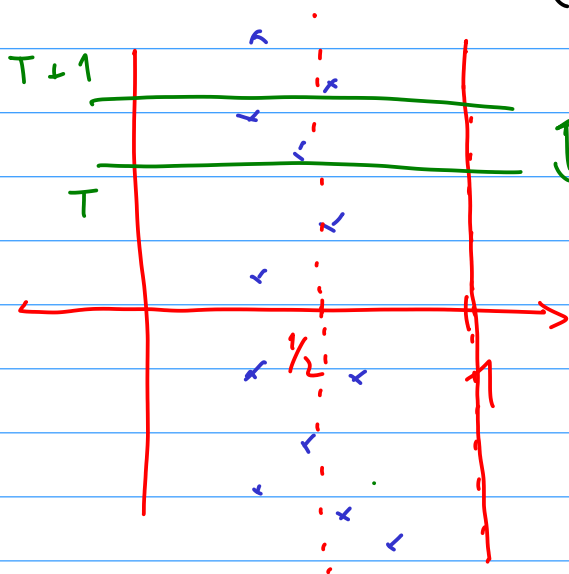
with (say)  $T \leq y \leq T+1$

(because then

$$\sum_{|y| \leq X} \frac{1}{|\beta + iy|} \leq \sum_{-X \leq k \leq X} \frac{1}{|k+1|} \times m(k)$$

Here : one can show that

$$m(T) \leq c \log(|T|+2)$$



this small strip contains  $\ll \log(|T|+2)$  zeros, and

in fact

$$|\{ \beta + iy \mid 0 < \beta \leq 1, |y| \leq T \}|$$

$$= \frac{T}{2\pi} \log(q^T / 2\pi) - \frac{T}{\pi}$$

$$+ O(\log(q^T))$$

[Prop. C.5.3]

so  $m(T) \approx \log(T)$  on average over  $T$ .

So we get

$$\sum_{|y| \leq x} \frac{1}{|\beta + iy|} \leq C \sum_{|k| \leq x} \frac{1}{k+1} \log(|k|+2)$$
$$\leq C \log(x+2) \log(x)$$

(here  $C$  depends on  $q$ ).

Consequence:

$$\psi(x; x) = \delta_q x + O(\sqrt{x} (\log x)^2)$$

( $q$  fixed)

Further:

$$\psi(x; q, a) = \frac{x}{\varphi(q)} + O(\sqrt{x} (\log x)^2)$$

by orthogonality.

Note: There are very strong reasons to believe in GRH(q).

### 3 - Existence of the Rubinfeld-Sarnak distribution

$$q \geq 1 \quad \text{fixed} \quad (\text{ex. } q=4)$$

Assume GRH(q)

$$\Omega_x = [1, x], \quad \mathbb{P}_x = \frac{1}{\log x} \frac{dt}{t}$$

$\mathcal{N}_x : \Omega_x \rightarrow C_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^x$   
is defined by

$$\mathcal{N}_x(x)(a) = \frac{\log x}{\sqrt{x}} \left( \chi(q) \pi(x; q, a) - \pi(x) \right)$$
$$E_{\Omega_x}(a, q) = 1$$

(GRH(q))

# Th. (Rubinsteyn-Sarnak)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{N} & \xrightarrow[\text{r.v.}]{\text{law}} & \mathbb{N}_q \\ x & \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} & q \\ \text{for some} & & \mathbb{N}_q \end{array} \right.$$

1<sup>st</sup> Step :

## Proposition (5.3.1)

For  $x \pmod q$  let  $\psi_x$  be the r.v. on  $\Omega_x$  defined by

$$\psi_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) \chi(n).$$

related to zeros of L-functions

Then

$$\frac{N_x(x)(a)}{-x} = m_q(a) + \sum_{\chi \neq \epsilon_q} \psi_x(x) \overline{\chi}(a) + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right)$$

deterministic

where  $m_q(a) = - \sum_{\substack{\chi^2 = \epsilon_q \\ \chi \neq \epsilon_q}} \overline{\chi}(a).$

Lemma - One has

$$m_q(a) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \text{ not a square} \\ & \text{mod } q \\ 1 - \left| \{ b \text{ mod } q \mid b^2 = 1 \} \right| & \end{cases}$$

Proof - We have

$$1 - m_q(a) = \sum_{\substack{\chi \text{ mod } q \\ \chi^2 = \varepsilon_q}} \chi(a)$$

[because  $(a, q) = 1$ ,  $\overline{\chi(a)} = \chi(a)$   
if  $\chi^2 = \varepsilon_q$ ]

$$\chi^2 = \varepsilon_q$$



$$\chi = \tilde{\chi} \circ \pi$$

where

$$\pi : (\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times \rightarrow$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times / (\text{squares})$$

$$\sum_{\substack{\chi \text{ char.} \\ \text{of } (\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times / (\text{squares})}} \chi(a \text{ mod squares})$$

orthogonality for  $(\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times / (\text{squares})$

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$$\begin{cases} 0 & a \text{ not a square} \\ \left| (\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times / (\text{squares}) \right| & \end{cases}$$

This is the statement because  
of

$$\begin{aligned} |(\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times / (\text{squares})| &= |\text{Ker}(\overset{(\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times}{x_1} \xrightarrow{\quad} x_2^2)| \\ &= |\{b \mid b^2 = 1\}|. \end{aligned}$$

□

Ex.  $q = 4$

$$m_4(1) = 1 - 2 = -1$$

$$m_4(3) = 1$$

(More generally:

$$m_q(a) \leq 1$$

with equality  $\Leftrightarrow$   $a$  is not  
a square.)

N.B. We will see that

$$m_q = \mathbb{E}(N_q)$$



so  $m_4(1) < m_4(3)$  indicates a "bias" between

$$\frac{N}{x, 4}(3)$$

and  $\frac{N}{x, 4}(1)$

(in favor of the first being larger) if  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ , meaning

that  $\pi(x; 4, 3) > \pi(x; 4, 1)$

"frequently".

Proof of Prop. - *def.*

$$\frac{N}{x} \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \frac{\log x}{\sqrt{x}} \left( \chi(q) \pi(x; q, a) - \pi(x) \right)$$

Orthogonality:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(q) \pi(x; q, a) &= \sum_{x \bmod q} \overline{\chi(a)} \sum_{p \leq x} \chi(p) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{p \leq x \\ p \not\equiv a \pmod q}} 1 + \sum_{x \bmod q} \overline{\chi(a)} \sum_{p \leq x} \chi(p) \\ &= \pi(x) + O(1) \end{aligned}$$

*sum over  $x \neq \epsilon_q$*

*q fixed; at most  $\omega(q)$*

(nb. of  
p/q

so

$$\frac{N}{x} = \sum_{x \bmod q}^* \overline{\chi(a)} \left[ \frac{\log x}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{p \leq x} \chi(p) \right]$$

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

negligible

Now let

$$\Theta_{\chi}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{p \leq x} (\log p) \chi(p)$$

By definition of  $\Lambda$ :

$$\Theta_{\chi}(x) - \Psi_{\chi}(x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{\substack{p^k \leq x \\ k \geq 2}} \chi(p)^k \log p$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{p \leq \sqrt{x}} \chi(p)^2 \log p$$

$$+ O\left(\frac{(\log x)^2}{x^{1/6}}\right)$$

negligible

Two cases:

Case 1 :  $\chi^2 \neq \varepsilon_q$  [ recall  $\chi \neq \varepsilon_q$  ]

$\rightsquigarrow$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{p \leq \sqrt{x}} (\chi^2)(p) \log p \ll \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} x^{1/4} (\log x)^2$$

negligible

by (a form of) the GRH(q).

$$\left[ \psi(\sqrt{x}; \chi^2) \ll x^{1/4} (\log \sqrt{x})^2 \right]$$

Case 2:  $\chi^2 = \varepsilon_q$ ,  $\chi \neq \varepsilon_q$

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{\substack{p \leq \sqrt{x} \\ p \nmid q}} \log p = \boxed{-1} + O\left(\frac{\log x}{x^{1/4}}\right)$$

RH!

deterministic,  
 $\neq 0$

Conclusion:

$$\Theta_{\chi}(x) - \Psi_{\chi}(x) = -\delta_{\chi^2} + O\left(\frac{\log x}{x^{1/4}}\right)$$

1 if  $\chi^2 = \varepsilon_q$ , 0 otherwise

Now we relate  $\Theta_x(x)$  to

$$\frac{\log x}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{p \leq x} \chi(p).$$

Summation by parts:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{p \leq x} \chi(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{p \leq x} \chi(p) \log p \left( \frac{1}{\log p} \right)$$

Compare with

$$\int_a^b f g = [Fg]_a^b$$

$$- \int_a^b F g'$$

where  $F' = f$

"  
 $g(p)$ ,

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{\log x}$$

is smooth  
for  $x \geq 2$

$$= g(x) \Theta_x(x) - g(2) \Theta_x(2)$$

$$- \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \int_2^x \sqrt{t} \Theta_x(t) g'(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\log x} \Theta_x(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \int_2^x \frac{\Theta_x(t) dt}{\sqrt{t} (\log t)^2}.$$

so

$$\frac{\log x}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{p \leq x} \chi(p) = \Theta_x(x) +$$

$$\frac{\log x}{\sqrt{x}} \int_2^x \frac{\theta_x(t) dt}{\sqrt{t} (\log t)^2} dt$$

One can show (see notes) easily

that

$$\int_2^x \frac{\theta_x(t) dt}{\sqrt{t} (\log t)^2} = \int_2^x \frac{\psi_x(t) dt}{\sqrt{t} (\log t)^2} + O\left(\frac{\sqrt{x}}{(\log x)^3}\right)$$

We try again the obvious bound:

$$\left| \frac{\log x}{\sqrt{x}} \int_2^x \frac{\psi_x(t) dt}{\sqrt{t} (\log t)^2} \right| \ll \frac{\log x}{\sqrt{x}} \int_2^x \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t}} \approx \log x$$

$\ll (\log t)^2$

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which is too big!

One can prove:

Cor C.5.11:

$$\int_2^x \psi(t; x) dt \ll x^{3/2}.$$

(See after vacation for explanation,  
coming from  $\sum_{\substack{L(\beta+iy, x) \\ 0}} \frac{1}{|\beta+iy|^2} < +\infty$ )

Using integration by parts one  
deduces that

$$\frac{\log x}{\sqrt{x}} \int_2^x \frac{\psi_x(t)}{\sqrt{t} (\log t)^2} dt \ll \frac{1}{\log x}$$

which is good enough!

Conclusion:

$$\frac{N}{x} = \sum_{\chi(a)} \overline{\chi(a)} \frac{\log x}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{p \leq x} \chi(p) + (error)$$

last step

$$= \sum_{x(q)}^{\circ} \overline{\chi(a)} \Theta_{\chi}(x) + (\text{error})$$

$$= \sum_{x(q)}^{\circ} \overline{\chi(a)} \Psi_{\chi}(x)$$

$$+ \sum_{x(q)}^{\circ} \overline{\chi(a)} (\Theta_{\chi}(x) - \Psi_{\chi}(x))$$

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+ (error)

$$= \sum_{x(q)}^{\circ} \overline{\chi(a)} \Psi_{\chi}(x)$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{\chi \neq \varepsilon_q \\ \chi^2 = \varepsilon_q}} - \overline{\chi(a)} + (\text{error})$$

$$= m_q(a) + \sum_{x(q)}^{\circ} \overline{\chi(a)} \Psi_{\chi}(x) + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right)$$

concluding the proof!  $\square$