

2. Reduction to the functions ψ and ψ_1

Def Tchebychev's ψ -function

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(x) &= \sum_{p^m \leq x} \log p = \sum_{p \leq x} \left[\frac{\log x}{\log p} \right] \log p \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq n \leq x} \Lambda(n)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \Lambda(n) = \begin{cases} \log p, & \text{if } n = p^m \text{ for some prime } p \text{ \& } m \geq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Remarks: (i) The sum $\sum_{p^m \leq x}$ is over those integers of the form p^m & $\leq x$.

(ii) $[u] =$ greatest integer $\leq u$.

Prop 2.1 If $\psi(x) \sim x$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$, then $\pi(x) \sim \frac{x}{\log x}$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$

Pf omitted as it is completely a "real" analysis argument.

(Reading Exercise)

Remark: Converse of Prop. 2.1 holds.

Def $\psi_1(x) = \int_1^x \psi(u) du$

Prop 2.2 If $\psi_1(x) \sim \frac{x^2}{2}$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$, then $\psi(x) \sim x$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$, and therefore $\pi(x) \sim \frac{x}{\log x}$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

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(Reading Exercise)

Prop 2.3 $\forall c > 1$

$$\gamma_1(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{x^{s+1}}{s(s+1)} \left(-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \right) ds \quad (6)$$

(The integral is along the vertical line $\text{Re}(s)=c$.)

Pf: Step 1:

$$-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n^s} \quad \text{Re } s > 1$$

In Lemma 1.3, we have proved that

$$\log \zeta(s) = \sum_{p, m} \frac{1}{m} p^{-ms}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = \sum_{p, m} \frac{1}{m} (-m \log p) p^{-ms} = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n^s}$$

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Step 2:

Lemma 2.4 If $c > 0$, then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{a^s}{s(1+s)} ds = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 < a \leq 1 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{a} & \text{if } 1 \leq a \end{cases}$$

(The integral is along the vertical line $\text{Re}(s)=c$.)

Clearly the integral converges as $|a^s| = a^c$.

Case 1 $a \geq 1$.

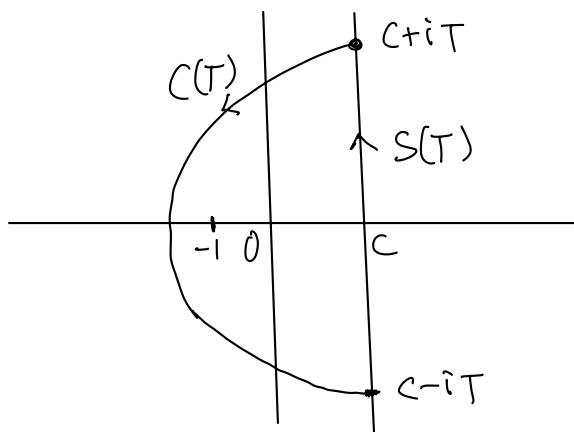
Let $\beta = \log a \geq 0$ and consider

$$f(s) = \frac{a^s}{s(s+1)} = \frac{e^{s\beta}}{s(s+1)} \quad \text{which is meromorphic}$$

with simple poles at $s=0$ & $s=-1$ with

$$\operatorname{res}_{s=0} f = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{res}_{s=-1} f = -\frac{1}{a}$$

Let $\Gamma(T) = S(T) + C(T)$ be the contour as in the figure ($T > c+1$)



where $S(T)$ = vertical line segment from $c - iT$ to $c + iT$;

$C(T)$ = left half-circle of radius T centered at c .

$$\text{Then Residue Theorem} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma(T)} f(s) ds = 1 - \frac{1}{a}$$

Now if $s = \sigma + it \in C(T)$, then $|s(s+1)| \geq (T-c)(T-c-1)$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \int_{C(T)} f(s) ds \right| = \left| \int_{C(T)} \frac{e^{\beta s}}{s(s+1)} ds \right| \leq \int_{C(T)} \frac{|e^{\beta s}|}{|s(s+1)|} ds$$

$$(\operatorname{Re} s \leq c, \beta \geq 0) \leq \frac{e^{\beta c}}{(T-c)(T-c-1)} \cdot \pi T \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } T \rightarrow \infty,$$

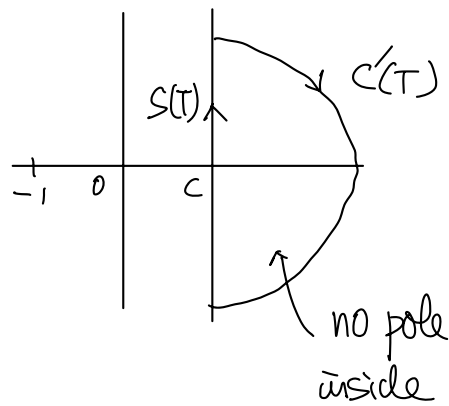
$$\therefore 2\pi i \left(1 - \frac{1}{a}\right) = \int_{\Gamma(T)} f(s) ds = \int_{S(T)} f(s) ds + \int_{C(T)} f(s) ds$$

$$\rightarrow \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} f(s) ds \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty.$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{a^s}{s(s+1)} ds = 1 - \frac{1}{a} \quad \text{for } a \geq 1.$$

Case 2 $0 < a \leq 1$

Similar to case 1, we have



$$\left| \int_{C'(T)} f(s) ds \right| \leq \int_{C'(T)} \frac{|a^s|}{|s(s+1)|} ds$$

$$= \int_{C'(T)} \frac{|e^{-s \log a}|}{|s(s+1)|} ds \quad (\log \frac{1}{a} > 0)$$

$$(\operatorname{Re} s \geq c) \leq e^{-c \log \frac{1}{a}} \cdot \frac{1}{(T+c)(T+c+1)} \cdot \pi T \rightarrow 0$$

and the same argument gives

$$0 = \int_{S(T)} f(s) ds + \int_{C(T)} f(s) ds$$

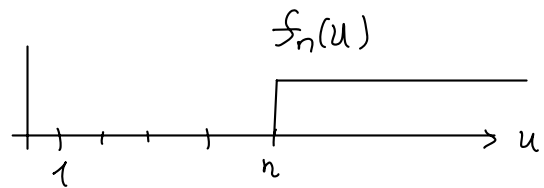
$$\rightarrow \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{a^s}{s(s+1)} ds \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty \quad \#$$

Step 3

$$\psi_1(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n)(x-n)$$

$$\psi(u) = \sum_{1 \leq n \leq u} \Lambda(n)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda(n) f_n(u)$$



$$\text{where } f_n(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u \geq n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_1(x) = \int_1^x \psi(u) du$$

$$= \int_0^x \psi(u) du \quad \text{as } \psi(u) = 0 \text{ for } 0 < u < 1$$

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$$= \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) \int_0^x f_n(u) du \quad \text{as } n > x \geq u \Rightarrow f_n(u) = 0$$

$$= \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n)(x-n) \quad \text{**}$$

Final Step: For $c > 1$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{x^{s+1}}{s(s+1)} \left(-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \right) ds$$

(by Step 1)
Re s = c > 1

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{x^{s+1}}{s(s+1)} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n^s} \right) ds$$

$$= x \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda(n) \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)^s}{s(s+1)} ds$$

$$\text{(by Step 2)} = x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda(n) \cdot \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)}, & \text{if } \frac{x}{n} \geq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= x \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) \left(1 - \frac{n}{x}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) (x - n)$$

$$\text{(by Step 3)} = \psi_1(x), \quad \#$$