

Lecture 7. The prime number theorem and the Riemann hypothesis. The Selberg–Delange method. Two arithmetic applications

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In the seventh lecture we cover Chapter II.4. *The prime number theorem and the Riemann hypothesis*, Chapter II.5. *The Selberg–Delange method* and Chapter II.6. *Two arithmetic applications* in G. Tenenbaum’s book [7], up to page 317.

Chapter II.4. The prime number theorem and the Riemann hypothesis

The following are Theorems 4.1 and 4.2 and Lemma 4.3 (Hadamard’s three circles lemma) in [7].

Theorem 1 For some $c > 0$ and every $x \geq 2$,

$$\psi(x) = x + O(x \exp(-c\sqrt{\log x})) \quad \text{and} \quad \pi(x) = \text{li}(x) + O(x \exp(-c\sqrt{\log x})).$$

This is the *Prime Number Theorem* with strong error term, $\psi(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n)$, $\pi(x) = \sum_{p \leq x} 1$ and $\text{li}(x) = \int_2^x dt / \log t$.

The *Riemann hypothesis* is the conjectured location of all nontrivial zeros of $\zeta(s)$ on the line $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$. The *Lindelöf hypothesis* is the conjectured asymptotics $\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + i\tau) \ll_{\varepsilon} \tau^{\varepsilon}$ ($\tau \geq 2$). It is named after the Finnish mathematician *Ernst L. Lindelöf (1870–1946)*.

Theorem 2 “The Riemann hypothesis implies that of Lindelöf. More precisely, if all non-trivial zeros of $\zeta(s)$ have real parts equal to $\frac{1}{2}$, then, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, we have

$$\text{Log}(\zeta(s)) \ll_{\varepsilon} (\log |\tau|)^{2-2\sigma+\varepsilon} \quad \left(\frac{1}{2} < \sigma \leq 1, |\tau| \geq 2\right).”$$

Here $\text{Log}(r \exp(i\varphi)) = \log r + i\varphi$, $r > 0$ and $\varphi \in [-\pi, \pi)$.

Lemma 3 If $F(s)$ is holomorphic in $0 < R_1 \leq |s| \leq R_2$ then the function

$$M(r) = \max_{|s|=r} |F(s)|$$

is logarithmically convex on $[R_1, R_2]$.

This result is in fact due not to Hadamard but to Littlewood [5].

Finally, the following are Theorem 4.4, Corollary 4.5, Theorem 4.6. Lemmas 4.7 and 4.8 and Theorem 4.9 in [7].

Theorem 4 Let $\Theta := \inf(\{\xi > 0 \mid \psi(x) - x \ll x^\xi \ (x \geq 2)\})$. Then

$$\Theta = \sup(\{\beta > 0 \mid \zeta(\rho) = \zeta(\beta + i\gamma) = 0\}).$$

Corollary 5 The Riemann hypothesis is equivalent to the asymptotics that for any $\varepsilon > 0$, $\psi(x) = x + O_\varepsilon(x^{1/2+\varepsilon})$ ($x \geq 2$).

We define $\psi_0(x) := (\psi(x) + \psi(x-))/2$ and

$$\langle x \rangle := \min_{p, \nu \geq 1, p^\nu \neq x} |x - p^\nu|.$$

Theorem 6 For $x \geq 2$,

$$\psi_0(x) = x - \sum_{\rho} \frac{x^\rho}{\rho} - \log(2\pi) - \log(1 - x^{-2})/2$$

where we sum over non-trivial zeros $\rho = \beta + i\gamma$ of $\zeta(s)$ so that ρ and $\bar{\rho}$ are paired. Also, for $x, T \geq 2$ one has that

$$\psi_0(x) = x - \sum_{|\gamma| \leq T} \frac{x^\rho}{\rho} - \log(2\pi) - \log(1 - x^{-2})/2 + R(x, T)$$

where $R(x, T) \ll (x/T) \log^2(xT) + (x \log x)/(x + T\langle x \rangle)$.

By [6], the second part of the theorem is due to H. von Koch [3] and E. Landau [4].

For $\kappa > 1$ and $T, x > 0$ we define

$$J_\kappa(x, T) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\kappa - iT}^{\kappa + iT} \frac{-\zeta'(s)x^s}{s\zeta(s)} ds.$$

Lemma 7 If $x \geq 2$, $\kappa = 1 + 1/\log x$ and $T > 0$ then

$$|\psi_0(x) - J_\kappa(x, T)| \ll \frac{x \log^2 x}{T} + \frac{x \log x}{x + T\langle x \rangle}.$$

Lemma 8 If $\inf_{\rho=\beta+i\gamma} |\gamma - T| \gg 1/\log T$ then for $-1 \leq \sigma \leq 2$,

$$\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \ll \log^2 T.$$

If $\min_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} |s + 2m| \geq \frac{1}{2}$ then for $\sigma \leq -1$,

$$\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \ll \log(2|s|).$$

Theorem 9 Let $\Theta = \sup_{\rho=\beta+i\gamma} \beta$. Then for $x \geq 2$,

$$\psi(x) = x + O(x^\Theta \log^2 x) \quad \text{and} \quad \pi(x) = \text{li}(x) + O(x^\Theta \log x).$$

Chapter II.5. The Selberg–Delange method

The following are Theorems 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 (Bateman, 1972) and 5.4 in [7]. The mentioned reference is [1].

Let $Z(s) = Z(s, z) = ((s-1)\zeta(s))^z/s: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ where $D \subset \mathbb{C}$ is open, connected, avoids 0 and zeros of ζ , contains $[1, +\infty)$ and $Z(1, z) = 1$.

Theorem 10 $Z(s, z)$ is holomorphic in the disc $|s-1| < 1$ where

$$Z(s, z) = \sum_{j \geq 0} \frac{1}{j!} \gamma_j(z) (s-1)^j.$$

The coefficients $\gamma_j(z)$ are entire function satisfying for any $A, \varepsilon > 0$ and $|z| \leq A$ the bound

$$\gamma_j(z)/j! \ll_{A, \varepsilon} (1 + \varepsilon)^j.$$

Let $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $c_0 > 0$, $\delta \in (0, 1]$ and $M > 0$. We say that $F(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n/n^s$ is $P(z, c_0, \delta, M)$ if $G(s, z) = F(s)\zeta(s)^{-z}$ has holomorphic extension to $\sigma \geq 1 - c_0/(1 + \log^+ |\tau|)$ and in this domain is bounded by

$$|G(s, z)| \leq M(1 + |\tau|)^{1-\delta}.$$

If $F(s)$ is $P(z, c_0, \delta, M)$ and there is $(b_n) \geq 0$ such that $|a_n| \leq b_n$ and $\sum_{n \geq 1} b_n/n^s$ is $P(w, c_0, \delta, M)$ then we say that $F(s)$ is $T(z, w, c_0, \delta, M)$.

Theorem 11 Let $F(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n/n^s$ be $T(z, w, c_0, \delta, M)$. For $x \geq 3$, $N \geq 0$, $A > 0$, $|z|, |w| \leq A$ we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} a_n = x(\log x)^{z-1} \left(\sum_{k=0}^N \frac{\lambda_k(z)}{(\log x)^k} + O(MR_N(x)) \right)$$

with $R_N(x) = R_N(x, c_1, c_2)$. The constants $c_1, c_2 > 0$ and in O may depend only on c_0, δ and A .

Theorem 12 There is a $c > 0$ such that for every $x \geq 1$,

$$|\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \varphi(n) \leq x\}| = \frac{\zeta(2)\zeta(3)}{\zeta(6)} x + O(x \exp(-c\sqrt{\log x})).$$

We define $G(s, z) = F(s)\zeta(s)^{-z}$ ($F(s)$ is the given Dirichlet series) and

$$\lambda_k(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(z-k)} \sum_{h+j=k} \frac{1}{h!j!} G^{(h)}(1, z) \gamma_j(z)$$

where $\gamma_j(z)$ appear in Theorem 10.

Theorem 13 Suppose that $F(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n/n^s$ converges for $\sigma > 1$ and that there is a $z \in \mathbb{C}$ and an $N \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that ($w = \max(\{1 - \operatorname{re}(z), 0\})$)

$$H_N(z) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|g_z(n)|/n)(\log(3n))^{N+1+w} < \infty.$$

Then for any z with $|z| \leq A$,

$$\sum_{n \leq x} = x(\log x)^{z-1} \left(\sum_{k=0}^N \frac{\lambda_k(z)}{(\log x)^k} + O_A(H_N(z)R_N(x)) \right)$$

with $R_N(x) = R_N(x, c_1, c_2)$ where the constants $c_1, c_2 > 0$ may depend only on A and where the coefficients $\lambda_k(z)$, $0 \leq k \leq N$, are defined above.

Chapter II.6. Two arithmetic applications

The following are Theorems 6.1–6.6 in [7]. Notation: $\omega(n) = \sum_{p|n} 1$, $A \in \mathbb{R}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$,

Theorem 14 For $A > 0$ there exist $c_1 = c_1(A), c_2 = c_2(A) > 0$ such that it holds uniformly for $x \geq 3$, $|z| \leq A$ and $N \in \mathbb{N}_0$ that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} z^{\omega(n)} = x(\log x)^{z-1} \left(\sum_{k=0}^N \frac{\lambda_k(z)}{(\log x)^k} + O_A(R_N(x)) \right)$$

with

$$R_N(x) := \exp(-c_1 \sqrt{\log x}) + ((c_2 N + 1)/\log x)^{N+1}$$

and

$$\lambda_k(z) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(z-k)} \sum_{h+j=k} \frac{1}{h!j!} G_1^{(h)}(1, z) \gamma_j(z),$$

where the $\gamma_j(z)$ are the entire functions defined in Theorem 10.

Theorem 15 For $\delta \in (0, 1)$ there exist $c_1 = c_1(\delta), c_2 = c_2(\delta) > 0$ such that it holds uniformly for $x \geq 3$, $|z| \leq 2 - \delta$ and $N \in \mathbb{N}_0$ that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} z^{\Omega(n)} = x(\log x)^{z-1} \left(\sum_{k=0}^N \frac{\nu_k(z)}{(\log x)^k} + O_\delta(R_N(x)) \right)$$

where $R_N(x)$ is defined in the previous theorem and where

$$\nu_k(z) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(z-k)} \sum_{h+j=k} \frac{1}{h!j!} G_2^{(h)}(1, z) \gamma_j(z).$$

Theorem 16 Let $A > 0$, $a_z(n): \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with $z \in \mathbb{C}$ have in the disc $|z| \leq A$ expansion $a_z(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k(n)z^k$. Let $h_j(z)$, $j = 0, 1, \dots, N$, be holomorphic in $|z| \leq A$ and the quantity $R_N(x)$ (independent of z) be such that for $x \geq 3$ and $|z| \leq A$ we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} a_z(n) = x(\log x)^{z-1} \left(\sum_{j=0}^N \frac{zh_j(z)}{(\log x)^j} + O_A(R_N(x)) \right).$$

Then it holds uniformly for $x \geq 3$ and $1 \leq k \leq A \log \log x$ that $C_k(x) := \sum_{n \leq x} c_k(n)$ is

$$\frac{x}{\log x} \left(\sum_{j=0}^N \frac{Q_{j,k}(\log \log x)}{(\log x)^j} + O_A \left(\frac{(\log \log x)^k}{k!} R_N(x) \right) \right),$$

where ($0 \leq j \leq n$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$)

$$Q_{j,k}(X) := \sum_{m+k=k-1} \frac{1}{m!!} h_j^{(m)}(0) X^l.$$

In addition, if $|h_0''(z)| \leq B$ for $|z| \leq A$ then it holds uniformly for $x \geq 3$ and $1 \leq k \leq A \log \log x$ that $C_k(x)$ is

$$\frac{x}{\log x} \cdot \frac{(\log \log x)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \left(h_0 \left(\frac{k-1}{\log \log x} \right) + O_A \left(\frac{(k-1)B}{(\log \log x)^2} + \frac{\log \log x}{k} R_0(x) \right) \right).$$

Let $\pi_k(x) = |\{n \leq x \mid \omega(n) = k\}|$ and $N_k(x) = |\{n \leq x \mid \Omega(n) = k\}|$. Let

$$\lambda(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(z+1)} \prod_p (1 + z/(p-1))(1-1/p)^z$$

and

$$\nu(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(z+1)} \prod_p (1-z)^{-1}(1-1/p)^z.$$

Theorem 17 For $A > 0$ there exist $c_1 = c_1(A), c_2 = c_2(A) > 0$ such that it holds uniformly for $x \geq 3$, $1 \leq k \leq A \log \log x$ and $N \in \mathbb{N}_0$ that

$$\pi_k(x) = \frac{x}{\log x} \left(\sum_{j=0}^N \frac{P_{j,k}(\log \log x)}{(\log x)^j} + O \left(\frac{(\log \log x)^k}{k!} R_N(x) \right) \right)$$

where $P_{j,k} \in \mathbb{R}[X]$ has degree $\leq k-1$ and $R_N(x)$ is defined in Theorem 14. In particular, we have

$$P_{0,k}(x) = \sum_{m+l=k-1} \frac{1}{m!!} \lambda^{(m)}(0) X^l.$$

Moreover we have under the same assumptions that

$$\pi_k(x) = \frac{x}{\log x} \cdot \frac{(\log \log x)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \left(\lambda((k-1)/\log \log x) + O(k/(\log \log x)^2) \right).$$

Theorem 18 For $\delta \in (0, 1)$ there exist $c_1 = c_1(\delta), c_2 = c_2(\delta) > 0$ such that it holds uniformly for $x \geq 3, 1 \leq k \leq (2 - \delta) \log \log x$ and $N \in \mathbb{N}_0$ that

$$N_k(x) = \frac{x}{\log x} \left(\sum_{j=0}^N \frac{Q_{j,k}(\log \log x)}{(\log x)^j} + O\left(\frac{(\log \log x)^k}{k!} R_N(x)\right) \right)$$

where $Q_{j,k} \in \mathbb{R}[X]$ has degree $\leq k - 1$ and $R_N(x)$ is defined in Theorem 14. In particular, we have

$$Q_{0,k}(x) = \sum_{m+l=k-1} \frac{1}{m!l!} \nu^{(m)}(0) X^l.$$

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Theorem 19 Let $\delta \in (0, 1), A > 0$ and $C = \frac{1}{4} \prod_{p>2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p(p-2)}\right) \approx 0.378694$. Then it holds uniformly for $x \geq 3$ and $(2 + \delta) \log \log x \leq k \leq A \log \log x$ that

$$N_k(x) = \frac{Cx \log x}{2^k} \left(1 + O((\log x)^{-\delta^2/5})\right).$$

Finally, there are Theorems 6.7 and 6.8 in [7]; $\tau(n)$ is the number of divisors of n . Further, for $u \in [0, 1]$ we define

$$F_n(u) = \frac{1}{\tau(n)} \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ d \leq n^u}} 1.$$

Theorem 20 It holds uniformly for $x \geq 2$ and $u \in [0, 1]$ that

$$\frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} F_n(u) = \frac{2}{\pi} \arcsin \sqrt{u} + O(1/\sqrt{\log x}).$$

This theorem follows from the next one.

Theorem 21 Let $h = \prod_p \sqrt{p(p-1)} \log(1/(1-p)) \approx 0.969$. It holds uniformly for $x \geq 2$ and $d \in \mathbb{N}$ that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{\tau(nd)} = \frac{hx}{\sqrt{\pi \log x}} \left(g(d) + O((3/4)^{\omega(d)}/\log x) \right)$$

where $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies that $\sum_{d \leq x} g(d) = \frac{x}{h\sqrt{\pi \log x}} (1 + O(1/\log x))$.

The last two theorems were obtained in [2].

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