

# One estimate related to the periodic zeta-function

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**Abstract.** An estimate for the error term of the fourth moment of the periodic zeta-function is obtained.

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Let  $s = \sigma + it$  be a complex variable,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . The periodic zeta-function  $\zeta_\lambda(s)$  is defined, for  $\sigma > 1$ , by Dirichlet series

$$\zeta_\lambda(s) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m}}{m^s}.$$

If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $\zeta_\lambda(s)$  becomes the Riemann zeta-function  $\zeta(s)$ . Therefore, we suppose that  $0 < \lambda < 1$ . Let  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , denote the Lerch zeta-function defined, for  $\sigma > 1$ , by

$$L(\lambda, \alpha, s) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m}}{(m + \alpha)^s}.$$

If  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , then  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$  is analytically continuable to an entire function [2]. From definitions of  $\zeta_\lambda(s)$  and  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$ , we have that

$$\zeta_\lambda(s) = e^{2\pi i \lambda} L(\lambda, 1, s). \tag{1}$$

In [4], the asymptotics for the fourth power moment of the periodic zeta-function was considered and the following theorem was proved.

**Theorem 1.** *Suppose that  $\lambda$  is irrational,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ . Then, for  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$ ,*

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_1^T |\zeta_\lambda(\sigma + it)|^4 dt = \frac{\zeta^4(2\sigma)}{\zeta(4\sigma)} - 2 \sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2} \frac{\sin^2 \pi \lambda (m_1 + n_1 - m_2 - n_2)}{(m_1 n_1)^{2\sigma}}.$$

The aim of this note is to estimate the rate of convergence in Theorem 1.

**Theorem 2.** *Suppose that  $\lambda$  is irrational,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$  and  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_1^T |\zeta_\lambda(\sigma + it)|^4 dt \\ &= T \left( \frac{\zeta^4(2\sigma)}{\zeta(4\sigma)} - 2 \sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2} \frac{\sin^2 \pi \lambda (m_1 + n_1 - m_2 - n_2)}{(m_1 n_1)^{2\sigma}} \right) + O(T^{\frac{3}{2} - \sigma + \varepsilon}). \end{aligned}$$

For the proof of Theorem 2, we will apply an approximate functional equation for the function  $\zeta_\lambda(s)$ . Let  $[u]$  denote the integer part of  $u$ ,

$$m(t) = \left[ \sqrt{\frac{t}{2\pi}} - 1 \right], \quad q(t) = \left[ \sqrt{\frac{t}{2\pi}} \right], \quad g(\lambda, t) = 2\sqrt{\frac{t}{2\pi}} - m(t) - q(t) - \lambda - 1,$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda, t) = & -\frac{t}{2\pi} \log \frac{t}{2\pi e} - \frac{7}{8} + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \lambda^2) + m(t) - q(t) \\ & + 2\sqrt{\frac{t}{2\pi}}(q(t) - m(t) + \lambda - 1) - \frac{1}{2}(q(t) + m(t)) - \lambda(1 + q(t) - m(t)), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\psi(z) = \frac{\cos \pi \left( \frac{z^2}{2} - z - \frac{1}{8} \right)}{\cos \pi z}.$$

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $0 < \lambda < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$  and  $t \geq t_0 > 0$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_\lambda(s) = & \sum_{1 \leq m \leq m(t)} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m}}{m^s} + \left( \frac{t}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \sigma - it} e^{it + \frac{\pi i}{4}} \sum_{0 \leq m \leq q(t)} \frac{1}{(m + \lambda)^{1-s}} \\ & + \left( \frac{t}{2\pi} \right)^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}} e^{\pi i f(\lambda, t) + 2\pi i \lambda} \psi(g(\lambda, t)) + O(t^{\frac{\sigma}{2} - 1}). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The assertion of the lemma follows from an approximate functional equation for  $\zeta_\lambda(s)$  [2] and equality (1).

Denote

$$S_1(s) = \sum_{1 \leq m \leq m(t)} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m}}{m^s}$$

and

$$S_2(s) = \left( \frac{t}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \sigma - it} e^{it + \frac{\pi i}{4}} \sum_{0 \leq m \leq q(t)} \frac{1}{(m + \lambda)^{1-s}}.$$

Since the function  $\psi(z)$  is bounded, we have by Lemma 1, that, for  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$ ,

$$\zeta_\lambda(s) = S_1(s) + S_2(s) + O(t^{-\frac{1}{4}}). \quad (2)$$

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$ , and  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^T |S_1(\sigma + it)|^4 dt = & T \left( \frac{\zeta^4(2\sigma)}{\zeta^4(4\sigma)} - 2 \sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2} \frac{\sin^2 \pi \lambda (m_1 + n_1 - m_2 - n_2)}{(m_1 n_1)^{2\sigma}} \right) \\ & + O(T^{\frac{3}{2} - \sigma + \varepsilon}). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From the definition of  $S_1(s)$ , we find that

$$\begin{aligned} |S_1(\sigma + it)|^4 &= \sum_{m_1} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m_1}}{m_1^{\sigma+it}} \sum_{m_2} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda n_1}}{n_1^{\sigma+it}} \sum_{m_2} \frac{e^{-2\pi i \lambda m_2}}{m_2^{\sigma-it}} \sum_{n_2} \frac{e^{-2\pi i \lambda n_2}}{n_2^{\sigma-it}} \\ &= \sum_{m_1, n_1, m_2, n_2} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda (m_1 + n_1 - m_2 - n_2)}}{(m_1 n_1 m_2 n_2)^\sigma} \left( \frac{m_2 n_2}{m_1 n_1} \right)^{it}, \end{aligned}$$

where in each sum we sum over  $[1, m(t)]$ . Let  $T_1 = 2\pi \max((m_1 + 1)^2, (n_1 + 1)^2, (m_2 + 1)^2, (n_2 + 1)^2)$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^T |S_1(\sigma + it)|^4 dt &= \int_1^T \sum_{m_1, n_1, m_2, n_2} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda (m_1 + n_1 - m_2 - n_2)}}{(m_1 n_1 m_2 n_2)^\sigma} \left( \frac{m_2 n_2}{m_1 n_1} \right)^{it} dt \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq m_1, n_1, m_2, n_2 \leq m(T)} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda (m_1 + n_1 - m_2 - n_2)}}{(m_1 n_1 m_2 n_2)^\sigma} \int_{T_1}^T \left( \frac{m_2 n_2}{m_1 n_1} \right)^{it} dt \\ &= \sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2}^* \frac{(T - T_1) e^{2\pi i \lambda (m_1 + n_1 - m_2 - n_2)}}{(m_1 n_1)^{2\sigma}} \\ &\quad + O\left( \sum_{m_1 n_1 \neq m_2 n_2}^* \frac{|\log \frac{m_2 n_2}{m_1 n_1}|^{-1}}{(m_1 n_1 m_2 n_2)^\sigma} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

where the star  $*$  means, that sum is taken over  $m_1, n_1, m_2, n_2 \in [1, m(T)]$ . Let  $d(k) = \sum_{d|k} 1$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , be the divisor function, and  $N(k)$  is the number of solutions of the equation  $m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2 = k$ . Then, we have that  $N(k) = d^2(k)$ , if  $k \leq u$ ,  $m_1, n_1, m_2, n_2 \leq u$ , and  $N(k) \leq d^2(k)$ , if  $k \geq u$ ,  $m_1, n_1, m_2, n_2 \leq u$ . It is well known [3] that, for  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{d^2(k)}{k^{2\sigma}} = \frac{\zeta^4(2\sigma)}{\zeta(4\sigma)}.$$

Also,  $d(k) = O_\varepsilon(k^\varepsilon)$  with every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} &T \sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2}^* \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda (m_1 + n_1 - m_2 - n_2)}}{(m_1 n_1)^{2\sigma}} \\ &= T \sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2 \leq m(T)} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda (m_1 + n_1 - m_2 - n_2)}}{(m_1 n_1)^{2\sigma}} + O\left( T \sum_{k \geq m(T)} \frac{d^2(k)}{k^{2\sigma}} \right) \\ &= T \sum_{\substack{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2 \\ m_1 + n_1 = m_2 + n_2}} \frac{1}{(m_1 n_1)^{2\sigma}} + T \sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda (m_1 + n_1 - m_2 - n_2)}}{(m_1 n_1)^{2\sigma}} + O(T^{\frac{3}{2} - \sigma + \varepsilon}) \\ &= T \sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2} \frac{1}{(m_1 n_1)^{2\sigma}} - T \sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2} \frac{1 - \cos 2\pi \lambda (m_1 + n_1 - m_2 - n_2)}{(m_1 n_1)^{2\sigma}} \\ &\quad + iT \sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2} \frac{\sin 2\pi \lambda (m_1 + n_1 - m_2 - n_2)}{(m_1 n_1)^{2\sigma}} + O(T^{\frac{3}{2} - \sigma + \varepsilon}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= T \frac{\zeta^4(2\sigma)}{\zeta(4\sigma)} - T \sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2} \frac{1 - \cos 2\pi\lambda(m_1 + n_1 - m_2 - n_2)}{(m_1 n_1)^{2\sigma}} \\
&\quad + iT \sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2} \frac{\sin 2\pi\lambda(m_1 + n_1 - m_2 - n_2)}{(m_1 n_1)^{2\sigma}} + O(T^{\frac{3}{2}-\sigma+\varepsilon}). \tag{4}
\end{aligned}$$

By the definition of  $T_1$  and symmetry

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2}^* \frac{T_1}{(m_1 n_1)^{2\sigma}} &= O\left(\sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2}^* \frac{m_1^2}{(m_1 n_1 m_2 n_2)^\sigma}\right) = O\left(\sum_{m_1, n_1}^* \frac{m_1^2 d(m_1 n_1)}{(m_1 n_1)^{2\sigma}}\right) \\
&= O\left(T^\varepsilon \sum_{m_1 \leq m(T)} \frac{1}{m_1^{2\sigma-2}} \sum_{n_1 \leq m(T)} \frac{1}{n_1^{2\sigma}}\right) = O(T^{\frac{3}{2}-\sigma+\varepsilon}). \tag{5}
\end{aligned}$$

Using the estimate

$$\sum_{0 < m < n \leq T} \frac{1}{m^\sigma n^\sigma \log \frac{n}{m}} = O(T^{2-2\sigma} \log T), \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq \sigma < 1,$$

we find that

$$\sum_{m_1 n_1 \neq m_2 n_2}^* \frac{|\log \frac{m_2 n_2}{m_1 n_1}|^{-1}}{(m_1 n_1 m_2 n_2)^\sigma} = O\left(\sum_{0 < m < n \leq m^2(T)} \frac{d(m)d(n)}{(mn)^\sigma \log(\frac{n}{m})}\right) = O(T^{2-2\sigma+\varepsilon}).$$

Thus, the lemma is a consequence of (3)–(5).

Now we deal with  $S_2(s)$ . We apply the following lemma [1].

**Lemma 3.** *Suppose that  $u_1, \dots, u_r$  are complex numbers,  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$  are distinct real numbers, and  $\delta_m = \min_{n \neq m} |\lambda_n - \lambda_m|$ . Then*

$$\sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{n=1}^r u_m \bar{u}_n (\lambda_n - \lambda_m)^{-1} \ll \sum_{m=1}^r |u_m|^2 \delta_m^{-1}.$$

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$ ,  $T \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\lambda$  be irrational. Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,*

$$\int_1^T |S_2(\sigma + it)|^4 dt = O_\lambda(T^{2-2\sigma+\varepsilon}).$$

*Proof.* Clearly

$$\begin{aligned}
Z(T) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_1^T \left| \sum_{0 \leq m \leq q(t)} \frac{1}{(m + \lambda)^{1-\sigma-it}} \right|^4 dt \\
&= O_\lambda(T) + \int_1^T \left| \sum_{1 \leq m \leq q(t)} \frac{1}{(m + \lambda)^{1-\sigma-it}} \right|^4 dt. \tag{6}
\end{aligned}$$

As in the case of  $S_1(s)$ , the second term in the right-hand side of (6) is

$$Z_1(T) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{1 \leq m_1, n_1, m_2, n_2 \leq q(T)} \frac{1}{((m_1 + \lambda)(n_1 + \lambda)(m_2 + \lambda)(n_2 + \lambda))^{1-\sigma}} \times \int_{T_2}^T \left( \frac{(m_1 + \lambda)(n_1 + \lambda)}{(m_2 + \lambda)(n_2 + \lambda)} \right)^{it} dt,$$

where  $T_2 = 2\pi \max(m_1^2, n_1^2, m_2^2, n_2^2)$ . Since  $\lambda$  is irrational, we have that  $(m_1 + \lambda)(n_1 + \lambda) = (m_2 + \lambda)(n_2 + \lambda)$  if and only if  $m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2$  and  $m_1 + n_1 = m_2 + n_2$ . Therefore,

$$Z_1(T) = O\left( \sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2}^* \frac{T - T_2}{((m_1 + \lambda)(n_1 + \lambda))^{2-2\sigma}} + \sum_{(m_1 + \lambda)(n_1 + \lambda) \neq (m_2 + \lambda)(n_2 + \lambda)}^* \frac{|\log \frac{(m_1 + \lambda)(n_1 + \lambda)}{(m_2 + \lambda)(n_2 + \lambda)}|^{-1}}{(m_1 n_1 m_2 n_2)^{1-\sigma}} \right). \tag{7}$$

The star  $*$  means that the summing runs over  $m_1, n_1, m_2, n_2 \in [1, q(T)]$ . It is not difficult to see that

$$\sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2}^* \frac{T}{((m_1 + \lambda)(n_1 + \lambda))^{2-2\sigma}} = O\left( T \sum_{k \leq q^2(T)} \frac{d^2(k)}{k^{2-2\sigma}} \right) = O(T^{2\sigma+\varepsilon}) \tag{8}$$

and

$$\sum_{m_1 n_1 = m_2 n_2}^* \frac{T_2}{((m_1 + \lambda)(n_1 + \lambda))^{2-2\sigma}} = O\left( \sum_{m_1, n_1 \leq q(T)} \frac{m_1^2 d(m_1 n_1)}{(m_1 n_1)^{2-2\sigma}} \right) = O(T^{2\sigma+\varepsilon}). \tag{9}$$

Moreover, by Lemma 3,

$$\sum_{\substack{m_1 n_1 \neq m_2 n_2 \\ (m_1 + \lambda)(n_1 + \lambda) \neq (m_2 + \lambda)(n_2 + \lambda)}}^* \frac{|\log \frac{(m_1 + \lambda)(n_1 + \lambda)}{(m_2 + \lambda)(n_2 + \lambda)}|^{-1}}{(m_1 n_1 m_2 n_2)^{1-\sigma}} = O_\lambda \left( T^\varepsilon \sum_{1 \leq m \leq q^2(T)} \frac{m}{m^{2-2\sigma}} \right) = O_\lambda(T^{2\sigma+\varepsilon}),$$

and

$$\sum_{\substack{m_1 n_1 \neq m_2 n_2 \\ (m_1 + \lambda)(n_1 + \lambda) \neq (m_2 + \lambda)(n_2 + \lambda)}}^* \frac{|\log \frac{(m_1 + \lambda)(n_1 + \lambda)}{(m_2 + \lambda)(n_2 + \lambda)}|^{-1}}{(m_1 n_1 m_2 n_2)^{1-\sigma}} = O_\lambda \left( \sum_{k \leq q^2(T)} \frac{k d^2(k)}{k^{2-2\sigma}} \right) = O(T^{2\sigma+\varepsilon}).$$

Two last estimates together with (6)–(9) prove the lemma.

*Proof of Theorem 2.* The estimate of the theorem easily follows from Lemmas 2 and 4, and the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality.

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## REZIUMĖ

### Periodinės dzeta funkcijos ketvirtasis momentas

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Straipsnyje pateikiama asimptotinė formulė su liekamuoju nariu ketvirtajam periodinės dzeta funkcijos momentui.

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