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Abstract

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ON THE DENSITY AND QUASI-RIEMANN HYPOTHESES

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To study the properties of zeros of L -series, Yu. V. Linnik ⁽²⁾ applied the principle of constructing sums that take a large value at a zero of an L -series. Here it will be shown how this principle can be supplemented by the estimates of I. M. Vinogradov ⁽¹⁾ and a new theorem on the zeros of $\zeta(s)$ obtained. In addition, if this principle is supplemented by the estimates of Burgess ⁽⁴⁾ or A. G. Postnikov ⁽⁵⁾, then an analogous theorem can be obtained for all L -series (mod D) having zeros near the real axis.

Theorem 1. For a given $T > 1$, all zeros of $\zeta(s)$ in the critical strip of height T can be divided into no more than $\ln T$ classes $\{C_0, C_1, \dots, C_r\}$ in such a way that the real part of the zeros of the class C_ν satisfies the estimate

$$\operatorname{Re} \rho_\nu < 1 - \eta_\nu,$$

and the total number of zeros of the class C_ν having real part $\geq \sigma$ does not exceed

$$T^{2(1+\varepsilon_\nu)(1-\sigma)} \ln^5 T,$$

where $\varepsilon_\nu = \nu / \ln T$, $\eta_\nu = C_0 \varepsilon_\nu^3$, $\nu = 0, 1, \dots, r \leq \ln T$.

Proof. Let $\zeta(\rho) = 0$ and $T/2 \leq \operatorname{Im} \rho \leq T$; then

$$\sum_{n \leq T} \frac{1}{n^\rho} = O(T^{-\beta}), \quad \beta = \operatorname{Re} \rho.$$

Multiplying the right- and left-hand sides of this equality by the sum $\sum_{n \leq T} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^\rho}$, we obtain the estimate

$$\left| \sum_{T \leq n \leq T^2} \frac{a_n}{n^\rho} \right| > \frac{1}{2}, \quad a_n = \sum_{d|n, n/T \leq d \leq T} \mu(d), \quad \operatorname{Re} \rho > \frac{1}{2}. \quad (1)$$

If we introduce the sum $S(n) = \sum_{m \leq n} a_m m^{-i\gamma}$, where $\gamma = \text{Im } \rho$, then by partial summation from (1) we find

$$\sum_{T \leq n \leq T^2} \frac{|S(n)|}{n^{1+\beta}} + \frac{|S(T)|}{T^\beta} \geq \frac{1}{2}.$$

It follows from this that, for the given zero ρ satisfying $\text{Re } \rho > 1/2$, $T/2 \leq \text{Im } \rho \leq T$, there exists an n_ρ from the interval (T, T^2) such that

$$|S(n_\rho)| > \frac{n_\rho^\beta}{2 \ln T}. \quad (2)$$

We assign to the class C_ν those zeros for which n_ρ lies in the interval $(T_\nu, T_{\nu+1})$, where

$$T_\nu = T^{1+\varepsilon_\nu}.$$

Let $\rho \in C_\nu$. For it, the corresponding sum from (2) can be written in the form

$$S_\nu(n_\rho) = \sum_{n_\rho/T \leq d \leq T} \mu(d) d^{-i\gamma} \sum_{m \leq n_\rho/d} m^{-i\gamma}. \quad (3)$$

I. M. Vinogradov's method gives the estimate

$$\sum_{m \leq x} m^{-i\gamma} \ll x^{1-\eta}, \quad \rho = 2c_0 \left(\frac{\ln x}{\ln \gamma} \right)^2. \quad (4)$$

In our case $x = n_\rho/d \geq T^{\varepsilon_\nu}$; hence $\eta \geq 2c_0 \varepsilon_\nu^2$. Substituting (4) into (3), we obtain

$$|S_\nu(n_\rho)| \ll n_\rho^{1-\eta_\nu}, \quad \eta_\nu \geq c_0 \varepsilon_\nu^3.$$

Comparing this inequality with the estimate (2), we find

$$\text{Re } \rho_\nu \ll 1 - \eta_\nu.$$

To study the density of zeros of the class C_ν , we "smooth" the sums $S_\nu(n_\rho)$:

$$S_\nu(n_\rho) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\frac{1}{\ln T} - iT_\nu}^{\frac{1}{\ln T} + iT_\nu} \frac{(T_{\nu+1})^s}{s} \left(\sum_{m \leq T_{\nu+1}} a_m m^{-i\gamma-s} \right) ds + O(1).$$

From this equality we obtain the estimate

$$|S_\nu(n_\rho)|^2 \ll \int_0^{T_\nu} \frac{\ln T}{|s|} \left| \sum_{m \leq T_{\nu+1}} a_m m^{-i\gamma-s} \right|^2 dt + 1; \quad s = \frac{1}{\ln T} + it. \quad (5)$$

But the integral on the right-hand side of the resulting inequality is not greater than

$$\sum_{0 \leq n \leq T_{\nu+1}} \frac{\ln T}{n + \alpha} \int_{\gamma+n}^{\gamma+n+1} \left| \sum_{m \leq T_{\nu+1}} a_m m^{-it+\alpha} \right|^2 dt, \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{\ln T}.$$

Sum the right- and left-hand sides of (5) over all ρ_ν satisfying $\operatorname{Re} \rho_\nu \geq \sigma$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\operatorname{Re} \rho_\nu \geq \sigma} |S_\nu(n_{\rho_\nu})|^2 \ll \\ & \ll \sum_{0 \leq n \leq T_{\nu+1}} \frac{\ln T}{n + \alpha} \sum_{\gamma_\nu} \int_{\gamma_\nu+n}^{\gamma_\nu+n+1} \left| \sum_{m \leq T_{\nu+1}} a_m m^{-it} \right|^2 dt + N_\nu \left(\sigma, T, \frac{1}{2} T \right). \end{aligned}$$

But in a critical strip of length 1 there lie no more than $O(\ln T)$ zeros; therefore

$$\sum_{\gamma_\nu} \int_{\gamma_\nu+n}^{\gamma_\nu+n+1} \ll \ln T \cdot \int_0^{2T_{\nu+1}}.$$

Consequently,

$$\sum_{\operatorname{Re} \rho_\nu \geq \sigma} |S_\nu(n_{\rho_\nu})|^2 \ll \ln^3 T \int_0^{2T_{\nu+1}} \left| \sum_{m \leq T_{\nu+1}} a_m m^{-it+\alpha} \right|^2 dt + N_\nu \left(\sigma, T, \frac{1}{2} T \right);$$

moreover, from (2) there follows the lower estimate

$$\sum_{\operatorname{Re} \rho_\nu \geq \sigma} |S_\nu(n_{\rho_\nu})|^2 > \frac{T_{\nu+1}^{2\sigma}}{4 \ln^2 T} N_\nu \left(\sigma, T, \frac{1}{2} T \right).$$

Comparing the upper and lower estimates, we obtain

$$N_\nu(\sigma, T) \ll T^{2(1+\varepsilon_\nu)(1-\sigma)} \ln^5 T;$$

Theorem 1 is proved. It follows from it that the greater the density of zeros in a class, the farther they are from the unit line.

Let us consider what new information about the distribution of zeros of L -series this method gives. Let $N(\sigma, D)$ denote the number of zeros of all L -series (mod D) whose real part is $\geq \sigma$, and whose imaginary part is $\leq (\ln D)^c$. In [3], for almost all D the estimate

$$N(\sigma, D) \ll D^{2(1+1/3+\varepsilon)(1-\sigma)} \ln^{c_1} D$$

was obtained.

We shall show how this estimate can be differentiated according to classes of zeros, analogously to how this was done in Theorem 1.

Theorem 2. For a given $D > 1$, the zeros of all L -series (mod D) satisfying $|\operatorname{Im} \rho| < \ln^c D$, $\operatorname{Re} \rho \geq 3/4$ can be divided into no more than $\ln D$ classes (C_0, C_1, \dots, C_r) so that the real part of the zeros of the class C_ν has the estimate

$$\operatorname{Re} \rho < 1 - \eta_\nu,$$

and the total number of zeros of the class C_ν having real part $\geq \sigma > 3/4$ does not exceed the quantity

$$D^{2(1+1/4+\varepsilon_\nu)(1-\sigma)} \ln^{c_1} D,$$

where

$$\varepsilon_\nu = \frac{\nu}{\ln D}, \quad \eta_\nu = \left(\varepsilon_\nu - \frac{1}{4r} - \varepsilon \right) \frac{1}{r}, \quad \varepsilon > 0$$

is arbitrarily small, and r is an arbitrarily large quantity.

Proof. If $L(s, \chi)$ has a zero ρ satisfying $\operatorname{Re} \rho > 3/4$, $|\operatorname{Im} \rho| < \ln^c D$, then for it, just as in the proof of Theorem 1, we obtain the inequality

$$|S(\chi, n_\rho)| > \frac{n_\rho^\beta}{\ln^{c_0} D} \quad (D \leq n_\rho \leq D^2), \quad (6)$$

where

$$S(\chi, n_\rho) = \sum_{m \leq n_\rho} a_m \chi(m) = \sum_{n_\rho/D \leq d \leq D} \mu(d) \chi(d) \sum_{m \leq n_\rho/d} \chi(m).$$

We divide all L -series (mod D) into $O(\ln D)$ classes. To the class C_ν we assign those for which n_ρ lies in the interval $(D_\nu, D_{\nu+1})$, where $D_\nu = D^{1+\varepsilon_\nu}$.

If $\varepsilon_\nu > 1/4$, then to the sum $\sum_{m \leq n_\rho/d} \chi(m)$ we apply Burgess' s estimate [4]; we obtain

$$|S_\nu(\chi, n_\rho)| \ll n_\rho^{1-\eta_\nu}, \quad \eta_\nu \geq \left(\varepsilon_\nu - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4r} - \varepsilon \right) \frac{1}{r}.$$

Comparing this inequality with estimate (6), we find

$$\operatorname{Re} \rho_\nu < 1 - \eta_\nu.$$

In order to obtain the density of zeros in the class C_ν , we again “smooth” the sums $S_\nu(\chi, n_\rho)$, after which we obtain the estimate

$$|S_\nu(\chi, n_\rho)|^2 \ll \sum_{0 \leq n \leq D_{\nu+1}} \frac{\ln D}{n + \alpha} \int_n^{n+1} \left| \sum_{m \leq D_{\nu+1}} \chi(m) a_m m^{-it+\alpha} \right|^2 dt, \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{\ln D}.$$

Summing it over all characters whose L -series have zeros in this class satisfying $\operatorname{Re} \rho_\nu > \sigma$, we obtain the estimate:

$$\sum_{\chi_\nu} |S_\nu(\chi_\nu, n_\rho)|^2 \ll D_{\nu+1}^2 \ln^c D. \quad (7)$$

* The condition $\operatorname{Re} \rho > 3/4$ can in principle be replaced by $\operatorname{Re} \rho > 1/2$, at the cost of complicating the proof

But, on the other hand, from inequality (6) it follows that

$$\sum_{\chi_\nu} |S_\nu(\chi_\nu, n_\rho)|^2 > \frac{D_{\nu+1}^{2\sigma}}{(\ln D)^{2c_0}} N_\nu(\sigma, D). \quad (8)$$

Comparing (7) and (8), we obtain

$$N_\nu(\sigma, D) \ll D^{2(1+\varepsilon_\nu)(1-\sigma)} \ln^{c_1} D.$$

Since Burgess' s estimates are valid only for $\varepsilon_\nu > 1/4$, by combining all classes with $\nu \leq \frac{1}{4} \ln D$ into one class, we obtain Theorem 2.

If one considers only moduli $D = p^n$, then the estimates of A. G. Postnikov (5) are applicable to the character sums

$$\sum_{m \leq x} \chi(m).$$

They are nontrivial beginning with $x > D^{1/n}$. Accordingly, Theorem 2 takes the following form:

Theorem 3. *If $D = p^n$, $n \geq 4$, then the zeros of all L -series (mod D) satisfying $|\operatorname{Im} \rho| < \ln D$ can be divided into no more than $\ln D$ classes (C_0, C_1, \dots, C_r) such that the real part of the zeros of the class C_ν has the estimate*

$$\operatorname{Re} \rho_\nu < 1 - \eta_\nu,$$

and the total number of zeros of the class C_ν , having real part $\geq \sigma \geq 3/4$, does not exceed the quantity

$$D^{2(1+1/n+\varepsilon_\nu)(1-\sigma)} \ln^{c_1} D,$$

where $\varepsilon_\nu = \nu / \ln D$, $\eta_\nu = c_0 \varepsilon_\nu^3$, $\nu = 0, 1, \dots, r$.

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