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Dirichlet L-Series



A Dirichlet L -series is a series of the form

$$L_k(s, \chi) \equiv \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi_k(n) n^{-s},$$

where the number theoretic character $\chi_k(n)$ is an integer function with series are very important in additive number theory (they were used, for example, to prove the prime number theorem for arithmetic progressions). Dirichlet L -series can be expressed as a power of $e^{2\pi i k}$.

Dirichlet L -series is implemented in the Wolfram Language as `DirichletL` with modulus k and index j .

The generalized Riemann hypothesis conjectures that neither the Riemann zeta function nor any Dirichlet L -series has a zero with real part larger than $1/2$.

The Dirichlet lambda function

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(s) &\equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^s} \\ &= (1-2^{-s}) \zeta(s), \end{aligned}$$

Dirichlet beta function

$$\begin{aligned} L_{-4}(s) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)^s} \\ &= \beta(s) \end{aligned}$$

and Riemann zeta function

$$\begin{aligned} L_{-1}(s) &= \zeta(s) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} \end{aligned}$$

are all Dirichlet L -series (Borwein and Borwein 1987, p. 289).

Hecke (1936) found a remarkable connection between each modular form and its associated Dirichlet L -series.

$$f(\tau) = c(0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n) e^{2\pi i n \tau}$$

and the Dirichlet L -series

$$\phi(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{c(n)}{n^s}$$

This Dirichlet series converges absolutely for $\sigma = \Re[s] > k + 1$ (if f is form). In particular, if the coefficients $c(n)$ satisfy the multiplicative property

$$c(m)c(n) = \sum_{d|(mn)} d^{2k-1} c\left(\frac{mn}{d^2}\right),$$

then the Dirichlet L -series will have a representation of the form

$$\phi(s) = \prod_p \frac{1}{1 - c(p)p^{-s} + p^{2k-1}p^{-2s}},$$

which is absolutely convergent with the Dirichlet series (Apostol 1997, p. 137). If k is an integer, then $\phi(s)$ can be analytically continued beyond the line $\sigma = k + 1$.

1. If $c(0) = 0$, then $\phi(s)$ is an entire function of s ,
2. If $c(0) \neq 0$, $\phi(s)$ is analytic for all s except a single simple pole at $s = k$.

$$\frac{(-1)^{k/2} c(0) (2\pi)^k}{\Gamma(k)},$$

where $\Gamma(k)$ is the gamma function, and

3. $\phi(s)$ satisfies

$$(2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) \phi(s) = (-1)^{k/2} (2\pi)^{s-k} \Gamma(k-s) \phi(k-s)$$

(Apostol 1997, p. 137).

The number theoretic character χ_k is called primitive if the j -conductor primitive L -series modulo k is then defined as one for which $\chi_k(n)$ is expressed in terms of primitive L -series.

Let $P = 1$ or $P = \prod_{i=1}^r p_i$, where p_i are distinct odd primes. Then the primitive L -series with real coefficients. The requirement of real coefficients restricts the type of all k and n . The three types are then

1. If $k = P$ (e.g., $k = 1, 3, 5, \dots$) or $k = 4P$ (e.g., $k = 4, 12, 20, \dots$), there is one primitive L -series.
2. If $k = 8P$ (e.g., $k = 8, 24, \dots$), there are two primitive L -series.
3. If $k = 2P, P p_i$, or $2^\alpha P$ where $\alpha > 3$ (e.g., $k = 2, 6, 9, \dots$), there are $\alpha - 1$ primitive L -series.

(Zucker and Robertson 1976). All primitive L -series are algebraically independent over \mathbb{C} .

$$\chi_k(k-1) = \pm 1.$$

Primitive L -series of these types are denoted L_{\pm} . For a primitive L -series

$k = P$, then

$$L_k = \begin{cases} L_{-k} & \text{if } P \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ L_k & \text{if } P \equiv 1 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

If $k = 4P$, then

$$L_k = \begin{cases} L_{-k} & \text{if } P \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ L_k & \text{if } P \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \end{cases}$$

and if $k = 8P$, then there is a primitive function of each type (Zucker a

The first few primitive **negative** L -series are $L_{-3}, L_{-4}, L_{-7}, L_{-8}, L_{-11}, L_{-12}, L_{-16}, L_{-20}, L_{-24}, L_{-28}, L_{-32}, L_{-36}, L_{-40}, L_{-43}, L_{-47}, L_{-51}, L_{-52}, L_{-55}, L_{-56}, L_{-59}, L_{-67}, L_{-68}, L_{-71}, L_{-79}, L_{-84}, L_{-88}, L_{-92}, L_{-96}, L_{-100}, L_{-104}, L_{-108}, L_{-112}, L_{-116}, L_{-120}, L_{-124}, L_{-128}, L_{-132}, L_{-136}, L_{-140}, L_{-144}, L_{-148}, L_{-152}, L_{-156}, L_{-160}, L_{-164}, L_{-168}, L_{-172}, L_{-176}, L_{-180}, L_{-184}, L_{-188}, L_{-192}, L_{-196}, L_{-200}, \dots$ (A003657), corresponding to the negated discriminants of **imaginary quadratic** series are $L_{+1}, L_{+5}, L_{+8}, L_{+12}, L_{+13}, L_{+17}, L_{+21}, L_{+24}, L_{+28}, L_{+29}, L_{+33}, L_{+37}, L_{+41}, L_{+45}, L_{+49}, L_{+53}, L_{+57}, L_{+61}, L_{+65}, L_{+69}, L_{+73}, L_{+76}, L_{+77}, L_{+85}, L_{+88}, L_{+89}, L_{+92}, L_{+93}, L_{+97}, \dots$

The **Kronecker symbol** (d/n) is a real **number theoretic character** mod d (Ayoub 1963). Therefore (d/n) is a real **number theoretic character** mod d (Ayoub 1963). Therefore

$$L_d(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (d/n) n^{-s}$$

where (d/n) is the **Kronecker symbol** (Borwein and Borwein 1987, p. 29)

For primitive values of d , the Kronecker symbols are periodic with period $|d| - 1$ sums, each of which can be expressed in terms of the **polygamma**

$$L_d(s) = \frac{1}{(-|d|)^s (s-1)!} \sum_{n=1}^{|d|-1} (d/n) \psi_{s-1} \left(\frac{n}{|d|} \right).$$

The functional equations for $L_{\pm d}$ are

$$L_{-d}(s) = 2^s \pi^{s-1} d^{-s+1/2} \Gamma(1-s) \cos\left(\frac{1}{2} s \pi\right) L_{-d}(1-s)$$

$$L_{+d}(s) = 2^s \pi^{s-1} d^{-s+1/2} \Gamma(1-s) \sin\left(\frac{1}{2} s \pi\right) L_{+d}(1-s)$$

(Borwein and Borwein 1986, p. 303).

For m a **positive integer**

$$L_{+d}(-2m) = 0$$

$$L_{-d}(1-2m) = 0$$

$$L_{+d}(2m) = R k^{-1/2} \pi^{2m}$$

$$L_{-d}(2m-1) = R' k^{-1/2} \pi^{2m-1}$$

$$L_{+d}(1-2m) = \frac{(-1)^m (2m-1)! R}{(2k)^{2m-1}}$$

$$L_{-d}(-2k) = \frac{(-1)^m R' (2m)!}{(2k)^{2m}},$$

where R and R' are **rational numbers**. Nothing general appears to be known although it is possible to express all $L_{\pm d}(1)$ in terms of known transcend

$L_{+d}(1)$ can be expressed in terms of transcendentals by

$$L_d(1) = h(d) \kappa(d),$$

where $h(d)$ is the [class number](#) and $\kappa(d)$ is the [Dirichlet structure constant](#).

No general forms are known for $L_{-d}(2m)$ and $L_{+d}(2m-1)$ in terms of $L_d(1)$. Several examples of special cases of $L_d(1)$. A number of primitive series

$$L_{-20}(1) = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$L_{-15}(1) = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{15}}$$

$$L_{-11}(1) = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{11}}$$

$$L_{-8}(1) = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$L_{-7}(1) = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{7}}$$

$$L_{-4}(1) = \frac{1}{4}\pi$$

$$L_{-3}(1) = \frac{1}{9}\pi\sqrt{3}$$

$$L_{+5}(1) = \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} \ln \phi$$

$$L_{+8}(1) = \frac{\ln(1+\sqrt{2})}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$L_{+12}(1) = \frac{\ln(2+\sqrt{3})}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$L_{+13}(1) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} \ln\left(\frac{3+\sqrt{13}}{2}\right)$$

$$L_{+17}(1) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{17}} \ln(4+\sqrt{17})$$

$$L_{+21}(1) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{21}} \ln\left(\frac{5+\sqrt{21}}{2}\right)$$

$$L_{+24}(1) = \frac{\ln(5+2\sqrt{6})}{\sqrt{6}},$$

and for $L_d(2)$ are given by

$$L_{-8}(2) = \frac{1}{64} \left[\psi_1\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) + \psi_1\left(\frac{3}{8}\right) - \psi_1\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) - \psi_1\left(\frac{7}{8}\right) \right]$$

$$L_{-7}(2) = \frac{1}{49} \left[\psi_1\left(\frac{1}{7}\right) + \psi_1\left(\frac{2}{7}\right) - \psi_1\left(\frac{3}{7}\right) + \psi_1\left(\frac{4}{7}\right) \right]$$

$$L_{-4}(2) = K$$

$$L_{-3}(2) = \frac{1}{9} \left[\psi_1\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - \psi_1\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \right]$$

$$L_{+1}(2) = \frac{1}{6} \pi^2$$

$$L_{+5}(2) = \frac{4}{125} \pi^2 \sqrt{5}$$

$$L_{+8}(2) = \frac{1}{16} \pi^2 \sqrt{2}$$

$$L_{+12}(2) = \frac{1}{18} \pi^2 \sqrt{3}$$

$$L_{+13}(2) = \frac{4\pi^2}{13\sqrt{13}}$$

$$L_{+17}(2) = \frac{8\pi^2}{17\sqrt{17}}$$

$$L_{+21}(2) = \frac{8\pi^2}{21\sqrt{21}},$$

where K is Catalan's constant, $\psi_1(z)$ is the trigamma function, and Li_2

Bailey and Borwein (Bailey and Borwein 2005; Bailey *et al.* 2006a, pp. 5 : 2008; Coffey 2008) conjectured the relation actually in effect proved by (M. Coffey, pers. comm., Mar. 30, 2009) that $L_{-7}(2)$ is also given by

$$I_7 = \frac{24}{7\sqrt{7}} \int_{\pi/3}^{\pi/2} \ln \left| \frac{\tan x + \sqrt{7}}{\tan x - \sqrt{7}} \right| dx$$

$$= \frac{4}{7\sqrt{7}} \{9 \ln 2 \cot^{-1} \sqrt{7} + (\pi - 6 \cot^{-1} \sqrt{7}) \times \ln$$

$$= \text{Li}_2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7} - i} \right) - \text{Li}_2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7} + i} \right) - \text{Li}_2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{24}{7\sqrt{7}} \{ \text{Cl}_2(\theta_+) + \frac{1}{2} [\text{Cl}_2(2\omega_+) - \text{Cl}_2(2\omega_+ + 2\theta_+)]$$

$$= \frac{4}{7\sqrt{7}} [3 \text{Cl}_2(\theta_7) - 3 \text{Cl}_2(2\theta_7) + \text{Cl}_2(3\theta_7)]$$

$$= 1.1519254705 \dots$$

where the latter expressions are due to Coffey (2008ab), with

$$\omega_+ = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{7}) - \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\omega_- = -\omega_+$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{7}}{5} \right)$$

$$\theta_+ = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{5} \sqrt{7} \right)$$

$$\theta_7 = 2 \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{7}).$$

SEE ALSO:

[Dirichlet Beta Function](#), [Dirichlet Eta Function](#), [Dirichlet Series](#), [Double Hecke L-Series](#), [Modular Form](#), [Pettersson Conjecture](#)

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