

# Averages of Long Dirichlet Polynomial Approximations of Primitive Dirichlet L-functions

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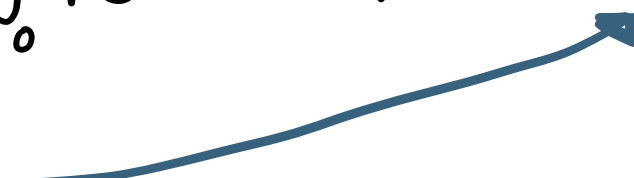
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- $k = \frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N}$  Heath-Broww (1981)
- $k = 1 + \frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N}$  Bettin - Chandee - Radziwiłł (2017)
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- Ng (2016):  $M_3(T)$  with a power saving error term, assuming a ternary additive divisor conjecture.
- Ng-Shen-Wong (2022):  $M_4(T)$  assuming RH and a quaternary additive divisor conjecture.

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\*credit to Fai Chandee for this overview\*

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$\log\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)$  is small if  $m$  is close to  $n$

$\therefore$  terms with  $m = n + r$  and  $r$  small contribute to the main term

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• For  $m = T^{5/4} + T^{1/4}$  and  $n = T^{5/4}$

$$\log\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) \approx \log\left(1 + \frac{1}{T}\right) \approx \frac{1}{T}$$

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- This leads to the difficult problem of additive divisor sums:

$$\sum_{n \leq x} d_k(n)d_k(n+r).$$

\*  $k=2$  ✓ Motohashi  
 $k \geq 3$  no asymptotics

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- $g_k$  : some constant; for  $k \geq 3$ , we have conjectures for its value.

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## Conjectures for $g_k$ :

- Conrey & Ghosh (1996) Dirichlet polynomials + AFE  $g_3 = 42$
- Conrey & Gonek (1998) Dirichlet polynomials + AFE  $g_4 = 24024$
- Keating & Snaith (1998) RMT,  $\text{Re}(k) \gg -\frac{1}{2}$   $g_k = (k^2)! \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{j!}{(j+k)!}$
- Diaconu-Goldfeld-Hoffstein (2000) mult. Dirichlet series,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$
- Conrey-Farmer-Keating-Rubenstein-Snaith (2000) recipe,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Where does the conjectured combinatorial structure come from?

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Basic recipe (conjectures lower order terms & their coefficients too)

(1) use the approximate functional equation:

$$\zeta(s) \approx \sum_m \frac{1}{m^s} + \chi(s) \sum_n \frac{1}{n^{1-s}}$$

where

$$\chi(s) = \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}-s} e^{it + \pi i/4} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)\right)$$

(2) multiply out

(3) Ignore terms where the product of  $\chi$ -factors is oscillating rapidly

(4) Ignore off-diagonal contributions of what's left.

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Conjecture (CFKRS, 2000)

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$$\prod_{\alpha \in A} \zeta(\alpha + s) =: \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\tau_A(n)}{n^s}$$

$$\tau_A(n) = \sum_{m_1 m_2 \dots m_k = n} m_1^{-\alpha_1} m_2^{-\alpha_2} \dots m_k^{-\alpha_k}$$

$$U^- := \{-\alpha : \alpha \in U\}$$

- We call the cardinality  $|U| = |V|$  the number of "swaps."

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"0-swap" ( $u = v = \emptyset$ ):

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"1-swap" example:  $u = \{\alpha_1\}, v = \{\beta_2\}$

$$A \setminus u \cup v^- = \{-\beta_2, \alpha_2\}$$

$$B \setminus v \cup u^- = \{\beta_1, -\alpha_1\}$$

$$\left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)^{-\alpha_1-\beta_2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\tau_{\{-\beta_2, \alpha_2\}}(n) \tau_{\{\beta_1, -\alpha_1\}}(n)}{n} = \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)^{-\alpha_1-\beta_2} Z(-\beta_2, \alpha_2; \beta_1, -\alpha_1)$$

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## Theorem (CFKRS, 2000)

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$$\int_0^T \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{0-swap} \\ \mathcal{Z}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2; \beta_1, \beta_2) \\ \text{1-swaps} \\ + \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)^{-\alpha_1 - \beta_1} \mathcal{Z}(-\beta_1, \alpha_2; -\alpha_1, \beta_2) + \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)^{-\alpha_1 - \beta_2} \mathcal{Z}(-\beta_2, \alpha_2; \beta_1, -\alpha_1) \\ + \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)^{-\alpha_2 - \beta_1} \mathcal{Z}(\alpha_1, -\beta_1; -\alpha_2, \beta_2) + \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)^{-\alpha_2 - \beta_2} \mathcal{Z}(\alpha_1, -\beta_2; \beta_1, -\alpha_2) \\ \text{2-swap} \\ + \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)^{-\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 - \beta_1 - \beta_2} \mathcal{Z}(\underline{-\beta_1}, \underline{-\beta_2}; \underline{-\alpha_1}, \underline{-\alpha_2}) \end{array} \right) dt$$

letting shifts  $\rightarrow 0$   
\*agrees with Heath-Brown\*

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## Theorem (CFKRS, 2003)

Let  $U(N)$  be the group of  $N \times N$  unitary matrices.

Then integrating with respect to the Haar measure gives

$$\int_{U(N)} \prod_{\alpha \in A} \det(1 - e^{-\alpha} M) \prod_{\beta \in B} (1 - e^{-\beta} M^{-1}) dM$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{U \subseteq A, V \subseteq B \\ |U| = |V|}} (e^N)^{-\sum_{\alpha \in U} \alpha - \sum_{\beta \in V} \beta} Z(A \setminus U \cup V^-, B \setminus V \cup U^-),$$

where  $Z(A, B) := \prod_{\alpha \in A, \beta \in B} (1 - e^{-\alpha - \beta})^{-1}$ .

# A new approach to proving high moments

Conrey-Keating: The general idea is to estimate

(series of 5 papers, 2015-2019)

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using the approximation

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- The categories are called "l-swaps."
- If  $|A| = |B| = k$ , there are "l-swap terms" for  $l \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, k\}$ .



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Conrey-Keating: If  $X \gg T^l$  then the  $l$ -swap terms for the truncations on the LHS are precisely the  $l$ -swap terms for the full  $2k$ 'th moment on the RHS.

\* As  $X$  increases, more  $l$ -swaps match up. \*

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- This connection has been made rigorous by A. Hamieh & N. Ng.

### Theorem (Hamieh and Ng, 2021)

Assume the expected asymptotic formula for correlations of divisor sums.

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Here:

- $W, V$  are smooth cut-off functions
- $b$  denotes that the sum is over even, primitive characters modulo  $q$

What does the CFKRS recipe predict for  $S(h,k)$ ?

# Notation: gathering the ingredients

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the sum of all the  $\ell$ -swap terms from the recipe prediction.

$$\tilde{V}(s) := \int_0^\infty V(x) x^{s-1} dx$$

(Mellin transform of  $V$ )

$$\mathcal{G}(s) := \pi^{s-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}s)}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}s)}$$

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- the 1-swap terms predicted by the CFKRS recipe are correct for this family of L-functions, averaged over  $q$ .
- For the general  $2k$ th moment, this gives the first rigorous proof of the validity of the CFKRS heuristic "beyond the diagonal" for this family of L-functions.

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(eventually cancels)      bounded under GLH

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## Focusing on $U_0(h, k)$

We apply Mellin inversion to  $W$  and move a line of integration to write

$$U_0(h, k) = U_1(h, k) + U_2(h, k)$$

where  $U_1(h, k)$  is the residue (from  $\zeta(1+w)$ ) and  $U_2(h, k)$  is the rest.

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bounded under GLH bounded under GLH

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An arrow labeled "cancels!" points from  $L_0(h, k)$  to  $U_1(h, k)$ .

A red arrow points from "Ah-ha! The 1-swaps must be here!" to the brown cloud containing  $U_2(h, k)$ .

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We are left with

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_2(h, k) \approx & \frac{Q}{2} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq c < C \\ (c, hk) = 1}} \frac{\mu(c)}{c} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq m, n < \infty \\ (mn, c) = 1 \\ mh \neq nk}} \frac{\tau_A(m) \tau_B(n)}{\sqrt{mn}} V\left(\frac{m}{X}\right) V\left(\frac{n}{X}\right) \sum_{\substack{1 \leq e < \infty \\ (e, g) = 1}} \frac{\mu(e)}{e} \\
 & \times \sum_{a|g} \frac{\mu(ca)}{\varphi(ca)} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(-\varepsilon)}^w \left( \frac{c |mh \pm nk|}{gQ} \right)^w \tilde{W}(1-w) \zeta(1+w) dw.
 \end{aligned}$$

- Write  $U_2(h, k)$  as an Euler product after separating the variables in  $|mh \pm nk|^w$  (use a lemma from ČIS'19)
- Use Mellin inversion  $\ddagger$ ; express  $U_2(h, k)$  as a quadruple integral.

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We find the 1-swaps via strategic contour integration and proving identities involving several Euler products so that we can match to what the recipe predicts.

# The map of the argument

$$S(h, k) = \underbrace{D(h, k)}_{\substack{\text{short, diagonal} \\ \text{0-swap terms}}} + \underbrace{L(h, k)}_{\text{long}} + \underbrace{U(h, k)}_{\text{short, off diagonal}}$$
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cancels!

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(match with recipe prediction)

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Making this precise is work in-progress with student Bowen Li.

# Finding "1-swaps" in other families


NSF FRG : Averages of L-functions & Arithmetic Stratification

Conrey-Rodgers ('22+)

- family of quadratic L-functions
- symplectic
- Poisson summation
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Conrey-Fazzari ('23)

- L-functions assoc. with primitive cusp forms of level 1 in weight aspect
- orthogonal
- Petersson trace formula
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Thank you for your  
attention!





