

L-functions

Def:  $L(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$  is an L-function

EX: If  $a_n = 1$  then  $L(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$  is Riemann  $\zeta$ -function

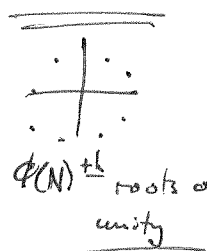
$L(1) = \infty$   
 $L(2) = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$   
 $\vdots$

alt. def.

$L(s) = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \left( \frac{1}{1-p^{-s}} \right)$

EX: (Dirichlet L-function)

Def: Dirichlet character is  $\chi: \left( \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{N\mathbb{Z}} \right)^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$   
 $\chi \cdot \chi(mn) = \chi(n)\chi(m)$   
 $\chi(n)^{\phi(N)} = 1$



Let  $\chi(a) = \begin{cases} \chi(a \bmod N) & \text{gcd}(a, N) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{gcd}(a, N) \neq 1 \end{cases}$

$\rightarrow L(s, \chi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s} = \prod_p \frac{1}{1 - \chi(p) p^{-s}}$  (Dirichlet)

$\Rightarrow \log(\zeta(s)) + \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod N \\ \chi \neq 1}} \chi(a)^{-1} \log(L(s, \chi))}_{\text{infinite}} = \underbrace{\phi(N)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Euler } \phi\text{-function} \\ \text{(finite)}}} \left( \sum_{p \equiv a \bmod N} \frac{1}{p^s} \right) + \text{finite}$

$\Rightarrow \#\{\text{primes} \equiv a \bmod N\} = \infty \quad !!!$

Connection to last time:

EX  $S_3(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n \equiv 7 \bmod 8 \\ \frac{24\sqrt{n}}{\pi} L(1, \chi) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

$\rightarrow S_{2n+1}(n)$  always has an answer like this!!

# L-Functions, Elliptic Curves, and Modular Forms

Given an elliptic curve  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  (\*)

(\*) is  $y^2 = x^3$  mod  $p$ : "additive reduction". let  $a_p = p+1 - N_p$  # {solutions of \* mod  $p$ }  
 mod  $p$ : "split-mult. reduction"  $\rightarrow$  split if  $(y \dots x, y \dots)$   
 not-split otherwise

$$L_p(T) = \begin{cases} 1 - a_p T + p T^2 & \text{if (*) mod } p \text{ nonsing.} \\ 1 - T & \text{if (*) split-mult. red.} \\ 1 + T & \text{if (*) nonsplit-mult. red.} \\ 1 & \text{if (*) additive red.} \end{cases}$$

$$L(E, s) = \prod_p L_p(p^{-s}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$$

Ex  $y^2 + y = x^3 - x^2 - x - 20$   $\Delta_E = -11^5$

$$L(E, s) = \frac{1}{1 - 11^{-s}} \cdot \prod_{\substack{p \neq 11 \\ p \text{ prime}}} \left( \frac{1}{1 - a_p p^{-s} + p^{1-2s}} \right)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{2}{2^s} - \frac{1}{3^s} + \frac{2}{4^s} + \frac{1}{5^s} + \frac{2}{6^s}$$

Modular form  $f(\tau) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n q^n$  ( $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ )  
 $\Downarrow$   
 L-function  $L(s, f) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$

Conjecture: A series of the form  $L(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$  w/  $a_n \in \mathbb{Z}$

is the L-function of an elliptic curve (E) w/ conductor N



L(s) is the L-function of a normalized modular form of weight 2 for group  $T_0(N)$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$$

in  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$

(Taniyama-Shimura-Weil)

Conjecture:  $L(E, s) = c_0 (s-1)^{R_E} + c_1 (s-1)^{R_E+1} + \dots$

w/  $R_E = \text{rank}(E_{\mathbb{Q}})$

Taylor series at  $s_0=1$

Mordell-Weil Group.

Birch Swinnerton-Dyer  
(BSD)

~~$c_0 = \frac{|\text{III}|}{\Omega_E}$~~

Tate-Shafarevich  
period of elliptic curve  
regulator of E

and  $c_0 = \frac{|\text{III}| \cdot \Omega_E \cdot \text{Reg}(E/\mathbb{Q}) \prod_p c_p}{|E_{\text{Tor}}(\mathbb{Q})|^2}$  Tamagawa #s

EX:  $y^2 = x^3 - 1156x$  elliptic curve

$R_E = 2$

$E_{\text{Tor}}(\mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

$|\text{III}| = 1$

$c_0 = 6.385159\dots$