

L-FUNCTIONS AND CRYPTOGRAPHY

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Previous example: $L(s) = L(s, \chi)$ Dirichlet L -function of χ :

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Automorphic L -functions?

Definition of S (Selberg, 1989, (cf. [3]))

$F \in S$ (the Selberg class) if $F(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a(n)}{n^s}$ where

1. the Dirichlet series converges absolutely for $\sigma > 1$.
2. (*Analytic continuation*) There exists an integer $m \geq 0$ such that $(s-1)^m F(s)$ is entire of finite order.
3. (*Functional equation*)

$$\Phi(s) = \omega \overline{\Phi(1 - \bar{s})},$$

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Definition of S , continuation

4. (*Ramanujan hypothesis*) For every $\varepsilon > 0$ we have $a(n) \ll n^\varepsilon$.
5. (*Euler product*) For $\sigma > 1$ we have

$$\log F(s) = \sum_n b(n)n^{-s},$$

where $b(n) = 0$ unless $n = p^m$ and $b(n) \ll n^\theta$ for some $\theta < 1/2$.

1. Remark: $r = 0$ is possible — the functional equation takes form

$$Q^s F(s) = \omega Q^{1-s} \overline{F}(1-s).$$

2. The *extended Selberg class* $S^\#$ consists of $F(s)$ not identically zero satisfying axioms (1), (2) and (3).
3. $\gamma(s) = Q^s \prod_{j=1}^r \Gamma(\lambda_j s + \mu_j)$ — the *gamma factor* of $F \in S^\#$.

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EXAMPLES, continuation

5. L -function associated with a holomorphic newform of a congruence subgroup of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ (after suitable normalization)
6. L -functions of elliptic curves (Wiles)
7. Rankin-Selberg convolution of any two normalized holomorphic newforms.
8. $F, G \in S$ implies $FG \in S$ (the same for $S^\#$)
9. If $F \in S$ is entire then the *shift* $F_\theta(s) = F(s + i\theta)$ is in S for every real θ

Conditional examples

1. Artin L -functions for irreducible representations of Galois groups (modulo Artin's conjecture: holomorphy is missing).
2. L -functions associated with nonholomorphic newforms (Ramanujan hypothesis is missing, exceptional eigenvalue problem).

Conditional examples, continuation

3. Symmetric powers (for normalized holomorphic newforms, say):

$$L(s) = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{a_p}{p^s}\right)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{b_p}{p^s}\right)^{-1}$$

r -th symmetric power:

$$L_r(s) = \prod_p \prod_{j=0}^r (1 - a_p^j b_p^{r-j} p^{-s})^{-1}$$

(modulo Langlands functoriality conjecture).

4. In general: $GL_n(K)$ automorphic L functions (Ramanujan hypothesis is missing).
5. Motivic L -functions (analytic continuation is missing).

Examples, continuation

General examples of L -functions from the extended Selberg class: linear combinations of solutions of the same functional equation as for instance the Davenport-Heilbronn L -function.

$$L(s) = \bar{\lambda}L(s, \chi_1) + \lambda L(s, \bar{\chi}_1),$$

$$\chi_1 \pmod{5} \text{ such that } \chi_1(2) = i,$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + i \frac{\sqrt{10 - 2\sqrt{5} - 2}}{\sqrt{5} - 1} \right).$$

Functional equation

$$\left(\frac{\pi}{5}\right)^{\frac{s}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+1}{2}\right) L(s) = \left(\frac{\pi}{5}\right)^{\frac{1-s}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{2-s}{2}\right) L(1-s).$$

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THEOREM ([4]) *GCC is true for $0 \leq d < 2$.*

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DEFINITION: PRG is a deterministic polynomial time algorithm that expands short seeds into longer bit sequences such that the output of the ensemble is polynomial-time indistinguishable from a target probability distribution.

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Good reduction: For $p \nmid \Delta_E$

$$y^2 \equiv x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}$$

defines an elliptic curve over \mathbb{F}_p .

For $p \nmid \Delta_E$:

$$a_E(p) = p + 1 - \#E(\mathbb{F}_p).$$

THEOREM (A. Wiles et al. + multiplicity one property of automorphic representations) *There exist uniquely determined integers $a_E(p)$, $p \nmid \Delta_E$ such that*

$$L(s, E) = \prod_{p \mid \Delta_E} \left(1 - \frac{a_E(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1} \prod_{p \nmid \Delta_E} \left(1 - \frac{a_E(p)}{p^s} + p^{1-2s}\right)^{-1}$$

defined for $\Re(s) > 3/2$ extends to an entire function satisfying the following functional equation:

$$Q^s \Gamma(s) L(s, E) = \omega Q^{2-s} \Gamma(2-s) L(2-s, E)$$

with $\omega = \pm 1$.

COROLLARY *We have*

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2. $a_E(n) \in \mathbb{Z}$,

3. $|a_E(n)| \leq \sqrt{nd(n)}$ (Deligne),

4. $a_E(p^k)$ can be computed in a polynomial time (Schoof),

5. $L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E) \in S$.

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FACT: ([1]) *This is a pseudorandom sequence with probability distribution $(1/3, 2/3)$.*

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Generalizations: P.D.T.A. Elliott, A. Fuji, H. Rademacher, J.K. ...

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