

DISTRIBUTION OF THE VALUES OF THE DERIVATIVE OF THE DIRICHLET L -FUNCTIONS AT ITS a -POINTS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we study the value distribution of the derivative of a Dirichlet L -function $L'(s, \chi)$ at the a -points $\rho_{a, \chi} = \beta_{a, \chi} + i\gamma_{a, \chi}$ of $L(s, \chi)$. We give an asymptotic formula for the sum

$$\sum_{\substack{\rho_{a, \chi}; \\ 0 < \gamma_{a, \chi} \leq T}} L'(\rho_{a, \chi}, \chi) X^{\rho_{a, \chi}} \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty,$$

where X is a fixed positive number and χ is a primitive character mod q . This work continues the investigations of Fujii [4–6], Garunkštis & Steuding [8] and the authors [12].

1. Introduction

Let $L(s, \chi)$ be the Dirichlet L -function associated with a primitive character χ mod q and a be a nonzero complex number. The zeros of $L(s, \chi) - a$, which will be denoted by $\rho_{a, \chi} = \beta_{a, \chi} + i\gamma_{a, \chi}$, are called the a -points of $L(s, \chi)$. First, we note that there is an a -point near any trivial zero $s = -2n$ if $\chi(-1) = 1$ and $s = -2n - 1$ if $\chi(-1) = -1$ for sufficiently large n . Apart from these a -points there are only finitely many other a -points in the half-plane $Re(s) = \sigma \leq 0$. The a -points with $\beta_{a, \chi} \leq 0$ are said to be trivial. All other a -points lie in a strip $0 < Re(s) < A$, where A is a constant depending on a ; these numbers are called the nontrivial a -points. The number of these a -points satisfies a Riemann-von Mangoldt type formula (we refer to [20, §7.2] for the proof of this formula which is stated for functions in a subclass of the Selberg class including the Dirichlet L -functions $L(s, \chi)$), namely

$$(1) \quad N_{a, \chi}(T) = \sum_{\substack{\rho_{a, \chi}; \\ 0 < \gamma_{a, \chi} \leq T \\ \beta_{a, \chi} > 0}} 1 = \frac{T}{2\pi} \log \left(\frac{qT}{2\pi c_a e} \right) + O(\log T),$$

where $c_a = m$ if $a = 1$ and $c_a = 1$ otherwise, with $m = \min\{n \geq 2 : \chi(n) \neq 0\}$. Here and in the sequel the error term depends on q , however, the main

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term is essentially independent of a . Moreover, $N_{a,\chi}(T) \sim N_\chi(T)$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$, where $N_\chi(T) = N_{0,\chi}(T)$ denotes the number of nontrivial zeros $\rho_\chi = \beta_\chi + i\gamma_\chi$ of $L(s, \chi)$ satisfying $0 < \gamma_\chi < T$. Gonek [10] proved that, if the Riemann Hypothesis holds for $L(s, \chi)$, then at least $(\frac{1}{2} + o(1)) \frac{T}{2\pi} \log \frac{T}{2\pi}$ of the nontrivial a -points with ordinates in $(0, T)$ of the function $L(s, \chi)$ associated with a primitive character χ are simple and lie to the left of the line $Re(s) = 1/2$.

In this paper, we continue the investigations of Fujii [4–6], Garunkštis & Steuding [8] and the authors [12]. Actually, we are interested in the sums

$$\sum_{\rho_\chi; 0 < \gamma_\chi \leq T} L'(\rho_\chi, \chi) X^{\rho_\chi}, \quad \sum_{\rho_{a,\chi}; 0 < \gamma_{a,\chi} \leq T} L'(\rho_{a,\chi}, \chi) X^{\rho_{a,\chi}},$$

where X is a fixed positive number and $\chi \pmod q$ is a primitive character. Our method is based on a formula stated by Garunkštis and Steuding in [8, §6, Remark ii)] with the function $f(s) = L'(s, \chi)X^s$. There are several reasons why the above sum with the parameter X is of interest. The first one is that the estimation of this sum can be used to study the normal distribution of the values of $\log |L'(\rho_{a,\chi}, \chi)|^1$, the second one is to study the vertical distribution of a -points of $L(s, \chi)$. Recall that in the case of $a = 0$, recently Fujii studied in [4] sums over the nontrivial zeros of $L(s, \chi)$. He showed that under the Riemann hypothesis, for $X > 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T/2\pi} \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq T} [X^{1/2+i\gamma} (L(1/2 + i\gamma, \chi) - 1) - \xi(X)] \\ &= \begin{cases} M(X, \chi) & \text{if } X \text{ is rational,} \\ 0 & \text{if } X \text{ is irrational,} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where $L(s, \chi)$ is a Dirichlet L -function with primitive Dirichlet character $\chi \pmod q$ ($q \geq 3$), $\xi(X)$ and $M(X, \chi)$ are some constants. Furthermore, Garunkštis, Grahl and Steuding [7] obtained more subtle information on the value distribution of Dirichlet L -functions by considering certain discrete moments

$$\sum_{\rho_{a,\chi}; 0 < \gamma_{a,\chi} < T} L(\rho_{a,\chi}, \psi).$$

Their formula extends a previous result due to Fujii [2, 3].

Our main result is stated in the following:

Theorem 1. *Let X be a positive number. Then*

$$\sum_{\rho_{a,\chi}; 0 < \gamma_{a,\chi} \leq T} L'(\rho_{a,\chi}, \chi) X^{\rho_{a,\chi}} = -\frac{aT}{2\pi} \log^2 \left(\frac{qT}{2\pi} \right) + \frac{aT}{\pi} \log \left(\frac{qT}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{aT}{\pi}$$

¹In the case $a = 0$, to study the normal distribution of the values of $\log |\zeta'(1/2 + i\gamma_n)|$, Hiary and Odlyzko [11] have been studying the behavior of the sum $\sum_{T \leq \gamma_n \leq T+H} \zeta'(1/2 + i\gamma_n) e^{2\pi i n x}$ as a function of x , where $\rho = \beta + i\gamma$ denotes a non-trivial zero of $\zeta(s)$ and γ_n is the n th positive imaginary part of a zero ρ . To do so, they approximated the last sum by $\sum_{T \leq \gamma_n \leq T+H} \zeta'(1/2 + i\gamma_n) e^{2\pi i \tilde{\gamma}_n x}$, where $\tilde{\gamma}_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \gamma_n \log \frac{T}{2\pi}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \Delta(X)\chi[\Delta(X)X] \log(X) \left\{ \frac{T}{4\pi} \log\left(\frac{qT}{2\pi}\right) - \frac{T}{4\pi} + \frac{i\pi}{4} \frac{T}{2\pi} \right\} \\
 & + \Delta(X)\chi[\Delta(X)X] \frac{T}{2\pi} \sum_{X=mn} \Lambda(n) \log(m) \\
 & + \frac{X}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \log^2(k) \bar{\chi}(k) e^{2i\pi kX/q} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{q}} X \log(X) \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \log(k) \bar{\chi}(k) e^{2i\pi kX/q} \\
 & - \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{q}} X \log^2(X) - \frac{i\pi}{4\sqrt{q}} X \log X \right) \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \bar{\chi}(k) e^{2i\pi kX/q} \\
 (2) \quad & - \frac{X}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \sum_{k=mn} \Lambda(n) \bar{\chi}(n) \bar{\chi}(m) \log(m) e^{2i\pi kX/q} + O\left(\sqrt{T} \log^3 T\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\Delta(X)$ is defined by

$$(3) \quad \Delta(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X \text{ is an integer } \geq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Remark. For $X = 1$, we obtain Garunkštis and Steuding’s results [8] in the case of the Riemann zeta function. And for $q = 1$ and $a = 0$, we obtain Fujii’s results [6].

Here and in the sequel the implicit constant in the error terms may depend on a and X ; the formulas of Theorem 1 are not uniform with respect to X . We note that the proofs uses standard methods: contour integration, basic properties of the functional equation for $L(s, \chi)$ and Gonek’s lemma (see. Gonek [9, Lemma 5]).

2. Preliminary lemmas

To prove Theorem 1, we start with well-known results on the Dirichlet L -function $L(s, \chi)$ (see Davenport book [1]). If $\chi \pmod q$ is a primitive character, then

$$\xi(s, \chi) = \left(\frac{q}{\pi}\right)^{\frac{s+\nu}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+\nu}{2}\right) L(s, \chi)$$

satisfies the functional equation

$$(4) \quad \xi(s, \chi) = \frac{\tau(\chi)}{i^\nu \sqrt{q}} \xi(1-s, \bar{\chi}),$$

where $\tau(\chi) = \sum_{m \pmod q} \chi(m) e^{\frac{2i\pi m}{q}}$, with $\nu = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \chi(-1))$. We note that

$$\frac{\xi'}{\xi}(s, \chi) = \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{q}{\pi}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \psi\left(\frac{s+\nu}{2}\right) + \frac{L'}{L}(s, \chi),$$

where $\psi(s) = \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(s)$ and that for $|\arg(s)| < \pi - \theta$ with arbitrary fixed positive θ and for $|s| \geq \frac{1}{2}$, we have

$$(5) \quad \psi(s) = \log(s) + O\left(\frac{1}{|s|}\right) = \log|t| + \frac{i\pi}{2} + O\left(\frac{\sigma}{|t|}\right),$$

as $|t| \rightarrow \infty$. In [7, Lemma 8], Garunkštis, Grahl and Steuding proved that there exist positive constants c_1 and c_2 such that, for $\sigma \leq 0$ and $|t| > 2$,

$$(6) \quad |L(\sigma + it, \chi)| > \frac{c_1 |t|^{\frac{1}{2}-\sigma}}{\log^7 t}$$

and

$$(7) \quad |L(\sigma + it, \chi)| < c_2 |t|^{\frac{1}{2}-\sigma} \log t.$$

Furthermore, for $t > t_0$ and $1 - \frac{c}{\log(t)} \leq \sigma \leq 2$, we have (see. [7, page. 28])

$$(8) \quad L'(s, \chi) = O(\log^2 t).$$

Using partial summation and the Pólya-Vinogradov inequality, for $t \geq t_0 > 0$ and for any $\sigma > 1$, we obtain

$$(9) \quad L'(s, \chi) = - \sum_{n \leq t} \frac{\chi(n) \log(n)}{n^s} + O(t^{-\sigma} \log t).$$

From the partial fraction decomposition of $L(s, \chi)$, we get (see Davenport book [1] or [7, Equation (19)])

$$(10) \quad \frac{L'}{L}(\sigma + it, \chi) \ll \log^2 |t| \quad \text{for } -1 \leq \sigma \leq 2 \text{ and } |t| \geq 2.$$

By the functional equation and the Phragmén-Lindelöf principle, we deduce that

$$L(\sigma + it, \chi) \ll_{\epsilon} \begin{cases} |t|^{\frac{1}{2}-\sigma+\epsilon} & \text{if } \sigma < 0, \\ |t|^{\frac{1}{2}(1-\sigma)+\epsilon} & \text{if } 0 \leq \sigma \leq 1, \\ |t|^{\epsilon} & \text{if } \sigma > 1, \end{cases}$$

as $|t| \rightarrow \infty$ and where ϵ is an arbitrarily small positive number (this is a special case of [15, Lemma 2.1] established for functions in the Selberg class in which the Dirichlet L -functions are elements). Then, by Cauchy's integral formula, we get

$$L'(s, \chi) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathcal{L}} \frac{L(s, \chi)}{(\omega - s)^2} d\omega,$$

where \mathcal{L} is any arbitrarily small circle with center s . Using the last bound of $L(\sigma + it, \chi)$, it follows that

$$L'(\sigma + it, \chi) \ll_{\epsilon} \begin{cases} |t|^{\frac{1}{2}-\sigma+\epsilon} & \text{if } \sigma < 0, \\ |t|^{\frac{1}{2}(1-\sigma)+\epsilon} & \text{if } 0 \leq \sigma \leq 1, \\ |t|^{\epsilon} & \text{if } \sigma > 1. \end{cases}$$

Furthermore, for fixed complex number a , for $-1 \leq \sigma \leq 2$ and $|t| \geq 1$, we have²

$$\frac{L'(s, \chi)}{L(s, \chi) - a} = \sum_{|t - \gamma_{a, \chi}| \leq 1} \frac{1}{s - \rho_{a, \chi}} + O(\log q(|t| + 1)).$$

Let b be some constant which will be given below. In view of the number of nontrivial a -points (1), we obtain for $\sigma > 1 - b$

$$(11) \quad \frac{L'^2(\sigma + it, \chi)}{L(\sigma + it, \chi) - a} \ll |t|^{(1-\sigma)/2+\epsilon} \quad \text{as } |t| \geq 2.$$

Let

$$\Delta(s, \chi) = \frac{\tau(\chi)}{i^\nu \sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{\pi}{q}\right)^s \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}(1-s+\nu)\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}(s+\nu)\right)}.$$

In the next lemma, we obtain the approximate functional equation of $L'(s, \chi)$ in the following form (which will be sufficient for our purpose).

Lemma 1. For $t > t_0 > 0$ and $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} L'(s, \chi) = & - \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{\frac{qt}{2\pi}}} \frac{\chi(n) \log(n)}{n^s} - \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) \Delta(s, \chi) \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{\frac{qt}{2\pi}}} \frac{\overline{\chi(n)}}{n^{1-s}} \\ & + \Delta(s, \chi) \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{\frac{qt}{2\pi}}} \frac{\overline{\chi(n)} \log n}{n^{1-s}} + O\left(t^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}} \log t\right). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The proof uses the same argument and similar notations as Levinson [14]. According to Lavrik [13, Corollary 1 of Theorem 1] or to Rane [18], we use the following approximate functional equation of $L(s, \chi)$, if $\chi \pmod q$ is a primitive character, we have³

$$L(s, \chi) = \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{\frac{qt}{2\pi}}} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s} + \Delta(s, \chi) \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{\frac{qt}{2\pi}}} \frac{\overline{\chi(n)}}{n^{1-s}} + O\left(t^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}}\right),$$

where $\Delta(s, \chi)$ can be written as follows:

$$\Delta(s, \chi) := i\tau(\chi)\chi(-1)(2\pi)^{s-1}q^{-s}\Gamma(1-s)e^{-\frac{i\pi s}{2}}.$$

Writing $L(s, \chi) = f_1(s) + \Delta(s, \chi)f_2(s)$ with $f_1(s) = \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{\frac{qt}{2\pi}}} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s} + O\left(t^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}}\right)$ and

$$\Delta(s, \chi)f_2(s) = L(s, \chi) - f_1(s) = \Delta(s, \chi) \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{\frac{qt}{2\pi}}} \frac{\overline{\chi(n)}}{n^{1-s}}.$$

²The proof is very closely to that stated in [8, Lemma 8] with minor change and using [17, Ch. 7, Theorem 4.1] (see also [16, Lemmas 2.4 and 2.6]).

³An exact expression for the error term in the approximate functional equation of $L(s, \chi)$ is stated in [13, Theorem 1 and Lemma 5] and which noted R_{xy} (see also [18, page 141]). For example, with Lavrik's notation, when $x = y = \sqrt{\frac{qt}{2\pi}}$, one can see that the error term R_{xy} satisfies $R_{xy} = O_q\left(t^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}}\right)$.

Similarly to [14, page 389], we get ⁴

$$\begin{aligned} L'(s, \chi) &= f'_1(s) + \Delta'(s, \chi)f_2(s) + \Delta(s, \chi)f'_2(s) \\ &= - \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{\frac{qt}{2\pi}}} \frac{\chi(n) \log(n)}{n^s} + O\left(t^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}} \log(t)\right) \\ &\quad + \Delta'(s, \chi)f_2(s) + \Delta(s, \chi) \left[\sum_{n \leq \sqrt{\frac{qt}{2\pi}}} \frac{\bar{\chi}(n) \log(n)}{n^{1-s}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\Delta'(s, \chi)f_2(s) = \frac{\Delta'}{\Delta}(s, \chi)\Delta(s, \chi)f_2(s) = \frac{\Delta'}{\Delta}(s, \chi) \left[\Delta(s, \chi) \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{\frac{qt}{2\pi}}} \frac{\bar{\chi}(n)}{n^{1-s}} \right].$$

Hence, by using that for $t > t_0$

$$(12) \quad \frac{\Delta'}{\Delta}(\sigma + it, \chi) = -\log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right),$$

we finish the proof of Lemma 1. □

Using the approximate functional equation of $L'(s, \chi)$ given in Lemma 1, we prove easily with the same argument used by Fujii in [6, Lemma 3] the following result.

Lemma 2. *Let $\delta = 1 + \frac{1}{\log T}$. Then*

$$(13) \quad \int_{1-\delta}^{\delta} |L'(\sigma + iT, \chi)| d\sigma \ll \sqrt{T} \log T.$$

Proof. From the functional equation of $L(s, \chi)$, we have

$$L'(s, \chi) = \frac{1}{\Delta(1-s, \bar{\chi})} \left(-L'(1-s, \bar{\chi}) + \frac{\Delta'}{\Delta}(1-s, \bar{\chi})L(1-s, \bar{\chi}) \right).$$

Therefore

$$\int_{1-\delta}^{\delta} |L'(\sigma + iT, \chi)| d\sigma = \int_{1-\delta}^{1/2} |L'(\sigma + iT, \chi)| d\sigma + \int_{1/2}^{\delta} |L'(\sigma + iT, \chi)| d\sigma = M_1 + M_2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= \int_{1-\delta}^{1/2} \left| \frac{1}{\Delta(1-\sigma-iT, \bar{\chi})} \left(-L'(1-\sigma-iT, \bar{\chi}) + \frac{\Delta'}{\Delta}(1-\sigma-iT, \bar{\chi})L(1-\sigma-iT, \bar{\chi}) \right) \right| d\sigma \\ &= \int_{1/2}^{\delta} \left| \frac{1}{\Delta(\sigma+iT, \bar{\chi})} \left(-L'(\sigma+iT, \bar{\chi}) + \frac{\Delta'}{\Delta}(\sigma+iT, \bar{\chi})L(\sigma+iT, \bar{\chi}) \right) \right| d\sigma. \end{aligned}$$

⁴Furthermore, from [13, Theorem 1 and Lemma 5] the expression R_{xy} is differentiable and $\frac{dR_{xy}}{d\sigma} = O_q\left(t^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}} \log(t)\right)$.

In any strip $\sigma_1 \leq \sigma \leq \sigma_2$, we have uniformly as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $\left| \frac{1}{\Delta(\sigma + iT, \bar{\chi})} \right| \ll \left(\frac{qT}{2\pi} \right)^{\sigma-1/2}$. Applying the last asymptotic formula, we obtain

$$M_1 \ll \int_{1/2}^{\delta} |L'(\sigma + iT, \bar{\chi})| \left(\frac{qT}{2\pi} \right)^{\sigma-1/2} d\sigma + \log T \int_{1/2}^{\delta} |L(\sigma + iT, \bar{\chi})| \left(\frac{qT}{2\pi} \right)^{\sigma-1/2} d\sigma.$$

Then

$$M_1 + M_2 \ll \int_{1/2}^{\delta} |L'(\sigma + iT, \bar{\chi})| \left(\frac{qT}{2\pi} \right)^{\sigma-1/2} d\sigma + \log T \int_{1/2}^{\delta} |L(\sigma + iT, \bar{\chi})| \left(\frac{qT}{2\pi} \right)^{\sigma-1/2} d\sigma.$$

Let write the first integral as follows

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{1/2}^{\delta} |L'(\sigma + iT, \bar{\chi})| \left(\frac{qT}{2\pi} \right)^{\sigma-1/2} d\sigma \\ &= \int_{1/2}^1 |L'(\sigma + iT, \bar{\chi})| \left(\frac{qT}{2\pi} \right)^{\sigma-1/2} d\sigma + \int_1^{\delta} |L'(\sigma + iT, \bar{\chi})| \left(\frac{qT}{2\pi} \right)^{\sigma-1/2} d\sigma \\ &= M_3 + M_4. \end{aligned}$$

Using the approximate functional equation of $L'(s, \chi)$ and the fact that $|\bar{\chi}(n)| \leq 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & M_3 \\ & \ll \int_{1/2}^1 \left| \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{\frac{qT}{2\pi}}} \frac{\log(n)}{n^s} + T^{\frac{1}{2}-\sigma} \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{\frac{qT}{2\pi}}} \frac{1}{n^{1-s}} + T^{\frac{1}{2}-\sigma} \log T \sum_{n \leq \sqrt{\frac{qT}{2\pi}}} \frac{\log n}{n^{1-s}} + O(T^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}} \log T) \right| T^{\sigma-\frac{1}{2}} d\sigma \\ & \ll \sqrt{T} \log T. \end{aligned}$$

Now, using another approximation of $L'(s, \chi)$ as given by equation (9) above, we get

$$\begin{aligned} M_4 & \ll \int_1^{\delta} \left(\sum_{n \leq T} \frac{|\chi(n)| \log(n)}{n^{\sigma}} + O(T^{-\sigma} \log T) \right) T^{\sigma-\frac{1}{2}} d\sigma \\ & \ll \sqrt{T} (\delta - 1) \sum_{n \leq T} \frac{\log(n)}{n} \\ & \ll \sqrt{T} \log T. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we get

$$\int_{1/2}^{\delta} |L(\sigma + iT, \bar{\chi})| \left(\frac{qT}{2\pi} \right)^{\sigma-1/2} d\sigma \ll \sqrt{T}.$$

Hence, we obtain the assertion of Lemma 2. □

An explicit formula for the sums

$$\sum_{\rho_\chi = \beta_\chi + i\gamma_\chi; 0 < \gamma_\chi \leq T} L'(\rho_\chi, \chi) X^{\rho_\chi},$$

where ρ_χ runs over the nontrivial zeros of $L(s, \chi)$ is stated in the following:

Lemma 3. *Let X be a positive number and $\rho_\chi = \beta_\chi + i\gamma_\chi$ denotes a nontrivial zero of the Dirichlet L -function $L(s, \chi)$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\rho_\chi; 0 < \gamma_\chi \leq T} L'(\rho_\chi, \chi) X^{\rho_\chi} \\ = & -\Delta(X)\chi[\Delta(X)X] \log(X) \left\{ \frac{T}{4\pi} \log\left(\frac{qT}{2\pi}\right) - \frac{T}{4\pi} + \frac{i\pi T}{8\pi} \right\} \\ & + \Delta(X)\chi[\Delta(X)X] \frac{T}{2\pi} \sum_{X=mn} \Lambda(n) \log(m) \\ & + \frac{X}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \log^2(k) \bar{\chi}(k) e^{2i\pi kX/q} \\ & + \frac{X \log(X)}{2\sqrt{q}} \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \log(k) \bar{\chi}(k) e^{2i\pi kX/q} \\ & - \frac{1}{\sqrt{q}} \left(\frac{1}{2} X \log^2(X) - \frac{i\pi}{4} X \log X \right) \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \bar{\chi}(k) e^{2i\pi kX/q} \\ (14) \quad & - \frac{X}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \sum_{k=mn} \Lambda(n) \bar{\chi}(n) \bar{\chi}(m) \log(m) e^{2i\pi kX/q} + O\left(\sqrt{T} \log^3 T\right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\Delta(X)$ is defined by equation (3).

Proof. We apply the same argument used by Fujii in [6]. Let X be a fixed positive number, $s = \sigma + it, t \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose that $T > t_0$, where $t_0 > 0$ is as in equations (8) or (9) and T is not an imaginary part of any zero of the Dirichlet L -function. We consider

$$(15) \quad I = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \frac{\xi'}{\xi}(s, \chi) L'(s, \chi) X^s ds,$$

where \mathbf{R} denotes the counterclockwise oriented rectangular with vertices $\delta + iC, \delta + iT, 1 - \delta + iT$ and $1 - \delta + iC$, with $\delta = 1 + \frac{1}{\log T}$. First, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\delta+iC}^{\delta+iT} \frac{\xi'}{\xi}(s, \chi) L'(s, \chi) X^s ds + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\delta+iT}^{1-\delta+iT} \frac{\xi'}{\xi}(s, \chi) L'(s, \chi) X^s ds \\ &+ \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{1-\delta+iT}^{1-\delta+iC} \frac{\xi'}{\xi}(s, \chi) L'(s, \chi) X^s ds + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{1-\delta+iC}^{\delta+iC} \frac{\xi'}{\xi}(s, \chi) L'(s, \chi) X^s ds \\ (16) \quad &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that from our choice of T , we have

$$(17) \quad \frac{\xi'}{\xi}(\sigma + it, \chi) \ll \log^2 T \quad \text{for } -1 \leq \sigma \leq 2.$$

Therefore, by using Lemma 2, we deduce that

$$(18) \quad I_2 + I_4 \ll \log^2 T \int_{1-\delta}^{\delta} (|L'(\sigma + iC, \chi)| + |L'(\sigma + iT, \chi)|) X^\sigma d\sigma \ll \sqrt{T} \log^3 T.$$

Now, we estimate I_1 . We have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_C \frac{\xi'}{\xi}(\delta + it, \chi) L'(\delta + it, \chi) X^{\delta+it} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_C \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{q}{\pi}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \psi\left(\frac{\delta + \nu + it}{2}\right) + \frac{L'}{L}(\delta + it, \chi) \right\} L'(\delta + it, \chi) X^{\delta+it} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Formula (5) yields to

$$\begin{aligned} (19) \quad I_1 &= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_C \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) + \frac{i\pi}{4} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)\Lambda(n)}{n^{\delta+it}} + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \right\} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m) \log(m)}{m^{\delta+it}} X^{\delta+it} dt \\ &= -\frac{X^\delta}{2\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m) \log(m)}{m^\delta} \int_C \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) + \frac{i\pi}{4} + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \right\} \left(\frac{X}{m}\right)^{it} dt \\ &+ \frac{X^\delta}{2\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m) \log(m)}{m^\delta} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)\Lambda(n)}{n^\delta} \int_C \left(\frac{X}{mn}\right)^{it} dt = J_1 + J_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= -\frac{X^\delta}{2\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m) \log(m)}{m^\delta} \int_C \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) + \frac{i\pi}{4} + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \right\} \left(\frac{X}{m}\right)^{it} dt \\ &= -\Delta(X) \frac{\chi[\Delta(X)X] \log(X)}{2\pi} \int_C \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) + \frac{i\pi}{4} \right\} dt \\ &\quad - \frac{X^\delta}{2\pi} \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq X}}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m) \log(m)}{m^\delta} \int_C \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) + \frac{i\pi}{4} \right\} \left(\frac{X}{m}\right)^{it} dt + O(\log^3 T) \\ &= J_3 + J_4 + O(\log^3 T) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} J_3 &= -\Delta(X) \frac{\chi[\Delta(X)X] \log(X)}{2\pi} \int_C \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) + \frac{i\pi}{4} \right\} dt \\ &= -\Delta(X) \chi[\Delta(X)X] \log(X) \left\{ \frac{T}{4\pi} \log\left(\frac{qT}{2\pi}\right) - \frac{T}{4\pi} + \frac{i\pi T}{4 \cdot 2\pi} \right\} + O(1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$J_4 = -\frac{X^\delta}{2\pi} \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq X}}^\infty \frac{\chi(m) \log(m)}{m^\delta} \int_C \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi} \right) + \frac{i\pi}{4} \right\} \left(\frac{X}{m} \right)^{it} dt$$

$$\ll \begin{cases} X^\delta \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq X}}^\infty \frac{\log m}{m^\delta} \min \left(T \log T, \log T \left(1 + \left| \log \frac{X}{m} \right|^{-1} \right) \right) & \text{if } X \geq 1, \\ \sum_{m=1}^\infty \frac{\log m}{m^\delta} & \text{if } 0 < X < 1. \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$J_4 \ll \begin{cases} \log^3 T & \text{if } X \geq 1, \\ \log T & \text{if } 0 < X < 1. \end{cases}$$

Therefore

(20)

$$J_1 = -\Delta(X)\chi[\Delta(X)X] \log(X) \left\{ \frac{T}{4\pi} \log \left(\frac{qT}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{T}{4\pi} + \frac{i\pi}{4} \frac{T}{2\pi} \right\} + O(\log^3 T).$$

On the other hand, we have

$$J_2 = \frac{X^\delta}{2\pi} \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{\chi(k)}{k^\delta} \sum_{k=mn} \Lambda(n) \log(m) \int_C \left(\frac{X}{k} \right)^{it} dt$$

$$= \frac{X^\delta}{2\pi} T \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ X=k}}^\infty \frac{\chi(k)}{k^\delta} \sum_{X=mn} \Lambda(n) \log(m)$$

$$+ \frac{X^\delta}{2\pi} \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq X}}^\infty \frac{\chi(k)}{k^\delta} \sum_{k=mn} \Lambda(n) \log(m) \int_C \left(\frac{X}{k} \right)^{it} dt = J_5 + J_6,$$

where

(21)

$$J_5 = \Delta(X) \frac{T}{2\pi} \chi[\Delta(X)X] \sum_{X=mn} \Lambda(n) \log(m) + O(1)$$

and

$$J_6 \ll \begin{cases} X^\delta \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ X \neq k}}^\infty \frac{1}{k^\delta} \sum_{k=mn} \Lambda(n) \log(m) \min \left(T, \frac{1}{\left| \log \frac{X}{k} \right|} \right) & \text{if } X \geq 1, \\ \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{1}{k^\delta} \sum_{nm=k} \Lambda(n) \log(m) \frac{1}{\log k} & \text{if } 0 < X < 1, \end{cases}$$

(22)

$$\ll \begin{cases} \log^3 T & \text{if } X \geq 1, \\ \log^2 T & \text{if } 0 < X < 1. \end{cases}$$

Combining the two last equations (21) and (22), we get

(23)

$$J_2 = \Delta(X) \frac{T}{2\pi} \chi[\Delta(X)X] \sum_{X=mn} \Lambda(n) \log(m) + O(\log^3 T).$$

Therefore, from (20) and (23), we obtain

$$I_1 = -\Delta(X)\chi[\Delta(X)X] \log(X) \left\{ \frac{T}{4\pi} \log \left(\frac{qT}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{T}{4\pi} + \frac{i\pi}{4} \frac{T}{2\pi} \right\}$$

$$(24) \quad + \Delta(X) \frac{T}{2\pi} \chi[\Delta(X)X] \sum_{X=mn} \Lambda(n) \log(m) + O(\log^3 T).$$

Next, we shall evaluate I_3 . First, we note that

$$\begin{aligned} L'(s, \chi) &= \left(\frac{1}{\Delta(1-s, \bar{\chi})} L(1-s, \bar{\chi}) \right)' \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta(1-s, \bar{\chi})} \left(-L'(1-s, \bar{\chi}) + \frac{\Delta'}{\Delta}(1-s, \bar{\chi}) L(1-s, \bar{\chi}) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, by formula (4), we get $\frac{\xi'}{\xi}(s, \chi) = -\frac{\xi'}{\xi}(1-s, \bar{\chi})$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= -\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{1-\delta+iC}^{1-\delta+iT} -\frac{\xi'}{\xi}(1-s, \bar{\chi}) \left(-L'(1-s, \bar{\chi}) + \frac{\Delta'}{\Delta}(1-s, \bar{\chi}) L(1-s, \bar{\chi}) \right) \frac{X^s}{\Delta(1-s, \bar{\chi})} ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_C \frac{\xi'}{\xi}(\delta-it, \bar{\chi}) \left(-L'(\delta-it, \bar{\chi}) + \frac{\Delta'}{\Delta}(\delta-it, \bar{\chi}) L(\delta-it, \bar{\chi}) \right) \frac{X^{1-\delta+it}}{\Delta(\delta-it, \bar{\chi})} dt. \end{aligned}$$

By complex conjugation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{I}_3 &= \frac{X^{1-\delta}}{2\pi} \int_C \frac{\xi'}{\xi}(\delta+it, \chi) \left(-L'(\delta+it, \chi) + \frac{\Delta'}{\Delta}(\delta+it, \chi) L(\delta+it, \chi) \right) \frac{X^{-it}}{\Delta(\delta+it, \chi)} dt \\ &= \frac{X^{1-\delta}}{2\pi} \int_C \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) + \frac{i\pi}{4} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)\Lambda(n)}{n^{\delta+it}} + O\left(\frac{\log t}{t}\right) \right\} \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m)\log(m)}{m^{\delta+it}} - \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m)}{m^{\delta+it}} + O\left(\frac{\log t}{t}\right) \right\} \frac{X^{-it}}{\Delta(\delta+it, \chi)} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Let us write \bar{I}_3 as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{I}_3 &= \frac{X^{1-\delta}}{2\pi} \int_C \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m)\log(m)}{m^{\delta+it}} \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right)^{\delta-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} e^{it \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi eX}\right)} dt \\ &\quad - \frac{X^{1-\delta}}{2\pi} \int_C \frac{1}{2} \log^2\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m)}{m^{\delta+it}} \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right)^{\delta-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} e^{it \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi eX}\right)} dt \\ &\quad + \frac{X^{1-\delta}}{2\pi} \int_C \frac{i\pi}{4} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m)\log(m)}{m^{\delta+it}} \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right)^{\delta-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} e^{it \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi eX}\right)} dt \\ &\quad - \frac{X^{1-\delta}}{2\pi} \int_C \frac{i\pi}{4} \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m)}{m^{\delta+it}} \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right)^{\delta-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} e^{it \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi eX}\right)} dt \\ &\quad - \frac{X^{1-\delta}}{2\pi} \int_C \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)\Lambda(n)}{n^{\delta+it}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m)\log(m)}{m^{\delta+it}} \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right)^{\delta-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} e^{it \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi eX}\right)} dt \\ &\quad + \frac{X^{1-\delta}}{2\pi} \int_C \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)\Lambda(n)}{n^{\delta+it}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m)}{m^{\delta+it}} \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right)^{\delta-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} e^{it \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi eX}\right)} dt \\ &\quad + O(\log^3 T) \end{aligned}$$

$$= H_1 + H_2 + H_3 + H_4 + H_5 + H_6 + O(\log^3 T).$$

Each of the above integrals will be evaluated by the method used by Gonek [9, Lemma 5, page 131] or Levinson [14]. First, we have ⁵

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &= \frac{X^{1-\delta}}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m) \log(m)}{m^\delta} \int_C \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right)^{\delta-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} e^{it \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi eXm}\right)} dt \\ &= \frac{X}{2\sqrt{q}} \sum_{m \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \chi(m) \log(m) \log(mX) e^{-2i\pi mX/q} + O\left(\sqrt{T} \log^3 T\right) \\ &= \frac{X}{2\sqrt{q}} \sum_{m \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \chi(m) \log^2(m) e^{-2i\pi mX/q} \\ &\quad + \frac{X \log(X)}{2\sqrt{q}} \sum_{m \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \chi(m) \log(m) e^{-2i\pi mX/q} + O\left(\sqrt{T} \log^3 T\right). \end{aligned}$$

To estimate H_2 we proceed as follows

$$\begin{aligned} H_2 &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{X^{1-\delta}}{2\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m)}{m^\delta} \int_C \log^2\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right)^{\delta-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} e^{it \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi eXm}\right)} dt \\ &= -\frac{X}{2\sqrt{q}} \sum_{m \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \chi(m) \log^2(mX) e^{-2i\pi mX/q} + O\left(\sqrt{T} \log^3 T\right) \\ &= -\frac{X}{2\sqrt{q}} \sum_{m \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \chi(m) \log^2(m) e^{-2i\pi mX/q} \\ &\quad - \frac{X \log^2(X)}{2\sqrt{q}} \sum_{m \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \chi(m) e^{-2i\pi mX/q} \\ &\quad - \frac{X \log(X)}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{m \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \chi(m) \log(m) e^{-2i\pi mX/q} + O\left(\sqrt{T} \log^3 T\right). \end{aligned}$$

⁵The estimation of H_1 is based on the calculation of the integral j_m

$$j_m = \int_C g(t) e^{i2\pi f(t)} dt, \quad g(t) = \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right)^{\delta-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad f(t) = \frac{t}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi eXm}\right).$$

The saddle point $t_0 = \frac{2\pi X m}{q}$ belongs to the segment $C \leq t \leq T$ for $m \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}$. For such m , the main term of the asymptotic formula of j_m has the form

$$e^{i\pi/4} \frac{g(t_0) e^{2\pi f(t_0)}}{\sqrt{f''(t_0)}} = 2\pi e^{i\pi/4} \frac{(Xm)^\delta}{\sqrt{q}} \log(mX) e^{-2\pi i X m/q}.$$

For H_3 , we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_3 &= \frac{X^{1-\delta}}{2\pi} \frac{i\pi}{4} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m) \log(m)}{m^\delta} \int_C \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right)^{\delta-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} e^{it \log(\frac{qt}{2\pi e X m})} dt \\ &= \frac{i\pi}{4} \frac{X}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{m \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \chi(m) \log(m) e^{-2i\pi m X/q} + O\left(\sqrt{T} \log^3 T\right). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} H_4 &= -\frac{X^{1-\delta}}{2\pi} \frac{i\pi}{4} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m)}{m^\delta} \int_C \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right)^{\delta-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} e^{it \log(\frac{qt}{2\pi e X m})} dt \\ &= -\frac{i\pi}{4} \frac{X \log X}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{m \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \chi(m) e^{-2i\pi m X/q} - \frac{i\pi}{4} X \sum_{m \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \chi(m) \log(m) e^{-2i\pi m X/q} \\ &\quad - O\left(\sqrt{T} \log^3 T\right). \end{aligned}$$

For H_5 , one has

$$\begin{aligned} H_5 &= -\frac{X^{1-\delta}}{2\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)\Lambda(n)}{n^\delta} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m) \log(m)}{m^\delta} \int_C \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right)^{\delta-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} e^{it \log(\frac{qt}{2\pi e X mn})} dt \\ &= -\frac{X}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \sum_{k=mn} \Lambda(n)\chi(n)\chi(m) \log(m) e^{-2i\pi k X/q} + O\left(\sqrt{T} \log^3 T\right). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, for H_6 we get

$$\begin{aligned} H_6 &= \frac{X^{1-\delta}}{2\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)\Lambda(n)}{n^\delta} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m)}{m^\delta} \int_C \log\left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right) \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi}\right)^{\delta-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} e^{it \log(\frac{qt}{2\pi e X mn})} dt \\ &= \frac{X \log X}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \sum_{k=mn} \Lambda(n)\chi(n)\chi(m) \log(k) e^{-2i\pi k X/q} + O\left(\sqrt{T} \log^3 T\right). \\ &= \frac{X}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \chi(k) \log^2(k) e^{-2i\pi k X/q} + \frac{X \log X}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \chi(k) \log(k) e^{-2i\pi k X/q} \\ &\quad + O\left(\sqrt{T} \log^3 T\right). \end{aligned}$$

Collecting together the above results on H_1, \dots, H_5 and H_6 , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= \frac{X}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \log^2(k) \bar{\chi}(k) e^{2i\pi k X/q} + \frac{X \log(X)}{2\sqrt{q}} \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \log(k) \bar{\chi}(k) e^{2i\pi k X/q} \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{X \log^2(X)}{2\sqrt{q}} - \frac{i\pi}{4} \frac{X \log X}{\sqrt{q}} \right) \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \bar{\chi}(k) e^{2i\pi k X/q} \end{aligned}$$

$$(25) \quad -\frac{X}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{k \leq \frac{qT}{2\pi X}} \sum_{k=mn} \Lambda(n)\bar{\chi}(n)\bar{\chi}(m) \log(m) e^{2i\pi kX/q} + O\left(\sqrt{T} \log^3 T\right).$$

Finally, by using equations (24) and (25), we finish the proof of Lemma 3. \square

3. Proof of Theorem 1

Let X be a fixed positive real number and a be a complex number. We write $s = \sigma + it$, $\rho_{a,\chi} = \beta_{a,\chi} + i\gamma_{a,\chi}$ with real $\sigma, t, \beta_{a,\chi}$ and $\gamma_{a,\chi}$. By the theorem of residues (or Cauchy’s theorem), we get

$$(26) \quad \sum_{\rho_{a,\chi}; 0 < \gamma_{a,\chi} \leq T} L'(\rho_{a,\chi}, \chi) X^{\rho_{a,\chi}} = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \frac{L'^2(s, \chi)}{L(s, \chi) - a} X^s ds,$$

where the integration is taken over a rectangular contour in counterclockwise direction denoted by \mathbf{R} according to the location of the nontrivial a -points of $L(s, \chi)$ which will be specified below. In view of formula (1), the ordinates of the a -points cannot lie too dense. For any large $T_0 \geq 0$, we can find a real number $T \in [T_0, T_0 + 1[$ such that $\min_{\rho_{a,\chi}} |T - \gamma_{a,\chi}| \gg \frac{1}{\log T}$. We shall distinguish the case $a \neq 1$ and $a = 1$. Let us suppose that $a \neq 1$. We may choose the counterclockwise oriented rectangular \mathbf{R} with vertices $1 - b + i, B + i, B + iT, 1 - b + iT$, where B is a large constant which will be chosen below and $b = 1 + \frac{1}{\log T}$, at the expense of a small error for disregarding at most finitely many nontrivial a -points below $Im(s) = 1$ and for counting finitely many trivial a -points to the right of $Re(s) = 1 - b$. Then, we have

$$\sum_{\rho_{a,\chi}; 0 < \gamma_{a,\chi} \leq T} L'(\rho_{a,\chi}, \chi) X^{\rho_{a,\chi}} = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \frac{L'^2(s, \chi)}{L(s, \chi) - a} X^s ds + O(1).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\rho_{a,\chi}; 0 < \gamma_{a,\chi} \leq T} L'(\rho_{a,\chi}, \chi) X^{\rho_{a,\chi}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \left\{ \int_{B+i}^{B+iT} + \int_{B+iT}^{1-b+iT} + \int_{1-b+iT}^{1-b+i} \right\} \frac{L'^2(s, \chi)}{L(s, \chi) - a} X^s ds \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{1-b+i}^{B+i} \frac{L'^2(s, \chi)}{L(s, \chi) - a} X^s ds + O(1) \\ &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4 + O(1). \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see from equation (11) that $I_2, I_4 \ll T^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}$. Now, let us estimate the two integrals I_1 and I_3 . Recall that, for $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$, we have $L(s, \chi) = 1 + o(1)$ and $L'(s, \chi) \ll 2^{-\sigma}$ uniformly in t . Hence, there are no a -points for sufficiently large σ provided that $a \neq 1$. For the case $a = 1$, we define $m = \min\{n \geq 2; \chi(n) \neq 0\}$. We observe, for $\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$, $L(s, \chi) - 1 = \frac{\chi(m)}{m^{\sigma+it}} (1 + o(1))$. Hence, in both cases, $a \neq 0$ or $a = 1$, we choose B a fixed constant sufficiently large such that there

are no a -points of $L(s, \chi)$ in the half-plane $\sigma > B - 1$ (see [7, Equations (20) and (21)]). Therefore, we deduce that

$$\int_B^{B+iT} \frac{L'^2(s, \chi)}{L(s, \chi) - a} X^s ds \ll X^B T^{-2 \log 2} \log T \ll T^{-2 \log 2} \log T.$$

Then

$$\sum_{\rho_{a, \chi}; 0 < \gamma_{a, \chi} \leq T} L'(\rho_{a, \chi}, \chi) X^{\rho_{a, \chi}} = -\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{1-b}^{1-b+iT} \frac{L'^2(s, \chi)}{L(s, \chi) - a} X^s ds + O\left(T^{\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon}\right).$$

It remains to evaluate the integral over the left vertical line segment $[1 - b, 1 - b + iT]$ of the rectangular \mathbf{R} . Using the same argument as above, for $s \in [1 - b + iA, 1 - b + iT]$ where $A = A(a) > 0$, we get the geometric series expansion

$$\frac{L'(s, \chi)}{L(s, \chi) - a} = \frac{L'}{L}(s, \chi) \left\{ 1 + \frac{a}{L(s, \chi)} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a}{L(s, \chi)} \right)^k \right\}.$$

Since integration over $[1 - b + i, 1 - b + iA]$ yields to a bounded error term, the integral I_3 becomes

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{1-b+iT}^{1-b+iA} \left\{ \frac{L'^2}{L}(s, \chi) X^s + a \left(\frac{L'}{L}(s, \chi) \right)^2 X^s + \frac{L'^2}{L}(s, \chi) \sum_{k=2}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{a}{L(s, \chi)} \right)^k X^s \right\} ds + O(1) \\ &= J_1 + J_2 + J_3 + O(1). \end{aligned}$$

In order to estimate the third integral J_3 , we use equations (6) and (10) (similar computation was done in [7, integral \mathcal{J}_3 page 30]) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} J_3 &= -\frac{aX^{1-b}}{2\pi} \int_A^T \left(\frac{L'}{L}(1 - b + it, \chi) \right)^2 \sum_{l=1}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{a}{L(1 - b + it, \chi)} \right)^l X^{it} dt \\ &\ll T^{\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon}, \quad \epsilon > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Next, let us consider the integral J_2 . By the functional equation satisfied by $L(s, \chi)$, we write the integral J_2 as

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &= -\frac{a}{2i\pi} \int_{1-b+iA}^{1-b+iT} \left(\frac{\Delta'}{\Delta}(s, \chi) - \frac{L'}{L}(1 - s, \bar{\chi}) \right)^2 X^s ds \\ &= -\frac{a}{2i\pi} \int_{1-b+iA}^{1-b+iT} \left\{ \left(\frac{\Delta'}{\Delta}(s, \chi) \right)^2 - 2 \frac{\Delta'}{\Delta}(s, \chi) \frac{L'}{L}(1 - s, \bar{\chi}) + \left(\frac{L'}{L}(1 - s, \bar{\chi}) \right)^2 \right\} X^s ds \\ &= N_1 + N_2 + N_3. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$N_1 = -\frac{a}{2\pi} X^{1-b} \int_A^T \left(-\log \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi} \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{t} \right) \right)^2 X^{it} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\frac{a}{2\pi} X^{1-b} \int_A \left(\log^2 \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi} \right) + O \left(\frac{\log \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi} \right)}{t} \right) + O \left(\frac{1}{t} \right) \right) X^{it} dt \\
 &= -\frac{aT}{2\pi} \log^2 \frac{qT}{2\pi} + \frac{aT}{\pi} \log \frac{qT}{2\pi} - \frac{aT}{\pi} + O(\log^2 T).
 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_2 &= \frac{a}{i\pi} \int_{1-b+iA}^{1-b+iT} \frac{\Delta'}{\Delta}(s, \chi) \frac{L'}{L}(1-s, \bar{\chi}) X^s ds \\
 &= \frac{a}{\pi} \int_A^T \frac{\Delta'}{\Delta}(1-b+it, \chi) \frac{L'}{L}(b-it, \bar{\chi}) X^{1-b+it} dt \\
 &= \frac{a}{\pi} \int_A^T \left(\log \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi} \right) + O \left(\frac{1}{t} \right) \right) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{\Lambda}(n)\bar{\chi}(n)}{n^{b-it}} X^{1-b+it} dt \\
 &= \frac{a}{\pi} X^{1-b} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{\Lambda}(n)\bar{\chi}(n)}{n^b} \int_A^T \left(\log \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi} \right) + O \left(\frac{1}{t} \right) \right) e^{it \log(Xn)} dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

An integration by parts yields to

$$\int_A^T \left(\log \left(\frac{qt}{2\pi} \right) + O \left(\frac{1}{t} \right) \right) e^{it \log(Xn)} dt = O(\log T).$$

So

$$N_2 \ll \log T \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{\Lambda}(n)\bar{\chi}(n)}{n^b} X^{1-b} \ll \log T \left| \frac{L'}{L}(b, \bar{\chi}) \right| X^{1-b} \ll \log^3 T.$$

The same argument gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_3 &= -\frac{a}{2i\pi} \int_{1-b+iA}^{1-b+iT} \left(\frac{L'}{L}(1-s, \bar{\chi}) \right)^2 X^s ds \\
 &= -\frac{a}{2\pi} \int_A^T \left(\frac{L'}{L}(b-it, \bar{\chi}) \right)^2 X^{1-b+it} dt \\
 &= -\frac{a}{2\pi} X^{1-b} \sum_{m,n=2}^{+\infty} \frac{\bar{\Lambda}(m)\bar{\Lambda}(n)}{(mn)^b} \int_A^T e^{it \log(Xmn)} dt \\
 &\ll \sum_{m,n=2}^{+\infty} \frac{\bar{\Lambda}(m)\bar{\Lambda}(n)}{(mn)^b} \left| \int_A^T e^{it \log(Xmn)} dt \right| \ll \log^2 T.
 \end{aligned}$$

From the above estimations of N_1 , N_2 and N_3 , we obtain

$$J_2 = -\frac{aT}{2\pi} \log^2 \frac{qT}{2\pi} + \frac{aT}{\pi} \log \frac{qT}{2\pi} - \frac{aT}{\pi} + O(\log^3 T).$$

Finally, to end the proof of Theorem 1, it remains to evaluate J_1 given by

$$J_1 = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{1-b+iA}^{1-b+iT} \frac{L'^2}{L}(s, \chi) X^s ds$$

which can be evaluated, firstly, up to an error term as a contour integral

$$J_1 = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_R \frac{L'^2}{L}(s, \chi) X^s ds + O\left(T^{1/2+\epsilon}\right)$$

and, secondly, as a sum of residues

$$J_1 = \sum_{0 < \gamma_{a, \chi} < T} L'(\rho_\chi, \chi) X^{\rho_\chi} + O\left(T^{1/2+\epsilon}\right),$$

where $\rho_\chi = \beta_\chi + i\gamma_\chi$ stands for nontrivial zeros of $L(s, \chi)$. To finish the proof of Theorem 1 for $a \neq 1$, we note that the last sum of residues was evaluated in Lemma 3.

For $a = 1$, we consider the function $l(s) = q^s(L(s, \chi) - 1)$ in place of $L(s, \chi) - a$. Furthermore, we have $\frac{l'}{l}(s) = \log q + \frac{L'(s, \chi)}{L(s, \chi) - 1}$. This implies that the constant term does not contribute by integration over a closed contour and we use the same argument as in the case $a \neq 1$.

4. Concluding remarks

We believe that we can extend our result to higher derivatives of $L(s, \chi)$. The a -points of an L -function $L(s)$ are the roots of the equation $L(s) = a$. We refer to Steuding book [20, chapter 7] for some results about a -points of L -functions from the Selberg class. Therefore, it is an interesting question to extend Theorem 1 to other classes of Dirichlet L -functions (the Selberg class [19] with some further conditions) and its higher derivatives and to refine the error term in Theorem 1 under the Riemann hypothesis. These problems will be considered in a sequel to this article.

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