

# $L_d(1)$ IS $\mathcal{O}(\log\log\log d)$ FOR ALMOST ALL SQUARE FREE $d$

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $d$  be a square free integer. Using Hardy-Ramanujan's value of normal order of  $\omega(d)$  we show that  $L_d(1) = \mathcal{O}(\log\log\log d)$  except on a negligible set. We note that the proof verifies Robin's inequality  $\sigma(n) < e^\gamma n \log\log n$  (equivalent form of Riemann Hypothesis) for such numbers.

Let  $d$  be a square free integer with  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  the corresponding quadratic field. The Legendre symbol  $\left(\frac{d}{n}\right)$  helps us to define the L-series  $L_d(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{d}{n}\right)}{n^s}$ . This series converges for  $\text{Re } s > 0$  and defines an analytic function [3], [7]. The value  $L_d(1)$  is of great importance because  $L_d(1) = hk$ ,  $h$  = Class number of  $K$  and  $k$  = structure constant of  $K$ . The estimation of  $L_d(1)$  (or its exact value) is of interest [3]. Our main result is

**Proposition 1.**  $L_d(1) = \mathcal{O}(\log\log\log d)$  except for  $d$  in a negligible set (i.e., a set of natural density zero)

To prove this we recall an earlier result of ours ([5]). It is the analogue of density computation for square free integers[2]:  $\text{density} = \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} = \frac{6}{\pi^2}$

**Lemma 1.** The natural density of square free ideals of  $\theta_K$  (the ring of integers of  $K$ ) is given by

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{(s-1)\zeta_K(s)}{\zeta_K(2s) \prod_{p|d} (1 + \frac{1}{p})} = \frac{L_d(1)}{\zeta(2)L_d(2) \prod_{p|d} (1 + \frac{1}{p})} \leq 1$$

$$\text{Hence } L_d(1) \leq \zeta(2)L_d(2) \prod_{p|d} (1 + \frac{1}{p}) \leq \zeta^2(2) \prod_{p|d} (1 + \frac{1}{p})$$

(Here  $\zeta_K$  is the Dedekind Zeta function and  $\zeta$  the Riemann Zeta function [7] )

In view of Lemma 1 our task is to estimate the finite product  $\prod_{p|d} (1 + \frac{1}{p})$  as  $\mathcal{O}(\log\log\log d)$  for almost all  $d$ .

**Lemma 2.**  $\prod_{p \leq x} (1 + \frac{1}{p}) = c_1 \log x + \mathcal{O}(1)$

*Proof.* We imitate the proof ([1], Thm 13.13) for  $\prod_{p \leq x} (1 - \frac{1}{p}) = \frac{k}{\log x} + \mathcal{O}(1)$

Let  $P(x) = \prod_{p \leq x} (1 + \frac{1}{p})$

So

$$\log P(x) = \sum_{1 \leq x} \log(1 + \frac{1}{p})$$

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But we have

$$\log(1+t) = t - \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{t^3}{3} - \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{t^n}{n} + \dots$$

for  $(0 \leq t < 1)$ . Taking  $t = \frac{1}{p}$  we have, for each prime  $p$ ,

$$\log(1 + \frac{1}{p}) = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2p^2} + \frac{1}{3p^3} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{np^n} + \dots$$

Setting

$$b_p = \frac{1}{p} - \log(1 + \frac{1}{p})$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} b_p &= \frac{1}{2p^2} - \frac{1}{3p^3} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n}{np^n} + \dots \leq \frac{1}{2p^2} + \frac{1}{3p^3} + \dots + \frac{1}{np^n} + \dots \\ &< \frac{1}{2p^2} (1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{p^n} + \dots) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{p^2} \frac{1}{(1 - \frac{1}{p})} = \frac{1}{2p(p-1)} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$B = \sum_p b_p < \sum_p \frac{1}{p(p-1)} < \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n-1)} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n}) = 1$$

Now

$$B - \sum_{p \leq x} b_p = \sum_{p > x} b_p < \sum_{n > x} \frac{1}{n(n-1)} = O(\frac{1}{x})$$

So

$$B - (\sum_p (\frac{1}{p} - \log(1 + \frac{1}{p}))) = O(\frac{1}{x})$$

Hence  $\sum_{p \leq x} \log(1 + \frac{1}{p}) = \sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} - B + O(\frac{1}{x}) = \log \log x + A - B + O(\frac{1}{\log x}) + O(\frac{1}{x})$   
([1], Theorem 4.12)

Taking exponentials

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x) &= \prod_{p \leq x} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p}\right) = e^{(A-B)} \cdot \log x \cdot e^{\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\log x})} e^{\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{x})} \\
 &= e^{(A-B)} \cdot \log x \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right)\right) \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) \\
 &= e^{(A-B)} \log x \left\{1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{x \log x}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right)\right\} \\
 &= e^{(A-B)} \log x + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\log x}{x}\right) + \mathcal{O}(1) \\
 &= e^{(A-B)} \log x + \mathcal{O}(1).
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 3.**  $\prod_{p|d} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p}\right) \leq \prod_{p \leq p_{\omega(d)}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p}\right) = c_1 \log(p_{\omega(d)}) + \mathcal{O}(1)$

( $\omega(n)$  denotes the number of distinct prime divisors of  $n$ )

*Proof.* Use Lemma 2 with  $x = p_{\omega(d)}$  together with the fact that all prime divisors of  $d$  are between 2 and  $p_{\omega(d)}$ . □

**Lemma 4.**  $\log p_{\omega(d)} = \mathcal{O}(\log \omega(d))$

*Proof.*  $p_n \leq 12(n \log n + n \log(\frac{12}{e}))$  by Cheybshev ([1], Th 4.7) so  $\log p_n = \mathcal{O}(\log n)$ . Choose  $n = \omega(d)$  □

**Lemma 5.** Given  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $|\omega(n) - \log \log n| < \epsilon \log \log n$  for  $n$  in a set of density 1. Hence  $\omega(n) < (1 + \epsilon) \log \log n$  for almost all  $n$  (the exceptional set is negligible i.e., of density zero)

*Proof.* This is the famous result on normal order of  $\omega(n)$  of Hardy-Ramanujan: see [2],[6] for several proofs. □

**Lemma 6.**  $\log p_{\omega(d)} = \mathcal{O}(\log \log \log d)$  for almost all  $d$ .

Hence  $L_d(1) = \mathcal{O}(\log \log \log d)$  for almost all square free  $d$ .

*Proof.*  $\log p_{\omega(d)} = \mathcal{O}(\log \omega(d))$  by Lemma 4. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log \omega(d) &< \log[(1 + \epsilon) \log \log d] \\
 &= \log(1 + \epsilon) + \log \log \log d \text{ for almost all } d \text{ by Lemma 5}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\log p_{\omega(d)} = \mathcal{O}(\log \log \log d)$  □

**Proof of Proposition1:** Combining Lemmas 1-6, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_d(1) &\leq \zeta^2(2) \prod_{p|d} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p}\right) \\
 &\leq c \prod_{p \leq p_{\omega(d)}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p}\right) \\
 &= c_1 \log(p_{\omega(d)}) + \mathcal{O}(1) \\
 &= \mathcal{O}(\log \omega(d)) \\
 &= \mathcal{O}(\log \log \log d) \text{ for almost all square free } d
 \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 1.**  $\prod_{p|d} (1 + \frac{1}{p}) = \frac{\sigma(d)}{d} < e^{\gamma \log \log d}$  for almost all  $d$ . For such  $d$ , therefore,

Robin's inequality  $\frac{\sigma(n)}{n} < e^{\gamma \log \log n}$  is valid : the validity for all  $n > 7!$  is equivalent to the Riemann Hypothesis [4] ( $\sigma(n)$  = sum of divisors of  $n$ ). Since the density of square free integers  $d$  is  $\frac{6}{\pi^2}$ , Robin's inequality is valid for a large subset of positive integers.

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