

# Moments of the Riemann zeta function

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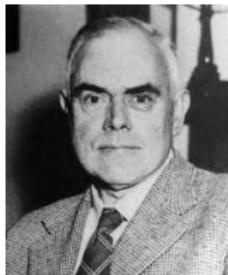
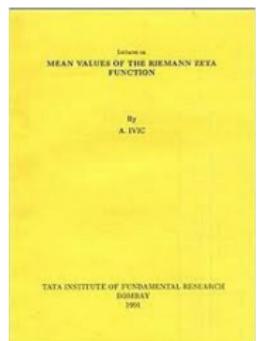
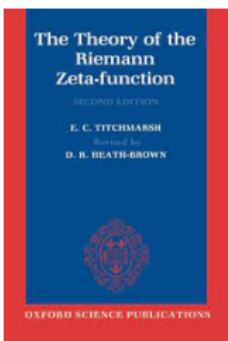
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## Classic textbooks



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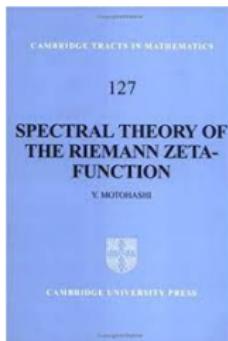
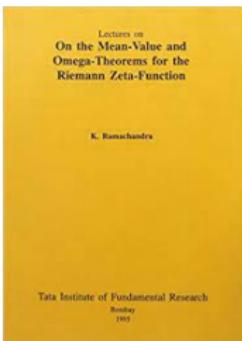


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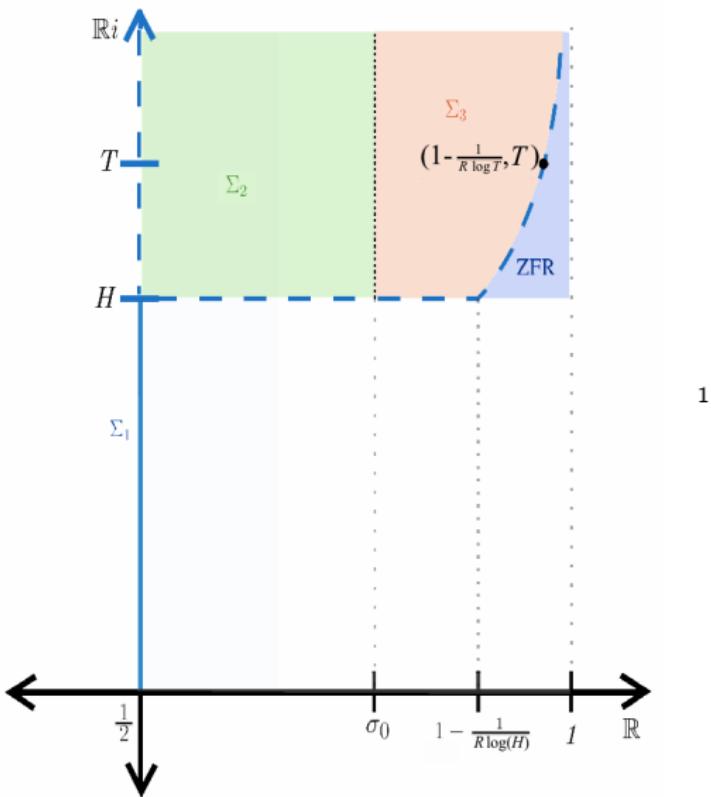
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For  $t \geq 1$ ,

$$\#\{\rho = \beta + i\gamma \mid \zeta(\rho) = 0, \frac{3}{4} \leq \beta < 1, |\gamma| \leq t\} \leq 5.3t^{\frac{2}{3}}(\log t)^{\frac{7}{2}}.$$

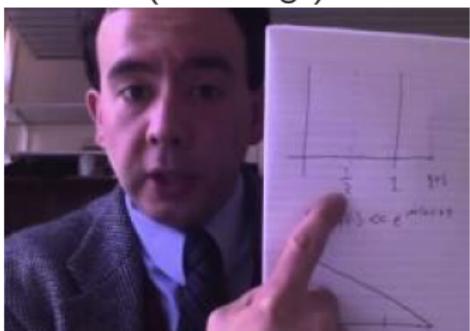
## Map of zeros of zeta



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Huxley	1993	$\frac{89}{154} = 0.15615\dots$
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## Divisors on average

- Dirichlet's hyperbola trick

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n \leq x} d_2(n) &= \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{ab=n} 1 = \sum_{ab \leq x} 1 \\ &= \text{number of lattice points } (a, b) \in \mathbb{N}^2 \text{ such that } 1 \leq ab \leq x \\ &= x(\log x + (2\gamma - 1)) + O(\sqrt{x})\end{aligned}$$

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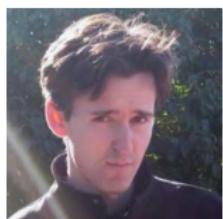
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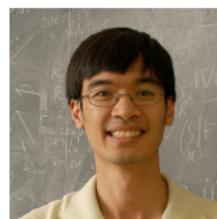
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- Versions of  $\text{AD}_{k,\ell}$  true if  $k \geq 2, \ell = 2$ . Topacogullari, Motohashi, many others.
- Lower bound: N.-Thom, 2019. Upper bound: Henriot, 2015.

$$c_0(r)x(\log x)^{k+\ell-2} \ll D_{k,\ell}(x, r) \ll c_0(r)x(\log x)^{k+\ell-2} \text{ for } |r| \leq x^A$$

- Almost all results in  $r$ : Matomaki, Radziwill, Tao, 2017



Farzad Aryan and Kevin Henriot



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## Smooth additive divisor sums

When studying  $I_k(T)$  we require estimates for smoothed divisor correlations

$$\tilde{D}_{k,\ell}(f, r) = \sum_{m-n=r} \tau_k(m)\tau_\ell(n)f(m, n)$$

where  $f : [M, 2M] \times [N, 2N] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is smooth.

- We can formulate a smoothed additive divisor conjecture but its complicated to state.
- Duke-Friedlander-Iwaniec 1994 and Aryan 2017 have proven results towards the smoothed additive divisor conjecture in the case  $k = \ell = 2$ .

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Diagonal terms  $m = n$  terms and off-diagonal terms  $m \neq n$ :

$$I_k(T) \sim T \sum_{m=1}^N \frac{d_k(m)^2}{m} + \sum_{\substack{m,n=1 \\ m \neq n}}^N \frac{d_k(m)d_k(n)}{m^{\frac{1}{2}} n^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{\sin(T \log(m/n))}{\log(m/n)} \quad (2)$$

Observation.  $\log(m/n)$  is small if  $m$  is close to  $n$ . Terms with  $m = n + r$  and  $r$  small contribute. Need asymptotics for

$$\sum_{m \leq x} \frac{d_k(m)^2}{m} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n \leq x} d_k(n)d_k(n+r)$$

All evaluations of  $I_k(T)$  with  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$  use a form of (2)

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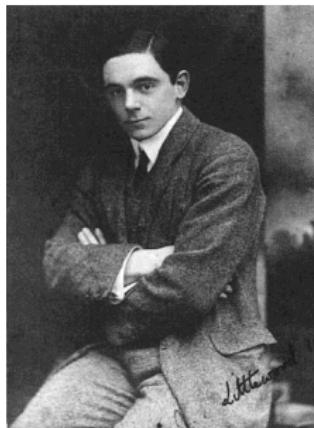
Theorem (Hardy-Littlewood, 1918)

$$I_1(T) = \int_0^T |\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)|^2 dt \sim T \log T = \frac{1}{1!} \cdot a_1 \cdot T(\log T)$$

where  $a_1 = 1$ .



G.H. Hardy



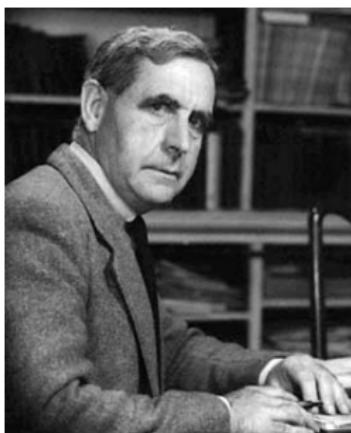
J.E. Littlewood

## The fourth moment

Theorem (Ingham, 1926)

$$I_2(T) = \int_0^T |\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)|^4 dt \sim \frac{T}{2\pi^2} (\log T)^4 = \frac{2}{4!} \cdot a_2 \cdot T (\log T)^4$$

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A.E. Ingham

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Conjecture (Conrey and Ghosh, 1996)

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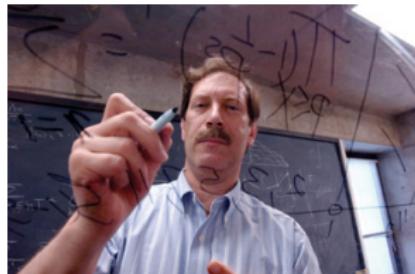
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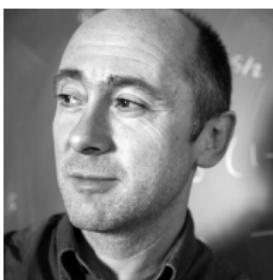
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J. Keating



N. Snaith

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yr	author(s)	$k$	$g_k$	$a_k$	$\frac{g_k}{(k^2)!} \cdot a_k$	technique
1918	Hardy-Littlewood	1	1	1	1	DP+AFE
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**Black =Theorem, Red= Conjectural method**

AFE = Approximate Functional Equation, DP= Dirichlet Polynomials, RM= Random matrices, MDS = Multiple Dirichlet series

**Homework.**  $g_3 = 42$ ,  $g_4 = 24024$ ,  $g_k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

<sup>2</sup>DGH=Diaconu, Goldfeld, Hoffstein

<sup>3</sup>CFKRS= Conrey, Farmer, Keating, Rubinstein, Snaith

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$$\text{Average spacing} = \frac{2\pi}{\log \gamma_j} \sim \frac{2\pi}{\log T} \text{ when } T \leq \gamma_j \leq 2T.$$

(Follows for formula for  $N(T) \sim \frac{T}{2\pi} \log T$ .)

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- Dyson-Montgomery observation.** As  $N \rightarrow \infty$

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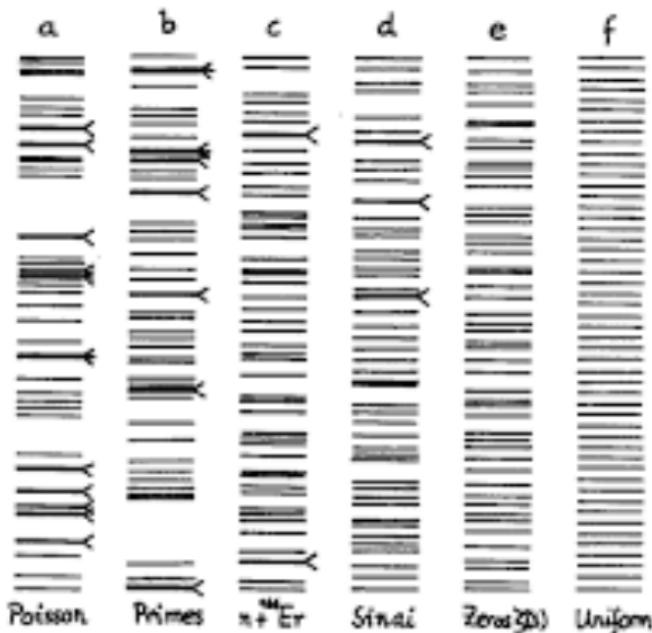
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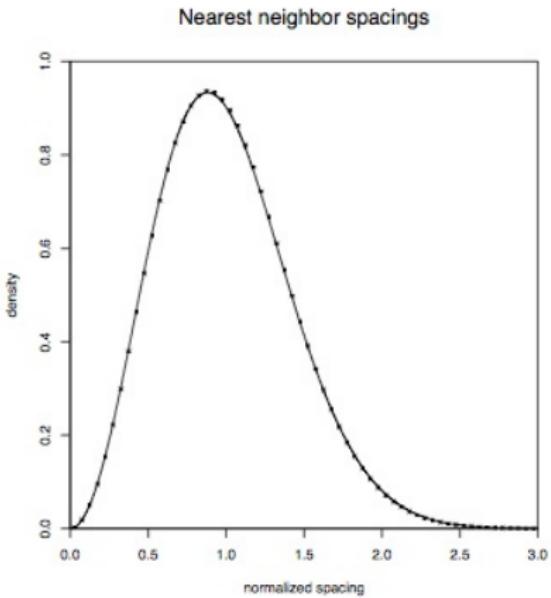
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## Neighbour Spacings



cit. O. Bohigas and M-J Giannoni, *Chaotic motion and random matrix theories*.

## Odlyzko's calculations



Andrew Odlyzko, *On the Distribution of Spacings Between Zeros of the Zeta Function*

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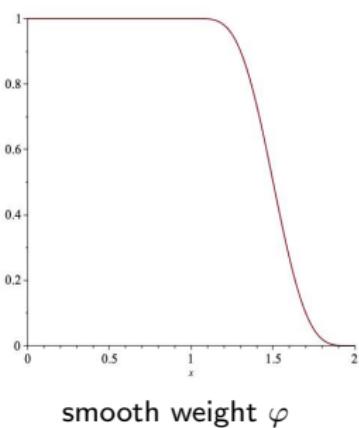
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**Smoothing improves error terms!**

# Smoothing and Approximate Functional Equation for $|\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)|^{2k}$



smooth weight  $\varphi$

- **Smooth approximate functional equations**

Heath-Brown (1979):  $N = t^k$ .

$$|\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)|^{2k} = \sum_{m,n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_k(m)d_k(n)}{m^{\frac{1}{2}}n^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^{-it} \varphi\left(\frac{mn}{N}\right) + O(\exp(-t^2/2))$$

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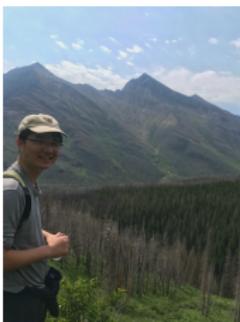
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## $I_k(T)$ , $k \geq 5$ : other divisor sums

- $I_k(T)$  can be modelled in terms of the long Dirichlet polynomials:

$$\int_0^T \left| \sum_{n \leq T^\eta} \frac{d_k(n)}{n^{\frac{1}{2}+it}} \right|^2 dt \text{ with } \eta \geq 1. \quad (5)$$

- The case  $\eta \in [1, 2]$  are conjecturally understood, assuming  $\text{AD}_{k,k}$ .  
For  $\eta \geq 2$  they are not well understood.
- Conrey and Keating formulated a conjecture for the integrals in (5) and have a program to understand them in terms of:

$$\sum_{\substack{m_1 m_2 \leq x \\ m_1 N - n_1 M = h_1 \\ m_2 M - n_2 N = h_2}} \frac{d_{k_1}(m_1) d_{k_2}(m_2) d_{\ell_1}(n_1) d_{\ell_2}(n_2)}{m_1 m_2} f\left(\frac{Th_1}{2\pi m_1 N} + \frac{Th_2}{2\pi m_2 N}\right)$$

where

$$1 \leq M \leq N, h_1, h_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, k_1, k_2, \ell_1, \ell_2 \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ and } f \text{ is smooth.}$$

## Mean values of long Dirichlet polynomials

Theorem (N.-Hamieh, 2021)

Let  $1 < \eta < \frac{4}{3}$ ,  $N = T^\eta$ ,  $L = \log(\frac{t}{2\pi})$ , and  $\omega$  is a smooth weight. Then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \omega(t) \left| \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{d_2(n)}{n^{\frac{1}{2}+it}} \right|^2 dt \sim \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \omega(t) \frac{1}{4!} \left( -\log^4(N) + 8\log^3(N)L - 24\log^2(N)L^2 + 32\log(N)L^3 - 14L^4 \right) dt$$

with a power savings error term.



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- Special case of a more general theorem with coefficients  $d_k(n)$ , assuming smooth form of  $AD_{k,k}$  in the case  $\eta \in (1, 2)$ .
- This confirms a conjecture of Conrey-Gonek.

## Multiple Dirichlet Series

Diaconu, Goldfeld, and Hoffstein introduced the multi-variable complex functions

$$Z(s_1, \dots, s_{2m}, w) = \int_1^\infty \zeta(s_1 + \varepsilon_1 it) \cdots \zeta(s_{2m} + \varepsilon_{2m} it) \left(\frac{2\pi e}{t}\right)^{kit} t^{-w} \quad (6)$$

where

$$w, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{2k} \in \mathbb{C}, \varepsilon_k = \pm 1, 1 \leq k \leq 2m.$$

- They show that  $Z(s_1, \dots, s_{2m}, w)$  satisfies certain quasi functional equations.
- Assuming certain meromorphicity conjectures for  $Z(s_1, \dots, s_{2m}, w)$  they deduce the Keating-Snaith conjecture:

$$I_k(T) \sim \frac{g_k}{(k^2)!} a_k T (\log T)^{k^2}.$$

- They use an unpublished Tauberian theorem due to Stark.

## Spectral reciprocity: Motohashi's exact formula

Let  $\omega$  be a smooth weight function.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\zeta(\tfrac{1}{2} + it)|^4 \omega(t) dt &= \text{Mainterm}(\omega) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha_j L(\tfrac{1}{2}, f_j)^3 \tilde{\omega}(j) \\ &\quad + \pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|\zeta(\tfrac{1}{2} + it)|^6}{|\zeta(1 + 2it)|^2} \widehat{\omega}(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{f \in S_{2k}(\Gamma)} L(\tfrac{1}{2}, f)^3 C(k, f, \omega) \right). \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

- If  $\omega \approx 1_{[T, 2T]}$ , then  $\text{Mainterm}(\omega) \sim \frac{T}{2\pi^2} (\log T)^4$ .
- $\{L(s, f_j)\}$  ranges through Maass form  $L$ -functions attached to full modular group.
- $\{L(s, f)\}$  ranges through a basis of Hecke eigenforms of  $S_{2k}(\Gamma)$ .
- $\tilde{\omega}(j)$  and  $\widehat{\omega}(t)$  are certain integral transforms of  $\omega$ .
- This formulae gives the best error term for  $I_2(T)$  due to Zavorotnyi (1989):  $O(T^{\frac{2}{3} + \varepsilon})$ .

## Open problems

- Evaluate asymptotically  $\sum_{n \leq x} d_3(n)d_3(n+1)$ .
- Find an asymptotic formula for  $\sum_{n \leq x} d(n)d(n+1)d(n+2)$ .
- Prove that
$$I_3(T) \geq \frac{42}{9!} a_3 T (\log T)^9 (1 + o(1)).$$
- Assuming RH, find a good upper bound for  $I_3(T)$ .
- For some small  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  evaluate asymptotically

$$\int_0^T \left| \sum_{n \leq T^{2+\epsilon_0}} \frac{d_k(n)}{n^{\frac{1}{2}+it}} \right|^2 dt.$$

Even the case  $\epsilon_0 = 0$  is open.

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