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Assume GRH and LI.

Recall notation:

$$\bullet \rho(q) = \#\{x \pmod{q} : x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{q}\}$$

$$(\rho(q) \ll_\varepsilon q^\varepsilon)$$

$$\bullet V(q; a, b) = \sum_{x \pmod{q}} |x(b) - x(a)|^2 b(x),$$

$$\text{where } b(x) = \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \mathbb{R} \\ \Im(\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma, x) = 0}} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4} + \gamma^2}.$$

$$\bullet \Sigma_{q; a, b} = c(q, b) - c(q, a) + \sum_{x \pmod{q}} |x(b) - x(a)| \sum_{\gamma} \frac{Z_{\gamma}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \gamma^2}},$$

where  $Z_{\gamma}$  are independent, unif. dist'd on  $S^1$ . Daniel calculated that

$$\mathbb{E}(\Sigma_{q; a, b}) = c(q, b) - c(q, a)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \rho(q), & \text{if } a \neq 0 \text{ and } b = 0, \\ -\rho(q), & \text{if } a = 0 \text{ and } b \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

$$\sigma^2(\Sigma_{q; a, b}) = V(q; a, b).$$

We know  $\Sigma_{q; a, b}$  is the limiting logarithmic distribution of

$$E(x; q, a, b) = \phi(q) \frac{\pi(x; q, a) - \pi(x; q, b)}{\sqrt{x} / \log x}.$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{q; a, b} &= \log\text{'s density of } \{x : E(x; q, a, b) > 0\} \\ &= \Pr(\Sigma_{q; a, b} > 0) \end{aligned}$$

In the case  $(*)$ ,

$$\delta_{q; 0, b} = \frac{1}{2} + \Pr\left(0 < N(0, 1) < \frac{\rho(q)}{\sqrt{V(q; 0, b)}}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{V(q; 0, b)}}\right).$$

(If  $a \equiv 1$  and  $b \not\equiv 1$ , then  $\delta_{q,a,b} = \frac{1}{2} - \dots$

instead of  $\frac{1}{2} + \dots$

If  $a, b$  are both squares or both nonsquares, Rubinfeld/Sarnak showed  $\delta_{q,a,b} = \frac{1}{2}$ .)

Goal: asymptotic formula for  $V(q, a, b)$ .

$$V(q, a, b) = \sum_{x \pmod{q}} |\chi(b) - \chi(a)|^2 b(x)$$

We know  $b(x) = \log q^{\frac{x}{q}} + O(\log \log q)$

$$(b(x) = \sum_r \frac{1}{\chi_r + \chi_r^2}) \quad \downarrow \text{conductor of } \chi$$

Lemma 3.2 ("Inequalities"):

For  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  and any  $s \mid q$ ,  $1 \leq s < q$ :

$$\sum_{d \mid q} \Delta\left(\frac{q}{d}\right) \phi(d) = \phi(q) \sum_{p \mid q} \frac{\log p}{p-1}$$

$$\sum_{d \mid s} \Delta\left(\frac{q}{d}\right) \phi(d) = \phi(q) \frac{\Delta(q/s)}{\phi(q/s)}$$

Method of proof:  $q/d$  must be a

prime power; so group the  $q/d$  according to the prime  $p \mid q$  such that  $q/d = p^r$ .

Proposition 3.3: For  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ , and

any  $(a, q) = 1$ ,  $a \not\equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ :

$$\sum_{x \pmod{q}} \log q^{\frac{x}{q}} = \phi(q) \left( \log q - \sum_{p \mid q} \frac{\log p}{p-1} \right)$$

$$\sum_{x \pmod{q}} \chi(a) \log q^{\frac{x}{q}} = -\phi(q) \frac{\Delta(q/(q, a-1))}{\phi(q/(q, a-1))}$$

Proof: (At first, allow  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$  as well.)

We start by evaluating

$$\sum_{d|q} \Delta(q/d) \sum_{\chi \pmod{d}} \chi(a)$$

$$= \sum_{\chi \pmod{q}} \chi(a) \sum_{\substack{d|q \\ q^*|d}} \Delta(q/d)$$

( $c = q/d$ )

$$= \sum_{\chi \pmod{q}} \chi(a) \sum_{c|q, q^*} \Delta(c)$$

$$= \sum_{\chi \pmod{q}} \chi(a) \log(q/q^*)$$

$$= \log q \cdot \sum_{\chi \pmod{q}} \chi(a) - \sum_{\chi \pmod{q}} \chi(a) \log q^*$$

• If  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$  then we've shown

$$\sum_{d|q} \Delta(q/d) \phi(d)$$

$$= \log q \cdot \phi(q) - \sum_{\chi \pmod{q}} \log q^*$$

and so we're done by Lemma 3.2.

Now assume  $a \not\equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ . Then

$$\sum_{\chi \pmod{q}} \chi(a) \log q^* = \log q \cdot \sum_{\chi \pmod{q}} \chi(a)$$

$$- \sum_{d|q} \Delta(q/d) \sum_{\chi \pmod{d}} \chi(a)$$

$$= - \sum_{d|q} \Delta(q/d) \begin{cases} \phi(d), & \text{if } a \equiv 1 \pmod{d}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$= - \sum_{\substack{d|q \\ d|(a-1)}} \Delta(q/d) \phi(d)$$

( $s = \gcd(q, a-1)$ )

$$= - \phi(q) \frac{\Delta(q/(q, a-1))}{\phi(q/(q, a-1))} \text{ by Lemma 3.2}$$

Now consider

$$V(q, a, b) = \sum_{X(m \leq q)} |X(b) - X(a)|^2 b'(X)$$

$$= \sum_{X(m \leq q)} (X(b) - X(a)) (\bar{X}(b) - \bar{X}(a))$$

$$\times (\log q^* + O(\log \log q))$$

$$= \sum_{X(m \leq q)} (2 - X(ab^{-1}) - X(ba^{-1})) \log q^*$$

$$\rightarrow O(\phi(q) \log \log q).$$

From Proposition 3.3,

$$= 2\phi(q) \left( \log q - \sum_{p|q} \frac{\log p}{p-1} \right)$$

$$+ \phi(q) \frac{\Delta(q/(q, ab^{-1}-1))}{\phi(q/(q, ab^{-1}-1))}$$

$$\rightarrow (\text{same with } ba^{-1} \text{ instead of } ab^{-1}) + O(1),$$

But since  $(b, q) = 1$ ,

$$(q, ab^{-1}-1) = (q, b(ab^{-1}-1))$$

$$= (q, a-b)$$

and similarly,  $(q, ba^{-1}-1) = (q, b-a)$   
 $= (q, a-b).$

Hence

$$V(q, a, b) = 2\phi(q) \left( \log q - \sum_{p|q} \frac{\log p}{p-1} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{\Delta(q/(q, a-b))}{\phi(q/(q, a-b))} + O(\log \log q).$$

Note  $\frac{\Delta(n)}{\phi(n)} \ll \frac{\log n}{n^{1-\varepsilon}}$  is uniformly bounded.

Since  $\frac{\log t}{t-1}$  is decreasing wlog

$$\sum_{p|q} \frac{\log p}{p-1} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\omega(q)} \frac{\log p_j}{p_j-1} \ll \log \log q.$$

$$\ll \sum_{p < \omega(q) \log q} \frac{\log p}{p} \ll \log(\omega(q) \log \omega(q))$$

~~$\ll \log q$~~ . Since  $\omega(q) \ll \frac{\log q}{\log 2}$ .

We've shown

$$\begin{aligned}V(a; a, b) &= 2\phi(a) \log a + O(\phi(a) \log \log a) \\ &= 2\phi(a) \log a \cdot \left(1 + O\left(\frac{\log \log a}{\log a}\right)\right).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore (if  $a \in \mathbb{D}$ ,  $b \notin \mathbb{D}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}S_{a; a, b} &= \frac{1}{2} + \Pr\left(0 < N(a; b) < \frac{\rho(a)}{\sqrt{V(a; a, b)}}\right) \\ &\quad + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{V(a; a, b)}}\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\rho(a)}{\sqrt{V(a; a, b)}} + O(-)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\rho(a)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\phi(a) \log a}} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{\log \log a}{\log a}\right)\right) + O(-)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\rho(a)}{2\sqrt{\pi} \cdot \sqrt{\phi(a) \log a}} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{\log \log a}{\log a}\right)\right)$$