

ON THE SERIES FOR $L(1, \chi)$

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1. Introduction

Let k be a positive integer greater than 1, and let $\chi(n)$ be a real primitive character modulo k . The series

$$L(1, \chi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n}$$

can be divided into groups of k consecutive terms. Let v be any nonnegative integer, j and integer, $0 \leq j \leq k - 1$, and let

$$T(v, j, \chi) = \sum_{n=j+1}^{j+k} \frac{\chi(vk + n)}{vk + n} = \sum_{n=j+1}^{j+k} \frac{\chi(n)}{vk + n}.$$

Then $L(1, \chi) = \sum_{n=1}^j \frac{\chi(n)}{n} + \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} T(v, j, \chi)$.

In [3] Davenport proved the following theorem:

THEOREM (H. Davenport). *If $\chi(-1) = 1$, then $T(v, 0, \chi) > 0$ for all v and k . If $\chi(-1) = -1$, then $T(0, 0, \chi) > 0$ for all k , and $T(v, 0, \chi) > 0$ if $v > v(k)$; but for any $r \geq 1$ there exist values of k for which*

$$T(1, 0, \chi) < 0, T(2, 0, \chi) < 0, \dots, T(r, 0, \chi) < 0.$$

In this paper, we will prove

THEOREM 2. *For fixed integers k and j , $0 \leq j \leq k - 1$,*

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