

29. Eigenvalues of the Laplace-Beltrami Operator and the von-Mangoldt Function

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§ 1. Introduction. Let $\Lambda(n)$ be the von-Mangoldt function defined by

$$\Lambda(n) = \begin{cases} \log p & \text{if } n = p^k \text{ with a prime number } p \text{ and an integer } k \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let $\lambda_0 = 0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_j \leq \dots$ run over the eigenvalues of the discrete spectrum of the Laplace-Beltrami operator on $L^2(H/\Gamma)$, where H is the upper half of the complex plane and we take $\Gamma = PSL(2, \mathbb{Z})$. It is well known that $\lambda_1 > \frac{1}{4}$. We put $\lambda_j = \frac{1}{4} + r_j^2$ for $j \geq 0$. Here we are concerned with the relation between $\Lambda(n)$ and λ_j .

We recall first the following result which has been proved in the author's [1]-[3]. It shows that an individual $\Lambda(n)$ can be expressed by the eigen-values. For any positive α , let $Z_\alpha(s)$ be defined by

$$Z_\alpha(s) = \sum_{r_j > 0} \frac{\sin(\alpha r_j)}{r_j^s} \quad \text{for } \Re(s) > 1.$$

This function is shown to be an entire function of s . Then we have

(I): For any integer $n \geq 2$,

$$\Lambda(n) = \pi n \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 2 \log n} (\alpha - 2 \log n) Z_\alpha(0).$$

We recall secondly the following result which has been proved by Venkov [11]. It shows that the sum

$$\sum_{n \leq X} \Lambda(n)$$

can be written down in terms of the eigen-values and the remainder term of the prime geodesic theorem. Let $\{P\}$ run over the set of the hyperbolic conjugacy classes of the conjugacy elements in Γ and $N(P) = N(P_0)^k$, where $\{P\} = \{P_0\}^k$ with the primitive hyperbolic conjugacy class $\{P_0\}$ and $N(P_0)$ is the norm of P_0 . We put

$$\tilde{\Lambda}(P) = \frac{\log N(P_0)}{1 - (N(P))^{-1}}$$

and

$$\tilde{\psi}(X) = \sum_{N(P) \leq X} \tilde{\Lambda}(P).$$

Then Venkov's result may be stated as follows.

(II): For $X > X_0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq X} \Lambda(n) &= \frac{X}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow +0} \sum_{r_j > 0} \frac{\cos(2r_j \log X) + 2r_j \sin(2r_j \log X)}{\lambda_j} e^{-t\lambda_j} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\psi}(X^2) - X^2) + O(X^\varepsilon), \end{aligned}$$

where ε is an arbitrary positive number.

Here we should recall the prime geodesic theorem (cf. Huber [5] and Iwaniec [7]) which states that for any positive ε and for $X > X_0$,

$$\tilde{\psi}(X) - X = O(X^{\frac{35}{48} + \varepsilon})$$

and

$$\sum_{N(P_o) \leq X} \log N(P_o) - X = O(X^{\frac{35}{48} + \varepsilon}),$$

where $\{P_o\}$ runs over the set of all primitive hyperbolic conjugacy classes of the conjugacy elements in Γ .

In this article, we shall supplement to these by adding another explicit relation between $\Lambda(n)$ and λ_j . It shows that the average of the sum of $\Lambda(n)$, namely,

$$\int_0^X \sum_{n \leq y} \Lambda(n) dy$$

can be written down in terms of the eigen-values and the average of the remainder term of the prime geodesic theorem. To state our result, let $Z(s)$ be the Selberg zeta function defined by

$$Z(s) = \prod_{\{P_o\}} \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - (N(P_o))^{-s-k}) \text{ for } \Re s > 1.$$

It is well-known that $Z(s)$ has meromorphic continuation to the whole complex plane (cf. Selberg [10]). $Z(s)$ satisfies the following functional equation (cf. Selberg [10], Venkov [12], Vigneras [13] and Kurokawa [8]).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Z'}{Z}(s) + \frac{Z'}{Z}(1-s) = & -\left(s - \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{\pi}{3} \cot(\pi s) + 2 \log \frac{2}{\pi} + 2 \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(2-2s) + 2 \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(2s) \\ & + \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(1-s) + \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(s) + \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{3}{2}-s\right) + \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(s + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ & + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{2-s}{2}\right) \\ & + \frac{2}{9} \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{s}{3}\right) + \frac{2}{9} \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{1-s}{3}\right) - \frac{2}{9} \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{s+2}{3}\right) - \frac{2}{9} \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{3-s}{3}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\zeta(s)$ is the Riemann zeta function and $\Gamma(s)$ is the Γ -function.

The position and the multiplicities of the zeros and poles of $Z(s)$ are well-known (cf. Venkov [12] and p. 141 of Kurokawa [9]). In particular, we put

$$A_o = \lim_{s \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{Z'}{Z}(s) + \frac{1}{s + \frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

and

$$B_o = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{Z'}{Z}(s) + \frac{1}{s} \right).$$

From the above functional equation it is easily shown that

$$\begin{aligned} A_o = & -\frac{Z'}{Z}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + 2\left(\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(3) - \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(2)\right) + 2 \log 2 + \frac{10}{3} + \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(2) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) - \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) \right) + \frac{2}{9} \left(\frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{5}{6}\right) - \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{7}{6}\right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$B_o = -\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{Z'}{Z}(1-s) + \frac{1}{s} \right) + 2 \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(1) + 2 \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$+ \frac{2}{9} \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma} \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) - \frac{2}{9} \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) + \frac{5}{3} + 2 \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta} (2) + 4 \log 2,$$

where we have

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{Z'}{Z} (1 - s) + \frac{1}{s} \right) = 1 + \int_1^\infty \frac{\sum_{N(P) \leq y} \tilde{\Lambda}(P) - y}{y^2} dy.$$

Now our result may be stated as follows.

Theorem. For $X > 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^X \sum_{n \leq y} \Lambda(n) dy &= \frac{X^2}{2} \Re \left(\sum_{r_j > 0} \frac{X^{2ir_j}}{\left(\frac{1}{2} + ir_j \right) (1 + ir_j)} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^X \left(\sum_{N(P) \leq y^2} \tilde{\Lambda}(P) - y^2 \right) dy \\ &\quad - X \log X + X \left(\frac{1}{2} B_o + 1 - \log 2\pi \right) + \log X \\ &\quad + \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} A_o + C_o - \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta} (2) + G(X), \end{aligned}$$

where A_o and B_o are defined above, C_o is the Euler constant and we put

$$\begin{aligned} G(X) &= \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{X^{-2k}}{k(2k+1)} - \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{X^{1-2k}}{k(2k-1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} X^3 \sum_{\substack{k=2 \\ k \equiv 1(6)}}^\infty \frac{X^{-2k}}{(k-1)(2k-3)} \left(2 \left[\frac{k}{6} \right] - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} X^3 \sum_{\substack{k=2 \\ k \not\equiv 1(6)}}^\infty \frac{X^{-2k}}{(k-1)(2k-3)} \left(2 \left[\frac{k}{6} \right] + 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

We shall prove our theorem in a standard way (cf. Ingham [6] and Hejhal [4]) and some of the details and references will be omitted.

§2. Proof of Theorem. Let N be a sufficiently large integer. We can choose $T = T_N$ in $N \leq T \leq N + 1$ such that $Z(s)$ has no zeros or poles in $|\Re s - T| \leq \frac{C}{T}$ with some positive constant C . Let $b = 1 + \delta$ with $\delta = \frac{1}{\log T}$. We shall evaluate the integral

$$I \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{b-iT}^{b+iT} \frac{Z'}{Z} (s) \frac{X^{2s+1}}{s(2s+1)} ds.$$

We have on one hand

$$\begin{aligned} I &= X \sum_{(P)} \tilde{\Lambda}(P) \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{b-iT}^{b+iT} \frac{\left(\frac{X}{\sqrt{N(P)}} \right)^{2s}}{s(2s+1)} ds = X \sum_{N(P) \leq X^2} \tilde{\Lambda}(P) \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{N(P)}}{X} \right) \\ &\quad + O \left(\frac{X}{T} \sum_{(P)} \tilde{\Lambda}(P) \left(\frac{X}{\sqrt{N(P)}} \right)^{2b} \min \left(1, \frac{1}{T \left| \log \frac{X}{\sqrt{N(P)}} \right|} \right) \right) = I_1 + I_2, \text{ say.} \end{aligned}$$

It is easily seen that

$$I_1 = \int_0^X \sum_{N(P) \leq y^2} \tilde{\Lambda}(P) dy.$$

$$I_2 \ll \frac{X^{1+2b}}{T} \left(\sum_{\substack{N(P) \leq \frac{X^2}{2} \\ N(P) \geq 2X^2}} + \sum_{\frac{X^2}{2} \leq N(P) \leq X^2-h} + \sum_{X^2-h \leq N(P) \leq X^2+h} + \sum_{X^2+h \leq N(P) \leq 2X^2} \right)$$

$$\cdot \frac{\tilde{\Lambda}(P)}{N(P)^{1+\delta}} \min \left(1, \frac{1}{T \left| \log \frac{X}{\sqrt{N(P)}} \right|} \right) = I_3 + I_4 + I_5 + I_6, \text{ say,}$$

where we take $h = X^{\frac{35}{24}+\epsilon}$

$$\begin{aligned} I_4 &\ll \frac{X^3}{T^2} \sum_{\frac{X^2}{2} \leq N(P) \leq X^2-h} \frac{\tilde{\Lambda}(P)}{X^2 - N(P)} \\ &\ll \frac{X^3}{T^2} \sum_{1 \leq m \ll \frac{X^2}{h}} \frac{1}{mh} \left(\sum_{X^2-(m+1)h \leq N(P_0) \leq X^2-mh} \log N(P_0) + \frac{h}{X} + X^{\frac{35}{48}+\epsilon} \right) \\ &\ll \frac{X^3}{T^2} \sum_{1 \leq m \ll \frac{X^2}{h}} \frac{1}{mh} (h + X^{\frac{35}{24}+\epsilon}) \ll \frac{X^3}{T^2} \log X. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we get, using the prime geodesic theorem stated above,

$$I_2 \ll \frac{X^{3+2\delta}}{T^2} \log T + \frac{X^3}{T^2} \log X + \frac{X^{\frac{59}{24}+\epsilon}}{T}.$$

Thus we get

$$I = \int_0^X \sum_{N(P) \leq y^2} \tilde{\Lambda}(P) dy + O\left(\frac{X^{3+2\delta}}{T^2} \log T + \frac{X^3}{T^2} \log X + \frac{X^{\frac{59}{24}+\epsilon}}{T}\right).$$

On the other hand, by Cauchy's theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= I_7 + \frac{X^3}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{|r_j| \leq T, j \geq 1} \frac{X^{2+2ir_j}}{\left(\frac{1}{2} + ir_j\right)(1 + ir_j)} + 2 \sum_{|r_l| \leq 2T} \frac{X^{\rho+1}}{\rho(\rho + 1)} - X^2 \\ &\quad + X^3 \sum_{\substack{2 \leq k \leq D+1 \\ k \equiv 1(6)}} \frac{X^{-2k}}{(1-k)(2-2k+1)} \left(2\left[\frac{k}{6}\right] - 1\right) \\ &\quad + X^3 \sum_{\substack{2 \leq k \leq D+1 \\ k \not\equiv 1(6)}} \frac{X^{-2k}}{(1-k)(2-2k+1)} \left(2\left[\frac{k}{6}\right] + 1\right) \\ &\quad + X^2 \sum_{2 \leq l \leq D+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{X^{-2l}}{\left(\frac{1}{2} - l\right)(2-2l)} + X(B_0 + 2 - 2 \log X) \\ &\quad - A_0 + 2 + 2 \log X, \end{aligned}$$

where ρ runs over the non-trivial zeros of $\zeta(s)$, $\gamma = \Im \rho$, D is sufficiently large and not near any "integer" or "integer- $\frac{1}{2}$ ", p. 141 of Kurokawa [9] is used and we put

$$\begin{aligned} I_7 &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \left(\int_{b+iT}^{-D+iT} + \int_{-D+iT}^{-D-iT} + \int_{-D-iT}^{b-iT} \right) \frac{Z'}{Z}(s) \frac{X^{2s+1}}{s(2s+1)} ds \\ &= I_8 + I_9 + I_{10}, \text{ say.} \end{aligned}$$

To estimate these terms, we shall use the functional equation of $Z(s)$ as stated in the introduction.

We get first

$$I_9 \ll X^{1-2D}.$$

We decompose I_8 further as follows.

$$I_8 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left(\int_{\frac{1}{2}+\delta+iT}^{b+iT} + \int_{\frac{1}{2}-\delta+iT}^{\frac{1}{2}+\delta+iT} + \int_{-1+iT}^{\frac{1}{2}-\delta+iT} + \int_{-D+iT}^{-1+iT} \right) \frac{Z'}{Z}(s) \frac{X^{2s+1}}{s(2s+1)} ds$$

$= I_{11} + I_{12} + I_{13} + I_{14}$, say.

We get first

$$I_{11} \ll \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\delta}^b T^{2\max(0,1-\sigma)} \log T \frac{X^{2\sigma+1}}{T^2} d\sigma \ll \frac{X^{3+2\delta} \log T}{T}.$$

To estimate I_{12} , we use the following expression of $\frac{Z'}{Z}(s)$:

$$\frac{Z'}{Z}(\sigma + iT) = \sum_{\bar{\rho}}^* \frac{1}{\sigma + iT - \bar{\rho}} + O(T),$$

where $\bar{\rho}$ runs over all the zeros of $Z(s)$ in the critical strip such that

$$\left| \bar{\rho} - \frac{6}{5} - iT \right| \leq 2.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} I_{12} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{\bar{\rho}}^* \int_{\frac{1}{2}-\delta+iT}^{\frac{1}{2}+\delta+iT} \frac{X^{2s+1}}{(s-\bar{\rho})s(2s+1)} ds + O\left(\frac{X^{2+2\delta}}{T \log T}\right) \\ &\ll \frac{X^{2+2\delta}}{T} \log T. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{13} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-1+iT}^{\frac{1}{2}-\delta+iT} \left(-\frac{Z'}{Z}(1-s) + O(T)\right) \frac{X^{2s+1}}{s(2s+1)} ds \\ &\ll \int_{\frac{1}{2}+\delta}^1 T^{2(1-\sigma)} \log T \frac{X^{3-2\sigma}}{T^2} d\sigma + \frac{X^{2-2\delta}}{T} \ll \frac{X^{2-2\delta}}{T}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the functional equation of $Z(s)$ as stated in the introduction, we get

$$I_{14} \ll \frac{1}{XT}.$$

Thus we get

$$S_8 = O\left(\frac{X^{3+2\delta}}{T} \log T\right).$$

Estimating S_{10} in the same manner, we get

$$I_7 = O(X^{1-2D}) + O\left(\frac{X^{3+2\delta}}{T} \log T\right).$$

Consequently, letting D tend to ∞ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{X^3}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{|r_j| \leq T, j \geq 1} \frac{X^{2+2ir_j}}{\left(\frac{1}{2} + ir_j\right)(1 + ir_j)} + 2 \sum_{|r_l| \leq 2T} \frac{X^{\rho+1}}{\rho(\rho+1)} - X^2 \\ &\quad + X^3 \sum_{\substack{k=2 \\ k \neq 1(6)}}^{\infty} \frac{X^{-2k}}{(1-k)(2-2k+1)} \left(2\left[\frac{k}{6}\right] - 1\right) \\ &\quad + X^3 \sum_{\substack{k=2 \\ k \neq 1(6)}}^{\infty} \frac{X^{-2k}}{(1-k)(2-2k+1)} \left(2\left[\frac{k}{6}\right] + 1\right) \\ &\quad + X^2 \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \frac{X^{-2l}}{\left(\frac{1}{2} - l\right)(2-2l)} + X(B_o + 2 - 2 \log X) \\ &\quad - A_o + 2 + 2 \log X + O\left(\frac{X^{3+2\delta}}{T} \log T\right). \end{aligned}$$

Letting N tend to ∞ and combining two expressions of I , we get first the following theorem.

Theorem. For $X > 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\rho} \frac{X^{\rho+1}}{\rho(\rho+1)} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^X \left(\sum_{N(P) \leq y^2} \bar{\Lambda}(P) - y^2 \right) dy - \frac{1}{2} \Re \left(\sum_{r_j > 0} \frac{X^{2+2ir_j}}{\left(\frac{1}{2} + ir_j\right)(1 + ir_j)} \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} X^2 - \frac{1}{2} X^3 \sum_{\substack{k=2 \\ k \equiv 1(6)}}^{\infty} \frac{X^{-2k}}{(1-k)(2-2k+1)} \left(2 \left[\frac{k}{6} \right] - 1 \right) \\ &- \frac{1}{2} X^3 \sum_{\substack{k=2 \\ k \not\equiv 1(6)}}^{\infty} \frac{X^{-2k}}{(1-k)(2-2k+1)} \left(2 \left[\frac{k}{6} \right] + 1 \right) \\ &- \frac{X^2}{4} \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \frac{X^{-2l}}{\left(\frac{1}{2} - l\right)(1-l)} - \frac{1}{2} X(B_o + 2 - 2 \log X) \\ &- \frac{1}{2} (-A_o + 2 + 2 \log X). \end{aligned}$$

Since, by p. 73 of Ingham [6],

$$\sum_{\rho} \frac{X^{\rho+1}}{\rho(\rho+1)} = \frac{X^2}{2} - \int_0^X \sum_{n \leq y} \Lambda(n) dy - X \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(0) + \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(-1) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{X^{1-2k}}{2k(2k-1)},$$

we get our theorem as stated in the introduction.

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