

**THE CIRCLE PROBLEM,  
THE DIVISOR PROBLEM  
BESSEL SERIES EXPANSIONS,  
AND WEIGHTED DIVISOR SUMS**

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**Motivated by Two Entries in Ramanujan's Lost  
Notebook**

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*I have shown you today the highest secret of my own realization. It is supreme and most mysterious indeed.*

Verse 575, Vivekachudamani of Adi Shankaracharya  
Sixth Century, A.D.

# Ramanujan's Passport Photo



# A Page From Ramanujan's Lost Notebook

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where

$$I_1(x) = H_1(x) - Y_1(x).$$

$$H_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{4x}{\pi} - \frac{1}{2} \gamma + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{3x^3} + \dots$$

Add 1 to get (1.17)

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# Convergence is NOT Obvious

$$J_\nu(x) \sim \left(\frac{2}{\pi x}\right)^{1/2} \cos\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\nu\pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi\right).$$

Hence, as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ , the terms of the double series on the right-hand side of (2) are asymptotically equal to

$$\frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{2}x^{1/4}m^{3/4}} \left( \frac{\cos\left(4\pi\sqrt{m(n+\theta)}x - \frac{3}{4}\pi\right)}{(n+\theta)^{3/4}} - \frac{\cos\left(4\pi\sqrt{m(n+1-\theta)}x - \frac{3}{4}\pi\right)}{(n+1-\theta)^{3/4}} \right).$$

# Circle Problem

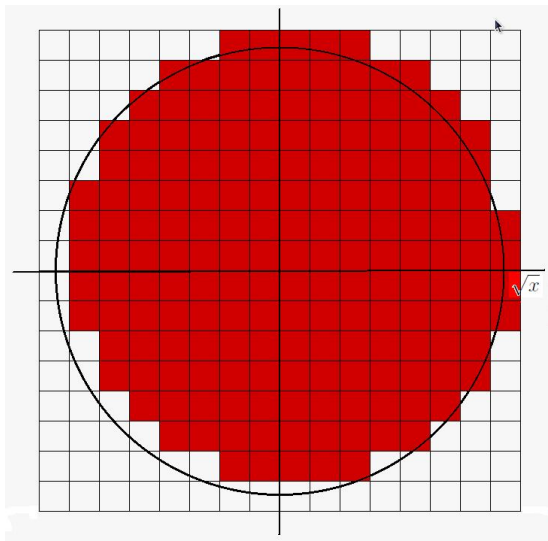
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Each representation of  $n$  as a sum of two squares can be associated with a lattice point in the plane. For example,  $5 = (-2)^2 + 1^2$  can be associated with the lattice point  $(-2, 1)$ . Then each lattice point can be associated with a unit square, say that unit square for which the lattice point is in the southwest corner.

## Circle Problem



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$$R(x) < \pi(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{2})^2,$$

$$R(x) > \pi(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{2})^2,$$

$$R(x) = \pi x + O(\sqrt{x}) \quad \text{Gauss}$$

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$$P(x) = O(x^{1/3}). \quad \text{Sierpinski}$$



# The Error Term

$$P(x) = O(x^{a+\epsilon}), \quad \epsilon \geq 0.$$

$a = 1/2,$	Gauss( $\approx 1800$ )
$a = 1/3,$	Sierpinski(1906), Landau(1913)
$a = 33/100,$	van der Corput(1922)
$a = 37/112 = 0.3303\dots$	Littlewood and Walfisz(1925), Hardy(1925)
$a = 27/82 = 0.3292\dots$	van der Corput(1928)
$a = 15/46 = 0.3260\dots$	Chih Tsung-Tao(1950), Richert(1953)
$a = 12/37 = 0.3243\dots$	Chen(1963), Kolesnik(1969)
$a = 346/1067 = 0.3242\dots$	Kolesnik(1973)
$a = 35/108 = 0.3240\dots$	Kolesnik(1982)

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$$a = 7/22 = 0.3181\dots \quad \text{Iwaniec and Mozzochi(1988)}$$

$$a = 23/73 = 0.3150\dots \quad \text{Huxley(1993)}$$

$$a = 131/416 = 0.3149\dots \quad \text{Huxley(2003)}$$

# The Error Term

Let  $g(x)$  be a non-negative function of  $x$ .

$G(x) = \Omega(g(x)), \Omega_+(g(x)), \Omega_-(g(x))$  if there exists a positive constant  $K$  such that

$$|G(x)| > Kg(x), \quad G(x) > Kg(x), \quad G(x) < -Kg(x),$$

each inequality holding on some sequence  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$P(x) = \Omega_{\pm}(x^{1/4}), \quad \text{Hardy(1915)}$$

$$P(x) = \Omega_-(x \log x)^{1/4}, \quad \text{Hardy(1915)}$$

$$P(x) = \Omega_{\pm}(x^{1/4}(\log \log x)^{1/4}(\log \log \log x)^{1/4}),$$

Gangadharan(1961)

$$P(x) = \Omega_+(x^{1/4} \exp(C_1(\log \log x)^{1/4}(\log \log \log x)^{-3/4})),$$

Corrádi and Katai(1967)

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$$P(x) = \Omega_-\left(x^{1/4}(\log x)^{1/4}(\log \log x)^{(\log 2)/4} \exp\left(-C_2\sqrt{\log \log \log x}\right)\right),$$

*Hafner(1981)*

$$P(x) = \Omega_-\left(x^{1/4}(\log x)^{1/4} \frac{(\log \log x)^{3(2^{1/3}-1)/4}}{(\log \log \log x)^{5/8}}\right).$$

Soundararajan(2003)

$$\frac{1}{4} \log 2 = 0.1732\dots \quad \frac{3(2^{1/3} - 1)}{4} = 0.1949\dots$$

# Key Identities

(Hardy) For  $\sigma = \operatorname{Re} s > 0$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_2(n) e^{-s\sqrt{n}} = \frac{2\pi}{s^2} - 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_2(n)}{(s^2 + 4\pi^2 n)^{3/2}}.$$

(Ramanujan) If  $a, b > 0$ ,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{r_2(n)}{\sqrt{n+a}} e^{-2\pi\sqrt{(n+a)b}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{r_2(n)}{\sqrt{n+b}} e^{-2\pi\sqrt{(n+b)a}}.$$

Differentiate w.r.t.  $b$ . Let  $a \rightarrow 0$ .

# The First Claim – Now Proved by BCB, S. Kim, A. Zaharescu

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Weighted divisor sums and Bessel function series (with A. Zaharescu), *Math. Ann.* **335** (2006), 249–283.



# Eliminating Bessel Functions

## Theorem

For  $0 < \theta < 1$  and  $x > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \sin(2\pi n\theta) - \pi x \left(\frac{1}{2} - \theta\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n+\theta} \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi(n+\theta)x}{m}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{1}{n+1-\theta} \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi(n+1-\theta)x}{m}\right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

## Corollary

$$\sum_{0 \leq n \leq x}' r_2(n) = \pi x + 2\sqrt{x}$$
$$\times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{J_1 \left( 4\pi \sqrt{m(n + \frac{1}{4})} x \right)}{\sqrt{m(n + \frac{1}{4})}} - \frac{J_1 \left( 4\pi \sqrt{m(n + \frac{3}{4})} x \right)}{\sqrt{m(n + \frac{3}{4})}} \right\}.$$

“Equivalence” of Formulations of  
Sierpinski, Hardy, and Ramanujan

$$r_2(n) = 4 \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ d \text{ odd}}} (-1)^{(d-1)/2}. \quad (6)$$

Therefore, by (6),

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} r_2(k) \left(\frac{x}{k}\right)^{1/2} J_1(2\pi\sqrt{kx}) \\ &= 4 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{d|k \\ d \text{ odd}}} (-1)^{(d-1)/2} \left(\frac{x}{k}\right)^{1/2} J_1(2\pi\sqrt{kx}) \\ &= 4\sqrt{x} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m, n \leq N} \left( \frac{J_1(2\pi\sqrt{m(4n+1)x})}{\sqrt{m(4n+1)}} - \frac{J_1(2\pi\sqrt{m(4n+3)x})}{\sqrt{m(4n+3)}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{x} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m, n \leq N} \left( \frac{J_1(4\pi\sqrt{m(n + \frac{1}{4})}x)}{\sqrt{m(n + \frac{1}{4})}} - \frac{J_1(4\pi\sqrt{m(n + \frac{3}{4})}x)}{\sqrt{m(n + \frac{3}{4})}} \right).$$

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Can one show the inversion in order of summation directly?

# Very Brief Sketch of Proof in Symmetric Summation

$$d_\chi(n) = \sum_{d|n} \chi(d), \quad \tau(\chi) = \sum_{n=1}^{q-1} \chi(n) e^{2\pi i n/q}$$
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \chi(n) = \sum_{1 \leq n \leq x} ' d_\chi(n).$$

## Lemma

If  $0 < a < q$  and  $(a, q) = 1$ , then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi na}{q}\right)$$
$$= -i \sum_{\substack{d|q \\ d>1}} \frac{1}{\phi(d)} \sum_{\substack{\chi \bmod d \\ \chi \text{ odd}}} \chi(a) \tau(\bar{\chi}) \sum_{1 \leq n \leq dx/q} ' d_\chi(n).$$



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If  $q$  is prime and  $0 < a < q$ , then

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## Lemma

For any real number  $x$ ,

$$-\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2\pi mx)}{\pi m} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \text{ is an integer,} \\ x - [x] - \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x \text{ is not an integer.} \end{cases}$$

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Define, for  $0 < \theta < 1$ ,

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We find the Fourier sine series of  $f(\theta)$  on  $(0, \frac{1}{2})$ , and so write

$$f(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_j \sin(2\pi j\theta).$$



## Sketch of Proof of Ramanujan's Entry, Cont.

$$b_j = 2\sqrt{x} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{1/2} \left\{ \frac{J_1\left(4\pi\sqrt{m(n+\theta)x}\right)}{\sqrt{m(n+\theta)}} - \frac{J_1\left(4\pi\sqrt{m(n+1-\theta)x}\right)}{\sqrt{m(n+1-\theta)}} \right\} \sin(2\pi j\theta) d\theta - \frac{1}{2}, \quad (8)$$

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In the first set of integrals of the series on the far right-hand side of (8), set

$$u = 4\pi\sqrt{m(n+\theta)x}, \quad \text{so that} \quad \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{m(n+\theta)}} = \frac{du}{2\pi m\sqrt{x}},$$

and in the second set of integrals of the series, set

$$u = 4\pi\sqrt{m(n+1-\theta)x}, \quad \text{so that} \quad \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{m(n+1-\theta)}} = -\frac{du}{2\pi m\sqrt{x}}.$$

Thus, we find that, for each  $j \geq 1$ ,

## Sketch of Proof of Ramanujan's Entry, Cont.

$$\begin{aligned} b_j + \frac{1}{2} &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi m} \int_{4\pi\sqrt{mnx}}^{4\pi\sqrt{m(n+1)x}} J_1(u) \sin\left(\frac{u^2 j}{8\pi mx}\right) du \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi m} \int_0^{\infty} J_1(u) \sin\left(\frac{u^2 j}{8\pi mx}\right) du. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

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We now apply the second lemma with  $a = j/(8\pi mx)$  and  $b = 1$ , after which we apply the third lemma. Hence, we deduce from (9) that

$$\begin{aligned} b_j &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2\pi mx/j)}{\pi m} - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x/j \text{ is an integer,} \\ -\frac{x}{j} + \left[ \frac{x}{j} \right], & \text{if } x/j \text{ is not an integer,} \end{cases} \\ &= F\left(\frac{x}{j}\right) - \frac{x}{j}, \end{aligned}$$

upon using the definition (1) of  $F(x)$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} f(\theta) &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} F\left(\frac{x}{j}\right) \sin(2\pi j\theta) - x \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2\pi\theta j)}{j} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} F\left(\frac{x}{j}\right) \sin(2\pi j\theta) - x\pi \left(\frac{1}{2} - \theta\right), \end{aligned}$$

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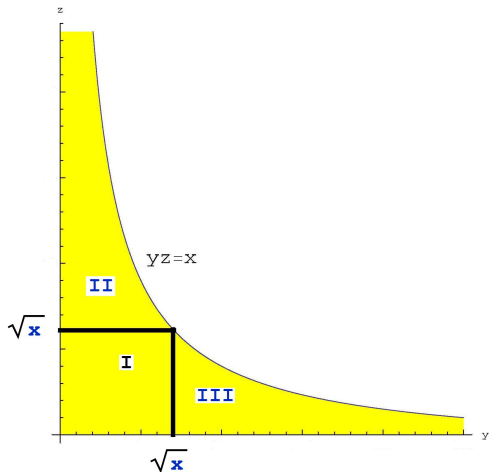
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Let  $F(x)$  be defined by (11), and let  $l_1(x)$  be defined by (10). For  $x > 0$  and  $0 < \theta < 1$ ,

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# Asymptotic Formulas

As  $z \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$Y_\nu(z) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi z}} \sin\left(z - \frac{\pi\nu}{4} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{z^{3/2}}\right),$$

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# Why Things Don't Work As They Did Before

1.  $K_\nu(z)$  and  $Y_\nu(z)$  have singularities at the origin.
2. The Fourier cosine series method does work, but additional difficulties arise.
3. There is no “cancellation” in the pairs of Bessel series terms.

# Getting Rid of the Bessel Functions

It suffices to prove the following theorem.

## Theorem

If  $x > 0$  and  $0 < \theta < 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \cos(2\pi n\theta) - \frac{1}{4} + x \log(2 \sin(\pi\theta)) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2\pi} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+\theta} \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^M \sin\left(\frac{2\pi^2(n+\theta)x}{m}\right) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. - \int_0^M \sin\left(\frac{2\pi^2(n+\theta)x}{t}\right) dt \right\} + \frac{1}{n+1-\theta} \right. \\ & \quad \left. \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^M \sin\left(\frac{2\pi^2(n+1-\theta)x}{m}\right) - \int_0^M \sin\left(\frac{2\pi^2(n+1-\theta)x}{t}\right) dt \right\} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

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*If  $\chi_1$  and  $\chi_2$  are non-principal even primitive characters modulo  $p$  and  $q$ , respectively, then*

$$\sum'_{n \leq x} d_{\chi_1, \chi_2}(n) = \frac{\tau(\chi_1)\tau(\chi_2)}{\sqrt{pq}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_{\overline{\chi_1}, \overline{\chi_2}}(n) \left(\frac{x}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} I_1\left(4\pi \sqrt{\frac{nx}{pq}}\right).$$

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$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{pqx}}{4} \sum_{\substack{n,m=0 \\ n \equiv \pm a \pmod p \\ m \equiv \pm b \pmod q}}^{\infty} \frac{I_1(4\pi \sqrt{nm x/pq})}{\sqrt{nm}}.$$

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