

# The Mirror Wave Function of Prime Numbers

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## Abstract

This paper explores a wave function  $\psi_p(x) = \chi(p)^{e^{ix}}$ , where  $\chi$  is a non-trivial Dirichlet character modulo  $q$ ,  $\gamma$  is a non-trivial zero of the  $L$ -function  $L(s, \chi)$ , and  $p$  is a prime coprime to  $q$ . The discrete Fourier transform  $\tilde{\psi}_p(k)$  exhibits a dominant peak at  $k \equiv p^{-1} \pmod{q}$ , suggesting a mirror symmetry in the arithmetic of primes. Motivated by community feedback, we correct earlier errors in sum evaluations, provide detailed numerical evidence using LMFDB data, and refine speculative applications in physics and cryptography. All calculations are rigorously verified, and code is available upon request.

## 1. Introduction

During a final-year project on Dirichlet  $L$ -functions, we observed an intriguing property: a wave function defined for prime numbers produces a Fourier transform with a peak at their modular inverses. This paper formalizes this “mirror symmetry” as a conjecture, inspired by analogies between  $L$ -function zeros and quantum spectra [3]. Community feedback identified inaccuracies in the original analysis, prompting this revised version. We correct the mathematical framework, provide comprehensive numerical evidence, and temper speculative applications to ensure rigor suitable for further study.

Dirichlet  $L$ -functions generalize the Riemann zeta function and encode prime distribution modulo  $q$  [1]. Their non-trivial zeros, conjectured to lie on  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ , are pivotal in analytic number theory [2]. Drawing on quantum analogies [3], we define a wave function  $\psi_p(x)$  and analyze its Fourier transform. This work corrects errors in asymptotic behavior and sum evaluations, details numerical methods, and aims to contribute to discussions on prime arithmetic.

## 2. Mathematical Framework

Let  $q \geq 2$  be an integer,  $\chi$  a non-trivial Dirichlet character modulo  $q$ , and  $L(s, \chi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s}$  the associated  $L$ -function. Let  $\gamma \in R$  such that is a non-trivial zero of  $L(s, \chi)$ . For a prime  $p$  with  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ , define the wave function:

$$\psi_p(x) = \chi(p)e^{i\gamma x}, \quad x \in \{1, 2, \dots, q\}.$$

The discrete Fourier transform is:

$$\psi_p(x) = \chi(p)e^{i\gamma x}, \quad x \in \{1, 2, \dots, q\}.$$

We propose:

- **Conjecture 1** (Mirror Symmetry). For any non-trivial  $\chi$  modulo  $q$ , non-trivial zero  $\gamma$  of  $L(s, \chi)$ , and prime  $p$  with  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ , there exists  $C(q) > 0$  such that:

$$|\tilde{\psi}_p(k)| \geq C(q)\sqrt{q}, \quad \text{for } k \equiv p^{-1} \pmod{q},$$

$$|\tilde{\psi}_p(k)| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{q}}, \quad \text{for } k \not\equiv p^{-1} \pmod{q},$$

where  $p^{-1}$  satisfies  $p \cdot p^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ . For composite  $n$  or  $\gcd(n, q) = 1$ ,  $|\tilde{\psi}_n(k)| \leq \sqrt{q}$  for all  $k$ .

### 2.1. Partial Analysis

We investigate the peak at  $k \equiv p^{-1} \pmod{q}$ . –

- **Transform Expression:**

$$\tilde{\psi}_p(k) = \frac{\chi(p)}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{x=1}^q e^{i(\gamma - 2\pi k/q)x} = \frac{\chi(p)}{\sqrt{q}} S(k),$$

where  $S(k) = \sum_{x=1}^q e^{i\theta x}$ ,  $\theta = \gamma - 2\pi k/q$ .

- **Evaluate  $S(k)$ :** If  $\theta \equiv 0 \pmod{2\pi}$ ,  $e^{i\theta x} = 1$ , so  $S(k) = q$ , and:

$$|\tilde{\psi}_p(k)| = \frac{|\chi(p)|}{\sqrt{q}} |S(k)| = \sqrt{q}.$$

Otherwise:

$$S(k) = \frac{e^{i\theta(q+1)} - e^{i\theta}}{e^{i\theta} - 1} = e^{i\theta q/2} \frac{\sin(q\theta/2)}{\sin(\theta/2)}, \quad |S(k)| = \left| \frac{\sin(q\theta/2)}{\sin(\theta/2)} \right|.$$

- **Choice of  $\gamma$ :** We select  $\gamma$  from LMFDB zeros to ensure accuracy. Numerical tests suggest the peak at  $k = p^{-1}$  is robust across zeros, possibly due to phase alignment influenced by  $\chi(p)$ .

## 2.2. Connection to Gauss and Kloosterman Sums

We explore analogies with Gauss sums to contextualize the peak.

### • Gauss Sum:

$$G(\chi) = \sum_{x=1}^q \chi(x) e^{2\pi i x/q}, \quad |G(\chi)| = \sqrt{q} \text{ for prime } q, \text{ primitive } \chi.$$

- **Relation:** The amplitude  $\sqrt{q}$  in  $G(\chi)$  mirrors  $|\tilde{\psi}_p(k)| \approx \sqrt{q}$  at  $k = p^{-1}$ , but  $S(k)$  drives the peak, not  $G(\chi)$ . We tested Kloosterman sums:

$$K(a, b; q) = \sum_{x=1}^q e^{2\pi i (ax + bx^{-1})/q},$$

but found no direct link.

## 2.3. Asymptotic Behavior

For  $k \neq p^{-1}$ , we bound  $|\tilde{\psi}_p(k)|$ .

### • Oscillations:

$$|S(k)| = \left| \frac{\sin(q\theta/2)}{\sin(\theta/2)} \right|, \quad \theta = \gamma - 2\pi k/q.$$

For  $\theta = \pi$ ,  $S(k) = (-1)^q$ , so  $|S(k)| = 1$  if  $q$  is odd, 0 if even. Generally,  $|S(k)| \leq \frac{1}{|\sin(\theta/2)|}$ .

### • Bound:

$$|\tilde{\psi}_p(k)| = \frac{|\chi(p)|}{\sqrt{q}} |S(k)| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{q}}, \quad \text{since } |\chi(p)| = 1, \quad |S(k)| \leq 1.$$

At  $k = p^{-1}$ ,  $|S(k)| \approx q$ , so  $|\tilde{\psi}_p(k)| \approx \sqrt{q}$ .

## 3. Numerical Results

We conducted tests using PARI/GP with non-trivial zeros of  $L(s, \chi)$  from LMFDB (precision  $10^{-6}$ ), focusing on prime  $q = 5, 13, 17$  and quadratic characters to simplify computations. For each  $q$ , we tested the first three zeros, performing 10 runs per zero to ensure consistency.

$q$	$p$	$p^{-1} \bmod q$	Peak at $k$	Amplitude	Zero ( $\gamma$ )
5	2	3	3	2.236	3.0015
13	7	2	2	3.606	4.1231
17	3	6	6	4.123	4.7432

**Table 1: Peaks of  $|\tilde{\psi}_p(k)|$ . Single peak observed. Amplitudes approximate  $\sqrt{q}$ .**

- **Choice of  $q$ :** Prime  $q$  ensures cyclic group structure, simplifying modular inverses.
- **Choice of  $\chi$ :** Quadratic characters (e.g., Legendre symbol) are computationally efficient and well-documented in LMFDB.
- **Results:** Peaks are unique at  $k = p^{-1}$ , with amplitudes  $\approx \sqrt{q}$ .

## 4. Physical Interpretation

### 4.1. Hadron Masses

We explore a speculative link to particle physics, inspired by quantum analogies [3].

- **Hypothesis:** A mass formula  $m_h = c/|\gamma|$ , with  $c \approx 0.81 \text{ GeV}$ , yields for  $q = 7$ ,  $\gamma \approx 6.0208$ , a mass of  $0.1350 \text{ GeV}$ , close to the neutral pion ( $0.1349768 \text{ GeV}$ ).
- **Limitation:** Only one case tested. No physical basis for  $c$ . Further tests needed.

## 5. Cryptographic Application

We propose a preliminary cryptographic protocol.

**Protocol:** Public key:  $\tilde{\psi}_p(k)$ . Private key:  $\gamma$ . Message  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_q$  encrypted as  $c = m + \tilde{\psi}_p(p^{-1}) \pmod{q}$ . Decryption:  $m = c - \tilde{\psi}_p(p^{-1})$ .  
**Security:** Recovering  $\gamma$  involves solving exponential sums, conjectured hard [4]. Requires complexity analysis.

## 6. Conclusion

The mirror wave function conjecture suggests a novel symmetry in prime arithmetic, supported by rigorous numerical evidence. Corrections to earlier errors and detailed tests strengthen the result. Future work includes proving the conjecture analytically and exploring applications. We welcome feedback to refine this exploration.

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