

## 145. On the Distribution of Zeros of Dirichlet's L-Function on the Line $\sigma=1/2$

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**§ 1. Introduction.** Results on the distribution of zeros of Dirichlet's  $L$ -function on the line  $\sigma=1/2$  have been proved by analogous method in case of Riemann's  $\zeta$ -function. For example, Hardy proved in 1914 that there exist infinitely many zeros of Riemann's  $\zeta$ -function on the critical line and later Hardy and Littlewood proved that

$$N_0(T) > KT$$

for some absolute constant  $K$  and then these results were easily extended in case of  $L(s, \chi)$ . (See Suetuna [8] Chap. III.) In 1942, A. Selberg proved that

$$N_0(T) > cT \log T$$

for some constant  $c$  and this method was also applicable to  $L(s, \chi)$ . Recently N. Levinson gave a different proof of Selberg's result with  $c=1/3$ .

In this note we shall show that the essential idea of Levinson is also applicable to the case of  $L(s, \chi)$  in order to prove the fundamental properties of  $L(s, \chi)$ . Details of the calculation will appear elsewhere.

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**§ 2. Fundamental properties of  $L(s, \chi)$ .** Throughout this note,  $\chi$  denote a primitive character with mod  $q$  and  $T$  is a sufficiently large number. We use the following notations;

$$a = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \chi(-1)) \tag{2.1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(s) &= h(s, \chi) \\ &= \left(\frac{\pi}{q}\right)^{-(s+a)/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+a}{2}\right) \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

$$\varepsilon(\chi) = \frac{(-i)^a}{q^{1/2}} \sum_{m=1}^q \chi(m) e^{2\pi i m/q} \tag{2.3}$$

$$f'(s) = h'(s)/h(s). \tag{2.4}$$

As is well known, we have

$$|\varepsilon(\chi)| = 1.$$

We can choose a complex number  $\alpha$  with

$$\bar{\alpha} = \alpha^{-1}$$