

Riemann Hypothesis

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1 Abstract

The Riemann Zeta function is defined as the Analytic Continuation of the Dirichlet series

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^s, \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$$

The Riemann Zeta function is analytic everywhere except for a simple pole at $s = 1$

The non trivial zeroes of the Riemann Zeta function lie in the critical strip $0 < \operatorname{Re}(s) < 1$

Riemann's Xi function is defined as,

$$\epsilon(s) = s(s-1)\pi^{-s/2}\Gamma(s/2)\zeta(s)/2$$

The zero of $(s-1)$ cancels the pole of $\zeta(s)$, and the real zeroes of $s\zeta(s)$ are cancelled by the simple poles of $\Gamma(s/2)$ which never vanishes.

Thus, $\epsilon(s)$ is an entire function whose zeroes are the non trivial zeroes of $\zeta(s)$

Further, $\epsilon(s)$ satisfies the functional equation

$$\epsilon(1-s) = \epsilon(s)$$

2 Statement of the Riemann Hypothesis

The Riemann Hypothesis states that all the non trivial zeroes of the Riemann Zeta function lie on the critical line $\text{Re}(s)=1/2$

3 Proof

The Riemann Xi function

defined as a Hadamard Product [2,p.37, Theorem 2.11] is,

For all $s \in \mathbb{C}$ we have,

$$\epsilon(s) = \epsilon(0) \prod_{\rho} \left(1 - \frac{s}{\rho}\right)$$

where if we combine the factors $\left(1 - \frac{s}{\rho}\right)$ and $\left(1 - \frac{s}{(1-\rho)}\right)$, the product converges absolutely and uniformly on compact subsets of \mathbb{C}

Also, $\epsilon(0) = 1/2$

Claim: If $\epsilon(s) \neq 0$, $\text{Im}(s) \in \mathbb{R}^*$, where \mathbb{R}^* denotes the non zero real numbers, then $\text{Re}(s) \neq 1/2$.

The functional equation of Riemann Xi function is

$$\epsilon(1-s) = \epsilon(s)$$

Since, $\epsilon(s) \neq 0$

Thus,

$$\epsilon(1-s)/\epsilon(s) = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow |\epsilon(1-s)|^2 / |\epsilon(s)|^2 = 1$$

$$|\epsilon(s)|^2 = |\epsilon(0) \prod_{\rho} (1 - \frac{s}{\rho})|^2$$

$$|\epsilon(1-s)|^2 = |\epsilon(0)|^2 \left| \prod_{\rho} (1 - \frac{1-s}{\rho}) \right|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |\epsilon(1-s)|^2 / |\epsilon(s)|^2 = \left| \prod_{\rho} (1 - \frac{1-s}{\rho}) \right|^2 / \left| \prod_{\rho} (1 - \frac{s}{\rho}) \right|^2 = 1$$

Let, $s = \sigma + it$, $0 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$, $\text{Im}(s) \in \mathbb{R}^*$

and $\rho = a + ib$, $0 < \text{Re}(\rho) < 1$, $\text{Im}(\rho) \in \mathbb{R}^*$

$$|\epsilon(1-s)|^2 / |\epsilon(s)|^2 =$$

$$|\epsilon(0)|^2 \prod_{\rho} \left| 1 - \frac{1-(\sigma+it)}{a+ib} \right|^2 / |\epsilon(0)|^2 \prod_{\rho} \left| 1 - \frac{(\sigma+it)}{a+ib} \right|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\epsilon(1-s)|^2 / |\epsilon(s)|^2 =$$

$$\prod_{\rho} \left| 1 - \frac{1-(\sigma+it)}{a+ib} \right|^2 / \prod_{\rho} \left| 1 - \frac{(\sigma+it)}{a+ib} \right|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\epsilon(1-s)|^2 / |\epsilon(s)|^2 =$$

$$\prod_{\rho} \left| \frac{(a+\sigma-1)+i(b+t)}{a+ib} \right|^2 / \prod_{\rho} \left| \frac{(a-\sigma)+i(b-t)}{a+ib} \right|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\epsilon(1-s)|^2 / |\epsilon(s)|^2 =$$

$$\prod_{\rho} \frac{[(a+\sigma-1)^2+(b+t)^2]}{a^2+b^2} / \prod_{\rho} \frac{(a-\sigma)^2+(b-t)^2}{a^2+b^2} = 1$$

$$\prod_{\rho} \frac{[(a+\sigma-1)^2+(b+t)^2]}{a^2+b^2} / \prod_{\rho} \frac{(a-\sigma)^2+(b-t)^2}{a^2+b^2} = 1 \quad \dots \quad (*)$$

Since,

$$0 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 \neq 0 \quad \forall a \in (0, 1) .$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{\rho} (a^2 + b^2) \neq 0$$

So, (*) gives,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \prod_{\rho} [(a + \sigma - 1)^2 + (b + t)^2] / \prod_{\rho} [(a - \sigma)^2 + (b - t)^2] = 1 \\
& \prod_{\rho} [(a - \sigma + 2\sigma - 1)^2 + (b - t + 2t)^2] / \prod_{\rho} [(a - \sigma)^2 + (b - t)^2] = 1 \\
& \frac{\prod_{\rho} [(a - \sigma)^2 + (2\sigma - 1)^2 + 2(a - \sigma)(2\sigma - 1) + (b - t)^2 + 4t^2 + 4t(b - t)]}{\prod_{\rho} [(a - \sigma)^2 + (b - t)^2]} = \\
& \frac{\prod_{\rho} [(a - \sigma)^2 + (b - t)^2 + (2\sigma - 1)(2\sigma - 1 + 2a - 2\sigma) + 4bt]}{\prod_{\rho} [(a - \sigma)^2 + (b - t)^2]} = \\
& \frac{\prod_{\rho} [(a - \sigma)^2 + (b - t)^2 + (2\sigma - 1)(2a - 1) + 4bt]}{\prod_{\rho} [(a - \sigma)^2 + (b - t)^2]} = \\
& \frac{\prod_{\rho} [(a - \sigma)^2 + (b - t)^2 + (2\sigma - 1)(2a - 1) + 4bt]}{\prod_{\rho} [(a - \sigma)^2 + (b - t)^2]} = 1 \\
& \frac{\prod_{\rho} [(a - \sigma)^2 + (b - t)^2 + (2\sigma - 1)(2a - 1) + 4bt]}{[(a - \sigma)^2 + (b - t)^2]} = 1 \\
& \prod_{\rho} 1 + \frac{(2\sigma - 1)(2a - 1) + 4bt}{[(a - \sigma)^2 + (b - t)^2]} = 1 \quad \dots \quad (1)
\end{aligned}$$

Let, $t \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1/2, \infty)$

Define a set

$$H = \{s = \sigma + it : t \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1/2, \infty)\}$$

Since, $\epsilon(s) \neq 0 \forall t \in \mathbb{R}^*$

Therefore, $\epsilon(s) \neq 0 \forall s \in H$.

Since, $\epsilon(s) = \epsilon(0) \prod_{\rho} (1 - \frac{s}{\rho})$

$$\epsilon(\rho) = 0 \quad \dots \quad (2)$$

Claim A : $0 \leq \text{Im}(\rho) \leq 1/2$ or $0 \leq b \leq 1/2$.

We prove the claim by contradiction.

Let us assume, that $0 \leq b \leq 1/2$ is not true

$$\Rightarrow b \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1/2, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho = a + ib \in H.$$

Now since $\epsilon(s) \neq 0 \forall s \in H$.

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon(\rho) \neq 0.$$

which is a contradiction since $\epsilon(\rho) = 0$ (from (2)).

Thus, our assumption that $b \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1/2, \infty)$ is wrong.

$$\text{Thus, } 0 \leq b \leq 1/2. \quad \dots \quad (3)$$

which proves Claim A .But, $b \in \mathbb{R}^*$

$$\Rightarrow b \neq 0$$

$$\text{Thus, } 0 < b \leq 1/2. \quad \dots \quad (4)$$

Claim B : If $\epsilon(s) \neq 0$ then $\sigma \neq 1/2$.

We prove the claim by contradiction.

Let us assume, that $\sigma = 1/2$.

Then, by (1)

$$\prod_{\rho} 1 + \frac{(2\sigma-1)(2a-1)+4bt}{[(a-\sigma)^2+(b-t)^2]} = 1 \quad \dots \quad (5)$$

Putting $\sigma = 1/2$ in (5),

$$\prod_{\rho} 1 + \frac{4bt}{[(a-1/2)^2+(b-t)^2]} = 1 \quad \dots \quad (6)$$

Now $t \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1/2, \infty)$, so we have two cases, $t \in (-\infty, 0)$ and

$t \in (1/2, \infty)$

Case1 : $t \in (-\infty, 0)$

Then, by (6)

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{\rho} 1 + \frac{4bt}{[(a-1/2)^2+(b-t)^2]} &= 1 \\ 1 + \frac{4bt}{[(a-1/2)^2+(b-t)^2]} &= \frac{(a-1/2)^2+(b-t)^2+4bt}{(a-1/2)^2+(b-t)^2} \\ \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{4bt}{[(a-1/2)^2+(b-t)^2]} &= \frac{(a-1/2)^2+(b+t)^2}{(a-1/2)^2+(b-t)^2} \\ \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{4bt}{[(a-1/2)^2+(b-t)^2]} &\geq 0. \quad \dots \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

Since, by (4) $0 < b \leq 1/2$ and $t < 0$

Thus, $4bt < 0$.

$$1 + \frac{4bt}{[(a-1/2)^2+(b-t)^2]} < 1 \quad \dots \quad (8)$$

From(7)and(8),

$$0 \leq 1 + \frac{4bt}{[(a-1/2)^2+(b-t)^2]} < 1$$

Thus, $0 \leq \prod_{\rho} 1 + \frac{4bt}{[(a-\sigma)^2+(b-t)^2]} < 1$

which contradicts (6) since by (6), $\prod_{\rho} 1 + \frac{4bt}{[(a-1/2)^2+(b-t)^2]} = 1$

Case2 : $t \in (1/2, \infty)$

$t > 1/2$ and $0 < b \leq 1/2$

$\Rightarrow 4bt > 0$.

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{4bt}{[(a-1/2)^2+(b-t)^2]} > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{\rho} 1 + \frac{4bt}{[(a-1/2)^2+(b-t)^2]} > 1$$

which contradicts (6) since by (6), $\prod_{\rho} 1 + \frac{4bt}{[(a-1/2)^2+(b-t)^2]} = 1$

So, in both the cases we get a contradiction .Hence ,our assumption that $\sigma = 1/2$ is wrong

Thus , $\sigma \neq 1/2$.

We proved above that if $\epsilon(s) \neq 0$,then $Re(s) \neq 1/2$ Hence, Claim B is proved.

But, by Riemann Hypothesis we assumed that $\epsilon(s) = 0$.

Thus, if $\epsilon(s) = 0$ then $Re(s) = 1/2$.

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