

# 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 holomorphic in the complex plane except for a simple pole at  $s = 1$*

*The non trivial zeroes (i.e those not at negative even integers) of the Riemann Zeta function lie in the critical strip*

$$0 \leq \operatorname{Re}(s) \leq 1$$

*Riemann's Xi function is defined as [4, p.1],*

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

*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  $\zeta(s)$  (see [1, p.80])*

*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 [2, p.37, Theorem 2.11] is defined as

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

$$\epsilon(s) = \epsilon(0) \prod_{\rho} (1 - \frac{s}{\rho}) \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

where  $\rho$  ranges over all the roots  $\rho$  of  $\epsilon(\rho) = 0$  and if we combine the factors  $(1 - \frac{s}{\rho})$  and  $(1 - \frac{s}{(1-\rho)})$ , the product converges absolutely and uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{C}$

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

Let,  $\epsilon(s) = 0, 0 \leq \text{Re}(s) \leq 1 \quad \dots \quad (*)$

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

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

$$\epsilon(1-s) = \epsilon(s) = 0.$$

From(1),

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

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

$$\epsilon(0) = 1/2 [2, p.37, \textit{Theorem 2.11}]$$

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

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$$\prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{\rho+s-1}{\rho} \right) = 0 \quad \dots \quad (2)$$

Let,  $s = \sigma + it$   $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$

and let,  $\rho = a + ib$

Since,  $\epsilon(\rho) = 0$ ,

Thus,  $0 \leq \text{Re}(\rho) \leq 1$ .

(Since  $\epsilon(s)$  is zero free in  $\text{Re}(s) < 0$  and  $\text{Re}(s) > 1$ .)

Thus,  $\rho = a + ib$ ,  $0 \leq a \leq 1$ .

From (2),

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

Putting,  $s = \sigma + it$ ,  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$  and putting  $\rho = a + ib$ ,  $0 \leq a \leq 1$ .

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

$$\prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{(a+\sigma-1)+i(b+t)}{a+ib} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{(a+\sigma-1)+i(b+t)}{a+ib} \right) \right|^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{\rho} \left| \left( \frac{(a+\sigma-1)+i(b+t)}{a+ib} \right) \right|^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{(a+\sigma-1)^2+(b+t)^2}{a^2+b^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{(a-\sigma+2\sigma-1)^2+(b+t)^2}{a^2+b^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{(a-\sigma)^2+(2\sigma-1)^2+2(a-\sigma)(2\sigma-1)+(b+t)^2}{a^2+b^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow \prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{(a-\sigma)^2 + (2\sigma-1)(2\sigma-1+2a-2\sigma) + (b+t)^2}{a^2+b^2} \right) = 0 \\
&\Rightarrow \prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{(a-\sigma)^2 + (2\sigma-1)(2a-1) + (b+t)^2}{a^2+b^2} \right) = 0 \\
&\Rightarrow \prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{(a-\sigma)^2 + (b+t)^2 + (2\sigma-1)(2a-1)}{a^2+b^2} \right) = 0 \quad \dots \quad (3)
\end{aligned}$$

Since , the critical strip is  $0 \leq \text{Re}(s) \leq 1; s = \sigma + it$ .

Thus,  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$ .

We discuss 2 cases  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1/2$  and  $1/2 \leq \sigma \leq 1$ .

Case 1 :  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1/2$

$\rho = a + ib, 0 \leq a \leq 1$

Claim :  $0 \leq a \leq 1/2$ .

We prove the claim by contradiction.

Let,  $a \notin [0, 1/2]$

Since  $0 \leq a \leq 1$  ( $\rho = a + ib$  is a non trivial zero of  $\epsilon(s)$  [3, p.3])

Thus,  $a \notin [0, 1/2]$  and  $0 \leq a \leq 1 \Rightarrow 1/2 < a \leq 1$ .

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

$$s = \sigma + it$$

$$\rho = a + ib$$

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

$$\epsilon(\sigma + it) = \epsilon(0) \prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{(a-\sigma) + i(b-t)}{a+ib} \right)$$

$$\text{Since, } 1/2 < a \leq 1 \quad \dots \quad (4)$$

Since,  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1/2$

Thus,  $-1/2 \leq -\sigma \leq 0$  ... (5)

Adding (4) and (5), we have

$$0 < a - \sigma \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a - \sigma \neq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - \sigma) + i(b - t) \neq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a-\sigma)+i(b-t)}{a+ib} \neq 0.$$

Since,  $\epsilon(0) = 1/2 \Rightarrow \epsilon(0) \frac{(a-\sigma)+i(b-t)}{a+ib} \neq 0.$

$$\epsilon(s) \neq 0.$$

But in (\*), we have assumed that  $\epsilon(s) = 0$ . So we get a contradiction.

So, our assumption that  $a \notin [0, 1/2]$  is wrong.

Thus,  $a \in [0, 1/2]$

$$0 \leq a \leq 1/2$$

From (3),

$$\prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{(a-\sigma)^2 + (b+t)^2 + (2\sigma-1)(2a-1)}{a^2+b^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{(a-\sigma)^2 + (b+t)^2 + (1-2\sigma)(1-2a)}{a^2+b^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{Since, } 0 \leq \sigma \leq 1/2 \Rightarrow 1 - 2\sigma \geq 0 \quad \dots \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Since, } 0 \leq a \leq 1/2 \Rightarrow 1 - 2a \geq 0 \quad \dots \quad (7)$$

$$\text{From (6) and (7), } (1 - 2\sigma)(1 - 2a) \geq 0. \quad \dots \quad (8)$$

From (3),  $\prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{(a-\sigma)^2+(b+t)^2+(2\sigma-1)(2a-1)}{a^2+b^2} \right) = 0$ .

$$\left( \frac{(a_0-\sigma)^2+(b_0+t)^2+(2\sigma-1)(2a_0-1)}{a_0^2+b_0^2} \right) = 0, \text{ for some } a_0+ib_0 \in \mathbb{C}. \quad \dots \quad (9)$$

Since,  $0 \leq a \leq 1/2$  Thus,  $1 - 2a \geq 0 \Rightarrow 1 - 2a_0 \geq 0$

From (9),

$$\left( \frac{(a_0-\sigma)^2+(b_0+t)^2+(2\sigma-1)(2a_0-1)}{a_0^2+b_0^2} \right) = 0 \text{ for some } a_0 + ib_0 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

From (8),

$$(1 - 2\sigma)(1 - 2a) \geq 0. \text{ Also, } (a_0 - \sigma)^2 + (b_0 + t)^2 \geq 0.$$

$$\text{Thus, } \left( \frac{(a_0-\sigma)^2+(b_0+t)^2+(2\sigma-1)(2a_0-1)}{a_0^2+b_0^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_0 - \sigma)^2 = 0 \text{ and } (b_0 + t)^2 = 0 \text{ and } (2\sigma - 1)(2a_0 - 1) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = \sigma \text{ and } b_0 = -t \text{ and } (2\sigma - 1)(2\sigma - 1) = 0 \text{ (Since, } a_0 = \sigma \text{)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = \sigma \text{ and } b_0 = -t \text{ and } (2\sigma - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2\sigma - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = 1/2$$

Case 2:  $1/2 \leq \sigma \leq 1$

$$\rho = a + ib, \quad 0 \leq a \leq 1$$

Claim :  $1/2 \leq a \leq 1$ .

We prove the claim by contradiction.

Let,  $a \notin [1/2, 1]$

Since,  $0 \leq a \leq 1$  ( $\rho = a + ib$  is a non trivial zero of  $\epsilon(s)$  [3 , p.3])

Thus,  $a \notin [1/2, 1]$  and  $0 \leq a \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq a < 1/2$ .

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

$$s = \sigma + it$$

$$\rho = a + ib$$

$$\epsilon(\sigma + it) = \epsilon(0) \prod_{\rho} (1 - \frac{\sigma + it}{a + ib})$$

$$\epsilon(\sigma + it) = \epsilon(0) \prod_{\rho} \frac{(a - \sigma) + i(b - t)}{a + ib}$$

$$\text{Since, } 0 \leq a < 1/2 \quad \dots \quad (10)$$

$$\text{Since, } 1/2 \leq \sigma \leq 1$$

$$\text{Thus, } -1 \leq -\sigma \leq -1/2 \quad \dots \quad (11)$$

Adding (10) and (11) , we have

$$-1 \leq a - \sigma < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a - \sigma \neq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - \sigma) + i(b - t) \neq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a - \sigma) + i(b - t)}{a + ib} \neq 0.$$

$$\text{Since, } \epsilon(0) = 1/2 \Rightarrow \epsilon(0) \frac{(a - \sigma) + i(b - t)}{a + ib} \neq 0.$$

$$\epsilon(s) \neq 0.$$

But , we have assumed that  $\epsilon(s) = 0$ . So we get a contradiction.

So, our assumption that  $a \notin [1/2, 1]$  is wrong.

Thus,  $a \in [1/2, 1]$

From(3),

$$\prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{(a-\sigma)^2+(b+t)^2+(2\sigma-1)(2a-1)}{a^2+b^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{Since, } 1/2 \leq \sigma \leq 1 \Rightarrow 2\sigma - 1 \geq 0 \quad \dots \quad (12)$$

$$\text{Since, } 1/2 \leq a \leq 1 \Rightarrow 2a - 1 \geq 0 \quad \dots \quad (13)$$

$$\text{From (12) and (13), } (2\sigma - 1)(2a - 1) \geq 0. \quad \dots \quad (14)$$

$$\text{From(3), } \prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{(a-\sigma)^2+(b+t)^2+(2\sigma-1)(2a-1)}{a^2+b^2} \right) = 0.$$

$$\left( \frac{(a_1-\sigma)^2+(b_1+t)^2+(2\sigma-1)(2a_1-1)}{a_1^2+b_1^2} \right) = 0 \text{ for some } a_1+ib_1 \in \mathbb{C}. \quad \dots \quad (15)$$

$$\text{Since, } 1/2 \leq a \leq 1. \text{ Thus, } 2a - 1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow 2a_1 - 1 \geq 0$$

From(15),

$$\left( \frac{(a_1-\sigma)^2+(b_1+t)^2+(2\sigma-1)(2a_1-1)}{a_1^2+b_1^2} \right) = 0 \text{ for some } a_1 + ib_1 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

From(14),

$$(1 - 2\sigma)(1 - 2a) \geq 0. \text{ Also, } (a_1 - \sigma)^2 + (b_1 + t)^2 \geq 0.$$

$$\text{Thus, } \left( \frac{(a_1-\sigma)^2+(b_1+t)^2+(2\sigma-1)(2a_1-1)}{a_1^2+b_1^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_1 - \sigma)^2 = 0 \text{ and } (b_1 + t)^2 = 0 \text{ and } (2\sigma - 1)(2a_1 - 1) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = \sigma \text{ and } b_1 = -t \text{ and } (2\sigma - 1)(2\sigma - 1) = 0 (\text{Since, } a_1 = \sigma)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = \sigma \text{ and } b_1 = -t \text{ and } (2\sigma - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2\sigma - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = 1/2$$

So, in both the cases  $\sigma = 1/2$ .

$\Rightarrow \text{Re}(s) = 1/2$ . This proves the Riemann Hypothesis.



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