

# 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),

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

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

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

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

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

From (2),

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

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

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

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

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

$$|\epsilon(s)| < \infty \text{ [ 2, p.37 , Theorem 2.11].}$$

$$|\epsilon(1 - s)| = |\epsilon(s)| < \infty$$

$\epsilon(1-s)$  is absolutely convergent infinite product, thus it is a convergent infinite product.

Since,  $\epsilon(1 - s)$  is convergent infinite product

The value of convergent infinite product is zero

if and only if atleast one of the factors is zero .[5, p.287]

$$\text{So, } \epsilon(1 - s) = 0 \Rightarrow \prod_{\rho} \left( \frac{\rho + s - 1}{\rho} \right) = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\rho_0 + s - 1}{\rho_0} \right) = 0, \text{ for some } \rho_0 \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\rho_0 + s - 1 = 0.$$

$$\text{Putting, } s = \sigma + it, \quad 0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$$

$$\text{and putting } \rho_0 = a_0 + ib_0, \quad 0 \leq a_0 \leq 1.$$

$$a_0 + ib_0 + \sigma + it - 1 = 0.$$

$$(a_0 + \sigma - 1) + i(b_0 + t) = 0$$

$$|(a_0 + \sigma - 1) + i(b_0 + t)|^2 = 0$$

$$(a_0 + \sigma - 1)^2 + (b_0 + t)^2 = 0$$

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

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

$$(a_0 - \sigma)^2 + (2\sigma - 1)^2 + 2(a_0 - \sigma)(2\sigma - 1) = 0$$

$$(a_0 - \sigma)^2 + (2\sigma - 1)(2\sigma - 1 + 2a_0 - 2\sigma) = 0$$

$$(a_0 - \sigma)^2 + (2\sigma - 1)(2a_0 - 1) = 0 \quad \dots \quad (3)$$

Since , the critical strip is  $0 \leq \text{Re}(s) \leq 1$

$$s = \sigma + it; 0 \leq \sigma \leq 1.$$

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  $0 \leq a \leq 1 \Rightarrow 1/2 < a \leq 1$ .

From (1),

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Thus, } -1/2 \leq -\sigma \leq 0 \quad \dots \quad (5)$$

Adding (4) and (5), we have

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

$$\Rightarrow a - \sigma \neq 0 \forall a \in (1/2, 1].$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - \sigma) + i(b - t) \neq 0 \forall a \in (1/2, 1] \text{ and } \forall b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a - \sigma) + i(b - t)}{a + ib} \neq 0 \forall a \in (1/2, 1] \text{ and } \forall b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Since  $\epsilon(s)$  is a convergent infinite product.

So, value of a convergent infinite product is zero

if and only if atleast one of the factors are zero.

Since all the factors  $\frac{(a-\sigma)+i(b-t)}{a+ib}$  are non zero  $\forall a \in (1/2, 1]$  and  $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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

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

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),

$$(a_0 - \sigma)^2 + (2\sigma - 1)(2a_0 - 1) = 0$$

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

$$\text{Since, } 0 \leq a \leq 1/2 \Rightarrow 1 - 2a \geq 0 \Rightarrow (1 - 2a_0) \geq 0 \quad \dots \quad (7)$$

From (6) and (7),  $(1 - 2\sigma)(1 - 2a_0) \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow (2\sigma - 1)(2a_0 - 1) \geq 0. \quad \dots \quad (8)$$

Using (8) in  $(a_0 - \sigma)^2 + (2\sigma - 1)(2a_0 - 1) = 0$

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

$$a_0 = \sigma \text{ and } (2\sigma - 1)(2a_0 - 1) = 0$$

Putting  $a_0 = \sigma$  in  $(2\sigma - 1)(2a_0 - 1) = 0$

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

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

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

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,  $0 \leq a \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq a < 1/2$ .

From (1),

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

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

$$\text{Since, } 0 \leq a < 1/2 \quad \dots \quad (9)$$

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

$$\text{Thus, } -1 \leq -\sigma \leq -1/2 \quad \dots \quad (10)$$

Adding (9) and (10) , we have

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

$$\Rightarrow a - \sigma \neq 0 \quad \forall a \in [0, 1/2).$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - \sigma) + i(b - t) \neq 0 \forall a \in [0, 1/2) \text{ and } \forall b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a-\sigma)+i(b-t)}{a+ib} \neq 0 \forall a \in [0, 1/2) \text{ and } \forall b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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Since all the factors  $\frac{(a-\sigma)+i(b-t)}{a+ib}$  are non zero  $\forall a \in [0, 1/2)$  and  $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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

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

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 (2),

$$\text{Since, } \epsilon(s) = 1/2 \prod_{\rho} (1 - \frac{s}{\rho})$$

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

$$\text{Thus, } \epsilon(s) = 1/2 \prod_{\rho} (1 - \frac{s}{\rho})(1 - \frac{s}{1-\rho})$$

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

$$|\epsilon(s)| < \infty [ 2, p.37 , \text{Theorem 2.11}].$$

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$$(a_1 + \sigma - 1)^2 + (b_1 + t)^2 = 0$$

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

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$$(a_1 - \sigma)^2 + (2\sigma - 1)(2\sigma - 1 + 2a_1 - 2\sigma) = 0$$

$$(a_1 - \sigma)^2 + (2\sigma - 1)(2a_1 - 1) = 0$$

$$(a_1 - \sigma)^2 + (2\sigma - 1)(2a_1 - 1) = 0$$

$$\text{Since, } 1/2 \leq \sigma \leq 1 \Rightarrow 2\sigma - 1 \geq 0 \quad \dots \quad (11)$$

Since,  $1/2 \leq a \leq 1 \Rightarrow 2a - 1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow 2a_1 - 1 \geq 0$  ... (12)

From (11) and (12) ,  $(2\sigma - 1)(2a_1 - 1) \geq 0$ . ... (13)

Using (13) in  $(a_1 - \sigma)^2 + (2\sigma - 1)(2a_1 - 1) = 0$

$(a_1 - \sigma)^2 = 0$  and  $(2\sigma - 1)(2a_1 - 1) = 0$

$a_1 = \sigma$  and  $(2\sigma - 1)(2a_1 - 1) = 0$

Putting  $a_1 = \sigma$  in  $(2\sigma - 1)(2a_1 - 1) = 0$

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

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

$\Rightarrow \sigma = 1/2$ .

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

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

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