

Riemann Hypothesis

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1 Abstract

The Riemann Zeta function is defined as

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

The Zeta function is holomorphic in the complex plane except for a pole at $s = 1$. The trivial zeros of $\zeta(s)$ are $-2, -4, -6, \dots$. Its non trivial zeros lie in the critical strip $0 < \operatorname{Re}(s) < 1$.

The Riemann Hypothesis states that all the non trivial zeros lie on the critical line $\operatorname{Re}(s) = 1/2$.

2 Proof

Analytic continuation of $\zeta(s)$ is defined as [see 1, p.14, Eq. 2.1.4]

$$\zeta(s) = s \int_1^\infty \frac{[x]-x+\frac{1}{2}}{x^{s+1}} dx + \frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{1}{2} \quad (1)$$

Here $[.]$ denotes the Greatest Integer Function.

Let, $s = x + iy$, $0 < x < 1$, $y \in (-\infty, -1/2) \cup (1/2, \infty)$.

For $0 < x < 1$, [see 1, p.14],

$$\frac{s}{2} \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^{s+1}} dx = \frac{1}{2}.$$

So, using $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{s}{2} \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^{s+1}} dx$ in (1),

$$\zeta(s) = s \int_1^\infty \frac{[x]-x+\frac{1}{2}}{x^{s+1}} dx + \frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{s}{2} \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^{s+1}} dx$$

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Let, ρ be a non trivial zero of the Riemann Zeta Function.

Then, $\zeta(\rho) = 0$; $0 < \text{Re}(\rho) < 1$, $\text{Im}(\rho) \in (-\infty, -1/2) \cup (1/2, \infty)$.

$$\zeta(\rho) = \rho \int_1^\infty \frac{[x]-x+1}{x^{\rho+1}} dx + \frac{1}{\rho-1} = 0$$

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{[x]-x+1}{x^{\rho+1}} dx = \frac{1}{\rho(1-\rho)}; \quad 0 < \text{Re}(\rho) < 1 \quad (2)$$

The functional equation of the Riemann Zeta function is [see [1], p.22, 2.6.4],

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

So, by functional equation if ρ is a zero of the Riemann Zeta function then $1 - \rho$ is also a zero [see [1], p.30].

$$\zeta(\rho) = 0 \Rightarrow \zeta(1 - \rho) = 0.$$

$$\zeta(1 - \rho) = (1 - \rho) \int_1^\infty \frac{[x]-x+1}{x^{2-\rho}} dx - \frac{1}{\rho} = 0;$$

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{[x]-x+1}{x^{2-\rho}} dx = \frac{1}{\rho(1-\rho)}; \quad 0 < \text{Re}(\rho) < 1 \quad (3)$$

Equating left sides of equation (2) and (3),

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{[x]-x+1}{x^{\rho+1}} dx = \int_1^\infty \frac{[x]-x+1}{x^{2-\rho}} dx$$

$$\int_1^\infty ([x] - x + 1) \left(\frac{1}{x^{\rho+1}} - \frac{1}{x^{2-\rho}} \right) dx = 0 \quad (4)$$

Let, $\rho = \sigma + it$; $0 < \sigma < 1$, $t \in (-\infty, -1/2) \cup (1/2, \infty)$

Since, $0 < \sigma < 1$ so we discuss 2 cases

$0 < \sigma \leq 1/2$ and $1/2 \leq \sigma < 1$.

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

Putting, $\rho = \sigma + it$ in equation (4),

$$\int_1^\infty ([x] - x + 1) \left(\frac{1}{x^{\sigma+1+it}} - \frac{1}{x^{2-\sigma-it}} \right) dx = 0.$$

$$\int_1^\infty ([x] - x + 1) \left(\frac{x^{-it}}{x^{\sigma+1}} - \frac{x^{it}}{x^{2-\sigma}} \right) dx = 0.$$

$$\int_1^\infty ([x] - x + 1) \left(\frac{e^{-it(\ln x)}}{x^{\sigma+1}} - \frac{e^{it(\ln x)}}{x^{2-\sigma}} \right) dx = 0.$$

$$\int_1^\infty ([x] - x + 1) \left(\frac{\cos(t \ln x)}{x^{\sigma+1}} - \frac{\cos(t \ln x)}{x^{2-\sigma}} \right) dx +$$

$$i \int_1^\infty ([x] - x + 1) \left(\frac{-\sin(t \ln x)}{x^{\sigma+1}} - \frac{\sin(t \ln x)}{x^{2-\sigma}} \right) dx = 0$$

Equating Real part to zero,

$$\int_1^\infty ([x] - x + 1) \left(\frac{\cos(t \ln x)}{x^{\sigma+1}} - \frac{\cos(t \ln x)}{x^{2-\sigma}} \right) dx = 0$$

$$\int_1^\infty ([x] - x + 1) \left(\frac{1}{x^{\sigma+1}} - \frac{1}{x^{2-\sigma}} \right) \cos(t \ln x) dx = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Let, } I = \int_1^\infty ([x] - x + 1) \left(\frac{1}{x^{\sigma+1}} - \frac{1}{x^{2-\sigma}} \right) \cos(t \ln x) dx = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$0 \leq x - [x] < 1$$

$$0 < [x] - x + 1 \leq 1.$$

$$([x] - x + 1) \left(\frac{1}{x^{\sigma+1}} - \frac{1}{x^{2-\sigma}} \right) \cos(t \ln x) \leq \left(\frac{1}{x^{\sigma+1}} - \frac{1}{x^{2-\sigma}} \right) \cos(t \ln x).$$

$$I \leq \int_1^\infty \left(\frac{1}{x^{\sigma+1}} - \frac{1}{x^{2-\sigma}} \right) \cos(t \ln x) dx \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Let, } \ln x = u.$$

$$\Rightarrow x = e^u.$$

$$\Rightarrow dx = e^u du$$

when $x = 1$ then $u = 0$ and when $x = \infty$ then $u = \infty$.

So, \int_1^∞ becomes \int_0^∞ .

Since by equation (6), $I = 0$.

So, equation (7) gives,

$$0 \leq \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{1}{e^{(\sigma+1)u}} - \frac{1}{e^{(2-\sigma)u}} \right) \cos(tu) e^u du.$$

$$0 \leq \int_0^\infty (e^{-(\sigma+1)u} - e^{-(2-\sigma)u}) \cos(tu) e^u du.$$

$$0 \leq \int_0^\infty (e^{-(\sigma+1)u} e^u - e^{-(2-\sigma)u} e^u) \cos(tu) du.$$

$$0 \leq \int_0^\infty (e^{-\sigma u} \cos(tu) - e^{-(1-\sigma)u} \cos(tu)) du. \quad 0 < \sigma \leq 1/2$$

$$\text{Now, } \int e^{ax} \cos bx dx = \frac{e^{ax} [a \cos(bx) + b \sin(bx)]}{a^2 + b^2}.$$

$$0 \leq \left. \frac{e^{-\sigma u} [-\sigma \cos(tu) + t \sin(tu)]}{\sigma^2 + t^2} \right|_0^\infty - \left. \frac{e^{-(1-\sigma)u} [(\sigma-1) \cos(tu) + t \sin(tu)]}{(1-\sigma)^2 + t^2} \right|_0^\infty$$

For, $0 < \sigma \leq 1/2$, $-\sigma < 0 \Rightarrow e^{-\sigma u} \rightarrow 0$ as $u \rightarrow \infty$.

For, $0 < \sigma \leq 1/2$, $-(1-\sigma) < 0 \Rightarrow e^{-(1-\sigma)u} \rightarrow 0$ as $u \rightarrow \infty$.

$$0 \leq \frac{-(-\sigma)}{\sigma^2+t^2} + \frac{(\sigma-1)}{(1-\sigma)^2+t^2}.$$

$$0 \leq \frac{\sigma[(1-\sigma)^2+t^2]+(\sigma-1)(\sigma^2+t^2)}{(\sigma^2+t^2)[(1-\sigma)^2+t^2]}$$

$$0 < \sigma \leq 1/2 \Rightarrow (\sigma^2 + t^2)[(1 - \sigma)^2 + t^2] > 0.$$

$$0 \leq \sigma(1 - \sigma)^2 + \sigma t^2 + \sigma(\sigma^2 + t^2) - (\sigma^2 + t^2)$$

$$0 \leq \sigma(1 - 2\sigma + \sigma^2) + \sigma t^2 + \sigma(\sigma^2 + t^2) - (\sigma^2 + t^2)$$

$$0 \leq [\sigma - 2\sigma^2 + \sigma^3] + \sigma t^2 + \sigma^3 + \sigma t^2 - \sigma^2 - t^2.$$

$$0 \leq 2\sigma^3 - 3\sigma^2 + \sigma + 2\sigma t^2 - t^2.$$

$$0 \leq \sigma(2\sigma^2 - 3\sigma + 1) + t^2(2\sigma - 1).$$

$$0 \leq \sigma(2\sigma - 1)(\sigma - 1) + t^2(2\sigma - 1).$$

$$0 \leq (2\sigma - 1)[\sigma(\sigma - 1) + t^2].$$

$$0 \leq (2\sigma - 1)[\sigma^2 - \sigma + t^2].$$

$$0 \leq (2\sigma - 1)[(\sigma - 1/2)^2 + (t^2 - 1/4)]. \quad (8)$$

Since $t \in (-\infty, -1/2) \cup (1/2, \infty)$.

Thus, $t^2 - 1/4 > 0$.

$$(\sigma - 1/2)^2 + (t^2 - 1/4) > 0$$

So, (8) gives

$$0 \leq 2\sigma - 1. \quad (9)$$

$$\text{By case 1 we had, } 0 < \sigma \leq 1/2 \Rightarrow 2\sigma - 1 \leq 0. \quad (10)$$

Combining (9) and (10), we have

$$0 \leq 2\sigma - 1 \leq 0.$$

$$2\sigma - 1 = 0$$

$$\sigma = 1/2.$$

Now we proceed to Case 2

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

Let, $\rho = \sigma + it$, $1/2 \leq \sigma < 1$, $t \in (-\infty, -1/2) \cup (1/2, \infty)$.

Let, $\zeta(\rho) = 0$

The functional equation of the Riemann Zeta function is [see [1], p.22, 2.6.4],

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

So, by functional equation if $\rho = \sigma + it$ is a zero of the Riemann Zeta function then $1 - \rho = 1 - \sigma - it$ is also a zero and then $1 - \bar{\rho} = 1 - \sigma + it$ is also a zero [see [1], p.30].

$$\zeta(\rho) = 0 \Rightarrow \zeta(1 - \rho) = 0.$$

$$\zeta(1 - \rho) = 0 \Rightarrow \zeta(1 - \bar{\rho}) = 0$$

Since, $\rho = \sigma + it$.

$$\zeta(1 - \bar{\rho}) = 0 \Rightarrow \zeta(1 - \sigma + it) = 0.$$

$$1/2 \leq \sigma < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < 1 - \sigma \leq 1/2.$$

$$\zeta(1 - \sigma + it) = 0, 0 < 1 - \sigma \leq 1/2.$$

Let, $\sigma' = 1 - \sigma$.

$$\zeta(\sigma' + it) = 0, \quad 0 < \sigma' \leq 1/2.$$

So, by case (1),

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

$$(1 - \sigma) = 1/2.$$

$$\sigma = 1/2.$$

So, by the above two cases we get that

$$\zeta(\rho) = 0 ; 0 < \operatorname{Re}(\rho) < 1; t \in (-\infty, -1/2) \cup (1/2, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}(\rho) = 1/2$$

, which proves the R.H.

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