

The 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

Dirichlet eta function is defined as,

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s}, \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0. \quad (1)$$

Dirichlet eta function is convergent for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$.

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}, \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1. \quad (2)$$

Subtract equation (1) from equation (2) :

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(s) - \eta(s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} \\ \zeta(s) - \eta(s) &= \left[\frac{1}{1^s} + \frac{1}{2^s} + \frac{1}{3^s} + \frac{1}{4^s} + \dots \right] - \left[\frac{1}{1^s} - \frac{1}{2^s} + \frac{1}{3^s} - \frac{1}{4^s} + \dots \right] \\ \zeta(s) - \eta(s) &= \frac{2}{2^s} + \frac{2}{4^s} + \frac{2}{6^s} + \dots \\ \zeta(s) - \eta(s) &= \frac{2}{2^s} \left[1 + \frac{1}{2^s} + \frac{1}{3^s} + \frac{1}{4^s} + \dots \right] \\ \zeta(s) - \eta(s) &= 2^{1-s} \zeta(s) \end{aligned}$$

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{1-2^{1-s}} \eta(s)$$

$\frac{1}{1-2^{1-s}} \eta(s)$ is analytic on $1 \neq \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$

Thus, Riemann zeta function has an analytic continuation to

$1 \neq \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$ *defined as,*

$$\text{Thus, } \zeta(s) = \frac{1}{1-2^{1-s}} \eta(s), 1 \neq \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s}, \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$$

$$\eta(s) = 1 - \frac{1}{2^s} + \frac{1}{3^s} - \frac{1}{4^s} + \frac{1}{5^s} - \frac{1}{6^s} + \frac{1}{7^s} - \frac{1}{8^s} + \frac{1}{9^s} - \frac{1}{10^s} + \frac{1}{11^s} - \frac{1}{12^s} + \frac{1}{13^s} - \frac{1}{14^s} + \frac{1}{15^s} - \frac{1}{16^s} + \frac{1}{17^s} - \frac{1}{18^s} + \frac{1}{19^s} - \frac{1}{20^s} + \frac{1}{21^s} - \frac{1}{22^s} + \frac{1}{23^s} - \frac{1}{24^s} + \frac{1}{25^s} - \frac{1}{26^s} + \dots \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\eta(s)}{2^s} = \frac{1}{2^s} - \frac{1}{4^s} + \frac{1}{6^s} - \frac{1}{8^s} + \frac{1}{10^s} - \frac{1}{12^s} + \frac{1}{14^s} - \frac{1}{16^s} + \frac{1}{18^s} - \frac{1}{20^s} + \frac{1}{22^s} - \frac{1}{24^s} + \frac{1}{26^s} - \dots \quad (5)$$

Subtract equation (5) from equation (4) :

$$\eta(s)\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^s}\right) = 1 - \frac{2}{2^s} + \frac{1}{3^s} + \frac{1}{5^s} - \frac{2}{6^s} + \frac{1}{7^s} + \frac{1}{9^s} - \frac{2}{10^s} + \frac{1}{11^s} + \frac{1}{13^s} - \frac{2}{14^s} + \frac{1}{15^s} + \frac{1}{17^s} - \frac{2}{18^s} + \frac{1}{19^s} + \frac{1}{21^s} - \frac{2}{22^s} + \frac{1}{23^s} + \frac{1}{25^s} - \frac{2}{26^s} + \dots \quad (6)$$

$$\eta(s)\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^s}\right)\frac{1}{3^s} = \frac{1}{3^s} - \frac{2}{6^s} + \frac{1}{9^s} + \frac{1}{15^s} - \frac{2}{18^s} + \frac{1}{21^s} + \dots \quad (7)$$

Subtract equation (7) from equation (6) :

$$\eta(s)\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^s}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{3^s}\right) = 1 - \frac{2}{2^s} + \frac{1}{5^s} + \frac{1}{7^s} - \frac{2}{10^s} + \frac{1}{11^s} + \frac{1}{13^s} - \frac{2}{14^s} + \frac{1}{17^s} + \frac{1}{19^s} - \frac{2}{22^s} + \frac{1}{23^s} + \frac{1}{25^s} - \frac{2}{26^s} + \dots \quad (8)$$

$$\eta(s)\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^s}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{3^s}\right)\frac{1}{5^s} = \frac{1}{5^s} - \frac{2}{10^s} + \frac{1}{25^s} + \dots \quad (9)$$

Subtract equation (9) from equation (8) :

$$\eta(s)\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^s}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{3^s}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{5^s}\right) = 1 - \frac{2}{2^s} + \frac{1}{7^s} + \frac{1}{11^s} + \frac{1}{13^s} - \frac{2}{14^s} + \frac{1}{17^s} + \frac{1}{19^s} - \frac{2}{22^s} + \frac{1}{23^s} - \frac{2}{26^s} + \dots \quad (10)$$

$$\eta(s)\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^s}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{3^s}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{5^s}\right)\frac{1}{7^s} = \frac{1}{7^s} - \frac{2}{14^s} + \dots \quad (11)$$

Subtract equation (11) from equation (10) :

$$\eta(s)\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^s}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{3^s}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{5^s}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{7^s}\right) = 1 - \frac{2}{2^s} + \frac{1}{11^s} + \frac{1}{13^s} + \frac{1}{17^s} + \frac{1}{19^s} - \frac{2}{22^s} + \frac{1}{23^s} - \frac{2}{26^s} + \dots \quad (12)$$

$$\eta(s)\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^s}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{3^s}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{5^s}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{7^s}\right)\frac{1}{11^s} = \frac{1}{11^s} - \frac{2}{22^s} + \dots \quad (13)$$

Subtract equation (13) from equation (12) :

$$\eta(s)\left(1-\frac{1}{2^s}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{3^s}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{5^s}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{7^s}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{11^s}\right) = 1 - \frac{2}{2^s} + \frac{1}{13^s} + \frac{1}{17^s} + \frac{1}{19^s} + \frac{1}{23^s} - \frac{2}{26^s} + \dots \quad (14)$$

$$\eta(s)\left(1-\frac{1}{2^s}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{3^s}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{5^s}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{7^s}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{11^s}\right)\frac{1}{13^s} = \frac{1}{13^s} - \frac{2}{26^s} + \dots \quad (15)$$

Subtract equation (15) from equation (14) :

$$\eta(s)\left(1-\frac{1}{2^s}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{3^s}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{5^s}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{7^s}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{11^s}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{13^s}\right) = 1 - \frac{2}{2^s} + \frac{1}{17^s} + \frac{1}{19^s} + \frac{1}{23^s} + \dots$$

Continuing in this way we get,

$$\eta(s) \prod_{p \in \text{Primes}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right) = 1 - \frac{2}{2^s}.$$

$$\eta(s) = \frac{1 - 2^{1-s}}{\prod_{p \in \text{Primes}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)}$$

From equation (3),

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{1 - 2^{1-s}} \eta(s), 1 \neq \text{Re}(s) > 0$$

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{1 - 2^{1-s}} \frac{1 - 2^{1-s}}{\prod_{p \in \text{Primes}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)}, 1 \neq \text{Re}(s) > 0$$

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{\prod_{p \in \text{Primes}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)}, 1 \neq \text{Re}(s) > 0$$

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{1 - 2^{1-s}} \eta(s) = \prod_{p \in \text{Primes}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1}, 1 \neq \text{Re}(s) > 0$$

$$\frac{1}{1 - 2^{1-s}} \eta(s) \text{ is convergent for } 1 \neq \text{Re}(s) > 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{p \in \text{Primes}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1} \text{ is convergent for } 1 \neq \text{Re}(s) > 0$$

Value of a convergent infinite product is 0 if and only if atleast one of the factors is 0.

$$\text{For, } 1 \neq \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0, \zeta(s) = \prod_{p \in \text{Primes}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1} \neq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \zeta(s) \neq 0, 1 \neq \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$$

Thus, $\zeta(s)$ has no zeros in the critical strip $0 < \operatorname{Re}(s) < 1$.

Thus, we have disproved the Riemann Hypothesis.

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