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# Abridged Riemann's Last Theorem

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## Abstract

The central idea of this article is to introduce and prove a special form of the zeta function as proof of Riemann's last theorem. The newly proposed zeta function contains two sub functions, namely  $f_1(b, s)$  and  $f_2(b, s)$ . The unique property of  $\zeta(s) = f_1(b, s) - f_2(b, s)$  is that as  $b$  tends toward  $\infty$ , the equality  $\zeta(s) = \zeta(1-s)$  is transformed into an exponential expression for the zeros of the zeta function. At the limiting point, we simply deduce that the exponential equality is satisfied if and only if  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Consequently, we conclude that the zeta function cannot be zero if  $\Re(s) \neq \frac{1}{2}$ , hence proving Riemann's last theorem.

## Assumptions

$1 \leq x \in \mathbb{R}; n = \lfloor x \rfloor \in \mathbb{N}; \Gamma(s) \neq 0, s \in \mathbb{C}; \{ \} \neq \{0\} \neq \{0, 0\} \neq \dots$

## Boundary

The functions, expressions, and Equations [(4)–(15)] are restricted to the critical region ( $0 < \Re(s) < 1$ ) unless otherwise noted.

## Consideration

The nontrivial roots of the zeta function are considered for validating all relevant statements and conclusions.

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## Definitions

For  $s = \sigma + it$ ;  $\sigma, t \in \mathbb{R}$ ;  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , the zeta function [(1), Chap. I] is defined as

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\sigma+it}} \quad (1)$$

This function converges for  $\Re(s) > 1$  and meromorphically continues over the entire complex plane with a simple pole residue of 1 at  $s = 1$ .

The zeta function then satisfies the functional equation shown below [(1), Chap. II]:

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{2^s}{\pi^{1-s}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}s\right) \Gamma(1-s) \zeta(1-s) \quad (2)$$

Equation (1) can now be rewritten [(1), Chap. II] for the critical region ( $0 < \Re(s) = \sigma < 1$ ) as

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_n^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{n^s} - \frac{1}{x^s}\right) dx = s \left( \frac{1}{s-1} - \int_1^{\infty} \frac{x - [x]}{x^{s+1}} dx \right) \quad (3)$$

## Riemann's last theorem

The real part of the nontrivial zeros ( $\{s \mid 0 < \Re(s) < 1, \zeta(s) = 0\}$ ) of the zeta function is  $1/2$ .

## Proof

By applying the summation and integration properties to the left-hand-side function of (3), we can say that

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(s) &= \frac{1}{s-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_n^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{n^s} - \frac{1}{x^s}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{s-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_n^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{n^s}\right) dx - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_n^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{x^s}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{-1}{1-s} + \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^s}\right) - \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^s} dx \right) \\ &= \frac{-1}{1-s} + \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^b \left(\frac{1}{n^s}\right) - \frac{b^{1-s}}{1-s} + \frac{1}{1-s} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain a new zeta function (Transcendental Zeta Function,  $0 < \Re(s) \& s \neq 1$ )

$$\zeta(s) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^b \left(\frac{1}{n^s}\right) - \frac{b^{1-s}}{1-s} \right) \quad (4)$$

Notice that the transcendental zeta function is a zeta function that is made from two divergence sub-functions. The fascinating part of the transcendental zeta function is the difference between two infinite values giving a finite value. This shows having convergence terms (sub-functions) is not a requirement for the convergence of a function. To put it differently, we see that function (1) minus  $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{b^{1-s}}{1-s}\right)$  is well-behaved and regular in the

critical strip.

Further, we can generalize the function on the far right of (3) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\zeta(s) &= \frac{s}{s-1} - s \int_1^{\infty} \frac{x - [x]}{x^{s+1}} dx \\
&= \frac{s}{s-1} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( s \int_n^{n+1} \frac{x-n}{x^{s+1}} dx \right) \\
&= \frac{s}{s-1} - \sum_{n=1}^{b-1} \left( s \int_n^{n+1} \frac{x-n}{x^{s+1}} dx \right) - \underbrace{s \int_b^{\infty} \frac{x-[x]}{x^{s+1}} dx}_{O_1} \\
&= \frac{s}{s-1} - s \int_1^b \frac{x}{x^{s+1}} dx - s \sum_{n=1}^{b-1} \left( \int_n^{n+1} \frac{-n}{x^{s+1}} dx \right) - O_1 \\
&= \frac{-s}{1-s} + s \int_b^1 \frac{1}{x^s} dx - s \sum_{n=1}^{b-1} n \left( \int_{n+1}^n \frac{1}{x^{s+1}} dx \right) - O_1 \\
&= \frac{-s}{1-s} + \frac{s}{1-s} - \frac{s}{1-s} b^{1-s} + \sum_{n=1}^{b-1} \left( \frac{n}{n^s} - \frac{n}{(n+1)^s} \right) - O_1
\end{aligned}$$

Considering  $\frac{-s}{1-s} b^{1-s} = \frac{b}{b^s} - \frac{b^{1-s}}{1-s}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\zeta(s) &= \frac{b}{b^s} - \frac{b^{1-s}}{1-s} + \left( \frac{1}{1^s} - \frac{1}{2^s} + \frac{2}{2^s} - \frac{2}{3^s} + \dots + \frac{b-1}{(b-1)^s} - \frac{b-1}{b^s} \right) - O_1 \\
&= \frac{b}{b^s} - \frac{b^{1-s}}{1-s} + \sum_{n=1}^{b-1} \left( \frac{1}{n^s} \right) - \frac{b}{b^s} + \frac{1}{b^s} - \underbrace{s \int_b^{\infty} \frac{x-[x]}{x^{s+1}} dx}_{O_1}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain a new zeta function (valid for  $b = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) form of the right-hand side (RHS) function of (3) as (ABC Zeta Function,  $0 < \Re(s) \& s \neq 1$ )

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^b \left( \frac{1}{n^s} \right) - \frac{b^{1-s}}{1-s} - s \int_b^{\infty} \frac{x-[x]}{x^{s+1}} dx, \quad b \in \mathbb{N} \quad (5)$$

Note that  $b = 1$  provides the RHS function of (3). By considering the limit of (5) as  $b$  tends toward infinity, (4) can be proved by an alternative method.

We can substitute  $(1-s)$  for  $(s)$  and considering (4), and (5), we can derive that (substituted  $c$  for  $b$  for the ABC zeta function for clarity)

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^b \left( \frac{1}{n^s} \right) - \frac{b^{1-s}}{1-s} \right) &= \sum_{n=1}^c \left( \frac{1}{n^s} \right) - \frac{c^{1-s}}{1-s} - s \int_c^{\infty} \frac{x-[x]}{x^{s+1}} dx, \quad c \in \mathbb{N} \\
\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^b \left( \frac{1}{n^{1-s}} \right) - \frac{b^s}{s} \right) &= \sum_{n=1}^c \left( \frac{1}{n^{1-s}} \right) - \frac{c^s}{s} - (1-s) \int_c^{\infty} \frac{x-[x]}{x^{2-s}} dx, \quad c \in \mathbb{N}
\end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Let  $\rho$  be the zeros of the zeta function. Considering (2) and the symmetry of the zeta function, we can say that if  $\zeta(\rho) = 0$ , then  $\overline{\zeta(1-\rho)}$  will also be equal to zero. Therefore, we may assume

that the roots of the zeta functions would occur at  $\zeta(\rho) = \overline{\zeta(1-\rho)}$ . Consequently considering the RHS functions of (6), for all  $b \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta(\rho) = \overline{\zeta(1-\rho)} &\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^b \left( \frac{1}{n^\rho} \right) - \frac{b^{1-\rho}}{1-\rho} - \rho \int_b^\infty \frac{x - [x]}{x^{\rho+1}} dx \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^b \left( \frac{1}{n^{1-\rho}} \right) - \left( \frac{b^\rho}{\rho} \right) - (1-\rho) \int_b^\infty \frac{x - [x]}{x^{2-\rho}} dx\end{aligned}\quad (7)$$

Moving the subfunctions  $\sum_{n=1}^b \left( \frac{1}{n^{1-\rho}} \right)$  to the RHS and  $-\frac{b^{1-\rho}}{1-\rho}$  to the LHS gives

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta(\rho) = \overline{\zeta(1-\rho)} &\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^b \left( \frac{1}{n^\rho} \right) - \sum_{n=1}^b \left( \frac{1}{n^{1-\rho}} \right) - \rho \int_b^\infty \frac{x - [x]}{x^{\rho+1}} dx \\ &= \frac{b^{1-\rho}}{1-\rho} - \left( \frac{b^\rho}{\rho} \right) - (1-\rho) \int_b^\infty \frac{x - [x]}{x^{2-\rho}} dx\end{aligned}\quad (8)$$

Taking the limit of (8) as  $b \rightarrow \infty$  gives

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta(\rho) = 0 &\Rightarrow \zeta(\rho) = \overline{\zeta(1-\rho)} \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^\rho} \right) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^{1-\rho}} \right) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{b^{1-\rho}}{1-\rho} - \left( \frac{b^\rho}{\rho} \right) \right)\end{aligned}\quad (9)$$

Now, we want to use the Identity Theorem [(18), page 125 ] to show that LHS of (9) is equal to zero for the zeros of the zeta function.

Consider two analytic functions  $f$  and  $g$  as follow

$$\begin{aligned}f &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^b \left( \frac{1}{n^z} \right) - \frac{b^{1-z}}{1-z} \right), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}_1 := \{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid 0 < \Re(s), s \neq 1\} \\ g &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^z} \right), \quad z \in \mathbb{D} := \{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid 1 < \Re(s)\}\end{aligned}\quad (10)$$

Let  $f, g : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_1$

The "coincidence set"

$$\{z \in \mathbb{D} \mid f = g\}$$

has an accumulation point in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

Therefore considering the Identity Theorem we can say  $f=g$  on the domain  $\mathbb{D}_1$ . In other words

$$\zeta(z) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^b \left( \frac{1}{n^z} \right) - \frac{b^{1-z}}{1-z} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^z} \right), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}_1 := \{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid 0 < \Re(s), s \neq 1\} \quad (11)$$

We can substitute  $\overline{(1-z)}$  for  $(z)$  and considering (11) we can derive that

$$\overline{\zeta(1-z)} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^b \overline{\left( \frac{1}{n^{1-z}} \right)} - \frac{b^{1-z}}{1-z} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{\left( \frac{1}{n^{1-z}} \right)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}_2 := \{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \Re(s) < 1, s \neq 0\} \quad (12)$$

Let  $\mathbb{D}_3 = \mathbb{D}_1 \cap \mathbb{D}_2$  and considering (11), and (12) we can derive that

$$\zeta(z) - \overline{\zeta(1-z)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^z} \right) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{\left( \frac{1}{n^{1-z}} \right)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}_3 := \{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid 0 < \Re(s) < 1\} \quad (13)$$

Consequently, for the zeros of the zeta function we have

$$\zeta(\rho) - \overline{\zeta(1-\rho)} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^\rho} \right) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{\left( \frac{1}{n^{1-\rho}} \right)} = 0 \quad (14)$$

You can find comprehensive proofs for (14) in the Riemann's last theorem article [(19), pages 5-7].

Now consider (9), we see if either  $\rho$  or  $1-\rho$  has real part bigger than  $1/2$ , then one of RHS terms of (9) is bigger than the other and the expression blows up. Consequently, considering (14) we can say LHS of (9) cannot be zero if the  $\Re(\rho)$  and  $\Re(1-\rho)$  are not equal to  $1/2$ . In other words  $\Re(\rho) \neq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \overline{\zeta(\rho)} \neq \zeta(1-\rho)$ . Hence, we conclude that

$$\sigma \neq \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow \zeta(s) \neq 0 \quad (15)$$

This completes the proof that the real part of the nontrivial zeros of the zeta function is equal to  $1/2$ .

Over the years, hundreds of mathematical theories have been built upon the assumption that Riemann's last theorem is true. Therefore, considerable efforts have been made by several of the best mathematical minds around the world to protect the legitimacy of these theories. However, in this work we have finally proved this famous theorem that had resisted all efforts to be proven for over one and a half centuries.



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