

Riemann Hypothesis

Direct demonstration proposal

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I. Abstract:

In his 1859 article "On the number of prime numbers less than a given quantity", Bernhard Riemann formulated the hypothesis that all non-trivial zeros of the Zeta function have the real part 1/2.

This assertion, known as the "Riemann Hypothesis", remains unproven to this day.

The present paper is an attempt at a direct demonstration.

II. Demonstration :

The demonstration proposed here is based on two well-known results:

1. Zeta function as Hadamard product on one side:

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{e^{(\ln(2\pi)-1-\frac{\gamma}{2})s}}{2(s-1)\Gamma(1+\frac{s}{2})} \prod_{\rho} \left(1 - \frac{s}{\rho}\right) e^{s/\rho} \quad (1)$$

Where the ρ are the non trivial zeros of the Zeta function.

2. The value of $\zeta(-1)$ on the other hand:

$$\zeta(-1) = -\frac{1}{12} \quad (2)$$

Replacing s by -1 in expression (1) and equating (1) and (2), with the Euler-Mascheroni constant $\gamma \approx 0.577$, we obtain :

$$\zeta(-1) = \frac{-e^{(\ln(2\pi)-1-\frac{0,577}{2})}}{2(-2)\sqrt{\pi}} \prod_{\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\rho}\right) e^{-1/\rho} = -\frac{1}{12}$$

Now, the calculation shows that $\frac{-e^{(\ln(2\pi)-1-\frac{0,577}{2})}}{2(-2)\sqrt{\pi}} = -\frac{1}{12}$

And so

$$\prod_{\rho} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\rho}\right) e^{-1/\rho} = 1 \quad (3)$$

Since the number of zeros is infinite, the number of factors $\left(1 + \frac{1}{\rho}\right) e^{-1/\rho}$ is also infinite, so that equality (3) can only be verified if each factor $\left(1 + \frac{1}{\rho}\right) e^{-1/\rho}$ is equal to 1 and therefore for any zero ρ of the Zeta function :

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{\rho}\right) e^{-1/\rho} = 1 \quad (4)$$

NB: This equality has been verified numerically for the first 100 zeros of the zeta function

Posing $\rho = \sigma + it$, then:

$$\left(1 - \frac{\sigma-it}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) e^{\frac{-\sigma}{\sigma^2+t^2}} \left(\cos \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2} + i \sin \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) = 1 \quad (5)$$

Now, $e^{\frac{-\sigma}{\sigma^2+t^2}} \approx 1$ because $0 < \sigma < 1$ (located inside the critical strip) and therefore $-\sigma \ll \sigma^2 + t^2$ when t^2 tends to infinity.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \left(1 - \frac{\sigma-it}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) \left(\cos \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2} + i \sin \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \left[\left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) + i \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right] \left(\cos \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2} + i \sin \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \left[\left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) \left(\cos \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) - \left(\frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) \left(\sin \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right)\right] + i \left[\left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) \left(\sin \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) + \left(\frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) \left(\cos \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right)\right] &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Equalizing the real and imaginary parts, we obtain the equations :

$$\left[\left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) \left(\cos \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) - \left(\frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) \left(\sin \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right)\right] = 1 \quad (6)$$

and

$$\left[\left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) \left(\sin \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) + \left(\frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) \left(\cos \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right)\right] = 0 \quad (7)$$

Squaring (6) and (7) gives :

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right)^2 \left(\cos \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right)^2 - 2 \left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) \left(\cos \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) \left(\frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) \left(\sin \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) + \left(\frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right)^2 \left(\sin \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right)^2 &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right)^2 \left(\sin \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right)^2 + 2 \left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) \left(\cos \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) \left(\frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) \left(\sin \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right) + \left(\frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right)^2 \left(\cos \frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right)^2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Summing (8) and (9), it remains $\left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{t}{\sigma^2+t^2}\right)^2 = 1$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - 2\frac{\sigma}{\sigma^2+t^2} + \frac{\sigma^2}{(\sigma^2+t^2)^2} + \frac{t^2}{(\sigma^2+t^2)^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma^2}{(\sigma^2+t^2)^2} + \frac{t^2}{(\sigma^2+t^2)^2} = 2\frac{\sigma}{\sigma^2+t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma^2+t^2}{(\sigma^2+t^2)^2} = 2\frac{\sigma}{\sigma^2+t^2}$$

$\Rightarrow 1 = 2\sigma$ and therefore

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$$

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