

Riemann Hypothesis

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1 Abstract

The Riemann Zeta function is defined as

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

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, $s = \sigma + it$, $0 < \sigma < 1$.

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

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

Then, $\zeta(\rho) = 0$; $0 < Re(\rho) < 1$.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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, $\rho = \sigma + it$; $0 < \sigma < 1$

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

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

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

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,

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\cos(t \ln x) \leq 1.$$

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

$$I \leq -\frac{1}{\sigma x^\sigma} - \frac{1}{(\sigma-1)x^{1-\sigma}} \Big|_1^\infty, \quad 1/2 \leq \sigma < 1$$

$$I \leq \frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{(\sigma-1)}$$

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

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{(\sigma-1)}$$

$$0 \leq \frac{2\sigma-1}{\sigma(\sigma-1)}$$

$$0 \leq \frac{1-2\sigma}{\sigma(1-\sigma)} \quad (7)$$

Also by Case 1 we had $1/2 \leq \sigma < 1$.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1-2\sigma}{\sigma(1-\sigma)} \leq 0. \quad (8)$$

Combining equations (7) and (8),

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

$$\frac{1-2\sigma}{\sigma(1-\sigma)} = 0.$$

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

$$\sigma = 1/2.$$

Now we proceed to Case 2

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

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

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

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, $\rho = \sigma + it$.

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

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

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

So, by case (1),

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

$$\sigma = 1/2.$$

So, by the above two cases we get that

$$\zeta(\rho) = 0 ; 0 < Re(\rho) < 1 \Rightarrow Re(\rho) = 1/2 , which proves the R.H.$$

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