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*To the memory of my Parents, to my wife Wahida, my  
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# CHAPTER 1

## UNE SOLUTION DE L'HYPOTHÈSE DE RIEMANN - A SOLUTION OF THE RIEMANN HYPOTHESIS -

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**Abstract.** — In 1859, Georg Friedrich Bernhard Riemann had announced the following conjecture, called Riemann Hypothesis : *The nontrivial roots (zeros)  $s = \sigma + it$  of the zeta function, defined by:*

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}, \text{ for } \Re(s) > 1$$

have real part  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ .

We give proof that  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$  using an equivalent statement of the Riemann Hypothesis.

**Résumé.** - En 1859, Georg Friedrich Bernhard Riemann avait annoncé la conjecture suivante, dite Hypothèse de Riemann: *Les zéros non triviaux  $s = \sigma + it$  de la fonction zeta définie par:*

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}, \text{ pour } \Re(s) > 1$$

ont comme parties réelles  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ .

On donne une démonstration que  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$  en utilisant une proposition équivalente de l'Hypothèse de Riemann.

### 1.1. Introduction

En 1859, G.F.B. Riemann avait annoncé la conjecture suivante [1]:

**Conjecture 1.1.** — Soit  $\zeta(s)$  la fonction complexe de la variable complexe  $s = \sigma + it$  définie par le prolongement analytique de la fonction:

$$\zeta_1(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}, \text{ pour } \Re(s) = \sigma > 1$$

sur tout le plan complexe sauf au point  $s = 1$ . Alors les zéros non triviaux de  $\zeta(s) = 0$  sont de la forme:

$$s = \frac{1}{2} + it$$

Dans cette communication, nous donnons une démonstration que  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ . Notre idée est de partir d'une proposition équivalente de l'Hypothèse de Riemann et en utilisant la définition de la limite des suites réelles.

**1.1.1. La fonction  $\zeta$ .** — Notons par  $s = \sigma + it$  la variable complexe de  $\mathbb{C}$ . Pour  $\Re(s) = \sigma > 1$ , appelons  $\zeta_1$  la fonction définie par :

$$\zeta_1(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}, \text{ avec } \Re(s) = \sigma > 1$$

Nous savons qu'avec la définition précédente, la fonction  $\zeta_1$  est une fonction analytique de  $s$ . Notons par  $\zeta(s)$  la fonction obtenue par prolongement analytique de  $\zeta_1(s)$ , alors nous rappelons le théorème suivant [2] :

**Theorem 1.2.** — *Les zéros de  $\zeta(s)$  satisfont :*

1.  $\zeta(s)$  n'a pas de zéros pour  $\Re(s) > 1$ ;
2. le seul pôle de  $\zeta(s)$  est au point  $s = 1$ ; son résidu vaut 1 et il est simple;
3. les zéros triviaux de  $\zeta(s)$  sont déterminés pour les valeurs  $s = -2, -4, \dots$ ;
4. les zéros non triviaux se situent dans la région  $0 \leq \Re(s) \leq 1$  dite bande critique et ils sont symétriques respectivement par rapport à l'axe vertical  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$  et l'axe des réels  $\Im(s) = 0$ .

On sait aussi que les zéros de  $\zeta(s)$  dans la bande critique sont tous des nombres complexes  $\neq 0$  (voir page 30 de [3]).

La conjecture relative à l'Hypothèse de Riemann est exprimée comme suit :

**Conjecture 1.3.** — *(Hypothèse de Riemann,[2]) Tous les zéros non triviaux de  $\zeta(s)$  sont sur la droite critique  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .*

En plus des propriétés citées par le théorème cité ci-dessus, la fonction  $\zeta(s)$  vérifie la relation fonctionnelle [2] pour  $s \neq 1$ :

$$(1.1) \quad \zeta(1-s) = 2^{1-s} \pi^{-s} \cos \frac{s\pi}{2} \Gamma(s) \zeta(s)$$

où  $\Gamma(s)$  est la fonction définie sur le demi-plan  $\Re(s) > 0$  par :

$$\Gamma(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{s-1} dt,$$

Alors, au lieu d'utiliser la fonctionnelle donnée par (5.1), nous allons utiliser celle présentée par G.H. Hardy [3] à savoir la fonction eta de Dirichlet [2]:

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s}) \zeta(s)$$

La fonction eta est convergente pour tout  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  avec  $\Re(s) > 0$  [2].

**1.1.2. Une Proposition équivalente à l'Hypothèse de Riemann.** — Parmi les propositions équivalentes à l'Hypothèse de Riemann celle de la fonction eta de Dirichlet qui s'énnonce comme suit [2]:

**Equivalence 1.4.** — *L'Hypothèse de Riemann est équivalente à l'énoncé que tous les zéros de la fonction eta de Dirichlet:*

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s)$$

qui se situent dans la bande critique  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$ , sont sur la droite critique  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

## 1.2. Démonstration que les zéros de $\eta(s)$ vérifient $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$

*Proof.* — Notons par  $s = \sigma + it$  avec  $0 < \sigma < 1$ . Considérons maintenant un zéro de  $\eta(s)$  qui se trouve dans la bande critique et appelons  $s = \sigma + it$  ce zéro, nous avons donc  $0 < \sigma < 1$  et  $\eta(s) = 0 \implies (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s) = 0$ . Notons  $\zeta(s) = A + iB$ , et  $\theta = t \log 2$ , alors:

$$(1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s) = [A(1 - 2^{1-\sigma} \cos \theta) - 2^{1-\sigma} B \sin \theta] + i [B(1 - 2^{1-\sigma} \cos \theta) + 2^{1-\sigma} A \sin \theta]$$

$(1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s) = 0$  donne le système:

$$\begin{aligned} A(1 - 2^{1-\sigma} \cos \theta) - 2^{1-\sigma} B \sin \theta &= 0 \\ B(1 - 2^{1-\sigma} \cos \theta) + 2^{1-\sigma} A \sin \theta &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Comme les fonctions  $\sin$  et  $\cos$  ne s'annulent pas simultanément, supposons par exemple que  $\sin \theta \neq 0$ , la première équation du système donne  $B = \frac{A(1 - 2^{1-\sigma} \cos \theta)}{2^{1-\sigma} \sin \theta}$ , la deuxième équation s'écrit:

$$\frac{A(1 - 2^{1-\sigma} \cos \theta)}{2^{1-\sigma} \sin \theta} (1 - 2^{1-\sigma} \cos \theta) + 2^{1-\sigma} A \sin \theta = 0 \implies A = 0$$

Par suite,  $B = 0 \implies \zeta(s) = 0$ , il s'ensuit que:

(1.2)

*s est un zéro de  $\eta(s)$  dans la bande critique est aussi un zéro de  $\zeta(s)$*

Reciproquement, si  $s$  est un zéro de  $\zeta(s)$  dans la bande critique, soit  $\zeta(s) = A + iB = 0 \implies \eta(s) = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s) = 0$ , donc  $s$  est aussi un zéro de  $\eta(s)$  dans la bande critique. Nous pouvons écrire:

(1.3)

*s est un zéro de  $\zeta(s)$  dans la bande critique est aussi un zéro de  $\eta(s)$*

Ecrivons la fonction  $\eta$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\eta(s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-s \operatorname{Log} n} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-(\sigma+it) \operatorname{Log} n} = \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-\sigma \operatorname{Log} n} \cdot e^{-it \operatorname{Log} n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-\sigma \operatorname{Log} n} (\cos(t \operatorname{Log} n) - i \sin(t \operatorname{Log} n))\end{aligned}$$

Remarquons que la fonction  $\eta$  est convergente pour tout  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  avec  $\Re(s) > 0$ , mais non absolument convergente. Comme  $\eta(s) = 0$ , c'est-à-dire:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = 0$$

ou encore:

$$\forall \tau > 0 \quad \exists n_0, \forall N > n_0, \left| \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} \right| < \tau$$

Définissons la suite de fonctions  $((\eta_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}(s))$ , par:

$$\eta_n(s) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k^s} = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\cos(t \operatorname{Log} k)}{k^\sigma} - i \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\sin(t \operatorname{Log} k)}{k^\sigma}$$

avec  $s = \sigma + it$  et  $t \neq 0$ .

Soit  $s$  un zéro de  $\eta$  dans la bande critique, soit  $\eta(s) = 0$ , avec  $0 < \sigma < 1$ . Par suite, on peut écrire  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \eta_n(s) = 0 = \eta(s)$ . Ce qui donne:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\cos(t \operatorname{Log} k)}{k^\sigma} &= 0 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\sin(t \operatorname{Log} k)}{k^\sigma} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Utilisons la définition de la limite d'une suite, on peut écrire:

$$(1.4) \forall \epsilon_1 > 0 \quad \exists n_r, \forall N > n_r \quad |\Re(\eta(s)_N)| < \epsilon_1 \implies |\Re(\eta(s)_N)|^2 < \epsilon_1^2$$

$$(1.5) \forall \epsilon_2 > 0 \quad \exists n_i, \forall N > n_i \quad |\Im(\eta(s)_N)| < \epsilon_2 \implies |\Im(\eta(s)_N)|^2 < \epsilon_2^2$$

Ce qui donne:

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\cos^2(t \operatorname{Log} k)}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N \frac{(-1)^{k+k'} \cos(t \operatorname{Log} k) \cos(t \operatorname{Log} k')}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < \epsilon_1^2$$

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\sin^2(t \operatorname{Log} k)}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N \frac{(-1)^{k+k'} \sin(t \operatorname{Log} k) \sin(t \operatorname{Log} k')}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < \epsilon_2^2$$

En prenant  $\epsilon = \epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2$  et  $N > \max(n_r, n_i)$ , on obtient en faisant la somme membre à membre des deux dernières inégalités, on obtient:

$$(1.6) \quad 0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < 2\epsilon^2$$

**1.2.1. Cas  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} \implies 2\sigma = 1$ .** — On suppose que  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} \implies 2\sigma = 1$ . Commençons par rappeler le théorème de Hardy (1914) [2],[3]:

**Theorem 1.5.** — Il y'a une infinité de zéros de  $\zeta(s)$  sur la droite critique.

Des propositions (5.5-5.6), nous déduisons la proposition suivante:

**Proposition 1.6.** — Il y'a une infinité de zéros de  $\eta(s)$  sur la droite critique.

Soit  $s_j = \frac{1}{2} + it_j$  un des zéros de la fonction  $\eta(s)$  sur la droite critique, soit  $\eta(s_j) = 0$ . L'équation (5.9) s'écrit pour  $s_j$ :

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}} < 2\epsilon^2$$

ou encore:

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} < 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}}$$

Si on fait tendre  $N$  vers  $+\infty$ , la série  $\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k}$  est divergente et devient infinie.

Soit:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k} \leq 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}}$$

Par suite, nous obtenons le résultat suivant:

$$(1.7) \quad \boxed{\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}} = -\infty}$$

sinon, nous aurons une contradiction avec le fait que :

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^N (-1)^{k-1} \frac{1}{k^{s_j}} = 0 \iff \eta(s) \text{ est convergente pour } s_j = \frac{1}{2} + it_j$$

Comme  $t_j \neq 0$ , et qu'il y'a une infinité de zéros sur la droite critique, alors le résultat de la formule donnée par (5.11) est indépendant de  $t_j$ . Revenons maintenant à  $s = \sigma + it$  un zéro de  $\eta(s)$  dans la bande critique, soit  $\eta(s) = 0$ .

Prenons  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ . En partant de la définition de la limite des suites, appliquée ci-dessus, nous obtenons:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k} \leq 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}}$$

avec sans aucune contradiction. De la proposition (5.5) il s'ensuit que  $\zeta(s) = \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it) = 0$ . Il existe donc des zéros de  $\zeta(s)$  sur la droite critique  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

### 1.2.2. Cas $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ . —

#### 1.2.2.1. Cas où il n'existe pas de zéros de $\eta(s)$ avec $s = \sigma + it$ et $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ .

— En utilisant, pour ce cas, le point 4 du théorème (5.2), nous déduisons que la fonction  $\eta(s)$  n'a pas de zéros avec  $s = \sigma + it$  et  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$ . Par suite, d'après la proposition (5.5), il s'ensuit que la fonction  $\zeta(s)$  a ses zéros seulement sur la droite critique  $\Re(s) = \sigma = \frac{1}{2}$  et l'**Hypothèse de Riemann est vraie**.

#### 1.2.2.2. Cas où il existe des zéros de $\eta(s)$ avec $s = \sigma + it$ et $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ .

— Supposons qu'il existe  $s = \sigma + it$  un zéro de  $\eta(s)$  soit  $\eta(s) = 0$  avec  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2} \implies s \in$  à la bande critique. Nous écrivons l'équation (5.9),:

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < 2\epsilon^2$$

ou:

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} < 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma}$$

Or  $2\sigma < 1$ , il s'ensuit que  $\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}}$  tende vers  $+\infty$  et nous obtenons par suite:

$$(1.8) \quad \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} = -\infty$$

Là aussi, le résultat ci-dessus est indépendant de  $t$ .

#### 1.2.3. Cas $\frac{1}{2} < \Re(s) < 1$ . — Soit $s = \sigma + it$ le zéro de $\eta(s)$ dans $0 < \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$ , objet du paragraphe précédent. Suivant le point 4 du théorème 5.2, le nombre complexe $s' = 1 - \sigma + it = \sigma' + it'$ avec $\sigma' = 1 - \sigma$ et $t' = t$ est

aussi un zéro de la fonction  $\eta(s)$  dans la bande  $\frac{1}{2} < \Re(s) < 1$ . En appliquant (5.9), nous obtenons:

$$(1.9) \quad 0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma'}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t' \log(k/k'))}{k^{\sigma'} k'^{\sigma'}} < 2\epsilon^2$$

Comme  $\sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ , d'où  $2\sigma' = 2(1 - \sigma) > 1$ , alors la série  $\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma'}}$  est convergente vers une constante positive non nulle  $C(\sigma')$ . De l'équation (5.13), nous déduisons que :

$$\sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^{\sigma'} k'^{\sigma'}} = -\frac{C(\sigma')}{2} > -\infty$$

Considérons maintenant la fonction  $F_N(u, t)$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}^* \geq 2$ , définie par:

$$F_N(u, t) = \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^u k'^u} = \\ = \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \cos(t \log(k/k')) e^{-u \log(kk')} , \quad u \in ]0, 1[, t \in ]0, +\infty[$$

La fonction  $F_N(u, t)$  est continue pour  $\forall N \geq 2$  et  $(u, t) \in ]0, 1[ \times ]0, +\infty[$ , et nous avons obtenu précédemment que  $\forall t > 0$ , pour  $N \rightarrow +\infty$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^{\sigma'} k'^{\sigma'}} = -\frac{C(\sigma')}{2} \quad \text{pour } u = \sigma' = 1 - \sigma > \frac{1}{2} \\ \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}} = -\infty \quad \text{pour } u = \frac{1}{2} \\ \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^{\sigma} k'^{\sigma}} = -\infty \quad \text{pour } u = \sigma < \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right.$$

Fixons  $t = t_0 > 0$  une valeur arbitraire et écrivons que  $F_N(u, t_0)$  est continue au point  $u = 1/2$ , on peut écrire:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta \text{ tel que } \forall u / |u - 1/2| < \delta \implies |F_N(u, t_0) - F_N(1/2, t_0)| < \epsilon$$

Soit  $u = \sigma' \in ]0, 1[$  avec  $\sigma' > \frac{1}{2}$  vérifiant  $\sigma' - \frac{1}{2} < \delta$ , on a alors l'équation:

$$\begin{aligned} |F_N(\sigma', t_0) - F_N(1/2, t_0)| &< \epsilon \implies \\ -\epsilon + F_N(\sigma', t_0) &< \sum_{k, k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_0 \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}} < \epsilon + F_N(\sigma', t_0) \\ \implies -\epsilon + \sum_{k, k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_0 \log(k/k'))}{k^{\sigma'} k'^{\sigma'}} &< \sum_{k, k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_0 \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}} \end{aligned}$$

Comme pour  $t, u$  fixés, la fonction  $F_N$  est définie pour tout entier  $N \geq 2$ , faisons alors tendre  $N$  vers  $+\infty$ , nous obtenons:

$$\begin{aligned} -\epsilon + \sum_{k, k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^{\sigma'} k'^{\sigma'}} &\leq \sum_{k, k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}} \\ \implies -\epsilon - \frac{C(\sigma')}{2} &\leq \sum_{k, k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}} = -\infty \end{aligned}$$

D'où la contradiction avec  $C(\sigma')$  bornée. Par suite, l'hypothèse qu'il existe des zéros de  $\eta(s)$  dans l'intervalle  $\frac{1}{2} < \Re(s) < 1$  étudiée au début de cette section est fausse. Il s'ensuit que la fonction  $\eta(s)$  ne s'annule pas dans les intervalles  $0 < \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$  et  $\frac{1}{2} < \Re(s) < 1$  et par suite la fonction  $\eta(s)$  a ses zéros non triviaux sur la droite critique  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$  de la bande critique.

□

### 1.3. Conclusion

En résumé: pour nos démonstrations, nous avons fait usage de la convergence simple de la fonction  $\eta(s)$  de Dirichlet:

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s), \quad s = \sigma + it$$

dans la bande critique  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$ , en obtenant:

- $\eta(s)$  s'annule pour  $0 < \sigma = \Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ ;
- $\eta(s)$  ne s'annule pas pour  $0 < \sigma = \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$  et  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma = \Re(s) < 1$ .

Par suite, tous les zéros non triviaux de  $\eta(s)$  dans la bande critique  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$  s'annulent sur la droite critique  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ . En appliquant la proposition équivalente à l'Hypothèse de Riemann 5.5, tous les zéros non triviaux de la fonction  $\zeta(s)$  se trouvent sur la droite critique  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ . La

démonstration de l’Hypothèse de Riemann est ainsi achevée.

Nous annonçons donc le théorème important :

**Theorem 1.7.** — *Tous les zéros non triviaux de la fonction  $\zeta(s)$  avec  $s = \sigma + it$  se situent sur l’axe vertical  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .*

## CHAPTER 2

# IS THE RIEMANN HYPOTHESIS TRUE (V1)?

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### 2.1. Introduction

In 1859, G.F.B. Riemann had announced the following conjecture [1]:

*Conjecture 2.1.* — Let  $\zeta(s)$  be the complex function of the complex variable  $s = \sigma + it$  defined by the analytic continuation of the function:

$$\zeta_1(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}, \text{ for } \Re(s) = \sigma > 1$$

over the whole complex plane, with the exception of  $s = 1$ . Then the non-trivial zeros of  $\zeta(s) = 0$  are written as :

$$s = \frac{1}{2} + it$$

In this paper, our idea is to start from an equivalent statement of the Riemann Hypothesis, namely the one concerning the Dirichlet  $\eta$  function. The latter is related to Riemann's  $\zeta$  function where we do not need to

manipulate any expression of  $\zeta(s)$  in the critical band  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$ . In our calculations, we will use the definition of the limit of real sequences. We arrive to give a proof that  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$  except at most for a finite number of zeros.

**2.1.1. The function  $\zeta$ .** — We denote  $s = \sigma + it$  the complex variable of  $\mathbb{C}$ . For  $\Re(s) = \sigma > 1$ , let  $\zeta_1$  be the function defined by :

$$\zeta_1(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}, \text{ for } \Re(s) = \sigma > 1$$

We know that with the previous definition, the function  $\zeta_1$  is an analytical function of  $s$ . Denote by  $\zeta(s)$  the function obtained by the analytic continuation of  $\zeta_1(s)$  to the whole complex plane, minus the point  $s = 1$ , then we recall the following theorem [2]:

**Theorem 2.2.** — . The function  $\zeta(s)$  satisfies the following :

1.  $\zeta(s)$  has no zero for  $\Re(s) > 1$ ;
2. the only pole of  $\zeta(s)$  is at  $s = 1$ ; it has residue 1 and is simple;
3.  $\zeta(s)$  has trivial zeros at  $s = -2, -4, \dots$ ;
4. the nontrivial zeros lie inside the region  $0 \leq \Re(s) \leq 1$  (called the critical strip) and are symmetric about both the vertical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$  and the real axis  $\Im(s) = 0$ .

The vertical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$  is called the critical line. We have also the theorem (see page 16, [3]):

**Theorem 2.3.** — . For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\zeta(1 + it) \neq 0$ .

It is also known that the zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  inside the critical strip are all complex numbers  $\neq 0$  (see page 30 in [3]). Then, we take the critical strip as the region defined as  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$ .

The Riemann Hypothesis is formulated as:

**Conjecture 2.4.** — . (The Riemann Hypothesis,[2]) All nontrivial zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  lie on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

In addition to the properties cited by the theorem 5.2 above, the function  $\zeta(s)$  satisfies the functional relation [2] called also the reflection functional equation for  $s \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$  :

$$(2.1) \quad \zeta(1 - s) = 2^{1-s} \pi^{-s} \cos \frac{s\pi}{2} \Gamma(s) \zeta(s)$$

where  $\Gamma(s)$  is the *gamma function* defined only for  $\Re(s) > 0$ , given by the formula :

$$\Gamma(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{s-1} dt,$$

So, instead of using the functional given by (5.1), we will use the one presented by G.H. Hardy [3] namely Dirichlet's eta function [2]:

$$(2.1) \quad \eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s)$$

The function eta is convergent for all  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re(s) > 0$  [2].

**2.1.2. A Equivalent statement to the Riemann Hypothesis.** — Among the equivalent statements to the Riemann Hypothesis is that of the Dirichlet function eta which is stated as follows [2]:

**Equivalence 2.5.** — . The Riemann Hypothesis is equivalent to the statement that all zeros of the Dirichlet eta function :

$$(2.2) \quad \eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s), \quad \sigma > 1$$

that fall in the critical strip  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$  lie on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

The series (5.2) is convergent, and represents  $(1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s)$  for  $\Re(s) = \sigma > 0$  ([3], pages 20-21). We can rewrite:

$$(2.3) \quad \eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s), \quad \Re(s) = \sigma > 0$$

$\eta(s)$  is a complex number, it can be written as :

$$(2.4) \quad \eta(s) = \rho \cdot e^{i\alpha} \implies \rho^2 = \eta(s) \cdot \overline{\eta(s)}$$

and  $\eta(s) = 0 \iff \rho = 0$ .

## 2.2. Proof that the zeros of $\eta(s)$ verify $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$

*Proof.* — . We denote  $s = \sigma + it$  with  $0 < \sigma < 1$ . We consider one zero of  $\eta(s)$  that falls in critical strip and we write it as  $s = \sigma + it$ , then we obtain  $0 < \sigma < 1$  and  $\eta(s) = 0 \implies (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s) = 0$ . Let us denote  $\zeta(s) = A + iB$ , and  $\theta = t \log 2$ , then :

$$(1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s) = [A(1 - 2^{1-\sigma} \cos \theta) - 2^{1-\sigma} B \sin \theta] + i [B(1 - 2^{1-\sigma} \cos \theta) + 2^{1-\sigma} A \sin \theta]$$

$(1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s) = 0$  gives the system:

$$A(1 - 2^{1-\sigma} \cos \theta) - 2^{1-\sigma} B \sin \theta = 0$$

$$B(1 - 2^{1-\sigma} \cos \theta) + 2^{1-\sigma} A \sin \theta = 0$$

As the functions  $\sin$  and  $\cos$  are not equal to 0 simultaneously, we suppose for example that  $\sin\theta \neq 0$ , the first equation of the system gives  $B = \frac{A(1 - 2^{1-\sigma}\cos\theta)}{2^{1-\sigma}\sin\theta}$ , the second equation is written as :

$$\frac{A(1 - 2^{1-\sigma}\cos\theta)}{2^{1-\sigma}\sin\theta}(1 - 2^{1-\sigma}\cos\theta) + 2^{1-\sigma}A\sin\theta = 0 \implies A = 0$$

Then,  $B = 0 \implies \zeta(s) = 0$ , it follows that:

(2.5)

*s is one zero of  $\eta(s)$  that falls in the critical strip, is also one zero of  $\zeta(s)$*

Conversely, if  $s$  is a zero of  $\zeta(s)$  in the critical strip, let  $\zeta(s) = A + iB = 0 \implies \eta(s) = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s) = 0$ , then  $s$  is also one zero of  $\eta(s)$  in the critical strip. We can write:

(2.6)

*s is one zero of  $\zeta(s)$  that falls in the critical strip, is also one zero of  $\eta(s)$*

Let us write the function  $\eta$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-s\log n} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-(\sigma+it)\log n} = \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-\sigma\log n} \cdot e^{-it\log n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-\sigma\log n} (\cos(t\log n) - i\sin(t\log n)) \end{aligned}$$

The function  $\eta$  is convergent for all  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re(s) > 0$ , but not absolutely convergent. Let  $s$  be one zero of the function eta, then :

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = 0$$

or:

$$\forall \epsilon' > 0 \quad \exists n_0, \forall N > n_0, \left| \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} \right| < \epsilon'$$

We definite the sequence of functions  $((\eta_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}(s))$  as:

$$\eta_n(s) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k^s} = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\cos(t\log k)}{k^\sigma} - i \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\sin(t\log k)}{k^\sigma}$$

with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $t \neq 0$ .

Let  $s$  be one zero of  $\eta$  that lies in the critical strip, then  $\eta(s) = 0$ , with  $0 < \sigma < 1$ . It follows that we can write  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \eta_n(s) = 0 = \eta(s)$ . We

obtain:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\cos(t \log k)}{k^\sigma} = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\sin(t \log k)}{k^\sigma} = 0$$

Using the definition of the limit of a sequence, we can write:

$$(2.7) \forall \epsilon_1 > 0 \quad \exists n_r, \forall N > n_r \quad |\Re(\eta(s)_N)| < \epsilon_1 \implies |\Re(\eta(s)_N)|^2 < \epsilon_1^2$$

$$(2.8) \forall \epsilon_2 > 0 \quad \exists n_i, \forall N > n_i \quad |\Im(\eta(s)_N)| < \epsilon_2 \implies |\Im(\eta(s)_N)|^2 < \epsilon_2^2$$

Then:

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\cos^2(t \log k)}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N \frac{(-1)^{k+k'} \cos(t \log k) \cdot \cos(t \log k')}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < \epsilon_1^2$$

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\sin^2(t \log k)}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N \frac{(-1)^{k+k'} \sin(t \log k) \cdot \sin(t \log k')}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < \epsilon_2^2$$

Taking  $\epsilon = \epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2$  and  $N > \max(n_r, n_i)$ , we get by making the sum member to member of the last two inequalities:

$$(2.9) \quad 0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < 2\epsilon^2$$

We can write the above equation as :

$$(2.10) \quad 0 < \rho_N^2 < 2\epsilon^2$$

or  $\rho(s) = 0$ .

**2.2.1. Case**  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} \implies 2\sigma = 1$ . — We suppose that  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} \implies 2\sigma = 1$ . Let's start by recalling Hardy's theorem (1914) ([2], page 24):

**Theorem 2.6.** — . There are infinitely many zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  on the critical line.

From the propositions (5.5-5.6), it follows the proposition :

**Proposition 2.7.** — . There are infinitely many zeros of  $\eta(s)$  on the critical line.

Let  $s_j = \frac{1}{2} + it_j$  one of the zeros of the function  $\eta(s)$  on the critical line, so  $\eta(s_j) = 0$ . The equation (5.9) is written for  $s_j$ :

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}} < 2\epsilon^2$$

or:

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} < 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k}\sqrt{k'}}$$

If  $N \rightarrow +\infty$ , the series  $\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k}$  is divergent and becomes infinite. then:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k} \leq 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k}\sqrt{k'}}$$

Hence, we obtain the following result:

$$(2.11) \quad \boxed{\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k}\sqrt{k'}} = -\infty}$$

if not, we will have a contradiction with the fact that :

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^N (-1)^{k-1} \frac{1}{k^{s_j}} = 0 \iff \eta(s) \text{ is convergent for } s_j = \frac{1}{2} + it_j$$

Let  $s = \sigma + it$  one zero of  $\eta(s)$  on the critical line  $\Rightarrow \eta(s) = 0$ . We take  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ . Starting from the definition of the limit of sequences, applied above, we obtain:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k} \leq 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k}\sqrt{k'}}$$

with any contradiction. From the proposition (5.5), it follows that  $\zeta(s) = \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it) = 0$ . There are therefore zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

### 2.2.2. Case $0 < \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$ . —

**2.2.2.1.** *Case there is no zeros of  $\eta(s)$  with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ .* —  
Using, for this case, point 4 of theorem (5.2), we deduce that the function  $\eta(s)$  has no zeros with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$ . Then, from the proposition (5.5), it follows that the function  $\zeta(s)$  has all its nontrivial zeros only on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \sigma = \frac{1}{2}$  and the **Riemann Hypothesis is true**.

**2.2.2.2.** *Case where there are zeros of  $\eta(s)$  with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ .* — Suppose that there exists  $s = \sigma + it$  one zero of  $\eta(s)$  or  $\eta(s) = 0 \Rightarrow \rho^2(s) = 0$  with  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow s$  lies inside the critical band. We write the

equation (5.9):

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < 2\epsilon^2$$

or:

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} < 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma}$$

But  $2\sigma < 1$ , it follows that  $\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} \rightarrow +\infty$  and then, we obtain :

$$(2.12) \quad \boxed{\sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} = -\infty}$$

**2.2.3. Case  $\frac{1}{2} < \Re(s) < 1$ .** — Let  $s = \sigma + it$  be the zero of  $\eta(s)$  in  $0 < \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$ , object of the previous paragraph. According to point 4 of theorem 5.2, the complex number  $s' = 1 - \sigma + it = \sigma' + it'$  with  $\sigma' = 1 - \sigma$ ,  $t' = t$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma' < 1$ , is also a zero of the function  $\eta(s)$  in the band  $\frac{1}{2} < \Re(s) < 1$ , that is  $\eta(s') = 0 \implies \rho(s') = 0$ . By applying (5.9), we get:

$$(2.13) \quad 0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma'}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t' \log(k/k'))}{k^{\sigma'} k'^{\sigma'}} < 2\epsilon^2$$

As  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2} \implies 2 > 2\sigma' = 2(1 - \sigma) > 1$ , then the series  $\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma'}}$  is convergent to a positive constant not null  $C(\sigma')$ . As  $1/k^2 < 1/k^{2\sigma'}$ , then :

$$0 < \frac{\pi^2}{6} = \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \leq \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma'}} = C(\sigma') = \zeta_1(2\sigma') = \zeta(2\sigma')$$

From the equation (5.13), it follows that :

$$(2.14) \quad \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t' \log(k/k'))}{k^{\sigma'} k'^{\sigma'}} = -\frac{C(\sigma')}{2} = -\frac{\zeta(2\sigma')}{2} > -\infty$$

Then, we have the two following cases:

1)- There exists an infinity of complex numbers  $s_l = \sigma_l + it_l$  with  $\sigma_l \in ]0, 1/2[$  such that  $\eta(s_l) = 0$ . For each  $s'_l$ , the left member of the equation (5.14) above is finite and depends of  $\sigma'_l$  and  $t'_l$ , but the right member is a function only of  $\sigma'_l$  equal to  $\zeta(2\sigma'_l)$ . Hence the contradiction because for all  $\sigma''$  so that  $2\sigma'' > 1$ , we have  $\zeta(2\sigma'')$  depends only of  $\sigma''$ , therefore, the function  $\eta(s)$  has no zeros for all  $s'_l = \sigma'_l + it'_l$  with  $\sigma'_l \in ]1/2, 1[$ , it follows that the paragraph (2.2.2.2) above concerning the case  $0 < \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$  is false.

Then, the function  $\eta(s)$  has all its zeros on the critical line  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ . From the equivalent statement (5.5), it follows that **the Riemann hypothesis is verified.**

2)- There is at most a single zero  $s_0 = \sigma_0 + it_0$  of  $\eta(s)$  with  $\sigma_0 \in ]0, 1/2[$ ,  $t_0 > 0$  such that  $\eta(s_0) = 0$ . Let us call this zero *isolated zero* that we denote by (IZ). Therefore, the interval  $]1/2, 1[$  contains a single zero  $s'_0 = 1 - \sigma_0 + it_0$ . Since the critical line contains an infinity of zeros of  $\zeta(s) = 0$ , it follows that all the nontrivial zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  are on the critical line  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ , except the 4 zeros relative to (IZ). Here too, we deduce that **the Riemann Hypothesis holds** except at most for the (IZ) in the critical band.  $\square$

### 2.3. Conclusion

In summary: for our proofs, we made use of Dirichlet's  $\eta(s)$  function:

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s), \quad s = \sigma + it$$

on the critical band  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$ , in obtaining:

- $\eta(s)$  vanishes for  $0 < \sigma = \Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ ;
- $\eta(s)$  does not vanish for  $0 < \sigma = \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma = \Re(s) < 1$  except at most for the (IZ) (with its symmetrical) inside the critical band.

Consequently, all the zeros of  $\eta(s)$  inside the critical band  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$  vanish on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$  except at most at (IZ) (with its symmetrical). Applying the equivalent proposition to the Riemann Hypothesis 5.5, all the nontrivial zeros of the function  $\zeta(s)$  lie on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$  except at most at (IZ) (with its symmetrical) inside the critical band. The proof of the Riemann Hypothesis is thus completed.

We therefore announce the important theorem as follows:

**Theorem 2.8.** — . All nontrivial zeros of the function  $\zeta(s)$  with  $s = \sigma + it$  lie on the vertical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ , except for at most four zeros of respective affixes  $(\sigma_0, t_0), (1 - \sigma_0, t_0), (\sigma_0, -t_0), (1 - \sigma_0, -t_0)$ , belonging to the critical band.

## CHAPTER 3

# IS THE RIEMANN HYPOTHESIS TRUE (V2)?

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### 3.1. Introduction.

In 1859, G.F.B. Riemann had announced the following conjecture [1]:

**Conjecture 3.1.** — Let  $\zeta(s)$  be the complex function of the complex variable  $s = \sigma + it$  defined by the analytic continuation of the function:

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over the whole complex plane, with the exception of  $s = 1$ . Then the non-trivial zeros of  $\zeta(s) = 0$  are written as :

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In this paper, our idea is to start from an equivalent statement of the Riemann Hypothesis, namely the one concerning the Dirichlet  $\eta$  function. The latter is related to Riemann's  $\zeta$  function where we do not need to manipulate any expression of  $\zeta(s)$  in the critical band  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$ . In our

calculations, we will use the definition of the limit of real sequences. We arrive to give a proof that  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ .

**3.1.1. The function  $\zeta$ .** — We denote  $s = \sigma + it$  the complex variable of  $\mathbb{C}$ . For  $\Re(s) = \sigma > 1$ , let  $\zeta_1$  be the function defined by :

$$\zeta_1(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}, \text{ for } \Re(s) = \sigma > 1$$

We know that with the previous definition, the function  $\zeta_1$  is an analytical function of  $s$ . Denote by  $\zeta(s)$  the function obtained by the analytic continuation of  $\zeta_1(s)$  to the whole complex plane, minus the point  $s = 1$ , then we recall the following theorem [2]:

**Theorem 3.2.** — *The function  $\zeta(s)$  satisfies the following :*

1.  $\zeta(s)$  has no zero for  $\Re(s) > 1$ ;
2. the only pole of  $\zeta(s)$  is at  $s = 1$ ; it has residue 1 and is simple;
3.  $\zeta(s)$  has trivial zeros at  $s = -2, -4, \dots$ ;
4. the nontrivial zeros lie inside the region  $0 \leq \Re(s) \leq 1$  (called the critical strip) and are symmetric about both the vertical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$  and the real axis  $\Im(s) = 0$ .

The vertical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$  is called the critical line.

The Riemann Hypothesis is formulated as:

**Conjecture 3.3.** — *(The Riemann Hypothesis,[2]) All nontrivial zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  lie on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .*

In addition to the properties cited by the theorem 5.2 above, the function  $\zeta(s)$  satisfies the functional relation [2] called also the reflection functional equation for  $s \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$  :

$$(3.1) \quad \zeta(1-s) = 2^{1-s} \pi^{-s} \cos \frac{s\pi}{2} \Gamma(s) \zeta(s)$$

where  $\Gamma(s)$  is the *gamma function* defined only for  $\Re(s) > 0$ , given by the formula :

$$\Gamma(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{s-1} dt, \quad \Re(s) > 0$$

So, instead of using the functional given by (5.1), we will use the one presented by G.H. Hardy [3] namely Dirichlet's eta function [2]:

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s)$$

The function eta is convergent for all  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re(s) > 0$  [2].

We have also the theorem (see page 16, [3]):

**Theorem 3.4.** — For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\zeta(1+it) \neq 0$ .

It is also known that the zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  inside the critical strip are all complex numbers  $\neq 0$  (see page 30 in [3]).

**3.1.2. A Equivalent statement to the Riemann Hypothesis.** — Among the equivalent statements to the Riemann Hypothesis is that of the Dirichlet function eta which is stated as follows [2]:

**Equivalence 3.5.** — The Riemann Hypothesis is equivalent to the statement that all zeros of the Dirichlet eta function :

$$(3.2) \quad \eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s), \quad \sigma > 1$$

that fall in the critical strip  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$  lie on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

So, we take the critical strip as the region defined as  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$ . The series (5.2) is convergent, and represents  $(1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s)$  for  $\Re(s) = \sigma > 0$  ([3], pages 20-21). We can rewrite:

$$(3.3) \quad \eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s), \quad \Re(s) = \sigma > 0$$

$\eta(s)$  is a complex number, it can be written as :

$$(3.4) \quad \eta(s) = \rho e^{i\alpha} \implies \rho^2 = \eta(s) \cdot \overline{\eta(s)}$$

and  $\eta(s) = 0 \iff \rho = 0$ .

### 3.2. Preliminaries of the proof

*Proof.* — . We denote  $s = \sigma + it$  with  $0 < \sigma < 1$ . We consider one zero of  $\eta(s)$  that falls in critical strip and we write it as  $s = \sigma + it$ , then we obtain  $0 < \sigma < 1$  and  $\eta(s) = 0 \iff (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s) = 0$ . We verifies easily the two propositions:

(3.5)

*s, is one zero of  $\eta(s)$  that falls in the critical strip, is also one zero of  $\zeta(s)$*

Conversely, if  $s$  is a zero of  $\zeta(s)$  in the critical strip, let  $\zeta(s) = 0 \implies \eta(s) = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s) = 0$ , then  $s$  is also one zero of  $\eta(s)$  in the critical strip. We can write:

(3.6)

*s, is one zero of  $\zeta(s)$  that falls in the critical strip, is also one zero of  $\eta(s)$*

Let us write the function  $\eta$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\eta(s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-s \log n} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-(\sigma+it)\log n} = \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-\sigma \log n} \cdot e^{-it \log n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-\sigma \log n} (\cos(t \log n) - i \sin(t \log n))\end{aligned}$$

The function  $\eta$  is convergent for all  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re(s) > 0$ , but not absolutely convergent. Let  $s$  be one zero of the function eta, then :

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = 0$$

or:

$$\forall \epsilon' > 0 \quad \exists n_0, \forall N > n_0, \left| \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} \right| < \epsilon'$$

We definite the sequence of functions  $((\eta_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}(s))$  as:

$$\eta_n(s) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k^s} = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\cos(t \log k)}{k^\sigma} - i \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\sin(t \log k)}{k^\sigma}$$

with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $t \neq 0$ .

Let  $s$  be one zero of  $\eta$  that lies in the critical strip, then  $\eta(s) = 0$ , with  $0 < \sigma < 1$ . It follows that we can write  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \eta_n(s) = 0 = \eta(s)$ . We obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\cos(t \log k)}{k^\sigma} &= 0 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\sin(t \log k)}{k^\sigma} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Using the definition of the limit of a sequence, we can write:

$$(3.7) \forall \epsilon_1 > 0 \quad \exists n_r, \forall N > n_r \quad |\Re(\eta(s)_N)| < \epsilon_1 \implies |\Re(\eta(s)_N)|^2 < \epsilon_1^2$$

$$(3.8) \forall \epsilon_2 > 0 \quad \exists n_i, \forall N > n_i \quad |\Im(\eta(s)_N)| < \epsilon_2 \implies |\Im(\eta(s)_N)|^2 < \epsilon_2^2$$

Then:

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\cos^2(t \log k)}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N \frac{(-1)^{k+k'} \cos(t \log k) \cos(t \log k')}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < \epsilon_1^2$$

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\sin^2(t \log k)}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N \frac{(-1)^{k+k'} \sin(t \log k) \sin(t \log k')}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < \epsilon_2^2$$

Taking  $\epsilon = \epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2$  and  $N > \max(n_r, n_i)$ , we get by making the sum member to member of the last two inequalities:

$$(3.9) \quad 0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < 2\epsilon^2$$

We can write the above equation as :

$$(3.10) \quad 0 < \rho_N^2 < 2\epsilon^2$$

or  $\rho(s) = 0$ .

### 3.3. Case $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} \implies 2\sigma = 1$ .

We suppose that  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} \implies 2\sigma = 1$ . Let's start by recalling Hardy's theorem (1914) ([2], page 24):

**Theorem 3.6.** — There are infinitely many zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  on the critical line.

From the propositions (5.5-5.6), it follows the proposition :

**Proposition 3.7.** — There are infinitely many zeros of  $\eta(s)$  on the critical line.

Let  $s_j = \frac{1}{2} + it_j$  one of the zeros of the function  $\eta(s)$  on the critical line, so  $\eta(s_j) = 0$ . The equation (5.9) is written for  $s_j$ :

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}} < 2\epsilon^2$$

or:

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} < 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}}$$

If  $N \rightarrow +\infty$ , the series  $\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k}$  is divergent and becomes infinite. then:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k} \leq 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}}$$

Hence, we obtain the following result:

$$(3.11) \quad \boxed{\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}} = -\infty}$$

if not, we will have a contradiction with the fact that :

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^N (-1)^{k-1} \frac{1}{k^{s_j}} = 0 \iff \eta(s) \text{ is convergent for } s_j = \frac{1}{2} + it_j$$

### 3.4. Case $0 < \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$ .

#### 3.4.1. Case there is no zeros of $\eta(s)$ with $s = \sigma + it$ and $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ . —

As there is no zeros of  $\eta(s)$  with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ , it follows from the proposition (5.5) that  $\zeta(s)$  has also no zeros with  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ . Using the symmetry of  $\zeta(s)$ , there is no zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$ . We deduce from the proposition (5.6) that the function  $\eta(s)$  has no zeros with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$ . Then, the function  $\eta(s)$  has all its nontrivial zeros only on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \sigma = \frac{1}{2}$  and from the equivalent statement 5.5, we conclude that **the Riemann Hypothesis is true**.

**3.4.2. Case where there are zeros of  $\eta(s)$  with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ .** — Suppose that there exists  $s = \sigma + it$  one zero of  $\eta(s)$  or  $\eta(s) = 0 \implies \rho^2(s) = 0$  with  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2} \implies s$  lies inside the critical band. We write the equation (5.9):

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < 2\epsilon^2$$

or:

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} < 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma}$$

But  $2\sigma < 1$ , it follows that  $\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} \rightarrow +\infty$  and then, we obtain :

$$(3.12) \quad \boxed{\sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} = -\infty}$$

### 3.5. Case $\frac{1}{2} < \Re(s) < 1$ .

Let  $s = \sigma + it$  be the zero of  $\eta(s)$  in  $0 < \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$ , object of the previous paragraph. From the proposition (5.5),  $\zeta(s) = 0$ . According to point 4 of theorem 5.2, the complex number  $s' = 1 - \sigma + it = \sigma' + it'$  with  $\sigma' = 1 - \sigma$ ,  $t' = t$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma' < 1$  verifies  $\zeta(s') = 0$ , so  $s'$  is also a zero of the function  $\zeta(s)$  in the band  $\frac{1}{2} < \Re(s) < 1$ , it follows from the proposition (5.6) that  $\eta(s') = 0 \implies \rho(s') = 0$ . By applying (5.9), we get:

$$(3.13) \quad 0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma'}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t' \log(k/k'))}{k^{\sigma'} k'^{\sigma'}} < 2\epsilon^2$$

As  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2} \implies 2 > 2\sigma' = 2(1 - \sigma) > 1$ , then the series  $\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma'}}$  is convergent to a positive constant not null  $C(\sigma')$ . As  $1/k^2 < 1/k^{2\sigma'}$ , then :

$$0 < \zeta(2) = \frac{\pi^2}{6} = \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \leq \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma'}} = C(\sigma') = \zeta_1(2\sigma') = \zeta(2\sigma')$$

From the equation (5.13), it follows that :

$$(3.14) \quad \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t' \log(k/k'))}{k^{\sigma'} k'^{\sigma'}} = -\frac{C(\sigma')}{2} = -\frac{\zeta(2\sigma')}{2} > -\infty$$

Let  $s_l = \sigma_l + it_l$  with  $\sigma_l \in ]0, 1/2[$  such that  $\eta(s_l) = 0$ . For each  $s'_l$ , the left member of the equation (5.14) above is finite and depends of  $\sigma'_l = 1 - \sigma_l$  and  $t'_l = t_l$ , but the right member is a function only of  $\sigma'_l$  equal to  $-\zeta(2\sigma'_l)/2$ . Hence the contradiction because for all  $\sigma''$  so that  $2\sigma'' > 1$ , we have  $\zeta(2\sigma'')$  depends only of  $\sigma''$ , then in particular for all  $\sigma''$  with  $2 > 2\sigma'' > 1$ ,  $\zeta(2\sigma'')$  depends only of  $\sigma'' \implies$  the equation (5.14) is false, then, the function  $\eta(s)$  has no zeros for all  $s'_l = \sigma'_l + it'_l$  with  $\sigma'_l \in ]1/2, 1[$ , it follows that the second case of the paragraph (5.4) above concerning the case  $0 < \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$  is false. Then, the function  $\eta(s)$  has all its zeros on the critical line  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ . From the equivalent statement (5.5), it follows that **the Riemann hypothesis is verified.**

□

### 3.6. Conclusion.

In summary: for our proofs, we made use of Dirichlet's  $\eta(s)$  function:

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s), \quad s = \sigma + it$$

on the critical band  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$ , in obtaining:

- $\eta(s)$  vanishes for  $0 < \sigma = \Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ ;
- $\eta(s)$  does not vanish for  $0 < \sigma = \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma = \Re(s) < 1$ .

Consequently, all the zeros of  $\eta(s)$  inside the critical band  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$  are on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Applying the equivalent proposition to the Riemann Hypothesis (5.5), we conclude that **the Riemann hypothesis is verified** and all the nontrivial zeros of the function  $\zeta(s)$  lie on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ . The proof of the Riemann Hypothesis is thus completed.

We therefore announce the important theorem as follows:

**Theorem 3.8.** — *The Riemann Hypothesis is true:*

*All nontrivial zeros of the function  $\zeta(s)$  with  $s = \sigma + it$  lie on the vertical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .*

## CHAPTER 4

### IS THE RIEMANN HYPOTHESIS TRUE? YES, IT IS. (V1)

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#### 4.1. Introduction

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over the whole complex plane, with the exception of  $s = 1$ . Then the non-trivial zeros of  $\zeta(s) = 0$  are written as :

$$s = \frac{1}{2} + it$$

In this paper, our idea is to start from an equivalent statement of the Riemann Hypothesis, namely the one concerning the Dirichlet  $\eta$  function. The latter is related to Riemann's  $\zeta$  function where we do not need to manipulate any expression of  $\zeta(s)$  in the critical band  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$ . In our calculations, we will use the definition of the limit of real sequences. We arrive to give a proof that  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ .

**4.1.1. The function  $\zeta$ .** — We denote  $s = \sigma + it$  the complex variable of  $\mathbb{C}$ . For  $\Re(s) = \sigma > 1$ , let  $\zeta_1$  be the function defined by :

$$\zeta_1(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}, \text{ for } \Re(s) = \sigma > 1$$

We know that with the previous definition, the function  $\zeta_1$  is an analytical function of  $s$ . Denote by  $\zeta(s)$  the function obtained by the analytic continuation of  $\zeta_1(s)$  to the whole complex plane, minus the point  $s = 1$ , then we recall the following theorem [2]:

**Theorem 4.2.** — *The function  $\zeta(s)$  satisfies the following :*

1.  $\zeta(s)$  has no zero for  $\Re(s) > 1$ ;
2. the only pole of  $\zeta(s)$  is at  $s = 1$ ; it has residue 1 and is simple;
3.  $\zeta(s)$  has trivial zeros at  $s = -2, -4, \dots$ ;
4. the nontrivial zeros lie inside the region  $0 \leq \Re(s) \leq 1$  (called the critical strip) and are symmetric about both the vertical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$  and the real axis  $\Im(s) = 0$ .

The vertical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$  is called the critical line.

The Riemann Hypothesis is formulated as:

**Conjecture 4.3.** — *(The Riemann Hypothesis,[2]) All nontrivial zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  lie on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .*

In addition to the properties cited by the theorem 5.2 above, the function  $\zeta(s)$  satisfies the functional relation [2] called also the reflection functional equation for  $s \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$  :

$$(4.1) \quad \zeta(1-s) = 2^{1-s} \pi^{-s} \cos \frac{s\pi}{2} \Gamma(s) \zeta(s)$$

where  $\Gamma(s)$  is the *gamma function* defined only for  $\Re(s) > 0$ , given by the formula :

$$\Gamma(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{s-1} dt, \quad \Re(s) > 0$$

So, instead of using the functional given by (5.1), we will use the one presented by G.H. Hardy [3] namely Dirichlet's eta function [2]:

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s)$$

The function eta is convergent for all  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re(s) > 0$  [2].

We have also the theorem (see page 16, [3]):

**Theorem 4.4.** — For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\zeta(1+it) \neq 0$ .

It is also known that the zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  inside the critical strip are all complex numbers  $\neq 0$  (see page 30 in [3]).

**4.1.2. A Equivalent statement to the Riemann Hypothesis.** — Among the equivalent statements to the Riemann Hypothesis is that of the Dirichlet function eta which is stated as follows [2]:

**Equivalence 4.5.** — The Riemann Hypothesis is equivalent to the statement that all zeros of the Dirichlet eta function :

$$(4.2) \quad \eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s), \quad \sigma > 1$$

that fall in the critical strip  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$  lie on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

So, we take the critical strip as the region defined as  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$ . The series (5.2) is convergent, and represents  $(1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s)$  for  $\Re(s) = \sigma > 0$  ([3], pages 20-21). We can rewrite:

$$(4.3) \quad \eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s), \quad \Re(s) = \sigma > 0$$

$\eta(s)$  is a complex number, it can be written as :

$$(4.4) \quad \eta(s) = \rho e^{i\alpha} \implies \rho^2 = \eta(s) \cdot \overline{\eta(s)}$$

and  $\eta(s) = 0 \iff \rho = 0$ .

## 4.2. Preliminaries of the proof

*Proof.* — . We denote  $s = \sigma + it$  with  $0 < \sigma < 1$ . We consider one zero of  $\eta(s)$  that falls in critical strip and we write it as  $s = \sigma + it$ , then we obtain  $0 < \sigma < 1$  and  $\eta(s) = 0 \iff (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s) = 0$ . We verifies easily the two propositions:

(4.5)

*s, is one zero of  $\eta(s)$  that falls in the critical strip, is also one zero of  $\zeta(s)$*

Conversely, if  $s$  is a zero of  $\zeta(s)$  in the critical strip, let  $\zeta(s) = 0 \implies \eta(s) = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s) = 0$ , then  $s$  is also one zero of  $\eta(s)$  in the critical strip. We can write:

(4.6)

*s, is one zero of  $\zeta(s)$  that falls in the critical strip, is also one zero of  $\eta(s)$*

Let us write the function  $\eta$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-s \log n} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-(\sigma+it)\log n} = \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-\sigma \log n} \cdot e^{-it \log n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-\sigma \log n} (\cos(t \log n) - i \sin(t \log n)) \end{aligned}$$

The function  $\eta$  is convergent for all  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re(s) > 0$ , but not absolutely convergent. Let  $s$  be one zero of the function eta, then :

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = 0$$

or:

$$\forall \epsilon' > 0 \quad \exists n_0, \forall N > n_0, \left| \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} \right| < \epsilon'$$

We definite the sequence of functions  $((\eta_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}(s))$  as:

$$\eta_n(s) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k^s} = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\cos(t \log k)}{k^\sigma} - i \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\sin(t \log k)}{k^\sigma}$$

with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $t \neq 0$ .

Let  $s$  be one zero of  $\eta$  that lies in the critical strip, then  $\eta(s) = 0$ , with  $0 < \sigma < 1$ . It follows that we can write  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \eta_n(s) = 0 = \eta(s)$ . We

obtain:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\cos(t \log k)}{k^\sigma} = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\sin(t \log k)}{k^\sigma} = 0$$

Using the definition of the limit of a sequence, we can write:

$$(4.7) \quad \forall \epsilon_1 > 0 \exists n_r, \forall N > n_r, |\Re(\eta(s)_N)| < \epsilon_1 \implies \Re(\eta(s)_N)^2 < \epsilon_1^2$$

$$(4.8) \quad \forall \epsilon_2 > 0 \exists n_i, \forall N > n_i, |\Im(\eta(s)_N)| < \epsilon_2 \implies \Im(\eta(s)_N)^2 < \epsilon_2^2$$

Then:

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\cos^2(t \log k)}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N \frac{(-1)^{k+k'} \cos(t \log k) \cdot \cos(t \log k')}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < \epsilon_1^2$$

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\sin^2(t \log k)}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N \frac{(-1)^{k+k'} \sin(t \log k) \cdot \sin(t \log k')}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < \epsilon_2^2$$

Taking  $\epsilon = \epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2$  and  $N > \max(n_r, n_i)$ , we get by making the sum member to member of the last two inequalities:

$$(4.9) \quad 0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < 2\epsilon^2$$

We can write the above equation as :

$$(4.10) \quad 0 < \rho_N^2 < 2\epsilon^2$$

or  $\rho(s) = 0$ .

#### 4.3. Case $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} \implies 2\sigma = 1$ .

We suppose that  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} \implies 2\sigma = 1$ . Let's start by recalling Hardy's theorem (1914) ([2], page 24):

**Theorem 4.6.** — There are infinitely many zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  on the critical line.

From the propositions (5.5-5.6), it follows the proposition :

**Proposition 4.7.** — There are infinitely many zeros of  $\eta(s)$  on the critical line.

Let  $s_j = \frac{1}{2} + it_j$  one of the zeros of the function  $\eta(s)$  on the critical line, so  $\eta(s_j) = 0$ . The equation (5.9) is written for  $s_j$ :

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k}\sqrt{k'}} < 2\epsilon^2$$

or:

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} < 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k}\sqrt{k'}}$$

If  $N \rightarrow +\infty$ , the series  $\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k}$  is divergent and becomes infinite. then:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k} \leq 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k}\sqrt{k'}}$$

Hence, we obtain the following result:

$$(4.11) \quad \boxed{\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k}\sqrt{k'}} = -\infty}$$

if not, we will have a contradiction with the fact that :

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^N (-1)^{k-1} \frac{1}{k^{s_j}} = 0 \iff \eta(s) \text{ is convergent for } s_j = \frac{1}{2} + it_j$$

#### 4.4. Case $0 < \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$ .

##### 4.4.1. Case there is no zeros of $\eta(s)$ with $s = \sigma + it$ and $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ . —

As there is no zeros of  $\eta(s)$  with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ , it follows from the proposition (5.5) that  $\zeta(s)$  has also no zeros with  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ . Using the symmetry of  $\zeta(s)$ , there is no zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$ . We deduce from the proposition (5.6) that the function  $\eta(s)$  has no zeros with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$ . Then, the function  $\eta(s)$  has all its nontrivial zeros only on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \sigma = \frac{1}{2}$  and from the equivalent statement 5.5, we conclude that **the Riemann Hypothesis is true**.

**4.4.2. Case where there are zeros of  $\eta(s)$  with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ .** — Suppose that there exists  $s = \sigma + it$  one zero of  $\eta(s)$  or  $\eta(s) = 0 \implies \rho^2(s) = 0$  with  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2} \implies s$  lies inside the critical band. We write the equation (5.9):

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < 2\epsilon^2$$

or:

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} < 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma}$$

But  $2\sigma < 1$ , it follows that  $\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} \rightarrow +\infty$  and then, we obtain :

$$(4.12) \quad \boxed{\sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} = -\infty}$$

#### 4.5. Case $\frac{1}{2} < \Re(s) < 1$ .

Let  $s = \sigma + it$  be the zero of  $\eta(s)$  in  $0 < \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$ , object of the previous paragraph. From the proposition (5.5),  $\zeta(s) = 0$ . According to point 4 of theorem 5.2, the complex number  $s' = 1 - \sigma + it = \sigma' + it'$  with  $\sigma' = 1 - \sigma$ ,  $t' = t$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma' < 1$  verifies  $\zeta(s') = 0$ , so  $s'$  is also a zero of the function  $\zeta(s)$  in the band  $\frac{1}{2} < \Re(s) < 1$ , it follows from the proposition (5.6) that  $\eta(s') = 0 \implies \rho(s') = 0$ . By applying (5.9), we get:

$$(4.13) \quad 0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma'}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t' \log(k/k'))}{k^{\sigma'} k'^{\sigma'}} < 2\epsilon^2$$

As  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2} \implies 2 > 2\sigma' = 2(1 - \sigma) > 1$ , then the series  $\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma'}}$  is convergent to a positive constant not null  $C(\sigma')$ . As  $1/k^2 < 1/k^{2\sigma'}$ , then :

$$0 < \zeta(2) = \frac{\pi^2}{6} = \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \leq \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma'}} = C(\sigma') = \zeta_1(2\sigma') = \zeta(2\sigma')$$

From the equation (5.13), it follows that :

$$(4.14) \quad \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t' \log(k/k'))}{k^{\sigma'} k'^{\sigma'}} = -\frac{C(\sigma')}{2} = -\frac{\zeta(2\sigma')}{2} > -\infty$$

Let  $s_l = \sigma_l + it_l$  with  $\sigma_l \in ]0, 1/2[$  such that  $\eta(s_l) = 0$ .

Firstly, we suppose that  $t_l \neq 0$ . For each  $s'_l$ , the left member of the equation (5.14) above is finite and depends of  $\sigma'_l = 1 - \sigma_l$  and  $t'_l = t_l$ , but the right member is a function only of  $\sigma'_l$  equal to  $-\zeta(2\sigma'_l)/2$ . Hence the contradiction because for all  $\sigma''$  so that  $2\sigma'' > 1$ , we have  $\zeta(2\sigma'')$  depends only of  $\sigma''$ , then in particular for all  $\sigma''$  with  $2 > 2\sigma'' > 1$ ,  $\zeta(2\sigma'')$  depends only of  $\sigma'' \Rightarrow$  the equation (5.14) is false.

Secondly, we suppose that  $t_l = 0 \Rightarrow t'_l = 0$ . The equation (5.14) becomes:

$$(4.15) \quad \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{1}{k^{\sigma'_l} k'^{\sigma'_l}} = -\frac{C(\sigma'_l)}{2} = -\frac{\zeta(2\sigma'_l)}{2} > -\infty$$

Then  $s'_l = \sigma'_l > 1/2$  is a zero of  $\eta(s)$ , we obtain :

$$(4.16) \quad \eta(s'_l) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^{s'_l}} = 0$$

Let us define the sequence  $S_m$  as:

$$(4.17) \quad S_m(s'_l) = \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^{s'_l}} = \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^{\sigma'_l}} = S_m(\sigma'_l)$$

From the definition of  $S_m$ , we obtain :

$$(4.18) \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} S_m(s'_l) = \eta(s'_l) = \eta(\sigma'_l)$$

We have also:

$$(4.19) \quad S_1(\sigma'_l) = 1 > 0$$

$$(4.20) \quad S_2(\sigma'_l) = 1 - \frac{1}{2^{\sigma'_l}} > 0 \quad \text{because } 2^{\sigma'_l} > 1$$

$$(4.21) \quad S_3(\sigma'_l) = S_2(\sigma'_l) + \frac{1}{3^{\sigma'_l}} > 0$$

We proceed by recurrence, we suppose that  $S_m(\sigma'_l) > 0$ .

$$1. m = 2q \Rightarrow S_{m+1}(\sigma'_l) = \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^{s'_l}} = S_m(\sigma'_l) + \frac{(-1)^{m+1-1}}{(m+1)^{\sigma'_l}}, \text{ it gives:}$$

$$S_{m+1}(\sigma'_l) = S_m(\sigma'_l) + \frac{(-1)^{2q}}{(m+1)^{\sigma'_l}} = S_m(\sigma'_l) + \frac{1}{(m+1)^{\sigma'_l}} > 0 \Rightarrow S_{m+1}(\sigma'_l) > 0$$

2.  $m = 2q + 1$ , we can write  $S_{m+1}(\sigma'_l)$  as:

$$S_{m+1}(\sigma'_l) = S_{m-1}(\sigma'_l) + \frac{(-1)^{m-1}}{m^{\sigma'_l}} + \frac{(-1)^{m+1-1}}{(m+1)^{\sigma'_l}}$$

We have  $S_{m-1}(\sigma'_l) > 0$ , let  $T = \frac{(-1)^{m-1}}{m^{\sigma'_l}} + \frac{(-1)^m}{(m+1)^{\sigma'_l}}$ , we obtain:

$$(4.22) \quad T = \frac{(-1)^{2q}}{(2q+1)^{\sigma'_l}} + \frac{(-1)^{2q+1}}{(2q+2)^{\sigma'_l}} = \frac{1}{(2q+1)^{\sigma'_l}} - \frac{1}{(2q+2)^{\sigma'_l}} > 0$$

and  $S_{m+1}(\sigma'_l) > 0$ .

Then all the terms  $S_m(\sigma'_l)$  of the sequence  $S_m$  are great then 0, it follows that  $\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} S_m(s'_l) = \eta(s'_l) = \eta(\sigma'_l) > 0$  and  $\eta(\sigma'_l) < +\infty$  because  $\Re(s'_l) = \sigma'_l > 0$  and  $\eta(s'_l)$  is convergent. We deduce the contradiction that  $s'_l$  is a zero of  $\eta(s)$  and the equation (5.17) is false. Then, the function  $\eta(s)$  has no zeros for all  $s'_l = \sigma'_l + it'_l$  with  $\sigma'_l \in ]1/2, 1[$ , it follows that the second case of the paragraph (5.4) above concerning the case  $0 < \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$  is false. Then, the function  $\eta(s)$  has all its zeros on the critical line  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ . From the equivalent statement (5.5), it follows that **the Riemann hypothesis is verified**.  $\square$

From the calculations above, we can verify easily the following proposition:

**Proposition 4.8.** — For all  $s = \sigma$  real with  $0 < \sigma < 1$ ,  $\eta(s) > 0$  and  $\zeta(s) < 0$ .

#### 4.6. Conclusion.

In summary: for our proofs, we made use of Dirichlet's  $\eta(s)$  function:

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s), \quad s = \sigma + it$$

on the critical band  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$ , in obtaining:

- $\eta(s)$  vanishes for  $0 < \sigma = \Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ ;
- $\eta(s)$  does not vanish for  $0 < \sigma = \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma = \Re(s) < 1$ .

Consequently, all the zeros of  $\eta(s)$  inside the critical band  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$  are on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Applying the equivalent proposition to the Riemann Hypothesis (5.5), we conclude that **the Riemann hypothesis is verified** and all the nontrivial zeros of the function  $\zeta(s)$  lie on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ . The proof of the Riemann Hypothesis is thus completed.

We therefore announce the important theorem as follows:

**Theorem 4.9.** — *The Riemann Hypothesis is true:*

*All nontrivial zeros of the function  $\zeta(s)$  with  $s = \sigma + it$  lie on the vertical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .*

## CHAPTER 5

# IS THE RIEMANN HYPOTHESIS TRUE? YES, IT IS. (V2)

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### 5.1. Introduction

In 1859, G.F.B. Riemann had announced the following conjecture [1]:

**Conjecture 5.1.** — Let  $\zeta(s)$  be the complex function of the complex variable  $s = \sigma + it$  defined by the analytic continuation of the function:

$$\zeta_1(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}, \text{ for } \Re(s) = \sigma > 1$$

over the whole complex plane, with the exception of  $s = 1$ . Then the non-trivial zeros of  $\zeta(s) = 0$  are written as :

$$s = \frac{1}{2} + it$$

In this paper, our idea is to start from an equivalent statement of the Riemann Hypothesis, namely the one concerning the Dirichlet  $\eta$  function. The latter is related to Riemann's  $\zeta$  function where we do not need to manipulate any expression of  $\zeta(s)$  in the critical band  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$ . In our calculations, we will use the definition of the limit of real sequences. We arrive to give the proof that  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ .

**5.1.1. The function  $\zeta$ .** — We denote  $s = \sigma + it$  the complex variable of  $\mathbb{C}$ . For  $\Re(s) = \sigma > 1$ , let  $\zeta_1$  be the function defined by :

$$\zeta_1(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}, \text{ for } \Re(s) = \sigma > 1$$

We know that with the previous definition, the function  $\zeta_1$  is an analytical function of  $s$ . Denote by  $\zeta(s)$  the function obtained by the analytic continuation of  $\zeta_1(s)$  to the whole complex plane, minus the point  $s = 1$ , then we recall the following theorem [2]:

**Theorem 5.2.** — *The function  $\zeta(s)$  satisfies the following :*

1.  $\zeta(s)$  has no zero for  $\Re(s) > 1$ ;
2. the only pole of  $\zeta(s)$  is at  $s = 1$ ; it has residue 1 and is simple;
3.  $\zeta(s)$  has trivial zeros at  $s = -2, -4, \dots$ ;
4. the nontrivial zeros lie inside the region  $0 \leq \Re(s) \leq 1$  (called the critical strip) and are symmetric about both the vertical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$  and the real axis  $\Im(s) = 0$ .

The vertical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$  is called the critical line.

The Riemann Hypothesis is formulated as:

**Conjecture 5.3.** — *(The Riemann Hypothesis,[2]) All nontrivial zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  lie on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .*

In addition to the properties cited by the theorem 5.2 above, the function  $\zeta(s)$  satisfies the functional relation [2] called also the reflection functional equation for  $s \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$  :

$$(5.1) \quad \zeta(1-s) = 2^{1-s} \pi^{-s} \cos \frac{s\pi}{2} \Gamma(s) \zeta(s)$$

where  $\Gamma(s)$  is the *gamma function* defined only for  $\Re(s) > 0$ , given by the formula :

$$\Gamma(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{s-1} dt, \quad \Re(s) > 0$$

So, instead of using the functional given by (5.1), we will use the one presented by G.H. Hardy [3] namely Dirichlet's eta function [2]:

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s)$$

The function eta is convergent for all  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re(s) > 0$  [2].

We have also the theorem (see page 16, [3]):

**Theorem 5.4.** — For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\zeta(1 + it) \neq 0$ .

So, we take the critical strip as the region defined as  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$ .

**5.1.2. A Equivalent statement to the Riemann Hypothesis.** — Among the equivalent statements to the Riemann Hypothesis is that of the Dirichlet function eta which is stated as follows [2]:

**Equivalence 5.5.** — The Riemann Hypothesis is equivalent to the statement that all zeros of the Dirichlet eta function :

$$(5.2) \quad \eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s), \quad \sigma > 1$$

that fall in the critical strip  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$  lie on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

The series (5.2) is convergent, and represents  $(1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s)$  for  $\Re(s) = \sigma > 0$  ([3], pages 20-21). We can rewrite:

$$(5.3) \quad \eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s), \quad \Re(s) = \sigma > 0$$

$\eta(s)$  is a complex number, it can be written as :

$$(5.4) \quad \eta(s) = \rho e^{i\alpha} \implies \rho^2 = \eta(s) \cdot \overline{\eta(s)}$$

and  $\eta(s) = 0 \iff \rho = 0$ .

**5.2. Preliminaries of the proof that the zeros of the function  $\eta(s)$  are on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .**

*Proof.* — . We denote  $s = \sigma + it$  with  $0 < \sigma < 1$ . We consider one zero of  $\eta(s)$  that falls in critical strip and we write it as  $s = \sigma + it$ , then we obtain

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$0 < \sigma < 1$  and  $\eta(s) = 0 \iff (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s) = 0$ . We verify easily the two propositions:

(5.5)

*s, is one zero of  $\eta(s)$  that falls in the critical strip, is also one zero of  $\zeta(s)$*

Conversely, if  $s$  is a zero of  $\zeta(s)$  in the critical strip, let  $\zeta(s) = 0 \implies \eta(s) = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s) = 0$ , then  $s$  is also one zero of  $\eta(s)$  in the critical strip. We can write:

(5.6)

*s, is one zero of  $\zeta(s)$  that falls in the critical strip, is also one zero of  $\eta(s)$*

Let us write the function  $\eta$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-s \log n} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-(\sigma+it) \log n} = \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-\sigma \log n} \cdot e^{-it \log n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n-1} e^{-\sigma \log n} (\cos(t \log n) - i \sin(t \log n)) \end{aligned}$$

The function  $\eta$  is convergent for all  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re(s) > 0$ , but not absolutely convergent. Let  $s$  be one zero of the function  $\eta$ , then :

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = 0$$

or:

$$\forall \epsilon' > 0 \quad \exists n_0, \forall N > n_0, \left| \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} \right| < \epsilon'$$

We define the sequence of functions  $((\eta_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}(s))$  as:

$$\eta_n(s) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k^s} = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\cos(t \log k)}{k^\sigma} - i \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\sin(t \log k)}{k^\sigma}$$

with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $t \neq 0$ .

Let  $s$  be one zero of  $\eta$  that lies in the critical strip, then  $\eta(s) = 0$ , with  $0 < \sigma < 1$ . It follows that we can write  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \eta_n(s) = 0 = \eta(s)$ . We obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\cos(t \log k)}{k^\sigma} &= 0 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \frac{\sin(t \log k)}{k^\sigma} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Using the definition of the limit of a sequence, we can write:

$$(5.7) \quad \forall \epsilon_1 > 0 \exists n_r, \forall N > n_r, |\Re(\eta(s)_N)| < \epsilon_1 \implies \Re(\eta(s)_N)^2 < \epsilon_1^2$$

$$(5.8) \quad \forall \epsilon_2 > 0 \exists n_i, \forall N > n_i, |\Im(\eta(s)_N)| < \epsilon_2 \implies \Im(\eta(s)_N)^2 < \epsilon_2^2$$

Then:

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\cos^2(t \log k)}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^N \frac{(-1)^{k+k'} \cos(t \log k) \cos(t \log k')}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < \epsilon_1^2$$

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\sin^2(t \log k)}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^N \frac{(-1)^{k+k'} \sin(t \log k) \sin(t \log k')}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < \epsilon_2^2$$

Taking  $\epsilon = \epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2$  and  $N > \max(n_r, n_i)$ , we get by making the sum member to member of the last two inequalities:

$$(5.9) \quad 0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < 2\epsilon^2$$

We can write the above equation as :

$$(5.10) \quad 0 < \rho_N^2 < 2\epsilon^2$$

or  $\rho(s) = 0$ .

### 5.3. Case $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} \implies 2\sigma = 1$ .

We suppose that  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} \implies 2\sigma = 1$ . Let's start by recalling Hardy's theorem (1914) ([2], page 24):

**Theorem 5.6.** — There are infinitely many zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  on the critical line.

From the propositions (5.5-5.6), it follows the proposition :

**Proposition 5.7.** — There are infinitely many zeros of  $\eta(s)$  on the critical line.

Let  $s_j = \frac{1}{2} + it_j$  one of the zeros of the function  $\eta(s)$  on the critical line, so  $\eta(s_j) = 0$ . The equation (5.9) is written for  $s_j$ :

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}} < 2\epsilon^2$$

or:

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} < 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k} \sqrt{k'}}$$

If  $N \rightarrow +\infty$ , the series  $\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k}$  is divergent and becomes infinite. then:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k} \leq 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k}\sqrt{k'}}$$

Hence, we obtain the following result:

$$(5.11) \quad \boxed{\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t_j \log(k/k'))}{\sqrt{k}\sqrt{k'}} = -\infty}$$

if not, we will have a contradiction with the fact that :

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^N (-1)^{k-1} \frac{1}{k^{s_j}} = 0 \iff \eta(s) \text{ is convergent for } s_j = \frac{1}{2} + it_j$$

#### 5.4. Case $0 < \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$ .

##### 5.4.1. Case there is no zeros of $\eta(s)$ with $s = \sigma + it$ and $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ . —

As there is no zeros of  $\eta(s)$  with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ , it follows from the proposition (5.5) that  $\zeta(s)$  has also no zeros with  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ . Using the symmetry of  $\zeta(s)$ , there is no zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$ . We deduce from the proposition (5.6) that the function  $\eta(s)$  has no zeros with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$ . Then, the function  $\eta(s)$  has all its nontrivial zeros only on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \sigma = \frac{1}{2}$  and from the equivalent statement 5.5, we conclude that **the Riemann Hypothesis is true**.

**5.4.2. Case where there are zeros of  $\eta(s)$  with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$ .** — Suppose that there exists  $s = \sigma + it$  one zero of  $\eta(s)$  or  $\eta(s) = 0 \implies \rho^2(s) = 0$  with  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2} \implies s$  lies inside the critical band. We write the equation (5.9):

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} < 2\epsilon^2$$

or:

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} < 2\epsilon^2 - 2 \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma}$$

But  $2\sigma < 1$ , it follows that  $\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma}} \rightarrow +\infty$  and then, we obtain :

$$(5.12) \quad \boxed{\sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t \log(k/k'))}{k^\sigma k'^\sigma} = -\infty}$$

### 5.5. Case $\frac{1}{2} < \Re(s) < 1$ .

Let  $s = \sigma + it$  be the zero of  $\eta(s)$  in  $0 < \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$ , object of the previous paragraph. From the proposition (5.5),  $\zeta(s) = 0$ . According to point 4 of theorem 5.2, the complex number  $s' = 1 - \sigma + it = \sigma' + it'$  with  $\sigma' = 1 - \sigma$ ,  $t' = t$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma' < 1$  verifies  $\zeta(s') = 0$ , so  $s'$  is also a zero of the function  $\zeta(s)$  in the band  $\frac{1}{2} < \Re(s) < 1$ , it follows from the proposition (5.6) that  $\eta(s') = 0 \implies \rho(s') = 0$ . By applying (5.9), we get:

$$(5.13) \quad 0 < \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma'}} + 2 \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^N (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t' \log(k/k'))}{k'^\sigma' k'^{\sigma'}} < 2\epsilon^2$$

As  $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2} \implies 2 > 2\sigma' = 2(1 - \sigma) > 1$ , then the series  $\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma'}}$  is convergent to a positive constant not null  $C(\sigma')$ . As  $1/k^2 < 1/k^{2\sigma'}$ , then :

$$0 < \zeta(2) = \frac{\pi^2}{6} = \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \leq \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{k^{2\sigma'}} = C(\sigma') = \zeta_1(2\sigma') = \zeta(2\sigma')$$

From the equation (5.13), it follows that :

$$(5.14) \quad \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t' \log(k/k'))}{k'^\sigma' k'^{\sigma'}} = -\frac{C(\sigma')}{2} = -\frac{\zeta(2\sigma')}{2} > -\infty$$

Let  $s_l = \sigma_l + it_l$  with  $\sigma_l \in ]0, 1/2[$  such that  $\eta(s_l) = 0$ .

Firstly, we suppose that  $t_l \neq 0$ . For each  $s'_l = \sigma'_l + it'_l = 1 - \sigma_l + it_l$ , we have:

$$(5.15) \quad \sum_{k,k'=1;k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{\cos(t'_l \log(k/k'))}{k'^{\sigma'_l} k'^{\sigma'_l}} = -\frac{C(\sigma'_l)}{2} = -\frac{\zeta(2\sigma'_l)}{2} > -\infty$$

the left member of the equation (5.15) above is finite and depends of  $\sigma'_l$  and  $t'_l$ , but the right member is a function only of  $\sigma'_l$  equal to  $-\zeta(2\sigma'_l)/2$ . But for all  $\sigma''$  so that  $2\sigma'' > 1$ , we have  $\zeta(2\sigma'')$  depends only of  $\sigma''$ , then in particular for all  $\sigma''$  with  $2 > 2\sigma'' > 1$ ,  $\zeta(2\sigma'')$  depends only of  $\sigma''$ , it

follows that the left term of (5.15) is infinite, then the contradiction with  $-\frac{C(\sigma'_l)}{2} = -\frac{\zeta(2\sigma'_l)}{2} > -\infty$ .

(5.16) We conclude that the equation (5.15) is false for the cases  $t'_l \neq 0$ .

Secondly, we suppose that  $t_l = 0 \implies t'_l = 0$ . The equation (5.14) becomes:

$$(5.17) \quad \sum_{k,k'=1; k < k'}^{+\infty} (-1)^{k+k'} \frac{1}{k^{\sigma'_l} k'^{\sigma'_l}} = -\frac{C(\sigma'_l)}{2} = -\frac{\zeta(2\sigma'_l)}{2} > -\infty$$

Then  $s'_l = \sigma'_l > 1/2$  is a zero of  $\eta(s)$ , we obtain :

$$(5.18) \quad \eta(s'_l) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^{s'_l}} = 0$$

Let us define the sequence  $S_m$  as:

$$(5.19) \quad S_m(s'_l) = \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^{s'_l}} = \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^{\sigma'_l}} = S_m(\sigma'_l)$$

From the definition of  $S_m$ , we obtain :

$$(5.20) \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} S_m(s'_l) = \eta(s'_l) = \eta(\sigma'_l)$$

We have also:

$$(5.21) \quad S_1(\sigma'_l) = 1 > 0$$

$$(5.22) \quad S_2(\sigma'_l) = 1 - \frac{1}{2^{\sigma'_l}} > 0 \quad \text{because } 2^{\sigma'_l} > 1$$

$$(5.23) \quad S_3(\sigma'_l) = S_2(\sigma'_l) + \frac{1}{3^{\sigma'_l}} > 0$$

We proceed by recurrence, we suppose that  $S_m(\sigma'_l) > 0$ .

$$1. m = 2q \implies S_{m+1}(\sigma'_l) = \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^{s'_l}} = S_m(\sigma'_l) + \frac{(-1)^{m+1-1}}{(m+1)^{\sigma'_l}}, \text{ it gives:}$$

$$S_{m+1}(\sigma'_l) = S_m(\sigma'_l) + \frac{(-1)^{2q}}{(m+1)^{\sigma'_l}} = S_m(\sigma'_l) + \frac{1}{(m+1)^{\sigma'_l}} > 0 \Rightarrow S_{m+1}(\sigma'_l) > 0$$

2.  $m = 2q + 1$ , we can write  $S_{m+1}(\sigma'_l)$  as:

$$S_{m+1}(\sigma'_l) = S_{m-1}(\sigma'_l) + \frac{(-1)^{m-1}}{m^{\sigma'_l}} + \frac{(-1)^{m+1-1}}{(m+1)^{\sigma'_l}}$$

We have  $S_{m-1}(\sigma'_l) > 0$ , let  $T = \frac{(-1)^{m-1}}{m^{\sigma'_l}} + \frac{(-1)^m}{(m+1)^{\sigma'_l}}$ , we obtain:

$$(5.24) \quad T = \frac{(-1)^{2q}}{(2q+1)^{\sigma'_l}} + \frac{(-1)^{2q+1}}{(2q+2)^{\sigma'_l}} = \frac{1}{(2q+1)^{\sigma'_l}} - \frac{1}{(2q+2)^{\sigma'_l}} > 0$$

and  $S_{m+1}(\sigma'_l) > 0$ .

Then all the terms  $S_m(\sigma'_l)$  of the sequence  $S_m$  are great then 0, it follows that  $\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} S_m(s'_l) = \eta(s'_l) = \eta(\sigma'_l) > 0$  and  $\eta(\sigma'_l) < +\infty$  because  $\Re(s'_l) = \sigma'_l > 0$  and  $\eta(s'_l)$  is convergent. We deduce the contradiction that  $s'_l$  is a zero of  $\eta(s)$  and:

$$(5.25) \quad \boxed{\text{The equation (5.17) is false for the case } t'_l = t_l = 0.}$$

From (5.16-5.25), we conclude that the function  $\eta(s)$  has no zeros for all  $s'_l = \sigma'_l + it'_l$  with  $\sigma'_l \in ]1/2, 1[$ , it follows that the second case of the paragraph (5.4) above concerning the case  $0 < \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$  is false. Then, the function  $\eta(s)$  has all its zeros on the critical line  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ . From the equivalent statement (5.5), it follows that **the Riemann hypothesis is verified**.  $\square$

From the calculations above, we can verify easily the following known proposition:

**Proposition 5.8.** — For all  $s = \sigma$  real with  $0 < \sigma < 1$ ,  $\eta(s) > 0$  and  $\zeta(s) < 0$ .

## 5.6. Conclusion.

In summary: for our proofs, we made use of Dirichlet's  $\eta(s)$  function:

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s), \quad s = \sigma + it$$

on the critical band  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$ , in obtaining:

- $\eta(s)$  vanishes for  $0 < \sigma = \Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ ;
- $\eta(s)$  does not vanish for  $0 < \sigma = \Re(s) < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma = \Re(s) < 1$ .

Consequently, all the zeros of  $\eta(s)$  inside the critical band  $0 < \Re(s) < 1$  are on the critical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Applying the equivalent proposition to the Riemann Hypothesis (5.5), we conclude that **the Riemann hypothesis is verified** and all the nontrivial zeros of the function  $\zeta(s)$  lie on the critical

line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ . The proof of the Riemann Hypothesis is thus completed.

We therefore announce the important theorem as follows:

**Theorem 5.9.** — *The Riemann Hypothesis is true:*

*All nontrivial zeros of the function  $\zeta(s)$  with  $s = \sigma + it$  lie on the vertical line  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .*

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