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Abstract

We prove that $|\frac{\zeta(\overline{s})}{\overline{s}} - \frac{\zeta(1-s)}{1-s}| \neq 0$ for every $\Re(s) \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $\Im(s) \in \mathbb{R}^*$, where ζ is the Riemann Zeta function. At the end of the paper, we give a discussion about the Riemann hypothesis.

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1 Main result

Consider the representation of the Riemann Zeta function ζ defined by the Abel summation formula [[1], page 14 Equation 2.1.5] as

$$\zeta(s) := -s \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\{t\}}{t^{1+s}} dt, \quad \Re(s) \in (0,1), \quad \Im(s) \in \mathbb{R}^*, \tag{1}$$

where $\{t\}$ is the fractional part of the real t. We prove in this paper the following Main result

Main Result. Consider the function ζ defined by Equation (1). Then

$$\left| \frac{\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + r + i\tau)}{\frac{1}{2} + r + i\tau} - \frac{\zeta(\frac{1}{2} - r + i\tau)}{\frac{1}{2} - r + i\tau} \right| \neq 0, \quad \forall r \in (0, \frac{1}{2}), \ \forall \tau \in \mathbb{R}^*.$$

Notation 1. For every $r \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $\tau \in \mathbb{R}^*$ denote

$$\phi(\tau,r) := \frac{\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + r + i\tau)}{\frac{1}{2} + r + i\tau} - \frac{\zeta(\frac{1}{2} - r + i\tau)}{\frac{1}{2} - r + i\tau}.$$

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For every $r \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ denote

$$f_r(u) := \{u\} \frac{1}{u^{\frac{3}{2}}} (u^r - u^{-r}), \quad u > 0.$$

By Equation (1) we have

$$\phi(\tau, r) = \int_0^{+\infty} u^{-i\tau} f_r(u) du,$$

The aims is to studies the differential equation of solution the function

$$t \mapsto t^{i\tau} \Big[z + \int_0^t u^{-i\tau} f_r(u) du \Big], \quad t > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

We focus only on the solutions that converge to zero. More precisely, the strategy to prove the Main result, is to prove that the above function converge to zero when $t \to +\infty$ implies that $|z| \neq 0$ (the initial condition). We deduce that $\phi(\tau, r) \neq 0$.

Lemma 2. For every $\tau > 0$ and $r \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$, the unique continuous solution $\psi_{\tau,r}(t): [0,+\infty) \to \mathbb{C}$ of the of the following differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}\psi_{\tau,r}(t) = \frac{i\tau}{t}\psi_{\tau,r}(t) + f_r(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+/\mathbb{N}, \quad \psi_{\tau,r}(0) = 0, \tag{2}$$

is defined by

$$\psi_{\tau,r}(t) = t^{i\tau} \int_0^t u^{-i\tau} f_r(u) du, \ \forall t > 0.$$

Proof. Since $0 \le f_r(u) \le \frac{1}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}}(t^r - t^{-r})$ for every t > 1 and $0 \le f_r(u) \le \frac{1}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}}(t^r - t^{-r})$ for every $t \in (0,1)$ then the function

$$t \mapsto t^{i\tau} \int_0^t u^{-i\tau} f_r(u) du,$$

is continuous and and C^1 on \mathbb{R}_+/\mathbb{N} . The Equation (2) is a non-homogeneous linear differential equation, the unique continuous solution is given by

$$\psi_{\tau,r}(t) = t^{i\tau} \int_0^t u^{-i\tau} f_r(u) du.$$

Lemma 3. For every $r \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ there exists a continuous and pies-wise C^1 function $\epsilon_r : (1, +\infty) \to \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\int_{\epsilon_r(t)}^t f_r(u)du = 0,$$

In addition,

$$\epsilon_r(t) \in (0,1)$$
 and $\frac{d}{dt}\epsilon_r(t) < 0$, $\forall t > 1$.

Proof. We have

$$\int_0^{+\infty} f_r(s)ds = \int_0^1 f_r(s)ds + \int_1^{+\infty} f_r(s)ds.$$

Use the change of variable $s \mapsto \frac{1}{u}$ for the first integral, we get

$$\int_{0}^{+\infty} f_r(s) ds = \int_{1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{u^2} f_r(\frac{1}{u}) du + \int_{1}^{+\infty} f_r(s) ds.$$

By definition of f_r we have

$$f_r(u) = \frac{1}{u^{\frac{3}{2}}} \{u\} (u^r - u^{-r}).$$

In particular

$$f_r(u) = \frac{1}{u^{\frac{1}{2}}} (u^r - u^{-r}), \quad \forall u \in (0, 1).$$

Then

$$\begin{split} \int_0^{+\infty} f_r(s)ds &= -\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{u^{\frac{3}{2}}} (u^r - u^{-r})ds + \int_1^{+\infty} f_r(u)du \\ &= -\int_1^{+\infty} (1 - \{u\}) \frac{1}{u^{\frac{3}{2}}} (u^r - u^{-r})ds < 0, \quad \forall r \in (0, \frac{1}{2}). \end{split}$$

Proof of the Main result. Let be $r \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $\tau \in \mathbb{R}^*$ fixed. The Main result is proved if we prove that $\phi(\tau, r) \neq 0$. We have

$$\phi(\tau, r) = \int_0^{+\infty} u^{-i\tau} f_r(u) du.$$

By Lemma 2, we have

$$\lim_{t \to +\infty} |\psi_{\tau,r}(t)| = \phi(\tau,r),$$

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then main result is proved if we prove that $\lim_{t\to+\infty} |\psi_{\tau,r}(t)| \neq 0$. Let be ϵ_r the function defined in Lemma 3. Equation (2) implies

$$\psi_{\tau,r}(t) - \psi_{\tau,r}(\epsilon_r(t)) = i\tau \int_{\epsilon_r(t)}^t \frac{1}{u} \psi_{\tau,r}(u) du, \quad \forall t \ge 1.$$

By contradiction, suppose that

$$\lim_{t \to +\infty} |\psi_{\tau,r}(t)| = 0.$$

Then

$$\psi_{\tau,r}(\epsilon_r(t)) = -i\tau \int_{\epsilon_r(t)}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{u} \psi_{\tau,r}(u) du, \quad \forall t \ge 1,$$

implies

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\psi_{\tau,r}(\epsilon_r(t)) \right] = i\tau \frac{\frac{d}{dt} \epsilon_r(t)}{\epsilon_r(t)} \psi_{\tau,r}(\epsilon_r(t)), \quad \forall t \ge 1.$$
 (3)

which is a linear differential equation. By Lemma 3 we have $\frac{d}{dt}\epsilon_r(t) < 0$ and $\epsilon_r(t) \in (0,1)$ for every t > 1. Integrate the Equation (3), for every t > t' > 1 we have

$$\psi_{\tau,r}(\epsilon_r(t)) = \left(\frac{\epsilon_r(t)}{\epsilon_r(t')}\right)^{i\tau} \psi_{\tau,r}(\epsilon_r(t')). \tag{4}$$

Since $f_r(u) = t^{-\frac{1}{2}}(t^r - t^{-r})$ for every $t \in (0,1)$ by Lemma 2, we have

$$\psi_{\tau,r}(u) = \frac{u^{\frac{1}{2}+r}}{-i\tau + \frac{1}{2}+r} - \frac{u^{\frac{1}{2}-r}}{-i\tau + \frac{1}{2}-r}, \quad \forall u \in (0,1).$$
 (5)

Then $|\psi_{\tau,r}(\epsilon_r(t))| \neq 0$ for every $t \geq 1$. By Equation (4), there exists $t_* \in (0,1)$ such that

$$\Im\Big(\psi_{\tau,r}(\epsilon_r(t_*))\Big) = 0$$

Contradiction with Equation (5). We deduce that $\phi(\tau, r) \neq 0$ for every $r \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $\tau \in \mathbb{R}^*$.

2 Discussion about the Riemann hypothesis

Consider the representation of the Riemann Zeta function ζ defined by Equation (1). Define the *non trivial zeros* of the function ζ in the following sense

Definition 4. Let be $s \in \mathbb{C}$. We say that s is a non trivial zero of the function ζ if

$$\zeta(s) = 0$$
 and $\Re(s) \in (0,1)$, $\Im(s) \in \mathbb{R}^*$.

By the Riemann functional equation [[1], page 13 Theorem 2.1], the non trivial zeros of the function ζ are symmetric about the line $\Re(z)=\frac{1}{2}$. By the Main result, the non trivial zeros $s\in\mathbb{C}$ symmetric about the line $\Re(z)=\frac{1}{2}$ satisfies $\Re(s)=\frac{1}{2}$.

Theorem 5 (Riemann hypothesis). Let $s \in \mathbb{C}$ be a non-trivial zero of the function ζ . Then $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$.

Proof. By contradiction, suppose that there exists a non-trivial zero $s_* \in \mathbb{C}$ of the function ζ such that $\Re(s_*) \neq \frac{1}{2}$. Then

$$\frac{\zeta(s_*)}{s_*} = 0.$$

The Main result implies

$$\frac{\zeta(1-s_*)}{1-s_*} \neq 0. {(6)}$$

But the Riemann functional equation implies that the non-trivial zero of the function ζ are symmetric about the line $\Re(z) = \frac{1}{2}$. In other words,

$$\zeta(1-s_*)=0.$$

We obtain a contradiction with the Equation (6). We deduce that $\Re(s_*) = \frac{1}{2}$.

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