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Abstract

We prove that $|\frac{\zeta(\bar{s})}{\bar{s}} - \frac{\zeta(1-s)}{1-s}| \neq 0$ for every $\Re(s) \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $|\Im(s)| > \frac{1}{4}$, 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

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

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*

$$\left| \frac{\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + r + i\tau)}{\frac{1}{2} + r + i\tau} - \frac{\zeta(\frac{1}{2} - r + i\tau)}{\frac{1}{2} - r + i\tau} \right| \neq 0, \quad \forall r \in (0, \frac{1}{2}), \quad \forall |\tau| > \frac{1}{4}.$$

Notation 1. In order to simplify the notation, for every $r \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $\tau \in \mathbb{R}^*$ denote

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

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

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

Lemma 2. Let be $g : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ be a positive, increasing and convergent function. Let be $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and denote

$$\omega := -\arctan\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right).$$

Suppose that

$$\beta < 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha < 0.$$

Then,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^{2n\pi+\omega} (\beta \sin(u) - \alpha \cos(u)) g(u) du \neq 0.$$

Proof. In order to simplify the notation, denote

$$h(t) := \int_0^{\frac{2n\pi}{\tau} + \omega} (\beta \sin(u) - \alpha \cos(u)) \left[\int_0^{\exp(u)} f_r(v) dv \right] du, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Let be $(s_n)_{n \neq 0}$ be the zeros of the function h . We suppose the order

$$s_0 \leq s_1 \leq \dots, s_2 \leq \dots$$

By hypothesis of the present Lemma the function g is positive and increasing. Since

$$\beta < 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha < 0$$

By symmetry of the function

$$u \mapsto \beta \sin(u) - \alpha \cos(u),$$

the second zero s_1 of h satisfies $-\omega + 2\pi < s_1 < -\omega + 2\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}$. Since g is increasing then

$$0 \leq s_{n+4} - s_{n+2} < s_{n+2} - s_n, \quad \forall n \geq 0.$$

Then there exists $\gamma \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ such that

$$-\omega \leq s_n - 2\pi n < -\omega + \frac{\pi}{2} - \gamma, \quad \forall n \geq 0.$$

We deduce that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\frac{2n\pi}{\tau} + \omega - s_n \right) \neq 0.$$

□

Proof of the Main result. Let be $r \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $\tau \in \mathbb{R}^*$ fixed. By Equation (1) we have

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

which can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\tau, r) &= \int_0^1 (u^{-i\tau} - 1) f_r(u) du + \int_0^1 f_r(u) du \\ &\quad + \int_1^{+\infty} u^{-i\tau} f_r(u) du. \end{aligned}$$

Since $f_r(u) = u^{-\frac{1}{2}}(u^r - u^r)$ for every $u \in (0, 1)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 (u^{-i\tau} - 1) f_r(u) du &= i\tau \int_0^1 u^{-i\tau-1} \int_0^u f_r(v) dv du \\ &= i\tau \frac{1}{(-i\tau + \frac{1}{2} + r)(\frac{1}{2} + r)} - i\tau \frac{1}{(-i\tau + \frac{1}{2} - r)(\frac{1}{2} - r)} \\ &= \frac{\tau}{c_{\tau,r}} (\alpha_{\tau,r} + i\beta_{\tau,r}), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} c_{\tau,r} &:= \left(\tau^2 + (\frac{1}{2} + r)^2\right) \left(\tau^2 + (\frac{1}{2} - r)^2\right) \left(\frac{1}{4} - r^2\right) \quad (3) \\ \alpha_{\tau,r} &:= \tau \left(\tau^2 + (\frac{1}{2} - r)^2\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - r\right) - \tau \left(\tau^2 + (\frac{1}{2} + r)^2\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + r\right) \\ \beta_{\tau,r} &:= -2r \left(\tau^2 - (\frac{1}{4} - r^2)\right) \left(\frac{1}{4} - r^2\right). \\ \tau \left(2\tau^2 r + (\frac{1}{2} + r)^2\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + r\right) - \tau \left((\frac{1}{2} - r)^2\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - r\right) \end{aligned}$$

Since $r \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $|\tau| > \frac{1}{4}$ then

$$\beta_{\tau,r} < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_{\tau,r} < 0. \quad (4)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{\tau,r} \Re(\phi(\tau, r)) - \alpha_{\tau,r} \Im(\phi(\tau, r)) &= \beta_{\tau,r} \int_0^1 f_r(u) du \\ &\quad + \int_1^{+\infty} \left(\beta_{\tau,r} \cos(\tau \ln(u)) + \alpha_{\tau,r} \sin(\tau \ln(u))\right) f_r(u) du. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that,

$$\Im(\phi(\tau, r)) = 0, \quad (5)$$

The Main result is proved if we prove that $\Re(\phi(\tau, r)) \neq 0$. The hypothesis (5), implies

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{\tau,r} \Re(\phi(\tau, r)) &= \beta_{\tau,r} \int_0^1 f_r(u) du \\ &+ \int_1^{+\infty} \left(\beta_{\tau,r} \cos(\tau \ln(u)) + \alpha_{\tau,r} \sin(\tau \ln(u)) \right) f_r(u) du. \end{aligned}$$

Use the integration part formula and use the change of variable $u = \exp(v)$ we get,

$$\beta_{\tau,r} \Re(\phi(\tau, r)) = \tau \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} h_{\tau,r}(t_n), \quad (6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} t_n &:= -\frac{1}{\tau} \arctan \left(\frac{\beta_{\tau,r}}{\alpha_{\tau,r}} \right) + \frac{n\pi}{\tau}, \quad n \geq 0, \\ h_{\tau,r}(t) &:= \int_0^t \left(\beta_{\tau,r} \sin(\tau u) - \alpha_{\tau,r} \cos(\tau u) \right) \left[\int_0^{\exp(u)} f_r(v) dv \right] du, \quad t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

By definition of f_r the function

$$u \mapsto \int_0^{\exp(u)} f_r(v) dv, \quad u > 0,$$

is positive, increasing and converge. By Lemma 2,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} h_{\tau,r}(t_n) \neq 0.$$

Equation (6) implies

$$\beta_{\tau,r} \Re(\phi(\tau, r)) \neq 0.$$

□

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

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

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 $s \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $|\Im(s)| > \frac{1}{4}$ and symmetric about the line $\Re(z) = \frac{1}{2}$ satisfies $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$.

Theorem 4 (Partial Riemann hypothesis). *Let $s \in \mathbb{C}$ be a non-trivial zero of the function ζ such that $|\Im(s)| > \frac{1}{4}$. 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 $|\Im(s)| > \frac{1}{4}$ and such that $\Re(s_*) \neq \frac{1}{2}$. Then

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

The Main result implies

$$\frac{\zeta(1 - s_*)}{1 - s_*} \neq 0. \tag{7}$$

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 (7). We deduce that $\Re(s_*) = \frac{1}{2}$. \square

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