

Off-line zeros of the Riemann zeta-function
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Note the algebraic identity

$$\sum_{n \leq N} a(n)A(n) = \frac{1}{2} A^2(N) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \leq N} a^2(n), \text{ where } A(N) = \sum_{n \leq N} a(n).$$

With the choice $a(n) = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^s}$, we thus have

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^s} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{r^s} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^s} \right\}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n^{2s}} \dots \dots \dots (1).$$

Point-wise, for $\sigma > 0$,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^s} \right\}^2 = \left\{ 1 - \frac{2}{2^s} \right\}^2 \zeta^2(s),$$

Also, for $\sigma > 1/2$,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n^{2s}} = \zeta(2s).$$

Thus, for $\sigma > 1/2$,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^s} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{r^s} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{2}{2^s} \right\}^2 \zeta^2(s) + \frac{1}{2} \zeta(2s).$$

Using the well-known theorem on Dirichlet series half planes of convergence, since for $\sigma > 0$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^s} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{r^s} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{2}{2^s} \right\}^2 \zeta^2(s) + \frac{1}{2} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n^{2s}},$$

we have

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^s} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{r^s} \text{ does not exist at any point in } 0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2} \dots \dots (1).$$

On the other if ζ had a zero in $\sigma > 1/2$, $s = 1 - \Delta + it_\Delta$ say, we may raise the possibility that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^{\Delta + it_\Delta}} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{r^{\Delta + it_\Delta}} = \frac{1}{2} \zeta(2\Delta + it_\Delta), \text{ which would contradict (1).}$$

The assumption of a zero provides possible conditions for convergence in that the inner sum tends to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

We may express this as

Conjecture:

If $0 < \Delta < 1/2$ and $\zeta(\Delta + it_\Delta) = 0$ then

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^{\Delta + it_\Delta}} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{r^{\Delta + it_\Delta}} = \frac{1}{2} \zeta(2\Delta + it_\Delta).$$

Corollary to conjecture:

RH.

Notes

If we consider any one of the uncountable number of Dirichlet series of the form

$$L_\delta(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\delta(n)}{n^s}, \text{ where } \delta(n) \in \{-1, 1\} \text{ we have}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\delta(n)}{n^s} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{\delta(r)}{r^s} - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\delta(n)}{n^s} \right\}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{2s}} \quad (\sigma > 1)$$

which shows up ζ as the common 'residue' of an uncountable number of processes.

The prime decomposition of all the analytic numbers in order is also an uncountable feat for arithmetic.