

The Riemann Zeta Function is initially defined for $\text{Re } s > 1$ via

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s} \quad (\text{Dirichlet series})$$

or

$$\zeta(s) = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} \quad (\text{Euler product}).$$

The equivalence of these definitions is an expression of unique factorization.

Last quarter we use the Euler summation technique to see that $\zeta(s)$ extends to a meromorphic function on the larger region $\text{Re } s > 0$. First

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(s) &= \int_{1/2}^{\infty} x^{-s} dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{n-1/2}^{n+1/2} (x^{-s} - n^{-s}) dx \\ &= \frac{2^{s-1}}{s-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{n-1/2}^{n+1/2} (x^{-s} - n^{-s}) dx \end{aligned}$$

at least for $\text{Re } s > 1$. But the first summand clearly extends as a meromorphic function to all of \mathbb{C} . Regarding the second summand, we note that for any smooth function f ,

$$\int_{n-1/2}^{n+1/2} f(x) dx = f(n) + \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \frac{(1-2|x|)^2}{8} f''(n+x) dx$$

So

$$\left| \int_{n-1/2}^{n+1/2} x^{-s} ds - n^{-s} \right| \leq |s(s+1)| \cdot n^{-\operatorname{Re}(s)-2}$$

which is summable whenever $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$.

Thus

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + f(s)$$

with f holomorphic in the region $\operatorname{Re} s > 0$. In fact, by the functional equation (cf. HW4 last quarter) f is entire.

Corollary (Euler)

$$\sum_{p \text{ prime}} \frac{1}{p} = \infty$$

Pf

The product $\prod \left(\frac{1}{1-p^{-s}} \right)$ diverges as $s \downarrow 1$.

Taking a logarithmic derivative of the Euler product, we find

$$-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{s \cdot \zeta(s)} = \frac{1}{s} \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda(n) \cdot n^{-s}$$

where Λ is the von Mangoldt function

$$\Lambda(n) = \begin{cases} \log(p) & \text{if } n = p^k, p \text{ prime, } k \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Continuing, we find

$$\begin{aligned}
-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{s \cdot \zeta(s)} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_n^{\infty} \Lambda(n) x^{-s-1} dx \\
&= \int_1^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) \right] x^{-s} dx \\
&= \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\psi(x)}{x} \cdot x^{-s} dx
\end{aligned}$$

where $\psi(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n)$. Analogously, one may write $\theta(x) := \sum_{p \leq x} \log(p)$. On the homework, you show

(a) PNT $\iff \frac{\theta(x)}{x} \rightarrow 1$

(b) $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\theta(x)}{x} \cdot x^{-s} dx = -\frac{\zeta'(s)}{s \cdot \zeta(s)} - \frac{F(s)}{s}$

with $F(s)$ holomorphic for $\text{Re } s > \frac{1}{2}$.

The operation

$$f(x) \longmapsto \int_1^{\infty} f(x) \cdot x^{-s} dx =: F(s)$$

is known as a Mellin transform and can be inverted in much the same fashion as a Dirichlet series:

If f is cts at y then (formally at least)

$$f(y) y^{-\sigma} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-T}^T F(\sigma + it) y^{it} dt$$

Just as the singularities nearest the origin dictate the asymptotic behavior of a Taylor series, so the singularities on the right-most vertical line dictate the asymptotic behavior of a Dirichlet series or Mellin transform.

To understand the behavior of $\frac{\theta(x)}{x}$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$, we must understand the right-most singularities of

$$-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{s \zeta(s)}$$

We know from the Euler product that $\zeta(s)$ is holomorphic and non-vanishing for $\operatorname{Re} s > 1$.

We also know that $\zeta(s) \sim \frac{1}{s-1}$ as $s \rightarrow 1$

In fact this is the only singularity on the line $\text{Re } s = 1$:

Theorem (Hadamard/de la Vallée Poussin)

$$\zeta(1+it) \neq 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Pf (following de la Vallée Poussin).

First note that

$$\cos(2\varphi) + 4\cos(\varphi) + 3 = 2(1 + \cos\varphi)^2 \geq 0$$

for every $\varphi \in \mathbb{R}$.

From the Euler product, we find that $\forall \sigma > 1$ & $t \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\log | \zeta(\sigma)^3 \cdot \zeta(\sigma+it)^4 \cdot \zeta(\sigma+2it) |$$

$$= \sum_{p \text{ prime}} -3\log(1-p^{-\sigma}) - 4\log|1-p^{-\sigma-it}| - \log|1-p^{-\sigma-2it}|$$

$$= \sum_p \sum_m \frac{1}{m} p^{-m\sigma} [3 + 4\cos(\log(t)) + \cos(2\log(t))]$$

$$\geq 0.$$

[If $r < 1$, $-\log|1-re^{i\theta}| = \text{Re} -\log[1-re^{i\theta}] = \text{Re} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{r^m e^{im\theta}}{m} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{r^m}{m} \cos(m\theta)$

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Thus, for $\sigma > 1$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\left| \zeta(\sigma)^3 \zeta(\sigma+it)^4 \zeta(\sigma+2it) \right| \geq 1. \quad (*)$$

Now imagine for a moment that $\zeta(1+it) = 0$ then

$$|\zeta(\sigma+it)|^4 \leq (\sigma-1)^4 \quad \text{as } \sigma \downarrow 1$$

while

$$|\zeta(\sigma)|^3 \leq \frac{1}{(\sigma-1)^3} \quad \& \quad |\zeta(\sigma+2it)| \leq 1$$

But this contradicts (*) as $\sigma \downarrow 1$. ◻

To finish the proof that $\frac{\theta(x)}{x} \rightarrow 1$, we need

two Tauberian arguments:

Newman's Tauberian (=unsmudging) Theorem

Suppose $\varphi: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is $O(x)$ and let

$$\Phi(s) := \int_1^\infty \varphi(x) \frac{dx}{x^{s+1}}$$

which is (absolutely convergent and so) holomorphic for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$.

If $\Phi(s)$ admits a holomorphic extension to an open nbd of $\operatorname{Re}(s) \geq 1$, then

$$\lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^X \varphi(x) \frac{dx}{x^2} = \Phi(1).$$

Remarks 1. We'd like to set $\varphi(x) = \Theta(x)$, but we know that

$$\int_1^\infty \Theta(x) \frac{dx}{x^{s+1}} = -\frac{z'(s)}{s z(s)} - \frac{F(s)}{s} \quad \text{has a pole at } s=1 \quad (\text{there would$$

be others on $\operatorname{Re}(s)=1$ if $z(s)=0$ there). The pole at

$s=1$ is easily removed by working with $\varphi(x) = \Theta(x) - x$

$$\text{for } \int_1^\infty x \frac{dx}{x^{s+1}} = \frac{1}{s-1}.$$

2. If we set $\varphi(x) = x \cdot \sin(\log(x))$ then

$$\Phi(s) = \int_0^\infty \sin(u) e^{-(s-1)u} du = \dots = \frac{1}{(s-1)^2 + 1} \quad (\text{poles at } s=1 \pm i)$$

while $\int_1^X \varphi(x) \frac{dx}{x^2} = \int_0^{\log(X)} \sin(u) du$ which does not converge.

Pf of Newman's Tauberian Theorem

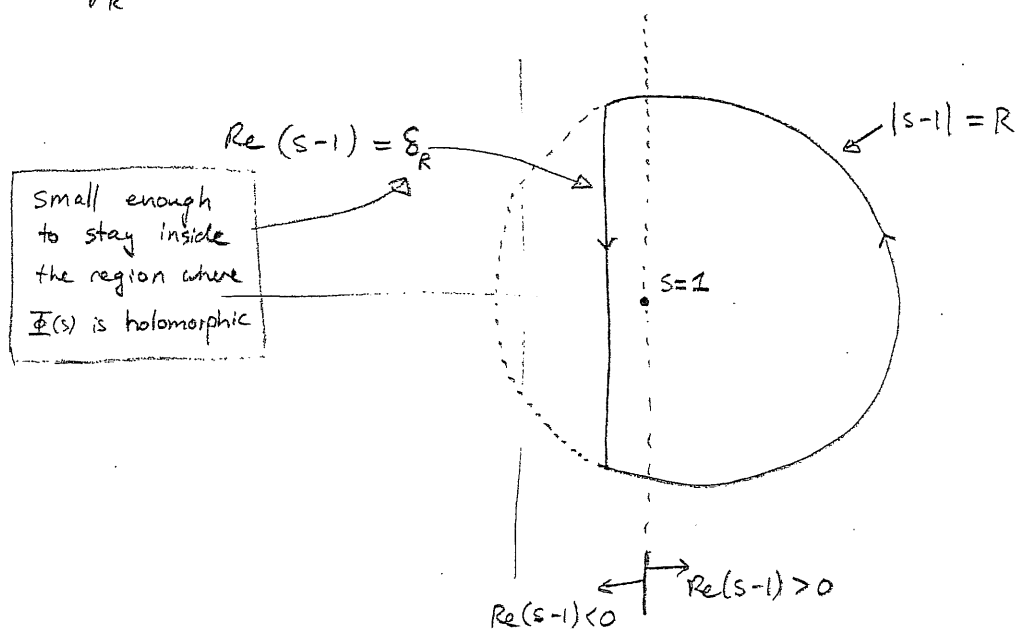
Let $\bar{\Phi}_X(s) = \int_1^X \varphi(x) \frac{dx}{x^{s+1}}$ which is an entire f.z. of s .

We wish to show that $\bar{\Phi}_X(1) \xrightarrow{X \rightarrow \infty} \bar{\Phi}(1)$.

Well, for any $R > 0$,

$$\bar{\Phi}(1) - \bar{\Phi}_X(1) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_R} [\bar{\Phi}(s) - \bar{\Phi}_X(s)] \underbrace{X^{s-1} \left(1 + \frac{(s-1)^2}{R^2}\right)}_{\text{Two "fudge factors"}} \frac{ds}{s-1}$$

where γ_R is the contour



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } s-1 = Re^{i\theta} &\Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{s-1} \left(1 + \frac{(s-1)^2}{R^2}\right) \right| = \frac{1}{R} |e^{-i\theta} + e^{i\theta}| \\ &= \frac{2|\cos\theta|}{R} \lesssim \frac{|\operatorname{Re}(s-1)|}{R^2} \end{aligned}$$

Without the "fudge factor" $\left(1 + \frac{(s-1)^2}{R^2}\right)$ we would merely get $O\left(\frac{1}{R}\right)$ here which is too big to control the part of the contour where $\operatorname{Re}(s)$ is close to 1.

Let $\gamma_R^+ = \gamma_R \cap \{\operatorname{Re}(s-1) > 0\}$. On this part of the contour,

we use

$$\begin{aligned} |X^{s-1}(\underline{\Phi}(s) - \underline{\Phi}_X(s))| &\leq X^{\operatorname{Re}(s-1)} \int_X^\infty \left| \frac{\varphi(x)}{x} \right| \frac{dx}{x^{\operatorname{Re}(s)}} \\ &\lesssim \frac{1}{\operatorname{Re}(s-1)} \quad \text{since } \left| \frac{\varphi(x)}{x} \right| \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$|\text{contribution of } \gamma_R^+| \lesssim \int_{\gamma_R^+} \frac{1}{|\operatorname{Re}(s-1)|} \cdot \frac{|\operatorname{Re}(s-1)|}{R^2} \frac{|ds|}{2\pi} \lesssim \frac{1}{R}$$

Next consider $\gamma_R^- = \gamma_R \cap \{\operatorname{Re}(s-1) < 0\}$, for which we treat $\underline{\Phi}(s)$ and $\underline{\Phi}_X(s)$ separately. In the former case, we note that

$$\left| \underline{\Phi}(s) \cdot \left(1 + \frac{(s-1)^2}{R^2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{s-1} \right| \lesssim C(R) \quad (\text{independent of } X)$$

Note that C depends on R via δ_R and also the size of $\underline{\Phi}$ on γ_R^-

Nevertheless since $|X^{s-1}| = X^{\operatorname{Re}(s-1)} \xrightarrow{X \rightarrow \infty} 0$ pointwise on γ_R^- we

deduce

$$\lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} \left| \int_{\gamma_R^-} \underline{\Phi}(s) X^{s-1} \left(1 + \frac{(s-1)^2}{R^2}\right) \frac{ds}{2\pi i (s-1)} \right| = 0.$$

This leaves $\underline{\Phi}_X(s)$ for which we deform the contour to

$\tilde{\gamma}_R^- = \{|s-1|=R, \operatorname{Re}(s-1) < 0\}$ and use

$$\left| X^{s-1} \int_1^X \frac{\varphi(x)}{x} \frac{dx}{x^s} \right| \lesssim X^{\operatorname{Re}(s-1)} \int_1^X \frac{dx}{x^{\operatorname{Re}(s)}} \lesssim \frac{1}{\operatorname{Re}(s-1)}$$

to deduce that

$$\left| \text{contribution of } \tilde{\Phi}_X(s) \text{ on } \tilde{\gamma}_R^- \right| \leq \int_{\tilde{\gamma}_R^-} \frac{1}{|\operatorname{Re}(s-1)|} \cdot \frac{|\operatorname{Re}(s-1)|}{R^2} |ds| \leq \frac{1}{R}$$

much as in the case of γ_R^+ .

Putting the pieces together we obtain

$$\limsup_{X \rightarrow \infty} \left| \Phi(1) - \Phi_X(1) \right| \leq R^{-1}$$

as R can be made arbitrarily large, we deduce the Thm \square

From Newman's Tauberian Theorem, we see that

$$(**) \quad \int_1^X \frac{\Theta(x) - x}{x^2} dx \rightarrow c \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{as } X \rightarrow \infty.$$

as $X \rightarrow \infty$. One could even find c , but that's not important.

We will need a second Tauberian argument to

deduce that $\frac{\Theta(x)}{x} \rightarrow 1$. The key observation is that

$\frac{\Theta(x)}{x}$ changes slowly....

Case 1 Suppose (toward a contradiction) that $\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Theta(x)}{x} > 1$.

Then $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ and $x_n \rightarrow \infty$ so that

$$\frac{\Theta(x_n)}{x_n} \geq 1 + \varepsilon$$

But then, since $\Theta(x) = \sum_{p \leq x} \log(p)$ is nondecreasing,

we see that $\Theta(x) \geq (1 + \varepsilon)x_n$ for any $x \geq x_n$. Thus

$$\int_{x_n}^{(1+\varepsilon)x_n} \frac{\Theta(x) - x}{x^2} dx \geq \int_{x_n}^{(1+\varepsilon)x_n} \frac{(1+\varepsilon)x_n - x}{x^2} dx$$

$$\geq \varepsilon - \log(1 + \varepsilon) > 0$$

← log is strictly concave

uniformly in n . This is inconsistent with the

existence of the limit in (**).

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Case 2 If $\liminf_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Theta(x)}{x} < 1$, then $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ and a sequence $x_n \rightarrow \infty$ so that $\Theta(x_n) \leq (1-\varepsilon)x_n$. Using monotonicity of Θ once again, we deduce that

$$\int_{(1-\varepsilon)x_n}^{x_n} \frac{\Theta(x) - x}{x^2} dx \leq \int_{(1-\varepsilon)x_n}^{x_n} \frac{(1-\varepsilon)x_n - x}{x^2} dx$$
$$\leq \varepsilon - \log\left(\frac{1}{1-\varepsilon}\right) < 0$$

which is again inconsistent with (**).