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# Demonstration of Riemann Hypothesis

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## **Abstract**

We define an infinite summation which is proportional to the reverse of Riemann Zeta function  $\zeta(s)$ . Then we demonstrate that such function can have singularities only for  $Re s = 1/n$  with  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus 0$ . Finally, using the functional equation, we reduce these possibilities to the only  $Re s = 1/2$ .

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# 1 Target

Riemann hypothesis, proposed by Bernhard Riemann in the 1859, is a conjecture that regards an apparently simple function of complex variable  $s$ . Such function, called *Riemann Zeta Function*, is defined for  $Re\ s > 1$  via the following summation

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

For every integer  $n$ , an unique decomposition as product of (powers of) prime numbers exists. In this way

$$\zeta(s) = \prod_{p=2}^{+\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} p^{-sj} = \prod_{p=2}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}}$$

where we have used the summation rule for the geometric series

$$\sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} w^j = \frac{1}{1 - w}$$

for  $|w| < 1$ . *Riemann Zeta function* can't have zeros in the convergence area, because no term in the product can be equal to zero. Nevertheless an holomorphic extension of  $\zeta(s)$  can be defined over the entire complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ , with the exception of  $s = 1$ . Such extension has infinite zeros corresponding to all negative even integers; that is,  $\zeta(s) = 0$  when  $s$  is one of  $-2, -4, -6, \dots$ . These are the so-called “trivial zeros”.

Again for the holomorphic extension, for  $s \neq 1$  we can prove the functional equation<sup>2</sup>

$$\zeta(s) = 2^s \pi^{s-1} \sin\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right) \Gamma(1-s) \zeta(1-s)$$

Leaving out the zeros of  $\sin\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)$  which aren't poles of  $\Gamma(1-s)$ , i.e. for  $s = -2n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , any other zero  $s_0$  must have a “mate” zero  $s'_0 = 1 - s_0$ . Because there are no zeros for  $Re\ s > 1$ , functional equation implies that there are no zeros also for  $Re\ s < 0$  (except for  $s = -2n$ ). Other works have excluded also the presence of zeros for  $Re\ s = 0$  and  $Re\ s = 1$ . As consequence, all the non trivial zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  stay in the “critical strip”  $0 < Re\ s < 1$ .

Riemann hypothesis conjectures that all the non-trivial zeros have real part equal

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<sup>2</sup>The first proof was given by Bernhard Riemann in the 10-page paper *Ueber die Anzahl der Primzahlen unter einer gegebenen Grösse* (usual English translation: *On the Number of Primes Less Than a Given Magnitude*) published in the November 1859 edition by Monatsberichte der Königlich Preussischen Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin.

to  $\frac{1}{2}$ . This is what we aim to demonstrate in the following.

## 2 Strategy

We start from the definition of  $\zeta(s)$  as an infinite product of terms, one term for every prime number  $p$ , running from 2 to  $+\infty$ :

$$\zeta(s) = \prod_{p=2}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} \quad (1)$$

The product converges for  $\text{Re } s > 1$ . From here we fix  $s = x + iy$  with  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . So the convergence condition is  $x > 1$ . Out of convergence area,  $\zeta(s)$  is defined via holomorphic extension.

The derivative of a single term in the product (1) gives

$$\frac{d}{ds} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} = -\frac{1}{(1 - p^{-s})^2} (\log p p^{-s}) = -\frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} \cdot \frac{\log p}{p^s - 1}$$

Hence the derivative  $\zeta'(s)$  of  $\zeta(s)$  results

$$\zeta'(s) = \frac{d}{ds} \zeta(s) = -\prod_{p=2}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} \cdot \sum_{p'=2}^{+\infty} \frac{\log p'}{p'^s - 1}$$

and then

$$\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = -\sum_{p=2}^{+\infty} \frac{\log p}{p^s - 1} \quad (2)$$

For briefness we set  $C(s) = \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)}$ . The sum (2) converges for  $x > 1$ . Otherwise we define  $C(s)$  as the holomorphic extension of (2), recognizing it by the label “*H.e.*”:

$$C(s) = -H.e. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log p_n}{p_n^s - 1}$$

The uniqueness of the holomorphic extension ensures that  $C(s) = \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)}$  also for  $x \leq 1$ . At this point we rely upon the following evidence:

**Any singularity of  $C(s)$  corresponds to a zero of  $\zeta(s)$  and/or to a singularity of  $\zeta'(s)$ .**

We can exclude that a zero of  $\zeta'(s)$  hides a zero of  $\zeta(s)$ : in fact, for any holomorphic function  $f(s)$ , if a point  $s_0$  exists which is a zero both for  $f(s)$  and  $f'(s)$ , we have surely

$$\frac{f(s_0)}{f'(s_0)} = \lim_{s \rightarrow s_0} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(s-s_0)^k}{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k f_k(s-s_0)^{k-1}} = \lim_{s \rightarrow s_0} \frac{f_{\hat{k}}(s-s_0)^{\hat{k}}}{\hat{k} f_{\hat{k}}(s-s_0)^{\hat{k}-1}} = \lim_{s \rightarrow s_0} \frac{s-s_0}{\hat{k}} = 0$$

where  $\hat{k}$  is the minor  $k$  for which a Taylor coefficient  $f_k$  is  $\neq 0$ . Hence the zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  are singularities for  $C(s)$  also when they are zeros of both  $\zeta(s)$  and  $\zeta'(s)$ .

For this reason we'll proceed with finding an ensemble of points which includes all the singularities of  $C(s)$  and so, among them, all the zeros of  $\zeta(s)$ .

### 3 Application of the Euler-MacLaurin formula

We move from prime to integer numbers:

$$C(s) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log p_n}{p_n^s - 1} \quad (3)$$

where  $p_n$  is the  $n$ -th prime number. For  $s \neq 0$ , no partial sum

$$C_1^M(s) = - \sum_{n=1}^M \frac{\log p_n}{p_n^s - 1}$$

with  $M < +\infty$  has singularities. Hence, any function

$$C_M(s) = - \sum_{n=M}^{+\infty} \frac{\log p_n}{p_n^s - 1}$$

has the same singularities of  $C(s)$  for  $s \neq 0$ . This permit us to work with  $C_M(s)$  in place of  $C(s)$ , in such a way to exploit the freedom in choosing  $M$ . Consider now the Euler-MacLaurin theorem at leading order:

$$\left| \sum_{l=M}^N f(l, s) - \int_M^N f(w, s) dw \right| \leq F^N(s) \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

$$F^N(s) = \int_M^N dw \left| \frac{d}{dw} f(w, s) \right|$$

for some  $f(w, a)$  analytic in  $w \in \mathbb{R}$  and holomorphic in  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  except at most for isolated points, provided that in such points we have  $w \notin \mathbb{N}$ .

Consider now  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} F^N(s) \stackrel{!}{=} F(s)$ . If  $F(s)$  exists (is finite) in a open set  $x > A$  (with  $A$  some real number) except at most for isolated points, then the *Dominated Convergence Theorem* ensures (for  $x > A$ ) that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left| \sum_{l=M}^N f(l, s) - \int_M^N f(w, s) dw \right| \leq F(s) \quad (4)$$

Now it is possible that the sum and the integral in the left side converge only for  $x > B$  with  $B > A$ . For  $A < x \leq B$  we can separate the holomorphic extension of the summation (*H.e.*) from its divergent piece (*D.p.*):

$$\sum_{l=M}^{\infty} f(l, s) = H.e. \sum_{l=M}^{\infty} f(l, s) + D.p. \sum_{l=M}^{\infty} f(l, s)$$

We can do the same for the integral:

$$\int_M^{\infty} f(w, s) dw = H.e. \int_M^{\infty} f(w, s) dw + D.p. \int_M^{\infty} f(w, s) dw$$

Inserting them in (4) we obtain:

$$\left| H.e. \sum_{l=M}^{\infty} f(l, s) + D.p. \sum_{l=M}^{\infty} f(l, s) - H.e. \int_M^{\infty} f(w, s) dw - D.p. \int_M^{\infty} f(w, s) dw \right| \leq F(s)$$

Being  $F(s)$  finite (except for isolated points), it has to be true

$$D.p. \sum_{l=M}^{\infty} f(l, s) = D.p. \int_M^{\infty} f(w, s) dw$$

and so

$$\left| H.e. \sum_{l=M}^{\infty} f(l, s) - H.e. \int_M^{\infty} f(w, s) dw \right| \leq F(s)$$

for  $A < x \leq B$ . Hence we can apply the Euler-Maclaurin formula not only for a comparison between sum and integral, but also between their holomorphic extensions, at least until  $F(s)$  is finite. Our case is

$$\left| \sum_{n=M}^{\infty} \frac{\log p_n}{p_n^s - 1} - \int_M^{\infty} dt \frac{\log p(t)}{p(t)^s - 1} \right| \leq F(s)$$

Here  $p(t)$  is any analytic function which posses analytic inverse  $t(p)$  and satisfies  $p(n) =$

$p_n$ . Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum - \int \right| &\leq \int_M^\infty dt \left| \frac{d \log p(t)}{dt p(t)^s - 1} \right| \\ &\leq \int_M^\infty dt \left| \frac{dp(t)}{dt} \left[ \frac{1}{p(t)(p(t)^s - 1)} - \frac{sp(t)^{s-1} \log p(t)}{(p(t)^s - 1)^2} \right] \right| \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The right side converges for  $x > 0$  with the exceptions of isolated points.

The function  $t(p_n)$  returns the cardinality  $n$  of the prime number  $p_n$ . This is equivalent to return how many prime numbers exist that are less than or equal to  $p_n$ , i.e.  $t(p) = \pi(p)$ , where  $\pi(p)$  is the prime-counting function. A holomorphic definition was given by Riesel, Edwards and Derbyshire<sup>3</sup>:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(p) &= \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{2-iT}^{2+iT} \frac{p^s}{s} \log \zeta(s) ds \\ \pi'(p) &= \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{2-iT}^{2+iT} p^{s-1} \log \zeta(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

For  $p \rightarrow +\infty$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(p) &\sim \frac{p}{\log p} \\ \pi'(p) = \frac{d\pi(p)}{dp} &\sim \frac{1}{\log p} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\log p} \right) \sim \frac{1}{\log p} \end{aligned}$$

Before going any further, we prove that (the holomorphic extension of) the integral in  $|\sum - \int|$ ,

$$H.e. \int_{p_M}^{+\infty} dp \frac{dt(p)}{dp} \frac{\log p}{p^s - 1} = H.e. \int_{p_M}^{+\infty} dp \pi'(p) \frac{\log p}{p^s - 1}, \quad (6)$$

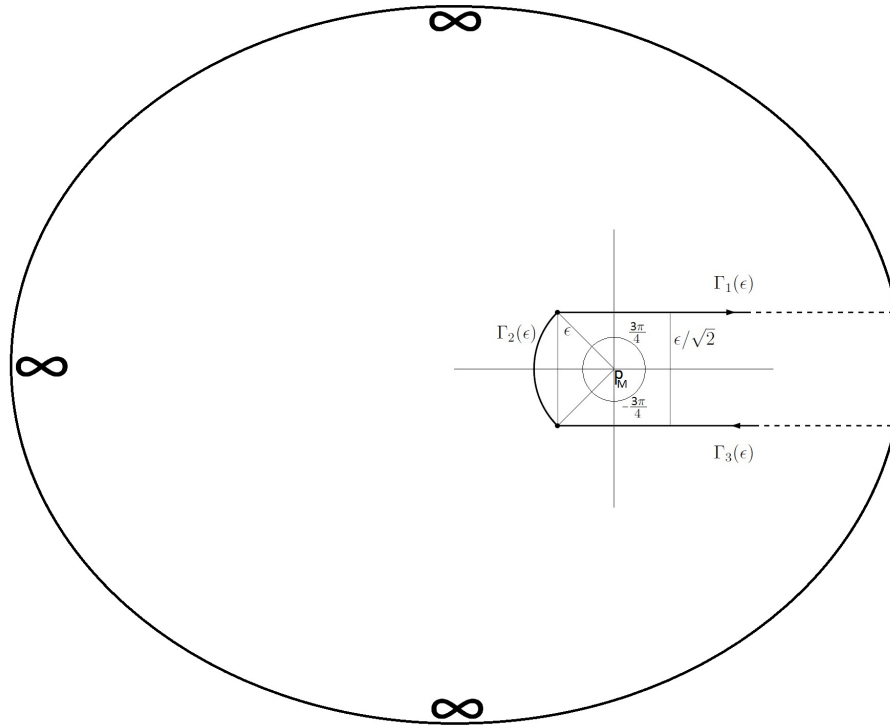
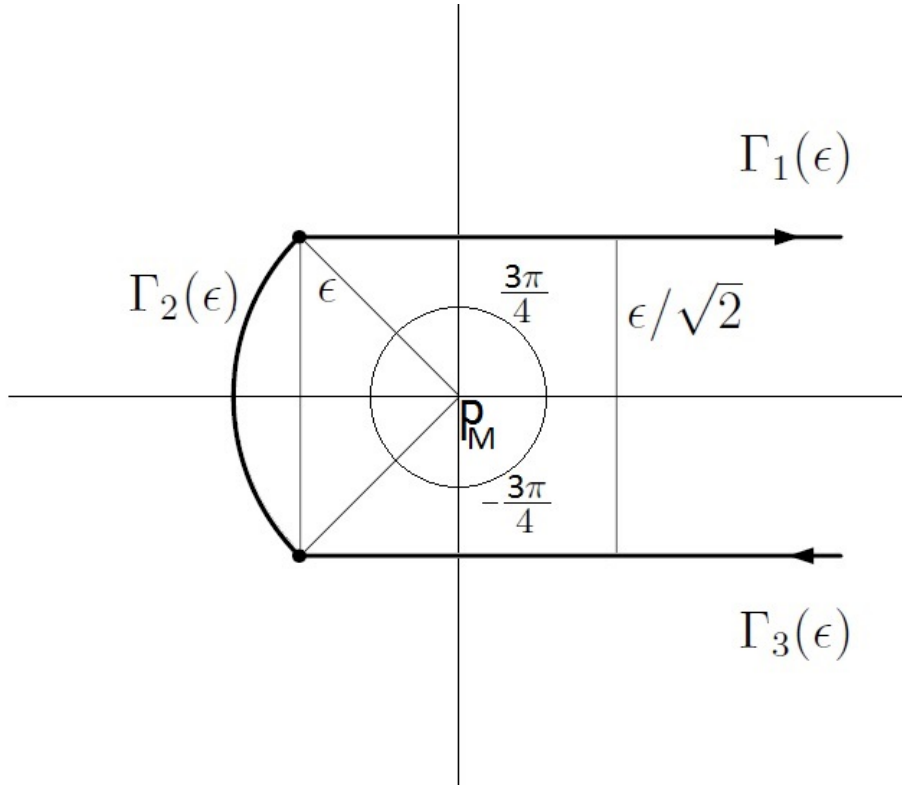
has no singularities. We introduce first a redefinition of the same integral which permits to calculate it also for  $x \leq 1$ . This is

$$\frac{1}{2i \sin(\pi s)} \int_{C_\varepsilon} dp \pi'(p) \frac{\log p (-p)^{-s}}{1 - p^{-s}}, \quad (7)$$

which is equivalent to (6) for  $x > 1$ , so giving the relative holomorphic extension. The Cauchy principle ensures that integral maintains the same value for every choice of  $\varepsilon$

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<sup>3</sup>Riesel, H. "The Riemann Prime Number Formula" *Prime Numbers and Computer Methods for Factorization*, 2nd ed. Boston, MA: Birkhuser, pp. 50-52, 1994; Edwards, H. M. *Riemann's Zeta Function*. New York: Dover, 2001; Derbyshire, J. *Prime Obsession: Bernhard Riemann and the Greatest Unsolved Problem in Mathematics*. New York: Penguin, 2004.



(until the path doesn't touch any pole of the integrated function); for demonstration we find useful to work in the limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ .

The contribute at  $\infty$  is null for  $x > 1$ . This is unique zone of interest to check the



equivalence between (6) and (7); so, at this aim, we can forget about it.

$$\lim_{|p| \rightarrow +\infty} \pi'(p) \frac{\log p (-p)^{-s}}{1 - p^{-s}} = 0 \quad \text{for } x > 1$$

Having said this, we proceed by calculating separately the contributes to the integral along  $\Gamma_1$ ,  $\Gamma_3$  and  $\Gamma_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma_1} [ \quad ] &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{p_M}^{+\infty} dt \pi'(t + i\varepsilon) \frac{\log(t + i\varepsilon) e^{-s \log(t + i\varepsilon) + i\pi s}}{1 - e^{-s \log(t + i\varepsilon)}} \\ &= e^{i\pi s} \int_{p_M}^{+\infty} dp \pi'(p) \frac{\log p p^{-s}}{1 - p^{-s}} \\ &= e^{i\pi s} \int_{p_M}^{+\infty} dp \pi'(p) \frac{\log p}{p^s - 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma_3} [ \quad ] &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{+\infty}^{p_M} dt \pi'(t - i\varepsilon) \frac{\log(t - i\varepsilon) e^{-s \log(t - i\varepsilon) - i\pi s}}{1 - e^{-s \log(t - i\varepsilon)}} \\ &= -e^{-i\pi s} \int_{p_M}^{+\infty} dp \pi'(p) \frac{\log p p^{-s}}{1 - p^{-s}} \\ &= -e^{-i\pi s} \int_{p_M}^{+\infty} dp \pi'(p) \frac{\log p}{p^s - 1} \end{aligned}$$

For the integral in  $\Gamma_2$ , we pose  $p = \varepsilon e^{i\theta} + p_M$ ,  $dp = i\varepsilon e^{i\theta} d\theta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma_2} [ \quad ] &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\frac{3\pi}{4}}^{\frac{3\pi}{4}} d\theta \frac{\pi'(\varepsilon e^{i\theta} + p_M) \log(\varepsilon e^{i\theta} + p_M) (\varepsilon e^{i\theta} + p_M)^{-s} e^{i\pi s} i\varepsilon e^{i\theta}}{1 - (\varepsilon e^{i\theta} + p_M)^{-s}} \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} i\varepsilon \int_{-\frac{3\pi}{4}}^{\frac{3\pi}{4}} d\theta \frac{\pi'(p_M) \log(p_M) (p_M)^{-s} e^{i\pi s} e^{i\theta}}{1 - (p_M)^{-s}} \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} i\varepsilon \frac{\pi'(p_M) \log(p_M) e^{i\pi s}}{p_M^s - 1} \int_{-\frac{3\pi}{4}}^{\frac{3\pi}{4}} d\theta e^{i\theta} \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon \frac{\pi'(p_M) \log(p_M) e^{i\pi s}}{p_M^s - 1} \left[ e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}} - e^{-i\frac{3\pi}{4}} \right] \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} i\varepsilon \frac{\sqrt{2} \pi'(p_M) \log(p_M) e^{i\pi s}}{p_M^s - 1} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

In the end:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2i \sin(\pi s)} \int_{C_\varepsilon} dp \pi'(p) \frac{\log p (-p)^{-s}}{1 - p^{-s}} &= \frac{1}{2i \sin(\pi s)} \left[ \int_{\Gamma_1} [ \quad ] + \int_{\Gamma_2} [ \quad ] + \int_{\Gamma_3} [ \quad ] \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2i \sin(\pi s)} (e^{i\pi s} - e^{-i\pi s}) \int_{p_M}^{+\infty} dp \pi'(p) \frac{\log p}{p^s - 1} \\
&= \frac{1}{2i \sin(\pi s)} 2i \sin(\pi s) \int_{p_M}^{+\infty} dp \pi'(p) \frac{\log p}{p^s - 1} \\
&= \int_{p_M}^{+\infty} dp \pi'(p) \frac{\log p}{p^s - 1}
\end{aligned}$$

**CVD.** At this stage we can doubtless affirm that (7) is the holomorphic extension of (6). Using the Cauchy's integral theorem, the integral in (7) can be transformed into a sum over the minimal circuitations around all the poles. These sit at  $p = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi ik}{s}\right)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . A single term is the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sin(\pi s) \oint^{(k)} [ \quad ] &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{i\varepsilon}{2i} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i\theta} d\theta \pi'(e^{\frac{2\pi ik}{s}} + \varepsilon e^{i\theta}) \frac{\log(e^{\frac{2\pi ik}{s}} + \varepsilon e^{i\theta})}{(e^{\frac{2\pi ik}{s}} + \varepsilon e^{i\theta})^s - 1} e^{i\pi s} = \\
&= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i\theta} d\theta \pi'(e^{\frac{2\pi ik}{s}} + \varepsilon e^{i\theta}) \frac{\log(1 + \varepsilon e^{i\theta - \frac{2\pi ik}{s}}) + \frac{2\pi k}{s}}{e^{\frac{2\pi ik}{s} s} (1 + \varepsilon e^{i\theta - \frac{2\pi ik}{s}})^s - 1} e^{i\pi s} = \\
&= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i\theta} d\theta \pi'(e^{\frac{2\pi ik}{s}} + \varepsilon e^{i\theta}) \frac{\log(1 + \varepsilon e^{i\theta - \frac{2\pi ik}{s}}) + \frac{2\pi k}{s}}{(1 + \varepsilon e^{i\theta - \frac{2\pi ik}{s}})^s - 1} e^{i\pi s} = \\
&= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i\theta} d\theta \pi'(e^{\frac{2\pi ik}{s}} + \varepsilon e^{i\theta}) \frac{\varepsilon e^{i\theta - \frac{2\pi ik}{s}} + \frac{2\pi k}{s}}{s \varepsilon e^{i\theta - \frac{2\pi ik}{s}}} e^{i\pi s} = \\
&= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i\theta} d\theta \pi'(e^{\frac{2\pi ik}{s}}) \frac{\frac{2\pi k}{s}}{s e^{i\theta - \frac{2\pi ik}{s}}} e^{i\pi s} = \\
&= \frac{\pi k}{s^2} \pi'(e^{\frac{2\pi ik}{s}}) e^{\frac{2\pi ik}{s} + i\pi s} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta = \\
&= \frac{2\pi^2 k}{s^2} \pi'(e^{\frac{2\pi ik}{s}}) e^{\frac{2\pi ik}{s} + i\pi s}
\end{aligned}$$

By summing over all the poles:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sin(\pi s) H.e. \int_{p_M}^{+\infty} dp \pi'(p) \frac{\log p}{p^s - 1} &= e^{i\pi s} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{2\pi^2 k}{s^2} \pi'(e^{\frac{2\pi i k}{s}}) e^{\frac{2\pi k i}{s}} \\
&= e^{i\pi s} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{2\pi^2 k}{s^2} \pi'(e^{\frac{2\pi i k}{s}}) e^{\frac{2\pi i k s^*}{|s|^2}} \\
&= \frac{\pi}{s^2} e^{i\pi s} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \log \zeta(2 + iw) dw \quad \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} k e^{\frac{2\pi i k(1+iw)s^*}{|s|^2}} e^{\frac{2\pi i k s^*}{|s|^2}} \\
&= \frac{\pi}{s^2} e^{i\pi s} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \log \zeta(2 + iw) dw \quad \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} k \left[ e^{\frac{2\pi i k(2+iw)s^*}{|s|^2}} - e^{-\frac{2\pi i k(2+iw)s^*}{|s|^2}} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Use now the summation rule

$$\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} k e^{ka} = \frac{d}{da} \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} e^{ka} = \frac{d}{da} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - e^a} - 1 \right] = \frac{e^a}{(1 - e^a)^2} = \frac{1}{(e^{-a/2} - e^{a/2})^2}$$

The last term in the right is the correct value of summation only for  $Re a < 0$ . Nevertheless, when we climb over the line  $Re a = 0$ , it gives the corresponding holomorphic extension. Hence we can use the rule without care of convergence criterium:

$$= \frac{\pi}{s^2} e^{i\pi s} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \log \zeta(2 + iw) dw \quad \frac{1}{\left( e^{\frac{\pi i(2+iw)s^*}{|s|^2}} - e^{-\frac{\pi i(2+iw)s^*}{|s|^2}} \right)^2}$$

For  $w \rightarrow +\infty$  the integrand goes like

$$\sim \frac{\pi}{s^2} e^{i\pi s} \log \zeta(2 + iw) e^{-\frac{2\pi w s^*}{|s|^2}}$$

and so the integral converges at  $+\infty$  (remember that  $Re s^* = x > 0$ ). Similarly, for  $w \rightarrow -\infty$  the integrand goes like

$$\sim \frac{\pi}{s^2} e^{i\pi s} \log \zeta(2 + iw) e^{\frac{2\pi w s^*}{|s|^2}}$$

and so the integral converges at  $-\infty$ . Being know that  $\zeta(2 + iw)$  has neither zeros nor poles for  $w \in \mathbb{R}$ , we can say that (the *Holomorphic Extension* of) the integral in  $|\sum - f|$  has no singularities for  $s \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ .

The inescapable conclusion is that all singularities of  $C(s)$  in the critical strip emerge from the difference between it and the corresponding integral, i.e. they are among the

isolated points where  $F(s) = +\infty$ .

## 4 Calculating the limiting function

Let recover the result (5):

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum - \int \right| &\leq \int_M^{+\infty} dt \left| \frac{dp(t)}{dt} \right| \left| \left[ \frac{1}{p(t)(p(t)^s - 1)} - \frac{sp(t)^{s-1} \log p(t)}{(p(t)^s - 1)^2} \right] \right| \\ &\leq \int_M^{+\infty} dt \frac{dp(t)}{dt} I_t \left| \left[ \quad \right] \right| - \int_M^{+\infty} dt \frac{dp(t)}{dt} [1 - I_t] \left| \left[ \quad \right] \right| \end{aligned}$$

where  $I_t = 1$  if  $\frac{dp(t)}{dt} \geq 0$  and  $I_t = 0$  otherwise. Use now  $dt \frac{dp(t)}{dt} = dp$  to achieve an advantageous change of variable:

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \int_{p_M}^{+\infty} dp I_{t(p)} \left| \left[ \quad \right] \right| - \int_{p_M}^{+\infty} dp [1 - I_{t(p)}] \left| \left[ \quad \right] \right| \\ &\leq \int_{p_M}^{+\infty} dp I_{t(p)} \left| \left[ \quad \right] \right| + \int_{p_M}^{+\infty} dp [1 - I_{t(p)}] \left| \left[ \quad \right] \right| \\ &\leq \int_{p_M}^{\infty} dp \left| \left[ \frac{1}{p(p^s - 1)} - \frac{sp^{s-1} \log p}{(p^s - 1)^2} \right] \right| \\ &\leq \int_{p_M}^{\infty} dp \left| \frac{p^s - 1 - sp^{s-1} \log p}{p(p^s - 1)^2} \right| \end{aligned}$$

Now consider the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} |p^s - 1|^2 &= (p^s - 1)(p^{s^*} - 1) = p^{s+s^*} - p^s - p^{s^*} + 1 \\ &= p^{2x} - 2p^x \cos(y \log p) + 1 \\ &\geq p^{2x} - 2p^x + 1 = (p^x - 1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

For  $x > 0$  we have also

$$\begin{aligned}
|p^s - 1 - sp^{s-1} \log p|^2 &= (p^s - 1 - sp^{s-1} \log p)(p^{s^*} - 1 - s^*p^{s^*-1} \log p) \\
&= p^{2x} - 2p^x \cos(y \log p) + 1 - \\
&\quad - 2xp^{2x-1} \log p + 2xp^{x-1} \log p \cos(y \log p) - \\
&\quad - 2yp^{x-1} \log p \sin(y \log p) + |s|^2 p^{2x-2} \log^2 p \\
&\leq p^{2x} + 2p^x + 1 + 2xp^{2x-1} \log p + 2xp^{x-1} \log p + \\
&\quad + 2|y|p^{x-1} \log p + (x^2 + y^2)p^{2x-2} \log^2 p \\
&\leq p^{2x} + 2p^x + 1 + 2xp^{2x-1} \log p + 2xp^{x-1} \log p + \\
&\quad + 2|y|p^{x-1} \log p + (x^2 + y^2)p^{2x-2} \log^2 p + \\
&\quad + 2x|y|p^{2x-2} \log^2 p + 2|y|p^{2x-1} \log p = \\
&\quad = (p^x + 1 + (x + |y|)p^{x-1} \log p)^2
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
|\sum - \int| &\leq \int_{p_M}^{\infty} dp \frac{p^x + 1 + (x + |y|)p^{x-1} \log p}{p(p^x - 1)^2} \\
&\leq \frac{2}{x(1-p^x)} - \frac{\log(1-p^{-x})}{x} - \frac{(x + |y|) \log p((p^x - 1)\Phi(p^x, 1, -\frac{1}{x}) + x)}{x^2 p(p^x - 1)} \Bigg|_{p_M}^{\infty}
\end{aligned}$$

$\Phi(w, a, b)$  is the *Lerch Transcendent*<sup>4</sup> which goes at  $+\infty$  in the first variable as  $w^{-1}$ ; in our case as  $p^{-x}$ . As consequence, the contribute at  $+\infty$  is null. Finally

$$|\sum - \int| \leq \frac{2}{x(p_M^x - 1)} + \frac{\log(1-p_M^{-x})}{x} + \frac{(x + |y|) \log p((p_M^x - 1)\Phi(p_M^x, 1, -\frac{1}{x}) + x)}{x^2 p_M(p_M^x - 1)}$$

The *Lerch Transcendent*  $\Phi(w, a, b)$  has singularities (if  $a \in \mathbb{N} \setminus 0$ ) only for  $b \in -\mathbb{N} \setminus 0$ . In our case,  $a = 1$  and so we have singularities for

$$x = \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{with} \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus 0$$

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<sup>4</sup> $\Phi(w, a, b)$  is usually defined as the holomorphic extension of  $\Phi(w, a, b) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(w)} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{t^{a-1} e^{-bt}}{1-we^{-t}} dt$  which works for  $\{Re b > 0 \wedge Re a > 0 \wedge |w| < 1\} \cup \{Re b > 0 \wedge Re a > 1 \wedge |w| = 1\}$ .

This means that the zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  in the strip  $0 < x < 1$  have to satisfy  $x = \frac{1}{n}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus 0$ . Moreover the functional equation

$$\zeta(s) = 2^s \pi^{s-1} \sin\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right) \Gamma(1-s) \zeta(1-s)$$

reveals that if  $s_0$  is a non-trivial zero, then  $1 - s_0$  is a zero too. Hence we search for two integers  $m, n$  such that

$$\frac{1}{m} = 1 - \frac{1}{n},$$

but the unique solution of this equation is  $m = n = 2$ . Consequently, all the non-trivial zeros of zeta must have real part equal to  $1/2$ . **CVD**