

# Lecture 18: Primes & zeta zeroes

## I. Derivative of $\zeta$ at 0

We begin with a sort of analogue of Lemma 1 of Lecture 17.

Lemma A: For  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > -1$ , we have an analytic continuation of  $\zeta(s, x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{1}{(n+x)^s}$  given by

$$(*) \quad \zeta(s, x) = \frac{x^{1-s}}{s-1} + \frac{x^{-s}}{2} - s \int_0^{\infty} \frac{P_1(t)}{(t+x)^{s+1}} dt.$$

Proof: For  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$ , we have (by Lecture 16, Lemma 1)

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(k+x)^s} = \int_0^n \frac{dt}{(t+x)^s} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{(n+x)^s} + \frac{1}{x^s} \right) - s \int_0^n \frac{P_1(t)}{(t+x)^{s+1}} dt.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have uniform convergence of everything

for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) \geq 1 + \epsilon$  (for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ), and this gives (\*)

for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$ . But  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{P_1(t)}{(t+x)^{s+1}} dt = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{P_2(t)}{(t+x)^{s+2}} dt$  (argue

as in Lecture 16 Lemma 2) is uniformly convergent for

$\operatorname{Re}(s) \geq -1 + \epsilon$  ( $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ) and so yields an analytic

function there, giving via (\*) the analytic

continuation of  $\zeta(s, x)$ . □

This allows us to perform a power-series expansion of  $S$  about 0:

Lemma B:  $\zeta(s, x) = -\frac{1}{2} - x - (\log D(x))s + O(s^2)$ ,

where  $D(x) := \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\Gamma(x)}$  and " $O(s^2)$ " means a function

$f$  with  $|f(s)| \leq C|s|^2$  (for some  $C > 0$ ) for  $|s|$  suff. small.

Proof: •  $x^{-s} = e^{-s \log x} = 1 - s \log x + O(s^2)$

$$\bullet \frac{x^{1-s}}{s-1} = x \cdot \frac{-1}{1-s} \cdot x^{-s} = -x(1-s \log x)(1+s) + O(s^2)$$

•  $-s \int_0^\infty \frac{P_1(t)}{(t+x)^{s+1}} dt$  is holomorphic at  $s=0$ , and  
at  $s=0$  the integral is equal to  $\int_0^\infty \frac{P_1(t)}{t+x} dt$

So putting everything together gives

$$\zeta(s, x) = -x(1-s \log x)(1+s) + \frac{1-s \log x}{2} - s \int_0^\infty \frac{P_1(t)}{t+x} dt + O(s^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - x + s \left\{ \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) \log x - x - \int_0^\infty \frac{P_1(t)}{t+x} dt \right\} + O(s^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stirling:} &= \log \Gamma(x) - \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi \\ &= -\log D(x) \end{aligned}$$



One nice application of this is the

**Theorem 2 (Lerch formula)**  $\log D(x) = -s \int_0^{\infty} \frac{P_1(t)}{(1+t)^{s+1}} dt$  (w.r.t. s)

Proof: Obvious from Lemma B. (Note the special case  $s'(0) = -\frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi$ .) □

For Riemann zeta, one also has a nice Laurent-series expansion at  $s=1$ :

**Proposition**  $\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + \gamma + O(s-1)$

Proof: In Lemma 1 of Lect. 17, we have (substituting  $\pi=1$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(s) &= \frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{1}{2} - s \int_0^{\infty} \frac{P_1(t)}{(1+t)^{s+1}} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{1}{2} - (s-1) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{P_1(t)}{(1+t)^{s+1}} dt - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{P_1(t)}{(1+t)^{s+1}} dt \\ & \quad \text{holo. at } s=1 \\ &= \frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{1}{2} - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{P_1(t)}{(1+t)^2} dt + O(s-1). \end{aligned}$$

Now by Lecture 16 (Lemma 1),

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1} = \int_0^n \frac{dt}{1+t} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{1+n} + \frac{1}{1} \right) - \int_0^n \frac{P_1(t)}{(1+t)^2} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1} - \log(1+n) = \frac{2+n}{2+2n} - \int_0^n \frac{P_1(t)}{(1+t)^2} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1} - \log(1+n) \right) = \frac{1}{2} - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{P_1(t)}{(1+t)^2} dt,$$

completing the proof. □

## II. A counting function

Recall summation by parts:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_k = a_n B_n - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} B_k (a_{k+1} - a_k) \quad (B_k = \sum_{i=0}^k b_i)$$

Set  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $a_1 = 0$ ,  $a_k = \log 2 + \dots + \log p_{k-1}$

$b_0 = -1$ ,  $b_k = \frac{1}{p_{k-1}^s} - \frac{1}{p_k^s}$  (where  $p_0 = 1, p_1 = 2, p_2 = 3, p_3 = 5, \dots$  is an enumeration of the primes).

$$\text{Then } \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_k = a_n \cdot \frac{-1}{p_n^s} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{-1}{p_k^s} \right) \log p_k$$

$$| \cdot | \leq \left| \frac{n \log p_n}{p_n^s} \right| \leq \left| \frac{p_n \log p_n}{p_n^{s+1}} \right| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

(for  $\text{Re}(s) > 1$ )

So

$$(\#) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k b_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log p_k}{p_k^s}$$

Define

$$\varphi(x) := \sum_{\substack{p \leq x \\ p \text{ prime } (> 1)}} \log(p)$$

We are ultimately interested in proving  $\varphi(x) \sim x$  for  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , but for now will investigate the related



function

$$\begin{aligned}
 \zeta(s) &:= s \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(x)}{x^{s+1}} dx \quad (\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1) \\
 &= s \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{p_{k-1}}^{p_k} \frac{\varphi(x)}{x^{s+1}} dx \quad \leftarrow = a_k \text{ on this interval} \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{s} \left( \frac{1}{p_{k-1}^s} - \frac{1}{p_k^s} \right) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{by (*)}}{=} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log p_k}{p_k^s} \\
 &= \sum_{p \text{ prime} > 1} \left( \frac{\log p}{p^s} \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

which is dominated for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) \geq 1 + \epsilon$  by

$$\sum \frac{\log n}{n^{1+\epsilon}} \leq \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\log x}{x^{1+\epsilon}} dx = \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}$$

(by parts)

hence is AC & UC there ( $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ).

**Theorem 3** (a)  $\zeta$  is meromorphic for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \frac{1}{2}$

(b) For  $\operatorname{Re}(s) \geq 1$ ,  $\begin{cases} \zeta(s) \neq 0 \\ \zeta(s) - \frac{1}{s-1} \neq \infty \end{cases}$

**Proof:** Concerning (b), we know for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$  that

$$\zeta(s) \neq 0. \quad \text{From } \zeta(s)^{-1} = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} (1 - p^{-s}) \quad \text{we get}$$

for  $\text{Re}(s) > 1$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} &= \sum_p \frac{d}{ds} \log(1-p^{-s}) \\ &= \sum_p \frac{(\log p) p^{-s}}{1-p^{-s}} \\ &= \sum_p \frac{\log p}{p^s - 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{p^s - 1} = \frac{1}{p^s} \frac{1}{1-p^{-s}} = \frac{1}{p^s} + \frac{1}{p^{2s}} + \dots$$

$$\equiv \sum_p h_p(s) + \Phi(s),$$

where  $|h_p(s)| \leq C \frac{\log p}{|p^{2s}|}$ . Now,  $\sum \frac{\log n}{n^{2s}}$  is AC & UC for  $\text{Re}(s) \geq \frac{1}{2} + \delta$  ( $\delta > 0$ ). By Lec. 17 Lemma 1 (holomorphicity of  $\zeta(s) - \frac{1}{s-1}$  for  $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ ), we conclude that  $\Phi$  is meromorphic on  $\text{Re}(s) > \frac{1}{2}$  with poles at  $s=1$  and the zeroes of  $\zeta$  (which can occur only for  $\text{Re}(s) \leq 1$ ).

To show  $\zeta$  has no zeroes on  $\text{Re}(s) = 1$  [which implies (by the functional equation) the same for  $\text{Re}(s) = 0$ ], consider

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(s) &= \prod_p \frac{1}{1-p^{-s}} = \prod_p e^{-\log(1-p^{-s})} \\ &= \exp\left(\sum_p \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n p^{ns}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \quad | \zeta(s) | &= \exp \left( \sum_p \sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{1}{m} \operatorname{Re} \left( p^{-ms} \right) \right) \\
 &= \exp \left( \sum_p \sum_m \frac{1}{m} e^{-ms \log p} \cos(mt \log p) \right) \\
 &= \exp \left( \sum_p \sum_m \frac{\cos(mt \log p)}{m p^{m\sigma}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \quad \zeta^3(\sigma) | \zeta(\sigma+it) |^4 | \zeta(\sigma+2it) | \\
 = \exp \left( \sum_p \sum_m \frac{3 + 4 \cos(mt \log p) + \cos(2mt \log p)}{m p^{m\sigma}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \boxed{ \zeta^3(\sigma) | \zeta(\sigma+it) |^4 | \zeta(\sigma+2it) | \geq 1 \quad (\text{for } \sigma > 1) }$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 2 \cos^2 \theta &= \cos 2\theta + 1 \\
 \downarrow \\
 3 + 4 \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta &= 2(1 + \cos \theta)^2 \geq 0
 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (\#\#)$$

Suppose  $\zeta(1+it_0) = 0$  for some  $t_0 \neq 0$ : then

$$\zeta(\sigma+it_0) = O(\sigma-1) \Rightarrow | \zeta(\sigma+it_0) |^4 = O((\sigma-1)^4),$$

$$\text{while } \zeta(\sigma) = O\left(\frac{1}{\sigma-1}\right) \Rightarrow \zeta^3(\sigma) = O\left(\frac{1}{(\sigma-1)^3}\right)$$

$$\text{and } | \zeta(\sigma+2it_0) | = O(1) \text{ (is bounded)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{LHS}(\#\#) = O(\sigma-1), \text{ contradicting the inequality!}$$

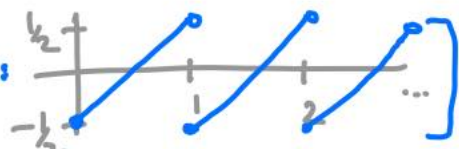


Appendix: for your reference

LECTURE 16

Lemma 1: Let  $f: [0, n] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $C^1$ .

Then  $\sum_{k=0}^n f(k) = \int_0^n f(t) dt + \frac{f(n)+f(0)}{2} + \int_0^n P_1(t) f'(t) dt$ ,

where  $P_1(t) := t - [t] - \frac{1}{2}$ . [Picture: 

Lemma 2:  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_1(k)}{z+k} \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0})$ .

LECTURE 17

Lemma 1: The function  $\zeta(s) - \frac{1}{s-1}$  extends to a holomorphic function on  $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ .

Key point in proof: for  $\text{Re}(s) > 1$ ,

$$\zeta(s) - \frac{1}{s-1} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n^s} - \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^s} dx$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq 1} \int_n^{n+1} \left( \frac{1}{n^s} - \frac{1}{x^s} \right) dx$$

and this converges  
for  $\text{Re}(s) > 0$   
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