



Definition 1. *The Riemann Zeta function is defined as*

$$\zeta(s) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} \quad (1)$$

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

Theorem 1. *The Riemann zeta function satisfies the equation*

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

for $s \neq 0, 1$.

This is a classical result that can be found in many textbooks, the one that follows is an explanation of the proof that can be found in [1].

Proof. We start by proving the following formula for the Γ function:

$$\int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} \sin(t) dt = \Gamma(s) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}s\right). \quad (3)$$

Notice that

$$\int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} \sin(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} \cdot \frac{e^{it} - e^{-it}}{2i} dt = \frac{1}{2i} \left[\int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{it} dt - \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{-it} dt \right] \quad (4)$$

we can simplify the first integral, using that:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{it} &= 1 + it + \frac{(it)^2}{2!} + \frac{(it)^3}{3!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(it)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i^n \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i^n (-1)^n \frac{(-t)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i^n \cos(n\pi) \frac{(-t)^n}{n!} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

here we are writing $(-1)^n$ as $\cos(n\pi)$.

Hence

$$\int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{it} dt = \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i^n \cos(n\pi) \frac{(-t)^n}{n!} dt \quad (6)$$

Proceed by applying the so called Ramanujan's Master Theorem, it states that, if a complex valued function $f(t)$ as an expansion of the form:

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) \frac{(-t)^n}{n!}$$

then

$$\int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} f(t) dt = \Gamma(s) \phi(-s).$$

In our case, where $f(t) = e^{it}$ and $\phi(n) = i^n \cos(n\pi)$, it implies that:

$$\int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{it} dt = \Gamma(s) i^{-s} \cos(-s\pi) = \Gamma(s) i^{-s} \cos(s\pi).$$

Using now that $\cos(t) = \frac{e^{it} + e^{-it}}{2}$ and that $\ln(i) = i\frac{\pi}{2}$ we find:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{it} dt &= \Gamma(s) i^{-s} \cos(s\pi) = \Gamma(s) i^{-s} \cdot \frac{e^{is\pi} + e^{-is\pi}}{2} \\ &= \Gamma(s) e^{-s \ln(i)} \cdot \frac{e^{is\pi} + e^{-is\pi}}{2} = \Gamma(s) \cdot \frac{e^{is\pi - is\frac{\pi}{2}} + e^{-is\pi - is\frac{\pi}{2}}}{2} \\ &= \Gamma(s) \cdot \frac{e^{is\frac{\pi}{2}} + e^{-is\frac{3\pi}{2}}}{2} = \Gamma(s) \cdot \frac{e^{is\frac{\pi}{2}} + e^{-is(2\pi - \frac{\pi}{2})}}{2} \\ &= \Gamma(s) \cdot \frac{e^{is\frac{\pi}{2}} + e^{-is(-\frac{\pi}{2})}}{2} = \Gamma(s) \cdot \frac{e^{is\frac{\pi}{2}} + e^{is\frac{\pi}{2}}}{2} = \Gamma(s) e^{is\frac{\pi}{2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Therefore we have:

$$\int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{it} dt = \Gamma(s) e^{is\frac{\pi}{2}}.$$

A similar reasoning can be applied to the second integral in equation 4:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-it} &= 1 - it + \frac{(it)^2}{2!} - \frac{(it)^3}{3!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-it)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i^n (-1)^n \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i^n (-1)^n (-1)^n \frac{(-t)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i^n \frac{(-t)^n}{n!}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Hence

$$\int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{-it} dt = \Gamma(s) i^{-s} = \Gamma(s) e^{-s \log i} = \Gamma(s) e^{-is\frac{\pi}{2}}. \quad (9)$$

Concluding, equation 4 can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} \sin(t) dt &= \frac{1}{2i} \left[\int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{it} dt - \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{-it} dt \right] = \frac{1}{2i} \left[\Gamma(s) e^{is\frac{\pi}{2}} - \Gamma(s) e^{-is\frac{\pi}{2}} \right] \\ &= \Gamma(s) \left[\frac{e^{is\frac{\pi}{2}} - e^{-is\frac{\pi}{2}}}{2i} \right] = \Gamma(s) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}s\right). \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

To prove 2 we start by considering the equation:

$$\zeta(s) = s \int_0^\infty \frac{[x] - x + \frac{1}{2}}{x^{s+1}} dx \quad (11)$$

true for $-1 < \text{Re}(s) < 0$, this particular analytical continuation is explained in detail [on our site](#).

It is a known fact that the Fourier series for $[x] - x + \frac{1}{2}$ is:

$$[x] - x + \frac{1}{2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n\pi x)}{n\pi}$$

valid when x is not an integer, this is a result linked to the fact that $[x] - x + \frac{1}{2}$ is a Bernoulli periodic function.

Substituting in equation 11 we find:

$$\zeta(s) = s \int_0^\infty \frac{[x] - x + \frac{1}{2}}{x^{s+1}} dx = \frac{s}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \frac{\sin(2n\pi x)}{x^{s+1}} dx = \frac{s}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin(2n\pi x)}{x^{s+1}} dx. \quad (12)$$

The integration term-by-term is justified as the series converges boundedly, therefore, it is sufficient to prove that:

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \int_{\lambda}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n\pi x)}{x^{s+1}} dx = 0$$

for $-1 < \text{Re}(s) < 0$.

To do this, simply notice that, integrating by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\lambda}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n\pi x)}{x^{s+1}} dx &= \left| -\frac{\cos(2n\pi x)}{2n\pi x^{s+1}} \right|_{\lambda}^{\infty} - \frac{s+1}{2n\pi} \int_{\lambda}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2n\pi x)}{x^{s+2}} dx \\ &= \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{n\lambda^{\text{Re}(s)+1}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{n} \int_{\lambda}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^{\text{Re}(s)+2}}\right) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{n\lambda^{\text{Re}(s)+1}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and the desired result clearly follows.

Using the change of variables $y = 2n\pi x$, equation 12 becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(s) &= s \int_0^\infty \frac{[x] - x + \frac{1}{2}}{x^{s+1}} dx = \frac{s}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin(2n\pi x)}{x^{s+1}} dx \\ &= \frac{s}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n\pi)^s}{n} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin(y)}{y^{s+1}} dy = \frac{s}{\pi} (2\pi)^s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^s}{n} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin(y)}{y^{s+1}} dy \\ &= \frac{s}{\pi} (2\pi)^s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1-s}} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin(y)}{y^{s+1}} dy = \frac{s}{\pi} (2\pi)^s \zeta(1-s) \int_0^\infty y^{-s-1} \sin(y) dy \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

the last integral is exactly the one that appears in equation 3, therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta(s) &= \frac{s}{\pi}(2\pi)^s \zeta(1-s)\Gamma(-s) \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}s\right) = \frac{s}{\pi}(2\pi)^s \zeta(1-s)\{-\Gamma(-s)\} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}s\right) \\ &= 2^s \pi^{s-1} \zeta(1-s)\{-s\Gamma(-s)\} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}s\right) = 2(2\pi)^{s-1} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}s\right) \Gamma(1-s)\zeta(1-s)\end{aligned}\tag{14}$$

in the last passage we used the fact that $s\Gamma(s) = \Gamma(s+1)$.

This proves 2 for $-1 < \operatorname{Re}(s) < 0$, however the right-hand side is analytic for all values of s such that $\operatorname{Re}(s) < 0$ (due to the definitions of ζ and Γ) so that it provides the analytic continuation of $\zeta(s)$ over the remainder of the plane, this also implies that there are no singularities other than the pole at $s = 1$. \square

References

- [1] Edward Charles Titchmarsh and David Rodney Heath-Brown. *The theory of the Riemann zeta-function*. Oxford university press, 1986.