

$$\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(0)$$

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We start from the functional equation

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

or more so its logarithmic derivative:

$$-\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(1-s) = -\log(2\pi) - \frac{\pi}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right) + \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(s) + \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s)$$

We want to take the limit as  $s \rightarrow 1$ , but this seems troublesome as the RHS might explode. Luckily the explosion happens in “both directions” and cancel out each other. Taking the limit we get

$$-\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(0) = -\log(2\pi) + \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(1) + \lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) - \frac{\pi}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right) \right)$$

For  $\zeta'/\zeta$  and  $\tan$  we have the following Laurent series valid on some annulus around  $s = 1$ :

$$\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) = -\frac{1}{s-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (s-1)^n \quad \frac{\pi}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right) = -\frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{\pi^2}{12}(s-1) + O(|s-1|^3)$$

Moving  $-\frac{1}{s-1}$  over to the other side in both expressions we obtain formulas that are valid in some neighborhood of  $s = 1$ . We can then calculate the limit:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) - \frac{\pi}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right) \right) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) - \frac{\pi}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right) + \underbrace{\frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{1}{s-1}}_{=0} \right) \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (s-1)^n - \frac{\pi^2}{12}(s-1) + O(|s-1|^3) \right) \\ &= a_0 \end{aligned}$$

By the Laurent series we also have

$$a_0 = \lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) + \frac{1}{s-1} \right)$$

In class we proved that  $\zeta$  has the following analytic continuation for  $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ :

$$\zeta(s) = 1 + \frac{1}{s-1} + s \int_1^\infty \frac{[t]-t}{t^{s+1}} dt = \frac{s}{s-1} + s\mathcal{J}(s)$$

where  $\mathcal{J}(s)$  is just shorthand notation for the integral. We thus get that

$$\zeta(s)(s-1) = s + s(s-1)\mathcal{J}(s)$$

Logarithmically differentiating gives

$$\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) + \frac{1}{s-1} = \frac{1 + (2s-1)\mathcal{J}(s) + (s^2-s)\mathcal{J}'(s)}{s + s(s-1)\mathcal{J}(s)}$$

Taking the limit as  $s \rightarrow 1$  we arrive at

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) + \frac{1}{s-1} \right) = 1 + \mathcal{J}(1)$$

Calculating  $\mathcal{J}(1)$  is not very hard.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}(1) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^N \frac{[t]-t}{t^2} dt \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int_1^N \frac{[t]}{t^2} dt - \int_1^N \frac{1}{t} dt \right) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N \int_n^{n+1} \frac{n}{t^2} dt - \log N \right) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n+1} - \log N \right) \\ &= -1 + \gamma \end{aligned}$$

where the very last equality follows from the definition of the Euler-Mascheroni constant. We use the Weierstrass product for  $\Gamma$  to evaluate the  $\Gamma$  term. The Weierstrass product for  $\Gamma$  is

$$\Gamma(s) = \frac{e^{-\gamma s}}{s} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( 1 + \frac{s}{n} \right)^{-1} e^{s/n}$$

Taking the logarithmic derivative we get

$$\frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(s) = -\gamma - \frac{1}{s} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{n} \frac{n}{n+s} + \frac{1}{n} \right) = -\gamma - \frac{1}{s} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{n+s} + \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

When evaluated in  $s = 1$  we get a telescoping series and thus

$$\frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(1) = -\gamma - 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) = -\gamma$$

We can finally conclude that

$$\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(0) = -(-\log(2\pi) - \gamma + \gamma) = \log(2\pi)$$