

## Extreme values of the Riemann zeta function and its argument

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**Explicit formula:**

$$-\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n^s} = C + \frac{1}{s-1} - \sum_{\rho} \left( \frac{1}{s-\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \right) - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left( \frac{1}{s+2n} - \frac{1}{2n} \right)$$

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(B.-Radchenko-Seip, 2020) There are other explicit formulas related to  $\zeta$ .

# Riemann hypothesis

**All nontrivial zeroes are on the critical line**

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Why for any large  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t < a^{1/\epsilon}$

$$a^{it} + (a+1)^{it} + \dots + (2a)^{it} = o(a^{1/2+\epsilon})?$$

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It seems that

$$\sum_{n=1}^N n^{-1/2-it}$$

attains “small values” on  $[N/2, N]$ , but doesn’t attain “large values”!

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**Example:**

$$|\zeta(1/2 + 3.9246764\dots 10^{31}i)| \approx 16244.$$

For this particular  $T$

$$\exp\left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\log T \log \log T}\right) \approx 264964,$$

$$\exp\left(\sqrt{\frac{2 \log T \log \log \log T}{\log \log T}}\right) \approx 1128.$$

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Approach works for Dirichlet polynomials with positive coefficients.



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**Theorem 3.**(B, Seip, 2017) On the Riemann hypothesis there are arbitrarily large  $T$  with

$$|S(T)| \geq c \sqrt{\frac{\log T \log \log \log T}{\log \log T}}$$

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- Divisor closed extremal sets  $\mathcal{M}$  enjoy the following completeness property: If  $n \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $p|n$ ,  $p' < p$ , then either  $p'|n$  or  $p'n/p \in \mathcal{M}$ .

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**Theorem 4.**(B, Seip, 2015)

$$\frac{1}{N} \sup_{1 \leq n_1 \dots < n_N} \sum_{k, \ell=1}^N \frac{(n_k, n_\ell)}{\sqrt{n_k n_\ell}} \approx \exp \left( A \sqrt{\frac{\log N \log \log \log N}{\log \log N}} \right),$$

where  $1 \leq A < 7$ .

Other tools: Bohr correspondence, multiplicative functions,  
Cauchy–Shwarz inequality

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