

Class 17: Conditional bounds for $\zeta(s)$

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Idea of the proof

We will use the classical resonance method of Soundararajan in the version of Bondarenko and Seip. We find a certain Dirichlet polynomial which “resonates” with the $|\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)|$, i.e. that pick large values of zeta. The resonator will be $|\mathcal{R}(t)|^2$, where

$$\mathcal{R}(t) = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}'} r(m)m^{-it} = \sum_{m \leq N} r(m)m^{-it},$$

and \mathcal{M}' is a suitable finite set of integers and $r(m)$ is an arithmetic function.

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Unconditionally, for all t sufficiently large:

$$\left| \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \right| \ll \exp\left(\left(\frac{13}{84} + \epsilon\right) \log t\right).$$

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Lemma (Representation lemma)

Assume the Riemann hypothesis. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ be the function

$$f(x) = \log \left(\frac{4 + x^2}{x^2} \right).$$

Then, for $t > 0$ sufficiently large we have

$$\log \left| \zeta \left(\frac{1}{2} + it \right) \right| = \log t - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\gamma} f(t - \gamma) + O(1).$$

The sums run over the non-trivial zeros $\rho = \frac{1}{2} + i\gamma$ of $\zeta(s)$.

Lemma (Guinand-Weil explicit formula)

Let $h(s)$ be analytic in the strip $|\operatorname{Im} s| \leq \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$, and assume that $|h(s)| \ll (1 + |s|)^{-(1+\delta)}$ for some $\delta > 0$ when $|\operatorname{Re} s| \rightarrow \infty$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\rho} h\left(\frac{\rho - \frac{1}{2}}{i}\right) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u) \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma} \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{iu}{2} \right) - \log \pi \right\} du \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n \geq 2} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\widehat{h} \left(\frac{\log n}{2\pi} \right) + \widehat{h} \left(\frac{-\log n}{2\pi} \right) \right) \\ &\quad + h\left(\frac{1}{2i}\right) + h\left(-\frac{1}{2i}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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The proof of these results consists of the following steps:

- Representation lemma: to express the desired object as sums over the zeros of $\zeta(s)$.
- Explicit formulas: the tools to evaluate such sums
- Harmonic analysis tools: find appropriate majorants/minorants to plug in.
- Evaluation of the terms.

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This is Beurling-Selberg's problem!!!

Developments of Beurling-Selberg's problem

Function	Optimal entire approximations
$\text{sgn}(x)$	Beurling 30's
$\chi_{[a,b]}(x)$	Selberg 50's and Logan 80's
$e^{-\lambda x }$	Graham-Vaaler '81
Even functions (e.g. $\log x $)	Carneiro-Vaaler '09
Even functions (e.g. $e^{-\lambda x^2}$) (Gaussian subordination)	Carneiro-Littmann-Vaaler '10
Odd functions (e.g. $\text{sgn}(x)e^{-\lambda x^2}$) (odd Gaussian subordination)	Carneiro-Vaaler '11

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$$G(z) = \left(\frac{\cos \pi z}{\pi} \right)^2 \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{f(n - \frac{1}{2})}{(z - n + \frac{1}{2})^2} + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{f'(n - \frac{1}{2})}{(z - n + \frac{1}{2})} \right\},$$

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Now, we apply the Guinand-Weil explicit formula for the function:

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We need to bound:

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Finally, we choose $\pi\Delta = \log \log t - 3 \log \log \log t$, and we obtain the desired result.