# Class 20: Unconditional gaps between zeros of zeta

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Let T sufficiently large. Then, there is a zero  $\rho = \beta + i\gamma$  of  $\zeta(s)$  such that

$$|\gamma - T| \le \frac{A}{\log \log \log T}$$

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 $M_{\nu} \leq (m_{\nu})^{a} (\mathcal{M}_{\nu})^{b},$ 

where  $a = \log(3/2)/\log 3$ ,  $b = \log 2/\log 3$  and a + b = 1. Since the circle  $C_{\nu-1}$  includes the circle  $c_{\nu}$ , we have  $m_{\nu} \leq M_{\nu-1}$ . Hence

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We want a lower bound for  $M_n$ . Recall that  $M_n \ge \log |\zeta(s)|$  at the circle  $C_n$ . We need a lower bound for  $|\zeta(s)|$  on  $C_n$  (Re  $s \le -1$ ).

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where

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Using Stiriing's formula we have for  $\alpha \leq \sigma \leq \beta$ , as  $t \to \infty$ :

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