

A short introduction to site
*An artless method for calculating
approximate values of
zeros of Riemann's zeta function*

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1 Notation

We use notation:

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s}, \quad (1)$$

$$\xi(s) = g(s)\zeta(s), \quad (2)$$

where

$$g(s) = \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}}(s-1)\Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}+1\right), \quad (3)$$

$$\Xi(t) = \xi\left(\frac{1}{2}+it\right). \quad (4)$$

Respectively,

$$\Xi(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n(t) \quad (5)$$

where

$$\alpha_n(t) = g\left(\frac{1}{2}+it\right) n^{-\left(\frac{1}{2}+it\right)}. \quad (6)$$

By the functional equation also

$$\Xi(t) = \Xi(-t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n(-t), \quad (7)$$

so defining

$$\beta_n(t) = \frac{\alpha_n(-t) + \alpha_n(t)}{2} \quad (8)$$

we can formally write

$$\Xi(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n(t), \quad (9)$$

but the series doesn't converge anywhere.

Assuming the Riemann hypothesis and the simplicity of all zeroes of $\Xi(t)$, let them be denoted $\pm\gamma_1, \pm\gamma_2, \dots$, with $0 < \gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \dots$.

The main object of study are the determinants

$$\Delta_N(t) = \begin{vmatrix} \beta_1(\gamma_1) & \dots & \beta_1(\gamma_{N-1}) & \beta_1(t) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \beta_N(\gamma_1) & \dots & \beta_N(\gamma_{N-1}) & \beta_N(t) \end{vmatrix}. \quad (10)$$

2 Calculation of zeroes of the zeta-function

Evidently, $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{N-1}$ are zeroes of $\Delta_N(t)$ but calculations show that $\Delta_N(t)$ has also zeroes surprisingly close (in spite of the divergence of (9)) to $\gamma_N, \dots, \gamma_{N+k}$ up to some k increasing with increasing N . Just a few examples:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{220}(\mathbf{427.208825084074}) &= -1.92776 \dots \cdot 10^{-17793} < 0 \\ \gamma_{220} &= \mathbf{427.20882508407458052814} \dots \\ \Delta_{220}(\mathbf{427.208825084075}) &= +9.85564 \dots \cdot 10^{-17794} > 0 \\ \\ \Delta_{400}(\mathbf{741.75733557294167327}) &= -1.55647 \dots \cdot 10^{-52004} < 0 \\ \gamma_{447} &= \mathbf{741.7573355729416732758611620} \dots \\ \Delta_{400}(\mathbf{741.75733557294167328}) &= +2.91156 \dots \cdot 10^{-52005} > 0 \\ \\ \Delta_{910}(\mathbf{1610.003264190037944310470787202544635}) &= \\ &= -5.11614 \dots \cdot 10^{-233887} < 0 \\ \gamma_{1166} &= \mathbf{1610.003264190037944310470787202544635373} \dots \\ \Delta_{910}(\mathbf{1610.003264190037944310470787202544636}) &= \\ &= +3.74072 \dots \cdot 10^{-233886} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

3 Calculation of the values of the zeta function

We have

$$\Delta_N(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N \tilde{\delta}_{N,n} \beta_n(t) \quad (11)$$

where

$$\tilde{\delta}_{N,n} = (-1)^{N+n} \begin{vmatrix} \beta_1(\gamma_1) & \dots & \beta_1(\gamma_{N-1}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \beta_{n-1}(\gamma_1) & \dots & \beta_{n-1}(\gamma_{N-1}) \\ \beta_{n+1}(\gamma_1) & \dots & \beta_{n+1}(\gamma_{N-1}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \beta_N(\gamma_1) & \dots & \beta_N(\gamma_{N-1}) \end{vmatrix}. \quad (12)$$

We make normalization

$$\delta_{N,n} = \frac{\tilde{\delta}_{N,n}}{\tilde{\delta}_{N,1}}. \quad (13)$$

and define

$$\eta_N(s) = \sum_{n=1}^N \delta_{N,n} n^{-s}, \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{\eta_N(s)}{\zeta(s)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_{N,n} n^{-s}, \quad (15)$$

$$\nu_{N,M}(s) = \sum_{n=1}^M \mu_{N,n} n^{-s}. \quad (16)$$

It turns out that for large N and small M the ratio $\frac{\eta_N(s)}{\nu_{N,M}(s)}$ gives very good approximation to $\zeta(s)$ for s different from the poles of $\zeta(s)$. Just a few

examples:

$$\text{for } s = \frac{1}{4} + 1000i \quad \left| \frac{\eta_N(s)}{\nu_{3000,8}(s)\zeta(s)} - 1 \right| = 2.13729\dots \cdot 10^{-681}, \quad (17)$$

$$\text{for } s = \frac{1}{4} + 5000i \quad \left| \frac{\eta_N(s)}{\nu_{6000,11}(s)\zeta(s)} - 1 \right| = 2.27557\dots \cdot 10^{-1569}. \quad (18)$$

$$\text{for } s = \frac{1}{4} + 10000i \quad \left| \frac{\eta_N(s)}{\nu_{12000,14}(s)\zeta(s)} - 1 \right| = 3.11101\dots \cdot 10^{-2908}. \quad (19)$$

4 “Almost linear” relations

For sufficiently large N , the values of $\mu_{N,n}$ and $\nu_{N,M}(1)$ for many initial values of n and M are very small, for example:

M	$\mu_{3000,M}$	$\nu_{3000,M}(1)$
2	$-2 - 4.9\dots \cdot 10^{-126}$	$-2.46855\dots \cdot 10^{-126}$
3	$-7.40566\dots \cdot 10^{-126}$	$-7.14726\dots \cdot 10^{-285}$
4	$2.85891\dots \cdot 10^{-284}$	$3.71565\dots \cdot 10^{-412}$
5	$-1.85782\dots \cdot 10^{-411}$	$4.26945\dots \cdot 10^{-510}$
6	$-2.56167\dots \cdot 10^{-509}$	$7.17431\dots \cdot 10^{-586}$
7	$-5.02202\dots \cdot 10^{-585}$	$-5.49626\dots \cdot 10^{-642}$
8	$4.39701\dots \cdot 10^{-641}$	$-5.73467\dots \cdot 10^{-681}$
9	$1.08444\dots \cdot 10^{-681}$	$-5.61417\dots \cdot 10^{-681}$
10	$1.90599\dots \cdot 10^{-716}$	$-5.61417\dots \cdot 10^{-681}$

This implies that there are “almost linear” relations between $\delta_{3000,1}, \dots, \delta_{3000,M}$. In the case of $\mu_{N,n}$ such relations have coefficients $+1$ and -1 because according to (15)

$$\mu_{N,n} = \sum_{k|n} \mu\left(\frac{n}{k}\right) \delta_{N,k}, \quad (20)$$

where $\mu(m)$ is the Möbius function; in the case of $\nu_{N,M}(1)$ the coefficients are rational numbers with small denominators.

5 Connections with primes

On Figures 1 and 2 the color is **magenta**, if $\mu_{3000,n} > 0$, and **green** otherwise.

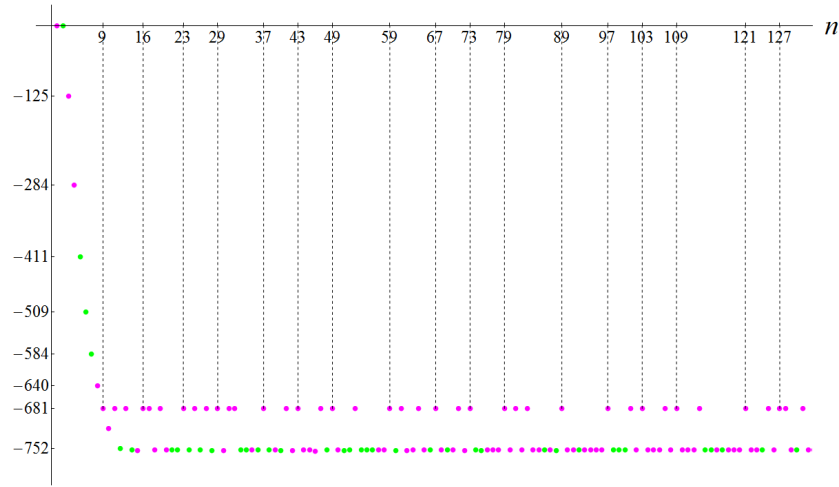


Figure 1: $\log_{10} |\mu_{3000,n}|$

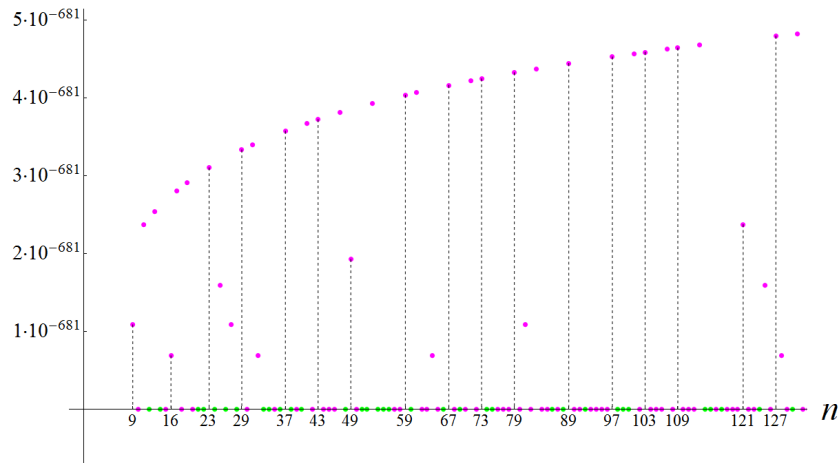


Figure 2: $\mu_{3000,n}$

Let $\omega_{3000} = \mu_{3000,13}/\ln(13) = 9.895811\dots \cdot 10^{-682}$. We have:

$$\left| \frac{\mu_{3000,p^k}}{\ln(p)} - \omega_{3000} \right| < 3.81\dots \cdot 10^{-754} \text{ for } 13 \leq p^k \leq 419, p \text{ is a prime} \quad (21)$$

In other words, for $13 \leq n \leq 419$ the values of $\mu_{3000,n}$ are very close to $\omega_{3000}\Lambda(n)$, a multiple of the von Mangoldt function.

6 Calculation of $\zeta'(s)$ via $\zeta(s)$

Let us adjust $\mu_{3000,n}$:

$$\tilde{\mu}_{3000,n} = \mu_{3000,n} - \omega_{3000}\Lambda(n). \quad (22)$$

Then (21) “explains” the following approximation: for $s = \frac{1}{4} + 1000i$

$$\left| \frac{\eta_{3000}(s) - \left(\sum_{n=1}^{11} \tilde{\mu}_{3000,n} n^{-s} \right) \zeta(s)}{-\omega_{3000}\zeta'(s)} - 1 \right| = 6.44\dots \cdot 10^{-73}. \quad (23)$$

Similar,

$$\left| \frac{\eta_{3000}\left(\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_{500}\right)}{-\omega_{3000}\zeta'\left(\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_{500}\right)} - 1 \right| = 2.786\dots \cdot 10^{-74}. \quad (24)$$

7 Simultaneous calculation of $\zeta(s)$ and $\zeta'(s)$

Solving the system

$$\eta_{3000}(s) - \left(\sum_{n=1}^{11} \tilde{\mu}_{3000,n} n^{-s} \right) \zeta(s) \approx -\omega_{3000}\zeta'(s) \quad (25)$$

$$\eta_{3000}(1-s) - \left(\sum_{n=1}^{11} \tilde{\mu}_{3000,n} n^{s-1} \right) \zeta(1-s) \approx -\omega_{3000}\zeta'(1-s) \quad (26)$$

$$g(s)\zeta(s) = g(1-s)\zeta(1-s) \quad (27)$$

$$g'(s)\zeta(s) + g(s)\zeta'(s) = -g'(1-s)\zeta(1-s) - g(1-s)\zeta'(1-s) \quad (28)$$

for $s = \frac{1}{4} + 1000i$ produces 752 correct decimal digits for $\zeta(s)$ and 72 correct decimal digits for $\zeta'(s)$.

8 Special values

Let

$$\phi(N) = \frac{1}{2N} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2N - 1 + \frac{1}{\frac{2N}{2} + \frac{1}{\frac{2N}{3} + \frac{1}{\frac{2N}{4} + \frac{1}{\frac{2N}{5} + \frac{1}{\frac{2N}{6} + \dots}}}}}}}} \quad (29)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\psi\left(\frac{N}{2} + 1\right) - \frac{1}{2}\psi\left(\frac{N+1}{2}\right), \quad (30)$$

where

$$\psi(z) = \frac{\Gamma'(z)}{\Gamma(z)}, \quad (31)$$

then

$$\frac{\nu_{3000,3000}(1)}{\phi(3000)} = 1 - 2.46827839\dots\dots 10^{-126}, \quad (32)$$

$$\frac{\nu_{6000,6000}(1)}{\phi(6000)} = 1 + 1.09736771\dots\dots 10^{-165}. \quad (33)$$