

3. Analytic continuation of ζ .

In Euler's summation formula (I.9), take $f(x) = 1/x^s$. Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^s = \zeta(s),$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x)dx = \int_1^{\infty} dx/x^s = 1/(s-1) \quad (Re\ s > 1),$$

and I.9 gives

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + 1 - s \int_1^{\infty} \frac{x - [x]}{x^{s+1}} dx. \quad (*)$$

As $0 \leq x - [x] < 1$, the Dirichlet integral (see II.1)

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{x - [x]}{x^{s+1}} dx$$

converges, to $I(s)$ say, for $s = \sigma + it$, $\sigma > 0$, and $|I(s)| \leq 1/\sigma$. As in II.1, $I(\cdot)$ is holomorphic, and

$$I'(s) = - \int_1^{\infty} \frac{(x - [x]) \log x}{x^{s+1}} dx.$$

Using (*) to extend $\zeta(s)$ from $Re\ s > 1$ to $Re\ s > 0$:

Theorem. The function $\zeta(s)$ defined by (*) is holomorphic in $Re\ s > 0$ except for a simple pole of residue 1 at 1:

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + 1 + r_1(s), \quad |r_1(s)| \leq |s|/\sigma.$$

$$\zeta'(s) = -\frac{1}{(s-1)^2} - \int_1^{\infty} \frac{x - [x]}{x^{s+1}} dx + s \int_1^{\infty} \frac{(x - [x]) \log x}{x^{s+1}} dx.$$

Cor.

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + 1 + r_1^*(s), \quad |r_1(s)| = -s \int_1^{\infty} \frac{(x - [x] - \frac{1}{2})}{x^{s+1}} dx, \quad |r_1^*(s)| \leq |s|/(2\sigma).$$

Proof. Replace $x - [x]$ by $x - [x] - \frac{1}{2}$ (or use version (ii) of Euler's summation formula, I.9). //

The integral here converges for $\operatorname{Re} s > -1$, so the Cor. can be used to continue ζ analytically to $\operatorname{Re} s > -1$. Repeated integration by parts can be used to continue analytically further to $\operatorname{Re} s > -2, -3, \dots, -n, \dots$, and so to the whole complex plane. This involves the *Euler-Maclaurin sum formula*. See e.g. G. H. HARDY, *Divergent Series*, OUP, 1949, §13.10 Th. 245.

A better way to continue ζ is via the *functional equation* (III.10)

$$\zeta(s) = 2^s \pi^{s-1} \Gamma(1-s) \sin \frac{1}{2} \pi s \zeta(1-s) \quad (FE)$$

(Riemann, 1859) – but we shall not need this to prove PNT.

Cor.

$$\zeta(s) - \frac{1}{s-1} \rightarrow \gamma \quad (s \rightarrow 1).$$

Proof. By (*),

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(s) - \frac{1}{s-1} &\rightarrow 1 - \int_1^\infty \frac{x - [x]}{x^2} dx \quad (s \rightarrow 1) \\ &= \gamma \quad (\text{by I.9}). \end{aligned} \quad //$$

So ζ can be expanded about $s = 1$:

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + \gamma + \sum_{n=1}^\infty c_n (s-1)^n; \quad \zeta'(s) = -\frac{1}{(s-1)^2} + c_1 \sum_2^\infty n c_n (s-1)^{n-1}.$$

Also $\zeta(s) = g(s)/(s-1)$, g holomorphic (actually, entire). So

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\zeta(s)} &= \frac{s-1}{g(s)}, \quad \zeta'(s) = \frac{g'(s)}{s-1} - \frac{g(s)}{(s-1)^2}, \\ \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} &= \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} - \frac{1}{s-1} = -\frac{1}{s-1} + a_0 + a_1(s-1) + \dots, \text{ say.} \end{aligned}$$

Cor.

$$\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = -\frac{1}{s-1} + \gamma + a_1(s-1) + \dots$$

Proof. $(\zeta'/\zeta) \cdot \zeta = \zeta'$. Multiply up and equate coefficients of $1/(s-1)$. This gives $-\gamma + a_0 = 0$. So $a_0 = \gamma$. //