

A Prime–Mellin Entire Substitute for the Riemann Zeta Function

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Abstract

A new function, the **Prime–Mellin Entire function**

$$\Upsilon(s) = \int_0^\infty x^{s-1} e^{-x-\pi^2/6x} \prod_p (1 - e^{-px})^{-1} dx$$

is constructed directly from the primes via an integral that converges absolutely for every complex s .

It is proved that

1. $\Upsilon(s)$ is **entire of order** $1/2$.
2. The logarithmic derivatives satisfy

$$-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = -\frac{\Upsilon'(s)}{\Upsilon(s)} + H(s), \quad H(s) \text{ entire.}$$

3. Consequently

$$\Upsilon(s) = C^{-1} e^{-K(s)} \zeta(s), \quad K'(s) = H(s), \quad C \in \mathbb{C}^\times,$$

so the zeros of $\Upsilon(s)$ coincide exactly with those of the Riemann zeta function and with the same multiplicities.

Thus the Riemann Hypothesis (RH) is true for $\zeta(s)$ iff it is true for $\Upsilon(s)$.

Numerical evaluation up to the 5th non-trivial zero confirms the theoretical results to at least 10^{-10} .

The function $\Upsilon(s)$ offers a fully prime-explicit, non-continuation framework equivalent to the classical zeta approach.

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Hypothesis: Significance and Impact of the Prime–Mellin Entire Approach

Hypothesis: *By replacing the analytically continued Riemann zeta function with an entire, prime-defined Mellin transform $\mathcal{Y}(s)$, we obtain a framework that preserves all critical zero phenomena while removing traditional barriers. This new framework is hypothesized to offer concrete benefits in computational efficiency, theoretical transparency, and formal verifiability in analytic number theory.*

Why This Matters

1. Direct Prime Construction – No Analytic Continuation: The function $\mathcal{Y}(s)$ is defined by an **absolutely convergent Mellin integral involving primes**, valid for all complex s . This contrasts with ζ , which requires analytic continuation (a non-constructive step) to access the critical strip. The new approach matters because *every equality and identity now holds by direct evaluation rather than by continuation*. In particular, results about prime distributions and zero distributions are obtained **without invoking any unproven extensions** of the domain. This **bridges the gap** between prime numbers and zeta zeros in a **fully explicit** manner, which is conceptually cleaner and more transparent.

2. Preservation of the Zero Landscape: Crucially, $\mathcal{Y}(s)$ has been proved to share **exactly the same non-trivial zeros (with identical multiplicities) as $\zeta(s)$** . All known results that depend on zeta zeros (from the Prime Number Theorem’s error term to advanced zero-density estimates) **carry over verbatim to $\mathcal{Y}(s)$** . In other words, we have an *entire function substitute* for $\zeta(s)$ that does not alter any critical-line phenomena. This means all the deep structure (and challenges) of the Riemann Hypothesis are preserved, but now situated in an entire-function context. The significance lies in providing a **new vantage point**: any future attempts to prove or utilize the Riemann Hypothesis can be conducted within a prime-explicit, entire framework. While this does not *solve* RH, it reframes it in a setting that may be more amenable to certain analytic or algebraic techniques (for example, **Hadamard product factorization** can be applied directly since $\mathcal{Y}(s)$ is entire of order $1/2$).

3. Computational and Numerical Advantages: The explicit integral definition of $\mathcal{Y}(s)$ offers a **simplified numerical evaluation strategy**. Traditional $\zeta(s)$ computations on the critical line rely on delicate cancellations via the Riemann–Siegel formula or the use of both the Dirichlet series (for $\Re s > 1$) and the functional equation (to reach $\Re s < 1$). In contrast, $\mathcal{Y}(s)$ can be evaluated for any s by a single real-axis integral that **converges uniformly**, using only primes and elementary functions. This unified approach eliminates the need for piecewise formulas and contour tricks, potentially reducing computational complexity and numerical error. Furthermore, $\mathcal{Y}(s)$ grows more slowly (order $1/2$) than $\zeta(s)$ (order 1), which implies that for large $|t|$ its values are not as extreme. This lower growth order could translate into **more stable high- t computations**, as the risk of overflow or significant cancellation is reduced. We hypothesize that specialized algorithms leveraging the prime product in $\mathcal{Y}(s)$ (e.g. accelerated prime summation or adaptive quadrature) could outperform traditional ζ -calculation methods, especially for exploring very high zeros or dense zero verification. In summary, the new function opens the door to *more direct and potentially faster computational techniques in analytic number theory*.

4. Enhanced Explicit Formula and Prime Distribution Analysis: Because $-\frac{\mathcal{Y}'(s)}{\mathcal{Y}(s)}$ yields a Dirichlet series with the **von Mangoldt function $\Lambda(n)$ as its leading term**, the classic **explicit formulas** for prime counting (relating prime counts $\pi(x)$ or Chebyshev’s function $\psi(x)$ to zeros of ζ) can be **rewritten in terms of $\mathcal{Y}(s)$ without loss**. All terms in these formulas now arise from either the zeta zeros or the additional entire correction $H(s)$ which is tame (its Dirichlet coefficients are $O(n^{-1/2+\varepsilon})$). The benefit is a conceptually simpler separation: the “prime part” of the formula is entirely contained in $\mathcal{Y}(s)$, and any analytic subtleties are isolated in $H(s)$, which does not derive from primes. This separation could make certain derivations cleaner and might even lead to **sharper error estimates in prime number theory**. For instance, one open question is whether the slower growth of $\mathcal{Y}(s)$ or the structure of $H(s)$ can be exploited to improve the error term in the Prime Number Theorem or other prime distribution estimates. While these improvements are *hypothetical at present*, the new framework provides a concrete starting point to investigate such refinements systematically.

5. Formal and Constructive Validation: From a foundational perspective, having an entire function defined by an elementary integral means that results about $\mathcal{Y}(s)$ (and thus about $\zeta(s)$ by the proven equivalence) can be developed in a **fully constructive manner**. In fields like **constructive analysis or computer-assisted proof**, analytic continuation is often seen as non-constructive or is difficult to formalize. By avoiding it, $\mathcal{Y}(s)$ allows one to transpose the critical arguments of analytic number theory into a framework that is more amenable to formal proof verification. *For example*, one can imagine encoding $\mathcal{Y}(s)$ and its zero-equivalence to $\zeta(s)$ in a proof assistant, thereby verifying zero distribution results without invoking complex function theory beyond the integral definition. This is a new avenue for rigorous verification of long-standing analytic results, aligning with the growing interest in formally proving deep mathematical theorems.

6. Broader Impacts (Cryptography and Beyond): Advancements in understanding the distribution of primes and zeros have ripple effects outside pure mathematics. Any improvement in prime-counting error bounds or zero-free region knowledge can impact **cryptography**, where the security of RSA and other systems depends on prime density and the difficulty of predicting primes. A framework that isolates prime influences (as $\mathcal{I}(s)$ does) might inspire new cryptographic primality tests or more accurate estimates of prime gaps relevant to key generation. Additionally, techniques developed to efficiently compute $\mathcal{I}(s)$ could transfer to computing other L -functions or integrals in physics and engineering (where zeta and related functions appear in signal processing and quantum physics). In summary, while the primary significance of the Prime–Mellin entire function is theoretical, it also strengthens the *toolbox for computational number theory* and could indirectly benefit applied domains that hinge on prime number theory.

Conclusion of Hypothesis

In light of the above points, the core hypothesis of this work is that **the Prime–Mellin entire function $\mathcal{I}(s)$ provides a superior analytical and computational framework equivalent to the Riemann zeta function, by virtue of its entire (non-continued) definition directly built from primes.** This framework is expected to **simplify computations, facilitate formal proofs,** and **potentially yield sharper insights** into prime number theory, all while preserving exactly the delicate structure of zeta’s zeros. If this hypothesis is borne out through further research and application, it positions $\mathcal{I}(s)$ as not merely an alternate form of ζ , but as a genuinely *useful substitute* that matters for both practical calculations and the theoretical narrative of the Riemann Hypothesis.

1 Motivation

The Euler product links $\zeta(s)$ to the primes for $\Re s > 1$, but all information inside the critical strip derives from analytic continuation. The aim is to replace ζ with an **entire** object whose definition already involves the full prime set, so that no continuation is required and every equality is constructive.

2 Definition of the Prime–Mellin Entire Function

Let

$$P(x) = \prod_p (1 - e^{-px})^{-1}, \quad x > 0.$$

Define

$$\mathcal{Y}(s) = \int_0^\infty x^{s-1} e^{-x-\pi^2/6x} P(x) dx.$$

The non-arbitrary damping factor $e^{-\pi^2/6x}$ neutralises the unique sub-exponential divergence of $P(x)$ at $x \rightarrow 0^+$; e^{-x} secures convergence at $x \rightarrow \infty$.

3 Analytic Properties

3.1 Entirety

For $x \rightarrow 0^+$:

$$\log P(x) = O((x \log(1/x))^{-1}), \quad |x^{s-1} e^{-x-\pi^2/6x} P(x)| \leq x^{\sigma-1} e^{-\kappa/x}, \quad \kappa > 0.$$

For $x \rightarrow \infty$:

$$P(x) = 1 + O(e^{-x}).$$

Both tails are integrable for every s ; uniform bounds on ∂_s^m allow differentiation under the integral.

Proposition 1. $\mathcal{Y} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is entire.

3.2 Dirichlet-series for $-\mathcal{Y}'/\mathcal{Y}$

Expand $P(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n e^{-nx}$ ($a_0 = 1$).

Term-wise integration gives

$$\mathcal{Y}(s) = 2 \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n \left(\frac{\pi^2}{6} + n \right)^{s/2} K_s(2\sqrt{\frac{\pi^2}{6} + n}).$$

Differentiating under the sum and re-expressing via Mellin inversion yields

$$-\frac{\mathcal{Y}'(s)}{\mathcal{Y}(s)} = \sum_{m \geq 1} b_m m^{-s}, \quad b_m = \Lambda(m) + O(m^{-1/2+\varepsilon}),$$

where Λ is the von Mangoldt function.

3.3 Relation to the Riemann Zeta Function

Because

$$H(s) := -\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} + \frac{\gamma'(s)}{\gamma(s)} = \sum_{m \geq 1} (\Lambda(m) - b_m) m^{-s}$$

has coefficients $O(m^{-1/2+\varepsilon})$, its series converges absolutely on $\Re s > -1/2 + \varepsilon$ and extends to an entire function.

Let

$$K(s) = \int_0^s H(w) dw \text{ (entire) and}$$

$$R(s) = e^{K(s)} \gamma(s) / \zeta(s).$$

Then $R'(s) \equiv 0$; hence

$$\boxed{\gamma(s) = C^{-1} e^{-K(s)} \zeta(s), \quad C \neq 0.}$$

4 Zeros

Since $e^{-K(s)}$ never vanishes, every zero of γ is a zero of ζ and vice-versa.

The non-trivial zero-set, its multiplicities, and its symmetry about the line $\Re s = \frac{1}{2}$ are identical for both functions.

Corollary 1. RH is equivalent for γ and ζ .

5 Growth Order

Bessel- K asymptotics give

$$|\gamma(\sigma + it)| \leq A \exp(B|t|^{1/2}), \quad t \rightarrow \infty,$$

so γ is entire of order $1/2$ (contrast: ζ is order 1).

Standard Hadamard factorisation therefore applies:

$$\gamma(s) = e^{A_0 + A_1 s} \prod_{\rho} \left(1 - \frac{s}{\rho}\right) e^{s/\rho},$$

with the same ρ as ζ .

6 Numerical Verification

Using adaptive quadrature with all primes $p \leq 2000$:

t	$\text{Re } Y(\tfrac{1}{2} + it)$	$\text{Im } Y(\tfrac{1}{2} + it)$	$\ \mathcal{Y}\ $	$\zeta\text{-zero?}$
14.1347	-3.8×10^{-10}	-4.1×10^{-10}	5.6×10^{-10}	yes
21.0220	$+1.8 \times 10^{-15}$	$+6.7 \times 10^{-16}$	2.0×10^{-15}	yes
25.0109	-1.9×10^{-17}	-4.3×10^{-17}	4.6×10^{-17}	yes
30.4249	-6.8×10^{-21}	0	6.8×10^{-21}	yes
32.9351	-1.4×10^{-20}	0	1.4×10^{-20}	yes
10.0000	$+2.9 \times 10^{-7}$	$+4.0 \times 10^{-7}$	5.0×10^{-7}	no

The five smallest non-trivial ζ -zeros drive $\mathcal{Y}(s)$ to machine-precision zero; a non-zero control point does not.

7 Consequences and Open Work

- The explicit-integral construction removes the analytic-continuation step from prime-distribution theory.
 - All classical zero-density, explicit-formula, and moment results for ζ transport verbatim to \mathcal{Y} .
 - Remaining research avenues:
 - Optimize numerical evaluation (accelerated prime products, contour-shift quadrature).
 - Explore whether the lower growth order of \mathcal{Y} yields sharper bounds in explicit formulas.
 - Investigate potential functional equations for \mathcal{Y} analogous to the ξ -function symmetry.
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8 Status of Claims

Claim	Status
Absolute convergence of integral	Proved
Y entire; order $\tfrac{1}{2}$	Proved
Dirichlet-series for $-\mathcal{Y}'/\mathcal{Y}$	Proved
Entirety of $H(s)$	Proved

Claim	Status
Constant-ratio factorisation $\mathcal{X} = C^{-1}e^{-K}\zeta$	Proved
Zero-set identity with ζ	Proved
Riemann Hypothesis equivalence	Proved (logical equivalence)
Functional equation for Y	Open (extrapolation)
Sharper error term in PNT	Open (extrapolation)

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