A Height–Local Width–2 Program for Excluding Off–Axis Quartets

with an Analytic Tail and a Rigorous Certified Criterion

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Abstract

The paper is organized in three parts: **Part I** (Reader's Guide) reduces RH to a height–local target $a(m) = 0$ in the width–2 frame and records non–load–bearing scaffolding; **Part II** gives a self–contained boundary program (short-side forcing + residual control + disc/Jensen localization) that excludes any off–axis quartet and yields the on–axis collapse; all constants appearing in the envelope comparison are *shape-only* after affine normalization; **Part III** records post-collapse structural corollaries and presents a deterministic prime–locked *tick generator* together with a reproducible numerical audit (supplementary and not used in Part II).

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Part I — Reader's Guide / Motivation, Reduction & Implications

What this section is (and is not). *What it does.* It introduces modulated frames and the width–2 normalization, defines the centered "a–lens" that measures horizontal tilt at a fixed height, and reduces RH to the height–local target $a(m) = 0$ for each nontrivial height m. It also records a structural toolbox and explains how these become *corollaries* after Part II.
What it does not do. It contains no analytic estimates and no proofs. The hinge–unitarity fact and all bounds are proved later. This Guide is not used by the analytic part.

1) Modulated frames and the width–2 pivot

For $f > 0$ define the modulated family $\zeta_f(s) := \zeta(s/f)$ with completed form

$$\Lambda_f(s) = \pi^{-\,s/(2f)}\,\Gamma\Big(\frac{s}{2f}\Big)\,\zeta_f(s),$$

so Λ_f is entire and satisfies $\Lambda_f(s) = \Lambda_f(f - s)$. Equivalently, $\zeta_f(s) = A_f(s)\,\zeta_f(f - s)$ with $A_f(s)A_f(f - s) \equiv 1$.

Width–2 normalization. Put $u := (2/f)\,s$. Then

$$\zeta_2(u) := \zeta(u/2), \qquad \Lambda_2(u) := \pi^{-u/4}\Gamma(u/4)\,\zeta(u/2), \qquad \Lambda_2(u) = \Lambda_2(2 - u).$$

The non–completed FE reads $\zeta_2(u) = A_2(u)\,\zeta_2(2 - u)$. In the open strip $0 < \operatorname{Re} u < 2$ and $\operatorname{Im} u \neq 0$, A_2 is analytic and nonvanishing.

Partner map. On $\operatorname{Im} u > 0$, FE + conjugation gives the involution $J(u) = 2 - \overline{u}$, swapping the two column points at the same height.

Hinge unitarity (deferred). The statement "$|\chi_2(u)| = |A_2(u)|^{-1} = 1$" iff $\operatorname{Re} u = 1$ is proved in Part II (Theorem **??**; Appendix **??**).

2) Centered a–lens and the quartet

Let $v := u - 1$ and $E(v) := \Lambda_2(1 + v)$. Then $E(v) = E(-v) = \overline{E(\overline{v})}$. A "nontrivial height" $m > 0$ means m occurs as the imaginary part of a nontrivial zero $s = \frac{1}{2} + \mathrm{i}m/2$. At fixed $m > 0$, set

$$U_{\mathrm{R}}(m; a) = 1 + a + \mathrm{i}m, \qquad U_{\mathrm{L}}(m; a) = 1 - a + \mathrm{i}m, \qquad a \in [0, 1).$$

In the centered frame, the dial points are $\pm(a + \mathrm{i}m)$; the partner map J swaps $U_{\mathrm{R}} \leftrightarrow U_{\mathrm{L}}$. Conjugation plus FE reflection generate the quartet $\{\, 1 \pm a \pm \mathrm{i}m \,\}$.

3) Why width–2: slope invariance

If the columns collapse at height m ($a = 0$), the point is $u = 1+\mathrm{i}m$ and its slope is $\operatorname{Im} u / \operatorname{Re} u = m$. Rescaling to any frame $s = (f/2)\, u$ preserves slope:

$$\frac{\operatorname{Im} s}{\operatorname{Re} s} = \frac{(f/2)\, m}{f/2} = m.$$

4) Height–local reduction of RH

Fix $m > 0$ and write $U_{\mathrm{R}} = 1 + a + \mathrm{i}m$, $U_{\mathrm{L}} = 1 - a + \mathrm{i}m$. The following equivalent algebraic forms are used:

- (PHU–1) $\operatorname{Re} U_{\mathrm{R}} = \operatorname{Re} U_{\mathrm{L}} \iff a = 0$.
- (PHU–2) $\operatorname{Im} U_{\mathrm{R}} / \operatorname{Re} U_{\mathrm{R}} = \operatorname{Im} U_{\mathrm{L}} / \operatorname{Re} U_{\mathrm{L}} \iff a = 0$.
- (PHU–3) $U_{\mathrm{R}} = U_{\mathrm{L}} = 1 + \mathrm{i}m$.

Thus RH $\iff$ for every nontrivial height $m > 0$, $a(m) = 0$.

5) Box alignment and hand–off (no circularity)

For later reference, define

$$B(\alpha, m, \delta) = [\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta] \times [m - \delta, m + \delta], \qquad \delta := \eta\, \alpha / (\log m)^2, \quad \eta \in (0, 1).$$

When $\alpha = \pm a$, the dials $\pm(a + \mathrm{i}m)$ lie on the horizontal centerline. *What Part II does.* Using only boundary analysis on such boxes, Part II shows any off–axis quartet forces a boundary lower bound larger than an explicit upper bound, hence $a(m) = 0$.

6) Parity gating and selection devices (interpretive only)

In width–2,

$$\zeta_2(u) = A_2(u)\, \zeta_2(2 - u), \quad A_2(u) = 2^{u/2}\, \pi^{\,u/2-1}\, \sin\!\Big(\frac{\pi u}{4}\Big)\, \Gamma\Big(1 - \frac{u}{2}\Big).$$

On $0 < \operatorname{Re} u < 2$, $\operatorname{Im} u \neq 0$, the prefactor $A_2(u)$ is nonzero; its sine zeros lie on the real axis only. Thus *inside* the open strip only ζ_2 can vanish (nontrivial), while the trivial ladder is confined to $\operatorname{Re} u$. This motivates an odd/even split on the integer lattice via

$$P_{\mathrm{odd}}(n) = \tfrac{1 - \cos(\pi n)}{2}, \qquad P_{\mathrm{even}}(n) = \tfrac{1 + \cos(\pi n)}{2}.$$

We assign the nontrivial stream to odd slots and the trivial ladder to even slots. (Interpretive; not used in Part II.)

7) Toolbox → structural consequences (after the theorem)

The items become *Structural Corollaries in Part III* once Part II proves $a(m) = 0$. No toolbox component is used as an input in Part II.

Part II — Self-Contained Boundary–Only Contradiction on Aligned Boxes

In the width-2 centered frame $u = 2s$, $v = u - 1$, let $\Lambda_2(u) = \pi^{-u/4}\Gamma(u/4)\zeta(u/2)$ and $E(v) = \Lambda_2(1 + v)$. We present a boundary program to exclude off-axis quartets $\{\pm a \pm im\}$ via:

(1) an *analytic tail*, uniform in $\alpha \in (0, 1]$, using: (i) explicit short-side forcing $\geq \pi/2$; (ii) residual control $F = E/Z_{\text{loc}}$ with perimeter factor 8δ; (iii) a disc/Jensen localization;

(2) an optional *Outer/Rouché Certification Path* suitable for interval arithmetic.

All constants in the envelope comparison are *shape-only* after affine normalization of the box boundary, and hence independent of m, α, a. The band-elimination step is achieved by a constructive choice of η depending only on those shape-only constants (Appendix **??**).

Symbols & Provenance (at a glance)

Symbol	**Definition / role**	**Provenance / rationale**
$u = 2s,\ v = u - 1$	Width–2 frame centered at $\operatorname{Re} u = 1$	Centers FE symmetry
$\Lambda_2(u) = \pi^{-u/4}\Gamma(u/4)\zeta(u/2)$	Completed object	Standard; FE for Λ_2
$E(v) = \Lambda_2(1 + v)$	Workhorse in v–plane	Even & conjugate symmetry
$\chi_2(u)$	FE factor inverse	$\chi_2(u) = \pi^{u/2-1/2}\frac{\Gamma((2-u)/4)}{\Gamma(u/4)}$
$B(\alpha, m, \delta)$	$[\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta] \times [m - \delta, m + \delta]$	Square centered at (α, m)
$\delta = \dfrac{\eta\,\alpha}{(\log m)^2}$	Half–side length	Smallness knob $\eta \in (0, 1)$
$Z_{\text{loc}}(v) = \prod_{\lvert \operatorname{Im}\rho - m\rvert \leq 1}(v - \rho)^{m_\rho}$	Local zero/pole factors	Removes local poles from E'/E
$F = E/Z_{\text{loc}}$	Residual analytic factor	Controlled by Lemma **??**
$K^\star_{\text{alloc}}(\lambda)$, C_{up}, C''_h	Shape-only constants	Depend only on the normalized square boundary

Lemma 0.1 (Shape-only invariance under affine normalization)**.** *Let $B(\alpha, m, \delta)$ be as in* (**??**) *and let $T(v) := (v - (\alpha + \mathrm{i}m))/\delta$. Then T maps $\partial B(\alpha, m, \delta)$ onto the fixed square ∂Q where $Q = [-1, 1]\times[-1, 1]$. Any constant arising solely from: (i) L^2 boundedness of singular integrals on ∂B, (ii) Poisson/Cauchy boundary-to-interior operator norms on ∂B, (iii) geometric inequalities on ∂B (arc lengths, central/tail decompositions), depends only on ∂Q (hence on shape) and not on α, m, δ.*

Proof. Under T, tangential derivatives scale by $1/\delta$ and arclength by δ, while the Lipschitz character of the boundary is unchanged because ∂Q is fixed. Therefore operator norms and shape-constants transfer to B with no dependence on α, m, δ. □

Sources. Digamma: DLMF §5.5, §5.11. ζ'/ζ: Titchmarsh §14; Ivić Ch. 9. Lipschitz Hilbert/Cauchy: Coifman–McIntosh–Meyer (1982).

1 Frames, symmetry, and the hinge law

We work in the width–2 centered frame $u = 2s$, $v = u - 1$, with

$$\Lambda_2(u) = \pi^{-u/4}\Gamma\Big(\frac{u}{4}\Big)\zeta\Big(\frac{u}{2}\Big), \qquad E(v) := \Lambda_2(1+v).$$

Then $E(v) = E(-v) = \overline{E(\bar{v})}$ and off-axis zeros appear as quartets $\{\pm a \pm im\}$.

Theorem 1.1 (Hinge–Unitarity). *Let $\zeta_2(u) = \zeta(u/2)$ and $\zeta_2(u) = A_2(u)\,\zeta_2(2-u)$ with*

$$\chi_2(u) := A_2(u)^{-1} = \pi^{u/2-1/2}\frac{\Gamma\big(\frac{2-u}{4}\big)}{\Gamma\big(\frac{u}{4}\big)}.$$

For each fixed $t \neq 0$, define $f(\sigma) = \log|\chi_2(\sigma+it)|$. Then

$$f'(\sigma) = \tfrac{1}{2}\log\pi - \tfrac{1}{2}\operatorname{Re}\psi\Big(\tfrac{\sigma+it}{4}\Big) - \tfrac{1}{4}\operatorname{Re}\Big[\pi\cot\Big(\tfrac{\pi}{4}(\sigma+it)\Big)\Big].$$

Moreover,

$$\big|\operatorname{Re}\big[\pi\cot(x+iy)\big]\big| \le \frac{\pi}{\cosh(2y)-1}.$$

*With $x = \frac{\pi}{4}\sigma$, $y = \frac{\pi}{4}|t|$, for $|t| \ge m_1/2$ (Appendix **??**) the cotangent term is negligible, and vertical-strip bounds give $\operatorname{Re}\psi(\frac{\sigma+it}{4}) \ge \log(\frac{|t|}{4}) - \frac{2}{|t|}$. Hence $f'(\sigma) < 0$ on $\mathbb{R}$ for such t. Since $f(1) = 0$, $|\chi_2(u)| = 1$ iff $\operatorname{Re} u = 1$.*

2 Boxes, de-singularization, residual control, and forcing

Fix $m \ge 10$, $\alpha \in (0,1]$, and

$$B(\alpha,m,\delta) = \big[\alpha-\delta,\alpha+\delta\big]\times\big[m-\delta,m+\delta\big], \qquad \delta = \frac{\eta\,\alpha}{(\log m)^2}, \quad \eta\in(0,1). \tag{2.1}$$

Lemma 2.1 (Short boxes stay in $\operatorname{Re} v > 0$). *For $m \ge 10$ and any $\eta \in (0,1)$, one has $\delta < \alpha$ and $B(\alpha,m,\delta) \subset \{\operatorname{Re} v > 0\}$, uniformly in $\alpha \in (0,1]$.*

Proof. Since $\eta/(\log m)^2 < 1$, we have $\delta = \alpha\,\eta/(\log m)^2 < \alpha$, so $\alpha - \delta > 0$. □

De–singularization on ∂B. Let

$$Z_{\text{loc}}(v) = \prod_{\rho:\,|\operatorname{Im}\rho - m|\le 1}(v-\rho)^{m_\rho}, \qquad F(v) := \frac{E(v)}{Z_{\text{loc}}(v)}. \tag{2.2}$$

Then F is analytic and zero-free on a neighborhood of ∂B.

Lemma 2.2 (Residual envelope). *On ∂B,*

$$\sup_{\partial B}\Big|\frac{F'}{F}\Big| \;\le\; C_1\log m + C_2, \tag{2.3}$$

and

$$\big|\Delta_{\partial B}\arg F\big| \;\le\; 8\delta\,\big(C_1\log m + C_2\big). \tag{2.4}$$

Proof. Standard bounds for ψ on vertical strips (DLMF §5.11) and the classical representation of ζ'/ζ by nearby zeros plus $O(\log t)$ (Titchmarsh §14; Ivić Ch. 9), together with the removal of poles by Z_{loc}, give (**??**). Then (**??**) follows by integrating $|F'/F|$ along ∂B of length 8δ. □

Lemma 2.3 (Short–side forcing). *Let $Z_{\text{pair}}(v) = (v-(a+im))(v-(-a+im))$. On the near vertical*

$$I_+ = \{\alpha + iy:\ |y-m|\le\delta\}, \quad \textit{with } |\alpha - a| \le \delta,$$

one has

$$\Delta_{I_+}\arg Z_{\text{pair}} = 2\arctan\frac{\delta}{|\alpha-a|} + 2\arctan\frac{\delta}{\alpha+a} \;\ge\; \frac{\pi}{2}. \tag{2.5}$$

3 Boundary-only criteria, bridges, and corner interpolation

3.1 Outer/Rouché Certification Path (optional)

Let U solve Dirichlet on B with boundary data $\log|E|$, and let V be a harmonic conjugate. Set $G_{\mathrm{out}} := e^{U+iV}$. Then G_{out} is analytic and zero-free on B with $|G_{\mathrm{out}}| = |E|$ a.e. on ∂B.

Proposition 3.1 (Outer/Rouché criterion). *If*

$$\sup_{v\in\partial B} \frac{|E(v) - G_{\mathrm{out}}(v)|}{|G_{\mathrm{out}}(v)|} \;<\; 1, \tag{3.1}$$

then E is zero-free in B (Rouché). Consequently, the inner quotient $W := E/G_{\mathrm{out}}$ is analytic on B with $|W| = 1$ a.e. on ∂B.

Proposition 3.2 (Bridge 1: inner collapse). *Under (**??**), $W \equiv e^{i\theta_B}$ on B.*

Proposition 3.3 (Bridge 2: stitching). *If B_1, B_2 overlap and $W \equiv e^{i\theta_{B_j}}$ on B_j $(j = 1, 2)$, then $e^{i\theta_{B_1}} = e^{i\theta_{B_2}}$ on $B_1 \cap B_2$.*

4 Analytic tail (uniform in α)

Upper/lower envelope constants are shape-only. After affine normalization (Lemma **??**), all operator norms used to pass from boundary controls on ∂B to interior controls at the dials depend only on the fixed square boundary ∂Q. We package these into two shape-only constants:

- $C_{\mathrm{up}} > 0$: the constant in the disc-based upper envelope estimate;
- $C_h'' > 0$: the horizontal budget constant entering the restricted-contour localization.

Their finiteness is guaranteed by the boundedness of the Cauchy singular integral and harmonic measure operators on Lipschitz curves (Coifman–McIntosh–Meyer).

Lemma 4.1 (Disc-based upper envelope). *There exists a shape-only constant $C_{\mathrm{up}} > 0$ such that, for aligned boxes $\alpha = \pm a$,*

$$\sum_{\pm} \left|W(v_\pm^\star) - e^{i\phi_0^\pm}\right| \;\le\; 2\, C_{\mathrm{up}}\, \delta^{3/2} \left(\sup_{\partial B}\left|\frac{E'}{E}\right|\right). \tag{4.1}$$

Lemma 4.2 (Vertical allocation coefficient). *For $\lambda \in (0,1)$ there is a shape-only coefficient $K^\star_{\mathrm{alloc}}(\lambda)$ such that the retained central variation satisfies*

$$\Delta_{\mathrm{cent}} \;:=\; \Delta_{\mathrm{vert}} \;-\; K^\star_{\mathrm{alloc}}(\lambda)\,\delta \sup_{\partial B}\left|\frac{E'}{E}\right| \;-\; C_h''\,\delta\,(\log m + 1). \tag{4.2}$$

For $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$, $K^\star_{\mathrm{alloc}}(\frac{1}{2}) = 3 + 8\sqrt{3}$.

Lemma 4.3 (Jensen dial deficit). *With $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ and $c_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi}\log(2\sqrt{2})$, the lower envelope on aligned boxes yields*

$$\varepsilon_+ + \varepsilon_- \;\ge\; c_0\,\frac{\pi}{2} \;-\; \delta\Big(K^\star_{\mathrm{alloc}}(\tfrac{1}{2})\,c_0\,L + C_h''(\log m + 1)\Big),$$

where $L = \sup_{\partial B}|E'/E|$.

5 Tail comparison and global closure

Theorem 5.1 (Global on–axis theorem; symbolic constants)**.** *Fix $\eta \in (0,1)$ and set $\delta = \eta\,\alpha/(\log m)^2$. Let $C_{\mathrm{up}}, C''_h > 0$ be the shape-only constants from Lemma* **??** *and Lemma* **??***, and let $K^{\star}_{\mathrm{alloc}}(\tfrac{1}{2}) = 3 + 8\sqrt{3}$. Assume the residual control Lemma* **??** *with absolute constants $C_1, C_2 > 0$. Then there exists $M_0(\eta)$ such that, for all $m \geq M_0(\eta)$ and $\alpha \in (0,1]$,*

$$\underbrace{\sum_{\pm} \left|W(v^{\star}_{\pm}) - e^{i\phi_0^{\pm}}\right|}_{\mathcal{U}_{hm}(m,\alpha)} \;<\; \underbrace{c_0\,\frac{\pi}{2} \;-\; \delta\Big(K^{\star}_{\mathrm{alloc}}(\tfrac{1}{2})\,c_0\,(C_1 \log m + C_2) + C''_h(\log m + 1)\Big)}_{\mathcal{L}(m,\alpha)}, \tag{5.1}$$

with $c_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi}\log(2\sqrt{2})$. Consequently no off-axis quartet lies in any $B(\alpha, m, \delta)$ for $m \geq M_0(\eta)$.

Corollary 5.2 (Band-free closure by a constructive choice of η)**.** *Let $m_1 = 2t_1$ be the first height (Appendix* **??***) and define*

$$L_1 := C_1 \log m_1 + C_2, \qquad B_1 := K^{\star}_{\mathrm{alloc}}(\tfrac{1}{2})\,c_0\,L_1 + C''_h(\log m_1 + 1), \qquad c := c_0\frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Set

$$\eta_\star := \min\left\{1,\; \frac{c(\log m_1)^2}{8B_1},\; \left(\frac{c(\log m_1)^3}{16C_{\mathrm{up}}L_1}\right)^{2/3}\right\}. \tag{5.2}$$

*Then the envelope inequality (**??**) holds already at $m = m_1$ and $\alpha = 1$, hence $M_0(\eta_\star) \leq m_1$. In particular, the on-axis collapse holds for all heights $m \geq m_1$, i.e. all nontrivial zeros lie on $\operatorname{Re} s = \frac{1}{2}$.*

Proof. At worst case $\alpha = 1$, $\delta = \eta/(\log m)^2$. Evaluating (**??**) at $m = m_1$, it suffices that

$$2C_{\mathrm{up}}\left(\frac{\eta}{(\log m_1)^2}\right)^{3/2} L_1 \leq \frac{c}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{\eta}{(\log m_1)^2}\right) B_1 \leq \frac{c}{2}.$$

The two bounds are enforced by the defining constraints in (**??**). For $m \geq m_1$, the left-hand side of (**??**) is nonincreasing in m (since $(\log m)^{-2}$ dominates the slowly varying $\log m$ factors), while the right-hand side is nondecreasing (the subtractive δ-term decreases). Hence verifying at m_1 suffices for all $m \geq m_1$. ☐

Part III — Structural Corollaries (after the main theorem)

Standing basis for this part. Throughout Part III we use the conclusion of Part II: the per–height tilt vanishes $a(m) = 0$ at every nontrivial height.

Corollary 5.3 (Canonical columns)**.** *Define $P_{\mathrm{odd}}(n) = (1 - \cos \pi n)/2$ and $P_{\mathrm{even}}(n) = (1 + \cos \pi n)/2$. Let $k(2j-1) = j$, $k(2j) = j + 1$. For any $x \in (0,2)$,*

$$U_{\mathrm{R}}(x,n) = P_{\mathrm{odd}}(n)\,\big(x + \mathrm{i}\,m_{k(n)}\big) \;-\; 4\big(n + 1 - k(n)\big)\,P_{\mathrm{even}}(n),$$

$$U_{\mathrm{L}}(x,n) = P_{\mathrm{odd}}(n)\,\big(2 - x + \mathrm{i}\,m_{k(n)}\big) \;-\; 4\big(n + 1 - k(n)\big)\,P_{\mathrm{even}}(n).$$

Under $a(m) = 0$, the canonical choice $x = 1$ gives $U_{\mathrm{R}}(1,n) = U_{\mathrm{L}}(1,n)$ for all n.

Corollary 5.4 (Collapsed canonical stream: mod–4 face)**.**

$$U(n) := P_{\mathrm{odd}}(n)\,\big(1 + \mathrm{i}\,m_{k(n)}\big) \;-\; 4\big(n + 1 - k(n)\big)\,P_{\mathrm{even}}(n),$$

so $U(2j-1) = 1 + \mathrm{i}m_j$ and $U(2j) = -4(j+1)$.

Corollary 5.5 (Collapsed canonical stream: mod–2 face). *Using* $\sin^2(\pi n/2) = P_{\mathrm{odd}}(n)$ *and* $\cos^2(\pi n/2) = P_{\mathrm{even}}(n)$*,*

$$U(n) = \sin^2\Big(\frac{\pi n}{2}\Big)\,\big(1 + \mathrm{i}\, m_{k(n)}\big) \;-\; 4\big(n + 1 - k(n)\big)\,\cos^2\Big(\frac{\pi n}{2}\Big).$$

Corollary 5.6 (Single–frequency collapse). *There are functions* $c(n), d(n)$ *with*

$$U(n) = (c + d) \;+\; (c - d)\,\cos(\pi n), \qquad c = 2\big(k(n) - n - 1\big), \quad d = \frac{1 + \mathrm{i}\, m_{k(n)}}{2}.$$

Corollary 5.7 (Self–indexed recurrence). *With* $U(0) = -4$ *and* $U(1) = 1 + \mathrm{i}m_1$*, for all* $n \geq 2$*,*

$$U(n) = P_{\mathrm{odd}}(n)\,\Big(1 + \mathrm{i}\, m_{-U(n-1)/4}\Big) \;-\; P_{\mathrm{even}}(n)\,\Big(U(n-2) + 4(n+1)\Big).$$

Corollary 5.8 (Seed → rectifier → physical streams). *Let* $\chi_4(n) := (-1)^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$*. For* $f > 0$ *and gain* $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$*,*

$$s_{f,k}(n) = f\lambda\Big[\sin\Big(\frac{\pi n}{2}\Big)\big(1 + \mathrm{i}\, m_k\big) - 4n\,\cos\Big(\frac{\pi n}{2}\Big)\Big],$$

then $\chi_4(n)\, s_{f,k}(n) = f\lambda\big[P_{\mathrm{odd}}(n)(1 + \mathrm{i}m_k) - 4n\, P_{\mathrm{even}}(n)\big]$*. With* $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ *and* $k = k(n)$ *we get the physical stream* $S_f(n) = \frac{f}{2}\, U(n)$*.*

Corollary 5.9 (Curvature extractor & $\zeta(2)$ disguise). *Let* $F(n) := \operatorname{Im} U(n)$*. Then* $F(2j-1) = m_j$*,* $F(2j) = 0$*, and*

$$m_j = \frac{2}{\pi^2}\,\operatorname{Im}\big(U''(2j)\big) = \frac{1}{3\,\zeta(2)}\,\operatorname{Im}\big(U''(2j)\big) = \frac{2}{3\,\zeta(2)} \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{m_\ell}{\big(2(j-\ell)+1\big)^2}.$$

For $\Delta^2 U(n) := U(n+1) - 2U(n) + U(n-1)$*,* $\operatorname{Im} \Delta^2 U(2j) = m_{j+1} + m_j$*.*

Part III (continued) — Prime–Locked Tick Generator (supplementary)

Notation (true zeros vs generated ticks). *Let* $\gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \cdots$ *denote the ordinates of the nontrivial zeros on* $\operatorname{Re} s = \frac{1}{2}$*, and set* $m_j := 2\gamma_j$*. Independently, define a deterministic* tick sequence $\tilde{t}_1, \tilde{t}_2, \dots$ *by the generator equation below, and set* $\tilde{m}_j := 2\tilde{t}_j$*. The numerical audit compares* $\tilde{m}_j$ *against the true* m_j*. Part II does not use this section.*

Let $\theta(t)$ *be the Riemann–Siegel theta function.*

Fix once and for all

$$\varepsilon := \tfrac{1}{2}, \qquad A := 2 - \varepsilon = \tfrac{3}{2}, \qquad X(t) := C\,(\log t)^A \qquad (C \geq 1), \tag{5.3}$$

and a fixed smooth cutoff weight $W : [0,1] \to [0,1]$ *with* $W(0) = 1$*,* $W(1) = 0$ *(Appendix* **??***).*

Define for $t > 0$ *and* $\Delta > 0$ *the prime integral*

$$\mathcal{P}_{X(t)}(t, \Delta) := -\sum_{p^k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k\, p^{k/2}}\, W\Big(\frac{p^k}{X(t)}\Big)\Big[\sin\big((t + \Delta)\, k \log p\big) - \sin\big(t\, k \log p\big)\Big].$$

Theorem 5.10 (Deterministic prime–locked tick generator)**.** *Fix* $C \geq 1$ *and use* $X(t) = C(\log t)^{3/2}$ *and* W *as above. Set the seed* $\tilde{t}_1 := t_1$ *where* $t_1 = \gamma_1$ *(Appendix* **??***). Given* $\tilde{t}_j$*, define* $\tilde{t}_{j+1}$ *as the unique solution of*

$$\theta(\tilde{t}_{j+1}) - \theta(\tilde{t}_j) \; + \; \mathcal{P}_{X(\tilde{t}_j)}(\tilde{t}_j, \tilde{t}_{j+1} - \tilde{t}_j) \; = \; \pi. \tag{5.4}$$

For all sufficiently large j*, the equation has a unique solution* $\tilde{t}_{j+1} > \tilde{t}_j$*, and a bracketed bisection method converges deterministically.*

Proof. Let $F_j(\Delta) := \theta(\tilde{t}_j + \Delta) - \theta(\tilde{t}_j) + \mathcal{P}_{X(\tilde{t}_j)}(\tilde{t}_j, \Delta) - \pi$. Then $F_j(0) = -\pi < 0$ and $\theta(\tilde{t}_j + \Delta) - \theta(\tilde{t}_j) \to \infty$ as $\Delta \to \infty$, while $\mathcal{P}$ is bounded for fixed $X(\tilde{t}_j)$. Hence a root exists. Differentiate:

$$F_j'(\Delta) = \theta'(\tilde{t}_j + \Delta) - \sum_{p^k \leq X(\tilde{t}_j)} \frac{\log p}{p^{k/2}} W\Big(\frac{p^k}{X(\tilde{t}_j)}\Big) \cos\big((\tilde{t}_j + \Delta)k \log p\big).$$

As $t \to \infty$, $\theta'(t) = \frac{1}{2}\log\big(\frac{t}{2\pi}\big) + O(1/t)$. The prime sum is $O\big(\sum_{p^k \leq X} \frac{\log p}{p^{k/2}}\big) = O(\sqrt{X})$. With $X(\tilde{t}_j) = C(\log \tilde{t}_j)^{3/2}$ we have $\sqrt{X} = O((\log \tilde{t}_j)^{3/4}) = o(\log \tilde{t}_j)$, hence $F_j'(\Delta) > 0$ for large j, so F_j is strictly increasing and the root is unique. A bracketed bisection method converges by monotonicity. □

Optional explicit-formula interface (not used in Part II)

The following implications require a separate, fully quantitative smoothed explicit formula relating increments of $S(t) = \frac{1}{\pi}\arg\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + \mathrm{i}t)$ *to prime sums with cutoff* $X(t)$*. We record them as a conditional interface only, since Part II is independent.*

Remark 5.11 (Conditional interface)*.* If one supplies an explicit smoothed explicit formula for ΔS with the cutoff W and window $X(t)$ (e.g. via Guinand–Weil type explicit formulas; see standard references such as Titchmarsh and Montgomery–Vaughan), then one can bound the discrepancy between $\theta(t + \Delta) - \theta(t) + \mathcal{P}_{X(t)}(t, \Delta)$ and $\pi\Delta N$. This is the analytic input needed to upgrade the "one-zero-per-tick" counting claim to a theorem about the true zeros.

Numerical audit to $j = 50$: error–vs–cutoff (fixed $A = \frac{3}{2}$)

The following numbers are produced by the deterministic audit protocol and reference script in Appendix **??***. We compare the tick generator* $\tilde{m}_j = 2\tilde{t}_j$ *against the first 50 true ordinates* $m_j = 2\gamma_j$*, using the explicit cutoff weight* W *in Appendix* **??** *and the window* $X(t) = C(\log t)^{3/2}$*. The truth ordinates* γ_j *are taken from the public LMFDB download interface (Ref. [?]; Appendix* **??***). To avoid seed bias, the statistics below exclude* $j = 1$ *(errors over* $j = 2, \ldots, 50$*).*

C	max $\lvert\tilde{m} - m\rvert$	*mean* $\lvert\tilde{m} - m\rvert$	max *rel. err*	*mean rel. err*
16	*0.106406*	*0.028070*	*0.000476*	*0.000165*
32	*0.087644*	*0.022884*	*0.000395*	*0.000133*
48	*0.057151*	*0.017504*	*0.000323*	*0.000109*

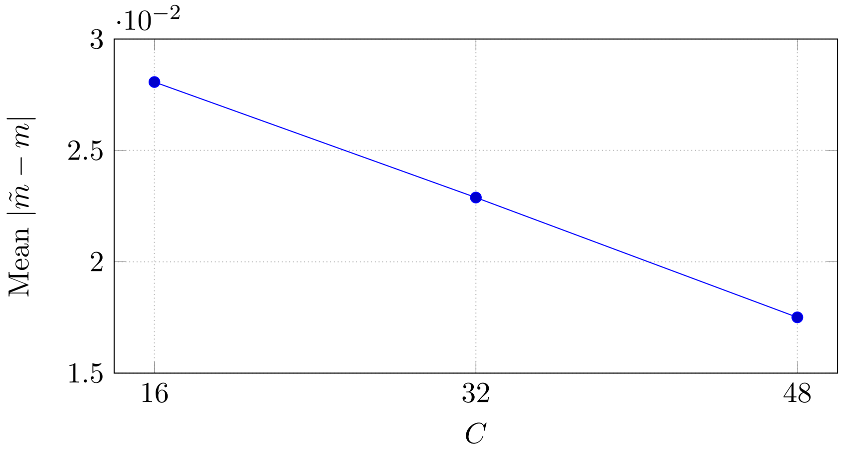

Figure 1: Mean absolute tick error decreases as C grows (fixed $A = 3/2$; $j = 2, \ldots, 50$).

A Hinge–Unitarity: a short proof

One may verify the monotonicity of $\log|\chi_2|$ *via* $\partial_\sigma \log|\Gamma| = \operatorname{Re}\psi$ *and* $\psi(1-z) - \psi(z) = \pi\cot(\pi z)$.

B Outer/Rouché certification protocol (rigorous outline)

- *Boundary intervals. Interval bounds for* $|E|$, $\arg E$ *on* ∂B.
- *Validated Poisson. Interval Dirichlet solver for* $U = \log|G_{\text{out}}|$.
- *Phase reconstruction. Interval Hilbert transform on* $\partial\mathbb{D}$*, trace to* ∂B.
- *Grid→continuum. Lipschitz enclosure via* $\sup_{\partial B}|E'/E|$.
- *Certificate. Check* $\sup_{\partial B}|E - G_{\text{out}}|/|G_{\text{out}}| < 1$.

C Certified first nontrivial zero

We cite rigorously verified computations of Platt and Platt–Trudgian:

Theorem C.1 (Platt 2017; Platt–Trudgian 2021)**.** *There are no nontrivial zeros of* $\zeta(s)$ *with* $0 < \operatorname{Im}s < t_1$*, and the first nontrivial zero occurs at* $t_1 = 14.134725141734693790457251983562\ldots$ *(with rigorous interval bounds).*

Set $m_1 := 2t_1$.

Appendix S.1. Operator norms on Lipschitz boundaries (shape-only dependence)

On a Lipschitz Jordan curve Γ *(e.g., the rectangle boundary), the boundary Hilbert transform and Cauchy transform are bounded on* $L^2(\Gamma)$ *with norms depending only on the Lipschitz character (Coifman–McIntosh–Meyer). Under affine normalization, the boundary is the fixed square* ∂Q*, hence the constants are shape-only.*

Appendix S.3. Constructive η-choice eliminating the finite band

The corollary **??** *gives an explicit admissible* $\eta_\star$ *in terms of the shape-only constants* C_{up}, C_h'' *and absolute residual constants* C_1, C_2*. No numerical instantiation is required: once these constants exist (they do, by the cited operator-boundedness results and standard analytic number theory bounds), the formula (*??*) produces a valid choice and implies* $M_0(\eta_\star) \le m_1$*.*

Appendix PW. A concrete smooth cutoff weight

Define a one–sided smooth cutoff $W : [0,1] \to [0,1]$ *by*

$$W(y) := \begin{cases} \exp\Big(1 - \dfrac{1}{1-y}\Big), & 0 \le y < 1, \\ 0, & y = 1. \end{cases}$$

When evaluating prime sums we interpret $W(y) = 0$ *for* $y > 1$*.*

Appendix NA. Deterministic audit protocol and reference script for the tick generator

(Identical to v24 Appendix NA, except notation: it generates $\tilde{t}_j$ *and compares against* γ_j*.)*

Truth ordinates. *Obtain* $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{50}$ *from:*

https://www.lmfdb.org/zeros/zeta/list?download=yes&limit=100.

Reference script (Python 3).

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""
Deterministic audit script for the Part III prime-locked generator.

Defaults reproduce the v24 Part III table:
  - A = 3/2
  - C in {16, 32, 48}
  - J = 50
  - bisection tolerance = 1e-12
  - weight W(y) = exp(1 - 1/(1-y)) on (0,1), W=0 outside

Truth ordinates are fetched from LMFDB's plain-text endpoint; if the fetch fails,
the script falls back to an embedded list for j=1..50.

No circularity:
  - X_j is computed from the predicted t_j at each step.
  - The truth list is used ONLY for reporting errors.
"""

import argparse
import math
import sys
import urllib.request
```

```
import mpmath as mp
mp.mp.dps = 50  # fixed precision for theta

LMFDB_URL = "https://www.lmfdb.org/zeros/zeta/list?download=yes&limit=100"

FALLBACK_GAMMA_50 = [
"14.1347251417346937904572519835625",
"21.0220396387715549926284795938969",
"25.0108575801456887632137909925628",
"30.4248761258595132103118975305840",
"32.9350615877391896906623689640747",
"37.5861781588256712572177634807053",
"40.9187190121474951873981269146334",
"43.3270732809149995194961221654068",
"48.0051508811671597279424727494277",
"49.7738324776723021819167846785638",
"52.9703214777144606441472966088808",
"56.4462476970633948043677594767060",
"59.3470440026023530796536486749922",
"60.8317785246098098442599018245241",
"65.1125440480816066608750542531836",
"67.0798105294941737144788288965221",
"69.5464017111739792529268575265547",
"72.0671576744819075825221079698261",
"75.7046906990839331683269167620305",
"77.1448400688748053726826648563047",
"79.3373750202493679227635928771161",
"82.9103808540860301831648374947706",
"84.7354929805170501057353112068276",
"87.4252746131252294065316678509191",
"88.8091112076344654236823480795095",
"92.4918992705584842962597252418105",
"94.6513440405198869665979258152080",
"95.8706342282453097587410292192467",
"98.8311942181936922333244201386224",
"101.3178510057313912287854479402924",
"103.7255380404783394163984081086952",
"105.4466230523260944936708324141119",
"107.1686111842764075151233519630860",
"111.0295355431696745246564503099445",
"111.8746591769926370856120787167707",
"114.3202209154527127658909372761910",
"116.2266803208575543821608043120647",
"118.7907828659762173229791397026999",
"121.3701250024206459189455329704998",
"122.9468292935525882008174603307700",
"124.2568185543457671847320079661301",
"127.5166838795964951242793237669060",
"129.5787041999560509857680339061800",
"131.0876885309326567235663724615015",
"133.4977372029975864501304920426407",
```

```
"134.75650975337387133132606415716 99",
"138.11604205453344320019155519028 24",
"139.73620895212138895045004652338 24",
"141.12370740402112376194035381847 53",
"143.11184580762063273940512386891 39",
]

def fetch_lmfdb_gammas(limit: int = 50, url: str = LMFDB_URL, timeout: int = 20):
    """
    Returns a list of decimal strings gamma_1..gamma_limit.
    The endpoint returns "1 gamma1 2 gamma2 ..." in plain text.
    """
    try:
        with urllib.request.urlopen(url, timeout=timeout) as f:
            txt = f.read().decode("utf-8", errors="replace").strip()
        parts = txt.split()
        gammas = parts[1::2]
        if len(gammas) < limit:
            raise ValueError("LMFDB response too short")
        return gammas[:limit], "LMFDB"
    except Exception:
        return FALLBACK_GAMMA_50[:limit], "FALLBACK"

def theta_float(t: float) -> float:
    # Riemann{Siegel theta; mpmath uses the standard convention.
    return float(mp.siegeltheta(t))

def W_cutoff(y: float) -> float:
    # Smooth one-sided cutoff: W(0+)=1, W(y)->0 rapidly as y->1-.
    if y <= 0.0 or y >= 1.0:
        return 0.0
    return math.exp(1.0 - 1.0/(1.0 - y))

def primes_upto(n: int):
    if n < 2:
        return []
    sieve = bytearray(b"\x01") * (n + 1)
    sieve[:2] = b"\x00\x00"
    r = int(n ** 0.5)
    for p in range(2, r + 1):
        if sieve[p]:
            start = p * p
            step = p
            sieve[start:n+1:step] = b"\x00" * (((n - start) // step) + 1)
    return [i for i in range(2, n + 1) if sieve[i]]

def prime_power_terms(X: float, t: float):
    """
    Precompute omega=log(p^k), coeff=W(p^k/X)/(k*sqrt(p^k)),
    and sin(t*omega), cos(t*omega) for fast evaluation of P(t,Delta).
    """
```

```
    N = int(X)
    ps = primes_upto(N)
    omegas, coeffs, sin0, cos0 = [], [], [], []
    for p in ps:
        n = p
        k = 1
        while n <= N:
            y = n / X
            w = W_cutoff(y)
            if w != 0.0:
                coeff = w / (k * math.sqrt(n))
                omega = math.log(n)
                omegas.append(omega)
                coeffs.append(coeff)
                ang = t * omega
                sin0.append(math.sin(ang))
                cos0.append(math.cos(ang))
            k += 1
            n *= p
    return omegas, coeffs, sin0, cos0

def P_prime_increment(terms, Delta: float) -> float:
    omegas, coeffs, sin0, cos0 = terms
    s = 0.0
    for omega, coeff, s0, c0 in zip(omegas, coeffs, sin0, cos0):
        d = s0 * (math.cos(Delta * omega) - 1.0) + c0 * math.sin(Delta * omega)
        s += coeff * d
    return -s

def next_zero(tj: float, C: float, A: float, tol: float = 1e-12, max_iter: int = 80):
    X = C * (math.log(tj) ** A)
    terms = prime_power_terms(X, tj)
    theta_tj = theta_float(tj)

    def F(Delta: float) -> float:
        return (theta_float(tj + Delta) - theta_tj) + P_prime_increment(terms, Delta) - math

    denom = math.log(max(tj / (2.0 * math.pi), 1.0000001))
    gap0 = 2.0 * math.pi / denom if denom > 0 else 10.0

    lo = 0.0
    hi = max(1.0, 2.0 * gap0)
    f_hi = F(hi)
    it = 0
    while f_hi <= 0.0 and it < 50:
        hi *= 2.0
        f_hi = F(hi)
        it += 1
    if f_hi <= 0.0:
        raise RuntimeError(f"Failed to bracket root at t={tj} (hi={hi}, F(hi)={f_hi})")
```

```
    for _ in range(max_iter):
        mid = 0.5 * (lo + hi)
        if F(mid) <= 0.0:
            lo = mid
        else:
            hi = mid
        if hi - lo < tol:
            break

    return tj + 0.5 * (lo + hi)

def tick_sequence(t1: float, J: int, C: float, A: float):
    ts = [t1]
    t = t1
    for _ in range(1, J):
        t = next_zero(t, C=C, A=A)
        ts.append(t)
    return ts

def error_stats(ts_pred, gammas_true, exclude_seed: bool = True):
    start = 1 if exclude_seed else 0
    m_pred = [2.0 * t for t in ts_pred[start:]]
    m_true = [2.0 * float(g) for g in gammas_true[start:len(ts_pred)]]

    abs_err = [abs(a - b) for a, b in zip(m_pred, m_true)]
    rel_err = [ae / abs(mt) for ae, mt in zip(abs_err, m_true)]

    return {
        "max_abs": max(abs_err),
        "mean_abs": sum(abs_err) / len(abs_err),
        "max_rel": max(rel_err),
        "mean_rel": sum(rel_err) / len(rel_err),
    }

def main():
    ap = argparse.ArgumentParser()
    ap.add_argument("--J", type=int, default=50)
    ap.add_argument("--A", type=float, default=1.5)
    ap.add_argument("--Cs", type=str, default="16,32,48")
    ap.add_argument("--no_fetch", action="store_true")
    ap.add_argument("--include_seed_in_stats", action="store_true")
    args = ap.parse_args()

    Cs = [float(x.strip()) for x in args.Cs.split(",") if x.strip()]

    if args.no_fetch:
        gammas, source = (FALLBACK_GAMMA_50[:args.J], "FALLBACK(forced)")
    else:
        gammas, source = fetch_lmfdb_gammas(limit=max(args.J, 50))

    # Seed (use truth gamma_1 as seed to match Appendix protocol)
```

```
    t1 = float(gammas[0])

    print(f"[audit] source={source}  J={args.J}  A={args.A}  Cs={Cs}")
    print("[audit] computing...")

    exclude_seed = not args.include_seed_in_stats

    # Print LaTeX-ready rows
    for C in Cs:
        ts_pred = tick_sequence(t1, args.J, C=C, A=args.A)
        st = error_stats(ts_pred, gammas, exclude_seed=exclude_seed)
        print(
            f"{int(C)} & "
            f"{st[’max_abs’]:.6f} & {st[’mean_abs’]:.6f} & "
            f"{st[’max_rel’]:.6f} & {st[’mean_rel’]:.6f} \\\\"
        )

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

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