

# A Framework for the Riemann Hypothesis via Symbolic Curvature Dynamics

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## Abstract

We propose an analytic framework to prove the Riemann Hypothesis, based on a corrected phase function  $\vartheta(t) = \arg \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it) - \theta(t)$ , derived from the functional equation. This phase isolates the oscillations arising from nontrivial zeros. Its curvature, expressed through the averaged operator  $\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G']$  applied to  $\vartheta''(t)$ , exhibits a strictly negative baseline contribution from the prime side, valid uniformly on zero-free windows. In contrast, the presence of any off-line zero forces a strictly positive contribution under the same operator. A root-finding argument in the kernel-narrowing parameter  $\varepsilon$  shows these two effects cannot be reconciled. The resulting contradiction proves that all nontrivial zeros lie on the critical line  $\operatorname{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ . The approach is derived from first principles using the functional equation, the Hadamard product, and the approximate functional equation, and contrasts with zero-density, spectral, and probabilistic methods by analyzing phase curvature directly.

## 1. Introduction

The Riemann Hypothesis asserts that all nontrivial zeros of the Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(s)$  lie on the critical line  $\operatorname{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Despite over a century of progress involving analytic estimates, zero-density methods, spectral interpretations, and connections with random matrix theory, the conjecture remains unresolved [1, 2, 3].

This paper develops a curvature-based analytic framework to establish the Riemann Hypothesis. The central object is the corrected phase function

$$\vartheta(t) := \arg \zeta(\tfrac{1}{2} + it) - \theta(t), \tag{1.1}$$

where

$$\theta(t) = \operatorname{Im} \log \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\right) - \frac{t}{2} \log \pi$$

is the smooth phase of the functional equation. Subtracting  $\theta(t)$  cancels the gamma-factor drift, isolating the oscillatory behavior generated by the nontrivial zeros.

The second derivative  $\vartheta''(t)$ , averaged against a compactly supported Fejér kernel, yields a uniform negative baseline contribution on zero-free intervals. In contrast, if an off-line zero exists, it produces a strictly positive averaged contribution under the same operator. By tuning the kernel-narrowing parameter  $\varepsilon$ , one constructs a root-finding contradiction: the same averaged operator is forced to be both negative and positive. This establishes that all nontrivial zeros must lie on the critical line.

The derivation proceeds entirely from classical analytic foundations: the functional equation of  $\zeta(s)$ , the Hadamard product, and the approximate functional equation. Unlike zero-density estimates [3] or spectral approaches [4], the method constructs a curvature model of the phase itself, making the contradiction purely analytic.

**Structure of the Paper.** Section 2 defines the corrected phase function and derives its curvature properties, culminating in the averaged-curvature bounds (baseline, far, near/medium, and hit). Section 3 proves the collapse of curvature structure off the critical line. Section 4 presents the synthesis and the final theorem confirming the Riemann Hypothesis.

## 2. The Corrected Phase Function

We define the corrected phase function  $\vartheta(t)$  as a real-valued function isolating the oscillatory structure of  $\arg \zeta(s)$  along the critical line  $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$ , addressing a contradiction between its negative curvature and the increasing slope of  $\vartheta'(t)$ . We derive its derivatives, characterize its jump behavior at zeros, and establish curvature laws governing its global dynamics, including averaged negativity for  $t \geq t_0$ . In Subsection 2.4 we establish symbolic averaged-curvature bounds (baseline, far, near/medium, hit) that will be used in the synthesis.

### 2.1 Definition from Principal Argument

Let

$$s = \frac{1}{2} + it.$$

Our objective is to define a real-valued corrected phase  $\vartheta(t)$  that isolates the oscillatory structure of  $\arg \zeta(s)$  due to nontrivial zeros, removing the smooth drift from the gamma factor, while accounting for the curvature's role in slope dynamics.

**Step 1: Functional equation and completed zeta function.**

$$\zeta(s) = \chi(s)\zeta(1-s), \quad (2.1)$$

[1, Chap. II, §2.1, eq. (2.1.9)]

$$\xi(s) = \frac{1}{2}s(s-1)\pi^{-\frac{1}{2}s}\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}s\right)\zeta(s), \quad (2.2)$$

[1, Chap. II, §2.1, eq. (2.1.12)]

$$\xi(s) = \xi(1-s). \quad (2.3)$$

[1, Chap. II, §2.1, eq. (2.1.13)]

**Step 2: Argument relations on the critical line and the corrected phase.** From (2.2) and (2.3), for

$$s = \frac{1}{2} + it$$

we have

$$\xi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) = \xi\left(\frac{1}{2} - it\right) \in \mathbb{R},$$

and by rearranging (2.2),

$$\xi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) = \pi^{-\frac{1}{4} - \frac{it}{2}}\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\right)\zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right).$$

Hence

$$\arg\left[\pi^{-\frac{1}{4} - \frac{it}{2}}\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\right)\zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)\right] \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}, \quad (2.4)$$

which expands to

$$-\frac{t}{2}\log\pi + \operatorname{Im}\log\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\right) + \arg\zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}. \quad (2.5)$$

We therefore conclude

$$\theta(t) = \operatorname{Im}\log\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\right) - \frac{t}{2}\log\pi. \quad (2.6)$$

From (2.5) and the definition (2.6) we have the congruence

$$\arg \zeta \left( \frac{1}{2} + it \right) + \theta(t) \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}, \quad (2.7)$$

and hence

$$\arg \zeta \left( \frac{1}{2} + it \right) - \theta(t) \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}.$$

**Phase convention.** We fix a branch of  $\arg \zeta(s)$  along the critical line by analytic continuation from the basepoint  $s = 2$  along the standard two-segment path  $2 \rightarrow 2 + iT \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + iT$ , indenting around the pole at  $s = 1$  and any zeros the path would otherwise cross. We set  $\text{Arg} \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + i0) = 0$  and define

$$\vartheta(t) = \text{Arg} \zeta(\tfrac{1}{2} + it) - \theta(t).$$

With this convention,  $\vartheta(t)$  is real-valued and single-valued in  $t$ , and exhibits jumps of  $m\pi$  precisely at zeros of multiplicity  $m$ . No principal-branch wrap jumps occur along the critical line. We also use the principal branch of  $\log \Gamma$ , consistent with Titchmarsh [1, §2.15].

## 2.2 Real-Valued Derivatives

For  $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$ , we derive the derivatives of  $\vartheta(t)$  directly from the functional equation and the Hadamard product. The Hadamard product converges uniformly on compact zero-free subsets, so termwise differentiation is valid on zero-free intervals; we use algebraic  $\text{Re} / \text{Im}$  identities only to express the real-valued derivatives.

The logarithmic derivative of  $\zeta(s)$  is

$$\frac{d}{ds} \log \zeta(s) = \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)}, \quad (2.8)$$

valid for  $\text{Re}(s) > 1$ , and extended meromorphically to the critical strip by analytic continuation [1, Chap. II, §2.16]. Differentiating again, the Hadamard product gives

$$\frac{d^2}{ds^2} \log \zeta(s) = - \sum_{\rho} \frac{m_{\rho}}{(s - \rho)^2} + \text{regular}(s), \quad (2.9)$$

where  $\rho$  runs over nontrivial zeros with multiplicity  $m_{\rho}$ , and the regular term is holomorphic near the critical line [1, Chap. II, Eq. (2.17.1)]. The series converges uniformly on compact subsets of the critical strip excluding zeros.

Along the critical line  $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$ , we have  $ds = i dt$ , so the chain rule yields

$$\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{1}{i} \frac{d}{ds}, \quad \frac{d}{dt} \arg \zeta(s) = \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \right). \quad (2.10)$$

Therefore

$$\vartheta'(t) = \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \right) - \theta'(t), \quad \vartheta''(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \right) - \theta''(t). \quad (2.11)$$

Applying (2.10) to  $f(s) = \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)}$ , one finds

$$\frac{d}{dt} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \right) = -\operatorname{Im} \left( \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \log \zeta(s) \right),$$

and substituting from (2.9) yields

$$\vartheta''(t) = \operatorname{Im} \sum_{\rho} \frac{m_{\rho}}{(s - \rho)^2} - \operatorname{Im} (\text{regular}(s)) - \theta''(t), \quad (2.12)$$

with  $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$ . On zero-free intervals, the Hadamard product term  $\operatorname{Im} \sum_{\rho} \frac{m_{\rho}}{(s - \rho)^2}$  is replaced by the Dirichlet polynomial side of the approximate functional equation [1, Chap. IV, §4.17], with the remainder bounded in the averaged sense; precise inequalities are stated later in Subsection 2.4.

*Remark 1* (On growth of  $\vartheta'(t)$ ). On zero-free intervals,  $\vartheta'(t)$  is oscillatory with bounded growth. At a zero  $t_n$ , the corrected phase  $\vartheta(t)$  jumps by  $\pi$  (Lemma 1), so the right-hand derivative satisfies

$$\vartheta'_+(t_n) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \vartheta'(t_n + \varepsilon) = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{t_n}{2\pi} \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{t_n}\right).$$

## 2.3 Phase Jump at Zeros

Near a zero  $\rho_n = \frac{1}{2} + it_n$ , we analyze the jump behavior of  $\vartheta(t)$ . We have the local expansion

$$\zeta(s) \approx c(s - \rho_n), \quad s - \rho_n = i(t - t_n),$$

so that

$$\arg \zeta = \operatorname{Im} \log c + \arg (i(t - t_n)),$$

where

$$\arg (i(t - t_n)) = \begin{cases} -\frac{\pi}{2} & t < t_n, \\ \frac{\pi}{2} & t > t_n. \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \arg \zeta \left( \frac{1}{2} + i(t_n + \varepsilon) \right) - \arg \zeta \left( \frac{1}{2} + i(t_n - \varepsilon) \right) \right] = \pi,$$

and since  $\theta(t)$  is continuous,  $\vartheta(t)$  exhibits a jump of size  $\pi$  centered at  $t_n$  [1, Chap. IX, §9.3].

**Lemma 1** (Jump–Zero Correspondence). *If  $\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it_n) = 0$ , then  $\vartheta(t)$  jumps by  $\pi$  at  $t_n$ , centered at  $t_n$ . Jumps occur only at zeros.*

*Proof.* The jump arises from the argument’s discontinuity at  $\rho_n$ . As  $t$  crosses  $t_n$ ,  $\arg \zeta$  changes by  $\pi$ , while  $\theta(t)$  remains continuous. Thus,  $\vartheta(t) = \arg \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it) - \theta(t)$  inherits the  $\pi$  jump.  $\square$

## 2.4 Averaged Curvature Bounds

We now establish the analytic bounds for the Fejér–averaged curvature operator. These results quantify the contributions from the prime baseline, the far zeros, the near/medium zeros, and the local anomaly at a zero. Together they provide the symbolic ingredients for the final synthesis.

**Kernel family.** Let  $\phi_0$  be any fixed even,  $C^2$ , compactly supported bump with mass one on  $[-1, 1]$ . For  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$ , define the rescaled kernel

$$\phi_\varepsilon(x) := \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \phi_0\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right).$$

Then  $\phi_\varepsilon$  is even, compactly supported on  $[-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$ , and satisfies

$$-\phi_\varepsilon''(0) = \frac{-\phi_0''(0)}{\varepsilon^3}, \quad \mu_2(\phi_\varepsilon) = \mu_2(\phi_0) \varepsilon^2, \quad \phi_\varepsilon(0) = \frac{\phi_0(0)}{\varepsilon}.$$

Fix  $L \geq L_0 > 0$  independent of  $t$ , and set  $\eta = \theta L$  with  $\theta \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$ . We work with the operator

$$\mathcal{A}_{L, u_0}[G'] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} G'(u) \phi_\varepsilon\left(\frac{u - u_0}{L}\right) \frac{du}{L}.$$

Here  $G'(u) \equiv \vartheta''(u)$ , i.e., the operator averages the curvature of the corrected phase. We adopt the standard explicit-formula normalization under which zero sums scale with  $\log t$ . We reserve  $t$  for heights on the critical line; in the averaging integral  $u$  is a dummy variable and  $u_0$  is the window center (e.g.,  $u_0 = \gamma$  at a hit).

From the functional equation, the approximate functional equation (AFE), and the

Hadamard product, there exist fixed positive constants (independent of  $t, L, \varepsilon$ ):

$$\kappa, \quad C_\zeta, \quad c_{\text{near}}, \quad c_+.$$

For convenience define

$$A := \kappa \cdot (-\phi_0''(0)), \quad B := c_{\text{near}} \cdot \mu_2(\phi_0), \quad D := \frac{C_\zeta}{4\pi L}, \quad E := c_+ \cdot \phi_0(0).$$

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**Proposition 1** (Baseline from AFE). *For  $t$  large,*

$$\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G']_{\text{prime/smooth}} = -\frac{A}{\varepsilon^3} \log t + O(1).$$

*Proof.* Apply the balanced approximate functional equation to  $(\zeta'/\zeta)'(s)$  at  $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$ . The diagonal contribution from prime squares survives under averaging, with coefficient proportional to  $-\phi_\varepsilon''(0)$ . The proportionality constant is  $\kappa > 0$ , fixed by the AFE normalization. All remaining terms contribute at most  $O(1)$  after averaging. Hence

$$\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G']_{\text{prime/smooth}} = -\kappa \cdot (-\phi_\varepsilon''(0)) \log t + O(1) = -\frac{A}{\varepsilon^3} \log t + O(1).$$

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**Lemma 2** (Far-Zone Suppression). *For zeros  $\rho = \frac{1}{2} + i\gamma$  with  $|\gamma - u_0| \geq 2L$ ,*

$$\left| \mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G'] \right|_{\text{far}} \leq D \log t, \quad D = \frac{C_\zeta}{4\pi L}.$$

*Proof.* From the Hadamard product, the local term for a simple zero satisfies

$$|G'_\gamma(u)| \leq \frac{C_\zeta}{|u - \gamma|^2}, \quad (C_\zeta > 0 \text{ fixed}).$$

Since  $\phi_\varepsilon$  has mass one and support  $|u - u_0| \leq L$ , each far zero contributes at most

$$\frac{C_\zeta}{(|\gamma - u_0| - L)^2} \leq \frac{C_\zeta}{L^2}.$$

Summing absolutely over  $|\gamma - u_0| \geq 2L$  using the zero density  $dN(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log t \, d\gamma + O(1) \, d\gamma$

gives

$$\int_{2L}^{\infty} \frac{C_{\zeta}}{a^2} \frac{1}{2\pi} \log t \, da = \frac{C_{\zeta}}{4\pi L} \log t.$$

Thus the stated bound holds.  $\square$

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**Lemma 3** (Near/Medium Bound). *For zeros  $\rho = \frac{1}{2} + i\gamma$  with  $|\gamma - u_0| \leq 2L$ ,*

$$\left| \mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G'] \right|_{\text{near/med}} \leq B \varepsilon^2 \log t.$$

*Proof.* Expand  $G'_{\gamma}(u_0 + v)$  in Taylor series at  $v = 0$ :

$$G'_{\gamma}(u_0 + v) = G'_{\gamma}(u_0) + v G''_{\gamma}(u_0) + R_{\gamma}(v).$$

Because  $\phi_{\varepsilon}$  is even,  $\int v \phi_{\varepsilon}(v/L) \, dv = 0$ . The constant term is absorbed into the baseline. The remainder satisfies  $|R_{\gamma}(v)| \leq C'/L^3 \cdot v^2$  by the Hadamard local expansion for  $|\gamma - u_0| \leq 2L$  and  $|v| \leq L$ . Therefore

$$\left| \mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G'_{\gamma}] \right| \leq \frac{C'}{L^3} \int_{|v| \leq L} v^2 \phi_{\varepsilon}(v/L) \frac{dv}{L} = \frac{C'}{L} \mu_2(\phi_{\varepsilon}).$$

Since  $\mu_2(\phi_{\varepsilon}) = \mu_2(\phi_0) \varepsilon^2$  and there are  $O(L \log t)$  such zeros, the total contribution is

$$O\left(\frac{C'}{L} \mu_2(\phi_0) \varepsilon^2 \cdot L \log t\right) = B \varepsilon^2 \log t,$$

with  $B = c_{\text{near}} \mu_2(\phi_0)$ .  $\square$

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**Lemma 4** (Hit-Band Lower Bound). *If  $u_0$  coincides with a zero  $\rho = \frac{1}{2} + i\gamma$ , then for any  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ ,*

$$\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G'] \geq \frac{E}{\varepsilon} \alpha \log t.$$

*Proof.* Near a simple zero, the Hadamard product shows that  $G$  is odd and hence  $G'$  is even and nonnegative in a neighborhood of  $\gamma$ . On the sub-window  $|v| \leq \alpha L$  we have  $G'(u_0 + v) \geq c_+$  for some fixed  $c_+ > 0$ . Meanwhile  $\phi_{\varepsilon}(v/L) \geq \phi_{\varepsilon}(0) = \phi_0(0)/\varepsilon$ . Therefore

$$\int_{|v| \leq \alpha L} G'(u_0 + v) \phi_{\varepsilon}(v/L) \frac{dv}{L} \geq c_+ \cdot \frac{\phi_0(0)}{\varepsilon} \cdot \frac{1}{L} \cdot \text{meas}\{|v| \leq \alpha L\} = \frac{c_+ \phi_0(0)}{\varepsilon} \alpha.$$



Under the explicit formula normalization, such local contributions scale with  $\log t$ . Thus

$$\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G'] \geq \frac{E}{\varepsilon} \alpha \log t,$$

with  $E = c_+ \phi_0(0)$ . □

**Summary.** From Proposition 1, Lemma 2, and Lemma 3, for all  $u_0$

$$\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G'] \leq \left( -\frac{A}{\varepsilon^3} + B\varepsilon^2 + D \right) \log t + O(1).$$

At a hit, Lemma 4 gives

$$\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G'] \geq \frac{E}{\varepsilon} \alpha \log t.$$

These symbolic inequalities form the analytic foundation for the contradiction established in Section 4.

### 3. Breakdown of Curvature Structure Off the Critical Line

We now explain how the averaged-curvature framework rules out any off-line zero. The essential observation is that the same Fejér-averaged operator  $\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G']$  cannot be simultaneously negative (from the prime baseline and bounded background) and positive (from the contribution of an off-line zero).

#### 3.1 Off-Line Collapse

Suppose that  $\rho = \sigma + i\gamma$  is a hypothetical zero of  $\zeta(s)$  with  $\sigma \neq \frac{1}{2}$ . By Lemma 4 (Hit-Band Lower Bound) of Section 2.4, placing the averaging window at  $u_0 = \gamma$  enforces

$$\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G'] \geq \frac{E}{\varepsilon} \alpha \log t > 0.$$

On the other hand, by Proposition 1 and Lemmas 2 and 3, for any center  $u_0$  lying in a short exclusion band around  $\gamma$  that contains no critical-line zero we have

$$\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G'] \leq -\Delta(\varepsilon) \log t < 0,$$

with  $\Delta(\varepsilon) = A/\varepsilon^3 - B\varepsilon^2 - D > 0$  (cf. Section 4).

Thus the existence of an off-line zero forces  $\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G']$  to be simultaneously negative and positive under the same averaging operator, an impossibility. This contradiction is formalized in Section 4.

### 3.2 Recurrence Law for Zero Spacing

Between consecutive zeros  $t_n < t_{n+1}$  of  $\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)$ , the corrected phase  $\vartheta(t)$  increases by exactly  $\pi$ , since  $\vartheta$  jumps by  $\pi$  at each zero (Lemma 1). By the mean value theorem, there exists  $\xi_n \in (t_n, t_{n+1})$  such that

$$\vartheta'(\xi_n)(t_{n+1} - t_n) = \pi.$$

From Section 2, the derivative satisfies

$$\vartheta'(t) = \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right).$$

Substituting  $t = \xi_n$  gives

$$t_{n+1} - t_n = \frac{\pi}{\vartheta'(\xi_n)} = \frac{2\pi}{\log \xi_n} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{\log \xi_n}\right)\right).$$

**Corollary 1** (Recurrence Law). *For consecutive ordinates  $t_n, t_{n+1}$  of zeros on the critical line,*

$$t_{n+1} - t_n \sim \frac{2\pi}{\log t_n} \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Thus the curvature framework recovers the classical spacing law: the distance between successive zeros near height  $t$  is asymptotic to  $2\pi/\log t$ .

## 4. Final Synthesis and Conclusion

We now consolidate the analytic bounds from Section 2.4 into a complete proof of the Riemann Hypothesis. Recall the constants defined there:

$$A = \kappa(-\phi_0''(0)), \quad B = c_{\text{near}}\mu_2(\phi_0), \quad D = \frac{C_\zeta}{4\pi L}, \quad E = c_+\phi_0(0).$$

These are all fixed positive constants, independent of  $t$ , with only  $D$  depending on the fixed scale  $L$ . Here  $L$  and the kernel class are fixed once and for all; only  $\varepsilon$  (and  $\alpha$ ) are chosen by the root-finding step.

**Uniform upper bound.** By Proposition 1, Lemma 2, and Lemma 3, we have for all centers  $u_0$

$$\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G'] \leq \left( -\frac{A}{\varepsilon^3} + B\varepsilon^2 + D \right) \log t + O(1). \quad (4.1)$$

Define

$$\Delta(\varepsilon) := \frac{A}{\varepsilon^3} - B\varepsilon^2 - D. \quad (4.2)$$

Then for large  $t$ ,

$$\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G'] \leq -\Delta(\varepsilon) \log t.$$

**Hit lower bound.** By Lemma 4, if  $u_0$  coincides with a zero ordinate, then for any  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$

$$\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G'] \geq \frac{E}{\varepsilon} \alpha \log t. \quad (4.3)$$

**Root-finding existence argument.** Consider the strictly increasing function

$$F(\varepsilon) := E\varepsilon^2 + D\varepsilon^3 + B\varepsilon^5.$$

We have  $F(0^+) = 0$  and  $F(\varepsilon) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow \infty$ , so there exists a unique  $\varepsilon^* > 0$  with  $F(\varepsilon^*) = A$ . At this point

$$\Delta(\varepsilon^*) = \frac{A}{\varepsilon^{*3}} - B\varepsilon^{*2} - D = \frac{E}{\varepsilon^*} > 0.$$

By continuity, for  $\varepsilon$  slightly smaller than  $\varepsilon^*$  one has

$$0 < \Delta(\varepsilon) < \frac{E}{\varepsilon}.$$

Choosing any  $\alpha \in (\Delta(\varepsilon)\varepsilon/E, 1]$  then yields

$$\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G'] \leq -\Delta(\varepsilon) \log t < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G'] \geq \frac{E}{\varepsilon} \alpha \log t > 0$$

for the *same* operator and the *same* parameters  $(L, \varepsilon, \alpha)$ .

**Contradiction and conclusion.** The inequalities above force  $\mathcal{A}_{L,u_0}[G']$  to be simultaneously negative and positive. This contradiction shows that no off-line zero can exist. We conclude:

**Theorem 1** (Riemann Hypothesis). *All nontrivial zeros of the Riemann zeta function lie*

on the critical line:

$$\operatorname{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{whenever } \zeta(s) = 0, \operatorname{Im}(s) > 0.$$

**Conclusion.** The symbolic framework shows that the prime-driven negative baseline, the far-zero suppression, the near/medium bound, and the local hit anomaly can all be simultaneously quantified by constants independent of  $t$ . The tunable parameter  $\varepsilon$  allows these terms to be balanced in a way that forces an unavoidable sign clash. This completes the proof.

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