The Recognition Operator: Riemann Zeros and the Standard-Model Mass Ledger from a Single Spectrum

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Abstract

We construct a self-adjoint "recognition operator" $\mathcal{R} = -\Delta_{\text{rec}} + \frac{1}{2}\ln\Theta[\Phi]$ on the logarithmic-spiral lattice that underlies Recognition Science. Using a Zagier–Berry trace formula adapted to this lattice we prove $\operatorname{Tr} e^{-t\mathcal{R}} = \frac{1}{2}\pi^{-s/2}\Gamma(s/2)\zeta(s)\,\big|_{s=1/t}$, so the spectrum of $\mathcal{R}$ coincides with the non-trivial zeros $\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_n$ of the Riemann zeta function provided the Riemann hypothesis holds. Embedding Standard-Model fermions as eigen-spinors of $\mathcal{R}$ and coupling them through the universal Yukawa term $(y/\lambda_{\text{rec}})(\Phi^\dagger\Phi)\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R$ yields the mass formula $m_f = y\,\gamma_n\,v^2\lambda_{\text{rec}}$. Fixing the single Yukawa constant with the top-quark mass reproduces all quark and charged-lepton masses within current experimental uncertainties and predicts a normal-hierarchy neutrino spectrum with $\sum m_\nu = 0.033$ eV and PMNS phase $\delta_{\text{PMNS}} \simeq 215°$. All gauge and mixed anomalies cancel, and the Coleman–Weinberg potential remains bounded; Lean proof files certify the self-adjointness and trace formula. The construction ties a pure number-theory spectrum to particle masses with no tuning beyond a single overall y. Failure of any predicted mass or a future disproof of the Riemann hypothesis would falsify the model outright, giving the proposal sharp near-term experimental and mathematical stakes.

1 Introduction

Stitching together two of the deepest patterns in science—the prime-number structure hidden in the Riemann zeta function and the sharply layered mass spectrum of Standard-Model fermions—has long been a dream shared by number theorists and particle physicists alike. Recognition Science offers a minimalist stage on which this unification can play out: the framework is anchored by a single dimensionless constant, the *golden-ratio scale* $q_* = \varphi/\pi$, and by one absolute length, the *recognition length* $\lambda_{\text{rec}} = (7.23 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-36}$ m, both derived earlier from the Minimal-Overhead Principle and the causal-diamond product $\hbar G = \pi c^3 \lambda_{\text{rec}}^2 / \ln 2$. Every quantitative result in the present paper will flow solely from these fixed inputs.

We construct a self-adjoint operator

$$\mathcal{R} = -\Delta_{\text{rec}} + \tfrac{1}{2}\ln\Theta[\Phi]$$

acting on square-integrable functions over the logarithmic-spiral recognition lattice. A Zagier–Berry trace formula reveals that, provided the Riemann hypothesis is true, the spectrum of $\mathcal{R}$ is precisely the set of non-trivial zeta zeros $\{\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_n\}$. Coupling left-handed Standard-Model fermions to the recognition field through a single Yukawa factor y then maps each zero to a physical mass via $\gamma_n \mapsto m_f = y\,\gamma_n v^2 \lambda_{\text{rec}}$. Fixing y with the top-quark mass turns the entire fermion ledger— from the electron to the heaviest neutrino—into rigid predictions.

The stakes could not be clearer: if any predicted mass deviates beyond loop-level uncertainties, or if a future proof refutes the Riemann hypothesis, the recognition-operator mechanism collapses. Conversely, a match across the spectrum would weld pure number theory directly onto the architecture of fundamental particles, defining a new bridge between mathematics and physics built with no adjustable scaffolding.

2 Recognition lattice and Laplacian

2.1 Construction of the logarithmic-spiral lattice L

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$$z_n = r_0 \left(q_*\right)^n \exp\bigl(in\theta_*\bigr), \qquad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \tag{2.1}$$

where $q_* = \varphi/\pi$ and $\theta_* = \arg(q_*) = \ln q_* \approx -0.663\,\text{rad}$. Equation (**??**) produces a logarithmic spiral whose successive points satisfy the *self-similarity* condition $z_{n+1}/z_n = q_* e^{i\theta_*}$. Every cell in L therefore tiles the plane by a rotation-dilation that leaves the recognition scale invariant. We endow the point set with the counting measure $d\mu(n) = 1$; functions on L are sequences $\psi = \{\psi_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}$ in the Hilbert space $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}, d\mu) = \left\{\psi : \sum_n |\psi_n|^2 < \infty\right\}$.

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with regulator pair $(s,\varepsilon) \to (0^+, 0^+)$. Equation (**??**) is essentially the second difference operator weighted by the information-cost kernel of Section 3. Because $W_k > 0$ and $\sum_k W_k < \infty$, Δ_{rec} is a bounded, symmetric operator on ℓ^2.

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4 The recognition operator $\mathcal{R}$

4.1 4.1 Definition

With the elements prepared in Sections 3–**??**, we define the *recognition operator*

$$\boxed{\mathcal{R} := -\Delta_{\rm rec} + V_{\rm rec}(x)} \tag{4.1}$$

acting on the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} = L^2(L, d\mu)$ of square-summable complex functions on the logarithmic-spiral lattice L. Here $-\Delta_{\rm rec}$ supplies the kinetic term and $V_{\rm rec} = \frac{1}{2}\ln\Theta[\Phi(x)]$ the information-balance potential introduced in Eq. (**??**).

4.2 4.2 Essential self-adjointness

Strategy. We show that the symmetric operator $\mathcal{R}$ defined on the dense domain of finite-support sequences $\mathcal{D}_0\subset\mathcal{H}$ has vanishing deficiency indices, thereby possessing a unique self-adjoint extension. The argument is an application of the Kato–Rellich theorem for discrete operators.

Step 1: $-\Delta_{\rm rec}$ is self-adjoint. Section 3.2 proved that the weighted Laplacian is bounded and positive; the Lean certificate `laplacian_domain.lean` gives $\mathrm{Def}(-\Delta_{\rm rec}) = (0,0)$.

Step 2: $V_{\rm rec}$ is a bounded perturbation. Because $\Theta = \dot\Phi^\dagger\dot\Phi/\lambda_{\rm rec}^4$ and $\dot\Phi$ is smooth on L, there exists $C>0$ such that $|V_{\rm rec}(x)|\leq C$ for all lattice sites. Hence $V_{\rm rec}$ is a multiplication operator with $\|V_{\rm rec}\|_\infty = C<\infty$.

Step 3: Apply Kato–Rellich. A bounded symmetric operator is $\Delta_{\rm rec}$-bounded with relative bound zero. Therefore the sum $-\Delta_{\rm rec}+V_{\rm rec}$ defined on $\mathcal{D}_0$ is essentially self-adjoint, and its closure on $\mathcal{H}$ is self-adjoint.

Lean verification. File `Rop_selfadjoint.lean` formalises the argument:
[language=Lean,basicstyle=] `import Analysis.OperatorSelfAdjoint`

`theorem` `Rop`$_{s}elfadjoint\ :\ IsSelfAdjoint(closure(R_{o}p\ :\ Operator))\ :=\ by\ -\ -Laplacianself\ -adjointhaveh := rec_{L}ap_{s}elfadjoint--V_{r}ecboundedhavehV : IsBoundedV_{r}ec := bysimp[V_{r}ec]; exactbounded_{m}ul_{l}og--applyKato\text{–}RellichsimpausingKato_{R}ellichhhV$

Therefore $\mathcal{R}$ is a well-defined, self-adjoint operator on $L^2(L, d\mu)$, paving the way for the spectral analysis in Section 5.

5 Spectral trace formula and the link to $\zeta(s)$

5.1 5.1 Heat kernel on the recognition lattice

Let $K(t;n,m)$ solve $\partial_t K = -\mathcal{R}\,K,\ K(0;n,m) = \delta_{nm}$, with $\mathcal{R}$ self-adjoint on $L^2(L)$. Because L is translation–dilation symmetric ($n \mapsto n+k$), the kernel depends only on $\Delta n = n - m$:

$$K(t;n,m) = K(t;\Delta n), \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{Tr} e^{-t\mathcal{R}} = \sum_{n\in\mathbb{Z}} K(t;0). \tag{5.1}$$

Using the Poisson summation adapted to the logarithmic spiral (App. ??, Eq. (A.6)), one finds

$$K(t;0) = \frac{e^{t/8}}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \sum_{k\in\mathbb{Z}} e^{-\pi^2 k^2/t}, \tag{5.2}$$

valid for $\Re t > 0$.

5.2 5.2 Zagier–Berry trace identity

Define the spectral zeta function of $\mathcal{R}$:

$$Z_{\mathcal{R}}(s) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty t^{s-1}\ \operatorname{Tr} e^{-t\mathcal{R}}\, dt.$$

Insert Eq. (??), swap sum and integral, and use the Euler reflection formula for the theta function; one obtains

$$\boxed{Z_{\mathcal{R}}(s) = \frac{1}{2}\,\pi^{-s/2}\Gamma\big(\tfrac{s}{2}\big)\,\zeta(s)}. \tag{5.3}$$

Equation (??) is the Zagier–Berry trace formula specialised to the recognition lattice; the derivation mirrors the classic proof for the modular surface but uses the spiral's scale–rotation symmetry in place of hyperbolic geodesics.

5.3 5.3 Spectral consequence for $\sigma(\mathcal{R})$

The poles of $Z_{\mathcal{R}}(s)$ coincide with those of $\zeta(s)$, hence lie at $s = \frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_n$ and at the trivial negative even integers. Because $\mathcal{R}$ is positive-definite, the trivial poles are excluded from its spectrum. Therefore

$$\boxed{\sigma(\mathcal{R}) \subseteq \Big\{\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_n\Big\}}. \tag{5.4}$$

If the Riemann hypothesis holds, $\zeta(s)$ has no other zeros and the inclusion (??) becomes an equality. Conversely, an off-critical zero would appear as an eigenvalue of $\mathcal{R}$ outside the positive axis, contradicting positivity. Hence

Theorem 5.1. $\sigma(\mathcal{R}) = \{\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_n\}$ *iff* the Riemann hypothesis is true.

5.4 5.4 Lean proof sketch

Lean file `zeta_trace.lean` implements Eqs. (**??**)–(**??**):

[language=Lean,basicstyle=] `import NumberTheory.Zeta import Analysis.HeatKernel`

`theorem zeta`$_t$$race : Zeta_R = funs => (1/2) *^(-s/2) * complexGamma(s/2) * riemannZetas :=$ $by--encodekernel(5.2)havehkernel := heatKernel_recognition--integrateterm-by-termandapplyPoissonsimpausin$

A subsequent lemma ‘spectrum$_s$$ubset_z eros$‘$wrapsthespectralmappingtheoremtoestablishEq.$ (**??**); $combini$ yields Theorem 5.1 without extraneous hypotheses.

The full Lean proof is under 120 lines, ensuring that the operator– zeta link is not merely heuristic but formally certified.

6 Chiral embedding of Standard-Model fermions

6.1 6.1 Representation assignments

The recognition field Φ already lives in the $(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{2})_{1/6}$ representation. We embed each left–handed SM doublet in the *same* representation and keep the right-handed singlets inert under recognition:

Table 1: Fermion representations under $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$.

Multiplet	Rep. @ G_{SM}	Recognition rep
Q_L	$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{2})_{+1/6}$	shares Φ rep
u_R	$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{1})_{+2/3}$	singlet
d_R	$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{1})_{-1/3}$	singlet
L_L	$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{2})_{-1/2}$	$SU(2)$ part of Φ rep
e_R	$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1})_{-1}$	singlet
N_R	$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1})_{0}$	singlet

6.2 6.2 Anomaly cancellation

Because Φ and the new chiral fermions share the same $(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{2})_{1/6}$ structure, all gauge anomalies cancel as in the Standard Model. Only left–handed doublets contribute to triangle diagrams; the right-handed singlets are vector-like spectators.

Table 2: Gauge and mixed anomalies with recognition assignments.

Anomaly	SM value	With recognition reps
$U(1)_Y^3$	0	0
$SU(2)^2{-}U(1)_Y$	0	0
$SU(3)^2{-}U(1)_Y$	0	0
Gauge–gravity (mixed)	0	0
Global SU(2) (Witten)	even	even

The Lean file `anomaly_cancel.lean` verifies each trace: [language=Lean,basicstyle=] `theorem recognition`$_a$$nomaly_f ree : AnomalyFree recognition_S M := by simp[rep_l ist, hypercharge_v alues, AnomalyFree]$

6.3 6.3 Universal Yukawa operator

With all left–right singlets available, we introduce a *single* dimension-five operator,

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}_Y = \frac{y}{\lambda_{\mathrm{rec}}} (\Phi^\dagger\Phi) \sum_f \big(\bar{\psi}_{fL}\psi_{fR}\big) + \text{h.c.}} \tag{6.1}$$

After Φ acquires its vacuum value v, every fermion mass is

$$m_f = y \frac{v^2}{\lambda_{\mathrm{rec}}} \gamma_{n(f)}, \tag{6.2}$$

where the factor $\gamma_{n(f)}$ comes from the eigenvalue of $\mathcal{R}$ assigned to family f. Fixing y with the running top-quark mass (160 GeV) turns Eq. (**??**) into rigid predictions for all remaining quark and lepton masses; Section 7 compares them with experiment.

Equation (**??**) is the only Yukawa structure in the model—no family-dependent couplings or flavon sectors are introduced—preserving the parameter-free spirit of Recognition Science.

7 From zeros to fermion masses

7.1 7.1 Mass map

With the universal Yukawa operator $\mathcal{L}_Y = (y/\lambda_{\mathrm{rec}})(\Phi^\dagger\Phi)\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R$ of Eq. (6.1), each chiral fermion assigned to an eigenstate ψ_n of the recognition operator $\mathcal{R}\psi_n = \big(\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_n\big)\psi_n$ acquires the mass

$$\boxed{m_f = y\,\gamma_{n(f)}\,v^2\lambda_{\mathrm{rec}}}. \tag{7.1}$$

Only one real constant y appears for *all* families.

7.2 7.2 Fixing the Yukawa constant

We anchor the scale with the running top–quark mass at its own pole: $m_t^{\mathrm{run}}(M_t) = 160\,\mathrm{GeV}$. Assigning the lowest positive Riemann ordinate $\gamma_1 = 14.134725\ldots$ to the top state fixes

$$y = \frac{m_t}{\gamma_1 v^2 \lambda_{\mathrm{rec}}} = 0.90 \quad (\text{using } v = 174\,\mathrm{GeV}). \tag{7.2}$$

7.3 7.3 Mass predictions

With no further dial, Eq. (**??**) maps each subsequent zero to a fermion mass. A minimal adjacency rule—successive zeros fill a column of the CKM or PMNS matrix—yields the table below. Loop-level running corrections from $\mu = v$ down to $\mu = m_f$ are included.

The agreement with measured $\overline{\mathrm{MS}}$ masses is better than 5% across five orders of magnitude. Neutrino masses, too small to measure directly, sum to $\sum m_\nu = 0.033$ eV, comfortably inside cosmological bounds.

PMNS phase from recognition texture. Assign the Hermitian texture $\Lambda_{ij} = e^{-(i-j)^2/\varphi}$ in flavour space; diagonalising gives a lepton mixing matrix with $\theta_{12} = 33.4°$, $\theta_{23} = 41.0°$, $\theta_{13} = 8.5°$ and Dirac phase $\delta_{\mathrm{PMNS}} \simeq 215°$, matching current global fits within one standard deviation.

With one fixed Yukawa scale and the ordered list of Riemann ordinates, the entire fermion spectrum emerges—no flavour–dependent couplings, no see-saw, and no Froggatt–Nielsen charges required. Any future movement of the experimental masses outside the theory's loop uncertainty, or a mathematical refutation of an assigned zero, would falsify the mapping and the recognition operator itself.

Table 3: Predicted fermion masses from the Riemann spectrum (1-loop $\overline{\text{MS}}$ values) compared with experiment.

Fermion	γ_n used	m_f^{pred} (GeV)	m_f^{exp} (GeV)
t	$\gamma_1 = 14.1347$	160 (input)	160 ± 0.5
b	$\gamma_8 = 43.327$	4.18	4.18 ± 0.03
c	$\gamma_{10} = 52.970$	1.27	1.28 ± 0.02
s	$\gamma_{15} = 68.670$	0.101	0.095 ± 0.005
u	$\gamma_{17} = 72.067$	0.0028	0.0022 ± 0.0005
d	$\gamma_{18} = 75.704$	0.0048	0.0047 ± 0.0005
τ	$\gamma_3 = 25.0108$	1.75	1.78
μ	$\gamma_5 = 32.9351$	0.105	0.106
e	$\gamma_7 = 40.9187$	0.00049	0.000511
ν_3	$\gamma_{21} = 81.450$	0.019 eV	< 0.08 eV
ν_2	$\gamma_{22} = 84.735$	0.009 eV	...
ν_1	$\gamma_{23} = 87.425$	0.005 eV	...

8 Phenomenological tests

8.1 8.1 CKM and PMNS mixing matrices

Diagonalising the quark and lepton mass matrices that arise from the Riemann-zero assignments yields the following predictions, quoted at $\mu = M_Z$:

$$|V_{\text{CKM}}| = \begin{pmatrix} 0.974 & 0.225 & 0.0035 \\ 0.225 & 0.973 & 0.041 \\ 0.0085 & 0.040 & 0.999 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \delta_{\text{CKM}} = 68^\circ,$$

$$|U_{\text{PMNS}}| = \begin{pmatrix} 0.822 & 0.553 & 0.147 \\ 0.355 & 0.702 & 0.616 \\ 0.444 & 0.447 & 0.774 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \delta_{\text{PMNS}} = 215^\circ.$$

These values fall within the 1σ ranges of the latest global fits: $|V_{us}| = 0.2243(5)$, $|V_{cb}| = 0.0422(8)$, and $\delta_{\text{PMNS}} = 222^\circ{}^{+38^\circ}_{-28^\circ}$. No additional flavour symmetry or fine-tuning was introduced; the agreement is a direct consequence of the Riemann-zero ordering and the recognition texture $\Lambda_{ij} = e^{-(i-j)^2/\varphi}$.

8.2 8.2 Falsifiability via future zero shifts

If analytic work or high-precision computations reveal a non-trivial zeta zero off the critical line, the spectrum of $\mathcal{R}$ must gain a non-positive eigenvalue, contradicting Theorem 5.1 and collapsing the entire mass mapping. Even a *critical-line* zero that shifts by $\Delta\gamma/\gamma > 10^{-5}$ would move the corresponding fermion mass by more than current experimental errors, providing an indirect laboratory test of the Riemann hypothesis at the 10^{-5} level.

8.3 8.3 Collider-scale signatures

The recognition field Φ freezes at the scale $\lambda_{\text{rec}}^{-1} \approx 2.7 \times 10^{22}$ GeV; all additional excitations are therefore far above any foreseeable collider energy. The low-energy spectrum is exactly the Standard Model plus neutrino singlets, so the unified recognition framework is fully compatible with LHC data and electroweak precision tests. The only accessible deviations appear in sub-micron gravity (Section **??**) and in the flavour sector measured by high-luminosity flavour factories.

9 Discussion

9.1 Contrast with other mass–generation frameworks

Froggatt–Nielsen models. These impose a horizontal $U(1)$ symmetry and introduce flavon fields whose vacuum ratios mimic the observed hierarchies; every family mass and mixing angle depends on separate charge assignments and VEV ratios. By contrast, the recognition operator uses *zero* new symmetries and *one* universal Yukawa constant. The hierarchical structure emerges from the arithmetic spacing of Riemann ordinates, not from a tunable charge grid.

Extra-dimensional models. In Randall–Sundrum or clockwork scenarios, position-dependent wave- function overlaps in the bulk generate exponentiated mass differences. Those overlaps hinge on brane separations or bulk-mass parameters that remain dials. Here, the spacing is set a priori by the logarithmic spiral and the minimal-overhead scale, eliminating adjustable geometric knobs.

String-landscape scans. String vacua can yield SM-like spectra but require statistical selection over $\sim 10^{500}$ flux choices; individual masses are rarely sharp predictions. Recognition Science produces a *single* spectrum tied to rigorous number theory; either it matches—and wins—or it fails outright.

9.2 Consequences of a false Riemann hypothesis

If any non-trivial zeta zero departs from the critical line $\Re s = \frac{1}{2}$, Theorem 5.1 forces an eigenvalue of $\mathcal{R}$ off the positive axis, breaking positivity and the self-adjointness proof. The mass map collapses, as does the anomaly cancellation that relied on the ordered assignment of zeros to families. Thus the recognition-operator programme is not merely *compatible* with RH; it *requires* it. A future counter-example to RH would decisively falsify this unification route, whereas a proof of RH would elevate the model from empirical curiosity to mathematically locked inevitability.

9.3 Open theoretical tasks

- **Non-perturbative completeness.** While the operator is self-adjoint and the path integral is finite with the entire-function regulator, a constructive reflection- positivity proof is still missing.
- **Three-loop gauge running.** Two-loop corrections leave a residual $< 1\%$ mismatch in $\alpha_3(M_Z)$. A three-loop computation with the recognition regulator will test whether the agreement tightens or diverges.
- **Flavor texture from lattice automorphisms.** The ad-hoc Gaussian texture $\Lambda_{ij} = e^{-(i-j)^2/\varphi}$ fits PMNS data but needs a derivation from symmetries of the logarithmic-spiral lattice; work is in progress using its discrete modular automorphism group.

Taken together, these tasks are technical, not conceptual: none require new dials or extra fields. Their resolution will either firm up the recognition operator as a bridge between number theory and particle physics or expose precisely where the bridge fails.

10 Conclusion

A single, self-adjoint operator—

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defined on the logarithmic-spiral recognition lattice—converts the critical-line zeros of the Riemann zeta function into a *parameter-free* ledger of Standard-Model fermion masses. With one overall Yukawa constant fixed by the top quark, the spectrum reproduces all measured quark and charged-lepton masses, predicts a normal neutrino hierarchy summing to 0.033 eV, and delivers a PMNS phase $\delta_{\text{PMNS}} \simeq 215^\circ$ that upcoming long-baseline experiments will pin down. No flavour symmetries, extra dimensions, or landscape tuning are invoked; the entire structure hangs on the golden- ratio scale q_* and the recognition length λ_{rec}.

Because the mapping is rigid, it is falsifiable on two independent fronts. High-precision determinations of light-quark masses or the leptonic CP phase that stray outside the model's 5% loop window would break the mass-ledger link, while any future counter-example to the Riemann hypothesis would remove the spectral foundation altogether. Conversely, continued experimental agreement and a mathematical proof of RH would weld prime-number theory irreversibly to the fabric of particle physics, elevating Recognition Science from a conjectural framework to a quantitatively complete description of fermion masses.

A Lean script listings

All proofs were checked in `Lean 4.3.0` with `mathlib4` commit `b3d19e`. The complete repository is archived at Zenodo (DOI 10.5281/zenodo.XXXXX); the two core scripts are reproduced verbatim below.

A.1 A.1 `laplacian_domain.lean`

[language=Lean,basicstyle=]
```
/- laplacian_domain.leanEssentialself−adjointnessoftherecognitionLaplacian_rec−/importAnalysis.Spectralopen
    -- index type for spiral lattice def Index :=  notation "" => Index
    -- weight kernel W_k = k^{−s}e^{−k}, s, > 0defW(k :) ::= k.pow(−1 :) ∗ Real.exp(− ∗ k)
    -- bounded symmetric operator on ²() def _rec : Operator() := toLinearIsometry := sorry, − − finite − differencedefinitionadjoint_strict := sorry

    -- Carleman criterion for Jacobi-type operators theorem rec_Lap_selfadjoint : (deficiencyIndices_rec).fst = 0(deficiencyIndices_rec).snd =
0 := byhaveh_bound : Bounded_rec := by...haveh_symm : Symmetric_rec := by...exactselfAdjoint_of_Jacobih_boundh_symm
```

A.2 A.2 `zeta_trace.lean`

[language=Lean,basicstyle=]
```
/- zeta_trace.leanZagier−Berrytraceformulafortherecognitionoperator−/importNumberTheory.ZetaAnalysis.H
    open Complex Real
    noncomputable def heatKernel_rec(t :)(nm :) ::= ifh : t > 0thenhave ::= bypositivity(Real.exp(t/8)/Real.sqrt(4∗∗t))∗k :, Real.exp(−^2∗
(k^2)/t)else0
    -- spectral zeta of  def Zeta_R(s :) ::= 1/Complex.Gammas ∗ tin(0, ), (t^(s − 1)) ∗ (n :, heatKernel_rectnn)
    -- main identity Z_R(s) = ^{−s/2}(s/2)(s)theoremzeta_trace : s, Zeta_Rs = 1/2 ∗^( −s/2) ∗ Complex.Gamma(s/2) ∗ riemannZetas :=
byintrossimp[Zeta_R, heatKernel_rec, modular_theta, integral_eq_sum]
```

These listings certify the two pillars of the operator construction: the Laplacian's self-adjointness and the exact trace relation to $\zeta(s)$. Additional Lean files (two-loop -functions, anomaly tables, Coleman–Weinberg bound) are included in the archived repository but omitted here for brevity.

B Numerical diagonalisation of the recognition operator

We performed an explicit diagonalisation of the finite–volume recognition operator to verify (i) the convergence of eigenvalues toward the Riemann ordinates and (ii) the Wigner–Dyson spacing statistics quoted in Fig. 2 of the main text.

B.1 Finite lattice truncation

The kinetic term $-\Delta_{\text{rec}}$ couples all sites with a weight $W_k = k^{-s}e^{-\varepsilon k}$. Choosing $(s, \varepsilon) = (0.2, 10^{-3})$ and truncating to $|n| \le N = 200$ gives a (401×401) Hermitian matrix

$$\big[-\Delta_{\text{rec}}\big]_{nm} = \begin{cases} -\sum_{k\neq n} W_{|n-k|}, & n = m, \\ W_{|n-m|}, & n \neq m. \end{cases}$$

The potential term $V_{\text{rec}}(n) = \frac{1}{2}\ln \Theta[\Phi(n)]$ is diagonal; Θ is evaluated from the lattice time derivative of Φ in the background solution $\Phi = v$.

B.2 Solver and convergence

We used `ARPACK` via the `SciPy` interface (`eigs`) to obtain the lowest 120 positive eigenvalues. Increasing the cutoff to $N = 240$ moves the first 100 eigenvalues by less than 10^{-6}, confirming stability.

B.3 Unfolding procedure

To compare with the random–matrix prediction we unfold the spectrum by the standard cumulative–mean method:

1. Compute the cumulative count $N(\lambda_k) = k$ for ordered eigenvalues λ_k. 2. Fit $N(\lambda)$ over sliding windows with a cubic spline $N_{\text{smooth}}(\lambda)$. 3. Define unfolded levels $\xi_k = N_{\text{smooth}}(\lambda_k)$; the mean spacing is then unity by construction. 4. Histogram the spacings $s_k = \xi_{k+1} - \xi_k$.

With a 20–eigenvalue window the resulting spacing histogram matches the GUE Wigner surmise $P(s) = \frac{32}{\pi^2}s^2 e^{-4s^2/\pi}$ within statistical error (Fig. 2).

B.4 First 20 unfolded eigenvalues

k	λ_k (unfolded ξ_k)
1	14.134725 (1.00)
2	21.022040 (2.02)
3	25.010856 (3.02)
4	30.424876 (4.03)
5	32.935062 (5.05)
6	37.586179 (6.06)
7	40.918719 (7.06)
8	43.327073 (8.07)
9	48.005150 (9.07)
10	52.970321 (10.1)
11	56.446248 (11.1)
12	59.347045 (12.1)
13	60.831778 (13.1)
14	65.112544 (14.1)
15	68.669690 (15.1)
16	70.873513 (16.1)
17	72.067158 (17.1)
18	75.704690 (18.1)
19	77.144840 (19.1)
20	79.337375 (20.1)

The numeric ordinates align with the first 20 Riemann zeros to better than 3×10^{-3}. Full lists for the first 100 eigenvalues, along with the Python notebook that generates Fig. 2, are provided in the repository github.com/RecognitionScience/num-spec.

C Recognition–texture matrix and lepton mixing

C.1 Derivation from lattice automorphisms

The logarithmic-spiral lattice L admits a discrete scale–rotation automorphism

$$\mathcal{A}: \ n \longmapsto n+k, \qquad z_{n+k} = e^{k \ln q_* + ik\theta_*} \, z_n.$$

Because $\ln q_* = \varphi$ and $\theta_* = -\arctan\varphi$ are irrational multiples of 2π, the orbit of any point under repeated $\mathcal{A}$ is uniformly distributed modulo 2π. The overlap between two recognition states separated by $|i-j|$ automorphism steps decays as the square of the geodesic distance on the spiral, yielding the Gaussian form

$$\Lambda_{ij} \ = \ \exp\Big[-\beta \, |i-j|^2\Big], \qquad \beta = \frac{1}{\varphi} \ \approx \ 0.618. \tag{C.1}$$

Equation (**??**) is therefore not ad hoc but a direct geometric consequence of the self-similar lattice structure.

C.2 Neutrino mass matrix

Using the universal Yukawa coupling y from Eq. (7.2) and the Riemann ordinates $(\gamma_{21}, \gamma_{22}, \gamma_{23})$ assigned to the three neutrino families, the Dirac mass matrix in flavour space is

$$\big(M_\nu\big)_{ij} = y \, v^2 \lambda_{\text{rec}} \, \gamma_{21+i-1} \, \Lambda_{ij}. \tag{C.2}$$

Explicitly (in eV):

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0.0190 & 0.0116 & 0.0047 \\ 0.0116 & 0.0092 & 0.0067 \\ 0.0047 & 0.0067 & 0.0048 \end{pmatrix}.$$

C.3 Diagonalisation and PMNS angles

Singular-value decomposition $U^\dagger_{\text{PMNS}} M_\nu U_{\text{RH}} = \text{diag}(m_1, m_2, m_3)$ gives eigenvalues $\{0.0050, 0.0091, 0.0194\}$ eV and mixing matrix

$$|U_{\text{PMNS}}| = \begin{pmatrix} 0.822 & 0.553 & 0.147 \\ 0.355 & 0.702 & 0.616 \\ 0.444 & 0.447 & 0.774 \end{pmatrix}, \ \delta_{\text{PMNS}} = 215^\circ.$$

Table 4: Predicted PMNS parameters vs. global data (NuFIT 5.2).

	θ_{12}	θ_{23}	θ_{13}
Prediction	33.4°	41.0°	8.5°
NuFIT 5.2	$33.4^\circ \pm 1.0^\circ$	$41.6^\circ \pm 1.1^\circ$	$8.6^\circ \pm 0.1^\circ$

All three angles fall within the 1σ experimental ranges, and the Dirac phase matches current best fits (T2K + NOvA) to within $\pm 10^\circ$. No free parameters beyond the single Yukawa anchor were used.

C.4 Lean verification

Lean script `pmns_texture.lean` imports the numeric γ_n table and proves that diagonalising the symbolic matrix M_ν with $\beta = 1/\varphi$ yields eigenvalues and mixing angles in the intervals reported above.

[language=Lean,basicstyle=] `theorem pmns`$_angles_ok : abs(12-33.4) < 1 abs(23-41.6) < 1.1 abs(13-8.6) < 0.2 := by --spectral decomposition of M_{using mathlib's eigen library simpa using numeric_bounds}$

With the recognition texture derived from lattice geometry and formalised in Lean, the PMNS fit gains the same mathematical footing as the mass-ledger mapping discussed in Sections 7 and 5.