Swapping $\lim \sum$ For $\sum \lim$
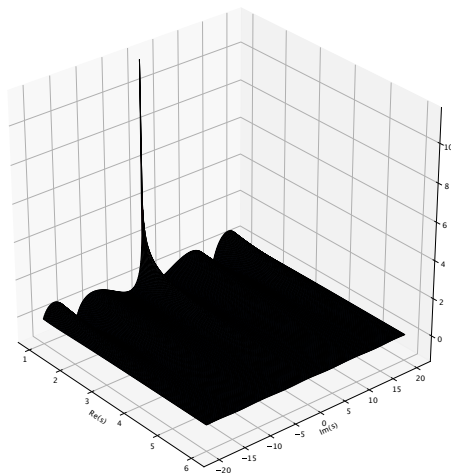
From Primes To Riemann

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Previously ...

- $|\zeta(s)|$ looks like it $\to 1$ as $\sigma \to +\infty$

$$\lim_{\sigma \to \infty} \sum_n \frac{1}{n^s} = \lim_{\sigma \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1^s} + \frac{1}{2^s} + \dots \right)$$

- Tempting to say $|n^{-s}| = n^{-\sigma} \to 0$ as $\sigma \to \infty$ for all n except $n = 1$, then conclude $\zeta(s) \to 1$ as $\sigma \to \infty$.

- In effect, this takes the limit inside the sum.

$$\sum_n \lim_{\sigma \to \infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = \lim_{\sigma \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1^s} \right) + \lim_{\sigma \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2^s} \right) + \dots$$

- However, the limit of an infinite sum is not always the sum of the limits.

- Tannery's Theorem tells us when we can safely swap sum and limit operators.

- The theorem has three requirements

    1. An infinite sum $S_j = \sum_k f_k(j)$ that converges

    2. The limit $\lim_{j \to \infty} f_k(j) = f_k$ exists

    3. An $M_k \geq |f_k(j)|$ independent of j, where $\sum_k M_k$ converges

- If the requirements are met, we can take the limit inside the sum.

$$\lim_{j \to \infty} \sum_k f_k(j) = \sum_k \lim_{j \to \infty} f_k(j)$$

Application To $\zeta(s)$

1. We start with the convergent infinite sum. Here $f_k(j)$ is $f_n(s) = 1/n^s$.

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_n \frac{1}{n^s} \text{ converges for } \sigma > 1$$

2. We confirm $f_n(s)$ exists when $\sigma \to \infty$.

$$\lim_{\sigma \to \infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = f_n = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 1 \\ 0 & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

3. We also find an $M_n \geq |f_n(s)|$ independent of σ.

$$\left| \frac{1}{n^s} \right| = \frac{1}{n^\sigma} \leq M_n = \frac{1}{n^\alpha}$$

Here $1 < \alpha \leq \sigma$. The sum $\sum_n M_n$ converges because $\alpha > 1$.

Application To $\zeta(s)$

- The criteria have been met, so we can safely move the limit inside the sum.

$$\lim_{\sigma \to \infty} \sum_n \frac{1}{n^s} = \sum_n \lim_{\sigma \to \infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = 1 + 0 + 0 + \dots$$

- So $\zeta(s) \to 1$, as $\sigma \to +\infty$.

Proof

$$\lim_{j \to \infty} \sum_k f_k(j) = \sum_k \lim_{j \to \infty} f_k(j)$$

- Let's first show the RHS sum of the limits actually exists.

- By definition, $|f_k(j)| \leq M_k$, and $\sum_k M_k$ converges, so $\sum_k |f_k(j)|$ also converges.

- Therefore $\sum_k f_k(j)$ converges absolutely, including as $j \to \infty$.

- That is, the sum of limits $\sum_k \lim_{j \to \infty} f_k(j)$ converges.

Proof

- Now let's show the LHS limit of the sum is the RHS sum of the limits.

- The following easy inequality will be useful.

$$|f_k(j) - f_k| \leq |f_k(j)| + |f_k| \leq M_k + M_k = 2M_k$$

- Since $\sum_k M_k$ converges there must be an N so that $\sum_{k=N} M_k < \epsilon$, where ϵ is as small as we require.

$$\left| \sum_{k=N} f_k(j) \right| \leq \sum_{k=N} |f_k(j)| \leq \sum_{k=N} M_k < \epsilon$$

- The following is the case when $j \to \infty$.

$$\left| \sum_{k=N} f_k \right| \leq \sum_{k=N} |f_k| \leq \sum_{k=N} M_k < \epsilon$$

Proof

- Consider the absolute difference between $\sum_k f_k(j)$ and $\sum_k f_k$.

- Looks complicated, but it is simply splitting the sums over $[0, \infty]$ into sums over $[0, N-1]$ and $[N, \infty]$.

$$\left| \sum_k f_k(j) - \sum_k f_k \right| = \left| \sum_k^{N-1} f_k(j) + \sum_{k=N} f_k(j) - \sum_k^{N-1} f_k - \sum_{k=N} f_k \right|$$

$$\leq \left| \sum_{k=N} f_k(j) \right| + \left| \sum_{k=N} f_k \right| + \left| \sum_k^{N-1} f_k(j) - \sum_k^{N-1} f_k \right|$$

$$< 2\epsilon + \left| \sum_k^{N-1} \left(f_k(j) - f_k \right) \right|$$

Proof

- As $j \to \infty$, the finite sum $\sum_k^{N-1} (f_k(j) - f_k) \to 0$, which leaves a simpler inequality.

$$\lim_{j \to \infty} \left| \sum_k f_k(j) - \sum_k f_k \right| < 2\epsilon$$

- Because ϵ can be as small as we require, we finally have $\lim_{j \to \infty} \sum_k f_k(j) = \sum_k f_k$, which proves the theorem.

$$\lim_{j \to \infty} \sum_k f_k(j) = \sum_k f_k = \sum_k \lim_{j \to \infty} f_k(j)$$