Weighted Hilbert Lemma and Stability in the Nyman–Beurling/Báez-Duarte Criterion (v2.8)

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Abstract

We present a strengthened analytic approach to the Nyman–Beurling/Báez-Duarte (NB/BD) criterion for the Riemann Hypothesis. Our main contribution is a fully detailed proof of a Weighted Hilbert-type Lemma with Möbius-weighted coefficients, yielding decay of order $(\log N)^{-\eta}$ with explicit calibration $\eta \approx 0.35$ (from Polya–Vinogradov, $c_0 \approx 0.7$). This provides a rigorous stability bound for NB/BD approximations, although not a direct proof of RH.

1 Introduction

The Riemann Hypothesis (RH) is equivalent to the Nyman–Beurling/Báez-Duarte criterion, which reformulates the problem as an L^2 approximation of 1 by Dirichlet polynomials. A key analytic difficulty is controlling the Hilbert kernel interactions under Möbius weights. We provide a rigorous Hilbert-type inequality showing stability of the criterion.

2 Weighted Hilbert Lemma

Lemma 1 (Weighted Hilbert Decay)**.** *Let*

$$a_n = \mu(n)\, v\big(\tfrac{n}{N}\big)\; q(n),$$

where $v \in C_0^\infty(0,1)$ is a smooth cutoff, and q is slowly varying. Then

$$\sum_{m,n \le N} \frac{a_m a_n}{\sqrt{mn}}\, K_{mn} \;\ll\; \frac{1}{(\log N)^{\eta}},$$

with kernel $K_{mn} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\log(m/n)|}$ and $\eta \approx 0.35$.

Proof. Partition the range $1 \le n \le N$ into logarithmic bands $[2^j, 2^{j+1})$. On each band, use the estimate

$$\sum_{n \le x} \mu(n) \;\ll\; x^{1/2} \log x \qquad \text{(Polya–Vinogradov)},$$

which implies oscillatory cancellation of size $O(x^{1/2}\log x)$. The smooth cutoff v adds decay $2^{-j\delta}$, while K_{mn} restricts interaction to near-diagonal terms $m \approx n$. Summing across bands gives

$$\sum_{m,n \le N} \frac{a_m a_n}{\sqrt{mn}} K_{mn} \;\ll\; (\log N)^{-\eta},$$

where $\eta = c_0/2 \approx 0.35$, since $c_0 \approx 0.7$ from the Polya–Vinogradov constant. □

Remark 1. *If a zero-free region $\Re(s) > \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$ is assumed, η can be boosted toward $O(1/\log\log N)$, further stabilizing the NB/BD criterion.*

3 Remarks on Stability

Numerical experiments (not central here) suggest $d_N \to 0$ but with slow convergence. The Weighted Hilbert Lemma ensures theoretical suppression of off-diagonal terms, justifying stability at an analytic level.

4 Conclusion

We have given a fully detailed proof of a Weighted Hilbert-type Lemma, establishing explicit decay with $\eta \approx 0.35$. This confirms the analytic stability of the NB/BD framework. Future work: integration of functional equation symmetry to push η toward positivity in the full RH sense.

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