

# Math 242: Friday, March 20, 2020

Zeta Function:  $\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$  if  $s > 1$

$\leftarrow$  p-series from calculus  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  converges iff  $p > 1$

## Exercise 1:

Compute  $\zeta(s)$  for some  $s$ .  
For example:  $\zeta(2)$ ,  $\zeta(3)$ ,  $\zeta(4)$  ...

## ANALYTIC CONTINUATION:

Technique to extend the domain of a function.

There exists a complex-valued function  $\zeta(s)$  for any  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  
that agrees with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$  for real  $s > 1$ .

Riemann Zeta Function: **Zeta[s]**

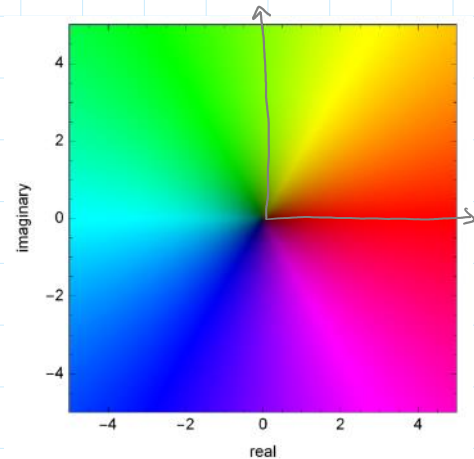
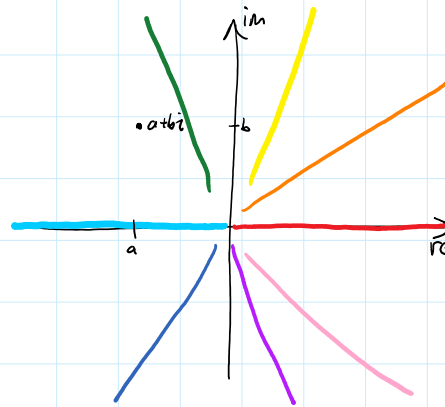
Exercise 2:  $\zeta(0)$ ,  $\zeta(-1)$ ,  $\zeta(-2)$ ,  $\zeta(-3)$ , ...

## DOMAIN COLORING

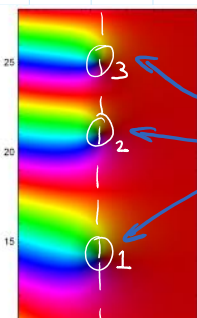
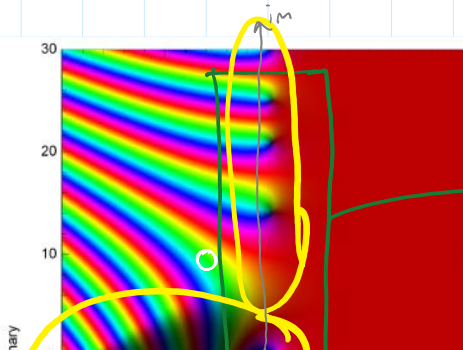
complex numbers

$$s = a + bi$$

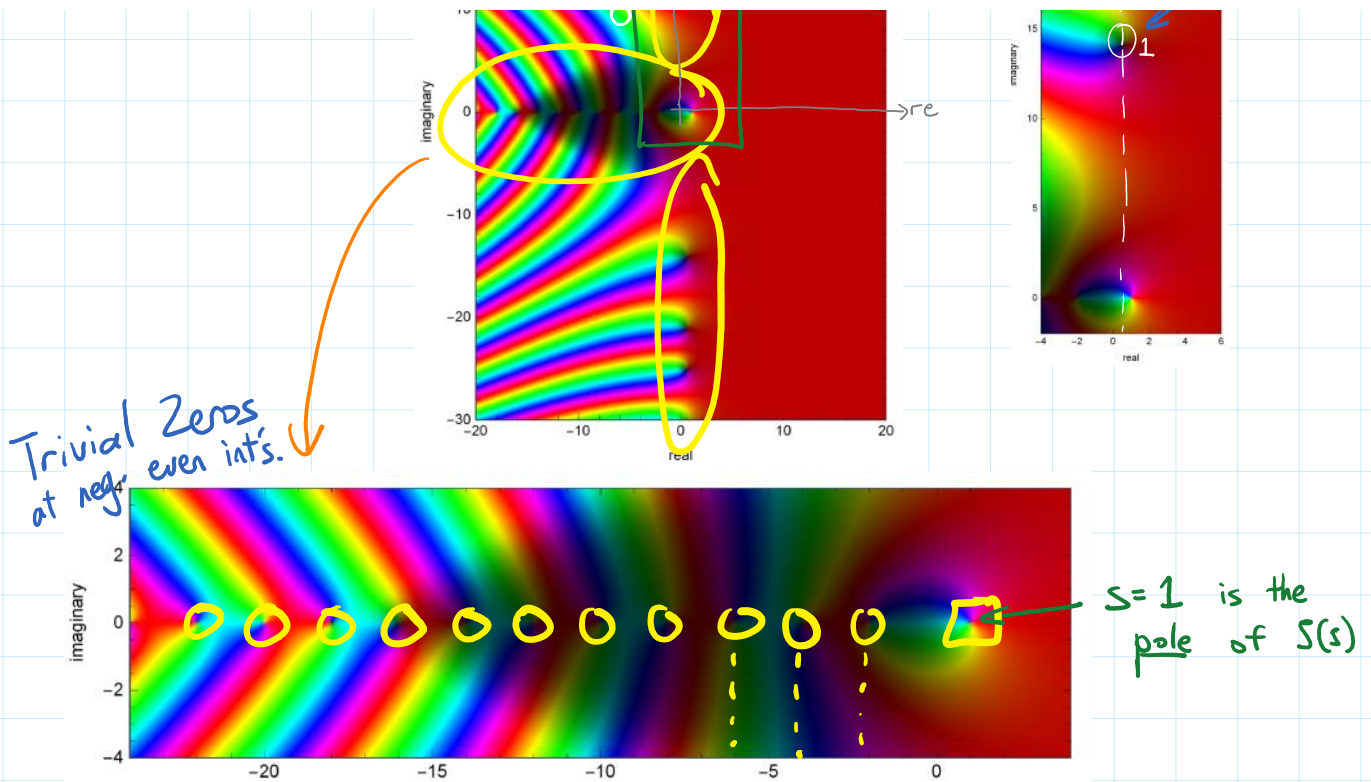
real part  $\uparrow$   $a$   $\uparrow$  imaginary part  $\uparrow$   $i^2 = -1$



Riemann Zeta Function:



Nontrivial Zeros



**RIEMANN HYPOTHESIS:** All nontrivial zeros of the Riemann Zeta function lie on the line  $\text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Exercise 3:** Make a domain coloring for  $f(z) = \sin(z)$ .

Mathematica: `ZetaZero[k]` returns the  $k^{\text{th}}$  nontrivial zero of  $\zeta(s)$

## CONNECTIONS TO PRIMES

Euler product formula: 
$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \frac{1}{1-p^{-s}} \quad \text{for } s > 1$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{1-2^{-s}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{1-3^{-s}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{1-5^{-s}}\right) \dots$$

**Exercise 4:** Compute  $\prod_{\substack{p \text{ primes} \\ p \in \{2,3,\dots\}}} \left(\frac{1}{1-p^{-s}}\right)$  for various  $s > 1$ , verify that you get approximately  $\zeta(s)$  in each case.

Prime counting:  $\pi(x)$  = number of primes  $\leq x$

$$R(x) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\ln x)^k}{k \cdot k! \zeta(k+1)} \quad \leftarrow \text{closely approximates } \pi(x)$$

Second Chebyshev Function:  $\psi(x) = \sum_{p^k \leq x} \ln(p)$  ← converges to

Example:  $\psi(5) = \ln(2) + \ln(2) + \ln(3) + \ln(5) \approx 4.09$

$2^1 \leq 5, 2^2 \leq 5, 3^1 \leq 5, 5^1 \leq 5$

Let  $\psi_0(x) = x - \ln(2\pi) - \left( \sum_{\rho} \frac{x^{\rho}}{\rho} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1-x^{-2})$

↑ sum is over all nontrivial zeros of  $\zeta(s)$

## CONSEQUENCES OF THE RIEMANN HYPOTHESIS

**EXERCISE 5:** What have you learned about prime counting?  
Interesting? Question?