

# A Possible Proof Of The Riemann Hypothesis

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## Abstract

The Zeta Function and one of its analytic continuations are defined as follows:

$$\forall s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1, \zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$$
$$\forall s \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \left\{ 1 + \frac{2\pi ik}{\ln(2)} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}, \zeta(s) = \frac{\eta(s)}{(1-2^{1-s})}, \text{ where } \eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s}$$

The Riemann Hypothesis states the following, for all the nontrivial zeros:

$$\zeta(s) = 0 \implies \operatorname{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$$

It has already been proved that  $\operatorname{Re}(s) \in ]0, 1[$  for all the nontrivial zeros.

**Firstly**, for  $a = \operatorname{Re}(s)$  and  $b = \operatorname{Im}(s)$ , we'll prove that:

$$\zeta(s) = 0 \implies \eta(s) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} + 2 \times \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=k+1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k+j-2} \cos(b \ln(k/j))}{(kj)^a} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

And since  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, -1 \leq \cos(x) \leq 1$ , this implies that there exists a map  $r_n$  satisfying  $-1 \leq r_n \leq 1$  for all  $n$  sufficiently large, and for which:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} + 2r_n \times \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=k+1}^n \frac{1}{(kj)^a} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

**Secondly**, by reformulating it as a problem of quadratic equations, we will figure out that this holds true

only if  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \llbracket 0, 3 \rrbracket, r_n \in \left[ -\frac{1}{n-1}, -\frac{1}{n-3} \right] \setminus \left\{ -\frac{1}{n-2} \right\}$  where  $\llbracket 0, 3 \rrbracket = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ , and therefore,

that  $r_n \sim -\frac{1}{n}$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$

And through various asymptotic equivalences, we will get:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} - \frac{1}{n} \times \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^a} \right)^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

**Finally**, from there, we'll consider  $a = \operatorname{Re}(s)$  as a map  $a_n = \operatorname{Re}(s_n)$  converging to a real number  $a_{+\infty} \in ]0, 1[$ , rather than considering it as a fixed value (since we're dealing with infinity).

It is for convenience that we denote  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} a_n = a_{+\infty} \in ]0, 1[$ .

Then we'll approximate these two sums with integrals depending on  $a_{+\infty}$  and asymptotic expansions, and we shall distinguish three different cases:

- $a_{+\infty} \in ]0, \frac{1}{2}[$
- $a_{+\infty} \in ]\frac{1}{2}, 1[$
- $a_{+\infty} = \frac{1}{2}$

And conclude that the only case that is logically consistent is when  $a_{+\infty} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

## 1 Simplifying the expression

First of all, for the sake of simplification, let's write  $s = a + ib$  where  $a = \text{Re}(s)$  and  $b = \text{Im}(s)$ ,  
We can write the Eta function as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\eta(s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} n^{-ib}}{n^a} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} e^{-ib \ln(n)}}{n^a} \\ \eta(s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} \cos(-b \ln(n))}{n^a} + i \times \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} \sin(-b \ln(n))}{n^a} \\ \eta(s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} \cos(b \ln(n))}{n^a} - i \times \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} \sin(b \ln(n))}{n^a}\end{aligned}$$

If we assume  $\zeta(s) = 0$ , then by the expression of its analytic continuation  $\zeta(s) = \frac{\eta(s)}{(1-2^{1-s})}$ , we also have  $\eta(s) = 0$  and then  $|\eta(s)|^2$  is null too:

$$\begin{aligned}|\eta(s)|^2 &= \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} \cos(b \ln(n))}{n^a} \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} \sin(b \ln(n))}{n^a} \right)^2 = 0 \\ \text{thus as } n \rightarrow +\infty, & \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k-1} \cos(b \ln(k))}{k^a} \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k-1} \sin(b \ln(k))}{k^a} \right)^2 \rightarrow 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n & \frac{(-1)^{k+j-2} \cos(b \ln(k)) \cos(b \ln(j))}{(kj)^a} + \frac{(-1)^{k+j-2} \sin(b \ln(k)) \sin(b \ln(j))}{(kj)^a} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n & (-1)^{k+j-2} \left( \frac{\cos(b \ln(k)) \cos(b \ln(j))}{(kj)^a} + \frac{\sin(b \ln(k)) \sin(b \ln(j))}{(kj)^a} \right) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n & (-1)^{k+j-2} \left( \frac{\cos(b \ln(k) - b \ln(j))}{(kj)^a} \right) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n & \frac{(-1)^{k+j-2} \cos(b \ln(k/j))}{(kj)^a} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty\end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{2k-2}}{k^{2a}} + \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^n \frac{(-1)^{k+j-2} \cos(b \ln(k/j))}{(kj)^a} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} + 2 \times \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=k+1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k+j-2} \cos(b \ln(k/j))}{(kj)^a} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

$$\forall k, j \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket, \forall b \in \mathbb{R}, -1 \leq \cos(b \ln(k/j)) \leq 1$$

Thus there exists a map  $r_n$  satisfying  $-1 \leq r_n \leq 1$  for all  $n$  sufficiently large, and for which:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} + 2r_n \times \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=k+1}^n \frac{1}{(kj)^a} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

And we end up with what curiously resembles a quadratic equation.

## 2 The "Russian Doll" Quadratic Equations

Now let's assume there is  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $x_1 = 1$  so that:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2 + 2r_n \times \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=k+1}^n x_k x_j = 0$$

And let's try and figure out which kind of map  $r_n$  is.

But first, let's define  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, u_n = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2$ ,  $v_n = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=k+1}^n x_k x_j$  and  $p_n = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$

Our previous equation becomes:

$$u_n + 2r_n v_n = x_n^2 + 2r_n p_{n-1} x_n + u_{n-1} + 2r_n v_{n-1} = 0$$

And now let's define  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0,1\}}$  and  $(g_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0,1\}}$  so that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0,1\}$ :

$$f_n u_n + g_n v_n = f_n x_n^2 + g_n p_{n-1} x_n + f_n u_{n-1} + g_n v_{n-1} = 0$$

Let's now express the delta  $\Delta_n$  of this equation and find the expressions of  $f_{n-1}$  and  $g_{n-1}$  so that  $\Delta_n = f_{n-1} u_{n-1} + g_{n-1} v_{n-1} \geq 0$ :

$$\Delta_n = (g_n p_{n-1})^2 - 4f_n (f_n u_{n-1} + g_n v_{n-1}),$$

$$p_{n-1}^2 = \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} x_k \right)^2 = u_{n-1} + 2v_{n-1},$$

$$\text{thus } \Delta_n = (g_n p_{n-1})^2 - 4f_n (f_n u_{n-1} + g_n v_{n-1}) = g_n^2 (u_{n-1} + 2v_{n-1}) - 4f_n (f_n u_{n-1} + g_n v_{n-1})$$

$$\Delta_n = (g_n^2 - 4f_n^2) u_{n-1} + (2g_n^2 - 4f_n g_n) v_{n-1}$$

We conclude that  $f_{n-1} = g_n^2 - 4f_n^2$  and  $g_{n-1} = 2g_n^2 - 4f_n g_n$ , and we see  $\Delta_n$  is in turn a new quadratic equation:

$$\Delta_n = f_{n-1}x_{n-1}^2 + g_{n-1}p_{n-2}x_{n-1} + f_{n-1}u_{n-2} + g_{n-1}v_{n-2}$$

with a new  $\Delta_{n-1}$  for which we must determine the conditions to ensure  $\Delta_{n-1} \geq 0$ , and so on until  $\Delta_2$  (hence the comparison with a Russian doll).

$$\text{But also, } \frac{g_{n-1}}{f_{n-1}} = \frac{2g_n^2 - 4f_n g_n}{g_n^2 - 4f_n^2} = \frac{2g_n(g_n - 2f_n)}{(g_n - 2f_n)(g_n + 2f_n)} = \frac{2g_n}{g_n + 2f_n} = \frac{2\frac{g_n}{f_n}}{\frac{g_n}{f_n} + 2}$$

We observe that each time we calculate a  $\Delta_{n-k}$ , we actually apply  $h : x \mapsto \frac{2x}{x+2}$  to the ratio  $\frac{g_{n-k}}{f_{n-k}}$  to

$$\text{obtain } \frac{g_{n-k-1}}{f_{n-k-1}} : \forall k \in \llbracket 1, n-3 \rrbracket, \frac{g_{n-k-1}}{f_{n-k-1}} = \frac{2\frac{g_{n-k}}{f_{n-k}}}{\frac{g_{n-k}}{f_{n-k}} + 2}.$$

In our precise case,  $f_n = 1$  and  $g_n = 2r_n$ , so  $\frac{g_n}{f_n} = 2r_n$ ; our  $f_{n-1}$  and  $g_{n-1}$  thus become:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{n-1} &= (4r_n^2 - 4)f_n^2 = 4(r_n^2 - 1)f_n^2 = 4(r_n - 1)(r_n + 1)f_n^2 \\ g_{n-1} &= (2 \times 4r_n^2 - 4 \times 2r_n)f_n^2 = 8(r_n^2 - r_n)f_n^2 = 8r_n(r_n - 1)f_n^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{g_{n-1}}{f_{n-1}} = \frac{8r_n(r_n - 1)f_n^2}{4(r_n - 1)(r_n + 1)f_n^2} = \frac{2r_n}{r_n + 1}.$$

Now, let's prove by induction that  $\forall k \in \llbracket 1, n-2 \rrbracket, \frac{g_{n-k}}{f_{n-k}} = \frac{2r_n}{k \times r_n + 1}$ :

$$\text{Let's assume } \exists k \in \llbracket 1, n-3 \rrbracket, \frac{g_{n-k}}{f_{n-k}} = \frac{2r_n}{k \times r_n + 1},$$

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{g_{n-k-1}}{f_{n-k-1}} &= h\left(\frac{g_{n-k}}{f_{n-k}}\right) = 2 \times \frac{2r_n}{k \times r_n + 1} \times \frac{1}{\frac{2r_n}{k \times r_n + 1} + 2} = 2 \times 2r_n \times \frac{1}{2r_n + 2(k \times r_n + 1)} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{g_{n-k-1}}{f_{n-k-1}} = h\left(\frac{g_{n-k}}{f_{n-k}}\right) = \frac{4r_n}{2(r_n + k \times r_n + 1)} = \frac{2r_n}{(k+1) \times r_n + 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Which proves that } \forall k \in \llbracket 1, n-2 \rrbracket, \frac{g_{n-k}}{f_{n-k}} = \frac{2r_n}{k \times r_n + 1}.$$

Now,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \llbracket 0, 3 \rrbracket, \forall k \in \llbracket 1, n-2 \rrbracket$  we can express all the  $\Delta_{n-k}$ , and above all the following:

$$\Delta_3 = f_2 u_2 + g_2 v_2 = f_2 x_2^2 + f_2 x_1^2 + g_2 x_2 x_1 = f_2 x_2^2 + g_2 x_2 + f_2 \text{ (because } x_1 = 1)$$

$$\Delta_2 = g_2^2 - 4f_2^2 = 4 \times \left( \frac{r_n^2}{[(n-2) \times r_n + 1]^2} - 1 \right) \times f_2^2$$

To determine the positivity of  $\Delta_2$  we only focus on the positivity of  $\frac{r_n^2}{[(n-2) \times r_n + 1]^2} - 1$ ,

for we know  $f_2^2$  and 4 are always positive.

$$\frac{r_n^2}{[(n-2) \times r_n + 1]^2} - 1 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow r_n^2 \geq [(n-2) \times r_n + 1]^2 \Leftrightarrow [1 - (n-2)^2]r_n^2 - 2(n-2)r_n - 1 \geq 0$$

$$\Delta = 4(n-2)^2 - 4 \times (-1)[1 - (n-2)^2] = 4[(n-2)^2 + 1 - (n-2)^2] = 4 > 0$$

So solutions for all of our previous  $\Delta_k$  exist;

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \llbracket 0, 3 \rrbracket$ , the quadratic coefficient  $[1 - (n-2)^2]$  is strictly negative, so:

$$r_n \in \left[ \frac{2(n-2) - \sqrt{4}}{2[1 - (n-2)^2]}, \frac{2(n-2) + \sqrt{4}}{2[1 - (n-2)^2]} \right] \setminus \left\{ -\frac{1}{n-2} \right\}$$

which means:

$$\begin{aligned} r_n &\in \left[ \frac{(n-2) - 1}{1 - (n-2)^2}, \frac{(n-2) + 1}{1 - (n-2)^2} \right] \setminus \left\{ -\frac{1}{n-2} \right\} \\ \Leftrightarrow r_n &\in \left[ \frac{(n-2) - 1}{(1-n+2)(1+n-2)}, \frac{(n-2) + 1}{(1-n+2)(1+n-2)} \right] \setminus \left\{ -\frac{1}{n-2} \right\} \\ \Leftrightarrow r_n &\in \left[ -\frac{1}{n-1}, -\frac{1}{n-3} \right] \setminus \left\{ -\frac{1}{n-2} \right\}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \llbracket 0, 3 \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

(we exclude  $-\frac{1}{n-2}$  because of the term  $\frac{r_n^2}{[(n-2) \times r_n + 1]^2}$  in  $\Delta_2$ );

Therefore, as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  $r_n \sim -\frac{1}{n}$

In conclusion, for the following to be true, as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ :

$$\sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2 + 2r_n \times \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=k+1}^n x_k x_j \rightarrow 0$$

We must have it in the following form:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2 - \frac{2}{n} \times \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=k+1}^n x_k x_j \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

Now we could simplify this:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2 - \frac{2}{n} \times \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=k+1}^n x_k x_j &= \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2 - \frac{1}{n} \times \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^n x_k x_j \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2 - \frac{1}{n} \times \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_k x_j - \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2 \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \times \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2 - \frac{1}{n} \times \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_k x_j = 0$$

And as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  the asymptotic equivalences give us the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2 - \frac{1}{n} \times \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_k x_j &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2 - \frac{1}{n} \times \left(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k\right)^2 &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty \end{aligned}$$

Now to get back to our problem, if we assume that  $\forall k \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$ ,  $x_k = \frac{1}{k^a}$ , then we get, as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ :

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} - \frac{1}{n} \times \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^a}\right)^2 \rightarrow 0$$

Which is therefore - thanks to all we've seen up to now - the new formula on which we'll work from now on, and which is way more easy-to-handle and less obscure than:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} + 2 \times \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=k+1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k+j-2} \cos(b \ln(k/j))}{(kj)^a} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

### 3 Comparison Of Asymptotic Behaviours

Now, We got this expression from the previous part:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} - \frac{1}{n} \times \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^a}\right)^2 \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

Since we're dealing with infinity, instead of distinguishing the cases for different fixed values for  $a \in ]0, 1[$ , **I will speak of a map  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  converging to a real number in  $]0, 1[$ :**  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} a_n \rightarrow a_{+\infty} \in ]0, 1[$  with a rate of convergence  $\epsilon_n = a_n - a_{+\infty}$ .

The sums with their corrections (first-order Taylor expansions) become, as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ :

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a_{+\infty}}} - 2\epsilon_n \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\ln(k)}{k^{2a_{+\infty}}} - \frac{1}{n} \times \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{a_{+\infty}}} - \epsilon_n \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\ln(k)}{k^{a_{+\infty}}}\right)^2 \rightarrow 0$$

The correction terms can be ignored for a fast convergence of  $a_n$ ;

**We'll deal with fast and slow convergences**, and also figure out the expansions of the  $p$ -th order.

A fast convergence with such sums typically means  $\epsilon_n = o\left(\frac{1}{\ln(n)}\right)$ .

It has already been well-established in the literature [1, 2] that  $a_{+\infty} \in ]0, 1[$  for all the nontrivial zeros, so  $1 - a_{+\infty} > 0$  and then the **squared sum** can be approximated with the **following squared integral as follows if  $a_n$  converges fastly to its limit**:

$$\left( \int_1^n \frac{1}{t^a} dt \right)^2 = \frac{(n^{1-a} - 1)^2}{(1-a)^2} \sim \frac{n^{2-2a}}{(1-a)^2} \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

to obtain the following (I omit the  $n$  index of  $a_n$  for convenience in these calculations):

$$\forall a \in ]0, 1[ \text{ and as } n \rightarrow +\infty, \frac{1}{n} \times \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^a} \right)^2 \sim \frac{1}{n} \times \frac{n^{2-2a}}{(1-a)^2} = \frac{n^{1-2a}}{(1-a)^2}$$

**And for a slow convergence, the sum of the correction term added in the squared sum:**

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \int_1^{n+1} \frac{\ln(t)}{t^{a+\infty}} dt \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\ln(k)}{k^{a+\infty}} \leq \int_2^{n+1} \frac{\ln(t-1)}{(t-1)^{a+\infty}} dt$$

$$\text{with } \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)}{t^{a+\infty}} dt = \frac{\ln(n)n^{1-a+\infty}}{1-a+\infty} - \frac{n^{1-a+\infty} - 1}{(1-a)^2}$$

Therefore, since  $1 - a_{+\infty} > 0$  we get the following asymptotic equivalence:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\ln(k)}{k^{a+\infty}} \sim \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)}{t^{a+\infty}} dt \sim \frac{\ln(n)n^{1-a+\infty}}{1-a+\infty} - \frac{n^{1-a+\infty}}{(1-a)^2} \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

**For any order of expansion  $p$ , we figure out the  $p$ -th term as follows:**

$$\frac{(-\epsilon_n)^p}{p!} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\ln(k)^p}{k^{a+\infty}} \sim \frac{(-\epsilon_n)^p}{p!} \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)^p}{t^{a+\infty}} dt \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

$$\int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)^p}{t^{a+\infty}} dt = \frac{\ln(n)^p n^{1-a+\infty}}{(1-a+\infty)} \times \sum_{k=0}^p \frac{p!(-1)^k}{(p-k)!(1-a+\infty)^k \ln(n)^k} - \frac{p!(-1)^p}{(1-a+\infty)^p}$$

$$\text{thus } \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)^p}{t^{a+\infty}} dt \sim \frac{\ln(n)^p n^{1-a+\infty}}{(1-a+\infty)} \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

So the  $p$ -th term in the Taylor approximation is written:

$$\frac{n^{1-a+\infty} (-\epsilon_n)^p \ln(n)^p}{(1-a+\infty)p!}$$

And the total expression involving the asymptotic expansion using the Taylor approximation of order  $p$  is then written:

$$\frac{n^{1-a+\infty}}{1-a+\infty} + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{n^{1-a+\infty} (-\epsilon_n)^k \ln(n)^k}{(1-a+\infty)k!} = \frac{n^{1-a+\infty}}{1-a+\infty} \times \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-\epsilon_n \ln(n))^k}{k!} \right)$$

**As to the sum of squares, for a fast convergence:**

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \int_1^{n+1} \frac{1}{t^{2a}} dt \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} \leq 1 + \int_2^{n+1} \frac{1}{(t-1)^{2a}} dt$$

And the sum of the correction term added for a slow convergence:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \int_1^{n+1} \frac{\ln(t)}{t^{2a+\infty}} dt \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\ln(k)}{k^{2a+\infty}} \leq \int_2^{n+1} \frac{\ln(t-1)}{(t-1)^{2a+\infty}} dt$$

We get to distinguish  $a_{+\infty} \neq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $a_{+\infty} = \frac{1}{2}$  for the sum of squares.

If  $a_{+\infty} \neq \frac{1}{2}$ :

**Fast convergence:**

$$\frac{(n+1)^{1-2a} - 1}{1-2a} \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} \leq 1 + \frac{(n+1-1)^{1-2a} - (2-1)^{1-2a}}{1-2a}$$

(I skipped the details of variable substitution on the right side)

We then obtain the following asymptotic equivalences, as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ :

$$\frac{n^{1-2a} - 1}{1-2a} \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} \leq 1 + \frac{n^{1-2a} - 1}{1-2a}$$

Which means that as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  $\exists \lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} \sim \lambda + \frac{n^{1-2a} - 1}{1-2a}$

**Sum of the correction term added for a slow convergence** (asymptotic equivalent as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ ):

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\ln(k)}{k^{2a+\infty}} \sim \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)}{t^{2a+\infty}} dt = \frac{\ln(n)n^{1-2a+\infty}}{1-2a+\infty} - \frac{n^{1-2a+\infty} - 1}{(1-2a+\infty)^2}$$

For any order of expansion  $p$ , we figure out the  $p$ -th term as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(-2\epsilon_n)^p}{p!} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\ln(k)^p}{k^{2a+\infty}} &\sim \frac{(-2\epsilon_n)^p}{p!} \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)^p}{t^{2a+\infty}} dt \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty \\ \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)^p}{t^{2a+\infty}} dt &= \frac{\ln(n)^p n^{1-2a+\infty}}{(1-2a+\infty)} \times \sum_{k=0}^p \frac{p!(-1)^k}{(p-k)!(1-2a+\infty)^k \ln(n)^k} - \frac{p!(-1)^p}{(1-2a+\infty)^{p+1}} \\ \text{thus } \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)^p}{t^{2a+\infty}} dt &\sim \frac{\ln(n)^p n^{1-2a+\infty}}{(1-2a+\infty)} \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty \end{aligned}$$

So the  $p$ -th term in the Taylor approximation is written:

$$\frac{n^{1-2a+\infty} (-2\epsilon_n)^p \ln(n)^p}{(1-2a+\infty)p!}$$

And the total expression involving the asymptotic expansion using the Taylor approximation of order  $p$  is then written:

$$\lambda + \frac{n^{1-2a+\infty} - 1}{1-2a+\infty} + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{n^{1-2a+\infty} (-2\epsilon_n)^k \ln(n)^k}{(1-2a+\infty)k!}$$



$$= \lambda - \frac{1}{1 - 2a_{+\infty}} + \frac{n^{1-2a_{+\infty}}}{1 - 2a_{+\infty}} \times \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2\epsilon_n \ln(n))^k}{k!} \right), \lambda \in [0, 1]$$

If  $a_{+\infty} = \frac{1}{2}$ :

**Fast convergence:**

$$\exists \lambda \in [0, 1] \mid \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} = \lambda + \ln(n) \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

**Sum of the correction term for a slow convergence** (asymptotic equivalent as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\ln(k)}{k^{2a_{+\infty}}} &\sim \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)}{t} dt \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty \\ \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)}{t} dt &= \ln(n)^2 - \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)}{t} dt \\ \Leftrightarrow \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)}{t} dt &= \frac{\ln(n)^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**For any order of expansion  $p$** , we figure out the  $p$ -th term as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(-2\epsilon_n)^p}{p!} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\ln(k)^p}{k} &\sim \frac{(-2\epsilon_n)^p}{p!} \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)^p}{t} dt \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty \\ \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)^p}{t} dt &= \ln(n)^{p+1} - p \times \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)^{p-1}}{t} dt \\ \Leftrightarrow \int_1^n \frac{\ln(t)^p}{t} dt &= \frac{\ln(n)^{p+1}}{p+1} \end{aligned}$$

So the  $p$ -th term in the Taylor approximation is written:

$$\frac{(-2\epsilon_n)^p \ln(n)^{p+1}}{(p+1)!} = \ln(n) \times \frac{(-2\epsilon_n)^p \ln(n)^p}{(p+1)!}$$

And the total expression involving the asymptotic expansion using the Taylor approximation of order  $p$  is then written:

$$\lambda + \ln(n) \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2\epsilon_n \ln(n))^k}{(k+1)!} \right), \lambda \in [0, 1]$$

**Remark:**

Instead of expanding the sums first and then approximating each term with integrals, I could have done this right away:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall a_{+\infty} \in ]0, 1[ \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty : \\ \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{a_{+\infty} + \epsilon_n}} \right)^2 &\sim \frac{1}{n} \left( \int_1^n \frac{1}{t^{a_{+\infty} + \epsilon_n}} dt \right)^2 \sim \frac{n^{1-2(a_{+\infty} + \epsilon_n)}}{(1 - (a_{+\infty} + \epsilon_n))^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2(a_{+\infty} + \epsilon_n)}} \sim \int_1^n \frac{1}{t^{2(a_{+\infty} + \epsilon_n)}} dt \sim \lambda + \frac{n^{1-2(a_{+\infty} + \epsilon_n)} - 1}{1 - 2(a_{+\infty} + \epsilon_n)}, \quad \lambda \in [0, 1]$$

This way we would just expand  $n^{-2\epsilon_n}$  and the outcome would have been exactly the same as all that follows. Therefore, in upcoming versions I may remove the parts dealing with any finite order of approximation  $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and directly jump into  $p \rightarrow +\infty$ .

**We therefore have three different cases:**

- $a_{+\infty} \in ]0, \frac{1}{2}[$
- $a_{+\infty} \in ]\frac{1}{2}, 1[$
- $a_{+\infty} = \frac{1}{2}$

**Case  $a_{+\infty} \in ]0, \frac{1}{2}[$ :**

**If  $a_n$  converges fastly enough to its limit, we can take the following for granted:**

$1 - 2a_{+\infty} > 0$  so  $n^{1-2a}$  grows unboundedly as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , so:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} \sim \frac{n^{1-2a}}{1-2a} \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

Thus our expression:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} - \frac{n^{1-2a}}{(1-a)^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

becomes, as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ :

$$\lambda - \frac{1}{1-2a} + \frac{n^{1-2a}}{1-2a} - \frac{n^{1-2a}}{(1-a)^2} \rightarrow 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda - \frac{1}{1-2a} + n^{1-2a} \left( \frac{1}{1-2a} - \frac{1}{(1-a)^2} \right) \rightarrow 0$$

Since  $n^{1-2a}$  tends to infinity, this requires two things at once:

$$\frac{1}{1-2a} - \frac{1}{(1-a)^2} = 0 \text{ and } \lambda - \frac{1}{1-2a} = 0$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1-2a} - \frac{1}{(1-a)^2} = 0 &\Leftrightarrow (1-a_{+\infty})^2 = 1-2a_{+\infty} \Leftrightarrow 1-2a_{+\infty} + a_{+\infty}^2 = 1-2a_{+\infty} \\ &\Leftrightarrow a_{+\infty}^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow a_{+\infty} = 0 \\ &\text{and} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda - \frac{1}{1-2a} = 0 \Leftrightarrow (1-2a)\lambda = 1 \Leftrightarrow 2a_{+\infty}\lambda = \lambda - 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a_{+\infty} = \frac{\lambda - 1}{2\lambda} \leq 0 \text{ since } \lambda \in [0, 1]$$

And both of these contradict  $a_{+\infty} \in ]0, \frac{1}{2}[$ .

If the convergence is slow, the expression with the correction terms is as follows, for the asymptotic expansions using the Taylor approximations of infinite order  $p \rightarrow +\infty$ :

We get the following, since  $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}, e^z = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z)^p}{p!}$ :

$$\lambda - \frac{1}{1-2a_{+\infty}} + n^{1-2a_{+\infty}} \left( \frac{n^{-2\epsilon_n}}{1-2a_{+\infty}} - \frac{(n^{-\epsilon_n})^2}{(1-a_{+\infty})^2} \right) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda - \frac{1}{1-2a_{+\infty}} + n^{1-2(a_{+\infty}+\epsilon_n)} \left( \frac{1}{1-2a_{+\infty}} - \frac{1}{(1-a_{+\infty})^2} \right) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

$n^{1-2(a_{+\infty}+\epsilon_n)}$  tends to infinity, the same reasoning as in the case of a fast convergence apply.

That is, this requires  $a_{+\infty} = 0$  and  $a_{+\infty} = \frac{\lambda - 1}{2\lambda} \leq 0$  which contradict  $a_{+\infty} \in ]0, \frac{1}{2}[$ .

**Case**  $a_{+\infty} \in ]\frac{1}{2}, 1[$ :

If  $a_n$  converges fastly enough to its limit, we can take the following for granted:

As  $n \rightarrow +\infty, \exists \lambda \in [0, 1], \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} \sim \lambda + \frac{n^{1-2a} - 1}{1-2a}$

In this case,  $1 - 2a_{+\infty} < 0$ ,

Therefore as  $n \rightarrow +\infty, \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} \rightarrow \lambda + \frac{1}{2a-1}$  and then  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a}} - \frac{n^{1-2a}}{(1-a)^2} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$  becomes:

$$\lambda + \frac{1}{2a-1} - \frac{n^{1-2a}}{(1-a)^2} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0, \text{ and since } 1 - 2a_{+\infty} < 0 \text{ this means } \lambda + \frac{1}{2a-1} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2a-1)\lambda + 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 2a\lambda = \lambda - 1 \Leftrightarrow a_{+\infty} = \frac{\lambda - 1}{2\lambda} \leq 0 \text{ because } \lambda - 1 \leq 0 \text{ while } 2\lambda \geq 0 \text{ for}$$

$\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , which contradicts  $a_{+\infty} \in ]\frac{1}{2}, 1[$ .

If the convergence is slow, the expression with the correction terms is as follows, for the asymptotic expansions using the Taylor approximations of infinite order  $p \rightarrow +\infty$ :

We get the following, since  $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}, e^z = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z)^p}{p!}$ :

$$\lambda - \frac{1}{1-2a_{+\infty}} + n^{1-2a_{+\infty}} \left( \frac{n^{-2\epsilon_n}}{1-2a_{+\infty}} - \frac{(n^{-\epsilon_n})^2}{(1-a_{+\infty})^2} \right) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

with  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda - \frac{1}{1 - 2a_{+\infty}} + n^{1-2(a_{+\infty} + \epsilon_n)} \left( \frac{1}{1 - 2a_{+\infty}} - \frac{1}{(1 - a_{+\infty})^2} \right) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

Which implies (again)  $\lambda + \frac{1}{2a_{+\infty} - 1} = 0$  which implies  $a_{+\infty} = \frac{\lambda - 1}{2\lambda} \leq 0$  **which contradicts**

$a_{+\infty} \in ]\frac{1}{2}, 1[$  again.

**Case**  $a_{+\infty} = \frac{1}{2}$ :

If  $a_n$  converges fastly enough to its limit, we can take the following for granted:

As  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a_n}} \sim \lambda + \ln(n)$ ,  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , so  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a_n}} - \frac{n^{1-2a_n}}{(1 - a_n)^2} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  becomes:

$$\lambda + \ln(n) - \frac{n^{1-2a_n}}{(1 - a_n)^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

**And now, let's reflect upon the conditions for this statement to hold:**

- As said earlier, we deal with a map  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  converging to a real number in  $]0, 1[$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in this case, rather than a fixed value  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ , otherwise it would mean that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \ln(n) \rightarrow 4 - \lambda$  which is absurd,
- $\frac{1}{(1 - a_n)^2} \rightarrow 4$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , so it doesn't affect the asymptotic behaviour of  $n^{1-2a_n}$ ,
- $\ln(n)$  grows unboundedly as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , so we must have  $1 - 2a_n > 0$  for all  $n$  sufficiently large, for  $n^{1-2a_n}$  to grow unboundedly as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  as well,
- Had we assumed that  $\exists l > 0 \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} 1 - 2a_n = l$ , we would get  $\ln(n) - \frac{n^l}{\left(\frac{l+1}{2}\right)^2} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , which is impossible because  $\forall l > 0$ ,  $\ln(n) = o(n^l)$ , therefore this subtraction tends to  $-\infty$  and not 0 as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ ,
- So it is necessary that  $1 - 2a_n$  be **strictly positive for all  $n$  sufficiently large** while **converging to  $0^+$**  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , in order to adequately "bend"  $n^{1-2a_n}$  for it to match  $\ln(n)$ , for the subtraction to tend to zero,

You'd think we finished, the problem is, even in this case, the expression of  $\epsilon_n = a_n - a_{+\infty}$  becomes

$$\ln\left(\frac{\lambda + \ln(n)}{4}\right)$$

something like  $\epsilon_n = -\frac{\ln(n)}{2 \ln(n)}$ , which is **too slow a rate of convergence to neglect the correction terms**; which we ironically did here.

**So our last chance is actually dealing with the correction terms:**

We need to use the asymptotic expansions using the Taylor approximations to figure out what is required by:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a_n}} - \frac{1}{n} \times \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{a_n}} \right)^2 \rightarrow 0$$

Using the first-order Taylor approximations:

$$\ln(n) - 2\epsilon_n \left( \frac{\ln(n)^2}{2} \right) - \frac{n^{1-2\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 - 2\epsilon_n \ln(n) + \epsilon_n^2 \ln(n)^2 \right)}{\left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \ln(n)(1 - \epsilon_n \ln(n)) - 4 \left( 1 - 2\epsilon_n \ln(n) + \epsilon_n^2 \ln(n)^2 \right) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \ln(n) - 4 + (8 \ln(n) - \ln(n)^2) \epsilon_n - 4\epsilon_n^2 \ln(n)^2 \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

$\epsilon_n = \frac{1}{\ln(n)}$  is an ideal choice:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(n) - 4 + (8 \ln(n) - \ln(n)^2) \frac{1}{\ln(n)} - 4 \left( \frac{1}{\ln(n)} \right)^2 \ln(n)^2 \\ = \ln(n) - 4 + \frac{8 \ln(n)}{\ln(n)} - \frac{\ln(n)^2}{\ln(n)} - 4 \\ = \ln(n) - 4 + 8 - \ln(n) - 4 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

We have a good  $\epsilon_n = \frac{1}{\ln(n)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .

So if  $a_n$  tends to  $\frac{1}{2}$  slowly, this adequate  $\epsilon_n$  **exists, and voilà, we get the right result.**

$\frac{1}{2}$  is the only limit the map  $a_n$  can reach as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , if it hopes to satisfy:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2a_n}} - \frac{1}{n} \times \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{a_n}} \right)^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

And we could ideally write  $a_n$  as  $a_n = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\ln(n)}$ , for a first-order Taylor expansion. Alas, it won't satisfy the Taylor approximations of all orders, which leads us to the last part.

**What about the asymptotic expansions using Taylor approximations of any order  $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , ideally very large?**

$\forall p \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , The  $p$ -th order Taylor approximations give us the following:

$$\lambda + \ln(n) \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2\epsilon_n \ln(n))^k}{(k+1)!} \right) - \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{n^{1-\frac{1}{2}}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \right)^2 \times \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-\epsilon_n \ln(n))^k}{k!} \right)^2 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda + \ln(n) \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2\epsilon_n \ln(n))^k}{(k+1)!} \right) - 4 \times \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-\epsilon_n \ln(n))^k}{k!} \right)^2 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

Let's try and find  $x_p, y_p \in \mathbb{C}$  so  $\epsilon_n = \frac{x_p \ln(n) + y_p}{\ln(n)^2}$ ; the equation becomes:

$$\lambda + \ln(n) \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{\left( -2 \left( x_p + \frac{y_p}{\ln(n)} \right) \right)^k}{(k+1)!} \right) - 4 \times \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-1)^k \left( x_p + \frac{y_p}{\ln(n)} \right)^k}{k!} \right)^2 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \left( x_p + \frac{y_p}{\ln(n)} \right)^k = \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} x_p^{k-j} \times \left( \frac{y_p}{\ln(n)} \right)^j = x_p^k + \frac{k x_p^{k-1} y_p}{\ln(n)} + o\left( \frac{1}{\ln(n)} \right)$$

Therefore we get for all  $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$ :

$$\lambda + \ln(n) \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2)^k \left( x_p^k + k x_p^{k-1} \times \frac{y_p}{\ln(n)} \right)}{(k+1)!} \right) - 4 \times \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-1)^k \left( x_p^k + k x_p^{k-1} \times \frac{y_p}{\ln(n)} \right)}{k!} \right)^2 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda + \ln(n) \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{(k+1)!} \right) + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2)^k k x_p^{k-1} y_p}{(k+1)!} - 4 \times \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-x_p)^k}{k!} \right)^2 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda + \ln(n) \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{(k+1)!} \right) + y_p \times \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2)^k k x_p^{k-1}}{(k+1)!} - 4 \times \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-x_p)^k}{k!} \right)^2 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

And for all  $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$  the polynomial  $P_p(x) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x)^k}{(k+1)!}$  admits  $p$  roots (real or complex), we just have

to pick one of them to "nullify"  $\ln(n) \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{(k+1)!} \right)$ , then there will only remain:

$$y_p \times \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2)^k k x_p^{k-1}}{(k+1)!} - 4 \times \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-x_p)^k}{k!} \right)^2 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

We also notice that  $\sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2)^k k x^{k-1}}{(k+1)!} = P_p'(x)$ .

Now, let's see why the polynomial  $P_p(x)$  only has simple roots, meaning that none of them are roots of  $P_p'(x)$ .

We're already sure that 0 is not a root of  $P_p(x)$  because  $P_p(0) = 1$ .

Let  $x_p \in \mathbb{C}^*$  be a root of  $P_p(x)$ , let's assume it's also a root of  $P_p'(x)$ :

$$1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{(k+1)!} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{(k+1)!} = -1$$

On the other hand, we also have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_p P_p'(x_p) &= \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2)^k k x_p^k}{(k+1)!} = \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2)^k (k+1-1) x_p^k}{(k+1)!} = \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2)^k (k+1) x_p^k}{(k+1)!} - \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{(k+1)!} \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{k!} - \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{(k+1)!} = \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{k!} - (P_p(x_p) - 1) \\
 \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{(k+1)!} &= -1, \text{ this means: } \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{k!} = -1 \text{ as well}
 \end{aligned}$$

And this is impossible, because the terms of the sum on the left are those of the sum on the right scaled down by a factor  $\frac{1}{k+1}$ , so we can't have both of them match  $-1$  (I shall develop this in upcoming versions).

In conclusion, **no root of  $P_p(x)$  is a root of  $P_p'(x)$ .**

Therefore, we just need to pick any root for the value of  $x_p$ , and we're sure  $y_p$  exists as well, and we can

$$\text{express it as } y_p = \frac{4 \times \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-x_p)^k}{k!}\right)^2 - \lambda}{\sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2)^k k x_p^{k-1}}{(k+1)!}}.$$

In conclusion, for all orders of expansion  $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , there exist  $x_p, y_p \in \mathbb{C}$  so that we get

$$\epsilon_n = \frac{x_p \ln(n) + y_p}{\ln(n)^2} \text{ ensuring the limit:}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2\left(\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon_n\right)}} - \frac{1}{n} \times \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon_n}} \right)^2 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

required by  $\zeta(s) = 0 \Rightarrow \eta(s) = 0$ .

$$\text{And we would actually write } a_n = a_{+\infty} + \text{Re}(\epsilon_n) = a_{+\infty} + \text{Re}\left(\frac{x_p \ln(n) + y_p}{\ln(n)^2}\right).$$

**And now, for an infinite order of approximation  $p \rightarrow +\infty$ :**

In the formula:

$$\lambda + \ln(n) \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{(k+1)!}\right) + y_p \times \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2)^k k x_p^{k-1}}{(k+1)!} - 4 \times \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-x_p)^k}{k!}\right)^2 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

$$\text{Let's have a closer look at } P_p(x) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x)^k}{(k+1)!} \text{ and } P_p'(x) = \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2)^k k x^{k-1}}{(k+1)!}:$$

$$\begin{aligned}
1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{(k+1)!} &= \sum_{k=0}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{(k+1)!} = \frac{1}{-2x_p} \sum_{k=0}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} = \frac{1}{-2x_p} \sum_{k=1}^{p+1} \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{k!} \\
&= \frac{1}{-2x_p} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p+1} \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{k!} - 1 \right) \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{-2x_p} (e^{-2x_p} - 1)
\end{aligned}$$

If we want  $\frac{1}{-2x_p} (e^{-2x_p} - 1) = 0$ , we can't choose  $x_p = 0$  (we shall see why soon), but we can very well

choose  $x_p = k\pi i$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ ,

Now let's remember:

$$x_p P_p'(x_p) = \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{k!} - P_p(x_p) + 1$$

As  $p \rightarrow +\infty$ , for  $x_p = k\pi i$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ , we then have:

$$k\pi i \times P_p'(x_p) = e^{-2k\pi i} - 1 + 1 = 1 \Leftrightarrow P_p'(x_p) = -\frac{i}{k\pi}$$

So our formula:

$$\lambda + \ln(n) \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2x_p)^k}{(k+1)!} \right) + y_p \times \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-2)^k k x_p^{k-1}}{(k+1)!} - 4 \times \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(-x_p)^k}{k!} \right)^2 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda - y_p \times \frac{i}{k\pi} - 4 \times (e^{-k\pi i})^2 &\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0 \\
\Leftrightarrow \lambda - y_p \times \frac{i}{k\pi} - 4 &\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0
\end{aligned}$$

Thus our  $y_p$  exists and its expression is:

$$y_p = -\frac{k\pi(4-\lambda)}{i} = ik\pi(4-\lambda)$$

As a result, this expression of  $\epsilon_n$  is valid for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ :

$$\epsilon_n = ik\pi \times \frac{\ln(n) + 4 - \lambda}{\ln(n)^2}, \quad \lambda \in [0, 1], \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}^*$$

So here you see why we can't have  $k = 0$ , for it would mean  $\epsilon_n = 0$ , and this would mean:

$$\ln(n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 4 - \lambda$$

which is absurd. Hence  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ .

Also, we notice that it is a purely imaginary value, but do we care so long as it makes everything work? I

don't think so. Plus the real part is a plain  $\frac{1}{2}$  so it's all good.



In conclusion, the real part of our nontrivial zero is actually a fixed value  $\frac{1}{2}$ , but it is the imaginary part that includes  $\epsilon_n$ .

That's an unexpected twist. But it works, just in an unexpected way.

## Conclusion:

For any nontrivial zero  $s \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \left\{ 1 + \frac{2\pi ik}{\ln(2)} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k^s} = 0$

requires that the only value the real part  $Re(s)$  can have as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  be  $Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ , and one of the expressions of the number  $s$  depending on  $n$  to ensure this limit is the following:

$$s_n = \frac{1}{2} + i \left( b + k\pi \times \frac{\ln(n) + 4 - \lambda}{\ln(n)^2} \right), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}^*, \lambda \in [0, 1], b \in \mathbb{R}$$

Therefore, since  $\zeta(s) = 0 \Rightarrow \eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = 0$ :

For any nontrivial zero  $s \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \left\{ 1 + \frac{2\pi ik}{\ln(2)} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ ,  $\zeta(s) = 0 \Rightarrow Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

This proves the Riemann Hypothesis.

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