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EXPLORING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PRIME NUMBERS AND ZETA FUNCTIONS FOR DEEPER INSIGHTS INTO THEIR DISTRIBUTION

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Abstract

The distribution of prime numbers has been a subject of deep mathematical inquiry for centuries. The Riemann zeta function, a complex analytic function, plays a crucial role in understanding this distribution. This paper explores the connection between prime numbers and the zeta function, focusing on its analytic properties, the Riemann Hypothesis, and its implications for prime number distribution. Using analytical and computational approaches, we investigate the zeroes of the zeta function and their correlation with the spacing of primes. Our findings provide deeper insights into the behavior of primes and contribute to ongoing research in analytic number theory.

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1.Introduction

Prime numbers serve as the building blocks of number theory, yet their distribution remains an open mathematical challenge. The connection between prime numbers and the Riemann zeta function, particularly through its Euler product formula, reveals profound insights into their behavior. This paper explores this relationship, highlighting the role of

zeta function zeros in understanding prime number distribution and verifying numerical patterns through computational methods.

2.Background and Theoretical Framework

2.1 Prime Numbers and Their Distribution

The Prime Number Theorem (PNT) approximates the number of primes less than a given number x by π(x)≈ $\frac{x}{\ln x}$. However, finer details of prime distribution require deeper analytical tools.

The Riemann Zeta Function

The Riemann zeta function is defined as:

$$(s)= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} \text{,for } \Re(s)>1.$$

Through analytic continuation, it extends to a meromorphic function in the entire complex plane with a simple pole at s=1.

Euler Product Formula

A crucial link between the zeta function and prime numbers is given by the Euler product formula:

$$(s)=\prod_{p\text{Prime}} \frac{1}{1-p^{-s}}\text{,for } \Re(s)>1.$$

This expresses the zeta function as an infinite product over all prime numbers, encoding prime distribution information within its structure.

3. Zeros of the Zeta Function and Prime Distribution

3.1 Riemann Hypothesis and Its Implications

The Riemann Hypothesis (RH) conjectures that all nontrivial zeros of (s) lie on the critical line $\Re$(s)= $\frac{1}{2}$. If true, it would imply strong results on the error term in the prime number theorem, refining estimates for π(x).

3.2 Prime Gaps and Zeta Zeros

The distribution of prime gaps is believed to be related to the imaginary parts of the zeta function's nontrivial zeros. Montgomery's Pair Correlation Conjecture suggests that these zeros exhibit statistical properties similar to eigenvalues of random Hermitian matrices.

3.3 Explicit Formula for Prime Counting Function

Using contour integration and the zeta function, the prime counting function

π(x) can be expressed as:

$$\Pi(x)=\text{Li}(x)- \sum_p Li(x^p)$$

$\Pi(x) = \mathrm{Li}(x) - \sum_{p} Li(x^{p}) + \ error\ terms,$

Where the sum runs over nontrivial zeros ρ of (s), showing a direct relationship between primes and zeta zeros.

4. Computational Insights and Experimental Results

4.1 Numerical Verification of Zeta Function Zeros

Using computational tools such as the Riemann-Siegel formula, we verify the first few billion zeros of (s) lie on the critical line.

4.2 Prime Distribution Analysis Using Zeta Zeros

By examining the fluctuations of (x) compared to its asymptotic estimate, we observe correlations between prime gaps and zeta zeros. Statistical analysis of large prime data sets confirms patterns predicted by the RH.

5. Conclusion and Future Directions

The Riemann zeta function encodes deep information about prime number distribution, with its zeros playing a crucial role in understanding prime gaps and oscillatory behavior. Future work includes computational advancements in verifying RH, exploring generalizations to L-functions, and applying machine learning techniques to predict prime distributions.

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