

Characterization Of The First Coefficient λ_1 In The Partition Function As An Equivalent To The Riemann Hypothesis

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Abstract

We construct a new equivalent of the Riemann Hypothesis by means of the first coefficient λ_1 alone. Some comments are also specified for λ_n , at any $n > 1$.

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The new equivalent

We consider the formula for the Li-Keiper coefficients λ_n given by [1, 2, 3]:

$$\lambda_n = \sum_{\rho} \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{s} \right)^n \right)$$

(1)

where the sum is on all nontrivial zeros of the Zeta function, and $s = \rho_k + i \cdot t_k$.

For $n = 1$, we have a sum of positive terms like: (one zero \rightarrow four zeros).

$$\frac{2 \cdot \rho_k}{(\rho_k^2 + t_k^2)} + \frac{2 \cdot (1 - \rho_k)}{((1 - \rho_k)^2 + t_k^2)}$$

(2)

We notice now that an absolute maximum in Eq.(2) is obtained (independent of the t_k 's) with $\rho_k = 1/2$ for all k 's; the above sum is given by:

$$\lambda_1 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\left(\frac{1}{4} + t_k^2 \right)}$$

(3)

We divided by 2 assuming that the zeros are simple. We also notice that if the expression for λ_1 given by:

$$1 + \frac{\gamma}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \log(4 \cdot \pi) = 0.0230957 \dots$$

(4)

exhausts the above sum (3), this is equivalent to the truth of the Riemann Hypothesis (RH). See [4] for general

Equivalents to the Riemann Hypothesis, and for the expression of λ_1 in the binary system [5].
 Below, as an illustration we present the plot of the term at the first zero i.e. formula (2) where $t_1=14.134$ (the first zero) and $\rho_k = x$ as a function of x in the range $[0,1]$.

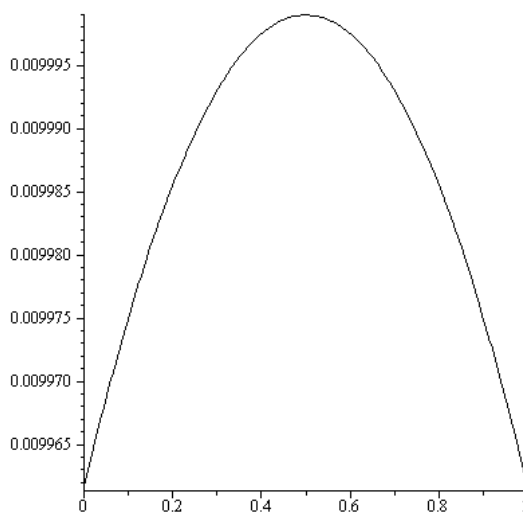


Fig.1 The first term in Eq.(2) as a function of $\rho_k = x$ in $[0,1]$ with the maximum at $x=1/2$.

As noticed, in the sum (Eq.(3)), we divided by 2 in order to have simplicity of the zeros in the case that $\rho_k \rightarrow 1/2$ for all k .

At this point, we remark the following:

if we assume that all the zeros are simple, then the contribution of $1/2+i.t$ and $1/2-i.t$ is given by $1/(1/4 + t_k^2)$ while for a zero outside the critical line, still by the assumption that the zeros are simple, (i.e. we have now 4 distinct zeros) the amount is given by Eq.(2) above i.e.

$$\frac{2 \cdot \rho_k}{(\rho_k^2 + t_k^2)} + \frac{2 \cdot (1 - \rho_k)}{((1 - \rho_k)^2 + t_k^2)}$$

(5)

a value which is greater than $1/(1/4 + t_k^2)$ as it may be verified for all ρ_k in the range $(0,1)$ and for all

$$t > \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = 0.707 \dots$$

(at the value $t = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ the amount for $\rho_k=1$, i.e. $2/(1+t^2)$ is equal to $1/(1/4+t^2)$).

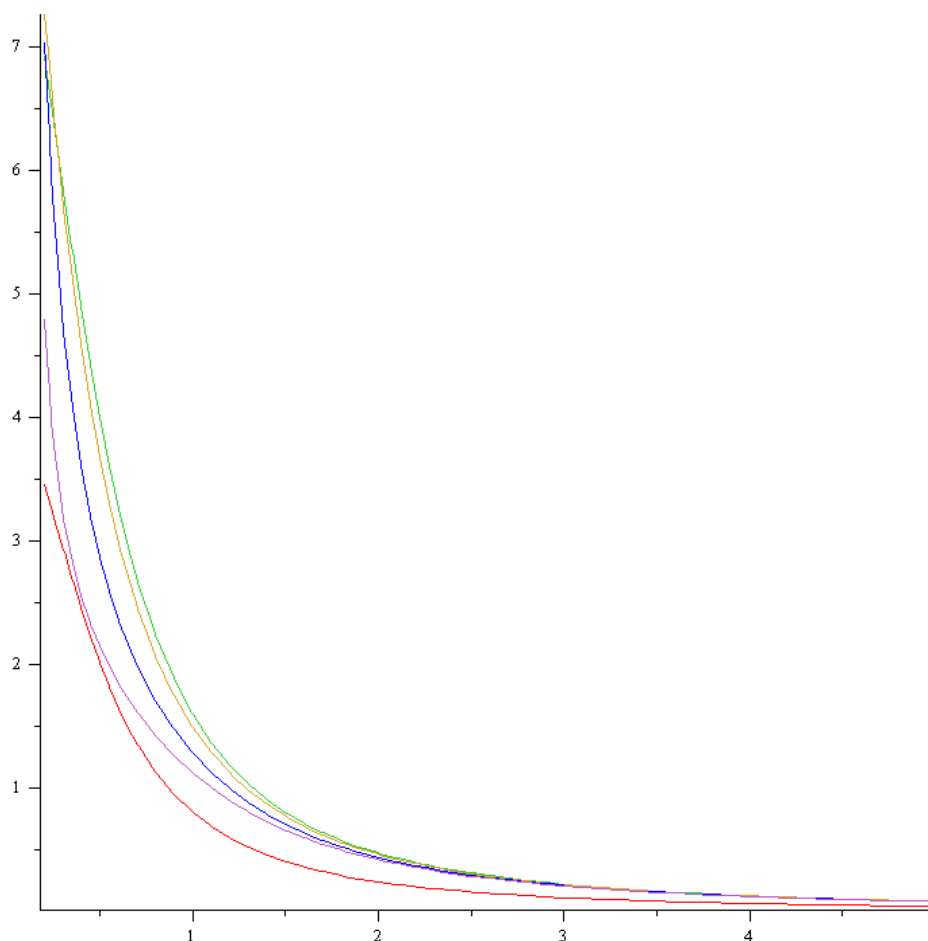


Fig. 2 Plot of Eq.(2) for various ρ_k (0.5, 0.55, 0.7, 0.85, 0.94) in the range $t=0.2.. 5$, (notice that for $t > \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ the red curve($1/(1/4+t^2)$) is below of any plot for any ρ_k in the range (0..1)).

Moreover, since it has been rigorously proven that the height of the first non-trivial zero t_0 in the critical strip verify the inequality $t > \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$, for rigorous results on zero free regions (for an example, see [7]), we have the following equivalent:

The absolute minimum (with respect to the (ρ_k)) for the first Li-Keiper coefficient λ_1 (for any distribution of heights ($t_k > \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$)) is equivalent to the truth of the Riemann hypothesis.

Comments and plots for $\lambda_n, n>1$

The situation for $\lambda_n, n > 1$ is different and is now discussed with some examples.

We consider one term in λ_n , i.e. one with a zero off the critical line given, following the definition Eq.(1) by:

$$\Delta(\rho_k, n, t) = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{(\rho_k + i \cdot t)}\right)^n + 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{(\rho_k - i \cdot t)}\right)^n + 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 - \rho_k + i \cdot t)}\right)^n + 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 - \rho_k - i \cdot t)}\right)^n$$

(6)

and the function $(\frac{1}{2}) \cdot \Delta(\rho_k=1/2, n, t)$ (for a zero on the critical line, assuming that all the zeros are simple or not, in this case we divide by the multiplicity of the four zeros) and take as a first example $t=4 \cdot \pi$. The two plots

are given below at the value $\rho_k=1$ (which as it is seen from the example on Fig.1 is the minimum value), as a function of n . We then check that for each n ,

$$(7) \quad \frac{1}{2} \cdot \Delta\left(\rho_k = \frac{1}{2}, n, t = 4\pi\right) > \Delta(\rho_k, n, t = 4\pi)$$

in the intervals around each minimum of $(\frac{1}{2}) \cdot \Delta(\rho_k=1/2, n, t=4\pi)$, see Fig. 3, and thus the function $(\frac{1}{2}) \cdot \Delta(\rho_k=1/2, n, t=4\pi)$ is not a minimum in such (even if short) intervals of n .

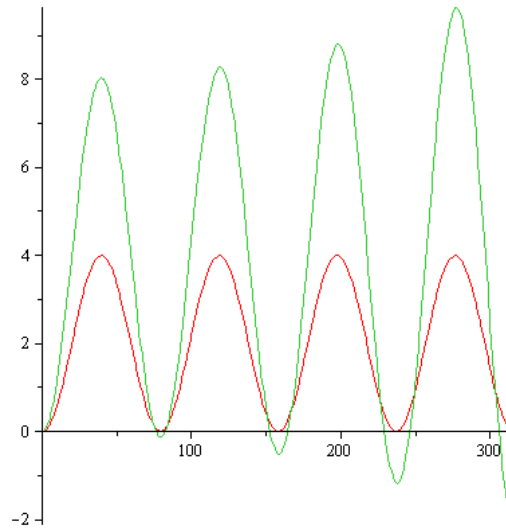


Fig. 3 The functions $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \Delta\left(\rho_k = \frac{1}{2}, n, t = 4\pi\right)$ (in red) and $\Delta(\rho_k=1, n, t=4\pi)$ (in green).

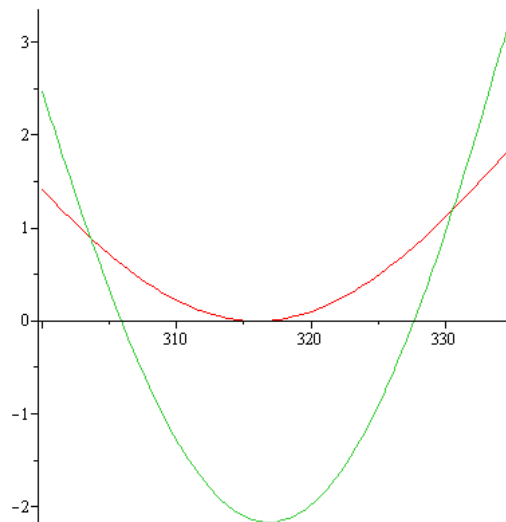


Fig. 4 The two functions around $n= 315$ still for $t=4\pi$.

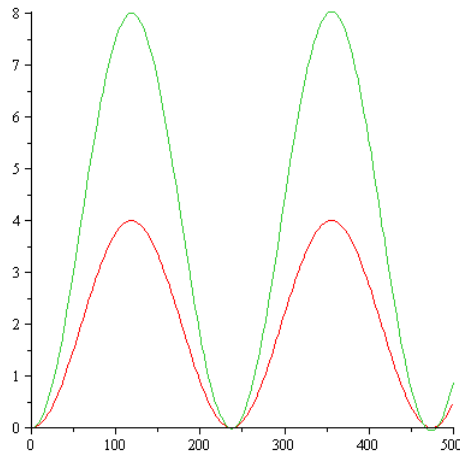


Fig. 5 The two functions $(\frac{1}{2}) \cdot \Delta(\rho_k=1/2, n, t=12\pi)$ (in red) and $\Delta(\rho_k=1, n, t=12\pi)$ (in green) now at $t=12\pi$.

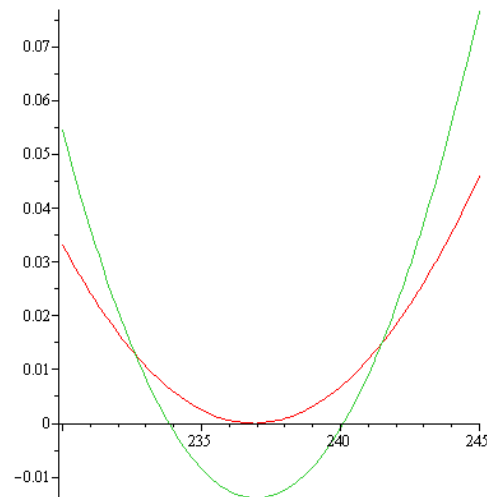


Fig. 6 The two functions in the interval $n=232..241$ still for $t=12\pi$.

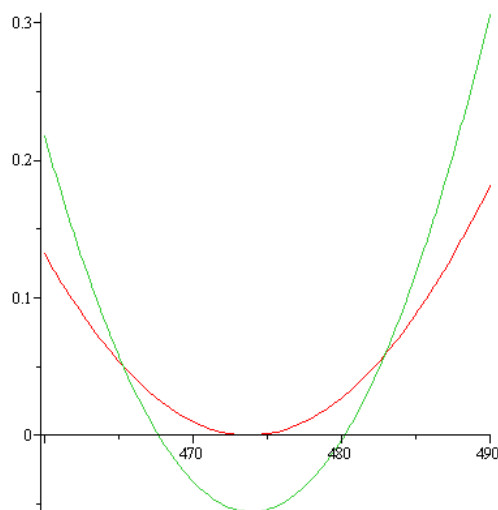


Fig. 7 The two functions in the interval $n=465..483$ still for $t=12\pi$.

Notice that increasing the value of t , as an example from $t=4\pi$ to $t=12\pi$, the range of the above inequality still persists and negativity increases with increasing n as illustrated above.

In conclusion, for $n > 1$ at a fix value of t , in some intervals of n the inequality:

$$(8) \quad \frac{1}{2} \cdot \Delta\left(\rho_k = \frac{1}{2}, n, t = 4\pi\right) < \Delta(\rho_k, n, t = 4\pi)$$

is violated and a conclusion as for $n=1$ cannot be established. This is in agreement with the Li criterion of positivity of $\lambda_n, \forall n$, for the truth of the Riemann Hypothesis [6].

We now decrease the value of the real part of the zero off the line ρ .

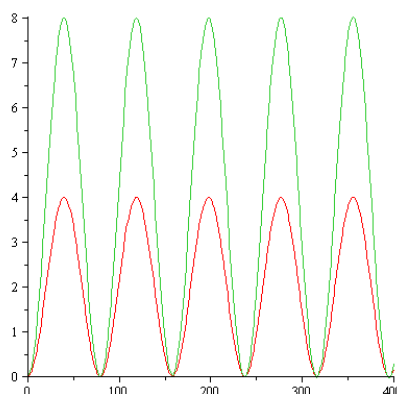


Fig. 8 The two functions for $t=4\pi$ the green one at $\rho = 0.55$.

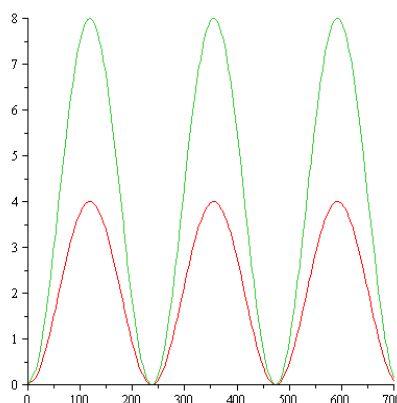


Fig. 9 The two functions for $t=12\pi$ the green one at $\rho=0.55$.

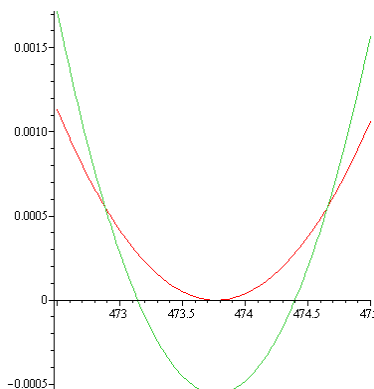


Fig.10 The two functions for $t=12\pi$ the green one at $\rho=0.55$ in the range $n=473..474.5$.

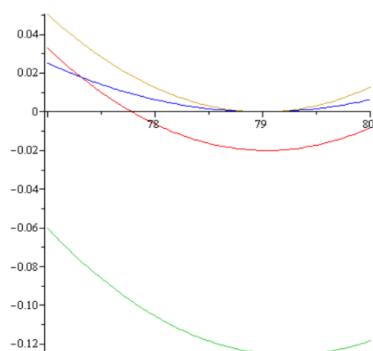


Fig. 11 $\Delta(\rho, n, t=4\pi)$ for $\rho=1$ (green), $\rho=0.7$ (red) $\rho=0.501$ (yellow) and $(1/2) \cdot \Delta(1/2, n, t=4\pi)$ (blue), around $n=79$.

From the above plots the message is that for all $n > 1$ and any height t , the absolute minimum for λ_n is reached (for all $n > 1$) and for any $t > \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ at $\rho_k=1/2$. (In this case, the function (plot in red) is exactly $1/2$ of the function (plot in green), i.e. the disappearance of the exploding factor for $\rho_k \neq 1/2, \forall k$ (see Appendix)). Finally, in the Fig. 15 we give the plot of the two function at $\rho=0.501$, at $n=90$, this time as a function of t in the range (0..23).

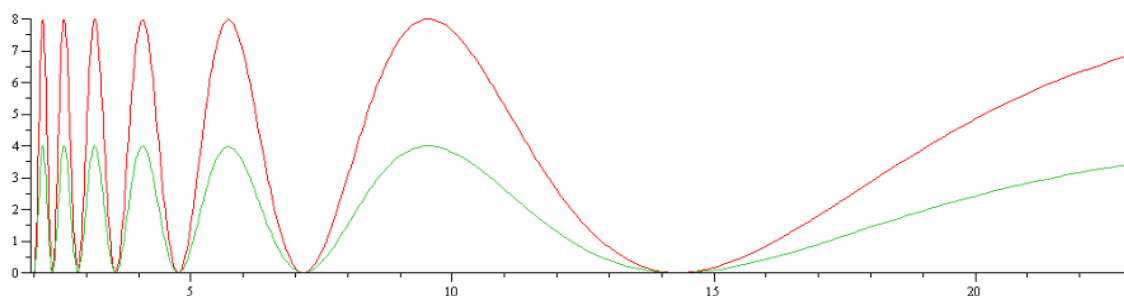


Fig. 12 The two function as for t in the range $t=(1..23)$; $(1/2) \cdot \Delta(\rho_k=1/2, n=90, t)$ (in green), $\Delta(\rho_k=0.501, n=90, t)$ (in red).

I. Conclusion

The Riemann Hypothesis has fascinated and involved many scholars with interesting works, using different points of view [7, 8, 9, 10, 11].

In this work, the equivalent by the extreme values of the first coefficient is simple and we add that it bears some analogy with the partition function -as an example- of the 2-d Ising model in zero field solved by Onsager where, after a transformation, the zeros in $s = \sinh(2 \cdot \beta \cdot J)$ sitting on the unit circle (with some boundary conditions) becomes zeros in z sitting on the critical line $z=1/2 + i \cdot t$, as discussed in [12, 13].

To the best of our knowledge, the above equivalent in terms of the first Li-Keiper coefficients is new or has not been derived along the above lines and this reinforces the conjecture on the truth of the Riemann Hypothesis by means of a minimum principle.

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Appendix

An explicit Formula for the Li-Keiper coefficients is obtained from the Definition: if a zero is off the critical line, then, there are at least four zero and

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\rho, n, t) &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{(\rho + i \cdot t)}\right)^n + \left(1 - \frac{1}{(\rho - i \cdot t)}\right)^n + \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 - \rho + i \cdot t)}\right)^n + \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 - \rho - i \cdot t)}\right)^n = \\ &= 4 - 2 \cdot \left[\left(\frac{\rho^2 + t^2}{(1 - \rho)^2 + t^2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} + \left(\frac{(1 - \rho)^2 + t^2}{\rho^2 + t^2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \right] \cdot \cos(a) \end{aligned}$$

Where: $a = \left[n \cdot \left(\arctan\left(\frac{t}{\rho}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{t}{1-\rho}\right) + \alpha \right) \right]$ with $\alpha = p \cdot \pi$ and some p .

The exploding factor, (the factor of $2 \cdot \cos(a)$) reduces to the nonexploding factor equal to 2 only for $\rho=1/2$ and $4 \cdot \cos(a) \geq 0$ in agreement with the Li criterion of positivity of λ_n (for every n). But for $n=1$ alone, the above equivalent is given by an absolute minimum of λ_1 alone.

(Returning now at the case $n=1$, if we apply the measure $(dt/2 \cdot \pi) / (1/4+t^2)$ to the first term in z of the function $-\log(\xi(z)) \sim -\lambda_1 \cdot |z|$ i.e. with $z=1-1/(1+i \cdot t)$ and if we define (here $z \sim 0$ (i.e. $S \sim 1$) means

$|z|=|1-1/s| = |1-1/(1+i \cdot t)| = t/|1+i \cdot t|$ instead of $z=0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \beta \cdot f_1 &= -\lambda_1 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right) \cdot \int_R dt \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + t^2} \cdot \left|1 - \frac{1}{1 + i \cdot t}\right| = \\ &= -\lambda_1 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right) \cdot \int_R dt \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + t^2} \cdot \frac{|t|}{|(1+t^2)^{1/2}} \sim -\lambda_1 \cdot 0.4840513... \end{aligned}$$

This first contribution $\beta \cdot f_1$ to $\beta \cdot f$ (as given above) is also a maximum amount since λ_1 is a minimum. The same computations for the quadratic terms and the cubic terms i.e.:

$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \lambda_2 \cdot z^2$ and for the cubic: $\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot \lambda_3 \cdot z^3$ give:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta \cdot f_2 &= -\lambda_2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right) \cdot \int_R dt \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + t^2} \cdot \left|1 - \frac{1}{1 + i \cdot t}\right|^2 = -\lambda_2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot (0.33333333) \\ \beta \cdot f_3 &= -\lambda_3 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot (0.26306275) ... \end{aligned}$$