

**3. Analytic continuation of  $\zeta$ .**

In Euler's summation formula (I.9, L5), take  $f(x) = 1/x^s$ . Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^s = \zeta(s),$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x)dx = \int_1^{\infty} dx/x^s = 1/(s-1) \quad (Re\ s > 1),$$

and I.9 gives

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + 1 - s \int_1^{\infty} \frac{x - [x]}{x^{s+1}} dx. \quad (*)$$

As  $0 \leq x - [x] < 1$ , the Dirichlet integral (see II.1)

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{x - [x]}{x^{s+1}} dx$$

converges, to  $I(s)$  say, for  $s = \sigma + it$ ,  $\sigma > 0$ , and  $|I(s)| \leq 1/\sigma$ . As in II.1,  $I(\cdot)$  is holomorphic, and

$$I'(s) = - \int_1^{\infty} \frac{(x - [x]) \log x}{x^{s+1}} dx.$$

So we can use  $(*)$  to extend  $\zeta(s)$  from  $Re\ s > 1$  to  $Re\ s > 0$ . This gives:

**Theorem.** The function  $\zeta(s)$  defined by  $(*)$  is holomorphic in  $Re\ s > 0$  except for a simple pole of residue 1 at 1:

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + 1 + r_1(s), \quad |r_1(s)| \leq |s|/\sigma.$$

$$\zeta'(s) = -\frac{1}{(s-1)^2} - \int_1^{\infty} \frac{x - [x]}{x^{s+1}} dx + s \int_1^{\infty} \frac{(x - [x]) \log x}{x^{s+1}} dx.$$

**Cor.**

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{1}{2} + r_1^*(s), \quad r_1^*(s) = -s \int_1^{\infty} \frac{(x - [x] - \frac{1}{2})}{x^{s+1}} dx, \quad |r_1^*(s)| \leq |s|/(2\sigma).$$

*Proof.* Replace  $x - [x]$  by  $x - [x] - \frac{1}{2}$  (or use version (ii) of Euler's summation formula, I.9). //

The integral here converges for  $\operatorname{Re} s > -1$ , so the Cor. can be used to continue  $\zeta$  analytically to  $\operatorname{Re} s > -1$ . Repeated integration by parts can be used to continue analytically further to  $\operatorname{Re} s > -2, -3, \dots, -n, \dots$ , and so to the whole complex plane. This involves the *Euler-Maclaurin sum formula*. See e.g. G. H. HARDY, *Divergent Series*, OUP, 1949, §13.10 Th. 245.

A better way to continue  $\zeta$  is via the *functional equation* (III.7, L23-24)

$$\zeta(s) = 2^s \pi^{s-1} \Gamma(1-s) \sin \frac{1}{2} \pi s \zeta(1-s) \quad (FE)$$

(Riemann, 1859) – but we shall not need this to prove PNT (we prove it in II.7 L24-5, for interest and use in Ch. IV).

**Cor.**

$$\zeta(s) - \frac{1}{s-1} \rightarrow \gamma \quad (s \rightarrow 1).$$

*Proof.* By (\*),

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(s) - \frac{1}{s-1} &\rightarrow 1 - \int_1^\infty \frac{x - [x]}{x^2} dx \quad (s \rightarrow 1) \\ &= \gamma \quad (\text{I.8 Cor., L5}). \end{aligned} //$$

So  $\zeta$  can be expanded about  $s = 1$ :

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + \gamma + \sum_{n=1}^\infty c_n (s-1)^n; \quad \zeta'(s) = -\frac{1}{(s-1)^2} + c_1 \sum_2^\infty n c_n (s-1)^{n-1}.$$

Also  $\zeta(s) = g(s)/(s-1)$ ,  $g$  holomorphic (actually, entire). So

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\zeta(s)} &= \frac{s-1}{g(s)}, \quad \zeta'(s) = \frac{g'(s)}{s-1} - \frac{g(s)}{(s-1)^2}, \\ -\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} &= -\frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} + \frac{1}{s-1} = \frac{1}{s-1} - a_0 - a_1(s-1) - \dots, \text{ say.} \end{aligned}$$

**Cor.**

$$-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = \frac{1}{s-1} - \gamma + -a_1(s-1) + \dots$$

*Proof.*  $(-\zeta'/\zeta) \cdot \zeta = -\zeta'$ . Multiply up and equate coefficients of  $1/(s-1)$ . This gives  $-\gamma + a_0 = 0$ . So  $a_0 = \gamma$ . //