AN EXPLICIT UPPER BOUND FOR THE RIEMANN ZETA-FUNCTION NEAR THE LINE $\sigma=1$

YUANYOU (FRED) CHENG

ABSTRACT. In this paper we give the following explicit estimate for the Riemann zeta-function. Let $t\geq 2$. For $1/2\leq \sigma \leq 1$,

$$|\zeta(\sigma + it)| \le 175t^{46(1-\sigma)^{3/2}} \log^{2/3} t;$$

for $\sigma \geq 1$,

$$|\zeta(\sigma + it)| < 175 \log^{2/3} t.$$

1. Introduction. In regard to the prime number theorem, the zero-free region of the Riemann zeta-function plays an important role. The best known zero-free region of the Riemann zeta-function asserts that there are no zeros of $\zeta(\sigma+it)$ for $\sigma>1-c(\log t)^{-2/3}(\log\log t)^{-1/3}$ and $t\geq t_0$ where c and t_0 are absolute positive constants. This zero-free region was established by using the methods from Vinogradov and Korobov, and the principal tool was an upper bound for the Riemann zeta-function near the line $\sigma=1$.

In 1963, Richert proved the following result, see [11]. For $1/2 \le \sigma \le 1$ and $t \ge 2$, there exists an absolute constant A such that

(*)
$$|\zeta(\sigma + it)| \le At^{B(1-\sigma)^{3/2}} \log^{2/3} t$$
,

with B = 100. In 1975, Ellison proved the same result as (*) with B = 86 and A = 2100, see [7]. There are also other results with sharpened numbers B, see [10, 1].

In some applications one needs to have the result completely explicit. That is, to have the number A calculated out. To prove the above result with a reasonable size of the number A, it is convenient to use

Copyright ©1999 Rocky Mountain Mathematics Consortium

Received by the editors on November 12, 1996, and in revised form on February 14, 1997.