

124. On the Zeros of the Riemann Zeta-function.

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Littlewood¹⁾ proved that the Riemann zeta-function $\zeta(s)$ ($s = \sigma + it$) has a zero in the domain: $0 < \sigma < \infty$, $|t - T| < \frac{16}{\log \log \log T} (T \geq T_0)$.

Simple proofs are given by Hoheisel²⁾, Titchmarsh³⁾ and Kramaschke⁴⁾. These authors use the Hadamard's three circles theorem in the proof. I will here give a still simpler proof, where I use the Doetsch's three lines theorem⁵⁾ in the modified form.

Theorem. $\zeta(s)$ has a zero in the domain: $0 < \sigma < \infty$, $|t - T| < \frac{\kappa}{\log \log \log T} (T \geq T(\kappa))$, where κ is any positive number greater than $\frac{\pi}{4}$.

Especially we may take $\kappa = 1$.

First we will prove a lemma.

Lemma. Let $f(z)$ be regular and bounded in $|z| < 1$ and $K(r)$ be a circle: $|z - (1 - r)| = r$ ($0 < r \leq 1$) and $M(r) = \text{Max}_{z \text{ on } K(r)} |f(z)|$. Then

$$M(r_2) \leq M(r_1) \frac{\frac{1}{r_2} - \frac{1}{r_3}}{\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_3}} M(r_3) \frac{\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2}}{\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_3}} \quad (0 < r_1 < r_2 < r_3 \leq 1).$$

Proof. By $s = \frac{1}{1 - z}$, we map $|z| < 1$ on the half-plane $\Re(s) > \frac{1}{2}$, then $K(r)$ becomes a line $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2r}$, so that the lemma follows from the Doetsch's three lines theorem⁵⁾.

Proof of the theorem.

Suppose that $\zeta(s)$ has no zero in the domain Δ : $0 < \sigma < \infty$, $|t - T| < c = \frac{\kappa}{\log \log \log T} (\kappa > \frac{\pi}{4})$, then $\log \zeta(s)$ is regular in Δ . We map Δ on $|z| < 1$ by

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