

104. A Note on Zeros of Riemann Zeta-function.

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1. Let $N_0(T)$ be the number of zeros of $\zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}+it\right)$ for $0 < t < T$, then

$$N_0(T) \geq \frac{T}{\pi e} + o(T),$$

which is a little better than that obtained by R. Kuzmin.¹⁾

2. Proof. C. L. Siegel²⁾ proved that the number of zeros of $\zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}+it\right)$ depends on those of $f(\sigma+it)$ for $\sigma < \frac{1}{2}$, where

$$f(s) = \int_{0 \times 1} \frac{x^{-s} e^{\pi i x^2}}{e^{\pi i x} - e^{-\pi i x}} dx \quad (s = \sigma + it),$$

the path of integration is the line parallel to the line bisecting the first and third quadrants and cutting the real axis in a point lying in $(0, 1)$.

Put

$$g(s) = \pi^{-\frac{s+1}{2}} e^{-\frac{\pi i s}{4}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right) f(s),$$

and $U = T^a \left(\frac{13}{14} < a < 1\right)$ and $N(T)$ be the number of zeros of $f(s)$ for s lying in the rectangle $-T^{\frac{3}{7}} < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}, T < t < T+U$. By making a detailed calculation as in Siegel's paper,³⁾ we have

$$(2.1) \quad N_0(T+U) - N_0(T) \geq 2N(T) + O(T^{\frac{13}{14}}).$$

By a similar method for calculating the mean value formula of zeta-function we have

$$\int_T^{T+U} |g(\sigma+it)|^2 dt = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}-\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} T^{\frac{1}{2}} U + O(U^2 T^{-\frac{1}{2}}) + O(T^{\frac{5}{4}})$$

for $\sigma < \frac{1}{4}$.

Using a known inequality⁴⁾ we have

1) R. Kuzmin, C. R. Acad. de URSS. 2 (1934).

2) C. L. Siegel, Quellen und Studien zur Geschichte der Math. Astr. und Physik, 2 (1932), pp. 45-80.

3) C. L. Siegel. Loc. cit.

4) Hardy-Littlewood-Polya, Inequality.

$$\int_T^{T+U} \log |g(\sigma + it)| dt \leq \frac{U}{4} \log T + \frac{U}{2} \log \frac{1}{2\left(\frac{1}{2} - \sigma\right)} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} + O(U^2 T^{-1}) + O(T^{\frac{3}{4}}).$$

On the other hand

$$\int_T^{T+U} \log \left| g\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \right| dt = \frac{U}{4} \log T + \frac{U}{2} \log \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} + 2\pi \sum_{\alpha > \frac{1}{2}} \left(\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\right) + O(U^2 T^{-1}),$$

where α 's run over all real parts of zeros of $f(s)$ for $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 2$ and $T < t < T + U$. Hence

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} - \sigma\right) 2\pi N(T) \geq \frac{U}{2} \log 2\left(\frac{1}{2} - \sigma\right) + O(U^2 T^{-1}) + O(T^{\frac{13}{14}}).^{1)}$$

If we take $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{e}{2}$, then

$$(2.2) \quad 2\pi N(T) \geq \frac{U}{e} + o(U).$$

By (2.1) and (2.2) we have

$$N_0(T + U) - N_0(T) \geq \frac{1}{\pi e} U + o(U),^{2)}$$

for $T > t_0$.

Hence

$$N_0(T) - N_0(T - U) \geq \frac{1}{\pi e} U + o(U),$$

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$$N_0(T - x - 1U) - N_0(T - xU) \geq \frac{1}{\pi e} U + o(U).$$

If we take $x = \left[\frac{T - t_0}{U} \right]$, then $T - xU \geq t_0$,

and

$$x \geq \frac{T - t_0}{U} - 1.$$

Hence

$$N_0(T) - N_0(T - xU) \geq \frac{T}{\pi e} + o(T).$$

Thus we have the required result.

1) Siegel, p. 68.

2) G. H. Hardy and J. E. Littlewood, *Math. Zeit.*, **10** (1921).