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Pair correlation of zeros of the Riemann zeta-function and prime numbers III

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differences of zeros on the class of functions whose Fourier transforms are supported in  $[-1, 1]$ . Using the Fourier pair

$$k\left(\frac{\sin \pi \lambda u}{\pi \lambda u}\right)^2 \quad \tilde{k} \quad \lambda \max(1-|\lambda|, 0)$$

we have for  $0 < \lambda < 1$

$$\sum_{0 < \gamma < T} \left( \frac{\sin(\frac{\lambda}{2}(\gamma - \gamma' \log T))}{\frac{\lambda}{2}(\gamma - \gamma' \log T)} \right)^2 w(\gamma - \gamma')$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \int_{-\lambda}^{\lambda} \frac{|\alpha|}{\lambda} F(\alpha) d\alpha \right) \frac{T}{2\pi} \log T$$

$$\left( \frac{2}{\lambda^2} \int_0^{\lambda} \frac{1}{\lambda} (\alpha + T^{-2\alpha} \log T) d\alpha \right) \frac{T}{2\pi} \log T$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{\lambda}{3} \frac{T}{2\pi} \log T \right)$$

From this result we easily prove

**Theorem 2** *Assume the Riemann Hypothesis. At least two thirds of the zeros of the Riemann zeta-function are simple in the sense that as  $T \rightarrow \infty$*

$$N_s(T) : \sum_{\substack{0 < \gamma \leq T \\ \rho \text{ simple}}} 1 \geq \left(\frac{2}{3} - o(1)\right) N(T)$$

*Proof.* The sum is over pairs of zeros counts distinct zeros weighted by their multiplicity. Thus a double pole get counted 4 times, a triple zero 9 times, etc. Letting the multiplicity of  $\rho$  be  $m_\rho$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq T} m_\rho &= \sum_{\substack{0 < \gamma, \gamma' \leq T \\ \gamma = \gamma'}} 1 \\ &\leq \sum_{0 < \gamma, \gamma' \leq T} \left( \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}(\gamma - \gamma') \log T\right)}{\frac{\lambda}{2}(\gamma - \gamma') \log T} \right)^2 w(\gamma - \gamma') \\ &< (1 + o(1)) \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{\lambda}{3} \right) \frac{T}{2\pi} \log T. \end{aligned}$$

We minimize by taking  $\lambda = 1$ :

$$\sum_{0 < \gamma \leq T} m_\rho \leq \left(\frac{4}{3} + \epsilon\right) \frac{T}{2\pi} \log T.$$

But

$$\sum_{\substack{0 < \gamma \leq T \\ \rho \text{ simple}}} 1 > \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq T} (2 - m_\rho)$$

which proves the theorem. Very small improvements are possible here.

Conrey, Ghosh, and Gonek have proved that

$$N_s(T) \geq \left(\frac{19}{27} - \epsilon\right) N(T)$$

by a different method, assuming RH and the Generalized Lindelöf Hypothesis

Montgomery also proved that there are gaps between zeros closer than the average. He used the Fejér pair with reversed roles to prove

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n}{2\pi} \log \gamma_n < 669$$

Consider the Fourier pair

$$h(u) = \frac{\sin \pi u^2}{2\pi} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 - u^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$h(\alpha) = \max(1 - |\alpha|, 0) + \frac{\sin 2\pi|\alpha|}{2\pi}$$

where  $h$  is the Selberg minorant of the characteristic function of the interval  $[-1, 1]$  among functions with Fourier transforms with support in  $[-1, 1]$ . We prove

**Theorem 3** *Assuming Riemann Hypothesis*

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n}{2\pi} \log \gamma_n < 6072$$

Take  $r(u) = h\left(\frac{u}{\lambda}\right)$  so that this is a minorant of the characteristic function of the interval  $[-\lambda, \lambda]$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq T} m_\rho + 2 \sum_{0 < \gamma - \gamma' \leq \frac{2\pi\lambda}{\log T}} 1 \\ \geq \sum_{\gamma, \gamma' \leq T} h\left((\gamma - \gamma') \frac{\log T}{2\pi\lambda}\right) w(\gamma - \gamma') \\ \left(\frac{T}{2\pi} \log T\right) \int_{-\frac{1}{\lambda}}^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} \lambda \hat{h}(\lambda\alpha) F(\alpha) d\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

We assume that  $\lambda < 1$ , and since the integrand is positive we obtain a lower bound by decreasing the integration range to  $[-1, 1]$ . We can assume

$$\sum_{0 < \gamma \leq T} m_\rho \sim \frac{T}{2\pi} \log T$$

since otherwise we have infinitely many multiple zeros and the theorem is true for that reason.

With this assumption

$$2 \sum_{0 < \gamma - \gamma' \leq \frac{2\pi\lambda}{\log T}} 1 \geq \frac{T}{2\pi} \log T \left( \lambda - 1 + 2\lambda \int_0^1 \alpha h(\lambda\alpha) d\alpha + o(1) \right)$$

By an easy numerical calculation we find that the right-hand side is positive for  $\lambda > .6072$  which proves the result.

Better results are known by a different method. Conrey, Ghosh, and Gonek, improving a little on a result of Montgomery and Odlyzko, proved that

$$\inf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n) \frac{\log \gamma_n}{2\pi} \leq .5172.$$

## Montgomery's Conjectures

What if  $\alpha > 1$ ? Then for  $x > T$

$$F(x, T) \sim \frac{1}{2\pi x} \int_0^T \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Lambda(n)a_n(x)}{n^{it}} - \frac{2x^{1-it}}{(\frac{1}{2} + it)(\frac{3}{2} - it)} \Big| dt$$

Now when we multiply out the off-diagonal terms contribute and cancel the term  $cx$  from the expected value term

Assume the Hardy-Littlewood 2-tuple conjecture with a strong error term: For  $0 < k \leq N$ ,

$$\sum_{n < N} \Lambda(n)\Lambda(n+k) = \mathfrak{S}(k)N + O(N^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon})$$

where

$$\mathfrak{S}(k) = \begin{cases} 2C_2 \prod_{\substack{p|k \\ p>2}} \left( \frac{p-1}{p-2} \right) & \text{if } k \text{ is even, } n \neq 0; \\ 0, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \end{cases}$$



and

$$C_2 = \prod_{p>2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{(p-1)^2} \right)$$

On this basis Montgomery stated that this, if true "would allow us to carry out our program" for  $x \leq T \leq x^{2-\epsilon}$  and obtain

$$F(x, T) \sim \frac{T}{2\pi} \log T$$

(For details see 1987 Diplomarbeit by Joachim Bolanz, Über Die Montgomery'she Paarvermutung. 131 pages) (Or G-G: Long Dirichlet series ...)

On this basis, Montgomery conjectured:

**Strong Pair Correlation Conjecture** For any fixed bounded number  $M$ ,

$$F(\alpha) = 1 + o(1) \quad \text{for } 1 < \alpha < M$$

**Question** What  $M$  is safe here?  $\log T$ ?  
 $T? e^T?$

With this conjecture we can now evaluate any sum over differences of zeros.

**Lemma 4** *Assuming RH, we have for any number  $B$ , possibly depending on  $T$ ,*

$$\int_{|B|}^{|B|+1} F(\alpha) d\alpha \leq 3$$

*Proof* With  $B = |C - \frac{1}{2}|$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{|C-\frac{1}{2}|}^{|C+\frac{1}{2}|} F(\alpha) d\alpha \\ & \leq 2 \int_{|C-1|}^{|C+1|} (1 - |\alpha - C|) F(\alpha) d\alpha \\ & \quad \frac{2}{\frac{T}{2\pi} \log T} \sum_{0 < \gamma, \gamma' \leq T} T^{iC(\gamma - \gamma')} \left( \frac{\sin(\frac{1}{2}(\gamma - \gamma') \log T)}{\frac{1}{2}(\gamma - \gamma') \log T} \right)^2 \\ & \quad \quad \quad \times w(\gamma - \gamma') \\ & \leq \frac{2}{\frac{T}{2\pi} \log T} \sum_{0 < \gamma, \gamma' \leq T} \left( \frac{\sin(\frac{1}{2}(\gamma - \gamma') \log T)}{\frac{1}{2}(\gamma - \gamma') \log T} \right)^2 w(\gamma - \gamma') \\ & \leq \frac{8}{3} + \epsilon \leq 3. \end{aligned}$$

**The Pair Correlation Conjecture** For fixed  $\beta > 0$ ,

$$N(T, \beta) := \frac{1}{2\pi \log T} \sum_{\substack{0 < \gamma, \gamma' \leq T \\ 0 < \gamma' - \gamma \leq \frac{2\pi\beta}{\log T}}} 1 \\ \sim \int_0^\beta 1 - \left( \frac{\sin \pi u}{\pi u} \right)^2 du$$

This immediately shows:

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n) \frac{\log \gamma_n}{2\pi} = 0$$

**Almost All Simple Zeros Conjecture (SZC)**

We have

$$N^*(T) := \frac{1}{2\pi \log T} \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq T} m_\rho \sim 1.$$

**Theorem 5** Assuming the Riemann Hypothesis the Strong PCC for  $F$  implies the PCC and SZC conjectures

*Proof* SZC As before we find that for  $\lambda > 1$

$$\sum_{0 < \gamma, \gamma' < T} \left( \frac{\sin(\frac{\lambda}{2}(\gamma - \gamma' \log T))}{\frac{\lambda}{2}(\gamma - \gamma' \log T)} \right)^2 w(\gamma - \gamma')$$

$$1 + \frac{T}{3\lambda^2} \log T$$

Now let  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$

PCC Using the Fejer kernel from before

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \log T \sum_{\substack{0 < \gamma, \gamma' < T \\ |\gamma - \gamma'| < \frac{2\pi\beta}{\log T}}} \frac{1}{\beta} \left( \frac{\gamma - \gamma' \log T}{2\pi\beta} \right) w(\gamma - \gamma')$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F \frac{\sin(\pi\beta\alpha)^2}{\pi\beta\alpha} d\alpha$$

The left hand side is

$$N(T) + \frac{2}{\beta} \int_0^\beta N(T) du + O\left(\frac{\beta(1+\beta)}{\log T}\right)$$

last error from removing  $w(\gamma) \gamma$ . First term we just proved is 1. We use Montgomery's Theorem for the RHS in range  $|\alpha| < 1$ . Strong PCC in range  $1 < |\alpha| \leq M$  and the lemma for  $|\alpha| > M$  getting

$$\int_0^\beta N(T) du \leq \frac{\beta^2}{2} + \int_0^\beta \beta \frac{\sin \pi u}{\pi} du$$

Use

$$\frac{1}{h} \int_\beta^{\beta+h} N(T) du \leq N(T) \beta < h \int_\beta^{\beta+h} N(T) du$$

and difference to get result

## Gallagher and Mueller on PC Conjecture

**Theorem 6** *Suppose*

$$N(T, \beta) \sim \int_0^\beta 1 - \mu(\alpha) d\alpha,$$

*uniformly for  $0 \leq \beta_0 \leq \beta \leq \beta_1 < \infty$ , where  $\mu$  is a real, even, continuous,  $L^1$  function. Then*

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mu(\alpha) d\alpha \sim N^*(T)$$

and  $h = \frac{2\pi\beta}{\log T}$ ,  $\beta > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} R(T, h) &:= \int_0^T (S(t+h) - S(t))^2 dt \\ &\sim T \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \min(|\alpha|, \beta) \mu(\alpha) d\alpha \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\sin \pi\alpha}{\pi\alpha} \right)^2 d\alpha = 1$$

we see that PCC implies SZC. Also

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mu(\alpha) d\alpha \geq 1$$

These are proved unconditionally without assuming RH

Main tool: Fujii-Selberg result:

$$R(T, h) \ll T \log(2 + h \log T) \text{ if } \frac{1}{\log T} \ll h \ll 1,$$

and

$$R(T, h) \sim \frac{T}{\pi^2} \log(h \log T) \text{ if } h \log T \rightarrow \infty, h \ll 1$$

Now

$$\int_0^T (N(t+h) - N(t))^2 dt = \int_0^T \left( \sum_{t < \gamma \leq t+h} 1 \right)^2$$

$$\sim \frac{T}{\pi^2} \left( N^*(T) + \frac{2}{h} \int_0^h N(T, u) du \right)$$

But left side is also by Riemann von Mangoldt

$$\sim T \left( h \frac{\log T}{2\pi} \right)^2 + R(T, h)$$

Substitute for  $N(T, u)$  to get  $\mu(\alpha)$  into this and let  $h \log T \rightarrow \infty$  and  $h \rightarrow 0$  and apply Fujii-Selberg.

On RH and assuming SZC they proved

$$\mu(\alpha) = 1 - |\alpha| \quad |\alpha| < 1$$

PCC agrees with this and says that 0 elsewhere

### **Heath Brown's results on Primes**





On RH and assuming SZC they proved

$$\widehat{\mu}(\alpha) = 1 - |\alpha|, \quad |\alpha| \leq 1.$$

PCC agrees with this and says that  $\widehat{\mu}(\alpha) = 0$  elsewhere.

Heath-Brown's results on Primes

1981 1) Assume RH and

$F(\alpha) = o(\log T)$ . Then

$$\Psi(x) = x + o(x^{1/2} \log^2 x).$$

PNT error improved!

2) If  $F(\alpha) \ll 1$  and RH,

$$p_{n+1} - p_n \ll p_n^{1/2} (\log p_n)^{1/2}$$

$$p_{n+1} - p_n \ll x^{1/2} \sum_{p_n \leq x} (p_{n+1} - p_n)^2 \ll x \log^2 x$$

$$\sum_{p_n \leq x} (p_{n+1} - p_n) \ll \frac{x \log x}{H}$$

$$p_{n+1} - p_n \geq H$$

Thus as soon as  $\frac{H}{\log x} \rightarrow \infty$  this  
 is non-trivial

(RH alone is one  $\log x$  larger)  
 Selberg

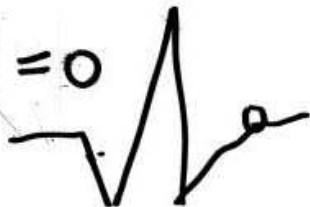
If <sup>RH</sup>  $F(\alpha) \sim 1$  near  $\alpha=2$

$$p_{n+1} - p_n = o(p_n^{1/2} (\log p_n)^{1/2})$$

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RH,  $F(\alpha) \sim 1$  for  $\alpha$  around 1

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{p_{n+1} - p_n}{\log p_n} \right) = 0$$



Interesting result of H-B:

Thm For  $T \geq 2$

$$\left| \sum_{0 < \tau \leq T} x^{i\tau} \right| \ll T^{1/2} \left( \max_{t \leq T} F(x, t) \right)^{1/2}$$

This is non-trivial if  $F(x, T) = o(T \log^2 T)$

$$F(x, T) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq T} x^{i\gamma} e^{i\gamma u} \right|^2 e^{-2|u|} du$$

(related by Plancherel to other formula)

By Gallagher inequality

$$|f(0)| \ll \int_{-1}^1 |f(u)| du + \int_{-1}^1 |f'(u)| du$$

for  $f \in C^1$ , Take

$$f(u) = \left| \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq T} x^{i\gamma} e^{i\gamma u} \right|^2$$

Then

$$\left| \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq T} x^{i\gamma} \right|^2 \ll \int_{-1}^1 \left| \sum_{\gamma} x^{i\gamma} e^{i\gamma u} \right|^2 du$$

$$+ \int_{-1}^1 2 \left| \sum_{\gamma} x^{i\gamma} e^{i\gamma u} \right| \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \sum_{\gamma} x^{i\gamma} e^{i\gamma u} \right| du$$

First is

$$\ll \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{\gamma} x^{i\gamma} e^{i\gamma u} \right|^2 e^{-2|u|} du = F(x, T)$$