

# Three Circles Theorem and Moments of Riemann Zeta functions

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# Outline

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## Basic Facts

- 1 A function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex, iff for any points  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in  $[a, b]$  and real numbers  $t_1, \dots, t_n \geq 0$  with  $\sum t_i = 1$

$$f\left(\sum t_i x_i\right) \leq \sum t_i f(x_i).$$

- 2 A set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  is convex iff for any points  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  in  $A$  and real numbers  $t_1, \dots, t_n \geq 0$  with  $\sum t_i = 1$ , we conclude that  $\sum t_i z_i \in A$ .
- 3 A differentiable function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is convex iff  $f'$  is increasing.

## Definition

- 1 A function  $f$  is log-convex iff  $\log(f(x))$  is convex.  
So  $\exp$  is log-convex, but  $x^2$  is not.  
If  $f$  is convex and  $g$  is log-convex, then  $g \circ f$  is log-convex.
- 2 A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is log-convex iff  $a_n^2 - a_{n-1}a_{n+1} \leq 0$ .  
Partition sequence  $p(n)$  is log-concave.  
If  $a_n, b_n$  are log-concave, then  $a_n b_n$  is log-concave.

## Lemma

Let  $G = \{z = x + iy \mid a < x < b\}$  and  $f : \overline{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be analytic in  $G$  and continuous for  $z \in \partial G$  we have  $|f(z)| \leq 1$ . Then  $z \in G$  we have  $|f(z)| \leq 1$ .

## Proof

- 1 Step one: Let  $g_\epsilon(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \epsilon(z-a)}$ . Then  $g_\epsilon(z) \leq 1$ .
- 2 Step two: One can see that  $|f(z)g_\epsilon(z)| < \frac{B}{\epsilon y}$  for a constant  $B$ .
- 3 Step three: If  $y > \frac{B}{\epsilon}$ , use Step two to say  $|f(z)| < 1$ . If  $y < \frac{B}{\epsilon}$ , use Maximum Modulus Theorem to say  $|f(z)| < 1$ .

## First Version of Three Circles Theorem

Let  $G = \{z = x + iy \mid a < x < b\}$  and  $f : \bar{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be analytic and continuous in  $\partial G$ . Also  $M : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined

$$M(x) = \sup\{|f(x + iy)|, -\infty < y < \infty\}$$

If  $|f(z)| < B$ , then  $M(x)$  is log-convex. i.e. for  $a < x < u < y < b$

$$M(u)^{y-x} \leq M(x)^{y-u} M(y)^{u-x}.$$

## Proof

- 1 Step one:  $M(a), M(b) \neq 0$ .
- 2 Step two: Let  $g(z) = M(a)^{\frac{b-z}{b-a}} M(b)^{\frac{z-a}{b-a}}$  is entire and never vanishes.
- 3 Step three:  $|g(z)|$  is continuous w.r.t  $x$  and never vanishes. So  $\frac{f}{g}$  is bounded.
- 4 Step four:  $g(a + iy) = M(a)$  and  $g(b + iy) = M(b)$ . So  $|\frac{f}{g}| \leq 1$  in  $z \in \partial G$ .
- 5 Step five: Use the Lemma to say  $|\frac{f}{g}| \leq 1$  for  $z \in G$ .

## Corollary

Let  $G = \{x + iy \mid a < x < b\}$  and  $f : \overline{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be non constant and continuous. Then for  $z \in G$  we have  $|f(z)| < \sup\{|f(w)| : w \in \partial G\}$ .

## Remark

Unlike Maximum Modulus Theorem  $G$  is not bounded. Also,  $f$  need not to be analytic.

## Second Version of three circles Theorem

Let  $0 < R_1 < R_2 < \infty$  and suppose that  $f$  is analytic on annus  $(0, R_1, R_2)$ . If  $R_1 < r < R_2$ , define  $M(r) = \max\{|f(re^{i\theta})| : 0 < \theta < 2\pi\}$ . Then for  $R_1 < r_1 \leq r \leq r_2 < R_2$

$$\log(M(r)) \leq \frac{\log(r_2) - \log(r)}{\log(r_2) - \log(r_1)} \log(M(r_1)) + \frac{\log(r) - \log(r_1)}{\log(r_2) - \log(r_1)} \log(M(r_2)). \quad (1)$$



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## Ultimate goal

We want to find a bound for

$$I_k(T, \sigma) := \int_1^T |\zeta(\sigma + it)|^{2k} dt$$

where

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$$

It is known that  $I_k(T) \sim C_k T \log^{k^2}(T)$ . We do not know  $C_k$  for  $k > 10$ . But there is a conjecture for all  $n$ .

We aim for  $I_k(T) \ll (\gg) T \log^{k^2}(T)$ . The good news is we can bound this function for specific values of  $\sigma$ .

## The reference Theorem

Let  $f$  be regular in infinite strip  $\alpha < \operatorname{Re}(z) < \beta$  and continuous in boundary. Let  $f(z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|\operatorname{Im}(z)| \rightarrow \infty$  uniformly for  $\alpha \leq \operatorname{Re}(z) \leq \beta$ . Then for  $q > 0$  and  $\alpha \leq \gamma \leq \beta$  we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(\gamma + it)|^q dt \leq \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(\alpha + it)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{\beta - \gamma}{\beta - \alpha}} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(\beta + it)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{\gamma - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha}}$$

## The so called application

Let  $w(t) = \int_T^{2T} e^{-2k(t-\tau)^2} d\tau$  and  $J(\sigma) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\zeta(\sigma + it)|^{2k} w(t) dt$ .

Then

- ① We have the lower bound

$$J\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \ll T^{k(\sigma - \frac{1}{2})} J(\sigma) + e^{-\frac{kT^2}{3}}.$$



- ② and the upper bound

$$J(\sigma) \ll T^{\sigma - \frac{1}{2}} J\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2} - \sigma} + e^{-\frac{kT^2}{4}}.$$

## Sketch of proof

- 1 Let  $f(z) = (z-i\tau)^2$ , and we get three circles  $Re(z) = \sigma, \frac{1}{2}, 1 - \sigma$ .
- 2 If  $Im(z)$  becomes far from  $\tau$ , then we have no contribution.
- 3 If not, we use three circles Theorem and functional equation  $\zeta(s) = \zeta(1-s)G(s)$  for some controllable  $G$ .
- 4 So the contribution of the inner and outer circle is w.r.t  $Re(z) = \sigma$  and the middle one has  $Re(z) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

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