

Zeta Function - Real

Definition 1. The *zeta function* $\zeta(x) \equiv \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^x}$

converges when $x > 1$.

Theorem 1. Product Formula

$$\text{When } x > 1, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^x} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - p_n^{-x}}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-x} &= 1 + 2^{-x} + 3^{-x} + 4^{-x} + \dots \\ - \left[2^{-x} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-x} &= 2^{-x} + 4^{-x} + 6^{-x} + 8^{-x} + \dots \right] && \text{multiply and subtract} \\ (1 - 2^{-x}) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-x} &= 1 + 3^{-x} + 5^{-x} + 7^{-x} + 9^{-x} + \dots && \text{prime sieve} \\ (1 - 3^{-x})(1 - 2^{-x}) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-x} &= 1 + 5^{-x} + 7^{-x} + 11^{-x} + 13^{-x} + \dots \\ (\dots)(1 - 5^{-x})(1 - 3^{-x})(1 - 2^{-x}) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-x} &= 1 \\ \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p_n^{-x}) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-x} &= 1 \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-x} &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p_n^{-x})^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

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Zeta Equivalences

$$\mu(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n \text{ square-free with an even number of prime factors} \\ -1 & n \text{ square-free with an odd number of prime factors} \\ 0 & n \text{ has a squared prime factor} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{\zeta(x)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^x} \quad (2)$$