

# **PROOF OF WHY ALL THE ZEROS OF THE RIEMANN ZETA FUNCTION ARE ON THE CRITICAL LINE $\text{RE}(P)=1/2$**

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***Abstract:***

***This paper tries to describe a proof about the Riemann (hypo)Thesis.***

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## 1. HYPOTHESIS BECOMES THE THESIS OF RIEMANN

It is known that any non-trivial zero lies in the open strip  $\{p \in \mathbb{C}: 0 < \text{Re}(p) < 1, \text{ with } p = a + jb \text{ complex number}\}$ , which is called the critical strip. The Riemann hypothesis, asserts that any non-trivial zero  $p$  has  $\text{Re}(p) = 1/2$  or that has  $a = 1/2$ .

We want to prove this with a reductio ad absurdum since the zeros can never be symmetrical with respect to the critical line  $\text{Re}(p) = 1/2$ .

If we have the following four  $p$  zeros in the critical strip:

- 1)  $a + jb$
- 2)  $1 - a + jb$
- 3)  $1 - a - jb$
- 4)  $a - jb$

(see Figure 1 below at page 7)

From the functional equation:

$$Z(p) = 2^p \pi^{p-1} \sin(\pi p/2) \Gamma(1-p) Z(1-p)$$

Let's assume, for hypothesis from the functional equation,  $Z(1-p) = 0$ .

It should also be that  $Z(p) = 0$ .

If it was true we have that:

- 1) and 3) are related zeros
- 2) and 4) are related zeros

**We must observe that the zeros are NOT symmetrical with respect to the critical line  $\text{Re}(p) = 1/2$ , but they are only with respect to the POINT  $P(1/2, 0)$ .**

**These four zeros are arranged on the "diagonals" of a rectangle and not its horizontal sides (see Figure 1 below).**

We know that another fundamental property of the zeta function is the position of symmetry with respect to the real axis ( $\text{Im}(p) = 0$  for the complex plane) of its values and as a result of its zeros.

If we choose a value  $z = a + jb$  its value complex conjugate is  $z^* = a - jb$ .

It is therefore important the equality:

$$Z(a+jb)=Z^*(a-jb)$$

or also

$$Z(a-jb)=Z^*(a+jb)$$

This also means that:

$$Z(a+jb)=c+jd$$

then it is also

$$Z(a-jb)=c-jd$$

If we consider that  $a + jb$  is one of the zeros of the zeta function, with  $c=d=0$ , we have

$$Z(a+jb)=0$$

and then we also have

$$Z(a-jb)=0$$

and at the end

$$Z(a+jb)=Z(a-jb)=0$$

so that "automatically" if  $z = a+jb$  is a zero we also have that  $z = a-jb$  is a zero.

If the zeta function has a zero for some value of the variable  $z$ , there is also zero  $z^*$  complex conjugate.

So we have a symmetry of the Riemann zeta function with respect to the real axis  $\text{Im}(p) = 0$ .

**The zeta function has thus always 2 and only 2 two zeros to the complex variable  $z$  or equivalently has always double zeros.**

**We should admit that there are also related zeros 1) and 2) and also related zeros 3) and 4) but this is not possible for the functional equation because:**

**$Z(a+jb) \neq Z(1-a+jb)$  and even then  $Z(a+jb) \neq Z(1-a+jb) \neq 0$   
 $Z(1-a-jb) \neq Z(a-jb)$  and even then  $Z(1-a-jb) \neq Z(a-jb) \neq 0$   
but not for  $a=1/2$ .**

**because:**

$$\begin{aligned}Z(a+jb) &= c+jd \\Z(1-a+jb) &= e+jf\end{aligned}$$

If it were that

$$Z(a+jb) = 0 \text{ and then } c=d=0 \text{ (as seen above)}$$

we cannot even have that

**$Z(1-a+jb) = 0$  because if it were that  $e=f=0$  the zeros 1) and 2) are symmetrical with respect to the line  $\text{Re}(p)=1/2$ , but they are only with respect to the *POINT P* (1/2, 0). This depends on the functional equation because it is never symmetrical with respect to the critical line  $\text{Re}(p)=1/2$ .**

**See figure 2) at page 8 with a numerical example.**

**Only in the case of complex coniugate:**

If it were that

$$Z(a+jb) = c+jd = 0 \text{ and then } c=d=0$$

we have also that

$$Z(a-jb)=c-jd = 0$$

Of course the zeros are always symmetrical respect to the line  $\text{Im}(p) = 0$ . Consequently, for every non-trivial zero  $a + ib$  there is another in  $a - ib$ .

The zeta function cannot simultaneously have four zeros of which two complex conjugate pairs as to form the horizontal sides of the rectangle (see Figure 1 below).

We have a contradiction - *reductio ad absurdum* - and this implies that ONLY for  $\text{Re}(p) = 1/2$  is valid that:

$$Z(1/2+jb)=Z(1/2-jb)=0$$

*In this case all the zeros are symmetrical with respect to the POINT P (1/2, 0) when  $\text{Re}(p) = 1/2$  and are symmetrical with respect to the line  $\text{Im}(p) = 0$  and it is satisfied in full the properties of the functional equation.*

*For the construction of the functional equation made by Riemann or simply by its “nature” it will never be symmetrical with respect to critical line  $\text{Re}(p)=1/2$ .*

*This applies to all other representations of the Riemann zeta function and from the Dirichlet series which proves its symmetry one and only with respect to the line  $\text{Im}(p) = 0$ .*

This condition is the only acceptable and is a necessary and a sufficient condition and proves unequivocally that all the infinite zeros of the zeta function can only stay on the critical line  $\text{Re}(p)=1/2$ .

The BIG mistake is made by considering that the zeros are symmetrical with respect to the line  $\text{Re}(p)=1/2$ , but they are symmetrical ONLY with respect to the POINT P (1/2, 0.). They are never symmetrical to the critical line  $\text{Re}(p)=1/2$ . Four zeros simultaneously is so impossible.

Let's consider again the functional equation:

$$Z(p) = 2^p \pi^{p-1} \sin(\pi p/2) \Gamma(1-p) Z(1-p)$$

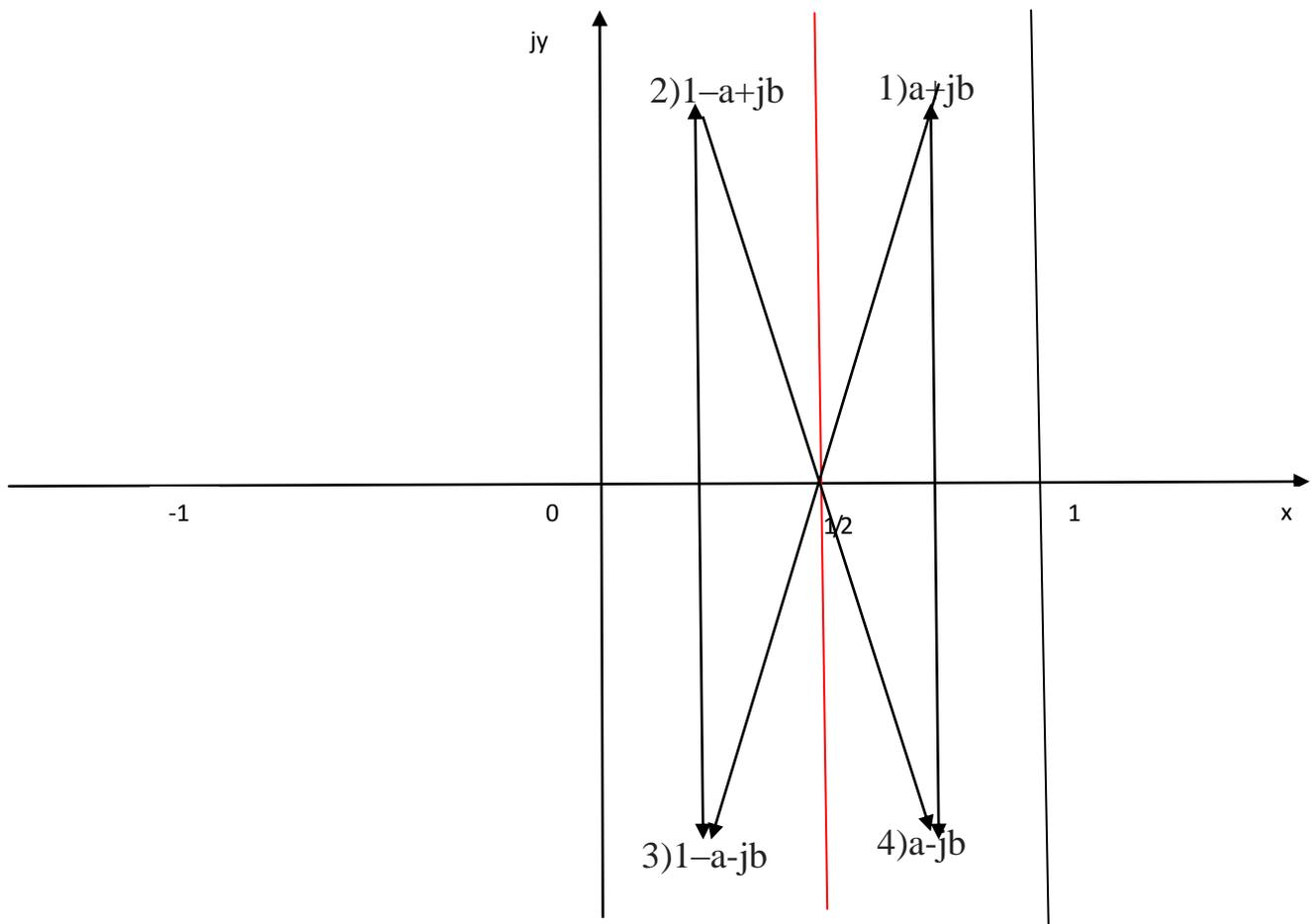
It follows that the Riemann zeta function has only trivial zeros even negative integers and zeros of the form  $1/2 \pm jb$ .

$$\mathbf{Z(-2)=Z(-4)=Z(-6)=Z(-8)=\dots=0}$$
$$\mathbf{Z(1/2 \pm jb)=0 \text{ for certain values of } b}$$

**So there cannot be zeros  $p$  and  $1-p$ , that it was suggested at the beginning of the proof but they do not have to be considered valid.  
It applies and it's true only if  $\text{Re}(p)=1/2$ .**

QED

Figure 1:



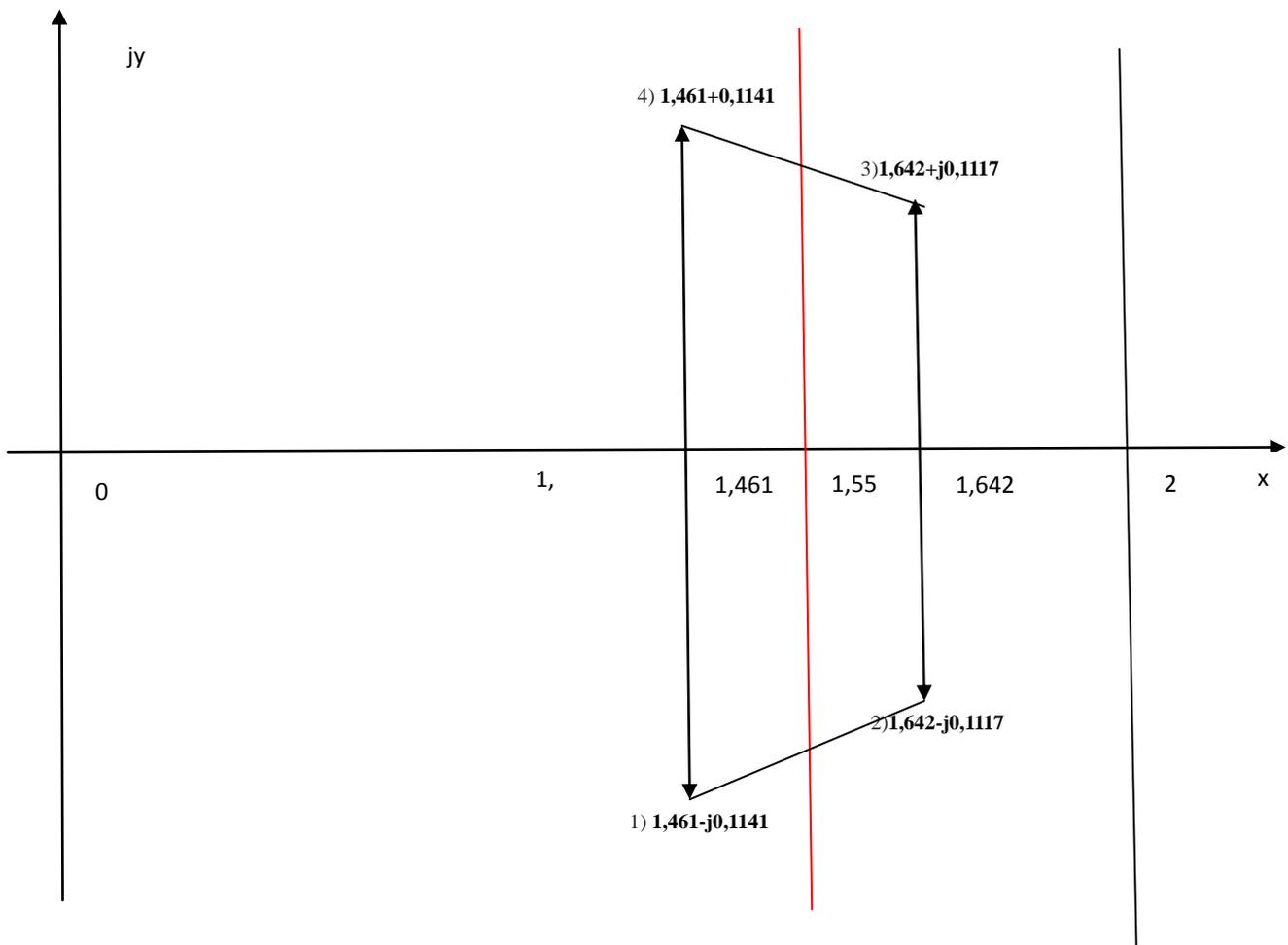
**The segments joining the 1)-2) and 3)-4) points are not to be possible, so the only value possible is to have  $a=1/2$  and then all zeros are on the line  $x=1/2$  so that the zeros are symmetrical with respect to the POINT  $P(1/2, 0)$  when  $\text{Re}(p)=1/2$  and are symmetrical with respect to the line  $\text{Im}(p) = 0$ .**

**Example for  $a=3/4$ :**

**for 1)  $p=(3/4+j10)$**

- 1)  $Z(3/4+j10)=1,4614\dots-j0,1141\dots$
- 2)  $Z(1/4+j10)=1,6425\dots-j0,1117\dots$
- 3)  $Z(1/4-j10)=1,6425\dots+j0,1117\dots$
- 4)  $Z(3/4-j10)=1,4614\dots+j0,1141\dots$

Figure 2:



The rectangle of Figure 1) always for  $a=3/4$ , is projected in an isosceles trapezium. Then the values of the four zeros of  $Z(p)$  are never symmetrical with respect to a vertical line. In this case to the line  $x = \text{Re}(Z(p)) = 1,55\dots$

Obviously this is true for any value of  $a$  that we choose **because:**

$$Z(a+jb) \neq Z(1-a+jb) \text{ and even then } Z(a+jb) \neq Z(1-a+jb) \neq 0$$

$$Z(1-a-jb) \neq Z(a-jb) \text{ and even then } Z(1-a-jb) \neq Z(a-jb) \neq 0$$

**but not for  $a=1/2$  where**

$$Z(1/2+jb)=Z(1/2-jb)=0$$

**for certain values of  $b$ , the only valid non-trivial zeros.**

## **2. REFERENCES**

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