

AN IMPROVEMENT ON AN APPROXIMATE FUNCTIONAL EQUATION FOR $e^{i\theta} \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)$

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ABSTRACT

In this paper the approximate functional equation for $e^{i\theta} \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)$ due to E.C. Titchmarsh has been analysed. A minor simplification of the above equation has been obtained. New forms of the above equation in a similar way are derived.

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INTRODUCTION

One of the important theories in the study of complex analysis is the theory of Riemann zeta function. In 1921 and subsequently, Hardy and Littlewood [5,6,7] developed the approximate functional equation for the Riemann zeta function. They regarded the functional equation as a ‘‘Compromise’’ between the series expansion $\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s}$ and the functional equation $\zeta(s) = \chi(s)\zeta(1-s)$ [1, 2, 3]. This paper contains, the approximate functional equation as given by E.C.Titchmarsh in his book, ‘‘The theory of the Riemann zeta-function’’ published in 1951 [10, 11, 12].

This paper is useful to understand and further simplify a theory of E.C.Titchmarsh on the mean square of $|\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)|$.

DEFINITION OF $\zeta(s)$: The Riemann zeta function $\zeta(s)$ has its origin in the identity expressed by the two formulae

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$$

where n runs through all intervals and

$$\zeta(s) = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1}$$

where p runs through all primes and s is a complex variable $s = \sigma + it$

Theorem: Let f(x) be a real function with continuous derivatives upto the third order. Let $f'(x)$ be steadily decreasing in $a \leq x \leq b$ and $f'(b) = \alpha, f'(a) = \beta$. Let x_V be defined by $f'(x_V) = V < \alpha < V \leq \beta >$. Let $2\pi\lambda_2 \leq f''(x) < A\lambda_2, |f'''(x)| < A\lambda_3$. Then

$$\sum_{a < n \leq b} e^{2\pi i f(n)} = e^{-\frac{\pi i}{4}} \sum_{\alpha < V \leq \beta} \frac{e^{2\pi i \langle f(x_V) - V x_V \rangle}}{|f''(x_V)|^{\frac{1}{2}}} + O\left(\lambda_2^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) + O < \log[2 + (b - a)\lambda_2] > + O < [(b - a)\lambda_2^{1/5} \lambda_3^{1/5}] > \tag{1}$$

The general form of the approximate functional equation

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n^s} + \chi(s) \sum_{h \leq y} \frac{1}{n^{1-s}} + O(x^{-\sigma}) + O < |t|^{\frac{1}{2}-\sigma} y^{\sigma-1} > \tag{2}$$

for $0 < \sigma < 1$

Where $\zeta(s) = \chi(s)\zeta(1-s)$, the functional equation $\chi(s) = \frac{2^{s-1} \pi^s \sec(\frac{s\pi}{2})}{\Gamma(s)}$ [4,13,14]

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We use (1) with an extra factor $g(n)$ in the sum and if we ignore error terms for the moment. Then

$$\sum_{a < n \leq b} g(n) e^{2\pi i f(n)} \approx e^{-\frac{\pi i}{4}} \sum_{\alpha < v \leq \beta} \frac{e^{2\pi i \{f(x_v) - v x_v\}}}{[f''(x_v)]^{1/2}} g(x_v)$$

Taking $g(u) = u^{-\sigma}$, $f(u) = \frac{t \log u}{2\pi}$

$$f'(u) = \frac{t}{2\pi u}, \quad f''(u) = \frac{-t}{2\pi u^2}$$

$$x_v = \frac{t}{2\pi v}, \quad f(x_v) = \frac{t \log(x_v)}{2\pi}, \quad f''(x_v) = \frac{-2\pi v^2}{t}$$

We have $\alpha = f'(b) = \frac{t}{2\pi b}$, $\beta = f'(a) = \frac{t}{2\pi a}$

$$g(x_v) = (x_v)^{-\sigma} = \left(\frac{t}{2\pi v}\right)^{-\sigma}$$

and consider the functional equation $\zeta(s) = \chi(s)\zeta(1-s)$ where

$$\chi(s) = \frac{2^{s-1} \pi^s \sec\left(\frac{s\pi}{2}\right)}{\Gamma(s)} \text{ and } I_n \text{ any fixed strip } \alpha \leq \sigma \leq \beta \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

Replacing a, b by x, N and i by -i we obtain

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n^s} + \chi(s) \sum_{n \leq y} \frac{1}{n^{1-s}} + O(x^{-\sigma}) + O < |t|^{\frac{1}{2}-\sigma} Y^{\sigma-1} > \text{ for } 0 < \sigma < 1$$

This is known as the approximate functional equation (3)

As a special case of the approximate functional equation we have the following theorem

Theorem: We have $e^{i\theta} \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) = 2 \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{\cos(\theta_1 - t \log n)}{\sqrt{n}} + O(t^{-1/4})$ (4)

where

$$\theta = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \arg \chi < \frac{1}{2} + it > = (1/2) t \log < \frac{t}{2\pi} > - \frac{t}{2} - \frac{\pi}{\theta} + o\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \theta_{1=\frac{1}{2}t \log\left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right) - \frac{t}{2} - \pi/\theta}$$

$$m = \sqrt{\left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)} \text{ and } \chi(s) = \pi^{s-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}-s\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)}$$

Proof: Consider the approximate functional equation (3)

Taking $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ and $X = Y = \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

We get

$$\zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) = \sum_{n \leq x} n^{-\frac{1}{2}-it} + \chi < \frac{1}{2} + it > \sum_{n \leq x} n^{-\frac{1}{2}+it} + O\left(x^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) + O < |t|^{\frac{1}{2}} >^{-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} y^{\frac{1}{2}-1} >$$

$$= \sum_{n \leq x} n^{-\frac{1}{2}-it} + \chi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \sum_{n \leq x} n^{-\frac{1}{2}+it} + O < \left\{\left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right\}^{-1/2} > + O < \left\{\left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right\}^{-1/2} >$$

$$= \sum_{n \leq x} n^{-\frac{1}{2}-it} + \chi < \frac{1}{2} + it > \sum_{n \leq x} n^{-\frac{1}{2}+it} + O(t^{-\frac{1}{4}}) \quad [8, 9] \quad (5)$$

This can also be put into another form which is sometimes useful, we have

$$\chi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \chi\left(\frac{1}{2} - it\right) = 1$$

Then $|\chi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)| = 1$

Let $\theta = \theta(t) = -\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \arg \chi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)$ then

$$-2\theta = \arg \chi < \frac{1}{2} + it >$$

$$\chi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) = |\chi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)| e^{-i2\theta} = e^{-i2\theta} \quad (6)$$

We have $e^{i\theta} \zeta < \frac{1}{2} + it > = [\chi(1/2 + it)]^{-1/2} \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)$ (7)

Now $\chi(s) = \frac{\pi^{s-1/2} \Gamma < \frac{1}{2}-s >}{\Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \chi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) &= \pi^{\frac{1}{2}+it-1/2} \frac{\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+it)\rangle}{\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+it)\rangle} \\ &= \frac{\pi^{it}\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{4}-\frac{it}{2}\rangle}{\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4}+\frac{it}{2}\rangle} \\ &= \frac{\pi^{it}\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4}-\frac{it}{2}\rangle}{\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4}+\frac{it}{2}\rangle} \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\chi(1/2 + it)]^{-1/2} &= \pi^{-it/2} \left[\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{it}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\right)} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \pi^{-it/2} \left[\frac{[\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4}+\frac{it}{2}\rangle]^{1/2}[\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4}+\frac{it}{2}\rangle]^{1/2}}{[\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4}-\frac{it}{2}\rangle]^{1/2}[\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4}-\frac{it}{2}\rangle]^{1/2}} \right] = \pi^{-it/2} \frac{\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4}+\frac{it}{2}\rangle}{[\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4}-\frac{it}{2}\rangle]^{1/2}[\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4}+\frac{it}{2}\rangle]^{1/2}} \\ &= \pi^{-it/2} \frac{\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4}+\frac{it}{2}\rangle}{[|\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4}+\frac{it}{2}\rangle|^2]^{1/2}} \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

We have $\xi(s) = (1/2)_s(s-1)\pi^{-\frac{s}{2}}\Gamma(\frac{s}{2})\mathfrak{H}(s)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \xi\langle\frac{1}{2} + it\rangle &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\langle\frac{1}{2} + it\rangle\langle\frac{1}{2} + it - 1\rangle \pi^{(-\frac{1}{2})(\frac{1}{2}+it)}\Gamma\left\{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)\right\}\mathfrak{H}\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \\ &= \langle 1/2\rangle\langle 1/2+it\rangle\langle it-1/2\rangle\pi^{-\frac{1}{4}-\frac{it}{2}}\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\rangle\mathfrak{H}\langle\frac{1}{2} + it\rangle \\ &= \langle 1/2\rangle\langle 1/2+it\rangle\langle it-1/2\rangle\pi^{-\frac{1}{4}-\frac{it}{2}}\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\rangle\mathfrak{H}\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{H}\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) &= \frac{\xi\langle\frac{1}{2} + it\rangle}{\langle\frac{1}{2}\rangle\left\{-\left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)\right\}\pi^{-\frac{1}{4}-\frac{it}{2}}\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\right)} \\ &= \frac{-2\pi^{1/4}\pi^{it/2}\xi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)}{\left(t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\right)} \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Using (9) & (11) in (7). We get

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\theta}\mathfrak{H}\left\langle\frac{1}{2} + it\right\rangle &= \pi^{-it/2} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\right)}{|\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\rangle|} \frac{-2\pi^{1/4}\pi^{it/2}\xi\langle\frac{1}{2} + it\rangle}{\langle t^2 + \frac{1}{4}\rangle\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\rangle} \\ &= \frac{-2\pi^{1/4}}{t^2 + 1/4} \frac{\xi\langle\frac{1}{2} + it\rangle}{|\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\rangle|} \\ &= \frac{-2\pi^{1/4}}{t^2 + 1/4} \frac{\Sigma(t)}{|\Gamma\langle\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\rangle|} \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Where $\Sigma(t) = \xi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)$

Thus the function $e^{i\theta}\mathfrak{H}\left(\frac{1}{2} + It\right)$ is real for real t and from (7), we have

$$|e^{i\theta}\mathfrak{H}\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)| = |\mathfrak{H}\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)|$$

Multiplying (5) by $e^{i\theta}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\theta}\mathfrak{H}\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) &= e^{i\theta} \sum_{n \leq x} n^{-\frac{1}{2}-it} + e^{i\theta} \cdot e^{-2i\theta} \sum_{n \leq x} n^{-\frac{1}{2}+it} + O\left(t^{-\frac{1}{4}}\right) \\ &= e^{i\theta} \sum_{n \leq x} n^{-\frac{1}{2}-it} + e^{-i\theta} \sum_{n \leq x} n^{-\frac{1}{2}+it} + O\left(t^{-\frac{1}{4}}\right) \\ &= \sum_{n \leq x} e^{i\theta} n^{-1/2} n^{-it} + \sum_{n \leq x} e^{-i\theta} n^{-1/2} n^{it} + O\left(t^{-\frac{1}{4}}\right) \\ &= \sum_{n \leq x} [e^{i\theta} n^{-\frac{1}{2}} n^{-it} + e^{-i\theta} n^{-\frac{1}{2}} n^{it}] + O\left(t^{-\frac{1}{4}}\right) \\ &= \sum_{n \leq x} [e^{i\theta} n^{-1/2} e^{\log n - it} + e^{-i\theta} n^{-1/2} e^{\log n it}] + O\left(t^{-\frac{1}{4}}\right) \\ &= \sum_{n \leq x} n^{-1/2} [e^{i(\theta - t \log n)} + e^{-i(\theta - t \log n)}] + O\left(t^{-\frac{1}{4}}\right) \\ &= \sum_{n \leq x} n^{-\frac{1}{2}} [2 \cos(\theta - t \log n)] + O\left(t^{-\frac{1}{4}}\right) \\ &= 2 \sum_{n \leq x} n^{-\frac{1}{2}} [\cos(\theta - t \log n)] + O\left(t^{-\frac{1}{4}}\right) \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^m n^{-\frac{1}{2}} [\cos(\theta - t \log n)] + O\left(t^{-\frac{1}{4}}\right) \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^m \left[\frac{\cos(\theta - t \log n)}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right] + O\left(t^{-\frac{1}{4}}\right) \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Where $m = [x]$ and $\theta = -1/2 \arg \chi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)$

Taking logarithm on both sides of (8) and applying

$$\log \Gamma(\sigma + it) = \left(\sigma + it - \frac{1}{2}\right) \log it - it + \frac{1}{2}(\log 2\pi) + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \tag{14}$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} \log \chi\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) &= it \log \pi + \log \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{it}{2}\right) - \log \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\right) \\ &= it \log \pi + \left\{ \left\langle \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{it}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \log \left(-\frac{it}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \right\} - \left\{ \left\langle \frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \log \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \log 2\pi + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \right\} \\ &= it \log \pi + \left\{ \left\langle -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{it}{2} \right\rangle \log \left(-\frac{it}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \log 2\pi + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \right\} - \left\{ \left(-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2}\right) \log \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \right\} \\ &= it \log \pi - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \log \left(-\frac{it}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) \log \left(-\frac{it}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \log \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) \log \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) + it - \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi + O(1/t) \\ &= it \log \pi - \frac{1}{4} \log \left\langle \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) e^{-i\pi/2} \right\rangle - (it/2) \log \left\langle (t/2) e^{-i\pi/2} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{it}{2} \right\rangle + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \log \left\langle \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) e^{i\pi/2} \right\rangle - \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) \log \left\langle \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) e^{i\pi/2} \right\rangle + \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \\ &= it \log \pi - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \left\{ \log \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) + \log e^{-i\pi/2} \right\} - \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) \left\{ \log \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) + \log e^{-i\pi/2} \right\} + \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \left[\log \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) + \log e^{i\pi/2} \right] - (it/2) \left\{ \log (t/2) + \log e^{i\pi/2} \right\} + \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \\ &= it \log \pi - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \log \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \left(-\frac{i\pi}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) \log \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) \left(-\frac{i\pi}{2}\right) + it + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \log \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \left(\frac{i\pi}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) \log \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{it}{2}\right) \left(\frac{i\pi}{2}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \\ &= it \log \pi - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \log \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) + i\pi/8 - (it/2) \log (t/2) - t\pi/4 + it + (1/4) \log (t/2) + i\pi/8 - (it/2) \log (t/2) + (t\pi/4) + O(1/t) \\ &= it \log \pi + \frac{i\pi}{4} - it \log \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) + it + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \chi < \frac{1}{2} + it > = t \log \pi + \frac{\pi}{4} - t \log \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) + t + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) = t + \frac{\pi}{4} - t \left\{ \log \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) - \log \pi \right\} + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \\ = t + \frac{\pi}{4} - t \log \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \end{aligned}$$

But $-2\theta = \arg \chi(\frac{1}{2} + it)$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \left\{ t + \frac{\pi}{4} - t \log \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right) \right\} + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \\ &= -\frac{t}{2} - \frac{\pi}{8} + \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \log \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \\ &= (t/2) \log (t/2\pi) - \frac{t}{2} - \frac{\pi}{8} + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \end{aligned}$$

We can replace θ by $\theta_1 = \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \log \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right) - \frac{t}{2} - \pi/8$

With an error

$$\begin{aligned} &= O\left[\sum_{n=1}^m \frac{\{\cos(\theta - t \log n) - \cos \theta_1 - t \log n\}}{\sqrt{n}}\right] \\ &= O\left[\sum_{n=1}^m \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{t}\right) \sin\left\{\frac{\theta + \theta_1}{2} - t \log n\right\}}{\sqrt{n}}\right] \\ &= O\left[\sum_{n=1}^m \frac{1}{\sqrt{nt}}\right] \\ &= O\left[\frac{m^{1/2}}{t}\right] \\ &= O\left[\frac{t^{1/4}}{t}\right] \\ &= O(t^{-3/4}) \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

The theorem now follows using (15) in (14).

Remark: We can replace θ by θ_1 this in the other special form of the approximate functional equation in a similar way.

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