ON THE ZEROS OF EPSTEIN'S ZETA FUNCTION

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1. Introduction. Let $Q(x, y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$ be a positive definite quadratic form with discriminant $d = b^2 - 4ac$. The Epstein zeta function associated with Q is given by

$$\zeta(s,Q) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x,y}' Q(x,y)^{-s} \quad (\sigma > 1),$$
 (1)

where Σ' means the sum is over all pairs (x, y) of integers not both zero, and as usual, $s = \sigma + it$. Except for a first order pole at s = 1, $\zeta(s, Q)$ can be continued throughout the complex plane and has a functional equation similar to that of the Riemann zeta function. If we put $Q_1(x, y) = x^2 + \frac{b}{a} xy + \frac{c}{a} y^2$, then we see that the zeros of $\zeta(s, Q)$ and $\zeta(s, Q_1)$ are identical. The discriminant of Q_1 , d/a^2 , will be important in discussing the zeros of $\zeta(s, Q)$. As in [1], we let

$$k = \frac{\sqrt{|d|}}{2a}. (2)$$

Potter and Titchmarsh [2] have shown that $\zeta(s, Q)$ has an infinity of zeros on the line $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$. However, the analogue of the Riemann hypothesis is not always true for $\zeta(s, Q)$ since Bateman and Grosswald [1] have shown that $\zeta(s, Q)$ has a real zero between $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 if k > 7.0556. In fact, in the case where a, b, c are integers, d is a fundamental discriminant, and the class number h(d) > 1, Davenport and Heilbronn [3] had previously shown that $\zeta(s, Q)$ has an infinity of zeros in the half plane $\sigma > 1$ arbitrarily close to the line $\sigma = 1$. We prove here two complements to these results.

THEOREM 1. There exists a number K such that if k > K then all the zeros of $\zeta(s, Q)$ in the region $-1 < \sigma < 2$, $-2k \le t \le 2k$ are simple zeros; with the exception of two real zeros between 0 and 1, all are on the line $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$.

THEOREM 2. Let N(T, Q) denote the number of zeros of $\zeta(s, Q)$ in the region $-1 < \sigma < 2, \ 0 \le t \le T$. If k > K and $0 < T \le 2k$, then

$$N(T,Q) = \frac{T}{\pi} \log \left(\frac{kT}{\pi e} \right) + O\{\log^{1/3} (T+3) [\log \log (T+3)]^{1/6} \}.$$

The constant implied by "O" is independent of k.

Thus, for large k, the infinity of zeros of $\zeta(s, Q)$ off the line $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ found in certain cases by Davenport and Heilbronn are far removed from the σ axis; in any event, the "first" $\frac{4}{\pi} k \log k + O(k)$ complex zeros of $\zeta(s, Q)$ are on the line $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$.

2. Notation and results from other sources. We use the notation $f(t) \leq g(t)$ to mean that there is a positive constant c such that $f(t) \leq cg(t)$. All constants implied by the \leq and O notations are absolute constants independent of t, σ , and sufficiently large k. We make the convention that every equation or statement involving k should be interpreted as holding for sufficiently large k only.

We will use the following three well-known estimates of the gamma function: for $t \ge 2$ and $-1 \le \sigma \le 2$,

$$1 \ll \frac{|\Gamma(s)|}{t^{\sigma - 1/2} e^{-\pi t/2}} \ll 1,\tag{3}$$

for $t \ge 2$ and $-1 \le \sigma \le 2$,

$$\frac{\Gamma'(s)}{\Gamma(s)} = \log t + \frac{i\pi}{2} + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right),\tag{4}$$

for t > 0,

$$\arg\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}+it)=t\log t-t+O(1). \tag{5}$$

We will also use some refined estimates of $\zeta(s)$ coming from Vinogradoff's method [6, part V and p. 226; see also 4, sections 3.10, 3.11]: there is a positive constant A such that in the region

$$\sigma \geqslant 1 - \frac{A}{\log^{2/3} t (\log \log t)^{1/3}}, \quad t \geqslant 3,$$

 $\zeta(s)$ has no zeros and

$$\left|\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)}\right| \ll \log^{2/3} t (\log \log t)^{1/3},\tag{6}$$

$$\left|\frac{1}{\zeta(s)}\right| \ll \log^{2/3} t(\log \log t). \tag{7}$$

The functional equation [4] for $\zeta(s)$ is

$$\zeta(s) = \pi^{s-1/2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}(1-s))}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}s)} \zeta(1-s).$$
 (8)

We see from [1] that we can write

$$a^{s}\zeta(s,Q) = \zeta(2s) + k^{1-2s}\zeta(2s-1) \frac{\Gamma(s-\frac{1}{2})\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(s)} + h(s),$$
 (9)

where h(s) is an entire function. If we put

$$b(s) = \left(\frac{k}{\pi}\right)^{s} \Gamma(s),$$

$$\alpha(s) = a^{s} \zeta(s, Q) b(s),$$

$$f(s) = \zeta(2s) b(s),$$

$$g(s) = h(s) b(s),$$
(10)

then (9) can be written as

$$\alpha(s) = f(s) + f(1-s) + g(s). \tag{11}$$

As shown in [1], g(s) is an entire function and

$$g(s) = g(1-s) \tag{12}$$

([1] works with the function $H(s) = k^{-\frac{1}{2}}g(s)$). As a result,

$$\alpha(s) = \alpha(1-s),\tag{13}$$

which is the functional equation for $\zeta(s, Q)$. Thus both $\alpha(s)$ and g(s) are real valued on the line $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$. Clearly $\log f(s)$ is well defined in the region $\sigma \ge \frac{1}{2}$, $s \ne \frac{1}{2}$. We will have occasion to use $\arg f(s) = \operatorname{Im} \log f(s)$; we use the branch of $\arg f(s)$ which is 0 for real $s > \frac{1}{2}$.

Various estimates of g(s) and h(s) are known. For s near 1, the estimate in [1] is the best that has yet appeared, but for s well removed from the σ -axis, the estimate of [5] is better: for $n \ge 1$ and $\sigma \ge \frac{1}{2}$,

$$|h(s)| < 2\pi \left(\frac{2n}{2n-1}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2|s|+2n-1}{\pi k \sqrt{2}}\right)^{2n}.$$
 (14)

Only the special case $Q(x, y) = x^2 + xy + \frac{p+1}{4}y^2$ of discriminant -p was considered in [5], but the proof is the same for $Q(x, y) = x^2 + \frac{b}{a}xy + \frac{c}{a}y^2$.

3. Preliminary estimates and lemmas. If in (14) we take

$$n = \left\lceil \frac{\log(10k)}{2\log\left(\frac{4\cdot 4}{4\cdot 1}\right)} \right\rceil + 1,$$

then we see that for $\sigma \geqslant \frac{1}{2}$ and |s| < 2k + 3,

$$|h(s)| < 10 \left(\frac{4 \cdot 1 k}{4 \cdot 4 k}\right)^{\log(10 k)/\log\left(\frac{4 \cdot 4}{4 \cdot 1}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k}.$$
(15)

For $\sigma \geqslant \sigma_1 = 1 + 1/\log k$,

$$|\zeta(s)| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-\sigma_1}$$

$$\leq \log k. \tag{16}$$

From (3) and (8), we then get for $t \ge 2$,

$$\left|\zeta\left(-\frac{1}{\log k}+it\right)\right| \ll (\log k) t^{\frac{1}{2}+(1/\log k)}.$$

For $-1/\log k \le \sigma \le 1 + 1/\log k$,

$$|\zeta(\sigma+2i)| \leq 1.$$

As a result, the standard Phragmén-Lindelöf theorem for a strip says that for $-1/\log k \le \sigma \le 1 + 1/\log k$ and $t \ge 2$,

$$|\zeta(s)| \leq (\log k) t^{\frac{1}{2}[1+(1/\log k)-\sigma]}.$$
 (17)

LEMMA 1. If $\frac{1}{2} + (\log k)^{-7/8} \le \sigma \le 2$, $2 \le t \le 2k + 1$, or if $\sigma = 2$, $0 \le t \le 2$, then |f(s)| > |f(1-s)| and |f(s) + f(1-s)| > |g(s)|.

Proof. From (7), if s is in the above region,

$$|f(s)| = |b(s)| \cdot |\zeta(2s)|$$

> $2|b(s)|(\log k)^{-7/8}$. (18)

For $\frac{1}{2} + (\log k)^{-7/8} \le \sigma \le 1 + \frac{1}{2 \log k}$ and $2 \le t \le 2k + 1$, we see from (3) and (17) that

$$\left| \frac{f(1-s)}{b(s)} \right| = \left| \frac{(k/\pi)^{1-s} \Gamma(1-s)\zeta(2-2s)}{(k/\pi)^{s} \Gamma(s)} \right|$$

$$\ll (k/\pi)^{1-2\sigma} t^{1-2\sigma} (\log k)(2t)^{\frac{1}{2}[1+(1/\log k)-(2-2\sigma)]}$$

$$\ll (\log k) k^{1-2\sigma}$$

$$\ll (\log k) \exp\left[-2(\log k)^{1/8}\right]$$

$$< (\log k)^{-7/8}. \tag{19}$$

For $1 + \frac{1}{2 \log k} \le \sigma \le 2$ and $t \ge 2$, we see from (3), (9) and (16) that

$$\left| \frac{f(1-s)}{b(s)} \right| = \left| k^{1-2s} \zeta(2s-1) \frac{\Gamma(s-\frac{1}{2}) \sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(s)} \right|$$

$$\leqslant k^{1-2\sigma} \left(\log k \right) t^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$< (\log k)^{-7/8}. \tag{20}$$

The result of (20) clearly holds for $\sigma = 2$, $0 \le t \le 2$ also. Lemma 1 now follows from (15), (18), (19) and (20).

LEMMA 2. If
$$\frac{1}{2} - (\log k)^{-7/8} \le \sigma \le \frac{1}{2} + (\log k)^{-7/8}$$
 and $2k \le t \le 2k + 1$, then
$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{f'(s)}{f(s)}\right\} > \log k \text{ and } \left|\operatorname{Im}\left\{\frac{f'(s)}{f(s)}\right\}\right| < \log k.$$

Proof.

$$\frac{f'(s)}{f(s)} = \log\left(\frac{k}{\pi}\right) + \frac{\Gamma'(s)}{\Gamma(s)} + 2\frac{\zeta'(2s)}{\zeta(2s)}.$$

Thus,

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{f'(s)}{f(s)}\right\} > \log\left(\frac{k}{\pi}\right) + \log t - (\log t)^{7/8} - O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)$$
$$> \log k,$$

and,

$$\left|\operatorname{Im}\left\{\frac{f'(s)}{f(s)}\right\}\right| < \frac{\pi}{2} + (\log t)^{7/8} + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) < \log k.$$

LEMMA 3. There exists a number T_0 such that $2k < T_0 < 2k + 1$ and

$$\arg f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0) \equiv 0 \pmod{2\pi}.$$

Thus $f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0)$ and $f(\frac{1}{2} - iT_0)$ are positive real numbers.

Proof. For $2k \le t \le 2k+1$,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \arg f(\frac{1}{2} + it) = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f'(\frac{1}{2} + it)}{f(\frac{1}{2} + it)} \right\}$$

$$> \log k$$

$$> 2\pi.$$

The lemma follows.

LEMMA 4. For
$$\frac{1}{2} \le \sigma \le \frac{1}{2} + (\log k)^{-7/8}$$
 and $t = T_0$, $|f(s)| \ge |f(1-s)|$ and $|f(s) + f(1-s)| > |g(s)|$

with equality in the first part if and only if $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$.

Proof. For the interval I, given by $\frac{1}{2} - (\log k)^{-7/8} \le \sigma \le \frac{1}{2} + (\log k)^{-7/8}$, we have

$$\frac{d}{d\sigma}\log|f(\sigma+iT_0)| = \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{f'(\sigma+iT_0)}{f(\sigma+iT_0)}\right) > \log k.$$

Thus if σ_1 and σ_2 are in I, $\sigma_1 < \sigma_2$, then

$$\left|\frac{f(\sigma_2 + iT_0)}{f(\sigma_1 + iT_0)}\right| > k^{\sigma_2 - \sigma_1}.\tag{21}$$

In particular, $|f(\sigma + iT_0)|$ is strictly increasing on I and this gives the first part of Lemma 4. In order to derive the second part of the lemma, it is convenient to introduce the number

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\pi}{3 \log k} \tag{22}$$

Then σ_0 is in I, and (21) therefore gives

$$|f(\sigma_0 + iT_0)| > k^{\pi/(3 \log k)} |f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0)|$$

$$> 2|f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0)|.$$
(23)

If $\sigma_0 \leq \sigma \leq \frac{1}{2} + (\log k)^{-7/8}$, then

$$|f(\sigma + iT_0)| - |f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0)| \ge |f(\sigma_0 + iT_0)| - |f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0)|$$

$$> |f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0)|,$$

and hence

$$|f(\sigma + iT_0)| - |f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0)| > \frac{1}{2}|f(\sigma + iT_0)|.$$

Therefore if $\sigma_0 \le \sigma \le \frac{1}{2} + (\log k)^{-7/8}$ and $t = T_0$, then

$$|f(s) + f(1-s)| \ge |f(s)| - |f(1-s)|$$

$$> |f(s)| - |f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0)|$$

$$> \frac{1}{2}|f(s)|. \tag{24}$$

We now derive the equivalent of equation (24) with σ in the interval $\frac{1}{2} \leq \sigma \leq \sigma_0$. If $1 - \sigma_0 \leq \sigma_1 < \sigma_2 \leq \sigma_0$ then, by Lemma 2,

$$|\arg f(\sigma_2 + iT_0) - \arg f(\sigma_1 + iT_0)| = \left| \int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} \frac{d}{d\sigma} \arg f(\sigma + iT_0) d\sigma \right|$$
$$= \left| \int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} \operatorname{Im} \left\{ \frac{f'(\sigma + iT_0)}{f(\sigma + iT_0)} \right\} d\sigma \right|$$
$$< (\sigma_2 - \sigma_1) \log k.$$

Thus if $\frac{1}{2} \leq \sigma \leq \sigma_0$,

$$\begin{aligned} |\arg f(\sigma + iT_0) - \arg f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0)| &< (\sigma_0 - \frac{1}{2}) \log k \\ &= \frac{\pi}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the definition of T_0 in Lemma 3, if $\frac{1}{2} \le \sigma \le \sigma_0$ and $t = T_0$, then

$$\cos\left\{\arg f(s)\right\} > \frac{1}{2}.\tag{25}$$

In like manner, if $\frac{1}{2} \le \sigma \le \sigma_0$ and $t = T_0$,

$$\cos{\{\arg f(1-s)\}} > \frac{1}{2}.$$
 (26)

Thus if $\frac{1}{2} \leqslant \sigma \leqslant \sigma_0$ and $t = T_0$ then

$$|f(s) + f(1 - s)| \ge |\text{Re}\{f(s) + f(1 - s)\}|$$

$$= |f(s)| \cos\{\arg f(s)\} + |f(1 - s)| \cos\{\arg f(1 - s)\}$$

$$> \frac{1}{2}|f(s)|. \tag{27}$$

Combining (24) and (27), if $\frac{1}{2} \le \sigma \le \frac{1}{2} + (\log k)^{-7/8}$ and $t = T_0$, then

$$|f(s) + f(1 - s)| > \frac{1}{2}|f(s)|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}|b(s)|.|\zeta(2s)|$$

$$> \frac{1}{2}|b(s)|(\log T)^{-1}$$

$$> |b(s)|.\frac{1}{k}$$

$$> |g(s)|,$$

which is the second assertion of Lemma 4.

LEMMA 5. Let R be the interior of the rectangle with corners at $2 \pm iT_0$, $-1 \pm iT_0$. Then the number of zeros of $\alpha(s)$ (multiple zeros counted according to their multiplicity) in R is exactly

$$2 + \frac{2}{\pi} \arg f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0).$$

Proof. Let C_1 be the boundary of R. Since C_1 is symmetric about the lines $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ and t = 0, we see from (12) and Lemmas 1 and 4 that for s on C_1

$$|f(s) + f(1-s)| > |g(s)|$$
.

Let N and P denote the number of zeros and poles of $\alpha(s)$ in R. Rouché's theorem then tells us that

$$N-P = \frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta_{C_1} \arg\{f(s) + f(1-s)\},$$

the change in argument being calculated once around C_1 in the positive direction. If we let C be the curve consisting of the two straight line segments from 2 to $2 + iT_0$ and then to $\frac{1}{2} + iT_0$, then due to symmetry

$$N - P = \frac{2}{\pi} \Delta_C \arg\{f(s) + f(1 - s)\},\tag{28}$$

the change in argument now being calculated on C. But now, |f(1-s)| < |f(s)| on C except at $\frac{1}{2} + iT_0$, and

$$\arg\{f(2) + f(-1)\} \equiv \arg f(2) \equiv 0 \pmod{2\pi},$$

$$\arg\{f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0) + f(\frac{1}{2} - iT_0)\} \equiv \arg f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0) \equiv 0 \pmod{2\pi}.$$

Therefore,

$$N - P = \frac{2}{\pi} \Delta_C \arg f(s)$$
$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \arg f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0).$$

Since $\alpha(s)$ has first order poles at 0 and 1 and is analytic elsewhere,

$$N = 2 + \frac{2}{\pi} \arg f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0).$$

4. Proof of Theorem 1. The zeros of $\zeta(s, Q)$ in R are exactly the same as the zeros of $\alpha(s)$ in R. We now locate these zeros. As $\varepsilon \to 0$,

$$f(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon) = \sqrt{\frac{k}{\pi}} \left[1 + O(|\varepsilon| \log k) \right] \left[\sqrt{\pi} + O(|\varepsilon|) \right] \left[\frac{1}{2\varepsilon} + O(1) \right]$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{k}}{2\varepsilon} + O(\sqrt{k} \cdot \log k).$$

Thus

$$arg f(\frac{1}{2} + i0^+) = -\frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Let

$$n = \frac{1}{\pi} \arg f(\frac{1}{2} + iT_0), \tag{29}$$

so that *n* is an integer. Since $\arg f(\frac{1}{2} + it)$ is continuous for t > 0, there exist numbers $0 < t_0 < t_1 < \ldots < t_n = T_0$ such that

$$\arg f(\frac{1}{2} + it_i) = \pi j \quad (j = 0, 1, ..., n).$$
 (30)

Thus $f(\frac{1}{2} + it_j)$ is real valued, positive if j is even, negative if j is odd. From (7) we see that for $\frac{3}{2} \le t \le T_0$,

$$|\zeta(1+2it)|>\frac{1}{k},$$

and this is clearly true for $0 < t < \frac{3}{2}$. Thus for $0 < t \leqslant T_0$,

$$|f(\frac{1}{2} + it)| = |b(\frac{1}{2} + it)| \cdot |\zeta(1 + 2it)|$$

> |g(\frac{1}{2} + it)|.

Hence, if we put

$$s_i = \frac{1}{2} + it_i \quad (j = 0, 1, ..., n),$$
 (31)

then we see from

$$\alpha(s_j) = f(s_j) + f(1 - s_j) + g(s_j)$$
$$= 2f(s_i) + g(s_j)$$

that $\alpha(s_j)$ and $f(s_j)$ have the same sign. Therefore the sequence of numbers $\alpha(s_0)$, $\alpha(s_1)$, ..., $\alpha(s_n)$ alternates in sign. Thus there exist n distinct points $\frac{1}{2} + iv_j$ with

$$0 < t_{j-1} < v_j < t_j$$

and

$$\alpha(\frac{1}{2} + iv_i) = 0 \quad (j = 1, 2, ..., n).$$

The *n* points $\frac{1}{2} - iv_j$ are also zeros of $\alpha(s)$. Bateman and Grosswald [1] have shown that $\alpha(s)$ has a real zero between $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 and hence also one between 0 and $\frac{1}{2}$. Thus we have found 2n + 2 distinct points in *R* where $\alpha(s) = 0$. But Lemma 5 tells us that there are exactly 2n + 2 zeros of $\alpha(s)$ in *R* (multiplicity included). This concludes the proof of Theorem 1.

5. Proof of Theorem 2. Now we see that v_j is unique; that is, there is exactly one zero of $\alpha(s)$ between s_{j-1} and s_j . As a result, if $t_{j-1} < t \le t_j$ (j = 0, 1, ..., n) and we let $t_{-1} = 0$, then

$$|{\rm arg} f({\textstyle \frac{1}{2}}+it_j)-{\rm arg} f({\textstyle \frac{1}{2}}+it)|\,<\,2\pi.$$

Therefore, if $0 < T \le T_0$, then

$$N(T, Q) = \frac{1}{\pi} \arg f(\frac{1}{2} + iT) + O(1).$$
 (32)

But,

$$\arg f(\frac{1}{2} + iT) = \arg \left(\frac{k}{\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{2} + iT} + \arg \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + iT) + \arg \zeta(1 + 2iT)$$

$$= T \log \left(\frac{k}{\pi}\right) + T \log T - T + \arg \zeta(1 + 2iT) + O(1). \quad (33)$$

It remains to estimate $\arg \zeta(1+2iT)$.

For convenience, when T > 3 put

$$\delta = \log^{-1/3} T (\log \log T)^{-1/6}$$
.

Now, for T > 3, we have

$$|\arg \zeta(1+\delta+2iT)| \leq |\log \zeta(1+\delta+2iT)|$$

$$\leq \sum_{p} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m} p^{-m(1+\delta)}$$

$$\leq 1/\delta,$$

and by (6) we also have

$$|\arg \zeta(1+\delta+2iT)-\arg \zeta(1+2iT)| \ll 1/\delta$$
.

For $0 < T \le 3$, we clearly have

$$|\arg\zeta(1+2iT)| \leqslant 1.$$

Thus for all T > 0,

$$\arg \zeta(1+2iT) = O\{\log^{1/3}(T+3)[\log\log(T+3)]^{1/6}\}. \tag{34}$$

Theorem 2 follows from (32), (33) and (34).

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