

Old and new arithmetic and analytic equivalences of the Riemann hypothesis



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Progress on the problem during the twentieth century

- Harald Bohr and Edmund Landau in 1914 showed that the greater proportion of zeros were on or near the line.
- Hardy in 1914 proved that there were an infinite number of zeros on the line.
- Arne Selberg in 1942 developed the Hardy-Littlewood method further to show that a very small positive proportion of the zeros were on the line.
- Norman Levinson, dying of cancer in the early 1970's, proved that more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the zeros were on the line.
- Brian Conrey, showed in 1987 that more than $\frac{2}{5}$ of the zeros were on the line.
- By 2004 it had been shown by Xavier Gorden that the first 10^{13} non-trivial zeros were on the line.

RH equivalences - why are they useful?

- They show the ubiquitous nature of RH
- They provide potential paths to resolving RH sometimes in completely different fields
- If RH is proved true, all of the equivalent statements are also true
- If RH is proved false, the negation of each of the equivalent statements is true

A study of the main equivalences of RH through 2017

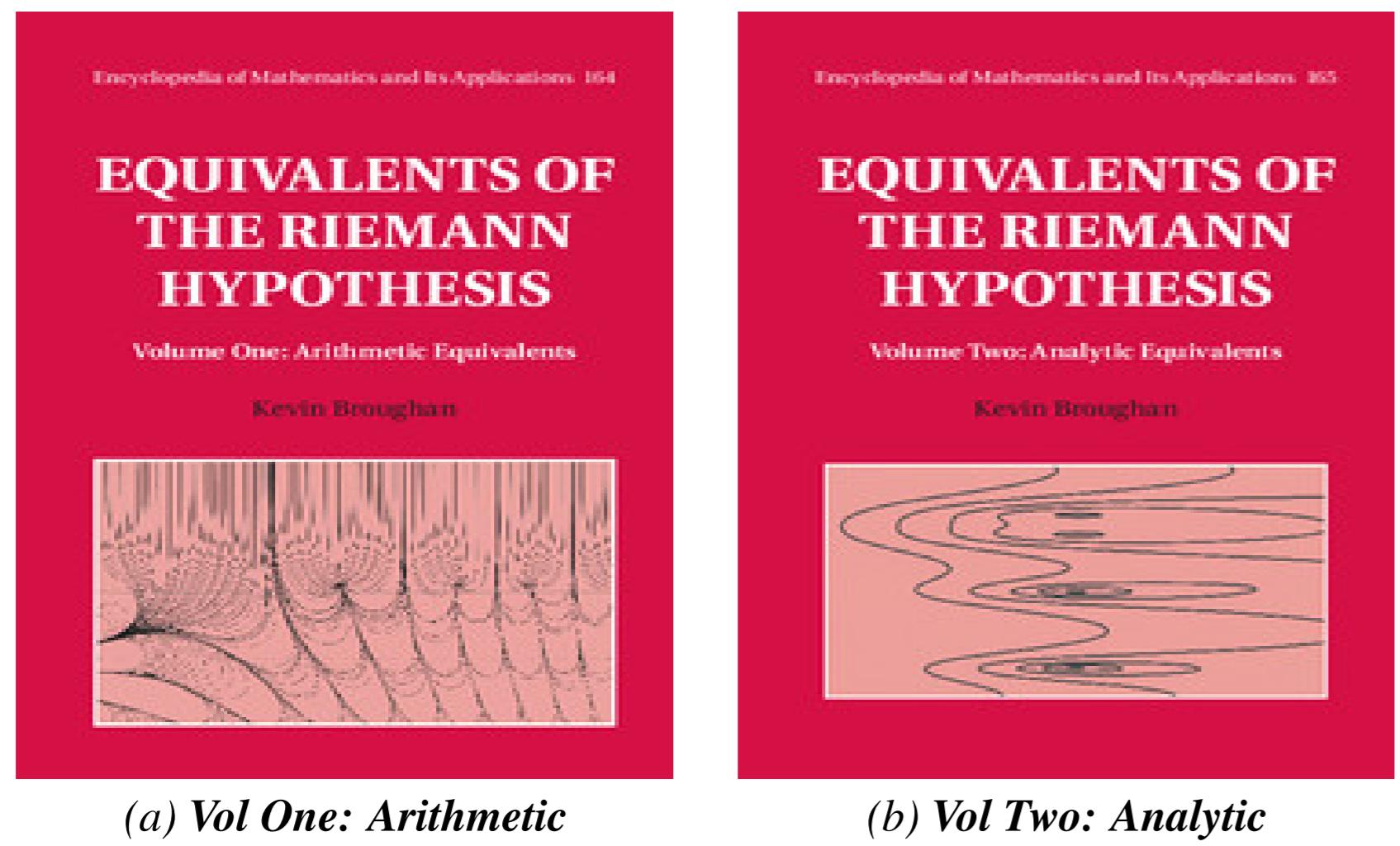


Figure 1 : Equivalents of the Riemann hypothesis, Cambridge, 2017.

Examples of arithmetic equivalences

Dixon and Spira's inequality of 1965:

If $s = \sigma + it$ with $\sigma > 0.5$ and $t \geq 6.29073$ then $|\zeta(1-s)| > |\zeta(s)| \iff \text{RH}$.

Nicolas' inequality of 1983 and 2012:

if $\beta = 2 + \gamma - \log \pi - 2 \log 2$

$$\frac{n}{\varphi(n)} < e^\gamma \log \log n + \frac{e^\gamma(1+\beta)}{\sqrt{\log n}}, \quad n > 2 \cdots p_{120569} \iff \text{RH}.$$

Robin's inequality of 1984:

$$\frac{\sigma(n)}{n} < e^\gamma \log \log n, \quad n > 5040 \iff \text{RH}.$$

Some other arithmetic equivalences:

- The deviation of Farey fractions from a uniform distribution (Franel/Landau)
- The average order of the sum of the Möbius $\mu(n)$ function (Littlewood)
- The determinant of the Redheffer divisibility matrix (Redheffer)
- The maximum order of the element of the symmetric group (Massias/Nicolas/Robin)

Examples of analytic equivalences

The Riesz series criterion of 1915

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(n-1)! \zeta(2n)} x^n \ll_{\varepsilon} x^{0.25+\varepsilon} \iff \text{RH}.$$

Nyman-Beurling equivalence of 1955:

let $x > 0$ and let $r(x) := \{x\}$ be the fractional part of x , so $x = \lfloor x \rfloor + r(x)$. Define a real linear space of real functions

$$\mathcal{M} := \{f : f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n r\left(\frac{\theta_n}{x}\right), a_n \in \mathbb{R}, \theta_n \in (0, 1], \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \theta_n = 0, N \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Let $1 \leq p < \infty$. The subspace \mathcal{M} is dense in the Banach space $L^p(0, 1)$ if and only if $\zeta(s)$ has no zeros in the right half plane $\sigma > 1/p$.

If $0 < \sigma < 1$ and $f \in \mathcal{M}$ we have

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{s}{s-1} - s \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\{x\}}{x^{s+1}} dx \implies \int_0^1 f(x) x^{s-1} dx = -\frac{\zeta(s)}{s} \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \theta_n^s.$$

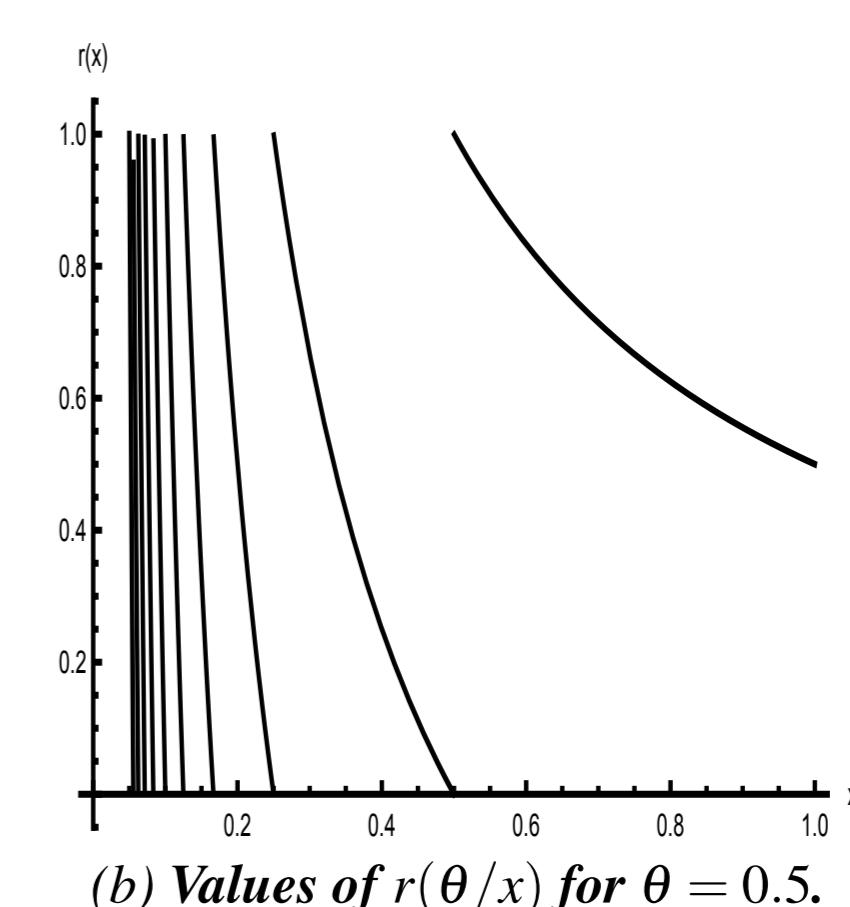
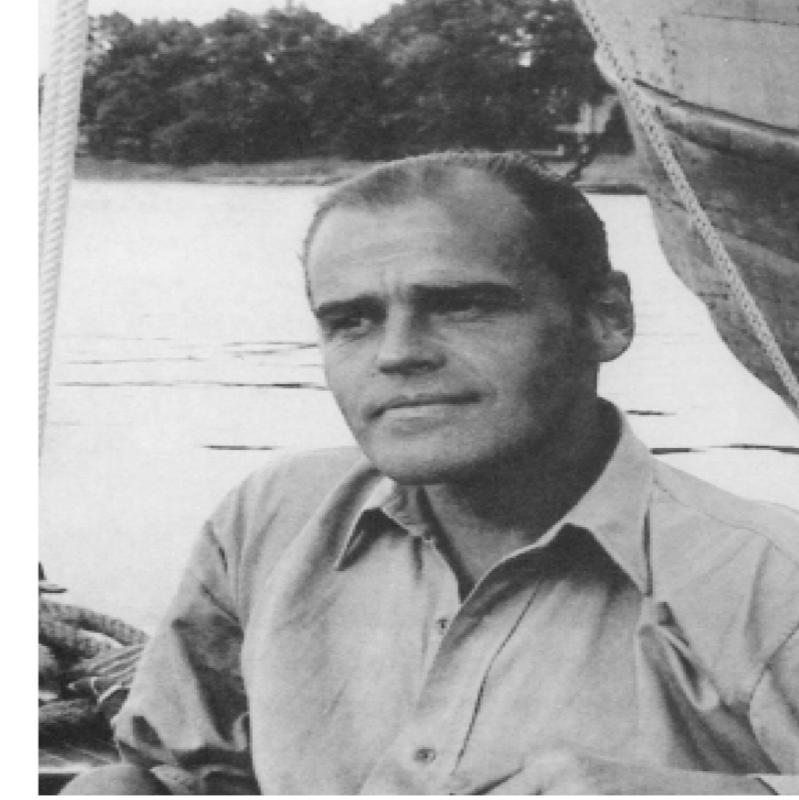


Figure 2 : Beurling and the $r(\theta/x)$ function

Some other analytic equivalences:

- $|\xi(\sigma + it)|$ is monotonic for $\sigma > 0.5$ and all fixed t (Sondow/Dumitrescu).
- For all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have $\sum_p \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^n\right) > 0$ (Li, Bombieri/Lagarias).
- Integral equations (Sekatskii/Beltraminelli/Merlini, Salem, Levinson).
- Equivalences based on Weil's explicit formula (Weil).
- Discrete measure equivalences (Verjovsky).
- Smooth number equivalence (Hildebrand).
- Hermitian form equivalence (Yoshida), with insufficient room for others

Overview of discoverers of (most of) the main equivalences

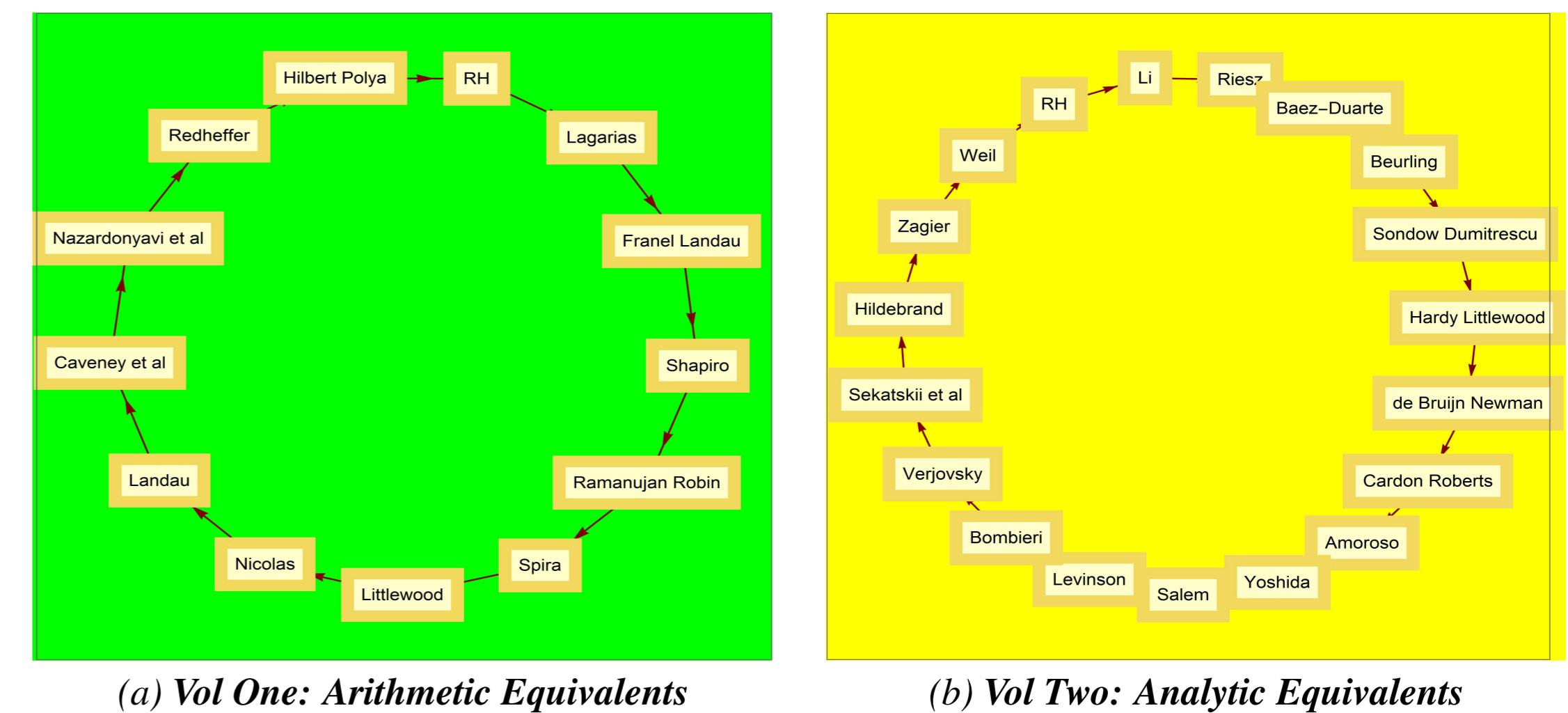


Figure 3 : Named main equivalences up to 2017

New and evolving equivalences

The new Tao/Rogers equivalence: $\Lambda = 0$

The Newman-deBruijn constant Λ is the minimum value of λ such that if

$$\Xi(s) := \xi(0.5 + is) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(u) e^{ius} du \implies \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\lambda u^2} \Phi(u) e^{ius} du,$$

has only real zeros. C. M. Newman in 1976 showed $-\infty < \Lambda$ and conjectured $\Lambda \geq 0$. Then RH is equivalent to $\Lambda \leq 0$. Brad Rogers and Terence Tao have shown recently that Newman's conjecture is true, and so RH is equivalent to $\Lambda = 0$, whatever definition of Λ is used. A preprint is "The De Bruijn-Newman constant is non-negative", arXiv:1801.05914v2[math.NT] (14 Feb 2018).

The recently announced result of Ono/Griffen/Rolen/Zagier

Jensen polynomials are of the form

$$j_{\gamma}^{d,n}(x) := \sum_{i=0}^d \binom{d}{i} \gamma_{i+n} x^i$$

where the γ_i are associated with the Taylor expansion of $\Xi(s)$, i.e. they satisfy

$$\Xi_1(x) := \frac{1}{8} \Xi\left(\frac{i\sqrt{x}}{2}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma(n)}{n!} x^n.$$

Ken Ono, Michael Griffin, Larry Rolen and Don Zagier have shown that all but a finite number of the Jensen polynomials for the Riemann Xi function are hyperbolic, i.e. have all real zeros. A 1927 result of Polya is apparently that RH is equivalent to all of these polynomials being hyperbolic. This hyperbolicity has been proved for degrees $d \leq 3$. They obtained an arbitrary precision asymptotic formula for the derivatives $\Xi^{(2n)}(0)$, which allows them to prove the hyperbolicity of 100% of the Jensen polynomials of each degree. They used Hermite polynomials.

Is RH undecidable?

If RH is undecidable, then if it is and is **false** there is a zero (which we cannot find) off the critical line. This zero would provide a proof that RH is false, but there is no such proof since RH is undecidable. Therefore it is **true** but can never be proved!

Is it computable? If RH is **false** then a finite computation will find a integer which contradicts Robin's (or easier Shapiro's) inequality, so at least its semi-computable.

A likely equivalence of Bombieri

If $\vartheta(t)$ is the (continuous) argument of $\zeta(s)$ on the critical line then $Z(t) = e^{i\vartheta(t)} \zeta(0.5 + it)$ is real and has the same zeros as $\zeta(s)$ on the line. If $Z(t)$ has a positive local minimum or negative local maximum then RH would be false. It is conjectured that this statement has a converse, which if **true** would provide a valuable RH equivalence.