

# THE SPECTRUM OF THE CESÀRO-HARDY OPERATOR ON THE HILBERT-PÓLYA SPACE

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ABSTRACT. By considering the spectrum of the Cesàro-Hardy operator on the Hilbert-Pólya space, we proved the Riemann hypothesis for Riemann zeta function and Dirichlet  $L$ -function.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Denote  $\mathbb{R}_+^\times = (0, \infty)$ . Let  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$  be the complex Hilbert space with the usual inner product, i.e.,

$$\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle = \int_0^\infty f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx.$$

The Cesàro-Hardy operator  $\mathcal{C}$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{C}(f)(x) = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f(t) dt,$$

where  $f(x) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$  is a locally integrable function. Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a bounded operator on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$  by Hardy inequality. In [1], Brown, Halmos and Shields showed that the spectrum of  $\mathcal{C}$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$  is the circle

$$\sigma(\mathcal{C}, L^2) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |1 - z| = 1\}.$$

This result has been generalized by D. W. Boyd [2] to  $L^p$  space. If we consider the operator  $\mathcal{C} - 1$ , then we will find that it is a unitary operator on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$ . Thus, a well known result which says the spectrum of unitary operator is contained in the unit circle  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$  can be used to the operator  $\mathcal{C} - 1$ .

Motivated by Alain Connes's spectral interpretation for the zeros of  $L$ -functions, Ralf Meyer [7] proved that the eigenvalues of the transpose  $D_-^t$  (see [8, §2.1]) of the operator  $D_-$  (induced by  $D$  on some function space) acting on a nuclear Fréchet space are exactly the nontrivial zeros of  $\zeta(s)$ . Later, Xian-Jin Li [5] proved that every nontrivial zero of the zeta function is indeed an eigenvalue of  $D_-$ . His method has been generalized to Dirichlet  $L$ -function and  $L$ -function associated with newforms by Dongsheng Wu [9]. Liming Ge, Xian-Jin Li, Dongsheng Wu and Boqing Xue in [4] proved that the correspondence between the set of eigenvalues of  $D_-$  acting on  $\mathcal{H}$  and the set of nontrivial zeros of  $\zeta(s)$  is one-to-one.

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Inspired by the above results, we construct the connection between the Cesàro operator  $\mathcal{C}$  and the operator  $D_-$  on a suitable space, which may be called Hilbert–Pólya space. Based on their work, the Riemann hypothesis for Riemann zeta function and Dirichlet  $L$ -function follows. In this view, the Riemann hypothesis comes from the symmetry of operator. In some way, it is similar to consider the elliptic function and its inverse function.

## 2. THE INVARIANT SUBSPACE OF OPERATOR

Let  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$  be the set of smooth complex valued functions on  $\mathbb{R}_+^\times$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of nonnegative integers. The following notations are from [9]:

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \{f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+^\times) \mid \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^m f^{(n)}(x) = 0 \text{ and } f^{(n)}(0) := \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f^{(n)}(x) \text{ exists, } \forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

$$\mathcal{H}_\cap := \{f \in \mathcal{H}_0 \mid \int_0^\infty f(x) dx = 0, f(0) = 0\}.$$

$$\mathcal{H}_- := \{f \in \mathcal{H}_0 \mid f^{(n)}(0) = 0 \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Here, the above definitions of  $\mathcal{H}_\cap$  and  $\mathcal{H}_-$  coincide with Meyer's original construction (see [9, §1.2]). By L'Hôpital's rule, we have

$$(2.1) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{-m} f^{(n)}(x) = 0, \quad \forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \forall f(x) \in \mathcal{H}_-.$$

Let  $\chi$  be a primitive Dirichlet character. Define

$$\mathcal{H}_\cap^\chi := \{f \in \mathcal{H}_0 \mid f^{(2n+1)}(0) = 0 \text{ if } \chi(-1) = 1, f^{(2n)}(0) = 0 \text{ if } \chi(-1) = -1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Since  $\mathcal{H}_0$  is a subspace of  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_0$  is a unitary space, i.e., a complex space with inner product. We define two operators  $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{M}$  on  $\mathcal{H}_0$  by

$$\mathcal{D}f(x) = -f'(x), \quad \mathcal{M}f(x) = xf(x).$$

It is easy to check that

$$(2.2) \quad \mathcal{M}\mathcal{D} - \mathcal{D}\mathcal{M} = 1.$$

**Theorem 2.1.**  *$\mathcal{M}\mathcal{D}$  and  $-\mathcal{D}\mathcal{M}$  are invertible operators on  $\mathcal{H}_-$ . The inverse of  $-\mathcal{D}\mathcal{M}$  is the Cesàro-Hardy operator  $\mathcal{C}$ .*

*Proof.* First, we check that the operators  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  are invertible operators on  $\mathcal{H}_-$ . Since

$$\mathcal{D}^{-1}f(x) = -\int_0^x f(t) dt, \quad \mathcal{M}^{-1}f(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x},$$

by higher derivative law, we have

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} (\mathcal{D}^{-1}f)^{(n)}(x) &= -f^{(n-1)}(x) \\ (\mathcal{M}^{-1}f)^{(n)}(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k k! x^{-k} f^{(n-k)}(x). \end{aligned}$$

From the definition of  $\mathcal{H}_0$  and the equation (2.1)(2.3), we have

$$\mathcal{D}^{-1}f(x), \mathcal{M}^{-1}f(x) \in \mathcal{H}_-, \quad \forall f(x) \in \mathcal{H}_-.$$

Similarly, it is easy to see

$$\mathcal{D}f(x), \mathcal{M}f(x) \in \mathcal{H}_-, \quad \forall f(x) \in \mathcal{H}_-.$$

Hence, there are

$$(-\mathcal{DM})^{-1} = \mathcal{M}^{-1}(-\mathcal{D})^{-1}.$$

We have

$$\mathcal{M}^{-1}(-\mathcal{D})^{-1}f(x) = \mathcal{M}^{-1} \int_0^x f(t)dt = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f(t)dt = \mathcal{C}f(x),$$

that is,  $\mathcal{M}^{-1}(-\mathcal{D})^{-1} = \mathcal{C}$  on  $\mathcal{H}_-$ . □

For  $f \in \mathcal{H}_\cap$ , define the operator  $\mathcal{Z}$  by

$$(\mathcal{Z}f)(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(nx)$$

and for  $f \in \mathcal{H}_\cap^\chi$ , define the operator  $\mathcal{Z}_\chi$  by

$$(\mathcal{Z}_\chi f)(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi(n)f(nx).$$

Then we have  $\mathcal{ZH}_\cap, \mathcal{Z}_\chi \mathcal{H}_\cap^\chi \subset \mathcal{H}_-$  (see [9, Thm.2.9], [7, Thm.3.3], §6 in [7]).

**Proposition 2.2.** *The spaces  $\mathcal{ZH}_\cap$  is invariant subspace of the operator  $-\mathcal{DM}$*

*Proof.* Take  $g(x) \in \mathcal{H}_\cap$ . Then we check that  $g_1(x) := xg'(x) \in \mathcal{H}_\cap$ . It is easy to see

$$\int_0^\infty g_1(x)dx = 0, \quad g_1(0) = 0.$$

So,  $g_1(x) = xg'(x) \in \mathcal{H}_\cap$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathcal{DM}(\mathcal{Z}g(x)) &= -\mathcal{DM}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g(nx)\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g(nx) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nxg'(nx) \\ &= \mathcal{Z}(g(x)) + \mathcal{Z}(xg'(x)) \end{aligned}$$

we have  $-\mathcal{DM}(\mathcal{Z}g(x)) \in \mathcal{ZH}_\cap$ , i.e., the action of  $-\mathcal{DM}$  is closed on  $\mathcal{ZH}_\cap$ . Similarly, the action of  $-\mathcal{DM}$  is closed on  $\mathcal{Z}_\chi \mathcal{H}_\cap^\chi$ . □

Denote

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(x) &= x^2\left(\pi x^2 - \frac{3}{2}\right)e^{-\pi x^2}, \quad \text{for } \zeta(s); \\ \eta_\chi(x) &= \begin{cases} e^{-\pi x^2}, & \text{for } L(\chi, s) \text{ when } \chi(-1) = 1 \\ xe^{-\pi x^2}, & \text{for } L(\chi, s) \text{ when } \chi(-1) = -1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then we have  $\mathcal{Z}\eta, \mathcal{Z}_\chi \eta_\chi \in \mathcal{H}_-$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Define the subspace of  $\mathcal{H}_-$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \bigvee_{\mathcal{C}^{-\infty}} \mathcal{Z}\eta &:= \left\{ \sum_{k=-m}^n a_k \mathcal{C}^k \mathcal{Z}\eta : a_k \in \mathbb{C}, m, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}. \\ \bigvee_{\mathcal{C}^{-\infty}} \mathcal{Z}_\chi \eta_\chi &:= \left\{ \sum_{k=-m}^n a_k \mathcal{C}^k \mathcal{Z}_\chi \eta_\chi : a_k \in \mathbb{C}, m, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

**Theorem 2.4.**  $\bigvee_{\mathcal{C}^{-\infty}} \mathcal{Z}\eta$  and  $\bigvee_{\mathcal{C}^{-\infty}} \mathcal{Z}_\chi \eta_\chi$  are invariant spaces of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{C}^{-1} = -\mathcal{DM}$ . Moreover,  $\mathcal{C}$  is invertible operator and its inverse operator is  $-\mathcal{DM}$  on  $\bigvee_{\mathcal{C}^{-\infty}} \mathcal{Z}\eta$  and  $\bigvee_{\mathcal{C}^{-\infty}} \mathcal{Z}_\chi \eta_\chi$ .

For each  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , denote

$$\bigvee_{\mathcal{C}^j} \mathcal{Z}\eta := \left\{ \sum_{k=-m}^n a_k \mathcal{C}^k \mathcal{Z}\eta : a_k \in \mathbb{C}, m, n \in \mathbb{N}, k \geq j \right\} \subset \mathcal{H}_-.$$

It is easy to see the above spaces are invariant space of  $\mathcal{C}$ , so is  $\mathcal{C} - 1$ . Then we have a filtration of invariant subspaces of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{C} - 1$ , i.e.,

$$\cdots \supset \bigvee_{\mathcal{C}^{-1}} \mathcal{Z}\eta \supset \bigvee_{\mathcal{C}^0} \mathcal{Z}\eta \supset \bigvee_{\mathcal{C}^1} \mathcal{Z}\eta \supset \cdots$$

The following theorem is clear.

**Theorem 2.5.**  $\bigcap_{j=-\infty}^{+\infty} \bigvee_{\mathcal{C}^j} \mathcal{Z}\eta = 0$

**Theorem 2.6.** The operators  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{Z}$  are commutative on  $\mathcal{H}_-$ . Similarly,  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{Z}_\chi$  are commutative.

*Proof.* We show the case for  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{Z}$ , the other case is similar. For  $f(x) \in \mathcal{H}_-$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}\mathcal{Z}f(x) &= \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(nt) dt \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f(nt) dt \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} \int_0^{nx} f(t) d\frac{t}{n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{nx} \int_0^{nx} f(t) dt \\ &= \mathcal{Z}\mathcal{C}f(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{Z}$  are commutative.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.**  $\bigvee_{\mathcal{C}^1} \eta \subset \mathcal{H}_\cap$ , where

$$\bigvee_{\mathcal{C}^1} \eta = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \mathcal{C}^k \eta : a_k \in \mathbb{C}, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

Moreover,  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}_\cap \subseteq \mathcal{H}_\cap$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{H}_\cap$  is an invariant space of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Similarly,  $\mathcal{H}_\cap^\chi$  is also an invariant space of  $\mathcal{C}$

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.6, we have

$$\mathcal{Z} \left( \bigvee_{\mathcal{C}^1} \eta \right) = \bigvee_{\mathcal{C}^1} \mathcal{Z}\eta \subset \mathcal{H}_-.$$

Thus the theorem follows by [7, Thm.3.3]. The last statement is true by the similar discussion and Theorems in §6 in [7].  $\square$

3. THE OPERATOR  $\mathcal{C} - 1$  AND HILBERT-PÓLYA SPACE

Let

$$\overline{\mathcal{H}_-}, \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}, \overline{\mathcal{Z}_\chi \mathcal{H}_\rho^\chi} \subset L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$$

be the closure of  $\mathcal{H}_-, \mathcal{ZH}_\rho, \mathcal{Z}_\chi \mathcal{H}_\rho^\chi$ . Then  $\overline{\mathcal{H}_-}, \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}, \overline{\mathcal{Z}_\chi \mathcal{H}_\rho^\chi}$  are Hilbert space (see [3, §3.6]). Let  $\overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}^\perp$  (resp.  $\overline{\mathcal{Z}_\chi \mathcal{H}_\rho^\chi}^\perp$ ) be the orthogonal complement of  $\overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}$  (resp.  $\overline{\mathcal{Z}_\chi \mathcal{H}_\rho^\chi}$ ) in  $\overline{\mathcal{H}_-}$ . Then we have the canonical decomposition (see [3, Thm.3.6.6])

$$\overline{\mathcal{H}_-} = \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}^\perp \oplus \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho} = \overline{\mathcal{Z}_\chi \mathcal{H}_\rho^\chi}^\perp \oplus \overline{\mathcal{Z}_\chi \mathcal{H}_\rho^\chi}.$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *The action of Cesàro-Hardy operator  $\mathcal{C}$  on  $\overline{\mathcal{H}_-}, \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{Z}_\chi \mathcal{H}_\rho^\chi}$  is closed. In other words, the above spaces are invariant subspaces of  $\mathcal{C}$ .*

*Proof.* From Theorem 2.1, we know the action of  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed on  $\mathcal{H}_-$ . Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a convergent sequence in  $\overline{\mathcal{H}_-}$ , where  $f_n \in \mathcal{H}_-$ . Then we can denote  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = f \in \overline{\mathcal{H}_-}$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}$  is bounded on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$ , i.e., continuous, we have  $\mathcal{C}f = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{C}f_n \in \overline{\mathcal{H}_-}$  under norm topology. Similarly, the action of  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed on  $\overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{Z}_\chi \mathcal{H}_\rho^\chi}$ .  $\square$

Let  $\mathcal{C}^*$  be the adjoint operator of  $\mathcal{C}$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$ . Then

**Lemma 3.2.** *For  $f(x) \in \mathcal{H}_0$ , we have*

$$\mathcal{C}^* f(x) = \int_x^\infty \frac{f(t)}{t} dt$$

*Proof.* For each  $f, g \in \mathcal{H}_0$ , there is

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{C}f, g \rangle &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f(t) dt \cdot \overline{g(x)} dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^x f(t) dt \cdot \overline{\left(\frac{g(x)}{x}\right)} dx \\ &= - \int_0^\infty \int_0^x f(t) dt d \int_x^\infty \overline{\left(\frac{g(t)}{t}\right)} dt \\ &= - \int_0^x f(t) dt \cdot \int_x^\infty \overline{\left(\frac{g(t)}{t}\right)} dt \Big|_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty \int_x^\infty \overline{\left(\frac{g(t)}{t}\right)} dt d \int_0^x f(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty f(x) \int_x^\infty \overline{\left(\frac{g(t)}{t}\right)} dt dx \\ &= \langle f, \mathcal{C}^* g \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

By the definition of integral, we have

$$\overline{\mathcal{C}^* g(x)} = \int_x^\infty \overline{\left(\frac{g(t)}{t}\right)} dt = \int_x^\infty \frac{g(t)}{t} dt.$$

Hence,  $\mathcal{C}^* f(x) = \int_x^\infty \frac{f(t)}{t} dt$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *The operator  $\mathcal{C} - 1$  is unitary on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$*

*Proof.* There exist the following norm equality (see [6, Example 1.6]): For  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$ ,

$$\|(\mathcal{C} - 1)f\| = \|(\mathcal{C}^* - 1)f\| = \|f\|,$$

where  $\mathcal{C}^* - 1 = (\mathcal{C} - 1)^*$  is the adjoint operator of  $\mathcal{C} - 1$ . This means the bounded operator  $\mathcal{C} - 1$  and  $(\mathcal{C} - 1)^*$  are isometry on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$ . By [3, Thm4.5.15], we have  $(\mathcal{C} - 1)^*(\mathcal{C} - 1) = (\mathcal{C} - 1)(\mathcal{C} - 1)^* = 1$ . This means  $\mathcal{C} - 1$  is unitary.  $\square$

We have the following theorem

**Theorem 3.4.** *The space  $\overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}^\perp$ ,  $\overline{\mathcal{Z}_\chi \mathcal{H}_\rho^\chi}^\perp$  are invariant spaces of the operator  $\mathcal{C} - 1$ . Moreover, they are invariant spaces of the operator  $\mathcal{C}$ .*

*Proof.* Since the bounded operator  $\mathcal{C} - 1$  and  $(\mathcal{C} - 1)^*$  are isometry on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$ , we have  $\mathcal{C} - 1$  is unitary operator on each subspace of  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^\times)$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{C} - 1$  is invertible operator on  $\overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}^\perp$ . For every  $f \in \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}^\perp, g \in \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}$ , we have  $(\mathcal{C} - 1)^{-1}g \in \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}$ . Hence,

$$\langle (\mathcal{C} - 1)f, g \rangle = \langle f, (\mathcal{C} - 1)^*g \rangle = \langle f, (\mathcal{C} - 1)^{-1}g \rangle = 0.$$

That is  $(\mathcal{C} - 1)f \in \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}^\perp$ . This means  $\overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}^\perp$  is an invariant subspace of the operator  $\mathcal{C} - 1$ . Similarly,  $\overline{\mathcal{Z}_\chi \mathcal{H}_\rho^\chi}^\perp$  is an invariant subspace of the operator  $\mathcal{C} - 1$ . Since  $\mathcal{C} = (\mathcal{C} - 1) + 1$ , we have that they are invariant spaces of the operator  $\mathcal{C}$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.5.** The space  $\overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}^\perp$  (resp.  $\overline{\mathcal{Z}_\chi \mathcal{H}_\rho^\chi}^\perp$ ) is called Hilbert-Pólya space of the operator  $\mathcal{C} - 1$  with respect to Riemann zeta function (resp. Dirichlet  $L$ -function).

#### 4. THE SPECTRUM OF $\mathcal{C} - 1$ ON HILBERT-PÓLYA SPACE

This section, we prove the Riemann hypothesis for Riemann zeta function and Dirichlet  $L$ -function, which is inspired by Meyer's paper[7], Li's result[5] and Wu's work[9].

For  $f(x) \in \mathcal{H}_0$ , its Mellin transform is

$$\widehat{f}(s) = \int_0^\infty f(x)x^{s-1}dx.$$

Then  $\widehat{f}(s)$  admits a meromorphic extension to the whole complex plane and its only singularities are simple poles at a subset of non-positive integers(see [9, Lem2.1]).

Hence, we have the derivative of  $\widehat{f}(s)$  is

$$\widehat{f}^{(n)}(s) = \int_0^\infty f(x)x^{s-1}(\log x)^n dx.$$

Let  $\rho$  be a nontrivial zero of  $\zeta(s)$  (resp.  $L(\chi, s)$ ). Denote

$$\eta(x) = x^2(\pi x^2 - \frac{3}{2})e^{-\pi x^2}, \quad \text{for } \zeta(s);$$

$$\eta_\chi(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\pi x^2}, & \text{for } L(\chi, s) \text{ when } \chi(-1) = 1 \\ x e^{-\pi x^2}, & \text{for } L(\chi, s) \text{ when } \chi(-1) = -1. \end{cases}$$

Define

$$F_\rho(x) = \begin{cases} \int_1^\infty \mathcal{Z}\eta(tx)t^{\rho-1}dt, & \text{if } \zeta(\rho) = 0 \\ \int_1^\infty \mathcal{Z}_\chi\eta_\chi(tx)t^{\rho-1}dt, & \text{if } L(\chi, \rho) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then we have the following theorem

**Theorem 4.1.** *If  $\rho$  be a nontrivial zero of  $\zeta(s)$ , then  $F_\rho(x) \in \mathcal{H}_- \setminus \mathcal{ZH}_\cap$ ; If  $\rho$  be a nontrivial zero of  $L(\chi, s)$ , then  $F_\rho(x) \in \mathcal{H}_- \setminus \mathcal{Z}_\chi \mathcal{H}_\cap^\chi$ . Moreover,*

$$(4.1) \quad -x F'_\rho(x) = \begin{cases} \rho F(x) + \mathcal{Z}\eta(x), & \text{if } \zeta(\rho) = 0 \\ \rho F(x) + \mathcal{Z}_\chi \eta_\chi(x), & \text{if } L(\chi, \rho) = 0. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* We just prove the case for Riemann zeta function, the case for Dirichlet  $L$ -function is similar. Let  $\rho$  be a nontrivial zero of  $\zeta(s)$ . Take  $\eta(x)$ . Let

$$F_\rho(x) = \int_1^\infty \mathcal{Z}\eta(tx)t^{\rho-1} dt = x^{-\rho} \int_x^\infty \mathcal{Z}\eta(t)t^{\rho-1} dt.$$

It is easy to see

$$F_\rho(x) = x^{-\rho} \mathcal{C}^*(x^\rho \mathcal{Z}\eta).$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} -x F'_\rho(x) &= -x \left( -\rho x^{-\rho-1} \int_x^\infty \mathcal{Z}\eta(t)t^{\rho-1} dt - x^{-\rho} \mathcal{Z}\eta(x)x^{\rho-1} \right) \\ &= \rho x^{-\rho} \int_x^\infty \mathcal{Z}\eta(t)t^{\rho-1} dt + \mathcal{Z}\eta(x) \\ &= \rho F_\rho(x) + \mathcal{Z}\eta(x) \end{aligned}$$

Next we show that  $F_\rho(x) \in \mathcal{H}_- \setminus \mathcal{ZH}_\cap$ .

Considering the Mellin transform of the equation(4.1), we have

$$(4.2) \quad \widehat{-x F'_\rho}(s) = \rho \widehat{F}_\rho(s) + \widehat{\mathcal{Z}\eta}(s).$$

It is easy to see

$$F_\rho(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \int_1^\infty \mathcal{Z}\eta(tx)t^{\rho-1} dt = \int_1^\infty \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \mathcal{Z}\eta(tx)t^{\rho-1} dt = 0;$$

For  $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ , if  $\text{Re}(s - \rho) \leq 0$ , it is clear that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^s F_\rho(x) = 0$ ; if  $\text{Re}(s - \rho) > 0$ , we also have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^s F_\rho(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{s-\rho} \int_x^\infty \mathcal{Z}\eta(t)t^{\rho-1} dt \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_x^\infty \mathcal{Z}\eta(t)t^{\rho-1} dt}{x^{\rho-s}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\mathcal{Z}\eta(x)x^{\rho-1}}{(\rho-s)x^{\rho-s-1}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{\rho-s} x^s \mathcal{Z}\eta(x) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for  $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{-xF'_\rho}(s) &= \int_0^\infty (-xF'_\rho(x))x^{s-1}dx \\
 &= -\int_0^\infty x^s dF_\rho(x) \\
 (4.3) \quad &= -x^s F_\rho(x)\Big|_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty F_\rho(x)dx^s \\
 &= s \int_0^\infty F_\rho(x)x^{s-1}dx \\
 &= s\widehat{F}_\rho(s)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{\mathcal{Z}\eta}(s) &= \int_0^\infty \left( \sum_{n=1}^\infty \eta(nx) \right) x^{s-1}dx \\
 (4.4) \quad &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_0^\infty \eta(y) \left( \frac{y}{n} \right)^{s-1} d\frac{y}{n} \\
 &= \zeta(s)\widehat{\eta}(s).
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining equations(4.2)(4.3)(4.4) we have

$$(4.5) \quad (s - \rho)\widehat{F}_\rho(s) = \zeta(s)\widehat{\eta}(s).$$

Then  $F_\rho(x) \in \mathcal{H}_-$  by [9, Corollary2.5].

Next we show that  $F_\rho(x) \notin \mathcal{ZH}_\cap$ . This follows from [5, Thm1.1].  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** *The spaces  $\mathcal{ZH}_\cap, \mathcal{Z}_\chi\mathcal{H}_\cap^\chi$  are closed in  $\mathcal{H}_-$ . Hence,*

$$\mathcal{H}_- \setminus \mathcal{ZH}_\cap = \mathcal{H}_- \setminus \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\cap}, \quad \mathcal{H}_- \setminus \mathcal{Z}_\chi\mathcal{H}_\cap^\chi = \mathcal{H}_- \setminus \overline{\mathcal{Z}_\chi\mathcal{H}_\cap^\chi}.$$

*Proof.* By [7, Thm3.3] and §6 in [7], the spaces  $\mathcal{ZH}_\cap, \mathcal{Z}_\chi\mathcal{H}_\cap^\chi$  are closed in  $\mathcal{H}_-$ . The equations follow from  $\mathcal{ZH}_\cap = \mathcal{H}_- \cap \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\cap}$  and  $\mathcal{Z}_\chi\mathcal{H}_\cap^\chi = \mathcal{H}_- \cap \overline{\mathcal{Z}_\chi\mathcal{H}_\cap^\chi}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $\rho$  be a nontrivial zero of  $\zeta(s)$  (resp.  $L(\chi, s)$ ). Then  $\frac{1-\rho}{\rho}$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{C} - 1$  on  $\overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\cap}^\perp$  (resp.  $\overline{\mathcal{Z}_\chi\mathcal{H}_\cap^\chi}^\perp$ ).*

*Proof.* We just prove the case for Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(s)$ . The case for Dirichlet  $L$ -function is similar. Let  $\rho$  be a nontrivial zero of  $\zeta(s)$ . Then  $1-\rho$  is also a nontrivial zero. By Theorem4.1,4.2, there is a function  $f(x) \in \mathcal{H}_- \setminus \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\cap}$  and  $\eta(x) \in \mathcal{H}_\cap$  such that

$$-xf'(x) = (1 - \rho)f(x) + \mathcal{Z}\eta(x).$$

Hence,

$$\rho f(x) - \mathcal{Z}\eta(x) = (xf(x))'$$

Integrating on the equation, we have

$$\int_0^x \rho f(t)dt - \int_0^x \mathcal{Z}\eta(t)dt = xf(x).$$

Dividing by  $\rho x$ , we obtain

$$\mathcal{C}f(x) = \frac{1}{\rho}f(x) + \frac{1}{\rho}\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z}\eta(x)).$$



That is

$$(4.6) \quad (\mathcal{C} - 1)f(x) = \frac{1 - \rho}{\rho}f(x) + \frac{1}{\rho}\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z}\eta(x)).$$

Let

$$(4.7) \quad f(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$$

where  $f_1(x) \in \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}^\perp$ ,  $f_2(x) \in \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}$ . Here  $f_1(x) \neq 0$ , otherwise we have  $f(x) = f_2(x) \in \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}$ , a contradiction.

Putting this equality (4.7) in the above equation(4.6), we obtain

$$(\mathcal{C} - 1)f_1(x) - \frac{1 - \rho}{\rho}f_1(x) = (1 - \mathcal{C})f_2(x) + \frac{1 - \rho}{\rho}f_2(x) + \frac{1}{\rho}\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z}\eta(x)).$$

Thus  $(\mathcal{C} - 1)f_1(x) - \frac{1 - \rho}{\rho}f_1(x) \in \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}^\perp \cap \overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}$ , we have

$$(\mathcal{C} - 1)f_1(x) = \frac{1 - \rho}{\rho}f_1(x).$$

Hence,  $\frac{1 - \rho}{\rho}$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{C} - 1$  on  $\overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}^\perp$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.4.** *The Riemann hypothesis is true for Riemann zeta function and Dirichlet L-function.*

*Proof.* First,  $\overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}^\perp$  is an invariant subspace of  $\mathcal{C} - 1$ . The eigenvalue of the operator  $\mathcal{C} - 1$  on  $\overline{\mathcal{ZH}_\rho}^\perp$  belongs to its spectrum. Since the bounded operator  $\mathcal{C} - 1$  is a unitary operator, its spectrum is in the circle  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ . Therefore, the Riemann hypothesis follows by Theorem 4.3. Similarly, it is true for Dirichlet L-function.  $\square$

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