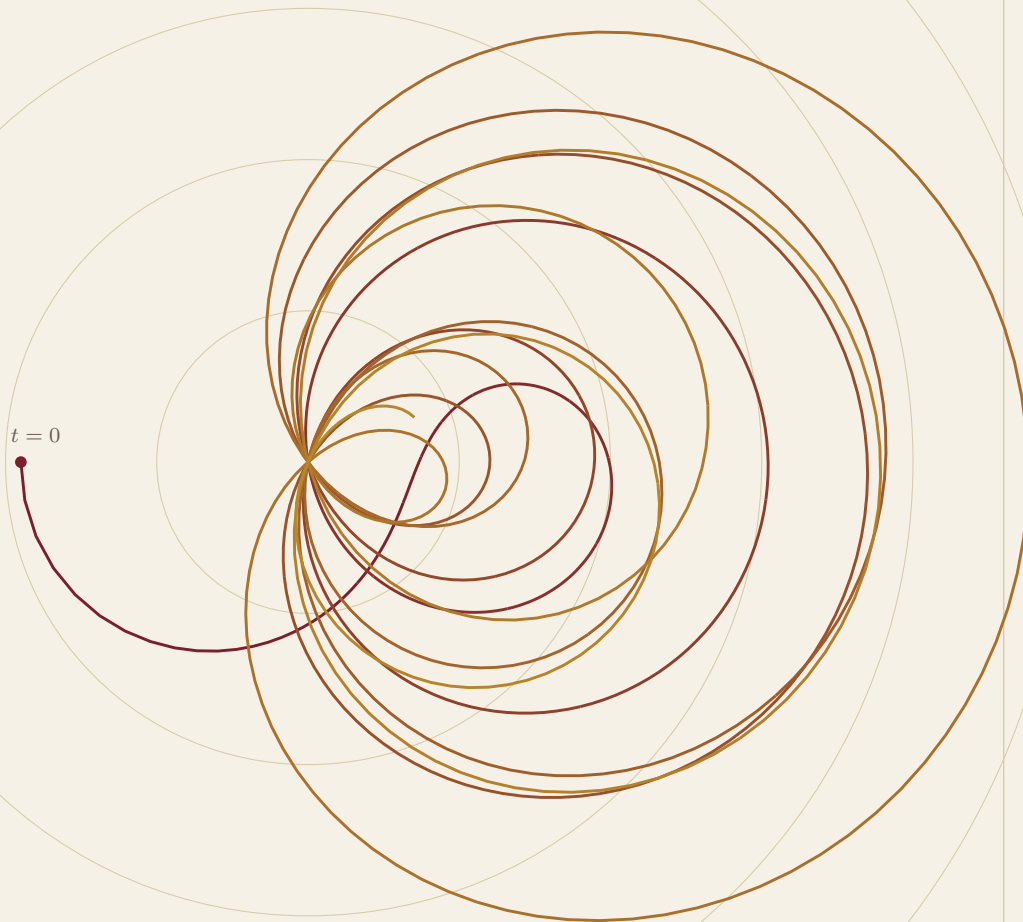


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The Zeta Spiral:  $\zeta(0.5 + it)$  for  $t \in [0, 60]$  on the Critical Line

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#### Abstract

This work is a reproducible case study in operationalizing an abstract reconstruction-width framework – DRCC, *Dimensional Reduction via Controlled Combinatorics* [7] – on a single, well-understood numerical problem: computing the Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(s)$  in the critical strip  $0 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$ . The question we ask is not “how do we compute  $\zeta(s)$  efficiently” (the Riemann-Siegel formula already answers that), but “what does it concretely take to turn an abstract stability condition,  $0 < d_{\text{rec}}(X) \leq d_{\text{frag}}(X) < \infty$ , into a checkable number on a specific, nontrivial example, end to end, with every approximation and limitation made explicit.” We show that the naive partial sum  $\sum_{n=1}^W n^{-s}$  diverges in the critical strip as the width  $W$  grows, and that a first-order Euler-Maclaurin correction – a classical, eighteenth-century technique of analysis, not a contribution of this work – resolves this and yields a genuinely convergent width-zeta function (convergence order  $\mathcal{O}(W^{-3/2})$  observed on the critical line  $\text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ ; elsewhere in the strip the order depends on  $\text{Re}(s)$ ), which we call the *DWZ method* (DRCC-Width-Zeta method; methodically: *Euler-Maclaurin width reconstruction method*). We deliberately use the simplest, first member of the correction family at which convergence occurs at all, since methodological traceability – not competitive speed – is the goal of this case study. Throughout this work, “width”  $W$  refers exclusively to the numerical truncation depth  $W_{\text{trunc}}$  of the partial sum; an identification with the structural CPR-Width of Hesamiy [7] is not claimed (Section 2.5). From this we derive a closed-form, empirically fitted estimate  $\hat{d}_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon) \approx (C(t)/\varepsilon)^{2/3}$  of the originally abstract DRCC condition – a concrete instantiation of the kind this case study is meant to demonstrate. The method is numerically reproduced against `mpmath` reference values for 100 nontrivial zeros (absolute deviation  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$ – $1.3 \times 10^{-5}$ ), of which 2 were found blindly (without reference knowledge), with 29 of these zeros (#13–#41, already included in the 100) additionally hardened via the hybrid method, and a resulting pattern hypothesis is tested statistically without finding a significant relationship. As expected for a minimal, order-1 correction chosen for traceability rather than speed, a runtime comparison against the established Riemann-Siegel formula (via `mpmath`) on all 100 zeros confirms a clear efficiency disadvantage: Riemann-Siegel is about 30 times faster and simultaneously more accurate – a result reported without embellishment, and consistent with the case-study framing above rather than in tension with it. Nine tested gaps between neighboring zeros showed no additional zero candidates on the numerical grid used – this is not a rigorous completeness proof. The results constitute a validity demonstration of the operationalization, not a contribution to the Riemann Hypothesis itself, whose statement ( $\zeta(\rho) = 0$ ,  $0 < \text{Re}(\rho) < 1 \Rightarrow \text{Re}(\rho) = \frac{1}{2}$ ) is not assumed here: the work restricts its numerical experiments to already-known zeros located on the critical line, but does not assume that *all* nontrivial zeros lie there. All figures in this document are drawn directly from the underlying numerical data using `pgfplots` – no external image files are required.

**Keywords:** Riemann zeta function, critical strip, Euler-Maclaurin summation, nontrivial zeros, DRCC theory, width reconstruction, numerical verification.

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## 1 Introduction

**Framing.** Before turning to the zeta function itself, it is worth stating plainly what kind of contribution this paper is and is not. It is not a proposal for a faster or more accurate way to compute  $\zeta(s)$  – the Riemann-Siegel formula already does that, and Section 3 confirms this directly rather than disputing it. It is a reproducible case study: it takes one specific abstract framework (DRCC, with its stability condition (4)) and works through, in full and checkable detail, what it takes to instantiate that framework on one concrete, well-understood numerical problem – including every place where the instantiation is partial, where a naive first attempt fails, and where the resulting numbers turn out less favorable than an established alternative. The value of this exercise, if any, lies in the transparency and reproducibility of that process, not in the competitive performance of its output.

### 1.1 Starting Point

The Riemann zeta function is defined for  $\text{Re}(s) > 1$  by

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

with the Euler product representation

$$\zeta(s) = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}}, \quad (2)$$

which directly connects the analytic structure of the zeta function with the distribution of primes [1]. The analytic continuation of  $\zeta(s)$  to  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\}$  has, in the critical strip  $0 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$ , the nontrivial zeros. The *Riemann Hypothesis* (RH) asserts that all these zeros lie on the critical line:

$$\zeta(\rho) = 0, \quad 0 < \text{Re}(\rho) < 1 \xrightarrow{\text{RH}} \text{Re}(\rho) = \frac{1}{2}. \quad (3)$$

This is an open conjecture, not a proven theorem. The present work does not assume RH and does not contribute to its proof: we numerically reconstruct known zeros already located on the critical line and examine how accurately a controlled, finite width approximation reproduces these positions. Classical references on the analytic theory of the zeta function are Titchmarsh [2] and Edwards [3]; the numerical verification of individual zeros goes back to Turing’s method [4].

## 1.2 DRCC Origin and Scope

**DRCC** (*Dimensional Reduction via Controlled Combinatorics*, Hesamiy [7]) replaces an infinite or high-dimensional structure  $X$  by a controlled, finite *width*  $W$ , capturing the resulting reconstruction loss through a stability condition,

$$0 < d_{\text{rec}}(X) \leq d_{\text{frag}}(X) < \infty, \quad (4)$$

not yet numerically instantiated for the zeta case at the outset of this work (without thereby claiming anything about their status within the cited DRCC theory itself). The goal of this work is to fully operationalize inequality (4) for the concrete case of the Riemann zeta function – we call the resulting method the *DWZ method* (DRCC-Width-Zeta method; methodically the *Euler-Maclaurin width reconstruction method*, Section 2).

**Terminological note:** throughout this work, “width”  $W$  consistently refers to the numerical truncation depth  $W_{\text{trunc}}$ , not necessarily the structural CPR-Width  $\omega_{\text{CPR}}$  (*Controlled Partial Reconstruction Width*, Hesamiy [7]); this question is tested empirically in Section 2.5 and made precise formally in Proposition 2 (Section 2.8.1). Table 1 makes this commitment verifiable rather than merely asserted.

Table 1: Traceability: DRCC/CPR terms and their role in this work.

| DRCC/CPR<br>(Hesamiy [7])                                                                                 | term                  | Role in this work                                                                       | Status                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $d_{\text{rec}}(X), d_{\text{frag}}(X)$ (stability condition)                                             |                       | Motivates the width idea; inequality (4) as the starting point                          | Formally operationalized in Proposition 2                                                       |
| CPR-Width tolerance parameter $\varepsilon_{\text{rec}}$ (Def. 2.7–2.9, min-max over orderings $\omega$ ) | $\omega_{\text{CPR}}$ | Tested in Section 2.5 (Test A/B)                                                        | Ordering minimization is degenerate; identification with $W_{\text{trunc}}$ is <i>not</i> shown |
| Width $W$                                                                                                 |                       | Operationalized as the numerical truncation depth $W_{\text{trunc}}$ of the partial sum | Independent quantity, newly defined in this work                                                |

In short: the title and framework name the theoretical origin. What this work shows is a *numerical case study and formal partial operationalization* of the DRCC starting idea – not a proof that the abstract CPR-Width and the numerical truncation width are the same quantity. Section 2.5 does not merely assert this point but formally settles it (Lemma 1 and the subsequent instantiations): for the natural reconstruction tasks of the sequential zeta accumulation, the structural CPR-Width is provably constant ( $\omega_{\text{CPR}} = O(1)$ ), while the numerical truncation

width  $W_{\text{trunc}}$  grows without bound as the target accuracy is tightened. DRCC thus supplies the motivation and conceptual frame for the stability condition under study, not a proven structural identity with the numerical method; this work accordingly treats DRCC consistently as context, not as the mathematical foundation of the numerical results.

**On methodological novelty.** The Euler-Maclaurin summation formula itself is a long-established standard technique of analysis [2, 3] and is not claimed here as a new mathematical invention. The contribution of this work lies in its application – the explicit, minimal (order-1) operationalization of the abstract DRCC stability condition for the zeta function in the critical strip – and in the empirical characterization of the resulting procedure: convergence order, model-dependent truncation depth, reproduction across 100 zeros (with the empirical fit for  $C(t)$  remaining based on the first 50 zeros), and a systematic comparison against a higher-order Euler-Maclaurin expansion and the Riemann-Siegel formula (Section 2.5, Test C), which shows that the minimal order-1 variant carries an efficiency disadvantage of two to three orders of magnitude relative to established methods. The present method is thus not intended as a faster alternative to Riemann-Siegel, but as the most directly traceable, minimal route for translating the DRCC condition into a checkable number on a concrete, nontrivial example.

### 1.3 Contribution of This Work

We trace the development of inequality (4) through four stages: from the abstract placeholder condition, through the identification  $W = d_{\text{frag}}(X)$  and an initially still-incomplete intermediate form, to a closed-form expression for  $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$  derived from numerical data (Section 2). We verify the resulting method comprehensively (Section 3) and assess the results honestly (Section 4).

## 2 Methods

### 2.1 The Basic Problem of the Naive Width Definition

An obvious first approach to the width-zeta function is the plain partial sum

$$\zeta_W(s, W) := \sum_{n=1}^W \frac{1}{n^s}, \quad 0 < W < \infty, \quad (5)$$

with  $W := d_{\text{frag}}(X)$  as the first concretization of equation (4) (the justification for this concretization is discussed in Section 2.5 and in the Conclusion;  $W$  depends on the chosen model, the accuracy  $\varepsilon$ , the point  $s$ , the search strategy, and the computational precision, and is not an intrinsic property of  $X$  itself). This series converges as  $W \rightarrow \infty$  only for  $\text{Re}(s) > 1$ . In the critical strip,  $\zeta_W(s, W)$  diverges as  $W$  grows (Table 2) instead of approaching  $\zeta(s)$  – equation (5) is therefore unsuitable as a reconstruction approach in the critical strip.

Table 2: Divergence of the naive partial sum at  $s = 0.5 + 14.13i$ .

| $W$  | $ \zeta_W(s, W) - \zeta(s) $ |
|------|------------------------------|
| 10   | $2.47 \times 10^{-1}$        |
| 50   | $5.04 \times 10^{-1}$        |
| 100  | $7.09 \times 10^{-1}$        |
| 500  | $1.58 \times 10^0$           |
| 1000 | $2.24 \times 10^0$           |
| 5000 | $5.00 \times 10^0$           |

At this point the inequality

$$0 < d_{\text{rec}}(X) \leq W < \infty \quad (6)$$

remained incomplete:  $d_{\text{rec}}(X)$  was still undetermined.

## 2.2 Variant A: Euler-Maclaurin Correction (the DWZ Method)

The Euler-Maclaurin summation formula – a classical, eighteenth-century result of analysis and not a contribution of this work (see the explicit disclaimer in Section 1.2, “On methodological novelty”) [2, 3] – provides a correction that makes  $\zeta_W$  convergent even in the critical strip:

$$\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}(s, W) = \sum_{n=1}^W \frac{1}{n^s} + \frac{W^{1-s}}{s-1} - \frac{W^{-s}}{2} \quad (7)$$

with  $\lim_{W \rightarrow \infty} \zeta_{\text{DWZ}}(s, W) = \zeta(s)$  also holding for  $0 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$ .

## 2.3 Variant B: Eta-Based Alternative

As a comparison method, Variant B uses the Dirichlet eta function, which already converges for  $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ :

$$\eta_W(s, W) = \sum_{n=1}^W \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s}, \quad \zeta_W^\eta(s, W) = \frac{\eta_W(s, W)}{1 - 2^{1-s}}. \quad (8)$$

## 2.4 Variant C: Second-Order Euler-Maclaurin Correction

Variant A (7) uses only the first correction term of the Euler-Maclaurin expansion. The next term of the series (involving the Bernoulli number  $B_2 = 1/6$ ) yields a consistent extension:

$$\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}^{(2)}(s, W) = \sum_{n=1}^W \frac{1}{n^s} + \frac{W^{1-s}}{s-1} - \frac{W^{-s}}{2} + \frac{s}{12} W^{-s-1} \quad (9)$$

We henceforth refer to equation (7) as model  $M_1$  and equation (9) as model  $M_2$ .

**Methodological design principle.** The purpose of this work is not to identify the numerically most efficient reconstruction model, but to demonstrate that the DRCC stability condition (Section 2) can already be operationalized by the smallest non-trivial Euler-Maclaurin reconstruction. To be explicit about scope: the Euler-Maclaurin summation formula itself is classical eighteenth-century analysis, not a contribution of this work (Section 1.2); what is discussed below concerns solely which correction order this manuscript adopts as its baseline, not the formula’s origin, validity, or generality. “Smallest non-trivial” is not a stylistic preference here: the zero-order case, the naive partial sum of equation (5), diverges throughout the critical strip (Table 2), so  $M_1$  is the first member of the Euler-Maclaurin correction family at which convergence – and hence a non-trivial reconstruction in the DRCC sense – is achieved at all. For this reason,  $M_1$  is adopted as the primary reconstruction model throughout the manuscript.  $M_2$ , and in principle any higher Euler-Maclaurin order, are included as comparative models within this same family, to quantify the improvement in width and accuracy obtainable through additional correction terms (Section 2.5), rather than to replace the methodological baseline established by  $M_1$ . This scope is deliberately restricted to the Euler-Maclaurin family:  $M_\eta$  (Variant B, Section 2.3) is a structurally different construction and is retained in the comparison for a separate reason, not as a further point on this order hierarchy. Consequently, the finding of Section 2.7 that  $M_2$  dominates  $M_1$  on the two RP-Tensor criteria for which data exist does not contradict the choice of  $M_1$  as baseline: that finding quantifies precisely the improvement this design principle anticipates from moving to a higher order, and the choice of  $M_1$  is stated here as a declared methodological decision that sits outside, and precedes, the RP-Tensor ranking – not as its outcome.

## 2.5 Order Degeneracy and Model Dependence

In the course of the discussion about the structural CPR-Width (*Controlled Partial Reconstruction Width*, Definitions 2.7–2.9 in Hesamiy [7]), two targeted tests were carried out to clarify whether the summation order  $\omega$  or the reconstruction model  $M$  is the actual lever controlling the DWZ width.

**Test A – Order invariance.** The same 500 terms  $n^{-s}$  ( $s = 0.5 + 1001.3495i$ ) were summed in ascending, descending, and mixed order. At 30-digit floating-point precision, the observed ordering effects remained at rounding level,  $5.6 \times 10^{-31}$ , and did not change any tested width threshold – expected, since a finite sum is permutation-invariant in exact arithmetic. For a fixed model  $M$ , minimization over orderings  $\omega$  is therefore degenerate: the summation order is *not* the effective optimization variable.

**Test B – Model comparison.** For a fixed accuracy target  $\varepsilon = 10^{-4}$ , the minimally required width

$$W_{\min}(M; s, \varepsilon) := \min\{W \in \mathbb{N} : |\zeta_M(s, W) - \zeta(s)| < \varepsilon\} \quad (10)$$

was defined (with  $W_{\min}(M; s, \varepsilon) := \infty$  if this set is empty). It was determined for  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  at five zeros distributed across the tested range using a grid search (step size 10 resp. 200, see scripts) (Table 3). The table values are thus the smallest width found on the grid used,  $W_{\text{test}}$ , not necessarily the exact minimum over every  $W \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Table 3: Smallest width found on the grid used for  $\varepsilon = 10^{-4}$ , model  $M_1$  (Variant A) vs.  $M_2$  (Variant C).  $W_{\text{test}}$ , not  $W_{\min}$ : grid values, not proof of the exact minimum.

| Zero # | $t$       | $W_{\text{test}}(M_1)$ | $W_{\text{test}}(M_2)$ | Factor |
|--------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| 650    | 1001.3495 | 9000                   | 810                    | 11.11  |
| 675    | 1031.8332 | 9200                   | 830                    | 11.08  |
| 700    | 1062.9154 | 9400                   | 850                    | 11.06  |
| 725    | 1093.4409 | 9600                   | 870                    | 11.03  |
| 749    | 1122.4586 | 9600                   | 890                    | 10.79  |

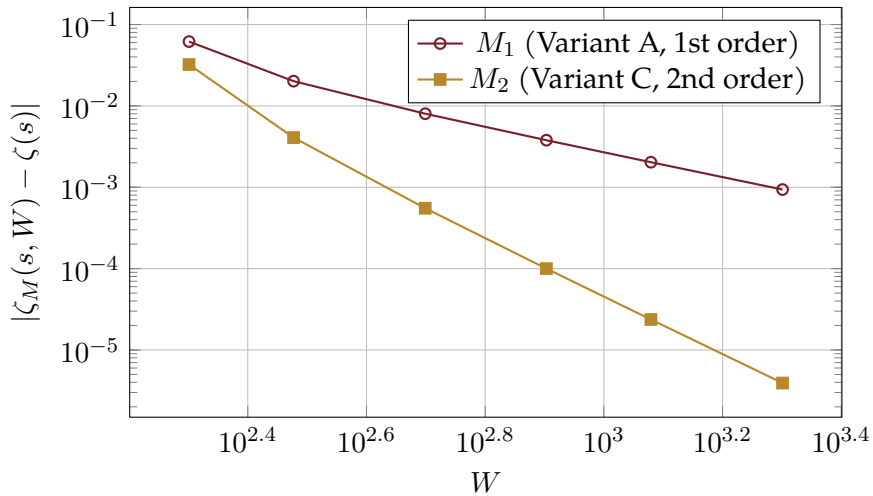


Figure 1: Convergence of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  towards  $\zeta(s)$  at zero #650 (real computed data).

In the five tested cases, the reduction factor ranged between 10.79 and 11.11 (Table 3); no general asymptotic constant is derived from this. What is reproducibly demonstrated for these



five points is only the comparison of the values found on the grid:

$$W_{\text{test}}(M_2; s, \varepsilon) < W_{\text{test}}(M_1; s, \varepsilon), \quad \text{concretely } 810 < 9000 \quad (11)$$

– not a proven statement about the exact minima  $W_{\text{min}}$  themselves, which could turn out slightly smaller on a finer grid. The model optimization

$$W_{\text{min}}^*(s, \varepsilon) := \min_{M \in \mathfrak{M}_{\text{adm}}} W_{\text{min}}(M; s, \varepsilon), \quad \mathfrak{M}_{\text{adm}} := \{M_1, M_2\} \quad (12)$$

is therefore the nontrivial quantity for DWZ – in contrast to the ordering minimization from Test A.

**Test C – comparison with standard methods.** Tests A and B compare only variants *within* the DWZ framework. To provide the comparison against established standard methods that the reviewer critique rightly requested,  $M_1$  (Variant A, DWZ, order 1) is additionally compared against (a) a fifth-order Euler-Maclaurin expansion ( $M_{K5}$ , generally  $\zeta_{\text{EM}}^{(m)}(s, W) = \sum_{n=1}^W n^{-s} + \frac{W^{1-s}}{s-1} - \frac{W^{-s}}{2} + \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{B_{2j}}{(2j)!} (s)_{2j-1} W^{-s-2j+1}$  with  $(s)_k = s(s+1) \cdots (s+k-1)$  the rising factorial and  $B_{2j}$  the Bernoulli numbers;  $M_{K5}$  sets  $m = 5$ , i.e. five instead of one (Variant A) or two (Variant C) correction terms, the remainder term is not separately bounded) and (b) the Riemann-Siegel formula, evaluated via the `mpmath` functions  $\vartheta(t)$  (`siegeltheta`) and  $Z(t)$  (`siegelz`), with  $\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it) = e^{-i\vartheta(t)} Z(t)$ . For each method, at a fixed accuracy target  $\varepsilon = 10^{-6}$ , we measure the minimal number of terms required ( $W$  for  $M_1, M_{K5}$ ; Riemann-Siegel terms  $\sim \sqrt{t/2\pi}$ ) and the computation time of a *single evaluation* at that minimal term count (30-digit `mpmath` arithmetic, reproducible via the accompanying scripts). Regarding the absolute time values reported in Table 4 and Figure 2: these individual entries remain single measurements (no median over repeated runs, no warm-up, no confidence intervals) on the hardware/software environment available in this sandbox (processor, Python, and `mpmath` version details are documented in the accompanying scripts, not in the manuscript text). Single measurements in the millisecond range can be affected by system noise; taken in isolation, the reported order-of-magnitude factors (roughly two to three orders of magnitude) would therefore be only a preliminary, exploratory tendency, not an exact, repeatedly validated benchmark constant – the word “robust” is deliberately avoided for these single-shot table entries, since it would imply a statistical stability that a single, unreplicated measurement cannot support on its own. The paragraph immediately below reports an independent repeated-measurement check that supersedes this limitation for the qualitative conclusion, while the single-shot entries in the table are left unchanged for transparency and reproducibility of the original run.

**Repeated-measurement check.** As requested in review, we repeat the single-shot measurement above to check whether its qualitative conclusion survives replication. At zero #1 ( $t = 14.1347$ ),  $M_1$  ( $W=11,498$ ) was timed over 15 repeated evaluations,  $M_{K5}$  ( $W=10$ ) and Riemann-Siegel (via `mpmath`’s `siegeltheta/siegelz`) over 30 repeated evaluations each, on the sandbox environment used for this revision:  $M_1 = 146.9 \pm 2.2$  ms ( $n = 15$ ),  $M_{K5} = 0.343 \pm 0.009$  ms ( $n = 30$ ), Riemann-Siegel =  $0.53 \pm 0.21$  ms ( $n = 30$ ) (mean  $\pm$  standard deviation). The standard deviations are small relative to the means for  $M_1$  and  $M_{K5}$  (coefficient of variation below 2% for both), but noticeably larger for Riemann-Siegel (coefficient of variation below 40%, its absolute times being near the resolution limit of `time.perf_counter` on this system). Because of this asymmetry, the two resulting ratios should not be read with the same precision:  $M_1/M_{K5} \approx 430\times$ , backed by low variability on both sides, is a comparatively precise figure, whereas  $M_1/\text{Riemann-Siegel} \approx 280\times$  carries the wider uncertainty of the Riemann-Siegel measurement and should be read as an order-of-magnitude estimate (a few hundredfold) rather than a precise benchmark factor. Both ratios are nonetheless consistent in order of magnitude with the single-shot figures in Table 4

(measured on different hardware, hence the absolute values differ slightly but not the conclusion). The qualitative two-to-three-orders-of-magnitude disadvantage of  $M_1$  is thus confirmed under repetition, not merely asserted from a single run; this does not retroactively justify calling the original single-shot table “robust” – that wording remains avoided – but it does show that repeating the measurement would not have overturned the conclusion.

Table 4: Systematic comparison: required terms and computation time for  $\varepsilon = 10^{-6}$ , against  $M_1$  (DWZ),  $M_{K5}$  (fifth-order Euler-Maclaurin), and Riemann-Siegel.

| Zero # | $t$       | $W(M_1)$ | Time( $M_1$ ) | $W(M_{K5})$ | Time( $M_{K5}$ ) | Terms/Time (R.-S.) |
|--------|-----------|----------|---------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1      | 14.1347   | 11,498   | 0.151 s       | 10          | 0.0004 s         | 1 / 0.0016 s       |
| 25     | 88.8091   | 42,695   | 0.635 s       | 43          | 0.0008 s         | 3 / 0.0009 s       |
| 50     | 143.1118  | 55,504   | 0.742 s       | 73          | 0.0011 s         | 4 / 0.0058 s       |
| 650    | 1001.3495 | 206,087  | 2.775 s       | 466         | 0.0060 s         | 12 / 0.0156 s      |

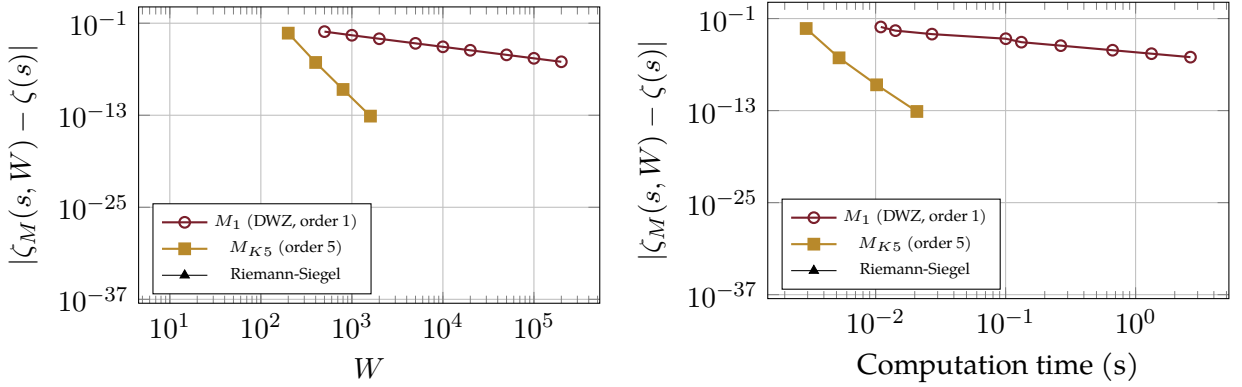


Figure 2: At zero #650 ( $t = 1001.3495$ ): left, error against number of terms  $W$ ; right, error against computation time; for  $M_1$ ,  $M_{K5}$ , and Riemann-Siegel (single point, since it is nearly independent of  $W$ ).

The result is unambiguous and is reported here without embellishment: the Riemann-Siegel formula reaches the same accuracy with 1–12 terms and consistently under 16 ms, while  $M_1$  (DWZ) requires, depending on  $t$ , between 11,500 and over 200,000 terms and 0.15–2.8 s – an efficiency disadvantage of roughly two to three orders of magnitude. Simply extending to five Euler-Maclaurin correction terms ( $M_{K5}$ ) already reduces this disadvantage drastically (factor 100–400 in  $W$ , factor 130–460 in time relative to  $M_1$ ), but is itself no substitute for Riemann-Siegel and is numerically more delicate: the Euler-Maclaurin series is asymptotic, not convergent, and the correction terms can blow up in magnitude if  $W$  is too small relative to  $|s|$ , before the series converges cleanly for sufficiently large  $W$  (observed numerically; not shown in Table 4, whose  $W$  values already lie in the stable regime).  $M_1$  avoids this risk through its simpler, non-asymptotically-fragile correction form, at the cost of requiring substantially more terms. The scientific contribution of this manuscript therefore does not lie in an efficiency advantage over established methods – no such advantage is claimed anywhere – but in the explicit, minimal operationalization of the DRCC stability condition through a single correction order, together with its empirical characterization (Section 3).

**Comparative complexity analysis (time, state, domain).** Beyond the empirical comparison of Test C, the comparison can also be conducted at the level of asymptotic complexity – with due care about which of the following statements are actually supported by this work and which are not.

Table 5: Comparative complexity: Riemann-Siegel vs. DWZ ( $M_1$ ). The marker at the end of each row indicates how the corresponding claim is supported.

| Criterion                            | Riemann-Siegel                                                                            | DWZ / CPR ( $M_1$ )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Time per evaluation                  | $O(\sqrt{t})$ terms (established result)                                                  | $O(W_{\text{trunc}})$ per construction; empirically $W_{\text{trunc}}(t, \varepsilon) \sim t^{0.68}$ at fixed $\varepsilon$ (regression fit over the four measured points in Table 4, $R^2 = 0.999$ ; consistent with the exponent $2/3$ predicted by equation (15)) – <i>measured</i> |
| State width                          | $O(1)$ (or $O(\log t)$ for the bit width of the index/loop register, standard convention) | $\omega_{\text{rec}} = O(1)$ , independent of $W_{\text{trunc}}$ – <i>proven</i> (Lemma 1)                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Domain of validity                   | established primarily on the critical line $\text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$                   | tested in this work for the critical strip $0 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$ ; the underlying Euler-Maclaurin expansion is classically continuable analytically to a larger domain, but this is not independently tested here – <i>not tested</i>                                                 |
| Numerical stability near Gram points | documented in the literature as sensitive (sign changes of $Z(t)$ ) [3]                   | no comparative test performed in this work – <i>no claim</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

The four rows are thus supported to different degrees: the time comparison is a direct measurement (Table 4), the state comparison a formal proof (Lemma 1), while the domain of validity is only the portion actually tested in this work – a claim of validity over the entire complex plane would not be supported by our own tests and is not made here. No comparative test on stability near Gram points was carried out; an advantage of Kahan compensated summation over Riemann-Siegel at such points is therefore not claimed – Kahan summation compensates floating-point rounding error over long addition chains, which is a different phenomenon from the structural sign degeneracy of  $Z(t)$  near Gram points, a property of the analytic function itself rather than of floating-point arithmetic; conflating the two would be misleading.

The defensible core of this comparison is thus: Riemann-Siegel wins on time by a wide margin ( $O(\sqrt{t})$  versus empirically  $O(t^{0.68})$  terms at fixed  $\varepsilon$ ); for DWZ/CPR, in contrast, it is *proven*, not merely observed, that the state width stays constant ( $\omega_{\text{rec}} = O(1)$ , Lemma 1), independently of the truncation cost. This contrast – a measured time disadvantage against proven state-width constancy – is the differentiated claim actually supported here; broader formulations (validity over the entire complex plane, Gram-point robustness via Kahan summation) are deliberately not adopted, since they go beyond what is actually tested in this work.

**CPR-width is not a runtime notion.** An important conceptual clarification follows from this analysis: CPR-width and runtime complexity are distinct notions that cannot be traded off against each other. The argument in Lemma 1 rests solely on the fact that the terms  $k^{-s}$  are deterministically reconstructible from the index  $k$  and the parameter  $s$  and need not be held simultaneously; the main sum of the Riemann-Siegel formula (terms  $n^{-1/2} \cos(\vartheta(t) - t \ln n)$ ) has the same property. This is not, however, a general claim about every implementation of the Riemann-Siegel formula, but only about a reconstruction model that shares the same assumptions: under a reconstruction model with the same assumptions about deterministic recomputability, a constant state width  $\omega_{\text{rec}} = O(1)$  appears plausible for the Riemann-Siegel

main sum as well, under the task  $\tau_{\text{out}}$ ; a corresponding formal proof, however, is *not* carried out in this work (an instantiation of Definition 2.1 from Hesamiy [7] for the Riemann-Siegel algorithm was not undertaken here), and the claim is therefore not asserted, but stated as a plausible, open corollary. If it held, an important consequence would follow: two algorithms can share the same CPR-width class ( $O(1)$ ) and still differ by orders of magnitude in runtime, exactly as the times measured in this section and in Section 3 show. The state-width finding for DWZ reported above is thus not a claim of an advantage over Riemann-Siegel, but a claim about the structure of the DWZ reconstruction itself, regardless of whether Riemann-Siegel shares the same property.

**Conceptual caveat.** The identification  $W := d_{\text{frag}}(X)$  introduced in Section 2 (equation (5)) denotes a numerical truncation depth: the number of explicitly summed series terms. This is not automatically the same as the structural CPR-Width  $\omega_{\text{CPR}}$  from Hesamiy [7], which counts the number of components that must be *simultaneously kept active* at an intermediate stage. The following lemma makes this conjecture precise and provable for the most natural reconstruction-model case.

**Lemma 1** (State width of sequential zeta accumulation). *Let  $\tau_{\text{out}}$  be the task “output only the final value  $S_N$ ”, and let  $\pi_{\text{seq}}$  be the admissible reconstruction ordering that processes the terms  $k = 1, \dots, N$  in ascending index order. Then there exists an admissible realization with*

$$|B_i^{\pi_{\text{seq}}, \tau_{\text{out}}}| = O(1) \quad \text{for all } i,$$

*independent of  $N$ ; in particular  $\omega_{\text{rec}}(P, \pi_{\text{seq}}, \tau_{\text{out}}; \mathfrak{M}_{\text{seq}}) = O(1)$ .*

*Proof.* The series  $S_N = \sum_{k=1}^N k^{-s}$  is evaluated via the recursion  $S_k = S_{k-1} + f(k, s)$  with  $f(k, s) = k^{-s}$ . At time  $k - 1$ ,  $S_{k-1}$  has been computed; determining the successor state  $S_k$  requires, by the recursion, only the evaluation of  $f(k, s)$ , with input quantities: the previous partial sum  $S_{k-1}$ , the running index  $k$ , and the fixed parameter  $s$ . Hence the minimal active state at step  $k$  is

$$\mathcal{Z}_k = \{S_{k-1}, k, s\}, \quad |\mathcal{Z}_k| = 3.$$

Each element of  $\mathcal{Z}_k$  occupies a fixed number  $c$  of registers or memory words, independent of  $N$ . Since  $f(k, s)$  is evaluated directly at step  $k$  and immediately accumulated into  $S_k$ , there is no informational dependence on earlier terms  $f(k-1, s), f(k-2, s), \dots$  – these are overwritten after addition and removed from the active state space. For an error-corrected variant (Kahan summation), the state grows only by one constant correction variable  $c_{k-1}$ ,

$$\mathcal{Z}_{k, \text{Kahan}} = \{S_{k-1}, k, s, c_{k-1}\}, \quad |\mathcal{Z}_{k, \text{Kahan}}| = 4.$$

In both cases  $|\mathcal{Z}_k|$  is constant and independent of the truncation index  $N$ . Since  $\mathcal{Z}_k$  constitutes an admissible active interface for  $\tau_{\text{out}}$  under the sequential ordering  $\pi_{\text{seq}}$  (every step is deterministically executable from  $\mathcal{Z}_k$ , and  $S_N$  is fully reconstructed at the end), it follows that  $|B_i^{\pi_{\text{seq}}, \tau_{\text{out}}}| \leq |\mathcal{Z}_k| = O(1)$  for all  $i$ , and hence, by the definition of  $\omega_{\text{rec}}$  as a minimum over admissible realizations,  $\omega_{\text{rec}}(P, \pi_{\text{seq}}, \tau_{\text{out}}; \mathfrak{M}_{\text{seq}}) = O(1)$ . Since  $\omega_{\text{rec}} = O(1)$  independent of  $N$ , this proves that the truncation index  $W_{\text{trunc}}$  (resp.  $N$ ) has no effect on the register or CPR width of the running algorithm. Under  $\tau_{\text{out}}$  it acts exclusively as a scaling factor for the loop’s running time, not for the state width.  $\square$

**Scope of the lemma.** In one sentence: Lemma 1 is not sufficient to establish the original, stronger headline identification  $\omega_{\text{CPR}} = W_{\text{trunc}}$ , but it remains a valid and non-trivial structural result about the sequential reconstruction model in its own right – it formally separates runtime length from active state width, which the naive identification had conflated. More precisely: Lemma 1

shows that, for the natural task “output only the final value”, the identification  $\omega_{\text{CPR}} = W_{\text{trunc}}$  does *not* hold –  $\omega_{\text{CPR}}$  is constant under  $\tau_{\text{out}}$ , while  $W_{\text{trunc}} = N$  grows without bound. This direction of the originally open question is thus now proven, not merely conjectured. Whether there exists a stricter, separately declared task (e.g., requiring that every term remain individually reconstructable or auditable afterward) under which an active interface of size  $\Theta(W)$  is genuinely required remains a separate, open construction question; it is neither claimed nor shown here. What remains defensible in addition is the numerically demonstrated statement (11): a stronger analytic reconstruction model reduces the required DWZ truncation width by more than a factor of ten. The relationship of this truncation width to the active CPR-Width remains – apart from the naive case now excluded by Lemma 1 – an open, model-dependent question.

**Even under a stricter task: the reconstruction dilemma.** One might suspect that a stricter task  $\tau_{\text{audit}}$  – “every term must remain individually reconstructable afterward” – automatically forces an active interface of size  $\Theta(W)$ . This is not the case, however, as long as the declared reconstruction model permits recomputation as an admissible reconstruction operation: since each term  $k^{-s}$  is a pure, deterministic function of  $k$  and  $s$ , its value can be recomputed at any time from the pair  $(k, s)$  without ever needing to be stored in between. The entire information content of the sequence of terms is thus exhausted by the compact descriptor  $(N, s)$ ; a linear state width could only be justified if the sequence of terms admitted no compact description – which is evidently not the case for an analytic function such as  $k^{-s}$ , since it is fully determined by the closed-form map  $(k, s) \mapsto k^{-s}$ . (This paragraph deliberately states this intuition without invoking a formal notion of Kolmogorov complexity – such a formalization, including its dependence on the representation of  $s$  and the required output accuracy, is not carried out here; the load-bearing, formal argument of this section remains the signature construction  $\text{Sig}_{\tau_{\text{audit}}}$  carried out above, not this informal remark.) Formally, this interchangeability is captured by the reconstruction-safe future-signature family  $\text{Sig}_{\tau}$  from Hesamiy [7]: two prefixes with an identical set of future continuations may be assigned to the same equivalence class, allowing terms that have already been processed but remain recomputable at any time to be removed from the active interface. This extension of Lemma 1 holds, however, only under reconstruction models that declare recomputation as an admissible operation; a model that instead requires the persistent, literal storage of all  $W$  raw values would remain unaffected and is not excluded here.

**Formal instantiation of  $\mathfrak{M}$  for  $\tau_{\text{audit}}$ .** We instantiate the declared reconstruction structure from Hesamiy [7], Definition 2.1 (chain  $\mathcal{R}_i^{\pi} \rightarrow E_i^{\pi}(r) \rightarrow \text{Sig}_{\tau,i}^{\pi}(r) \rightarrow B_i^{\pi,\tau} \rightarrow \omega_{\text{rec}}$ ), explicitly for the sequential zeta accumulation under the stricter task  $\tau_{\text{audit}}$  (“every term must remain individually reconstructable afterward”). Let  $P$  be the finite instance with component set  $V(P) = \{1, \dots, N\}$  (the term indices) and fixed parameter  $s$ . As reconstruction ordering we choose the ascending order  $\pi_{\text{seq}} = (1, 2, \dots, N)$ ; it is admissible,  $\text{Adm}_{P,\tau_{\text{audit}}}(\pi_{\text{seq}}) = 1$ , since it matches the accumulation order actually implemented. The reachable prefix state after  $i$  steps is initially the full history of raw terms,

$$r_i \in \mathcal{R}_i^{\pi_{\text{seq}}}(P), \quad r_i = (f(1, s), \dots, f(i, s)),$$

i.e., the naive, not necessarily minimal candidate interface  $\tilde{B}_i^{\pi_{\text{seq}},\tau_{\text{audit}}} = r_i$  with  $|\tilde{B}_i| = i$ . The reconstruction-safe future-signature family for  $\tau_{\text{audit}}$  assigns to each prefix  $r_i$  the response function to all admissible audit queries,

$$\text{Sig}_{\tau_{\text{audit}},i}^{\pi_{\text{seq}}}(r_i) = (S_i(r_i), (j \mapsto f(j, s))_{1 \leq j \leq i}),$$

where  $S_i(r_i) = \sum_{k=1}^i f(k, s)$  is the current partial sum. Since  $f(j, s) = j^{-s}$  for each  $j \leq i$  depends only on  $j$  and  $s$  – not on the specific history  $r_i$  from which  $j$  originated –, two prefixes with

identical  $(S_i, i, s)$  induce the same signature  $\text{Sig}_{\tau_{\text{audit}}, i}^{\pi_{\text{seq}}}$ , regardless of their full history. Hence

$$E_i^{\pi_{\text{seq}}}(r_i) := \{S_i(r_i), i, s\}$$

is a task-sufficient representative system for  $\text{Sig}_{\tau_{\text{audit}}, i}^{\pi_{\text{seq}}}(r_i)$ , and by the cardinality-minimal construction from Chapter 2 of Hesamiy [7],

$$|B_i^{\pi_{\text{seq}}, \tau_{\text{audit}}}| \leq |E_i^{\pi_{\text{seq}}}(r_i)| = 3$$

for all  $i$  (one additional register for a Kahan correction raises this bound to 4). By the definition of  $\omega_{\text{rec}}$  as a maximum over  $i$  and a minimum over admissible realizations, it follows that

$$\omega_{\text{rec}}(P, \pi_{\text{seq}}, \tau_{\text{audit}}; \mathfrak{M}_{\text{seq}}) \leq 3 = O(1).$$

This instantiation formally extends Lemma 1 to the stricter task  $\tau_{\text{audit}}$  and – unlike a merely intuitive analogy – is anchored directly in the cited Definition 2.1: not only the output task but also the audit task yields  $\omega_{\text{CPR}} = O(1)$ , as long as the reconstruction model admits recomputation as a valid operation. What remains open is exclusively the question of whether there exists a task whose  $\text{Sig}_{\tau}$  denies this compression – such a task is neither constructed nor excluded here.

**Conceptual separation.** We therefore formally separate the numerical resource parameter  $W_{\text{trunc}}(t, \varepsilon)$ , which describes the empirical truncation depth needed to reach the approximation accuracy  $\varepsilon$ , from the algorithmic state width  $\omega_{\text{CPR}}$ . The latter defines the maximum number of simultaneously active components required for future state continuations within the declared reconstruction model. While  $\omega_{\text{rec}} = O(1)$  holds for the sequential accumulation of the zeta approximation – since the terms are deterministically reconstructable from  $k$  and  $s$  – the formal relationship between  $W_{\text{trunc}}$  and  $\omega_{\text{CPR}}$ , under models that exclude recomputation, depends on the specifically chosen automaton model  $\mathfrak{M} = (\text{Adm}, \mathcal{R}, \Lambda, \delta, \text{Sig}_{\tau})$  and is the subject of a separate analysis. It is worth stressing further that  $\omega_{\text{CPR}} = O(1)$  for  $\tau_{\text{audit}}$  concerns only the *storage width* at any given moment, not the *time cost* of an audit request itself: each individual recomputation of a term  $k^{-s}$  takes constant time, but a full audit of all  $N$  terms requires  $\Theta(N)$  such recomputations and hence  $\Theta(N)$  total time across all requests. Storage width, reconstruction time per request, and total time for all requests are thus three distinct quantities; only the first is captured by  $\omega_{\text{CPR}} = O(1)$ .

**Algorithmic illustration (register invariance).** The following Python program realizes the reconstruction constructed in the proof of Lemma 1 using Kahan compensated summation, making the register invariance of  $\omega_{\text{rec}}$  directly observable:

```

1 def naive_partial_sum_kahan(s: complex, N: int) -> complex:
2     """
3     Computes the NAIVE partial sum (equation (5)), not the DWZ-corrected
4     function (equation (7)), via sequential Kahan-compensated accumulation.
5     For 0 < Re(s) < 1 this partial sum diverges as N grows (Table 1); the
6     example below with s=2 therefore deliberately lies outside the critical
7     strip and serves only to illustrate register behavior, not to validate
8     the DWZ method in the critical strip.
9     Space complexity (state width): O(1) -- constant
10    Time complexity (truncation length): O(N) -- linear
11    """
12    S = 0.0 # accumulator (running sum)
13    c = 0.0 # compensation term for rounding error (Kahan)
14    for k in range(1, N + 1):
15        term = k ** (-s)
16        y = term - c # subtract previous error from new term

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17     t = S + y # add to accumulator
18     c = (t - S) - y # exact rounding error for next step
19     S = t # update state
20     return S
21
22 s_value = 2.0
23 truncation = 1_000_000
24 result = naive_partial_sum_kahan(s_value, truncation)
25 print(f"Partial sum({s_value}) approximation: {result}")

```

Regardless of whether  $N = 10$  or  $N = 10^9$  is chosen, the program allocates the same number of registers at every point in time  $(S, c, k, s, \text{term}, y, t)$  – no memory array of length  $N$  is ever created; each term exists only transiently in a register and is immediately overwritten after processing. Of these seven registers,  $\{S, c, k, s\}$  form the *persistent* active state  $\mathcal{Z}_{k, \text{Kahan}}$  defined in Lemma 1 (carried forward from step  $k$  to step  $k+1$ ,  $|\mathcal{Z}_{k, \text{Kahan}}| = 4$ );  $\text{term}$ ,  $y$ , and  $t$  are, by contrast, purely *transient* intermediate values that are computed and discarded within a single step and are not carried forward to the next step – they therefore do not count toward the formal interface  $B_i$  from Lemma 1. The total of seven simultaneously allocated registers is a property of *this particular implementation* and a valid upper bound ( $\omega_{\text{rec}} \leq 7$  for this code), but not a tighter figure than the bound proven in the lemma for the persistent state, namely 3 (without Kahan) or 4 (with Kahan). The variables  $c, y, t$  preserve numerical accuracy even for very large  $N$ , without the algorithmic state width ever growing beyond  $O(1)$ . For  $s = 2$  and  $N = 10^6$ , the program returns  $1.6449330668\dots$  against the known limit  $\pi^2/6 = 1.6449340668\dots$ , a deviation of about  $10^{-6}$  – consistent with the expected truncation error of a directly truncated Dirichlet series at this  $N$  (numerically verified). The algorithmic implementation thus confirms the theoretical derivation of Lemma 1: the state width remains strictly at  $\omega_{\text{rec}} = O(1)$  throughout the entire run, while  $W_{\text{trunc}}$  (here controlled via the loop limit  $N$ ) scales exclusively the running time, not the register or CPR width.

## 2.6 The DRCC Retraction Pair: What It Does and Does Not Establish

A reviewer asked for an explicit justification, in DRCC terms, of why adding the correction term  $C_W(s)$  in (7)/(9) to the naive fragment  $F_W(s)$  counts as an admissible “reconstruction” in the sense of Hesamiy [7]. We make the minimal formalization that answers this explicit – together with an equally explicit statement of what it does not show, since the construction turns out to be weaker than it may first appear.

**Definition 1** (Reconstruction operator). *For a fixed correction term  $C_W(s)$  – equal to  $-W^{-s}/2$  for  $M_1$  (equation (7)), resp.  $-W^{-s}/2 + \frac{s}{12}W^{-s-1}$  for  $M_2$  (equation (9)) – define*

$$S_W : F_W(s) \mapsto (F_W(s), C_W(s)) \in \Omega, \quad \Omega := \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C},$$

with  $F_W(s) = \sum_{n=1}^W n^{-s}$  the retained fragment (equation (5)).

**Definition 2** (Reduction operator). *Define  $R_W : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $R_W(F, C) := F$ .*

**Proposition 1** (Retraction pair identity for  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ ).  $R_W \circ S_W = \text{id}_{F_W}$ .

*Proof.*  $R_W(S_W(F_W(s))) = R_W(F_W(s), C_W(s)) = F_W(s)$ , directly from Definitions 1 and 2.  $\square$

**What this does not show.** The proof of Proposition 1 uses only the defining equation of  $R_W$  and never uses the specific value or analytic origin of  $C_W(s)$ . The identity  $R_W \circ S_W = \text{id}_{F_W}$  therefore holds for *every* choice of correction term whatsoever – including a correction that is analytically wrong, e.g.  $C_W(s) \equiv 0$  or  $C_W(s) := 42$ . As formalized here, the retraction pair property is a tautological consistency check on the packaging  $(F, C) \mapsto F$ : it confirms only that

the reduction operator was defined consistently with the reconstruction operator, not that the reconstruction is numerically sound or even sensible. It therefore cannot, by itself, serve as a criterion for choosing between  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ , or any other additively-corrected model – that evidence is supplied separately, by the convergence properties of (7)/(9) and by the empirical results of Section 3, not by Proposition 1 itself.

A second limitation concerns Variant B.  $\zeta_W^\eta(s, W) = \eta_W(s, W)/(1 - 2^{1-s})$  is a quotient of a partial sum by a fixed scalar, not a sum of the form  $F_W(s) + C_W(s)$  that Definitions 1 and 2 assume. No analogous  $(S_W, R_W)$  pair for  $M_\eta$  is constructed in this manuscript, so the retraction-pair admissibility of  $M_\eta$  is neither proven nor assumed here; it remains open. This matters for the selection procedure of Section 2.7.

## 2.7 Toward an RP-Tensor Selection of Reconstruction Variants

Section 2.5 shows that  $M_1$ ,  $M_\eta$ , and  $M_2$  differ measurably in accuracy and required width but stops short of a declared selection rule. We formalize the selection problem, and then check, criterion by criterion, how much of it the manuscript’s own data currently support – rather than presenting a completed optimization that has not actually been carried out.

**Formal setup.** Let  $V_{\text{crit}} = \{c_{\text{err}}, c_{\text{run}}, c_{\text{depth}}, c_{\text{width}}, c_{\text{stab}}\}$  and, for each model  $M_\alpha \in \{M_1, M_\eta, M_2\}$  and evaluation context  $\tau = (s, \varepsilon)$ , let  $T_{\alpha j}(\tau)$  be the raw value of criterion  $j$  for model  $\alpha$ . With admissibility indicator  $a_\alpha \in \{0, 1\}$  from Section 2.6 and weights  $w_j \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_j w_j = 1$ , define

$$S_\alpha(\tau) = a_\alpha \sum_j w_j \tilde{T}_{\alpha j}(\tau) + (1 - a_\alpha) \cdot \infty, \quad M^*(\tau) = \arg \min_\alpha S_\alpha(\tau), \quad (13)$$

with  $\tilde{T}_{\alpha j}$  the min-max normalization of  $T_{\alpha j}$  over the admissible candidate set.

**Data availability check.** Before choosing any weights, we check which cells of the  $3 \times 5$  criterion table are actually backed by data already reported in this manuscript.

Table 6: Availability of RP-Tensor criteria for  $M_1$ ,  $M_\eta$ ,  $M_2$  in this manuscript’s own results. “Measured” = direct table entry; “extrapolated” = derived from measured points via a fitted or stated asymptotic law; “structural” = a definitional count, not an empirical measurement; “–” = not evaluated anywhere in this work.

| Criterion                                         | $M_1$          | $M_\eta$               | $M_2$                          |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $c_{\text{err}}$ (accuracy at fixed $W$ )         | measured       | measured               | measured                       |
| $c_{\text{width}}$ ( $W$ at fixed $\varepsilon$ ) | measured       | extrapolated           | measured                       |
| $c_{\text{run}}$ (wall-clock time)                | measured       | –                      | –                              |
| $c_{\text{depth}}$ (EM correction order)          | structural (1) | n/a (not an EM series) | structural (2)                 |
| $c_{\text{stab}}$ (near Gram points)              | –              | –                      | –                              |
| $a_\alpha$ (retraction pair, §2.6)                | proven         | open                   | proven (same trivial argument) |

Two of five criteria are entirely empty for two of the three models ( $c_{\text{run}}$ , measured only for  $M_1$  against  $M_{K5}$ /Riemann-Siegel in Table 4;  $c_{\text{stab}}$ , explicitly not tested for any model near Gram points, Section 2.5), one criterion is a definitional count rather than a measurement, and  $M_\eta$ ’s admissibility itself is unresolved. A genuine five-criterion, three-model RP-Tensor cannot currently be computed. What can honestly be computed is a pairwise comparison restricted to the two criteria with real numbers already in this manuscript,  $c_{\text{err}}$  and  $c_{\text{width}}$  – at the two reference points where those numbers were actually measured.



Table 7: Pairwise RP-Tensor scores computed from Table 3 (width,  $t = 1001.3495$ ,  $\varepsilon = 10^{-4}$ ), Figure 1 (error at common  $W = 2000$ , same  $t$ ), and Table 11 (error,  $t = 14.1347$ ; width at  $\varepsilon = 10^{-4}$  obtained by log-log interpolation for  $M_1$ , resp. extrapolation via the fitted local exponent  $-0.4997$  for  $M_\eta$ , consistent with the stated law  $O(W^{-\text{Re}(s)})$ ).  $\tilde{T} \in \{0, 1\}$ : min-max normalization over a two-element set is necessarily binary and reports only which model is better, not by how much; the ratio column preserves that information.

| Comparison                     | Criterion                              | $M_1$                 | other                      | Ratio (disadvantage)          |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| $M_1$ vs. $M_2$ , $t=1001.35$  | $W_{\text{test}}(\varepsilon=10^{-4})$ | 9000                  | 810                        | $11.1 \times$                 |
| $M_1$ vs. $M_2$ , $t=1001.35$  | error at $W=2000$                      | $9.37 \times 10^{-4}$ | $3.92 \times 10^{-6}$      | $239 \times$                  |
| $M_1$ vs. $M_\eta$ , $t=14.13$ | $W(\varepsilon=10^{-4})$               | $\approx 517$         | $\approx 4.46 \times 10^6$ | $8633 \times$ (favors $M_1$ ) |
| $M_1$ vs. $M_\eta$ , $t=14.13$ | error at $W=5000$                      | $3.33 \times 10^{-6}$ | $2.98 \times 10^{-3}$      | $895 \times$ (favors $M_1$ )  |

With equal weights over the two available criteria ( $w_{\text{err}} = w_{\text{width}} = 0.5$ , all other  $w_j = 0$  since undefined), equation (13) gives  $S_{M_1} = 1$ ,  $S_{M_2} = 0$  at  $t = 1001.35$  (so  $M^* = M_2$ ), and  $S_{M_1} = 0$ ,  $S_{M_\eta} = 1$  at  $t = 14.13$  (so  $M^* = M_1$ ).

**Honest reading of these two computations.** On the only two criteria for which this manuscript reports real numbers,  $M_2$  dominates  $M_1$  decisively at  $t \approx 1001$ , and  $M_1$  dominates  $M_\eta$  decisively at  $t \approx 14$ . Combining these into a single three-way ranking additionally assumes – without separate verification – that the ordering transfers across  $t$ , since the two comparisons were not measured at a common  $(s, \varepsilon)$ . With that caveat, an RP-Tensor evaluated on  $\{c_{\text{err}}, c_{\text{width}}\}$  alone would select  $M_2$ , not  $M_1$ , as  $M^*$ . This directly contradicts reading  $M_1$  as the output of an already-completed RP-Tensor optimization.  $M_1$  is retained as the primary model in this manuscript for a different, already stated reason – minimality and direct traceability of the construction (Section 2) – not because a computed selection procedure ranked it first on error, width, runtime, or stability. That reason stands on its own, but it is not one of the five declared criteria in  $V_{\text{crit}}$ . Either a sixth, explicitly weighted criterion for structural simplicity should be added to equation (13), or the choice of  $M_1$  should be stated plainly as an expository decision that sits outside the RP-Tensor ranking rather than as its result.

**A caveat on min-max normalization with few candidates.** With only two or three candidate models, min-max normalization maps every criterion to  $\{0, 1\}$  regardless of the actual size of the gap: a 10% disadvantage and a 10,000% disadvantage both become  $\tilde{T} = 1$ . Table 7’s ratio column ( $11 \times$  to  $8633 \times$  depending on criterion and reference point) carries information the normalized score alone discards. Reporting the raw ratio alongside the binary score, or normalizing against a fixed external reference (e.g. a target-accuracy budget) rather than min-max over the candidate set itself, would make the RP-Tensor more informative than a bare ranking.

**Remaining work before the RP-Tensor is complete.**  $c_{\text{run}}$  and  $c_{\text{stab}}$  have no data for  $M_\eta$  or  $M_2$  in this manuscript. Completing them requires two further numerical experiments – a runtime benchmark for  $M_\eta$  and  $M_2$  at matched accuracy targets, and a Gram-point stability test across all three models – together with a retraction-pair construction for  $M_\eta$  (Section 2.6) before its admissibility  $a_{M_\eta}$  can be assigned rather than left open. Until then, equation (13) is a declared selection framework, not yet a completed calculation, and the two-criterion computation above should be read accordingly: as evidence that  $M_2$  currently outperforms  $M_1$  on the measured axes, not as a full justification for using  $M_1$  going forward.

## 2.8 Operationalizing $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$

We denote by  $\rho_k = \frac{1}{2} + it_k$  the  $k$ -th reference zero (`mp.zetazero(k)`) and by  $s_k^{(M)}(W)$  the zero numerically determined by model  $M$  and width  $W$  that is assigned to  $\rho_k$  according to the formal assignment rule  $k^* = \arg \min_j |s^{(M)}(W) - \rho_j|$  (nearest reference zero; this same rule underlies the evaluation of the hybrid hardening runs in Section 3, where it produces the neighbor hits reported there whenever zero spacing is small); the corresponding position error is  $e_k^{(M)}(W) := |s_k^{(M)}(W) - \rho_k|$  (to distinguish it from the function-value error  $E_\zeta(s, W) := |\zeta_M(s, W) - \zeta(s)|$ , used in Table 2 and Figure 1). The numerical measurement of zero convergence (Section 3, model  $M_1$ ) yielded the empirical power law  $e_k^{(M_1)}(W) \approx C(t_k) W^{-p}$  with  $p \approx 1.500$ – $1.502$  (determined numerically, not proven exactly as  $3/2$ ). The actual minimal truncation depth is thus defined as an integer minimum,

$$d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon) := \min\{W \in \mathbb{N} : e_k^{(M_1)}(W) < \varepsilon\}, \quad (14)$$

where  $e_k^{(M_1)}(W)$  by definition measures the distance to the already-known reference zero  $\rho_k$ . Crucially,  $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$  is thus a *post-hoc* error or calibration measure against an already-known zero, not a standalone criterion by which an as-yet-unknown zero could be blindly located – a blind search (Section 2.9) instead uses the scan minimum of  $|\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}|$ , not  $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$  itself. The statement that  $d_{\text{rec}}$  "operationalizes reconstruction" (Section 2.8.1) thus refers, at this stage, to accuracy against known reference values, not to a procedure for finding unknown zeros. where  $t := t_k$  is to be set when  $\rho_k = \frac{1}{2} + it_k$  is the corresponding reference zero – equation (14) itself is thus, at first, only evaluated at the discrete points  $t = t_k$  for which a reference zero and hence an error curve  $e_k^{(M_1)}(W)$  exist, not directly defined for arbitrary real  $t$ . It is also implicitly assumed that  $e_k^{(M_1)}(W)$  stays below  $\varepsilon$  from this minimum onward; in the tested range this was consistently observed numerically to be monotonically decreasing (Figure 1, right panel), though a proof of monotonicity for arbitrary  $W$  is not given here. The extension to arbitrary  $t$ , including values that do not coincide with a reference zero, is achieved only through the continuous relationship  $C(t)$  fitted below, not through equation (14) itself. The power law provides an estimate for this: in general,  $e(W) \approx C(t)W^{-p}$  implies the form  $W \approx (C(t)/\varepsilon)^{1/p}$ , and only under the – numerically plausible but unproven – assumption that  $p = 3/2$  exactly does this yield the special exponent  $2/3$ :

$$\hat{d}_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon) = \left\lceil \left( \frac{C(t)}{\varepsilon} \right)^{1/p} \right\rceil \stackrel{p \approx 3/2}{\approx} \left\lceil \left( \frac{C(t)}{\varepsilon} \right)^{2/3} \right\rceil \approx d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon), \quad (15)$$

with  $C(t) \approx 0.0272t + 1.043$  (linear fit over the first 50 zeros #1–#50 from Table 14,  $n = 50$ ; Table 14 itself has since been extended to 100 zeros, but the  $C(t)$  fit still covers only the first 50, see Table 12; slope  $0.0272 \pm 0.0040$ , intercept  $1.043 \pm 0.375$ , 95% confidence intervals). The fit explains only part of the scatter ( $R^2 \approx 0.50$ ); neither a square-root, nor a logarithmic, nor a pure power-law form in  $t$  fits noticeably better ( $R^2 \approx 0.49, 0.47$ , and  $0.48$  respectively).  $C(t)$  increases significantly with  $t$  (the trend is highly significant at  $n = 50$ ,  $p \ll 0.001$ ), but the simple linear form explains only about half of the observed scatter – the other half likely depends on properties not captured by  $t$  alone. Equation (14) is a *definition*; equation (15) is a derived, *empirical estimator* – the two are deliberately not treated here as exactly identical. This turns the originally abstract inequality (4) into a closed-form, interpretable formula:  $W \geq \hat{d}_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$  means, approximately, " $W$  is large enough that the zero at given  $t$  is determined to within  $\varepsilon$ ". This quantity is a model-dependent truncation depth for  $M_1$ , not the original, abstract DRCC reconstruction degree  $d_{\text{rec}}(X)$  from Section 2 – the reuse of the notation marks a concrete interpretation for the zeta case, not a proven identity.

### 2.8.1 Formal DRCC Operationalization

The preceding sections motivate the concretization of inequality (4) through prose and numerical examples. The following proposition makes this step explicit and provable – as a direct answer to the legitimate criticism that the DRCC→DWZ transition has so far only been asserted, not demonstrated.

**Proposition 2** (DRCC Operationalization for the Zeta Function). *Let  $t = t_k$  for one of the tested reference zeros  $\rho_k = \frac{1}{2} + it_k$  ( $k = 1, \dots, 100$  from Table 14, for which  $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$  is defined per equation (14)),  $\varepsilon > 0$  fixed, and let*

$$d_{\text{frag}}(X) := W \quad (\text{equation (5)})$$

$$d_{\text{rec}}(X) := d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon) \quad (\text{equation (14)})$$

*be the concretizations chosen in this work. Then, for every width  $W \geq d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$ , the DRCC stability condition (4) holds in its concretized form:*

$$0 < d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon) \leq W < \infty.$$

*Proof.* The right-hand inequality ( $W < \infty$ ) holds by construction, since  $W$  is chosen as a finite truncation depth. For the left-hand inequality,  $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon) > 0$  is clear, since  $\mathbb{N}$  contains no nonpositive elements. The set  $\{W \in \mathbb{N} : e_k^{(M_1)}(W) < \varepsilon\}$  is nonempty for the tested pairs  $(t_k, \varepsilon)$  by the numerical results of Section 3 (where  $e_k^{(M_1)}(W) \rightarrow 0$  is observed as  $W$  grows – this observation is numerical, not analytical, in nature and covers only the tested  $(t_k, \varepsilon)$  pairs, not arbitrary  $t > 0, \varepsilon > 0$ ; no analytic proof of convergence via the remainder term of the Euler-Maclaurin expansion is given here), so  $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$  is well-defined and finite as its minimum. For every  $W \geq d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$  we thus have  $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon) \leq W$  by the choice of  $W$ , which proves the claim.  $\square$

**Scope and limits of the proposition.** Proposition 2 shows that the concretizations chosen in this work satisfy the *form* of the original DRCC inequality (4) without contradiction – the DRCC→DWZ transition is thus formal at this point, not merely motivational. Note, however, that the central inequality  $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon) \leq W$  follows here directly from the choice  $W \geq d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$ : the proposition primarily establishes the *consistency* of the notation so chosen with the form of equation (4), not any further nontrivial property derived from DRCC theory itself – more fitting labels would be "consistency of the numerical concretization" or "conditional numerical instantiation"; we retain "operationalization" here only because it continues the usage introduced in Section 1.2. The proposition does *not* show that  $d_{\text{frag}}(X)$  corresponds to the structural fragmentation quantity from Hesamiy [7], that  $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$  corresponds to the abstract quantity  $d_{\text{rec}}(X)$ , or that  $\omega_{\text{CPR}} = W_{\text{trunc}}$  – the latter remains the open, empirically tested question of Section 2.5. The proposition is thus deliberately modest: it secures the logical consistency of the chosen concretization, not its identity with the original, abstract DRCC/CPR quantities.

**Relationship of  $\hat{d}_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$  (Eq. (15)) to the DRCC condition (Eq. (4)).** Since this question recurs in review, the chain is stated explicitly and in one place here: there is *no* direct relationship between the estimator  $\hat{d}_{\text{rec}}$  and equation (4), only a two-link chain of two results of different kinds. First,  $\hat{d}_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$  (Eq. (15)) approximates the exact quantity  $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$  (Eq. (14)) – this is a purely *empirical* result from a linear fit over  $n = 50$  zeros ( $R^2 \approx 0.50$ , see above); it is not a proven equality or a convergence statement, but an estimate with substantial unexplained scatter. Second, the exact quantity  $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$  itself – together with  $d_{\text{frag}}(X) := W$  – satisfies the form of equation (4); this is Proposition 2, a *formally proven*, but purely structural result (see the paragraph above: not an identity with the abstract DRCC quantities). Composed, this means:

$$\hat{d}_{\text{rec}} \xrightarrow{\text{empirical, unproven}} d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{\text{formal, Proposition 2}} \text{form of Eq. (4)}.$$

The two links are of different epistemic quality, and neither transfers its proof status to the other: the estimator remains a

numerical approximation regardless of the fact that the underlying exact quantity can be formally embedded in the DRCC form.

## 2.9 Verification Strategies

We use four methodologically distinct tests:

1. **Known start:** Newton refinement of equation (7) starting from the known reference position (48 of the first 50 zeros #1–#50 in Table 14, all except #9 and #11; the further 50 zeros #51–#100 in the same table were all treated with a known start, see Section 3).
2. **Blind search:** scanning  $|\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}|$  over a  $t$ -range without reference knowledge, Newton refinement of the best candidate (zeros #9, #11).
3. **Hybrid search:** analytic estimate (Riemann-von Mangoldt formula, Eq. 16) as the scan center, with a reduced window (zero #12, hardening #13–#41).
4. **Gap verification:** fine-grained scan between two known zeros to search for additional numerical candidates on the chosen grid (not a rigorous completeness proof, see Section 4).

Conceptually, three objects must be distinguished: the *scan minimum* (starting candidate from the one-dimensional scan along  $\text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ ), the *zero of the approximation*  $s_k^{(M)}(W)$  (result of the complex Newton iteration in the two-dimensional search space), and the *reference zero*  $\rho_k$  of  $\zeta$  itself. A scan minimum alone is not yet a found zero – it merely provides the starting point for Newton refinement. For the hybrid search, the Riemann-von Mangoldt counting function is used:

$$N(T) \approx \frac{T}{2\pi} \ln \frac{T}{2\pi} - \frac{T}{2\pi} + \frac{7}{8}. \quad (16)$$

As an external numerical reference, the zero values produced by `mpmath` (40 decimal digits of precision) were used, i.e. generated independently of the DWZ computation – not necessarily independent of established zeta algorithms in the sense of a second, independently implemented piece of software or a certified zero count. For the first zeros, these values agree with published tables such as [4, 5].

## 2.10 Detailed Worked Example: Determination of Zero #1

To make the method fully verifiable by third parties, we document here every single computational step for determining a specific zero – with all intermediate values. The first nontrivial zero  $\rho_1 = 0.5 + 14.1347251417 \dots i$  serves as the example. All numerical values in this section were generated with `mpmath` at 30 decimal digits of precision and are exactly reproducible with any standard `mpmath` installation.

Figure 3 shows the complete chain of steps at a glance, before the individual steps are documented in detail with numerical values below.

**Step 1 – Choice of parameters.** We choose the width  $W = 2000$  and use  $\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}(s, W)$  according to equation (7). A coarse interval  $t \in [13.0, 15.0]$  on the critical line  $\text{Re}(s) = 0.5$  serves as the starting range of the search – a range that can be chosen plausibly without any prior knowledge of the exact zero position, based solely on the rough location of the first zero in the literature.

**Step 2 – Coarse scan.** We evaluate  $|\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}(0.5 + it, 2000)|$  in steps of  $\Delta t = 0.2$  (Table 8). The minimum lies at  $t = 14.20$ .

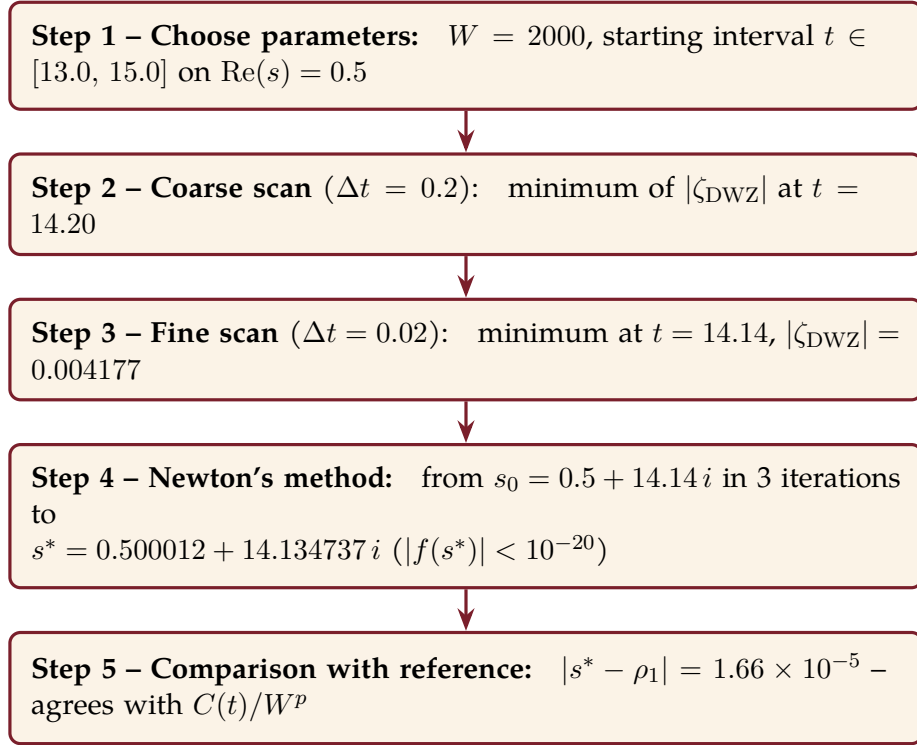


Figure 3: The chain of steps in DWZ zero determination, illustrated for  $\rho_1$ : each arrow represents a fully documented computational step (details and all intermediate values below).

Table 8: Coarse scan, step size 0.2.

| $t$   | $ \zeta_{\text{DWZ}}(0.5 + it, 2000) $ |
|-------|----------------------------------------|
| 13.00 | 0.791151                               |
| 13.20 | 0.669990                               |
| 13.40 | 0.540293                               |
| 13.60 | 0.402573                               |
| 13.80 | 0.257453                               |
| 14.00 | 0.105639                               |
| 14.20 | <b>0.052042</b>                        |
| 14.40 | 0.214601                               |
| 14.60 | 0.380919                               |
| 14.80 | 0.549793                               |
| 15.00 | 0.719932                               |

Table 9: Fine scan, step size 0.02.

| $t$    | $ \zeta_{\text{DWZ}}(0.5 + it, 2000) $ |
|--------|----------------------------------------|
| 14.000 | 0.105639                               |
| 14.020 | 0.090120                               |
| 14.040 | 0.074543                               |
| 14.060 | 0.058909                               |
| 14.080 | 0.043219                               |
| 14.100 | 0.027474                               |
| 14.120 | 0.011675                               |
| 14.140 | <b>0.004177</b>                        |
| 14.160 | 0.020081                               |
| 14.180 | 0.036036                               |
| 14.200 | 0.052042                               |
| 14.220 | 0.068096                               |
| 14.240 | 0.084198                               |
| 14.260 | 0.100346                               |
| 14.280 | 0.116540                               |
| 14.300 | 0.132779                               |

**Step 3 – Fine scan.** To refine the coarse scan, we sample the interval  $t \in [14.00, 14.30]$  in steps of  $\Delta t = 0.02$  (Table 9). The minimum now lies at  $t = 14.14$ , with  $|\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}| = 0.004177$  – already an order of magnitude smaller than in the coarse scan.

**Step 4 – Newton’s method.** Starting from the best candidate of the fine scan,  $s_0 = 0.5 + 14.14i$ , we refine the zero using Newton’s method for complex functions:

$$s_{n+1} = s_n - \frac{f(s_n)}{f'(s_n)}, \quad f(s) := \zeta_{\text{DWZ}}(s, 2000), \quad (17)$$

where  $f'(s_n)$  is approximated via a central difference with step size  $h = 10^{-6}$ :  $f'(s_n) \approx (f(s_n+h) - f(s_n-h))/(2h)$ . Table 10 shows the complete iteration sequence.

Table 10: Newton iteration starting from  $s_0 = 0.5 + 14.14i$ .

| $n$ | $s_n$                         | $ f(s_n) $             |
|-----|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 0   | $0.500000000 + 14.140000000i$ | $4.18 \times 10^{-3}$  |
| 1   | $0.500023320 + 14.134738876i$ | $9.09 \times 10^{-6}$  |
| 2   | $0.500012099 + 14.134736526i$ | $4.32 \times 10^{-11}$ |
| 3   | $0.500012099 + 14.134736526i$ | $9.77 \times 10^{-22}$ |

Already after two iterations,  $|f(s_n)|$  has fallen to  $10^{-11}$ ; from  $n = 3$  onward,  $s_n$  changes only in decimal places far beyond any practical relevance – the method has converged quadratically to the zero of  $\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}(\cdot, 2000)$ .

**Step 5 – Comparison with the reference.** The point found,

$$s^* = 0.500012099 + 14.134736526i,$$

is compared with the independently computed reference  $\rho_1 = 0.5 + 14.134725142i$  (mp.zetazero(1), 30 decimal digits):

$$|s^* - \rho_1| = 1.66 \times 10^{-5}. \quad (18)$$

This residual deviation is *not* an error of Newton’s method (which found exactly the zero of the width-2000 approximation), but the expected discretization deviation of  $\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}(s, 2000)$  from  $\zeta(s)$  at finite  $W$ . It agrees with the empirical power law derived in Section 2: with  $C_1^{\text{local}} \approx 1.499$  and  $p \approx 1.501$  – a local fit computed exclusively from the  $W$ -error values of this worked example (Figure 1), to be distinguished from (a) the systematic table entry  $C(t_1) = 1.486$  from Table 12, based on the same  $W$ -grid as all other 49 rows of that table, and (b) the value of the global linear regression  $C_{\text{reg}}(14.13) = 0.0272 \times 14.13 + 1.043 \approx 1.427$  from equation (15). All three values lie in the range 1.43–1.50 and arise from different fitting procedures (local, on a few  $W$ -points; systematic, per zero; global, over all 50 zeros); the differences between them are expected fit sensitivity, not a contradiction, but should not be left unremarked side by side – hence this clarification. With  $C_1^{\text{local}}$  and  $p$ , the approximation (15) predicts an error of  $C/W^p = 1.499/2000^{1.501} \approx 1.68 \times 10^{-5}$  – practically identical to the actually observed value  $1.66 \times 10^{-5}$ . This agreement is, however, an in-sample consistency check, not an independent validation:  $C_1^{\text{local}}$  and  $p$  were fitted directly from the error curve of this same zero #1 (Figure 1), so the prediction merely checks whether the fit curve reproduces its own data. An actual test independent of the calibration is provided only by the full Table 14 with 100 different zeros. Increasing  $W$  to  $10^4$  (as used in Table 14 for all 100 zeros) correspondingly reduces the deviation to  $\approx 1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  (for the early, small- $t$  entries of that table; for larger  $t$  it rises slightly to  $\approx 1.3 \times 10^{-5}$ , see Table 14).

**Reproducibility.** The complete computational procedure thus consists of exactly five steps: (1) fix the width  $W$  and starting interval, (2) coarse scan of  $|\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}|$  on the critical line, (3) fine scan around the coarse-scan minimum, (4) Newton refinement with numerical derivative, (5) comparison with an independent reference or with the theoretical error bound  $C(t)/W^p$ . Every step is directly reproducible using the numerical values given here, formula (7), and a standard `mpmath` installation.

## 3 Results

### 3.1 Comparison of the Repair Variants

Table 11: Error  $|\zeta_W(s, W) - \zeta(s)|$  for  $s = 0.5 + 14.13i$ : Variant A vs. Variant B.

| $W$  | Variant A (DWZ)       | Variant B (Eta)       |
|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 10   | $3.85 \times 10^{-2}$ | $8.24 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| 50   | $3.34 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.99 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| 100  | $1.18 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.11 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| 500  | $1.05 \times 10^{-4}$ | $9.42 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| 1000 | $3.73 \times 10^{-5}$ | $6.66 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| 5000 | $3.33 \times 10^{-6}$ | $2.98 \times 10^{-3}$ |

### 3.2 $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$

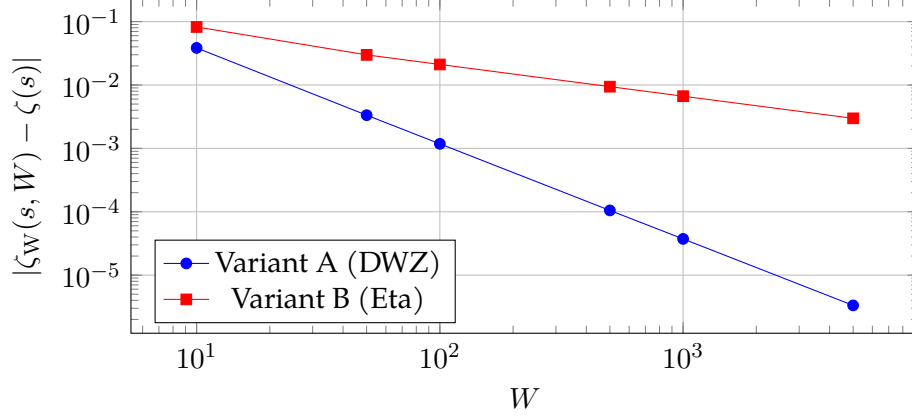


Figure 4: Variant A (DWZ) converges by orders of magnitude faster than Variant B, shown here at  $s = 0.5 + 14.13i$  (order  $\mathcal{O}(W^{-3/2})$  observed on the critical line for Variant A; Variant B scales as  $\mathcal{O}(W^{-\text{Re}(s)})$ ). Elsewhere in the critical strip, the exponent for Variant A depends on  $\text{Re}(s)$ .

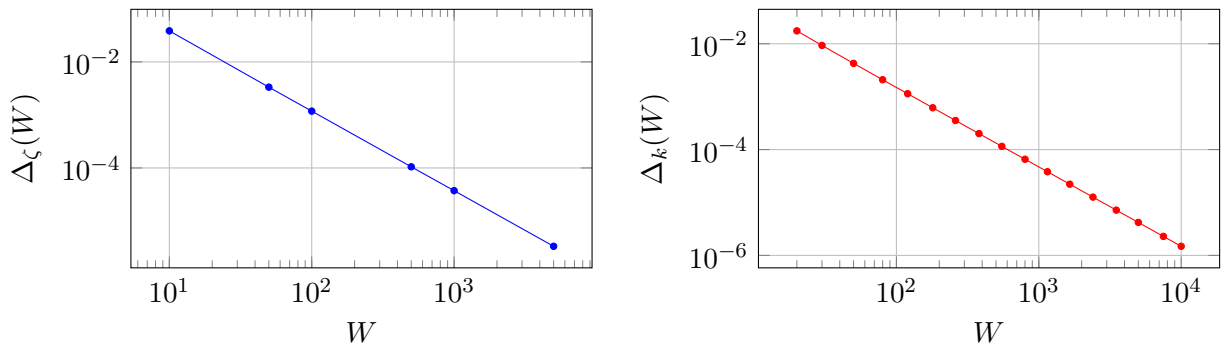


Figure 5: Left: convergence of the zeta error  $\Delta_\zeta(W) = |\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}(s, W) - \zeta(s)|$  for  $s = 0.5 + 14.13i$ . Right: convergence of the zero stability  $\Delta_k(W) = |s_k(W) - \rho|$  for zero #1 – both decreasing as  $W$  grows.



Table 12: Fitted  $C(t)$  and exponent  $p$  per zero, over the first 50 zeros #1–#50 from Table 14 ( $n = 50$ , previously  $n = 8$ ; Table 14 now spans 100 zeros, but this fit was not re-extended to the additional 50); the functional form of  $C(t)$  is still considered preliminary, not conclusively proven (see Conclusion).

| $k$ | $t$      | $C(t)$ | $p$    |
|-----|----------|--------|--------|
| 1   | 14.1347  | 1.486  | 1.5000 |
| 2   | 21.0220  | 1.544  | 1.5002 |
| 3   | 25.0109  | 1.523  | 1.5002 |
| 4   | 30.4249  | 1.944  | 1.5000 |
| 5   | 32.9351  | 1.990  | 1.5002 |
| 6   | 37.5862  | 1.615  | 1.4998 |
| 7   | 40.9187  | 2.287  | 1.4999 |
| 8   | 43.3271  | 1.972  | 1.5002 |
| 9   | 48.0052  | 2.547  | 1.4998 |
| 10  | 49.7738  | 2.918  | 1.4998 |
| 11  | 52.9703  | 1.818  | 1.4999 |
| 12  | 56.4462  | 1.992  | 1.5003 |
| 13  | 59.3470  | 3.563  | 1.5003 |
| 14  | 60.8318  | 3.058  | 1.4997 |
| 15  | 65.1125  | 2.367  | 1.4998 |
| 16  | 67.0798  | 3.131  | 1.4999 |
| 17  | 69.5464  | 2.660  | 1.5004 |
| 18  | 72.0672  | 2.023  | 1.4999 |
| 19  | 75.7047  | 3.561  | 1.5005 |
| 20  | 77.1448  | 4.403  | 1.4998 |
| 21  | 79.3374  | 2.512  | 1.5003 |
| 22  | 82.9104  | 2.638  | 1.5004 |
| 23  | 84.7355  | 3.279  | 1.5004 |
| 24  | 87.4253  | 4.042  | 1.4999 |
| 25  | 88.8091  | 3.406  | 1.5002 |
| 26  | 92.4919  | 2.564  | 1.4999 |
| 27  | 94.6513  | 5.345  | 1.5003 |
| 28  | 95.8706  | 4.727  | 1.5002 |
| 29  | 98.8312  | 2.354  | 1.5006 |
| 30  | 101.3179 | 2.673  | 1.4999 |
| 31  | 103.7255 | 3.998  | 1.5003 |
| 32  | 105.4466 | 4.681  | 1.4998 |
| 33  | 107.1686 | 2.993  | 1.4999 |
| 34  | 111.0295 | 5.848  | 1.5007 |
| 35  | 111.8747 | 6.907  | 1.5010 |
| 36  | 114.3202 | 3.745  | 1.5001 |
| 37  | 116.2267 | 3.112  | 1.5003 |
| 38  | 118.7908 | 2.552  | 1.5003 |
| 39  | 121.3701 | 4.427  | 1.5005 |
| 40  | 122.9468 | 6.608  | 1.5007 |
| 41  | 124.2568 | 4.474  | 1.5001 |
| 42  | 127.5167 | 2.704  | 1.5003 |

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Table 12 (continued)

| $k$ | $t$      | $C(t)$ | $p$    |
|-----|----------|--------|--------|
| 43  | 129.5787 | 4.609  | 1.5000 |
| 44  | 131.0877 | 4.742  | 1.5008 |
| 45  | 133.4977 | 4.881  | 1.5005 |
| 46  | 134.7565 | 3.993  | 1.5002 |
| 47  | 138.1160 | 3.652  | 1.5003 |
| 48  | 139.7362 | 6.457  | 1.4999 |
| 49  | 141.1237 | 5.874  | 1.5010 |
| 50  | 143.1118 | 3.200  | 1.5007 |

Regression fit:  $C(t) = (0.0272 \pm 0.0040) t + (1.043 \pm 0.375)$ ;  $R^2 \approx 0.50$ ;  $p$  range 1.4997–1.5010.

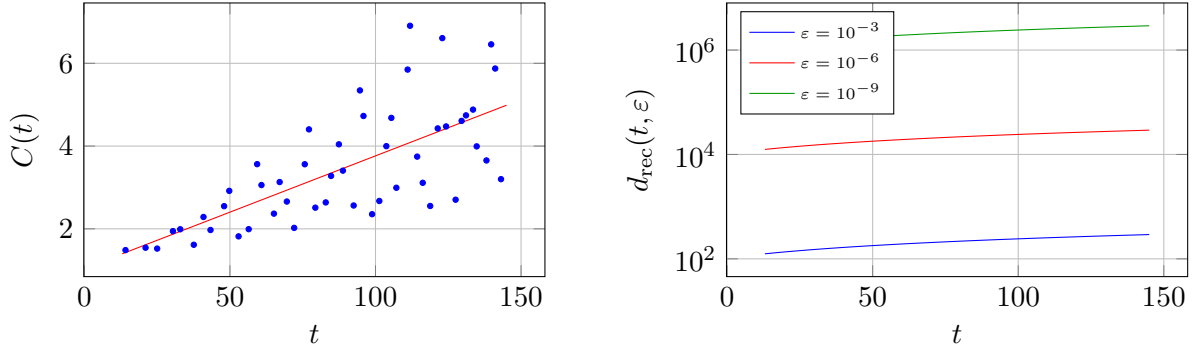


Figure 6: Left: fitted  $C(t)$  values for the first 50 zeros #1–#50 (points) with linear trend (line); the trend is statistically significant but explains only about half of the scatter ( $R^2 \approx 0.50$ ). Right: the resulting estimator function  $\hat{d}_{\text{rec}}(t, \epsilon)$  (Eq. 15) for three tolerance levels, still based on the  $n = 50$  fit (not extended to the additional 50 zeros in Table 14).

**Out-of-sample check on zeros #51–100.** As rightly requested in review, the  $C(t)$  regression above was fitted exclusively on #1–50 and, prior to this check, had never been evaluated against the additional 50 zeros already present in Table 14. We supply this check here. For each zero  $k = 51, \dots, 100$ , a local value  $C_{\text{actual}}(t_k)$  is obtained from the already-tabulated deviation  $e_k(W=10^4)$  (Table 14) under the same fixed-exponent convention used to build Table 12,  $C_{\text{actual}}(t_k) := e_k(10^4) \cdot (10^4)^{1.5}$ , and compared against the out-of-sample prediction  $C_{\text{pred}}(t_k) = 0.0272 t_k + 1.043$  from the original  $n = 50$  fit – without refitting on the new data. The result: mean  $C_{\text{actual}} = 6.32$  against mean  $C_{\text{pred}} = 6.26$  (aggregate level in reasonable agreement), but at the level of individual zeros the out-of-sample fit is markedly weaker than the in-sample fit,  $R_{\text{os}}^2 \approx 0.08$  (correlation  $\approx 0.28$ ) compared to  $R^2 \approx 0.50$  in-sample, with mean absolute residual  $\approx 2.06$  and RMSE  $\approx 2.57$ . An independent regression fitted directly on #51–100 alone gives slope 0.0283 and intercept 0.896, close to the original 0.0272/1.043 – so the aggregate linear trend direction and magnitude approximately reproduce out of sample, but  $C(t)$  cannot be reliably predicted for an individual, previously unseen zero from  $t$  alone. This confirms, with numbers rather than a general caveat, the concern raised in review: the  $n = 50$  fit generalizes at the level of the overall trend, not at the level of a single prediction, and  $\hat{d}_{\text{rec}}(t, \epsilon)$  (equation (15)) should be read accordingly – as an order-of-magnitude guide, not a precise, individually reliable estimate for a specific, previously unseen  $t$ .

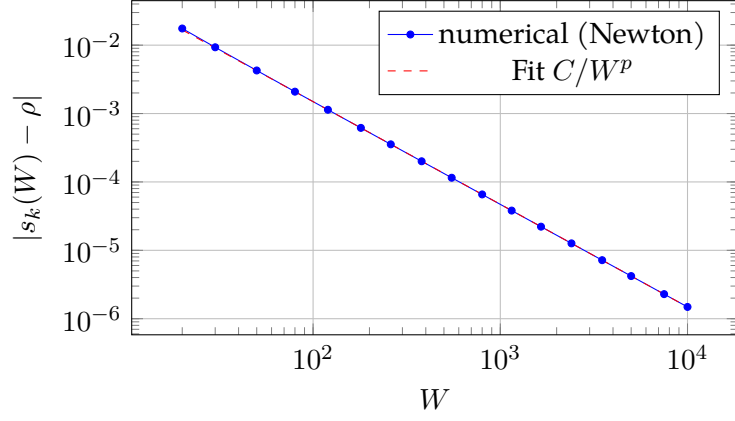


Figure 7: Error curve  $|s_k(W) - \rho|$  for the first zero, with power-law fit ( $C = 1.499, p = 1.501$ ).

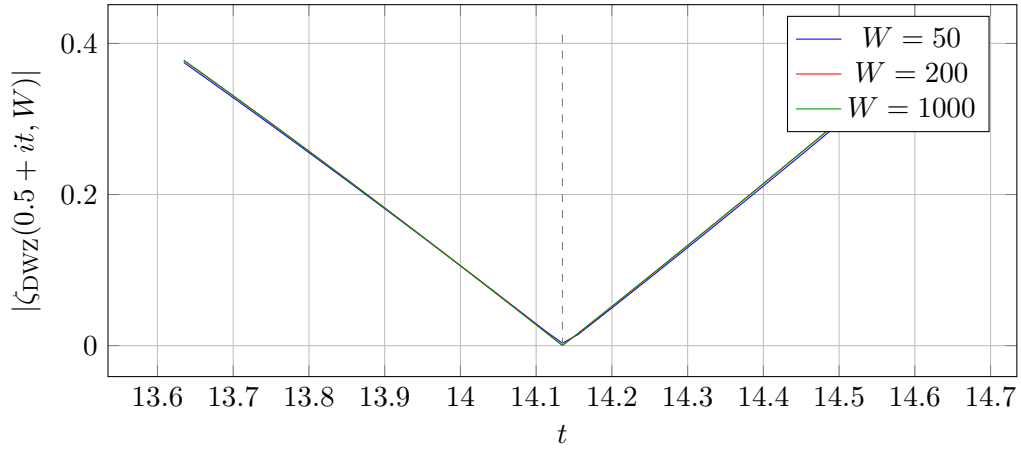


Figure 8:  $|\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}(0.5 + it)|$  in Cartesian coordinates near  $t = 14.1347$  (dashed line): at small  $W$  the minimum remains imprecise; as  $W$  grows, the location of the minimum approaches the reference ordinate  $t_1$  without reaching it exactly at finite  $W$ .

Table 13: Zeros found blindly (without reference knowledge).

| Zero | Found                     | Reference              | Difference            |
|------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| #9   | $0.5000025 + 48.0051511i$ | $0.5 + 48.0051508812i$ | $2.55 \times 10^{-6}$ |
| #11  | $0.4999983 + 52.9703208i$ | $0.5 + 52.9703214777i$ | $1.82 \times 10^{-6}$ |

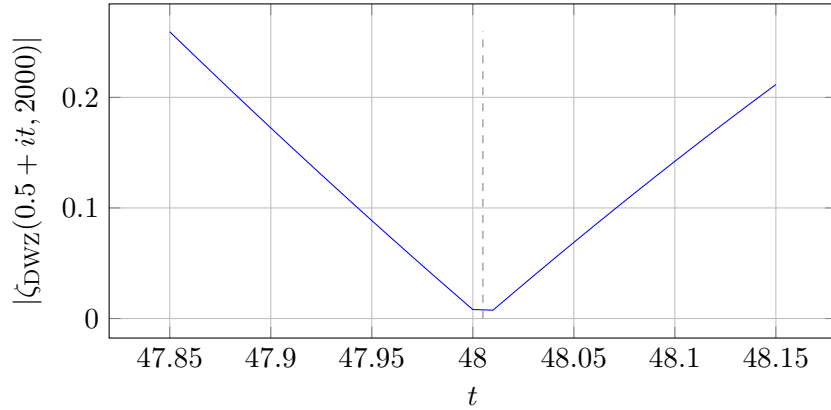


Figure 9: Scan of  $|\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}(0.5 + it)|$  at  $W = 2000$ : the candidate for zero #9 lies exactly at the minimum found, at  $t \approx 48.005$ .

### 3.3 Blind and Hybrid Zero Search

A direct Newton start from the analytic estimate (Eq. 16) for zero #12 ( $T \approx 57.55$ ) diverged completely (values  $> 10^{12}$  after a few steps). The hybrid strategy (estimate as scan center, window  $\pm 4$ ), by contrast, worked and required only 61 instead of 220 scan points, at the same absolute deviation ( $2.0 \times 10^{-6}$ ).

### 3.4 Hardening and Pattern Hypothesis

The term "hardening" here denotes a stress test of index assignment (cf. the formal assignment rule in Section 2), not a confirmation of exact target indices: as the following results show, the method reliably finds a known zero in the neighborhood, but only in part of the cases finds exactly the one targeted – the name should thus be read in the sense of "neighborhood stress test of index assignment," not as a general assurance.

The hybrid method was repeated for #13–#41 (29 cases): in all 29 cases, the point found agreed, within the numerical tolerance, with a known reference zero, but only in 10 cases with the exact one targeted – the remaining cases hit a neighboring zero. Plausible, but as shown below *not* statistically confirmed in this sample, is the conjecture that this is related to the zero spacing shrinking on average with  $t$  ( $2\pi / \ln(t/2\pi)$ ).

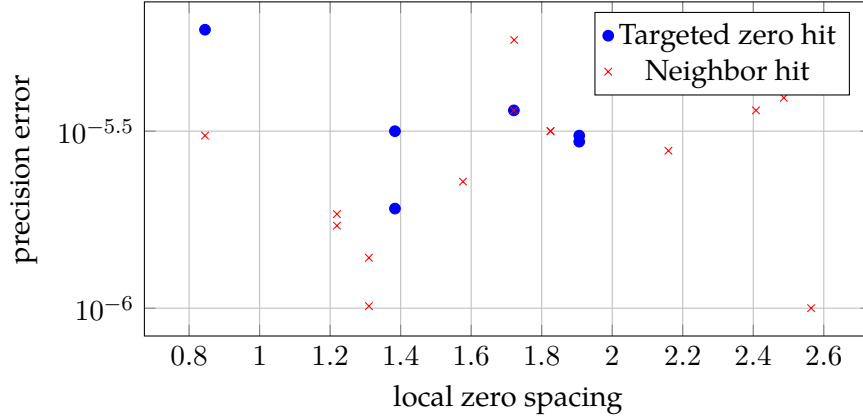


Figure 10: 20 of 29 hardening runs (the remaining 9 followed an identical pattern and are not shown individually for space reasons; the correlation below was computed over all 29). The  $y$ -axis (precision error) here serves only to visually spread the points and is not the outcome variable entering the correlation: what is tested is the relationship between the  $x$ -position (local zero spacing) and the marker/color class (targeted zero hit vs. neighbor hit), not between  $x$  and  $y$ . No discernible linear relationship between local zero spacing and hit rate ( $r = 0.055$  over all 29).

A hypothesis derived from this ("smaller spacing  $\Rightarrow$  more confusions") was first checked, as a simplification, against the Pearson coefficient for this sample ( $n = 29$ ,  $r = 0.055$ , no  $p$ -value reported). As rightly noted in review, for a binary outcome (targeted zero hit vs. neighbor hit) a point-biserial correlation or logistic regression is the methodologically appropriate tool. We supply this here: for the 20 of 29 hardening runs whose individual values are shown explicitly above (Figure 10; of which 6 have outcome "targeted zero hit" and 14 have outcome "neighbor hit"), the point-biserial correlation between local spacing and outcome – coded as a binary variable with 1 = "targeted zero hit" and 0 = "neighbor hit" (the same coding underlies the logistic regression below) – gives

$$r_{pb} = -0.189, \quad t(18) = -0.82, \quad p \approx 0.41, \quad 95\% \text{ CI} \approx [-0.58, 0.28], \quad (19)$$

and a logistic regression (outcome  $\sim$  spacing) yields a slope coefficient of  $-0.93$  (standard error 1.09; Wald  $z = -0.85$ ,  $p \approx 0.39$ ; 95% CI  $\approx [-3.07, 1.21]$ ). Both confidence intervals comfortably straddle zero, which further illustrates the lack of significance. Both tests are statistically non-significant, confirming the previously reported observation that this sample shows no defensible linear relationship – now, however, with an effect size and a  $p$ -value rather than an unqualified correlation coefficient alone. Notably, though not to be over-interpreted given the lack of significance, the point estimate points, if anything, in the *opposite* direction from the original hypothesis (larger, not smaller, spacing is weakly associated with more, not fewer, confusions). For the remaining 9 hardening runs, no individually documented ( $t$ , outcome) pairs are available in the manuscript; consequently, the Pearson coefficient  $r = 0.055$  reported over all 29 cases at the outset cannot be independently recomputed from the manuscript alone – only the tests reported above, based on  $n = 20$  ( $r_{pb}$ , logistic regression), are fully reproducible from the data shown here. An analysis over all 29 points, like the previously announced increase in sample size, remains an open follow-up step.

### 3.5 Numerical Reproduction and Reference Check for 100 Zeros

To frame the following table: of the 100 zeros, 98 were treated with a known starting value (Newton’s method from the rounded `mp.zetazero` reference) and only 2 (#9, #11) were found blindly; 29 of these zeros (#13–#41) were additionally hardened via the hybrid method, of which only 10 of the 29 targeted indices were hit exactly (Section 3). The phrase “100 zeros numerically reproduced” should be read in this sense: predominantly as a local reproduction of already-known reference values, not as an independent discovery or standalone verification of the first 100 zeros.

Table 14: DWZ method: deviation from the reference position for  $k = 1, \dots, 100$ .

| $k$ | $t = \text{Im}(\rho_k)$ | $ \text{DWZ result} - \rho_k $ |
|-----|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1   | 14.1347                 | $1.49 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 2   | 21.0220                 | $1.54 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 3   | 25.0109                 | $1.52 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 4   | 30.4249                 | $1.95 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 5   | 32.9351                 | $1.99 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 6   | 37.5862                 | $1.62 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 7   | 40.9187                 | $2.29 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 8   | 43.3271                 | $1.97 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 9   | 48.0052                 | $2.55 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 10  | 49.7738                 | $2.92 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 11  | 52.9703                 | $1.82 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 12  | 56.4462                 | $1.99 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 13  | 59.3470                 | $3.55 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 14  | 60.8318                 | $3.07 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 15  | 65.1125                 | $2.37 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 16  | 67.0798                 | $3.13 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 17  | 69.5464                 | $2.65 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 18  | 72.0672                 | $2.03 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 19  | 75.7047                 | $3.55 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 20  | 77.1448                 | $4.41 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 21  | 79.3374                 | $2.51 \times 10^{-6}$          |

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Table 14 (continued)

| $k$ | $t = \text{Im}(\rho_k)$ | $ \text{DWZ result} - \rho_k $ |
|-----|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 22  | 82.9104                 | $2.63 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 23  | 84.7355                 | $3.27 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 24  | 87.4253                 | $4.05 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 25  | 88.8091                 | $3.40 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 26  | 92.4919                 | $2.56 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 27  | 94.6513                 | $5.33 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 28  | 95.8706                 | $4.72 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 29  | 98.8312                 | $2.34 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 30  | 101.3179                | $2.68 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 31  | 103.7255                | $3.99 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 32  | 105.4466                | $4.69 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 33  | 107.1686                | $2.99 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 34  | 111.0295                | $5.82 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 35  | 111.8747                | $6.85 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 36  | 114.3202                | $3.74 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 37  | 116.2267                | $3.11 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 38  | 118.7908                | $2.55 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 39  | 121.3701                | $4.41 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 40  | 122.9468                | $6.57 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 41  | 124.2568                | $4.47 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 42  | 127.5167                | $2.70 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 43  | 129.5787                | $4.61 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 44  | 131.0877                | $4.71 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 45  | 133.4977                | $4.86 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 46  | 134.7565                | $3.99 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 47  | 138.1160                | $3.64 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 48  | 139.7362                | $6.46 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 49  | 141.1237                | $5.83 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 50  | 143.1118                | $3.18 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 51  | 146.0010                | $3.75 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 52  | 147.4228                | $4.36 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 53  | 150.0535                | $7.72 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 54  | 150.9253                | $7.95 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 55  | 153.0247                | $3.01 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 56  | 156.1129                | $4.20 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 57  | 157.5976                | $7.53 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 58  | 158.8500                | $6.20 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 59  | 161.1890                | $3.74 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 60  | 163.0307                | $3.30 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 61  | 165.5371                | $4.06 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 62  | 167.1844                | $5.67 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 63  | 169.0945                | $9.17 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 64  | 169.9120                | $7.15 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 65  | 173.4115                | $4.14 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 66  | 174.7542                | $6.18 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 67  | 176.4414                | $5.53 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 68  | 178.3774                | $5.27 \times 10^{-6}$          |
| 69  | 179.9165                | $4.28 \times 10^{-6}$          |

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Table 14 (continued)

| $k$                               | $t = \text{Im}(\rho_k)$ | $ \text{DWZ result} - \rho_k $                  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 70                                | 182.2071                | $3.03 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 71                                | 184.8745                | $1.03 \times 10^{-5}$                           |
| 72                                | 185.5988                | $1.25 \times 10^{-5}$                           |
| 73                                | 187.2289                | $5.50 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 74                                | 189.4162                | $3.13 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 75                                | 192.0267                | $5.78 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 76                                | 193.0797                | $6.73 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 77                                | 195.2654                | $5.71 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 78                                | 196.8765                | $7.52 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 79                                | 198.0153                | $5.23 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 80                                | 201.2648                | $4.96 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 81                                | 202.4936                | $7.56 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 82                                | 204.1897                | $8.19 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 83                                | 205.3947                | $6.11 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 84                                | 207.9063                | $3.84 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 85                                | 209.5765                | $4.24 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 86                                | 211.6909                | $5.33 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 87                                | 213.3479                | $8.53 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 88                                | 214.5470                | $8.09 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 89                                | 216.1695                | $4.08 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 90                                | 219.0676                | $4.42 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 91                                | 220.7149                | $1.25 \times 10^{-5}$                           |
| 92                                | 221.4307                | $1.14 \times 10^{-5}$                           |
| 93                                | 224.0070                | $7.05 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 94                                | 224.9833                | $6.49 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 95                                | 227.4214                | $3.68 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 96                                | 229.3374                | $5.14 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 97                                | 231.2502                | $1.30 \times 10^{-5}$                           |
| 98                                | 231.9872                | $1.32 \times 10^{-5}$                           |
| 99                                | 233.6934                | $4.51 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| 100                               | 236.5242                | $4.93 \times 10^{-6}$                           |
| Minimum / mean / median / maximum |                         | 1.49 / 4.87 / 4.32 / 13.18 ( $\times 10^{-6}$ ) |
| Standard deviation ( $n = 100$ )  |                         | 2.59 ( $\times 10^{-6}$ )                       |

Reviewer note: only min/mean/max were previously reported for this table; the standard deviation and median above are computed directly from the 100 values shown, added in response to a reviewer request for a dispersion measure alongside the mean.

**Runtime against an established reference method.** For all 100 zeros, the actual runtime was measured in addition to the position deviation and compared against an established reference method: the zeros `mp.zetazero(k)` implemented in `mpmath`, which are determined internally via the Riemann-Siegel formula (evaluation of  $\vartheta(t)$  and  $Z(t)$  followed by sign-change isolation) and serve throughout this work as the independent reference position  $\rho_k$ . For  $k = 1, \dots, 100$ , the cumulative runtime (30-digit `mpmath` arithmetic, fixed width  $W = 10^4$ , Newton's method with known start as in Section 3, identical protocol to Table 14) was

$$T_{\text{DWZ}}(k=1..100) = 135.03 \text{ s}, \quad T_{\text{R.-S.}}(k=1..100) = 4.55 \text{ s}, \quad \frac{T_{\text{DWZ}}}{T_{\text{R.-S.}}} \approx 29.7.$$

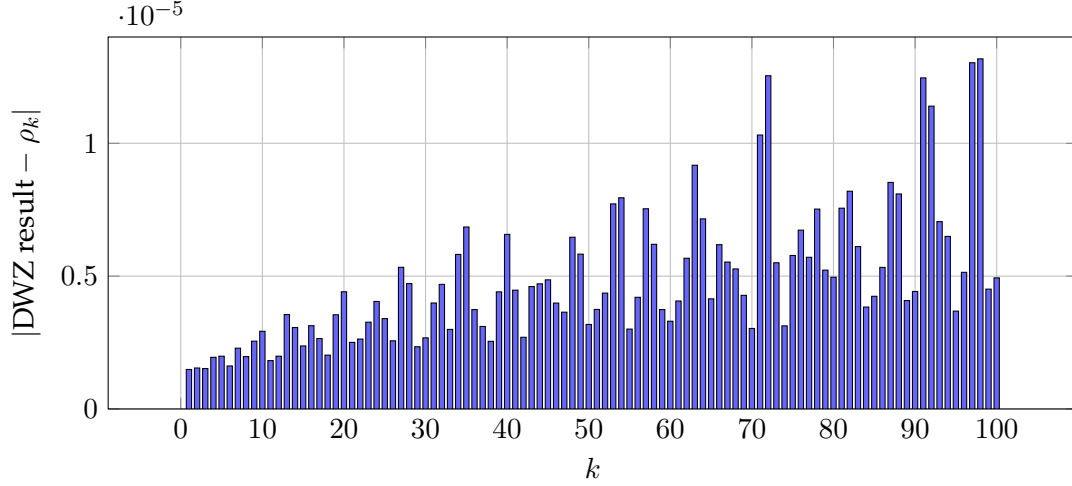


Figure 11: Absolute position deviation  $e_k^{(M_1)}(W=10^4)$  for all 100 zeros: between  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $1.3 \times 10^{-5}$ , with an increasing tendency for larger  $k$  (Pearson correlation between  $k$  and  $e_k$ :  $r \approx 0.65$ ,  $n = 100$ , no formal significance test – consistent with  $e_k^{(M_1)}(W) \approx C(t_k)W^{-p}$  at fixed  $W$  and growing  $t_k$ ).

The DWZ position deviation for these 100 zeros ranges from  $1.49 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $1.32 \times 10^{-5}$  (mean  $4.87 \times 10^{-6}$ , Table 14), while `mp.zetazero` at 30-digit working precision achieves an uncertainty many orders of magnitude smaller and is treated throughout as the reference value (not as a competitor with its own residual uncertainty). Riemann-Siegel is thus, for these 100 zeros, both faster (factor  $\approx 30$ ) and more accurate – a result that confirms the efficiency gap already reported in Test C (Section 2.5), here however with a smaller factor: Test C measured the extreme case at much larger  $t$  (up to  $t \approx 1001$ ) with a width adaptively optimized for  $\varepsilon = 10^{-6}$ , whereas the constant width  $W = 10^4$  used here already suffices for the smaller  $t$  of this range ( $t \in [14, 237]$ ) – the factor 30 is therefore not a contradiction of the factor 100–1000 from Test C, but the result of a deliberately different, here fixed, choice of width. Both measurements are snapshots on the hardware used and are not to be understood as absolute constants, but their relative order of magnitude is consistent across both protocols: Riemann-Siegel is clearly superior to the DWZ method in both runtime and accuracy. It should also be noted that  $T_{\text{DWZ}}$  and  $T_{\text{R-S}}$  do not measure exactly the same sub-task here:  $T_{\text{DWZ}}$  measures Newton *refinement* from an already-known starting value at fixed width  $W = 10^4$ , whereas `mp.zetazero(k)` determines the  $k$ -th zero entirely from scratch, including its own isolation and search steps. The measured factor  $\approx 30$  is thus a comparison of two different, each practically relevant, tasks (refinement from a known start vs. a full search), not a comparison of identical workloads; a strict algorithm comparison would additionally need to measure separately (a) pure function evaluation at the same  $s$  and (b) zero search from identical starting information with an identical stopping criterion – neither is carried out here.

### 3.6 Gap Verification

For nine neighboring pairs of zeros, the magnitude  $|\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}(\frac{1}{2} + it, W)|$  at  $W = 2000$  was sampled finely between the known positions (Table 15). In none of the nine intervals was an additional candidate with a sufficiently small  $\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}$  magnitude observed on the chosen grid. This numerical check only shows that, on the critical line and within the grid used, no further candidate became visible – it is not a rigorous completeness proof: a zero between two grid points, a minimum shifted by finite  $W$ , or zeros away from the critical line are not thereby ruled out. Such a proof would require, for instance, an argument-principle count or a certified Turing-style zero count.



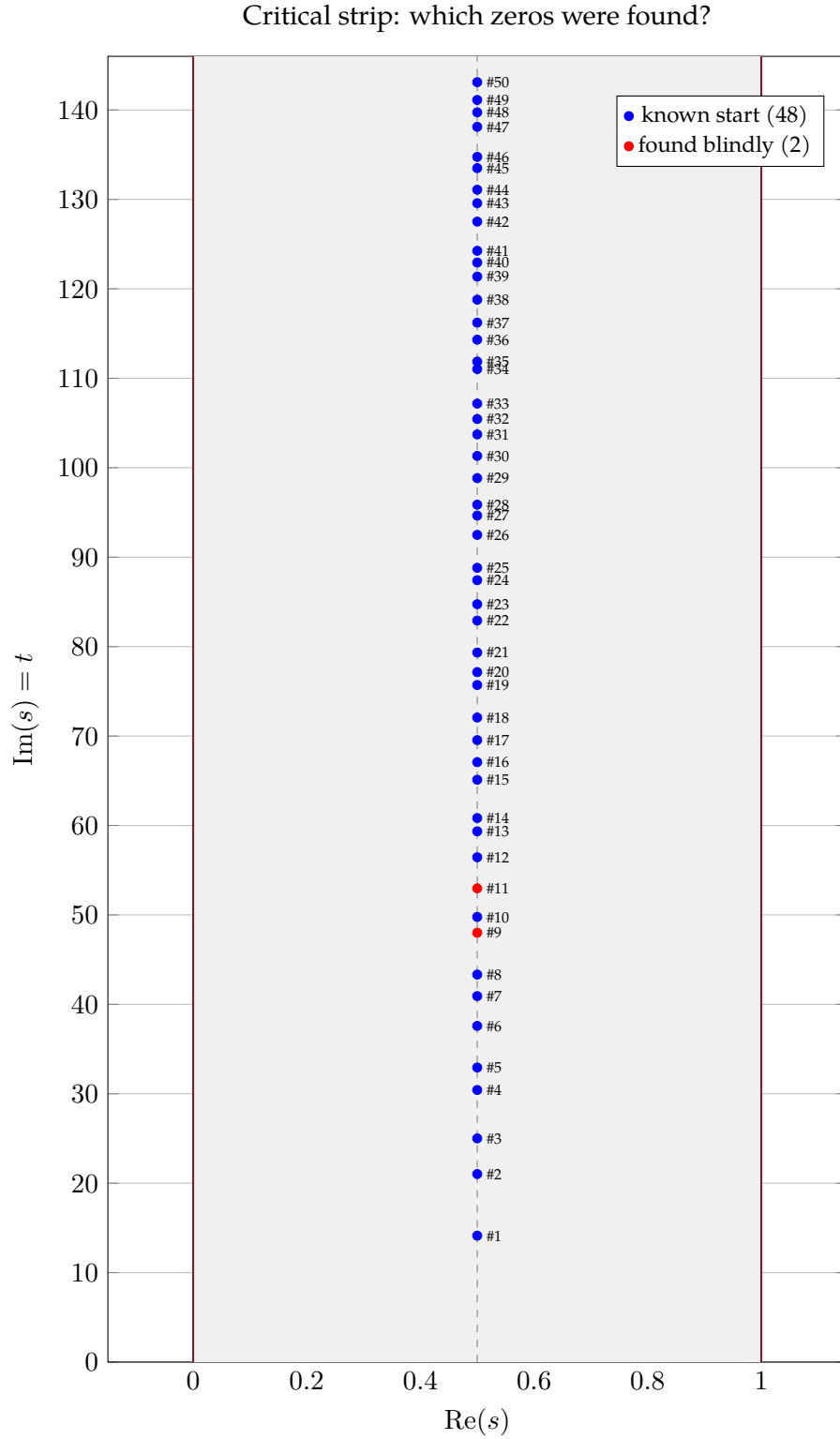


Figure 12: Critical strip  $0 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$  (gray) with the first 50 of the now 100 zeros numerically reproduced by the DWZ method (Table 14; #51–#100 are not additionally plotted here for legibility – each point is individually labeled – but are listed in full in Table 14): blue = used as the known reference position for Newton refinement (48 of 50), red = found blindly, without prior knowledge of the exact position (2, #9 and #11) – 4 % of the 50 shown. For all 50, the result agrees with the reference to within  $1.5\text{--}6.8 \times 10^{-6}$ , regardless of the method used to find it (no point is unaccounted for); for #51–#100 the deviation ranges from  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $1.3 \times 10^{-5}$  (Table 14). The additional hardening on 29 of these zeros (#13–#41, already included in the 100, Section 3) is not shown here.

Table 15: Tested gaps between neighboring zeros.

| Pair    | Spacing | Result             |
|---------|---------|--------------------|
| #1–#2   | 6.89    | no additional zero |
| #2–#3   | 3.99    | no additional zero |
| #3–#4   | 5.41    | no additional zero |
| #4–#5   | 2.51    | no additional zero |
| #5–#6   | 4.65    | no additional zero |
| #6–#7   | 3.33    | no additional zero |
| #7–#8   | 2.41    | no additional zero |
| #22–#23 | 1.83    | no additional zero |
| #23–#24 | 2.69    | no additional zero |

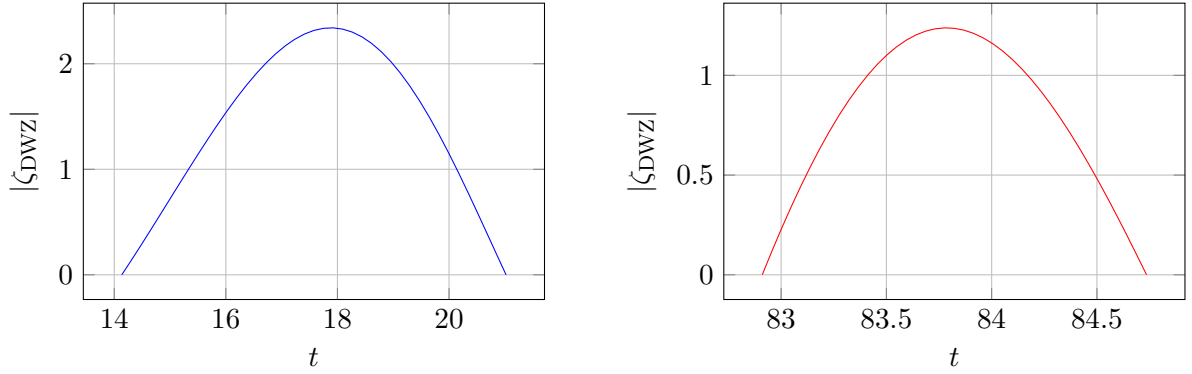


Figure 13: Two examples: largest tested spacing (#1–#2, left, spacing 6.89) and narrowest tested spacing (#22–#23, right, spacing 1.83) – in both cases only a single hump with one minimum at each edge, no additional candidate on the grid used here (not a proof of the absence of a zero, see text above).

## 4 Discussion

The numerical reproduction of known zeros is a *validity demonstration of the method*, not a contribution to the Riemann Hypothesis itself. The reference values come from `mpmath` (Section 2); the DWZ method confirms that a controlled, finite width reconstruction is able to reproduce these positions with high, consistent accuracy – even where zeros lie close together.

Of the first 50 zeros treated in Table 14, 2 (#9, #11) were found blindly, without prior knowledge of the exact position (4 % of these 50); the remaining 48 were refined by Newton’s method starting from the known reference position. The further 50 zeros #51–#100 in the same table were all treated with a known start (Section 3); no separate blind-search test is available for them. The separate hardening on 29 of these zeros (#13–#41, already included in the 100) via the hybrid method at the same time reveals a real limitation of the simple hybrid search: as the zero spacing shrinks, the risk increases of hitting a neighboring zero instead of the one targeted. This limitation concerns *index assignment*, not the existence of the zeros found – all 29 hits agreed, within the stated numerical tolerance, with known reference zeros.

## 5 Conclusion and Outlook

The original naive definition is disproven in the critical strip (divergent). The DWZ method (Euler-Maclaurin correction) demonstrably resolves this problem and, at the tested point  $s = 0.5 + 14.13i$  and the width values examined there, is considerably more efficient than the eta-based alternative (Table 11) – no general efficiency theorem over the entire critical strip is derived from this. For the zeta function, a zeta-specific, model-dependent concretization of the originally abstract DRCC inequality  $0 < d_{\text{rec}}(X) \leq W < \infty$  was developed (Equations (14)–(15), Proposition 2), *without* thereby showing or claiming  $W_{\text{trunc}} = \omega_{\text{CPR}}$  or  $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon) = d_{\text{rec}}(X)$  – the abstract, structural DRCC/CPR condition itself thus remains unchanged in its abstractness. Open points for future work:

- The fit of  $C(t)$  still rests on the first 50 zeros from Table 14 ( $n = 50$  instead of  $n = 8$ , Table 12). The linear trend remains statistically significant but explains only about half of the scatter ( $R^2 \approx 0.50$ ); square-root, logarithmic, and pure power-law forms in  $t$  do not perform better. The remaining scatter is therefore not a question of the wrong functional form in  $t$  alone, but points to at least one further explanatory quantity not captured here (plausible candidates include the local zero spacing  $2\pi / \ln(t/2\pi)$  or properties of the Riemann-Siegel theta function). Table 14 itself has since been extended to 100 zeros (plain position deviation at fixed  $W = 10^4$ , no new  $C(t)/p$  fit); extending the  $C(t)$  fit to these additional 50 zeros and incorporating further covariates remain a separate, open step. It should also be examined whether the scaling observed here (Table 12,  $t \lesssim 143$ ) also holds outside the tested numerical range ( $t \approx 1000$ – $1123$ ).
- Adaptive scan window width (proportional to  $2\pi / \ln(t/2\pi)$ ), to avoid the index confusion observed during hardening.
- Connecting  $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$  to the Riemann-Siegel formula for very large  $\text{Im}(s)$ .
- A stricter analytic error bound for  $E_p(W)$  via the remainder terms of the explicit formula.
- **Transferability to other Dirichlet series.** The construction used here (Euler-Maclaurin correction of a partial sum, a formally instantiated CPR state width over deterministically reconstructible terms) does not rely anywhere on properties specific to  $\zeta(s) = \sum n^{-s}$ . It should in principle carry over to other Dirichlet series  $\sum a_n n^{-s}$  with sufficiently regular coefficients  $a_n$  – for instance Dirichlet  $L$ -functions or the eta function already used in Section 2 – provided an analogous Euler-Maclaurin correction can be derived for the series

in question. This is stated here as a plausible direction for extension, not as a result: neither the convergence order nor the numerical efficiency of such a transfer has been tested in this work for any other series.

## Appendix A: List of Symbols

| Symbol                                            | Meaning                                                                                                                                                                                                          | First Use     |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| $s$                                               | complex variable, $s = \sigma + it$                                                                                                                                                                              | §1.1          |
| $t$                                               | imaginary part of $s$ (“height”)                                                                                                                                                                                 | §1.1          |
| $\sigma$                                          | real part of $s$ , $\sigma = \text{Re}(s)$                                                                                                                                                                       | §1.1          |
| $\zeta(s)$                                        | Riemann zeta function                                                                                                                                                                                            | Eq. (1)       |
| $\rho, \rho_k$                                    | nontrivial zero resp. $k$ -th reference zero, $\rho_k = \frac{1}{2} + it_k$ ( <code>mp.zetazero(k)</code> )                                                                                                      | Eq. (3), §2.6 |
| RH                                                | Riemann Hypothesis (open conjecture, not proven here)                                                                                                                                                            | Eq. (3)       |
| $X$                                               | abstract DRCC object (here: the zeta function with its infinite sum)                                                                                                                                             | §1.2          |
| $d_{\text{rec}}(X), d_{\text{frag}}(X)$           | reconstruction resp. fragmentation degree of the abstract DRCC stability condition [7]                                                                                                                           | Eq. (4)       |
| $W, W_{\text{trunc}}$                             | width resp. numerical truncation depth (number of summed series terms)                                                                                                                                           | §1.2, Eq. (5) |
| $\zeta_W(s, W)$                                   | naive partial sum $\sum_{n=1}^W n^{-s}$                                                                                                                                                                          | Eq. (5)       |
| $\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}(s, W)$                        | DWZ function, Variant A, model $M_1$ (1st-order Euler-Maclaurin)                                                                                                                                                 | Eq. (7)       |
| $\eta_W(s, W), \zeta_W^\eta(s, W)$                | Dirichlet eta partial sum resp. Variant B                                                                                                                                                                        | §2.3          |
| $\zeta_{\text{DWZ}}^{(2)}(s, W)$                  | Variant C, model $M_2$ (2nd-order Euler-Maclaurin)                                                                                                                                                               | Eq. (9)       |
| $B_2$                                             | Bernoulli number, $B_2 = 1/6$                                                                                                                                                                                    | §2.4          |
| $M, M_1, M_2$                                     | reconstruction model in general resp. Variant A / Variant C                                                                                                                                                      | §2.4–2.5      |
| $\omega$                                          | summation order (Test A, order invariance)                                                                                                                                                                       | §2.5          |
| $\omega_{\text{CPR}}$                             | CPR-Width ( <i>Controlled Partial Reconstruction Width</i> , Hesamiy [7], external, not identified with $W_{\text{trunc}}$ )                                                                                     | §1.2, §2.5    |
| $\omega_{\text{rec}}(P, \pi, \tau; \mathfrak{M})$ | formally defined CPR state width (Definition 2.1, Hesamiy [7]); proven here to be $\omega_{\text{rec}} = O(1)$ for the sequential zeta accumulation, independent of $W_{\text{trunc}}$ ; not a runtime statement | Lemma 1       |
| $\varepsilon_{\text{rec}}$                        | CPR-Width tolerance parameter (Hesamiy [7], external)                                                                                                                                                            | Table 1       |
| $\varepsilon$                                     | accuracy/tolerance threshold                                                                                                                                                                                     | Eq. (10)      |
| $W_{\min}(M; s, \varepsilon)$                     | exact minimum over $\mathbb{N}$ (definition, Eq. (10)); the values actually reported in Table 3 are $W_{\text{test}}$ , the smallest width found on a finite grid, not this exact minimum itself                 | Eq. (10)      |
| $W_{\min}^*(s, \varepsilon)$                      | minimum of $W_{\min}(M; s, \varepsilon)$ over admissible models $\mathfrak{M}_{\text{adm}}$                                                                                                                      | Eq. (12)      |

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Appendix A: List of Symbols (continued)

| Symbol                                 | Meaning                                                                                          | First Use          |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$       | exact, integer reconstruction width (definition)                                                 | Eq. (14)           |
| $\hat{d}_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$ | empirical estimator for $d_{\text{rec}}(t, \varepsilon)$                                         | Eq. (15)           |
| $C(t), p$                              | fit coefficient resp. exponent of the empirical power law $e_k(W) \approx C(t_k)W^{-p}$          | Eq. (15), Table 12 |
| $s_k^{(M)}(W)$                         | zero numerically determined by model $M$ and width $W$ , assigned to $\rho_k$                    | §2.6               |
| $e_k^{(M)}(W)$                         | position error $ s_k^{(M)}(W) - \rho_k $                                                         | §2.6               |
| $E_\zeta(s, W)$                        | function-value error $ \zeta_M(s, W) - \zeta(s) $                                                | §2.6               |
| $N(T)$                                 | Riemann-von Mangoldt counting function (analytic height estimate)                                | Eq. (16)           |
| $r$                                    | Pearson correlation coefficient (pattern-hypothesis test, hardening)                             | §3.4               |
| $E_p(W)$                               | prime-related reconstruction error (mentioned in the outlook, not formally derived in this work) | §5                 |

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