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Nontrivial zeros  
of the Riemann zeta function  
know a lot

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# Plan of the talk

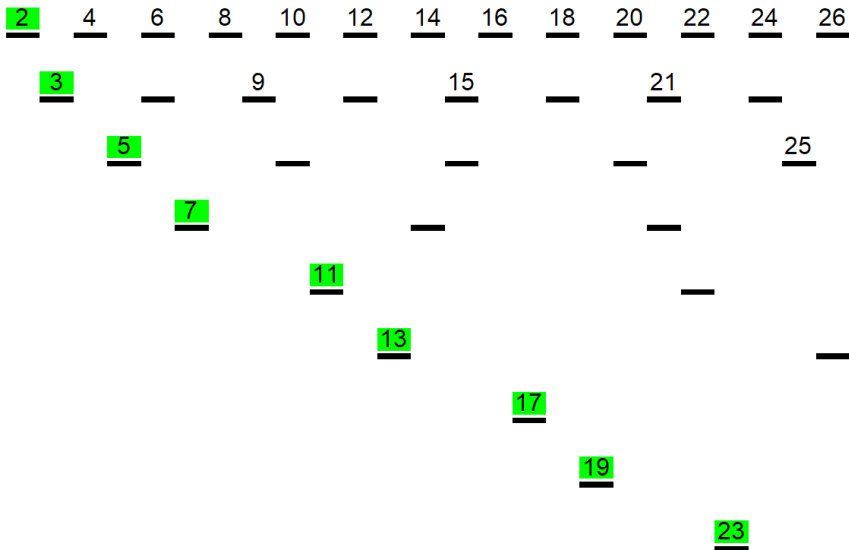
Part I. Some facts from Number Theory

Part II. Numerical experiments and discoveries

## Part I

### Some facts from Number Theory

# Sieve of Eratosthenes (276–194 B. C.)



## Georg Friedrich Bernhard Riemann (1826–1866)



*Riemann's zeta function:*

$$\zeta(s) = 1^{-s} + 2^{-s} + \dots + n^{-s} + \dots$$

The series converges in the half-plane  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$  and defines a function that can be analytically extended to the entire complex plane except for the point  $s = 1$ , its only (and simple) pole.

# Leonhard Euler (1707–1783)

## Theorem (Euler Identity)

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta(s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s} \\ &= \prod_{p \text{ is prime}} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}}\end{aligned}$$



## Euler identity

**Theorem (Euler).**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s} = \zeta(s) = \prod_{p \text{ is prime}} (1 - p^{-s})^{-1}$

**Proof (Eratosthenes).**

$$\zeta(s) = 1^{-s} + 2^{-s} + 3^{-s} + 4^{-s} + 5^{-s} + 6^{-s} + 7^{-s} + 8^{-s} + 9^{-s} + \dots$$

$$\zeta(s) \times -2^{-s} = \quad -2^{-s} \quad -4^{-s} \quad -6^{-s} \quad -8^{-s} \quad - \dots$$

$$\zeta(s)(1 - 2^{-s}) = 1^{-s} \quad + 3^{-s} \quad + 5^{-s} \quad + 7^{-s} \quad + 9^{-s} + \dots$$

$$\zeta(s)(1 - 2^{-s}) = 1^{-s} + 3^{-s} + 5^{-s} + 7^{-s} + 9^{-s} + 11^{-s} + 13^{-s} + 15^{-s} + \dots$$

$$\zeta(s)(1 - 2^{-s}) \times -3^{-s} = \quad -3^{-s} + \quad -9^{-s} \quad -15^{-s} + \dots$$

$$\zeta(s)(1 - 2^{-s})(1 - 3^{-s}) = 1^{-s} \quad + 5^{-s} + 7^{-s} \quad + 11^{-s} + 13^{-s} + \dots$$

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$$\zeta(s) \prod_{p \text{ is prime}} (1 - p^{-s}) = 1^{-s} = 1$$

# The infinitude of prime numbers

## Euler identity

$$1^{-s} + 2^{-s} + \cdots + n^{-s} + \cdots = \prod_{p \text{ is prime}} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}}$$

**Theorem (Euclid).** *There are infinitely many prime numbers.*

**Proof (Euler).** If the number of primes would be finite, then the (divergent) harmonic series would have finite value:

$$\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n} + \cdots = \prod_{p \text{ is prime}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{p}}$$



## Zeros of the zeta function

**Euler:**  $0 = \zeta(-2) = \zeta(-4) = \dots = \zeta(-2m) = \dots$

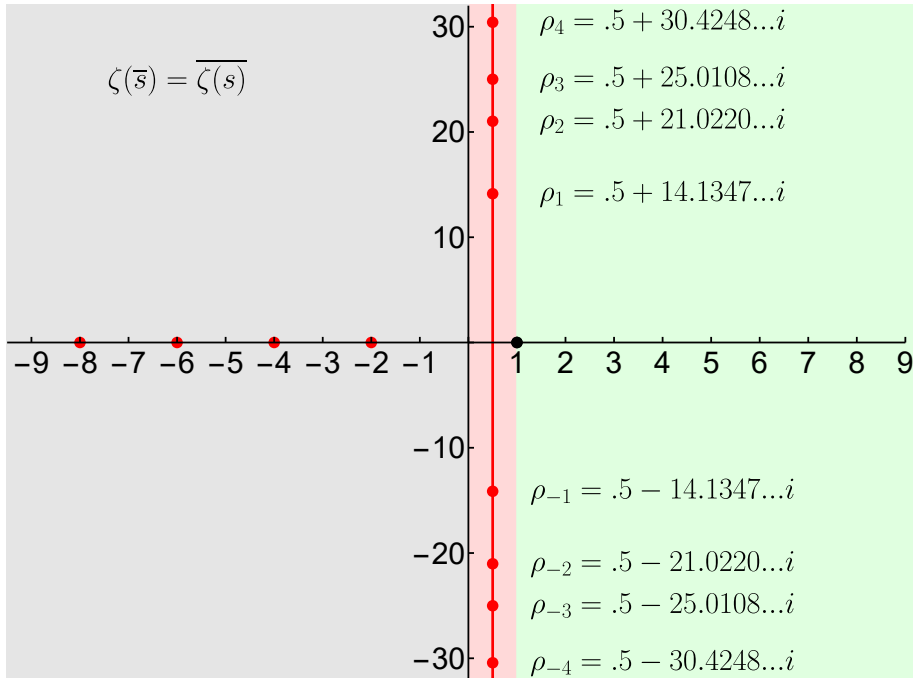
Negative even integer called the **trivial zeros** of the zeta function

**Riemann (1859):** *All other (called **non-trivial**) zeros of the zeta function are non-real and are located inside the **critical strip***

$$0 \leq \operatorname{Re}(s) \leq 1$$

**The Riemann Hypothesis:** *All non-trivial zeros of the zeta function are located on the **critical line**  $\operatorname{Re}(s) = 1/2$ .*

$$\zeta(\bar{s}) = \overline{\zeta(s)}$$



# Leonhard Euler

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

*Alternating zeta function:*

$$\begin{aligned}\eta(s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} n^{-s} \quad (*) \\ &= (1 - 2 \times 2^{-s}) \zeta(s)\end{aligned}$$

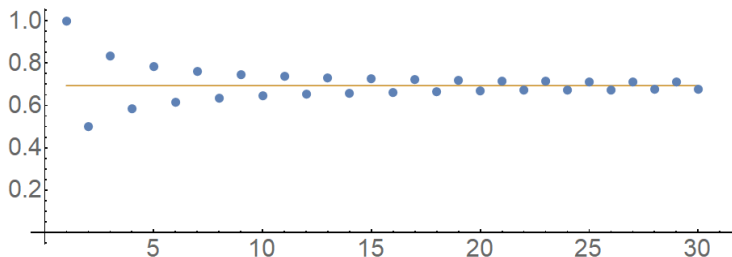
- 1) Series (\*) converges in the larger half-plane  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$
- 2)  $\eta(s)$  is an entire function



## Sample calculations

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} n^{-s} \quad \eta(1) = \ln(2) = 0.693147180\dots$$

$$\eta_N(s) = \sum_{n=1}^N (-1)^{n+1} n^{-s} \quad \eta_{1000}(1) = 0.69264\dots$$



$$\eta_N(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} (-1)^{n+1} n^{-s} + \frac{1}{2} (-1)^{N+1} N^{-s} \quad \eta_{1000}(1) = 0.693147430\dots$$

# Approximations proposed by Peter Borwein (1953 – 2020)

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} n^{-s}$$

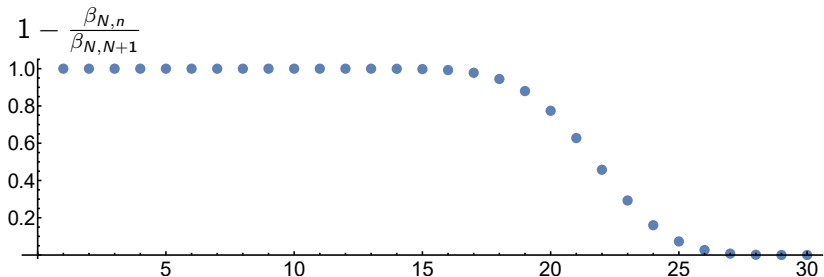
$$\eta_N(s) = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_{N,n} n^{-s}$$

$$\alpha_{N,n} = (-1)^{n+1} \left( 1 - \frac{\beta_{N,n}}{\beta_{N,N+1}} \right)$$

$$\beta_{N,n} = N \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{4^{i-1} (N+i-2)!}{(N-i+1)! (2i-2)!}$$

$$\eta_{30}(1) = 0.69314718055994531125\dots$$

$$\eta(1) = \ln(2) = 0.693147180559945309417\dots$$



## Part II

# Experiments and discoveries

## Our approximation by a Dirichlet series

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s} \quad (*)$$

$$\Omega_N(s) = \sum_{n=1}^N \delta_{N,n} n^{-s} \quad (**)$$

Let us define numbers  $\delta_{N,n}$  by the following conditions:

- ▶ the finite sum  $(**)$  has  $N - 1$  common zeros with the infinite sum  $(*)$
- ▶  $\delta_{N,1} = 1$

## Formal definition of our approximation $\Omega_N(s)$

$$N = 2M + 1$$

$$\Omega_N(s) = 1 + \sum_{n=2}^N \delta_{N,n} n^{-s}$$

$\delta_{N,n}$  are defined by condition

$$\Omega_N(\overline{\rho_M}) = \dots = \Omega_N(\overline{\rho_1}) = 0 = \Omega_N(\rho_1) = \dots = \Omega_N(\rho_M) \quad (*)$$

where  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_M$  are the initial zeroes of the zeta function in the upper half-plane:

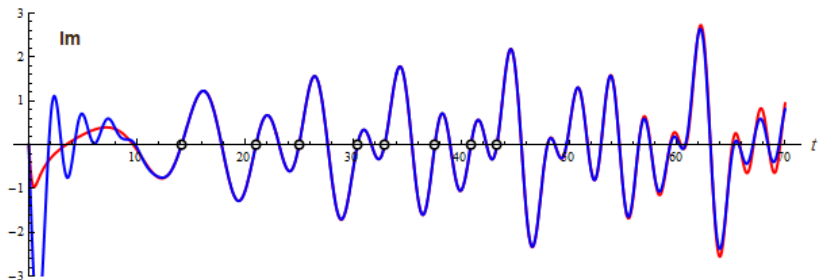
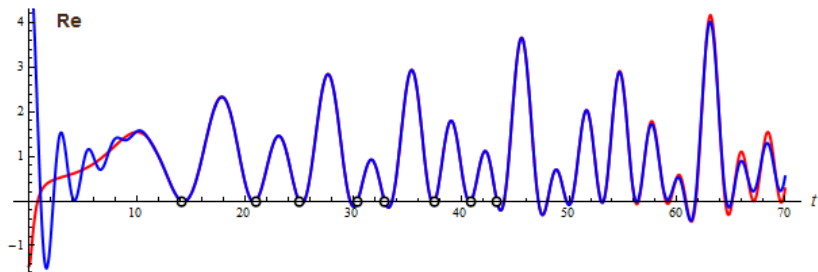
$$\zeta(\rho_1) = \dots = \zeta(\rho_M) = 0$$

$$0 < \text{Im}(\rho_1) \leq \dots \leq \text{Im}(\rho_M)$$

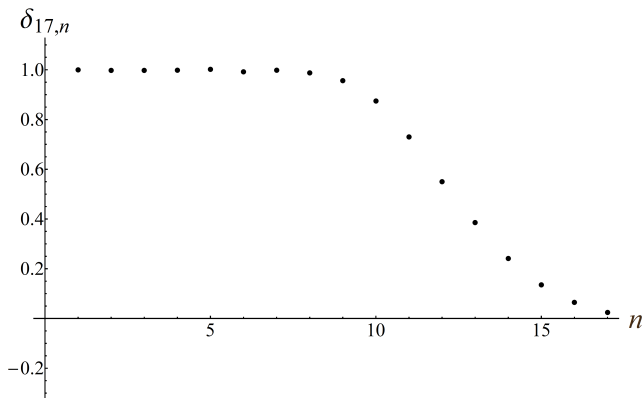
In order to find  $\delta_{N,2}, \dots, \delta_{N,N}$  we should solve linear system (\*);  $\delta_{N,1} = 1$



$$N = 17: \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \text{ and } \Omega_{17}\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{17} \delta_{17,n} n^{-\frac{1}{2}-it}$$



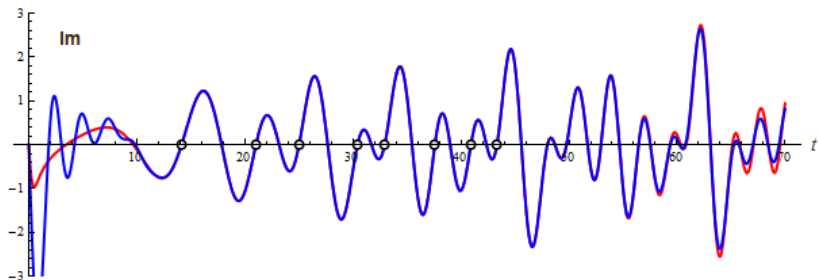
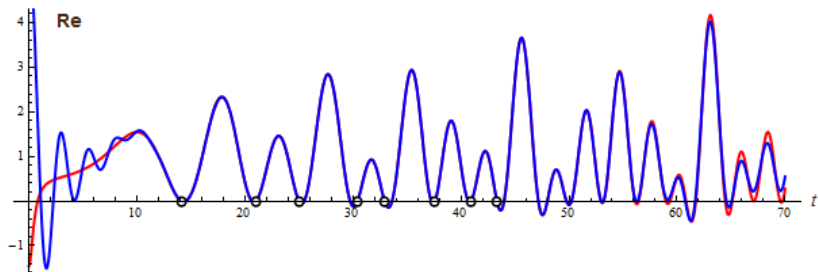
Case  $M = 8$ ,  $N = 2M + 1 = 17$



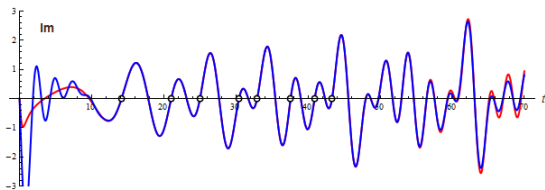
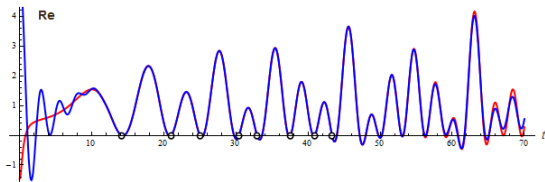
Non-trivial zeta zeros know a lot, in particular

- ▶ they know that (at least, initial) coefficients of the Dirichlet series for the zeta function are (approximately) equal to 1
- ▶ they know a smooth truncation giving good approximation to  $\zeta(s)$  on (at least, part of) the critical line, that it outside the half-plane of convergence of the Dirichlet series for the zeta function

$$N = 17: \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \text{ and } \Omega_{17}\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{17} \delta_{17,n} n^{-\frac{1}{2}-it}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \Omega_{17}(\rho_9 - 4.396 \dots \cdot 10^{-3} + 5.711 \dots \cdot 10^{-3}i) \\ 0 &= \Omega_{17}(\rho_{10} - 1.141 \dots \cdot 10^{-2} - 3.345 \dots \cdot 10^{-3}i) \\ 0 &= \Omega_{17}(\rho_{11} - 1.498 \dots \cdot 10^{-2} + 1.762 \dots \cdot 10^{-3}i) \\ 0 &= \Omega_{17}(\rho_{12} - 1.158 \dots \cdot 10^{-2} + 2.264 \dots \cdot 10^{-2}i) \end{aligned}$$

Case  $M = 50$ ,  $N = 2M + 1 = 101$ : zeroes of  $\Omega_{101}(s)$

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \Omega_{101}(\rho_{51} + 3.469 \dots \cdot 10^{-15} - 1.283 \dots \cdot 10^{-15}i) \\0 &= \Omega_{101}(\rho_{52} + 1.472 \dots \cdot 10^{-14} - 4.170 \dots \cdot 10^{-15}i) \\0 &= \Omega_{101}(\rho_{53} - 3.949 \dots \cdot 10^{-13} + 1.223 \dots \cdot 10^{-14}i) \\0 &= \Omega_{101}(\rho_{54} - 4.684 \dots \cdot 10^{-13} - 9.387 \dots \cdot 10^{-13}i) \\0 &= \Omega_{101}(\rho_{55} - 5.303 \dots \cdot 10^{-12} + 2.129 \dots \cdot 10^{-12}i) \\0 &= \Omega_{101}(\rho_{56} + 2.104 \dots \cdot 10^{-11} + 4.691 \dots \cdot 10^{-11}i) \\0 &= \Omega_{101}(\rho_{57} + 1.054 \dots \cdot 10^{-10} + 1.430 \dots \cdot 10^{-10}i)\end{aligned}$$

Non-trivial zeta zeros know a lot, in particular

- ▶ they know (approximate values of several) next non-trivial zeros

Case  $M = 1550$ ,  $N = 2M + 1 = 3101$ : zeroes of  $\Omega_{3101}(s)$

$$0 = \Omega_N(-2 - 1.884 \dots \cdot 10^{-1510})$$

$$0 = \Omega_N(-4 + 2.013 \dots \cdot 10^{-1504})$$

$$0 = \Omega_N(-6 - 1.158 \dots \cdot 10^{-1498})$$

$$0 = \Omega_N(-8 + 4.508 \dots \cdot 10^{-1493})$$

$$0 = \Omega_N(-10 - 1.316 \dots \cdot 10^{-1487})$$

$$0 = \Omega_N(-12 + 3.066 \dots \cdot 10^{-1482})$$

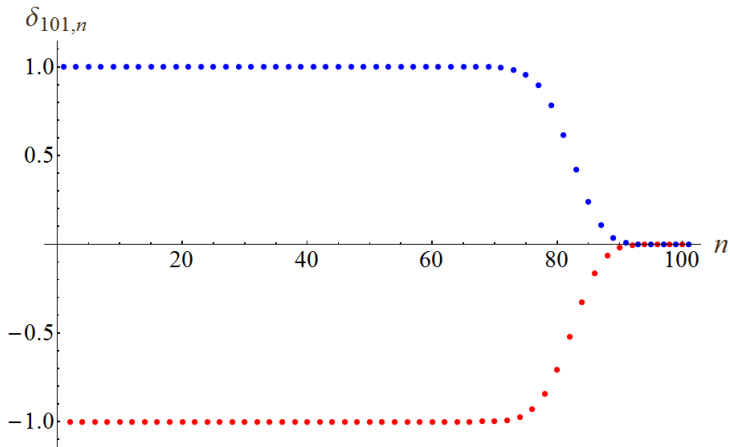
$$0 = \Omega_N(-14 - 5.931 \dots \cdot 10^{-1477})$$

$$0 = \Omega_N(-16 + 9.796 \dots \cdot 10^{-1472})$$

Non-trivial zeta zeros know a lot, in particular

- ▶ they know (approximate values of several) initial trivial zeros

$N = 101$ . Coefficients  $\delta_{101,n}$ , red for even  $n$ , blue for odd  $n$



Non-trivial zeta zeros know a lot, in particular

- ▶ they know about the alternating zeta function, that is, the eta function  $\eta(s)$

## Why $\eta(s)$ ?

$$\Omega_N(s) = 1 + \sum_{n=2}^N \delta_{N,n} n^{-s}$$

$$\Omega_N(\overline{\rho_M}) = \cdots = \Omega_N(\overline{\rho_1}) = 0 = \Omega_N(\rho_1) = \cdots = \Omega_N(\rho_M)$$

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

$$\zeta_N(\overline{\rho_M}) = \cdots = \zeta_N(\overline{\rho_1}) = 0 = \zeta_N(\rho_1) = \cdots = \zeta_N(\rho_M)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} n^{-s} = \eta(s) = (1 - 2 \cdot 2^{-s}) \zeta(s)$$

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Case  $M = 1550$ ,  $N = 2M + 1 = 3101$ : extra eta zeroes

$$\eta(s) = (1 - 2 \cdot 2^{-s})\zeta(s)$$

$$1 - 2 \cdot 2^{-s} = 0 \iff s = s_k = 1 + \frac{2\pi k}{\ln(2)}i, \quad k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

$$0 = \Omega_N(s_{50} - 5.481 \dots \cdot 10^{-133} - 5.546 \dots \cdot 10^{-133}i)$$

$$0 = \Omega_N(s_{100} - 1.109 \dots \cdot 10^{-132} - 1.306 \dots \cdot 10^{-134}i)$$

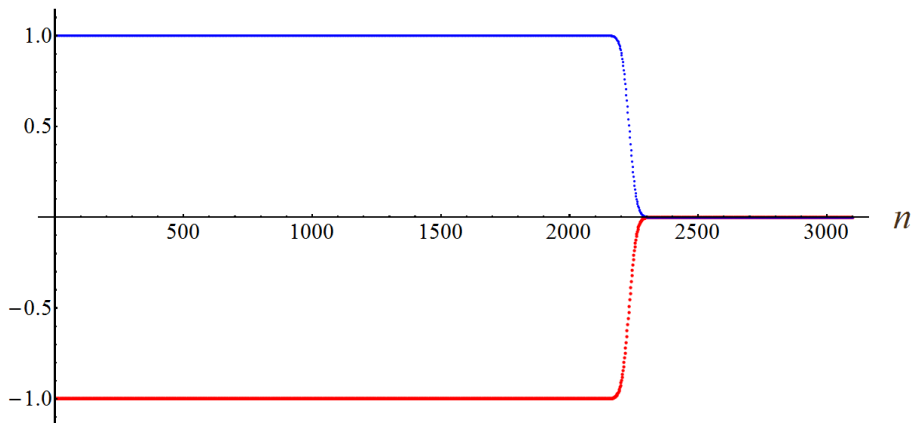
$$0 = \Omega_N(s_{150} - 5.743 \dots \cdot 10^{-133} + 5.543 \dots \cdot 10^{-133}i)$$

$$0 = \Omega_N(s_{200} - 6.157 \dots \cdot 10^{-136} + 2.613 \dots \cdot 10^{-134}i)$$

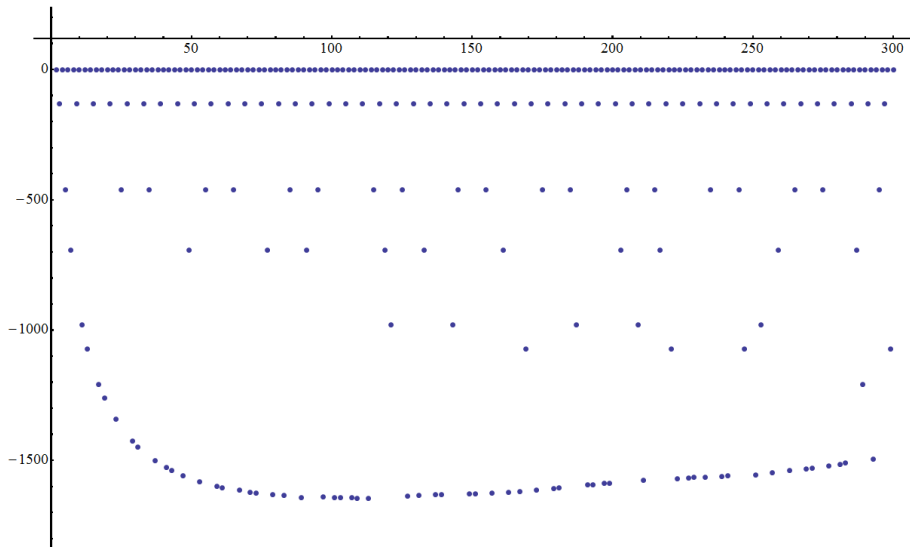
Non-trivial ZETA zeros know a lot, in particular

- ▶ they know (approximate values of several) initial extra zeros of the ETA function

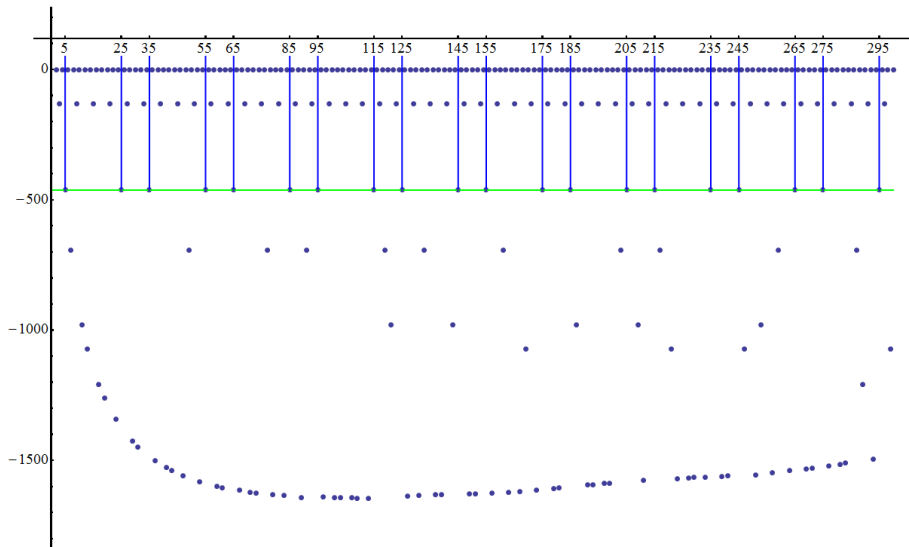
$N = 3101$ , coefficients  $\delta_{3101,n}$ , red for even  $n$ , blue for odd  $n$



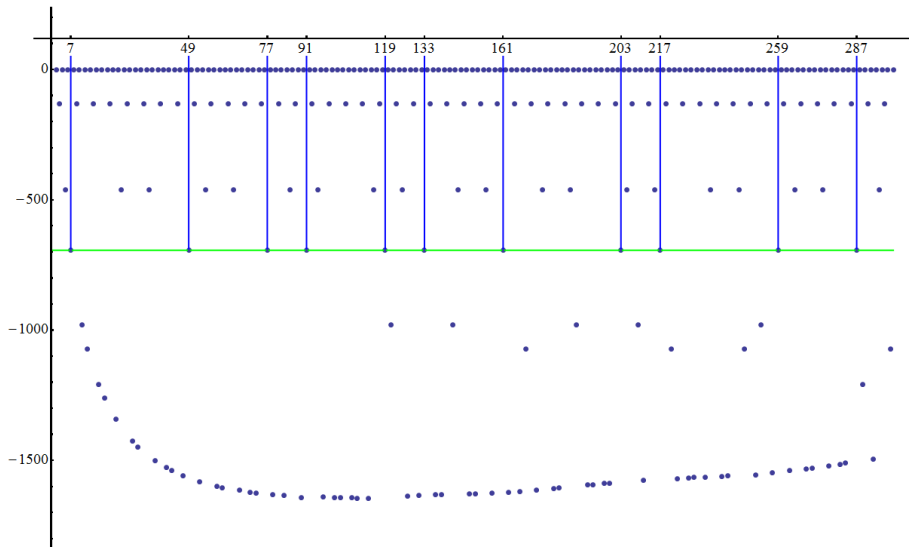
Plot of  $\log_{10} |\delta_{3101,n} - 1|$



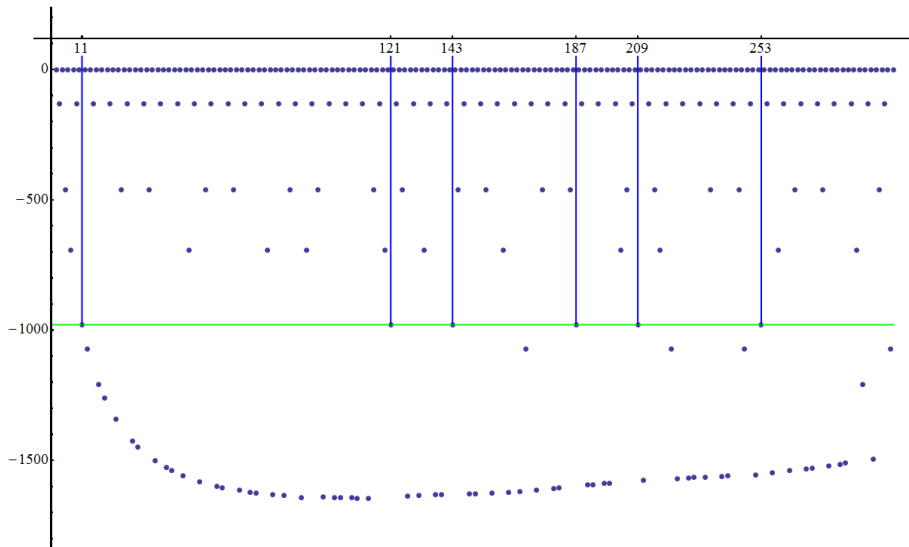
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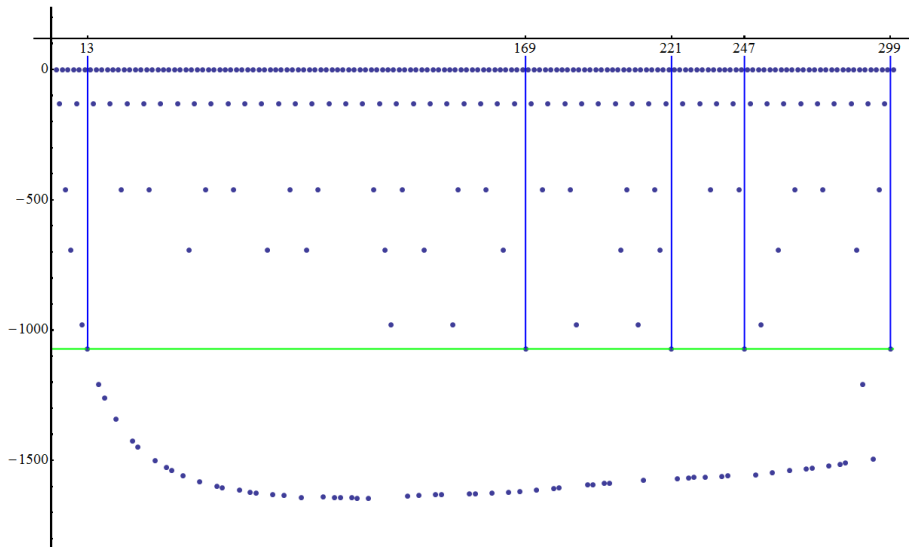
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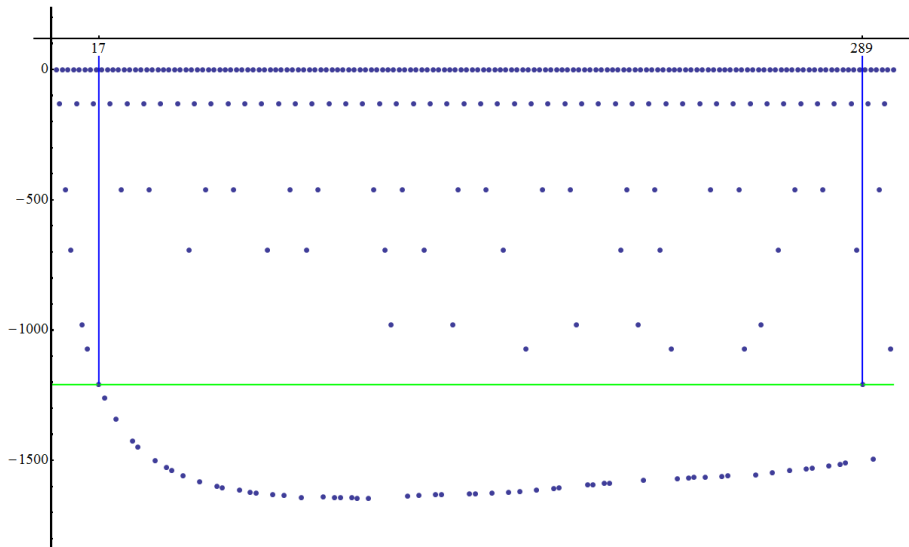
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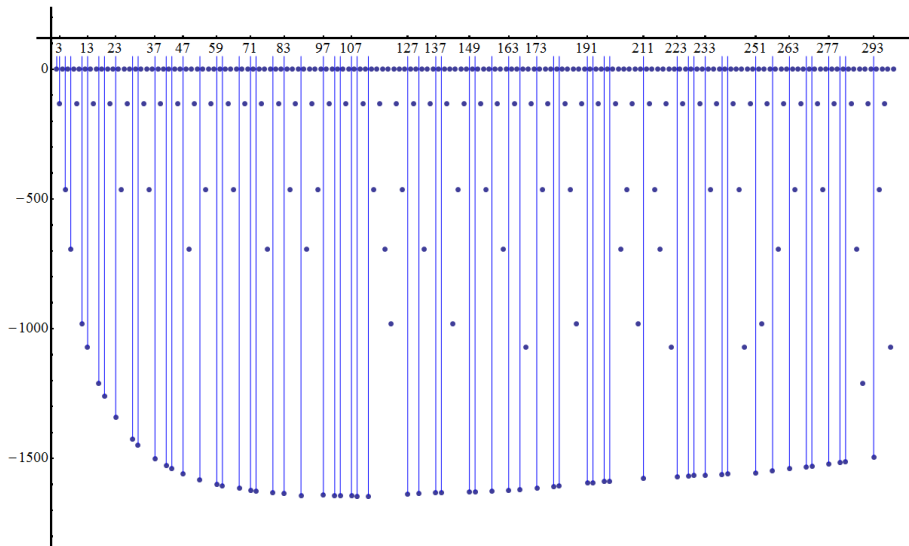


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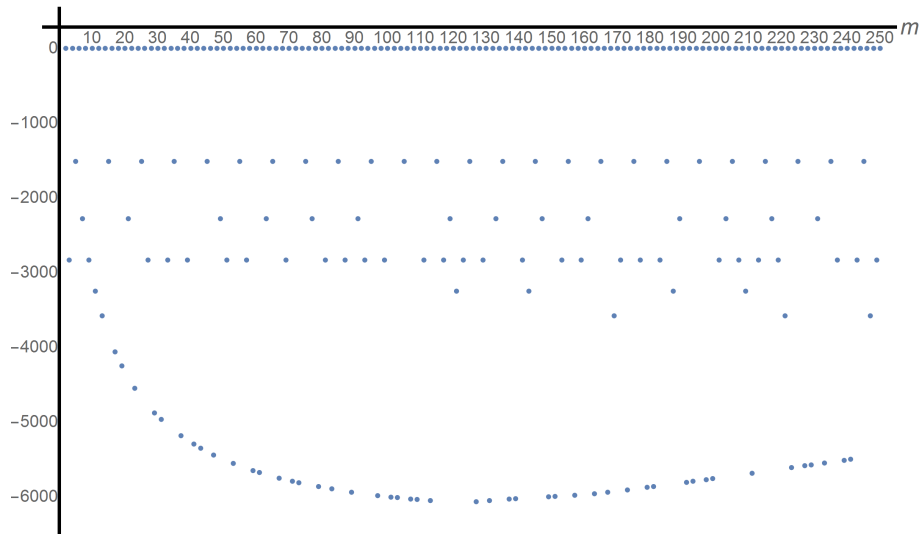
# Plot of $\log_{10} |\delta_{3101,n} - 1| = \text{Sieve of Eratosthenes}$



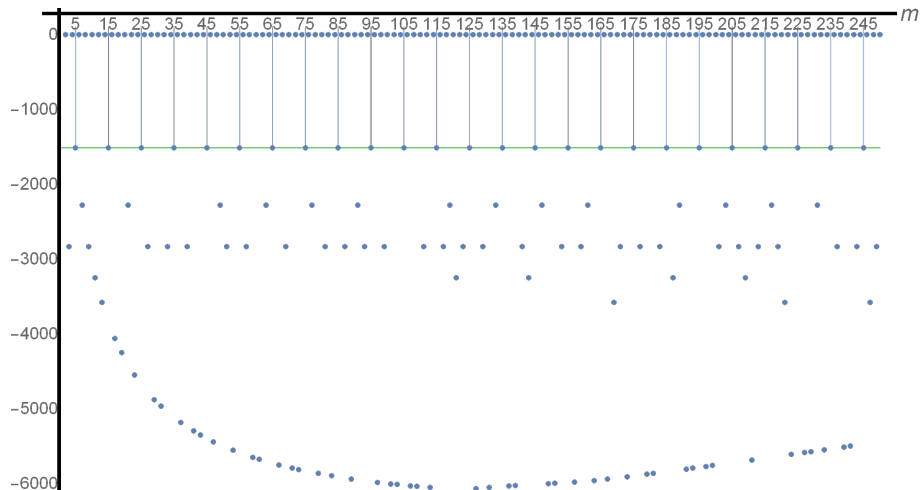
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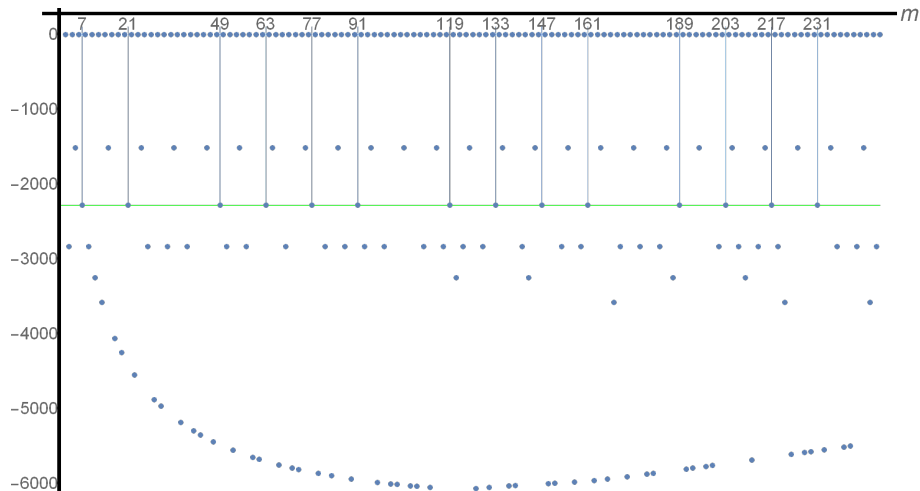
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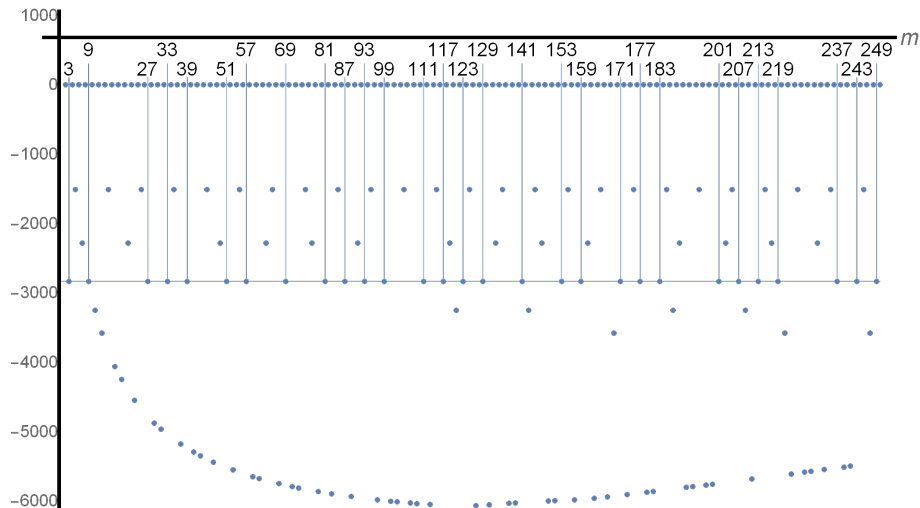
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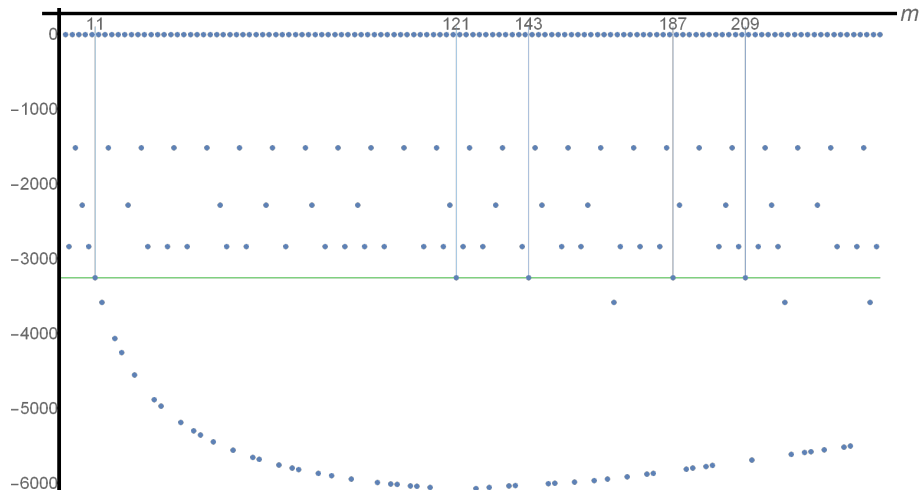
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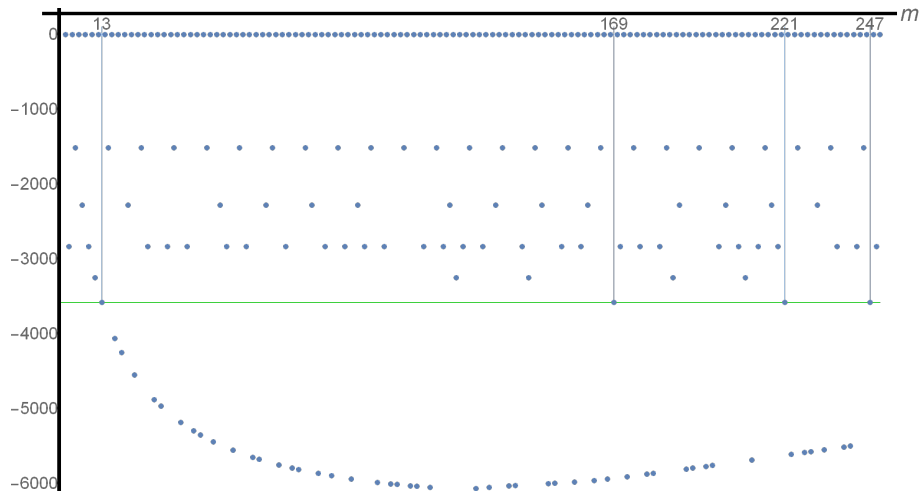
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## Expected Fractal Structure

Let  $n$  range over an arithmetical progression  $d, 2d, \dots, md, \dots$  with

$$d = 2^{k_2} 3^{k_3} 5^{k_5} \dots$$

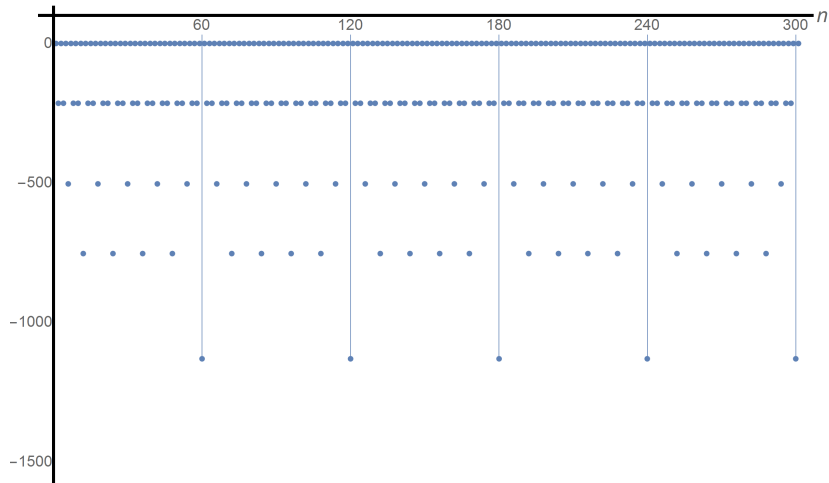
Corresponding Eratosthenes sublevel splits according to the divisibility of  $m$  by  $q_1, q_2, \dots$  where these prime numbers are ordered in such a way that

$$q_1^{k_{q_1}+1} < q_2^{k_{q_2}+1} < \dots < q_j^{k_{q_j}+1} < \dots$$

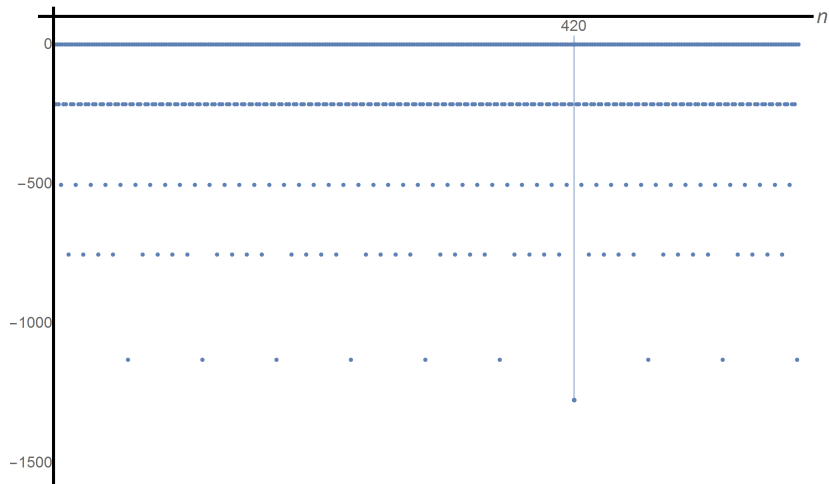
In the previous example  $m = 3$ , hence  $k_2 = 0, k_3 = 1, k_5 = k_7 = \dots = 0$  and  $q_1 = 2, q_2 = 5, q_3 = 7, q_4 = 3, q_5 = 11, q_6 = 13, \dots$  according to

$$2^1 < 5^1 < 7^1 < 3^2 < 11^1 < 13^1 < \dots$$

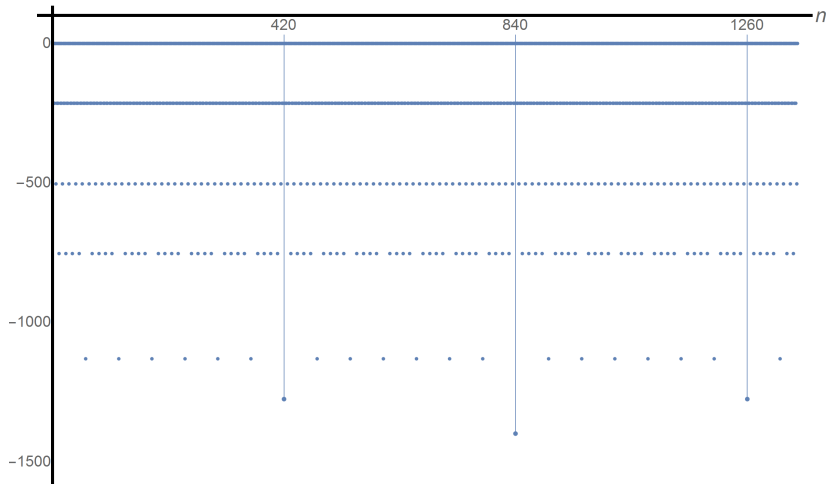
Dual sieve: Plot of  $\log_{10} \left| \sum_{n=1}^m \delta_{N,n} \right|$  при  $N = 5001$



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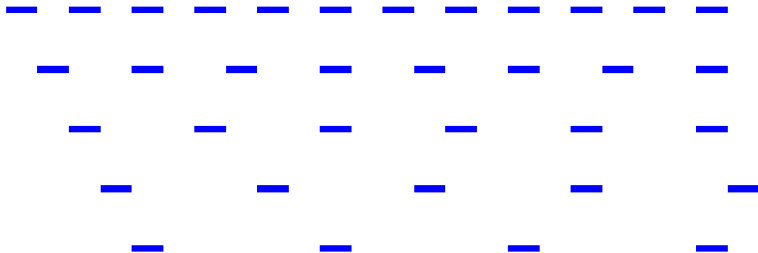
Inheritable divisor:  $k_{\leq} | m \iff 1 | m \ \& \ 2 | m \ \& \ 3 | m \ \& \ \dots \ \& \ k | m$

Maximal inheritable divisor:  $k_{\leq} || m \iff k_{\leq} | m \ \& \ (k + 1) \nmid m$

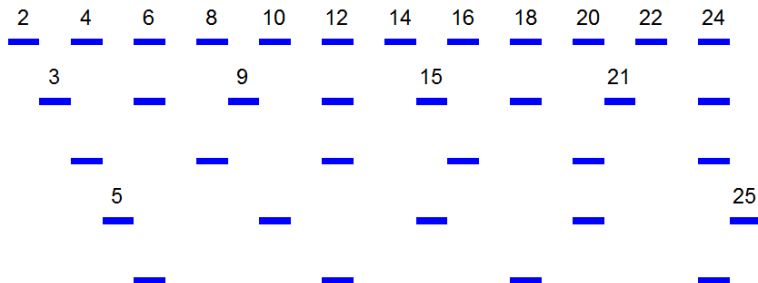
# Sieve of Eratosthenes

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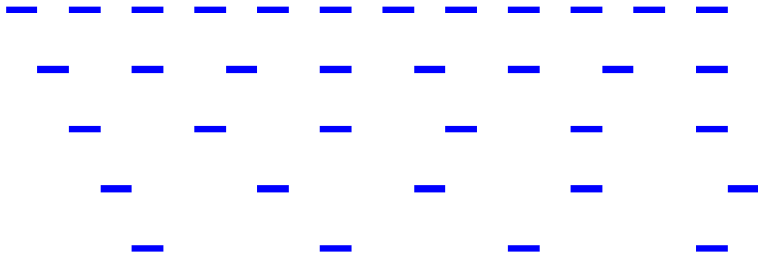


$$\log |\delta_{N,n} - 1|$$

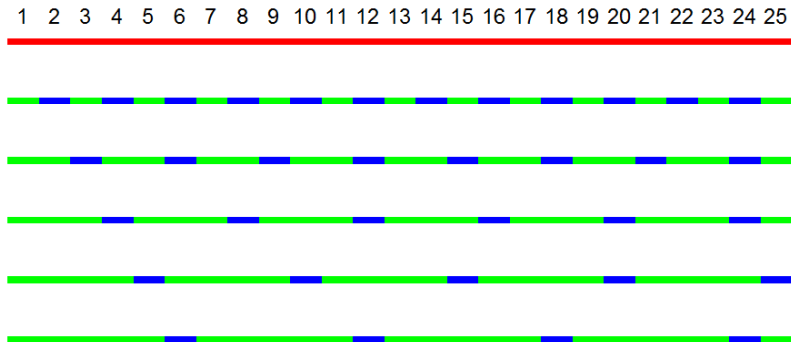
# Sieve of Eratosthenes (repeated)

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# Sieve of Eratosthenes vs dual sieve







## Dual sieve



$$\log \left| \sum_{n=1}^m \delta_{N,n} \right|$$

## Davenport–Heilbronn function

$$f(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d(n)n^{-s}$$

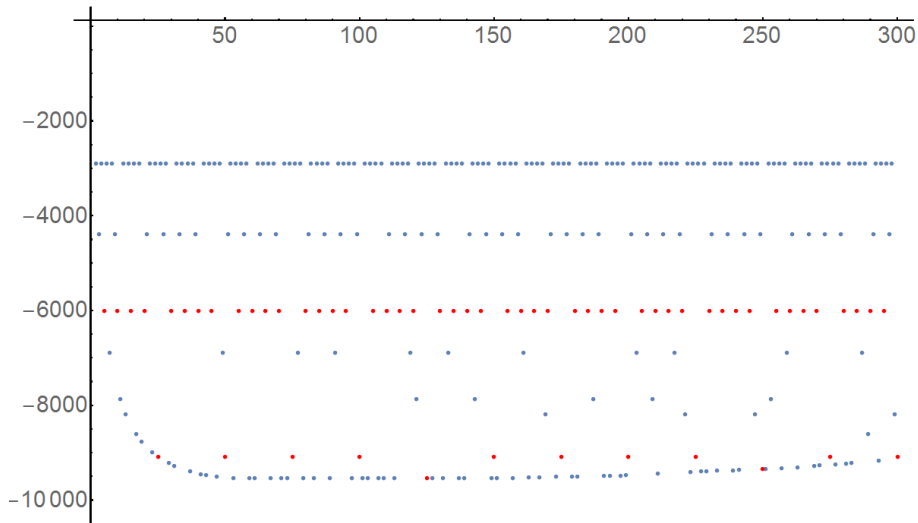
where

$$d(n) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \\ 1, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \\ \tau, & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{5} \\ -\tau, & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{5} \\ -1, & \text{if } n \equiv 4 \pmod{5} \end{cases}$$

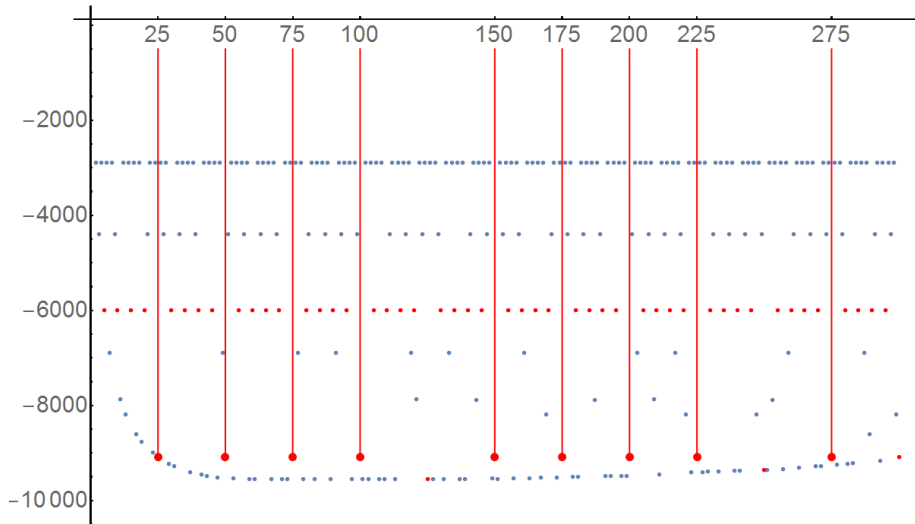
and

$$\tau = \frac{-2 + \sqrt{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}}{-1 + \sqrt{5}}$$

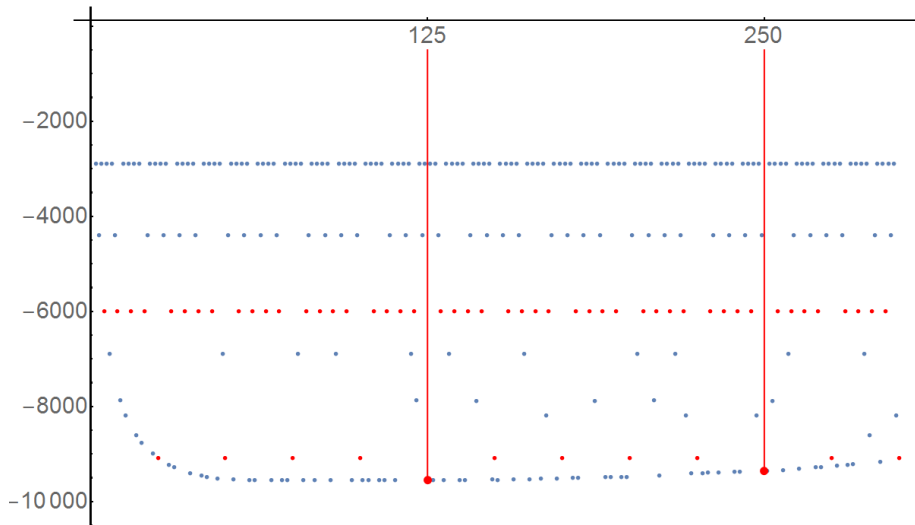
# Sieve of Eratosthenes for $f(s)$ ( $N=7999$ )



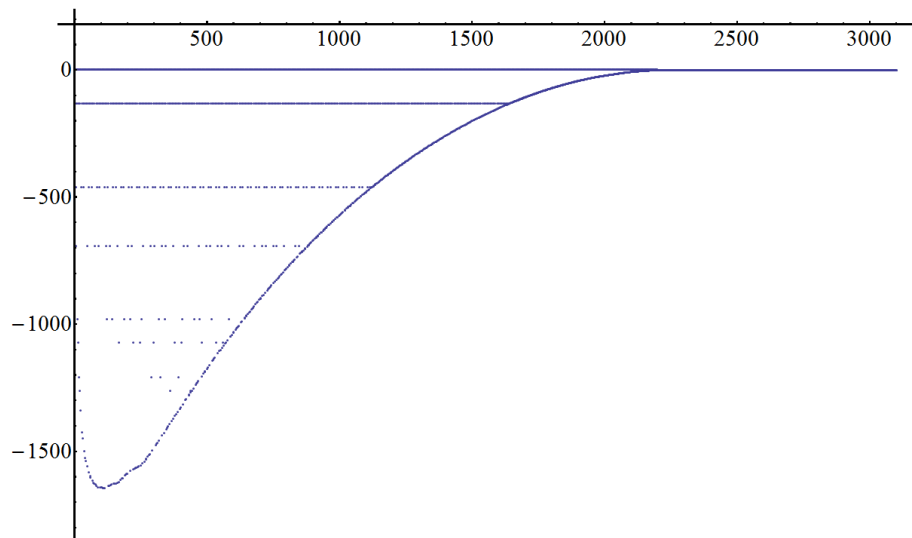
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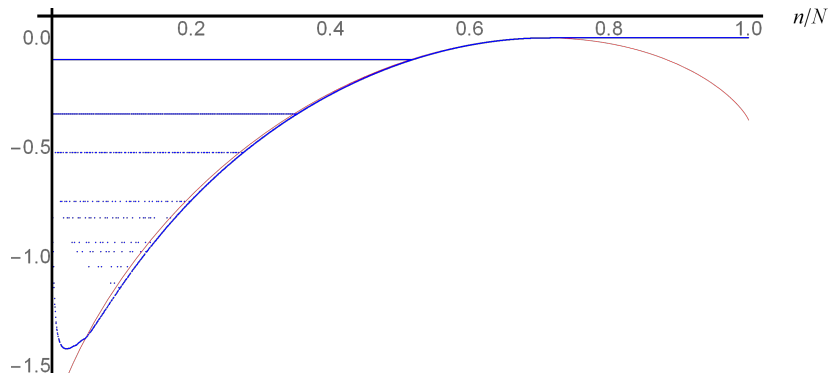
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Total plot of  $\log_{10} |\delta_{3101,n} - 1|$



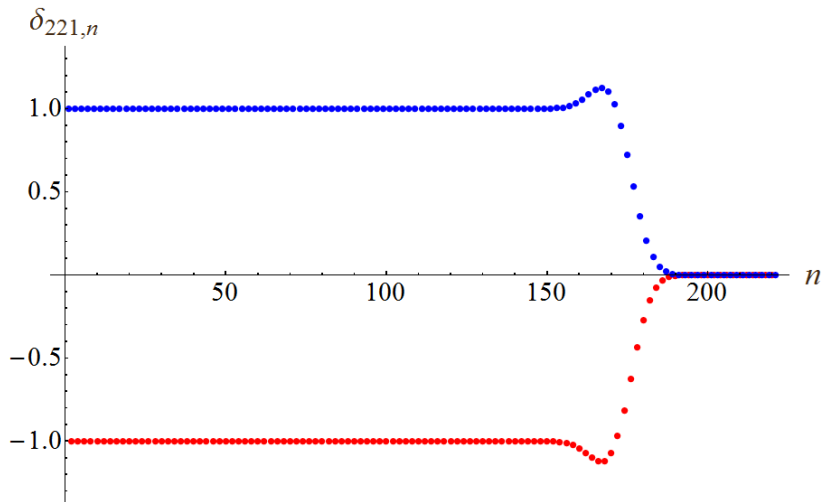
Scaled plot of  $(\ln |\delta_{N,n} + (-1)^n|)/N$  for  $N = 10001$



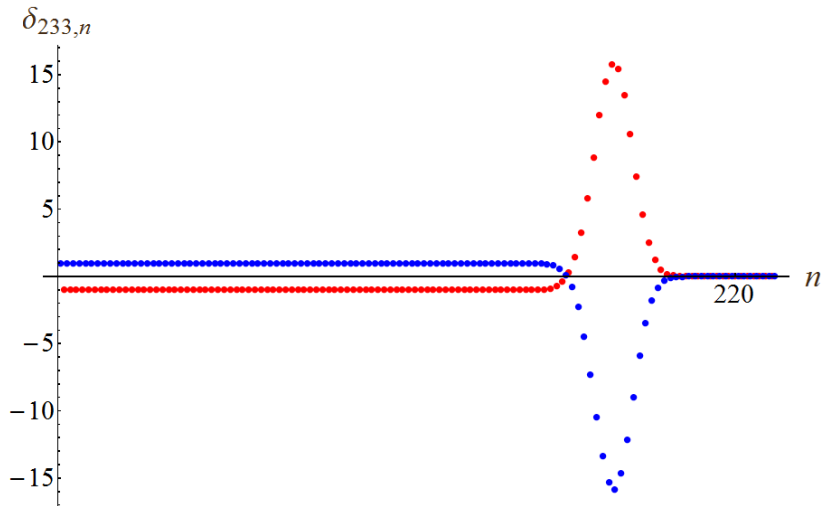
$$\ell\left(\frac{n}{N}\right) = \left(\frac{n}{N} - 1\right) \ln\left(1 - \frac{n}{N}\right) - 2\frac{n}{N} \ln\left(\frac{n}{N}\right) + \left(\frac{n}{N} + 1\right) \ln\left(\frac{n}{N} + 1\right) - \ln(2\sqrt{2} + 3)$$



$N = 221$ , coefficients  $\delta_{221,n}$ , red for even  $n$ , blue for odd  $n$



$N = 233$ , coefficients  $\delta_{233,n}$ , red for even  $n$ , blue for odd  $n$



## Where to look for

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