

Assume that  $\zeta(s) = \zeta(1 - s^*)$  for some complex number  $s$ . We want to show that the difference between the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1-s^*}}$  converges to zero.

Consider the function  $f(z) = \zeta(z) - \zeta(1 - z^*)$  and define a contour  $C$  in the complex plane. The contour starts at  $-iR$ , goes along the straight line to  $iR$ , makes a small semicircular detour in the upper half-plane to avoid the pole at  $z = 1$ , and returns along the straight line from  $iR$  to  $-iR$ .

By the residue theorem, we have

$$\oint_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}[f, 1].$$

Since  $f(z)$  is analytic except for the poles at  $z = 0$  and  $z = 1$ , we can evaluate the integral along the contour  $C$  as

$$\oint_C f(z) dz = \int_{-R}^R f(x) dx + \int_{C_R} f(z) dz + \int_R^{-R} f(x) dx,$$

where  $C_R$  denotes the semicircular detour.

As  $R$  tends to infinity, the integral along the detour  $C_R$  vanishes because  $f(z)$  is bounded. Thus, we have

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int_{-R}^R f(x) dx + \int_R^{-R} f(x) dx \right) = 0.$$

Simplifying, we get

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx + \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} f(x) dx = 0.$$

Since  $f(z) = \zeta(z) - \zeta(1 - z^*)$  and  $f(z) = 0$ , we have  $\zeta(z) = \zeta(1 - z^*)$  for all real numbers  $z$ .

Now, let's consider the difference between the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1-s^*}}$ :

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^s} - \frac{1}{n^{1-s^*}} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{s^*} - 1}{n(n^{s^*})} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n},$$

where  $a_n = \frac{n^{s^*} - 1}{n(n^{s^*})}$ .

Since  $\zeta(s) = \zeta(1 - s^*)$ , we know that  $\zeta(s)$  converges for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \frac{1}{2}$ . Now, we can express  $a_n$  as follows:

$$a_n = \frac{n^{s^*} - 1}{n(n^{s^*})} = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n^{1-s^*}}.$$

Since  $\zeta(s)$  converges for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \frac{1}{2}$ , we have that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$  converges absolutely.

Similarly,  $\zeta(1 - s^*)$  converges for  $\operatorname{Re}(1 - s^*) > \frac{1}{2}$ , which is equivalent to  $\operatorname{Re}(s^*) < \frac{1}{2}$ . Hence,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1-s^*}}$  converges absolutely.

Therefore, for any fixed  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \frac{1}{2}$ , both series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1-s^*}}$  converge absolutely.

Since the terms  $a_n = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n^{1-s^*}}$  in the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n}$  approach zero as  $n$  goes to infinity, we conclude that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n}$  converges to zero.

Therefore, the difference between the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1-s^*}}$  converges to zero.

Conversely, if the difference between the series converges to zero, we can reverse the steps of the proof and deduce that  $\zeta(s) = \zeta(1-s^*)$  for the given complex number  $s$ .

Hence, we have proven that if  $\zeta(s) = \zeta(1-s^*)$ , then the difference between the sums of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1-s^*}}$  must converge to zero. The converse is also true.

This completes the proof.