

THE SELBERG INTEGRAL AND THE PAIR-CORRELATION FUNCTION FOR THE ZEROS OF THE RIEMANN ZETA-FUNCTION

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ABSTRACT: Let

$$J(X, \theta) = \int_X^{2X} |\psi(t) - \psi(t - \theta t) - \theta t|^2 dt$$

denote the “variance” of the primes in short intervals, where $\theta \in [0, 1]$ and

$$F(X, T) = \sum_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in [0, T]} \frac{4X^{i(\gamma_1 - \gamma_2)}}{4 + (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2)^2}$$

denote Montgomery’s pair-correlation function for the zeros of the Riemann zeta-function. We extend results of Goldston & Montgomery, Montgomery & Soundararajan and Chan, providing more accurate relations between hypothetical two-term asymptotic formulas for J and F (see [1]). We also propose a new, more general pair-correlation function and the corresponding version of the Selberg integral, and discuss their relevance to the distribution of prime numbers in short intervals (see [2], [3]).

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