

Homework Set #2 Supplement

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How to win \$1 million.

The Clay Math Institute (<http://www.claymath.org/millennium/>) is offering \$1 million to any person who is able to prove a certain conjecture about the Riemann zeta function (see p. 78), called the *Riemann hypothesis*. One possible way to do this involves the Farey series defined on p. 96:

Theorem. Given an integer $n \geq 1$, let $F = \{F_0, F_1, F_2, \dots, F_k\}$ be the Farey series of order n . Then, if the sum

$$S_n = \sum_{j=1}^k \left| F_j - \frac{j}{k} \right| = O(n^r)$$

for any $r > \frac{1}{2}$, the Riemann hypothesis is true.

Of course, nobody has shown that the sum S_n satisfies this property in general.

Problem S1: Compute the Farey series for $n = 5$, and show that $S_5 \leq \sqrt{5}$.