

AN INFINITE SEQUENCE OF INEQUALITIES INVOLVING SPECIAL VALUES OF THE RIEMANN ZETA FUNCTION

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Abstract. In this paper, we give an infinite sequence of inequalities involving the Riemann zeta function with even arguments $\zeta(2n)$ and the Chebyshev-Stirling numbers of the first kind. This result is based on a recent connection between the Riemann zeta function and the complete homogeneous symmetric functions [18]. An interesting asymptotic formula related to the n th complete homogeneous symmetric function is conjectured in this context:

$$h_n \left(1, \left(\frac{k}{k+1} \right)^2, \left(\frac{k}{k+2} \right)^2, \dots \right) \sim \binom{2k}{k}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

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