Zeros of Partial Sums of the Riemann Zeta-Function

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There have been numerical studies by R. Spira and, more recently, P. Borwein *et al.*.

Zeros of $F_{211}(s)$



Figure: Zeros of $F_{211}(s)$ from P. Borwein et al.

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Idea of the proof: As for $\zeta(s)$: mollify $F_X(s)$ and apply Littlewood's lemma.

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