

# Math Diversion Problem 859

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Dear Algebra, stop asking us to find your X,  
she's not coming back.  
— Woody Paige

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKa7b-3C32A>  
Title: Zeta Function - Part 4 - Infinitude of Primes  
Presenter: MrYouMath

## 1 Introduction

This is the fourth part of a 14-part series on the Zeta function. What I'm presenting here is what I refer to as the 'read-a-long notes' to the videos. They are brief on explanations. For better explanations, please see the videos by MrYouMath, as listed above.

## 2 From earlier in the series:

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = \prod_{p \in P} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}}. \quad (1)$$

## 3 Infinitude of primes

As a corollary, we know that for  $s = 1$  in (1), the sum does not converge, therefore the product also cannot converge. However, if there were a finite number of primes, the product

$$\prod_{p \in P} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} \quad (2)$$

must converge! This forces us to conclude that there must be an infinite number of primes.