## THE RIEMANN Ξ-FUNCTION UNDER REPEATED DIFFERENTIATION

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ABSTRACT. Differentiation causes the small gaps between zeros of a given real entire function with order 1 to become larger and the larger gaps to become smaller. I show that for the Riemann  $\Xi$ -function there exists  $\langle A_n \rangle$  and  $\langle C_n \rangle$  with  $C_n \to 0$  such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} A_n \Xi^{(2n)}(C_n z) = \cos z$$

uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{C}$ . With the method one can prove the same result for the analogues of the Riemann  $\Xi$ -function from automorphic *L*-functions. Also I apply the method to the Fourier transform of  $\varphi(t)$  where  $\varphi(t)$  is even, continuous from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $\varphi(t) = Q(t)e^{P(t)}e^{bt}(1+o(1))$  ( $t \to \infty$ ) such that *b* is real, P(t),  $Q(t)(\not\equiv 0)$  are even polynomials with real coefficients, and the leading coefficient of P(t) is negative. For these Fourier transforms I have the similar results as the Riemann  $\Xi$ -function.

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