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**Robin's theorem, primes, and a new elementary reformulation of the Riemann hypothesis.**

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There are equivalent formulations of the Riemann hypothesis (RH) by *G. Robin* (1984, using Euler-constant  $\gamma$ ) and *J. C. Lagarias* [Am. Math. Mon. 109, No. 6, 534–543 (2002; [Zbl 1098.11005](#)), using harmonic numbers]. The authors give another elementary one, using Gronwall's function  $G(n) = \frac{\sigma(n)}{n \log \log n}$  ( $n > 1$ ): RH is true if and only if  $n = 4$  is the only composite number with the two properties:

(i)  $G(n) \geq G(\frac{n}{p})$  for every prime factor  $p$  of  $n$ ;

(ii)  $G(n) \geq G(an)$  for every positive integer  $a$ .

The proof is elementary and uses the results of Gronwall and Robin.

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