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**Stephen J. Lester\*** ([lester@math.rochester.edu](mailto:lester@math.rochester.edu)). *a-Points of the Riemann zeta-function on the critical line.*

The roots of  $\zeta(s) = a$ , where  $a$  is a nonzero complex number are known as  $a$ -points and have long been an object of study in the theory of the Riemann zeta-function. In this talk we will briefly describe some of their properties and discuss the problem of determining how many  $a$ -points lie on the line  $\Re(s) = 1/2$ . (Received July 02, 2012)