# A discrete limit theorem for the periodic Hurwitz zeta-function. II

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**Abstract.** In the paper, we prove a limit theorem of discrete type on the weak convergence of probability measures on the complex plane for the periodic Hurwitz zeta-function. **Keywords:** Hurwitz zeta-function, limit theorem, probability measure, weak convergence.

The periodic Hurwitz zeta-function  $\zeta(s, \alpha; \mathfrak{a})$ ,  $s = \sigma + it$ , where  $\alpha, 0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , is a fixed parameter, and  $\mathfrak{a} = \{a_m : m \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$  is a periodic sequence of complex numbers, is defined, for  $\sigma > 1$ , by the Dirichlet series

$$\zeta(s,\alpha;\mathfrak{a}) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{(m+\alpha)^s}.$$

Moreover, the function  $\zeta(s, \alpha; \mathfrak{a})$  is meromorphically continued to the whole complex plane with unique possible simple pole at the point s = 1. In a series of works [5, 6, 1, 4], limit theorems for the function  $\zeta(s, \alpha; \mathfrak{a})$  were obtained on the weak convergence, for  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ , of

$$\frac{1}{T}\operatorname{meas}\left\{\tau \in [0,T] : \zeta(\sigma + i\tau, \alpha; \mathfrak{a}) \in A\right\}, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}),$$
(1)

as  $T \to \infty$ , where  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  denotes the Borel  $\sigma$ -field of the space X, and meas A is the Lebesgue measure of a measurable set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

The limit measures depend on the arithmetical nature of the parameter  $\alpha$ . The cases of rational and transcendental  $\alpha$  are completely investigated, while in the case of algebraic irrational  $\alpha$  only certain conditional results are obtained. Limit theorems on the weak convergence of the measure (1) are of continuous character because the shift  $\tau$  can take arbitrary real values. In [7], a discrete limit theorem for the function  $\zeta(s, \alpha; \mathfrak{a})$ , for  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ , on the weak convergence of

$$\frac{1}{N+1}\#\{0\leqslant k\leqslant N:\zeta(\sigma+ikh,\alpha;\mathfrak{a})\in A\},\quad A\in\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}),$$
(2)

as  $N \to \infty$ , has been obtained with h > 0 provided the set

$$\left\{ \left( \log(m+\alpha) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0 \right), \frac{\pi}{h} \right\}$$

is linearly independent over the field of rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Here #A denotes the number of elements of the set A. For example,  $\alpha = \frac{1}{\pi}$  and rational h can be taken.

The aim of this paper is to replace the set  $\{kh : k \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  by a more complicated set  $\{k^{\beta}h : k \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  with a fixed  $\beta$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ . Let

$$L(\alpha) = \left\{ \log(m+\alpha) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0 \right\},\$$

and, for  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C})$ ,

$$P_N(A) = \frac{1}{N+1} \# \{ 0 \leqslant k \leqslant N : \zeta \big( \sigma + ik^\beta h, \alpha; \mathfrak{a} \big) \in A \}$$

Moreover, let

$$\Omega = \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} \gamma_m$$

where  $\gamma_m = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : |s| = 1\}$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . The torus  $\Omega$  is a compact topological Abelian group, therefore, on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega))$ , the probability Haar measure  $m_H$  exists, and we obtain the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega), m_H)$ . Denote by  $\omega(m)$  the projection of an element  $\omega \in \Omega$  to the coordinate space  $\gamma_m, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and, on the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega), m_H)$ , define, for  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ , the complex-valued random variable  $\zeta(\sigma, \alpha, \omega; \mathfrak{a})$ by the formula

$$\zeta(\sigma, \alpha, \omega; \mathfrak{a}) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_m \omega(m)}{(m+\alpha)^{\sigma}}.$$

We note that the latter series, for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ , converges for any fixed  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ . Let  $P_{\zeta}$  be the distribution of the random variable  $\zeta(\sigma, \alpha, \omega; \mathfrak{a})$ , i.e.,

$$P_{\zeta,\sigma}(A) = m_H(\omega \in \Omega : \zeta(\sigma, \alpha, \omega; \mathfrak{a}) \in A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}).$$

Then the following statement is valid.

**Theorem 1** Suppose that  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\beta$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ , are fixed numbers, and the set  $L(\alpha)$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then the measure  $P_N$  converges weakly to  $P_{\zeta,\sigma}$  as  $N \to \infty$ .

A proof of Teorem 1 is based on the following lemma. Let, for  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$ ,

$$Q_N(A) = \frac{1}{N+1} \# \{ 0 \le k \le N : ((m+\alpha)^{-ik^{\beta}h} : m \in \mathbb{N}_0) \in A \}.$$

**Lemma 2** Suppose that  $\beta$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ , is a fixed number, and that the set  $L(\alpha)$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $Q_N$  converges weakly to the Haar measure  $m_H$  as  $N \to \infty$ .

*Proof.* Let  $g_N(\underline{k}), \underline{k} = (k_0, k_1, \ldots)$ , be the Fourier transform of the measure  $Q_N$ , i.e.,

$$g_N(\underline{k}) = \int_{\Omega} \omega^{k_m}(m) \, dQ_N = \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{k=0}^N \prod_{m=0}^\infty (m+\alpha)^{-ik_m k^{\beta} h},$$

where only a finite number of integers  $k_m$  are distinct from zero. Thus, we have that

$$g_N(\underline{k}) = \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{k=0}^{N} \exp\left\{-ik^{\beta}h \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} k_m \log(m+\alpha)\right\}.$$
 (3)

We remind that a sequence  $\{x_m : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of real numbers is said to be uniformly distributed modulo 1, if, for each interval  $I = [a, b) \subset [0, 1)$  of length |I|,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=1}^{n} \chi_I(\{x_m\}) = |I|,$$

where u is the fractional part of  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\chi_I$  denotes the indicator function of the interval I. It is known [2] that the sequence  $\{k^{\beta}a : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  with a fixed  $\beta$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ , and  $a \neq 0$ , is uniformly distributed modulo 1. Since the set  $L(\alpha)$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , we have that

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} k_m \log(m+\alpha) = 0$$

if and only if  $\underline{k} = \underline{0}$ . Clearly, in view of (3),

$$g_N(\underline{0}) = 1. \tag{4}$$

Moreover, the uniform distribution modulo 1 of the sequence  $\{k^{\beta}a\}$  and the Weil criterion [2] show that

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} g_N(\underline{k}) = 0$$

for  $\underline{k} \neq \underline{0}$ . Therefore, by (4),

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} g_N(\underline{k}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \underline{k} = \underline{0} \\ 0 & \text{if } \underline{k} \neq \underline{0} \end{cases}$$

Since the right-hand side of this equality is the Fourier transform of the Haar measure  $m_H$ , the lemma follows from a continuity theorem for probability measures on compact groups.  $\Box$ 

*Proof of Theorem 1.* The proof uses Lemma 2 and is quite standard. First, for a fixed  $\sigma_0 > \frac{1}{2}$ , consider the function

$$\zeta_n(s,\alpha;\mathfrak{a}) = \sum_{m=0}^\infty \frac{a_m \upsilon_n(m,\alpha)}{(m+\alpha)^s},$$

where  $v_n(m, \alpha) = \exp\{-(\frac{m+\alpha}{n+\alpha})^{\sigma_0}\}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let the function  $u_n : \Omega \to \mathbb{C}$  be given by the formula

$$u_n(m) = \zeta_n(\sigma, \alpha, \omega; \mathfrak{a}),$$

where

$$\zeta_n(s,\alpha,\omega;\mathfrak{a}) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_m \omega(m) v_n(m,\alpha)}{(m+\alpha)^s}.$$

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We note that both the series for  $\zeta_n(s, \alpha; \mathfrak{a})$  and  $\zeta_n(s, \alpha, \omega; \mathfrak{a})$  are absolutely convergent for  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ . Therefore, the function  $u_n$  is continuous one. This, Lemma 2 and properties of the weak convergence show

$$\frac{1}{N+1}\#\{0\leqslant k\leqslant N:\zeta_n\big(\sigma+ik^\beta h,\alpha;\mathfrak{a}\big)\in A\},\quad A\in\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}),$$

converges weakly to the measure  $m_H u_n^{-1}$  as  $N \to \infty$ . Here the measure  $m_H u_n^{-1}$  is defined by the formula

$$m_H u_n^{-1}(A) = m_H \left( u_n^{-1} A \right), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}).$$

Let, for brevity,  $\hat{P}_n = m_H u_n^{-1}$ . Then it is proved by a standard way that the measure  $P_N$ , as  $N \to \infty$ , converges weakly to the measure P, where P is the limit measure of  $\hat{P}_n$  as  $n \to \infty$ .

On the other hand, in [3], it is obtained that if the set  $L(\alpha)$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$  then, for  $\sigma_0 > \frac{1}{2}$ , the measure

$$\frac{1}{T}\operatorname{meas}\left\{\tau\in[0,T]:\zeta(\sigma+i\tau,\alpha;\mathfrak{a})\in A\right\},\quad A\in\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}),$$

as  $T \to \infty$  also converges weakly to the limit measure P of  $\hat{P}_n$ , and that P coincides with  $P_{\zeta,\sigma}$ . Therefore,  $P_N$  also converges weakly to  $P_{\zeta,\sigma}$  as  $N \to \infty$ . The theorem is proved.  $\Box$ 

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#### REZIUMĖ

### Diskreti ribinė teorema periodinei Hurvico dzeta funkcijai. II

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Straipsnyje gauta diskreti ribinė teorema periodinei Hurvico dzeta funkcijai apie tikimybinių matų kompleksinėje plokštumoje silpnąjį konvergavimą. Yra nurodytas ribinio mato pavidalas. Įrodymas remiasi sekų tolygaus pasiskirstymo moduliu 1 savybėmis.

*Raktiniai žodžiai*: periodinė Hurvico dzeta funkcija, ribinė teorema, silpnasis konvergavimas, tikimybinis matas.