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Joint Approximation by the Riemann and Hurwitz Zeta-Functions in Short Intervals

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Abstract: In this study, the approximation of a pair of analytic functions defined on the strip $\{s = \sigma + it \in \mathbb{C} : 1/2 < \sigma < 1\}$ by shifts $(\zeta(s + i\tau), \zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha))$, $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$, of the Riemann and Hurwitz zeta-functions with transcendental α in the interval $[T, T + H]$ with $T^{27/82} \leq H \leq T^{1/2}$ was considered. It was proven that the set of such shifts has a positive density. The main result was an extension of the Mishou theorem proved for the interval $[0, T]$, and the first theorem on the joint mixed universality in short intervals. For proof, the probability approach was applied.

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1. Introduction

Denote by $s = \sigma + it$ is a complex variable and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ is a fixed parameter. The Riemann and Hurwitz zeta-functions $\zeta(s)$ and $\zeta(s, \alpha)$, for $\sigma > 1$, are defined by the Dirichlet series as follows:

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^s} \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta(s, \alpha) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m + \alpha)^s},$$

The functions have analytic continuations to the whole complex plane, except for point $s = 1$, which is a simple pole with residues 1. Moreover, the function $\zeta(s)$, for $\sigma > 1$, can be defined by the Euler product as follows:

$$\zeta(s) = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1},$$

where \mathbb{P} is the set of all prime numbers.

The functions $\zeta(s)$ and $\zeta(s, \alpha)$ are important tools for research in the analytic number theory. The function $\zeta(s)$ is the main tool for investigating the distribution of prime numbers in the set \mathbb{N} , while the function $\zeta(s, \alpha)$ with rational parameter α is applied for studying prime numbers in arithmetical progressions. However, the range of applications of the functions $\zeta(s)$ and $\zeta(s, \alpha)$ is significantly wider than the distribution of primes. They are used also in function theory, algebraic number theory, functional analysis, probability theory, and even in quantum mechanics, cosmology, and music [1–5].

One of the most interesting applications of the functions $\zeta(s)$ and $\zeta(s, \alpha)$ is connected to a very important problem of the function theory—the approximation of analytic functions. At present, it is known that analytic functions defined in the strip $D = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : 1/2 < \sigma < 1\}$ can be approximated by shifts $\zeta(s + i\tau)$ (the case of non-vanishing analytic functions) or by shifts $\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha)$, $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$, for some classes of the parameter α . The latter property of zeta-functions is called universality and, for the function $\zeta(s)$, was proved by S. M. Voronin



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in [6,7]. The initial form of the Voronin universality theorem was improved by various authors (see [8–14]), but it remains the same in essence: the set $\zeta(s + i\tau)$, $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$, is dense in the space of analytic functions. For the statement of a modern version of Voronin's theorem, the following notation is convenient. The class of compact sets of the strip D with connected complements is denoted by \mathcal{K} , and the class of continuous functions that are analytic in the interior of K by $H_0(K)$ with $K \in \mathcal{K}$. Moreover, let $\text{meas}A$ stand for the Lebesgue measure of a measurable set $A \subset \mathbb{R}$, and

$$L_T(\dots) = \frac{1}{T} \text{meas}\{\tau \in [0, T] : \dots\},$$

where in place of dots, a condition satisfied by τ is to be written. Then, we have the following statement [8–14]:

Theorem 1. Let $K \in \mathcal{K}$ and $f(s) \in H_0(K)$. Then, for every $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} L_T \left(\sup_{s \in K} |f(s) - \zeta(s + i\tau)| < \varepsilon \right) > 0.$$

Moreover, the limit

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} L_T \left(\sup_{s \in K} |f(s) - \zeta(s + i\tau)| < \varepsilon \right)$$

exists and is positive for all but at most countably many $\varepsilon > 0$.

The problem of the approximation of analytic functions by shifts $\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha)$ is more complicated and depends on the arithmetic of the parameter α . The simplest case is of transcendental α , i.e., when α is not a root of any polynomial $p(s) \neq 0$ with rational coefficients. In this case, the set $\{\log(m + \alpha) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$, $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, is linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} , and we have a certain analogy with the function $\zeta(s)$, where the linear independence of the set $\{\log p : p \in \mathbb{P}\}$ is applied. The case of rational parameter $\alpha = a/q$, $(a, q) = 1$, in virtue of the following representation:

$$\zeta\left(s, \frac{a}{q}\right) = \frac{q^s}{\varphi(q)} \sum_{\chi \pmod{q}} \bar{\chi}(a) L(s, \chi),$$

where a summing runs over all Dirichlet characters modulus q , $L(s, \chi)$ denotes the Dirichlet L -functions, and $\varphi(q)$ is the Euler totient function, is reduced to the simultaneous approximation of a tuple of $\varphi(q)$ analytic functions by shifts $(L(s + i\tau, \chi_1), \dots, L(s + i\tau, \chi_{\varphi(q)}))$. More precisely, the following result by different methods was obtained in [8,9,14] (see also [12,15]). The class of continuous on K functions that are analytic in the interior of K is denoted by $H(K)$ with $K \in \mathcal{K}$.

Theorem 2. Suppose that the parameter α is transcendental, or rational $\neq 1, 1/2$. Let $K \in \mathcal{K}$ and $f(s) \in H(K)$. Then, for every $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} L_T \left(\sup_{s \in K} |f(s) - \zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha)| < \varepsilon \right) > 0.$$

Moreover, the limit

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exists and is positive for all but at most countably many $\varepsilon > 0$.

The cases $\alpha = 1$ and $\alpha = 1/2$ are excluded in Theorem 2 because $\zeta(s, 1) = \zeta(s)$ and

$$\zeta\left(s, \frac{1}{2}\right) = (2^s - 1)\zeta(s),$$

and, for them, the statement of Theorem 1 with class $H_0(K)$ is valid.

The most complicated case is of algebraic irrational parameter α . This case was studied in [16]. The degree of α is denoted by d . Let $\theta = 4(27(4.45)^2)^{-1}$ and $\beta = \theta d^{-2}$. Then, in [16], the following statement was proven to be true.

Theorem 3. *Suppose that the parameter α is algebraic irrational. Let $\gamma \in (0, \beta)$, $1 - \beta + \gamma \leq \sigma_0 \leq 1$, $s_0 = \sigma_0 + it_0$, and $f(s)$ be continuous functions on $|s - s_0| \leq r$, $r > 0$ and analytic in the interior of that disc. Moreover, let $0 < a < 1$ and $\varepsilon \in (0, |f(s_0)|)$. Then, for all but finitely many $\alpha \in [a, 1]$, of degree at most $d_0 - 2\theta_1/d_0^2 + \gamma$ with*

$$d_0 \leq \left(\frac{\theta}{1 - \sigma_0 + \gamma}\right)^{1/2},$$

there exist $\tau \in [T, 2T]$ and $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon, f, T) > 0$ such that

$$\max_{|s-s_0| \leq \delta r} |f(s) - \zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha)| < 3\varepsilon,$$

where $T = T(\varepsilon, f, \alpha)$ is explicitly given, the set of exceptional α is effectively described, and δ is also effectively computable.

Theorems 1–3 are devoted to the approximation of one function from a wide class of analytic functions. Also, there are the so-called joint universality theorems in which a tuple of analytic functions is approximated simultaneously by shifts of zeta-functions. The first joint universality result can also be found in Voronin [17] and deals with Dirichlet L -functions with pairwise non-equivalent characters (see also [9,18,19]). A joint universality theorem for a pair of Hurwitz zeta-functions was given in [20]. The joint approximation of analytic functions by shifts of Hurwitz zeta-functions involving imaginary parts of non-trivial zeros of the Riemann zeta-function was discussed in [21]. However, later, many joint universality theorems were obtained for functions of the same name (for more results, see [12]). For illustration purposes, we present one example. For $j = 1, \dots, r$, let $0 < \alpha_j \leq 1$, and

$$L(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r) = \{\log(m + \alpha_j) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0, j = 1, \dots, r\}.$$

Theorem 4 ([15]). *Suppose that the set $L(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r)$ is linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} . For $j = 1, \dots, r$, let $K_j \in \mathcal{K}$ and $f_j(s) \in H(K_j)$. Then, for every $\varepsilon > 0$,*

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} L_T \left(\sup_{1 \leq j \leq r} \sup_{s \in K_j} |f_j(s) - \zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha_j)| < \varepsilon \right) > 0.$$

Also, some problems of joint universality for Hurwitz zeta-functions can be found in [22].

In [23], H. Mishou initiated a new type of joint mixed universality theorems; he proved a joint universality theorem for two functions of different types, for the Riemann zeta-function and Hurwitz zeta-function. Here, it is important to stress that $\zeta(s)$ has the Euler product, while $\zeta(s, \alpha)$ has no such a product for $\alpha \neq 1$ and $\alpha \neq 1/2$. Moreover, the function $\zeta(s)$ satisfies the symmetric functional equation

$$\zeta(s) = \zeta(1-s), \quad s \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \zeta(s) = \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \zeta(s),$$

where $\Gamma(s)$ is the Euler gamma-function, while, for $\zeta(s, \alpha)$, the following non-symmetric equations connecting s and $1 - s$ are true:

$$\zeta(1 - s, \alpha) = \frac{\Gamma(s)}{(2\pi)^s} \left(e^{-\pi i s/2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i m \alpha}}{m^s} + e^{\pi i s/2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-2\pi i m \alpha}}{m^s} \right), \quad \sigma > 1,$$

or

$$\zeta(s, \alpha) = \frac{2\Gamma(1 - s)}{(2\pi)^{1-s}} \left(\sin \frac{\pi s}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2\pi m \alpha)}{m^{1-s}} + \cos \frac{\pi s}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2\pi m \alpha)}{m^{1-s}} \right), \quad \sigma < 0.$$

This is one of the causes of differences in the value distribution of $\zeta(s)$ and $\zeta(s, \alpha)$ and also reflects the approximate functional equation for $\zeta(s, \alpha)$, which is the main ingredient for the proof of the mean square estimate in short intervals [24].

Theorem 5 ([23]). *Suppose that the parameter α is transcendental. Let $K_1, K_2 \in \mathcal{K}$ and $f_1(s) \in H_0(K_1)$, $f_2(s) \in H(K_2)$. Then, for every $\varepsilon > 0$,*

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} L_T \left(\sup_{s \in K_1} |f_1(s) - \zeta(s + i\tau)| < \varepsilon, \sup_{s \in K_2} |f_2(s) - \zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha)| < \varepsilon \right) > 0.$$

The thesis [25] is devoted to joint discrete universality for the Riemann and Hurwitz zeta-functions. Mixed joint universality is studied also for more general zeta-functions. We mention the works [26–31]. The weighted versions of the Mishou theorem are proven in [32]. Theorems 1, 2, 4, and 5 have one common shortcoming: they imply that the set of approximating shifts is infinite; however, they do not provide any algorithm to find at least one approximating shift. In this sense, these theorems are ineffective. Of course, it is difficult to discuss concrete approximation shifts; however, some additional information on the efficacy of universality theorems is always useful. In Theorem 3, the efficacy of approximation is described by indication of explicitly given interval $[T, 2T]$ containing τ such that $\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha)$ is an approximating shift. This is a very good step in the effectivization direction.

In contrast to Theorem 3, the proofs of Theorems 1, 2, 4, and 5 are based on measure theory; thus, it is impossible to find an explicitly given interval containing τ with the approximation property. Therefore, there is another method to consider approximating shifts with τ in the interval of lengths shorter than T or, more precisely, $o(T)$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$. This method leads to universality theorems in short intervals. For the function $\zeta(s)$, the first universality theorem of such a type was obtained in [33]. Let

$$L_{T,H}(\dots) = \frac{1}{H} \text{meas}\{\tau \in [T, T + H] : \dots\},$$

where in place of dots, a condition satisfied by τ is to be written.

Theorem 6 ([33]). *Suppose that $T^{1/3}(\log T)^{26/15} \leq H \leq T$. Let $K \in \mathcal{K}$, $f(s) \in H_0(K)$. Then, for every $\varepsilon > 0$,*

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} L_{T,H} \left(\sup_{s \in K} |f(s) - \zeta(s + i\tau)| < \varepsilon \right) > 0.$$

Moreover, “lim inf” can be replaced by “lim” for all but at most countably many $\varepsilon > 0$.

Recently, improvements in Theorem 6 were given in [34].

An analog of Theorem 6 for the Hurwitz zeta-function is given in [35].

Theorem 7 ([35]). Suppose that $T^{27/82} \leq H \leq T^{1/2}$, and the parameter α is transcendental. Let $K \in \mathcal{K}$ and $f(s) \in H(K)$. Then, for every $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} L_{T,H} \left(\sup_{s \in K} |f(s) - \zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha)| < \varepsilon \right) > 0.$$

Moreover, the lower limit can be replaced by a limit for all but at most countably many $\varepsilon > 0$.

The aim of this study is to obtain a version of Theorem 5 in short intervals.

Theorem 8. Suppose that $T^{27/82} \leq H \leq T^{1/2}$, and the parameter α is transcendental. Let $K_1, K_2 \in \mathcal{K}$ and $f_1(s) \in H_0(K_1)$, $f_2(s) \in H(K_2)$. Then, for every $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} L_{T,H} \left(\sup_{s \in K_1} |f_1(s) - \zeta(s + i\tau)| < \varepsilon, \sup_{s \in K_2} |f_2(s) - \zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha)| < \varepsilon \right) > 0.$$

Moreover, the lower limit can be replaced by a limit for all but at most countably many $\varepsilon > 0$.

Using short intervals extends and improves the Mishou theorem on joint mixed universality for the functions $\zeta(s)$ and $\zeta(s, \alpha)$ and is the novel approach presented in this article.

For effectivization aims of approximation, the quantity of H must be as small as possible. On the other hand, H is closely connected to a very important but complicated problem of analytic number theory on the mean square estimates of the functions $\zeta(s)$ and $\zeta(s, \alpha)$ in short intervals. Unfortunately, at present, we only have a result of $H \geq T^{27/82}$ in the latter problem (see Lemmas 2 and 3 below).

Mean square estimates together with a joint probabilistic limit theorem for the pair $(\zeta(s), \zeta(s, \alpha))$ in the space of analytic functions occupy a central place in the proof of Theorem 8 in short intervals for the functions $\zeta(s)$ and $\zeta(s, \alpha)$.

2. Mean Square Estimates

The first results for the Riemann zeta-function in short intervals were obtained by D. R. Heath-Brown, J.-M. Deshouillers, A. Ivič, H. Iwaniec, M. Jutila, A. A. Karatsuba, G. Kolesnik (for references, see [36]). We recall one mean square estimate from [36].

Lemma 1. Let (κ, λ) be an exponential pair and $1/2 < \sigma < 1$ fixed. Then, for $T^{(\kappa+\lambda+1-2\sigma)/2(\kappa+1)} \times (\log T)^{(2+\kappa)/(\kappa+1)} \leq H \leq T$, $1 + \lambda - \kappa \geq 2\sigma$, we have uniformly in H

$$\int_{T-H}^{T+H} |\zeta(\sigma + it)|^2 dt \ll H.$$

Lemma 2. Suppose that $\alpha \neq 1/2, 1$, and $1/2 < \sigma \leq 7/12$ is fixed. Then, for $T^{27/82} \leq H \leq T$, uniformly in H

$$\int_{T-H}^{T+H} |\zeta(\sigma + it)|^2 dt \ll_{\sigma} H.$$

Proof. The lemma follows from Lemma 1 by taking the exponential pair $(11/30, 16/30)$. \square

Lemma 3. Suppose that $\alpha \neq 1/2, 1$, and $1/2 < \sigma \leq 7/12$ is fixed. Then, for $T^{27/82} \leq H \leq T^{\sigma}$, uniformly in H

$$\int_{T-H}^{T+H} |\zeta(\sigma + it, \alpha)|^2 dt \ll_{\sigma, \alpha} H.$$

Proof. The lemma is Theorem 2 from [24], where its proof is presented. \square

Let $\theta > 1/2$ be fixed, and, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$v_n(m) = \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^\theta\right\}.$$

Define the series

$$\zeta_n(s) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{v_n(m)}{m^s}$$

which absolutely converges in any half-plane $\sigma > \sigma_0$ with finite σ_0 .

Lemma 4. Suppose that $K \subset D$ is a compact set and $T^{27/82} \leq H \leq T$. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H} \int_T^{T+H} \sup_{s \in K} |\zeta(s+i\tau) - \zeta_n(s+i\tau)| \, d\tau = 0.$$

Proof. Let

$$l_n(s) = \frac{1}{\theta} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{\theta}\right) n^s.$$

We use the following integral representation [10]:

$$\zeta_n(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\theta-i\infty}^{\theta+i\infty} \zeta(s+z) l_n(z) \, dz \tag{1}$$

which is a result of the classical Mellin formula that yields

$$v_n(m) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\theta-i\infty}^{\theta+i\infty} \frac{1}{\theta} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{\theta}\right) \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^{-s} \, ds.$$

Let $K \subset D$ be a fixed compact set. Then, K is closed and bounded; hence, there exists a positive number $\delta < 1/12$ such that $1/2 + 2\delta \leq \sigma \leq 1 - \delta$ for all $s = \sigma + it \in K$. We take $\theta = 1/2 + \delta$ and $\hat{\theta} = 1/2 + \delta - \sigma$. Then, $\hat{\theta} < 0$ and $\hat{\theta} \geq 1/2 + \delta - 1 + \delta = 2\delta - 1/2 > -1/2 - \delta = -\theta$. The integrand in (1) has only two simple poles in the strip $\hat{\theta} < \text{Re} z < \theta$, i.e., a pole at the point $z = 0$ of the function $\Gamma(s/\theta)$ and a pole at the point $z = 1 - s$ of the function $\zeta(s+z)$. Therefore, using the well-known estimate

$$\Gamma(\sigma + it) \ll \exp\{-c|t|\}, \quad c > 0, \tag{2}$$

which is uniform in $\sigma \in (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ with every $\sigma_1 < \sigma_2$, and replacing θ by $\hat{\theta}$ in the line of integration in (1), via the residue theorem, we obtain, for $s \in K$,

$$\zeta_n(s) - \zeta(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\hat{\theta}-i\infty}^{\hat{\theta}+i\infty} \zeta(s+z) l_n(z) \, dz + l_n(1-s).$$

This gives, for $s \in K$,

$$\zeta_n(s) - \zeta(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \zeta\left(\sigma + it + \frac{1}{2} + \delta - \sigma + iu\right) l_n\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta - \sigma + iu\right) \, du + l_n(1-s).$$

Hence, for $s \in K$,

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_n(s+i\tau) - \zeta(s+i\tau) &\ll \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta + it + i\tau + iu\right) \right| \left| l_n\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta - \sigma + iu\right) \right| \, du \\ &\quad + \sup_{s \in K} |l_n(1-s-i\tau)|, \end{aligned}$$

and, after change $t + u$ by u , we obtain

$$\sup_{s \in K} |\zeta_n(s + i\tau) - \zeta(s + i\tau)| \ll \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta + i\tau + iu\right) \right| \sup_{s \in K} \left| l_n\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta - s + iu\right) \right| du + \sup_{s \in K} |l_n(1 - s - i\tau)|. \quad (3)$$

In view of (2), we have, for $s \in K$,

$$l_n\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta - s + iu\right) \ll_{\delta} n^{1/2 + \delta - \sigma} \exp\left\{-\frac{c}{\theta}|u - t|\right\} \ll_{\delta, K} n^{-\delta} \exp\{-c_1|u|\} \quad (4)$$

with $c_1 > 0$. Moreover, it is well known that, for $\sigma \geq 1/2$,

$$\zeta(\sigma + it) \ll t^{1-\sigma}, \quad t \geq 2.$$

This and (4) imply that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\int_{-\infty}^{-\log^2 T} + \int_{\log^2 T}^{\infty} \right) \left| \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta + i\tau + iu\right) \right| \sup_{s \in K} \left| l_n\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta - s + iu\right) \right| du \\ & \ll_{\delta, K} n^{-\delta} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{-\log^2 T} + \int_{\log^2 T}^{\infty} \right) (|\tau| + |u|)^{1/2} \exp\{-c_1|u|\} du \\ & \ll_{\delta, K} n^{-\delta} (|\tau| + 1)^{1/2} \exp\{-c_2 \log^2 T\}, \quad c_2 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, via (3), we find

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{H} \int_T^{T+H} \sup_{s \in K} |\zeta(s + i\tau) - \zeta_n(s + i\tau)| d\tau \\ & \ll_{\delta, K} \int_{-\log^2 T}^{\log^2 T} \left(\frac{1}{H} \int_T^{T+H} \left| \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta + i\tau + iu\right) \right| d\tau \right) \sup_{s \in K} \left| l_n\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta - s + iu\right) \right| du \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{H} \int_T^{T+H} \sup_{s \in K} |l_n(1 - s - i\tau)| d\tau + \frac{n^{-\delta} \exp\{-c_2 \log^2 T\}}{H} \int_T^{T+H} (|\tau| + 1)^{1/2} d\tau \\ & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} J_1 + J_2 + J_3. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Using the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_T^{T+H} \left| \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta + i\tau + iu\right) \right| d\tau & \ll \left(\int_T^{T+H} \left| \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta + i\tau + iu\right) \right|^2 d\tau \right)^{1/2} \\ & \ll \left(\frac{1}{H} \int_{T-H-|u|}^{T+H+|u|} \left| \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta + i\tau\right) \right|^2 d\tau \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

For $|u| \leq \log^2 T$ and large T ,

$$H + |u| \leq T^{1/2} + \log^2 T \leq T.$$

Therefore, (6) and Lemma 2 show that, for $|u| \leq \log^2 T$,

$$\frac{1}{H} \int_T^{T+H} \left| \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta + i\tau + iu\right) \right| d\tau \ll_{\delta} \left(\frac{1}{H} (H + |u|) \right)^{1/2} \ll_{\delta} (1 + |u|)^{1/2}.$$

This and (4) give the estimate

$$J_1 \ll_{\delta, K} n^{-\delta} \int_{-\log^2 T}^{\log^2 T} \exp\{-c_1|u|\} (1 + |u|)^{1/2} du \ll_{\delta, K} u^{-\delta}. \quad (7)$$

Similarly to (4), we obtain that, for $s \in K$,

$$l_n(1 - s - i\tau) \ll n^{1-\sigma} \exp\{-c_1|t + \tau|\} \ll_K n^{1/2-2\delta} \exp\{-c_3|\tau|\}, \quad c_3 > 0.$$

Thus,

$$J_2 \ll_K n^{1/2-2\delta} \frac{1}{H} \int_T^{T+H} \exp\{-c_3|\tau|\} d\tau \ll_K \frac{n^{1/2-2\delta}}{H}. \tag{8}$$

It is easily seen that

$$J_3 \ll n^{-\delta} \exp\{-c_2 \log^2 T\} T^{1/2}.$$

This, (5), (7), and (8) lead to the following estimate:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{H} \int_T^{T+H} \sup_{s \in K} |\zeta(s + i\tau) - \zeta_n(s + i\tau)| d\tau &\ll_{\delta, K} n^{-\delta} + n^{1/2-2\delta} H^{-1} \\ &+ n^{-\delta} \exp\{-c_2 \log^2 T\} T^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking $T \rightarrow \infty$, and then $n \rightarrow \infty$, gives the equality of the lemma. \square

Recall a metric in $H(D)$, inducing its topology [37]. There exists a sequence $\{K_l\}$ of embedded compact sets lying in D such that

$$\bigcup_{l=1}^{\infty} K_l = D,$$

and every compact set $K \subset D$ lies in some set K_l . Then, for $g_1, g_2 \in H(D)$, denoting

$$\rho(g_1, g_2) = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} 2^{-l} \frac{\sup_{s \in K_l} |g_1(s) - g_2(s)|}{1 + \sup_{s \in K} |g_1(s) - g_2(s)|},$$

we have the metric ρ that induces the topology of $H(D)$.

The latter formula with Lemma 4 yields the following statement.

Lemma 5. *Suppose that $T^{27/82} \leq H \leq T$. Then the equality*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H} \int_T^{T+H} \rho(\zeta(s + i\tau), \zeta_n(s + i\tau)) d\tau = 0$$

holds.

A similar lemma for the Hurwitz zeta-function was obtained in [35]. For the same θ as above, define

$$v_n(m, \alpha) = \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{m + \alpha}{n}\right)^\theta\right\}.$$

and

$$\zeta_n(s, \alpha) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{v_n(m, \alpha)}{(m + \alpha)^s}$$

Then, the latter series, as $\zeta_n(s)$, is absolutely convergent for $\sigma > \sigma_0$, with arbitrary finite σ_0 .

Lemma 6. *Suppose that $T^{27/82} \leq H \leq T^{1/2}$, and $\alpha \neq 1/2$ or 1. Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H} \int_T^{T+H} \rho(\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha), \zeta_n(s + i\tau, \alpha)) d\tau = 0.$$

Proof. The lemma is Lemma 10 from [35], where its proof is given. \square

For

$$\underline{g}_k = (g_{k1}, g_{k2}) \in H^2(D), \quad k = 1, 2,$$

set

$$\rho_2(\underline{g}_1, \underline{g}_2) = \max(\rho(g_{11}, g_{12}), \rho(g_{21}, g_{22})).$$

Then ρ_2 is a metric that induces the topology of $H^2(D)$. This definition of ρ_2 and Lemmas 5 and 6 imply the following lemma. For brevity, let

$$\underline{\zeta}(s, \alpha) = (\zeta(s), \zeta(s, \alpha))$$

and

$$\underline{\zeta}_n(s, \alpha) = (\zeta_n(s), \zeta_n(s, \alpha)).$$

Lemma 7. *Suppose that $T^{27/82} \leq H \leq T^{1/2}$, and $\alpha \neq 1/2$ or 1. Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H} \int_T^{T+H} \rho_2(\underline{\zeta}(s+i\tau, \alpha), \underline{\zeta}_n(s+i\tau, \alpha)) \, d\tau = 0.$$

3. Limit Theorem

In this section, we will consider the weak convergence for

$$P_{T,H,\alpha}(A) = L_{T,H}(\underline{\zeta}(s+i\tau, \alpha) \in A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(H^2(D)),$$

as $T \rightarrow \infty$, with H restricted in Lemma 7, and $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{X})$ denotes the Borel σ -field of the space \mathbb{X} .

We start with the weak convergence of probability measures on a certain topological group. Let

$$\Omega_1 = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \{s \in \mathbb{C} : |s| = 1\}, \quad \Omega_2 = \prod_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0} \{s \in \mathbb{C} : |s| = 1\}, \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2.$$

Since Ω_1 and Ω_2 with the product topology and pointwise multiplication are compact topological groups, the Tikhonov theorem implies that Ω is again a compact topological group. Thus, on $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{B}(\Omega_1))$, $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{B}(\Omega_2))$, and $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega))$, the probability Haar measures m_{1H} , m_{2H} , and m_H , respectively, can be defined. We notice that $m_H = m_{1H} \times m_{2H}$, i. e., if $A = A_1 \times A_2$, $A_1 \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega_1)$, $A_2 \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega_2)$, then

$$m_H(A) = m_{1H}(A_1)m_{2H}(A_2).$$

For $\omega \in \Omega$, we have $\omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2)$ with $\omega_1 = (\omega_1(p) : p \in \mathbb{P})$ and $\omega_2 = (\omega_2(m) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0)$.

For $A \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$, set

$$P_{T,H,\alpha}^\Omega(A) = L_{T,H}\left(\left(\left(p^{-i\tau} : p \in \mathbb{P}\right), \left((m+\alpha)^{-i\tau} : m \in \mathbb{N}_0\right)\right) \in A\right).$$

Lemma 8. *Suppose that $T^{27/82} \leq H \leq T^{1/2}$, and α is transcendental. Then, $P_{T,H,\alpha}^\Omega$ converges weakly to the Haar measure m_H as $T \rightarrow \infty$.*

Proof. We use similar arguments as in the case $\tau \in [0, T]$. Let $F_{T,H,\alpha}(\underline{k}_1, \underline{k}_2)$, $\underline{k}_1 = (k_{1p} : k_{1p} \in \mathbb{Z}, p \in \mathbb{P})$, $\underline{k}_2 = (k_{2m} : k_{2m} \in \mathbb{Z}, m \in \mathbb{N}_0)$, be the Fourier transform of $P_{T,H,\alpha}^\Omega$, i. e.,

$$F_{T,H,\alpha}(\underline{k}_1, \underline{k}_2) = \int_{\Omega} \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}}^* \omega^{k_{1p}}(p) \prod_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0}^* \omega^{k_{2m}}(m) \, dP_{T,H,\alpha}^\Omega,$$

where the star * shows that only a finite number of integers k_{1p} and k_{2m} are not zeroes. Thus, taking into account the definition of the measure $P_{T,H,\alpha}^\Omega$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{T,H,\alpha}(k_1, k_2) &= \frac{1}{H} \int_T^{T+H} \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}}^* p^{-i\tau k_{1p}} \prod_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0}^* (m + \alpha)^{-i\tau k_{2m}} d\tau \\
 &= \frac{1}{H} \int_T^{T+H} \exp \left\{ -i\tau \left(\sum_{p \in \mathbb{P}}^* k_{1p} \log p + \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0}^* k_{2m} \log(m + \alpha) \right) \right\} d\tau. \tag{9}
 \end{aligned}$$

We have to show that

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} F_{T,H,\alpha}(k_1, k_2) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (k_1, k_2) = (\underline{0}, \underline{0}), \\ 0 & \text{if } (k_1, k_2) \neq (\underline{0}, \underline{0}), \end{cases} \tag{10}$$

where $\underline{0} = (0, 0, \dots)$. Obviously, by (9),

$$F_{T,H,\alpha}(\underline{0}, \underline{0}) = 1. \tag{11}$$

Therefore, only the case $(k_1, k_2) \neq (\underline{0}, \underline{0})$ remains for consideration. Since α is transcendental, the set $L(\alpha) = \{\log(m + \alpha) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$ is linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} . The set $\{\log p : p \in \mathbb{P}\}$ is also linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} . The linear independence over \mathbb{Q} for the set $L(\mathbb{P}, \alpha) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(\log p : p \in \mathbb{P}), (\log(m + \alpha) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0)\}$ is easily seen. Actually, if, for some non-zeroes $k_{1p_1}, \dots, k_{1p_r}, k_{2m_1}, \dots, k_{2m_v}$,

$$k_{1p_1} \log p_1 + \dots + k_{1p_r} \log p_r + k_{2m_1} \log(m_1 + \alpha) + \dots + k_{2m_v} \log(m_v + \alpha) = 0,$$

then

$$(m_1 + \alpha)^{k_{21}} \dots (m_v + \alpha)^{k_{2v}} = p_1^{-k_{11}} \dots p_r^{-k_{1r}}.$$

From this, it follows that there exists a polynomial $p(s)$ with rational coefficients such that $p(\alpha) = 0$, and this contradicts the transcendence of α .

The linear independence of the set $L(\mathbb{P}, \alpha)$ shows that, in the case $(k_1, k_2) \neq (\underline{0}, \underline{0})$,

$$A(k_1, k_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{p \in \mathbb{P}}^* k_{1p} \log p + \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0}^* k_{2m} \log(m + \alpha) \neq 0.$$

Hence, in view of (9),

$$F_{T,H,\alpha}(k_1, k_2) = \frac{\exp\{-iTA(k_1, k_2)\} - \exp\{-i(T + H)A(k_1, k_2)\}}{iHA(k_1, k_2)}.$$

Thus, for $(k_1, k_2) \neq (\underline{0}, \underline{0})$,

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} F_{T,H,\alpha}(k_1, k_2) = 0,$$

and with (11), we obtain (10). The lemma is proven to be true. \square

Now, we are in position to consider the weak convergence for

$$P_{T,H,n,\alpha}(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} L_{T,H}(\underline{\zeta}_n(s + i\tau, \alpha) \in A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(H^2(D)).$$

For this, define $u_{n,\alpha} : \Omega \in H^2(D)$ by

$$u_{n,\alpha}(\omega) = \underline{\zeta}_n(s, \omega, \alpha), \quad \omega \in \Omega,$$

where

$$\underline{\zeta}_n(s, \omega, \alpha) = (\zeta_n(s, \omega_1), \zeta_n(s, \omega_2, \alpha)),$$

$$\zeta_n(s, \omega_1) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\omega_1(m) v_n(m)}{m^s}, \quad \omega_1(m) = \prod_{\substack{p^l | m \\ p^{l+1} \nmid m}} \omega_1^1(p),$$

and

$$\zeta_n(s, \omega_2, \alpha) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\omega_2(m) v_n(m, \alpha)}{(m + \alpha)^s}.$$

Since the series for $\zeta_n(s, \omega_1)$ and $\zeta_n(s, \omega_2, \alpha)$ are absolutely convergent in every half-plane $\sigma > \sigma_0$, the mapping $u_{n,\alpha}$ is continuous; hence, $(\mathcal{B}(\Omega), \mathcal{B}(H^2(D)))$ -measurable. Therefore, the measure m_H defines, on $(H^2(D), \mathcal{B}(H^2(D)))$, the probability measure $m_H u_{n,\alpha}^{-1}$ by

$$m_H u_{n,\alpha}^{-1}(A) = m_H(u_{n,\alpha}^{-1}A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(H^2(D)).$$

For brevity, let $U_{n,\alpha} = m_H u_{n,\alpha}^{-1}$.

Lemma 9. Suppose that $T^{27/82} \leq H \leq T^{1/2}$, and α is transcendental. Then, $P_{T,H,n,\alpha}$ converges weakly to $U_{n,\alpha}$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof. The definition of $u_{n,\alpha}$ yields

$$u_{n,\alpha} \left(\left(p^{-i\tau} : p \in \mathbb{P} \right), \left((m + \alpha)^{-i\tau} : m \in \mathbb{N}_0 \right) \right) = \zeta_n(s + i\tau, \alpha).$$

Therefore, by the definitions of $P_{T,H,n,\alpha}^\Omega$ and $P_{T,H,n,\alpha}$, we have

$$P_{T,H,n,\alpha}(A) = L_{T,H} \left(\left(\left(p^{-i\tau} : p \in \mathbb{P} \right), \left((m + \alpha)^{-i\tau} : m \in \mathbb{N}_0 \right) \right) \in u_{n,\alpha}^{-1}A \right)$$

for all $A \in \mathcal{B}(H^2(D))$. Hence,

$$P_{T,H,n,\alpha} = P_{T,H,n,\alpha}^\Omega u_{n,\alpha}^{-1}.$$

This, the continuity of $u_{n,\alpha}$, Lemma 8, and Theorem 5.1 of [38] prove that $P_{T,H,n,\alpha}$ converges weakly to $U_{n,\alpha}$. \square

On $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega), m_H)$, define the $H^2(D)$ -valued random element $\underline{\zeta}(s, \omega, \alpha)$ by

$$\underline{\zeta}(s, \omega, \alpha) = (\zeta(s, \omega_1), \zeta(s, \omega_2, \alpha)),$$

where

$$\zeta(s, \omega_1) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\omega_1(m)}{m^s} \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta(s, \omega_2, \alpha) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\omega_2(m)}{(m + \alpha)^s}.$$

We observe that the latter series are uniformly convergent on compact subsets of strip D for almost all ω_1 and ω_2 , respectively (see, for example, [10,15]). Let $P_{\underline{\zeta}, \alpha}$ be the distribution of the random element $\underline{\zeta}(s, \omega, \alpha)$, i. e.,

$$P_{\underline{\zeta}, \alpha}(A) = m_H \left\{ \omega \in \Omega : \underline{\zeta}(s, \omega, \alpha) \in A \right\}, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(H^2(D)).$$

In [23], for the proof of Theorem 5, a limit theorem for the functions $\zeta(s)$ and $\zeta(s, \alpha)$ with transcendental α was obtained. For $A \in \mathcal{B}(H^2(D))$, let

$$P_{T,\alpha}(A) = L_T \left(\underline{\zeta}(s + i\tau, \alpha) \in A \right).$$

Then, in [23], it was proved that $P_{T,\alpha}$, as $T \rightarrow \infty$, and $U_{n,\alpha}$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$ converges weakly to the same probability measure on $(H^2(D), \mathcal{B}(H^2(D)))$, and this measure is $P_{\underline{\zeta}, \alpha}$. Thus, we have the following statement.

Lemma 10. Suppose that α is transcendental. Then, $U_{n,\alpha}$ converges weakly to $P_{\underline{\zeta},\alpha}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Now, we are ready to prove a limit theorem for $P_{T,H,\alpha}$.

Theorem 9. Suppose that $T^{27/82} \leq H \leq T^{1/2}$, and α is transcendental. Then $P_{T,H,\alpha}$ converges weakly to $P_{\underline{\zeta},\alpha}$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof. Introduce a random variable $\zeta_{T,H}$ defined on a certain probability space $(\widehat{\Omega}, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ and uniformly distributed on $[T, T+H]$. Define the $H^2(D)$ -valued random elements as follows:

$$\underline{\zeta}_{T,H,n,\alpha} = \underline{\zeta}_{T,H,n,\alpha}(s) = (\zeta_n(s + i\zeta_{T,H}), \zeta_n(s + i\zeta_{T,H}, \alpha))$$

and

$$\underline{\zeta}_{T,H,\alpha} = \underline{\zeta}_{T,H,\alpha}(s) = (\zeta(s + i\zeta_{T,H}), \zeta(s + i\zeta_{T,H}, \alpha)).$$

Moreover, let $\underline{\zeta}_{n,\alpha}$ denote the $H^2(D)$ -valued random element with distribution $U_{n,\alpha}$. Further on, we will use the language of convergence in distribution ($\xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}}$), i. e., we say that a random element η_n , as $n \rightarrow \infty$, converges in distribution to η if the distribution of η_n , as $n \rightarrow \infty$, converges weakly to that of η .

In virtue of Lemma 10, we have

$$\underline{\zeta}_{T,H,n,\alpha} \xrightarrow[T \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{D}} \underline{\zeta}_{n,\alpha}. \quad (12)$$

By Lemma 10,

$$\underline{\zeta}_{n,\alpha} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{D}} \underline{\zeta}(s, \alpha). \quad (13)$$

The definitions of $\underline{\zeta}_{T,H,n,\alpha}$, $\underline{\zeta}_{T,H,\alpha}$ and $\zeta_{T,H}$ show that, for every $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mu \left\{ \rho_2 \left(\underline{\zeta}_{T,H,\alpha}, \underline{\zeta}_{T,H,n,\alpha} \right) \geq \varepsilon \right\} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} L_{T,H} \left(\rho_2 \left(\underline{\zeta}(s + i\tau, \alpha), \underline{\zeta}_n(s + i\tau, \alpha) \right) \geq \varepsilon \right) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\varepsilon H} \int_T^{T+H} \rho_2 \left(\underline{\zeta}(s + i\tau, \alpha), \underline{\zeta}_n(s + i\tau, \alpha) \right) d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Lemma 7 implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mu \left\{ \rho_2 \left(\underline{\zeta}_{T,H,\alpha}, \underline{\zeta}_{T,H,n,\alpha} \right) \geq \varepsilon \right\} = 0.$$

This equality and relations (12) and (13) show that all hypotheses of Theorem 4.2 of [38] are fulfilled because the space $H^2(D)$ is separable. In consequence,

$$\underline{\zeta}_{T,H,\alpha} \xrightarrow[T \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{D}} \underline{\zeta}(s, \alpha),$$

and this relation is equivalent to the weak convergence of $P_{T,H,\alpha}$ to $P_{\underline{\zeta},\alpha}$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$. \square

4. Proof of the Main Theorem

Theorem 9 is the main ingredient of the proof of Theorem 8. However, the support of the limit measure $P_{\underline{\zeta},\alpha}$ is also needed. We recall that the support of $P_{\underline{\zeta},\alpha}$ is a minimal closed set $S_{\underline{\zeta},\alpha} \subset H^2(D)$ such that $P_{\underline{\zeta},\alpha}(S_{\underline{\zeta},\alpha}) = 1$. The elements of $S_{\underline{\zeta},\alpha}$ have a property that, for every open neighborhood G of \underline{g} , the inequality $P_{\underline{\zeta},\alpha}(G) > 0$ is satisfied.

Since the space $H^2(D)$ is separable, we have [38]

$$\mathcal{B}(H^2(D)) = \mathcal{B}(H(D)) \times \mathcal{B}(H(D)).$$

Therefore, it suffices to deal with sets of the form

$$A = A_1 \times A_2, \quad A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{B}(H(D)).$$

It is well known [10] that

$$L_T(\zeta(s + i\tau) \in A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(H(D)),$$

converges weakly to the measure P_ζ as $T \rightarrow \infty$, where P_ζ is the distribution of the random element $\zeta(s, \omega_1)$.

$$L_T(\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha) \in A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(H(D)),$$

with transcendental α converges weakly to the measure $P_{\zeta, \alpha}$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$, where $P_{\zeta, \alpha}$ is the distribution of the random element $\zeta(s, \omega_2, \alpha)$ [15]. Moreover, the support of P_ζ is the set

$$S \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{g \in H(D) : g(s) \neq 0 \text{ or } g(s) \equiv 0\},$$

while the support of $P_{\zeta, \alpha}$ is the whole $H(D)$ [10,15].

Lemma 11. *The support of the measure $P_{\zeta, \alpha}$ is the set $S \times H(D)$.*

Proof. By a property of the Haar measures m_{1H} , m_{2H} , and m_H , and the above remark, we have

$$m_H(S \times H(D)) = m_{1H}(S) \cdot m_{2H}(H(D)).$$

This and the minimality of the sets S and $H(D)$ such that $m_{1H}(S) = 1$ and $m_{2H}(H(D)) = 1$ show that $S \times H(D)$ is a minimal set satisfying $m_H(S \times H(D)) = 1$. \square

Proof of Theorem 8. By the Mergelyan theorem on the approximation of analytic functions by polynomials [39] (see also [40]), we have the existence of polynomials $p(s)$ and $q(s)$ such that

$$\sup_{s \in K_1} |f_1(s) - e^{p(s)}| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (14)$$

and

$$\sup_{s \in K_2} |f_2(s) - q(s)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}. \quad (15)$$

We stress that the Mergelyan theorem can be applied because $K_1, K_2 \in \mathcal{K}$.

Define the set

$$G_\varepsilon = \left\{ (g_1, g_2) \in H^2(D) : \sup_{s \in K_1} |g_1(s) - e^{p(s)}| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \sup_{s \in K_2} |g_2(s) - q(s)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\}.$$

Then, G_ε is an open neighborhood of an element $(e^{p(s)}, q(s)) \in S \times H(D)$. By Lemma 11 and properties of the support, we have

$$P_{\zeta, \alpha}(G_\varepsilon) > 0. \quad (16)$$

Let

$$\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon = \left\{ (g_1, g_2) \in H^2(D) : \sup_{s \in K_1} |g_1(s) - f_1(s)| < \varepsilon, \sup_{s \in K_2} |g_2(s) - f_2(s)| < \varepsilon \right\}.$$

The inequalities (14)–(15) imply the inclusion of $G_\varepsilon \subset \mathcal{G}_\varepsilon$. Therefore, in view of (16),

$$P_{\zeta,\alpha}(\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon) > 0.$$

The set \mathcal{G}_ε is open in $H^2(D)$. Therefore, Theorem 9 with the equivalent of weak convergence in terms of open sets (see Theorem 2.1 of [38]) gives

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} P_{T,H,\alpha}(\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon) \geq P_{\zeta,\alpha}(\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon) > 0.$$

This and the definitions of \mathcal{G}_ε and $P_{T,H,\alpha}$ imply the first assertion of the theorem.

The boundary of the set \mathcal{G}_ε is denoted by $\partial\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon$. Then, we have that $\partial\mathcal{G}_{\varepsilon_1} \cap \partial\mathcal{G}_{\varepsilon_2} = \emptyset$ for different positives ε_1 and ε_2 . The set \mathcal{G}_ε is a continuity set of $P_{\zeta,\alpha}$ if $P_{\zeta,\alpha}(\partial\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon) = 0$. From the above remark, it follows $P_{\zeta,\alpha}(\partial\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon) \neq 0$ for at most countably many $\varepsilon > 0$. Applying Theorem 9 again in terms of continuity sets (see Theorem 2.1 of [38]), we obtain that

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} P_{T,H,\alpha}(\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon) = P_{\zeta,\alpha}(\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon) > 0$$

for all but at most countably many $\varepsilon > 0$. This proves the second statement of the theorem. \square

5. Conclusions

Let $\zeta(s)$ and $\zeta(s, \alpha)$ denote the Riemann and Hurwitz zeta-functions, respectively, and the parameter α is transcendental. We obtained the set of shifts $(\zeta(s + i\tau), \zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha))$, $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$, that approximate a given pair of analytic functions defined on the strip $D = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : 1/2 < \sigma < 1\}$, has a positive lower density in the interval $[T, T + H]$, $T \rightarrow \infty$. Here, $T^{27/82} \leq H \leq T^{1/2}$. More precisely, the following result is proven. Let K_1 and K_2 be compact subsets of the strip D with connected complements, and $f_1(s) \neq 0$ and $f_2(s)$ continuous functions on K_1 and K_2 that are analytic inside of K_1 and K_2 , respectively. Then, for every $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H} \text{meas} \left\{ \tau \in [T, T + H] : \sup_{s \in K_1} |f_1(s) - \zeta(s + i\tau)| < \varepsilon \right. \\ \left. \sup_{s \in K_2} |f_2(s) - \zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha)| < \varepsilon \right\} > 0.$$

Moreover, except for at most countably many values of $\varepsilon > 0$, “lim inf” can be replaced by “lim”. This result extends that of H. Mishou [23].

We are planning to consider similar problems for discrete shifts and generalized shifts $(\zeta(s + i\varphi(\tau)), \zeta(s + i\varphi(\tau), \alpha))$ with a certain function $\varphi(\tau)$.

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