



Article A New Joint Limit Theorem of Bohr–Jessen Type for Epstein Zeta-Functions

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Abstract: For j = 1, ..., r, let Q_j be a positive definite $n_j \times n_j$ matrix, and $\zeta(s_j; Q_j)$ denote the corresponding Epstein zeta-function. In this paper, assuming that $n_j \ge 4$ is even and $\underline{x}^T Q_j \underline{x} \in \mathbb{Z}, \underline{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \setminus \{\underline{0}\}$, a joint limit theorem of Bohr–Jessen type for the functions $\zeta(s_1; Q_1), \ldots, \zeta(s_r; Q_r)$, by using generalizing shifts $\zeta(\sigma_1 + i\varphi_1(t); Q_1), \ldots, \zeta(\sigma_r + i\varphi_r(t); Q_r)$, is proved. Here, the functions $\varphi_1(t), \ldots, \varphi_r(t)$ are increasing to $+\infty$, with monotonic derivatives $\varphi'_j(t)$ satisfying the asymptotic growth conditions: $\varphi_j(t) \ll t\varphi'_j(t)$, and $\varphi'_j(t) = o(\varphi'_{j+1}(t))$ as $t \to \infty$. An explicit form of the limit measure is given. This theorem extends and generalizes the previous result on the joint value-distribution of Epstein zeta-functions.

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1. Introduction

Let \mathbb{P} , $2\mathbb{N}$, \mathbb{N} , \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} denote the sets of all prime, positive even integer, positive integer, rational, real and complex numbers, respectively, and $s = \sigma + it \in \mathbb{C}$. Moreover, let Q be a positive definite $n \times n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, matrix and $Q[\underline{x}] = \underline{x}^T Q \underline{x}$, $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^n = \underline{\mathbb{Z} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}}$. The Epstein zeta-function $\zeta(s; Q)$ is defined, for $\sigma > \frac{n}{2}$, by the series

$$\zeta(s; Q) = \sum_{\underline{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{\underline{0}\}} (Q[\underline{x}])^{-s},$$

and has the analytic continuation to the whole complex plane, except for the point $s = \frac{n}{2}$ which is a simple pole with residue $\pi^{n/2}(\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})\sqrt{\det Q})^{-1}$, where $\Gamma(s)$ is the Euler gamma-function. The function $\zeta(s; Q)$ was introduced by P. Epstein [1] with the aim of generalizing the Riemann zeta-function

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^s} = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1}, \quad \sigma > 1,$$

and its functional equation

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



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Copyright: © 2025 by the authors. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (https://creativecommons.org/ licenses/by/4.0/). Clearly, for n = 1 and Q = (1), we have $\zeta(s; Q) = 2\zeta(2s)$. Epstein's attempt was successful, and he obtained the functional equation for $\zeta(s; Q)$:

$$\pi^{-s}\Gamma(s)\zeta(s;Q) = \sqrt{\det Q}\pi^{s-\frac{n}{2}}\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}-s\right)\zeta\left(\frac{n}{2}-s;Q^{-1}\right),$$

which, as in (1), is valid for all $s \in \mathbb{C}$, and Q^{-1} denotes the inverse matrix of Q. This and (1) show that $\zeta(s)$ has the symmetric functional equation, while in the functional equation for $\zeta(s; Q)$, a new function $\zeta(s; Q^{-1})$ appears, but symmetry with respect to *s* is preserved. Although the functions $\zeta(s)$ and $\zeta(s; Q)$ have functional equations of the same Riemann type, their properties are quite different. For example, the function $\zeta(s) \neq 0$ in the half-plane of absolute convergence $\sigma > 1$, while there exist matrices Q such that $\zeta(s; Q)$ has infinitely many zeros in the half plane $\sigma > \frac{n}{2}$. Zero distribution of $\zeta(s; Q)$ is also a significant problem, comparable to that of $\zeta(s)$, and has been studied by numerous authors. We mention some results here. It is known that, for certain matrices, the Riemann hypothesis for $\zeta(s; Q)$ does not hold; there exist zeros of $\zeta(s; Q)$ off the critical line $\sigma = \frac{n}{4}$ [2]. Moreover, it was shown in [3] that, differently from the case of $\zeta(s)$, the zeros of $\zeta(s; Q)$ are generally not symmetric with respect to the line $\sigma = \frac{n}{4}$. Estimates for the number of zeros in the strips have been studied by E. Bobmbieri and J. Mueller [4], Y Lee [5], and others. Also, it is known [6] that imaginary parts of the zeros of Epstein zeta-functions are uniformly distributed modulo 1. Recently, an interesting formula for the sum of values of $\zeta(s; Q)$ over the nontrivial zeros of $\zeta(s)$ was proved in [7]. Thus, Epstein provided mathematicians with a novel object of algebraic and analytic nature, which has stimulated extensive research in number theory and related fields.

The function $\zeta(s; Q)$ is an automorphic form with respect to an unimodular group; it appears in the problems of algebraic number theory. It also has a range of practical applications, including crystallography [8], quantum field theory [9,10] and temperature and energy problems [11–14]. In general, the Epstein zeta-function is an attractive analytical object and is widely studied.

Unfortunately, we do not know any monograph devoted to classical results on the function $\zeta(s; Q)$. Some desired results can be found in the works on automorphic forms; see, for example, [15,16].

In [17], we began to characterize the asymptotic behaviour of the function $\zeta(s; Q)$ by using the Bohr–Jessen method [18,19], and techniques developed in [20]. Note that H. Bohr and B. Jessen considered only the existence of density on certain sets (rectangles) for the Riemann zeta-function, without giving an explicit form. Denote by $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{X})$ the Borel σ -field of the space \mathbb{X} , and by meas*A* the Lebesgue measure of a measurable set $A \subset \mathbb{R}$. Then, the asymptotic behaviour of $\zeta(s; Q)$ can be described by the asymptotics of

$$\frac{1}{T}\operatorname{meas}\left\{t\in[0,T]:\zeta(\sigma+it;Q)\in A\right\},\quad A\in\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C})$$

as $T \to \infty$. For this, it is convenient to use the weak convergence of probability measures.

Really, the function $\zeta(s; Q)$ is a class of Dirichlet series depending on the matrix Q. This class is rather general in obtaining results that are full of sense. In order for the function $\zeta(s; Q)$ to be close to number-theoretical objects, it is sufficient to limit ourself by matrices Q for which $Q[\underline{x}] \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{\underline{0}\}$. In this case, the function $\zeta(s; Q)$, for $\sigma > \frac{n}{2}$, can be expressed in the following form [21]:

$$\zeta(s;Q) = \zeta(s;E_Q) + \zeta(s;F_Q),$$

where $\zeta(s; E_Q)$ and $\zeta(s; F_Q)$ are corresponding zeta-functions of a certain Eisenstein series and modular forms of weight $\frac{n}{2}$, respectively. Moreover, it is convenient to additionally require that $n \in 2\mathbb{N}$ and $n \ge 4$. Then, $\zeta(s; Q)$ is a combination of products of Dirichlet *L*-functions and an absolutely convergent Dirichlet series [15,16]. More precisely, let $q \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $q(2Q)^{-1}$ is an integral matrix, *k* and *l* positive divisors of *q*, χ_k and χ_l Dirichlet characters modulo q/k and q/l, respectively, and

$$L(s,\chi_k) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi_k(m)}{m^s}, \quad L(s,\psi_l) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\psi_l(m)}{m^s}, \quad \sigma > 1,$$

the corresponding Dirichlet *L*-functions. Then, for $\sigma > \frac{n-1}{2}$,

$$\zeta(s;Q) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{l=1}^{L} \frac{a_{kl}}{k^{s} l^{s}} L(s,\chi_{k}) L\left(s - \frac{n}{2} + 1,\psi_{l}\right) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_{Q}(m)}{m^{s}},$$
(2)

where $a_{kl} \in \mathbb{C}$ are certain numbers, the characters χ_k , $1 \le k \le K$, are pairwise nonequivalent, and χ_l , $1 \le l \le L$, are pairwise nonequivalent too, and the Dirichlet series is absolutely convergent in the half-plane $\sigma > \frac{n-1}{2}$. In view of equality (2), the investigations of the function $\zeta(s; Q)$, under the above hypotheses, reduce to those of Dirichlet *L*-functions.

For the definition of the limit measure in a limit theorem for $\zeta(s; Q)$, the set

$$\Omega = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \gamma_p,$$

where $\gamma_p = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : |s| = 1\}$, for all $p \in \mathbb{P}$, plays a crucial role. The set Ω consists of all functions from \mathbb{P} into the unit circle. With the product topology and pointwise multiplication, the torus Ω is a compact topological group; therefore, on $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega))$, the probability Haar measure m_{1H} exists, and we arrive at the probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega), m_{1H})$. Let $\omega(p)$ be the projection of $\omega \in \Omega$ to the coordinate space γ_p , $p \in \mathbb{P}$. Extend the function $\omega(p)$, $p \in \mathbb{P}$, to the set \mathbb{N} by using the formula

$$\omega(m) = \prod_{p^{\alpha} \parallel m} \omega^{\alpha}(p), \quad m \in \mathbb{N},$$

where $p^{\alpha} \parallel m$ means that $p^{\alpha} \mid m$, but $p^{\alpha+1} \nmid m$. For an arbitrary Dirichlet *L*-function $L(s, \chi)$, define

$$L(s,\omega,\chi) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m)\omega(m)}{m^s}$$

The latter series, for almost all $\omega \in \Omega$, converges in the half-pane $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$, and is a complexvalued random element on $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega), m_{1H})$. Moreover, for almost all $\omega \in \Omega$, the equality

$$L(s,\omega,\chi) = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \left(1 - \frac{\chi(p)\omega(p)}{p^s} \right)^{-1}, \quad \sigma > \frac{1}{2},$$

is valid. For $\sigma > \frac{n-1}{2}$, set

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(\sigma,\omega;Q) &= \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{l=1}^{L} \frac{a_{kl}\omega(k)\omega(l)}{k^{\sigma}l^{\sigma}} L(\sigma,\omega,\chi_k) L\left(\sigma-\frac{n}{2}+1,\omega,\psi_l\right) \\ &+ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_Q(m)\omega(m)}{m^{\sigma}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, $\zeta(\sigma, \omega; Q)$ is a complex-valued random element on $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega), m_{1H})$, and let

$$P_{\sigma;Q}(A) = m_{1H}\{\omega \in \Omega : \zeta(\sigma,\omega;Q) \in A\}, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}),$$

be its distribution. The main result of [17] is the following theorem on the weak convergence for

$$P_{T,\sigma;Q}(A) = \frac{1}{T} \operatorname{meas}\{t \in [0,T] : \zeta(\sigma + it;Q) \in A\}, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}).$$

Theorem 1. Suppose that $\sigma > \frac{n-1}{2}$ is fixed. Then, $P_{T,\sigma;Q}$ converges weakly to the measure $P_{\sigma;Q}$ as $T \to \infty$.

In [22], a joint version of Theorem 1 has been obtained. For j = 1, ..., r, let Q_j be a positive definite quadratic $n_j \times n_j$ matrix, and $\zeta(s_j; Q_j)$ be the corresponding Epstein zeta-function. Denote $\underline{s} = (s_1, ..., s_r)$, $\underline{Q} = (Q_1, ..., Q_r)$ and $\underline{\zeta}(\underline{s}; \underline{Q}) = (\zeta(s_1; Q_1), ..., \zeta(s_r; Q_r))$. On the probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega), m_{1H})$, define the \mathbb{C}^r -valued $(\mathbb{C}^r = \underbrace{\mathbb{C} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{C}}_r)$ random element

$$\underline{\zeta}(\underline{\sigma},\omega;\underline{Q})=(\zeta(\sigma_1,\omega;Q_1),\ldots,\zeta(\sigma_r,\omega;Q_r)),$$

where $\sigma_j > \frac{n_j - 1}{2}$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(\sigma_j,\omega;Q_j) &= \sum_{k=1}^{K_j} \sum_{l=1}^{L_j} \frac{a_{klj}\omega(k)\omega(l)}{k^{\sigma_j}l^{\sigma_j}} L(\sigma_j,\omega,\chi_{kj})L\left(\sigma_j-\frac{n_j}{2}+1,\omega,\psi_{lj}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_{Q_j}(m)\omega(m)}{m^{\sigma_j}}, \end{aligned}$$

with corresponding $a_{klj} \in \mathbb{C}$, $K_j \in \mathbb{N}$, $L_j \in \mathbb{N}$, and Dirichlet characters χ_{kj} and ψ_{lj} , j = 1, ..., r.

For $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^r)$, define

$$\hat{P}_{\underline{\zeta}}(A) = \hat{P}_{\underline{\zeta},\underline{\sigma};\underline{Q}}(A) = m_{1H} \Big\{ \omega \in \Omega : \underline{\zeta}(\underline{\sigma},\omega;\underline{Q}) \in A \Big\}$$

and

$$\hat{P}_{T}(A) = \hat{P}_{T,\underline{\sigma};\underline{Q}}(A) = \frac{1}{T} \operatorname{meas}\left\{t \in [0,T] : \underline{\zeta}(\underline{\sigma}+it;\underline{Q}) \in A\right\}$$

Then, in [22], the following limit theorem has been given.

Theorem 2. Suppose that $\sigma_j > \frac{n_j-1}{2}$ is fixed, where j = 1, ..., r. Then, \hat{P}_T converges weakly to the measure \hat{P}_{ζ} as $T \to \infty$.

In [23], a generalization of Theorem 1 has been given, i. e., the weak convergence for

$$\frac{1}{T}\text{meas}\{t\in[T,2T]:\zeta(\sigma+i\varphi(t);Q)\in A\},\quad A\in\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}),$$

with a certain differentiable function $\varphi(t)$ has been obtained as $T \to \infty$. The aim of this paper is to prove a joint version of the above-mentioned theorem from [23]. We note that using generalized shifts $\zeta(\sigma + i\varphi(t); Q)$ allows for the more complete characterization of the asymptotic behaviour of the function $\zeta(s; Q)$.

Let $T_0 > 0$ be a fixed sufficiently large number. We say that a collection of real-valued functions $(\varphi_1(t), \ldots, \varphi_r(t))$ defined for $t \ge T_0$ belongs to the class $U_r(T_0)$ if the following conditions are satisfied:

1° for every j = 1, ..., r, $\varphi_i(t)$ is an increasing to $+\infty$ function;

2° for every j = 1, ..., r, $\varphi_j(t)$ has a monotonic derivative $\varphi'_j(t)$ such that

$$\varphi_j(t) \ll t\varphi'_j(t);$$

3° for every j = 2, ..., r and $k \leq j$, $\varphi'_k(t) = o\left(\varphi'_j(t)\right)$ as $t \to \infty$.

For example, we can take $\varphi_j(t) = t^{\alpha+j}$ with fixed $\alpha > 0$. We recall that $a \ll_{\theta} b, b > 0$, means that there exists a constant $c = c(\theta) > 0$ such that $|a| \leq cb$.

For the statement of a joint limit theorem with shifts $\zeta(\sigma + i\varphi_j(t); Q)$, we need a new probability space. Let Ω be the same group as above. Define

$$\Omega^r = \Omega_1 \times \cdots \times \Omega_r$$

where $\Omega_j = \Omega$ for all j = 1, ..., r. Then, by the classical Tikhonov theorem, Ω^r is a compact topological group. Therefore, on $(\Omega^r, \mathcal{B}(\Omega^r))$, the probability Haar measure m_H can be defined. Note that the measure m_H is the product of the Haar measures m_{jH} on $(\Omega_j, \mathcal{B}(\Omega_j)), j = 1, ..., r$. Thus, we have the probability space $(\Omega^r, \mathcal{B}(\Omega^r), m_H)$. Denote by ω_j the elements of Ω_j and by $\omega = (\omega_1, ..., \omega_r)$ the elements of Ω^r . Now, on the probability space $(\Omega^r, \mathcal{B}(\Omega^r), m_H)$, the \mathbb{C}^r -valued random element

$$\underline{\zeta}(\underline{\sigma},\omega;\underline{Q})=(\zeta(\sigma_1,\omega_1;Q_1),\ldots,\zeta(\sigma_r,\omega_r;Q_r)),$$

is defined, where $\sigma_j > \frac{n_j - 1}{2}$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(\sigma_j,\omega_j;Q_j) &= \sum_{k=1}^{K_j} \sum_{l=1}^{L_j} \frac{a_{klj}\omega_j(k)\omega_j(l)}{k^{\sigma_j}l^{\sigma_j}} L(\sigma_j,\omega_j,\chi_{kj})L\left(\sigma_j-\frac{n_j}{2}+1,\omega_j,\psi_{lj}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_{Q_j}(m)\omega_j(m)}{m^{\sigma_j}}, \quad j=1,\ldots,r. \end{aligned}$$

Let P_{ζ} be the distribution of the random element $\zeta(\underline{\sigma}, \omega; Q)$, i.e.,

$$P_{\underline{\zeta}}(A) = P_{\underline{\zeta};\underline{\sigma},\underline{Q}}(A) = m_H \Big\{ \omega \in \Omega^r : \underline{\zeta}(\underline{\sigma},\omega;\underline{Q}) \in A \Big\}, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^r)$$

Define

$$P_{T}(A) = P_{T,\underline{\sigma};\underline{Q}}(A) = \frac{1}{T} \operatorname{meas}\left\{t \in [T, 2T] : \underline{\zeta}(\underline{\sigma} + i\underline{\varphi}(t);\underline{Q}) \in A\right\}, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^{r}),$$

where $\varphi(t) = (\varphi_1(t), \dots, \varphi_r(t))$, and

$$\underline{\zeta}(\underline{\sigma}+i\underline{\varphi}(t);\underline{Q})=(\zeta(\sigma_1+i\varphi_1(t);Q_1),\ldots,\zeta(\sigma_r+i\varphi_r(t);Q_r))$$

with

$$\begin{split} \zeta(\sigma_j + i\varphi_j(t); Q_j) &= \sum_{k=1}^{K_j} \sum_{l=1}^{L_j} \frac{a_{klj}}{k^{\sigma_j + i\varphi_j(t)} l^{\sigma_j + i\varphi_j(t)}} L(\sigma_j + i\varphi_j(t), \chi_{kj}) \\ &\cdot L\left(\sigma_j + i\varphi_j(t) - \frac{n_j}{2} + 1, \psi_{lj}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_{Q_j}(m)}{m^{\sigma_j + i\varphi_j(t)}}. \end{split}$$

Theorem 3. Suppose that $(\varphi_1(t), \ldots, \varphi_r(t)) \in U_r(T_0)$, and $\sigma_j > \frac{n_j-1}{2}$ is fixed, where $j = 1, \ldots, r$. Then, P_T converges weakly to the measure P_{ζ} as $T \to \infty$.

Thus, Theorem 3 provides a joint extension of Theorem 2. We emphasize the importance of condition 3° in the definition of the class $U_r(T_0)$. It is important to mention that probabilistic limit theorems accurately reflect the chaotic behaviour of the functions

 $\zeta(s_1; Q_1), \ldots, \zeta(s_r; Q_r)$, and can be applied to further investigations related to approximation problems.

The proof of Theorem 3 is divided into parts. First, the weak convergence on Ω^r is established. Next, some absolutely convergent Dirichlet series are considered, and finally, the assertion of Theorem 3 is proved.

2. Case of Ω^r

For $A \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega^r)$, define

$$R_T(A) = R_{T,\Omega^r,\underline{\varphi}}(A)$$

= $\frac{1}{T}$ meas $\left\{t \in [T,2T] : \left(\left(p^{-i\varphi_1(t)}: p \in \mathbb{P}\right), \dots, \left(p^{-i\varphi_r(t)}: p \in \mathbb{P}\right)\right) \in A\right\}.$

Lemma 1. Suppose that $(\varphi_1(t), \ldots, \varphi_r(t)) \in U_r(T_0)$. Then, R_T converges weakly to the Haar measure m_H as $T \to \infty$.

Proof. We have to prove that the Fourier transform $f_T(\underline{k}_1, \dots, \underline{k}_r) = f_{T,\Omega^r,\underline{\phi}}(\underline{k}_1, \dots, \underline{k}_r)$ of R_T (where $\underline{k}_j = (k_{jp} : k_{jp} \in \mathbb{Z}, p \in \mathbb{P}), j = 1, ..., r$) converges to the Fourier transform

$$f(\underline{k}_1,\ldots,\underline{k}_r) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (\underline{k}_1,\ldots,\underline{k}_r) = (\underline{0},\ldots,\underline{0}), \\ 0 & \text{if } (\underline{k}_1,\ldots,\underline{k}_r) \neq (\underline{0},\ldots,\underline{0}), \end{cases}$$

of the Haar measure m_H as $T \to \infty$. Here, <u>0</u> denotes the collection of zeros.

By the definition of R_T , we have

$$f_{T}(\underline{k}_{1},\ldots,\underline{k}_{r}) = \int_{\Omega^{r}} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{r} \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}}^{*} \omega_{j}^{k_{jp}}(p) \right) dR_{T} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{T}^{2T} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{r} \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}}^{*} p^{-ik_{jp}} \varphi_{j}(t) \right) dt$$
$$= \frac{1}{T} \int_{T}^{2T} \exp\left\{ -i \sum_{j=1}^{r} \varphi_{j}(t) \sum_{p \in \mathbb{P}}^{*} k_{jp} \log p \right\} dt,$$
(3)

where the star "*" shows that only a finite number of integers k_{jp} are distinct from zero. Obviously,

$$f_T(\underline{0},\ldots,\underline{0}) = 1. \tag{4}$$

Thus, it remains to consider the case $(\underline{k}_1, \dots, \underline{k}_r) \neq (\underline{0}, \dots, \underline{0})$. Set

$$A(t) = \sum_{j=1}^r \varphi_j(t) \sum_{p \in \mathbb{P}} k_{jp} \log p = \sum_{j=1}^r \kappa_j \varphi_j(t),$$

where

$$\kappa_j = \sum_{p \in \mathbb{P}} {}^*k_{jp} \log p.$$

It is well known that the set of logarithms of prime numbers is linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} . Therefore, there exist $j \in \{1, ..., r\}$ such that $\kappa_j \neq 0$. Let $j_0 = \max(j : \kappa_j \neq 0)$. Then, by the definition of the class $U_r(T_0)$, we have, for $j \leq j_0$,

$$A'(t)=\sum_{j\leqslant j_0}\kappa_j arphi_j'(t)=\kappa_{j_0}arphi_{j_0}'(t)(1+o(1)),\quad t o\infty.$$

Hence, by the identity

$$\frac{1}{1+a} = 1 - \frac{a}{1+a}, \quad a \neq -1,$$

we find

$$\frac{1}{A'(t)} = \frac{1}{\kappa_{j_0}\varphi'_{j_0}(t)}(1+o(1)), \quad t \to \infty.$$

Therefore,

$$\int_{T}^{2T} \cos(A(t)) dt = \int_{T}^{2T} \frac{1}{A'(t)} \cos(A(t)) d(A(t))$$

$$= \frac{1}{\kappa_{j_0}} \int_{T}^{2T} \frac{1}{\varphi_{j_0}'(t)} \cos(A(t)) d(A(t)) + \frac{1}{\kappa_{j_0}} \int_{T}^{2T} \frac{o(1)}{\varphi_{j_0}'(t)} \cos(A(t)) d(A(t))$$

$$= \frac{1}{\kappa_{j_0}} \int_{T}^{2T} \frac{1}{\varphi_{j_0}'(t)} d(\sin(A(t))) + \int_{T}^{2T} \frac{o(1)(1+o(1))}{A'(t)} d(\sin(A(t)))$$

$$= \frac{1}{\kappa_{j_0}} \int_{T}^{2T} \frac{1}{\varphi_{j_0}'(t)} d(\sin(A(t))) + \int_{T}^{2T} o(1) \cos(A(t)) dt.$$
(5)

The function $\varphi'_{j_0}(t)$, by 2° of the class $U_r(T_0)$, is monotonic and non-negative. Therefore, by the second mean value theorem,

$$\int_{T}^{2T} \frac{1}{\varphi_{j_{0}}^{\prime}(t)} d(\sin(A(t))) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\varphi_{j_{0}}^{\prime}(T)} \int_{T}^{\xi} d(\sin(A(t))) & \text{if } \varphi_{j_{0}}^{\prime}(t) \text{ is increasing,} \\ \frac{1}{\varphi_{j_{0}}^{\prime}(2T)} \int_{\xi}^{2T} d(\sin(A(t))) & \text{if } \varphi_{j_{0}}^{\prime}(t) \text{ is decreasing,} \end{cases}$$

 $T \leqslant \xi \leqslant 2T$. Since $\varphi'_{j_0}(T) \geqslant \frac{\varphi_{j_0}(T)}{T}$ and $\varphi_{j_0}(T) \to \infty$ as $T \to \infty$, we have that

$$\int_{T}^{2T} \frac{1}{\varphi'_{j_0}(t)} \mathsf{d}(\sin(A(t))) = o(T), \quad T \to \infty.$$

This and (5) show that

$$\int_{T}^{2T} \cos(A(t)) dt = o(T), \quad T \to \infty.$$

Similarly, it follows that

$$\int_{T}^{2T} \sin(A(t)) dt = o(T), \quad T \to \infty.$$

Thus, in view of (3), in the case $(\underline{k}_1, \ldots, \underline{k}_r) = (\underline{0}, \ldots, \underline{0})$,

$$\lim_{T\to\infty}f_T(\underline{k}_1,\ldots,\underline{k}_r)=0,$$

and this together with (4) proves the lemma. \Box

3. Case of Absolute Convergence

Lemma 1 and the properties of weak convergence make it possible to obtain a limit lemma for $\underline{\zeta}_N(\underline{\sigma};\underline{Q})$ involving certain absolutely convergent Dirichlet series. Let $\theta > 0$ be a fixed number, and

$$v_N(m) = \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{m}{N}\right)^{\theta}\right\}, \quad m, N \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Define

$$L_N\left(\sigma_j - \frac{n_j}{2} + 1, \psi_{lj}\right) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\psi_{lj}(m)v_N(m)}{m^{\sigma_j - \frac{n_j}{2} + 1}}, \quad l = 1, \dots, L_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, r.$$

Since $v_N(m)$ with respect to m decreases exponentially, the latter series are absolutely convergent for all finite σ_j . Moreover, as $n_j \ge 4$, we have that $\sigma_j > \frac{n_j - 1}{2} \ge \frac{3}{2} > 1$. Hence, the series for $L(\sigma_j, \chi_{kj}), k = 1, ..., K_j, j = 1, ..., r$, are absolutely convergent. Therefore,

$$\zeta_N(\sigma_j; Q_j) = \sum_{k=1}^{K_j} \sum_{l=1}^{L_j} \frac{a_{klj}}{k^{\sigma_j} l^{\sigma_j}} L(\sigma_j, \chi_{kj}) L_N\left(\sigma_j - \frac{n_j}{2} + 1, \psi_{lj}\right) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_{Q_j}(m)}{m^{\sigma_j}},$$
(6)

where j = 1, ..., r, is a combination of absolutely convergent Dirichlet series. Let

$$\underline{\zeta}_{N}(\underline{\sigma};\underline{Q}) = (\zeta_{N}(\sigma_{1};Q_{1}),\ldots,\zeta_{N}(\sigma_{r};Q_{r})),$$

and

$$\underline{\zeta}_N(\underline{\sigma},\omega;\underline{Q})=(\zeta_N(\sigma_1,\omega_1;Q_1),\ldots,\zeta_N(\sigma_r,\omega_r;Q_r)),$$

where $\zeta_N(\sigma_j, \omega_j; Q_j)$ is obtained from $\zeta(\sigma_j, \omega_j; Q_j)$ by putting $L_N\left(\sigma_j - \frac{n_j}{2} + 1, \psi_{lj}\right)$ in the place of $L\left(\sigma_j - \frac{n_j}{2} + 1, \psi_{lj}\right)$, where j = 1, ..., r. Then, $\zeta_N(\sigma_j, \omega_j; Q_j)$, where j = 1, ..., r, is also a combination of absolutely convergent Dirichlet series. Let the function $u_{N,\underline{\sigma};\underline{Q}}: \Omega^r \to \mathbb{C}^r$ be given by

$$u_N(\omega) = u_{N,\underline{\sigma};\underline{Q}}(\omega) = \underline{\zeta}_N(\underline{\sigma},\omega;\underline{Q}), \quad \sigma_j > \frac{n_j-1}{2}, \quad j = 1,\ldots,r.$$

In virtue of the absolute convergence of the series in $\underline{\zeta}_N(\underline{\sigma}, \omega; \underline{\Omega})$, the function $u_N(\omega)$ is continuous, and hence $(\mathcal{B}(\Omega^r), \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^r))$ -measurable. Then, the measure $W_N = W_{N,\underline{\sigma}\underline{\Omega}} = m_H u_N^{-1}$, where

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

can be defined. For $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^r)$, define

$$P_{T,N}(A) = P_{T,N,\underline{\sigma};\underline{Q}}(A) = \frac{1}{T} \operatorname{meas}\Big\{t \in [T,2T] : \underline{\zeta}_N(\underline{\sigma} + i\underline{\varphi}(t);\underline{Q}) \in A\Big\}.$$

Lemma 2. Suppose that $(\varphi_1(t), \ldots, \varphi_r(t)) \in U_r(T_0)$. Then, $P_{T,N}$ converges weakly to W_N as $T \to \infty$.

Proof. From the definitions of R_T , $P_{T,N}$ and u_N , we have

$$P_{T,N}(A) = \frac{1}{T} \operatorname{meas}\left\{t \in [T, 2T] : u_N\left(\left(p^{-i\varphi_1(t)} : p \in \mathbb{P}\right), \dots, \left(p^{-i\varphi_r(t)} : p \in \mathbb{P}\right)\right) \in A\right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \operatorname{meas}\left\{t \in [T, 2T] : \left(\left(p^{-i\varphi_1(t)} : p \in \mathbb{P}\right), \dots, \left(p^{-i\varphi_r(t)} : p \in \mathbb{P}\right)\right) \in u_N^{-1}A\right\}$$

$$= R_T\left(u_N^{-1}A\right)$$

for all $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^r)$. Therefore, $P_{T,N} = R_T u_N^{-1}$. Now, Lemma 1 and the preservation of weak convergence under continuous mappings, see, for example, Theorem 5.1 of [24], show that $P_{T,N}$ converges weakly to the probability measure $m_H u_N^{-1}$ as $T \to \infty$. \Box

The measure W_N is an important ingredient of the proof of Theorem 3. We see that W_N is independent on the functions $\varphi_1(t), \ldots, \varphi_r(t)$. Therefore, we can use some statements from [22] to prove the following lemma.

Lemma 3. The probability measure W_N converges weakly to P_{ζ} as $N \to \infty$.

Proof. By Lemma 8 from [22], the sequence of probability measures $\{W_N : N \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is tight, i.e., for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a compact set $K = K(\epsilon) \in \mathbb{C}^r$ such that

$$W_N(K) > 1 - \epsilon$$

for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence, by the Prokhorov theorem, see, for example, Theorem 6.1 of [24], the above sequence is relatively compact. This means that every subsequence of $\{W_N\}$ has a subsequence weakly convergent to a certain probability measure on $(\mathbb{C}^r, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^r))$. Thus, there exists a sequence $\{W_{N_l}\} \subset \{W_N\}$ such that W_{N_l} converges weakly to the measure $P_{\underline{\sigma};\underline{Q}}$ as $l \to \infty$. In the proof of Theorem 2 from [22], it is obtained that $P_{\underline{\sigma};\underline{Q}}$ coincides with $P_{\underline{\zeta}}$. Since the sequence $\{W_N\}$ is relatively compact, from this we have that W_N converges weakly to P_{ζ} as $N \to \infty$. \Box

4. Estimate in the Mean

To derive Theorem 3 from Lemma 2, we have to show the nearest $\underline{\zeta}_N(\underline{\sigma} + i\underline{\varphi}(t);\underline{Q})$ to $\underline{\zeta}(\underline{\sigma} + i\underline{\varphi}(t);\underline{Q})$. Let, for $\underline{s}_j = (s_{j1}, \dots, s_{jr}), j = 1, 2$,

$$d_r(\underline{s}_1, \underline{s}_2) = \left(\sum_{j=1}^r |s_{j1} - s_{j2}|\right)^{1/2}.$$

Lemma 4. Suppose that $(\varphi_1(t), \ldots, \varphi_r(t)) \in U_r(T_0)$ and $\sigma_j > \frac{n_j-1}{2}$, $j = 1, \ldots, r$. Then,

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} \limsup_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{T}^{2T} d_r \Big(\underline{\zeta}(\underline{\sigma} + i\underline{\varphi}(t); \underline{Q}), \underline{\zeta}_N(\underline{\sigma} + i\underline{\varphi}(t); \underline{Q}) \Big) dt = 0.$$

Proof. Clearly,

$$\ll \sum_{j=1}^{2T} \int_{T}^{2T} d_r \Big(\underline{\zeta}(\underline{\sigma} + i\underline{\varphi}(t); \underline{Q}), \underline{\zeta}_N(\underline{\sigma} + i\underline{\varphi}(t); \underline{Q}) \Big) dt$$
$$\ll \sum_{j=1}^{r} \int_{T}^{2T} |\zeta(\sigma_j + i\varphi_j(t); Q_j) - \zeta_N(\sigma_j + i\varphi_j(t); Q_j)| dt.$$

Therefore, it suffices to show that

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} \limsup_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{T}^{2T} |\zeta(\sigma + i\varphi(t); Q) - \zeta_N(\sigma + i\varphi(t); Q)| dt = 0$$

for *Q* and σ satisfying the hypotheses of Theorem 1, and $\varphi(t)$ satisfying 1° and 2° of the class $U_r(T_0)$. However, the latter equality was proved in [23] and Lemma 2. We only mention that, in view of (6), it is sufficient to prove that

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} \limsup_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{T}^{2T} |L(\sigma + i\varphi(t), \chi) - L_N(\sigma + i\varphi(t), \chi)| dt = 0$$
(7)

for $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$. For this, the representation

$$L_N(s,\chi) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\theta-i\infty}^{\theta+i\infty} L(s+z,\chi) l_N(z) \frac{\mathrm{d}z}{z}$$

with $l_N(z) = \frac{z}{\theta} \Gamma(\frac{z}{\theta}) N^z$, is applied. Thus, the latter representation, the mean square estimate

$$\int_{T}^{2T} |L(\sigma + i\varphi(t) + i\tau, \chi)|^2 \mathrm{d}t \ll_{\sigma, \chi, \varphi} T(1 + |\tau|)$$

for all real τ , and the classical estimate

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

lead to equality (7). \Box

5. Proof of Theorem 3

Theorem 3 follows from Lemmas 2–4 and the following statement on convergence in distribution (\xrightarrow{D}); see, for example, Theorem 4.2 from [24].

Lemma 5. Suppose that the space (X, ρ) is separable, and the X-valued random elements X_{nk} and Y_n , $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$, are defined on the same probability space with measure *P*. Let

$$X_{nk} \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{\mathcal{D}} X_k$$
 and $X_k \xrightarrow[k \to \infty]{\mathcal{D}} X_k$

and, for every $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\lim_{k\to\infty}\limsup_{n\to\infty}P\{\rho(X_{nk},Y_n)\geq\epsilon\}=0.$$

Then, $Y_n \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{\mathcal{D}} X$.

Proof of Theorem 3. Let ξ_T be a random variable defined on a certain probability space with the measure *P* and uniformly distributed in the interval [T, 2T]. Define the \mathbb{C}^r -valued random element

$$X_{T,N} = X_{T,N,\underline{\sigma};\underline{Q}} = \underline{\zeta}_N(\underline{\sigma} + i\underline{\varphi}(\xi_T);\underline{Q})$$

and

$$X_T = X_{T,\underline{\sigma};Q} = \zeta(\underline{\sigma} + i\varphi(\xi_T);Q),$$

and denote by $Y_N = Y_{N,\underline{\sigma},\underline{Q}}$ the \mathbb{C}^r -valued random element having the distribution W_N . Then, in view of Lemma 2, we have

$$X_{T,N} \xrightarrow[T \to \infty]{\mathcal{D}} X_N, \tag{8}$$

while Lemma 3 implies that

$$Y_N \xrightarrow[N \to \infty]{\mathcal{D}} P_{\underline{\zeta}}.$$
(9)

Moreover, by Lemma 4, for every $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{split} &\lim_{N\to\infty}\limsup_{T\to\infty}P\{d_r(X_{T,N},X_T)\geqslant\epsilon\}\\ &= \lim_{N\to\infty}\limsup_{T\to\infty}\frac{1}{T}\mathrm{meas}\Big\{t\in[T,2T]:d_r\Big(\underline{\zeta}(\underline{\sigma}+i\underline{\varphi}(t);\underline{Q}),\underline{\zeta}_N(\underline{\sigma}+i\underline{\varphi}(t);\underline{Q})\Big)\geqslant\epsilon\Big\}\\ &\leqslant \lim_{N\to\infty}\limsup_{T\to\infty}\frac{1}{\epsilon T}\int_{T}^{2T}d_r\Big(\underline{\zeta}(\underline{\sigma}+i\underline{\varphi}(t);\underline{Q}),\underline{\zeta}_N(\underline{\sigma}+i\underline{\varphi}(t);\underline{Q})\Big)\mathrm{d}t=0.\end{split}$$

This, together with (8) and (9), shows that the random elements $X_{T,N}$, X_T and Y_N satisfy the hypotheses of Lemma 5. Therefore,

$$X_T \xrightarrow[T \to \infty]{\mathcal{D}} P_{\underline{\zeta}}$$

and this is equivalent to the assertion of the theorem. \Box

6. Conclusions

For j = 1, ..., r, let Q_j be a positive definite $n_j \times n_j$ matrix, such that $\underline{x}^T Q_j \underline{x} \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \setminus \{\underline{0}\}, n_j \in 2\mathbb{N}$ and $n_j \ge 4$. In this paper, it is obtained that, for a collection of Epstein zeta-functions $\underline{\zeta}(\underline{s};\underline{Q}) = (\zeta(s_1;Q_1), ..., \zeta(s_r;Q_r))$, a limit theorem on weakly convergent probability measures with generalized shifts $\underline{\zeta}(\underline{\sigma} + i\underline{\varphi}(t);\underline{Q})$ is valid, where $\varphi_j(t)$ are certain differentiable functions. The proven theorem generalizes the main result of [22] obtained for $\varphi_j(t) = t$. Note that the main theorem remains valid even if the functions $\varphi_j(t)$ coincide for some j. For example, one may consider $\varphi_j(t) = t \log^{\alpha_j} t$ with different $\alpha_j > 0$. Also, polynomials $\varphi_j(t) = a_j t^{\alpha_j} + \cdots + a_0$, with $a_j > 0$ and different $\alpha_j > 0$, can be used.

As shown in the proof of Lemma 1, using generalized shifts $\zeta(\sigma_j + i\varphi_j(t); Q_j)$ makes it possible to obtain a desired rate of convergence for R_T to m_H . We conjecture that this phenomenon is also preserved for the measures P_T and P_{ζ} .

The next paper will be devoted to a joint generalized discrete version, i.e., for weak convergence of

$$\frac{1}{N+1} \# \Big\{ N \leqslant k \leqslant 2N : \underline{\zeta}(\underline{\sigma} + i\underline{\varphi}(k); \underline{Q}) \in A \Big\}, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^r),$$

as $N \to \infty$. Here, #*A* denotes the number of elements of the set *A*.

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