

## A two-dimensional limit theorem for Lerch zeta-functions. II

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**Abstract.** We prove a two-dimensional limit theorem for Lerch zeta-functions with transcendental and rational parameters.

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Let  $s = \sigma + it$  be a complex variable, and  $0 < \lambda < 1$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  be fixed parameters. The Lerch-zeta function  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$  is defined, for  $\sigma > 1$ , by the Dirichlet series  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m}}{(m+\alpha)^s}$ , and, because of  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , is analytically continued to an entire function.

Probabilistic limit theorems for the function  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$  with transcendental and rational parameter  $\alpha$  were proved in [2] while the case of algebraic irrational parameter  $\alpha$  was considered in [3, 4, 6, 7].

In [5], we proved a limit theorem on the complex plane for a pair  $(L(\lambda_1, \alpha_1, s), L(\lambda_2, \alpha_2, s))$ , when  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are transcendental and algebraic irrational numbers, respectively. The aim of this note is to prove a limit theorem of such a kind when the number  $\alpha_2$  is rational. To state the theorem we need some notation and definitions. Denote by  $\mathcal{B}(S)$  the class of Borel sets of the space  $S$ , by  $\text{meas}\{A\}$  the Lebesgue measure of a measurable set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ , and let

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

where in place of dots a condition satisfied by  $t$  is to be written. Let  $\gamma = \{s \in \mathbb{C}: |s| = 1\}$ . Define  $\Omega_1 = \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} \gamma_m$  and  $\Omega_2 = \prod_p \gamma_p$ , where  $\gamma_m = \gamma$  and  $\gamma_p = \gamma$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and primes  $p$ , respectively. Denote by  $\omega_1(m)$  and  $\omega_2(p)$  the projections of  $\omega_1 \in \Omega_1$  to  $\gamma_m$  and of  $\omega_2 \in \Omega_2$  to  $\gamma_p$ , respectively. Moreover, we extend the function  $\omega_2(p)$  to the set  $\mathbb{N}$  by the formula  $\omega_2(m) = \prod_{p^l \parallel m} \omega_2^l(p)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $p^l \parallel m$  means that  $p^l \mid m$  but  $p^{l+1} \nmid m$ .

Let  $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$ . Then  $\Omega$  is a compact topological Abelian group, therefore, on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega))$  the probability Haar measure  $m_H$  can be defined. This gives a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega), m_H)$ . Suppose that  $\alpha_2 = \frac{a}{q}$ ,  $0 < a < q$ ,  $(a, q) = 1$ . Denote by  $\omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2)$  the elements of  $\Omega$ , and put, for brevity,  $\underline{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ ,  $\underline{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ ,  $\underline{\sigma} = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ . On the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega), m_H)$ , define the  $\mathbb{C}^2$ -valued random element  $\underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma}, \omega)$ , for  $\min(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) > \frac{1}{2}$ , by

$$\underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma}, \omega) = (L(\lambda_1, \alpha_1, \sigma_1, \omega_1), L(\lambda_2, \alpha_2, \sigma_2, \omega_2)),$$

where

$$L(\lambda_1, \alpha_1, \sigma_1, \omega_1) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda_1 m} \omega_1(m)}{(m + \alpha_1)^{\sigma_1}}$$

and

$$L(\lambda_2, \alpha_2, \sigma_2, \omega_2) = e^{-\frac{2\pi i a}{q}} q^s \omega_2(q) \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \equiv a \pmod{q}}}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i m}{q}}}{m^{\sigma_2}}.$$

Let  $\underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma} + it) = (L(\lambda_1, \alpha_1, \sigma_1 + it), L(\lambda_2, \alpha_2, \sigma_2 + it))$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Suppose that the number  $\alpha_1$  is transcendental,  $\alpha_2 = \frac{a}{q}$ ,  $0 < a < q$ ,  $(a, q) = 1$ , and  $\min(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then the probability measure*

$$P_T(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \nu_T(\underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma} + it) \in A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2),$$

*converges weakly to the distribution of the random element  $\underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma}, \omega)$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .*

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote the set of all prime numbers. Since  $\alpha_1$  is transcendental, the set  $\{\log(m + \alpha_1) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  is linearly independent over the field of rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The set  $\{\log p : p \in \mathcal{P}\}$  is also linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Therefore, it is not difficult to prove that the set

$$L(\alpha_1) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\log(m + \alpha_1) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0\} \cup \{\log p : p \in \mathcal{P}\}$$

is linearly independent as well. This leads to the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.** (See [8].) *Suppose that the number  $\alpha_1$  is transcendental. Then the probability measure*

$$Q_T(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \nu_T(\left(\left(\left(m + \alpha_1\right)^{-it} : m \in \mathbb{N}_0\right), \left(p^{-it} : p \in \mathcal{P}\right)\right) \in A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega),$$

*converges weakly to the Haar measure  $m_H$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .*

Let  $\sigma_1 > \frac{1}{2}$  be a fixed number, and  $v_n(m, \alpha_1) = \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{m + \alpha_1}{n + \alpha_1}\right)^{\sigma_1}\right\}$ ,  $v_n(m) = \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^{\sigma_1}\right\}$ . Define  $\underline{L}_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, s) = (L_n(\lambda_1, \alpha_1, s), L_n(\lambda_2, \alpha_2, s))$ , where

$$L_n(\lambda_1, \alpha_1, s) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda_1 m} v_n(m, \alpha_1)}{(m + \alpha_1)^s}$$

and

$$L_n(\lambda_2, \alpha_2, s) = \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \equiv a \pmod{q}}}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i m}{q}} e^{-\frac{2\pi i a}{q}} q^s v_n(m)}{m^s}.$$

By contour integration it is proved, see, for example, [2], that the series for  $L_n(\lambda_1, \alpha_1, s)$  and  $L_n(\lambda_2, \alpha_2, s)$  both converge absolutely for  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ .

Let, for  $\omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2) \in \Omega$ ,

$$\underline{L}_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \omega, s) = (L_n(\lambda_1, \alpha_1, \omega_1, s), L_n(\lambda_2, \alpha_2, \omega_2, s)),$$

where

$$L_n(\lambda_1, \alpha_1, \omega_1, s) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda_1 m} \omega_1(m) v_n(m, \alpha_1)}{(m + \alpha_1)^s}$$

and

$$L_n(\lambda_2, \alpha_2, \omega_2, s) = \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \equiv a \pmod{q}}}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \lambda_2 m}{q}} e^{-\frac{2\pi i a}{q}} \omega_2(m) \omega_2(q) q^s v_n(m)}{m^s}.$$

Since  $|\omega_1(m)| = |\omega_2(m)| = 1$ , the later two series also converge absolutely for  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ .

On  $(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2))$ , define the probability measures  $P_{T,n}(A) = \nu_T(\underline{L}_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma} + it) \in A)$  and  $\widehat{P}_{T,n}(A) = \nu_T(\widehat{\underline{L}}_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \omega, \underline{\sigma} + it) \in A)$ .

**Lemma 2.** *Suppose that  $\min(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then on  $(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2))$ , there exists a probability measure  $P_n$  such that both the measures  $P_{T,n}$  and  $\widehat{P}_{T,n}$  converge weakly to  $P_n$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .*

*Proof.* Define the function  $h_n : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$  by the formula  $h_n(\omega) = \underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \omega, \underline{\sigma})$ . Then the function is continuous, and

$$h_n(((m + \alpha_1)^{-it} : m \in \mathbb{N}_0), (p^{-it} : p \in \mathcal{P})) = \underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma} + it).$$

Therefore,  $P_{T,n} = Q_T h_n^{-1}$ . This, the continuity of  $h_n$ , Lemma 1, and Theorem 5.1 of [1] show that  $P_{T,n}$  converges weakly to  $m_H h_n^{-1}$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .

By the same arguments, using the invariance of the Haar measure  $m_H$ , we obtain that the measure  $\widehat{P}_{T,n}$  also converges weakly to  $m_H h_n^{-1}$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\square$

For  $\underline{z}_1 = (z_{11}, z_{12})$ ,  $\underline{z}_2 = (z_{21}, z_{22}) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ , let  $\rho_2(\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2) = (\sum_{j=1}^2 |z_{j1} - z_{j2}|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Suppose that  $\min(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \rho_2(\underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma} + it), \underline{L}_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma} + it)) dt = 0,$$

and, for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \rho_2(\underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \omega, \underline{\sigma} + it), \underline{L}_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \omega, \underline{\sigma} + it)) dt = 0.$$

*Proof.* The lemma follows from corresponding one-dimensional relations, see [2], and from the definition of the metric  $\rho_2$ .  $\square$

Define one more probability measure

$$\widehat{P}_T(A) = \nu_T(\widehat{\underline{L}}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \omega, \underline{\sigma} + it) \in A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2).$$

**Lemma 4.** *Suppose that  $\min(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then on  $(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2))$ , there exists a probability measure  $P$  such that both the measures  $P_T$  and  $\hat{P}_T$  converge weakly to  $P$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .*

*Proof.* We remind that  $P_n$  is the limit measure in Lemma 2. First we observe that the family of probability measures  $\{P_n: n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  is tight. This is obtained by using Lemma 2 and the fact that

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |L_n(\lambda_1, \alpha_1, \sigma_1 + it)|^2 dt = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{v_n^2(m, \alpha_1)}{(m + \alpha_1)^{2\sigma_1}} \leq \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m + \alpha_1)^{2\sigma_1}} < \infty$$

and

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |L_n(\lambda_2, \alpha_2, \sigma_2 + it)|^2 dt = \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \equiv a \pmod{q}}}^{\infty} \frac{q^{2\sigma_2} v_n^2(m)}{m^{2\sigma_2}} \leq \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \equiv a \pmod{q}}}^{\infty} \frac{q^{2\sigma_2}}{m^{2\sigma_2}} < \infty.$$

By the Prokhorov theorem, the tightness implies a relative compactness. Therefore, there exists a subsequence  $\{P_{n_k}\} \subset \{P_n\}$  such that  $P_{n_k}$  converges weakly to a certain probability measure  $P$  on  $(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2))$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $\theta$  be a random variable defined on a certain probability space  $(\Omega_0, \mathcal{B}(\Omega_0), \mathbb{P})$  and uniformly distributed on  $[0, 1]$ . Define  $\underline{X}_{T,n}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma}) = \underline{L}_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma} + i\theta T)$ , and denote by  $\xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}}$  the convergence in distribution. Then, by Lemma 2, we have that

$$\underline{X}_{T,n}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}}_{T \rightarrow \infty} \underline{X}_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma}), \quad (1)$$

where  $\underline{X}_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma})$  is the  $\mathbb{C}^2$ -valued random element with distribution  $P_n$ . Moreover, by the above remark, we have that

$$\underline{X}_{n_k}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}}_{T \rightarrow \infty} P. \quad (2)$$

Let  $\underline{X}_T(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma}) = \underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma} + i\theta T)$ . Then we deduce from Lemma 3 that, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(\rho_2(\underline{X}_T(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma}), \underline{X}_{T,n}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma})) \geq \varepsilon) \\ & \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \rho_2(\underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma} + it), \underline{L}_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma} + it)) dt = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This, (1), (2) and Theorem 4.2 of [1] show that  $\underline{X}_T(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}}_{T \rightarrow \infty} P$ , or, in other words, the measure  $P_T$  converges weakly to  $P$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . The latter relation also shows that the measure  $P$  is independent on the choice of the sequence  $\{P_{n_k}\}$ . Thus, we have that

$$\underline{X}_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\sigma}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}}_{n \rightarrow \infty} P. \quad (3)$$

Define  $\widehat{\underline{X}}_{T,n}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\omega}, \underline{\sigma}) = \underline{L}_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\omega}, \underline{\sigma} + i\theta T)$  and  $\widehat{\underline{X}}_T(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\omega}, \underline{\sigma}) = \underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \underline{\omega}, \underline{\sigma} + i\theta T)$ . Then, repeating the above arguments for the random elements  $\widehat{\underline{X}}_{T,n}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha},$

$\omega, \underline{\sigma}$ ) and  $\widehat{X}_T(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \omega, \underline{\sigma})$  with using of Lemmas 2 and 3, and the relation (3), we obtain that the measure  $\widehat{P}_T$  also converges weakly to  $P$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.* In view of Lemma 4, it remains to show that the measure  $P$  coincides with the distribution of the random element  $\underline{L}$ .

Let  $A$  be a continuity set of the measure  $P$ . Then by Lemma 4 we have that

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \nu_T(\underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \omega, \underline{\sigma} + it) \in A) = P(A). \tag{4}$$

On the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega), m_H)$ , define the random variable  $\xi$  by

$$\xi(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \omega, \underline{\sigma}) \in A, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, clearly, the expectation

$$\mathbb{E}\xi = \int_{\Omega} \xi(\omega) dm_H = m_H(\omega \in \Omega: \underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \omega, \underline{\sigma}) \in A) = P_{\underline{L}}(A), \tag{5}$$

where  $P_{\underline{L}}$  is the distribution of the random element  $\underline{L}$ .

Let, for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a_t = (((m + \alpha_1)^{-it}: m \in \mathbb{N}_0), (p^{-it}: p \in \mathcal{P}))$ , and  $\varphi_t(\omega) = \omega a_t$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Then  $\{\varphi_t: t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a one-parameter group of measurable measure preserving transformations on  $\Omega$ . Since the set  $L(\alpha_1)$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , by a standard method can be proved that the group  $\{\varphi_t: t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is ergodic. Hence, the random process  $\xi(\varphi_t(\omega))$  is ergodic as well. Therefore, the Birkhoff–Khinchine theorem shows that

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \xi(\varphi_t(\omega)) dt = \mathbb{E}\xi. \tag{6}$$

On the other hand, by the definition of  $\xi$  and  $\varphi_t$  we find that

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \xi(\varphi_t(\omega)) dt = \nu_T(\underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \omega, \underline{\sigma} + it) \in A).$$

This, (5) and (6) yield

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \nu_T(\underline{L}(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, \omega, \underline{\sigma} + it) \in A) = P_{\underline{L}}(A).$$

Therefore, by (4),  $P(A) = P_{\underline{L}}(A)$  for all continuity sets  $A$  of  $P$ . Hence,  $P(A) = P_{\underline{L}}(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$ .  $\square$

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## REZIUMĖ

**Dvimatė ribinė teorema Lercho dzeta funkcijoms. II***D.R. Genienė*

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