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#### Аннотация

После 1975 г. работы Воронина известно, что некоторые дзета и *L*-функции универсальны в том смысле, что их сдвигами приближается широкий класс аналитических функций. Рассматриваются два типа сдвигов: непрерывный и дискретный.

В работе изучается универсальность дзета-функций Лерха  $L(\lambda,\alpha,s), s=\sigma+it$ , которые в полуплоскости  $\sigma>1$  определяются рядами Дирихле с членами  $e^{2\pi i\lambda m}(m+\alpha)^{-s}$  с фиксированными параметрами  $\lambda\in\mathbb{R}$  и  $\alpha,\ 0<\alpha\leqslant 1$ , и мероморфно продолжаются на всю комплексную плоскость. Получены совместные дискретные теоремы универсальности для дзета-функций Лерха. Именно, набор аналитических функций  $f_1(s),\ldots,f_r(s)$  одновременно приближаются сдвигами  $L(\lambda_1,\alpha_1,s+ikh),\ldots,L(\lambda_r,\alpha_r,s+ikh),\ k=0,1,2,\ldots$ , где h>0 - фиксированное число. При этом требуется линейная независимость над полем рациональных чисел множества  $\left\{(\log(m+\alpha_j): m\in\mathbb{N}_0,\ j=1,\ldots,r),\frac{2\pi}{h}\right\}$ . Доказательство теорем универсальности использует вероятностные предельные теоремы о слабой сходимости вероятностных мер в пространстве аналитических функций.

*Ключевые слова:* дзета-функция Лерха, пространство аналитических функций, слабая сходимость, теорема Мергеляна, универсальность.

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# Joint discrete universality for Lerch zeta-functions<sup>1</sup>

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#### Abstract

After Voronin's work of 1975, it is known that some of zeta and L-functions are universal in the sense that their shifts approximate a wide class of analytic functions. Two cases of shifts, continuous and discrete, are considered.

The present paper is devoted to the universality of Lerch zeta-functions  $L(\lambda,\alpha,s), s=\sigma+it$ , which are defined, for  $\sigma>1$ , by the Dirichlet series with terms  $e^{2\pi i\lambda m}(m+\alpha)^{-s}$  with parameters  $\lambda\in\mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha,\ 0<\alpha\leqslant 1$ , and by analytic continuation elsewhere. We obtain joint discrete universality theorems for Lerch zeta-functions. More precisely, a collection of analytic functions  $f_1(s),\ldots,f_r(s)$  simultaneously is approximated by shifts  $L(\lambda_1,\alpha_1,s+ikh),\ldots,L(\lambda_r,\alpha_r,s+ikh),$   $k=0,1,2,\ldots$ , where h>0 is a fixed number. For this, the linear independence over the field of rational numbers for the set  $\left\{(\log(m+\alpha_j): m\in\mathbb{N}_0,\ j=1,\ldots,r),\frac{2\pi}{h}\right\}$  is required. For the proof, probabilistic limit theorems on the weak convergence of probability measures in the space of analytic function are applied.

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### 1. Introduction

In [18], see also [4], S.M. Voronin discovered the universality of the Riemann zeta-function  $\zeta(s), s = \sigma + it$ , that a wide class of analytic functions can be approximated by shifts  $\zeta(s+i\tau), \tau \in \mathbb{R}$ . After Voronin's work, various authors extended his universality theorem for some other zeta- and L-functions, and classes of Dirichlet series. One of universal zeta-functions is the Lerch zeta-function  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$  with parameters  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha, 0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , which is defined, for  $\sigma > 1$ , by the Dirichlet series

$$L(\lambda, \alpha, s) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m}}{(m+\alpha)^s}.$$

The function  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$  was introduced and studied independently by R. Lipschitz [14] and M. Lerch [13]. The analytic properties of  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$  depend on the parameters  $\lambda$  and  $\alpha$ , and in particular case, this is true for the analytic continuation to the whole complex plane. If  $\lambda \notin \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$  is an entire function, while, for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$  reduces to the Hurwitz zeta-function

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

which is analytically continued to the whole complex plane, except for a simple pole at the point s=1 with residue 1. In virtue of the periodicity of  $e^{2\pi i\lambda m}$ , it suffices to suppose that  $0<\lambda\leqslant 1$ . The theory of the Lerch zeta-function is given in [7].

The first universality result for the function  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$  was obtained in [5]. Let

$$D = \left\{ s \in \mathbb{C} : \frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1 \right\},\,$$

 $\mathcal{K}$  be the class of compact subsets of the strip D with connected complements, and let H(K) with  $K \in \mathcal{K}$  denote the class of continuous functions on K that are analytic in the interior of K. Let meas A denote the Lebesgue measure of a measurable set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Then it was obtained in [5] that if  $\alpha$  is transcendental, then for  $K \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $f(s) \in H(K)$ ,  $0 < \lambda \leq 1$  and every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\liminf_{T\to\infty}\frac{1}{T}\mathrm{meas}\left\{\tau\in[0,T]:\sup_{s\in K}|L(\lambda,\alpha,s+i\tau)-f(s)|<\varepsilon\right\}>0.$$

The case of rational  $\alpha$  is more complicated. Some conditional result in this direction has been obtained in [7]. If both  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda$  are rational, then the function  $L(\alpha, \lambda, s)$  becomes the periodic Hurwitz zeta-function, and, for it, an universality theorem of type of [9] is true. In this case, a certain condition connecting  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda$  is involved.

The universality of  $L(\alpha, \lambda, s)$  with algebraic irrational  $\alpha$  is an open problem. The case of  $\alpha$  with linearly independent set  $L(\alpha) = \{\log(m + \alpha) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$  over the field of rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$  can be viewed as a certain approximation to that problem, see [17] and [6].

For the function  $L(\alpha, \lambda, s)$ , also a discrete universality when  $\tau$  in  $L(\alpha, \lambda, s+i\tau)$  takes values from a certain discrete set is considered. One of the simplest discrete sets is the arithmetic progression  $\{kh: k \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  with h > 0. Denote by #A the cardinality of the set A. If  $\alpha$  is transcendental and the number  $\exp\{\frac{2\pi}{k}\}$  is rational, then it is known [3], [8] that, for  $K \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $f(s) \in H(K)$ ,  $0 < \lambda \leq 1$  and every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\liminf_{N\to\infty}\frac{1}{N+1}\#\left\{0\leqslant k\leqslant N: \sup_{s\in K}|L(\lambda,\alpha,s+ikh)-f(s)|<\varepsilon\right\}>0.$$

Let, for h > 0,

$$L(\alpha, h, \pi) = \left\{ (\log(m + \alpha) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0), \frac{2\pi}{h} \right\}.$$

Then, in [12], the transcendence of  $\alpha$  and rationality of  $\exp\{\frac{2\pi}{h}\}$  were replaced by the linear independence over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of the set  $L(\alpha, h, \pi)$ .

The aim of this paper is joint discrete universality theorems for Lerch zeta-functions. We note that the joint universality for Lerch zeta-functions is an interesting problem connecting algebraic properties of the parameters  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r$  and  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_r$  with analytic properties of a collection  $L(\lambda_1, \alpha_1, s), \ldots, L(\lambda_r, \alpha_r, s)$ , therefore, there are many results of such a kind. The first joint universality theorem for Lerch zeta-functions was proved in [10], [11].

THEOREM 1. Suppose that the parameters  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r$  are algebraically independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\lambda_1 = \frac{a_1}{q_1}, \ldots, \lambda_r = \frac{a_r}{q_r}$ ,  $(a_1, q_1) = 1, \ldots, (a_r, q_r) = 1$ , are rational numbers, k is the least common multiple of  $q_1, \ldots, q_r$ , and that the rank of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{2\pi i\lambda_1} & e^{2\pi i\lambda_2} & \dots & e^{2\pi i\lambda_r} \\ e^{4\pi i\lambda_1} & e^{4\pi i\lambda_2} & \dots & e^{4\pi i\lambda_r} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ e^{2k\pi i\lambda_1} & e^{2k\pi i\lambda_2} & \dots & e^{2k\pi i\lambda_r} \end{pmatrix}$$

is equal to r. For j = 1, ..., r, let  $K_j \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $f_j \in H(K_j)$ . Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\liminf_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \operatorname{meas} \left\{ \tau \in [0, T] : \sup_{1 \le j \le r} \sup_{s \in K_j} |L(\lambda_j, \alpha_j, s + i\tau) - f_j(s)| < \varepsilon \right\} > 0.$$

Let

$$L(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r) = \left\{ (\log(m + \alpha_1) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0), \dots, (\log(m + \alpha_r) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0) \right\}.$$

Then in [16], under the hypothesis that the set  $L(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r)$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , it was obtained that the inequality of Theorem 1 is true for all  $0 < \lambda \leq 1, j = 1, \ldots, r$ .

We will focus on joint discrete analogues of the above results. For h > 0, define the set

$$L(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r; h, \pi) = \left\{ \left( \log(m + \alpha_1) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0 \right), \dots, \left( \log(m + \alpha_r) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0 \right), \frac{2\pi}{h} \right\}.$$

Then we have

THEOREM 2. Suppose that the set  $L(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r; h, \pi)$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . For  $j = 1, \ldots, r$ , let  $K_j \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $f_j \in H(K_j)$  and  $0 < \lambda_j \leq 1$ . Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\liminf_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{N+1} \# \left\{ 0 \leqslant k \leqslant N : \sup_{1 \leqslant j \leqslant r} \sup_{s \in K_j} |L(\lambda_j, \alpha_j, s + ikh) - f_j(s)| < \varepsilon \right\} > 0.$$

Theorem 2 has the following modification.

THEOREM 3. Suppose that the set  $L(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r; h, \pi)$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . For  $j = 1, \ldots, r$ , let  $K_j \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $f_j \in H(K_j)$  and  $0 < \lambda_j \leq 1$ . Then the limit

$$\lim_{N\to\infty} \frac{1}{N+1} \# \left\{ 0 \leqslant k \leqslant N : \sup_{1\leqslant j\leqslant r} \sup_{s\in K_j} |L(\lambda_j,\alpha_j,s+ikh) - f_j(s)| < \varepsilon \right\} > 0$$

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

The proofs of Theorems 2 and 3 are based on statistical properties of Lerch zeta-functions, more precisely, on limit theorems of weakly convergent probability measures in the space of analytic functions.

## 2. Discrete limit theorems

Denote by  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  the Borel  $\sigma$ -field of the space X. We recall that  $D = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : \frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1\}$ . Denote by H(D) the space of analytic functions on D endowed with the topology of uniform convergence on compacta. In this section, we consider the weak convergence of probability measures defined on  $(H(D), \mathcal{B}(H(D)))$ .

We use the notation  $\gamma = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : |s| = 1\}$ , and define

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

where  $\gamma_m = \gamma$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Then, by the famous Tikhonov theorem, the torus  $\Omega$  with the product topology and pointwise multiplication is a compact topological Abelian group. Putting

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

where  $\Omega_j = \Omega$  for j = 1, ..., r, by the Tikhonov theorem again, we have that  $\Omega^r$  is a compact topological Abelian group. Therefore, on  $(\Omega^r, \mathcal{B}(\Omega^r))$ , the probability Haar measure  $m_H$  can be defined. This gives the probability space  $(\Omega^r, \mathcal{B}(\Omega^r), m_H)$ . Denote by  $m_{jH}$  the probability Haar measure on  $(\Omega^j, \mathcal{B}(\Omega^j))$ , j = 1, ..., r. Then we have that

$$m_H = m_{1H} \times \cdots \times m_{rH}$$
.

Let  $\omega_j$  be the elements of  $\Omega_j$ ,  $j=1,\ldots,r$ , and  $\omega=(\omega_1,\ldots,\omega_r)$  denote the elements of  $\Omega^r$ . Moreover, denote by  $\omega_j(m)$  the projection of an element  $\omega_j \in \Omega_j$  to the circle  $\gamma_m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $j=1,\ldots,r$ . Now, on the probability space  $(\Omega^r, \mathcal{B}(\Omega^r), m_H)$ , define the  $H^r(D)$ -valued random element  $L(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, s, \omega)$ , where  $\underline{\lambda}=(\lambda_1,\ldots,\lambda_r)$  and  $\underline{\alpha}=(\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_r)$ , by

$$L(\underline{\lambda},\underline{\alpha},s,\omega) = (L_1(\lambda_1,\alpha_1,s,\omega_1),\ldots,L_r(\lambda_r,\alpha_r,s,\omega_r)),$$

where

$$L_j(\lambda_j, \alpha_j, s, \omega_j) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda_j m} \omega_j(m)}{(m + \alpha_j)^s}, \quad j = 1, \dots, r.$$

We note that the latter series are uniformly convergent on compact subsets of the strip D [7], thus, they define the H(D)-valued random elements.

Having the above definitions, we state a joint discrete limit theorem for Lerch zeta-functions.

THEOREM 4. Suppose that the set  $L(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r; h, \pi)$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then

$$P_N(A) \stackrel{def}{=} \frac{1}{N+1} \# \{ 0 \leqslant k \leqslant N : L(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, s+ikh) \in A \}, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(H^r(D)),$$

converges weakly to the distribution  $P_L$  of the random element  $L(\underline{\lambda},\underline{\alpha},s,\omega)$  as  $N\to\infty$ .

We remind that, for  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H^r(D))$ ,

$$P_L(A) = m_H \{ \omega \in \Omega^r : L(\lambda, \alpha, s, \omega) \in A \}.$$

We divide the proof of Theorem 4 into lemmas. The first of them deals with the weak convergence of probability measures on  $(\Omega^r, \mathcal{B}(\Omega^r))$ , and for that the linear independence of the set  $L(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r; h, \pi)$  is essentially applied.

Let, for  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega^r)$ ,

$$Q_N(A) = \frac{1}{N+1} \# \left\{ 0 \leqslant k \leqslant N : ((m+\alpha_1)^{-ikh} : m \in \mathbb{N}_0), \dots, ((m+\alpha_r)^{-ikh} : m \in \mathbb{N}_0) \right\}.$$

LEMMA 1. Suppose that the set  $L(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r; h, \pi)$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $Q_N$  converges weakly to the Haar measure  $m_H$  as  $N \to \infty$ .

#### Proof.

We consider the Fourier transform of  $Q_N$ . Since characters of the group  $\Omega^r$  are of the form

$$\prod_{j=1}^{r} \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} \omega_j^{k_{jm}}(m),$$

where only a finite number of integers  $k_{jm}$  are distinct from zero, we have that the Fourier transform  $g_N(\underline{k}_1,\ldots,\underline{k}_r), \underline{k}_j = (k_{jm}:k_{jm} \in \mathbb{Z}, \ m \in \mathbb{N}_0), \ j=1,\ldots,r, \text{ of } Q_N \text{ is}$ 

$$g_{N}(\underline{k}_{1}, \dots, \underline{k}_{r}) = \int_{\Omega^{r}} \prod_{j=1}^{r} \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} \omega_{j}^{k_{jm}}(m) dQ_{N} = \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{k=0}^{N} \prod_{j=1}^{r} \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+\alpha_{j})^{-ikhk_{jm}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{k=0}^{N} \exp \left\{ -ikh \sum_{j=1}^{r} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} k_{jm} \log(m+\alpha_{j}) \right\}, \tag{1}$$

where  $\sum'$  means that only a finite number of integers  $k_{jm}$  are distinct from zero. Clearly,

$$g_N(\underline{0},\ldots,\underline{0}) = 1. \tag{2}$$

Since the set  $L(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r; h, \pi)$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,

$$\exp\left\{-ih\sum_{j=1}^{r}\sum_{m=0}^{\infty'}k_{jm}\log(m+\alpha_j)\right\}\neq 1$$

for  $(\underline{k}_1,\ldots,\underline{k}_r)\neq(\underline{0},\ldots,\underline{0})$ . Actually, if this inequality is not true, the

$$h \sum_{j=1}^{r} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} k_{jm} \log(m + \alpha_j) - \frac{2\pi l}{h} = 0$$

with  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and this contradicts the linear independence of the set  $L(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r; h, \pi)$ . Thus, in this case, we find by (1) that

$$g_N(\underline{k}_1, \dots, \underline{k}_r) = \frac{1 - \exp\left\{-(N+1)ih \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} k_{jm} \log(m+\alpha_j)\right\}}{(N+1)\left(1 - \exp\left\{-ih \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} k_{jm} \log(m+\alpha_j)\right\}\right)}.$$

This and (2) show that

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} g_N(\underline{k}_1, \dots, \underline{k}_r) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (\underline{k}_1, \dots, \underline{k}_r) = (\underline{0}, \dots, \underline{0}), \\ 0 & \text{if } (\underline{k}_1, \dots, \underline{k}_r) \neq (\underline{0}, \dots, \underline{0}). \end{cases}$$

Since the right-hand side of the latter equality is the Fourier transform of the Haar measure  $m_H$ , the lemma is proved.  $\Box$ 

Now, we will apply Lemma 1 to obtain a joint limit theorem in the space of analytic functions for functions given by absolutely convergent Dirichlet series connected to Lerch zeta-functions. Let  $\hat{\sigma} > \frac{1}{2}$  be a fixed number, and, for  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$v_n(m, \alpha_j) = \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{m + \alpha_j}{n + \alpha_j}\right)^{\hat{\sigma}}\right\}, \quad j = 1, \dots, r.$$

Define

$$L_n(\underline{\lambda},\underline{\alpha},s) = (L_n(\lambda_1,\alpha_1,s),\ldots,L_n(\lambda_r,\alpha_r,s))$$

and

$$L_n(\underline{\lambda},\underline{\alpha},s,\omega) = (L_n(\lambda_1,\alpha_1,s,\omega_1),\ldots,L_n(\lambda_r,\alpha_r,s,\omega_r)),$$

where

$$L_n(\lambda_j, \alpha_j, s) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda_j m} v_n(m, \alpha_j)}{(m + \alpha_j)^s}, \quad j = 1, \dots, r,$$

and

$$L_n(\lambda_j, \alpha_j, s, \omega) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda_j m} \omega_j(m) v_n(m, \alpha_j)}{(m + \alpha_j)^s}, \quad j = 1, \dots, r,$$

It is known [7] that the series for  $L_n(\lambda_j, \alpha_j, s)$  and  $L_n(\lambda_j, \alpha_j, s, \omega_j)$  are absolutely convergent for  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ .

The next lemma deals with weak convergence for

$$P_{N,n}(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{N+1} \# \{ 0 \leqslant k \leqslant N : L_n(\underline{\lambda},\underline{\alpha},s+ikh) \in A \}, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(H^r(D)).$$

Define the function  $u_n: \Omega^r \to H^r(D)$  by the formula

$$u_n(\omega) = L_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, s, \omega), \quad \omega \in \Omega.$$

Since the series for  $L_n(\lambda_j, \alpha_j, s, \omega_j)$ , j = 1, ..., r, are absolutely convergent for  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ , the function  $u_n$  is continuous, hence it is  $(\mathcal{B}(\Omega^r), \mathcal{B}(H^r(D)))$ -measurable. Therefore, the measure  $m_H$  induces [1] on  $(H^r(D), \mathcal{B}(H^r(D)))$  the unique probability measure  $\hat{P}_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} m_H u_n^{-1}$ , where, for  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H^r(D))$ ,

$$\hat{P}_n(A) = m_H u_n^{-1}(A) = m_H(u_n^{-1}A).$$

LEMMA 2. Suppose that the set  $L(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r; h, \pi)$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $P_{N,n}$  converges weakly to  $\hat{P}_n$  as  $N \to \infty$ .

#### Proof.

Let  $Q_N$  be defined in Lemma 1. Then the definitions of  $P_{N,n}$ ,  $Q_N$  and  $u_n$  show that, for every  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H^r(D))$ ,

$$P_{N,n}(A) = \frac{1}{N+1} \# \left\{ 0 \leqslant k \leqslant N : \left( ((m+\alpha_1)^{-ikh} : m \in \mathbb{N}_0), \dots, ((m+\alpha_r)^{-ikh} : m \in \mathbb{N}_0) \right) \in u_n^{-1} A \right\} = Q_N(u_n^{-1} A),$$

i.e.,  $P_{N,n} = Q_N u_n^{-1}$ . This, Lemma 1, the continuity of  $u_n$  and Theorem 5.1 from [1] show that  $P_{N,n}$  converges weakly to the measure  $m_H u_n^{-1}$  as  $N \to \infty$ .

Now, we will approximate  $L(\underline{\lambda},\underline{\alpha},s)$  by  $L_n(\underline{\lambda},\underline{\alpha},s)$ . For  $g_1,g_2\in H(D)$ , let

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

where  $\{K_l : l \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a sequence of compact subsets of the strip D such that

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

 $K_l \subset K_{l+1}$  for all  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , and if  $K \subset D$  is a compact subset, then  $K \subset K_l$  for some l. The proof of the existence of the sequence  $\{K_l : l \in \mathbb{N}\}$  can be found, for example, in [2]. The metric  $\rho$  induces the topology of the space H(D) of uniform convergence on compacta. The metric  $\underline{\rho}$  in  $H^r(D)$  inducing the product topology is defined by

$$\underline{\rho}(\underline{g}_1,\underline{g}_2) = \max_{1 \leqslant j \leqslant r} \rho(\underline{g}_{1j},\underline{g}_{2,j}),$$

where  $\underline{g}_1 = (g_{11}, \dots g_{1r}), \quad \underline{g}_2 = (g_{21}, \dots g_{2r}) \in H^r(D)$ .  $\square$ 

Lemma 3. For all  $\underline{\lambda}$ ,  $\underline{\alpha}$  and h > 0,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \limsup_{N\to\infty} \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{k=0}^{N} \underline{\rho} \left( L(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, s+ikh), L_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, s+ikh) \right) = 0.$$

#### Proof.

The definition of the metric  $\rho$  shows that the equality of the lemma follows from the equalities

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \limsup_{N\to\infty} \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{k=0}^{N} \rho\left(L_j(\lambda_j, \alpha_j, s+ikh), L_n(\lambda_j, \alpha_j, s+ikh)\right) = 0,$$

 $j=1,\ldots,r$ , that were obtained in Lemma 3 of [12].  $\square$ 

We recall that the measure  $\hat{P}_n$  was defined in Lemma 2.

LEMMA 4. Suppose that the set  $L(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r; h, \pi)$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then the sequence  $\{\hat{P}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is tight, i.e., for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a compact subset  $K = K(\varepsilon) \subset H^r(D)$  such that

$$\hat{P}_n(K) > 1 - \varepsilon$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

#### Proof.

Consider the marginal measures of  $\hat{P}_n$ , i.e., the measures

$$\hat{P}_{n,j}(A) = \hat{P}_n \left( \underbrace{H(D) \times \dots \times H(D)}_{j-1} \times A \times H(D) \times \dots \times H(D) \right), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(H(D)),$$

where  $j=1,\ldots,r$ . The linear independence of the set  $L(\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_r;h,\pi)$  implies that for  $L(\alpha_j,h,\pi)$ ,  $j=1,\ldots,r$ . Therefore, in view of the proof of Lemma 5 from [12], we have that  $\hat{P}_{n,j}$  converges weakly to the distribution  $P_{L_j}$  of the random element  $L_j(\lambda_j,\alpha_j,s,\omega_j)$  as  $n\to\infty$ ,  $j=1,\ldots,r$ . Hence, the sequence  $\{\hat{P}_{n,j}:n\in\mathbb{N}\}$  is relatively compact,  $j=1,\ldots,r$ . Since the set H(D) is complete and separable, by the inverse Prokhorov Theorem [1, Theorem 6.2], the sequence  $\{\hat{P}_{n,j}:n\in\mathbb{N}\}$  is tight,  $j=1,\ldots,r$ . Thus, for every  $\varepsilon>0$ , there exists a compact subset  $K_j\subset H(D)$  such that

$$\hat{P}_n(K_j) > 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{r}, \quad j = 1, \dots, r,$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The set  $K = K_1 \times \cdots \times K_r$  is compact in  $H^r(D)$ . Moreover,

$$\hat{P}_n(H^r(D) \setminus K) = \hat{P}_n\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^r (H(D) \setminus K_j)\right) \leqslant \sum_{j=1}^r \hat{P}_{n,j}(H(D) \setminus K_j) < \varepsilon$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , i.e., the sequence  $\{\hat{P}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is tight.  $\square$ 

For convenience, we recall one result from [1]. Suppose that  $(S, \varrho)$ -valued random elements  $Y_n, X_{1n}, X_{2n}, \ldots$  are defined on the same probability space with measure  $\mathbb{P}$ , and that the space S is separable.

Lemma 5. Suppose that, for every k,

$$X_{kn} \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{\mathcal{D}} X_k$$

and

$$X_k \xrightarrow[k\to\infty]{\mathcal{D}} X.$$

Moreover, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \limsup_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{P}\{\rho(X_{kn}, Y_n) \geqslant \varepsilon\} = 0.$$

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

The lemma is Theorem 4.2 from [1].

**Proof of Theorem 3.** By Lemma 4 and the Prokhorov theorem [1, Theorem 6.1], the sequence  $\{\hat{P}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is relatively compact. Hence, every subsequence of  $\hat{P}_n$  contains a subsequence  $\{\hat{P}_{n_k}\}$  such that  $\hat{P}_{n_k}$  converges weakly to a certain probability measure P on  $(H^r(D), \mathcal{B}(H^r(D)))$  as  $k \to \infty$ . Therefore, denoting by  $\hat{X}_n = \hat{X}_n(s)$  the  $H^r(D)$ -valued random element having the distribution  $\hat{P}_n$ , we have that

$$\hat{X}_{n_k} \xrightarrow[k \to \infty]{\mathcal{D}} P.$$
 (3)

Moreover, by Lemma 2,

$$X_{N,n} \xrightarrow[N \to \infty]{\mathcal{D}} \hat{X}_n,$$
 (4)

where the  $H^r(D)$ -valued random element  $X_{N,n} = X_{N,n}(s)$  is defined by

$$X_{N,n}(s) = L_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, s + i\theta_N),$$

and  $\theta_N$  is a random variable defined on a certain probability space  $(\hat{\Omega}, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  by the formula

$$\mathbb{P}(\theta_N = kh) = \frac{1}{N+1}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N.$$

Define one more  $H^r(D)$ -valued random element

$$Y_N = Y_N(s) = L(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, s + i\theta_N).$$

Then, in view of Lemma 3, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \limsup_{N \to \infty} \mathbb{P}(\underline{\varrho}(X_{N,n}, Y_N) \geqslant \varepsilon)$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \limsup_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{N+1} \# \left\{ 0 \leqslant k \leqslant N : \underline{\rho} \left( L(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, s+ikh), L_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, s+ikh) \right) \geqslant \varepsilon \right\}$$

$$\leqslant \lim_{n \to \infty} \limsup_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{(N+1)\varepsilon} \sum_{k=0}^{N} \underline{\varrho}(L(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, s+ikh), L_n(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\alpha}, s+ikh)) = 0.$$

This equality together with relations (3) and (4) shows that all hypotheses of Lemma 5 are satisfied. Therefore, we obtain the relation

$$Y_N \xrightarrow[N \to \infty]{\mathcal{D}} P. \tag{5}$$

Thus, we have that  $P_N$  converges weakly to P as  $N \to \infty$ . Moreover, the relation (5) shows that the measure P is independent of the choice of the subsequence  $\hat{P}_{n_k}$ . Since the sequence  $\hat{P}_n$  is relatively compact, hence we obtain that

$$\hat{X}_n \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{\mathcal{D}} P.$$

This means that  $\hat{X}_n$  converges weakly to P as  $n \to \infty$ . The latter remark allows easily to identify the measure P. Actually, in [16], it was obtained that, under hypothesis that the set  $L(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r)$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,

$$\frac{1}{T}\operatorname{meas}\left\{\tau\in[0,T]:L(\underline{\lambda},\underline{\alpha},s+i\tau)\in A\right\},\quad A\in\mathcal{B}(H^r(D)),\tag{6}$$

also converges weakly to the limit measure P of  $\hat{P}_n$  as  $n \to \infty$ , and that P coincides with  $P_L$ . Obviously,the linear independence of the set  $L(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r; h, \pi)$  implies that of the set  $L(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r)$ . Therefore,  $P_N$  also converges weakly to  $P_L$  which is the limit measure of  $\hat{P}_n$ . The theorem is proved.

# 3. Proofs of universality

We remind the Mergelyan theorem on approximation of analytic functions by polynomials [15].

Lemma 6. Let K be a compact subset on the complex plane with connected complement, and let f(s) be a function continuous on K and analytic in the interior of K. Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a polynomial p(s) such that

$$\sup_{s \in K} |f(s) - p(s)| < \varepsilon.$$

We also need the explicit form of the support of the measure  $P_L$ . We recall that the support of  $P_L$  is a closed minimal set  $S_L$  such that  $P_L(S_L) = 1$ . The set  $S_L$  consists of all  $\underline{g} \in H^r(D)$  such that, for every open neighbourhood G of g, the inequality  $P_L(G) > 0$  is true.

LEMMA 7. The support of the measure  $P_L$  is the whole of  $H^r(D)$ .

### Proof.

It was observed above that  $P_L$  is the limit measure of (6). Thus, the lemma follows from [16], see the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$ 

We also recall two equivalents of the weak convergence of probability measures. Let  $P_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and P be probability measures on  $(X, \mathcal{B}(X))$ . The set  $A \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  is called a continuity set of P if  $P(\partial A) = 0$ , where  $\partial A$  is the boundary of A.

Lemma 8. The following statements are equivalent:

- $1^{\circ} P_n$  converges weakly to P;
- $2^{\circ}$  for every open set  $G \subset X$ ,

$$\liminf_{n\to\infty} P_n(G) \geqslant P(G),$$

 $3^{\circ}$  for every continuity set A of the measure P,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} P_n(A) = P(A).$$

The lemma is a part of Theorem 2.1 from [1].

### Proof of Theorem 2.

In view of Lemma 6, there exist polynomials  $p_1(s), \ldots, p_r(s)$  such that

$$\sup_{1 \le j \le r} \sup_{s \in K_j} |f_j(s) - p_j(s)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}. \tag{7}$$

Consider the set

$$G_{\varepsilon} = \left\{ (g_1, \dots, g_r) \in H^r(D) : \sup_{1 \le j \le r} \sup_{s \in K_j} |g_j(s) - p_j(s)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\}.$$

Then the set  $G_{\varepsilon}$  is open, and, by Lemma 7, is a neighborhood of the collection  $(p_1(s), \ldots, p_r(s))$  which is an element of the support of the measure  $P_L$ . Therefore, the inequality

$$P_L(G_{\varepsilon}) > 0 \tag{8}$$

is satisfied. Hence, by Theorem 4 and 2° of Lemma 8,

$$\liminf_{N \to \infty} P_N(G_{\varepsilon}) \geqslant P_L(G_{\varepsilon}) > 0.$$
(9)

This, and the definitions of  $P_N$  and  $G_{\varepsilon}$  show that

$$\liminf_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{N+1} \# \left\{ 0 \leqslant k \leqslant N : \sup_{1 \leqslant j \leqslant r} \sup_{s \in K_j} |L(\lambda_j, \alpha_j, s + ikh) - p_j(s)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} > 0.$$
(10)

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfy the inequality

$$\sup_{1 \le j \le r} \sup_{s \in K_j} |L(\lambda_j, \alpha_j, s + ikh) - p_j(s)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Then, for such k, (7) implies the inequality

$$\sup_{1 \le j \le r} \sup_{s \in K_j} |L(\lambda_j, \alpha_j, s + ikh) - f_j(s)| < \varepsilon.$$

Therefore, (10) gives the assertion of the theorem.  $\square$ 

#### Proof of Theorem 3.

Consider the set

$$\hat{G}_{\varepsilon} = \left\{ (g_1, \dots, g_r) \in H^r(D) : \sup_{1 \le j \le r} \sup_{s \in K_j} |g_j(s) - f_j(s)| < \varepsilon \right\}.$$

Then the set  $\hat{G}_{\varepsilon}$  is open. Moreover, the boundary  $\partial G_{\varepsilon}$  lies in the set

$$\left\{ (g_1, \dots, g_r) \in H^r(D) : \sup_{1 \leqslant j \leqslant r} \sup_{s \in K_j} |g_j(s) - f_j(s)| = \varepsilon \right\}.$$

Therefore,  $\partial \hat{G}_{\varepsilon_1} \cap \partial \hat{G}_{\varepsilon_2} = \emptyset$  for positive  $\varepsilon_1 \neq \varepsilon_2$ . From this, it follows that  $P_L(\hat{G}_{\varepsilon}) > 0$  for at most countably many  $\varepsilon > 0$ , i.e., the set  $\hat{G}_{\varepsilon}$  is a continuity set of  $P_L$  for all but at most countably many  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Hence, by Theorem 4, and 1° and 3° of Lemma 8, the limit

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} P_N(\hat{G}_{\varepsilon}) = P_L(\hat{G}_{\varepsilon}) \tag{11}$$

exists for all but at most countably many  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Moreover, it is not difficult to see that if  $(g_1, \ldots, g_r) \in G_{\varepsilon}$ , where  $G_{\varepsilon}$  is defined in the proof of Theorem 2, then, taking into account (7), we find that

$$\sup_{1 \leqslant j \leqslant r} \sup_{s \in K_j} |g_j(s) - f_j(s)| \leqslant \sup_{1 \leqslant j \leqslant r} \sup_{s \in K_j} |g_j(s) - p_j(s)| + \sup_{1 \leqslant j \leqslant r} \sup_{s \in K_j} |f_j(s) - p_j(s)| < \varepsilon.$$

This shows that  $G_{\varepsilon} \subset \hat{G}_{\varepsilon}$ . Since, by (9),  $P_L(G_{\varepsilon}) > 0$ , the monotonicity of the measure gives the inequality  $P_L(\hat{G}_{\varepsilon}) > 0$ . This inequality and (11) prove the theorem.  $\square$ 

# 4. Conclusions

The Lerch zeta-function  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$ ,  $s = \sigma + it$ , with parameters  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 < \alpha \le 1$  is defined, for  $\sigma > 1$ , by the series

$$L(\lambda, \alpha, s) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m}}{(m+\alpha)^s},$$

and by analytic continuation elsewhere. In the paper, it is obtained that a collection of Lerch zetafunctions  $(L(\lambda_1, \alpha_1, s), \dots, L(\lambda_r, \alpha_r, s))$  has a discrete universality property, i.e., a wide class of analytic functions can be approximated by shifts  $L(\lambda_1, \alpha_1, s + ikh), \dots, L(\lambda_r, \alpha_r, s + ikh), h > 0$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  For this, the linear independence over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of the set

$$\left\{ (\log(m+\alpha_j) : m \in \mathbb{N}_0, j=1,\dots,r), \frac{2\pi}{h} \right\}$$

is required. More precisely, if  $K_1, \ldots, K_r$  are compact subsets of the strip  $\{s \in \mathbb{C} : \frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1\}$  with connected complements, and  $f_1(s), \ldots, f_r(s)$  are functions continuous on  $K_1, \ldots, K_r$  and analytic in the interior of  $K_1, \ldots, K_r$ , respectively, then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\liminf_{N\to\infty} \frac{1}{N+1} \# \left\{ 0 \leqslant k \leqslant N : \sup_{1\leqslant j\leqslant r} \sup_{s\in K_j} |L(\lambda_j,\alpha_j,s+ikh) - f_j(s)| < \varepsilon \right\} > 0.$$

It is possible to consider a more general situation, i.e., to consider the approximation of  $f_1(s), \ldots, f_r(s)$  by different shifts  $L(\lambda_1, \alpha_1, s+ikh_1), \ldots, L(\lambda_r, \alpha_r, s+ikh_r)$  with  $h_1 > 0, \ldots, h_r > 0$ . For this case, a new more general method than that of the paper is required, and it will be developed in a subsequent paper.

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