

## The universality of zeta-functions attached to certain cusp forms

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**1. Introduction.** The universality property was first discovered by Voronin [21] in the case of the Riemann zeta-function. Denote by  $\mathbb{C}$  the complex plane,  $s = \sigma + it$  a complex variable,  $\zeta(s)$  the Riemann zeta-function, and  $\text{meas}\{A\}$  the Lebesgue measure of the set  $A$ . We use the notation

$$\nu_T(\dots) = T^{-1} \text{meas}\{\tau \in [0, T] : \dots\}$$

for  $T > 0$ , where in place of dots we write a condition satisfied by  $\tau$ . The modern statement of Voronin's universality theorem is as follows (see Chapter 6 of [12]):

*Let  $K$  be a compact subset of the strip  $\{s \in \mathbb{C} : 1/2 < \sigma < 1\}$  with connected complement. Let  $f(s)$  be a non-vanishing continuous function on  $K$  which is analytic in the interior of  $K$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,*

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

This remarkable result raised much attention among specialists, and Reich [18], [19], Gonek [4], Good [5], Bagchi [1], [2], and the first author [8]–[12], [14] improved and generalized the Voronin theorem to various other Dirichlet series including Dirichlet  $L$ , and Dedekind, Hurwitz, and Lerch zeta-functions.

It is the purpose of the present paper to prove the universality theorem for zeta-functions attached to certain cusp forms. Let  $F(z)$  be a holomorphic cusp form of weight  $\kappa$  for the full modular group  $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ , and assume that

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$F(z)$  is a normalized eigenform. Then  $F(z)$  has the Fourier series expansion

$$F(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)e^{2\pi inz}, \quad c(1) = 1.$$

A classical result of Hecke [6] says that the Dirichlet series

$$\varphi(s, F) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)n^{-s}$$

is absolutely convergent in  $\sigma > (\kappa + 1)/2$ , and can be continued analytically to an entire function. Moreover it satisfies the functional equation

$$(2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) \varphi(s, F) = (-1)^{\kappa/2} (2\pi)^{s-\kappa} \Gamma(\kappa - s) \varphi(\kappa - s, F),$$

which implies that the critical strip for  $\varphi(s, F)$  is  $(\kappa - 1)/2 \leq \sigma \leq (\kappa + 1)/2$ . Let  $D = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : \kappa/2 < \sigma < (\kappa + 1)/2\}$ . Then we shall prove

**THEOREM.** *Let  $F(z)$  be a normalized eigenform of weight  $\kappa$  for  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ . Let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $D$  with connected complement, and let  $f(s)$  be a non-vanishing continuous function on  $K$  which is analytic in the interior of  $K$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have*

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \nu_T(\sup_{s \in K} |\varphi(s + i\tau, F) - f(s)| < \varepsilon) > 0.$$

Before the present work, the universality of  $\varphi(s, F)$  was obtained by Kačėnas–Laurinčikas [7], and also as a special case of the theorem given in [15], but both papers require rather strong assumptions. For instance, the universality theorem of Kačėnas–Laurinčikas [7] is proved under the assumption of the existence of  $\eta > 0$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad \sum_{\substack{p \text{ prime} \\ |c_p| < \eta}} p^{-\delta} < \infty$$

for  $\delta > 1/2$ , where  $c_p = c(p)p^{(1-\kappa)/2}$ . However it seems to be hopeless to verify (1.1). Now, our theorem assures the universality property of  $\varphi(s, F)$  unconditionally.

Bagchi [1] gave a new proof of the universality theorem for  $\zeta(s)$ , which is presented in Chapter 6 of [12]. In this paper we apply Bagchi’s method to  $\varphi(s, F)$ , but some new ideas are necessary to complete the proof. A key lemma of Bagchi’s method is Theorem 6.4.14 of [12], whose proof is based on the well known fact (see, e.g., [16])

$$(1.2) \quad \sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} = \log \log x + c_1 + O(\exp(-c_2 \sqrt{\log x}))$$

for  $x > 1$ , with some constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2 > 0$ , where  $p$  runs over all primes  $\leq x$ . If we try to apply Bagchi’s method directly to our case, we need the

corresponding asymptotic result for the sum  $\sum_{p \leq x} |c_p|/p$ , but it is quite difficult to obtain such a formula. Instead, we use the asymptotic formula

$$(1.3) \quad \sum_{p \leq x} c_p^2 = \pi(x)(1 + o(1)), \quad x \rightarrow \infty,$$

which is equivalent to Theorem 2 of Rankin [17]. Here,  $\pi(x)$  denotes the number of primes up to  $x$ . From (1.3), we can deduce a vanishing lemma. This is Lemma 6 stated in Section 3, and plays an essential role in our argument. The proof of Lemma 6 will be given in Section 4, and this is the most novel part of the present paper. From Lemma 6 we can obtain Lemma 2, which corresponds to Lemma 6.5.4 of [12]. The deduction of our theorem from Lemma 2 is essentially the same as Bagchi's argument.

**2. A limit theorem for the function  $\varphi(s, F)$ .** Since  $F(z)$  is a normalized eigenform, the function  $\varphi(s, F)$  for  $\sigma > (\kappa + 1)/2$  has the Euler product expansion

$$\varphi(s, F) = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{\alpha(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{\beta(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1},$$

with

$$(2.1) \quad c(p) = \alpha(p) + \beta(p)$$

and

$$(2.2) \quad |\alpha(p)| \leq p^{(\kappa-1)/2}, \quad |\beta(p)| \leq p^{(\kappa-1)/2}$$

(Deligne [3]). From (2.1) and (2.2) we have

$$(2.3) \quad |c_p| \leq 2.$$

Let  $N > 0$ ,  $D_N = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : \kappa/2 < \sigma < (\kappa + 1)/2, |t| < N\}$ , and denote by  $H(D_N)$  the space of analytic functions on  $D_N$  equipped with the topology of uniform convergence on compacta. Let  $\mathcal{B}(S)$  stand for the class of Borel subsets of the space  $S$ . Define on  $(H(D_N), \mathcal{B}(H(D_N)))$  the probability measure

$$P_T(A) = \nu_T(\varphi(s + i\tau, F) \in A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(H(D_N)).$$

For our purpose we need a limit theorem in the sense of the weak convergence of probability measures for  $P_T$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , with an explicit form of the limit measure. Let  $\gamma = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : |s| = 1\}$ , and let

$$\Omega = \prod_p \gamma_p,$$

where  $\gamma_p = \gamma$  for all primes  $p$ . The infinite-dimensional torus  $\Omega$  is a compact topological Abelian group. Denote by  $m_H$  the probability Haar measure on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega))$ ; thus we obtain the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega), m_H)$ . Let  $\omega(p)$

be the projection of  $\omega \in \Omega$  to the coordinate space  $\gamma_p$ , and define the  $H(D_N)$ -valued random element  $\varphi(s, \omega, F)$  on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega), m_H)$  by the formula

$$\varphi(s, \omega, F) = \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha(p)\omega(p)}{p^s} \right)^{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{\beta(p)\omega(p)}{p^s} \right)^{-1}$$

for  $s \in D_N$ . Denote by  $P_\varphi$  the distribution of the random element  $\varphi(s, \omega, F)$ , i.e.

$$P_\varphi(A) = m_H(\omega \in \Omega : \varphi(s, \omega, F) \in A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(H(D_N)).$$

Then we have

LEMMA 1. *The probability measure  $P_T$  converges weakly to  $P_\varphi$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .*

Kačėnas–Laurinčikas [7] proved this limit theorem on the space  $H(\tilde{D})$ , where  $\tilde{D} = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : \sigma > \kappa/2\}$ , from which Lemma 1 follows immediately. Lemma 1 can also be regarded as a special case of the result proved in [13].

**3. A denseness lemma.** Let, for  $|z| < 1$ ,

$$\log(1 + z) = z - \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^3}{3} - \dots,$$

and define

$$f_p(s) = f_p(s; a_p) = -\log \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha(p)a_p}{p^s} \right) - \log \left( 1 - \frac{\beta(p)a_p}{p^s} \right)$$

for  $s \in D_N$  and  $a_p \in \gamma$ . We shall prove

LEMMA 2. *The set of all convergent series  $\sum_p f_p(s; a_p)$  is dense in the space  $H(D_N)$ .*

In the proof of this lemma we will use the following three lemmas.

LEMMA 3. *Let  $\{z_m\}$  be a sequence of complex numbers such that*

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |z_m|^2 < \infty.$$

*Let  $\{\varepsilon_m\}$  be a sequence of independent random variables on a certain probability space  $(S, \mathcal{B}(S), \mathbb{P})$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(\varepsilon_m = 1) = \mathbb{P}(\varepsilon_m = -1) = 1/2$  for any  $m$ . Then the series  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon_m z_m$  converges almost surely.*

The assertion of this lemma is included in the proof of Lemma 6.5.3 of [12].

LEMMA 4. *Let  $\{f_m\}$  be a sequence in  $H(D_N)$  which satisfies:*

(a) *If  $\mu$  is a complex measure on  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}))$  with compact support contained in  $D_N$  such that  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |\int_{\mathbb{C}} f_m d\mu| < \infty$ , then  $\int_{\mathbb{C}} s^r d\mu(s) = 0$  for any non-negative integer  $r$ .*

(b) The series  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} f_m$  converges in  $H(D_N)$ .

(c) For any compact  $K \subset D_N$ ,  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sup_{s \in K} |f_m(s)|^2 < \infty$ .

Then the set of all convergent series  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m f_m$ ,  $a_m \in \gamma$ , is dense in  $H(D_N)$ .

LEMMA 5. Let  $\mu$  be a complex measure on  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}))$  with compact support contained in the half-plane  $\sigma > \sigma_0$ , and let  $f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{C}} e^{sz} d\mu(s)$ . If  $f(z) \not\equiv 0$ , then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |f(r)|}{r} > \sigma_0.$$

Both of Lemmas 4 and 5 are due to Bagchi [1]. For the proofs, see Theorem 6.3.10 and Lemma 6.4.10, respectively, of [12].

Now we start the proof of Lemma 2, which we divide into three steps.

The first step. Let

$$\tilde{f}_p = \tilde{f}_p(s) = -\log \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha(p)}{p^s} \right) - \log \left( 1 - \frac{\beta(p)}{p^s} \right),$$

and let  $p_0 > 0$ . Define

$$\hat{f}_p = \hat{f}_p(s) = \begin{cases} \tilde{f}_p(s) & \text{if } p > p_0, \\ 0 & \text{if } p \leq p_0. \end{cases}$$

We claim that there exists a sequence  $\{\hat{a}_p : \hat{a}_p \in \gamma\}$  such that the series

$$(3.1) \quad \sum_p \hat{a}_p \hat{f}_p$$

converges in  $H(D_N)$ .

To prove this claim, we observe that in view of (2.1) and (2.2),

$$\tilde{f}_p(s) = \frac{\alpha(p) + \beta(p)}{p^s} + r_p(s) = \frac{c(p)}{p^s} + r_p(s)$$

with

$$(3.2) \quad r_p(s) = O(p^{\kappa - 2\sigma - 1}).$$

The series

$$(3.3) \quad \sum_p r_p(s)$$

converges uniformly on any compact subset of  $D_N$ . Next, let  $\{\sigma(j)\}$  be a sequence of real numbers,  $\sigma(1) > \sigma(2) > \dots$  and  $\sigma(j) \rightarrow \kappa/2$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . For each  $j$ , the series  $\sum_p \varepsilon_p c(p) p^{-\sigma(j)}$  converges almost surely by Lemma 3. Hence we can find a sequence  $\{\hat{a}_p : \hat{a}_p = \pm 1\}$  such that  $\sum_p \hat{a}_p c(p) p^{-\sigma(j)}$  converges for any  $j$ . By a well known property of Dirichlet series,  $\sum_p \hat{a}_p c(p) p^{-s}$  converges uniformly on any compact subset of  $D_N$ . This and the convergence of (3.3) imply our claim on the series (3.1).

*The second step.* We now claim that the set of all convergent series

$$(3.4) \quad \sum_p a_p \widehat{f}_p, \quad a_p \in \gamma,$$

is dense in  $H(D_N)$ . For this purpose we apply Lemma 4. Obviously it suffices to show that the set of all convergent series

$$(3.5) \quad \sum_p a_p g_p, \quad a_p \in \gamma,$$

is dense in  $H(D_N)$ , where  $g_p = \widehat{a}_p \widehat{f}_p$ .

We have already shown that the series  $\sum_p g_p$  converges in  $H(D_N)$ . Also it is easy to see that  $\sum_p \sup_{s \in K} |g_p(s)|^2 < \infty$  for any compact subset  $K \subset D_N$ . Thus it remains to verify the condition (a) of Lemma 4.

Let  $\mu$  be a complex measure on  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}))$  with compact support contained in  $D_N$  such that

$$(3.6) \quad \sum_p \left| \int_{\mathbb{C}} g_p(s) d\mu(s) \right| < \infty.$$

We put  $h_p(s) = \widehat{a}_p c(p) p^{-s}$ . Then in virtue of (3.2) we have

$$\sum_p \sup_{s \in K} |g_p(s) - h_p(s)| < \infty.$$

From this and (3.6) we have  $\sum_p \left| \int_{\mathbb{C}} h_p(s) d\mu(s) \right| < \infty$ , so

$$(3.7) \quad \sum_p |c(p)| \left| \int_{\mathbb{C}} p^{-s} d\mu(s) \right| < \infty.$$

Let  $D_{1,N} = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : 1/2 < \sigma < 1, |t| < N\}$  and let  $h(s) = s - (\kappa - 1)/2$ . Then

$$\mu h^{-1}(A) = \mu(h^{-1}(A)), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}),$$

is a complex measure with compact support contained in  $D_{1,N}$ . From (3.7) it follows that

$$(3.8) \quad \sum_p |c_p| \left| \int_{\mathbb{C}} p^{-s} d\mu h^{-1}(s) \right| < \infty.$$

(Recall  $c_p = c(p)p^{(1-\kappa)/2}$ .) Define

$$\varrho(z) = \int_{\mathbb{C}} e^{-sz} d\mu h^{-1}(s), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Then (3.8) can be written as

$$(3.9) \quad \sum_p |c_p| \cdot |\varrho(\log p)| < \infty.$$

From (3.9) we can deduce

LEMMA 6.  $\varrho(z) \equiv 0$ .

The proof of this fact is the most novel part of the present paper, and will be given in the next section.

Let  $r$  be a non-negative integer. Differentiating  $r$ -times the equality  $\varrho(z) \equiv 0$  with respect to  $z$ , and then putting  $z = 0$ , we see that  $\int_{\mathbb{C}} s^r d\mu h^{-1}(s) = 0$ , hence  $\int_{\mathbb{C}} s^r d\mu(s) = 0$ . Consequently, all hypotheses of Lemma 4 are satisfied, and we obtain the denseness of the set of all convergent series (3.5), hence (3.4).

*The third step.* Let  $x_0 \in H(D_N)$ ,  $K$  be a compact subset of  $D_N$ , and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We choose a  $p_0$  for which

$$(3.10) \quad \sup_{s \in K} \left( \sum_{p > p_0} \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\alpha(p)|^l + |\beta(p)|^l}{lp^{l\sigma}} \right) < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}.$$

By the claim proved in the second step we find a sequence  $\{\tilde{a}_p : \tilde{a}_p \in \gamma\}$  such that

$$(3.11) \quad \sup_{s \in K} \left| x_0(s) - \sum_{p \leq p_0} \tilde{f}_p(s) - \sum_{p > p_0} \tilde{a}_p \tilde{f}_p(s) \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

We put

$$a_p = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \leq p_0, \\ \tilde{a}_p & \text{if } p > p_0. \end{cases}$$

Then (3.10) and (3.11) yield

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{s \in K} \left| x_0(s) - \sum_p f_p(s; a_p) \right| &\leq \sup_{s \in K} \left| x_0(s) - \sum_{p \leq p_0} \tilde{f}_p(s) - \sum_{p > p_0} \tilde{a}_p \tilde{f}_p(s) \right| \\ &\quad + \sup_{s \in K} \left| \sum_{p > p_0} \tilde{a}_p \tilde{f}_p(s) - \sum_{p > p_0} f_p(s; a_p) \right| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + 2 \sup_{s \in K} \left( \sum_{p > p_0} \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\alpha(p)|^l + |\beta(p)|^l}{lp^{l\sigma}} \right) < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the proof of Lemma 2 is now reduced to the validity of Lemma 6.

**4. Proof of Lemma 6.** An essential ingredient of the proof is the following

LEMMA 7. *Let  $f(s)$  be an entire function of exponential type, and let  $\{\lambda_m\}$  be a sequence of complex numbers. Let  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\delta$  be positive numbers such that*

$$(a) \quad \limsup_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |f(\pm iy)|}{y} \leq \alpha,$$

- (b)  $|\lambda_m - \lambda_n| \geq \delta|m - n|,$
- (c)  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda_m}{m} = \beta,$
- (d)  $\alpha\beta < \pi.$

Then

$$\limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |f(\lambda_m)|}{|\lambda_m|} = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |f(r)|}{r}.$$

This is a variant of the Bernstein theorem, and is given as Theorem 6.4.12 of [12] with a proof.

To prove Lemma 6, we apply Lemma 7 with  $f = \varrho$ . Since the support of the measure  $\mu h^{-1}$  is included in  $D_{1,N}$ , we see that

$$|\varrho(\pm iy)| \leq e^{Ny} \int_{\mathbb{C}} |d\mu h^{-1}(s)|$$

for  $y > 0$ , hence we can take  $\alpha = N$  in the condition (a) of Lemma 7. Let us take a fixed positive number  $\beta$  satisfying

$$(4.1) \quad \beta < \pi/N.$$

Consider the set  $A$  of all positive integers  $m$  such that there exists  $r \in ((m - 1/4)\beta, (m + 1/4)\beta]$  with  $|\varrho(r)| \leq e^{-r}$ .

We fix a number  $\mu$  satisfying  $0 < \mu < 1$ , and put

$$\mathcal{P}_\mu = \{p : \text{primes, } |c_p| > \mu\}.$$

Then from (3.9) it follows that

$$(4.2) \quad \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_\mu} |\varrho(\log p)| < \infty.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$(4.3) \quad \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_\mu} |\varrho(\log p)| \geq \sum_{m \notin A} \sum'_m |\varrho(\log p)| \geq \sum_{m \notin A} \sum'_m p^{-1},$$

where  $\sum'_m$  denotes the sum running over all primes  $p \in \mathcal{P}_\mu$  satisfying

$$(m - 1/4)\beta < \log p \leq (m + 1/4)\beta.$$

Therefore, putting

$$a = \exp((m - 1/4)\beta), \quad b = \exp((m + 1/4)\beta),$$

from (4.2) and (4.3) we obtain

$$(4.4) \quad \sum_{m \notin A} \sum_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{P}_\mu \\ a < p \leq b}} p^{-1} < \infty.$$



Let  $\pi_\mu(x)$  be the number of primes  $p \in \mathcal{P}_\mu$  up to  $x$ . Then, using (2.3), we have, for  $a \leq u \leq b$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.5) \quad \sum_{a < p \leq u} c_p^2 &\leq 4 \sum_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{P}_\mu \\ a < p \leq u}} 1 + \mu^2 \sum_{\substack{p \notin \mathcal{P}_\mu \\ a < p \leq u}} 1 \\
 &= 4(\pi_\mu(u) - \pi_\mu(a)) + \mu^2((\pi(u) - \pi_\mu(u)) - (\pi(a) - \pi_\mu(a))) \\
 &= (4 - \mu^2)(\pi_\mu(u) - \pi_\mu(a)) + \mu^2(\pi(u) - \pi(a)).
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by Rankin's formula (1.3), we have

$$(4.6) \quad \sum_{a < p \leq u} c_p^2 = \pi(u)(1 + o(1)) - \pi(a)(1 + o(1))$$

as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

We fix a positive parameter  $\delta$  satisfying  $1 + \delta < e^{\beta/2}$ , and let  $0 < \varepsilon < \delta/100$ . If  $m \geq m_0(\varepsilon)$ , then, for any  $u \geq a(1 + \delta)$ , we obtain

$$\pi(u)(1 + o(1)) \geq \pi(u)(1 - \varepsilon), \quad \pi(a)(1 + o(1)) \leq \pi(a)(1 + \varepsilon).$$

Hence

$$(4.7) \quad \pi(u)(1 + o(1)) - \pi(a)(1 + o(1)) \geq (\pi(u) - \pi(a)) - \varepsilon(\pi(u) + \pi(a)).$$

Since  $u \geq a(1 + \delta)$ , we have, for  $m \geq m_0(\varepsilon)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.8) \quad \pi(u) - \pi(a) &\geq \frac{u}{\log u}(1 - \varepsilon) - \frac{a}{\log a}(1 + \varepsilon) \\
 &\geq \frac{a(1 + \delta)}{\log a + \log(1 + \delta)}(1 - \varepsilon) - \frac{a}{\log a}(1 + \varepsilon) \\
 &\geq \frac{a}{\log a}(1 + \delta)(1 - 2\varepsilon) - \frac{a}{\log a}(1 + \varepsilon) \\
 &\geq \frac{a}{\log a}(\delta - 4\varepsilon) \geq \frac{a}{\log a} \cdot \frac{\delta}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, if  $u \leq b = Ba$  where  $B = e^{\beta/2}$ , then, for  $m \geq m_0(\varepsilon)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi(u) + \pi(a) &\leq \pi(b) + \pi(a) \leq \frac{b}{\log b}(1 + \varepsilon) + \frac{a}{\log a}(1 + \varepsilon) \\
 &\leq \frac{Ba}{\log a}(1 + \varepsilon)^2 + \frac{a}{\log a}(1 + \varepsilon) \leq \frac{a}{\log a}(2B + 2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore this and (4.8) yield

$$\pi(u) + \pi(a) \leq \frac{4B + 4}{\delta}(\pi(u) - \pi(a)).$$

From this and (4.7) we find that for the same  $u$  as above and  $m \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi(u)(1 + o(1)) - \pi(a)(1 + o(1)) &\geq \pi(u) - \pi(a) - \varepsilon \frac{4B + 4}{\delta}(\pi(u) - \pi(a)) \\
 &= (\pi(u) - \pi(a))(1 + o(1)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by (4.5) and (4.6), we find

$$(\pi(u) - \pi(a))(1 + o(1)) \leq (4 - \mu^2)(\pi_\mu(u) - \pi_\mu(a)) + \mu^2(\pi_\mu(u) - \pi_\mu(a)),$$

so

$$\pi_\mu(u) - \pi_\mu(a) \geq \frac{1 - \mu^2}{4 - \mu^2}(\pi(u) - \pi(a))(1 + o(1))$$

for  $u \geq a(1 + \delta)$ ,  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, by partial summation,

$$\begin{aligned} (4.9) \quad \sum_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{P}_\mu \\ a < p \leq b}} \frac{1}{p} &= \left( \sum_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{P}_\mu \\ a < p \leq b}} 1 \right) + \int_a^b \left( \sum_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{P}_\mu \\ a < p \leq b}} \right) \frac{du}{u^2} \\ &= (\pi_\mu(b) - \pi_\mu(a)) \frac{1}{b} + \int_a^b (\pi_\mu(u) - \pi_\mu(a)) \frac{du}{u^2} \\ &\geq (\pi_\mu(b) - \pi_\mu(a)) \frac{1}{b} + \int_{a(1+\delta)}^b (\pi_\mu(u) - \pi_\mu(a)) \frac{du}{u^2} \\ &\geq \frac{1 - \mu^2}{4 - \mu^2} \left( (\pi(b) - \pi(a)) \frac{1}{b} + \int_{a(1+\delta)}^b (\pi(u) - \pi(a)) \frac{du}{u^2} \right) (1 + o(1)) \\ &\geq \frac{1 - \mu^2}{4 - \mu^2} \left( (\pi(b) - \pi(a(1 + \delta))) \frac{1}{b} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{a(1+\delta)}^b (\pi(u) - \pi(a(1 + \delta))) \frac{du}{u^2} \right) (1 + o(1)) \\ &= \frac{1 - \mu^2}{4 - \mu^2} \left( \sum_{a(1+\delta) < p \leq b} \frac{1}{p} \right) (1 + o(1)) \end{aligned}$$

as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

From (1.2) it follows that, as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\sum_{a(1+\delta) < p \leq b} \frac{1}{p} = \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\log(1 + \delta)}{\beta} \right) \frac{1}{m} + O\left( \frac{1}{m^2} \right);$$

hence and from (4.9),

$$(4.10) \quad \sum_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{P}_\mu \\ a < p \leq b}} \frac{1}{p} \geq \frac{1 - \mu^2}{4 - \mu^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\log(1 + \delta)}{\beta} \right) \frac{1}{m} (1 + o(1)) + O\left( \frac{1}{m^2} \right).$$

Since  $0 < \mu < 1$  and  $1 + \delta < e^{\beta/2}$ , we see that

$$\frac{1 - \mu^2}{4 - \mu^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\log(1 + \delta)}{\beta} \right) > 0.$$

Therefore, from (4.4) and (4.10), we obtain

$$(4.11) \quad \sum_{m \notin A} \frac{1}{m} < \infty.$$

We write

$$A = \{a_m : m = 1, 2, \dots\}, \quad a_1 < a_2 < \dots$$

Then from (4.11) we can easily show that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_m}{m} = 1.$$

By the definition of the set  $A$ , there exists a sequence  $\{\lambda_m\}$  such that

$$(a_m - 1/4)\beta < \lambda_m \leq (a_m + 1/4)\beta \quad \text{and} \quad |\varrho(\lambda_m)| \leq \exp(-\lambda_m).$$

Then

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda_m}{m} = \beta \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |\varrho(\lambda_m)|}{\lambda_m} \leq -1.$$

Now by Lemma 7 we have

$$(4.12) \quad \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |\varrho(r)|}{r} \leq -1.$$

Assume  $\varrho(z) \not\equiv 0$ . We can write

$$\varrho(s) = \int_{\mathbb{C}} e^{sz} d\nu(s),$$

where the measure  $\nu$  is defined by  $\nu(A) = \mu h^{-1}(-A), A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C})$ , so its support is included in  $\{s \in \mathbb{C} : -1 < \sigma < -1/2\}$ . Hence, by Lemma 5, we get

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |\varrho(r)|}{r} > -1,$$

which contradicts (4.12). Therefore we conclude that  $\varrho(z) \equiv 0$ , which is the assertion of Lemma 6. The proof of Lemma 2 is now complete.

**5. The support of the measure  $P_\varphi$ .** Now we can deduce our theorem from Lemma 2 in much the same way as described in Section 6.5 of [12]. In this section we determine the support of the measure  $P_\varphi$  defined in Section 2. Let

$$S_N = \{f \in H(D_N) : f(s) \neq 0 \text{ for any } s \in D_N, \text{ or } f(s) \equiv 0\}.$$

LEMMA 8. *The support of the measure  $P_\varphi$  is the set  $S_N$ .*

In order to deduce this lemma from Lemma 2, we need two more lemmas:

LEMMA 9. *Let  $\{f_n(s)\}$  be a sequence of functions analytic on  $D_N$  such that  $f_n(s) \rightarrow f(s)$  (as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) uniformly on  $D_N$ . Suppose  $f(s) \not\equiv 0$ . Then*

an interior point  $s_0$  of  $D_N$  is a zero of  $f(s)$  if and only if there exists a sequence  $\{s_n\}$  in  $D_N$  such that  $s_n \rightarrow s_0$  (as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) and  $f_n(s_n) = 0$  for  $n > n_0 = n_0(s_0)$ .

This is the Hurwitz theorem (see Section 3.45 of Titchmarsh [20]). The next lemma is Theorem 1.7.10 of [12]. Denote by  $S(\xi)$  the support of the random element  $\xi$ .

LEMMA 10. *Let  $\{\xi_m\}$  be a sequence of independent  $H(D_N)$ -valued random elements such that the series*

$$(5.1) \quad \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \xi_m$$

converges almost surely. Then the support of the sum (5.1) is the closure of the set of all  $f \in H(D_N)$  which may be written as a convergent series

$$f = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} f_m, \quad f_m \in S(\xi_m).$$

*Proof of Lemma 8.* By the definition  $\{\omega(p)\}$  is a sequence of independent random variables defined on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega), m_H)$ , and the support of each  $\omega(p)$  is the unit circle  $\gamma$ . Hence

$$\left\{ \log \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha(p)\omega(p)}{p^s} \right)^{-1} + \log \left( 1 - \frac{\beta(p)\omega(p)}{p^s} \right)^{-1} \right\}$$

is a sequence of independent  $H(D_N)$ -valued random elements, and the set

$$\left\{ f \in H(D_N) : f(s) = -\log \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha(p)a}{p^s} \right) + \log \left( 1 - \frac{\beta(p)a}{p^s} \right), a \in \gamma \right\}$$

is the support of each element. Consequently, by Lemma 10, the support of the  $H(D_N)$ -valued random element

$$\log \varphi(s, \omega, F) = - \sum_p \left\{ \log \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha(p)\omega(p)}{p^s} \right) + \log \left( 1 - \frac{\beta(p)\omega(p)}{p^s} \right) \right\}$$

is the closure of the set of all convergent series  $\sum_p f_p(s; a_p)$ . By Lemma 2 the latter set is dense in  $H(D_N)$ .

The map  $\exp : H(D_N) \rightarrow H(D_N)$  is continuous, sending  $\log \varphi(s, \omega, F)$  to  $\varphi(s, \omega, F)$ , and sending  $H(D_N)$  onto  $S_N \setminus \{0\}$ . Therefore the support of  $\varphi(s, \omega, F)$  contains the set  $S_N \setminus \{0\}$ . By the definition the support is a closed set (see Definition 1.2.13 of [12]), and by Lemma 9 we have  $\overline{S_N \setminus \{0\}} = S_N$ . Thus

$$(5.2) \quad S(\varphi) \supseteq S_N.$$

On the other hand,

$$\left(1 - \frac{\alpha(p)\omega(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{\beta(p)\omega(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1}, \quad s \in D_N, \omega \in \Omega,$$

is non-zero for all primes  $p$ . Hence  $\varphi(s, \omega, F)$  is an almost surely convergent product of non-vanishing factors. Again by Lemma 9 we see that  $\varphi(s, \omega, F) \in S_N$  almost surely. Thus  $S(\varphi) \subseteq S_N$ . This and (5.2) give the assertion of Lemma 8.

**6. Completion of the proof of the theorem.** Let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $D$  with connected complement. Then we can find  $N > 0$  such that  $K \subset D_N$ . Let  $f(s)$  be a non-vanishing continuous function on  $K$  which is analytic in the interior of  $K$ .

First we assume that  $f(s)$  has a non-vanishing analytic continuation to  $H(D_N)$ . Denote by  $G$  the set of functions  $g \in H(D_N)$  for which

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

The set  $G$  is open, hence by Lemma 1 we have

$$(6.1) \quad \liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \nu_T(\sup_{s \in K} |\varphi(s + i\tau, F) - f(s)| < \varepsilon) \geq P_\varphi(G).$$

Obviously  $f \in S_N$ , hence by Lemma 8 it is contained in the support of the random element  $\varphi(s, \omega, F)$ . Since  $G$  is a neighbourhood of  $f$ , we have  $P_\varphi(G) > 0$ . This together with (6.1) implies the assertion of the theorem in this case.

Now consider the general case. First we quote

LEMMA 11. *Let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  whose complement is connected. Then any continuous function  $f(s)$  on  $K$  which is analytic in the interior of  $K$  is approximable uniformly on  $K$  by polynomials in  $s$ .*

This is the Mergelyan theorem, and the proof can be found, for example, in Walsh [22].

Since  $f(s) \neq 0$  on  $K$ , by Lemma 11 we can find a polynomial  $p(s)$  such that  $p(s) \neq 0$  on  $K$  and

$$(6.2) \quad \sup_{s \in K} |f(s) - p(s)| < \varepsilon/4.$$

Since  $p(s)$  has only finitely many zeros, we can find a region  $G_1$  such that  $K \subset G_1$  and  $p(s) \neq 0$  on  $G_1$ . We choose  $\log p(s)$  to be analytic in the interior of  $G_1$ . Applying Lemma 11 to  $\log p(s)$ , we find another polynomial  $q(s)$  such that

$$\sup_{s \in K} |p(s) - e^{q(s)}| < \varepsilon/4.$$

From this and (6.2) it follows that

$$(6.3) \quad \sup_{s \in K} |f(s) - e^{q(s)}| < \varepsilon/2.$$

Since  $e^{q(s)} \neq 0$  for all  $s$ , we can use the result of the case already proved, which yields

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \nu_T(\sup_{s \in K} |\varphi(s + i\tau, F) - e^{q(s)}| < \varepsilon/2) > 0.$$

Together with (6.3), this completes the proof of the theorem.

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