

On Value Distribution of Certain Beurling Zeta-Functions

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Abstract: In this paper, the approximation of analytic functions by shifts $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau)$ of Beurling zeta-functions $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$ of certain systems $\mathcal{P}$ of generalized prime numbers is discussed. It is required that the system of generalized integers $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}$ generated by $\mathcal{P}$ satisfies $\sum_{m \leq x, m \in \mathcal{N}} 1 = ax + O(x^{\delta})$, $a > 0$, $0 \leq \delta < 1$, and the function $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$ in some strip lying in $\hat{\sigma} < \sigma < 1$, $\hat{\sigma} > \delta$, which has a bounded mean square. Proofs are based on the convergence of probability measures in some spaces.

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1. Introduction

The Riemann zeta-function $\zeta(s)$, $s = \sigma + it$, is defined, for $\sigma > 1$ by

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^s} = \prod_q \left(1 - \frac{1}{q^s}\right)^{-1},$$

where the product is taken over prime numbers q , has a meromorphic continuation to the complex plane with the unique simple pole $s = 1$, $\operatorname{Res}_{s=1} \zeta(s) = 1$ (see, for example, [1]), and has several generalizations. One of them is Beurling zeta-functions.

The system $\mathcal{P}$ of real numbers $1 < p_1 \leq p_2 \leq \dots \leq p_n \leq \dots$, $p_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, is called generalized prime numbers. From numbers of system $\mathcal{P}$, the system $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}$ of generalized integers

$$p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_r^{\alpha_r} \dots, \quad \alpha_j \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \quad j = 1, \dots, r, \dots,$$

is obtained. As in the theory of rational primes q , the main attention is devoted to asymptotics of the function

$$\pi_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = \sum_{\substack{p \leq x \\ p \in \mathcal{P}}} 1, \quad x \rightarrow \infty.$$

Together with $\pi_{\mathcal{P}}(x)$, the number of generalized integers m

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = \sum_{\substack{m \leq x \\ m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}}} 1, \quad x \rightarrow \infty,$$

is considered. The above sums are taken by counting multiplicities of p and m , respectively. By the Landau result [2], it is known that the estimate

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = ax + O(x^{\delta}), \quad 0 \leq \delta < 1, \quad a > 0, \quad (1)$$



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implies

$$\pi_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = \int_2^x \frac{du}{\log u} + O\left(xe^{-c\sqrt{\log x}}\right), \quad c > 0.$$

The distribution of generalized numbers was studied by Beurling [3], Borel [4], Diamond [5–7], Mallavin [8], Nyman [9], Ryavec [10], Stankus [11], Zhang [12], Hilberdink and Lapidus [13], Schlage-Puhta and Vindas [14], Debruyne, Schlage-Puhta and Vindas [15], and others. Among other problems studied in the above works, the central place is occupied by the relation between

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = ax + O\left(\frac{x}{(\log x)^{\alpha}}\right), \quad \alpha > 0, \quad (2)$$

and

$$\pi_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = \int_2^x \frac{du}{\log u} + O\left(\frac{x}{(\log x)^{\beta}}\right), \quad \beta > 0.$$

For example, in [9], it was obtained that the above estimates with arbitrary α and β are equivalent. The papers [6,8,16] are devoted to formulae for $\pi_{\mathcal{P}}(x)$, with the remainder term of order $O(xe^{-c_1(\log x)^{\beta}})$ implied by $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(x)$ with the remainder term $O(xe^{-c_2(\log x)^{\alpha}})$. Beurling proved [3] that the asymptotics

$$\pi_{\mathcal{P}}(x) \sim \frac{x}{\log x}, \quad x \rightarrow \infty, \quad (3)$$

follows from (2) with $\alpha > 3/2$, and this is not true with $\alpha = 3/2$ for all systems of generalized primes. Moreover, for the investigation of $\pi_{\mathcal{P}}(x)$, he introduced the zeta-functions $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$ defined in some half-planes by the Euler product

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

or by the Dirichlet series

$$\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s) = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}} \frac{1}{m^s}.$$

The convergence of the latter objects depends on the system $\mathcal{P}$ of generalized primes.

It is easily seen that in case (1), the series for $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$ is absolutely convergent for $\sigma > 1$. Actually, the partial summation formula shows that

$$\sum_{\substack{m \leq x \\ m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}}} \frac{1}{m^s} = \frac{1}{x^s} \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(x) + s \int_1^x \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(x)}{x^{s+1}} dx. \quad (4)$$

Since, for $\sigma > 1$, the integral

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(x)}{x^{s+1}} dx$$

is absolutely and uniformly convergent for $\sigma \geq 1 + \varepsilon$, $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, and $x^{-s} \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = o(1)$, so from (4) we have

$$\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s) = s \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(x)}{x^{s+1}} dx. \quad (5)$$

Thus, $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$ is analytic in the half-plane $\sigma > 1$. Moreover, in this half-plane,

$$\prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1} = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}} \frac{1}{m^s}.$$

Now, the functions $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$ are called Beurling zeta-functions.

As it was observed by Beurling [3], it suffices to consider $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(x)$ in place of $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(x^\delta)$, $\delta \neq 1$, because the latter case reduces after normalization to $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(x)$.

An important problem is the analytic continuation of the function $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$. Suppose that (1) is true. Then, (5) implies

$$\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s) = \frac{as}{s-1} + s \int_1^\infty \frac{r(x)}{x^{s+1}} dx, \quad r(x) = O(x^\delta), \quad \delta < 1,$$

the latter integral being absolutely and uniformly convergent for $\sigma \geq \delta + \varepsilon$, $\forall \varepsilon > 0$. Therefore, the function $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$ has analytic continuation to the half-plane $\sigma > \delta$, except for a simple pole at the point $s = 1$ with residue a .

Much attention is devoted to analytic continuation for the function $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$ in [13]. For this, the generalized von Mangoldt function

$$\Lambda_{\mathcal{P}}(m) = \begin{cases} \log p & \text{if } m = p^k, p \in \mathcal{P}, k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\psi_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = \sum_{\substack{m \leq x \\ m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}}} \Lambda_{\mathcal{P}}(m)$$

are used. Let

$$\psi_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = x + O(x^{\alpha+\varepsilon}), \quad \alpha \in [0, 1], \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0.$$

Then, in [13], it is proved that $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$ has an analytic continuation to the half-plane $\sigma > \alpha$, except for a simple pole at the point $s = 1$. Under certain additional conditions, the latter estimate is necessary as well.

There is another method for the analytic continuation of $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$ cultivated in [13]. However, for our aims, we limit ourselves by the analytic continuation to the half-plane $\sigma > \delta$ because, throughout the paper, we suppose the validity of the axiom (1).

The paper [17] is devoted to zero-distribution of $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$, where various zero-density results corresponding to those of $\zeta(s)$ are given. We stress that in [17], the Beurling prime number theorem [3] was strengthened, and it was proved that asymptotics (3) is implied by the estimate of Cesàro type

$$\int_1^x \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(t) - at}{t} \left(1 - \frac{t}{x}\right)^m dt = O\left(\frac{x}{(\log x)^\alpha}\right), \quad \alpha > \frac{3}{2}, \quad x \rightarrow \infty,$$

with some $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

In the present paper, differently from the cited above works, including [14,17], that are devoted to prime number theorem, analytic continuation and zeros of $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$, we focus on the approximation properties of the Beurling zeta-functions. More precisely, we consider the approximation of a set of analytic functions $f(s)$ by shifts $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau)$, $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$, i.e., such τ that, for some compact sets K and $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\sup_{s \in K} |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau) - f(s)| < \varepsilon.$$

The case of the Riemann zeta-function shows that the results of such a type have serious theoretical (functional independence, zero-distribution, moment problem, ...) and practical (approximation theory, quantum mechanics) applications, see [18]. Moreover, investigations of the approximation of analytic functions by zeta-functions have an impact on the Linnik–Ibragimov conjecture on the universality of the Dirichlet series; see Section 1.6 of [19].

For our aims, the mean square estimate for $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$ is needed. Let

$$M(\sigma, T) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_0^T |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(\sigma + it)|^2 dt,$$

and $\hat{\sigma} = \inf\{\sigma : M(\sigma, T) \ll_{\sigma} T, \sigma > \delta\}$. Suppose that $\hat{\sigma} < 1$, and define $D_{\mathcal{P}} = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : \hat{\sigma} < \sigma < 1\}$. Here, and in what follows, the notation $z \ll_{\varepsilon} y$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $y > 0$ is a synonym of $z = O(y)$ with implied constant depending on ε . Denote by $\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$ the space of analytic on $D_{\mathcal{P}}$ functions endowed with the topology of uniform convergence on compacta.

It is well-known that the Riemann zeta-function $\zeta(s)$ and some other zeta-functions are universal, i.e., their shifts $\zeta(s + i\tau)$, $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ are approximately defined in certain strip analytic functions; see [18–25] for results and problems. We believe that the function $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$ for some systems of generalized prime numbers $\mathcal{P}$ also has similar approximation properties. However, every case of system $\mathcal{P}$ requires a separate investigation. In the paper, we propose the following result for the approximation of analytic functions by shifts $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau)$. In what follows, $m_L A$ denotes the Lebesgue measure of $A \subset \mathbb{R}$. The main result of the paper is the following theorem.

Theorem 1. Assume that the system $\mathcal{P}$ satisfies the axiom (1). Then, there exists a non-empty closed subset $F_{\mathcal{P}} \subset \mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$, such that, for all compact sets $K \subset D_{\mathcal{P}}$, $f(s) \in F_{\mathcal{P}}$ and $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} m_L \left\{ \tau \in [0, T] : \sup_{s \in K} |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau) - f(s)| < \varepsilon \right\} > 0.$$

In addition, the limit

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} m_L \left\{ \tau \in [0, T] : \sup_{s \in K} |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau) - f(s)| < \varepsilon \right\}$$

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

Theorem 1 will be proved in Section 5.

Let $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{X})$ stand for the Borelean σ -field of the topological space $\mathbb{X}$, and, for $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}}))$,

$$P_{T, \mathcal{P}}(A) = \frac{1}{T} m_L \{\tau \in [0, T] : \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau) \in A\}.$$

Theorem 1 will be derived from the next theorem on weak convergence of $P_{T, \mathcal{P}}$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$.

Theorem 2. Suppose that the system $\mathcal{P}$ satisfies the axiom (1). Then $P_{T, \mathcal{P}}$, as $T \rightarrow \infty$, weakly converges to a certain measure $P_{\mathcal{P}}$ on $(\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}}), \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})))$.

Theorem 2 will be proved in Section 4.

We recall some examples connected to the hypotheses of Theorems 1 and 2.

A problem of the validity of axiom (1) is not easy. The following interesting example is known; see [13]. Let the system of generalized integers $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}$ be generated by the system

$$\mathcal{P} = (2, \sqrt{3}, 5, 5, \sqrt{7}, \sqrt{11}, 13, 13, \dots),$$

i.e., $\mathcal{P}$ includes 2, rational primes $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ with multiplicity 2, and $\sqrt{q}$ with rational primes $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. Then, it is known that

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = \frac{\pi}{4}x + O\left(x^{23/73}\right).$$

In [11], the system $\mathcal{P}$ of shifted rational primes $q = \pi(r) + 1$ with $r > 0$, $\pi(r) = \sum_{q \leq r} 1$, was considered, and it was obtained that

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = ax + O\left(x \exp\left\{-\left(1 - \frac{c \log_3 x}{\log_2 x}\right) \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \log x \log_2 x}\right\}\right),$$

where $\log_n x = \underbrace{\log \dots \log x}_n$, $a > 0$, $c > 0$. This shows that the estimate (1), even for a comparatively simple system $\mathcal{P}$, is difficult to reach.

Write generalized numbers in another form

$$1 = v_1 < v_2 < \dots$$

with corresponding multiplicities $1 = a_1, a_2, \dots$. Then, we have

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = \sum_{v_m \leq x} a_m,$$

and

$$\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{v_m^s}.$$

In [26], the following result has been obtained. Suppose that (1) is true, and $v_{m+1} - v_m \gg \exp\{-v_m^{\kappa}\}$ with every $\kappa > 0$. Then, for $\sigma > (1 + \delta)/2$,

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(\sigma + it)|^2 dt = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m^2}{v_m^{2\sigma}}.$$

This implies that $\hat{\sigma} = (1 + \delta)/2 < 1$ in this case.

We divide the proof of Theorem 2 into parts. We start with weak convergence of probability measures in comparatively simple spaces and finish in the space $\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$.

2. Case of Compact Group

Define the set

$$\Omega = \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \{s \in \mathbb{C} : |s| = 1\}.$$

The elements of Ω are all functions $\omega : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \{s \in \mathbb{C} : |s| = 1\}$. We equipped Ω with the product topology and operation of pointwise multiplication. Since the unit circle is a compact set, by the Tikhonov theorem [27], Ω is a compact topological group. For $A \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$, set

$$P_{T, \mathcal{P}}^{\Omega}(A) = \frac{1}{T} m_L \left\{ \tau \in [0, T] : \left(p^{-i\tau} : p \in \mathcal{P} \right) \in A \right\}.$$

Lemma 1. $P_{T, \mathcal{P}}^{\Omega}$ weakly converges to a certain measure $P_{\mathcal{P}}^{\Omega}$ on $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega))$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof. It suffices to show that the Fourier transform of $P_{T,\mathcal{P}}^\Omega$ converges to a certain continuous function. Characters of Ω have the form

$$\prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \omega^{k_p}(p),$$

where $\omega(p)$ denotes the p th component of $\omega \in \Omega$, and k_p are integer rational numbers, where only a finite number of them are not zero. Therefore,

$$\mathcal{F}_{T,\mathcal{P}}(\mathbb{k}) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \left(\prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}}^* p^{-itk_p} \right) d\tau,$$

where $\mathbb{k} = (k_p : p \in \mathcal{P})$, and the star $*$ shows that $k_p \neq 0$ for a finite set of generalized primes p , is the Fourier transform of the measure $P_{T,\mathcal{P}}^\Omega$. Define two sets of $\mathbb{k}$:

$$K_1 = \left\{ \mathbb{k} : \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}}^* k_p \log p = 0 \right\}, \quad K_2 = \left\{ \mathbb{k} : \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}}^* k_p \log p \neq 0 \right\}.$$

Then, we have

$$\mathcal{F}_{T,\mathcal{P}}(\mathbb{k}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbb{k} \in K_1, \\ \frac{1 - \exp\{-iT \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}}^* k_p \log p\}}{iT(1 - \exp\{-i \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}}^* k_p \log p\})} & \text{if } \mathbb{k} \in K_2. \end{cases}$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{T,\mathcal{P}}(\mathbb{k}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbb{k} \in K_1, \\ 0 & \text{if } \mathbb{k} \in K_2. \end{cases}$$

The limit function is continuous in the discrete topology; therefore, this implies that $P_{T,\mathcal{P}}^\Omega$ weakly converges to the measure $P_{\mathcal{P}}^\Omega$ on $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega))$ given by the Fourier transform $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbb{k})$,

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbb{k}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbb{k} \in K_1, \\ 0 & \text{if } \mathbb{k} \in K_2. \end{cases}$$

□

Remark 1. If the system $\mathcal{P}$ is linearly independent over the field of rational numbers, then

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbb{k}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbb{k} = (\mathbf{0}), \\ 0 & \text{if } \mathbb{k} \neq (\mathbf{0}). \end{cases}$$

In this case, the limit measure $P_{\mathcal{P}}^\Omega$ is the Haar measure P_H , which is invariant with respect to translations by elements $\omega \in \Omega$, i.e., for every $\omega \in \Omega$ and $A \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$,

$$P_H(A) = P_H(\omega A) = P_H(A\omega).$$

Obviously, in this case, the numbers of $\mathcal{P}$ must be different.

Lemma 1 is a starting point to consider limit distributions in space $\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$. The simplest case is of an absolutely convergent Dirichlet series. Let $\eta > 1 - \hat{\sigma}$ be fixed. For $m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, set

$$a_n(m) = \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^\eta\right\},$$

and

$$\zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s) = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}} \frac{a_n(m)}{m^s}.$$

It is not difficult to see that the series for $\zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s)$ is absolutely convergent, say, for $\sigma > 0$. Thus, $\zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s)$ is an element of $\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$. For $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}}))$, define

$$P_{T,n,\mathcal{P}}(A) = \frac{1}{T} m_L \{ \tau \in [0, T] : \zeta_{\mathcal{P},n}(s + i\tau) \in A \}.$$

Lemma 2. Assume that the system $\mathcal{P}$ satisfies the axiom (1). Then, $P_{T,n,\mathcal{P}}$ weakly converges to a certain measure $P_{n,\mathcal{P}}$ on $(\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}}), \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})))$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof. Extend the function $\omega(p)$ to the set $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}$ by using the equality

$$\omega(m) = \omega^{a_1}(p_1) \cdots \omega^{a_r}(p_r)$$

for $m = p_1^{a_1} \cdots p_r^{a_r}$. Consider the mapping $h_{n,\mathcal{P}} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$ given by

$$h_{n,\mathcal{P}}(\omega) = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}} \frac{\omega(m) a_n(m)}{m^s}, \quad \omega \in \Omega.$$

The latter definition implies that

$$h_{n,\mathcal{P}}(p^{-i\tau} : p \in \mathcal{P}) = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}} \frac{a_n(m)}{m^{s+i\tau}} = \zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau). \quad (6)$$

Moreover, the absolute convergence of the series

$$\sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}} \frac{\omega(m) a_n(m)}{m^s}$$

for $\sigma > 0$ ensures the continuity of the mapping $h_{n,\mathcal{P}}$. In view of (6), we have

$$P_{T,n,\mathcal{P}}(A) = \frac{1}{T} m_L \left\{ \tau \in [0, T] : (p^{-i\tau} : p \in \mathcal{P}) \in h_{n,\mathcal{P}}^{-1} A \right\} = P_{T,\mathcal{P}}^{\Omega} (h_{n,\mathcal{P}}^{-1} A)$$

for all $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}}))$. This shows that $P_{T,n,\mathcal{P}} = P_{T,\mathcal{P}}^{\Omega} h_{n,\mathcal{P}}^{-1}$, where

$$P_{T,\mathcal{P}}^{\Omega} h_{n,\mathcal{P}}^{-1}(A) = P_{T,\mathcal{P}}^{\Omega} (h_{n,\mathcal{P}}^{-1} A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})),$$

and $h_{n,\mathcal{P}}^{-1} A$ denotes the preimage of the set A . These remarks, Lemma 1, and the preservation of weak convergence under continuous mappings (see, for example, [28], Chapter 5) prove that $P_{T,n,\mathcal{P}}$, as $T \rightarrow \infty$ weakly converges to the measure $P_{n,\mathcal{P}} = h_{n,\mathcal{P}}^{-1} P_{\mathcal{P}}^{\Omega}$, where $P_{\mathcal{P}}^{\Omega}$ is from Lemma 1. $\square$

3. Some Estimates

To pass from the function $\zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s)$ to $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$, we need some estimates between these functions. We start with an integral representation for $\zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s)$. As usual, let $\Gamma(s)$ stand for the Euler gamma-function, and, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define

$$l_n(s) = \eta^{-1} \Gamma(\eta^{-1} s) n^s,$$

where the number η is from the definition of $a_n(m)$.

Lemma 3. Suppose that axiom (1) is valid. Then, for $s \in D$, the representation

$$\zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\eta-i\infty}^{\eta+i\infty} \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s+z) l_n(z) dz \quad (7)$$

holds.

Proof. Let a and b be positive numbers. Then, the classical Mellin formula

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{a-i\infty}^{a+i\infty} \Gamma(z) b^{-z} dz = e^{-b}$$

is valid. Therefore, for $m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}$,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\eta-i\infty}^{\eta+i\infty} m^{-z} l_n(z) dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\eta-i\infty}^{\eta+i\infty} \Gamma\left(\frac{z}{\eta}\right) \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^{(-z/\eta)\eta} d\left(\frac{z}{\eta}\right) = a_n(m).$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s) &= \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}} \frac{a_n(m)}{m^s} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}} \int_{\eta-i\infty}^{\eta+i\infty} \frac{1}{m^{s+z}} l_n(z) dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\eta-i\infty}^{\eta+i\infty} \left(\sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}} \frac{1}{m^{s+z}} \right) l_n(z) dz. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Since $\eta > 1 - \hat{\sigma}$, we have $\operatorname{Re}(s+z) > 1$. Moreover, the properties of the function $\Gamma(s)$ ensure the change in order integration and summation. Thus, (8) implies the representation of the lemma. $\square$

There is a sequence of compact embedded sets $\{K_l : l \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset D_{\mathcal{P}}$, $D_{\mathcal{P}} = \bigcup_{l=1}^{\infty} K_l$, such that every compact set $K \subset D_{\mathcal{P}}$ lies in some K_l . Then,

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

is a metric in $\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$ inducing its topology of uniform convergence on compacta.

Lemma 4. Suppose that axiom (1) is valid. Then,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_1^T \rho(\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s+i\tau), \zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s+i\tau)) d\tau = 0.$$

Proof. By the formula for ρ , it is sufficient to prove that, for every compact set $K \subset D_{\mathcal{P}}$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_1^T \sup_{s \in K} |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s+i\tau) - \zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s+i\tau)| d\tau = 0. \quad (9)$$

Thus, fix a compact set $K \subset D_{\mathcal{P}}$. Then, there is $\varepsilon > 0$ satisfying $\hat{\sigma} + \varepsilon \leq \sigma \leq 1 - \varepsilon/2$ for $\sigma + it \in K$. We apply Lemma 3. Let $\eta = 1$, and $\eta_1 = \hat{\sigma} + \varepsilon/2 - \sigma$ with above σ . Then $\eta_1 < 0$. The integrand in (7) possesses a simple pole at $z = 0$ (a pole of $\Gamma(s)$), and a simple pole at $z = 1 - s$ (a pole of $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s+z)$). Actually, it is obvious that $0 \in (\eta_1, \eta)$ and $1 - \sigma \in (\eta_1, \eta)$. Moreover, since $\eta_1 \geq \hat{\sigma} + \varepsilon/2 - 1 + \varepsilon/2$, $\hat{\sigma} - 1 + \varepsilon > -1$, the pole $z = -1$ of $\Gamma(s)$ does not lie in the strip $\eta_1 < \operatorname{Re} z < \eta$.

Now, the residue theorem and Lemma 3 yields, for $s \in K$,

$$\zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s) - \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\eta_1 - i\infty}^{\eta_1 + i\infty} \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s) l_n(z) dz + \operatorname{Res}_{z=1-s} \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s+z) l_n(z).$$

Hence, for $s \in K$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s+i\tau) - \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s+i\tau) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}\left(\widehat{\sigma} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + i\tau + it + iu\right) l_n\left(\widehat{\sigma} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} - \sigma + iu\right) du + al_n(1-s-i\tau) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}\left(\widehat{\sigma} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + i\tau + iu\right) l_n\left(\widehat{\sigma} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} - s + iu\right) du + al_n(1-s-i\tau) \\ &\ll \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}\left(\widehat{\sigma} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + i\tau + iu\right) \right| \sup_{s \in K} \left| l_n\left(\widehat{\sigma} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} - s + iu\right) \right| du + \sup_{s \in K} |l_n(1-s-i\tau)|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \sup_{s \in K} |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s+i\tau) - \zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s+i\tau)| d\tau \\ &\ll \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \left| \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}\left(\widehat{\sigma} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + i\tau + iu\right) \right| d\tau \right) \sup_{s \in K} |l_n(1-s+iu)| du \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \sup_{s \in K} |l_n(1-s-i\tau)| d\tau \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} J_1 + J_2. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

By the definition of $\widehat{\sigma}$,

$$\int_0^T \left| \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}\left(\widehat{\sigma} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + i\tau\right) \right|^2 d\tau \ll_{\varepsilon} T.$$

Therefore, in view of the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \left| \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}\left(\widehat{\sigma} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + i\tau + iu\right) \right| d\tau &\leq \sqrt{T} \left(\int_0^T \left| \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}\left(\widehat{\sigma} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + i\tau + iu\right) \right|^2 d\tau \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \sqrt{T} \left(\int_{-|u|}^{T+|u|} \left| \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}\left(\widehat{\sigma} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + i\tau\right) \right|^2 d\tau \right)^{1/2} \\ &\ll_{\varepsilon} \sqrt{T} (T+|u|)^{1/2} \ll_{\varepsilon} \sqrt{T} (\sqrt{T} + \sqrt{u}) \\ &\ll_{\varepsilon} T(1 + \sqrt{u}). \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

The most important ingredient of the function $l_n(s)$ is $\Gamma(s)$ and is estimated as

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

Therefore, for $s \in K$,

$$l_n\left(\widehat{\sigma} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + 1 - s + iu\right) \ll n^{\widehat{\sigma} + \varepsilon/2 - \sigma} \exp\{-c|u - t|\} \ll_K n^{-\varepsilon/2} \exp\{-c_1|u|\}, \quad c_1 > 0.$$

This, together with (11), yields

$$J_1 \ll_{K,\varepsilon} n^{-\varepsilon/2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (1 + \sqrt{u}) \exp\{-c_1|u|\} du \ll_{\varepsilon,K} n^{-\varepsilon/2}. \quad (12)$$

Similarly, as above, we obtain that, for $s \in K$,

$$l_n(1 - s - i\tau) \ll n^{1-\sigma} \exp\{-c|t + \tau|\} \ll_K n^{1-\widehat{\sigma}-\varepsilon} \exp\{-c_2|\tau|\}, \quad c_2 > 0.$$

Therefore,

$$J_2 \ll_K n^{1-\widehat{\sigma}-\varepsilon} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \exp\{-c_2|\tau|\} d\tau \ll_K n^{1-\widehat{\sigma}-\varepsilon} T^{-1}.$$

The latter bound, (12) and (10), prove (9). The lemma is proved. $\square$

4. Proof of Theorem 2

We derive Theorem 2 from Lemmas 2 and 4 and the following statement (see, for example, [28], Theorem 4.2) is applied to the case $\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$.

Lemma 5. Assume that ξ_{nk} and $\widehat{\xi}_n$, $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$, are $\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$ -valued random elements given on a space $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{X}), \nu)$. Let

$$\xi_{nk} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{D}} \xi_k, \quad \xi_k \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{D}} \xi,$$

and for $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu\left\{\rho\left(\widehat{\xi}_n, \xi_{nk}\right) \geq \varepsilon\right\} = 0,$$

where $\xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}}$ stands for the convergence in distribution. Then $\widehat{\xi}_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{D}} \xi$.

We remind the reader that $P_{n,\mathcal{P}}$ is from Lemma 2. Using Lemma 5 requires some convergence properties for $P_{n,\mathcal{P}}$. Recall that the sequence $\{P_{n,\mathcal{P}} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is tight if, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a compact set $K \subset \mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$ such that

$$P_{n,\mathcal{P}}(K) > 1 - \varepsilon$$

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

Lemma 6. Suppose that the system $\mathcal{P}$ satisfies the axiom (1). Then, the sequence $\{P_{n,\mathcal{P}} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is tight.

Proof. Let K_l be a fixed compact set in the definition of ρ . Then, the Cauchy integral theorem, for $s \in K_l$, implies

$$\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathcal{L}} \frac{\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(z + i\tau)}{z - s} dz,$$

where $\mathcal{L}$ is a closed simple curve lying in D and enclosing the set K_l . Hence,

$$\sup_{s \in K_l} |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau)|^2 \ll \int_{\mathcal{L}} \frac{|dz|}{|z - s|^2} \int_{\mathcal{L}} |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(z + i\tau)|^2 |dz| \ll_{K_l} \int_{\mathcal{L}} |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(\operatorname{Re} z + i\operatorname{Im} z + i\tau)|^2 |dz|.$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \sup_{s \in K_l} |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau)|^2 d\tau \ll_{K_l} \int_{\mathcal{L}} \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(\operatorname{Re} z + i\operatorname{Im} z + i\tau)|^2 d\tau \right) |dz| \ll_{K_l} 1 \leq B_l < \infty.$$

From this, we have

$$\limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \sup_{s \in K_l} |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau)| d\tau \leq \sqrt{B_l}.$$

Then, in view of (9),

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \sup_{s \in K_l} |\zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau)| d\tau &\leq \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \sup_{s \in K_l} |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau) - \zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau)| d\tau \\ &\quad + \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \sup_{s \in K_l} |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau)| d\tau \\ &\leq C_l < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Let β_T be the random variable on the space $(\hat{\Omega}, \mathcal{A}, \nu)$ and uniformly distributed in $[0, T]$. Define $\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$ -valued random elements

$$\xi_{T,n} = \xi_{T,n}(s) = \zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s + i\beta_T)$$

and $\xi_n = \xi_n(s)$ having the distribution $P_{n,\mathcal{P}}$. We fix $\varepsilon > 0$, and set $V = V_l = 2^{-l}\varepsilon^{-1}C_l$. Then, in virtue of (13) and Lemma 2,

$$\begin{aligned} \nu \left\{ \sup_{s \in K_l} |\xi_n(s)| \geq V_l \right\} &\leq \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \nu \left\{ \sup_{s \in K_l} |\xi_{T,n}(s)| \geq V_l \right\} \\ &\leq \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{V_l} \int_0^T \sup_{s \in K_l} |\zeta_{n,\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau)| d\tau = \frac{\varepsilon}{2^l} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $K = \left\{ h \in \mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}}) : \sup_{s \in K_l} |h(s)| \leq V_l, l \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$. Then, K is a compact set in $\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$, and, by (14),

$$\begin{aligned} P_{n,\mathcal{P}}(K) &= 1 - P_{n,\mathcal{P}}(\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}}) \setminus K) = 1 - P_{n,\mathcal{P}} \left(g(s) \in \mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}}) : \exists l : \sup_{s \in K_l} |g(s)| \geq V_l \right) \\ &= 1 - P_{n,\mathcal{P}} \left(\bigcup_{l=1}^{\infty} \left\{ g(s) \in \mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}}) : \sup_{s \in K_l} |g(s)| \geq V_l \right\} \right) \\ &\geq 1 - \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} P_{n,\mathcal{P}} \left(g(s) \in \mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}}) : \sup_{s \in K_l} |g(s)| \geq V_l \right) \\ &= 1 - \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \nu \left\{ \sup_{s \in K_l} |\xi_n(s)| \geq V_l \right\} \geq 1 - \varepsilon \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} 2^{-l} = 1 - \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. This proves the lemma. $\square$

Proof of Theorem 2. We will apply Lemma 5. Since by Lemma 6, the sequence $\{P_{n,\mathcal{P}} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is tight, it is relatively compact in virtue of the classical Prokhorov theorem; see, for example, [28], Theorem 6.1. This means that every subsequence of $\{P_{n,\mathcal{P}}\}$ possesses a subsequent weak convergent to a probability measure on $(\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}}), \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})))$. Thus, there is $\{P_{n_r,\mathcal{P}}\} \subset \{P_{n,\mathcal{P}}\}$ and a probability measure $P_{\mathcal{P}}$ on $(\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}}), \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})))$ such that $P_{n_r,\mathcal{P}}$ converges weakly to $P_{\mathcal{P}}$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$. Using the notation of the proof of Lemma 6, we have

$$\zeta_{n_r} \xrightarrow[r \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{D}} P_{\mathcal{P}}. \quad (15)$$

Moreover, in view of Lemma 2,

$$\zeta_{T,n} \xrightarrow[T \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{D}} \zeta_n. \quad (16)$$

Define one more $\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$ -valued random element

$$\widehat{\zeta}_T = \widehat{\zeta}_T(s) = \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\beta_T).$$

Then Lemma 4 implies that, for every $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \nu \left\{ \rho \left(\widehat{\zeta}_T, \zeta_{T,n} \right) \geq \varepsilon \right\} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} m_L \{ \tau \in [0, T] : \rho(\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau), \zeta_{n_r,\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau)) \geq \varepsilon \} \\ &\leq \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\varepsilon T} \int_0^T \rho(\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau), \zeta_{n_r,\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau)) d\tau = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This equality, together with (15) and (16), shows that for ζ_{n_r} , $\zeta_{T,n}$ and $\widehat{\zeta}_T$, the conditions of Lemma 5 are fulfilled. Therefore, the relation

$$\widehat{\zeta}_T \xrightarrow[T \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{D}} P_{\mathcal{P}}$$

holds, and this implies the weak convergence of $P_{T,\mathcal{P}}$ to $P_{\mathcal{P}}$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$. The proof is completed. $\square$

5. Proof of Theorem 1

Theorem 1 is a consequence of Theorem 2 and the equivalents of weak convergence.

We remind the reader that the support of the measure $P_{\mathcal{P}}$ is a closed minimal set $S_{\mathcal{P}} \subset \mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$ satisfying $P_{\mathcal{P}}(S_{\mathcal{P}}) = 1$. The set $S_{\mathcal{P}}$ contains all $g \in \mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$ such that for any open neighborhood $\mathcal{G}$ of g , the inequality $P_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathcal{G}) > 0$ holds.

Proof of Theorem 1. Let $F_{\mathcal{P}}$ be the support of the limit measure $P_{\mathcal{P}}$ in Theorem 2. Then, $F_{\mathcal{P}}$ is a closed set, and $F_{\mathcal{P}} \neq \emptyset$ because $P_{\mathcal{P}}(F_{\mathcal{P}}) = 1$. We will prove that the set $F_{\mathcal{P}}$ has approximation properties of the theorem.

Suppose that $f(s) \in F_{\mathcal{P}}$, and

$$\mathcal{G}_{\varepsilon} = \left\{ h \in \mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}}) : \sup_{s \in K} |h(s) - f(s)| < \varepsilon \right\},$$

i.e., $\mathcal{G}_{\varepsilon}$ is an open neighborhood of an element $f(s)$ of the support $F_{\mathcal{P}}$. Hence, by the support property,

$$P_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathcal{G}_{\varepsilon}) > 0. \quad (17)$$

Moreover, using Theorem 2 and Theorem 2.1 of [28] with open sets implies the inequality

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} P_{T,\mathcal{P}}(\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon) \geq P_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon).$$

Thus, the notations for $P_{T,\mathcal{P}}$ and $\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon$ lead to

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} m_L \left\{ \tau \in [0, T] : \sup_{s \in K} |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau) - f(s)| < \varepsilon \right\} > 0.$$

To prove the second statement of the theorem, we deal with continuity sets. We remind the reader that a set $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{X})$ is a continuity set of a measure P on $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{X}))$ if $P(\partial A) = 0$, where ∂A is the boundary of A .

The set $\partial \mathcal{G}_\varepsilon$ of the set $\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon$ belongs to the set

$$\left\{ h \in \mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}}) : \sup_{s \in K} |h(s) - f(s)| = \varepsilon \right\}.$$

Hence, the sets $\partial \mathcal{G}_{\varepsilon_1}$ and $\partial \mathcal{G}_{\varepsilon_2}$ for different ε_1 and ε_2 have no common elements. From this remark, it follows that $P_{\mathcal{P}}(\partial \mathcal{G}_\varepsilon) > 0$ for at most countably many values of ε , or, in the above terminology, the set $\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon$ is a continuity set of the measure $P_{\mathcal{P}}$ for all but at most countably many $\varepsilon > 0$. Thus, Theorem 2 and Theorem 2.1 of [28] with continuity sets show that the limit

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} P_{T,\mathcal{P}}(\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon) = P_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon)$$

exists, and in view of (17), is positive for all but at most countably many $\varepsilon > 0$. This and the notations for $P_{T,\mathcal{P}}$ and $\mathcal{G}_\varepsilon$ give the second assertion of the theorem. The theorem is proved. $\square$

6. Conclusions

Every system $\mathcal{P}$ of real numbers $1 < p_1 \leq p_2 \leq \dots \leq p_r \leq \dots$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = \infty$ is called generalized prime numbers. We consider the zeta-function $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$, $s = \sigma + it$ associated with the system $\mathcal{P}$. We assume that the system of generalized integers $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{P}}$ obtained from $\mathcal{P}$ satisfies the axiom

$$\sum_{\substack{m \leq x \\ m \in \mathcal{N}}} 1 = ax + O(x^\delta), \quad a > 0, \quad 0 \leq \delta < 1.$$

Then, for $\sigma > 1$, the function $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$ is defined by

$$\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s) = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}} \frac{1}{m^s} = \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s} \right)^{-1},$$

and has analytic continuation to the region $\delta < \sigma < 1$. Additionally, we suppose that $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$ has the bounded mean square

$$\int_0^T |\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(\sigma + it)|^2 dt \ll_\sigma T, \quad T \rightarrow \infty,$$

for some $\sigma > \hat{\sigma}$ with some $\delta < \hat{\sigma} < 1$.

We consider probabilistic and approximation properties of the function $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$. We prove a limit theorem for $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$ in the space of analytic functions $\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$, $D_{\mathcal{P}} = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : \hat{\sigma} < \sigma < 1\}$, i.e., that

$$\frac{1}{T} m_L \{ \tau \in [0, T] : \zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau) \in A \}, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})),$$

converges weakly to a certain probability measure $P_{\mathcal{P}}$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$. From this, we deduce that the shifts $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s + i\tau)$ approximate a certain closed subset of $\mathcal{H}(D_{\mathcal{P}})$.

For identification of the limit measure $P_{\mathcal{P}}$ and universality of the function $\zeta_{\mathcal{P}}(s)$, some stronger restrictions for the system $\mathcal{P}$ are needed. We are planning to apply this in the future.

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