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ON THE TRANSFINITE DENSITY OF SEQUENCES AND ITS APPLICATIONS TO DIRICHLET SERIES

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For an increasing to ∞ sequence (λ_n) of positive numbers let

$$n(t) = \sum_{\lambda_n \le t} 1, \ N(x) = \int_0^x \frac{n(t)}{t} dt, \ L_k(t) = \sum_{\lambda_n \le t} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{1}{\ln_j \lambda_n}$$

for $k \geq 1$ and $t \geq t_k = \exp_k(0)$, where $\ln_j x$ is the *j*-th iteration of the logarithm and $\exp_k(x)$ is the *k*-th iteration of the exponent. The quantities $D(0) = \overline{\lim_{t \to +\infty}} \frac{n(t)}{t}$ and $\overline{D}^* = 0$ $\lim_{t\to+\infty}\frac{1}{t}\int_0^t\frac{n(x)}{x}dx$ are called the upper density and upper average density of (λ_n) respectively. Moreover, let $D_k(0) = \overline{\lim_{t \to +\infty}} \frac{L_k(t)}{\ln_k t}$ be the upper k-logarithmic density and $D = \lim_{k \to \infty} D_k(0)$ be the maximal transfinite density of (λ_n) . In the works of many authors devoted to lacunary power series and Dirichlet series, estimates of the canonical product $\Lambda(z) = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1+z^2/\lambda_n^2)$ are used, which is an entire function if $D(0) < +\infty$.

$$\overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \, \frac{\ln \Lambda(r)}{r} \le \pi L$$

Here various properties of k-logarithmic densities are studied and the estimate $\overline{\lim_{r\to +\infty}} \, \frac{\ln \Lambda(r)}{r} \leq \pi D$ is proved. This allows us to replace \overline{D}^* with D in many results of G. Polya, S. Mandelbrojt and other authors.

1. Introduction. Let (λ_n) be a sequence of positive numbers such that

$$\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n \ge p > 0, \quad n \ge 1. \tag{1}$$

and $n(t) = \sum_{\lambda_n \leq t} 1$. For $\xi \in [0,1)$ G. Polya ([1]) introduced the quantities

$$d(\xi) = \underline{\lim}_{t \to +\infty} \frac{n(t) - n(t\xi)}{(1 - \xi)t}, \quad D(\xi) = \overline{\lim}_{t \to +\infty} \frac{n(t) - n(t\xi)}{(1 - \xi)t},$$

which are called the lower density and the upper densities of the sequence (λ_n) on the basis $\xi \in [0,1)$ respectively. In turn, the quantities $d(0), D(0), d(1) = \lim_{\xi \to 1} d(\xi), D(1) = \lim_{\xi \to 1} D(\xi)$ are called lower, upper, minimal and maximal densities respectively. If $d(0) = D(0) = \Delta$ then the sequence (λ_n) is called measurable and Δ is called its density. G. Polya ([1]) applied this quantities to various questions in the theory of analytic functions. For example, he showed

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that if a unique singular point of a power series lies on the circle of convergence of its sum then the maximal density of non-zero coefficients is equal to 1. It has also been proven that if the maximal density of non-zero coefficients of an entire function f is equal to δ then in each angle with a deviation greater than $2\pi\delta$ the function f has the same order and type as in the full plane.

Let $\ln_j x$ denote the j-th iteration of the logarithm: $\ln_0 x = x$ and $\ln_j x = \ln \ln_{j-1} x$ for $j \geq 1$. Similarly: $\exp_0(x) = x$ and $\exp_j(x) = \exp(\exp_{j-1}(x))$ for $j \geq 1$. Suppose that $\xi \in [0,1), t \geq t_k = \exp_k(0)$ and for $k \geq 1$ define

$$L_k(t) = \sum_{\lambda_n \le t} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{1}{\ln_j \lambda_n}, \ l_k(t,\xi) = \exp_k(\xi \ln_k t), \ L_k^*(t,\xi) = L_k(t) - L_k(l_k(t),\xi).$$

As in [2], the quantities

$$d_k(\xi) = \underline{\lim}_{t \to +\infty} \frac{L_k^*(t,\xi)}{(1-\xi)\ln_k t}, \quad D_k(\xi) = \overline{\lim}_{t \to +\infty} \frac{L_k^*(t,\xi)}{(1-\xi)\ln_k t}$$

we will call, respectively, the lower and upper k-logarithmic densities of the sequence (λ_n) on the basis $\xi \in [0,1)$ and the quantities $d_k(0)$ and $D_k(0)$ we will call, respectively, the lower and upper k-logarithmic densities of the sequence (λ_n) . If $d_k(0) = D_k(0) = \Delta_k$ then the sequence (λ_n) is called k-logarithmic measurable and Δ_k is called its k-logarithmic density. In [2] it is proven that if a sequence is measurable then it is k-logarithmic measurable for each $k \geq 1$, and the converse is not true.

Finally ([2]), the functions $d_k(\xi)$ and $D_k(\xi)$ are continuous on [0, 1) and there are limits

$$d_k(1) = \lim_{\xi \to 1} d_k(\xi), \quad D_k(1) = \lim_{\xi \to 1} D_k(\xi),$$

which are called minimal and maximal k-logarithmic densities, respectively. The sequences $(d_k(\xi))$ and $(d_k(1))$ are non-decreasing and there exists a limit

$$d = \lim_{k \to \infty} d_k(\xi) = \lim_{k \to \infty} d_k(1).$$

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$$D = \lim_{k \to \infty} D_k(\xi) = \lim_{k \to \infty} D_k(1).$$

The numbers d and D are called ([2]) minimal and maximal transfinite densities of (λ_n) , respectively. If d = D then the sequence (λ_n) is called transfinite measurable.

Suppose that an entire transcendental function

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{\lambda_n}$$

with $a_n \neq 0$ of finite order has a Borel exceptional value A, i.e. $f(z) = A + F(z) \exp\{bz^p\}$, where p is a natural number equal to the order of f and F is an entire function whose growth does not exceed the minimal type of order p. A. Pfluger and G. Polya ([4]) showed that then the coefficient density (i.e. the density of the sequence of the exponents λ_n) is equal to one of the fractions of the form $s/p, s \in \{1, 2, ..., p\}$. This statement is correct ([3])

if replace coefficient density with coefficient k-logarithmic and transfinite densities. Hence, for example, it follows that in this case

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\lambda_k} = \frac{s}{p} \ln \lambda_n + o(\ln \lambda_n)$$

as $n \to \infty$. The previous equality defines more precisely Fejér's result ([5]) that if

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\lambda_k} < +\infty$$

then f does not have Borel exceptional values. Moreover, T. Murai in [6] proved that an entire function with Fejér gaps does not have a finite Nevanlinna deficient value.

Density concepts of sequences were used by S. Mandelbrojt, whose monograph [7] significantly influenced the results obtained in the proposed article.

2. K-logarithmic functions of excess and deficiency. Let (λ_n) be an increasing sequence of positive numbers and

$$\mathfrak{N}_k(t) = \int_{t_k}^t \frac{n(x)}{x} d\ln_k x,$$

where as above $n(t) = \sum_{\lambda_n \leq t} 1$ and $t_k = \exp_k(0)$. We will call

$$\Delta_k(t) = \frac{\mathfrak{N}_k(t)}{\ln_k t}, \quad \Delta_k^*(x) = \sup_{t \ge x} \Delta_k(t), \quad \Delta_{*k}(x) = \inf_{t \ge x} \Delta_k(t)$$

the function, the upper and lower functions of the k-logarithmic density of the sequence (λ_n) respectively.

In what follows we will assume that the upper density of the sequence (λ_n) is bounded, i.e. $D(0) < +\infty$. Then $D_k(0) < +\infty$ for all $k \ge 1$, n(t) = O(t) as $t \to +\infty$, and it is easy to show that

$$D_k(0) = \overline{\lim}_{t \to +\infty} \Delta_k(t) = \lim_{t \to +\infty} \Delta_k^*(t), \quad d_k(0) = \underline{\lim}_{t \to +\infty} \Delta_k(t) = \lim_{t \to +\infty} \Delta_{*k}(t).$$

The function $\Delta_k^*(t)$ is the smallest of the continuous non-increasing functions $\varphi(t)$ such that $\varphi(t) \geq \Delta_k(t)$, and the function $\Delta_{*k}(t)$ is the greatest of the continuous non-decreasing functions, which do not exceed $\Delta_k(t)$.

We will call

$$\nu_k(\Delta) = \sup_{t \ge t_k} \{ (\Delta_k(t) - \Delta) \ln_k t \} = \sup_{t \ge t_k} \int_{t_k}^t \left(\frac{n(x)}{x} - \Delta \right) d \ln_k x$$

the k-logarithmic function of the excess of the sequence (λ_n) . It's easy to see that $\nu_k(\Delta)$ is a non-negative and non-increasing function. For every $\Delta < D_k(0)$ we have $\nu_k(\Delta) = +\infty$. If $\Delta > D_k(0)$ then $\nu_k(\Delta) < +\infty$. Put $M_k = \sup_{t \geq t_k} \Delta_k(t)$. If $\Delta \geq M_k$ then $\nu_k(\Delta) = 0$. If $D_k(0) < M_k$ then the function $\nu_k(\Delta)$ is convex on the interval $(D_k(0), M_k]$, because the functions $f_t(\Delta) = \int_{t_k}^t \frac{n(x)}{x} d \ln_k x - \Delta \ln_k t$, for which $\nu_k(\Delta)$ is the upper envelope, are linear and collectively bounded for $D_k(0) < \Delta' \leq \Delta \leq M_k$ for any $\Delta' \in (D_k(0), M_k]$. If $\Delta \to D_k(0)$ then $\nu_k(\Delta) \to \nu_k(D_k(0) + 0) = \nu_k(D_k(0))$. If $D_k(0) < M_k$ then there exits a function $\nu_k^{-1}(x)$

inverse to $\nu_k(\Delta)$, which is defined on the $[0, \nu_k(D_k(0))]$, continuous, convex and decreasing from M_k to $D_k(0)$. If $\nu_k(D_k(0)) < +\infty$ then we put $\nu_k^{-1}(x) = D_k(0)$ for $x \ge \nu_k(D_k(0))$. If $D_k(0) = M_k$ then we put $\nu_k^{-1}(x) = D_k(0)$ for x > 0.

We will call

$$\mu_k(\Delta) = \sup_{t \ge t_k} \{ (\Delta - \Delta_k(t)) \ln_k t \} = \sup_{t \ge t_k} \int_{t_k}^t \left(\Delta - \frac{n(x)}{x} \right) d \ln_k x$$

the k-logarithmic function of the deficiency of the sequence (λ_n) . The function $\mu_k(\Delta)$ is a non-negative and non-decreasing. If $\Delta > d_k(0)$ then $\mu_k(\Delta) = +\infty$ and if $\Delta < d_k(0)$ then $\mu_k(\Delta) < +\infty$. For $\Delta \le m_k := \inf_{t \ge t_k} \Delta_k(t)$ we have $\mu_k(\Delta) = 0$. If $d_k(0) > m_k$ then $\mu_k(\Delta)$ is increasing and convex on the interval $[m_k, d_k(0))$.

Let $(\lambda_n^{(1)})$ and $(\lambda_n^{(2)})$ be increasing sequences of positive numbers that have no common members, and let (λ_n) be an increasing sequence such that $\{\lambda_n\} = \{\lambda_n^{(1)}\} \bigcup \{\lambda_n^{(2)}\}$. If there exist constants l > 0 and $p \ge 0$ such that $|\lambda_n - ln| \le p$ for all $n \ge 1$ then the sequences $(\lambda_n^{(1)})$ and $(\lambda_n^{(2)})$ are called ([7, p. 61]) complementary by index (l, p). If l = 1 and p = 0 then $\{\lambda_n\} = \{\lambda_n^{(1)}\} \bigcup \{\lambda_n^{(2)}\}$ is the sequence of positive integers. From the definition we get $nl - p \le \lambda_n \le nl + p$, i.e.

$$(x-p)/l \le n(x) < (x+p)/l. \tag{2}$$

From hence in view of Theorem 4.2 from [3] it follows that

$$D_k^{(1)}(0) + d_k^{(2)}(0) = 1/l (3)$$

for all $k \geq 1$ and, therefore, $D^{(1)} + d^{(2)} = 1/l$, where $D^{(1)}$ and $d^{(2)}$ are maximal and minimal transfinite densities of the sequences $(\lambda_n^{(1)})$ and $(\lambda_n^{(2)})$, respectively. Equalities (3) complement the equalities $D^{(1)}(0) + d^{(2)}(0) = 1/l$ and $\overline{D}^{*(1)} + \overline{D}^{(2)}_* = 1/l$ proved in [6, p. 61–62], where \overline{D}^* and \overline{D}_* are the upper and lower averaged densities defined as

$$\overline{D}^* = \overline{\lim}_{t \to +\infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \frac{n(x)}{x} dx, \quad \overline{D}_* = \underline{\lim}_{t \to +\infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \frac{n(x)}{x} dx.$$

From (2) for the sequences $(\lambda_n^{(1)})$ and $(\lambda_n^{(2)})$ we get

$$\frac{1}{l} - \left(1 + \frac{p}{l}\right) \frac{1}{t} \le \frac{n^{(1)}(t)}{t} + \frac{n^{(2)}(t)}{t} \le \frac{1}{l} + \frac{p}{lt}.\tag{4}$$

Let (r) denote the smallest integer greater than or equal to r. Then the following assertion follows from (4).

Proposition 1. If the sequences $(\lambda_n^{(1)})$ and $(\lambda_n^{(2)})$ are complementary by index (l,p) and $\lambda_n^{(3)} = \lambda_{n+(p/l)}^{(1)}$ then $D_k^{(3)}(0) + d_k^{(2)}(0) = 1/l$, $\Delta^{*(3)}(t) + \Delta_*^{(2)}(t) \le 1/l$ for $t > \max\{\lambda_{(p/l)}^{(1)}, t_k\}$ and $\nu_k^{(3)}(1/l - \Delta) \le \mu^{(2)}(\Delta) + A$, where $D_k^{(3)}(0)$, $\Delta^{*(3)}(t)$, $\nu_k^{(3)}(\Delta)$ are the corresponding characteristics of the sequence $(\lambda_n^{(3)})$, $d_k^{(2)}(0)$, $\Delta_*^{(2)}(t)$, $\mu^{(2)}(\Delta)$ are the corresponding characteristics of the sequence $(\lambda_n^{(3)})$ and $A \equiv \text{const} \ge 0$.

Proof. Let us prove, for example, the third statement. Indeed, (4) implies

$$\nu_k^{(3)}(1/l - \Delta) = \sup_{t > t_k} \int_{t_k}^t \left(\frac{n^{(3)}(x)}{x} - \frac{1}{l} + \Delta \right) d \ln_k x =$$

$$= \sup_{t \ge t_k} \int_{t_k}^t \left(\frac{n^{(1)}(x) + p/l}{x} - \frac{1}{l} + \Delta \right) d \ln_k x \le \sup_{t \ge t_k} \int_{t_k}^t \left(\Delta - \frac{n^{(2)}(x)}{x} + \frac{(p/l) - p/l}{x} \right) d \ln_k x \le \sup_{t \ge t_k} \int_{t_k}^t \left(\Delta - \frac{n^{(2)}(x)}{x} \right) d \ln_k x + A = \mu^{(2)}(\Delta) + A.$$

Note that $\overline{D}_* \leq d_k(0) \leq \overline{D}^*$ for each $k \geq 1$. Indeed, it is enough to prove that $\overline{D}_* \leq d_1(0) \leq \overline{D}^*$, and the previous inequalities follow from the equality

$$\mathfrak{N}_1(t) = \int_1^t \frac{n(x)}{x} d\ln x = \int_1^t \frac{dN(x)}{x} = \frac{N(t)}{t} - N(1) + \int_1^t \frac{N(x)}{x} d\ln x,$$

where $N(x) = \int_0^x \frac{n(t)}{t} dt$.

Let us show that the inequalities $\overline{D}_* < d_1(0)$ and $D_1(0) < \overline{D}^*$ are possible. To do this, let's put $\omega(x) = (3 + \sin(\ln x))/4$. Then ([2]) there exists a sequence $(\lambda_n), \lambda_n > 1$, such that $n(x) = x\omega(x) - \alpha(x)$, where $0 \le \alpha(x) < 1$. For this sequence

$$N(t) = \frac{3}{4}t + \frac{\sin(\ln t) - \cos(\ln t)}{8}t + O(\ln t), \ \mathfrak{N}_1(t) = \frac{3}{4}\ln t + \frac{-\cos(\ln t)}{4}t + O(1)$$

as $t \to +\infty$ and, thus, $\overline{D}_* = 3/4 - \sqrt{2}/8$ and $\overline{D}^* = 3/4 + \sqrt{2}/8$, but $d_1(0) = D_1(0) = 3/4$.

3. Estimates of a certain canonical product. As above, let (λ_n) be an increasing sequence of positive numbers with $D(0) < +\infty$ and $t_k = \exp_k\{0\}$. Then the canonical product

$$\Lambda(z) = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 + z^2 / \lambda_n^2)$$

is an entire function and for all r > 0

$$\ln \Lambda(r) = \int_0^\infty \ln \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{t^2} \right) dn(t) = 2r^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{n(t)}{t} \frac{dt}{t^2 + r^2}.$$
 (5)

Function Λ plays an important role in the study of the lacunarity of power series and representation of analytic functions by Dirichlet series (see, for example, [1] and [8]).

Since $\Delta_k(t) < D_k(0) + \varepsilon$ for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and all $t > t_* = t_*(\varepsilon) \ge t_k$, i.e. $\mathfrak{N}_k(t) < (D_k(0) + \varepsilon) \ln_k t$, from (5) we obtain

$$\ln \Lambda(r) = 2r^{2} \left(\int_{0}^{t_{*}} + \int_{t_{*}}^{\infty} \right) \frac{n(t)}{t} \frac{dt}{t^{2} + r^{2}} \leq 2 \int_{0}^{t_{*}} \frac{n(t)}{t} dt + 2r^{2} \int_{t_{*}}^{\infty} \frac{n(t)}{t} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_{j} t \frac{d\ln_{k} t}{t^{2} + r^{2}} =$$

$$= K_{1} + 2r^{2} \int_{t_{*}}^{\infty} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_{j} t \frac{d\mathfrak{N}_{k}(t)}{t^{2} + r^{2}} \leq K_{1} - 2r^{2} \int_{t_{*}}^{\infty} \mathfrak{N}_{k}(t) d\left(\frac{1}{t^{2} + r^{2}} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_{j} t\right) \leq$$

$$\leq K_{1} - 2(D_{k}(0) + \varepsilon)r^{2} \int_{t_{*}}^{\infty} \ln_{k} t d\left(\frac{1}{t^{2} + r^{2}} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_{j} t\right) =$$

$$= K_{1} + \frac{2(D_{k}(0) + \varepsilon)r^{2}}{t_{*}^{2} + r^{2}} \prod_{j=0}^{k} \ln_{j} t_{0} + 2(D_{k}(0) + \varepsilon)r^{2} \int_{t_{*}}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{2} + r^{2}} \leq$$

$$\leq K_{1} + K_{2} + 2(D_{k}(0) + \varepsilon)r^{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{2r} - \frac{1}{r} \operatorname{arctg} \frac{t_{*}}{r}\right) \leq K_{1} + K_{2} + (D_{k}(0) + \varepsilon)\pi r,$$

where K_1 and K_2 are positive constants depending on ε , whence in view of the arbitrariness of ε we get

$$\overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\ln \Lambda(r)}{r} \le \pi D_k(0). \tag{6}$$

Since the maximal transfinite densities $D = \lim_{k \to \infty} D_k(0)$, from (6) in view of the arbitrariness of k it follows that

$$\overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\ln \Lambda(r)}{r} \le \pi D,\tag{7}$$

i.e. the following statement is true.

Proposition 2. The function Λ has growth no higher than the first order and type πD .

Let

$$\Lambda_j(z) = (1 + z^2/\lambda_j^2)^{-1}\Lambda(z) = \prod_{n \neq j} (1 + z^2/\lambda_n^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n^{(j)} z^{2n}.$$
 (8)

Clearly, Λ_j is an entire function, $c_0^{(j)}=1$ and $c_n^{(j)}>0$ for all $n\geq 1$. As in [7, p. 72] we put

$$L_j(u) = \int_0^\infty e^{-ur} \Lambda_j(r) dr.$$
 (9)

Then

$$L_{j}(\pi\Delta) = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-u\Delta r} \Lambda(r) \frac{\lambda_{j}^{2} dr}{\lambda_{j}^{2} + r^{2}} = \lambda_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-u\Delta\lambda_{j} t} \Lambda(\lambda_{j} t) \frac{dt}{1 + t^{2}} \le \frac{\pi \lambda_{j}}{2} \sup_{x \ge 0} \exp\{-\pi \Delta x + \ln \Lambda(x)\},$$

whence in view of (5) we get

$$\ln L_j(\pi\Delta) \le \ln \frac{\pi \lambda_j}{2} + \sup_{x \ge 0} \left\{ 2x^2 \left(\int_0^\infty \frac{n(t)}{t} \frac{dt}{x^2 + t^2} - \int_0^\infty \Delta \frac{dt}{x^2 + t^2} \right) \right\} = \\
= \ln \frac{\pi \lambda_j}{2} + \sup_{x \ge 0} \left\{ 2x^2 \left(\int_0^{t_k} \left(\frac{n(t)}{t} - \Delta \right) \frac{dt}{x^2 + t^2} + \int_{t_k}^\infty \frac{n(t)}{t} \frac{dt}{x^2 + t^2} - \int_{t_k}^\infty \frac{\Delta dt}{x^2 + t^2} \right) \right\}.$$

Since

$$\begin{split} \sup_{x \geq 0} \left\{ 2x^2 \int_0^{t_k} \left(\frac{n(t)}{t} - \Delta \right) \frac{dt}{x^2 + t^2} \right\} &\leq 2 \sup_{0 \leq t \leq t_k} \left\{ \frac{n(t)}{t} \right\} t_k, \\ \sup_{x \geq 0} \left\{ 2x^2 \left(\int_{t_k}^{\infty} \frac{n(t)}{t} \frac{dt}{x^2 + t^2} - \int_{t_k}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta dt}{x^2 + t^2} \right) \right\} &= \\ &= \sup_{x \geq 0} \left\{ 2x^2 \left(\int_{t_k}^{\infty} \frac{n(t)}{t} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_j t \frac{d \ln_k t}{x^2 + t^2} - \int_{t_k}^{\infty} \Delta \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_j t \frac{d \ln_k t}{x^2 + t^2} \right) \right\} &= \\ &= \sup_{x \geq 0} \left\{ 2x^2 \left(\int_{t_k}^{\infty} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_j t \frac{d \mathfrak{N}_k(t)}{x^2 + t^2} - \int_{t_k}^{\infty} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_j t \frac{d (\Delta \ln_k t)}{x^2 + t^2} \right) \right\} \leq \\ &\leq \sup_{x \geq 0} \left\{ 2x^2 \left(- \int_{t_k}^{\infty} \mathfrak{N}_k(t) d \left(\frac{1}{x^2 + t^2} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_j t \right) + \int_{t_k}^{\infty} \Delta \ln_k t d \left(\frac{1}{x^2 + t^2} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_j t \right) \right) \right\} = \end{split}$$

$$= \sup_{x \ge 0} \left\{ -2x^2 \int_{t_k}^{\infty} (\Delta_k(t) - \Delta) \ln_k t d\left(\frac{1}{x^2 + t^2} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_j t\right) \right\} \le$$

$$\le \sup_{x \ge 0} \left\{ \Delta_k(t) - \Delta \right) \ln_k t \right\} \sup_{x \ge 0} \left\{ -2x^2 \int_{t_k}^{\infty} d\left(\frac{1}{x^2 + t^2} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_j t\right) \right\} = \nu_k(\Delta) 2 \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_j t_k,$$

we get

$$\ln L_j(\pi\Delta) \le \ln \frac{\pi\lambda_j}{2} + 2t_k \sup_{0 \le t \le t_k} \left\{ \frac{n(t)}{t} \right\} + 2\nu_k(\Delta) \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_j t_k. \tag{10}$$

Since $\nu_k(\Delta) < +\infty$ for $\Delta > D_k(0)$ and $\nu_k(\Delta) = +\infty$ for $\Delta < D_k(0)$ and $k \ge 1$, from (10) it follows that integral (9) converges for $u > \pi D_k(0)$. In view of the arbitrariness of k integral (9) converges for $u > \pi D$, where D is the maximal transfinite density of the sequence (λ_n) . Substituting (8) into (9) we get

$$L_j(u) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)! c_n^{(j)}}{u^{2n+1}}.$$
(11)

The radius πP of convergence of this series is independent of the j and

$$\pi P = \overline{\lim}_{n \to +\infty} \left(\Lambda_j^{(2n)}(0) \right)^{1/2n} = \overline{\lim}_{n \to +\infty} \left(\Lambda^{(2n)}(0) \right)^{1/2n} \le \pi D \le \pi D_k(0).$$

4. Asymptotic Dirichlet series. Let $s = \sigma + it$ and a domain G such that the intersection of G with any half-plane $\{s: \sigma > \sigma_0\}$ is non-empty. Let F be a single-valued holomorphic function in G, (d_n) be a sequence of complex numbers and (λ_n) be a sequence of positive numbers. Let us assume that for sufficiently large x in the domain G

$$\inf_{m \ge j} \sup_{\sigma \ge x} \left| F(s) - \sum_{n=1}^{m} d_n e^{-s\lambda_n} \right| \le e^{-p_j(x)}, \quad j \in \mathbb{N}, \tag{12}$$

where p_j is a non-decreasing to $+\infty$ function (it can be equal to $+\infty$ for sufficiently large x). They say ([7, p. 73]) that amounts $\sum_{n=1}^{m} d_n e^{-s\lambda_n}$ for $m \geq j$ represent a function F in the domain G with logarithmic precision $p_j(\sigma)$.

Let $C(a,R) = \{s : |s-a| < R\}$. For a Jordan curve J, the set $C = \bigcup_{s \in J} C(s,R)$ is called a channel of width 2R with a central line J. Let's assume that a_1 and a_2 are the ends of the central line of the channel C of width 2R and the domains G_1 and G_2 such that $C(a_j,R) \subset G_j$ $(j \in \{1,2\})$. Assume also that the function F_j is holomorphic function in G_j $(j \in \{1,2\})$. If in the domain $G_1 \cup C \cup G_2$ there exists a holomorphic function F such that $F(s) \equiv F_j(s)$ for $s \in G_j$ then they say ([7, p. 83]) that the function F_1 continues analytically from G_1 to G_2 along the channel of width 2R.

In what follows we will assume that a positive for sufficiently large σ the function $g(\sigma)$ has the bounded variation for $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$ and, therefore, $\lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} g(\sigma) = g < +\infty$. Let $p(\sigma)$ be a positive non-decreasing to $+\infty$ function (it can be equal to $+\infty$ for sufficiently large x). If there exists a positive continuous non-increasing function $h(\sigma) \to h$ as $\sigma \to +\infty$ such that

$$g > h$$
, $\ln L_i(\pi h(\sigma)) < p(\sigma) + M$, $(M = \text{const} > 0, \ \sigma \ge \sigma_0)$, (13)

and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (p(\sigma) - \ln L_j(\pi h(\sigma))) \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\sigma} \frac{du}{g(u) - h(u)}\right\} d\sigma = +\infty$$
 (14)

then they say ([7, p. 76]) that there is an assumption $A^{(j)}[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n)]$. The following theorem refines Theorem 7.I from [7].

Theorem 1. Let us assume that the following three conditions are met.

I. An increasing sequence (λ_n) of positive numbers has a bounded upper density, D is the maximal transfinite density (λ_n) and $G = \{s = \sigma + it : \sigma > a, |t| < \pi g(\sigma)\}$, where g is continuous function of bounded variation such that $g(\sigma) > D$.

II. A holomorphic in G function F continues analytically from G to $C(s_0, \pi R)$ along the channel of width $2\pi D$.

III. A sequence (d_n) and $j \in \mathbb{N}$ are such that the amounts $\sum_{n=1}^m d_n e^{-s\lambda_n}$ for $m \geq j$ represent F in G with logarithmic precision $p_j(\sigma)$.

Then the assumption $A^{(j)}[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n)]$ implies

$$|d_j| \le \frac{1}{2} \pi^2 \lambda_j R \Lambda_j^* M(s_0, \pi R) \exp \left\{ 2t_k \sup_{0 \le t \le t_k} \left\{ \frac{n(t)}{t} \right\} + 2\nu_k(R) \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_j t_k + \lambda_j Res_0 \right\}, \quad (15)$$

where $\nu_k(\Delta)$ is the k-logarithmic function of the excess of the sequence (λ_n) ,

$$\Lambda_j^* = \prod_{n \neq j} \frac{\lambda_n^2}{|\lambda_j^2 - \lambda_n^2|} \quad \text{and} \quad M(s_0, \pi R) = \sup_{s \in C(s_0, \pi R)} |F(s)|.$$

Proof. Let $h(\sigma)$, $\sigma \geq a_0 > a$, be the function from (13) and (14). We put $\alpha = \pi(h(a_0) + e^{-a_0})$, $\gamma(\sigma) = \min_{|x-\sigma| \leq \alpha} g(x)$, $h_1(\sigma) = h(\sigma) + e^{-\sigma}$ and $G(\sigma) = \pi(\gamma(\sigma) - h(\sigma - \varrho - \alpha))$, where $\varrho > 16(g-h)$. In [7, p. 85] it is proved that there exists $\sigma^* > \varrho + \alpha + a_0$ such that in $G^* = \{s = \sigma + it : \sigma > \sigma^*, |t| < G(\sigma)\}$ we have

$$F_j(s) = d_j \Lambda_j(i\lambda_j) e^{-s\lambda_j}, \tag{16}$$

where

$$F_j(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n c_n^{(j)} F^{(2n)}(s)$$
(17)

and $c_n^{(j)}$ are the coefficients of the power development (8). In addition to (16), we need the following lemma ([7, p. 73]).

Lemma 1. If a function $\Phi(z)$ is holomorphic and bounded in the disk $\{z: |z-z^0| < \pi R\}$ for R > P, where πP is radius of convergence of series (11), then the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n c_n^{(j)} \Phi^{(2n)}(s)$ converges uniformly in each disk $\{z: |z-z_0| < \pi \varrho\}$, $0 < \varrho < R-P$, and represents in this disk a function Φ_k satisfying the inequality $|\Phi_k(z_0)| \le \pi R L_j(\pi R) M$, where $M = \sup_{|z-z^0| < \pi R} |\Phi(z)|$.

Let us continue the proof of the theorem. According to the condition II, function F is holomorphic in the domain $G \bigcup C_1 \bigcup C(s_0, \pi R)$, where C_1 is a channel of width $2\pi R_1 > 2\pi D$, the center line of which has ends s_1 and s_2 , and $C(s_1, \pi R_1) \subset C(s_0, \pi R)$, $C(s_2, \pi R_1) \subset G$. It is obvious that $R_1 \leq R$ and for any sufficiently large σ'_2 there is a curve $J' \subset J$ with ends s_0

and σ'_2 such that the function F is holomorphic in the domain $G \bigcup C_2 \bigcup C(s_0, \pi R)$, where C_2 is a channel of width $2\pi R_2 > 2\pi D$ with the central line J'. Let $0 < \varrho < R_2 - D$. Then, in view of the inequalities $D \ge P$ and $R_2 - P \ge R_2 - D$, by Lemma 1, series (17) converges uniformly in each disk $C(s', \pi R)(s' \in J')$ and, thus, represents a holomorphic function in the channel C' of width $2\pi \varrho$ with the central line J'. If σ'_2 is large enough then part of the channel lies in the domain G^* , where this series according to (16) and (17) represents the function $F_j(s) = d_j \Lambda_j(i\lambda_j) e^{-s\lambda_j}$. By the uniqueness theorem, this equality holds in the entire channel C' and in the disk with center s_0 belonging to this channel. Then by Lemma 1 we have $|F_k(s_0)| \le \pi R L_j(\pi R) M(s_0, \pi R)$. Since $|\Lambda_j(i\lambda_j)| = 1/\Lambda_j^*$, from the previous inequality and (16) we obtain

$$\frac{|d_j|}{\Lambda_j^*} e^{-\lambda_j \operatorname{Res}_0} \le \pi R L_j(\pi R) M(s_0, \pi R), \tag{18}$$

whence in view of (10) we get (15).

Also the following theorem is true.

Theorem 2. Let us assume that the conditions I, II and III of Theorem 1 are met. If the functions $g(\sigma)$, $p_j(\sigma)$ and the sequence (λ_n) satisfy the assumption $A^{(j)}[g(\sigma), p_j(\sigma), (\lambda_n)]$ then

$$|d_j| \le \frac{1}{2} \pi^2 \lambda_j R \Lambda_j^* M(s_0, \pi R) \exp\left\{2\nu(R) + \lambda_j Res_0\right\}$$
(19)

where $\nu(\Delta) = \sup_{t\geq 0} \int_0^t (\frac{n(x)}{x} - \Delta) dx$ is the function of the excess of the sequence (λ_n) .

The validity of this theorem follows from (16) and the inequality $\ln L_j(\pi\Delta) \leq \ln \frac{\pi\lambda_j}{2} + 2\nu(\Delta)$ proven in [6, p. 72].

Theorem 2 generalizes the well-known theorem of S. Mandelbrojt ([6, p. 84]), in which instead of D there is the upper averaged density \overline{D}^* .

5. Other assumptions and corollaries. Now we put $\nu_0(\Delta) = \nu(\Delta)$,

$$T_k = \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \ln_j t_k$$

for $k \geq 1$ and $T_0 = 1$. The assumption $A[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k], k \geq 0$, means that $\lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} g(\sigma) = g$ and there is a positive continuous non-increasing function $h(\sigma) \to h$ as $\sigma \to +\infty$ such that

$$g > h$$
, $2T_k \nu_k(h(\sigma)) < p(\sigma) + M$, $(M \equiv \text{const} > 0, \sigma \ge \sigma_0)$, (20)

and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (p(\sigma) - 2T_k \nu_k(h(\sigma))) \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\sigma} \frac{du}{g(u) - h(u)}\right\} d\sigma = +\infty.$$
 (21)

Lemma 2. For all $k \geq 0$ and $j \geq 1$ the assumption $A[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ contains the assumption $A^{(j)}[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n)]$.

Proof. For k = 0 Lemma 2 is proved in [7, p. 80]. If $k \ge 1$ then in view of (10) from (20) and (21) we get respectively

$$\ln L_j(\pi h(\sigma)) \le \ln \frac{\pi \lambda_j}{2} + 2t_k \sup_{0 \le t \le t_k} \left\{ \frac{n(t)}{t} \right\} + 2T_k \nu_k(h(\sigma)) \le p(\sigma) + M_1$$

for $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$ and $M_1 \equiv \text{const} > 0$, and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (p(\sigma) - \ln L_j(\pi h(\sigma))) \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\sigma} \frac{du}{g(u) - h(u)}\right\} d\sigma \ge$$

$$\ge \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (p(\sigma) - 2T_k \nu_k(h(\sigma))) \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\sigma} \frac{du}{g(u) - h(u)}\right\} d\sigma -$$

$$-\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\ln \frac{\pi \lambda_j}{2} + 2t_k \sup_{0 \le t \le t_k} \left\{\frac{n(t)}{t}\right\}\right) \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\sigma} \frac{du}{g(u) - h(u)}\right\} d\sigma = +\infty,$$

because in view of the inequality h < g we have $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\sigma} \frac{du}{g(u) - h(u)}\} d\sigma < +\infty$.

The assumption $A_1[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$, $k \ge 0$, means that $\lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} g(\sigma) = g > D_k(0)$ and there is a positive number h such that $D_k(0) < h < g$ and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(\sigma) \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\sigma} \frac{du}{g(u) - h}\right\} d\sigma = +\infty.$$
 (22)

Lemma 3. The assumption $A_1[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ for all $k \geq 0$ contains the assumption $A[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$.

Proof. If just put the $h(\sigma) = h$ and notice that $\nu_k(h) < +\infty$ then (22) implies (21).

Replacing $D_k(0)$ with D under the assumption $A_1[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$, we obtain an assumption that we denote by $A_1^*[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$.

Lemma 4. The assumption $A_1^*[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ contains for all $j \geq 1$ the assumption $A^{(j)}[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n)]$.

Proof. If g > D and D < h < g then in view of the equality $\lim_{k \to \infty} D_k(0) = D$ there exists k = k(h) such that $D_k(0) < h < g$, i.e. $A_1[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ holds. Therefore, Lemmas 2 and 3 imply Lemma 4.

The assumption $A_2[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k], k \geq 0$, means that $\lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} g(\sigma) = g > D_k(0)$ and there is $\alpha \in (0, 1/(2T_k))$ such that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(\sigma) \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\sigma} \frac{du}{q(u) - \nu_{h}^{-1}(\alpha p(u))}\right\} d\sigma = +\infty.$$
 (23)

Lemma 5. The assumption $A_2[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ for all $k \geq 0$ contains the assumption $A[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$.

Proof. If $p(\sigma) = +\infty$ for σ enough large then taking $\nu_k^{-1}(\sigma) = h$, where $D_k(0) < h < g$, we get that (23) implies (22), that is $A_2[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ contains $A_1[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ and, thus, $A[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$.

If $p(\sigma) < +\infty$ for all σ and $\alpha \in (0, 1/(2T_k))$ we put $h(\sigma) = \nu_k^{-1}(\alpha p(\sigma))$. Then

$$2T_k\nu_k(h(\sigma)) - p(\sigma) \le 2T_k\alpha p(\sigma)) - p(\sigma) < -\gamma p(\sigma)$$

for some $\gamma > 0$. Therefore, if $A_2[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ holds then $A[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ holds. \square

The assumption $A_3[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k], k \geq 0$, means that $\lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} g(\sigma) = g > D_k(0)$ and there is $\gamma \in (0, +\infty)$ such that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(\sigma) \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\sigma} \frac{du}{g(u) - \Delta_k^*(\exp_k\{\gamma p(u)\})}\right\} d\sigma = +\infty, \tag{24}$$

where $\Delta_0^*(x) = \sup_{t > x} \frac{n(x)}{x}$ and, as above, $\Delta_k^*(x) = \sup_{t > x} \frac{\mathfrak{N}_k(t)}{\ln_k t}$ for $k \ge 1$.

Lemma 6. The assumption $A_3[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ for all $k \geq 0$ contains the assumption $A_2[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k].$

Proof. Since $\Delta_k^*(x) \setminus D_k(0)$ as $x \to +\infty$, for $x > t_k$ we have

$$\begin{split} \nu_k(\Delta_k^*(x)) &= \sup_{t \geq t_k} \{ (\Delta_k(t) - \Delta_k^*(x)) \ln_k t \} \leq \\ &\leq \sup_{t \geq t_k} \{ (\Delta_k^*(t) - \Delta_k^*(x)) \ln_k t \} = \sup_{t_k \leq t \leq x} \{ (\Delta_k^*(t) - \Delta_k^*(x)) \ln_k t \} = \\ &= \max \left\{ \sup_{t_k \leq t \leq \exp_k \sqrt{\ln_k x}} \{ (\Delta_k^*(t) - \Delta_k^*(x)) \ln_k t \}, \sup_{\exp_k \sqrt{\ln_k x} \leq t \leq x} \{ (\Delta_k^*(t) - \Delta_k^*(x)) \ln_k t \} \right\} = \\ &= \max \left\{ \sqrt{\ln_k x} (\Delta_k^*(t_k) - \Delta_k^*(x)), (\Delta_k^*(\exp_k \sqrt{\ln_k x}) - \Delta_k^*(x)) \ln_k x \right\} = o(\ln_k x) \end{split}$$

as $x \to +\infty$. Thus, $\nu_k(\Delta_k^*(\exp_k\{\gamma p(\sigma)\})) = o(p(\sigma))$ as $\sigma \to +\infty$ and, therefore, for σ enough large and $\alpha \in (0, 1/2)$ we get $\nu_k(\Delta_k^*(\exp_k\{\gamma p(\sigma)\})) \leq \alpha p(\sigma)$, whence $\nu_k^{-1}(\alpha p(\sigma)) \leq \Delta_k^*(\exp_k\{\gamma p(\sigma)\})$. Thus, (24) implies (23) and, since $\lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \Delta_k^*(\exp_k\{\gamma p(\sigma)\}) = D_k(0)$. Lemma 6 is proved.

Using Lemmas 2–6, from Theorems 1 and 2 we obtain the following statement.

Corollary 1. The conclusions of Theorems 1–2 hold if the assumption $A^{(j)}[g(\sigma), p_j(\sigma), (\lambda_n)]$, $j \geq 1$, replace either with one of the assumptions

$$A[g(\sigma), p_j(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k], k \ge 0, \text{ or } A_i[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k], k \ge 0, i \in \{1, 2, 3\},$$

or with the assumption $A_1^*[g(\sigma), p_i(\sigma), (\lambda_n)].$

Let us return to the asymptotic Dirichlet series. Let $A_{\xi}(\sigma)$ be a family of functions that are non-increasing under $\sigma > \sigma_0$ and tend to zero under $\sigma \to +\infty$, where ξ takes values from the set I that is unbounded from above. Let's denote $A(\sigma) = \inf_{\xi \in I} A_{\xi}(\sigma)$ ($\sigma > \sigma_0$). Then $A(\sigma) \searrow 0$ as $\sigma \to +\infty$. If $\inf_{\xi \in I, \xi \ge \xi'} A_{\xi}(\sigma) = O(A(\sigma))$ as $\sigma \to +\infty$ for each ξ' then $A_{\xi}(\sigma)$ is

called an asymptotic family and the function $A(\sigma)$ is called the lower envelope of this family.

As above, let G be a domain G such that the intersection of G with any half-plane $\{s: \sigma > \sigma_0\}$ is non-empty and F be a single-valued holomorphic function in G. Let's say that a series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n e^{-s\lambda_n}$ represents F in G asymptotically with respect to $A(\sigma)$, if for each $j \in \mathbb{N}$ there is ξ_j such that for $\xi_j \in I$, $\xi > \xi_j$ there is m > j, for which $\left| F(s) - \sum_{n=1}^{m} d_n e^{-s\lambda_n} \right| \leq A(\sigma)$

$$\left| F(s) - \sum_{n=1}^{m} d_n e^{-s\lambda_n} \right| \le A(\sigma)$$

for $s \in G$ and $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$. The next statements are proven in [7, p. 75–76].

Lemma 7. If the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n e^{-s\lambda_n}$ represents F in G asymptotically with respect to $A(\sigma)$ then there exists a sequence (p_j) such that for every $j \geq 1$ the amounts $\sum_{n=1}^{m} d_n e^{-s\lambda_n}$ for $m \geq j$ represent a function F in the domain G with logarithmic precision $-\ln A(\sigma) + p_j(\sigma)$.

Lemma 8. If the series $\sum_{n=1}^{m} d_n e^{-s\lambda_n}$ converges to F(s) for $\sigma > \sigma_0$ then it represents F in every domain $G = \{s \colon \sigma > \sigma_0, |t| < a\}$ asymptotically with respect to $A(\sigma) \equiv 0$.

Using Lemma 7 we prove the following statement.

Proposition 3. Let the conditions I and II of Theorem 1 hold and the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n e^{-s\lambda_n}$ represents F in G asymptotically with respect to $A(\sigma)$. If the functions $g(\sigma)$, $p(\sigma) = -\ln A(\sigma)$ and the sequence (λ_n) satisfy one of the assumptions $A[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$, $k \geq 0$, then equalities (15) and (19) hold for all $j \geq 1$.

Proof. By Lemma 7, for each $j \geq 1$ the amounts $\sum_{n=1}^{m} d_n e^{-s\lambda_n}$ for $m \geq j$ represent a function F in the domain G with logarithmic precision $p(\sigma) + p_j(\sigma)$, where p_j is a constant value for each j. But, since the assumption $A[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ contains the assumption $A[g(\sigma), p(\sigma) + p_j, (\lambda_n), k]$, from Theorem 1 and Corollary 1 we get Proposition 3.

Remark 1. The conclusions of Proposition 3 holds if the assumption $A[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ replace either with one of the assumptions $A_i[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$, $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, or with the assumption $A_1^*[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n)]$.

Proposition 4. If $g = \lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} g(\sigma)$ and $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(\sigma) - g| d\sigma < +\infty$ then the conclusions of Proposition 3 holds if the assumption $A[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ replace with the assumption $A[g, p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$.

Indeed, in this case it is easy to show that for σ_0 enough large we have

$$\exp\Big\{-\frac{1}{2}\int^{\sigma}\frac{du}{g-h(u)}\Big\}\asymp \exp\Big\{-\frac{1}{2}\int^{\sigma}\frac{du}{g(u)-h(u)}\Big\},\quad \sigma\to+\infty,$$

i.e. the assumptions $A[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ and $A[g, p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ are equivalent, Q.E.D.

Remark 2. The conclusions of Proposition 4 holds if the assumption $A[g(\sigma), p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$ replace either with one of the assumptions $A_i[g, p(\sigma), (\lambda_n), k]$, $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, or with the assumption $A_1^*[g, p(\sigma), (\lambda_n)]$.

6. Applications to entire Dirichlet series. Before exploring the properties of entire Dirichlet series, we present one generalization of Theorem 1.II from [7, p. 247]. Let $s(u) = \sigma(u) + it(u)$ be a continuous complex-valued function, $-\infty < u < +\infty$, such that $\lim_{u \to +\infty} \sigma(u) = +\infty$, $\lim_{u \to -\infty} \sigma(u) = -\infty$ and $t(u) = t_0$ for $\sigma \ge \sigma_0$, where t_0 and σ_0 are constants. Uniting all disks C(s(u), R) with centers at s(u) and radius R let's call a curved strip of width 2R horizontal to the right and continuing to $-\infty$.

Theorem 3. Let (λ_n) be an increasing to $+\infty$ sequence of positive numbers with bounded upper density and D be its maximal transfinite density. Suppose that a Dirichlet series

$$F(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n e^{-s\lambda_n}, \quad s = \sigma + it,$$
(25)

has the abscissa of convergence $\sigma_c < +\infty$ and function F can be analytically continued along a curvilinear strip B of width $2\pi R > 2\pi D$ extending up to $-\infty$. If F is bounded in B then $F(s) \equiv 0$ and all $d_n = 0$.

The proof of this theorem is the same as the proof of Theorem 1.II from [7, p. 247] using Proposition 3.

From Theorem 3 it follows that if a power series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^{\lambda_n}$ in the neighbourhood of the origin converges to f(z) whose the continuation is holomorphic and bounded inside an angle with a vertex at the origin and an opening greater than $2\pi D$ then $f(z) \equiv 0$.

Now for entire Dirichlet series (25) we put

$$M(\sigma) = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} |F(\sigma + it)|, \quad M_a(\sigma) = \max_{|t - t_0| \le \pi a} |F(\sigma + it)|, \quad \Phi(\sigma) = \ln M(\sigma).$$

Theorem 4. If the sequence (λ_n) satisfies (1) and

$$\overline{\lim_{\sigma \to -\infty}} \frac{\ln \ln M(\sigma)}{\ln^2(-\sigma)} = +\infty \tag{26}$$

then

$$\overline{\lim_{\sigma \to -\infty}} \frac{\Phi^{-1}(\ln M_a(\sigma))}{-\sigma} = 1,$$

provided a > D, where D is the maximal transfinite density of (λ_n) .

Proof. From (1) it follows that $D(0) < +\infty$. Since $M_a(\sigma) \leq M(\sigma)$, for each a > 0 we have

$$\overline{\lim_{\sigma \to -\infty}} \frac{\Phi^{-1}(\ln M_a(\sigma))}{-\sigma} \le 1. \tag{27}$$

Denote $M_C(\sigma) = \max_{s \in C(s_0, \pi a)} |F(s)|$, where $s_0 = \sigma + it_0$ and $C(s_0, \pi a) = \{s : |s - s_0| < \pi a\}$. By Lemma 8 the conditions of Theorem 4 imply the conditions of Proposition 3 with $M(s_0, \pi R) = M_C(\sigma)$ and R = a. Therefore, from (19) for all $n \ge 1$ we get

$$\ln M_C(\sigma) \ge \ln d_n - \ln \lambda_n - \ln \Lambda_n^* - \lambda_n \sigma - K, \quad K = \text{const.}$$
 (28)

In [9] it is proved that if (26) holds and

$$ln n = o(\lambda_n \Phi^{-1}(\lambda_n)), \quad n \to \infty,$$
(29)

then

$$\overline{\lim_{n \to \infty}} \frac{\lambda_n \Phi^{-1}(\lambda_n)}{-\ln|d_n|} = 1. \tag{30}$$

Since (1) implies (29), equality (30) holds and, therefore, for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists an increasing sequence (n_j) such that

$$\ln|d_{n_j}| \ge -(1+\varepsilon)\lambda_{n_j}\Phi^{-1}(\lambda_{n_j}).$$
(31)

It is known [7, p. 67] that (1) implies $\ln \Lambda_n^* = O(\lambda_n)$ as $n \to \infty$. Therefore, from (28) and (31) we get

$$\ln M_C(\sigma) \ge -(1+\varepsilon)\lambda_{n_j}\Phi^{-1}(\lambda_{n_j}) - \lambda_n\sigma - O(\lambda_{n_j}) \ge -(1+2\varepsilon)\lambda_{n_j}\Phi^{-1}(\lambda_{n_j}) - \lambda_{n_j}\sigma$$

for all σ and $j \geq j_0(\varepsilon)$. If we choose $\sigma = \sigma_j = -(1+3\varepsilon)\Phi^{-1}(\lambda_{n_j})$ then from hence we obtain $\ln M_C(-(1+3\varepsilon)\Phi^{-1}(\lambda_{n_j})) \geq \varepsilon \lambda_{n_j}\Phi^{-1}(\lambda_{n_j})$. Since for every σ_j there exists α_j such that $|\alpha_j| \leq \pi a$ and $M_a(\sigma_j + \alpha_j) \geq M_C(\sigma_j)$, from the previous inequality we get

$$\varlimsup_{\sigma\to -\infty} \frac{\Phi^{-1}(\ln M_a(\sigma))}{-\sigma} \geq \varlimsup_{j\to \infty} \frac{\Phi^{-1}(\ln M_a(-(1+3\varepsilon)\Phi^{-1}(\lambda_{n_j})+\alpha_j))}{(1+3\varepsilon)\Phi^{-1}(\lambda_{n_j})-\alpha_j} \geq$$

$$\geq \overline{\lim_{j\to\infty}}\,\frac{\Phi^{-1}(\varepsilon\lambda_{n_j}\Phi^{-1}(\lambda_{n_j}))}{(1+3\varepsilon)\Phi^{-1}(\lambda_{n_j})}\geq \frac{1}{1+3\varepsilon},$$

because $\varepsilon \Phi^{-1}(\lambda_{n_j}) \geq 1$ for $j \geq j_1 \geq j_0$. In view of the arbitrariness of ε and (27) Theorem 4 is proved.

Remark 3. For entire Dirichlet series of finite R-order $\varrho_R := \overline{\lim_{\sigma \to -\infty}} \frac{\ln \ln M(\sigma)}{-\sigma}$ the equality

$$\overline{\lim_{\sigma \to -\infty}} \frac{\ln \ln M_a(\sigma)}{-\sigma} = \varrho_R$$

is correct provided a > D.

Finally, we note that repeating the proof of Theorem 4.VI ([7]) can be obtained the following generalization of Picard's theorem for stripes.

Proposition 5. If the sequence (λ_n) satisfies (1) and $\varrho_R > 0$ then in any strip $\{s = \sigma + it : |t - t_0| < \pi a\}$ with $a > \max\{D, 1/(2\varrho_R)\}$, entire function (25) takes on all values, with the possible exception of one, an infinite number of times.

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