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## A REMARK TO THE GROWTH OF POSITIVE FUNCTIONS AND ITS APPLICATION TO DIRICHLET SERIES

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For a function  $\Phi$  continuous on  $(-\infty, +\infty)$  increasing to  $+\infty$  the lower and upper estimates for  $\frac{\alpha(\Phi(q\sigma))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))}$  are found, where  $p > 1, q > 1$  and  $\alpha$  is positive function continuous on  $[x_0, +\infty)$ , increasing to  $+\infty$ . The above results applied to Dirichlet series with positive exponents.

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Для непрерывной возрастающей к  $+\infty$  на  $(-\infty, +\infty)$  функции  $\Phi$  найдены оценки сверху и снизу для  $\frac{\alpha(\Phi(q\sigma))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))}$ , где  $p > 1, q > 1$  и  $\alpha$  — положительная непрерывная на  $[x_0, +\infty)$  функция, возрастающая к  $+\infty$ . Полученные результаты применены к рядам Дирихле с положительными показателями.

**1. Introduction.** For an entire transcendental function

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad z = r e^{i\theta}, \quad (1)$$

set  $M_f(r) = \max\{|f(z)|: |z| = r\}$ . It is known ([1]) that  $M_f(\alpha r)/M_f(r) \nearrow +\infty$  as  $r \rightarrow +\infty$  for every  $\alpha > 1$ . S. Singh gave a simpler (on its opinion) proof of this fact, using the relation between  $M_f(r)$  and the maximal term of the power development of  $f$ .

Dirichlet series

$$F(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \exp\{s\lambda_n\}, \quad s = \sigma + it, \quad (2)$$

with nonnegative increasing to  $+\infty$  exponents  $\lambda_n$  are direct generalization of power developments of analytic functions. We suppose that series (2) has an abscissa of absolute convergence  $\sigma_a = A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$  and for  $\sigma < A$  we put  $M(\sigma, F) = \sup\{|F(\sigma + it)|: t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . If  $A = +\infty$  and series (2) is not reduced to an exponential polynomial then the function  $\ln M(\sigma, F)$  is convex on  $(-\infty, +\infty)$  and for each number  $h > 0$  the equality  $\ln M(\sigma + h, F) - \ln M(\sigma, F) = \int_{\sigma}^{\sigma+h} \omega(t) dt$  holds, where  $\omega(t) \nearrow +\infty$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ , that is  $M(\sigma + h, F)/M(\sigma, F) \nearrow +\infty$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$ .

If we replace  $z$  with  $e^s$  in (1) then we obtain (2) and  $M(\sigma, F) = M_f(e^\sigma)$ . Hence the result above mentioned for entire functions follows.

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Using properties of Mittag-Leffler type functions ([3–4]), it is possible to show that unlike  $M(\sigma + h, F)/M(\sigma, F)$  the quotient  $\ln M(\sigma + h, F)/\ln M(\sigma, F)$  has not a limit and its inferior and superior limits can be any numbers from  $[1, +\infty]$ .

Here we will investigate asymptotic behaviours as  $\sigma \rightarrow A$  of some general quantities  $\frac{\alpha(\ln M(\sigma+h, F))}{\alpha^p(\ln M(\sigma, F))}$  and  $\frac{\alpha(\ln M(q\sigma, F))}{\alpha^p(\ln M(\sigma, F))}$  if  $A = +\infty$  and  $\frac{\alpha(\ln M(\sigma/q, F))}{\alpha^p(\ln M(\sigma, F))}$  if  $A = 0$ , where  $h > 0, q > 1, p > 1$  and  $\alpha$  is positive continuous function on  $[x_0, +\infty)$  increasing to  $+\infty$ .

**2. Growth of positive functions.** Let  $L$  be the class of continuous increasing functions  $\alpha$  such that  $\alpha(x) \geq 0$  for  $x \geq x_0, \alpha(x) = \alpha(x_0)$  for  $x \leq x_0$  and on  $[x_0, +\infty)$  the function  $\alpha$  increases to  $+\infty$ . We say that  $\alpha \in L^0$  if  $\alpha \in L$  and  $\alpha(x(1 + o(1))) = (1 + o(1))\alpha(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ . Further,  $\alpha \in L_{si}$  if  $\alpha \in L$  and for any  $c > 0 \alpha(cx) = (1 + o(1))\alpha(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ . It is easy to see that  $L_{si} \subset L^0$ . The functions from  $L_{si}$  are called slowly increasing. We remark that for every slowly increasing function  $\alpha$  there exists a function  $\alpha_1 \in L$  such that  $\alpha_1(x) = (1 + o(1))\alpha(x)$  and  $\frac{x\alpha'_1(x)}{\alpha_1(x)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ . Therefore, in the sequel we will assume that the function  $\alpha \in L_{si}$  satisfies the condition  $\frac{x\alpha'(x)}{\alpha(x)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $q > 1, p > 1, \alpha \in L$  and  $\Phi$  be a positive function continuous on  $(-\infty, +\infty)$  and increasing to  $+\infty$ . If*

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\Phi(q\sigma))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))} \leq \xi_1 < +\infty \tag{3}$$

then

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma))}{\ln \sigma} \leq \frac{\ln p}{\ln q}, \tag{4}$$

and if

$$\underline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\Phi(q\sigma))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))} \geq \xi_2 > 0 \tag{5}$$

then

$$\underline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma))}{\ln \sigma} \geq \frac{\ln p}{\ln q}. \tag{6}$$

*Proof.* By (3), one has  $\alpha(\Phi(q\sigma)) \leq \xi \alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))$  for all  $\xi > \xi_1$  and  $\sigma \geq \sigma_0 = \sigma_0(\xi) > 0$ . We put  $\sigma_j = \sigma_0 q^j$  for  $j \geq 1$  and assume that  $\sigma_j \leq \sigma \leq \sigma_{j+1}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\Phi(\sigma)) &\leq \alpha(\Phi(\sigma_{j+1})) = \alpha(\Phi(q\sigma_j)) \leq \xi \alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma_j)) = \xi \alpha^p(\Phi(q\sigma_{j-1})) \leq \xi(\xi \alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma_{j-1})))^p = \\ &= \xi^{1+p} \alpha^{p^2}(\Phi(\sigma_{j-1})) \leq \dots \leq \xi^{1+p+p^2+\dots+p^m} \alpha^{p^{m+1}}(\Phi(\sigma_{j-m})) \leq \dots \leq \\ &\leq \xi^{1+p+p^2+\dots+p^j} \alpha^{p^{j+1}}(\Phi(\sigma_0)) = \xi^{\frac{p^{j+1}-1}{p-1}} \alpha^{p^{j+1}}(\Phi(\sigma_0)), \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

whence

$$\ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma)) \leq \frac{p^{j+1} - 1}{p - 1} \ln \xi + p^{j+1} \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma_0)) = p^{j+1} \left( \frac{\ln \xi}{p - 1} + \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma_0)) \right) - \frac{\ln \xi}{p - 1},$$

i. e.  $\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma)) \leq (j + 1) \ln p + O(1), j \rightarrow \infty$ . But

$$j + 1 = \frac{\ln \sigma_{j+1} - \ln \sigma_0}{\ln q} = \frac{\ln \sigma_j + \ln q - \ln \sigma_0}{\ln q} \leq \frac{\ln \sigma + \ln q - \ln \sigma_0}{\ln q}.$$

Therefore,  $\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma)) \leq \frac{\ln \sigma \ln p}{\ln q} + O(1), \sigma \rightarrow +\infty$ , and, thus, inequality (4) is true.

Under condition (5) for  $\xi \in (0, \xi_2)$  and all  $\sigma \geq \sigma_0 = \sigma_0(\xi) > 0$  we have the inequality  $\alpha(\Phi(q\sigma)) \geq \xi \alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))$ . Choosing  $s_j$  as above, for  $\sigma_j \leq \sigma \leq \sigma_{j+1}$  instead of (7) we obtain  $\alpha(\Phi(\sigma)) \geq \alpha(\Phi(\sigma_j)) \geq \dots \geq \xi^{\frac{p^j-1}{p-1}} \alpha^{p^j}(\Phi(\sigma_0))$ , whence  $\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma)) \geq \frac{\ln \sigma \ln p}{\ln q} + O(1)$ ,  $\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$ , that is inequality (6) is true.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $q > 1, p > 1, \alpha \in L$  and  $\Phi$  be a positive continuous function on  $(-\infty, +\infty)$  increasing to  $+\infty$ . If*

$$0 < \varliminf_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\Phi(q\sigma))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))} \leq \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\Phi(q\sigma))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))} < +\infty$$

then

$$\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma))}{\ln \sigma} = \frac{\ln p}{\ln q}. \tag{8}$$

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $h > 0, p > 1, \alpha \in L$  and  $\Phi$  be a positive continuous on  $(-\infty, +\infty)$  function increasing to  $+\infty$ . If*

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\Phi(\sigma + h))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))} \leq \xi_1 < +\infty \tag{9}$$

then

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma))}{\sigma} \leq \frac{\ln p}{h}, \tag{10}$$

and if

$$\varliminf_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\Phi(\sigma + h))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))} \geq \xi_2 > 0 \tag{11}$$

then

$$\varliminf_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma))}{\ln \sigma} \geq \frac{\ln p}{h}. \tag{12}$$

Indeed, let  $x = e^\sigma, q = e^h$  and  $\Phi_1(x) = \Phi(\ln x)$ . Then

$$\frac{\alpha(\Phi(\sigma + h))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))} = \frac{\alpha(\Phi(\ln(e^h e^\sigma)))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\ln e^\sigma))} = \frac{\alpha(\Phi_1(qx))}{\alpha^p(\Phi_1(x))}.$$

Therefore, (9) implies (3) with  $\Phi_1$  instead of  $\Phi$  and with  $x$  instead of  $\sigma$ . By Theorem 1 inequality (4) with such replacement is true. Thus,

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma))}{\sigma} = \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi_1(e^\sigma))}{\sigma} = \overline{\lim}_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi_1(x))}{\ln x} \leq \frac{\ln p}{\ln q} = \frac{\ln p}{h},$$

i. e. inequality (10) is true. By analogy we prove that (11) implies (12).

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $h > 0, p > 1, \alpha \in L$  and  $\Phi$  be a positive continuous function on  $(-\infty, +\infty)$  increasing to  $+\infty$ . If*

$$0 < \varliminf_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\Phi(\sigma + h))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))} \leq \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\Phi(\sigma + h))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))} < +\infty$$

then

$$\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma))}{\sigma} = \frac{\ln p}{h}.$$

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $q > 1, p > 1, \alpha \in L$  and  $\Phi$  be a positive continuous function on  $(-\infty, 0)$  increasing to  $+\infty$ . If*

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\alpha(\Phi(\sigma/q))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))} \leq \xi_1 < +\infty \tag{13}$$

then

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma))}{\ln(1/|\sigma|)} \leq \frac{\ln p}{\ln q}, \tag{14}$$

and if

$$\underline{\lim}_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\alpha(\Phi(\sigma/q))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))} \geq \xi_2 > 0 \tag{15}$$

then

$$\underline{\lim}_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma))}{\ln(1/|\sigma|)} \geq \frac{\ln p}{\ln q}. \tag{16}$$

Indeed, let  $\Phi(\sigma) = \Phi_1(1/|\sigma|)$ . Then in view of (13)

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\alpha(\Phi_1(q/|\sigma|))}{\alpha^p(\Phi_1(1/|\sigma|))} = \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\alpha(\Phi(\sigma/q))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))} \leq \xi_1 < +\infty$$

and by Theorem 1

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma))}{\ln(1/|\sigma|)} = \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi_1(1/|\sigma|))}{\ln(1/|\sigma|)} \leq \frac{\ln p}{\ln q},$$

that is we obtain (14). By analogy (15) implies (16).

**Corollary 5.** *Let  $q > 1, p > 1, \alpha \in L$  and  $\Phi$  be a positive continuous on  $(-\infty, 0)$  function increasing to  $+\infty$ . If*

$$0 < \underline{\lim}_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\alpha(\Phi(\sigma/q))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))} \leq \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\alpha(\Phi(\sigma/q))}{\alpha^p(\Phi(\sigma))} < +\infty,$$

then

$$\underline{\lim}_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma))}{\ln(1/|\sigma|)} = \frac{\ln p}{\ln q}.$$

**3. Asymptotic behaviours of Dirichlet series.** We begin with entire Dirichlet series (that is  $A = +\infty$ ) and use the following result from [5].

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\alpha_0 \in L_{si}$  and  $\beta_0 \in L^0$  be continuously differentiable functions and*

$$\frac{d\beta_0^{-1}(c\alpha_0(x))}{d \ln x} = O(1), \quad x \rightarrow +\infty, \tag{17}$$

for each  $c \in (0, +\infty)$ . Suppose that

$$\varkappa_n = \frac{\ln |a_n| - \ln |a_{n+1}|}{\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n} \nearrow +\infty,$$

$\alpha_0(\lambda_{n+1}) = (1 + o(1))\alpha_0(\lambda_n)$  and  $\ln n = o(\lambda_n \beta_0^{-1}(c\alpha_0(\lambda_n)))$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for each  $c \in (0, +\infty)$ . Then for entire Dirichlet series (1) we have

$$\underline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha_0(\ln M(\sigma, F))}{\beta_0(\sigma)} = \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\alpha_0(\lambda_n)}{\beta_0 \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \ln \frac{1}{|a_n|} \right)}.$$

At first using Lemma 1 we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $A = +\infty$ ,  $p > 1$  and  $\alpha \in L$ . If*

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_n)}{\ln \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \ln \frac{1}{|a_n|} \right)} = \eta^* > 0 \tag{18}$$

then

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\ln M(q\sigma, F))}{\alpha^p(\ln M(\sigma, F))} = +\infty \tag{19}$$

for each  $q > p^{1/\eta^*}$ .

If the function  $\alpha$  is continuously differentiable and  $\ln \alpha(e^x) \in L_{si}$ , the coefficients and the exponents satisfy  $\lambda_n \nearrow +\infty$ ,  $\ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_{n+1}) = (1 + o(1)) \ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_n)$ ,  $\ln n = O(\lambda_n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and

$$\underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_n)}{\ln \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \ln \frac{1}{|a_n|} \right)} = \eta_* < +\infty, \tag{20}$$

then

$$\underline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\ln M(q\sigma, F))}{\alpha^p(\ln M(\sigma, F))} = 0 \tag{21}$$

for each  $q < p^{1/\eta_*}$ .

*Proof.* By (18) for every  $\eta \in (0, \eta^*)$  there exists an increasing to  $+\infty$  sequence  $(n_k)$  such that  $\ln |a_{n_k}| \geq -\lambda_{n_k} \ln^{1/\eta} \alpha(\lambda_{n_k})$  for all  $k$ . We choose  $\sigma_k = \ln^{1/\eta} \alpha(\lambda_{n_k}) + 1$ . Then by the Cauchy inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \ln M(\sigma_k, F) &\geq \ln |a_{n_k}| + \sigma_k \lambda_{n_k} \geq -\lambda_{n_k} \ln^{1/\eta} \alpha(\lambda_{n_k}) + \lambda_{n_k} (\ln^{1/\eta} \alpha(\lambda_{n_k}) + 1) = \lambda_{n_k} = \\ &= \alpha^{-1}(\exp\{(\sigma_k - 1)^\eta\}), \end{aligned}$$

whence in view of the arbitrariness of  $\eta$  we obtain the inequality

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\ln M(\sigma, F))}{\ln \sigma} \geq \eta^*. \tag{22}$$

Now choose  $\Phi(\sigma) = \ln M(\sigma, F)$  in Theorem 1. If

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\ln M(\sigma, F))}{\ln \sigma} > \frac{\ln p}{\ln q} \tag{23}$$

then by Theorem 1 equality (19) is true. In view of (22) inequality (23) is true provided  $\eta^* > \ln p / \ln q$ , that is  $q > p^{1/\eta^*}$ . First part of Theorem 2 is proved.

For the proof of second part we choose  $\alpha_0(x) \equiv \ln \ln \alpha(x)$  and  $\beta_0(x) \equiv \ln x$  for  $x \geq x_0$ . Then  $\alpha_0 \in L_{si}$ ,  $\beta_0 \in L^0$  and  $\beta_0^{-1}(c\alpha_0(x)) = \ln^c \alpha(x)$ . Since  $\ln \alpha(e^x) \in L_{si}$  we have  $\ln \alpha(x) = \gamma(\ln x)$ , where  $\gamma \in L_{si}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\beta_0^{-1}(c\alpha_0(x))}{d \ln x} &= \frac{d \ln^c \alpha(x)}{d \ln x} = \frac{d\gamma^c(\ln x)}{d \ln x} = c\gamma^{c-1}(\ln x)\gamma'(\ln x) = \\ &= c \frac{\gamma'(\ln x)}{\gamma(\ln x)} \ln x \frac{\gamma^c(\ln x)}{\ln x} \rightarrow 0, \quad x \rightarrow +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

because from the slow growth of  $\gamma$  it follows that  $\frac{t\gamma'(t)}{\gamma(t)} \rightarrow 0$  and  $\frac{\gamma^c(t)}{t} \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$  for each  $c \in (0, +\infty)$ . Thus, condition (17) holds. Finally, the condition  $\ln n = o(\lambda_n \beta_0^{-1}(c\alpha_0(\lambda_n)))$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  is equivalent to the condition  $\ln n = o(\lambda_n \ln^c \alpha(\lambda_n))$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and holds if  $\ln n = O(\lambda_n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, all the assumptions of Lemma 1 hold and equality (18) by Lemma 1 is equivalent to

$$\liminf_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\ln M(\sigma, F))}{\ln \sigma} = \eta_* < +\infty. \tag{24}$$

On the other hand, if

$$\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\ln M(\sigma, F))}{\ln \sigma} < \frac{\ln p}{\ln q} \tag{25}$$

then by Theorem 1 equality (21) is true. Since  $q < p^{1/\eta_*}$ , (24) implies (25).  $\square$

For the proof of the following theorem we will use Lemma 1 and Corollary 3.

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $A = +\infty$ ,  $p > 1$  and  $\alpha \in L$ . If*

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda_n \ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_n)}{-\ln |a_n|} = \eta^* > 0, \tag{26}$$

then

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\ln M(\sigma + h, F))}{\alpha^p(\ln M(\sigma, F))} = +\infty \tag{27}$$

for each  $h > \ln p/\eta^*$ .

If the function  $\alpha$  is continuously differentiable and  $\frac{x\alpha'(x)}{\alpha(x)\ln \alpha(x)} = O(1)$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ , the coefficients and the exponents satisfy the conditions  $\lambda_n \nearrow +\infty$ ,  $\ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_{n+1}) = (1 + o(1)) \ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_n)$ ,  $\ln n = o(\lambda_n \ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_n))$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda_n \ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_n)}{-\ln |a_n|} = \eta_* < +\infty \tag{28}$$

then

$$\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\ln M(\sigma + h, F))}{\alpha^p(\ln M(\sigma, F))} = 0 \tag{29}$$

for each  $h < \ln p/\eta_*$ .

*Proof.* By (26) for every  $\eta \in (0, \eta^*)$  there exists an increasing to  $+\infty$  sequence  $(n_k)$  such that  $\ln |a_{n_k}| \geq -\lambda_{n_k} \ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_{n_k})/\eta$ . We set  $\sigma_k = \ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_{n_k})/\eta + 1$ . Then as above we have  $\ln M(\sigma_k, F) \geq \lambda_{n_k} = \alpha^{-1}(\exp\{e^{\eta(\sigma_k-1)}\})$ , that is

$$\frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\ln M(\sigma_k, F))}{\sigma_k} \geq (1 + o(1))\eta, \quad k \rightarrow \infty,$$

whence in view of the arbitrariness of  $\eta$  we obtain

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\ln M(\sigma, F))}{\sigma} \geq \eta^*. \tag{30}$$

By Corollary 2 if

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\Phi(\sigma))}{\sigma} > \frac{\ln p}{h}, \tag{31}$$

then equality (27) is true. In view of (30) inequality (31) is true provided  $\eta^* > \ln p/h$ , that is  $h > \ln p/\eta^*$ . The first part of Theorem 3 is proved.

For the proof of the second part we set  $\alpha_0(x) \equiv \ln \ln \alpha(x)$  and  $\beta_0(x) \equiv x$  for  $x \geq x_0$ . Then  $\beta_0 \in L^0$  and the condition  $\frac{x\alpha'(x)}{\alpha(x)\ln \alpha(x)} = O(1)$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  implies that  $\frac{x\alpha'_0(x)}{\alpha_0(x)} = \frac{x\alpha'(x)}{\alpha(x)\ln \alpha(x)\ln \ln \alpha(x)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ , that is  $\alpha_0 \in L_{si}$ . In view of the equality  $\beta_0^{-1}(c\alpha_0(x)) = c \ln \ln \alpha(x)$  and the condition  $\frac{x\alpha'(x)}{\alpha(x)\ln \alpha(x)} = O(1)$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  condition (17) holds. The condition  $\ln n = o(\lambda_n \ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_n))$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  implies that  $\ln n = o(\lambda_n \beta_0^{-1}(c\alpha_0(\lambda_n)))$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for each  $c \in (0, +\infty)$ . Thus, all assumptions of Lemma 1 hold and equality (28) by Lemma 1 implies

$$\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\ln M(\sigma, F))}{\sigma} = \eta_* < +\infty. \quad (32)$$

On the other hand, if

$$\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\ln M(\sigma, F))}{\sigma} < \frac{\ln p}{h} \quad (33)$$

then by Corollary 2 equality (29) is true. Since  $h < \ln p/\eta_*$ , (32) implies (33).  $\square$

Now we consider Dirichlet series with null abscissa of absolute convergence. Here we use the following result from [6].

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\alpha_0 \in L_{si}$ ,  $\beta_0 \in L_{si}$ ,*

$$\frac{x}{\beta_0^{-1}(c\alpha_0(x))} \uparrow +\infty, \quad x \rightarrow +\infty, \quad (34)$$

and

$$\alpha_0 \left( \frac{x}{\beta_0^{-1}(c\alpha_0(x))} \right) = (1 + o(1))\alpha_0(x), \quad x \rightarrow +\infty, \quad (35)$$

for each  $c \in (0, +\infty)$ . Suppose that  $\varkappa_n \nearrow 0$ ,  $\alpha_0(\lambda_{n+1}) = (1 + o(1))\alpha_0(\lambda_n)$  and  $\alpha_0(\lambda_n) = o\left(\beta_0\left(\frac{\lambda_n}{\ln n}\right)\right)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then for a Dirichlet series (1) with null abscissa of absolute convergence

$$\lim_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\alpha_0(\ln M(\sigma, F))}{\beta_0\left(\frac{1}{|\sigma|}\right)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\alpha_0(\lambda_n)}{\beta_0\left(\frac{\lambda_n}{\ln |a_n|}\right)}.$$

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $A = 0$ ,  $p > 1$ ,  $\alpha(e^x) \in L^0$  and  $\ln \ln \alpha(x) = o(\ln x)$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ . If*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_n)}{\ln(\lambda_n / \ln^+ |a_n|)} = \eta^* > 0 \quad (36)$$

then

$$\lim_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\alpha(\ln M(\sigma/q, F))}{\alpha^p(\ln M(\sigma, F))} = +\infty \quad (37)$$

for each  $q > p^{1/\eta^*}$ .

If the function  $\alpha$  is continuously differentiable and  $\ln \alpha(x) \in L_{si}$ , the coefficients and the exponents satisfy the conditions  $\varkappa_n \nearrow 0$ ,  $\ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_{n+1}) = (1 + o(1)) \ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \ln n}{\ln \lambda_n} = \delta < 1 \quad (38)$$

and

$$\varliminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_n)}{\ln(\lambda_n / \ln^+ |a_n|)} = \eta^* < +\infty, \quad (39)$$

then

$$\varliminf_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\alpha(\ln M(\sigma/q, F))}{\alpha^p(\ln M(\sigma, F))} = 0 \quad (40)$$

for each  $q < p^{1/\eta^*}$ .

*Proof.* By (36) for every  $\eta \in (0, \eta^*)$  there exists an increasing to  $+\infty$  sequence  $(n_k)$  such that  $\ln |a_{n_k}| \geq \lambda_{n_k} \ln^{-1/\eta} \alpha(\lambda_{n_k})$ . We choose  $\sigma_k = -\ln^{-1/\eta} \alpha(\lambda_{n_k})/2$ . Then by the Cauchy inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \ln M(\sigma_k, F) &\geq \ln |a_{n_k}| - |\sigma_k| \lambda_{n_k} \geq \lambda_{n_k} (\ln^{-1/\eta} \alpha(\lambda_{n_k}) - |\sigma_k|) = |\sigma_k| \lambda_{n_k} = \\ &= |\sigma_k| \alpha^{-1} \left( \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{(2|\sigma_k|)^\eta} \right\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The condition  $\ln \ln \alpha(x) = o(\ln x)$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  implies the condition  $\ln x = o(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\exp\{e^x\}))$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ . Therefore, since  $\alpha(e^x) \in L^0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\ln M(\sigma_k, F)) &\geq \alpha \left( \exp \left\{ \ln \alpha^{-1} \left( \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{(2|\sigma_k|)^\eta} \right\} \right) - \ln \frac{1}{|\sigma_k|} \right\} \right) = \\ &= \alpha \left( \exp \left\{ (1 + o(1)) \ln \alpha^{-1} \left( \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{(2|\sigma_k|)^\eta} \right\} \right) \right\} \right) = (1 + o(1)) \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{(2|\sigma_k|)^\eta} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , whence in view of the arbitrariness of  $\eta$  we obtain the inequality

$$\varliminf_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\ln M(\sigma, F))}{\ln(1/|\sigma|)} \geq \eta^* > 0. \quad (41)$$

By Corollary 4, if

$$\varliminf_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\ln M(\sigma, F))}{\ln \sigma} > \frac{\ln p}{\ln q}, \quad (42)$$

then equality (37) is true. In view of (41) inequality (42) is true provided  $\eta^* > \ln p / \ln q$ , that is  $q > p^{1/\eta^*}$ . The first part of Theorem 4 is proved.

For the proof of second part we choose  $\alpha_0(x) \equiv \ln \ln \alpha(x)$  and  $\beta_0(x) \equiv \ln x$  for  $x \geq x_0$ . Then  $\alpha_0 \in L_{si}$ , and condition (34) is equivalent to the condition  $\frac{x}{\ln^c \alpha(x)} \uparrow +\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ . It is easy to verify that the previous condition holds if  $\frac{x\alpha'(x)}{\alpha(x) \ln \alpha(x)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ , that is  $\ln \alpha(x) \in L_{si}$ . Since  $\alpha(e^x) \in L^0$  and  $\ln \ln \alpha(x) = o(\ln x)$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_0 \left( \frac{x}{\beta_0^{-1}(c\alpha_0(x))} \right) &= \ln \ln \alpha \left( \frac{x}{\ln^c \alpha(x)} \right) = \ln \ln \alpha (e^{\ln x - c \ln \ln \alpha(x)}) = \\ &= \ln \ln \alpha (e^{(1+o(1)) \ln x}) = (1 + o(1)) \ln \ln \alpha (e^{\ln x}) = (1 + o(1)) \alpha_0(x). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, in view of (38)  $\ln \lambda_n - \ln \ln n \geq \ln \lambda_n - (1 + o(1))\delta \ln \lambda_n = (1 + o(1))(1 - \delta) \ln \lambda_n$ ,  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\ln \ln \alpha(x) = o(\ln x)$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain

$$\alpha_0(\lambda_n) = \ln \ln \alpha(\lambda_n) = o(\ln \lambda_n) = o(\ln \lambda_n - \ln \ln n) = o \left( \ln \frac{\lambda_n}{\ln n} \right) = o \left( \beta_0 \left( \ln \frac{\lambda_n}{\ln n} \right) \right).$$



Thus, all the assumptions of Lemma 2 hold and equality (36) by Lemma 2 implies the equality

$$\liminf_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\ln M(\sigma, F))}{\ln(1/|\sigma|)} = \eta_* < +\infty. \quad (43)$$

On the other hand, if

$$\liminf_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\ln M(\sigma, F))}{\ln(1/|\sigma|)} < \frac{\ln p}{\ln q} \quad (44)$$

then by Corollary 4 equality (40) is true. Since  $q < p^{1/\eta_*}$ , (43) implies (44).  $\square$

**4. Remarks.** If in Corollaries 1, 3 and 5 we choose  $\Phi(\sigma) = \ln M(\sigma, F)$  then we obtain the corresponding results for Dirichlet series. For example, the following proposition is true.

**Proposition 1.** *If  $q > 1$ ,  $p > 1$  and  $\alpha \in L$  then for an entire Dirichlet series the condition*

$$0 < \liminf_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\ln M(q\sigma, F))}{\alpha^p(\ln M(\sigma, F))} \leq \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\ln M(q\sigma, F))}{\alpha^p(\ln M(\sigma, F))} < +\infty$$

*yields the existence of the limits*

$$\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \alpha(\ln M(\sigma, F))}{\ln \sigma} = \frac{\ln p}{\ln q}.$$

It is easy to verify that the function  $\alpha(x) \equiv \ln x (x \geq x_0)$  satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 4 and the second part of Theorem 2 and the function  $\alpha(x) \equiv x (x \geq x_0)$  satisfies the assumptions of the second part of Theorem 3. Therefore, for example, the following proposition is true.

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $A = +\infty$  and  $p > 1$ . If  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda_n \ln \ln \lambda_n}{-\ln |a_n|} = \eta^* > 0$  then*

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln M(\sigma + h, F)}{\ln^p M(\sigma, F)} = +\infty$$

*for each  $h > \ln p/\eta^*$ .*

*If  $\varkappa_n \nearrow +\infty$ ,  $\ln \ln \lambda_{n+1} = (1 + o(1)) \ln \ln \lambda_n$ ,  $\ln n = o(\lambda_n \ln \ln \lambda_n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda_n \ln \ln \lambda_n}{-\ln |a_n|} = \eta_* < +\infty$  then  $\liminf_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln M(\sigma + h, F)}{\ln^p M(\sigma, F)} = 0$  for each  $h < \ln p/\eta_*$ .*

For entire Dirichlet series (1) let  $\mu(\sigma, F) = \max\{|a_n|e^{\sigma\lambda_n} : n \geq 0\}$  be the maximal term. The following problem is opened: to investigate the asymptotic behaviour of the function  $\frac{\alpha(\ln M(\sigma + h, F))}{\alpha^p(\ln \mu(\sigma, F))}$  and similar to it. A partial solution to this problem is possible to get using the results from [7]. Here we, for example, will consider the case where  $\alpha(x) \equiv x (x \geq x_0)$  and use Proposition 2 and the following result from [8]: *if  $\varphi \in L$ ,  $\ln |a_n| \leq -\lambda_n \varphi(\lambda_n)$  for  $n \geq n_0$  and  $\ln n = O(\varphi(\lambda_n))$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $\ln M(\sigma, F) = (1 + o(1)) \ln \mu(\sigma, F)$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$ . Setting  $\varphi(x) = \ln \ln x (x \geq x_0)$ , we obtain the following proposition.*

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $A = +\infty$ ,  $p > 1$ ,  $\ln n = O(\ln \ln \lambda_n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda_n \ln \ln \lambda_n}{-\ln |a_n|} < +\infty$ .*

*If  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda_n \ln \ln \lambda_n}{-\ln |a_n|} = \eta^* > 0$  then  $\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln M(\sigma + h, F)}{\ln^p \mu(\sigma, F)} = +\infty$  for each  $h > \ln p/\eta^*$ .*

*If  $\varkappa_n \nearrow +\infty$ ,  $\ln \ln \lambda_{n+1} = (1 + o(1)) \ln \ln \lambda_n$  and  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda_n \ln \ln \lambda_n}{-\ln |a_n|} = \eta_* < +\infty$  then  $\liminf_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln M(\sigma + h, F)}{\ln^p \mu(\sigma, F)} = 0$  for each  $h < \ln p/\eta_*$ .*

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