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## BEHAVIOR OF ENTIRE DIRICHLET SERIES OF CLASS $\underline{D}(\Phi)$ ON CURVES OF BOUNDED $K$ -SLOPE

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**Abstract.** We study an asymptotic behavior of the sum of an entire Dirichlet series  $F(s) = \sum_n a_n e^{\lambda_n s}$ ,  $0 < \lambda_n \uparrow \infty$ , on curves of a bounded  $K$ -slope naturally going to infinity. For entire transcendental functions of finite order having the form  $f(z) = \sum_n a_n z^{p_n}$ ,  $p_n \in \mathbb{N}$ , Pólya showed that if the density of the sequence  $\{p_n\}$  is zero, then for each curve  $\gamma$  going to infinity there exists an unbounded sequence  $\{\xi_n\} \subset \gamma$  such that, as  $\xi_n \rightarrow \infty$ , the relation holds:

$$\ln M_f(|\xi_n|) \sim \ln |f(\xi_n)|;$$

here  $M_f(r)$  is the maximum of the absolute value of the function  $f$ . Later these results were completely extended by I.D. Latypov to entire Dirichlet series of finite order and finite lower order according in the Ritt sense. A further generalization was obtained in works by N.N. Yusupova–Aitkuzhina to more general classes  $D(\Phi)$  and  $\underline{D}(\Phi)$  defined by the convex majorant  $\Phi$ . In this paper we obtain necessary and sufficient conditions for the exponents  $\lambda_n$  ensuring that the logarithm of the absolute value of the sum of any Dirichlet series from the class  $\underline{D}(\Phi)$  on the curve  $\gamma$  of a bounded  $K$ -slope is equivalent to the logarithm of the maximum term as  $\sigma = \operatorname{Re} s \rightarrow +\infty$  over some asymptotic set, the upper density of which is one. We note that for entire Dirichlet series of an arbitrarily fast growth the corresponding result for the case of  $\gamma = \mathbb{R}_+$  was obtained by A.M. Gaisin in 1998.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

We briefly dwell on the history of a question. Let

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{p_n} \tag{1.1}$$

be an entire transcendental function,  $P = \{p_n\}$  be a sequence of natural numbers having a density

$$\Delta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{p_n}.$$

Pólya [1] showed that if  $\Delta = 0$ , then in each angle  $\{z : |\arg(z - \alpha)| \leq \delta\}$ ,  $\delta > 0$ , the function  $f$  possesses the same order as in the entire plane. A corresponding result for the Dirichlet series

$$F(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{\lambda_n s}, \quad 0 < \lambda_n \uparrow \infty, \tag{1.2}$$

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absolutely converging in the entire plane was proved in [2]: if a sequence  $\Lambda = \{\lambda_n\}$  satisfies the conditions  $\Delta = 0$  and  $\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n \geq h > 0$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , then the  $R$ -order of the function  $F$  on a positive ray  $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, \infty)$  is equal to the  $R$ -order  $\rho_R$  of the function  $F$  in the entire plane. A more general result was proved in [3], where, in particular, it was shown that if  $\Delta = 0$  and the condensation index  $\delta$  of the sequence  $\Lambda$  is equal to zero, then  $\rho_R = \rho_\gamma$ , where

$$\rho_\gamma = \overline{\lim}_{s \in \gamma, s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \ln |F(s)|}{\sigma}, \quad \sigma = \operatorname{Re} s,$$

is Ritt order on the curve  $\gamma$  going to infinity so that if  $s \in \gamma$  and  $s \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\operatorname{Re} s \rightarrow +\infty$ .

A more general result of a bit different nature was established in paper [4]. In order to formulate it, we introduce appropriate notation and definitions.

Let  $\Gamma = \{\gamma\}$  be a family of all curves going to infinity so that if  $s \in \gamma$  and  $s \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\operatorname{Re} s \rightarrow +\infty$ .

By  $D(\Lambda)$  we denote the class of entire functions  $F$  represented by Dirichlet series (1.2) in the entire plane, while by  $D(\Lambda, R)$  we denote a subclass  $D(\Lambda)$  consisting of functions  $F$  possessing a finite Ritt order  $\rho_R(F)$ :

$$\rho_R(F) = \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln M_F(\sigma)}{\sigma}, \quad M_F(\sigma) = \sup_{|t| < \infty} |F(\sigma + it)|.$$

For  $F \in D(\Lambda)$ ,  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  we let

$$d(F; \gamma) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{\lim}_{s \in \gamma, s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln |F(s)|}{\ln M_F(\operatorname{Re} s)}, \quad d(F) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma} d(F; \gamma).$$

By  $L$  we denote the class of all continuous and unboundedly increasing on  $[0, \infty)$  positive functions.

A sequence  $\{b_n\}$  ( $b_n \neq 0$  as  $n \geq N$ ) is called  $\overline{W}$ -normal<sup>1</sup> if there exists a function  $\theta \in L$  such that [4]

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln x} \int_1^x \frac{\theta(t)}{t^2} dt = 0, \quad -\ln |b_n| \leq \theta(\lambda_n), \quad n \geq N.$$

We consider a Weierstrass product

$$Q(z) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{\lambda_n^2}\right), \quad 0 < \lambda_n \uparrow \infty.$$

It is known that  $Q$  is an entire function of exponential type if and only if the sequence  $\Lambda$  possesses a finite upper density.

In [4] the following theorem was proved.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let the sequence  $\Lambda$  possess a finite upper density. Assume that the sequence  $\{Q'(\lambda_n)\}$  is  $\overline{W}$ -normal. Then for each function  $F \in D(\Lambda, R)$  the identity  $d(F) = 1$  holds if and only if*

$$\underline{\lim}_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln x} \sum_{\lambda_n \leq x} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} = 0. \quad (1.3)$$

Let an entire function  $f$  of a finite order be of the form (1.1). If the sequence  $P$  has the density  $\Delta = 0$ , then  $d(f) = 1$  ( $d(f)$  is an analogue of quantity  $d(F)$ , which is defined by all curves arbitrarily going to infinity). This fact was first established by Pólya in [1]. We note that the identity  $d(f) = 1$  follows from a more general Theorem 1.1. Indeed, since  $\Delta = 0$ , then obviously

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln x} \sum_{p_n \leq x} \frac{1}{p_n} = 0.$$

<sup>1</sup>In this paper we use the term “ $W(\ln)$ -normal sequence”.

Since  $\Delta = 0$  and  $p_n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then, as it is known, see, for instance [5],

$$\delta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{p_n} \ln \left| \frac{1}{Q'(p_n)} \right| = 0.$$

This means that there exists a function  $\theta \in L$ ,  $\theta(x) = o(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , such that

$$-\ln |Q'(p_n)| \leq \theta(p_n), \quad n \geq 1.$$

Hence, the sequence  $\{Q'(p_n)\}$  is  $\overline{W}$ -normal ( $W(\ln)$ -normal).

Finally, if  $f$  is an entire function of finite order, then letting  $z = e^s$ , we note that

$$F(s) = f(e^s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{p_n s}$$

is an entire function of a finite  $R$ -order. Therefore,  $d(f) = d(F)$  and all facts are implied by Theorem 1.1.

However, the identity  $d(F) = 1$  generally does not imply the identity  $\rho_R(F) = \rho_\gamma$  for the Ritt orders of the function  $F$  in the entire plane and on the curve  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . It turns out that if, in Theorem 1.1, we replace condition (1.3) by a stronger one

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln x} \sum_{\lambda_n \leq x} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} = 0,$$

then  $\rho_R(F) = \rho_\gamma$  for each function  $F \in D(\Lambda, R)$ , see [6].

As in work [6], here we consider a more general situation, namely, we study the class of Dirichlet series (1.2) determined by some convex growth majorant. For the curves  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  having a bounded slope, we prove a stronger asymptotic estimate than the identity  $d(F) = 1$  obtained in [6] for the functions in the same class.

By definition, the curve  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  defined by the equation  $y = g(x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}_+ = [0, +\infty)$ , possesses a bounded slope if

$$\sup_{\substack{x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \\ x_1 \neq x_2}} \left| \frac{g(x_2) - g(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} \right| = K < \infty. \quad (1.4)$$

Condition (1.4) means that the absolute values of the tangents of all chords of the curve  $\gamma$  does not exceed  $K$ . In this case  $\gamma$  is called a curve of a bounded  $K$ -slope.

In a series of papers, there was found a close relation between the regularity of the growth of the sum of the Dirichlet series (1.2) on  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  with the incompleteness of the system of exponentials  $\{e^{\lambda_n z}\}$  on the arcs  $\gamma' \subset \gamma$  and especially with a strong incompleteness of this exponential system in a vertical strip, see [7]–[9]. It should be noted that the results of works [8], [9] on the incompleteness of the system  $\{e^{\lambda_n z}\}$  on the arcs can be applied to studying the uniqueness theorems and asymptotic properties of entire Dirichlet series (1.2) with no restrictions for the growth  $M_F(\sigma)$ , that is, in the most general case.

The aim of the present paper is to show, under the same assumptions for  $\Lambda$  as in [6], that if

$$\underline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln M_F(\sigma)}{\Phi(\sigma)} < \infty$$

( $\Phi$  is some convex on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  function), then for each curve  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  of a bounded  $K$ -slope, as  $s \in \gamma$ ,  $\sigma = \operatorname{Re} s \rightarrow +\infty$  over some asymptotic set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}_+$  with the upper density  $DA = 1$ , a Pólya asymptotic identity

$$\ln |F(s)| \sim \ln M_F(\sigma), \quad s \in \gamma,$$

holds. It is clear that this relation is essentially better than the identity  $d(F) = 1$ .

## 2. AUXILIARY STATEMENTS. MAIN RESULTS

Let  $\Lambda = \{\lambda_n\}$  ( $0 < \lambda_n \uparrow \infty$ ) be a sequence having a finite upper density  $D$ . Then  $Q(z)$  is an entire function of exponential type at most  $\pi D^*$ , where  $D^*$  is an averaged upper density of the sequence  $\Lambda$ :

$$D^* = \overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(t)}{t}, \quad N(t) = \int_0^t \frac{n(x)}{x} dx, \quad n(t) = \sum_{\lambda_j \leq t} 1.$$

It always holds  $D^* \leq D \leq eD^*$ , see, for instance, [5], [10].

Let  $L$  be the class of all continuous and unboundedly increasing on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  positive function,  $\Phi$  be a convex function in  $L$ ,

$$D_m(\Phi) = \{F \in D(\Lambda) : \ln M_F(\sigma) \leq \Phi(m\sigma)\}, \quad m \geq 1,$$

where  $M_F(\sigma) = \sup_{|t| < \infty} |F(\sigma + it)|$ . We let

$$D(\Phi) = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} D_m(\Phi).$$

We suppose that the above introduced function  $\Phi$  is such that

$$\overline{\lim}_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi(x^2)}{\varphi(x)} < \infty, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\varphi$  is a function inverse to  $\Phi$ . For our purposes we shall need the following class of monotone functions:

$$W(\varphi) = \left\{ w \in L : \sqrt{x} \leq w(x), \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\varphi(x)} \int_1^x \frac{w(t)}{t^2} dt = 0 \right\}.$$

We note that the condition  $\sqrt{x} \leq w(x)$  in this definition does not restrict the generality; it is introduced just for a convenience. Let  $\Gamma = \{\gamma\}$  be the family of curves  $\gamma$  introduced above and let for  $F \in D(\Lambda)$

$$d(F; \gamma) \stackrel{def}{=} \overline{\lim}_{s \in \gamma, s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln |F(s)|}{\ln M_F(\operatorname{Re} s)}, \quad d(F) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma} d(F; \gamma). \quad (2.2)$$

By  $\mu(\sigma)$  we denote a maximal term in series (1.2).

In work [11], there was proved a criterion of validity of the identity  $d(F) = 1$  for each function  $F$  in the class  $D(\Phi)$ , while in [6] the same was done for the class  $\underline{D}(\Phi)$ , where

$$\underline{D}(\Phi) = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \underline{D}_m(\Phi),$$

$$\underline{D}_m(\Phi) = \{F \in D(\Lambda) : \exists \{\sigma_n\} : 0 < \{\sigma_n\} \uparrow \infty, \ln M_F(\sigma_n) \leq \Phi(m\sigma_n)\}, \quad m \geq 1.$$

We shall say that the sequence  $\{Q'(\lambda_n)\}$  is  $W(\varphi)$ -normal if there exists  $\theta \in L$  such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\varphi(x)} \int_1^x \frac{\theta(t)}{t^2} dt = 0, \quad -\ln |Q'(\lambda_n)| \leq \theta(\lambda_n), \quad n \geq 1. \quad (2.3)$$

The following theorem was proved in [6].

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let the sequence  $\Lambda$  possesses a finite upper density. Suppose that the sequence  $\{Q'(\lambda_n)\}$  is  $W(\varphi)$ -normal.*

The identity  $d(F) = 1$  holds for each function  $F \in \underline{D}(\Phi)$  if and only if the condition

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\varphi(x)} \sum_{\lambda_n \leq x} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} = 0 \quad (2.4)$$

is satisfied.

We note that in the definition of the class  $\underline{D}(\Phi)$  we can consider, for example, the function

$$\Phi(\sigma) = \underbrace{\exp \exp \dots \exp}_{k}(\sigma), \quad k \geq 1.$$

Therefore, Theorem 2.1 implies a corresponding result in [4] proven for the case  $k = 1$ .

Now we are in position to formulate our main result.

Let  $\Phi$  be the above introduction function and  $\varphi$  be its inverse. The following theorem is true.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let the upper density of the sequence  $\Lambda$  be finite and the sequence  $\{Q'(\lambda_n)\}$  be  $W(\varphi)$ -normal. If condition (2.4) is satisfied, then for each function  $F \in \underline{D}(\Phi)$ , for each curve  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  of a bounded  $K$ -slope, as  $s \in \gamma$ ,  $\sigma = \text{Res} \rightarrow +\infty$  over some asymptotic set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}_+$  with the upper density  $DA = 1$ , the asymptotic identity*

$$\ln |F(s)| = (1 + o(1)) \ln M_F(\sigma), \quad s \in \gamma, \quad (2.5)$$

holds true.

Now we formulate lemmas, which will be employed for the proof of Theorem 2.2.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\Phi \in L$  and its inverse function  $\varphi$  satisfies condition (2.1). Let  $u(\sigma)$  be a non-decreasing positive continuous on  $[0, \infty)$  function and  $\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} u(\sigma) = \infty$ , and for some sequence  $\{\tau_n\}$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  the estimate holds:<sup>1</sup>*

$$u(\tau_n) \leq \ln \Phi(m\tau_n).$$

Suppose that the function  $w$  belongs to the class  $W(\varphi)$ . If  $v = v(\sigma)$  is a solution of the equation

$$w(v) = e^{u(\sigma)},$$

then as  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$  outside some set  $E \subset [0, \infty)$ ,

$$\text{mes}(E \cap [0, \tau_n]) = o(\varphi(v(\tau_n))), \quad \tau_n \rightarrow \infty,$$

the estimate holds:

$$u\left(\sigma + \frac{w(v(\sigma))}{v(\sigma)}\right) < u(\sigma) + o(1).$$

This lemma was proved in [12].

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let a function  $g(z)$  be analytic and bounded in the circle*

$$D(0, R) = \{z : |z| < R\}, \quad |g(0)| \geq 1.$$

If  $0 < r < 1 - N^{-1}$ ,  $N > 1$ , then there exist at most countably many circles

$$V_n = \{z : |z - z_n| \leq \rho_n\}, \quad \sum_n \rho_n \leq Rr^N(1 - r) \quad (2.6)$$

such that for all  $z$  in the circle  $\{z : |z| \leq rR\}$  but outside  $\bigcup_n V_n$  the estimate

$$\ln |g(z)| \geq \frac{R - |z|}{R + |z|} \ln |g(0)| - 5NL \quad (2.7)$$

<sup>1</sup>In [12] Lemma 2.1 was proved under the estimate  $u(\tau_n) \leq C\Phi(\tau_n)$ . It is obviously true as  $u(\tau_n) \leq \Phi(m\tau_n)$ .

holds, where

$$L = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \ln^+ |g(Re^{i\theta})| d\theta - \ln |g(0)|.$$

This lemma was proved in [13].

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 2.2

The sequence  $\{Q'(\lambda_n)\}$  is  $W(\varphi)$ -normal and  $\Lambda = \{\lambda_n\}$  possesses a finite upper density. Therefore,

$$\overline{\lim}_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(x)}{x} < \infty, \quad -\ln |Q'(\lambda_n)| \leq \theta(\lambda_n), \quad n \geq 1, \quad \theta \in W(\varphi).$$

Since, see [6],

$$\sup_{x > 0} \left| \sum_{\lambda_n \leq x} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} - \int_0^x \frac{N(t)}{t^2} dt \right| = a < \infty,$$

then in view of (2.3), (2.4) we obtain

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\varphi(x)} \int_0^x \frac{N(t)}{t^2} dt = 0.$$

We let  $w(t) = \max(\sqrt{t}, N(et) + \theta(t))$ , where  $\theta$  is the function from condition (2.3). It is clear that  $w \in W(\varphi)$ . Then it is obviously exists a function  $w^* \in W(\varphi)$  such that  $w^*(x) = \beta(x)w(x)$ ,  $\beta \in L$ .

Let  $v = v(\sigma)$  be a solution of equation

$$w^*(v) = 3 \ln \mu(\sigma). \quad (3.1)$$

We let

$$h = \frac{w(v(\sigma))}{v(\sigma)}, \quad h^{(1)} = \frac{w_1(v)}{v}, \quad h^* = \frac{w^*(v(\sigma))}{v(\sigma)},$$

where  $w^*(v) = \sqrt{\beta(x)w(x)}$ . Let

$$R_v = \sum_{\lambda_j > v} |a_j| e^{\lambda_j \sigma}, \quad v = v(\sigma).$$

Since the sequence  $\Lambda$  possesses a finite upper density, then  $C = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n^{-2} < \infty$ . Therefore, the estimate holds, see, for instance, [7]:

$$R_v \leq C \mu(\sigma + h^*) \exp[-(1 + o(1))w^*(v)]. \quad (3.2)$$

We consider a function  $u(\sigma) = \ln 3 + \ln \ln \mu(\sigma)$ . Since  $F \in \underline{D}(\Phi)$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{\tau_j\}$ ,  $0 < \tau_j \uparrow \infty$ , such that

$$u(\sigma) \leq \ln \Phi(m\sigma), \quad \sigma = \tau_j, \quad m \geq 1.$$

Therefore, in view of (3.1), as  $\sigma = \tau_j$ ,  $j \geq 1$ , we have:

$$\ln w^*(v(\sigma)) = u(\sigma) \leq \ln \Phi(m\sigma), \quad m \geq 1.$$

Hence,

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \leq \frac{m}{\varphi(w^*(v(\sigma)))}, \quad \sigma = \tau_j, \quad m \geq 1. \quad (3.3)$$

Taking into consideration condition (2.1) and the fact that  $\sqrt{x} \leq w^*(x)$ , we get:

$$\varphi(x) \leq C_1 \varphi(w^*(x)), \quad x \geq x_0, \quad 0 < C_1 < \infty. \quad (3.4)$$

Thus, by (3.3) and (3.4) we obtain the estimates:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \leq \frac{C_2}{\varphi(v(\sigma))}, \quad \sigma = \tau_j, \quad j \geq 1, \quad 0 < C_2 < \infty. \quad (3.5)$$

Since  $w^* \in W(\varphi)$  and the function  $\varphi$  is concave, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{w^*(x)}{x\varphi(x)} = 0, \quad (3.6)$$

which implies by the identity

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\varphi(x)} \int_1^x \frac{w^*(t)}{t^2} dt = 0. \quad (3.7)$$

Applying Lemma 2.1 for the functions  $u$  and  $w^*$  and taking into consideration (3.5), as  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$  outside some set  $E_1 \subset [0, \infty)$ ,

$$\text{mes}(E_1 \cap [0, \tau_j]) \leq o(\varphi(v(\tau_j))) = o(\tau_j), \quad \tau_j \rightarrow \infty, \quad (3.8)$$

we obtain that

$$\mu(\sigma + 3h^*(\sigma)) = \mu(\sigma)^{1+o(1)}. \quad (3.9)$$

Therefore, by (3.2), (3.9) we obtain that as  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$  outside the set  $E_1$  with the lower density  $dE_1 = 0$ ,

$$R_v \leq C\mu(\sigma)^{1+o(1)} \exp[-w^*(v)(1+o(1))] = \mu(\sigma)^{-2(1+o(1))}. \quad (3.10)$$

This implies that  $\lambda_{\nu(\sigma)} \leq v(\sigma)$  as  $\sigma \geq \sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma \notin E_1$ , where  $\lambda_{\nu(\sigma)}$  is the central indicator ( $\nu(\sigma)$  is the central index) of series (1.2).

In the same way as (3.10) we show that as  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$ , outside the same set  $E_1$ , see [7],

$$\sum_{\lambda_j > v(\sigma)} |a_j| e^{\lambda_j(\sigma+h^{(1)})} \leq \mu^{-2(1+o(1))}(\sigma). \quad (3.11)$$

Borel-Nevalinna relation (3.9) allows us to do this since  $h^{(1)}(\sigma) = o(h^*(\sigma))$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$ ; properties (3.6), (3.7) are needed for the proof of Lemma 2.1.

Let

$$F_a(s) = \sum_{\lambda_n \leq a} a_n e^{\lambda_n s}, \quad s = \sigma + it.$$

Then for  $\lambda_n \leq a$  we have, see [5]:

$$a_n = e^{-\alpha \lambda_n} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \varphi_n(t) F_a(t + \alpha) dt, \quad (3.12)$$

where  $\alpha$  is an arbitrary parameter,

$$\varphi_n(t) = \frac{1}{Q'_a(\lambda_n)} \int_0^\infty \frac{Q_a(\lambda)}{\lambda - \lambda_n} e^{-\lambda t} d\lambda, \quad Q_a(\lambda) = \prod_{\lambda_n \leq a} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda_n^2}\right), \quad (3.13)$$

and  $C$  is an arbitrary closed contour enveloping  $\overline{D}$ , which the conjugate diagram  $Q_a(\lambda)$ . But  $Q_a(\lambda)$  is a polynomial and therefore,  $\overline{D} = \{0\}$ .

We let  $a = v(\sigma)$ ,  $\alpha = \sigma + it$ , where  $t$  is such that  $\alpha \in \gamma$ . As  $C$  we take the contour  $\{t : |t| = h^{(1)}\}$ , where  $h^{(1)} = h^{(1)}(\sigma) = \frac{h^*(\sigma)}{\sqrt{\beta(v(\sigma))}}$ . Then by assumption

$$-\ln |Q'(\lambda_n)| \leq \theta(\lambda_n) \leq w(\lambda_n), \quad n \geq 1.$$

Therefore, in view of identity (3.1) we obtain that for each  $\lambda_n \leq v(\sigma)$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$  we get:

$$\frac{1}{|Q'_v(\lambda_n)|} \leq \frac{1}{|Q'(\lambda_n)|} \leq e^{\theta(\lambda_n)} \leq e^{w(\lambda_n)} = e^{o(w^*(v))} = \mu(\sigma)^{o(1)}.$$

But then by (3.12), (3.13) we get that for all  $\lambda_n \leq v(\sigma)$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$  outside the set  $E_1$

$$|a_n|e^{\lambda_n\sigma} \leq \mu(\sigma)^{o(1)}h^{(1)} \left[ \max_{|\xi-\alpha| \leq h^{(1)}} |F(\xi)| + \sum_{\lambda_j > v} |a_j| e^{\lambda_j(\sigma+h^{(1)})} \right] \int_0^\infty \left| \frac{Q_v(\lambda)}{\lambda - \lambda_n} \right| |e^{-\lambda t}| |d\lambda|, \quad (3.14)$$

where  $\alpha = \sigma + it \in \gamma$ .

It is easy to show that [14]

$$\max_{|\lambda|=r} \left| \frac{Q_v(\lambda)}{\lambda - \lambda_n} \right| \leq M(1)M_v(r), \quad (3.15)$$

where  $M(1) = \max_{|z|=1} |Q(z)|$ ,  $M_v(r) = \max_{|z|=r} |Q_v(z)|$ .

Since  $\lambda_\nu(\sigma) \leq v(\sigma)$  outside  $E_1$  as  $\sigma \geq \sigma'$ , taking into consideration (3.11), (3.15), by (3.14) as  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$  outside  $E_1$  we obtain:

$$\mu(\sigma)^{1+o(1)} \leq h^{(1)} \left[ \max_{|\xi-\alpha| \leq h^{(1)}} |F(\xi)| + \mu(\sigma)^{-2(1+o(1))} \right] \int_0^\infty M_v(r) e^{-rh^{(1)}} dr. \quad (3.16)$$

Then, taking into consideration the definition of the quantities  $v = v(\sigma)$ ,  $h^{(1)} = h^{(1)}(\sigma)$ , as well as the inequalities  $n(x) \leq N(ex)$ ,  $\ln(1+x^2) < x$ ,  $x > 0$ , we have:

$$\ln M(r) = n(v) \ln \left( 1 + \frac{r^2}{v^2} \right) + 2r^2 \int_0^v \frac{n(t)}{t(t^2+r^2)} dt \leq \frac{n(v)}{v} r + 2N(v) = o(1)h^{(1)}r + o(1) \ln \mu(\sigma).$$

Therefore, by (3.16) we obtain that as  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$  outside  $E_1$

$$\mu(\sigma)^{1+o(1)} \leq \max_{|\xi-\alpha| \leq h^{(1)}} |F(\xi)| = |F(\xi^*)|, \quad (3.17)$$

where  $|\xi^* - \alpha| = h^{(1)}$ ,  $\alpha = \sigma + it \in \gamma$ . In view of estimate (3.15), as  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$  outside  $E_1$  we also have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\sigma) &\leq M_F(\sigma) \leq M_F(\sigma + 2h^*) \leq \sum_{n=1}^\infty |a_n| e^{\lambda_n(\sigma+2h^*)} \\ &\leq \mu(\sigma + 3h^*) \left[ n(v) + \sum_{\lambda_j > v(\sigma)} e^{-h^*\lambda_j} \right] < \mu(\sigma)^{1+o(1)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

Let  $B = \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus E_1$ ,  $h = \frac{w(v(\sigma))}{v(\sigma)}$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{\sigma_j\}$ ,  $\sigma_j \in B$ ,  $\sigma_j \uparrow 0$ ,  $\sigma_j + h_j \leq \sigma_{j+1}$ ,  $j \geq 1$ , such that, see [13],

$$B \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^\infty [\sigma_j - h_j, \sigma_j + h_j],$$

where  $h_j = \frac{w(v_j)}{v_j}$ ,  $v_j = v(\sigma_j)$ ,  $j \geq 1$ .

We let  $g(z) = F(z + \xi^*)$ . By (3.17) we see that  $|g(0)| \geq 1$  as  $\sigma \geq \sigma'' > \sigma'$  outside  $E_1$ . We apply Lemma 2.1 to the function  $g(z)$ , letting  $\alpha_j = \sigma_j + it_j$ ,  $h^{(1)} = h_j^{(1)} = \frac{w(v_j)}{v_j} \sqrt{\beta(v_j)}$  in (3.17) and  $N = 4$ ,  $r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta(v_j)}}$ ,  $R = h_j^*$  in estimates (2.6), (2.7), where  $h_j^* = \frac{w^*(v_j)}{v_j}$ ,  $j \geq j_1$ . Then in the circle  $\{z : |z| \leq h_j^{(1)}\}$  but outside exceptional circles  $V_{nj}$  with the total sum of the radii

$$\sum_n \rho_n \leq \frac{h_j}{\beta_j}, \quad \beta_j = \beta(v(\sigma_j)), \quad j \geq j_1, \quad (3.19)$$

estimate (2.7) holds true.

Let  $\gamma_j$  be a part of  $\gamma$  connecting vertical straight lines passing through the end-points of the segment  $\Delta_j = [\sigma_j - h_j, \sigma_j + h_j]$ . Since the curve  $\gamma$  possesses a  $K$ -slope, then  $\gamma_j$  is located in some rectangle  $P_j = \Delta_j \times [c_j, d_j]$ ,  $d_j - c_j \leq 2Kh_j$ , with the center at the point  $\alpha_j = \sigma_j + it_j$  and connects its vertical sides.

Since the rectangle  $P_j$  is located in the circle  $\{z : |z| \leq h_j^{(1)}\}$ , then for all  $z \in P_j$  but outside the circles  $V_{nj}$  with the total sum of radii obeying estimate (3.19), as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain that

$$\ln |g(z)| \geq \left[ 1 + o(1) - \frac{20L}{\ln |g(0)|} \right] \ln |g(0)|. \quad (3.20)$$

Taking into consideration (3.17), (3.18), as well as that  $|g(0)| \geq 1$ , we confirm that as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  the asymptotic identity

$$\frac{L}{\ln |g(0)|} = o(1)$$

holds, where

$$L = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \ln^+ |g(Re^{i\theta})| d\theta - \ln |g(0)|,$$

$$g(0) = F(\xi^*), \quad |\operatorname{Re} \xi^* - \sigma_j| \leq h^{(1)}, \quad \alpha_j = \sigma_j + it_j \in \gamma.$$

Therefore, by (3.20), for all  $z$  in the rectangle  $P_j$  but outside the circles  $V_{nj}$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  we have

$$\ln |g(z)| \geq (1 + o(1)) \ln |g(0)|. \quad (3.21)$$

But then, taking into consideration that  $g(z) = F(z + \xi^*)$  and using estimates (3.17)–(3.21), we obtain that for all  $z$  in  $P_j$  with the center at the point  $\alpha_j = \sigma_j + it_j$  but outside exceptional circles  $V_{nj}$  with the total sum of radii not exceeding  $\frac{h_j}{\beta_j}$  we have

$$\ln |F(z)| > (1 + o(1)) \ln \mu(\sigma_j), \quad j \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.22)$$

Let  $E_2$  be the projection of all exceptional circles of the set  $\bigcup_j P_j$  on  $B$ , where  $\alpha_j = \sigma_j + it_j$

is the center of  $P_j$ ,  $B \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} [\sigma_j - h_j, \sigma_j + h_j]$ ,  $\sigma_j \in B$ ,  $\sigma_j + h_j \leq \sigma_{j+1}$ ,  $j \geq 1$ . Let us show that  $DE_2 = 0$ . Indeed, let  $\sigma_j \leq \sigma < \sigma_{j+1}$ . According to (3.6),

$$h_j \leq h_j^{(1)} < h_j^* = o(\sigma_j), \quad j \rightarrow \infty.$$

And since  $\beta_j \uparrow \infty$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ , then it is obvious that

$$\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\operatorname{mes}(E_2 \cap [0, \sigma])}{\sigma} = 0.$$

Thus,  $DE_2 = 0$ , and therefore,  $dE = 0$ , where  $E = E_1 \cup E_2$ .

Estimate (3.22) holds in each  $P_j$  with the center  $\alpha_j = \sigma_j + it_j \in \gamma$  but outside exceptional circles  $V_{nj}$ , the total sum of radii of which obeys estimate (3.19).

The projection  $p_j$  of the arc  $\gamma_j$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  is a segment  $[\sigma_j - h_j, \sigma_j + h_j]$ . We let  $A = P \setminus E$ , where  $P = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} p_j$ . On this set asymptotic estimates (3.18), (3.22);  $A$  is called asymptotic set.

This implies that as  $s \in \gamma$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} s = \sigma \rightarrow \infty$  over the set  $A$

$$\ln |F(s)| = (1 + o(1)) \ln \mu(\sigma) = (1 + o(1)) \ln M_F(\sigma).$$

It remains to estimate  $DA$ . Taking into consideration that  $B \subset P$  and  $\operatorname{mes}(E \cap [0, \tau_j]) = o(\tau_j)$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ , we get:

$$DA = \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\operatorname{mes}(A \cap [0, \sigma])}{\sigma} \geq \overline{\lim}_{\tau_j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\operatorname{mes}(P \cap [0, \tau_j])}{\tau_j} - \overline{\lim}_{\tau_j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\operatorname{mes}(E \cap [0, \tau_j])}{\tau_j} = 1.$$

Here  $\{\tau_j\}$  is the above introduced sequence. Hence,  $DA = 1$ . The proof of Theorem 2.2 is complete.

As it was shown in [6], the assumptions of Theorem 2.2 are also necessary in order each function  $F \in \underline{D}(\Phi)$  on some set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}_+$  having a positive upper density  $DA$  asymptotic identity (2.5) to hold. Therefore, the statement of Theorem 2.2 is also sufficient.

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