

## *On the Mean Values of Integral Functions and Their Derivatives Defined by Dirichlet Series*

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1. Consider the Dirichlet Series  $f(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{s\lambda_n}$ , where  $\lambda_{n+1} > \lambda_n$ ,  $\lambda_1 \geq 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n = \infty$ ,  $s = \sigma + it$  and

$$(1.1) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n}{\log \lambda_n} = E < \infty.$$

Let  $\sigma_c$  and  $\sigma_a$  be the abscissa of convergence and abscissa of absolute convergence, respectively, of  $f(s)$ . Let  $\sigma_c = \infty$  then  $\sigma_a$  will also be infinite, since according to a known result ([1], p. 4) a Dirichlet Series which satisfies (1.1) has its abscissa of convergence equal to its abscissa of absolute convergence, and so,  $f(s)$  is an integral function.

The Mean Value of  $f(s)$  is

$$(1.2) \quad I_2(\sigma) = I_2(\sigma, f) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T |f(\sigma + it)|^2 dt,$$

and extending this definition to  $f^{(p)}(s)$ , the  $p^{\text{th}}$ -derivative of  $f(s)$ ,

$$(1.3) \quad I_2(\sigma, f^{(p)}) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T |f^{(p)}(\sigma + it)|^2 dt.$$

Let  $\mu(\sigma) = \max_{n \geq 1} \{|a_n| e^{\sigma \lambda_n}\}$ ;  $M(\sigma) = \text{l.u.b.}_{-\infty < t < \infty} |f(\sigma + it)|$  be respectively the maximum term and the maximum modulus of an integral function.

It is known ([2], p. 67) that

$$(1.4) \quad \log \mu(\sigma) = O(1) + \int_{\sigma_0}^{\sigma} \lambda_{\nu(t)} dt,$$

where  $\nu(\sigma)$  is the rank of the maximum term.

Further, we know ([3], p. 265, Theorem 5) that

$$(1.5) \quad \log M(\sigma) \sim \log \mu(\sigma),$$

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provided (1.1) holds and  $f(s)$  is of finite order.

It is also known\* ([4], p. 523) that for functions of finite non-zero linear order  $\rho$  and lower order  $\lambda$ ,

$$(1.6) \quad \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \log I_2(\sigma)}{\sigma} = \frac{\rho}{\lambda}$$

and

$$(1.7) \quad \log \{I_2(\sigma)\}^{1/2} \sim \log M(\sigma).$$

Through out this paper we shall assume that the function  $f(s)$  is of finite non-zero linear order and satisfies (1.1). In this paper we have obtained a few properties of  $I_2(\sigma)$  and its derivative, also of  $I_2(\sigma, f^{(p)})$ .

**2. THEOREM 1.** *Let  $f(s)$  be an integral function of linear order  $\rho$  and lower order  $\lambda$ , then*

$$(2.1) \quad \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log I_2'(\sigma)/I_2(\sigma)}{\sigma} \right\} = \frac{\rho}{\lambda}.$$

PROOF. We know ([4], p. 521) that  $\log I_2(\sigma)$  is an increasing convex function of  $\sigma$ . Therefore,  $\log I_2(\sigma)$  is differentiable almost everywhere with an increasing derivative; the set of points where the left hand derivative is less than the right-hand derivative is of measure zero. This enables us to express  $\log I_2(\sigma)$  in the following form:

$$\log I_2(\sigma) = \log I_2(\sigma_0) + \int_{\sigma_0}^{\sigma} \frac{I_2'(x)}{I_2(x)} dx,$$

for an arbitrary  $\sigma_0$ .

We have,

$$\log I_2(\sigma) \leq \log I_2(\sigma_0) + \frac{I_2'(\sigma)}{I_2(\sigma)} (\sigma - \sigma_0)$$

or

$$\limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log \log I_2(\sigma)}{\sigma} \right\} \leq \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma} \left\{ \log \left( \frac{I_2'(\sigma)}{I_2(\sigma)} \right) \right\} \right].$$

Again, for an arbitrary fixed  $k > 0$

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\* Results (1.6) and (1.7) has been proved under the condition  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n}{\lambda_n} = D = 0$ , though the results also hold for  $E < \infty$ .

$$\log I_2(\sigma+k) = \log I_2(\sigma) + \int_{\sigma}^{\sigma+k} \frac{I_2'(x)}{I_2(x)} dx \geq k \frac{I_2'(\sigma)}{I_2(\sigma)},$$

and therefore,

$$\limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left\{ \frac{\log \log I_2(\sigma+k)}{\sigma} \right\} \geq \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma} \left\{ \log \left( \frac{I_2'(\sigma)}{I_2(\sigma)} \right) \right\} \right].$$

Thus

$$\limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left\{ \frac{\log \log I_2(\sigma)}{\sigma} \right\} = \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma} \left\{ \log \left( \frac{I_2'(\sigma)}{I_2(\sigma)} \right) \right\} \right].$$

Further, from (1.7) we have

$$\limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left\{ \frac{\log \log I_2(\sigma)}{\sigma} \right\} = \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left\{ \frac{\log \log M(\sigma)}{\sigma} \right\}.$$

Hence

$$\limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left\{ \frac{\log I_2'(\sigma)/I_2(\sigma)}{\sigma} \right\} = \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left\{ \frac{\log \log M(\sigma)}{\sigma} \right\} = \frac{\rho}{\lambda}.$$

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $f(s)$  be an integral function of linear order  $\rho$  and lower order  $\lambda$ , then*

$$(2.2) \quad \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log I_2(\sigma)}{\sigma \lambda_{\nu(\sigma)}} \right\} \leq 2(1 - \lambda/\rho)$$

and

$$(2.3) \quad \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log I_2(\sigma)}{\lambda_{\nu(\sigma)} \log \lambda_{\nu(\sigma)}} \right\} \leq 2(1/\lambda - 1/\rho).$$

**PROOF.** It is known\* ([5], p. 84) that, for  $0 < \rho < \infty$

$$(2.4) \quad \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log \mu(\sigma)}{\sigma \lambda_{\nu(\sigma)}} \right\} \leq 1 - \lambda/\rho$$

and

$$(2.5) \quad \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log \mu(\sigma)}{\lambda_{\nu(\sigma)} \log \lambda_{\nu(\sigma)}} \right\} \leq 1/\lambda - 1/\rho.$$

Using (1.5) and (1.7), we have

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$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\log \{I_2(\sigma)\}^{1/2}}{\sigma \lambda_{\nu(\sigma)}} \right] &= \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log M(\sigma)}{\sigma \lambda_{\nu(\sigma)}} \right\} \\ &= \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log \mu(\sigma)}{\sigma \lambda_{\nu(\sigma)}} \right\} \\ &\leq 1 - \lambda/\rho. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log I_2(\sigma)}{\sigma \lambda_{\nu(\sigma)}} \right\} \leq 2(1 - \lambda/\rho).$$

Proceeding as above and using (2.5), we have

$$\limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log I_2(\sigma)}{\lambda_{\nu(\sigma)} \log \lambda_{\nu(\sigma)}} \right\} \leq 2(1/\lambda - 1/\rho).$$

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $f(s)$  be an integral function of finite linear order  $\rho$  and lower order  $\lambda$ , then*

$$(2.6) \quad \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log I_2(\sigma)}{\sigma \lambda_{\nu(\sigma)}} \right\} \leq 2.$$

**PROOF.** Using (1.5) and (1.7), we have

$$\limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log I_2(\sigma)}{\sigma \lambda_{\nu(\sigma)}} \right\} = 2 \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log \mu(\sigma)}{\sigma \lambda_{\nu(\sigma)}} \right\}.$$

From (1.4), we get

$$\limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log \mu(\sigma)}{\sigma \lambda_{\nu(\sigma)}} \right\} \leq 1.$$

Hence

$$\limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log I_2(\sigma)}{\sigma \lambda_{\nu(\sigma)}} \right\} \leq 2.$$

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $f(s)$  be an integral function of finite linear order  $\rho$  and lower order  $\lambda$ , then for  $\sigma > \sigma_0$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$*

$$(2.7) \quad I_2(\sigma) > \frac{I_2(\sigma) \log I_2(\sigma)}{(1 + \varepsilon)\sigma},$$

where  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\sigma) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$ .

**PROOF.** For the left hand derivative of  $\log I_2(\sigma)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{I_2'(\sigma)}{I_2(\sigma)} &\geq \frac{\log I_2(\sigma) - \log I_2(\sigma_1)}{\sigma - \sigma_1} \\ &> \frac{\log I_2(\sigma)}{(1 + \varepsilon)\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma_1 < \sigma$  and  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\sigma) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence,

$$I_2'(\sigma) > \frac{I_2(\sigma) \log I_2(\sigma)}{(1 + \varepsilon)\sigma},$$

where  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\sigma) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$ .

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $f(s)$  be an integral function of finite order  $\rho$  and if  $I_2'(\sigma)$  is the derivative of  $I_2(\sigma)$ . Then for  $\sigma_0 < \sigma_1 < \sigma_2$*

$$(2.8) \quad \frac{I_2'(\sigma_1)}{I_2(\sigma_1)} \leq \frac{\log I_2(\sigma_2) - \log I_2(\sigma_1)}{\sigma_2 - \sigma_1} \leq \frac{I_2'(\sigma_2)}{I_2(\sigma_2)}.$$

**PROOF.** From (1.4), we have

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \log I_2(\sigma_2) &= \log I_2(\sigma_1) + \int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} \frac{I_2'(x)}{I_2(x)} dx \\ &\leq \log I_2(\sigma_1) + \frac{I_2'(\sigma_2)}{I_2(\sigma_2)} (\sigma_2 - \sigma_1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \log I_2(\sigma_2) &= \log I_2(\sigma_1) + \int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} \frac{I_2'(x)}{I_2(x)} dx \\ &\geq \log I_2(\sigma_1) + \frac{I_2'(\sigma_1)}{I_2(\sigma_1)} (\sigma_2 - \sigma_1). \end{aligned}$$

Combining (2.9) and (2.10) we get the result.

**3. THEOREM 5.** *Let  $f(s)$  be an integral function of linear order  $\rho$  and lower order  $\lambda$ , then for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) = \sigma$  and  $\lambda \geq \delta > 0$*

$$(3.1) \quad I_2(\sigma, f) < I_2(\sigma, f^{(1)}) < \dots < I_2(\sigma, f^{(p)}),$$

where  $p$  an integer.

**PROOF.** It is known ([4], p. 522)

$$(3.2) \quad I_2(\sigma, f^{(1)}) \geq \frac{1}{2^2} \left( \frac{\log I_2(\sigma, f)}{\sigma} \right)^2 I_2(\sigma, f).$$

Taking limits on both the sides and using (1.6), we get

$$\liminf_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma} \log \left\{ \frac{I_2(\sigma, f^{(1)})}{I_2(\sigma, f)} \right\}^{1/2} \right] \geq \lambda.$$

Again, for  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\sigma$  sufficiently large

$$\left\{ \frac{I_2(\sigma, f^{(1)})}{I_2(\sigma, f)} \right\} > e^{2\sigma(\lambda - \epsilon)}.$$

If  $\lambda \geq \delta > 0$ ,

$$I_2(\sigma, f) < I_2(\sigma, f^{(1)}),$$

and the result follows for subsequent derivatives.

**THEOREM 6.** *Let  $f(s)$  be an integral function, then for  $\sigma > 0$  and  $\lambda \geq \delta > 0$*

$$(3.3) \quad I_2(\sigma, f^{(p)}) \geq \frac{1}{2^{2p}} \left\{ \frac{\log I_2(\sigma, f)}{\sigma} \right\}^{2p} I_2(\sigma, f),$$

where  $p$  is an integer.

**PROOF.** Writing (3.2) for  $p^{\text{th}}$ -derivative, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_2(\sigma, f^{(p)}) &\geq \frac{1}{2^2} \left\{ \frac{\log I_2(\sigma, f^{(p-1)})}{\sigma} \right\}^2 I_2(\sigma, f^{(p-1)}) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{(2^2)^2} \left\{ \frac{\log I_2(\sigma, f^{(p-1)})}{\sigma} \right\}^2 \left\{ \frac{\log I_2(\sigma, f^{(p-2)})}{\sigma} \right\}^2 I_2(\sigma, f^{(p-2)}) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2^{2p}} \left\{ \frac{\log I_2(\sigma, f^{(p-1)})}{\sigma} \right\}^2 \left\{ \frac{\log I_2(\sigma, f^{(p-2)})}{\sigma} \right\}^2 \dots \left\{ \frac{\log I_2(\sigma, f)}{\sigma} \right\}^2 I_2(\sigma, f). \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.1), we get

$$I_2(\sigma, f^{(p)}) \geq \frac{1}{2^{2p}} \left\{ \frac{\log I_2(\sigma, f)}{\sigma} \right\}^{2p} I_2(\sigma, f).$$

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $f(s)$  be an integral function of linear order  $\rho$  and lower order  $\lambda$ , then*

$$(3.4) \quad \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma} \log \left\{ \frac{I_2(\sigma, f^{(p)})}{I_2(\sigma, f)} \right\}^{1/2p} \right] \geq \frac{\rho}{\lambda},$$

where  $p$  is an integer.

This follow immediately from (3.3).

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