

ON THE MEAN VALUES OF AN INTEGRAL FUNCTION  
REPRESENTED BY DIRICHLET SERIES

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1. Consider the Dirichlet series

$$(1.1) \quad f(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \exp [s \lambda_n],$$

where  $s = \sigma + it$ ,  $\lambda_1 \geq 0$ ,  $\lambda_n < \lambda_{n+1} \rightarrow \infty$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

and

$$(1.2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{\log n}{\lambda_n} = D < \infty.$$

Let  $\sigma_c$  and  $\sigma_a$  be the abscissa of convergence and the abscissa of absolute convergence, respectively, of  $f(s)$ . Let  $\sigma_c = \infty$  and  $\sigma_a$  will also be infinite, since according to a known result ([1], p.4) a Dirichlet series which satisfies (1.2) has its abscissa of convergence equal to its abscissa of absolute convergence, and so,  $f(s)$  is an integral function.

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Let  $E = \{f(s): \text{defined by (1.1), satisfying (1.2) and } \sigma_c = \infty\}$ . Let the maximum modulus of  $f(s)$ ,  $f(s) \in E$ , over a vertical line be

$$M(\sigma) = \text{l. u. b.}_{-\infty < t < \infty} |f(\sigma + it)|.$$

The (Ritt) order  $\rho$  and the lower order  $\lambda$  are defined by Ritt ([2], p.78) as

$$(1.3) \quad \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \log M(\sigma)}{\sigma} = \rho$$

$$\liminf_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \log M(\sigma)}{\sigma} = \lambda$$

and he also defined the type  $\tau$  and the lower type  $t$  as

$$(1.4) \quad \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(\sigma)}{e^{\rho \sigma}} = \tau$$

$$\liminf_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(\sigma)}{e^{\rho \sigma}} = t$$

Let the mean values of  $|f(s)|$ ,  $f(s) \in E$ , be

$$(1.5) \quad I_{\delta}(\sigma, f) = I_{\delta}(\sigma) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T |f(\sigma + it)|^{\delta} dt$$

and

$$(1.6) \quad m_{\delta, k}(\sigma, f) = m_{\delta, k}(\sigma) = \frac{2}{e^{k\sigma}} \int_0^{\sigma} I_{\delta}(x) e^{kx} dx,$$

where  $\delta, k \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , the set of positive real numbers.

Some properties of these mean values were also studied by Rizvi, M.I. [3] and he obtained a number of valuable results.

In this paper we have obtained some inequalities, growth properties and asymptotic relations involving  $m_{\delta,k}(\sigma, f)$  and  $I_{\delta}(\sigma, f)$  for  $f(s) \in E$ . The results obtained are best possible. The results of ([4], pp. 43-48) and ([5], pp. 51.56) follow from ours.

Dikshit [6] in 1972 established the following theorems.

Theorem A.  $I_{\delta}(\sigma)$  increases steadily with  $\sigma$  and  $\log I_{\delta}(\sigma)$  is a convex function of  $\sigma$  for  $\sigma > \sigma_0 = \sigma_0(f) > 0$ .

Proof: - Let  $0 < \sigma_0 < \sigma_1 < \sigma_2 < \sigma_3$  and  $h(t)$  and  $F(s)$  be defined as

$$h(t) \{f(\sigma_2 + it)\}^{\delta} = |f(\sigma_2 + it)|^{\delta}, \quad (-\infty < t < \infty)$$

and

$$F(s) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \{f(s + it)\}^{\delta} h(t) dt.$$

Then  $F(s)$  is regular for  $0 < \sigma_0 \leq \text{Re}(s) < \sigma_3$  and its least upper bound is obtained on its boundary say at  $s = \sigma_3 + it_3$ .

Hence,

$$I_{\delta}(\sigma_2) = F(\sigma_2) \leq |f(\sigma_3 + it_3)| \leq I_{\delta}(\sigma_3),$$

which proves the first part. To prove the second part we choose  $\alpha$ , such that

$$e^{\alpha\sigma_1} I_\delta(\sigma_1) = e^{\alpha\sigma_3} I_\delta(\sigma_3).$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\alpha\sigma_2} I_\delta(\sigma_2) &= e^{\alpha\sigma_2} F(\sigma_2) \stackrel{\text{l.u.b.}}{\leq} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\alpha s} |f(s)| \leq \\ &\leq e^{\alpha\sigma_1} I_\delta(\sigma_1) = e^{\alpha\sigma_3} I_\delta(\sigma_3) \end{aligned}$$

which gives on eliminating  $\alpha$ ,

$$\log I_\delta(\sigma_2) \leq \frac{\sigma_3 - \sigma_2}{\sigma_3 - \sigma_1} \log I_\delta(\sigma_1) + \frac{\sigma_2 - \sigma_1}{\sigma_3 - \sigma_1} \log I_\delta(\sigma_3)$$

and the result follows.

Theorem B.  $e^{k\sigma} I_\delta(\sigma)$  is a convex function of  $e^{k\sigma} m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)$  and  $\log m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)$  is a convex function of  $\sigma$ , for  $\sigma > \sigma_0 = \sigma_0(f) > 0$ .

Proof: - We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\{e^{k\sigma} I_\delta(\sigma)\}}{d\{e^{k\sigma} m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)\}} &= \frac{k e^{k\sigma} I_\delta(\sigma) + e^{k\sigma} I'_\delta(\sigma)}{2 I_\delta(\sigma) e^{k\sigma}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ k + \frac{I'_\delta(\sigma)}{I_\delta(\sigma)} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

for  $\sigma > \sigma_0 = \sigma_0(f) > 0$  and increases with  $\sigma$  by Theorem A, since  $\log I_\delta(\sigma)$  is a convex function of  $\sigma$ . This proves the first part. To prove the second part, we have

$$\frac{d}{d(\sigma)} \{\log m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)\} = \frac{2I_\delta(\sigma) - k m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{2I_{\delta}(\sigma)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)} - k \right\}$$

for  $\sigma > \sigma_0 = \sigma_0(f) > 0$  and increases with  $\sigma$ , since  $e^{k\sigma} I_{\delta}(\sigma)$  is a convex function of  $e^{k\sigma} m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)$ .

2. In theorem 1 we estimate the ratio of  $m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)$  for any two positive values of  $\sigma$  in terms of the ratio of  $I_{\delta}(\sigma)$  and  $m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)$  for those values of  $\sigma$ .

Theorem 1. If  $f(s) \in E$  and  $0 < \sigma_0 < \sigma_1 < \sigma_2$ , then

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma_1)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma_1)} - \frac{k}{2} \leq \frac{1}{2(\sigma_2 - \sigma_1)} \log \frac{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma_2)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma_1)} \leq \frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma_2)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma_2)} - \frac{k}{2}.$$

Proof. From (1.6), we have

$$(2.2) \quad \{\log e^{k\sigma} m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)\} = \log \{e^{k\sigma} m_{\delta,k}(\sigma_0)\} + 2 \int_{\sigma_0}^{\sigma} \frac{I_{\delta}(x)}{m_{\delta,k}(x)} dx.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \log \left\{ e^{k(\sigma_2 - \sigma_1)} \frac{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma_2)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma_1)} \right\} &= 2 \int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} \frac{I_{\delta}(x)}{m_{\delta,k}(x)} dx \\ &\geq \frac{2 I_{\delta}(\sigma_1)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma_1)} (\sigma_2 - \sigma_1), \quad \sigma_1 > \sigma_0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\log \left\{ e^{k(\sigma_2 - \sigma_1)} \frac{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma_2)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma_1)} \right\} \leq \frac{2 I_{\delta}(\sigma_2)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma_2)} (\sigma_2 - \sigma_1), \quad \sigma_1 > \sigma_0.$$

From Theorem B, we have  $e^{k\sigma} I_{\delta}(\sigma)$  is convex function of  $e^{k\sigma} m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)$ , and therefore  $\left\{ \frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)} \right\}$  increase for  $\sigma > \sigma_0$ .

Corollary. If  $f(s) \in E$ , other than a constant and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , then

$$(2.3) \quad \lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{m_{\delta, k}(\alpha \sigma)}{e^{k\sigma} m_{\delta, k}(\sigma)} \right\} = 0.$$

If we put  $\sigma_1 = \alpha \sigma$  and  $\sigma_2 = \sigma$  in (2.1), then

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \left[ -2 \left( \frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma)}{m_{\delta, k}(\sigma)} \right) \sigma (1 - \alpha) \right] &\leq \frac{m_{\delta, k}(\alpha \sigma)}{m_{\delta, k}(\sigma)} \cdot \exp [k\sigma (\alpha - 1)] \\ &\leq \exp \left[ -2 \left( \frac{I_{\delta}(\alpha \sigma)}{m_{\delta, k}(\alpha \sigma)} \right) \sigma (1 - \alpha) \right] \end{aligned}$$

The result follows on taking limits of both the sides after dividing by  $e^{k\alpha\sigma}$ .

3. Theorem 2. If  $f(s) \in E$  and is of Ritt order  $\rho$  ( $0 < \rho < \infty$ ), type  $\tau$  and lower type  $t$ , then

$$(3.1) \quad \lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sup \left\{ \frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma)}{m_{\delta, k}(\sigma)} \right\}}{\inf e^{\rho\sigma}} \leq \frac{e^{\rho\delta\tau/2}}{e^{\rho\delta t/2}}$$

Proof. From (2.2) we have for  $h > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \{ e^{k(\sigma+h)} m_{\delta, k}(\sigma+h) \} &= o(1) + 2 \int_{\sigma_0}^{\sigma+h} \frac{I_{\delta}(x)}{m_{\delta, k}(x)} dx \\ &> 2 \int_{\sigma}^{\sigma+h} \frac{I_{\delta}(x)}{m_{\delta, k}(x)} dx, \quad \sigma > \sigma_0, \\ &\geq 2 \frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma)}{m_{\delta, k}(\sigma)} h. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{\left\{ \frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma)}{m_{\delta, k}(\sigma)} \right\}}{\inf \frac{e^{\rho \sigma}}{e^{\rho(\sigma+h)}}} &\leq \frac{e^{\rho h}}{2h} \lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log m_{\delta, k}(\sigma+h)}{e^{\rho(\sigma+h)}} \\ &\leq \frac{\delta e^{\rho h}}{2h} \lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(\sigma+h)}{e^{\rho(\sigma+h)}} \\ &= \delta e^{\rho h} \tau / 2h \\ &\quad \delta e^{\rho h} t / 2h \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $h = \frac{1}{\rho}$ , we get (3.1).

4. Let  $L(e^{\sigma})$  be a slowly changing function, i.e.

- (i)  $L(e^{\sigma}) > 0$  and is continuous for  $\sigma > \sigma_0$ ,
- (ii)  $L(\ell e^{\sigma}) \sim L(e^{\sigma})$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$  for every constant  $\ell > 0$ .

Let, for  $0 < \rho < \infty$ ,

$$(4.1) \quad \lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{\log m_{\delta, k}(\sigma)}{\inf \frac{e^{\rho \sigma}}{L(e^{\sigma})}} = \frac{T}{t}, \quad (0 < t \leq T < \infty);$$

$$\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{\left\{ \frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma)}{m_{\delta, k}(\sigma)} \right\}}{\inf \frac{e^{\rho \sigma}}{L(e^{\sigma})}} = \frac{p}{q}, \quad (0 < q \leq p < \infty).$$

4. Theorem 3. If  $f(s) \in E$  and is of Ritt order  $\rho$  ( $0 < \rho < \infty$ ), then

- (i)  $\frac{2q}{\rho} \leq t \leq T \leq \frac{2p}{\rho}$   
(ii)  $t \leq \frac{2q}{\rho} \log \left( \frac{ep}{q} \right)$ , and  
(iii)  $T \geq \frac{2p}{e\rho} e^{q/p}$

Proof. Writing (2.2) as

$$\begin{aligned} & \log \{ e^{k(\sigma+h)} m_{\delta,k}(\sigma+h) \} \\ = & 0(1) + 2 \int_{\sigma_0}^{\sigma} \frac{I_{\delta}(x)}{m_{\delta,k}(x)} dx + 2 \int_{\sigma}^{\sigma+h} \frac{I_{\delta}(x)}{m_{\delta,k}(x)} dx, \quad (\sigma > \sigma_0) \\ < & 0(1) + 2(p+\epsilon) \int_{\sigma_0}^{\sigma} e^{\rho x} L(e^x) dx + 2 \frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma+h)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma+h)} h \\ = & 0(1) + 2(p+\epsilon) \int_{e^{\sigma_0}}^{e^{\sigma}} x^{\rho-1} L(x) dx + 2 \frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma+h)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma+h)} h \\ \sim & 2(p+\epsilon) \frac{e^{\rho\sigma}}{\rho} L(e^{\sigma}) + 2 \frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma+h)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma+h)} h, \end{aligned}$$

by ([7], Lemma 5).

Dividing by  $e^{\rho\sigma} L(e^{\sigma})$ , taking limits and using (4.1), we get

$$(4.2) \quad e^{\rho h} T \leq \frac{2p}{\rho} + 2h e^{\rho h} p,$$

$$(4.3) \quad e^{\rho h} t \leq \frac{2p}{\rho} + 2h e^{\rho h} q,$$

Similarly, we obtain

$$(4.4) \quad e^{\rho h} T \geq \frac{2q}{\rho} + 2hp,$$

$$(4.5) \quad e^{\rho h} t \geq \frac{2q}{\rho} + 2hq.$$

It can be seen that minima of the right hand expressions of (4.2) and (4.3) occur at  $h = 0$  and  $e^{\rho h} = p/q$ . Substituting  $h = 0$  in (4.2) and  $e^{\rho h} = p/q$  in (4.3) we get second part of (i) and (ii) respectively. Taking  $h = \left(\frac{p-q}{\rho p}\right)$  in (4.4) and  $h = 0$  in (4.5), we get (iii) and first part of (i) respectively.

5. Theorem 4. If  $\log m_{\delta, k}(\sigma) \sim T e^{\rho\sigma} L(e^\sigma)$ , then

$$\frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma)}{m_{\delta, k}(\sigma)} \sim \frac{T\rho}{2} e^{\rho\sigma} L(e^\sigma).$$

Proof. Suppose now  $T = t$ . If  $0 < \eta < 1$ , we have from (2.2) for  $\sigma > \sigma_0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma)\eta}{m_{\delta, k}(\sigma)} &< \int_{\sigma}^{\sigma+\eta} \frac{I_{\delta}(x)}{m_{\delta, k}(x)} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log e^{k(\sigma+\eta)} m_{\delta, k}(\sigma+\eta) - \frac{1}{2} \log \{e^{k\sigma} m_{\delta, k}(\sigma)\} \\ &= \frac{T}{2} e^{\rho\sigma} \{1 + \rho\eta + o(\eta^2)\} \{1 + o(1)\} L(e^\sigma) - \\ &\quad - \frac{T}{2} e^{\rho\sigma} L(e^\sigma) + o(e^{\rho\sigma} L(e^\sigma)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma)}{m_{\delta, k}(\sigma)}}{e^{\rho\sigma} L(e^\sigma)} \leq \frac{T}{2} (\rho + H\eta),$$

where  $H$  is a constant. Since  $\eta$  is arbitrary, we get

$$\limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( \frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)} \right)}{e^{\rho\sigma} L(e^{\sigma})} \leq \frac{T\rho}{2}.$$

Considering  $\frac{1}{2} \log \{e^{k\sigma} m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)\} - \frac{1}{2} \log \{e^{k(\sigma-\eta)} m_{\delta,k}(\sigma-\eta)\}$  and proceeding as above, we get

$$\liminf_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( \frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)} \right)}{e^{\rho\sigma} L(e^{\sigma})} \geq \frac{T\rho}{2},$$

and hence,  $I_{\delta}(\sigma) \sim \frac{T\rho}{2} e^{\rho\sigma} L(e^{\sigma})$ .

Corollary. If  $\frac{I_{\delta}(\sigma)}{m_{\delta,k}(\sigma)} \sim p e^{\rho\sigma} L(e^{\sigma})$ , then

$$\log m_{\delta,k}(\sigma) \sim \frac{2\rho}{\rho} e^{\rho\sigma} L(e^{\sigma}).$$

From (i) of Theorem 3, if  $p = q$ ,  $T = t = 2p/\rho$ .

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