

# On the mean square of the Lerch zeta-function

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . The Lerch zeta-function  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$ ,  $s = \sigma + it$ , is defined by

$$L(\lambda, \alpha, s) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m}}{(m + \alpha)^s}$$

for  $\sigma > 1$  if  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and for  $\sigma > 0$  if  $\lambda \notin \mathbb{Z}$ . For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$  the Lerch zeta-function reduces to the Hurwitz zeta-function

$$\zeta(s, \alpha) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m + \alpha)^s}, \quad \sigma > 1.$$

Moreover, we have that  $L(k, 1, s) = \zeta(s)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $\zeta(s)$  denotes the classical Riemann zeta-function, and

$$L(k, \frac{1}{2}, s) = \zeta(s)(2^s - 1).$$

The function  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$  was introduced by M. Lerch in [5].

The Hurwitz zeta-function is analytically continuable over the whole complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  except for a simple pole, with residue 1 at the point  $s = 1$ . If  $\lambda \notin \mathbb{Z}$  (in this case we can assume without loss of generality that  $0 < \lambda < 1$ ), then the function  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$  is analytically continuable to an entire function.

In this note we consider the mean square of the Lerch zeta-function, i.e.

$$I_{\lambda, \alpha}(\sigma, T_0, T) = \int_{T_0}^T |L(\lambda, \alpha, \sigma + it)|^2 dt, \quad \sigma \geq 1/2, T \rightarrow \infty.$$

In [3] it was obtained that, for  $\lambda \notin \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$I_{\lambda, \alpha}(\frac{1}{2}, 0, T) \sim T \log T$$

and, for  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$ ,

$$I_{\lambda,\alpha}(\sigma, 0, T) \sim T\zeta(2\sigma, \alpha)$$

as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . In this note we improve the latter results. Let  $B_\eta$  denote a number bounded by a constant depending on  $\eta$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Suppose that  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$  is fixed, and  $\lambda$  is an arbitrary real number. Then for  $T \rightarrow \infty$*

$$I_{\lambda,\alpha}(\sigma, 0, T) = T\zeta(2\sigma, \alpha) + B_{\lambda,\alpha,\sigma}T^{2-2\sigma}.$$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . Then for an arbitrary real  $\lambda$*

$$I_{\lambda,\alpha}\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0, T\right) = T \log T + B_{\lambda,\alpha}T.$$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . Then for an arbitrary real  $\lambda$*

$$I_{\lambda,\alpha}(1, 1, T) = T\zeta(2\sigma, \alpha) + B_{\lambda,\alpha} \log T.$$

## 2. Auxiliary results

We begin with an approximation of the function  $L(\lambda, \alpha, s)$  by a finite sum.

**Lemma 1.** *Suppose that  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , and let  $0 < \sigma_0 \leq \sigma$ ,  $|t| \leq \pi\lambda x$ . Then*

$$L(\lambda, \alpha, s) = \sum_{0 \leq m \leq x} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m}}{(m + \alpha)^s} + B_{\sigma_0, \lambda} x^{-\sigma}.$$

Proof is given in [1], [4].

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $0 < \sigma_0 \leq \sigma$  and  $2\pi \leq |t| \leq \pi x$ . Then*

$$\zeta(s, \alpha) = \sum_{0 \leq m \leq x} \frac{1}{(m + \alpha)^s} + \frac{x^{1-s}}{s-1} + B_{\sigma_0} x^{-\sigma}.$$

Proof can be found in [2].

We also need a version of the Montgomery–Vanghan theorem [6].

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $a_m \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then there exists an absolute constant  $c > 0$  such that*

$$\left| \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k}}^n \sum_{k=1}^n a_m \bar{a}_k \left( \log \frac{m + \alpha}{k + \alpha} \right)^{-1} \right| \leq c \sum_{m=1}^n m |a_m|^2.$$

Proof is given in [7].

### 3. Proofs

*Proof of Theorem 1.* First we will consider the case  $\lambda \notin \mathbb{Z}$ . Suppose  $T/2 \leq t \leq T$  and take  $x = T\lambda^{-1}$  in Lemma 1. Then we obtain that

$$L(\lambda, \alpha, s) = \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T\lambda^{-1}} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m}}{(m + \alpha)^s} + R(s),$$

where  $R(s) = B_\lambda T^{-\sigma}$ . Since  $|z| = z\bar{z}$ , hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{T/2}^T |L(\lambda, \alpha, \sigma + it)|^2 dt &= \int_{T/2}^T \left| \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T\lambda^{-1}} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m}}{(m + \alpha)^{\sigma + it}} \right|^2 dt \\ &+ 2\operatorname{Re} \int_{T/2}^T \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T\lambda^{-1}} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m}}{(m + \alpha)^{\sigma + it}} \overline{R(\sigma + it)} dt + B_\lambda T^{1-2\sigma}. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

By Lemma 3 the first term in (1) is

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{T}{2} \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T\lambda^{-1}} \frac{1}{(m + \alpha)^{2\sigma}} \\ &+ B \left| \sum_{\substack{0 \leq m \leq T\lambda^{-1} \\ 0 \leq k \leq T\lambda^{-1} \\ m \neq k}} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m - 2\pi i \lambda k} \left( \left( \frac{m + \alpha}{k + \alpha} \right)^{-iT} - \left( \frac{m + \alpha}{k + \alpha} \right)^{\frac{-iT}{2}} \right)}{(m + \alpha)^\sigma (k + \alpha)^\sigma \log \frac{m + \alpha}{k + \alpha}} \right| \\ &= \frac{T}{2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m + \alpha)^{2\sigma}} + B_{\lambda, \sigma} T^{2-2\sigma} + B_{\lambda, \sigma} \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T\lambda^{-1}} \frac{m}{(m + \alpha)^{2\sigma}} \\ &= \frac{T}{2} \zeta(2\sigma, \alpha) + B_{\lambda, \alpha, \sigma} T^{2-2\sigma}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

It is easily seen that the second term in (1) is estimated as

$$B_{\lambda, \alpha, \sigma} T^{2-2\sigma}. \quad (3)$$

Hence and from (1), (2) we have

$$\int_{T/2}^T |L(\lambda, \alpha, \sigma + it)|^2 dt = \frac{T}{2} \zeta(2\sigma, \alpha) + B_{\lambda, \alpha, \sigma} T^{2-2\sigma}.$$

Taking  $T \cdot 2^{-j}$  instead of  $T$  in the later formula and summing over  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , we obtain the theorem.

When  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the proof remains the same and it uses Lemma 2.

*Proof of Theorem 2.* We have

$$\sum_{0 \leq m \leq T\lambda-1} \frac{1}{m + \alpha} = B_\alpha + \log T + B_\lambda,$$

$$\sum_{0 \leq m \leq T\lambda-1} \frac{m}{m + \alpha} = B_{\lambda, \alpha} T.$$

Hence, using (1)–(3) with  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ , we find that

$$\int_{T/2}^T \left| L(\lambda, \alpha, \frac{1}{2} + it) \right|^2 dt = \frac{T}{2} \log T + B_{\lambda, \alpha} T.$$

Consequently, the theorem follows in the same way as Theorem 1.

*Proof of Theorem 3.* Let  $\lambda \notin \mathbb{Z}$ . Then by Lemma 1

$$L(\lambda, \alpha, 1 + it) = \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T\lambda-1} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m}}{(m + \alpha)^{1+it}} + B_\lambda T^{-1}.$$

Hence

$$\int_1^T |L(\lambda, \alpha, 1 + it)|^2 dt = \int_1^T \left| \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T\lambda-1} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m}}{(m + \alpha)^{1+it}} \right|^2 dt$$

$$+ B_\lambda T^{-1} \int_1^T \left| \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T\lambda-1} \frac{e^{2\pi i \lambda m}}{(m + \alpha)^{1+it}} \right| dt + B_\lambda T^{-1}. \tag{4}$$

By Lemma 3 the first term in the last equality is

$$(T - 1) \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T\lambda-1} \frac{1}{(m + \alpha)^2} + B_\alpha \sum_{m \leq T\lambda-1} \frac{1}{m}$$

$$= \zeta(2, \alpha) T + B_\lambda + B_{\lambda, \alpha} \log T = \zeta(2, \alpha) T + B_{\lambda, \alpha} \log T. \tag{5}$$

This and the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality yield the estimate  $B_\lambda$  for the second term of the right-hand side of (4). Therefore, the theorem is a consequence of (4) and (5).

The case  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$  is more complicated. In this case Lemma 2 gives

$$\zeta(1+it, \alpha) = \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T} \frac{1}{(m+\alpha)^{1+it}} + \frac{T^{-it}}{it} + BT^{-1}.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^T |\zeta(1+it, \alpha)|^2 dt &= \int_1^T \left| \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T} \frac{1}{(m+\alpha)^{1+it}} \right|^2 dt \\ &\quad - 2\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1}{i} \int_1^T \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T} \frac{1}{m+\alpha} \left( \frac{T}{m+\alpha} \right)^{it} \frac{dt}{t} \right) \\ &\quad + BT^{-1} \int_1^T \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T} \left( \frac{1}{m+\alpha} \right)^{1+it} dt + B. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

The first and the third integrals in (6) were evaluated above, and it remains to calculate the second integral. Suppose that  $2T^{-1} \leq c \leq \frac{2}{3}$ . Then, integrating by parts, we find

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_1^T \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T} \frac{1}{m+\alpha} \left( \frac{T}{m+\alpha} \right)^{it} \frac{dt}{t} \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T(1-c)} \frac{1}{m+\alpha} \left( \frac{\left( \frac{T}{m+\alpha} \right)^{it}}{it \log \frac{T}{m+\alpha}} \Big|_1^T + \int_1^T \frac{\left( \frac{T}{m+\alpha} \right)^{it}}{it^2 \log \frac{T}{m+\alpha}} dt \right) \\ &\quad + B \sum_{T(1-c) < m \leq T} \frac{1}{m+\alpha} \int_1^T \frac{dt}{t} \\ &= B \sum_{0 \leq m \leq T(1-c)} \frac{1}{(m+\alpha) \log \frac{T}{m+\alpha}} + B \log T \sum_{T(1-c) \leq m \leq T} \frac{1}{m} \\ &= B_\alpha + B \int_1^{T(1-c)} \frac{du}{(u+\alpha) \log \frac{T}{u+\alpha}} + Bc \log T + B \\ &= B \int_{(1-c)^{-1}}^T \frac{dv}{v \log v} + Bc \log T + B_\alpha \\ &= B \log \log T - \log(-\log(1-c)) + Bc \log T + B_\alpha \\ &= B \log \log T + B \log \frac{1}{c} + Bc \log T + B_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Now, taking  $c = 1/\log T$ , we obtain the estimate

$$B \log \log T + B_\alpha$$

for the second integral in the right-hand side of (6), and the theorem is also proved in the case  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

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## Apie Lercho dzeta funkcijos kvadrato vidurki

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Straipsnyje gauti Lercho dzeta funkcijos kvadrato vidurkio liekamojo nario įverčiai kritinėje juostoje.