

ON THE OVERCONVERGENCE OF CERTAIN SERIES

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ABSTRACT. In this work, we consider certain class of exponential series with polynomial coefficients and study the properties of convergence of such series. Then we consider a subclass of this class and prove certain theorems on the overconvergence of such a series, which allow us to determine the conditions under which the boundary of the region of convergence of this series is a natural boundary for the function f defined by this series.

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1. INTRODUCTION.

Let us consider the following LC-dirichletian element

$$\{f\} : \sum_1^{\infty} P_n(x) \exp -\lambda_n s, \quad (1.1)$$

where $P_n(s) = \sum_{j=0}^{m_n} a_{nj} s^j$, a_{nj} are complex constants with $a_{n,m_n} \neq 0$, $s = \sigma + i\tau$,

$(\sigma, \tau) \in \mathbf{R}^2$ and (λ_n) is a sequence of complex numbers such that $(|\lambda_n|)$ is a D-sequence. That is to say $(|\lambda_n|)$ is a sequence of positive real numbers satisfying

$$0 < |\lambda_1| < |\lambda_2| < \dots, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\lambda_n| = \infty. \quad (1.2)$$

Let

$$L = \limsup \left\{ \frac{\log n}{|\lambda_n|} / n \in \mathbf{N} - \{0\} \right\} \quad (1.3)$$

$$A_n = \text{Max} \{ |a_{nj}| / j \in (0, 1, \dots, m_n) \} \quad (1.4)$$

and

$$\beta^* = \limsup \left\{ \frac{m_n}{|\lambda_n|} / n \in \mathbf{N} - \{0\} \right\}. \quad (1.5)$$

Let \mathcal{E}_n be the set of points of \mathbb{C} which are zeros of $P_n(s)$ and $\mathcal{E} = \bigcup \mathcal{E}_n$. Let us denote by \mathcal{E}^d the derived set of \mathcal{E} and $\mathcal{E}_\infty = \left\{ s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \exists_{(n_j)} P_{n_j}(s) = 0 \right\}$ where (n_j) is an infinite subsequence of $\mathbf{N} - \{0\}$ depending on s ; let $\mathcal{E}^* = \mathcal{E}^d \cup \mathcal{E}_\infty$. \mathcal{E}^* is a closed set. Let us suppose that $\mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*$ is non empty. We put

$$\forall_{s \in \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*} \delta(n, s) = - \frac{\log |P_n(s) \exp(-\lambda_n s)|}{|\lambda_n|}, \text{ for sufficiently large } n,$$

$$\delta_*(s) = \liminf \{ \delta_n(s) / n \in \mathbf{N} - \{0\} \}$$

$$\forall_{\alpha \in \mathbf{R}} \mathcal{E}_{*\alpha} = \{ s \in \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^* / \delta_*(s) > \alpha \}.$$

In this paper, using a technique similar to that used by M. Blambert and J. Simeon [2], we prove two lemmas for a LC-dirichletian element which enable us to discuss the properties of absolute convergence and uniform convergence for (1.1) in $\mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*$ exclusively. Then we prove Jentzsch's theorem for a L-dirichletian element that is for element of the type (1.1) where λ_n are positive real numbers satisfying (1.2) ((λ_n) is a D-sequence) and a theorem on the overconvergence for a L-dirichletian element.

2. MAIN RESULTS.

DEFINITION. - It is said that a function is sub-lipschitzian on an open set, if it is lipschitzian on each compact subset of that open set.

LEMMA 1. - Let \mathcal{K} be any compact subset of \mathbb{C} . Then the following assertions are true.

- (1) $\forall \mathcal{K} \subset \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^* \quad \exists n' \quad \forall n \geq n'$ the function $\mathcal{K} \ni s \rightarrow \delta(n, s)$ is lipschitzian.
- (2) If $\beta^* < \infty$, and if there exists a $s_0 \in \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*$ such that $|\delta_*(s_0)| < \infty$ then the function δ_* is sub-lipschitzian on $\mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*$.

PROOF. Let $\forall \mathcal{K} \subset \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^* \quad \epsilon_{\mathcal{K}} = \text{dist}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E}^*)$. Then it is easy to see that

$$\forall s \in \mathcal{K} \quad \forall \epsilon \in]0, \epsilon_{\mathcal{K}}[\quad \exists n' \quad \forall n \geq n' \quad \{j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m_n\} = \alpha_{nj} \notin d_{s, \epsilon}\},$$

where $d_{s, \epsilon}$ is the open disc centred at s and of radius ϵ and (α_{nj}) , $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m_n\}$, is the sequence of zeros of $P_n(s)$ (with its order of multiplicity is taken into account). More precisely let us show that,

$$\forall \epsilon \in]0, \epsilon_{\mathcal{K}}[\quad \exists n' \quad \forall n \geq n' \quad \forall s \in \mathcal{K} \quad \{j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m_n\} = \alpha_{nj} \notin d_{s, \epsilon}\}.$$

Let $G_\epsilon = \bigcup_{s \in \mathcal{K}} d_{s, \epsilon}$. It is evident that \overline{G}_ϵ the closure of G_ϵ is a compact subset of $\mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*$. Let $\epsilon' \in]0, \epsilon_{\mathcal{K}} - \epsilon[$ where $\epsilon \in]0, \epsilon_{\mathcal{K}}[$. The set of discs $d_{s, \epsilon'}$ indexed by s on \overline{G}_ϵ is an open covering of \overline{G}_ϵ . Hence we have a finite subcovering ;

$$\overline{G}_\epsilon \supset (s_1, \dots, s_k) \quad \bigcup_{j=1}^k d_{s_j, \epsilon'} \supset \overline{G}_\epsilon.$$

Let $s \in \mathcal{K}$ and $s' \in d_{s, \epsilon}$; hence $s' \in G_\epsilon$. Then $s' \in \bigcup_{j=1}^k d_{s_j, \epsilon'}$ which implies that $\exists j^* \in \{1, \dots, k\} \quad s' \in d_{s_{j^*}, \epsilon'}$. Now

$$\forall j \in \{1, \dots, k\} \quad \exists n_j (= n_{j^*}) \quad \forall n \geq n_j \quad \forall s \in d_{s_j, \epsilon'} \quad P_n(s) \neq 0$$

and hence

$$n \geq \text{Max}\{n_j / j \in \{1, \dots, k\}\} \quad \forall j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\} \quad \forall s \in d_{s_j, \epsilon'} \quad P_n(s) \neq 0,$$

which gives $\forall n \geq \text{Max}\{n_j / j \in \{1, \dots, k\}\} \quad P_n(s') \neq 0$. As s is arbitrary on \mathcal{K} and s' is arbitrary on $d_{s, \epsilon}$ we have

$$\forall \epsilon \in]0, \epsilon_{\mathcal{K}}[\quad \exists n' (=n_{\epsilon}) \quad \forall n \geq n' \quad \forall s \in \mathcal{K} \quad \{j \in \{1, \dots, k\} \Rightarrow \alpha_{nj} \notin d_{s, \epsilon}\} .$$

From which we have

$$\forall n \geq n' (=n_{\epsilon}) \quad \forall (s, s') \in \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K} \quad \log |P_n(s)| - \log |P_n(s')| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{m_n} \log \left\{ 1 + \frac{|s-s'|}{|s'-\alpha_{nj}|} \right\} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{m_n} \log \left\{ 1 + \frac{|s-s'|}{\epsilon} \right\} .$$

Under the above conditions related to n , s and s' with $s \neq s'$,

$$\begin{aligned} |\delta(n, s) - \delta(n, s')| &\leq |s-s'| + \frac{1}{|\lambda_n|} \sum_{j=1}^{m_n} \log \left\{ 1 + \frac{|s-s'|}{\epsilon} \right\} \\ &\leq |s-s'| + \frac{|s-s'|}{\epsilon |\lambda_n|} \sum_{j=1}^{m_n} \left\{ \log \left(1 + \frac{|s-s'|}{\epsilon} \right) / \frac{|s-s'|}{\epsilon} \right\} \\ &\leq |s-s'| + \frac{m_n |s-s'|}{\epsilon |\lambda_n|} \sup \left\{ \frac{\log(1+x)}{x} / x > 0 \right\} ; \end{aligned}$$

as $\sup \left\{ \frac{\log(1+x)}{x} / x > 0 \right\} = 1$, $|\delta(n, s) - \delta(n, s')| \leq |s-s'| \left\{ 1 + \frac{m_n}{\epsilon |\lambda_n|} \right\}$. Putting

$$\mu_{\epsilon, n} = 1 + \frac{m_n}{\epsilon |\lambda_n|} ,$$

$$\forall \epsilon \in]0, \epsilon_{\mathcal{K}}[\quad \exists n' \quad \forall n \geq n' \quad \forall (s, s') \in \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K} \quad |\delta(n, s) - \delta(n, s')| \leq \mu_{\epsilon, n} |s-s'| ,$$

which proves the first part of the lemma.

Now let $\mu_{\epsilon}^* = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{\epsilon, n} = 1 + \beta^* / \epsilon$ with $\epsilon \in]0, \epsilon_{\mathcal{K}}[$; as $\exists s_0 \in \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^* \quad \delta_*(s_0) < \infty$

$$\forall \epsilon \in]0, \epsilon_{\mathcal{K}}[\quad \forall (s, s') \in \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K} \quad |\delta_*(s) - \delta_*(s')| \leq \mu_{\epsilon}^* |s-s'|$$

and

$$\forall (s, s') \in \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K} \quad |\delta_*(s) - \delta_*(s')| \leq \mu_{\epsilon}^* |s-s'|$$

where

$$\mu_{\epsilon_{\mathcal{K}}}^* = \text{Inf} \{ \mu_{\epsilon}^* / \epsilon \in]0, \epsilon_{\mathcal{K}}[\} = 1 + \frac{\beta^*}{\epsilon_{\mathcal{K}}} .$$

Hence

$$\forall s, s' \in \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^* \quad (s, s') \in \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K} \quad |\delta_*(s) - \delta_*(s')| \leq \mu_{\epsilon_{\mathcal{K}}}^* |s-s'| ,$$

which completes the proof of the lemma.

Under the condition (2) of Lemma 1, δ_* is continuous on $\mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*$

which implies that $D_{*\alpha}$ is an open subset of $\mathbb{C}-\mathcal{E}^*$; but $D_{*\alpha}$ can have several connected components.

LEMMA 2. - When $\beta^* < \infty$, then

$$\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \left\{ D_{*\alpha} \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \forall \kappa \subset D_{*\alpha} \exists \beta' > \beta^* \forall n' \geq n' \forall s \in \kappa |P_n(s) \exp(-\lambda_n s)| < \exp(-|\lambda_n|(\alpha - \beta')) \right\} .$$

PROOF. Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $D_{*\alpha} \neq \emptyset$ (otherwise the lemma is trivial) and let κ be a compact subset of $D_{*\alpha}$. We can easily see that

$$\forall s \in \mathbb{C}-\mathcal{E}^* \quad \forall \epsilon \in]0, \text{dist}(s, \mathcal{E}^*)[\quad \exists n' (=n_{s, \epsilon}) \quad \forall n \geq n' \quad \forall s' \in \overline{d_{s, \epsilon}} \quad P_n(s') \neq 0$$

where $\overline{d_{s, \epsilon}}$ is the closed disc centred at s and of radius ϵ . Hence

$$\forall s \in \mathbb{C}-\mathcal{E}^* \quad \forall \epsilon \in]0, \epsilon_\kappa[\quad \exists n' (=n_{s, \epsilon}) \quad \forall n \geq n' \quad \forall s' \in \overline{d_{s, \epsilon}} \quad P_n(s') \neq 0 .$$

Let us consider the compact subset $\kappa_\epsilon = \bigcup_{s \in \kappa} \overline{d_{s, \epsilon}}$, of $\mathbb{C}-\mathcal{E}^*$. As $\text{dist}(\kappa_\epsilon, \mathcal{E}^*) > 0$, we have from lemma 1 ,

$$\forall \epsilon' \in]0, \text{dist}(\kappa_\epsilon, \mathcal{E}^*)[\quad \exists n'_\epsilon (=n_{\epsilon'}) \quad \forall n \geq n'_\epsilon \quad \forall (s, s') \in \kappa_\epsilon \times \kappa_\epsilon \quad |\delta(n, s) - \delta(n, s')| \leq \mu_{\epsilon', n} |s - s'|$$

where $\mu_{\epsilon', n} = 1 + \frac{m_n}{\epsilon' |\lambda_n|}$. In particular,

$$\forall n \geq n_{\epsilon'} \quad \forall s \in \kappa \quad \forall s' \in \overline{d_{s, \epsilon}} \quad |\delta(n, s) - \delta(n, s')| \leq \mu_{\epsilon', n} |s - s'| ,$$

and hence

$$\delta(n, s') \geq \delta(n, s) - \mu_{\epsilon', n} |s - s'| .$$

Further $\forall \beta' > \beta^* \exists n'_\beta (=n_{\beta'}) \forall n \geq n'_\beta \frac{m_n}{|\lambda_n|} < \beta'$ and

$$\forall n \geq \max\{n_{\epsilon'}, n_{\beta'}\} = n_1 \quad \forall s \in \kappa \quad \forall s' \in \overline{d_{s, \epsilon}} \quad \delta(n, s') \geq \delta(n, s) - |s - s'| (1 + \frac{\beta'}{\epsilon'}) .$$

Since κ is a compact subset of $D_{*\alpha}$, $\forall s \in \kappa \exists n'_s (=n_s) \forall n \geq n'_s \delta(n, s) > \alpha$; finally we have

$$\forall s \in \kappa \quad \forall \beta' > \beta^* \quad \forall \epsilon' \in]0, \text{dist}(\mathcal{E}^*, \kappa_\epsilon)[\quad \exists n' \geq n'_s \quad \forall s' \in \overline{d_{s, \epsilon}} \quad \delta(n, s') > \alpha - |s - s'| (1 + \frac{\beta'}{\epsilon'}) \quad (2.1)$$

where ϵ is arbitrary in $]0, \epsilon_K[$. The set of discs $d_{s, \epsilon}$ indexed by s on K is an open covering for K and hence $\exists \bigcup_{j=1}^k d_{s_j, \epsilon} \supset K$. Further

we have $\forall s \in K \exists j' \in \{1, \dots, k\} s \in d_{s_{j'}, \epsilon}$. Using (2.1) for the particular pair $(s_{j'}, s)$, we have

$$\forall \beta' > \beta^* \quad \forall \epsilon \in]0, \text{dist}(\mathcal{L}^*, K_\epsilon)[\quad \exists n' (=n_{s_{j'}, \beta', \epsilon}) \quad \forall n \geq n' \quad \delta(n, s) > \alpha - |s - s_{j'}| \left(1 + \frac{\beta'}{\epsilon}\right).$$

Let $n'' = \text{Max}\{n_{s_{j'}, \beta', \epsilon} \mid j \in \{1, \dots, k\}\}$ and as $|s - s_j| < \epsilon$, we have

$$\forall \beta' > \beta^* \quad \forall \epsilon \in]0, \text{dist}(\mathcal{L}^*, K_\epsilon)[\quad \exists n'' \quad \forall n \geq n'' \quad \delta(n, s) > \alpha - \epsilon \left(1 + \frac{\beta'}{\epsilon}\right).$$

Choosing $\epsilon = \epsilon' < \frac{\epsilon_K}{2}$ we have $\frac{\text{dist}(K, \mathcal{L}^*)}{2} < \text{dist}(\mathcal{L}^*, K_{\epsilon'})$ and

$$\forall \beta' > \beta^* \quad \forall \epsilon \in]0, \frac{\epsilon_K}{2}[\quad \exists n'' \quad \forall n \geq n'' \quad \delta(n, s) > \alpha - \epsilon - \beta'$$

where s is any arbitrary point of K and n'' does not depend on s . Hence

$$\forall \beta' > \beta^* \quad \forall \epsilon \in]0, \frac{\epsilon_K}{2}[\quad \exists n'' \quad \forall n \geq n'' \quad \forall s \in K \quad \delta(n, s) > \alpha - \epsilon - \beta'.$$

As β' is arbitrary and strictly greater than β^* , we have

$$\forall K \subset \mathcal{L}_{*\alpha} \quad \forall \beta' > \beta^* \quad \exists n' \quad \forall n \geq n' \quad \forall s \in K \quad \delta(n, s) > \alpha - \beta'$$

and hence

$$\forall K \subset \mathcal{L}_{*\alpha} \quad \forall \beta' > \beta^* \quad \exists n' \quad \forall n \geq n' \quad \forall s \in K \quad |P_n(s) \exp(-\lambda_n s)| < \exp(-|\lambda_n|(\alpha - \beta')).$$

THEOREM 1. - When $\beta^* < \infty$, $L < \infty$, the LC-dirichletian element $\{f\}$ converges absolutely on $\mathcal{L}_{*, L+\beta^*}$ and uniformly on any compact subset of $\mathcal{L}_{*, L+\beta^*}$.

PROOF. Let us suppose that $\mathcal{L}_{*, L+\beta^*}$ is non empty. Let K_0 be a compact subset of $\mathcal{L}_{*, L+\beta^*}$. We know that $\exists \alpha > L+\beta^* \quad K_0 \subset \mathcal{L}_{*\alpha}$. Let

$\beta' \in]\beta^*, \alpha - L[$. From Lemma 2 we have ,

$$\exists \quad \forall \quad \forall \quad |P_n(s) \exp(-\lambda_n s)| < \exp\{-|\lambda_n|(\alpha - \beta')\} ,$$

$$n' \quad n \geq n' \quad s \in \mathcal{K}_0$$

where $\alpha - \beta' > L$. Hence

$$\sum_{n=n'}^{\infty} |P_n(s) \exp(-\lambda_n s)| < \sum_{n=n'}^{\infty} \exp\{-|\lambda_n|(\alpha - \beta')\}$$

and the series on the right hand side is convergent which proves that $\{f\}$ converges absolutely and uniformly on \mathcal{K}_0 . Since \mathcal{K}_0 is any arbitrary compact subset of $\mathcal{D}_{*, L+\beta^*}$, $\{f\}$ converges uniformly on any compact subset of $\mathcal{D}_{*, L+\beta^*}$ and absolutely on $\mathcal{D}_{*, L+\beta^*}$.

REMARK 1. By the following method, we obtain a bigger set of absolute convergence for $\{f\}$. Let \mathcal{D}_{*L} be supposed to be non-empty and $L < \infty$.

Then $\forall \quad \exists \quad \delta_*(s) > L + \epsilon_s ; \quad \exists \quad \forall \quad \delta(n, s) > L + \epsilon_s$ and
 $s \in \mathcal{D}_{*L} \quad \epsilon_s > 0 \quad n'_s \quad n \geq n'_s$

$\forall \quad -\text{Log} |P_n(s) \exp(-\lambda_n s)| > (L + \epsilon_s) |\lambda_n|$. Hence
 $n \geq n'_s$

$$\sum_{n=n'_s}^{\infty} |P_n(s) \exp -\lambda_n s| < \sum_{n=n'_s}^{\infty} \exp\{-(L + \epsilon_s) |\lambda_n|\}$$

and as the series on the right hand side converges, the series (1.1) converges absolutely on \mathcal{D}_{*L} . In this result, we have no restriction on β^* .

REMARK 2. $\{f\}$ diverges on $\mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^* - \bar{\mathcal{D}}_{*0}$. If $s \in \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^* - \bar{\mathcal{D}}_{*0}$, then $\delta_*(s) < 0$ and $\exists \quad \delta_*(s) < -\alpha$. Hence $\forall \quad \exists \quad \exists \quad \delta(n_j, s) < -\alpha$
 $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+ \quad s \in \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^* - \bar{\mathcal{D}}_{*0} \quad \alpha > 0 \quad (n_j)$

where (n_j) is an infinite subsequence of $\mathbb{N} - \{0\}$. Therefore

$$|P_{n_j}(s) \exp(-\lambda_{n_j} s)| > \exp(\alpha |\lambda_{n_j}|) > 1$$

and which shows that $\{f\}$ diverges on $\mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^* - \bar{\mathcal{D}}_{*0}$. When $L = 0$, we have convergence of the series (1.1) in $\mathcal{D}_{*0} \subset \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*$ and divergence in $\mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^* - \bar{\mathcal{D}}_{*0}$. We do not discuss the property of convergence of the series in \mathcal{E}^* .

From here onwards we consider a L-dirichletian element,

$$\{f\} : \sum_1^{\infty} P_n(s) \exp(-\lambda_n s) \quad (2.2)$$

where (λ_n) is a D-sequence (here λ_n are positive real numbers).

DEFINITION. It is said that a D-sequence (λ_n) is of the type (Λ) if the following conditions are satisfied :

- i) the Dirichlet series $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \exp(-\lambda_j s)$ converges on $P_0 = \{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \sigma > 0\}$.
(this gives that $\forall \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}} \exp(-s(\lambda_j - \lambda_n))$ converges on P_0 . Let $\theta_n(s)$ be its sum at the point s);
- ii) $\forall \eta > 0$ the sequence of functions (θ_n) where $\theta_n : P_0 \ni s \rightarrow \theta_n(s)$ is bounded on $\bar{P}_\eta = \{s \in \mathbb{C} / \sigma \geq \eta\}$;
- iii) $\forall \eta > 0$ the sequence of functions (θ_n^*) where $\theta_n^* : P_0 \ni s \rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^n \exp(-s(\lambda_n - \lambda_j))$ is bounded on \bar{P}_η .

EXAMPLE. - If (λ_n) is a D-sequence and $\exists_{\mu > 0} \text{Inf}(\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n) = \mu$, then it is easy to see that (λ_n) is of the type (Λ) .

If the D-sequence (λ_n) is of the type (Λ) , then we can easily show that $L = 0$.

Now let us prove Jentzsch's theorem for L-dirichletian element. This theorem for Dirichlet series with complex exponents was proved by T.M. Gallie [3]. First let us consider the associated Dirichlet series of $\{f\}$.

$$\{f_A\} : \sum_1^{\infty} A_n \exp(-\lambda_n s)$$

where A_n is defined by (1.4). Let

$$\sigma_p^{f_A} = \text{Inf} \left\{ \sigma \in \mathbb{R} / \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |A_n \exp(-\lambda_n s)| = 0 \right\}$$

be the abscisse of pseudo convergence of $\{f_A\}$. Then we know that

$$\sigma_p^{f_A} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\log A_n}{\lambda_n} \right\};$$

when $L = 0$, $\sigma_p^{f_A}$ is the same as $\sigma_C^{f_A}$, the abscisse of convergence of $\{f_A\}$.

Let n and n' be two natural numbers such that $n' \geq n$. Let $E_{n,n'}$ denote the set, indexed by (n, n') , of points of \mathbb{C} which are zeros of the LC-dirichletian polynomial

$$S_{n,n'}(s) = \sum_{j=n}^{n'} P_j(s) \exp(-s\lambda_j) ;$$

let E denote the union of all sets $E_{n,n'}$ corresponding to all pairs (n, n') and E_∞ be the set formed by the points which are zeros for an infinity of polynomials $S_{n,n'}(s)$. Let us put $E^* = E^d \cup E_\infty$ where E^d is the derived set of E . E^* is a closed subset of \mathbb{C} . It is evident that $E \supset \mathcal{E}$ and $E_\infty \supset \mathcal{E}_\infty$ and hence $E^* \supset \mathcal{E}^*$. We suppose in what follows that $\mathbb{C} - E^* \neq \emptyset$ (which implies $\mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^* \neq \emptyset$). Then we have

THEOREM 2. - When the D-sequence (λ_n) is of the type (Λ) , $\sigma_C^{f_A} < \infty$ and $\beta^* < \infty$, then we have $(\text{Fr}(\mathcal{D}_{*O}) \cap \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*) \subset E^*$.

PROOF. Let us suppose that the theorem is not true. Then there exists a point $b \in (\text{Fr}(\mathcal{D}_{*O}) \cap \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*)$ and a disc $d(b, \rho)$ centred at b of radius $\rho > 0$, included in $\mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*$ such that

$$\exists n_0 \forall n' \geq n \geq n_0 \forall s \in d(b, \rho) S_{n,n'}(s) \neq 0 .$$

We have $|P_n(s) \exp(-\lambda_n s)| \leq A_n (1+|s|)^{m_n} |\exp(-\lambda_n s)|$ and

$\forall n' \geq n_0 \exists n (=n_{\beta'}) \geq n'$ $(m_n/\lambda_n) < \beta'$. Let us take a certain $\beta' > \beta^*$ and put

$\omega = \beta' \text{Log}[1 + \sup\{|s|/s \in d(b, \rho)\}] - \text{Inf}\{\sigma/s \in d(b, \rho)\}$ and hence

$\forall n \geq n_0 \forall s \in d(b, \rho) |P_n(s) \exp(-\lambda_n s)| < A_n \exp(\omega \lambda_n)$. From the definition of $\sigma_C^{f_A}$ we

have $\forall \sigma' > \sigma_C^{f_A} \exists n'' (=n_{\sigma'}) \geq n''$ $A_n < \exp(\sigma' \lambda_n)$. Hence putting $n_1 = \text{Max}(n_0, n'_0, n'')$,

we get $\forall n \geq n_1 \forall s \in d(b, \rho) |P_n(s) \exp(-\lambda_n s)| < \exp((\omega + \sigma') \lambda_n)$.

Let $S_{n_1, n}(s) = \sum_{j=n_1}^n P_j(s) \exp(-\lambda_j s)$ and $\forall s \in d(b, \rho) T_{n_1, n}(s) = (S_{n_1, n}(s))^{1/\lambda_n}$;
 $[S_{n_1, n}(s)]^{1/\lambda_n}$ is defined to be equal to $\exp((1/\lambda_n) \text{Log } S_{n_1, n}(s))$ where

$\text{Im Log } S_{n_1, n}(s) \in]-\pi, \pi]$. For each integer $n \geq n_1$ the function

$T_{n_1, n} : d(b, \rho) \ni s \rightarrow T_{n_1, n}(s)$ is holomorphic on $d(b, \rho)$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \forall s \in d(b, \rho) \quad |T_{n_1, n}(s)| &= \left| \left(\sum_{j=n_1}^n P_j(s) \exp(-\lambda_j s) \right)^{1/\lambda_n} \right| \leq \{ \exp(\lambda_n (\omega + \sigma') + \log n) \}^{1/\lambda_n} \\ &= \exp(\omega + \sigma') \exp\left(\frac{\log n}{\lambda_n}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Since (λ_n) is of the type (Λ) which implies $L = 0$, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \exp\left(\frac{\log n}{\lambda_n}\right) = 1$. Hence the sequence of functions $(T_{n_1, n})$, $n \geq n_1$, is bounded and hence normal on $d(b, \rho)$.

Let \mathcal{K} be a compact subset of $d(b, \rho)$ such that $\text{Int } \mathcal{K} \cap \mathcal{D}_{*0} \neq \emptyset$. From any extracted subsequence of $(T_{n_1, n})$ we can extract a subsequence which converges uniformly on \mathcal{K} and the limit function is holomorphic on the $\text{Int } \mathcal{K}$.

Let \mathcal{K}_1 be a compact subset of $d(b, \rho) \cap \mathcal{D}_{*0}$ such that $\text{Int } \mathcal{K} \cap \text{Int } \mathcal{K}_1 \neq \emptyset$. Then we have $\forall s \in \mathcal{K}_1 \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{n_1, n} = 1$. Now $\mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{K}_1$ is a compact subset of $d(b, \rho)$. Then the subsequence extracted from the arbitrarily extracted subsequence of $(T_{n_1, n})$ converges uniformly on $\mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{K}_1$ to a limit function holomorphic in $\text{Int}(\mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{K}_1)$ and continuous on the boundary of $\mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{K}_1$ and takes the value one at each point of \mathcal{K}_1 . Hence the limit function takes the value one at each point of $\mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{K}_1$. This results that the sequence $(T_{n_1, n})$ converges to the same limit function on $\mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{K}_1$.

As \mathcal{K} is any arbitrary compact subset of $d(b, \rho)$ and \mathcal{K}_1 is any arbitrary compact subset of $d(b, \rho) \cap \mathcal{D}_{*0}$ such that $\text{Int } \mathcal{K} \cap \text{Int } \mathcal{K}_1 \neq \emptyset$, we have

$$\forall s \in d(b, \rho) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{n_1, n}(s) = 1.$$

Let $s_0 \in d(b, \rho) \cap (\mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^* - \overline{\mathcal{D}_{*0}})$. Then

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \exists n'_1 (= n_{s_0, \epsilon}) \geq n_1 \quad \forall n \geq n'_1 \quad \left| \sum_{j=n_1}^n P_j(s) \exp(-\lambda_j s) \right| < (1 + \epsilon)^{\lambda_n}$$

and hence

$$\forall_{n > n_1} |P_n(s_0) \exp(-\lambda_n s_0)| = |S_{n_1, n}(s_0) - S_{n_1, n-1}(s_0)| < 2(1+\epsilon)^{\lambda_n}$$

which gives

$$-\frac{\text{Log} |P_n(s_0) \exp(-\lambda_n s_0)|}{\lambda_n} > \frac{-\text{Log} 2}{\lambda_n} - \text{Log}(1+\epsilon) ;$$

$\delta_*(s_0) \geq 0$ as ϵ is arbitrary. Hence we arrive at a contradiction that $s_0 \in \bar{D}_{*\epsilon} \cap \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*$ which establishes the result.

Finally, let us prove a theorem on the overconvergence of $\{f\}$ defined by (7). Before proving the theorem let us note that

REMARK 3. Let $\bar{\Delta}$ be any compact subset of $\mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*$ and (λ_n) be a D-sequence of the type (Λ) . We have $|P_n(s) \exp(-\lambda_n s)| \leq A_n (1+|s|)^{m_n} \exp(-\sigma \lambda_n)$. If $s \in \bar{\Delta}$, then $|P_n(s) \exp(-\lambda_n s)| \leq A_n (1+m_\Delta)^{m_n} \exp(m_\Delta \lambda_n)$ where $m_\Delta = \sup\{|s|/s \in \bar{\Delta}\}$. As $\bar{\Delta}$ is a compact set, m_Δ is finite; for sufficiently large n we have

$$\frac{\text{Log} |P_n(s) \exp(-\lambda_n s)|}{\lambda_n} \leq \frac{\text{Log} A_n}{\lambda_n} + \frac{m_n}{\lambda_n} \text{Log}(1+m_\Delta) + m_\Delta ;$$

$$\delta_*(s) \geq -\sigma_c^{f_A} - \beta^* \text{Log}(1+m_\Delta) - m_\Delta .$$

Hence $\forall_{\epsilon > 0} \bar{\Delta} \subset \mathcal{D}_{*, \alpha_0 - \epsilon}$ with $\alpha_0 = -\sigma_c^{f_A} - \beta^* \text{Log}(1+m_\Delta) - m_\Delta$. If

$$\beta^* < \frac{-\sigma_c^{f_A} - m_\Delta}{1 + \text{Log}(1+m_\Delta)} , \text{ we have } \bar{\Delta} \subset \mathcal{D}_{*\beta^*} .$$

THEOREM 3. - When (λ_n) is a D-sequence of the type (Λ) , $\beta^* < \infty$ and $\mathcal{D}_{*\beta^*} \neq \emptyset$ if there exist an infinite subsequence (n_ν) , $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$, of $\mathbb{N} - \{0\}$ and a sequence of strictly positive numbers (θ_ν) such that

$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} \theta_\nu = +\infty$$

and

$$\forall_{\nu \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_{n_\nu+1} > (1+\theta_\nu) \lambda_{n_\nu} \tag{2.3}$$

then the sequence $\{S_{n_\nu}(s)\}$, $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$, where $S_{n_\nu}(s) = \sum_{j=1}^{n_\nu} P_j(s) \exp(-\lambda_j s)$, converges at each point s of any open simply connected subset (whose intersection with \mathcal{D}_{*,β^*} is non empty) of an open set included in $\mathbb{C}-\mathcal{E}^*$ in which the function f defined by $\{f\}$ is holomorphic.

PROOF. Let us choose 3 bounded domains Δ_1, Δ_2 and Δ_3 in the following manner: $\bar{\Delta}_1 \subset \Delta_2$, $\bar{\Delta}_2 \subset \Delta_3$, $\bar{\Delta}_3 \subset \mathbb{C}-\mathcal{E}^*$, $\bar{\Delta}_1 \subset \mathcal{D}_{*,\beta^*}$ and $\bar{\Delta}_3$ is included in an open subset of $\mathbb{C}-\mathcal{E}^*$ in which the function f defined by $\{f\}$ is holomorphic. Further let $\text{Fr}(\Delta_1)$, $\text{Fr}(\Delta_2)$ and $\text{Fr}(\Delta_3)$ satisfy a condition of Hadamard's type, namely

$$\exists_{b \in]0, 1[} \text{Log} M_2 \leq b \text{Log} M_1 + (1-b) \text{Log} M_3$$

where $\forall_{i \in \{1, 2, 3\}} M_i = \text{Max}\{|f(s)| / s \in \text{Fr}(\Delta_i)\}$.

It is easy to see that $\exists_{\alpha > \beta^*} \bar{\Delta}_1 \subset \mathcal{D}_{*,\alpha}$. Let us consider the set

$I_1 = \{\alpha / \mathcal{D}_{*,\alpha} \supset \bar{\Delta}_1\}$. I_1 is non empty and is an interval. Let $\alpha_{\Delta_1} = \sup I_1$. Then

$\alpha_{\Delta_1} > \beta^*$ and $\forall_{\epsilon > 0} \mathcal{D}_{*,\alpha_{\Delta_1} - \epsilon} \supset \bar{\Delta}_1$. We can easily show that,

$\alpha_{\Delta_1} = \text{Inf}\{\delta_{*,\alpha}(s) | s \in \bar{\Delta}_1\}$ which implies that α_{Δ_1} is a finite number. Hence

from lemma 2,

$$\beta' \in]\beta^*, \alpha_{\Delta_1}[\quad \exists_{n_1} \quad \forall_{n \geq n_1} \quad \forall_{s \in \text{Fr}(\Delta_1)} |P_n(s) \exp(-\lambda_n s)| < \exp(-\lambda_n (\alpha_{\Delta_1} - \beta')) ;$$

hence for $n \geq n_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} |P_j(s) \exp(-\lambda_j s)| &< \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} \exp\{-\lambda_j (\alpha_{\Delta_1} - \beta^*)\} \\ &= \exp\{-\lambda_{n+1} (\alpha_{\Delta_1} - \beta')\} \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} \exp\{-(\alpha_{\Delta_1} - \beta')(\lambda_j - \lambda_{n+1})\} . \end{aligned}$$

Since (λ_n) is a D-sequence of the type (Λ) and $\alpha_{\Delta_1} - \beta' > 0$, there exists a finite number strictly positive $B(\beta')$ such that

$$\forall_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} |\exp\{-(\lambda_j - \lambda_{n+1})s\}| \leq B(\beta') \quad \text{where } \Re s \geq \alpha_{\Delta_1} - \beta' ;$$

thus we have for each $n \geq n_1$

$$\sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} |P_j(s) \exp(-\lambda_j s)| < B(\beta') \exp\{-\lambda_{n+1}(\alpha_{\Delta_1} - \beta')\} . \tag{2.4}$$

Now let $I_2 = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \mid \mathcal{D}_{*\alpha} \supset \bar{\Delta}_3\}$. We have

$$\forall_{s \in \bar{\Delta}_3} \exists_{n' (=n_s)} \forall_{n \geq n'} \delta(n, s) \geq \frac{-\text{Log } A_n}{\lambda_n} - \frac{m_n}{\lambda_n} \text{Log}(1 + |s|) + \sigma .$$

Let $m_{\Delta_3} = \sup\{|s| \mid s \in \bar{\Delta}_3\}$. Then

$$\forall_{n \geq n'} \delta(n, s) \geq \frac{-\text{Log } A_n}{\lambda_n} - \frac{m_n}{\lambda_n} \text{Log}(1 + m_{\Delta_3}) - m_{\Delta_3}$$

$$\delta_{*}(s) \geq -\sigma_c^{f_A} - \beta^* \text{Log}(1 + m_{\Delta_3}) - m_{\Delta_3} ,$$

which shows that $\bar{\Delta}_3 \subset \mathcal{D}_{*\alpha}$ with $\alpha < -\sigma_c^{f_A} - \beta^* \text{Log}(1 + m_{\Delta_3}) - m_{\Delta_3}$, and hence $I_2 \neq \emptyset$ and is an interval in \mathbb{R} . Let $\alpha_{\Delta_3} = \sup I_2$. Then $\forall_{\epsilon > 0} \mathcal{D}_{*\alpha_{\Delta_3} - \epsilon} \supset \bar{\Delta}_3$.

We can easily show that $\alpha_{\Delta_3} = \text{Inf}\{\delta_{*}(s) \mid s \in \bar{\Delta}_3\}$ which implies that α_{Δ_3} is a finite number. Once again, from lemma 2, we get

$$\forall_{\beta' > \beta^*} \exists_{n_2} \forall_{n \geq n_2} \forall_{s \in \text{Fr}(\Delta_3)} |P_n(s) \exp(-\lambda_n s)| < \exp\{-\lambda_n(\alpha_{\Delta_3} - \beta')\}$$

which gives

$$\forall_{s \in \text{Fr}(\Delta_3)} \sum_{j=1}^{n(\geq n_2)} |P_j(s) \exp(-\lambda_j s)| = \sum_{j=1}^{n_2-1} |P_j(s) \exp(-\lambda_j s)| + \sum_{j=n_2}^n |P_j(s) \exp(-\lambda_j s)|$$

$$\leq \max \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{n_2-1} |P_j(s) \exp(-\lambda_j s)| \mid s \in \text{Fr}(\Delta_3) \right\} + \sum_{j=n_2}^n \exp(-\lambda_j(\alpha_{\Delta_3} - \beta')) .$$

Let us choose $\beta' > \beta^*$ such that $\alpha_{\Delta_3} - \beta' \neq 0$. Now we examine the two cases.

Case 1. - If $\alpha_{\Delta_3} - \beta' > 0$, then

$$\sum_{j=n_2}^n \exp(-\lambda_j(\alpha_{\Delta_3} - \beta')) = \exp(\lambda_n(\alpha_{\Delta_3} - \beta')) \sum_{j=n_2}^n \exp\{-(\alpha_{\Delta_3} - \beta')(\lambda_j + \lambda_n)\} < B''(\beta') \exp(\lambda_n(\alpha_{\Delta_3} - \beta'))$$

where $B''(\beta')$ is the sum of the series $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \exp(-2(\alpha_{\Delta_3} - \beta')\lambda_j)$.

Case 2. - If $\alpha_{\Delta_3}^{-\beta'} < 0$, then

$$\sum_{j=n_2}^n \exp(-\lambda_j(\alpha_{\Delta_3}^{-\beta'})) = \sum_{j=n_2}^n \exp(\lambda_j |\alpha_{\Delta_3}^{-\beta'}|) = \exp(\lambda_n |\alpha_{\Delta_3}^{-\beta'}|) \sum_{j=n_2}^n \exp(-(\lambda_n - \lambda_j) |\alpha_{\Delta_3}^{-\beta'}|)$$

Since the D-sequence (λ_n) is of the type (Λ) there exists a finite number strictly positive $B'(\beta')$ such that

$$\forall_{n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}} \sum_{j=1}^n \exp\{-(\lambda_n - \lambda_j) |\alpha_{\Delta_3}^{-\beta'}|\} \leq B'(\beta')$$

which implies that

$$\sum_{j=n_2}^n \exp(-\lambda_j(\alpha_{\Delta_3}^{-\beta'})) \leq B'(\beta') \exp(\lambda_n |\alpha_{\Delta_3}^{-\beta'}|) .$$

On putting $B''(\beta') = \text{Max}\{B'(\beta'), B''(\beta')\}$ we have

$$\sum_{j=n_2}^n \exp(-\lambda_j(\alpha_{\Delta_3}^{-\beta'})) \leq B''(\beta') \exp(\lambda_n |\alpha_{\Delta_3}^{-\beta'}|) . \tag{2.5}$$

Using the generalized form of Hadamard three circle theorem [4] we have

$$\exists_{b \in]0, 1[} \text{Log } M_{2, \nu} \leq b \text{Log } M_{1, \nu} + (1-b) \text{Log } M_{3, \nu} \tag{2.6}$$

where

$$M_{i, \nu} = \text{Max}\{ |R_{n_\nu}(s)| / s \in \text{Fr}(\Delta_i) \} , \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

with

$$R_{n_\nu}(s) = f(s) - \sum_{j=1}^{n_\nu} P_j(s) \exp(-\lambda_j s) .$$

From (2.4) we have for $n_\nu \geq n_1$

$$M_{1, \nu} \leq B(\beta') \exp\{-(\lambda_{n_\nu+1})(\alpha_{\Delta_1}^{-\beta'})\} < B(\beta') \exp\{-(1+\theta_\nu)\lambda_{n_\nu}(\alpha_{\Delta_1}^{-\beta'})\} \tag{2.7}$$

because of (2.3) . On putting

$$B_0 = \text{Max}\{ |f(s)| / s \in \text{Fr}(\Delta_3) \} + \text{Max}\left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{n_2-1} |P_j(s) \exp(-\lambda_j s)| / s \in \text{Fr}(\Delta_3) \right\}$$

we have from (2.5) for $n_\nu \geq n_2$,

$$M_{3, \nu} \leq B_0 + B''(\beta') \exp(\lambda_n |\alpha_{\Delta_3}^{-\beta'}|) .$$

Let $B'_0(\beta') = \text{Max}(B_0, B''(\beta'))$. Then for $n_\nu \geq n_2$,

$$M_{3,\nu} \leq B'_0(\beta') \exp(\lambda_n |\alpha_{\Delta_3} - \beta'|) . \tag{2.8}$$

Then using (2.7) and (2.8) in (2.6) we get, for $n_\nu \geq \max\{n_1, n_2\}$

$$\text{Log } M_{2,\nu} \leq b \text{Log } B(\beta') + (1-b) \text{Log } B'_0(\beta') + \{-b(1+\theta_\nu)(\alpha_{\Delta_1} - \beta') + (1-b) |\alpha_{\Delta_3} - \beta'| \} \lambda_{n_\nu}$$

Since $\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} \theta_\nu = \infty$, we have $\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} -b(1+\theta_\nu)(\alpha_{\Delta_1} - \beta') + (1-b) |\alpha_{\Delta_3} - \beta'| = -\infty$, $\nu \uparrow \infty$

and hence $\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} \text{Log } M_{2,\nu} = -\infty$ which proves the theorem.

When the polynomial $P_n(s)$ reduces to a complex number $a_{n,0}$, we get the famous Ostrowski's theorem [1] for Dirichlet series. Our theorem contains G.L. Lunt's theorem [5] as a particular case when $P_n(s) = a_n s^{m_n}$.

COROLLARY. - In theorem 3 if we replace (2.3) by the condition that there exists a sequence (θ_n) of strictly positive numbers such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \theta_n = \infty$ and $\exists_{n'} \forall_{n \geq n'} \lambda_{n+1} > (1+\theta_n) \lambda_n$, then each point of $(\text{Fr } \mathcal{B}_{*0}) \cap \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*$ is a singular point for f defined by (2.2). In particular if $(\text{Fr } \mathcal{B}_{*0}) \subset \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*$ then $\text{Fr } \mathcal{B}_{*0}$ is a natural boundary for f .

PROOF. Let us suppose that the corollary is false. Then there exists a point $b \in (\text{Fr } \mathcal{B}_{*0}) \cap \mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^*$ and a disc $d(b, \rho)$ centred at b and of radius $\rho > 0$ on which f is holomorphic. As a result of theorem 3 the sequence (S_n) converges on $d(b, \rho)$. From remark 2 $\{f\}$ diverges on $\mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^* - \overline{\mathcal{B}}_{*0}$. There exists necessarily points common to $\mathbb{C} - \mathcal{E}^* - \overline{\mathcal{B}}_{*0}$ and $d(b, \rho)$. For these points there is a contradiction which establishes the corollary.

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