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# A Limit Theorem for Twists of L-Functions of Elliptic Curves

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**Abstract.** In the paper, a limit theorem for weakly convergent probability measures on the complex plane for twisted with Dirichlet character L-functions of elliptic curves with an increasing modulus of the character is proved.

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#### 1 Introduction

The present paper is a continuation of [5] and [7]. Therefore, we briefly remind the limit theorems for the modulus and argument for twists of L-functions of elliptic curves obtained in [5] and [4], respectively.

Let E be an elliptic curve over the field of rational numbers given by the Weierstrass equation

 $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ 

with non-zero discriminant  $\Delta = -16(4a^3 + 27b^2)$ . For a prime number p, denote by  $E_p$  the reduction of the curve E modulo p which is a curve over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , and define  $\lambda(p)$  by

$$|E(\mathbb{F}_p)| = p + 1 - \lambda(p),$$

where  $|E(\mathbb{F}_p)|$  denotes the number of points of  $E_p$ . Let  $s = \sigma + it$  be a complex variable. Then the *L*-function of the elliptic curve *E* is defined, for  $\sigma > \frac{3}{2}$ , by

$$L_E(s) = \prod_{p \mid \Delta} \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda(p)}{p^s} \right)^{-1} \prod_{p \nmid \Delta} \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda(p)}{p^s} + \frac{1}{p^{2s-1}} \right)^{-1}.$$

In view of the Taniyama-Shimura conjecture which was proved in [1], the function  $L_E(s)$  continues analytically to an entire function.

Now let  $\chi$  be a Dirichlet character modulo q. Then the twist  $L_E(s,\chi)$  of  $L_E(s)$  with the character  $\chi$  is defined, for  $\sigma > \frac{3}{2}$ , by

$$L_E(s,\chi) = \prod_{p|\Delta} \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda(p)\chi(p)}{p^s} \right)^{-1} \prod_{p\nmid\Delta} \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda(p)\chi(p)}{p^s} + \frac{\chi^2(p)}{p^{2s-1}} \right)^{-1},$$

and continues analytically to an entire function. Moreover, the function  $L_E(s)$ , for  $\sigma > \frac{3}{2}$ , can be rewritten in the form

$$L_E(s,\chi) = \prod_{p|\Delta} \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda(p)\chi(p)}{p^s} \right)^{-1} \prod_{p\nmid\Delta} \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha(p)\chi(p)}{p^s} \right)^{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{\beta(p)\chi(p)}{p^s} \right)^{-1},$$
(1.1)

where  $\alpha(p)$  and  $\beta(p)$  are complex conjugate numbers satisfying  $\alpha(p)\beta(p) = p$  and  $\alpha(p) + \beta(p) = \lambda(p)$ .

Define two multiplicative functions  $a_z(m)$  and  $b_z(m)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , where, for  $p \nmid \Delta$  and  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$a_z(p^l) = \sum_{j=0}^l d_z(p^j) \alpha^j(p) d_z(p^{l-j}) \beta^{l-j}(p),$$
  
$$b_z(p^l) = \sum_{j=0}^l d_z(p^j) \overline{\alpha}^j(p) d_z(p^{l-j}) \overline{\beta}^{l-j}(p),$$

while, for  $p \mid \Delta$  and  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$a_z(p^l) = b_z(p^l) = d_z(p^l)\lambda^l(p),$$

where

$$d_z(p^l) = \frac{\theta(\theta+1)\cdots(\theta+l-1)}{l!}$$
 with  $\theta = \frac{z}{2}$ .

Suppose that the modulus q of the character  $\chi$  is a prime number and is not fixed, and put, for  $Q \geq 2$ ,

$$\mu_Q(...) = M_Q^{-1} \sum_{\substack{q \le Q \ \chi = \chi \pmod{q} \\ \chi \ne \chi_0}} \sum_{\substack{1, \text{where} \ \chi \ne \chi_0}} 1, \text{ where } M_Q = \sum_{\substack{q \le Q \ \chi = \chi \pmod{q} \\ \chi \ne \chi_0}} \sum_{\substack{1, \text{where} \ \chi \ne \chi_0}} 1,$$

 $\chi_0$ , as usual, denotes the principal character, and in place of dots a condition satisfied by a pair  $(q, \chi(\text{mod } q))$  is to be written.

Denote by  $\mathcal{B}(S)$  the class of Borel sets of the space S, and, on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ , define the probability measure  $P_{\mathbb{R}}$  by the characteristic transforms

$$w_k(\tau) = \int_{\mathbb{R}\setminus\{0\}} |x|^{i\tau} \operatorname{sgn}^k dP_{\mathbb{R}} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{i\tau}(m)b_{i\tau}(m)}{m^{2\sigma}}, \quad \tau \in \mathbb{R}, \ k = 0, 1.$$

Then a limit theorem for  $|L_E(s,\chi)|$  proved in [5] is of the form.

**Theorem 1.** Suppose that  $\sigma > \frac{3}{2}$ . Then  $\mu_Q(|L_E(s,\chi)| \in A)$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ , converges weakly to the measure  $P_{\mathbb{R}}$  as  $Q \to \infty$ .

In [3], a limit theorem for the argument of the function  $L_E(s,\chi)$  has been proved. Denote by  $\gamma$  the unit circle on the complex plane, and let  $P_{\gamma}$  be a probability measure on  $(\gamma, \mathcal{B}(\gamma))$  defined by the Fourier transform

$$g(k) = \int_{\gamma} x^k dP_{\gamma} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k(m)b_{-k}(m)}{m^{2\sigma}}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Then the main result of [4] is the following statement.

**Theorem 2.** Suppose that  $\sigma > \frac{3}{2}$ . Then

$$\mu_Q(\exp\{i\arg L_E(s,\chi)\}\in A), \quad A\in\mathcal{B}(\gamma),$$

converges weakly to the measure  $P_{\gamma}$  as  $Q \to \infty$ .

The aim of this note is to consider the weak convergence of the frequency

$$P_{Q,\mathbb{C}}(A) \stackrel{def}{=} \mu_Q(L_E(s,\chi) \in A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}),$$

as  $Q \to \infty$ . In other words, we will obtain a limit theorem for the twists  $L_E(s,\chi)$  as  $Q \to \infty$  on the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . This theorem joins Theorems 1 and 2.

Let, for brevity,

$$\theta_{\pm} = \theta(\tau, \pm k) = \frac{i\tau \pm k}{2}, \qquad \hat{\theta}_{\pm} = 2\theta_{\pm}, \quad \tau \in \mathbb{R}, \ k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

On  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}))$ , define the probability measure  $P_{\mathbb{C}}$  by the characteristic transform

$$w_k(\tau,k) = \int_{\mathbb{C}\backslash\{0\}} |z|^{i\tau} \mathrm{e}^{ik\arg z} \mathrm{d}P_{\mathbb{C}} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{\hat{\theta}_+}(m)b_{\hat{\theta}_-}(m)}{m^{2\sigma}}, \quad \tau \in \mathbb{R}, \ k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

**Theorem 3.** Suppose that  $\sigma > \frac{3}{2}$ . Then  $P_{Q,\mathbb{C}}$  converges weakly to the measure  $P_{\mathbb{C}}$  as  $Q \to \infty$ .

## 2 Characteristic Transform of $P_{Q,\mathbb{C}}$

For the proof of Theorem 3, we apply the method of characteristic transforms of probability measures on  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}))$ . Thus, we start with a formula for the characteristic transform  $w_Q(\tau, k)$  of the measure  $P_{Q,\mathbb{C}}$ . By the definition of  $P_{Q,\mathbb{C}}$ , we have that

$$w_{Q}(\tau, k) = \int_{\mathbb{C}\setminus\{0\}} |z|^{i\tau} e^{ik \arg z} dP_{Q,\mathbb{C}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{M_{Q}} \sum_{q \leq Q} \sum_{\substack{\chi = \chi \pmod{q} \\ \chi \neq \chi \neq Q}} |L_{E}(s, \chi)|^{i\tau} e^{ik \arg L_{E}(s, \chi)}, \quad \tau \in \mathbb{R}, \ k \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (2.1)$$

For arbitrary  $\delta > 0$ , denote by R the half-plane  $\{s \in \mathbb{C} : \sigma \geq \frac{3}{2} + \delta\}$ . Then, in view of the Hasse estimate

$$|\lambda(p)| \le 2\sqrt{p}$$

and (1.1), we have that  $L_E(s,\chi) \neq 0$  for  $s \in R$ . Thus,

$$|L_E(s,\chi)| = (L_E(s,\chi)\overline{L_E(s,\chi)})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and

$$e^{i \arg L_E(s,\chi)} = \left(\frac{L_E(s,\chi)}{L_E(s,\chi)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Using the Euler product (1.1), we find that, for  $s \in R$ ,

$$= \prod_{p|\Delta} \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda(p)\chi(p)}{p^s} \right)^{-\theta_+} \prod_{p|\Delta} \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda(p)\overline{\chi}(p)}{p^{\overline{s}}} \right)^{-\theta_-}$$

$$\times \prod_{p\nmid\Delta} \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha(p)\chi(p)}{p^s} \right)^{-\theta_+} \left( 1 - \frac{\beta(p)\chi(p)}{p^s} \right)^{-\theta_+}$$

$$\times \prod_{p\nmid\Delta} \left( 1 - \frac{\overline{\alpha}(p)\overline{\chi}(p)}{p^{\overline{s}}} \right)^{-\theta_-} \left( 1 - \frac{\overline{\beta}(p)\overline{\chi}(p)}{p^{\overline{s}}} \right)^{-\theta_-}.$$

$$(2.2)$$

Here the multi-valued functions  $\log(1-z)$  and  $(1-z)^{-w}$ ,  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ , in the region |z| < 1 are defined by continuous variation along any path lying in this region from the values  $\log(1-z)|_{z=0} = 0$  and  $(1-z)^{-w}|_{z=0} = 1$ , respectively.

In the above notation, we have that, for |z| < 1,

$$(1-z)^{-\theta_{\pm}} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} d_{\hat{\theta}_{\mp}}(p^l) z^l.$$

Therefore, equality (2.2) shows that, for  $s \in R$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left|L_{E}(s,\chi)\right|^{i\tau} e^{ik\arg L_{E}(s,\chi)} \\
&= \prod_{p|\Delta} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{d_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(p^{j})\lambda^{j}(p)\chi^{j}(p)}{p^{js}} \\
&\times \prod_{p|\Delta} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{d_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(p^{j})\lambda^{j}(p)\overline{\chi}^{j}(p)}{p^{j\overline{s}}} \prod_{p\nmid\Delta} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{d_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(p^{l})\alpha^{l}(p)\chi^{l}(p)}{p^{ls}} \\
&\times \prod_{p\nmid\Delta} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{d_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(p^{r})\beta^{r}(p)\chi^{r}(p)}{p^{rs}} \prod_{p\nmid\Delta} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{d_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(p^{l})\overline{\alpha}^{l}(p)\overline{\chi}^{l}(p)}{p^{l\overline{s}}} \\
&\times \prod_{p\nmid\Delta} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{d_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(p^{r})\overline{\beta}^{r}(p)\overline{\chi}^{r}(p)}{p^{r\overline{s}}}.
\end{aligned} (2.3)$$

Let  $\hat{a}_z(m)$  and  $\hat{b}_z(m)$  be multiplicative functions with respect to m defined, for  $p \nmid \Delta$  and  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , by

$$\hat{a}_z(p^l) = \sum_{j=0}^{l} d_z(p^j) \alpha^j(p) \chi^j(p) d_z(p^{l-j}) \beta^{l-j}(p) \chi^{l-j}(p)$$
 (2.4)

and

$$\hat{b}_z(p^l) = \sum_{j=0}^l d_z(p^j) \overline{\alpha}^j(p) \overline{\chi}^j(p) d_z(p^{l-j}) \overline{\beta}^{l-j}(p) \overline{\chi}^{l-j}(p), \qquad (2.5)$$

and, for  $p \mid \Delta$  and  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , by

$$\hat{a}_z(p^l) = d_z(p^l)\lambda^l(p)\chi^l(p)$$
(2.6)

and

$$\hat{b}_z(p^l) = d_z(p^l)\lambda^l(p)\overline{\chi}^l(p). \tag{2.7}$$

For  $|\tau| \leq c$ , with arbitrary c > 0, and  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that

$$|d_{\hat{\theta}_{\pm}}(p^{l})| \leq \frac{|\theta_{\pm}|(|\theta_{\pm}|+1)...(|\theta_{\pm}|+l-1)}{l!}$$

$$\leq |\theta_{\pm}| \prod_{v=1}^{l} \left(1 + \frac{|\theta_{\pm}|}{v}\right) \leq (l+1)^{c_{1}}, \tag{2.8}$$

where  $c_1$  depends on c and k, only. By the definition of the quantities  $\alpha(p)$  and  $\beta(p)$ , we find that  $|\alpha(p)| = |\beta(p)| = \sqrt{p}$ . Thus, for  $p \nmid \Delta$  and  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , equalities (2.4) and (2.5) give the bounds

$$\left|\hat{a}_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(p^{l})\right| \le p^{\frac{l}{2}} \sum_{i=0}^{l} (j+1)^{c_{1}} (l-j+1)^{c_{1}} \le p^{\frac{l}{2}} (l+1)^{2c_{1}+1}$$
 (2.9)

and

$$|\hat{b}_{\hat{\theta}}(p^l)| \le p^{\frac{l}{2}}(l+1)^{2c_1+1}.$$
 (2.10)

It is known [6] that, for  $p \mid \Delta$ , the numbers  $\lambda(p)$  take the values 1 or 0. Therefore, in view of (2.6)–(2.8), for  $p \mid \Delta$  and  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\left|\hat{a}_{\hat{\theta}_{\perp}}(p^l)\right| \le (l+1)^{c_1}, \quad \left|\hat{b}_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(p^l)\right| \le (l+1)^{c_1}.$$
 (2.11)

Now estimates (2.9)–(2.11) and the multiplicativity of the functions  $\hat{a}_z(m)$  and  $\hat{b}_z(m)$  yield

$$\left|\hat{a}_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(m)\right| = \sqrt{m} \prod_{\substack{p^{l} \mid m \\ l+1}} (l+1)^{2c_{1}+1} = \sqrt{m} d^{2c_{1}+1}(m),$$
 (2.12)

$$\left|\hat{b}_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(m)\right| \le \sqrt{m}d^{2c_1+1}(m),$$
 (2.13)

where d(m) denotes the divisor function. Since

$$d(m) = \mathcal{O}_{\varepsilon}(m^{\varepsilon}) \tag{2.14}$$

with every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the above estimates show that the series

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{\hat{\theta}_+}(m)}{m^s} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_{\hat{\theta}_-}(m)}{m^{\overline{s}}}$$

converge absolutely for  $|\tau| \leq c$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $s \in R$ . Therefore, taking into account (2.3), we obtain that, for  $|\tau| \leq c$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and and  $s \in R$ ,

$$\begin{split} & \left| L_{E}(s,\chi) \right|^{i\tau} \mathrm{e}^{ik\arg L_{E}(s,\chi)} \\ & = \prod_{p \mid \Delta} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\hat{a}_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(p^{j})}{p^{js}} \prod_{p \mid \Delta} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{\hat{b}_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(p^{l})}{p^{l\overline{s}}} \prod_{p \nmid \Delta} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\hat{a}_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(p^{j})}{p^{js}} \prod_{p \nmid \Delta} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{\hat{b}_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(p^{l})}{p^{l\overline{s}}} \\ & = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\hat{a}_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(m)}{m^{s}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\hat{b}_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(n)}{n^{\overline{s}}}. \end{split}$$

Substituting this into (2.1), we find that

$$w_{Q}(\tau, k) = \frac{1}{M_{Q}} \sum_{\substack{q \le Q \\ x = \chi \pmod{q} \\ x \ne \chi_{Q}}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\hat{a}_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(m)}{m^{s}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\hat{b}_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(n)}{n^{\overline{s}}}.$$
 (2.15)

#### 3 Proof of Theorem 3

For the proof of Theorem 3, we apply the following continuity theorem in terms of characteristic transforms for probability measures on  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}))$ . Let  $P_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and P be probability measures on  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}))$ . We say that  $P_n$ , as  $n \to \infty$ , converges weakly in the sense of  $\mathbb{C}$  to P if  $P_n$  converges weakly to P as  $n \to \infty$ , and, additionally,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} P_n(\{0\}) = P(\{0\}).$$

Denote by  $w_n(\tau, k)$  the characteristic transform of the measure  $P_n$ .

Lemma 1. Suppose that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} w_n(\tau, k) = w(\tau, k), \quad \tau \in \mathbb{R}, \ k \in \mathbb{Z},$$

where the function  $w(\tau,0)$  is continuous at the point  $\tau=0$ . Then, on  $(\mathbb{C},\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}))$ , there exists a probability measure P such that  $P_n$  converges weakly in the sense of  $\mathbb{C}$  to P as  $n \to \infty$ . In this case,  $w(\tau,k)$  is the characteristic transform of the measure P.

Proof of the lemma is given in [7], [8].

Proof of Theorem 3. Using formula (2.15), we will obtain the asymptotics for  $w_Q(\tau,k)$  as  $Q\to\infty$ . Let  $r=\log Q$ . Then estimates (2.12)–(2.14) show that, uniformly in  $s\in R$ ,  $|\tau|\leq c$ , and, for any fixed  $k\in\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\varepsilon>0$ ,

$$\sum_{m>r} \frac{\hat{a}_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(m)}{m^{s}} = O_{\varepsilon} \left( \sum_{m>r} \frac{1}{m^{1+\delta-\varepsilon}} \right) = O_{\varepsilon} (r^{-\delta+\varepsilon})$$

and

$$\sum_{m>r} \frac{\hat{b}_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(m)}{m^{\overline{s}}} = \mathcal{O}_{\varepsilon} (r^{-\delta+\varepsilon}).$$

Substituting this in (2.15), we obtain that, for  $s \in R$ ,  $|\tau| \le c$  and any fixed  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\begin{split} w_Q(\tau,k) &= \frac{1}{M_Q} \sum_{q \leq Q} \sum_{\substack{\chi = \chi \pmod{q} \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} \left( \left( \sum_{m \leq r} \frac{\hat{a}_{\hat{\theta}_+}(m)}{m^s} + \mathcal{O}_{\varepsilon} (r^{-\delta + \varepsilon}) \right) \right) \\ & \left( \sum_{n \leq r} \frac{\hat{b}_{\hat{\theta}_-}(n)}{n^{\overline{s}}} + \mathcal{O}_{\varepsilon} (r^{-\delta + \varepsilon}) \right) \right) \end{split}$$

$$= \frac{1}{M_Q} \sum_{q \leq Q} \sum_{\substack{\chi = \chi \pmod{q} \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} \left( \sum_{m \leq r} \frac{\hat{a}_{\hat{\theta}_+}(m)}{m^s} \sum_{n \leq r} \frac{\hat{b}_{\hat{\theta}_-}(n)}{n^s} \right) 
+ \mathcal{O}_{\varepsilon} \left( r^{-\delta + \varepsilon} \frac{1}{M_Q} \sum_{q \leq Q} \sum_{\substack{\chi = \chi \pmod{q} \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} \left( \left| \sum_{m \leq r} \frac{\hat{a}_{\hat{\theta}_+}(m)}{m^s} \right| \left| \sum_{n \leq r} \frac{\hat{b}_{\hat{\theta}_-}(n)}{n^s} \right| \right) \right) 
+ \mathcal{O}_{\varepsilon} \left( r^{-\delta + \varepsilon} \right) 
= \frac{1}{M_Q} \sum_{q \leq Q} \sum_{\chi = \chi \pmod{q}} \left( \sum_{m \leq r} \frac{\hat{a}_{\hat{\theta}_+}(m)}{m^s} \sum_{n \leq r} \frac{\hat{b}_{\hat{\theta}_-}(n)}{n^s} \right) + \mathcal{O}_{\varepsilon} \left( r^{-\delta + \varepsilon} \right).$$
(3.1)

Here we have used the estimates

$$\sum_{m \leq r} \frac{\hat{a}_{\hat{\theta}_+}(m)}{m^s} = \mathcal{O}\bigg(\sum_{m \leq r} \frac{1}{m^{1+\delta-\varepsilon}}\bigg) = \mathcal{O}(1), \quad \sum_{n \leq r} \frac{\hat{b}_{\hat{\theta}_-}(n)}{n^{\overline{s}}} = \mathcal{O}(1),$$

which are uniform in  $s \in R$  and  $|\tau| \le c$ .

By (2.4)–(2.7), using the multiplicativity of  $\hat{a}_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(m)$  and  $\hat{b}_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(n)$ , the complete multiplicativity of Dirichlet characters as well as the notation for  $a_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(m)$  and  $b_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(n)$ , we find that

$$\begin{split} \hat{a}_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(m) &= \prod_{p^{l} \mid m \atop p^{l+1} \nmid m, \ p \nmid \Delta} \sum_{j=0}^{l} d_{\hat{\theta}_{+}} \left( p^{j} \right) \alpha^{j}(p) d_{\hat{\theta}_{+}} \left( p^{l-j} \right) \beta^{l-j}(p) \chi \left( p^{l} \right) \\ &\times \prod_{p^{l} \mid m \atop p^{l+1} \nmid m, \ p \mid \Delta} d_{\hat{\theta}_{+}} \left( p^{l} \right) \lambda^{l}(p) \chi \left( p^{l} \right) \\ &= \chi(m) \prod_{p^{l} \mid m \atop p^{l+1} \nmid m, \ p \nmid \Delta} \sum_{j=0}^{l} d_{\hat{\theta}_{+}} \left( p^{j} \right) \alpha^{j}(p) d_{\hat{\theta}_{+}} \left( p^{l-j} \right) \beta^{l-j}(p) \\ &\times \prod_{p^{l} \mid m \atop p^{l+1} \nmid m, \ p \mid \Delta} d_{\hat{\theta}_{+}} \left( p^{l} \right) \lambda^{l}(p) = a_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(m) \chi(m), \quad \hat{b}_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(m) = b_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(m) \overline{\chi}(m). \end{split}$$

Thus, (3.1) can be written in the form

$$w_{Q}(\tau, k) = \sum_{m \leq r} \frac{a_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(m)}{m^{s}} \sum_{n \leq r} \frac{b_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(n)}{n^{s}} \frac{1}{M_{Q}} \sum_{q \leq Q} \sum_{\substack{\chi \equiv \chi \pmod{q} \\ \chi \neq \chi_{0}}} \chi(m) \overline{\chi}(n) + O_{\varepsilon}(r^{-\delta + \varepsilon}).$$

$$(3.2)$$

First we suppose that  $m \neq n$ . Then, clearly,

$$\sum_{q \leq Q} \sum_{\substack{\chi = \chi \pmod{q} \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} \chi(m) \overline{\chi}(n) = \sum_{q \leq Q} \sum_{\substack{\chi = \chi \pmod{q} \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} |\chi(m)|^2$$

$$= M_Q - \sum_{\substack{q \mid m \\ \chi \neq 0}} (q - 2) = M_Q + \mathcal{O}\left(\sum_{\substack{q \leq r}} q\right) = M_Q + \mathcal{O}(r^2). \tag{3.3}$$

If  $m \neq n$ , then, in view of the formula

$$\sum_{\chi=\chi \pmod{q}} \chi(m)\overline{\chi}(n) = \begin{cases} q-1 & \text{if } m \equiv n \pmod{q}, \\ 0 & \text{if } m \not\equiv n \pmod{q} \end{cases}$$

with (m,q)=1, we find that

$$\begin{split} \sum_{q \leq Q} \sum_{\substack{\chi = \chi (\operatorname{mod} q) \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} \chi(m) \overline{\chi}(n) &= \sum_{q \leq Q} \sum_{\substack{\chi = \chi (\operatorname{mod} q) \\ q \mid (m-n)}} \chi(m) \overline{\chi}(n) \\ &+ \sum_{q \leq Q} \sum_{\substack{\chi = \chi (\operatorname{mod} q) \\ q \nmid (m-n)}} \chi(m) \overline{\chi}(n) + \mathcal{O}\left(\sum_{q \leq Q} 1\right) \\ &= \mathcal{O}\left(\sum_{q \leq r} q\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q}{\log Q}\right) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q}{\log Q}\right). \end{split}$$

Therefore, in view of the estimate [8]

$$M_Q = \frac{Q^2}{2\log Q} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^2}{\log^2 Q}\right),\,$$

we obtain from (3.2) and (3.3) that, uniformly in  $s \in R$ ,  $|\tau| \le c$ , and any fixed  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ 

$$w_Q(\tau, k) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{\hat{\theta}_+}(m)b_{\hat{\theta}_-}(m)}{m^{2\sigma}} + o(1)$$
 (3.4)

as  $Q \to \infty$ .

The functions  $a_{\hat{\theta}_+}(m)$  and  $b_{\hat{\theta}_-}(m)$  are continuous in  $\tau$ . Therefore, the uniform convergence for  $|\tau| \leq c$  of the series

$$w(\tau, k) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{\hat{\theta}_{+}}(m)b_{\hat{\theta}_{-}}(m)}{m^{2\sigma}}$$

shows that the function  $w(\tau, 0)$  is continuous at  $\tau = 0$ . Therefore, (3.4) together with Lemma 1 proves the theorem.  $\square$ 

## 4 Concluding Remarks

Denote by  $L(s,\chi)$  the Dirichlet L-functions. E. Stankus in [9] obtained, for  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ , the weak convergence for

$$P_Q(A) \stackrel{def}{=} \mu_Q(L_E(s,\chi) \in A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}),$$

as  $Q \to \infty$ . Let P be a probability measure on  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}))$  defined by the characteristic transform

$$w_R(\tau, k) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_{\hat{\theta}_+}(m)d_{\hat{\theta}_-}(m)}{m^{2\sigma}}, \quad \sigma > \frac{1}{2}, \ \tau \in \mathbb{R}, \ k \in \mathbb{Z}_0.$$

Then he proved that  $P_Q$  converges weakly to P as  $Q \to \infty$ . This theorem connects limit theorems for  $|L(s,\chi)|$  and  $\arg L(s,\chi)$  obtained by P.D.T.A. Elliott in [2] and [3], respectively.

Thus, a limit theorem for Dirichlet *L*-functions is valid also on the left of the absolute convergence half-plane  $\sigma > 1$ . For the proof of such a theorem, the convergence, for  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ , of the series

$$L(s,\chi) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(m)}{m^s}, \quad \chi \neq \chi_0$$

is essentially used. Differently from Dirichlet L-functions, we do not have any information on the convergence of the series for  $L_E(s,\chi)$ ,  $\chi \neq \chi_0$ , in the half-plane  $\sigma > 1$ . Therefore, we can prove Theorem 3 only in the half-plane of absolute convergence of the series for  $L_E(s,\chi)$ . However, we conjecture that Theorem 3 remains also true for  $\sigma > 1$ .

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