

RELATIVE L-RITT ORDER OF ENTIRE DIRICHLET SERIES

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ABSTRACT

We introduce the idea of relative L-Ritt order of entire Dirichlet series with respect to a meromorphic function and prove sum and product theorems and a theorem on derivative.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

For entire function f let $F(r) = \max\{|f(z)| : |z| = r\}$. If f is non constant then $F(r)$ is strictly increasing and a continuous function of r and its inverse

$$F^{-1} : (|f(0)|, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty) \text{ exists and } \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} F^{-1}(R) = \infty.$$

In 1988, Bernal [1] introduced the definition of relative order of f with respect to g denoted by $\rho_g(f)$, as

$$\rho_g(f) = \inf\{\mu > 0 : F(r) < G(r^\mu) \text{ for all } r > r_0(\mu) > 0\}.$$

Let $f(s)$ be an entire function of the complex variable $s = \sigma + it$ defined by everywhere absolutely convergent Dirichlet series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{s\lambda_n} \tag{1.1}$$

where $0 < \lambda_n < \lambda_{n+1} (n \geq 1)$, $\lambda_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and $a_n s$ are complex constants.

Let $F(\sigma) = l.u.b\{|f(\sigma + it)|, -\infty < t < \infty\}$. Then the Ritt order [7] of $f(s)$, denoted by $\rho(f)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(f) &= \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \log F(\sigma)}{\sigma} \\ &= \inf\{\mu > 0 : \log F(\sigma) < \exp(\sigma\mu) \text{ for all } \sigma > \sigma(\mu)\}. \end{aligned}$$

In [5] Lahiri and Banerjee introduced relative Ritt order as follows.

The relative Ritt order of $f(s)$ with respect to an entire $g(s)$ is defined by

$$\rho_g(f) = \inf\{\mu > 0 : \log F(\sigma) < G(\sigma\mu) \text{ for all large } \sigma\}$$

where $G(r) = \max\{|g(s)| : |s| = r\}$.

Let $L = L(\sigma)$ be a positive continuous function increasing slowly i.e., $L(a\sigma) \approx L(\sigma)$ as $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$ for every constant a .

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Then L-Ritt order [4] of $f(s)$ is defined as follows:

$$\rho^L(f) = \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \log F(\sigma)}{\sigma L(\sigma)}.$$

In 2014, A. Kumar and A. Rastogi [4] introduced relative L-Ritt order of an entire Dirichlet series as follows.

The relative L-Ritt order $\rho_g^L(f)$ of $f(s)$ with respect to $g(s)$ is defined as

$$\rho_g^L(f) = \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{G^{-1} \log F(\sigma)}{\sigma L(\sigma)}.$$

At this stage it therefore seems reasonable to define suitably the relative L-Ritt order of entire Dirichlet series (1.1) with respect to a meromorphic function and to enquire its basic properties.

First we define characteristic function of an entire function $f(s)$ defined by everywhere absolutely convergent Dirichlet series (1.1) by

$$T_f(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log^+ |f(\sigma e^{i\theta})| d\theta.$$

Clearly $T_f(\sigma) \leq \log^+ F(\sigma)$.

The following definition is now introduced.

Definition 1.1: The relative L-Ritt order $\rho_g^L(f)$ of $f(s)$ with respect to a meromorphic $g(s)$ is defined as

$$\rho_g^L(f) = \inf\{\mu > 0 : T_f(\sigma) < [T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^\mu \text{ for all large } \sigma\}$$

where $T_g(\sigma)$ is the Nevanlinna Characteristic function of $g(s)$.

Note 1.1: It is clear that $\rho_g^L(f) = \limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T_f(\sigma)}{\log [T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]}$.

Definition 1.2: A non constant meromorphic function $g(s)$ is said to have the property (B) if for any $n > 1$ and large σ , $T_g(n\sigma) = O(T_g(\sigma))$.

2. SUM AND PRODUCT THEOREMS

In this section we assume that f_1, f_2 etc., are entire functions of s defined by everywhere absolutely convergent ordinary Dirichlet series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n^s}$ etc. The product of two such series is considered by Dirichlet product method which is also everywhere absolutely convergent {see [3], pp 66}.

Theorem 2.1: Let f_1 and f_2 be entire functions having respective relative L-Ritt orders $\rho_g^L(f_1)$ and $\rho_g^L(f_2)$ with respect to meromorphic g .

Then (i) $\rho_g^L(f_1 \pm f_2) \leq \max\{\rho_g^L(f_1), \rho_g^L(f_2)\}$

and (ii) $\rho_g^L(f_1 f_2) \leq \max\{\rho_g^L(f_1), \rho_g^L(f_2)\}$.

Proof: We may suppose that $\rho_g^L(f_1)$ and $\rho_g^L(f_2)$ are both finite, because if one of $\rho_g^L(f_1)$, $\rho_g^L(f_2)$ or both are infinite, the inequality are evident.

Let $\rho_i = \rho_g^L(f_i)$, $i = 1, 2$ and $\rho_1 \leq \rho_2$.

For arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$ and for all large σ , we have

$$T_{f_1}(\sigma) < [T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\rho_1+\varepsilon} \leq [T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\rho_2+\varepsilon} \text{ and } T_{f_2}(\sigma) < [T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\rho_2+\varepsilon}.$$

Now for all large σ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T_{f_1 \pm f_2}(\sigma) &\leq T_{f_1}(\sigma) + T_{f_2}(\sigma) + \log 2 \\ &< 3[T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\rho_2+\varepsilon} \\ &< [T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\rho_2+3\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

So $\rho_g^L(f_1 \pm f_2) \leq \rho_2 + 3\varepsilon.$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary,

$$\rho_g^L(f_1 \pm f_2) \leq \rho_2 = \max\{\rho_g^L(f_1), \rho_g^L(f_2)\}$$

which proves (i).

For (ii), since

$$\begin{aligned} T_{f_1 f_2}(\sigma) &\leq T_{f_1}(\sigma) + T_{f_2}(\sigma) \\ &< 2[T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\rho_2+\varepsilon} \\ &< [T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\rho_2+2\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

So $\rho_g^L(f_1 f_2) \leq \rho_2 + 2\varepsilon.$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary,

$$\rho_g^L(f_1 f_2) \leq \rho_2 = \max\{\rho_g^L(f_1), \rho_g^L(f_2)\}.$$

3. RELATIVE L-RITT ORDER ON DERIVATIVE

Theorem 3.1: Let f be an entire function defined by (1.1) and g is transcendental such that g and g' satisfy property (B). Then $\rho_{g'}^L(f) = \rho_g^L(f).$

We need the following lemmas.

Lemma 3.2 [6]: Let g be a transcendental meromorphic function. Then

$$T_{g'}(\sigma) \leq 2T_g(2\sigma) + o\{T_g(2\sigma)\} \text{ for all large values of } \sigma.$$

Lemma 3.3 [2]: Let g be a meromorphic function. Then for all large σ ,

$$T_g(\sigma) < C\{T_{g'}(2\sigma) + \log \sigma\}$$

where C is a constant which is only dependent on $g(0).$

Proof of the theorem: From Lemmas (3.2) and (3.3) we have for all large σ ,

$$T_{g'}(\sigma) < K_1 T_g(2\sigma) \tag{3.1}$$

and $T_g(\sigma) < K_2 T_{g'}(2\sigma) \tag{3.2}$

where K_1 and K_2 are positive constants.

For arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$ and for all large σ ,

$$T_f(\sigma) \leq [T_{g'}(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\rho_{g'}^L(f)+\varepsilon}.$$

So,
$$\begin{aligned} \log T_f(\sigma) &< \left(\rho_{g'}^L(f) + \varepsilon\right) \left[\log K_1 + \log T_g(2\sigma) + \log L(\sigma)\right], \text{ using (3.1)} \\ &= \left(\rho_{g'}^L(f) + \varepsilon\right) \left[\log(O(T_g(\sigma))) + \log L(\sigma) + O(1)\right], \text{ since } g \text{ has the property (B)} \\ &= \left(\rho_{g'}^L(f) + \varepsilon\right) \left[\log(T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)) + O(1)\right] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,
$$\limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T_f(\sigma)}{\log [T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]} \leq \rho_{g'}^L(f) + \varepsilon.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary,

$$\rho_g^L(f) \leq \rho_{g'}^L(f). \tag{3.3}$$

Also for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$ and for all large σ

$$T_f(\sigma) < [T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\rho_g^L(f) + \varepsilon}.$$

So using (3.2) and since g' has property (B), we have

$$\log T_f(\sigma) < \left(\rho_{g'}^L(f) + \varepsilon\right) \left[\log(T_{g'}(\sigma)L(\sigma)) + O(1)\right].$$

Therefore,
$$\limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T_f(\sigma)}{\log [T_{g'}(\sigma)L(\sigma)]} \leq \rho_{g'}^L(f) + \varepsilon.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary,

$$\rho_{g'}^L(f) \leq \rho_g^L(f). \tag{3.4}$$

Hence from (3.3) and (3.4)

$$\rho_{g'}^L(f) = \rho_g^L(f).$$

4. FINITENESS OF $\rho_g^L(f)$

Definition 4.1: Let f be entire and g be a meromorphic function which is not transcendental.

Let $\alpha = \inf \mu$ such that $\int_{\sigma_0}^{\infty} \frac{T_f(\sigma)L(\sigma)}{[T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\mu+1}} d\sigma$, $\sigma_0 \geq \sigma'_0 > 0$ converges.

Lemma 4.1: If $\int_{\sigma_0}^{\infty} \frac{T_f(\sigma)L(\sigma)}{[T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\mu+1}} d\sigma$ is convergent then $\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T_f(\sigma)}{[T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\mu}} = 0$ where $0 < \mu < \infty$.

Proof: Given $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a number $\sigma'(\varepsilon) \geq \sigma_0$ such that

$$\int_{\sigma}^{\infty} \frac{T_f(t)L(t)}{[T_g(t)L(t)]^{\mu+1}} dt < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } \sigma > \sigma'(\varepsilon)$$

and so
$$\int_{\sigma}^{2\sigma} \frac{T_f(t)L(t)}{[T_g(t)L(t)]^{\mu+1}} dt < \varepsilon \text{ for } \sigma > \sigma'(\varepsilon).$$

Since $T_f(\sigma), T_g(\sigma)$ and $L(\sigma)$ are non-decreasing, we have for $\sigma > \sigma'(\varepsilon)$

$$\varepsilon > \frac{T_f(\sigma)L(\sigma)}{[T_g(2\sigma)L(2\sigma)]^{\mu+1}} \int_{\sigma}^{2\sigma} dt$$

$$= \sigma \frac{T_f(\sigma)L(\sigma)}{[T_g(2\sigma)L(2\sigma)]^{\mu+1}}.$$

So,
$$\frac{T_f(\sigma)L(\sigma)}{[T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^\mu} < \frac{\varepsilon}{\sigma} \frac{[T_g(2\sigma)L(2\sigma)]^{\mu+1}}{[T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^\mu}$$

i.e.,
$$\frac{T_f(\sigma)}{[T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^\mu} < \frac{\log 2\sigma}{\sigma} \frac{T_g(2\sigma)}{\log 2\sigma} \frac{L(2\sigma)}{L(\sigma)} \left[\frac{T_g(2\sigma)L(2\sigma)}{T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)} \right]^\mu \varepsilon.$$

Since g is not transcendental, so $T_g(\sigma) = O(\log \sigma)$ and hence $T_g(2\sigma) = O(T_g(\sigma))$ and also $L(2\sigma) \approx L(\sigma)$ as $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$.

So
$$\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T_f(\sigma)}{[T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^\mu} = 0.$$

This proves the lemma.

Theorem 4.2: If $\rho_g^L(f)$ be the relative L-Ritt order of f with respect to g and α is defined by Definition (4.1), then $\rho_g^L(f)$ is finite if α is finite.

Proof: Suppose α is given.

Then for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$, the integral

$$\int_{\sigma_0}^{\infty} \frac{T_f(\sigma)L(\sigma)}{[T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\alpha+\varepsilon+1}} d\sigma \text{ converges.}$$

So by Lemma (4.1)
$$\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T_f(\sigma)}{[T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\alpha+\varepsilon}} = 0.$$

Thus for all sufficiently large values of σ

$$\frac{T_f(\sigma)}{[T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\alpha+\varepsilon}} < \varepsilon$$

i.e.,
$$T_f(\sigma) < \varepsilon [T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]^{\alpha+\varepsilon}$$

i.e.,
$$\log T_f(\sigma) < \log \varepsilon + (\alpha + \varepsilon) \log [T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]$$

So,
$$\limsup_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T_f(\sigma)}{\log [T_g(\sigma)L(\sigma)]} \leq \alpha + \varepsilon.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, $\rho_g^L(f) \leq \alpha$ and this proves the theorem.

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