Abstract. The Lindelöf-Wirtinger expansion of the Lerch transcendent function implies, as a limiting case, Hurwitz’s formula for the eponymous zeta function. A generalized form of Möbius inversion applies to the Lindelöf-Wirtinger expansion and also implies an inversion formula for the Hurwitz zeta function as a limiting case. The inverted formulas involve the dynamical system of rotations of the circle and yield an arithmetical functional equation.

1. Introduction

The Lerch transcendent function is given by the series

\[(1.1) \Phi(\lambda, s, z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{(k+z)^s};\]

see [8] §1.11, p. 27 or [2] §25.14, for example. Logarithms and complex powers are always assumed to be principal. If \(|\lambda| < 1\), then for any \(s \in \mathbb{C}\), the series converges uniformly in \(z\) over \(\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]\), thus defining a holomorphic function of \(z\) in this region. If \(|\lambda| = 1\), then the series converges in this same region provided \(\text{Re}\, s > 1\). The value \(\lambda = 0\) is considered trivial since it yields \(\Phi(0, s, z) = z^{-s}\), and thus is usually excluded. There are multiple ways of defining analytic continuations of \(\Phi\) in each parameter.

This function, defined by Mathias Lerch in 1887 in his paper [11], includes as special cases of the parameters the Hurwitz and Riemann zeta functions and the polylogarithms, among others, and has applications ranging from number theory to physics. It is often used to obtain functional identities; see, for instance, [3,7,9,15].

One often extends the domain to \(z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, -1, -2, \ldots\}\) by including the branch discontinuity of the principal argument. In addition, in this paper we shall only be considering \(s \in \mathbb{C}\) with \(\text{Re}\, s < 0\), in which case the summand \((k+z)^{-s}\) (with \(k \in \mathbb{N}\)) in \((1.1)\) continuously extends to \(z = -k\) by defining \(0^{-s} = 0\). Thus for \(\text{Re}\, s < 0\) we can define \(\Phi(\lambda, s, z)\) for all \(z \in \mathbb{C}\). For the parameter \(s\), we shall often denote \(\sigma = \text{Re}\, s\). Also, we shall use the notation \(\mathbb{C}^{*} = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}\).

In light of the remarks made above, one concludes that given \(|\lambda| < 1\) and \(\text{Re}\, s < 0\), the function \(\Phi(\lambda, s, x)\) extends continuously as a function of \(x \in [0, 1]\), with \(\Phi(\lambda, s, 0) = \Phi(\lambda, s, 1)\). In particular, it may be expanded in a Fourier series on this
interval. The resulting formula is classical and is the point of departure for what follows.

**Theorem 1** (Lindelöf-Wirtinger expansion). Let $\lambda$ and $s$ be complex parameters with $0 < |\lambda| < 1$ and $\text{Re} s < 0$. Then

$$\Phi(\lambda, s, x) = \lambda^{-x} \Gamma(1 - s) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (2\pi in - \log \lambda)^{s-1} e^{2\pi inx}, \quad x \in [0, 1].$$

The convergence is uniform in $x$.

**Proof.** Wirtinger’s paper [16] is one of the original sources. The result has been reproved often by various means. See for example [8], for the traditional approach using complex analytic techniques, or [14], for a short proof using basic Fourier Analysis. □

**Remark 1.** Note that changing the branch of the logarithm in (1.2) shifts the summation index $n$, and hence does not affect the validity of the expansion, as long as the same branch is used for both $\log \lambda$ and $\lambda^{-x}$.

The special values $s = 1 - k$ (with $k \in \mathbb{N}$) give the Apostol-Bernoulli polynomials $B_k(x; \lambda)$ first defined in [1]:

$$\Phi(\lambda, 1 - k, x) = -\frac{B_k(x; \lambda)}{k}.$$  

$B_k(x; \lambda)$ is a polynomial in $x$ of degree $k - 1$ over whose coefficients are rational functions in $\lambda$ having a unique pole at $\lambda = 1$. By (1.2) we obtain their Fourier series

$$B_k(x; \lambda) = -\lambda^{-x} k! \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{e^{2\pi inx}}{(2n\pi i - \log \lambda)^k}, \quad x \in [0, 1],$$  

which is initially valid for $|\lambda| < 1$, but is extended by analytic continuation to all $\lambda \neq 0, 1$. In [13], (1.4) is proved directly using the algebraic properties of this polynomial family.

The structure of the paper is as follows. In Section 3, we look at the Lindelöf-Wirtinger expansion in a manner analogous to Hurwitz’s formula for the Hurwitz zeta function. The expansion (1.2) is separated into two parts involving a three-parameter function which specializes to the periodic zeta function. Next, we observe that one may apply to this new function an inversion formula for a certain generalized form of convolution, which contains the Möbius inversion formula of analytic number theory as a special case (this general framework, discussed previously in [5], is described in Section 2). This yields an inverted form of the Lindelöf-Wirtinger expansion. In Section 4 by studying the logarithmic singularity of $\Phi$ at $\lambda = 1$, we show how to deduce Hurwitz’s formula from the Lindelöf-Wirtinger expansion and in Section 5 using the same technique, we obtain the corresponding inverted form of Hurwitz’s formula from the inverted form of the Lindelöf-Wirtinger expansion. As special cases we obtain relations for the Apostol-Bernoulli polynomials. Finally, in Section 6 for rational $x$, it is shown that the inverted form of Hurwitz’s formula generalizes the functional equation of the Riemann zeta function.
2. Generalized Möbius inversion

In [5] and [6], an abstract framework for Möbius inversion is established along with numerous examples. We will show that the Lindelöf-Wirtinger formula (Theorem 1) provides another application of this mechanism. In order to formulate the result, first we need to summarize its main features. Although the results in [5] are valid in a rather general setting, here we will only need the following special case.

Consider a dynamical system consisting of the natural numbers \( \mathbb{N} \) acting on a space \( X \), in other words, a function \( \varphi : \mathbb{N} \times X \to X \) such that \( \varphi(1, x) = x \) and \( \varphi(m, \varphi(n, x)) = \varphi(mn, x) \). The action of \( \mathbb{N} \) induces an action of the ring of complex-valued arithmetical functions on suitable spaces of functions \( f : X \to \mathbb{C} \), where an arithmetical function \( \alpha : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{C} \) acts on a function \( f \) via

\[
(\alpha \circ f)(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \alpha(n) f(\varphi(n, x)), \quad x \in X.
\]

In other words, one has

\[
\alpha \circ (\beta \circ f) = (\alpha * \beta) \circ f
\]

where * denotes Dirichlet convolution of arithmetical functions, given by

\[
(\alpha * \beta)(n) = \sum_{kl=n} \alpha(k) \beta(l).
\]

Here, “suitable” means that the series (2.1) should converge fast enough. See [5] for the technical details.

If \( \alpha \) is invertible under convolution then, again under suitable convergence hypotheses, we have

\[
g = \alpha \circ f \implies f = \alpha^{-1} \circ g
\]

where \( \alpha^{-1} \) denotes the convolution inverse of \( \alpha \). In particular, if \( \alpha \) is completely multiplicative, its Dirichlet inverse is \( \alpha^{-1} = \mu \alpha \), where \( \mu \) is the Möbius function. Thus we may expect in this case that

\[
g = \alpha \circ f \implies f = (\mu \alpha) \circ g
\]

if the appropriate convergence conditions are satisfied.

3. Möbius inversion of the Lindelöf-Wirtinger formula

We will apply the method of generalized Möbius inversion outlined in Section 2 to the Lindelöf-Wirtinger formula. This cannot be done directly with (1.2) as it stands, but rather after some manipulation of the series. Actually, we can separate the sum over all integers in (1.2) into a sum over positive and negative integers and invert each separately. For this purpose, consider the function defined by

\[
L(\lambda, s, x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2\pi in - \log \lambda)^{-s} e^{2\pi inx}.
\]

This series is normally convergent for \( x \in \mathbb{R} \) and on compact subsets of the domains defined by \( \lambda \neq 0 \), \( \text{Re} s > 1 \). The principal branch of the logarithm is assumed throughout. Since \( L \) is 1-periodic in \( x \) we may restrict to \( x \in [0, 1] \).

**Proposition 2.** With \( L(\lambda, s, x) \) defined by (3.1) and \( 0 < |\lambda| < 1 \), \( \text{Re} s > 1 \) and \( x \in [0, 1] \), we have

\[
\frac{\lambda^x}{\Gamma(s)} \Phi(\lambda, 1-s, x) - (-\log \lambda)^{-s} = L(\lambda, s, x) + e^{\pi is} L(\lambda^{-1}, s, 1-x).
\]
Proof. Starting from the Lindelöf-Wirtinger expansion \( (1.2) \), with \( s \) changed to \( 1 - s \), and separating the term in the sum corresponding to \( n = 0 \), gives
\[
\frac{\lambda^s}{\Gamma(s)} \Phi(\lambda, 1 - s, x) - (-\log \lambda)^{-s} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} (2\pi in - \log \lambda)^{-s} e^{2\pi inx}.
\]
The sum over positive \( n \) corresponds to \( L(\lambda, s, x) \), while the sum over negative integers is
\[
\sum_{n = -\infty}^{-1} (2\pi in - \log \lambda)^{-s} e^{2\pi inx} = \sum_{n = 1}^{\infty} (-2\pi in - \log \lambda)^{-s} e^{-2\pi inx}
\]
\[
= e^{\pi is} \sum_{n = 1}^{\infty} (2\pi in + \log \lambda)^{-s} e^{2\pi in(1-x)} = e^{\pi is} L(\lambda^{-1}, s, 1 - x),
\]
since \( \log \lambda^{-1} = -\log \lambda \) for \( \lambda \notin (-\infty, 0] \), so that we obtain (3.2).

Next, we apply Möbius inversion to (3.1).

**Proposition 3.** For \( \lambda \neq 0 \), \( \Re s > 1 \) and \( x \in [0, 1] \) we have
\[
(2\pi i - \log \lambda)^{-s} e^{2\pi ix} = \sum_{n = 1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s} L(\lambda^{1/n}, s, \{nx\})
\]
where \( L(\lambda, s, x) \) is defined in (3.1), \( \{x\} \) denotes the fractional part of a real number, and \( \mu(n) \) is the Möbius function, given by
\[
\mu(n) = \begin{cases} 
0 & \text{if } n \text{ is not squarefree}, \\
(-1)^k & \text{if } n \text{ is the product of } k \text{ distinct primes}.
\end{cases}
\]

**Proof.** Consider the action of \( \mathbb{N} \) on the space \( \mathbb{C}^* \times [0, 1) \) given by
\[
\varphi(n, (\lambda, x)) = (\lambda^{1/n}, \{nx\}).
\]
It is straightforward to verify that \( (\lambda^a)^b = \lambda^{ab} \) holds for the principal power if \( a, b \in (0, 1] \), so that \( (n, \lambda) \mapsto \lambda^{1/n} \) is an action on \( \mathbb{C}^* \), and that \( (n, x) \mapsto \{nx\} \) is an action on \( [0, 1] \). The action (3.4) is the direct product of these two.

Consider \( \alpha(n) = n^{-s} : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{C} \), which is a completely multiplicative arithmetical function, and \( f_s : \mathbb{C}^* \times [0, 1] \to \mathbb{C} \) given by \( f_s(\lambda, x) = (2\pi i - \log \lambda)^{-s} e^{2\pi ix} \). Now, observe that, if \( s \) is considered fixed, \( L \) is \( \alpha \circ f_s \) as defined in (2.1).

Thus (3.3) is a consequence of (2.2), assuming that the convergence is fast enough. This is so because \( \alpha \) and \( f_s \) satisfy the hypotheses of Theorems 3 and 4 of [5], which justify the inversion formula. Briefly, since \( \alpha(n) \) is a power, all that is needed is the estimate \( d(n) = o(n^\epsilon) \) for any \( \epsilon > 0 \), where \( d(n) \) is the number of divisors of \( n \).

Using (3.2), we obtain an inversion formula involving the Lerch function.

**Theorem 4.** For \( 0 < |\lambda| < 1 \), \( \Re s > 1 \) and \( x \in [0, 1] \), we have
\[
(2\pi i - \log \lambda)^{-s} e^{2\pi ix} + e^{\pi is}(2\pi i + \log \lambda)^{-s} e^{-2\pi ix}
\]
\[
= \sum_{n = 1}^{\infty} \mu(n) n^{-s} \frac{\lambda^{\{nx\}/n}}{\Gamma(s)} \Phi(\lambda^{1/n}, 1 - s, \{nx\}) - n^s(-\log \lambda)^{-s}.
\]
Proof. Changing $\lambda$ to $\lambda^{-1}$ and $x$ to $1-x$ in (3.3), noting that $\{x\} = 1-\{x\}$ for $x \notin \mathbb{Z}$, since $L$ is 1-periodic in $x$, we have
\[
(2\pi i + \log \lambda)^{-s} e^{-2\pi ix} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s} L(\lambda^{-1/n}, s, 1 - \{nx\})\).
\]
Adding this to (3.3) and using (3.2) we obtain (3.5). □

**Corollary 5.** For $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $k \geq 2$, $\lambda \neq 0, 1$ and $x \in [0, 1]$, we have
\[
(2\pi i - \log \lambda)^{-k} e^{2\pi ix} + e^{\pi ik} (2\pi i + \log \lambda)^{-k} e^{-2\pi ix}
\]
\[
= -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(n) n^{-k} \left( \frac{\lambda^{(nx)/n}}{k!} B_k(\{nx\}; \lambda^{1/n}) + \frac{n^k}{(-\log \lambda)^k} \right)
\]
where $B_k(x; \lambda)$ denotes the $k$th Apostol-Bernoulli polynomial.

Proof. In the case $0 < |\lambda| < 1$, set $s = k$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ in (3.5) and use (1.3). Then, since the Apostol-Bernoulli polynomials are defined for $\lambda \neq 0$ and have a unique pole at $\lambda = 1$, the result extends immediately to $\lambda \neq 0, 1$ by analytic continuation. □

**Remark 2.** Corollary 5 is Theorem 2 of [4]. There is also a corresponding formula for the Apostol-Euler polynomials $E_n(x; \lambda)$ via the simple relation $E_n(x; \lambda) = -\frac{2}{n+1} B_{n+1}(x; -\lambda)$, that was first proved in Lemma 2 of [13]. It should be noted that, although Apostol-Bernoulli and Apostol-Euler polynomials are often dealt with as separate parametrized families, probably due to their specializations to the classical Bernoulli and Euler polynomials, they are essentially one and the same.

4. Hurwitz’s Formula as a Limit Formula of the Lindelöf-Wirtinger Expansion

Setting $\lambda = 1$ in the series (1.1) defining the Lerch transcendent $\Phi$ one obtains the definition of the Hurwitz zeta function,
\[
\zeta(s, z) = \Phi(1, s, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n + z)^s},
\]
where the series converges absolutely for $\text{Re } s > 1$ and $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $z \neq 0, -1, -2, \ldots$. One often adopts the convention that summands with $n + z = 0$ are omitted. This makes $\zeta(s, 0)$ equal by definition to the Riemann zeta function $\zeta(s)$. For $\text{Re } s < 0$, which is the case we consider, one also has $\zeta(s, 0) = \zeta(s)$ by analytic continuation.

The Hurwitz zeta function $\zeta(s, z)$ has a well-known analytic continuation to all $s \neq 1$ given by
\[
(4.1) \quad \zeta(s, x) = \frac{\Gamma(1-s)}{2\pi i} e^{-\pi i s} I(s, x), \quad I(s, x) = \int_{\mathcal{L}_\rho} \frac{z^{s-1} e^{-xyz}}{1 - e^{-z}} \, dz
\]
where $0 < \rho < 2\pi$ and $\mathcal{L}_\rho$ is the path along the positive real axis from $\infty$ to $\rho$, with argument 0, the counterclockwise circle of radius $\rho$ around the origin, and the path from $\rho$ back to $\infty$, with argument $2\pi$.

A key relation satisfied by $\zeta(s, z)$ is *Hurwitz’s formula*, which is
\[
(4.2) \quad \zeta(1-s, x) = \frac{\Gamma(s)}{(2\pi)^s} \left( e^{-\pi is/2} H(s, x) + e^{\pi is/2} H(s, 1-x) \right)
\]
where \( \Re s > 1, \ x \in [0, 1] \) and
\[
H(s, x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i n x}}{n^s}
\]
is known as the periodic zeta function.

The importance of Hurwitz’s formula rests on the fact that at \( x = 1 \) it specializes to the functional equation of the Riemann zeta function. Many proofs of (1.2) using different techniques are found in the literature. We will show how Hurwitz’s formula can be derived as a limit formula from the Lindelöf-Wirtinger expansion for the Lerch transcendent and, likewise, Möbius inversion of Hurwitz’s formula from the corresponding inversion of the Lindelöf-Wirtinger formula given in Theorem 4.

Clearly \( H(s, x) = (2\pi i)^s L(1, s, x) \), where \( L \) is defined in (3.1), and (4.2) bears an obvious resemblance to (3.2). However, one cannot directly substitute \( \lambda = 1 \) in formulas such as the Lindelöf-Wirtinger expansion and obtain a valid result, since \( \lambda = 1 \) is a logarithmic singularity of \( \Phi(\lambda, s, x) \). Rather, the correct approach is to cancel the singularity by subtracting the term corresponding to \( n = 0 \) in (1.2). This is done via an important auxiliary result, namely, the expansion of \( \Phi \) in powers of \( \log \lambda \). Erdélyi showed (see formula (8) on p. 29 of [S] or formula (3) in [10]) that
\[
(4.3) \quad \Phi(\lambda, s, x) = \lambda^{-x} \Gamma(1-s) (\log \lambda^{-1})^{s-1} = \lambda^{-x} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \zeta(s-k, x) (\log \lambda)^k / k!
\]
for \( |\log \lambda| < 2\pi, \ 0 < x \leq 1 \) and \( s \neq 1, 2, 3, \ldots \); for \( \Re s < 0 \) we may also include \( x = 0 \).

We shall need to justify exchanging the limit as \( \lambda \to 1 \) with the various infinite sums which appear. This means finding suitable uniform bounds.

**Lemma 1.** Given \( 0 < \rho < 2\pi \) and a compact subset \( S \) of the left half-plane \( \Re s < 0 \), there is a constant \( C \) depending only on \( S, \rho \), such that the contour integral in (1.1) satisfies
\[
(4.4) \quad |I(s-k, x)| \leq C \rho^{\sigma-k}
\]
for all \( x \in [0, 1] \), \( s \in S \) and \( k \geq 0 \) (recall that \( \sigma = \Re s \)).

**Proof.** For \( \sigma = \Re s < 0 \) and \( t = \Im s \), we have the estimate \( |z^{s-1}| \leq |z|^{\sigma-1} e^{2\pi|t|} \), while along the positive real axis we have \( |e^{-xz}| = e^{-x \Re z} \leq 1 \) and \( 1 - e^{-z} \geq 1 - e^{-\rho} \). Thus, on either branch along the real axis,
\[
\left| \int_{\rho}^{\infty} \frac{z^{s-1} e^{-xz}}{1 - e^{-z}} \, dz \right| \leq \frac{e^{2\pi|t|}}{1 - e^{-\rho}} \int_{\rho}^{\infty} u^{\sigma-1} \, du = \frac{e^{2\pi|t|}}{1 - e^{-\rho}} \cdot \frac{\rho^\sigma}{-\sigma}
\]
and for \( |z| = \rho \) we have \( |1 - e^{-z}| \geq 1 - e^{\rho-2\pi} \) and \( |e^{-xz}| \leq e^\rho \), hence
\[
\left| \int_{|z| = \rho} \frac{z^{s-1} e^{-xz}}{1 - e^{-z}} \, dz \right| \leq 2\pi e^\rho e^{2\pi|t|} \cdot \rho^\sigma.
\]
For any \( k \geq 0 \), shifting \( s \) to \( s - k \) with \( k \geq 0 \), since \( k - \sigma \geq -\sigma > 0 \), we have \( \rho^{\sigma-k} / (k-\sigma) \leq \rho^{\sigma-k} / (-\sigma) \) and hence we obtain the bound
\[
|I(s-k, x)| \leq \frac{2e^{2\pi|t|}}{1 - e^{-\rho}} \cdot \frac{\rho^{\sigma-k}}{-\sigma} + \frac{2\pi e^\rho e^{2\pi|t|}}{1 - e^{\rho-2\pi}} \cdot \rho^{\sigma-k}.
\]
These bounds clearly imply (4.4) over a compact subset of \( \{ \Re s < 0 \} \).
Proposition 6. Given $0 < \rho < 2\pi$ and a compact subset $S$ of the left half-plane $\Re s < 0$, there is a constant $C$ depending only on $S, \rho$, such that

$$|\zeta(s-k,x)| \leq Ck!(2\rho^{-1})^k$$

for all $x \in [0,1]$ and $k = 0,1,2,\ldots$.

Proof. We use the integral representation (4.1), shifted by $k$:

$$\zeta(s-k,x) = \frac{(-1)^k \Gamma(1-s+k)e^{-\pi is}}{2\pi i}I(s-k,x).$$

By Lemma II we have $|I(s-k,x)| \leq C\rho^{-k}$ where $C$ depends only on $S, \rho$. On the other hand, since $\Gamma(1-s+k) = (k-s)(k-s-1)\cdots(-s+1)\Gamma(1-s)$, if $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ is such that $|s| \leq m < |s| + 1$, we have

$$\frac{|\Gamma(1-s+k)|}{k!} \leq \frac{1}{k!} (k+m)(k-1+m)\cdots(1+m)|\Gamma(1-s)| = \binom{m+k}{k}|\Gamma(1-s)| \leq 2^{m+k}|\Gamma(1-s)| \leq 2^{k+1+|s|} |\Gamma(1-s)|.$$

Thus, for any $x \in [0,1]$ and $s \in S$, with $\sigma = \Re s$, $t = \Im s$, we have

$$\frac{1}{k!} |\zeta(s-k,x)| = \frac{|\Gamma(1-s+k)|e^{\pi t}}{2\pi k!} |I(s-k,x)| \leq \pi^{-1}2^{k+|s|} |\Gamma(1-s)|e^{\pi |t|}C\rho^{-k} \leq C'(2\rho^{-1})^k$$

where $C'$ is another constant depending only on $S, \rho$. \hfill \Box

Proposition 7. The tails of the series (4.3) satisfy a bound of the form

(4.5)

$$\sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \left| \zeta(s-k,x) \frac{k! \log \lambda}{k!} \right| \leq C |\log \lambda|^m$$

for $x \in [0,1]$ and $\lambda, s$ in respective compact subsets $\Lambda, S$ of the domains $|\log \lambda| < \pi$ and $\Re s < 0$, where $C > 0$ is a constant depending only on $\Lambda, S$. Thus (4.3) is normally convergent for $x \in [0,1]$ and on compact subsets of $\Re s < 0$ and $|\log \lambda| < \pi$.

Proof. By Proposition 6 given $0 < \rho < 2\pi$ and a compact subset $S$ of the left half-plane $\Re s < 0$, there is a constant $C(S, \rho)$ depending only on $\rho$ and $S$, such that

$$\frac{1}{k!} |\zeta(s-k,x)| \leq C(S, \rho)(2\rho^{-1})^k$$

for all $s \in S$, $x \in [0,1]$, and $k \geq 0$.

For $\lambda$ in a compact subset $\Lambda$ of the domain $|\log \lambda| < \ell$, there is a uniform bound $|\log \lambda| \leq \ell < \pi$. Since $0 < \rho < 2\pi$ is arbitrary, choosing $2\ell < \rho < 2\pi$ with $\rho$ close enough to $2\pi$ makes $2\rho^{-1}\ell < 1$ and $2\rho^{-1} < 1$, hence for $(\lambda, s, x) \in \Lambda \times S \times [0,1]$, the series (4.5) is dominated by a convergent geometric series, yielding the bound

$$\sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} |\zeta(s-k,x)| |\log \lambda|^k \leq \frac{C(S, \rho)}{1 - 2\rho^{-1}\ell} |2\rho^{-1} \log \lambda|^m \leq C(S, \Lambda) |\log \lambda|^m$$

for all $m \geq 0$, where $C(S, \Lambda) > 0$ is a constant depending only on $S, \Lambda$. \hfill \Box

Corollary 8. For $x \in [0,1]$ and $\lambda, s$ lying in respective compact subsets $\Lambda, S$ of the domains $|\log \lambda| < \pi$, $0 < |\lambda| < 1$, and $\Re s < 0$, there is a constant $C > 0$ depending only on $\Lambda, S$ such that

(4.6)

$$|\Phi(\lambda, s, x) - \lambda^{-x} \Gamma(1-s)(\log \lambda^{-1})^{s-1} - \lambda^{-x} \zeta(s, x)| \leq C |\log \lambda|$$
for \((\lambda, s, x) \in \Lambda \times S \times [0, 1]\). In particular, Hardy’s relation (formula (4) in [10]) holds uniformly:

\begin{equation}
\lim_{\lambda \to 1} \left( \Phi(\lambda, s, x) - \lambda^{-x} \Gamma(1 - s)(\log \lambda^{-1})^{s-1} \right) = \zeta(s, x)
\end{equation}

for \((s, x) \in S \times [0, 1]\).

**Proof.** Assume \(s\) lies in a compact subset \(S\) of \(\{\Re s < 0\}\) and \(\lambda\) in a compact subset \(\Lambda\) of \(|\log \lambda| < \pi\). Separating the summand corresponding to \(k = 0\) in Erdélyi’s expansion (4.3), the bound (4.5) of Proposition 7 shows that

\[
|\Phi(\lambda, s, x) - \lambda^{-x} \Gamma(1 - s)(\log \lambda^{-1})^{s-1} - \zeta(s, x)| \leq C|\lambda|^{s-1} \log \lambda
\]

where \(C > 0\) is a constant depending only on \(S, \Lambda\). Now, \(\min(1, |\lambda|) \leq |\lambda^x| \leq \max(1, |\lambda|)\) for \(x \in [0, 1]\), and the mean value inequality for the exponential gives \(|e^z - 1| \leq |z|e^{Re^+z}\) where \(Re^+ = \max(0, Re)\). Thus we have

\[
|x\log \lambda| e^{xRe^+ \log \lambda} \leq |\log \lambda| \cdot \max(1, |\lambda|)
\]

for \(x \in [0, 1]\) and hence, since \(\zeta(s, x)\) is bounded on \(S \times [0, 1]\),

\[
|\Phi(\lambda, s, x) - \lambda^{-x} \Gamma(1 - s)(\log \lambda^{-1})^{s-1} - \zeta(s, x)|
\leq C|\lambda|^{s-1} |\log \lambda| + |\lambda^{-x} - 1||\zeta(s, x)|
\leq C|\lambda|^{s-1} |\log \lambda| + |\lambda|^{-x}|\lambda^x - 1| \cdot \|\zeta\|_{S \times [0, 1]}
\leq \frac{C + \max(1, |\lambda|) \cdot \|\zeta\|_{S \times [0, 1]}}{\min(1, |\lambda|)} |\log \lambda| \leq C'||\log \lambda|
\]

for another constant \(C'\) depending only on \(S, \Lambda\). Finally, note that \(|\log \lambda| = O(|\lambda - 1|)\) as \(\lambda \to 1\). \(\square\)

**Corollary 9.** The Lindelöf-Wirtinger expansion (1.2) implies Hurwitz’s formula (1.2).

**Proof.** By Hardy’s relation (4.7), changing \(s\) to \(1 - s\) and hence assuming \(\Re s > 1\), we have

\[
\lim_{\lambda \to 1} \left( \Phi(\lambda, s, x) - \lambda^{-x} \Gamma(s)(\log \lambda^{-1})^{-s} \right) = \zeta(1 - s, x).
\]

Now take the limit as \(\lambda \to 1\) in the modified form (3.2) of the Lindelöf-Wirtinger relation, noting that \(\log \lambda^{-1} = -\log \lambda\) for \(0 < |\lambda| < 1:\)

\[
\Phi(\lambda, 1 - s, x) - \lambda^{-x} \Gamma(s)(\log \lambda^{-1})^{-s} = \lambda^{-x} \Gamma(s) \left( L(\lambda, s, x) + e^{\pi is} L(\lambda^{-1}, s, 1 - x) \right)
\]

to obtain, since \(L(\lambda, s, x)\) is holomorphic for \(\lambda \notin (-\infty, 0)\)

\[
\zeta(1 - s, x) = \Gamma(s) \left( L(1, s, x) + e^{\pi is} L(1, s, 1 - x) \right)
\]

\[
= \Gamma(s) (2\pi i)^{-s} \left( H(s, x) + e^{\pi is} H(s, 1 - x) \right)
\]

\[
= \frac{\Gamma(s)}{(2\pi i)^{s}} \left( e^{-\pi is/2} H(s, x) + e^{\pi is/2} H(s, 1 - x) \right),
\]

which is Hurwitz’s formula. \(\square\)
5. Möbius inversion of Hurwitz’s formula

One can apply the method of Möbius inversion outlined in Section 2 to Hurwitz’s formula (4.2) in the same manner as it was used to invert the Lindelöf-Wirtinger expansion in Section 3. Rather than repeating the process, we may derive the result as a limit formula of (3.5) when \( \lambda \to 1 \), by subtracting the logarithmic singularity using the technique outlined in the previous section.

**Proposition 10.** The series (3.5) resulting from Möbius inversion of the Lindelöf-Wirtinger expansion in the form (3.2), is normally convergent for \( x \in [0, 1] \), \( s \) in a compact subset of the half-plane \( \Re s > 1 \), and \( \lambda \) in a compact subset of the domain \( |\log \lambda| < \pi \), \( 0 < |\lambda| < 1 \). The following limit formula holds:

\[
(5.1) \quad e^{-\pi is/2}e^{2\pi ix} + e^{\pi is/2}e^{-2\pi ix} = \frac{(2\pi)^s}{\Gamma(s)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s} \zeta(1-s, \{nx\})
\]

where \( \{x\} \) denotes the fractional part of \( x \).

**Proof.** Changing \( s \) to \( 1-s \) in the bound (4.6) which implies Hardy’s relation (4.7), we have

\[
|\Phi(\lambda, 1-s, x) - \lambda^{-s}\Gamma(s)(\log \lambda^{-1})^{-s} - \zeta(1-s, x)| \leq C|\log \lambda|
\]

for \( x \in [0, 1] \) and \( \lambda, s \) in respective compact subsets \( \Lambda, S \) of \( |\log \lambda| < \pi \) and \( \Re s > 1 \), where \( C > 0 \) depends only on \( \Lambda, S \). Given \( n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \), changing \( \lambda \) to \( \lambda^{1/n} \) (the principal branch) and \( x \) to the fractional part \( \{nx\} \), we obtain, assuming also that \( \lambda \not\in (-\infty, 0] \),

\[
|\Phi(\lambda^{1/n}, 1-s, \{nx\}) - \lambda^{-\{nx\}/n}\Gamma(s)n^s(\log \lambda^{-1})^{-s} - \zeta(1-s, \{nx\})| \leq Cn^{-1}|\log \lambda| \leq C|\log \lambda|,
\]

so that the limit as \( \lambda \to 1 \) is uniform in \( s, x \). Now, rewrite (3.5) as

\[
(2\pi i - \log \lambda)^{-s}(e^{2\pi ix} + e^{\pi is}(2\pi i + \log \lambda)^{-s}e^{-2\pi ix})
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s} \lambda^{\{nx\}/n} \left( \Phi(\lambda^{1/n}, 1-s, \{nx\}) - \lambda^{-\{nx\}/n}\Gamma(s)n^s(-\log \lambda)^{-s} \right)
\]

and note that \( |\lambda^{\{nx\}/n}| \leq \max(1, |\lambda|) \), so that the series

\[
\frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s} \lambda^{\{nx\}/n}, \quad \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s} \lambda^{\{nx\}/n} \zeta(1-s, \{nx\})
\]

are both normally convergent for \( (\lambda, s, x) \in \Lambda \times S \times [0, 1] \), and hence taking the limit as \( \lambda \to 1 \) in (3.5) yields

\[
(2\pi i)^{-s}(e^{2\pi ix} + e^{\pi is}e^{-2\pi ix}) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s} \zeta(1-s, \{nx\})
\]

which is equivalent to (5.1). \( \square \)

**Remark 3.** Note that (5.1) has the equivalent form

\[
(5.2) \quad 2(2\pi)^{-s}\Gamma(s)\cos \left( \pi \left( \frac{s}{2} - 2x \right) \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s} \zeta(1-s, \{nx\}).
\]
Corollary 11. For \( k = 2, 3, 4, \ldots \) and \( x \in [0, 1] \), we have
\[
\cos \left( \frac{\pi k}{2} - 2\pi x \right) = -\frac{(2\pi)^k}{2(k!)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^k} B_k(\{nx\}),
\]
where \( B_k(x) \) is the \( k \)th Bernoulli polynomial. Equivalently, separating according to the parity of \( k \), we obtain the pair of formulas (2.4) and (2.5) of [12]
\[
\cos(2\pi x) = (-1)^{k-1} \frac{(2\pi)^{2k}}{2(2k)!} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^{2k}} B_{2k}(\{nx\}),
\]
\[
\sin(2\pi x) = (-1)^{k-1} \frac{(2\pi)^{2k+1}}{2(2k+1)!} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^{2k+1}} B_{2k+1}(\{nx\}).
\]

Proof. Let \( s = k \) with \( k \in \mathbb{N} \), \( k > 1 \), in (5.1). The Hurwitz zeta function then evaluates to
\[
\zeta(1 - k, x) = \frac{-B_k(x)}{k}
\]
for \( 0 \leq x \leq 1 \). \( \square \)

6. A FUNCTIONAL EQUATION

Since \( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s} = \zeta(s)^{-1} \), for \( x = 1 \) and \( \Re s > 1 \), the expansion (5.1) and its equivalent (5.2) reduce to the functional equation of the Riemann zeta function, in the form
\[
\zeta(1 - s) = 2(2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) \cos \left( \frac{\pi s}{2} \right) \zeta(s)
\]
(using the reflection formula for the gamma function yields a similar relation but with the sine function).

In general, (5.1) may be regarded as a combination of the functional equation with the discrete dynamical system of fractional parts of multiples of a real number, which is conjugate to the rotations of the circle. Recall that \( \{nx\} \) is equidistributed in \([0, 1]\) when \( x \) is irrational, while it is a periodic sequence when \( x \) is rational.

For example, consider the Dirichlet series
\[
\zeta^*(m, r, s) = \sum_{n \equiv r \mod m} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s}, \quad \Re s > 1,
\]
for \( r, m \in \mathbb{N} \) with \( 1 \leq r \leq m \). If \( x \in \mathbb{Q} \) has denominator equal to \( m \), then \( \{nx\} \) is \( m \)-periodic and for \( \Re s > 1 \) we can group terms in (5.2) according to their residue modulo \( m \). We obtain
\[
2(2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) \cos \left( \pi \left( \frac{s}{2} - 2x \right) \right) = \sum_{r=1}^{m} \zeta^*(m, r, s) \zeta(1 - s, \{rx\}),
\]
which again reduces to the functional equation for \( \zeta(s) \) for \( r = m = 1 \).

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