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ON BOREL'S TYPE RELATION FOR THE LAPLACE-STIELTJES INTEGRALS

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Let $F: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ be a function of the form $F(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} f(u)e^{xu}\nu(du)$, where ν is a Borel measure with unbounded support, f some measurable positive function, $\mu_*(x, F) = \max\{f(u)e^{xu} : u \in \text{supp } \nu\}$. We obtain necessary and sufficient conditions for the relation $\ln F(x) \leq (1 + o(1)) \ln \mu_*(x, F)$ to be held as $x \rightarrow +\infty$, for each function F outside some set E of zero lower linear density.

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В статье получены необходимые и достаточные условия для того, чтобы соотношение $\ln F(x) \leq (1 + o(1)) \ln \mu_*(x, F)$ имело место для каждой функции $F: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ вида $F(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} f(u)e^{xu}\nu(du)$ при $x \rightarrow +\infty$ вне некоторого множества E нулевой нижней линейной плотности, где ν – борелева мера с неограниченным носителем, f – некоторая положительная измеримая функция, $\mu_*(x, F) = \max\{f(u)e^{xu} : u \in \text{supp } \nu\}$.

1. Introduction and the main result. Let $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, +\infty)$, ν be a nonnegative measure on \mathbb{R}_+ with unbounded support $\text{supp } \nu$ and $f(x)$ an arbitrary nonnegative ν -measurable function on \mathbb{R}_+ . By $\mathcal{I}(\nu)$ we denote the class of functions $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of the form

$$F(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} f(u)e^{xu}\nu(du). \quad (1)$$

For $F \in \mathcal{I}(\nu)$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$ we denote

$$\mu_*(x, F) = \sup\{f(u)e^{xu} : u \in \text{supp } \nu\}.$$

We remark that the condition $(\forall x \in \mathbb{R}): \mu_*(x, F) < +\infty$ is fulfilled if and only if (for example see [1, 2])

$$\lim_{\substack{u \rightarrow +\infty \\ u \in \text{supp } \nu}} \frac{-\ln f(u)}{u} = +\infty.$$

Denote by L the class of nonnegative continuous functions $\psi: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ such that $\psi(t) \rightarrow +\infty$ as $t \rightarrow +\infty$ and by L^+ the subclass of functions $\psi \in L$ such that $\psi(t) \nearrow +\infty$ as $t \rightarrow +\infty$.

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The following result can be deduced from [3] (for entire Dirichlet series see in [5]).

Theorem A ([3]). *Let $F \in \mathcal{I}(\nu, \Phi)$. If*

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{d \ln \nu_0(t)}{t} < +\infty, \quad \nu_0(t) := \nu((0, t]), \tag{2}$$

then the relation

$$\ln F(x) \leq (1 + o(1)) \ln \mu_*(x, F) \tag{3}$$

holds as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ ($x \notin E$), where $E \subset \mathbb{R}_+$ is some set of finite Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}_+ , i.e. $\text{meas } E = \int_E dx < +\infty$.

In [4] (see also [5]) it was proved that, for every positive measure ν such that $\ln \nu_0(t) = O(t)$ ($t \rightarrow +\infty$) and $\int_0^{+\infty} t^{-1} d \ln \nu_0(t) = +\infty$ there exist a function $F \in \mathcal{I}(\nu)$ and a positive constant $d > 0$ such that the inequality $\ln F(x) \geq (1 + d) \ln \mu_*(x, F)$ holds for all $x \geq x_0$, i.e. condition (2), in some sense, is a necessary condition for the conclusion of Theorem A.

Let $\Phi \in L^+$. By $\mathcal{I}(\nu, \Phi)$ we denote the class of functions $F \in \mathcal{I}(\nu)$ such that

$$(\exists c > 0): \quad \ln F(x) \leq \Phi(cx) \quad (x \geq x_0),$$

$$\mathcal{I}^*(\nu, \Phi) := \{F \in \mathcal{I}(\nu): (\exists c > 0)(\exists x_j \rightarrow +\infty)[\ln F(x) \leq \Phi(cx) \quad (x = x_j, j \geq 1)]\}.$$

Proposition 7 of [6, p.135–137] implies the following assertion.

Theorem B. *Let $\Phi \in L^+$, $F \in \mathcal{I}(\nu, \Phi)$. If*

$$(\forall \eta > 0): \quad \lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{R} \int_0^{\eta\Phi(R)} \frac{d \ln \nu_0(t)}{t} = 0, \tag{4}$$

then relation (3) holds as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ ($x \notin E$), where E is a set of zero linear density, i.e.

$$\mathcal{D}E := \overline{\lim}_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{R} \text{meas}(E \cap [0, R]) = 0.$$

From [8, Theorem 1] one can deduce the next statement.

Theorem 1. *Let $\Phi_0(x) = x\Phi(x)$, $\Phi \in L^+$, $F \in \mathcal{I}(\nu, \Phi_0)$. If condition (4) is satisfied then relation (3) holds as $\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$ ($\sigma \notin E$), where E is some set of zero linear density, i.e. $\mathcal{D}E = 0$.*

Remark 1. If $t\Phi(t) = O(\Phi(2t))$ ($t \rightarrow +\infty$), then $\mathcal{I}(\nu, \Phi) = \mathcal{I}(\nu, \Phi_0)$ with $\Phi_0(x) := x\Phi(x)$. But, in general, $\mathcal{I}(\nu, \Phi) \subset \mathcal{I}(\nu, \Phi_0)$, $\mathcal{I}(\nu, \Phi) \neq \mathcal{I}(\nu, \Phi_0)$.

From Proposition 8 in [6, p. 137–138] we can obtain the following assertion.

Theorem C. *Let $\Phi \in L^+$, $F \in \mathcal{I}^*(\nu, \Phi)$. If condition (4) is satisfied, then there exists a measurable set $E \subset \mathbb{R}_+$ such that*

$$\underline{\mathcal{D}}E := \underline{\lim}_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{x} \text{meas}(E \cap [0, x]) = 0 \tag{5}$$

and relation (3) holds as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ ($x \in \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus E$).

From [8, Theorem 2] we get the next assertion.

Theorem 2. Let $\Phi \in L^+$, $F \in \mathcal{I}^*(\nu, \Phi)$. If condition (4) is satisfied then there exists a measurable set $E \subset \mathbb{R}_+$ such that $\underline{\mathcal{D}}E = 0$ and relation (3) holds as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ ($x \in \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus E$).

Conjecture 1. Condition (4) is a necessary condition for the conclusions of Theorems 1 and 2.

In this paper we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 3. Let $\Phi_0(x) = x\Phi(x)$, $\Phi \in L^+$, $F \in \mathcal{I}(\nu, \Phi_0)$. If conditions

$$(\forall \eta > 0): \quad \ln \nu_0(\eta\Phi(t)) = o(t\Phi(t)) \quad (t \rightarrow +\infty) \quad (6)$$

and

$$(\forall \eta > 0): \quad \lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{R} \int_0^{\eta\Phi(R)} \frac{d \ln \nu_0(t)}{t} = 0, \quad \nu_0(t) := \nu((0, t]) \quad (7)$$

are satisfied then relation (3) holds as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ ($x \notin E$), where E is a set of zero linear lower density, i.e. $\underline{\mathcal{D}}E = 0$.

We remark that condition (7) implies that the equality

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \nu_0(\eta\Phi(t))}{t\Phi(t)} = 0$$

holds for every $\eta > 0$.

The following theorem shows that condition (7) is a necessary condition for the conclusion of Theorem 3.

Theorem 4. Let $\Phi \in L^+$. If conditions

$$(\exists \eta > 0)(\exists b > 0): \quad \lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{R} \int_0^{\eta\Phi(R)} \frac{d \ln \nu_0(t)}{t} > b, \quad \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\eta t} d\nu_0(t) < +\infty \quad (8)$$

are satisfied then for every $h > 0$ there exists a function $F \in \mathcal{I}(\nu, \Phi_0)$, $\Phi_0(x) = x\Phi(x)$ such that for all $x \geq x_0$ the inequality

$$\ln F(x) \geq (1 + h) \ln \mu_*(x, F) \quad (9)$$

holds.

Conjecture 2. The assertion of Theorem 3 is valid without condition (6).

Conjecture 3. The assertion of Theorem 4 is true without the second condition of (8).

Remark 2. It is easy to see that the second condition of (8) is satisfied if and only if $\ln \nu_0(t) = O(t)$ ($t \rightarrow +\infty$).

2. Proof of the main results. We define a class of positive functions by setting

$$L(\Phi) = \left\{ \psi \in L^+ : (\forall b > 0) \left[\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{t} \int \frac{d\psi^{-1}(x)}{x} = 0 \right], \Phi(t) = o(\psi(t\Phi(t))) \quad (t \rightarrow +\infty) \right\}.$$

We need the following two lemmas.

Lemma 1 ([7, 11]). Let $\varphi, \psi \in L^+$ be two functions such that

$$A_1(R) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\varphi(R)} \int_0^R \frac{d\psi^{-1}(t)}{t} = o(1) \quad (R \rightarrow +\infty, R \in G),$$

$G \subset \mathbb{R}_+$, and $R = o(\psi(R\varphi(R)))$ ($R \rightarrow +\infty$). Then

$$A_2(R) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\varphi(R)} \int_0^{R\varphi(R)} \frac{dx}{\psi(x)} = o(1) \quad (R \rightarrow +\infty, R \in G).$$

Remark 3. It is easy to see that the conditions $R = o(\psi(R\varphi(R)))$ ($R \rightarrow +\infty$) and

$$(\forall b > 0): \psi^{-1}(R) = o(R\varphi(bR)) \quad (R \rightarrow +\infty)$$

are equivalent.

Lemma 2. Let $\Phi_1 \in L$, $\psi \in L(\Phi_1)$. If $g(x)$ is a positive differentiable nondecreasing function on $[0, +\infty)$ such that $g(x) \leq x\Phi_1(x)$ ($x \geq x_0$), then for the set $E = \{x \geq 0 : g'(x) \geq \psi(g(x))\}$ we have

$$\frac{1}{R} \text{meas}(E \cap [0, R]) \rightarrow 0 \quad (R = R_j \rightarrow +\infty)$$

for some sequence $0 < R_j \uparrow +\infty$ ($1 \leq j \uparrow +\infty$).

Proof. The condition $\psi \in L(\Phi_1)$, $\Phi_1 \in L^+$ implies that there exists a sequence (R_j) such that $0 < R_j \uparrow +\infty$ ($1 \leq j \uparrow +\infty$) and

$$\frac{1}{R} \int_0^{\Phi_1(R)} \frac{d\psi^{-1}(x)}{x} \rightarrow 0 \quad (R = R_j \rightarrow +\infty).$$

Therefore, using Lemma 1 we obtain

$$\frac{1}{R} \text{meas}(E \cap [0, R]) \leq \frac{1}{R} \int_{E \cap [0, R]} \frac{g'(x)}{\psi(g(x))} dx \leq \frac{1}{R} \int_0^{g(R)} \frac{du}{\psi(u)} \leq \frac{1}{R} \int_0^{R\Phi_1(R)} \frac{du}{\psi(u)} = o(1),$$

$(R = R_j \rightarrow +\infty)$. □

Proof of Theorem 3. From conditions (6) and (7) it follows that there exists a function $\psi \in L^+$ such that

$$(\forall b > 0): \quad \psi^{-1}(b\Phi(R)) = o(R\Phi(R)), \quad \lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{R} \int_0^{b\Phi(R)} \frac{d\psi^{-1}(t)}{t} = 0, \quad (10)$$

$$\ln \nu_0(R) = o(\psi^{-1}(R)) \quad (R \rightarrow +\infty), \quad (11)$$

i.e., by Remark 3 we have $\psi \in L(\Phi)$.

For any fixed $x > 0$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{u > 2(\ln F(x))'} f(u)e^{ux} \nu(du) &\leq \int_{u \geq 2(\ln F(x))'} \frac{u}{2(\ln F(x))'} f(u)e^{ux} \nu(du) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2(\ln F(x))'} \int_0^{+\infty} u f(u)e^{ux} \nu(du) = \frac{F(x)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $F(x) \leq \int_{u \leq 2(\ln F(x))'} f(u)e^{ux} \nu(du) + F(x)/2$ and

$$F(x) \leq 2 \int_{u \leq 2(\ln F(x))'} f(u)e^{ux} \nu(du) \leq 2\mu_*(x)\nu_0(2(\ln F(x))') \quad (12)$$

for every $x > 0$.

Applying Lemma 2 with $g(x) = \ln F(x)$, $\Phi_1(x) = \Phi(x)$ and $\psi(t) = \frac{1}{2}\psi_1(t)$ we get

$$g'(x) \leq \frac{1}{2}\psi_1(g(x))$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus E$, $\underline{D}E = 0$. Hence using (11) and (12) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \ln F(x) &\leq \ln 2 + \ln \mu_*(x) + \ln \nu_0(2g'(x)) \leq \ln 2 + \ln \mu_*(x) + \ln \nu_0(\psi_1(g(x))) \leq \\ &\leq \ln 2 + \ln \mu_*(x) + o(\ln F(x)) \end{aligned}$$

as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ ($x \in \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus E$). Thus $(1+o(1)) \ln F(x) \leq \ln \mu_*(x, F)$ as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ ($x \in \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus E$). \square

Proof of Theorem 4. Following [4] we put

$$\begin{aligned} N_0(t) &= \int_1^t \frac{\nu_0(x)}{x} dx, \quad \nu_0(t) = \nu(0; t], \quad B = \frac{1}{1+h}, \quad h > 0, \\ \psi(u) &= -Bu \int_1^u \frac{\ln(N_0(0, 5(t+1))/\ln(t+1))}{t^2} dt, \quad f(u) = \begin{cases} \exp\{\psi(u)\}, & u \geq 1, \\ 1, & 0 < u \leq 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We prove that a function F defined by the integral of the form (1). Indeed, the condition $\int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\eta t} d\nu_0(t) < +\infty$ implies that

$$F(x) = \int_0^{+\infty} f(u)e^{xu} \nu(du) = \int_0^{+\infty} f(u)e^{xu} d\nu_0(u) \leq \mu_*(x + \eta, F) \cdot \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\eta u} d\nu_0(u). \quad (13)$$

Now, for each fixed $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$ we consider the function $\psi_0(u, x) = \psi(u) + xu$. It is easy to see that $\psi_0(u, x)$ is a concave function of $u \geq 1$ for each fixed $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$ and has a unique point of maximum $\bar{u} = u(x) \in [1, +\infty)$. We can find this point from the equation

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial u} = -B \int_1^u t^{-2} \ln \left(\frac{N_0(0, 5(t+1))}{\ln(t+1)} \right) dt - \frac{B}{u} \ln \left(\frac{N_0(0, 5(u+1))}{\ln(u+1)} \right) + x = 0,$$

and also $\psi(u, x) \geq \psi(1, x) = x \geq 0$ ($1 \leq u \leq \bar{u}$, $x \geq 0$). Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \mu_*(x, F) &= \sup\{\ln f(u) + xu : u \in \text{supp } \nu\} \leq \max\{\psi(u) + ux : u \geq 1\} = \\ &= \psi(\bar{u}) + \bar{u}x = B \ln \left(\frac{N_0(0, 5(u+1))}{\ln(u+1)} \right) \leq B \ln \nu_0(0, 5(\bar{u}+1)) \leq B \ln \nu_0(\bar{u}) < +\infty, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

and $F \in \mathcal{I}(\nu)$. On the other hand, for $x \geq 0$ we obtain

$$F(x) \geq \int_0^{\bar{u}} f(u) e^{xu} \nu(du) \geq \int_0^{\bar{u}} \nu(du) = \nu_0(\bar{u}) - \nu_0(0) = \nu_0(\bar{u}).$$

Using inequality (14) we have

$$\ln F(x) \geq \ln \nu_0(\bar{u}) \geq \frac{1}{B} \ln \mu_*(x, F) = (1+h) \cdot \ln \mu_*(x, F) \quad (x \geq x_0).$$

The first condition of (8) yields

$$(\exists \eta > 0)(\exists b > 0): \quad \liminf_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{R} \int_0^{\eta \Phi(R)} \frac{\ln \nu_0(t)}{t^2} dt > b. \quad (15)$$

Indeed, if we assume that

$$(\forall \delta > 0): \quad \liminf_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{R} \int_0^{\delta \Phi(R)} \frac{\ln \nu_0(t)}{t^2} dt = 0$$

then for any fixed $\eta > 0$ there exists a sequence $R_j \rightarrow +\infty$ ($j \rightarrow +\infty$) such that

$$\max \left\{ \frac{1}{R} \int_0^{2\eta \Phi(R)} \frac{\ln \nu_0(t)}{t^2} dt, \frac{1}{R} \int_{\eta \Phi(R)}^{2\eta \Phi(R)} \frac{\ln \nu_0(t)}{t^2} dt \right\} = \frac{1}{R} \int_0^{2\eta \Phi(R)} \frac{\ln \nu_0(t)}{t^2} dt \rightarrow 0$$

as $R = R_j \rightarrow +\infty$. From the inequality

$$\frac{1}{R} \int_{\eta \Phi(R)}^{2\eta \Phi(R)} \frac{\ln \nu_0(t)}{t^2} dt \geq \frac{\ln \nu_0(\eta \Phi(R))}{2\eta R \Phi(R)} \quad (R > 0),$$

we obtain

$$\frac{\ln \nu_0(\eta \Phi(R))}{R \Phi(R)} \rightarrow 0 \quad (R = R_j \rightarrow +\infty).$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < b < \frac{1}{R} \int_0^{\eta \Phi(R)} \frac{d \ln \nu_0(t)}{t} &= \frac{\ln \nu_0(\eta \Phi(R))}{\eta R \Phi(R)} + \frac{1}{R} \int_0^{\eta \Phi(R)} \frac{\ln \nu_0(t)}{t^2} dt \leq \\ &\leq \frac{\ln \nu_0(\eta \Phi(R))}{\eta R \Phi(R)} + \frac{1}{R} \int_0^{2\eta \Phi(R)} \frac{\ln \nu_0(t)}{t^2} dt \rightarrow 0 \quad (R = R_j \rightarrow +\infty). \end{aligned}$$

We have got a contradiction.

Remark that $N_0(t) \geq \int_{t/e}^t \frac{\nu_0(x)}{x} dx \geq \nu_0(t/e) \geq \nu_0(t/3)$ ($t > 0$). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^y \frac{\ln(N_0((t+1)/2)/\ln(t+1))}{t^2} dt &\geq \int_1^y \frac{\ln(\nu_0((t+1)/6)/\ln(t+1))}{t^2} dt \geq \\ &\geq \int_1^y \frac{\ln \nu_0(t/6)}{t^2} dt - \int_1^y \frac{\ln \ln(t+1)}{t^2} dt \geq \frac{1}{6} \int_0^{y/6} \frac{\ln \nu_0(u)}{u^2} du - c, \end{aligned}$$

where $c > 0$ is some constant. Hence by conditions (8) we obtain

$$\int_1^{6\eta\Phi(R)} \frac{\ln(N_0((t+1)/2)/\ln(t+1))}{t^2} dt \geq \frac{1}{6} \int_0^{\eta\Phi(R)} \frac{\ln \nu_0(u)}{u^2} du - c \geq \frac{bR}{12} \quad (R \geq R_0),$$

and

$$\ln f(u) = \psi(u) \leq -\frac{bB}{12} \cdot u\varphi\left(\frac{u}{6\eta}\right) = -c_1 u\varphi(c_2 u) \quad (u \geq 6\eta\Phi(r_0)),$$

where the function φ is the inverse function to Φ , and $c_1, c_2 > 0$. Then for large enough x we have

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \mu_*(x, F) &\leq \max\{\max\{\psi(u) + xu : u \geq 6\eta\Phi(r_0)\}, \max\{\psi(u) + xu : 0 \leq u < 6\eta\Phi(r_0)\}\} \leq \\ &\leq \max\{-c_1 u\varphi(c_2 u) + xu : u \geq 6\eta\Phi(r_0)\} \leq \max\left\{-\frac{c_1}{c_2} v\Phi(v) + \frac{x}{c_2} \Phi(v) : v \geq 0\right\} = \\ &= \max\left\{\frac{x - c_1 v}{c_2} \Phi(v) : 0 \leq v \leq \frac{x}{c_1}\right\} \leq \frac{x}{c_2} \Phi\left(\frac{x}{c_1}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, from (13) it follows that $F \in \mathcal{I}(\nu, \Phi_0)$. □

3. Corollaries. Let $\lambda = (\lambda_n)$ be a sequence such that $0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_n \uparrow +\infty$ ($1 \leq n \uparrow +\infty$), and $\nu(E) := \sum_{\lambda_n \in E} \delta_{\lambda_n}(E)$ for any bounded set $E \subset \mathbb{R}_+$, where $\delta_\lambda(E) = 1$ at $\lambda \in E$ and $\delta_\lambda(E) = 0$ otherwise. Then for a function $F \in \mathcal{I}(\nu)$ and $x \geq 0$ we have an entire Dirichlet series

$$F(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} f(u) e^{xu} \nu(du) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} f(\lambda_n) e^{x\lambda_n}.$$

Denote by $H(\lambda, \Phi)$ the class of entire Dirichlet series with fixed sequence of exponents λ of the form

$$F(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} a_n e^{z\lambda_n},$$

such that

$$(\exists c > 0): \quad \ln \mathfrak{M}(x, F) \leq \Phi(cx) \quad (x \geq x_0), \quad \mathfrak{M}(x, F) := \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} |a_n| e^{x\lambda_n}.$$

From Theorem 3 we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 1. Let $\Phi_0(x) = x\Phi(x)$, $\Phi \in L^+$, $F \in H(\lambda, \Phi_0)$. If conditions

$$(\forall \eta > 0): \quad \ln n(\eta\Phi(t)) = o(t\Phi(t)) \quad (t \rightarrow +\infty) \quad (16)$$

and

$$(\forall \eta > 0): \quad \lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{R} \int_0^{\eta\Phi(R)} \frac{d \ln n(t)}{t} = 0, \quad n(t) := \sum_{\lambda_n \leq t} 1,$$

are satisfied then the relation

$$\ln M(x, F) = (1 + o(1)) \ln \mu(x, F)$$

holds as $x \rightarrow +\infty$, ($x \notin E$), where E is a set of zero linear lower density, i.e. $\underline{D}E = 0$, $M(x, F) = \sup\{|F(x + iy)|: y \in \mathbb{R}\}$, $\mu(x, F) = \max\{|a_n|e^{x\lambda_n}: n \geq 0\}$.

In [9, Theorem 2] we prove the statement of Corollary 1 with the condition

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{\ln n}{\lambda_n} : n \geq m \right\} = O\left(\frac{\ln m}{\lambda_m}\right) \quad (m \rightarrow +\infty) \quad (17)$$

instead of condition (16). Remark that condition (17) implies $\ln n = O(\lambda_n)$ ($n \rightarrow +\infty$), i.e. $\ln n(t) = O(t)$ ($t \rightarrow +\infty$). Thus condition (16) follows from condition (17).

The statement of Corollary 1 follows also from Theorem 3 in [10].

From Theorem 4 we obtain the following corollary (see also [9, Theorem 2]).

Corollary 2. Let $\Phi \in L^+$. If conditions

$$(\exists \eta > 0)(\exists b > 0): \quad \lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{R} \int_0^{\eta\Phi(R)} \frac{d \ln n(t)}{t} > b, \quad \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\eta t} dn(t) < +\infty$$

are satisfied then for every $h > 0$ there exists a function $F \in H(\lambda, \Phi)$ such that for all $x \geq x_0$ one has

$$\ln M(x, F) \geq (1 + h) \ln \mu(x, F).$$

Condition (17) implies that $\ln n(t) = O(t)$ ($t \rightarrow +\infty$). Therefore, by Remark 2, $\int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\eta t} dn(t) < +\infty$ for some $\eta > 0$ large enough.

4. Concluding remarks. Let ν be a discrete measure on \mathbb{R}_+ with unbounded support. From the results of [12, 13] it follows that the boundedness of the Lebesgue measure of an exceptional set E in Theorem A is the best possible in this case (for similar statements on the class of multiple Dirichlet series see [14] and on the class of Laplace integrals of several variables see [15]). In this connection the following questions arise.

Question 1. Let ν be an absolutely continuous or singular measure. Whether the same is true for these cases?

Question 2. Is the description of an exceptional set in theorems 1–3 best possible?

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