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**GENERALIZATIONS OF UNIVERSALITY FOR PERIODIC HURWITZ ZETA FUNCTIONS**

It is well known that zeta-functions universal in the sense that their shifts uniformly on compact subsets of some region approximate any analytic functions form a rather wide class. In the paper, the universality for composite functions of the periodic Hurwitz zeta-functions is discussed.

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**INTRODUCTION.** In 1975, S. M. Voronin generalizing the Bohr-Courant denseness result [3] for the Riemann zeta-function  $\zeta(s), s = \sigma + it$ , obtained a remarkable universality theorem [17] on the approximation of analytic functions by shifts  $\zeta(s + i\tau), \tau \in \mathbb{R}$ . We state a modern version of the Voronin theorem, for the proof, see, for example, [10]. Let  $D = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : \frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1\}$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Suppose that  $K \subset D$  be a compact set with connected complement, and  $f(s)$  is a continuous non-vanishing function on  $K$  which is analytic in the interior of  $K$ . Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,*

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \text{meas}\{\tau \in [0, T] : \sup_{s \in K} |\zeta(s + i\tau) - f(s)| < \varepsilon\} > 0$$

Voronin's theorem asserts that the set of shifts  $\zeta(s + i\tau)$  approximating a given analytic function is infinite and even has a positive lower density. On the other hand, the theorem is not effective in the sense that any  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$  with approximation property is not known. However, this effectivity problem does not hinder to apply the universality theorem which is useful for proof of functional independence, for study zero-distribution and moment problem of universal functions, is applied for estimation of complicated analytic functions. This is a motivation to extend the class of universal functions in the Voronin sense. After appearance of Voronin's paper, many authors obtained universality of various zeta and  $L$ -functions, and of some classes of Dirichlet series, for history and references, see [1, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16]. It turned out that some composite functions of universal functions are also universal. For example,  $\log \zeta(s)$  defined by an usual manner [9], and  $\zeta'(s)$  are universal functions. In [12], some classes of functions  $F$  such that  $F(\zeta(s))$  preserve the universality property were introduced. The aim of this paper is the universality for composite functions of periodic Hurwitz zeta-functions.

Let  $\mathbf{a} = \{a_m : m \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$  be a periodic sequence of complex numbers with minimal period  $k$ , and  $\alpha, 0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , be a fixed parameter. The periodic Hurwitz zeta-function  $\zeta(s, \alpha; \mathbf{a})$  is defined, for  $\sigma > 1$ , by the series

$$\zeta(s, \alpha; \mathbf{a}) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{(m + \alpha)^s}.$$

If  $a_m \equiv 1$ , the function  $\zeta(s, \alpha; \mathbf{a})$  reduces to the classical Hurwitz zeta-function  $\zeta(s, \alpha)$ . The periodicity of the sequence  $\mathbf{a}$  implies, for  $\sigma > 1$ , the equality

$$\zeta(s, \alpha; \mathbf{a}) = \frac{1}{k^s} \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} a_l \zeta\left(s, \frac{l + \alpha}{k}\right),$$

which gives analytic continuation for  $\zeta(s, \alpha; \mathbf{a})$ . If

$$a \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} a_l = 0,$$

then the periodic Hurwitz zeta-function is entire, while, in the case  $a \neq 0$ ,  $\zeta(s, \alpha; \mathbf{a})$  is a meromorphic function, and the point  $s = 1$  is unique simple pole with residue 1.

The universality of the function  $\zeta(s, \alpha; \mathbf{a})$  with transcendental parameter  $\alpha$  has been began to study in [7], and proved unconditionally in [8]. Denote by  $\mathcal{K}$  the set of compact subsets of the strip  $D$  with connected complement, and for  $K \in \mathcal{K}$ , denote by  $H(K)$  the set of continuous functions on  $K$  which are analytic in the interior of  $K$ . Then the following universality theorem is true [8].

**Theorem 2.** *Suppose that  $\alpha$  is transcendental,  $K \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $f \in H(K)$ . Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,*

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \text{meas}\{\tau \in [0, T] : \sup_{s \in K} |\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha; \mathbf{a}) - f(s)| < \varepsilon\} > 0.$$

Let  $H(D)$  stand for the space of analytic functions on  $D$  equipped with the topology of uniform convergence on compacta. This paper is devoted to the universality of functions  $F(\zeta(s, \alpha; \mathbf{a}))$ , where  $F : H(D) \rightarrow H(D)$ .

### MAIN RESULTS

**1. Statement of results.** In what follows, we suppose that the number  $\alpha$  is transcendental.

**Theorem 3.** *Suppose that  $F : H(D) \rightarrow H(D)$  is a continuous function such that, for every open set  $G \subset H(D)$ , the set  $F^{-1}G$  is non-empty. Let  $K \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $f \in H(K)$ . Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,*

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \text{meas}\{\tau \in [0, T] : \sup_{s \in K} |F(\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha; \mathbf{a})) - f(s)| < \varepsilon\} > 0.$$

The hypothesis of Theorem 3 that the set  $F^{-1}G$  is non-empty is very general, however, it is difficult to check this hypothesis. In the next theorem, we replace the hypothesis of Theorem 3 by a stronger but simpler one.

**Theorem 4.** *Suppose that  $F : H(D) \rightarrow H(D)$  is a continuous function such that, for each polynomial  $p = p(s)$ , the set  $F^{-1}\{p\}$  is non-empty. Let  $K \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $f \in H(K)$ . Then the assertion of Theorem 3 is true.*

It is easily seen that, for every polynomial  $p(s)$ , there exists a polynomial  $q(s)$  such that, for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $c_1, \dots, c_r \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $c_1 q'(s), \dots, c_r q^{(r)}(s) = p(s)$ . Therefore, by Theorem 4, the function  $c_1 \zeta'(s, \alpha, \mathbf{a}), \dots, c_r \zeta^{(r)}(s, \alpha; \mathbf{a})$  is universal.

The continuity requirement for the function  $F$  in Theorem 4 can be replaced by an analogue of the Lipschitz condition in the space of analytic function. More precisely, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.** *Suppose that  $F : H(D) \rightarrow H(D)$  is a function such that, for each polynomial  $p=p(s)$ , the set  $F^{-1}\{p\}$  is non-empty, and for each  $K \in \mathcal{K}$ , there exist positive constants  $c$  and  $\beta$ , and  $K_1 \in \mathcal{K}$  such that*

$$\sup_{s \in K} |F(g_1(s)) - F(g_2(s))| \leq c \sup_{s \in K_1} |g_1(s) - g_2(s)|^\beta \quad (1)$$

for all  $g_1, g_2 \in H(D)$ . Let  $K \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $f \in H(K)$ . Then the assertion of Theorem 3 is true.

In view of the integral Cauchy formula, the function  $F(g) = g^{(r)}$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , satisfies hypotheses of Theorem 5 with  $\beta = 1$ .

Now we will restrict a class of approximated functions. For  $a_1, \dots, a_r$ , denote

$$H_{a_1, \dots, a_r}(D) = \{g \in H(D) : (g(s) - a_j)^{-1} \in H(D), j = 1, \dots, r\}.$$

**Theorem 6.** *Suppose that  $F : H(D) \rightarrow H(D)$  is a continuous function such that  $F(H(D)) \supset H_{a_1, \dots, a_r}(D)$ . For  $r = 1$ , let  $K \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $f \in H(K)$  and  $f(s) \neq a_1$  on  $K$ . For  $r \geq 2$ , let  $K \subset D$  be an arbitrary compact set, and  $f \in H_{a_1, \dots, a_r}(D)$ . Then the assertion of Theorem 3 is true.*

Solving the equation  $\sin(g) = f$  in  $g \in H(D)$ , we easily find that if  $f \in H_{-1,1}(D)$ , then, by Theorem 6 with  $r = 2$ ,  $f(s)$  can be approximated by shifts  $\sin(\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha; \mathbf{a}))$ .

In general case, the following universality theorem is valid.

**Theorem 7.** *Suppose that  $F : H(D) \rightarrow H(D)$  is a continuous function. Let  $K \subset D$  be an arbitrary compact set, and  $f \in F(H(D))$ . Then the assertion of Theorem 3 is true.*

**2. Proof of Theorem 5.** Theorem 5 is a corollary of Theorem 2 and the Mergelyan theorem on the approximation of analytic functions by polynomials. We state the latter theorem in a convenient for us form as the next lemma.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $K \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a compact set with connected complement, and  $f(s)$  be a continuous function on  $K$  which is analytic in the interior of  $K$ . Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a polynomial  $p(s)$  such that*

$$\sup_{s \in K} |f(s) - p(s)| < \varepsilon.$$

Proof of the lemma is given in [15], see also [18].

**Proof.** [Proof of Theorem 5] By Lemma 1, there exists a polynomial  $p(s)$  such that

$$\sup_{s \in K} |f(s) - p(s)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}. \quad (2)$$

Let  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfy the inequality

$$\sup_{s \in K} |F(\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha; \mathbf{a})) - g(s)| < c^{-\frac{1}{\beta}} \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta}}, \quad (3)$$

where  $g \in F^{-1}\{p\}$ , and  $K_1 \in \mathcal{K}$  corresponds the set  $K$  in hypothesis of the theorem. Then, for the same  $\tau$ , in view of (1),

$$\sup_{s \in K} |F(\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha; \mathbf{a})) - p(s)| \leq c \sup_{s \in K_1} |F(\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha; \mathbf{a})) - g(s)|^\beta < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}. \quad (4)$$

By Theorem 2, the set of  $\tau$  satisfying (3) has a positive lower density. This and (4) show that

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \text{meas} \left\{ \tau \in [0, T] : \sup_{s \in K} |F(\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha; \mathbf{a})) - p(s)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} > 0.$$

Combining this with (2) proves the theorem.

**3. Proof of other Theorems.** The proofs of Theorems 4–7 is based on limit theorems in the sense of weak convergence of probability measures in the space  $H(D)$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{B}(S)$  the class of Borel set of the space  $S$ .

Define  $\Omega = \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} \gamma_m$ , where  $\gamma = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : |s| = 1\}$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . By the Tikhonov theorem, the infinite-dimensional torus  $\Omega$  with the product topology and pointwise multiplication is a compact topological Abelian group. Therefore, on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega))$  the probability Haar measure  $m_H$  can be defined, and this leads to the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega), m_H)$ . Denote by  $\omega(m)$  the projection of  $\omega \in \Omega$  to the coordinate space  $\gamma_m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , and on the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}(\Omega), m_H)$ , define the  $H(D)$ -valued random element  $\zeta(s, \alpha, \omega; \mathbf{a})$  by the formula

$$\zeta(s, \alpha, \omega; \mathbf{a}) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_m \omega(m)}{(m + \alpha)^s}.$$

Note that the latter series, for almost all  $\omega$ , converges uniformly on compact subsets of  $D$ . Let  $P_\zeta$  be the distribution of the random element  $\zeta(s, \alpha, \omega; \mathbf{a})$ , i.e.,

$$P_\zeta(A) = m_H(\omega \in \Omega : \zeta(s, \alpha, \omega; \mathbf{a}) \in A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(H(D)).$$

**Proof.** [Proof of Theorem 3] By a theorem of [7], the probability measure

$$P_T(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{T} \text{meas} \{ \tau \in [0, T] : \zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha; \mathbf{a}) \in A \}, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(H(D)),$$

converges weakly to  $P_\zeta$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . Define

$$P_{T,F}(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{T} \text{meas} \{ \tau \in [0, T] : F(\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha; \mathbf{a})) \in A \}, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(H(D)).$$

Then, clearly, we have that  $P_{T,F} = P_T F^{-1}$ , where  $P_T F^{-1}$  is defined, for  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H(D))$ , by  $P_T F^{-1}(A) = P_T(F^{-1}A)$ . Therefore, the continuity of  $F$ , weak convergence of  $P_T$ , and Theorem 5.1 of [2] show that  $P_{T,F}$  converges weakly to  $P_\zeta F^{-1}$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .

The space  $H(D)$  is separable. Therefore, the support of a probability measure  $P$  on  $(H(D), \mathcal{B}(H(D)))$  is a minimal closed set  $S_P \subset H(D)$  such that  $P(S_P) = 1$ . The set  $S_P$  consists of all elements  $x$  such that every open neighbourhood  $G$  of  $x$  has a positive  $P$ -measure.

In [8], it is proved that the support of the measure  $P_\zeta$  is the whole of  $H(D)$ . We will prove that this is also true for the measure  $P_\zeta F^{-1}$ . Really, let  $g$  be an arbitrary element of  $H(D)$ , and  $G$  be an open neighbourhood of  $g$ . By the hypothesis of the theorem, the set  $F^{-1}G$  is non-empty, and, because of the continuity of  $F$ , it is open, too. Thus,  $F^{-1}G$  is an open neighbourhood of some element  $g_1 \in H(D)$ . Since the support of  $P_\zeta$  is the whole of  $H(D)$ , we obtain that  $P_\zeta(F^{-1}G) > 0$ . Hence,  $P_\zeta F^{-1}(G) = P_\zeta(F^{-1}G) > 0$ . Since  $g$  and  $G$  are arbitrary, this shows that the support of  $P_\zeta F^{-1}$  is the whole of  $H(D)$ .

By Lemma 1, there exists a polynomial  $p = p(s)$  such that (2) holds. Define

$$\mathcal{G} = \left\{ g \in H(D) : \sup_{s \in K} |g(s) - p(s)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\}.$$

The set  $\mathcal{G}$  is an open neighbourhood of  $p$  which, in view of the above remark, is an element of the support of the measure  $P_\zeta F^{-1}$ . Therefore,  $P_\zeta F^{-1}(\mathcal{G}) > 0$ . Using the weak convergence of  $P_{T,F}$  to  $P_\zeta F^{-1}$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , and applying an equivalent of weak convergence of probability measures in terms of open sets, see Theorem 3 of [2], we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \text{meas} \left\{ \tau \in [0, T] : \sup_{s \in K} |F(\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha; \mathbf{a})) - p(s)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} \\ \geq P_\zeta F^{-1}(\mathcal{G}) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

This together with (2) proves the theorem.

**Proof.** [Proof of Theorem 4] The space  $H(D)$  is metrisable. It is well known, see, for example, [4], that there exists a sequence  $\{K_l : l \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of compact subsets of the strip  $D$  such that

$$D = \bigcup_{l=1}^{\infty} K_l,$$

$K_l \subset K_{l+1}$ , for all  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , and if  $K \subset D$  is a compact subset, then  $K \subset K_l$  for some  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$\varrho(g_1, g_2) = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} 2^{-l} \frac{\sup_{s \in K_l} |g_1(s) - g_2(s)|}{1 + \sup_{s \in K_l} |g_1(s) - g_2(s)|}, \quad g_1, g_2 \in H(D),$$

is a metric in  $H(D)$  which induces the topology of uniform convergence on compacta. In the case of  $H(D)$ , obviously, we may choose the sets  $K_l$  to be with connected complements. It is easily seen that  $\varrho(g_1, g_2)$  is small if  $\sup_{s \in K_l} |g_1(s) - g_2(s)|$  is small enough for sufficiently large  $l$ . Thus, approximation in the space  $H(D)$  reduces to that on compact subsets with connected complements.

We will prove that, for every open set  $G \subset H(D)$ , the set  $F^{-1}G$  is non-empty. Let  $\emptyset \neq G \subset H(D)$  be arbitrary open set, and  $g \in G$ . Suppose that  $K \in \mathcal{K}$ . Then,

by Lemma 1, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a polynomial  $p = p(s)$  such that

$$\sup_{s \in K} |g(s) - p(s)| < \varepsilon.$$

Therefore, if  $\varepsilon$  is small enough, we may assume that  $p \in G$ , too. Thus, by hypothesis of the theorem, the set  $F^{-1}G$  is non-empty. Therefore, the theorem follows from Theorem 3.

**Proof.** [Proof of Theorem 6] First we observe that the support of the measure  $P_\zeta F^{-1}$  is the closure of the set  $F(H(D))$ . Really, let  $g$  be an arbitrary element of  $F(H(D))$ , and  $G$  be any open neighbourhood of  $g$ . Then there exists  $g_1 \in H(D)$  such that  $F(g_1) = g$ . Therefore, the set  $F^{-1}G$  is an open neighbourhood of  $g_1$  by continuity of  $F$ . Since the support of the measure  $P_\zeta$  is the whole of  $H(D)$ , this shows that  $P_\zeta(F^{-1}G) > 0$ . Thus,

$$P_\zeta F^{-1}(G) = P_\zeta(F^{-1}G) > 0. \quad (5)$$

Moreover,  $P_\zeta F^{-1}(F(H(D))) = P_\zeta(H(D)) = 1$ . Since the support is a closed set, this together with (5) proves that the support of  $P_\zeta F^{-1}$  is the closure of  $F(H(D))$ .

The case  $r = 1$ . By Lemma 1, there exists a polynomial  $p(s)$  such that

$$\sup_{s \in K} |f(s) - p(s)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}. \quad (6)$$

Since  $f(s) \neq a_1$  on  $K$ , we have that  $p(s) \neq a_1$  on  $K$  as well provided  $\varepsilon$  is small enough. Therefore, we can define on  $K$  a continuous branch of  $\log(p(s) - a_1)$  which will be analytic in the interior of  $K$ . Applying Lemma 1 once more, we find a polynomial  $p_1(s)$  such that

$$\sup_{s \in K} |p(s) - a_1 - e^{p_1(s)}| < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}. \quad (7)$$

Obviously,  $g_1(s) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} e^{p_1(s)} + a_1 \in H(D)$ , and  $g_1(s) \neq a_1$ . Thus,  $g_1 \in H_{a_1}(D)$ . Since  $H_1(D) \subset F(H(D))$ , by the above remark,  $g_1$  is an element of the support of the measure  $P_\zeta F^{-1}$ . Define

$$G_1 = \left\{ g \in H(D) : \sup_{s \in K} |f(s) - g_1(s)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\}.$$

Then  $G_1$  is an open neighbourhood of  $g_1$ , thus, we have that  $P_\zeta F^{-1}(G_1) > 0$ . Using the weak convergence of the measure  $P_{T,F}$  to  $P_\zeta F^{-1}$ , hence we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \text{meas} \left\{ \tau \in [0, T] : \sup_{s \in K} |F(\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha; \mathbf{a})) - g_1(s)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} \\ \geq P_\zeta F^{-1}(G_1) > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Inequalities (6) and (7) imply

$$\sup_{s \in K} |f(s) - g_1(s)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

which together with (8) proves the theorem in the case  $r = 1$ .

The case  $r \geq 2$ . Since  $f \in H_{a_1, \dots, a_r}(D)$  and  $H_{a_1, \dots, a_r}(D) \subset F(H(D))$ , we have that  $f$  is an element of the support of the measure  $P_\zeta F^{-1}$ . Define

$$G_2 = \{g \in H(D) : \sup_{s \in K} |g(s) - f(s)| < \varepsilon\}.$$

Then  $P_\zeta F^{-1}(G_2) > 0$ , and the weak convergence of the measure  $P_{T,F}$  to  $P_\zeta F^{-1}$  gives the inequality

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \text{meas} \left\{ \tau \in [0, T] : \sup_{s \in K} |F(\zeta(s + i\tau, \alpha; \mathbf{a})) - f(s)| < \varepsilon \right\} \\ \geq P_\zeta F^{-1}(G_2) > 0.$$

The theorem is proved.

**Proof.** [Proof of Theorem 7] We may use the same arguments as in the proof of the case  $r \geq 2$  of Theorem 6, since, by the observation in the beginning of the proof of Theorem 6,  $f(s)$  is an element of the support of the measure  $P_\zeta F^{-1}$ .

**CONCLUSION.** It is well known that zeta-functions universal in the sense that their shifts uniformly on compact subsets of some region approximate any analytic functions form a rather wide class. In the paper, the universality for composite functions of the periodic Hurwitz zeta-functions was discussed.

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УЗАГАЛЬНЕННЯ УНІВЕРСАЛЬНОСТІ ЗЕТА-ФУНКЦІЙ ГУРВИЦА

*Резюме*

Добре відомо, що зета-функції універсальні в тому сенсі, що їхні здвижки апроксимують аналітичні функції з доволі широкого класу рівномірно на компактних підмножинах деякої області. В статті обговорюється універсальність композиції періодичних зета-функцій Гурвица.

*Ключові слова:* теорема про ліміт, періодична зета-функція Гурвица, універсальність.

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ОБОБЩЕНИЯ УНИВЕРСАЛЬНОСТИ ПЕРИОДИЧЕСКИХ ЗЕТА-ФУНКЦИЙ ГУРВИЦА

*Резюме*

Хорошо известно, что зета-функции универсальны в том смысле, что их сдвиги аппроксимируют аналитические функции из довольно широкого класса равномерным образом на компактных подмножествах некоторой области. В статье обсуждается универсальность композиций периодических зета-функций Гурвица.

*Ключевые слова:* предельная теорема, периодическая зета-функция Гурвица, универсальность.