

# Roots of Polynomials, Integer Partitions, and $L$ -Functions

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## Example

The partitions of 4 are

$$4, \quad 3 + 1, \quad 2 + 2, \quad 2 + 1 + 1, \quad 1 + 1 + 1 + 1.$$

Thus,  $p(4) = 5$ .

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With Taylor coefficients of an entire function  $f$  as our terms we obtain

$$J_f^{d,n}(z) = J_{f^{(n)}}^{d,0}(z) = \sum_{j=0}^d \binom{d}{j} f^{(n+j)}(0) z^j.$$

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The hyperbolicity of Jensen polynomials can encode information about a sequence.

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The roots of  $J_a^{2,n}(z) = a_{n+2}z^2 + 2a_{n+1}z + a_n$  are

$$z = \frac{-a_{n+1} \pm \sqrt{(a_{n+1})^2 - a_{n+2}a_n}}{a_{n+2}}.$$

$J_a^{d,n}(z)$  is hyperbolic if and only if  $(a_{n+1})^2 \geq a_{n+2}a_n$ .



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## A Look Ahead

Griffin, Ono, Rolen, and Zagier (2019) showed for every degree  $d$ , there exists an  $N(d)$  such that if  $n \geq N(d)$  then  $J_p^{d,n}(z)$  is hyperbolic.

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Riemann Hypothesis is true  $\iff$  all zeros of  $\Xi$  are real.

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## Theorem

*The function  $\Xi$  has order 1.*

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A real entire function  $\psi(z)$  belongs to the **Laguerre-Pólya class**, if

$$\psi(z) = Cz^m e^{bx-ax^2} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{z}{z_k}\right) e^{-\frac{z}{z_k}},$$

where  $b, C, z_k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $a \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{k \geq 1} x_k^{-2} < \infty$ .

If for  $\psi(z) \in \mathcal{L} - \mathcal{P}$ , either  $\psi(z)$  or  $\psi(-z)$  is

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A real sequence  $\{\gamma_k\}_{k \geq 0}$  is a **shifted multiplier sequence of type I (type II respectively)** if for each  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists an  $N(d)$  such that  $\{\gamma_{k+n}\}_{k \geq 0}$  is an order  $d$  multiplier sequence of type I (type II respectively) for all  $n \geq N(d)$ .

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# First Motivating Results

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A sequence  $a(n)$  with an asymptotic formula has appropriate growth if

$$\log \left( \frac{a(n+j)}{a(n)} \right) = A(n)j - B(n)j^2 + o(\delta(n)^2),$$

where  $A(n) > 0$  and  $0 < B(n) \rightarrow 0$ .

# Renormalized Jensen Polynomials

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If  $a(n)$  has appropriate growth, then the **renormalized Jensen polynomials** are defined by,

$$\widehat{J}_a^{d,n}(X) := \frac{2^d}{\delta(n)^d \cdot a(n)} \cdot J_a^{d,n} \left( \frac{\delta(n)X - 1}{E(n)} \right).$$



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## Proof Idea

The general idea of the proof is to show that for large fixed  $n$ ,

$$\sum_{d=0}^{\infty} \widehat{J}_a^{d,n}(X) \cdot \frac{Y^d}{d!} \approx e^{2XY - Y^2}.$$

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## Consequence

Then,  $\rho(\Xi) = 1 \implies N(\Xi; d) = O(d^{1/2+\varepsilon})$  as  $d \rightarrow \infty$ !



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Let

- $\mathbb{S} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |\operatorname{Im} z| \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$
- $\mathcal{Z}(f)$  be the zero set of the function  $f$
- $S(\delta) := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |\operatorname{Im} z| \leq \delta|z|\}$

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*Let  $f$  be a nonconstant real entire function with  $0 < \rho(f) \leq 2$  and of minimal type. If there is a positive real number  $A$  such that  $\mathcal{Z}(f) \subset \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |\operatorname{Im} z| \leq A\}$ , then for any positive constant  $B$  there is a positive integer  $n_1$  such that  $f^{(n)}(z)$  has only real zeros in  $|\operatorname{Re} z| \leq Bn^{\frac{1}{\rho}}$  for all  $n \geq n_1$ .*

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Let  $f$  be a transcendental real entire function of order  $\rho(f) < 2$  and  $\mathcal{Z}(f) \subset \mathbb{S}$ . Then for every  $c > \rho(f)$  there is a positive integer  $n_1$  such that for all  $n \geq n_1$

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There are four Dirichlet characters modulo 5, namely

$n \pmod{5}$	1	2	3	4	0
$\chi_0(n)$	1	1	1	1	0
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Additionally, we will use the following implications

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## Theorem (Bennett, Martin, O'Bryant, Rechnitzer)

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We apply the theorem of Kim, choosing  $A = k/2$  (rather than  $1/2$ ) and choose  $B = 1$ . Then, taking into account the lack of minimal type condition, for any  $c > \rho$  Kim's theorem implies there exists an  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f^{(n)}(z)$  has only real zeros in  $|\operatorname{Re} z| \leq n^{1/c}$  when  $n \geq n_1$ . This implies the theorem. ■



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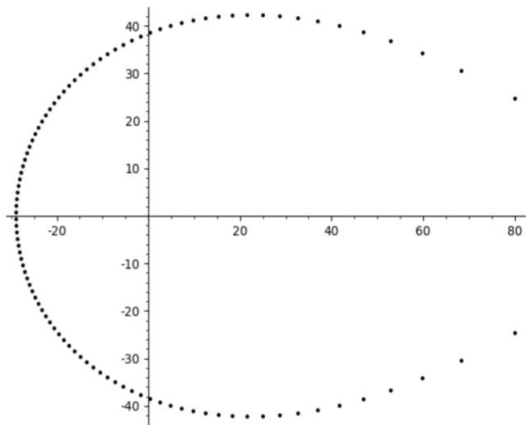
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