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## Distribution of Small Values of Bohr Almost Periodic Functions with Bounded Spectrum

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For  $f$  a nonzero Bohr almost periodic function on  $\mathbb{R}$  with a bounded spectrum we proved there exist  $C_f > 0$  and integer  $n > 0$  such that for every  $u > 0$  the mean measure of the set  $\{x : |f(x)| < u\}$  is less than  $C_f u^{1/n}$ . For trigonometric polynomials with  $\leq n + 1$  frequencies we showed that  $C_f$  can be chosen to depend only on  $n$  and the modulus of the largest coefficient of  $f$ . We showed this bound implies that the Mahler measure  $M(h)$ , of the lift  $h$  of  $f$  to a compactification  $G$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ , is positive and discussed the relationship of Mahler measure to the Riemann Hypothesis.

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### 1. Distribution of small values

$\mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{T} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$  are the natural, integer, real, complex and circle group numbers,  $C_b(\mathbb{R})$  is the  $C^*$ -algebra of bounded continuous functions and  $\chi_\omega : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$ ,  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$  the homomorphisms  $\chi_\omega(x) := e^{i\omega x}$ ,  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ . A finite sum  $f = \sum_\omega a_\omega \chi_\omega$  with distinct  $\omega$  is called a trigonometric polynomial with height  $H_f := \max_\omega |a_\omega|$  and they comprise the algebra  $T(\mathbb{R})$  of trigonometric polynomials. Bohr [9] defined the  $C^*$ -algebra  $U(\mathbb{R})$  of uniformly almost periodic functions to be the closure of  $T(\mathbb{R})$  in  $C_b(\mathbb{R})$  and proved that their means  $m(f) := \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} (2L)^{-1} \int_{-L}^L f(t) dt$  exist. The Fourier transform  $\hat{f} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  of  $f \in U(\mathbb{R})$  is  $\hat{f}(\omega) := m(f \bar{\chi}_\omega)$  and its spectrum  $\Omega(f) := \text{support } \hat{f}$ . If  $f$  is nonzero then  $\Omega(f)$  is nonempty and countable and we say  $f$  has bounded spectrum if its bandwidth  $b(f) \in [0, \infty]$ , defined by  $b(f) := \sup \Omega(f) - \inf \Omega(f)$ , is finite. We observe that if  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is defined by a finite number of inequalities involving functions in  $U(\mathbb{R})$  then  $m(S) := \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} (2L)^{-1} \text{measure } [-L, L] \cap S$  exists and define  $J_f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$J_f(u) := m(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f(x)| < u\}) \quad (1)$$

**Theorem 1.1.** *If  $f \in U(\mathbb{R})$  is nonzero and has a bounded spectrum then there exist  $C_f > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that:*

$$J_f(u) \leq C_f u^{\frac{1}{n}}, \quad u > 0. \quad (2)$$

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There exists a sequence  $C_n$  such that if  $f \in T(\mathbb{R})$  has  $n + 1$  frequencies then

$$J_f(u) \leq C_n H_f^{-\frac{1}{n}} u^{\frac{1}{n}}, \quad u > 0. \quad (3)$$

*Proof.* For  $f \in U(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $u > 0$  define  $\Xi_{f,\omega,k,u}, K_f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$\Xi_{f,\omega,k,u}(v) := m\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f(x)| < u, |(\chi_\omega f)^{(j)}(x)| < v^j, j = 1, \dots, k\}, \quad (4)$$

$$K_f(u) := \inf_{\omega \in \mathbb{R}} \inf_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \inf_{v > 0} \left[ 3\sqrt{2}\pi^{-1} b(f) k v^{-1} u^{\frac{1}{k}} + \Xi_{f,\omega,k,u}(v) \right]. \quad (5)$$

We first prove Theorem 1 assuming the following result which we prove latter.

**Lemma 1.1.** *Every nonzero  $f \in U(\mathbb{R})$  with bounded spectrum satisfies  $J_f \leq K_f$ .*

We observe that for every  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$  and every  $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ , if  $h(x) = \chi_\omega(x) f(ax)$  then  $J_h = J_f$  and  $K_h = K_f$ . Without loss of generality we can assume that  $\Omega(f) \subset \left[-\frac{b(f)}{2}, \frac{b(f)}{2}\right]$ . If  $b(f) = 0$  then  $f = c$  and  $J_f(u) \leq |c|^{-1}u$ . If  $b(f) > 0$  then Bohr [10] proved that  $f$  extends to an entire function  $F$  of exponential type  $\frac{b(f)}{2}$ , and Boas [6], ([7], p. 11, Equation 2.2.12) proved that

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} |f^{(k)}(x)|^{\frac{1}{k}} = \frac{b(f)}{2} \quad (6)$$

uniformly in  $x$ . Therefore for any  $v_0 > \frac{b(f)}{2}$  there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\Xi_{f,0,k,u}(v_0) = 0$  so Lemma 1.1 implies  $J_f$  satisfies (2) with  $C_f = 3\sqrt{2}\pi^{-1} b(f) k v_0^{-1}$  and  $n = k$ . This proves the first assertion. To prove the second we assume, without loss of generality, that  $b(f) = 1$ ,  $\Omega(f) \subset [0, 1]$  and

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} a_j e^{i\omega_j x}, \quad 0 = \omega_1 < \dots < \omega_{n+1} = 1, \quad H_f = \max\{|a_j| : j = 2, \dots, n+1\}.$$

Define  $C_1 := \frac{1}{2}$ . If  $n = 1$  and  $f$  has  $n + 1 = 2$  terms and  $f = a_0 + a_1 \chi_1$  with  $|a_1| = H_f$  and  $h = H_f(1 - \chi_1)$ , then  $J_f(u) \leq J_h(u) = (2/\pi) \sin^{-1}(u/(2H_f)) \leq C_1 H_f^{-1} u$  therefore (3) holds for  $n = 1$ . For  $n \geq 2$  we assume by induction that (3) holds for  $n - 1$  and therefore, since  $f^{(1)}$  has  $n$  terms and  $H_{f^{(1)}} = H_f$ , it follows that for all  $v > 0$ ,

$$J_{f^{(1)}}(v) \leq C_{n-1} H_f^{\frac{1}{n-1}} v^{\frac{1}{n-1}}, \quad (7)$$

$$\Xi_{f,0,1,u}(v) \leq C_{n-1} H_f^{\frac{1}{n-1}} v^{\frac{1}{n-1}}. \quad (8)$$

Therefore Lemma 1 with  $\omega = 0$ ,  $b(f) = k = 1$  gives

$$J_f(u) \leq \inf_{v > 0} \left[ 3\sqrt{2}\pi^{-1} v^{-1} u + C_{n-1} H_f^{\frac{1}{n-1}} v^{\frac{1}{n-1}} \right] = C_n H_f^{\frac{1}{n}} u^{\frac{1}{n}} \quad (9)$$

$$\text{where } C_n := C_{n-1}^{1-\frac{1}{n}} [3\sqrt{2}\pi^{-1} (n-1)]^{\frac{1}{n}} n(n-1)^{-1}. \quad (10)$$

**Remark 1.1.** *Computation of 200 million terms shows that  $n^{-1}C_n \rightarrow 0.900316322$*

**Conjecture 1.1.** *In (3)  $C_n$  can be replaced by a bounded sequence.*

**Lemma 1.2.** *If  $\phi : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is differentiable and  $\phi'([a, b])$  is contained in a quadrant then*

$$b - a \leq 2\sqrt{2} \frac{\max |\phi|([a, b])}{\min |\phi'|([a, b])}. \quad (11)$$

*Proof of Lemma 1.2.* We first proved this result in ([18], Lemma 1) where we used it to give a proof, of a conjecture of Boyd [11] about monic polynomials related to Lehmer's conjecture [20], which was reviewed in ([13], Section 3.5) and extended to monic trigonometric polynomials in ([19], Lemma 2). The triangle inequality  $|\phi'| \leq |\Re \phi'| + |\Im \phi'|$  gives

$$(b - a) \min |\phi'|([a, b]) \leq \int_a^b |\phi'(y)| dy \leq \int_a^b (|\Re \phi'(y)| + |\Im \phi'(y)|) dy.$$

Since  $\phi'([a, b])$  is contained in a quadrant of  $\mathbb{C}$  there exist  $c, d \in \{1, -1\}$  such that  $|\Re \phi'(y)| = c \Re \phi'(y)$  and  $|\Im \phi'(y)| = d \Im \phi'(y)$  for all  $y \in [a, b]$ . Therefore

$$\int_a^b (|\Re \phi'(y)| + |\Im \phi'(y)|) dy = (c \Re \phi(b) + d \Im \phi(b)) - (c \Re \phi(a) + d \Im \phi(a)).$$

The result follows since the right side is bounded above by  $2\sqrt{2} \max |\phi|([a, b])$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Lemma 1.1.* Assume that  $f \in U(\mathbb{R})$  is nonzero. We may assume without loss of generality that  $\Omega(f) \subset [-\frac{b(f)}{2}, \frac{b(f)}{2}]$ . For  $k \in \mathbb{N}, u > 0, v > 0$  we define the set

$$S_{f,k,u,v} := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f(u)| < u, \max_{j \in \{1, \dots, k\}} |f^{(j)}(x)|^{\frac{1}{j}} \geq v\}. \quad (12)$$

We observe that the set of functions in  $U(\mathbb{R})$  whose spectrums are in  $[-\frac{b(f)}{2}, \frac{b(f)}{2}]$  is closed under differentiation, and define  $s(f, k, u, v) := m(S_{f,k,u,v})$ .

$$\text{It suffices to prove that } s(f, k, u, v) \leq 3\sqrt{2}\pi^{-1} b(f) k v^{-1} u^{\frac{1}{k}}. \quad (13)$$

Define  $\gamma_j := u^{\frac{k-j}{k}} v^j, j \in \{0, \dots, k\}$ , and  $\mathcal{I} :=$  set of closed intervals  $I$  satisfying, for some  $j \in \{0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$ , the following three properties:

1.  $f^{(j+1)}(I)$  is a subset of a closed quadrant,
2.  $\max |f^{(j)}|(I) \leq \gamma_j$  and  $\min |f^{(j+1)}|(I) \geq \gamma_{j+1}$ ,
3.  $I$  is maximum with respect to properties 1 and 2.

Define  $\mathcal{E} :=$  set of endpoints of intervals in  $\mathcal{I}$ , and

$$\psi := \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} (\Re f^{(j+1)})(\Im f^{(j+1)}) (|f^{(j)}(x)|^2 - \gamma_j^2) (|f^{(j+1)}(x)|^2 - \gamma_{j+1}^2). \quad (14)$$

$$\text{Lemma 1.2 implies that } \text{length}(I) \leq 2\sqrt{2} \frac{\gamma_k}{\gamma_{k+1}} = 2\sqrt{2} v^{-1} u^{\frac{1}{k}}, \quad I \in \mathcal{I}, \quad (15)$$

$$\text{and (12) and Property 3 implies that } S_{f,k,u,v} \subset \bigcup_{I \in \mathcal{I}} I. \quad (16)$$

Clearly  $\psi = \Psi|_{\mathbb{R}}$  where  $\Psi$  is the product of  $6k$  entire functions each having bandwidth  $b(f)$  so a theorem of Titchmarsh [25] implies that the density of real zeros of  $\Psi$  is bounded above

by  $3\pi^{-1}b(f)k$ . Property 3 implies that all points in  $\mathcal{E}$  are zeros of  $\Psi$  so the upper density of intervals in  $\mathcal{I}$  is bounded by  $\frac{3}{2}\pi^{-1}b(f)k$ . Combining these facts gives  $s(f, k, u, v) \leq (\frac{3}{2}\pi^{-1}b(f)k)(2\sqrt{2}v^{-1}u^{\frac{1}{k}}) = 3\sqrt{2}\pi^{-1}b(f)kv^{-1}u^{\frac{1}{k}}$  which proves (13) and concludes the proof of Lemma 1.  $\square$

For  $p \in [1, \infty)$  Besicovitch [4] proved that the completion  $B^p(\mathbb{R})$  of  $U(\mathbb{R})$  with norm  $(m(|f|^p))^{\frac{1}{p}}$  is a subset of  $L^p_{loc}(\mathbb{R})$ . For  $x \geq 0$  we define  $\log^+(x) := \log(\max\{1, x\}) \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $\log^-(x) := \log(\min\{1, x\}) \in [-\infty, 0]$ , and  $|x|_j := \max\{|x|, \frac{1}{j}\}$  for  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Corollary 1.1.** *If  $f \in U(\mathbb{R})$  satisfies (2), then  $\log^- \circ |f| \in B^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,*

$$m(|\log^- \circ |f||^p) \leq \int_0^1 |\log(u)|^p dC_f u^{\frac{1}{n}} = C_f n^p \Gamma(p), \quad (17)$$

and  $\log \circ |f| \in B^p(\mathbb{R})$ .

*Proof of Corollary 1.1.* Since the means of the functions  $\log^- \circ |f|_j|^p$  are nondecreasing and bounded by the right side of (17), the sequence  $\log^- \circ |f|_j$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $B^p(\mathbb{R})$  so it converges to a function  $\eta \in B^p(\mathbb{R})$ . Therefore  $\log^- \circ |f| = \eta$  since it is the pointwise limit of  $\log^- \circ |f|_j$  and  $\eta \in L^p_{loc}(\mathbb{R})$ . The last fact follows since  $\log = \log^+ + \log^-$ .  $\square$

## 2. Compactifications and Hardy Spaces

**Definition 2.1.** *A compactification of  $\mathbb{R}$  is a pair  $(G, \theta)$  where  $G$  is a compact abelian group and  $\theta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow G$  is a continuous homomorphism with a dense image.*

$C(G)$  is the set of continuous functions on  $G$  and  $L^p(G), p \in [1, \infty)$  are Banach spaces. If  $h \in C(G)$  then  $f := h \circ \theta \in U(\mathbb{R})$  since by a theorem of Bochner [8] every sequence of translates of  $f$  has a subsequence that converges uniformly. We call  $h$  the lift of  $f$  to  $G$ . The Pontryagin dual [24]  $\widehat{G}$  of a compact abelian group  $G$  is the discrete group of continuous homomorphisms  $\chi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  under pointwise multiplication. Bohr proved the existence of a compactification  $(\mathbb{B}, \theta)$  such that  $U(\mathbb{R}) = \{h \circ \theta : h \in C(\mathbb{B})\}$ . The group  $\mathbb{B}$  is nonseparable and  $\widehat{\mathbb{B}}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}_d :=$  real numbers with the discrete topology.

**Lemma 2.1.** *For every  $f \in U(\mathbb{R})$  there exists a compactification  $(G(f), \theta)$ , with  $G(f)$  separable, and  $h \in C(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $f = h \circ \theta$ .*

*Proof of Lemma 2.1.* If  $f \in U(\mathbb{R})$  is nonzero its spectrum  $\Omega(f)$  is nonempty and countable so the product group  $\mathbb{T}^{\Omega(f)}$  is compact and separable. The function  $\theta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^{\Omega(f)}$  defined by  $\theta(x)(\omega) := \chi_\omega(x)$  is a continuous homomorphism. Define  $G(f) := \overline{\theta(\mathbb{R})}$ . Then  $(G(f), \theta)$  is a compactification. The function  $\tilde{h} : \theta(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined by  $\tilde{h}(\theta(x)) := f(x)$  is uniformly continuous so extends to a unique function  $h : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $f = h \circ \theta$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** *If  $(G, \theta)$  is a compactification,  $h \in C(G)$ ,  $f = h \circ \theta$ , and  $\log \circ |f| \in B^p(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $\log \circ |h| \in L^p(G)$  and  $\int_G |\log \circ |h||^p = m(|\log \circ |f||^p)$  for all  $p \in [1, \infty)$ .*

*Proof of Lemma 2.2.* The theorem of averages ([3], p. 286) implies that

$$\int_G |\log^- \circ |h|_j|^p = m(|\log^- \circ |f|_j|^p) \leq m(|\log^- \circ |f||^p). \quad (18)$$

The result follows from Lebesgue's monotone convergence theorem since the sequence  $|\log \circ |h|_j|^p$  is nondecreasing, converges pointwise to  $|\log \circ |h||^p$  pointwise and by (18) their integrals are uniformly bounded.  $\square$

**Definition 2.2.** The Fourier transform  $\mathfrak{F} : L^1(G) \rightarrow \ell^\infty(\widehat{G})$  is defined by  $\mathfrak{F}(h)(\chi) := \int_G f \bar{\chi}$ .

We define the spectrum  $\Omega(h) := \text{support } \mathfrak{F}(h)$ . The Hausdorff-Young theorem [15, 26] implies that the restrictions give bounded operators  $\mathfrak{F} : L^p(G) \rightarrow \ell^q(\widehat{G})$  for  $p \in [1, \infty)$  and  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A compactification  $(G, \theta)$  induces an injective homomorphism  $\xi : \widehat{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\xi(\chi) := \omega$  where  $\chi \circ \theta = \chi_\omega$ , by which we will identify  $\widehat{G}$  as a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  with the same archimedean order. Therefore if  $h \in C(G)$  is the lift of  $f \in U(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $\Omega(h) = \Omega(f)$ . The compactification gives Hardy spaces  $H^p(G, \theta) := \{h \in L^p(G) : \Omega(h) \subset [0, \infty)\}$ ,  $p \in [1, \infty]$ .

**Definition 2.4.** A function  $h \in H^p(G, \theta)$  is outer if  $\int_G h \neq 0$ ,  $\log \circ |h| \in L^1(G)$ , and

$$\int_G \log \circ |h| = \log \left| \int_G h \right|. \quad (19)$$

A function  $h \in H^p(G, \theta)$  is inner if  $|h| = 1$ .

A polynomial  $h$  is outer iff it has no zeros in the open unit disk since a formula of Jensen [16] gives  $\int_G \log \circ |h| = \log |h(0)| - \sum_{h(\lambda)=0} \log^-(|\lambda|)$ . Beurling [5] proved that a function  $h \in H^2(\mathbb{T})$  admits a factorization  $h = h_o h_i$ , with  $h_o$  outer and  $h_i$  inner, iff  $\log \circ |h| \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$ .

Let  $(G, \theta)$  be a compactification. If  $h \in C(G)$  has a bounded spectrum  $\Omega(h) \subset [0, \infty)$  and  $\int_G h d\sigma > 0$  then  $f = h \circ \theta$  extends to an entire function  $F$  bounded in the upper half plane. We observe that if  $F$  has no zeros in the upper half plane, then  $\chi_{-b(f)/2} F$  is the Ahiezer spectral factor [1] of the entire function  $F(z)\overline{F(\bar{z})}$ .

**Conjecture 2.1.**  $h$  above is outer iff  $F$  has no zeros in the open upper half plane.

### 3. Mahler Measure and the Riemann Hypothesis

**Definition 3.1.** For  $G$  a compact abelian group the Mahler measure [22, 23] of  $h \in L^1(G)$  is  $M(h) := \exp \left( \int_G \log \circ |h| \right) \in [0, \infty)$ . We also define  $M^\pm(h) := \exp \left( \int_G \log^\pm \circ |h| \right)$ .

Since  $M(h) = M^+(h)M^-(h)$  and  $M^+(h) \in [1, \max\{1, \|h\|_\infty\}]$ , it follows that  $M(h) > 0$  iff  $\log^- \circ |h| \in L^1(G)$  and then  $M^-(h) = \exp(-\|\log^- \circ |h|\|_1)$ . Lemma 2.2 implies that this condition holds whenever  $h \in C(G)$  is nonzero and  $\Omega(h)$  is bounded.

**Definition 3.2.** For  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\Phi_N :=$  product of the first  $N$  cyclotomic polynomials.

Amoroso ([2], Theorem 1.3) proved that the Riemann Hypothesis is equivalent to

$$\log M^+(\Phi_N) \ll_\epsilon N^{\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon}, \quad \epsilon > 0. \quad (20)$$

Define  $f_N := \Phi_N \circ \chi_1 \in U(\mathbb{R})$  and define  $J_{f_N} : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by (1). Jensen's formula implies that  $M(\Phi_N) = 1$  therefore

$$\log M^+(\Phi_N) = - \int_0^1 \log(u) dJ_{f_N}(u). \quad (21)$$

The bounds that we obtained for  $J_f$  in (2) and (3) were exceptionally crude and totally inadequate to obtain (20). When deriving (3) for general polynomials we used the bound (8)  $\Xi_{f,0,1,u}(v) =$

$= m(\{x : |f(x)| < u, |f^{(1)}(x)| < v\}) \leq m(\{x : |f^{(1)}(x)| < v\})$ . Conjecture (1.1) was based on our intuition that a smaller upper bound holds. We suspect that much smaller upper bounds hold for specific sequences of polynomials as illustrated by the following examples. Construct sequences of height 1 polynomials

$$P_n(z) := 1 + z + \cdots + z^n; \quad Q_n(z) := \binom{n}{[n/2]}^{-1} (1+z)^n \quad (22)$$

and  $p_n := P_n \circ \chi_1$ ,  $q_n := Q_n \circ \chi_1$ . Both polynomials have maxima at  $z = 1$ ,  $\|P_n\|_\infty = n + 1$ , Stirling's approximation gives  $\|Q_n\|_\infty \approx \sqrt{\pi n/2}$  for large  $n$ , and for  $u \in (0, 1]$

$$J_{p_n}(u) \leq \frac{2}{\pi} \sin^{-1}(\min\{1, u\}) \leq u \Rightarrow \log(M^-(P_n)) > -1, \quad (23)$$

$$J_{q_n}(u) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin^{-1} \left( \min \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{2} \binom{n}{[n/2]}^{\frac{1}{n}} u^{\frac{1}{n}} \right\} \right) \geq \frac{2}{\pi} u^{\frac{1}{n}} \Rightarrow \log(M^-(Q_n)) < -\frac{2n}{\pi}. \quad (24)$$

Differences between these polynomials arise from their root discrepancy. Those of  $P_n$  are nearly evenly spaced. Those of  $Q_n$ , all at  $z = -1$ , have maximally discrepancy.

**Conjecture 3.1.** *If  $R_n$  is a polynomial with  $n+1$  terms and height  $H(R_n) = 1$  then  $M^-(Q_n) \leq M^-(R_n) \leq M^-(P_n)$ .*

The roots of  $\Phi_N$  have the form  $\exp(2\pi i a_k)$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, \deg \Phi_N$  where  $a_k$  are the Farey series consisting of rational numbers in  $[0, 1)$  whose denominators are  $\leq N$ . Bounds on the discrepancy of the Farey series were shown by Franel [14] and by Landau [17] to imply the Riemann Hypothesis. The relationship between the discrepancy of roots of a polynomial and its coefficients, and the distributions of roots of entire functions have been extensively studied since the seminal paper by Erdős and Turán [12] and the extensive work by Levin and his school [21]. We suggest that investigation of the functions  $\Xi_{f,\omega,k,v,u}$  in (4) and derived functions  $K_f$  in (5) may further elucidate how the distribution of small values of polynomials and entire functions depend on their coefficients and roots.

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## Распределение малых значений почти периодических функций Бора с ограниченным спектром

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Для  $f$  ненулевой почти периодической функции Бора на  $\mathbb{R}$  с ограниченным спектром мы доказали, что существуют  $C_f > 0$  и целое число  $n > 0$  такие что для каждого  $u > 0$  средняя мера установит  $\{x : |f(x)| < u\}$  меньше  $C_f u^{1/n}$ . Для тригонометрических полиномов с частотами  $\leq n + 1$  мы показали, что  $C_f$  можно выбрать так, чтобы он зависел только от  $n$  и модуль наибольшего коэффициента  $f$ . Из этой оценки следует, что мера Малера  $M(h)$ , подвема  $h$  из  $f$  к компактификации  $G$  из  $\mathbb{R}$  положительна и обсуждена связь меры Малера с гипотезой Римана.

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