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## AN INTEGRABILITY THEOREM FOR DIRICHLET SERIES

### Abstract

In 1977 Leindler and Németh [4] proved a general theorem concerning integrability of a power series. The present note deals with a similar problem for Dirichlet series.

**1** Let  $\phi = \{\varphi \mid \varphi(u) \geq 0, \frac{\varphi(u)}{u}$  is non-decreasing and  $\varphi(u)/u^\delta (\delta \geq 1)$  is non-increasing on  $(0, \infty)\}$

$\Psi = \{\psi \mid \text{inverse of } \psi \text{ belongs to the class } \phi\}$

$P = \{\rho \mid \rho(u) \geq 0, \text{ is non-decreasing and } \rho(u^2) \leq R\rho(u), \quad u \in (0, \infty)\}$

$\bar{f}(x) = \text{Inverse of } f(x).$

With a view to generalize a theorem of Jain [2] and a previous result of Leindler [3], Leindler and Németh [4] established the following theorem concerning integrability of a power series.

**Theorem 1** *Let  $\mu(t)$  be a positive non-increasing function on the interval  $(0, 1]$  such that*

$$(1.1) \quad \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \mu(1/n)n^{-2} \leq M\mu(1/k)k^{-1}$$

*and let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be a positive increasing sequence such that  $\sum_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\alpha_n} < \infty$ .*

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Suppose  $\rho \in P$ ,  $\eta \in \phi$  or  $\Psi$  and  $F(x) = \sum_0^\infty c_n x^n$ ,  $0 \leq x < 1$ .  
Then under the condition

$$(1.2) \quad c_n > -Kn^{-1}\bar{\eta} \left\{ \frac{n}{\alpha_n \mu(1/n) \rho(n)} \right\},$$

$K$  is a positive constant,

$$(1.3) \quad \mu(1-x)\eta(|F(x)|)\rho(|F(x)|) \in L(0,1)$$

iff

$$(1.4) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-2} \mu(1/n) \rho(n) \eta \left( \sum_{k=0}^n |c_k| \right) < \infty.$$

In this note we propose to examine a similar problem for Dirichlet series.  
Let

$$(1.5) \quad f(t) = \sum_0^\infty c_k e^{-\lambda_k t}, \quad 0 < t \leq \infty,$$

where  $\lambda_0 = 0$ ,  $1 = \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_n \rightarrow \infty$ . In what follows we assume that

$$(i) \quad \lambda_{nj} \sim \lambda_n \lambda_j, \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$(ii) \quad \{\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n\} \text{ is non-decreasing.}$$

We write  $W_n = \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \lambda_{n-1}}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .

Writing  $\lambda_n = n$  and  $x = e^{-t}$  the Dirichlet series reduces to the power series  $\sum_0^\infty c_n x^n$ .

The earliest known result concerning integrability of a Dirichlet series is due to Owen [6] which states:

$$(1.6) \quad \int_0^\infty f(t)^r t^{r/q-1} dt \leq K \left[ \sum_1^\infty c_n^p \lambda_n^{-(p+q-pq)/q} (\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1})^{1-p} \right]^{r/p},$$

where  $c_n \geq 0$ ,  $r \geq p \geq 1$ ,  $q > 0$ .

A generalization of (1.6) was later on given by Mulholland [5]. In what follows we prove the following general theorem for Dirichlet series which generalizes the result of Leindler and Németh when  $\eta(x) = \varphi(x)$ .

In order to state our theorem we need the concept of almost monotone functions [1]<sup>1</sup>. A function  $f$  positive and finite on  $I_b = [b, \infty)$  is said to be almost increasing on  $I_c (c \geq b)$  if there exists a constant  $M \geq 1$  such that  $f(x) \leq Mf(y)$  for each  $y \geq x \geq c$ . Similarly  $f$  is said to be almost decreasing on  $I_c$  if there exists a constant  $m$ ,  $0 < m \leq 1$  such that  $f(x) \geq mf(y)$  for each  $y \geq x \geq c$ . It is obvious that every increasing (decreasing) function is almost increasing (almost decreasing) but the converse, need not be true. It is known that a function  $f$  is almost increasing on  $I_c$  iff there exists an increasing function  $g$  on  $I_c$  such that  $g(x) \asymp f(x)$  on  $I_c$ , that is to say  $A \leq f(x)/g(x) \leq B$  for  $x \in I_c$ , where  $0 < A < B < \infty$ . A similar characterization is true for an almost decreasing function. For various other properties of almost monotone functions see [1].

We denote the class  $\phi$  by  $\phi^*$  when monotonic property is replaced by almost monotonicity, that is to say, we define

$$\phi^* = \{ \varphi \mid \varphi(u) \geq 0, \text{ is increasing, } \frac{\varphi(u)}{u} \text{ is almost non-decreasing and } \varphi(u)/u^\delta (\delta \geq 1) \text{ is non-increasing on } (0, \infty) \}, \text{ and}$$

$$P^* = \{ \rho \mid \rho(u) \geq 0, \text{ is almost non-decreasing and } \rho(u^2) \leq R\rho(u), \quad u \in (0, \infty) \}.$$

**Theorem 2** Let  $\mu(t)$  be a positive almost non-increasing function on  $(0, 1]$  such that for  $\rho \in P^*$

$$(1.7) \quad \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \mu(1/\lambda_n) W_{n+1} \rho(\lambda_n) \leq M \mu(1/\lambda_k) \lambda_{k+1}^{-1} \rho(\lambda_k)$$

and let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be a positive sequence such that

$$(1.8) \quad \sum_1^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n W_{n+1}}{\alpha_n} < \infty.$$

Suppose  $\varphi \in \phi^*$  and for  $0 < t \leq \infty$   $f(t) = \sum_0^{\infty} c_n c^{-\lambda_n t}$ , then under the condition

$$(1.9) \quad c_n > -K \frac{\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n}{\lambda_n} \bar{\varphi} \left\{ \frac{\lambda_n}{\alpha_n \mu(1/\lambda_n) \rho(\lambda_n)} \right\}$$

$$(1.10) \quad \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \mu(1 - e^{-t}) \varphi(|f(t)|) \rho(|f(t)|) dt < \infty$$

<sup>1</sup>This concept was introduced earlier by Mulholland [5] who termed it as quasi-monotone function.

iff

$$(1.11) \quad \sum_1^\infty W_{n+1} \mu(1/\lambda_n) \varphi \left( \sum_{k=0}^n |c_k| \right) \rho \left( \sum_{k=0}^n |c_k| \right) < \infty.$$

For  $\lambda_n = n$ ,  $e^{-t} = x$ ,  $\eta(u) = \varphi(u)$  we deduce Theorem 1.

**2** The proof of our theorem depends mainly on the following lemma.

**Lemma 1** Let  $A(t) = \sum_0^\infty a_k e^{-\lambda_k t}$ ,  $a_k \geq 0$ ,  $0 < t \leq \infty$ . If  $\mu$ ,  $\varphi$  and  $\rho$  satisfy the conditions of our theorem, then

$$(2.1) \quad \int_0^\infty e^{-t} \mu(1 - e^{-t}) \varphi(A(t)) \rho(A(t)) dt < \infty$$

iff

$$(2.2) \quad \sum_1^\infty W_{n+1} \mu(1/\lambda_n) \varphi(S_n) \rho(S_n) < \infty,$$

where  $S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k$ .

This includes, as a special case, a lemma of Leindler and Németh [4] for the case  $\eta(u) = \varphi(u)$ .

**PROOF.** Writing  $x = e^{-t}$  and using the convention that  $C$  denotes a positive constant not necessarily the same at each occurrence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty e^{-t} \mu(1 - e^{-t}) \varphi(A(t)) \rho(A(t)) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \mu(1 - x) \varphi \left( \sum_{k=0}^\infty a_k x^{\lambda_k} \right) \rho \left( \sum_{k=0}^\infty a_k x^{\lambda_k} \right) dx \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_{1-\frac{1}{\lambda_n}}^{1-\frac{1}{\lambda_{n+1}}} \mu(1 - x) \varphi \left( \sum_{k=0}^\infty a_k x^{\lambda_k} \right) \rho \left( \sum_{k=0}^\infty a_k x^{\lambda_k} \right) dx \\ &> C^* \sum_{n=1}^\infty W_{n+1} \mu(1/\lambda_n) \varphi \left( \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_n}\right)^{\lambda_k} \right) \rho \left( \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_n}\right)^{\lambda_k} \right) \\ &\geq C \sum_{n=1}^\infty W_{n+1} \mu(1/\lambda_n) \varphi \left( \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_n}\right)^{\lambda_n} \right) \rho \left( \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_n}\right)^{\lambda_n} \right) \\ &\geq C \sum_{n=2}^\infty W_{n+1} \mu(1/\lambda_n) \varphi \left( \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_2}\right)^{\lambda_2} \right) \rho \left( \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_2}\right)^{\lambda_2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} W_{n+1} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) \varphi \left( \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_2} \right)^{\lambda_2} S_n \right) \rho \left( \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_2} \right)^{\lambda_2} S_n \right) \\
&\geq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} W_{n+1} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) \varphi(S_n) \rho(S_n),
\end{aligned}$$

since  $\left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$  is increasing for  $x \geq 1$  and  $\varphi(cx) \geq K\varphi(x)$ ,  $0 < c < 1$  and  $\rho(ax) \leq K\rho(x)$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $\forall x > d > 0$ ,  $\rho(d) \neq 0$ .

Thus (2.1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2.2). Conversely,

(2.3)

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \mu(1 - e^{-t}) \varphi(A(t)) \rho(A(t)) dt \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) W_n \varphi \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right)^{\lambda_k} \right) \rho \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right)^{\lambda_k} \right) \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) W_n \varphi \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=nj}^{(j+1)n} a_k \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right)^{\lambda_k} \right) \\
&\quad \times \rho \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=nj}^{(j+1)n} a_k \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right)^{\lambda_k} \right) \\
&< C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} W_n \mu(1/\lambda_n) \varphi \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=nj}^{(j+1)n} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right)^{\lambda_{nj}} a_k \right) \\
&\quad \times \rho \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=nj}^{(j+1)n} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right)^{\lambda_{nj}} a_k \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=nj}^{(j+1)n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_n}\right)^{\lambda_{nj}} a_k \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_n}\right)^{\lambda_{nj}} \sum_{k=nj}^{(j+1)n} a_k \\
 &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_j} \sum_{k=nj}^{(j+1)n} a_k < \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_j} \sum_{k=0}^{(j+1)n} a_k \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_j} S_{(j+1)n} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_{j-1}} S_{nj}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence from (2.3)

$$(2.4) \quad I \leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \mu(1/\lambda_n) W_n \varphi \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_{i-1}} S_{ni} \right] \rho \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_{i-1}} S_{ni} \right].$$

Using the inequality (see [5], p.490)

$$(2.5) \quad \varphi \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i b_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i} \right\} \rho \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i b_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i} \right\} \leq K \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i \varphi(b_i) \rho(b_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i}$$

and in view of the fact that

$$\lambda_{m+1} = \sum_{k=0}^m (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k) \geq (\lambda_1 - \lambda_0)(m+1) = m+1$$

implies

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_{i-1}} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{-(i-1)} = \frac{e}{e-1},$$

we have on writing  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_{i-1}} = L > 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \varphi \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_{i-1}} L S_{ni} / L \right] \rho \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_{i-1}} L S_{ni} / L \right] \\
 &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_{i-1}} \varphi(L S_{ni}) \rho(L S_{ni}) \\
 &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_{i-1}} \varphi(S_{ni}) \rho(S_{ni}),
 \end{aligned}$$

since  $\rho(Lx) \leq K\rho(x)$  for  $x \geq c > 0$ . Hence from (2.4)

$$I \leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} W_n \mu(1/\lambda_n) \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_{i-1}} \varphi(S_{ni}) \rho(S_{ni}).$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} W_n &= \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \lambda_{n-1}} \leq \frac{\lambda_{ni} - \lambda_{ni-1}}{\lambda_n \lambda_{n-1}} = W_{ni} \frac{\lambda_{ni} \lambda_{ni-1}}{\lambda_n \lambda_{n-1}} \\ &\leq C W_{ni} \lambda_i^2 \frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_{n-1}} \leq C W_{ni} \lambda_i^2 \end{aligned}$$

and in view of  $\mu$  being almost non-increasing function

$$\mu\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_n}\right) \leq \frac{1}{m} \mu(1/\lambda_{ni}).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} I &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_{i-1}} \lambda_i^2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} W_{ni} \mu\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_{ni}}\right) \varphi(S_{ni}) \rho(S_{ni}) \\ &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_{i-1}} \lambda_i^2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \mu\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_m}\right) W_{m+1} \varphi(S_m) \rho(S_m) \\ &\leq C \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} W_{n+1} \mu(1/\lambda_n) \varphi(S_n) \rho(S_n), \end{aligned}$$

since

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i^2 e^{-\lambda_{i-1}} &\leq 1 + C \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \lambda_{i-1}^2 e^{-\lambda_{i-1}} \\ &\leq 1 + C \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{i-1}^2}{\lambda_{i-1}^4} \leq 1 + C \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_{i-1}^2} \\ &\leq 1 + C \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(i-1)^2} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof our lemma. □

### 3 Proof of the theorem. Let

$$F(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k e^{-\lambda_k t}, \quad 0 < t \leq \infty,$$

with

$$a_k = K \left( \frac{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k}{\lambda_k} \right) \bar{\varphi} \left\{ \frac{\lambda_k}{\alpha_k \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_k} \right) \rho(\lambda_k)} \right\}.$$

Using the inequality:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n \varphi(S_n) \leq K \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n \varphi \left( \frac{a_n}{X_n} \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} X_k \right)$$

which holds for any  $X_n > 0$  and  $a_n \geq 0$  (See [4] p. 100) we have on writing  $X_n = \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) W_{n+1} \rho(\lambda_n)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_1^{\infty} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) W_{n+1} \varphi(S_n) \rho(\lambda_n) \\ & \leq K \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) W_{n+1} \rho(\lambda_n) \varphi \left\{ \frac{a_n \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_k} \right) W_{k+1} \rho(\lambda_k)}{\mu(1/\lambda_n) W_{n+1} \rho(\lambda_n)} \right\} \\ & \leq K \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) W_{n+1} \rho(\lambda_n) \varphi \left\{ \frac{K a_n \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) \lambda_{n+1}^{-1} \rho(\lambda_n)}{\mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) W_{n+1} \rho(\lambda_n)} \right\} \\ & = K \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} W_{n+1} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) \rho(\lambda_n) \varphi \left\{ \frac{a_n}{W_{n+1} \lambda_{n+1}} \right\} \\ & \leq K \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} W_{n+1} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) \rho(\lambda_n) \frac{\lambda_n}{\alpha_n \mu(1/\lambda_n) \rho(\lambda_n)} \\ & = K \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_{n+1} \lambda_n}{\alpha_n} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

in view of (1.7) and (1.8).

This implies that  $S_n = O(\lambda_n^2)$ . Hence in view of the property of  $\rho$  we have

$$(3.1) \quad \sum_1^{\infty} W_{n+1} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) \varphi(S_n) \rho(S_n) < \infty.$$

Hence by our lemma

$$(3.2) \quad \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \mu(1 - e^{-t}) \varphi(F(t)) \rho(F(t)) dt < \infty.$$



From (1.9)  $a_n + c_n > 0$  for all sufficiently large  $n$ , hence  $f(t) + F(t) = \sum_0^\infty (a_k + c_k)e^{-\lambda_k t}$  implies in view of our lemma that

$$(3.3) \quad \int_0^\infty e^{-t} \mu(1 - e^{-t}) \varphi(|F(t) + f(t)|) \rho(|F(t) + f(t)|) dt < \infty$$

iff

$$(3.4) \quad \sum_{n=1}^\infty W_{n+1} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) \varphi \left( \sum_{k=0}^n (a_k + c_k) \right) \rho \left( \sum_{k=0}^n (a_k + c_k) \right) < \infty.$$

From (2.5) it follows that

$$(3.5) \quad \varphi(a+b) \rho(a+b) \leq K \{ \varphi(a) \rho(a) + \varphi(b) \rho(b) \}, \quad a > 0, \quad b > 0.$$

Suppose

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-t} \mu(1 - e^{-t}) \varphi(|f(t)|) \rho(|f(t)|) dt < \infty$$

then in view of (3.2) and (3.5), (3.3) is true, which in turn, implies (3.4). Now

$$|c_n| \leq 2a_n + c_n$$

implies that  $\sum_{k=0}^n |c_k| \leq \sum_{k=0}^n (c_k + a_k) + \sum_{k=0}^n a_k$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^\infty W_{n+1} \mu(1/\lambda_n) \varphi \left( \sum_{k=0}^n |c_k| \right) \rho \left( \sum_{k=0}^n |c_k| \right) \\ & \leq \sum_{n=1}^\infty W_{n+1} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) \varphi \left( \sum_{k=0}^n (a_k + c_k) + \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \right) \rho \left( \sum_{k=0}^n (c_k + a_k) + \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \right) \\ & \leq K \sum_{n=1}^\infty W_{n+1} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) \varphi \left( \sum_{k=0}^n (a_k + c_k) \right) \rho \left( \sum_{k=0}^n (a_k + c_k) \right) \\ & \quad + K \sum_{n=1}^\infty W_{n+1} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) \varphi(S_n) \rho(S_n) < \infty \end{aligned}$$

by virtue of (3.1) and (3.4). Conversely, suppose

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty W_{n+1} \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \right) \varphi \left( \sum_{k=0}^n |c_k| \right) \rho \left( \sum_{k=0}^n |c_k| \right) < \infty.$$

Then in view of (3.1) and (3.5), (3.4) is true. Using (3.2) and (3.3) we have in view of (3.5)

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty e^{-t} \mu(1 - e^{-t}) \varphi(|f(t)|) \rho(|f(t)|) dt \\ & \leq \int_0^\infty e^{-t} \mu(1 - e^{-t}) \varphi(|f(t) + F(t)| + F(t)) \rho(|f(t) + F(t)| + F(t)) dt < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of our Theorem.

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