

On Some Hypersurfaces of High-Dimensional Tori Related with the Riemann Zeta-Function

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§1. Background of the problem.

Let $s = \sigma + it$ be a complex variable, and $\zeta(s)$ the Riemann zeta-function. Bohr-Jessen [1] [2] discussed the value-distribution of $\zeta(s)$ on the line $\sigma = \sigma_0$ ($> 1/2$), and proved the following result:

Let R be any closed rectangle in the complex plane with the edges parallel to the axes, and $L(T)$ the measure of the set

$$\{t \in [0, T] \mid \log \zeta(\sigma_0 + it) \in R\}.$$

Then, there exists the limit $W = \lim(L(T)/T)$ as T tends to infinity, which depends only on σ_0 and R . (In case $1/2 < \sigma_0 \leq 1$, caused by the possibility of the existence of the zeros of $\zeta(s)$, there must be a slight modification.)

For proving this result, Bohr-Jessen introduced the set

$$\Omega(R) = \Omega_N(R) = \{(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) \in [0, 1)^N \mid S_N(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) \in R\},$$

where N is a large positive integer, and

$$S_N(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) = -\sum_{n=1}^N \log(1 - p_n^{-\sigma_0} \exp(2\pi i \theta_n))$$

(p_n denotes the n -th prime number). In fact they showed that, if we denote the measure of the set $\Omega_N(R)$ by W_N , then W_N tends to W , as N tends to infinity.

Recently, the first-named author has tried to refine Bohr-Jessen's argument, and obtained, in case $\sigma_0 > 1$, the asymptotic formula

$$L(T) = WT + O(T(\log \log(T))^{-(\sigma_0-1)/(\tau+\epsilon)})$$

for any $\varepsilon > 0$ (see [5]). Furthermore, a closer investigation leads to a similar result on the line $\sigma = \sigma_0$ for $1/2 < \sigma_0 \leq 1$ ([6]). To prove these results, the study of the geometric behaviour of $\Omega(R)$ is indispensable. In this article, we discuss such properties of $\Omega(R)$.

NOTATIONS. We shall denote the N -dimensional torus $[0, 1)^N$ by T^N . The symbol ∂X signifies the boundary of the set X . For any subset Y of the complex plane C ,

$$\Omega(Y) = \{(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) \in T^N \mid S_N(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) \in Y\}.$$

In particular, if Y is the line $\{z \mid \operatorname{Re}(z) = k\}$ (resp. $\{z \mid \operatorname{Im}(z) = k\}$), we write $\Omega(k)$ (resp. $\Omega^*(k)$) instead of $\Omega(Y)$. For any small positive ε and any subset Z of T^N ,

$$Z_\varepsilon = \{(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) \in T^N \mid \operatorname{dist}((\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N), Z) \leq \varepsilon\}.$$

We write the n -dimensional volume of a set $A \subset T^N$ as $\operatorname{vol}_n(A)$ ($1 \leq n \leq N$). Throughout the following sections, the O -constants depend only on σ_0 .

§2. Statement of results. Some reductions.

Our main purpose in this paper is the estimation of $\operatorname{vol}_N((\partial\Omega(R))_\varepsilon)$. At first, we discuss some reductions of the problem. Since S_N is continuous, it can be easily checked that $\partial\Omega(R) \subset \Omega(\partial R)$. Hence we have

$$(2.1) \quad \operatorname{vol}_N((\partial\Omega(R))_\varepsilon) \leq \operatorname{vol}_N((\Omega(\partial R))_\varepsilon).$$

Let $A_1 + iB_1$, $A_1 + iB_2$, $A_2 + iB_1$ and $A_2 + iB_2$ be the four vertices of the rectangle R . Then it is obvious (see Fig. 1) that

$$(2.2) \quad \operatorname{vol}_N((\Omega(\partial R))_\varepsilon) \leq \sum_{p=1}^2 \operatorname{vol}_N((\Omega(A_p))_\varepsilon) + \sum_{q=1}^2 \operatorname{vol}_N((\Omega^*(B_q))_\varepsilon).$$

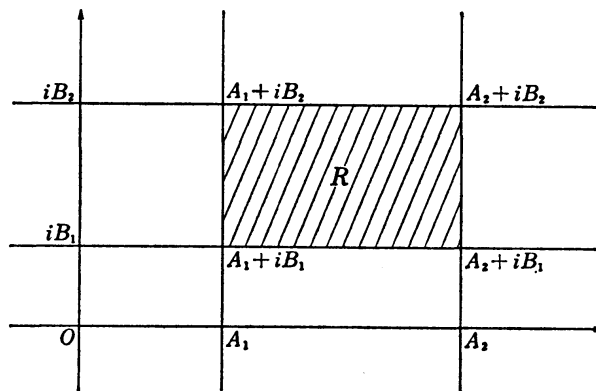


FIGURE 1

Hence it is sufficient to estimate $\text{vol}_N((\Omega(k))_\varepsilon)$ and $\text{vol}_N((\Omega^*(k))_\varepsilon)$ for real k .

We now calculate the Jacobian of S_N :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial S_N}{\partial \theta_n} &= \frac{2\pi i p_n^{-\sigma_0} \exp(2\pi i \theta_n)}{1 - p_n^{-\sigma_0} \exp(2\pi i \theta_n)} \\ & (= \Theta_n, \text{ say}), \end{aligned}$$

and therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (2.3) \quad \frac{\partial(\text{Re}(S_N))}{\partial \theta_n} &= \text{Re}(\Theta_n) \\ &= \frac{-2\pi p_n^{-\sigma_0} \sin(2\pi \theta_n)}{1 - 2p_n^{-\sigma_0} \cos(2\pi \theta_n) + p_n^{-2\sigma_0}} \end{aligned}$$

for $1 \leq n \leq N$. So we see that, on $\Omega(k)$, the differentiation of $\text{Re}(S_N)$ does not vanish except for the points $(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)$ for which $\text{Re}(\Theta_n) = 0$ holds for every $n \leq N$. Hence, if we put

$$T_a^N = \left\{ (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) \in T^N \mid \left[\sum_{n=1}^N (\text{Re}(\Theta_n))^2 \right]^{1/2} > a \right\}$$

for small positive a , then $T(k) = \Omega(k) \cap T_a^N$ is a smooth submanifold of T_a^N (see [7], Chap. II, §10, Corollary of Theorem 1). Concerning the geometric properties of $T(k)$, we will show the following lemmas in the sections below.

LEMMA 1. $\text{vol}_{N-1}(T(k)) \leq 2N$ for any real k .

LEMMA 2.

$$\text{vol}_N((\Omega(k))_\varepsilon \cap T_a^N) = O(a^{-1}\varepsilon \cdot \sup_{-\infty < k < \infty} \text{vol}_{N-1}(T(k))).$$

Next we discuss the volume of $T^N - T_a^N$. Since the denominator of the right-hand side of (2.3) is not larger than $(1 + p_n^{-\sigma_0})^2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T^N - T_a^N &\subset \{(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) \in T^N \mid |\text{Re}(\Theta_n)| \leq a \text{ for any } n\} \\ &\subset \{(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) \in T^N \mid |\sin(2\pi \theta_n)| \leq ((1 + p_n^{-\sigma_0})^2 / 2\pi p_n^{-\sigma_0}) a \text{ for any } n\}. \end{aligned}$$

In the interval $0 \leq \theta_n < 1/4$, we have $4\theta_n \leq \sin(2\pi \theta_n)$, so it follows that if

$$(2.4) \quad |\sin(2\pi \theta_n)| \leq \frac{(1 + p_n^{-\sigma_0})^2}{2\pi p_n^{-\sigma_0}} a,$$

then $\theta_n \leq (1/4) \cdot ((1 + p_n^{-\sigma_0})^2 / 2\pi p_n^{-\sigma_0}) a$. Furthermore, if θ_n satisfies (2.4), then $(1/2) - \theta_n$, $(1/2) + \theta_n$ and $1 - \theta_n$ also satisfy (2.4). Hence, the measure of the set $\{\theta_n \in [0, 1] \mid \theta_n \text{ satisfies (2.4)}\}$ is not larger than $((1 + p_n^{-\sigma_0})^2 / 2\pi p_n^{-\sigma_0}) a$. Therefore,

$$(2.5) \quad \text{vol}_N(T^N - T_a^N) \leq \left(\prod_{n=1}^N \frac{(1 + p_n^{-\sigma_0})^2}{2\pi p_n^{-\sigma_0}} \right) a^N = O\left(a^N \prod_{n=1}^N p_n^{\sigma_0} \right).$$

Now we note that, for $N \geq 2$, by using a result of Rosser-Schoenfeld [8], we can easily obtain that

$$(2.6) \quad \prod_{n=1}^N p_n^{\sigma_0} = \exp\left(\sigma_0 \sum_{n=1}^N \log(p_n)\right) \leq \exp(2\sigma_0 N \cdot \log(N)) = N^{2\sigma_0 N}.$$

We combine (2.5), (2.6) and the above two lemmas to get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vol}_N((\Omega(k))_\varepsilon) &\leq \text{vol}_N((\Omega(k))_\varepsilon \cap T_a^N) + \text{vol}_N(T^N - T_a^N) \\ &= O(a^{-1}\varepsilon N + (aN^{2\sigma_0})^N). \end{aligned}$$

The same estimate holds for $\text{vol}_N((\Omega^*(k))_\varepsilon)$, and therefore, by (2.1) and (2.2) we now obtain the following

THEOREM. *For any $\sigma_0 > 1/2$ and any small positive a and ε ,*

$$(2.7) \quad \text{vol}_N((\partial\Omega(R))_\varepsilon) = O(a^{-1}\varepsilon N + (aN^{2\sigma_0})^N).$$

This result is used essentially in [5] and [6]. (In those papers, we put $\varepsilon = r^{-1}N^{1/2}$ for some $r \gg N$. If we choose $a = (r^{-1}N^{3/2})^{1/(N+1)}N^{-2\sigma_0}$, then the right-hand side of (2.7) is surpassed by $r^{-1+1/(N+1)}N^{(3/2)+2\sigma_0}$.)

The following two sections are devoted to the proofs of Lemma 1 and Lemma 2, respectively.

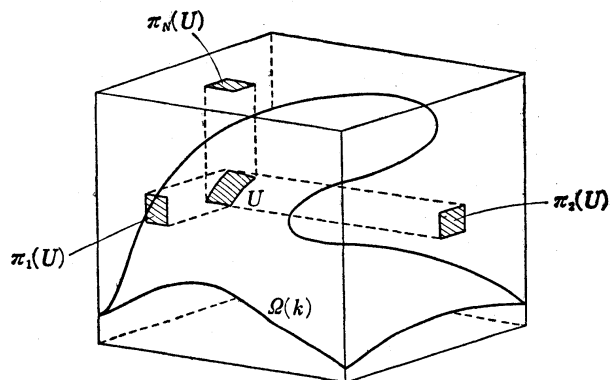
§3. Proof of Lemma 1.

Let $(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)$ be a point of $T(k)$, and we denote a unit normal vector of $T(k)$ at $(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)$ by $\sum_{n=1}^N a_n(\partial/\partial\theta_n)$. Then, the corresponding volume form is

$$\omega = \sum_{n=1}^N (-1)^n a_n d\theta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge d\theta_{n-1} \wedge d\theta_{n+1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\theta_N$$

(see [4], Appendix 6, and [7], Chap. V, §5, Problem 1). We put $P_n = \{(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) \in T^N \mid \theta_n = 0\}$ ($1 \leq n \leq N$), and by π_n we mean the projection from $T(k)$ to P_n . If we can take a sufficiently small neighbourhood U of $(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)$ in $T(k)$ which is mapped diffeomorphically onto $\pi_n(U)$ by π_n , we can evaluate $\text{vol}_{N-1}(U)$, using the naturality of the integral, as follows (see Fig. 2):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vol}_{N-1}(U) &= \int_U \omega \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N (-1)^n \int_U a_n d\theta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge d\theta_{n-1} \wedge d\theta_{n+1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\theta_N \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N (-1)^n \int_{\pi_n(U)} a_n \circ \pi_n^{-1} d\theta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge d\theta_{n-1} \wedge d\theta_{n+1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\theta_N. \end{aligned}$$



$$U = U_{j_1}^{(1)} \cap \dots \cap U_{j_N}^{(N)}$$

FIGURE 2

We note that, as $\sum a_n(\partial/\partial\theta_n)$ is a unit vector, $|a_n| \leq 1$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} (3.1) \quad \text{vol}_{N-1}(U) &\leq \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{\pi_n(U)} d\theta_1 \cdots d\theta_{n-1} d\theta_{n+1} \cdots d\theta_N \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N \text{vol}_{N-1}(\pi_n(U)). \end{aligned}$$

These arguments are based on the assumption that π_n maps U diffeomorphically onto $\pi_n(U)$. Now we show that we can take such a neighbourhood U for any point with exceptions of a measure zero subset of $T(k)$. In fact, the point of which we can not take such a neighbourhood is characterized by the condition that the θ_n -component of the (unit) normal vector of the tangent space of $T(k)$ at that point is equal to zero. Let \mathbf{n} be a unit normal vector field of $T(k)$. Since $\text{Re}(S_N)$ is identically k on $T(k)$ and $\partial(\text{Re}(S_N))/\partial\theta_n = \text{Re}(\Theta_n)$, we can take

$$\begin{aligned} (3.2) \quad \mathbf{n} &= \left(\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\partial(\text{Re}(S_N))}{\partial\theta_n} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta_n} \right) / \left\| \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\partial(\text{Re}(S_N))}{\partial\theta_n} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta_n} \right\| \\ &= \left(\sum_{n=1}^N (\text{Re}(\Theta_n))^2 \right)^{-1/2} \sum_{n=1}^N \text{Re}(\Theta_n) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta_n}, \end{aligned}$$

where the symbol $\| \quad \|$ denotes the standard norm. Hence, the set of the points we now consider is characterized by the relation $\text{Re}(\Theta_n) = 0$, that is, $\theta_n = 0, 1/2$. We define the two subtori T_0 and $T_{1/2}$ of T^N by the equations $\theta_n = 0$ and $\theta_n = 1/2$, respectively. We apply the argument analogous to that of $T(k)$ on $T_0, T_{1/2}$, then we get that the two sets $T_0 \cap T(k)$ and $T_{1/2} \cap T(k)$ are submanifolds of T_0 and $T_{1/2}$, respectively, with codimension one. Also, those sets are the codimension one submanifolds of $T(k)$, so we have

$$\text{vol}_{N-1}(T_0 \cap T(k)) = \text{vol}_{N-1}(T_{1/2} \cap T(k)) = 0 .$$

Since this is true for any n , we ignore the union of those sets for $n = 1, \dots, N$ in the remainder of this section, by removing it from $T(k)$ if necessary.

Next we fix real numbers $\theta_1^0, \dots, \theta_{n-1}^0, \theta_{n+1}^0, \dots, \theta_N^0$ belonging to the interval $[0, 1)$, and consider

$$L_n = \{(\theta_1^0, \dots, \theta_{n-1}^0, \theta_n, \theta_{n+1}^0, \dots, \theta_N^0) \in T^N \mid 0 \leq \theta_n < 1\} .$$

This is a line segment in $T^N = [0, 1)^N$, parallel to some axis. The image $S_N(L_n)$ is a closed convex curve in C (see Bohr-Jessen [3]), so the intersection of $S_N(L_n)$ and the line $\{z \mid \text{Re}(z) = k\}$ consists of at most two points. Since the mapping S_N , when restricted onto L_n , is injective, the set $L_n \cap T(k)$ also consists of at most two points (see Fig. 3).

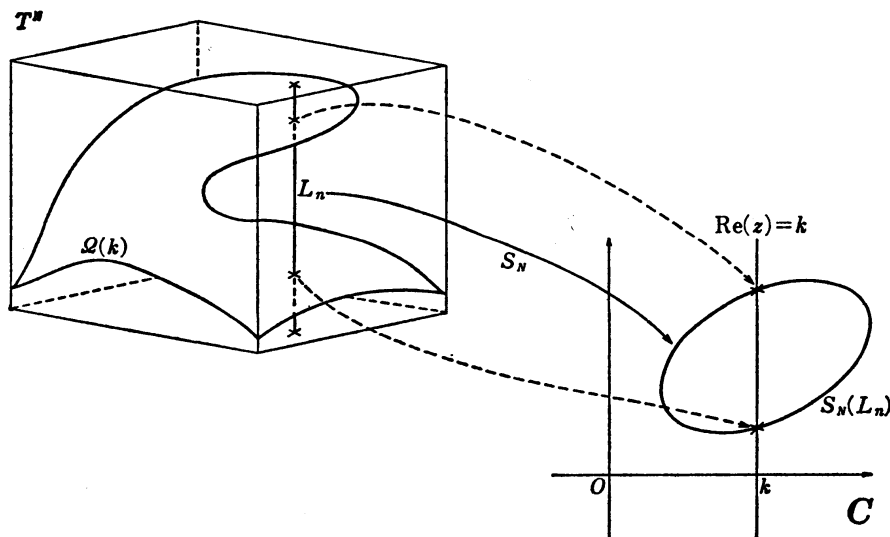


FIGURE 3

We denote such points by $(\theta_1^{(j)}, \dots, \theta_N^{(j)})$ ($j=1, 2$). If we put

$$L_n(\eta) = \{(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) \in T^N \mid \theta_m^0 - \eta \leq \theta_m \leq \theta_m^0 + \eta \ (m \neq n), 0 \leq \theta_n < 1\}$$

for sufficiently small η , then $L_n(\eta) \cap T(k)$ consists of at most two connected components $U_1^{(n)}$ and $U_2^{(n)}$, where $U_j^{(n)}$ is a neighbourhood of $(\theta_1^{(j)}, \dots, \theta_N^{(j)})$ ($j=1, 2$). We cover $T(k)$ by the neighbourhoods of the type $U_{j_1}^{(1)} \cap \dots \cap U_{j_N}^{(N)}$ (j_n takes the value 1 or 2 for $n=1, \dots, N$), and apply (3.1) to each of these neighbourhoods. The union of those

$$\pi_n(U_{j_1}^{(1)} \cap \dots \cap U_{j_N}^{(N)})$$

covers P_n at most two times, so it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vol}_{N-1}(T(k)) &\leq \text{vol}_{N-1}(\cup (U_{j_1}^{(1)} \cap \dots \cap U_{j_N}^{(N)})) \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^N \sum (\text{vol}_{N-1}(\pi_n(U_{j_1}^{(1)} \cap \dots \cap U_{j_N}^{(N)}))) \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{n=1}^N \text{vol}_{N-1}(P_n) = 2N . \end{aligned}$$

This proves Lemma 1.

§4. Proof of Lemma 2.

At first we show that

$$\left[\sum_{n=1}^N (\text{Re}(\theta_n))^2 \right]^{1/2} \leq C = C(\sigma_0)$$

for any $(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) \in T^N$. In fact, by using the inequality

$$1 - 2p_n^{-\sigma_0} \cos(2\pi\theta_n) + p_n^{-2\sigma_0} \geq (1 - p_n^{-\sigma_0})^2 ,$$

we have (see (2.3))

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\sum_{n=1}^N (\text{Re}(\theta_n))^2 \right]^{1/2} &\leq \left[\sum_{n=1}^N \left(\frac{2\pi p_n^{-\sigma_0}}{1 - p_n^{-\sigma_0}} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ &\ll \left(\sum_{n=1}^N p_n^{-2\sigma_0} \right)^{1/2} \leq \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n^{-2\sigma_0} \right)^{1/2} = C(\sigma_0) . \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove the following

LEMMA 3.

$$(\Omega(k))_\varepsilon \cap T_a^N \subset \bigcup_{k-C\varepsilon \leq t \leq k+C\varepsilon} T(t) \quad (= T[k, C\varepsilon], \text{ say}) .$$

First we show

$$(4.1) \quad (\Omega(k))_\varepsilon \subset \bigcup_{k-C\varepsilon \leq t \leq k+C\varepsilon} \Omega(t) .$$

We consider the isometric path $\gamma: [0, \varepsilon] \rightarrow (\Omega(k))_\varepsilon$, which satisfies $\gamma(0) \in \Omega(k)$. We write the differentiation of γ as

$$\dot{\gamma}(u) = \sum_{n=1}^N b_n \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_n} \right)_{\gamma(u)} .$$

Then $\sum_{n=1}^N b_n^2 = 1$, and

$$(\text{Re}(S_N))_* \dot{\gamma}(u) = \sum_{n=1}^N b_n (\text{Re}(S_N))_* \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_n} \right)_{\gamma(u)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{n=1}^N b_n \left(\frac{\partial(\operatorname{Re}(S_N))}{\partial \theta_n} \right)_{\gamma(u)} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_{\operatorname{Re}(S_N) \circ \gamma(u)} \\
&= \left(\sum_{n=1}^N b_n \operatorname{Re}(\Theta_n)_{\gamma(u)} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_{\operatorname{Re}(S_N) \circ \gamma(u)},
\end{aligned}$$

where $(\operatorname{Re}(S_N))_*$ is the differentiation of $\operatorname{Re}(S_N)$. By using Schwarz' inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^\varepsilon \|(\operatorname{Re}(S_N))_* \dot{\gamma}(u)\| du &= \int_0^\varepsilon \left| \sum_{n=1}^N b_n \operatorname{Re}(\Theta_n)_{\gamma(u)} \right| du \\
&\leq \int_0^\varepsilon \left(\sum_{n=1}^N b_n^2 \right)^{1/2} \left[\sum_{n=1}^N (\operatorname{Re}(\Theta_n)_{\gamma(u)})^2 \right]^{1/2} du \\
&\leq \varepsilon \max_{0 \leq u \leq \varepsilon} \left[\sum_{n=1}^N (\operatorname{Re}(\Theta_n)_{\gamma(u)})^2 \right]^{1/2} \leq C\varepsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

This means that the image of $\operatorname{Re}(S_N) \circ \gamma$ is included in $[k - C\varepsilon, k + C\varepsilon]$. In other words,

$$\gamma([0, \varepsilon]) \subset \bigcup_{k-C\varepsilon \leq t \leq k+C\varepsilon} \Omega(t).$$

Since this is true for any such paths, (4.1) holds. Taking the intersection of the both sides of (4.1) with T_a^N , Lemma 3 follows.

Now, to prove Lemma 2, it is sufficient to evaluate $\operatorname{vol}_N(T[k, C\varepsilon])$. Let \mathbf{n} be a unit normal vector field of $T(t)$, and ξ the dual form of \mathbf{n} . We recall that \mathbf{n} can be given by (3.2). By the calculation similar to that of $(\operatorname{Re}(S_N))_* \dot{\gamma}(u)$, we get

$$(\operatorname{Re}(S_N))_*(\mathbf{n}) = \left[\sum_{n=1}^N (\operatorname{Re}(\Theta_n))^2 \right]^{1/2} \frac{d}{dt}.$$

The dual version of this formula is

$$\xi = \left[\sum_{n=1}^N (\operatorname{Re}(\Theta_n))^2 \right]^{-1/2} (\operatorname{Re}(S_N))^*(dt),$$

where $(\operatorname{Re}(S_N))^*$ is the dual mapping of $(\operatorname{Re}(S_N))_*$.

We denote the volume form of $T(t)$ by ω_t . Since

$$\left[\sum_{n=1}^N (\operatorname{Re}(\Theta_n))^2 \right]^{1/2} > a$$

for any $(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) \in T(t)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{vol}_N(T[k, C\varepsilon]) &= \int_{T[k, C\varepsilon]} \omega_t \wedge \xi \\
&= \int_{T[k, C\varepsilon]} \omega_t \wedge \left[\sum_{n=1}^N (\operatorname{Re}(\Theta_n))^2 \right]^{-1/2} (\operatorname{Re}(S_N))^*(dt)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{k-C\varepsilon}^{k+C\varepsilon} dt \int_{T(t)} \left[\sum_{n=1}^N (\operatorname{Re}(\Theta_n))^2 \right]^{-1/2} \omega_t \\
&\leq a^{-1} \int_{k-C\varepsilon}^{k+C\varepsilon} dt \int_{T(t)} \omega_t \\
&\leq 2a^{-1}C\varepsilon \cdot \max_{k-C\varepsilon \leq t \leq k+C\varepsilon} \operatorname{vol}_{N-1}(T(t)).
\end{aligned}$$

This inequality, with Lemma 3, completes the proof of Lemma 2.

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