

ON THE LAW OF THE ITERATED LOGARITHM. II

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3. *The lower estimate in the law of the iterated logarithm*

From now on let $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_\nu < \dots$ be a fixed lacunary sequence satisfying $n_{\nu+1}/n_\nu \geq q > 1$; $\nu = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. For the sake of simplicity let for $N \geq N_0$

$$\psi(N) = \sqrt{N \log \log N}$$

and for $M \geq 0, N \geq 1$

$$F(M, N; x) = \left| \sum_{\nu=M+1}^{M+N} \exp 2\pi i n_\nu x \right|.$$

For convenience's sake we introduce also $F(M, 0; x) = 0$ for $M \geq 0$.

We want to prove that

$$(25) \quad \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F(0, N; x)}{\psi(N)} \geq 1$$

almost everywhere. Obviously it will be sufficient to prove the following: given arbitrarily small numbers $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\eta > 0$

$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F(0, N; x)}{\psi(N)} \geq 1 - \varepsilon$$

for every x ; $0 \leq x \leq 1$ except possibly a set of measure at most η . Finally it is also clear that this second statement is a consequence of the following third one:

Lemma 9. *Let $\varepsilon > 0, \eta > 0$ be arbitrarily small and let the positive integer N be arbitrarily large. Then there exists a finite sequence of integers $N < N_1 < N_2 < \dots < N_k$ such that*

$$\text{maximum}_{1 \leq \nu \leq k} \frac{F(0, N_\nu; x)}{\psi(N_\nu)} \geq 1 - \varepsilon$$

for every x ; $0 \leq x \leq 1$ except possibly a set of measure at most η .

In the proof of this lemma we shall use the following trivial result:

Lemma 10. *Let I_1, I_2, \dots, I_m and J_1, J_2, \dots, J_n be arbitrary intervals on the real line. Then the intersection $(I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_m) \cap (J_1 + J_2 + \dots + J_n)$ consists of intervals the number of which is less than $m + n$.*

Now let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given and let $a \geq a_0(\varepsilon), u \geq 1$ be arbitrary integers the exact value of which will be determined at the end of the following

proof. At present the condition $a \geq a_0(\varepsilon)$ assures only that Lemma 8 can be applied to any of the sums

$$(27) \quad F_k(x) = F(a^n + a^{n+1} + \dots + a^{n+k-1}, a^{n+k}; x)$$

where $k=1, 2, 3, \dots$

For the sake of simplicity let $\psi_k = \psi(a^{n+k})$, and let I denote the interval $0 \leq x \leq 1$. We define the set

$$E_1 = \left\{ x \mid x \in I; F_1(x) \geq \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) \psi_1 \right\}$$

and in general

$$(28) \quad E_k = \left\{ x \mid x \in I - (E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_{k-1}); F_k(x) \geq \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) \phi_k \right\}$$

for $k=1, 2, 3, \dots$ (E_0 denotes the empty set). Our object is to obtain an upper estimate for the measure

$$\mu(I - (E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_k)).$$

To this end we consider $E_k (k=1, 2, 3, \dots)$ and estimate $\mu(E_k)$ from below.

Let us introduce the notation

$$m_k = n(a^n + a^{n+1} + \dots + a^{n+k})$$

where $n_1 = n(1), n_2 = n(2), \dots$ denotes the given lacunary sequence. Since $F_k(x)^2$ is a trigonometric polynomial of degree $2m_k$ the set

$$\left\{ x \mid x \in I; F_k(x) < \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) \psi_k \right\}$$

consists of at most $4m_k$ intervals. In particular $I - E_1$ consists of ϱ_1 intervals where $\varrho_1 < 4m_1$. In general it is true that the set $I - (E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_k)$ consists of ϱ_k intervals where

$$\varrho_k < 4(m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_k) < 4km_k.$$

For, according to the definition of E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k in (28) we have

$$\begin{aligned} I - (E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_k) &= \\ &= [I - (E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_{k-1})] \cap \left\{ x \mid x \in I; F_k(x) < \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) \phi_k \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence using Lemma 10 we obtain $\varrho_k < \varrho_{k-1} + 4m_k$, which proves the above estimate.

Now let $e_{k+1} (k \geq 1)$ be the union of those intervals of

$$I - (E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_k)$$

the length of which is less than $\delta_k = m_k^{-1} a^{-(u+k+1)/2}$. Then we have

$$(29) \quad \mu(e_{k+1}) \leq \varrho_k \delta_k < 4km_k \delta_k = 4ka^{-(u+k+1)/2}.$$

The set $I - (E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_k) - e_{k+1}$ consists of intervals the length of which is at least

$$\delta_k > 1/n(1 + a^u + a^{u+1} + \dots + a^{u+k}) \sqrt{a^{u+k+1}}.$$

Hence the condition $\beta - \alpha \geq 1/n_1 \sqrt{N}$ of Lemma 8 is satisfied for every interval of the set $I - (E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_k) - e_{k+1}$. Since $a \geq a_0(\varepsilon)$ we may use Lemma 8 in order to estimate $\mu(E_{k+1})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(E_{k+1}) &\geq \frac{\mu[I - (E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_k) - e_{k+1}]}{(u+k+1) \log a} \\ &\geq \frac{\mu[I - (E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_k)]}{(u+k+1) \log a} - \mu(e_{k+1}). \end{aligned}$$

According to Lemma 8 we also have

$$\mu(E_1) \geq \frac{1}{(u+1) \log a} = \frac{\mu(I)}{(u+1) \log a}.$$

From these last inequalities we obtain by induction on k ;

$$\mu[I - (E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_k)] \leq \prod_{v=1}^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{(u+v) \log a}\right) + \sum_{v=2}^k \mu(e_v).$$

By (29),

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{v=2}^k \mu(e_v) &\leq 4 a^{-u/2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a^{-(k+1)/2} \\ &= O a^{-u/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu[I - (E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_k)] &\leq \\ &\prod_{v=1}^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{(u+v) \log a}\right) + O(a^{-u/2}). \end{aligned}$$

Let us introduce the notation

$$N_k = a^u + a^{u+1} + \dots + a^{u+k} \quad (k \geq 0)$$

and let us define the sets E'_k ($k \geq 1$) as

$$(30) \quad E'_k = \{x \mid x \in I; F(0, N_{k-1}; x) \geq \sqrt{2} \phi(N_{k-1})\}.$$

The measure $\mu(E'_k)$ can be estimated by Lemma 7, and it follows that

$$\mu(E'_k) < \frac{18 \log \log N_{k-1}}{(\log N_{k-1})^2} < \frac{1}{2(u+k-1)^{3/2}}$$

(provided $a \geq a_0$). Hence

$$\sum_{v=1}^k \mu(E'_v) < \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{u^{3/2}} + \frac{1}{(u+1)^{3/2}} + \dots \right) < \frac{1}{\sqrt{u-1}}.$$

Using our previous estimates we see that

$$(31) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} &\mu[I - (E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_k)] + \mu(E'_1 \cup E'_2 \cup \dots \cup E'_k) \\ &< \prod_{v=1}^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{(u+v) \log a}\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{u-1}} + O(a^{-u/2}). \end{aligned} \right.$$

Having this inequality Lemma 9 can be proved easily as follows.

According to the definition of $F(M, N; x) \geq 0$ we have

$$\frac{F(0, N_\nu; x)}{\psi(N_\nu)} \geq \frac{F_\nu(x)}{\psi_\nu} \cdot \frac{\psi_\nu}{\psi(N_\nu)} - \frac{F(0, N_{\nu-1}; x)}{|\sqrt{2}\psi(N_{\nu-1})|} \cdot \frac{|\sqrt{2}\psi(N_{\nu-1})|}{\psi(N_\nu)}.$$

An elementary computation shows that

$$\frac{\psi_\nu}{\psi(N_\nu)} \geq \frac{\log u}{(1+(2/a))\log(u+1)} > \frac{1}{(1+(2/a))(1+(1/u))}$$

for any $\nu=1, 2, 3, \dots; a \geq 2$ and $u \geq 3$. Similarly one shows that $\psi(N_{\nu-1})/\psi(N_\nu) < \sqrt{2}/(a-1)$ for any $\nu=1, 2, 3, \dots; a \geq 2$ and $u \geq 0$. Hence we have

$$\frac{F(0, N_\nu; x)}{\psi(N_\nu)} \geq \frac{F_\nu(x)}{\psi_\nu} \cdot \frac{1}{(1+(2/a))(1+(1/u))} - \frac{F(0, N_{\nu-1}; x)}{|\sqrt{2}\psi(N_{\nu-1})|} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{4}{a-1}}$$

for any $\nu=1, 2, 3, \dots; a \geq 2$ and $u \geq 3$.

If we restrict ourselves to those x 's which belong to the set

$$E = (E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_k) \cap (I - E'_1 \cup E'_2 \cup \dots \cup E'_k)$$

then by (30) $F(0, N_{\nu-1}; x) < \sqrt{2}\psi(N_{\nu-1})$ for every $\nu=1, 2, \dots, k$ and by (28) $F_\nu(x)/\psi_\nu \geq 1 - \varepsilon/2$ for a suitable $\nu = \nu(x) \leq k$. Hence on the set E we have

$$\text{maximum}_{1 \leq \nu \leq k} \frac{F(0, N_\nu; x)}{\psi(N_\nu)} \geq \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) \frac{1}{(1+(2/a))(1+(1/u))} - \sqrt{\frac{4}{a-1}}.$$

Moreover according to (31) we have

$$(**) \quad \mu(E) \geq 1 - \prod_{\nu=1}^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{(u+\nu)\log a}\right) - \frac{1}{|u-1|} - O(a^{-u/2}).$$

Now the truth of Lemma 9 is clear: Given $\varepsilon > 0, \eta > 0$ and N , first we choose $a = a(\varepsilon)$ such that $a \geq a_0(\varepsilon), a > N$,

$$\left| \sqrt{\frac{4}{a-1}} \right| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{1+(2/a)} \geq 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}.$$

Then $N_\nu > N$ ($\nu \geq 1$) is satisfied. Next we choose $u = u(q, \varepsilon, \eta) \geq 3$ such that $\frac{1}{1+(1/u)} \geq 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$, and the sum of the last two terms in (**) is numerically less than $\eta/2$.

Finally we choose $k = k(q, \varepsilon, \eta)$ such that

$$\prod_{\nu=1}^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{(u+\nu)\log a}\right) \leq \frac{\eta}{2}.$$

Then (26) holds on the set E and $\mu(E) \geq 1 - \eta$. This proves the lower estimate in the law of the iterated logarithm.

4. The upper estimate in the law of the iterated logarithm

It will be sufficient to prove the following statement:

Lemma 11. *Given arbitrarily small numbers $\varepsilon > 0, \eta > 0$ there exists*

Our next object is to prove (32) for the subsequence $N = [a^n]$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$). For this purpose we need the following:

Lemma 13. Let $1 < a \leq 2$ and let E_n denote the set

$$(36) \quad E_n = \{x | x \in I; F(0, [a^n]; x) \geq a^{1/2} \phi([a^n])\}.$$

Then given $\eta > 0$, arbitrarily small, there exists a $n_0 = n_0(q, a, \eta)$ such that $\sum_{n \geq n_0} \mu(E_n) \leq \eta/2$.

Proof of Lemma 13. If $n \geq n_0(q, a)$ then we can apply Lemma 7 with $(\alpha, \beta) = I$, $N = [a^n]$ and $t = a$. Hence for $n \geq n_0(q, a)$ we have

$$\mu(E_n) < \frac{18 \log \log [a^n]}{(\log [a^n])^a} < c(a) \frac{\log n}{n^a}$$

where $c(a) > 0$ depends only on a . Since $a > 1$ the series $\sum n^{-a} \log n$ is convergent and so $\sum_{n \geq n_0} \mu(E_n) \leq \eta/2$ if $n_0 \geq n_0(q, a, \eta)$ is large enough.

Finally we have to fill up the gaps in the lacunary sequence

$$[a^n], \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots).$$

Having Lemma 12 this will be accomplished by proving the following:

Lemma 14. Let $1 < a \leq 2$, $n \geq n_0(a)$ and let $\Lambda(n) \geq 1$, $\lambda(n) \geq 1$ be the integers defined previously. Define the set $E_{lm} = E_{lm}^n$

$$(37) \quad E_{lm} = \{x | x \in I; F([a^n] + m2^{l+1}, 2^l; x) \geq 2^{2 + \frac{l-\Lambda}{4}} (a-1)^{1/2} \phi([a^n])\}.$$

Then given $\eta > 0$, arbitrarily small, there exists a $n_0 = n_0(q, a, \eta)$ such that

$$\sum_{n \geq n_0} \sum_{\lambda \leq l \leq \Lambda} \sum_{0 \leq m < 2^{A-1}} \mu(E_{lm}) \leq \eta/2.$$

Proof of Lemma 14. Let $n \geq n_0(a)$ so large that $\Lambda(n) \geq \lambda(n) \geq 2$ and $\log \log [a^n] \geq 4$. According to the definition of $\Lambda(n)$ we have

$$2^A \leq [a^{n+1}] - [a^n] < a^{n+1} - [a^n] < (a-1)[a^n] + a,$$

and so

$$2^{A-1} \leq 2^{A-1} + (2^{A-1} - a) < (a-1)[a^n].$$

Similarly, according to the definition of $\lambda(n)$ we have for $l \geq \lambda$

$$3 \log \log 2^l \geq 3 \log \log [a^n]^{1/2} = \log \log [a^n] + (2 \log \log [a^n] - \log 27) > \log \log [a^n]$$

Hence for $n \geq n_0(a)$ we have the inequalities

$$(38) \quad 3 \log \log 2^l \geq \log \log [a^n],$$

$$(39) \quad (a-1)[a^n] \geq 2^{A-1},$$

$$(40) \quad \log \log [a^n] \geq 4.$$

From (18) it follows that

$$\int_0^1 F(M, N; x)^{2p} dx < c(q)p(pN)^p$$

for any $M \geq 0$, $N = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ and $p \leq 3 \log \log N$. Therefore if $l \geq \lambda$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(E_{lm}) &\leq \int_{E_{lm}} \left(\frac{F([a^n] + m 2^{l+1}, 2^l; x)}{2^{2+\frac{l-A}{4}} (a-1)^{1/2} \phi([a^n])} \right)^{2p} dx \leq \int_0^1 (\dots)^{2p} dx \\ &< c(q) p \left(\frac{p^{2l}}{2^{4+\frac{l-A}{2}} (a-1) [a^n] \log \log [a^n]} \right)^p \end{aligned}$$

for any $p \leq 3 \log \log 2^l$. Hence by (38) $p = [\log \log [a^n]]$ is an admitted value of p . Using the inequalities (39) and (40) we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(E_{lm}) &< c(q) p \left(\frac{p}{2^{3+\frac{A-\lambda}{2}} \log \log [a^n]} \right)^p < c(q) p e^{-2p} 2^{2(A-\lambda)} \\ &< c(q) (\log n) 2^{2(A-\lambda)} e^2 (\log [a^n])^{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\mu(E_{lm}) < c(q, a) 2^{2(A-\lambda)} \frac{\log n}{n^2}$$

for any $m \geq 0$ and $l \geq \lambda$.

Summing over m , $0 \leq m < 2^{A-l}$ we get

$$\sum_{0 \leq m < 2^{A-l}} \mu(E_{lm}) < c(q, a) 2^{l-A} \frac{\log n}{n^2},$$

and

$$\sum_{\lambda \leq l \leq A} \sum_{0 \leq m < 2^{A-l}} \mu(E_{lm}) < 2c(q, a) \frac{\log n}{n^2}.$$

The series $\sum n^{-2} \log n$ being convergent the statement of Lemma 14 follows immediately.

Now given $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\eta > 0$, arbitrarily small, first we choose $a = a(\varepsilon) > 1$ such that

$$1 < a^{1/2} \leq 1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad 4(a-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-k/4} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3}.$$

Next we choose $N_0 = N_0(q, \varepsilon, \eta)$ so large that $N_0^{-2/3} \leq \varepsilon/3$, and $n(N_0) = n_0(q, \varepsilon, \eta)$ satisfies the requirements of Lemma 13 and 14. Then the set

$$E = I - \bigcup_{n \geq n_0} [E_n \cup (\bigcup_l \bigcup_m E_{lm})]$$

has measure $\mu(E) \geq 1 - \eta$.

Let $N \geq N_0$ be arbitrary. Then we have by Lemma 12, inequality (33)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F(0, N; x)}{\phi(N)} &\leq \frac{F(0, [a^n]; x)}{\phi([a^n])} + \sum_{l=\lambda}^A \frac{F([a^n] + m_{l+1} 2^{l+1}, 2^l; x)}{\phi([a^n])} \\ &\quad + \frac{F([a^n] + m_\lambda 2^\lambda, N^*; x)}{\sqrt{N}}. \end{aligned}$$

If $x \in E$ then we have by (36) and (37)

$$\frac{F(0, N; x)}{\phi(N)} \leq a^{1/2} + 4(a-1)^{1/2} \sum_{j=\lambda}^A 2^{\frac{j-\lambda}{4}} + \frac{N^*}{\sqrt{N}}.$$

Using the conditions on $a = a(\varepsilon)$ and the inequality $N^* < 2N^{1/2}$ we obtain $F(0, N; x)/\phi(N) < 1 + \varepsilon$ for every $N \geq N_0(q, \varepsilon, \eta)$ and every $x \in E$, where $\mu(E) \geq 1 - \eta$. This proves Lemma 11. Hence our theorem has been proved.

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