# On the speed of convergence to limit distributions for Hecke $\boldsymbol{L}$-functions associated with ideal class characters 

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#### Abstract

Summary: We prove an upper bound estimate of the speed of convergence to limit distributions $W_{K}(R, \chi)$, in the sense of Bohr and Jessen, for Hecke $L$-functions associated with ideal class characters. This is a generalization of the author's former result [8], in which the same estimate has been proved for Dedekind zeta-functions.


## 1 Introduction

Let $K$ be an algebraic number field of degree $\ell, L=\max \{\ell, 2\}, s=\sigma+$ it a complex variable, and $\zeta_{K}(s)$ the Dedekind zeta-function attached to $K$. In [6, 7, 8], the valuedistribution of $\log \zeta_{K}(s)$ in the half-plane $\sigma=\Re s>1-L^{-1}$ has been studied.

The definition of $\log \zeta_{K}(\sigma+i t)$ is clear for $\sigma>1$, and for $1-L^{-1}<\sigma \leq 1$ we define this function by analytic continuation along the horizontal line segment from $2+i t$. In case there exists a zero or a pole of $\zeta_{K}(s)$ on this line segment, we do not define $\log \zeta_{K}(s)$.

Let $R$ be any fixed closed rectangle in the complex plane $\mathbb{C}$ with the edges parallel to the axes. We write $\mu_{n}(\cdot)$ for the $n$-dimensional Lebesgue measure. For any fixed $\sigma>1-L^{-1}$, let

$$
V_{K}(T ; R)=\mu_{1}\left(\left\{t \in[1, T] \mid \log \zeta_{K}(\sigma+i t) \in R\right\}\right)
$$

Then there exists the limit

$$
\begin{equation*}
W_{K}(R)=\lim _{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} V_{K}(T ; R) . \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

This was proved by Bohr and Jessen [1, 2] for the Riemann zeta-function $\zeta(s)$, and by the author $[6,7]$ for general case.

[^0]In [8], the author studied the speed of convergence on the right-hand side of (1.1), and proved

$$
\begin{equation*}
W_{K}(R)-\frac{1}{T} V_{K}(T ; R)=O\left(\left(\mu_{2}(R)+1\right)(\log T)^{-C(\sigma)+\varepsilon}\right) \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

for any $\sigma>1-L^{-1}$ and any $\varepsilon>0$, where

$$
C(\sigma)= \begin{cases}(\sigma-1) /(3+2 \sigma) & (\sigma>1)  \tag{1.3}\\ 2(2 \sigma-1) /(21+8 \sigma) & \left(1 \geq \sigma>1-L^{-1}\right)\end{cases}
$$

In the case of $\zeta(s)$, the estimate (1.2) was first proved in a joint paper of Harman and the author [3]. This paper [3] gives an improvement of former weaker results proved in the author's previous papers [4, 5, 7]. In [7], such a weaker result was also shown for $\zeta_{K}(s)$ when $K$ is a Galois extension of the rational number field $\mathbb{Q}$. In [3] it is mentioned without proof that (1.2) can be shown for $\zeta_{K}(s)$ of any Galois number field. Finally in [8], the proof of (1.2) for any (Galois or non-Galois) number field has been given.

The purpose of the present paper is to generalize (1.2) to the case of Hecke $L$ functions associated with ideal class characters. Recently, the value-distribution of Hecke $L$-functions of number fields has been studied extensively by Mishou [10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15] (partly with Koyama). The present paper is another contribution to this topic.

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## 2 Statement of the result

First we recall the definition and basic properties of Hecke $L$-functions.
Let $K$ be as in Section 1, $\mathcal{O}_{K}$ the ring of integers of $K, r_{1}$ the number of real places of $K$, and $2 r_{2}$ the number of complex places of $K$. Denote by $I$ the set of all ideals of $\mathcal{O}_{K}$, and by $J$ the set of all fractional ideals of $K$. Fix an ideal $\mathfrak{f} \in I$, and define

$$
\begin{aligned}
& J(\mathfrak{f})=\{\mathfrak{a} \in J \mid(\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{f})=1\}, \\
& P(\mathfrak{f})=\{(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in K, \alpha \equiv 1 \bmod \tilde{\mathfrak{f}}\},
\end{aligned}
$$

where $(\alpha)$ denotes the principal ideal generated by $\alpha$, and $\alpha \equiv 1 \bmod \tilde{f}$ means that $\alpha$ is totally positive and if we write $\alpha=a / b, a, b \in \mathcal{O}_{K},(a, b)=1$, then $a-b \in \mathfrak{f}$. Then $P(\mathfrak{f})$ is a subgroup of $J(\mathfrak{f})$ and the quotient

$$
C l(\mathfrak{f})=J(\mathfrak{f}) / P(\mathfrak{f}),
$$

the ideal class group modulo $\mathfrak{f}$, is a finite Abelian group. Denote the projection map by $\pi$.

Let $\chi$ be a character of $C l(f)$. Define the mapping $\chi: I \backslash\{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ (ideal class character) by

$$
\chi(\mathfrak{a})= \begin{cases}\chi(\pi(\mathfrak{a})) & \text { if } \mathfrak{a} \in I \cap J(\mathfrak{f}) \\ 0 & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

Denote by $\mathcal{B}$ the set of all values taken by the ideal class character $\chi$. Clearly this is a finite set.

The Hecke $L$-function associated with $\chi$ is

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{K}(s, \chi)=\sum_{\mathfrak{a} \in I \backslash\{0\}} \chi(\mathfrak{a})(N \mathfrak{a})^{-s} \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $N \mathfrak{a}$ denotes the norm of $\mathfrak{a}$. This series is convergent absolutely for $\sigma>1$, and can be continued meromorphically to the whole plane $\mathbb{C}$. The functional equation is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\xi_{K}(1-s, \bar{\chi})=\xi_{K}(s, \chi) \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\xi_{K}(s, \chi)=d(\mathfrak{f})^{s} \Gamma(s)^{r_{2}} \prod_{m=1}^{r_{1}} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+a_{m}}{2}\right) L_{K}(s, \chi)
$$

with a constant $d(\mathfrak{f})$ depending only on $\mathfrak{f}$ and $a_{m} \in\{0,1\}\left(1 \leq m \leq r_{1}\right)$. Hence the critical strip is $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$, and the critical line is $\sigma=1 / 2$.

Define $\log L_{K}(s, \chi)$ for $\sigma>1-L^{-1}$ as in the case of $\log \zeta_{K}(s)$ explained in Section 1. Let

$$
V_{K}(T ; R, \chi)=\mu_{1}\left(\left\{t \in[1, T] \mid \log L_{K}(\sigma+i t, \chi) \in R\right\}\right)
$$

for any fixed $\sigma>1-L^{-1}$. Then the existence of the limit

$$
\begin{equation*}
W_{K}(R, \chi)=\lim _{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} V_{K}(T ; R, \chi) \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

can be established. This is a special case of a general limit theorem proved in [6]. The restriction $\sigma>1-L^{-1}$ comes from the fact that, at present, we can prove the mean square estimate

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{1}^{T}\left|L_{K}(\sigma+i t, \chi)\right|^{2} d t=O(T) \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

only for $\sigma>1-L^{-1}$. This follows from the functional equation (2.2) and Potter's general result [17]. The estimate (2.4) is necessary to apply the result of [6].

In the present paper we will prove the following generalization of (1.2).

Theorem 2.1 Let $K$ be an algebraic number field of degree $\ell$, and let $L=\max \{\ell, 2\}$. Then, for any $\varepsilon>0$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
W_{K}(R, \chi)-\frac{1}{T} V_{K}(T ; R, \chi)=O\left(\left(\mu_{2}(R)+1\right)(\log T)^{-C(\sigma)+\varepsilon}\right) \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $\sigma>1-L^{-1}$, where $C(\sigma)$ is given by (1.3).

The basic structure of the proof is the same as in [8], so we omit the details, only describing several key points of the argument in the following three sections.

It is desirable to generalize the above theorem further to the case of Hecke $L$-functions associated with any Grössencharacters, but it seems that the argument in the present paper is not sufficient for that purpose.

## 3 Limit distributions for finite truncations

It is well known that $L_{K}(s, \chi)$ has the Euler product expansion

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{K}(s, \chi)=\prod_{\mathfrak{p}}\left(1-\frac{\chi(\mathfrak{p})}{(N \mathfrak{p})^{s}}\right)^{-1} \quad(\sigma>1) \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathfrak{p}$ runs over all prime ideals. Let $p_{n}$ be the $n$-th prime number, and $\mathfrak{p}_{n}^{(1)}, \ldots, \mathfrak{p}_{n}^{(g(n))}$ the prime divisors of $p_{n}$ with norm $N \mathfrak{p}_{n}^{(j)}=p_{n}^{f(j, n)}(1 \leq j \leq g(n))$. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
L_{K}(s, \chi) & =\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \prod_{j=1}^{g(n)}\left(1-\chi\left(\mathfrak{p}_{n}^{(j)}\right)\left(N \mathfrak{p}_{n}^{(j)}\right)^{-s}\right)^{-1} \\
& =\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \prod_{j=1}^{g(n)}\left(1-\chi\left(\mathfrak{p}_{n}^{(j)}\right) p_{n}^{-f(j, n) \sigma} \exp \left(-i f(j, n) t \log p_{n}\right)\right)^{-1} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Let $N$ be a positive integer, $\sigma>1-L^{-1}$, and consider the finite truncation

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{N, K}(s, \chi)=\prod_{n=1}^{N} \prod_{j=1}^{g(n)}\left(1-\chi\left(\mathfrak{p}_{n}^{(j)}\right) p_{n}^{-f(j, n) \sigma} \exp \left(-i f(j, n) t \log p_{n}\right)\right)^{-1} . \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $Q_{N}=[0,1)^{N}, \boldsymbol{\theta}=\left(\theta_{1}, \ldots, \theta_{N}\right) \in Q_{N}$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
z_{n, K}\left(\theta_{n}, \chi\right)=-\sum_{j=1}^{g(n)} \log \left(1-\chi\left(\mathfrak{p}_{n}^{(j)}\right) p_{n}^{-f(j, n) \sigma} \exp \left(2 \pi i f(j, n) \theta_{n}\right)\right) \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{N, K}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi)=\sum_{n=1}^{N} z_{n, K}\left(\theta_{n}, \chi\right) \tag{3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\log L_{N, K}(s, \chi)=S_{N, K}(\mathbf{x}(t), \chi) \tag{3.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\mathbf{x}(t)=\left(\left\{-\frac{t}{2 \pi} \log p_{1}\right\}, \ldots,\left\{-\frac{t}{2 \pi} \log p_{N}\right\}\right)
$$

$(\{x\}=x-[x]$ is the fractional part of $x)$. Define

$$
V_{N, K}(T ; R, \chi)=\mu_{1}\left(\left\{t \in[1, T] \mid \log L_{N, K}(\sigma+i t, \chi) \in R\right\}\right)
$$

From (3.5) we see that $\log L_{N, K}(\sigma+i t, \chi) \in R$ if and only if $\mathbf{x}(t) \in \Omega_{N}(R, \chi)$, where

$$
\Omega_{N}(R, \chi)=\left\{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in Q_{N} \mid S_{N, K}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi) \in R\right\}
$$

The uniqueness of the decomposition of integers into prime factors implies that $\log p_{1}, \ldots$, $\log p_{N}$ are linearly independent over $\mathbb{Q}$. Hence, by the Kronecker-Weyl theorem, we can show the existence of the limit

$$
\begin{equation*}
W_{N, K}(R, \chi)=\lim _{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} V_{N, K}(T ; R, \chi) \tag{3.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

and moreover $W_{N, K}(R, \chi)=\mu_{N}\left(\Omega_{N}(R, \chi)\right)$. The latter shows that $W_{N, K}$ is a probability measure on $\mathbb{C}$.

We evaluate the speed of convergence on the right-hand side of (3.6).
Proposition 3.1 Let $N$ be sufficiently large, and let $m$ and $r$ be large positive integers with $2 r N \leq m$. Then

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left|W_{N, K}(R, \chi)-\frac{1}{T} V_{N, K}(T ; R, \chi)\right| \\
& \ll \frac{N^{1 / 2}}{r}+\frac{N r}{m}+\frac{1}{T}(6 r \log m)^{N} \exp (m N \log N) \tag{3.7}
\end{align*}
$$

In the case of Dedekind zeta-functions, this is Proposition 1 of [8], whose main idea goes back to [3] (and even [4, 9]).

In [8], the proposition has been deduced from (5.1), (5.2), (5.3) and Lemma 3 of [8]. Hence our task here is to generalize those to our present situation.

Inequalities (5.1), (5.2) and (5.3) of [8] were first proved in [3] in the case of $\zeta(s)$, and the method in [3] can be applied without change to our present situation.

To prove Lemma 3 of [8], we used in [8] the Artin-Chebotarev density theorem to find a suitable rearrangement of the sequence of prime numbers. Here we apply the Artin-Chebotarev density theorem (see Proposition 7.15 of Narkiewicz [16]) in a slightly different way; by the Artin-Chebotarev theorem we see that there exist infinitely many primes $p_{n}$ for which $g(n)=1, f(1, n)=\ell$ hold. Moreover, since there are only finitely many prime factors of $\mathfrak{f}$, we may assume that the above $p_{n} \mathrm{~s}$ are coprime with $\mathfrak{f}$. Denote the first three of those primes by $p_{n(1)}, p_{n(2)}$ and $p_{n(3)}$, and define the rearrangement of primes, by using these $p_{n(v)}(v=1,2,3)$, similarly as in Section 5 of [8]. The curve $\Gamma_{n(v)}$ described by

$$
\begin{equation*}
z_{n(\nu), K}\left(\theta_{n(\nu)}, \chi\right)=-\log \left(1-\chi\left(\mathfrak{p}_{n(\nu)}^{(1)}\right) p_{n(\nu)}^{-\ell \sigma} \exp \left(2 \pi i \ell \theta_{n(\nu)}\right)\right) \tag{3.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\left(0 \leq \theta_{n(\nu)}<1\right)$ is convex $(\nu=1,2,3)$. Since $\left(\mathfrak{p}_{n(v)}^{(1)}, \mathfrak{f}\right)=1$, we have $\left|\chi\left(\mathfrak{p}_{n(\nu)}^{(1)}\right)\right|=$ 1. Write $\chi\left(\mathfrak{p}_{n(\nu)}^{(1)}\right)=\exp (2 \pi i \ell \varphi(\nu))$ with a certain real number $\varphi(\nu)$, and put $\theta_{n(\nu)}^{\prime}=$
$\ell\left(\theta_{n(\nu)}+\varphi(\nu)\right)$. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
z_{n(v), K}\left(\theta_{n(\nu)}, \chi\right)=-\log \left(1-p_{n(\nu)}^{-\ell \sigma} \exp \left(2 \pi i \theta_{n(\nu)}^{\prime}\right)\right) \tag{3.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

and this describes the same curve as $\Gamma_{n(\nu)}$ when $\theta_{n(\nu)}^{\prime}$ moves from 0 to $\ell$. The difference from the argument in [8] is that, in the present case, $z_{n(\nu), K}\left(\theta_{n}(\nu), \chi\right)$ rounds $\ell$-times along the curve $\Gamma_{n(\nu)}$ when $\theta_{n(\nu)}^{\prime}$ moves from 0 to $\ell$. When $\theta_{n(\nu)}^{\prime}$ moves on the subinterval $[k, k+1)$ $(0 \leq k \leq \ell-1)$, we can show the analogue of Lemma 3 of [3] for $z_{n(v), K}\left(\theta_{n}(\nu), \chi\right)$. Hence the analogue of Lemma 4 of [3] can also be established for each $k$. Therefore, adding them, we find that the analogue of Lemma 4 of [3] is valid in our present situation.

To prove the analogue of Lemma 3 of [8], the remaining part of the proof is the same as in [8].

## 4 An application of Lévy's inversion formula

From (4.6) of [6] we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{N \rightarrow \infty} W_{N, K}(R, \chi)=W_{K}(R, \chi) \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

for any rectangle $R$. In this section we evaluate the speed of this convergence to show, as a generalization of Proposition 2 of [8], the following

Proposition 4.1 For any sufficiently large $N$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|W_{K}(R, \chi)-W_{N, K}(R, \chi)\right| \ll \mu_{2}(R) N^{1-2 \sigma}(\log N)^{-2 \sigma} \tag{4.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The proof is based on Lévy's inversion formula. Consider the Fourier transform

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Lambda_{N, K}(w, \chi) & =\int_{\mathbb{C}} e^{i<z, w>} d W_{N, K}(z, \chi) \\
& =\int_{Q_{N}} \exp \left(i<S_{N, K}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi), w>\right) d \mu_{N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}),
\end{aligned}
$$

where $<z, w\rangle=\Re z \Re w+\operatorname{Im} z \operatorname{Im} w$. Then the right-hand side is the product of

$$
\begin{equation*}
K_{n, K}(w, \chi)=\int_{0}^{1} \exp \left(i<z_{n, K}\left(\theta_{n}, \chi\right), w>\right) d \theta_{n} \quad(1 \leq n \leq N) \tag{4.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

(see (3.4)).
In order to use Lévy's inversion formula, it is necessary to obtain a suitable upper bound of $\left|K_{n, K}(w, \chi)\right|$. For this purpose, in [8], we use the fact that there are only finitely many patterns of decomposition of primes into prime ideals of $K$. In the present case, we combine this fact with the finiteness of the set $\mathcal{B}$, introduced in Section 2.

For any integer $g$ satisfying $1 \leq g \leq \ell$, let $\mathcal{F}_{g}(\chi)$ be the set of all vectors

$$
(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{b})=(f(1), \ldots, f(g), b(1), \ldots, b(g))
$$

for which there exists an $n$ such that $g=g(n), f(j)=f(j, n)$ and $b(j)=\chi\left(\mathfrak{p}_{n}^{(j)}\right)$ $(1 \leq j \leq g)$ holds. Then $\mathcal{F}_{g}(\chi)$ is a finite set, because $\mathcal{B}$ is finite and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{j=1}^{g(n)} e(j, n) f(j, n)=\ell \tag{4.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

holds, where $e(j, n)$ is the ramification index of $\mathfrak{p}_{n}^{(j)}$ over $p_{n}$. Hence

$$
\mathcal{F}(\chi)=\bigcup_{1 \leq g \leq \ell} \mathcal{F}_{g}(\chi)
$$

is also finite.
For each $(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{b}) \in \mathcal{F}(\chi)$, define

$$
\begin{equation*}
F_{(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{b})}(v)=-\sum_{j=1}^{g} \log \left(1-b(j) v^{f(j)}\right) \tag{4.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $\mathbb{N}$ be the set of all positive integers. For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we can find a unique $(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{b}) \in \mathcal{F}(\chi)$ which satifsies

$$
\begin{equation*}
z_{n, K}\left(\theta_{n}, \chi\right)=F_{(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{b})}\left(p_{n}^{-\sigma} \exp \left(2 \pi i \theta_{n}\right)\right) \tag{4.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{b})$ be the set of all $n$ for which (4.6) holds. Then we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbb{N}=\bigcup_{(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{b}) \in \mathcal{F}(\chi)} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{b}) \tag{4.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

This decomposition corresponds to (3.9) of [8], and then, by the same argument as in [8], we can show

$$
\begin{equation*}
K_{n, K}(w, \chi)=O\left(p_{n}^{\sigma \ell / 2}|w|^{-1 / 2}\right) . \tag{4.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

In the procedure of proving (4.8), it is important that $\mathcal{F}(\chi)$ is a finite set.
Estimate (4.8) is exactly the same as (3.16) of [8], and from which we can deduce the assertion of Proposition 4.1.

## 5 Completion of the proof

Now we can combine Proposition 3.1 and Proposition 4.1 to complete the proof of our theorem, quite similarly to the argument in Section 6 of [8]. The main tools used in Section 6 of [8] are Lemma 4 of [8] and estimate (6.9) of [8]. Lemma 4 of [8] can be generalized to the present case, by using the rearrangement of primes defined in Section 3. Estimate (6.9) of [8] is based on Lemma 5 of [7]. Tha latter is a certain mean value estimate of Dedekind zeta-functions. This can be generalized to the present case, because of (2.4). Therefore the argument in Section 6 of [8] can be applied without change to $L_{K}(s, \chi)$. The proof of our theorem is now complete.

Remark. When $K$ is a Galois extension of $\mathbb{Q}$, we have $f(1, n)=\cdots=f(g(n), n)$ ( $=f(n)$, say), hence (3.3) is

$$
\begin{equation*}
z_{n, K}\left(\theta_{n}, \chi\right)=-\sum_{j=1}^{g(n)} \log \left(1-\chi\left(\mathfrak{p}_{n}^{(j)}\right) p_{n}^{-f(n) \sigma} \exp \left(2 \pi i f(n) \theta_{n}\right)\right) . \tag{5.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

In the case of the Dedekind zeta-function $\zeta_{K}(s)$, this is further reduced to

$$
-g(n) \log \left(1-p_{n}^{-f(n) \sigma} \exp \left(2 \pi i f(n) \theta_{n}\right)\right),
$$

which describes a convex curve. This is the reason why in [3] it is mentioned that estimate (1.2), proved for the Riemann zeta-function in that paper, can be generalized to $\zeta_{K}(s)$ of any Galois extension. However, for Hecke $L$-functions, the curve described by (5.1) is not always convex (because of the existence of $\chi\left(\mathfrak{p}_{n}^{(j)}\right)$ ) even in the case of Galois extensions. Therefore the idea in [8], originally developed for the purpose of treating $\zeta_{K}(s)$ in the non-Galois case, is necessary even for Galois extensions when we consider Hecke $L$-functions.

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