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Limiting empirical distribution of zeros and critical points of random polynomials agree in general *

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Abstract

In this article, we study critical points (zeros of derivative) of random polynomials. Take two deterministic sequences $\{a_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ and $\{b_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ of complex numbers whose limiting empirical measures are the same. By choosing $\xi_n=a_n$ or b_n with equal probability, define the sequence of polynomials by $P_n(z)=(z-\xi_1)\dots(z-\xi_n)$. We show that the limiting measure of zeros and critical points agree for this sequence of random polynomials under some assumption. We also prove a similar result for triangular array of numbers. A similar result for zeros of generalized derivative (can be thought as random rational function) is also proved. Pemantle and Rivin initiated the study of critical points of random polynomials. Kabluchko proved the result considering the zeros to be i.i.d. random variables.

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1 Introduction

The oldest known result relating the zeros and critical points of a polynomial is Gauss-Lucas theorem, which states that the critical points of any polynomial with complex coefficients lie inside the convex hull formed by the zeros of the polynomial. In general nothing more can be said. Our interest in this article is dealing with sequences of polynomials, usually randomness included, with increasing degrees. We consider the case in which the point cloud made from the zeros of these polynomials converges to a probability measure in the complex plane. We want to understand the behavior of critical points of these sequences of polynomials. We recall the definition of weak convergence.

Definition 1.1. For a sequence of probability measures, $\{\mu_n\}$ and μ on $\mathbb C$, we say that $\mu_n \xrightarrow{w} \mu$ weakly, if for any $f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb C)$, we have $\lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{\mathbb C} f d\mu_n = \int_{\mathbb C} f d\mu$.

We deal with sequence of complex numbers whose empirical measure converge to a probability measure.

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Definition 1.2. Let $\{a_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ $(\{a_{n,i}\}_{n\geq 1;1\leq i\leq n})$ be a sequence (triangular array) of numbers such that $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{a_i} \left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{a_{n,i}}\right)$ converge weakly to a probability measure μ , we call such a sequence (triangular array) to be μ -distributed. Here δ_a denotes the Dirac measure supported at a.

The question was raised by Pemantle and Rivin in [9] whether it is true that if the empirical measure of zeros of a sequence of polynomials converges to a probability measure μ , then the corresponding empirical measure of critical points also converges to μ . It is false in general as there are counterexamples. For convenience we will introduce the following notation. For any polynomial P, let Z(P) denote the multi-set of zeros of P and $\mathcal{M}(P)$ to be the uniform probability measure on Z(P).

In the case where all the zeros of the polynomials are real, because the zeros and critical points interlace, the empirical measures of zeros and critical points agree in limit. We now look at some examples where the limiting measure of zeros and critical points do not agree.

The most commonly quoted [9] sequence of polynomials where the limiting measure of zeros and limiting measure of critical points do not agree is $P_n(z)=z^n-1$. In this case the limiting zero measure $\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathscr{M}(P_n)$ is the uniform probability measure on S^1 and the limiting critical point measure $\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathscr{M}(P'_n)$ is the Dirac measure at origin. In the spirit of this example we construct new set of examples for which the limiting measures of zeros and critical points are different.

Example 1.3. Recall that if a polynomial has all zeros real, then all its critical points have to be real and are interlaced between the zeros of the polynomial. Consider the polynomial $P_n(z)=(z-a_1^n)(z-a_2^n)\dots(z-a_k^n)$, where a_1,a_2,\dots,a_k are real numbers such that $0< a_1< a_2<\dots< a_k$. Define the sequence of polynomials to be $Q_n(z)=P_n(z^n)$, then $Q_n'(z)=nz^{n-1}P_n'(z^n)$. The zero set of Q_n is

$$Z(Q_n) = \bigcup_{j=1}^{k} \bigcup_{\ell=1}^{n} \{a_j e^{2\pi i \frac{\ell}{n}}\},$$

where as the zero set of Q'_n is

$$Z(Q'_n) = \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{k-1} \bigcup_{\ell=1}^n \{b_{j,n}^{\frac{1}{n}} e^{2\pi i \frac{\ell}{n}}\}\right) \bigcup \{0, 0, \dots, 0\},$$

where $b_{1,n} < b_{2,n} < \dots < b_{k-1,n}$ are the zeros of the polynomial $P'_n(z)$. Note that $a^n_j < b_{j,n} < a^n_{j+1}$. The probability measure $\mathscr{M}(Q'_n)$ has mass $\frac{n-1}{kn-1}$ at 0, hence its limiting measure will have mass $\frac{1}{k}$ at 0. On the other hand the probability measure $\mathscr{M}(Q_n)$ is supported on $\bigcup_{j=1}^k a_j S^1$. Hence the limiting measures do not agree.

Example 1.4. Choose a polynomial P with degree k, whose zeros are in the disk $\mathbb{D}_r = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < r\}$, where r < 1. Define $Q_n(z) = P^n(z) - 1$, then $Q'_n(z) = nP^{n-1}(z)P'(z)$. If z is a zero of $Q_n(z)$, then it satisfies $P^n(z) = 1$, or |P(z)| = 1. Therefore the limiting zero measure of $Q_n(z)$ is supported on the boundary of the polynomial lemniscate $\{z: |P(z)| \leq 1\}$ of the polynomial P. The limiting zero measure for the sequence $\{Q_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ exists because Q_n is the nk-th Chebyshev polynomial of the polynomial lemniscate of P. Hence the limiting zero measure is the equilibrium measure for the domain $\{z: |P(z)| \leq 1\}$ (see Chapter 5 in [11]). Where as, if z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_k are the roots of the polynomial P, then the limiting zero distribution of Q'_n will be $\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \delta_{z_i}$. Hence the limiting measures of zeros and critical points of the given sequence of polynomials do not agree.

Before we discuss the above question, we recall the modes of convergence for random measures.

Definition 1.5. Let $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{C})$ be the set of probability measures on the complex plane, equipped with weak topology. Let $\{\mu_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ be a sequence in $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{C})$ and $\mu\in\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{C})$ we say,

- $\mu_n \xrightarrow{w} \mu$ in probability if $\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{P}(\mu_n \in N_\mu) = 1$ for any neighbourhood N_μ of μ ,
- $\mu_n \xrightarrow{w} \mu$ almost surely if $\mathbb{P}(\lim_{n \to \infty} \mu_n = \mu) = 1$.

Pemantle and Rivin in [9] considered a sequence of random polynomials whose zeros are i.i.d. with law μ having finite 1-energy and proved that the empirical law of critical points converges weakly to the same probability measure μ .

Conjecture 1.6 (Pemantle-Rivin [9]). Let X_1, X_2, \ldots be i.i.d. random variables distributed according to a probability measure μ and $P_n(z) := (z - X_1)(z - X_2) \ldots (z - X_n)$. Then $\mathscr{M}(P'_n) \xrightarrow{w} \mu$ almost surely.

A weaker form of Conjecture 1.6 was proved by Kabluchko in [7].

Theorem 1.7 (Kabluchko [7]). Let X_1, X_2, \ldots be i.i.d. random variables distributed according to a probability measure μ and $P_n(z) := (z - X_1)(z - X_2) \ldots (z - X_n)$. Then $\mathcal{M}(P'_n) \xrightarrow{w} \mu$ in probability.

Further results concerning critical points and zeros of random polynomials are discussed below. Subramanian in [14] showed that the limiting empirical law zeros and critical points agree for the polynomials whose zeros are i.i.d. with law μ supported in S^1 . In [1] the authors prove that the empirical law of zeros of the higher derivatives for the polynomials whose zeros are i.i.d. with law μ supported in S^1 converge to the same probability measure μ . In [1] the authors also obtain similar results for the zeros of generalized derivatives of polynomials. Similar results for critical points of characteristic polynomials of random matrix ensembles (Haar distributed on O(n), SO(n), U(n), Sp(n)) are proved in [8] by O'Rourke. Hanin in [6] shows the pairing of a typical zero with a critical point of random polynomials with i.i.d. Gaussian coefficients and in [5] a similar result was shown for zeros taken as i.i.d random variables from a probability measure on Riemann sphere.

We organize the article as follows. In Section 2 we state and explain the main results along with corollaries. In Section 3 we give the proofs of corollaries stated in Section 2. In Section 4 we prove the theorems stated in Section 2.

2 Main results

In [9] and [7] the random polynomials are constructed by choosing the zeros to be i.i.d. random variables. We show similar results by reducing the randomness in Theorem 1.7, in the sense that we choose the zeros from a deterministic sequence and perturbing it randomly independent for each term. In Theorem 2.2 we will start with two sequences of complex numbers which are asymptotically distributed according to the same probability measure. We also assume that the two sequences are sufficiently different (precise conditions are stated in the theorem). Then we construct a sequence of random numbers, whose terms are chosen independently at random from the corresponding terms of either of the sequences. If we make a sequence of polynomials whose zeros are the terms of the obtained random sequence, then the limiting measure of the critical points of this sequence of polynomials will agree with that of the limiting measure of the sequences we started with. This result only assumes the independence of zeros and they need not necessarily be identically distributed. This enables us to state the Corollary 2.5 which asserts the result when the zeros are from a deterministic sequence and are perturbed randomly. We also state a similar result for triangular arrays of numbers as Theorem 2.8.

We prove the result for a specific class of sequences (triangular arrays) which we call as *log-Cesáro-bounded* and is defined as follows.

Definition 2.1. We say a sequence (triangular array) of complex numbers $\{a_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ $(\{a_{n,i}\}_{n\geq 1;1\leq i\leq n})$ to be log-Cesáro-bounded if the Cesáro means of the positive part of their logarithms are bounded i.e., the sequence $\{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\log_+|a_i|\}_{n\geq 1}$ $(\{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\log_+|a_{n,i}|\}_{n\geq 1})$ is bounded.

Theorem 2.2. Let $\{a_k\}_{k\geq 1}$ and $\{b_k\}_{k\geq 1}$ be two μ -distributed and log-Cesáro bounded sequences of complex numbers. Additionally assume that, $a_k\neq b_k$ for infinitely many k. Define the sequence of independent random variables ξ_k such that $\xi_k=a_k$ or b_k with equal probability, for $k\geq 1$. Define the polynomials $P_n(z):=(z-\xi_1)(z-\xi_2)\dots(z-\xi_n)$. Then, $\mathscr{M}(P_n)\stackrel{w}{\to}\mu$ almost surely and $\mathscr{M}(P'_n)\stackrel{w}{\to}\mu$ in probability.

Remark 2.3. For the assertion of the above Theorem 2.2 to hold, it is necessary to assume that the two sequences differ in infinitely many terms. Suppose not, we may choose one of the sequence to be a sequence for which the assertion of the theorem doesn't hold. Since both the sequences differ only in finitely many terms, the resulting sequence will be same as that of the sequence for which the assertion doesn't hold, with positive probability. Hence the statement of Theorem 2.2 doesn't hold.

In the following example we will see a deterministic sequence, where the limiting empirical measures of zeros and critical points do not agree for the sequence of polynomials made through considering the terms of the sequences as zeros.

Example 2.4. Let the sequence $\{z_n\}_{n\geq 1}$, be defined recursively as follows. $z_1=1$, $z_2=-1$ and for $1\leq k\leq 2^n$, define $z_{2^n+k}=z_ke^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^n+1}}$. It can be verified that this sequence is μ -distributed, where μ is uniform probability measure on S^1 . Define $P_n(z)=\prod\limits_{k=1}^n(z-z_k)$. Then $\mathcal{M}(P_n)\to\mu$ whereas $\mathcal{M}(P'_{2^n})=\delta_0$.

Theorem 2.2 can be used to obtain corollaries of the following form. Choose a deterministic sequence which is μ -distributed and perturb each of its term by a random variable with diminishing variances. It can be shown that the empirical measure of the critical points of the polynomial, made from the perturbed sequence also converge to the same limiting probability measure μ .

Corollary 2.5. Let $\{u_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ be a μ -distributed and log-Cesáro bounded sequence. Let $\{v_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ be the sequence such that $v_n=u_n+\sigma_nX_n$, where X_ns are i.i.d random variables satisfying $X_n\stackrel{d}{=} -X_n$, $\mathbb{E}\left[\log_+|X_n|\right]<\infty$ and $\sigma_n\downarrow 0$, $\sigma_n\neq 0$. Define the polynomial $P_n(z):=(z-v_1)(z-v_2)\dots(z-v_n)$. Then, $\mathscr{M}(P_n)\stackrel{w}{\to}\mu$ almost surely and $\mathscr{M}(P'_n)\stackrel{w}{\to}\mu$ in probability.

Remark 2.6. In Corollary 2.5, we may choose the random variables X_n s to have complex Gaussian distribution or uniform distribution on the unit disk centered at 0. In the case of complex Gaussian distributed random variables we get the result for unbounded perturbations and in the case of uniformly distributed random variables the perturbations are bounded. It can also be proved in the case where the perturbed random zeros are confined to the support of μ . For example in the case when $P_n(z) = z^n - 1$ we can perturb only the angular parts of the zeros, which will confine the perturbed zeros to the unit circle

A special case of Theorem 1.7 can be obtained as the following corollary of Theorem 2.2. The special case being the one in which the probability measure μ in consideration has bounded \log_{+} -moment.

Corollary 2.7. Let μ be any probability measure on $\mathbb C$ satisfying $\int\limits_{\mathbb C} \log_+ |z| d\mu(z) < \infty$. Let X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n be i.i.d random variables distributed according to μ . Define the

polynomials $P_n(z) := (z - X_1)(z - X_2) \dots (z - X_n)$. Then, $\mathcal{M}(P_n) \xrightarrow{w} \mu$ almost surely and $\mathcal{M}(P'_n) \xrightarrow{w} \mu$ in probability.

We present a similar result of Theorem 2.2 for triangular arrays of numbers.

Theorem 2.8. Let $\{a_{k,i}\}_{k\geq 1; 1\leq i\leq k}$ and $\{b_{k,i}\}_{k\geq 1; 1\leq i\leq k}$ be two μ -distributed and log-Cesáro bounded triangular arrays of complex numbers. Additionally assume that, $\sum\limits_{i=1}^n \log_+ \frac{1}{|a_{n,i}-b_{n,i}|} = o(n^2)$. Define the sequence of independent random variables $\xi_{k,i}$ such that $\xi_{k,i} = a_{k,i}$ or $b_{k,i}$ with equal probability, for $1 \leq i \leq k$ and $k \geq 1$. Define the sequence of polynomials whose n-th term is given by $P_n(z) := (z-\xi_{n,1})(z-\xi_{n,2})\dots(z-\xi_{n,n})$. Then, $\mathscr{M}(P_n) \xrightarrow{w} \mu$ almost surely and $\mathscr{M}(P'_n) \xrightarrow{w} \mu$ in probability.

Example 2.9. In [13], the author studies the real zeros of the Cauchy location likelihood equation to estimate the location parameter of Cauchy random variables. Let X_1, X_2, \ldots , be i.i.d. Cauchy distributed random variables with the density $\frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}$. Notice that the zeros of the Cauchy location likelihood equation

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log \frac{1}{\pi (1 + (X_k - \theta)^2)} = 0, \tag{2.1}$$

are the critical points of the polynomial $P_n(z) = \prod_{k=1}^n (z - X_k + i)(z - X_k - i)$. Following the proof of Theorem 2.2 (tweaking Lemma 4.3 appropriately), it can be shown that the limiting empirical measures of zeros and critical points agree for the sequence of the polynomials $\{P_n\}_{n\geq 1}$. The limiting empirical measure of zeros $\mathcal{M}(P_n)$ is uniform mixture of Cauchy distribution supported on the lines $\Im(z) = \pm 1$. As a consequence we get that the number of real zeros of Cauchy location likelihood equation is o(n).

We return to the example of the sequence of polynomials whose n-th term is $P_n(z)=z^n-1$. By removing a zero from P_n , we can see that the empirical measures of zeros and critical points agree in limit. Define the sequence $\{Q_n\}_{n\geq 1}$, where $Q_n(z)=\frac{P_{n+1}(z)}{z-1}$. From the definition of Q_n , the limiting zero measure of the sequence $\{Q_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ is the uniform probability measure on S^1 . The derivative of these polynomials is

$$Q'_n(z) = \frac{nz^{n+1} - (n+1)z^n + 1}{(z-1)^2}.$$

Fix $\epsilon>0$, then for any $|z|>1+\epsilon$, the polynomial $nz^{n+1}-(n+1)z^n+1$ does not vanish for any n large enough as the term nz^{n+1} dominates the rest of terms uniformly in absolute value. Similarly, for any $|z|<1-\epsilon$ for any n sufficiently large enough, 1 dominates the rest of the terms uniformly and hence the polynomials does not vanish. Hence for every $\epsilon>0$ there is N_ϵ , such that for any $n>N_\epsilon$ and whenever $|z|>1+\epsilon$ or $|z|<1-\epsilon$, $Q_n'(z)\neq 0$. Therefore the limiting zero measure of the sequence $\{Q_n'\}_{n\geq 1}$ is supported on S^1 .

To get the angular distribution of zeros of Q_n' we use a bound of Erdös-Turán for the discrepancy between a probability measure and uniform measure on S^1 . We will sate the inequality in the case where the probability measure is the counting probability measure of zeros of a polynomial.

Theorem 2.10 (Erdös-Turán [2]). Let $\{a_k\}_{0 \le k \le N}$ be a sequence of complex numbers such that $a_0 a_N \ne 0$ and let $P(z) = \sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^k$. Then,

$$\left| \frac{1}{N} \nu_N(\theta, \phi) - \frac{\phi - \theta}{2\pi} \right|^2 \le \frac{C}{N} \log \left| \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{N} |a_k|}{\sqrt{|a_0 a_N|}} \right|,$$

for some constant C and $\nu_N(\theta,\phi) := \#\{z_k : \theta \leq \arg(z_k) < \phi\}$, where z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_N are zeros of P(z).

Applying the above inequality to the polynomial $(z-1)^2Q_n'(z)$, we infer that the limiting zero measure of Q_n' is uniform probability measure on S^1 which agrees with the limiting zero measure of Q_n . As an application of the forthcoming Theorem 2.11, we will see that if we choose random subsequence from a μ -distributed sequence, then the limiting distribution of zeros and critical points agree for the polynomials made from this random sequence.

The next result deals with counting the zeros and poles of a random rational function. The random rational function is defined as $L_n(z) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k}{z-z_k}$. In a special case where $\sum_{k=1}^n a_k = n$ and $a_k > 0$ for every $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, it is called generalized Sz.-Nagy derivative. For a classical derivative all a_k s are equal to 1. It is mentioned in [10] that the motivation in studying generalized derivative is that many of the results for classical derivatives extend to the generalized derivatives. In the case where the poles of the rational function are real and the weights are chosen from Dirichlet distribution the exact density of zeros of the rational function can be exactly solved and is referred as Dixon-Anderson density (see Proposition 4.2.1 in [4]).

Theorem 2.11. Let a_1, a_2, \ldots be i.i.d. random variables satisfying $\mathbb{E}[|a_1|] < \infty$. Let $\{z_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ be a sequence that does not converge to infinity and not dense in \mathbb{C} . Define the random rational function $L_n(z) := \frac{a_1}{z-z_1} + \frac{a_2}{z-z_2} \cdots + \frac{a_n}{z-z_n}$. Then, in the sense of distributions, $\frac{1}{n}\Delta \log(|L_n(z)|) \to 0$ in probability.

Remark 2.12. In Theorem 2.11, let $L_n(z) = \frac{Q_n(z)}{P_n(z)}$. Where $P_n(z) = (z-z_1)(z-z_2)\dots(z-z_n)$ and $Q_n(z)$ is defined to be the generalized derivative of the polynomial P_n , given by the relation $Q_n(z) = L_n(z)P_n(z)$. Then Theorem 2.11 asserts that $\frac{1}{n}\Delta \log |L_n(z)| \to 0$, which in turn imply that $\mathcal{M}(Q_n) - \mathcal{M}(P_n) \to 0$ in the sense of distributions. If we assume that the sequence $\{z_k\}_{k\geq 1}$ is μ -distributed then it follows that the limiting measure of critical points converge to μ .

Any μ -distributed sequence that is not dense in $\mathbb C$ (for an appropriate μ) satisfies the assumptions on the sequence $\{z_k\}_{k\geq 1}$ in Theorem 2.11.

As an application of Theorem 2.11 we choose a random subsequence of a μ -distributed sequence and show that the limiting empirical measures of zeros and critical points agree. We state this result as the following corollary.

Corollary 2.13. Let $\{z_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ be a μ -distributed sequence that is not dense in \mathbb{C} , for a μ which is not supported on the whole complex plane. Choose a subsequence $\{z_{n_k}\}_{k\geq 1}$ at random that is, each of z_n is part of subsequence with probability p<1 independent of others. Define the polynomials $P_k(z):=(z-z_{n_1})(z-z_{n_2})\dots(z-z_{n_k})$. Then, $\mathscr{M}(P_k)\stackrel{w}{\to}\mu$ almost surely and $\mathscr{M}(P_k')\stackrel{w}{\to}\mu$ in probability.

We believe a strengthened version of above Corollary 2.13 is true. We state it as the following conjecture.

Conjecture 2.14. Let $\{z_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ be a μ -distributed and log-Césaro bounded sequence. Define the sequence of random polynomials to be $P_n(z) = \frac{(z-z_1)(z-z_2)...(z-z_{n+1})}{z-z_{s_n}}$, where s_n is a random number distributed uniformly on the set $\{1,2,\ldots,n+1\}$. Then, $\mathscr{M}(P_n) \xrightarrow{w} \mu$ almost surely and $\mathscr{M}(P_n') \xrightarrow{w} \mu$ in probability.

3 Proofs of Corollaries 2.5, 2.7 and 2.13.

In Corollary 2.5 we deal with perturbations of a μ -distributed sequence. We expect that the perturbed sequence will also have the same limiting probability measure as of the original sequence. It is formally stated and proved in the following lemma.

Lemma 3.1. Let $\{a_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ be a μ -distributed sequence, $\sigma_n\downarrow 0$ and X_1,X_2,\ldots are i.i.d. random variables. Then, $\{a_n+\sigma_nX_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ is a μ -distributed sequence almost surely.

Proof. It is enough to show that for any $f \in C_c^{\infty}(\mathbb{C})$,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} (f(a_k) - f(a_k + \sigma_k X_k)) \to 0,$$

almost surely. Fix $\epsilon > 0$, choose M such that $\mathbb{P}(|X_n| > M) < \epsilon$. Then,

$$\frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n} (f(a_k) - f(a_k + \sigma_k X_k)) \right| \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \left| (f(a_k) - f(a_k + \sigma_k X_k)) \mathbb{1}\{|X_k| > M\} \right| \\
+ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \left| (f(a_k) - f(a_k + \sigma_k X_k)) \mathbb{1}\{|X_k| \leq M\} \right|, \\
\leq \frac{2||f||_{\infty}}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \mathbb{1}\{|X_k| > M\} \\
+ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} |\sigma_k X_k| ||\nabla f||_{\infty} \mathbb{1}\{|X_k| \leq M\}, \\
\leq \frac{2||f||_{\infty}}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \mathbb{1}\{|X_k| > M\} + \frac{M||\nabla f||_{\infty}}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \sigma_k.$$

Using law of large numbers and $\sigma_n \downarrow 0$ in the above equation, we have t

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{1}{n}\bigg|\sum_{k=0}^n(f(a_k)-f(a_k+\sigma_kX_k)\bigg|\leq 2||f||_\infty\epsilon \text{ a.s.}$$

Because ϵ is arbitrary, we infer that $\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^n\left(f(a_k)-f(a_k+\sigma_kX_k)\right)=0$ almost surely.

The main idea in proving the corollaries is that we condition the random sequences suitably, so that the resulting sequences satisfy the hypothesis of Theorem 2.2 and then apply to obtain the result. More formally, say we condition the sequence on the event E. Assume the conditioned sequence can be realized as a random sequence which satisfies the hypothesis of Theorem 2.2. Let ν_n^E be the empirical measure of the critical points of the degree-n polynomial formed by conditioned sequence. Fix $\epsilon > 0$, then

$$\mathbb{P}\left(d(\nu_n, \mu) > \epsilon\right) = \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{1}\left\{d(\nu_n, \mu) > \epsilon\right\}\right],\tag{3.1}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{1}\left\{d(\nu_n, \mu) > \epsilon\right\} \middle| E\right]\right],\tag{3.2}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{1}\left\{d(\nu_n^E, \mu) > \epsilon\right\}\right]. \tag{3.3}$$

We will use the following inequalities, whenever required.

$$\log_{+}|ab| \leq \log_{+}|a| + \log_{+}|b|. \tag{3.4}$$

$$\log_{-}|ab| \leq \log_{-}|a| + \log_{-}|b|. \tag{3.5}$$

$$\log_{+}|a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n| \le \log_{+}|a_1| + \log_{+}|a_2| + \dots + \log_{+}|a_n| + \log(n).$$
 (3.6)

Remark 3.2. The inequality (3.6) is obtained by using the inequalities $|a_1+\cdots+a_n| \leq |a_1|+\cdots+|a_n| \leq n\max_{i\leq n}|a_i|$ and $\log_+(\max_{i\leq n}|a_i|) \leq \log_+|a_1|+\cdots+\log_+|a_n|$.

Lemma 3.3. Let $\{a_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ be a sequence that is log-Cesáro bounded and $\{b_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ be a sequence such that $b_n=a_n+\sigma_nX_n$, $\sigma_n\downarrow 0$ and X_1,X_2,\ldots are i.i.d. random variables with $\mathbb{E}\left[\log_+|X_1|\right]<\infty$. Then the sequence $\{b_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ is also log-Cesáro bounded.

Proof.

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \log_{+} |b_{k}| \le \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} (\log_{+}(|a_{k}| + |a_{k} - b_{k}|)), \tag{3.7}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \log_{+} |a_{k}| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \log_{+} |\sigma_{k} X_{k}| + \log(2), \tag{3.8}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \log_{+} |a_{k}| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \log_{+} |\sigma_{k}| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \log_{+} |X_{k}| + \log(2). \tag{3.9}$$

The sequence $\{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^n\log_+|\sigma_k|\}_{n\geq 1}$ goes to 0, because $\lim_{n\to 0}\sigma_n=0$. Using law of large numbers and the fact that $\mathbb{E}\left[\log_+|X_1|\right]<\infty$, the sequence $\{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^n\log_+|X_k|\}_{n\geq 1}$ is bounded almost surely. Combining (3.9) and the above facts we get that the sequence $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^n\log_+|b_k|$ is bounded. This completes the proof.

Proof of Corollary 2.5. Fix r_n and θ_n for $n \geq 1$. Choose $E = \{w : X_n(w) = \pm r_n e^{i\theta_n} \}$ for $n \geq 1\}$. Because X_n s are symmetric random variables, the n^{th} term of the resulting sequence will be $u_n + \sigma_n r_n e^{i\theta_n}$ or $u_n - \sigma_n r_n e^{i\theta_n}$ with equal probability independent of other terms. Choose $a_n = u_n + \sigma_n r_n e^{i\theta_n}$ and $b_n = u_n - \sigma_n r_n e^{i\theta_n}$. We need to show that almost surely the sequences $\{a_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ and $\{b_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 2.2. It follows from Lemmas 3.1 and 3.3 the sequences $\{a_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ and $\{b_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ are μ -distributed and log-Cesáro bounded almost surely. Therefore invoking Theorem 2.2 and using 3.3 we have that the limiting measures of zeros and critical points of the perturbed sequences agree.

Proof of Corollary 2.7. If μ is a degenerate probability measure then the result is trivial to verify. If μ is not degenerate then choose two independent sequences of random numbers $\{a_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ and $\{b_n\}_{n\geq 1}$, where a_n s and b_n s are i.i.d random numbers obtained from measure μ . Choose $X_n=a_n$ or b_n with equal probability independent of other terms. Then, notice that $\{X_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ is a sequence of i.i.d random variables distributed according to probability measure μ . Using the hypothesis $\int\limits_{\mathbb{C}}\log_+|z|d\mu(z)<\infty$ and applying law of large numbers for the random variables $\{\log_+|X_n|\}_{n\geq 1}$, we get that the sequences $\{a_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ and $\{b_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ are log-Cesáro bounded almost surely. Therefore the constructed sequences satisfy the hypothesis of Theorem 2.2.

Lemma 3.4. Let $\{a_k\}_{k\geq 1}$ and $\{b_k\}_{k\geq 1}$ be two sequences which are μ and ν distributed respectively. Define a random sequence $\{\xi_k\}_{k\geq 1}$, where $\xi_k=a_k$ with probability p and $\xi_k=b_k$ with probability 1-p. Then $\mu_n=\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^n\delta_{\xi_k}$ weakly converge to $\lambda=p\mu+(1-p)\nu$ almost surely.

Proof. It is enough to show that for any compactly supported smooth function $f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{C})$, $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^n f(\xi_k)$ converge to $\int_{\mathbb{C}} f(z)d\lambda(z)$ almost surely. But from a version of law of large numbers we know that if X_1, X_2, \ldots are independent random variables (not necessarily identical), then

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \left(X_k - \mathbb{E} \left[X_k \right] \right) \xrightarrow{a.s} 0$$

provided that $\sum\limits_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} Var\left(X_k\right) < \infty$. Applying this to the random variables $f(\xi_k)$ we get

that
$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^n f(\xi_k)$$
 converge to $\int_{\mathbb{C}} f(z)d\lambda(z)$ almost surely.

Proof of Corollary 2.13. Choose a_1,a_2,\ldots be i.i.d Bernoulli(p) random variables. Let $\{k_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ be a random sequence such that $a_{k_n}=1$ and $a_\ell=0$ whenever $\ell\notin\{k_1,k_2,\ldots\}$. Define $L_n^{(1)}(z)=L_{k_n}(z)=\frac{P_n'(z)}{P_n(z)}$. It is enough to show that $\frac{1}{n}\Delta\log|L_{k_n}(z)|\to 0$ in probability. The sequences $\{a_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ and $\{z_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ satisfy the hypothesis of Theorem 2.11. Therefore $\frac{1}{n}\Delta\log|L_n(z)|\to 0$ in probability. Because $\{L_{k_n}^{(1)}(z)\}_{n\geq 1}$ is a subsequence of $\{L_n(z)\}_{n\geq 1}$ it follows that $\frac{1}{k_n}\Delta\log|L_{k_n}^{(1)}(z)|\to 0$ in probability. Because k_n is a negative binomial random variable with parameters (n,p), we have $\frac{k_n}{n}\to p$ almost surely. Therefore, $\frac{1}{n}\Delta\log|L_{k_n}^{(1)}(z)|\to 0$ in probability. \square

In the next section we provide proofs for the Theorems 2.2, 2.8 and 2.11.

4 Proofs of Theorems 2.2, 2.8 and 2.11.

4.1 Outline of proofs.

We state this lemma below.

The proofs here are adapted from the proof of Kabluchko's theorem as presented in [7]. The proofs involve in analyzing the function $L_n(z) := \frac{P_n'(z)}{P_n(z)} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{z-\xi_k}$. We shall prove the theorems by showing that the hypotheses of the Theorems 2.2, 2.8 and 2.11 imply the following three statements.

For Lebesgue a.e.
$$z \in \mathbb{C}$$
 and for every $\epsilon > 0$, $\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n}\log|L_n(z)| > \epsilon\right) = 0$. (A1)

For Lebesgue a.e.
$$z\in\mathbb{C}$$
 and for every $\epsilon>0,$ $\lim_{n\to\infty}\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n}\log|L_n(z)|<-\epsilon\right)=0.$ (A2)

For any
$$r > 0$$
, the sequence $\left\{ \int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \frac{1}{n^2} \log^2 |L_n(z)| \right\}_{n \ge 1}$ is tight. (A3)

Statements (A1) and (A2) assert that $\frac{1}{n}\log|L_n(z)|$ converge to 0 in probability. Statement (A3) assert that the sequence $\{\int\limits_{\mathbb{D}_r}\frac{1}{n^2}\log^2|L_n(z)|\}_{n\geq 1}$ is tight. A lemma of Tao and Vu links the above two facts to yield that $\{\int\limits_{\mathbb{D}_r}\frac{1}{n}\log|L_n(z)|\}_{n\geq 1}$ converge to 0 in probability.

Lemma 4.1 (Lemma 3.1 in [15]). Let (X, \mathcal{A}, ν) be a finite measure space and $f_n : X \to \mathbb{R}$, $n \ge 1$ random functions which are defined over a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, \mathbb{P})$ and are jointly measurable with respect to $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}$. Assume that:

- 1. For ν -a.e. $x \in X$ we have $f_n(x) \to 0$ in probability, as $n \to \infty$.
- 2. For some $\delta > 0$, the sequence $\int_X |f_n(x)|^{1+\delta} d\nu(x)$ is tight.

Then, $\int_{X} f_n(x) d\nu(x)$ converge in probability to 0.

Thus it follows from the above assertions (A1), (A2), (A3) and Lemma 4.1, that $\int\limits_{\mathbb{D}_r} \frac{1}{n} \log |L_n(z)| dm(z) \to 0$ in probability for any r>0. Choose any $f\in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{C})$, assume that $\operatorname{support}(f)\subseteq \mathbb{D}_r$ and define $f_n(z)=\frac{1}{n}\left(\log |L_n(z)|\right)\Delta f(z)$. Because f is a bounded function and $\frac{1}{n}\log |L_n(z)|$ satisfy the hypothesis of Lemma 4.1, the functions f_n also satisfy the hypothesis of Lemma 4.1. Therefore we have that $\int\limits_{\mathbb{D}_r} f_n(z) dm(z) \to 0$ in probability. Applying Green's theorem twice we have the identity,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{D}} f(z) \Delta \frac{1}{n} \log |L_n(z)| = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{1}{n} \log |L_n(z)| \Delta f(z) dm(z).$$

The left hand side of the above integral is defined in the sense of distributions. Therefore it follows that $\int_{\mathbb{D}_r} f(z) \frac{1}{2\pi n} \Delta \log |L_n(z)| \to 0$ in probability. This suffices for Theorem 2.11. We complete the proof of Theorem 2.2 by the following arguments. In the sense of distributions we have

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{D}_r} f(z) \frac{1}{n} \Delta \log |L_n(z)| = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(\xi_k) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} f(\eta_k^{(n)})$$
(4.1)

From Lemma 3.4 it follows that the sequence $\{\xi_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ is μ -distributed. Hence $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^n f(\xi_k) \to \int\limits_{\mathbb{D}_r} f(z) d\mu(z)$ almost surely. Therefore from (4.1) we have,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} f(\eta_k^{(n)}) \to \int_{\mathbb{D}_r} f(z) d\mu(z) \text{ in probability.}$$
 (4.2)

Because for any $f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{C})$ and $\epsilon > 0$, the sets of the form $\{\mu : |\int\limits_{\mathbb{C}} f(z) d\mu(z)| < \epsilon\}$ form an open base at origin, from Definition 1.5 and (4.2) it follows that $\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \delta_{\eta_i^{(n)}} \xrightarrow{w} \mu$ in probability.

We show (A1), by obtaining moment bounds for $L_n(z)$. To show (A2) we will use a concentration bound for the function $L_n(z)$. In either of the Theorems 2.2 and 2.11, observe that $L_n(z)$ is a sum of independent random variables. We state a version of Kolmogorov-Rogozin inequality below to be used later in the proofs to obtain the concentration bounds for $L_n(z)$.

Kolmogorov-Rogozin inequality (multi-dimensional version) [Corollary 1. of Theorem 6.1 in [3].] Let $X_1, X_2, ...$ be independent random vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . Define the concentration function, $Q(X, \delta) := \sup_{a \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathbb{P}(X \in B(a, \delta))$. Let $\delta_i \leq \delta$ for each i, then

$$Q(X_1 + \dots + X_n, \delta) \le \frac{C\delta}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i^2 (1 - Q(X_i, \delta_i))}}.$$
 (4.3)

It remains to show that the hypotheses of Theorems 2.2, 2.8 and 2.11 imply (A1), (A2) and (A3). We show this in the subsequent sections.

4.2 Proofs of Theorems 2.2 and 2.8

In the following lemma we show that the hypothesis of Theorem 2.2 imply (A1). **Lemma 4.2.** Let $\{s_{n,k}\}_{n\geq 1; 1\leq k\leq n}$ be any triangular array of numbers. Define $L_n(z)=\sum_{k=1}^n\frac{1}{z-s_{n,k}}$. Then for any $\epsilon>0$, and for Lebesgue a.e. $z\in\mathbb{C}$,

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log |L_n(z)| < \epsilon.$$

Proof. Define $A_n^\epsilon = \bigcup\limits_{k=1}^n \{z: |z-s_{n,k}| < e^{-n\epsilon}\}$ and $F^\epsilon = \limsup_{n \to \infty} A_n^\epsilon$, then F^ϵ are decreasing sets in ϵ . For these sets we have $\sum\limits_{n=1}^\infty m(A_n^\epsilon) \le \sum\limits_{n=1}^\infty 2\pi n e^{-2n\epsilon} < \infty$, where m is Lebesgue measure on complex plane. Applying Borel-Cantelli lemma to the sequence $\{A_n^\epsilon\}_{n \ge 1}$ we have $m(F^\epsilon) = 0$. Because F^ϵ are decreasing sets in ϵ , we have that if $F = \bigcup_{\epsilon > 0} F^\epsilon$, then m(F) = 0. Choose $z \in F^c$, there is N_z^ϵ such that for any $n > N_z^\epsilon$ we have $z \notin A_n^\epsilon$. Therefore $\frac{1}{|z-\xi_n|} > e^{n\epsilon}$ is satisfied only for finitely many n. Hence we have $|L_n(z)| < 1$

 $M + ne^{n\epsilon}$, where M is a finite number obtained from the sum of terms for which the inequality $\frac{1}{|z-\xi_n|} > e^{n\epsilon}$ is violated. It follows from here $\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log |L_n(z)| < \epsilon$. Therefore for $z \notin F$, we have $\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log |L_n(z)| < \epsilon$.

Lemma 4.3. Let $L_n(z) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{z-\xi_k}$ where $\xi_k s$ are as in Theorem 2.2. Then for any $\epsilon > 0$, and almost every z we have $\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathbb{P}(\frac{1}{n}\log|L_n(z)| \leq -\epsilon) = 0$.

Proof. Fix $z \neq a_k$ or b_k for any $k \geq 1$. From Kolmogorov-Rogozin inequality (4.3) and taking $\delta_i = \delta = e^{-n\epsilon}$ we have,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{z - \xi_k}\right| < e^{-n\epsilon}\right) \le \frac{C}{\sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^{n} (1 - Q(\frac{1}{z - \xi_k}, e^{-n\epsilon}))}}.$$
(4.4)

We shall show that $\sum_{k=1}^{n} (1 - Q(\frac{1}{z - \xi_k}, e^{-n\epsilon}))$ goes to ∞ . Observe that,

$$Q\left(\frac{1}{z-\xi_k},e^{-n\epsilon}\right) = \sup_{\alpha \in \mathbb{C}} \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{1}{z-\xi_k} - \alpha\right| < e^{-n\epsilon}\right) \le \frac{1}{2},$$

whenever $|\frac{1}{z-a_k}-\frac{1}{z-b_k}|>2e^{-n\epsilon}$. Define $S_n=\{k\leq n: |\frac{1}{z-a_k}-\frac{1}{z-b_k}|>2e^{-n\epsilon}\}$. Notice that if $a_k\neq b_k$, then there is N_k such that whenever $n>N_k$, we have $k\in S_n$. Because $a_k\neq b_k$ for infinitely many k, $|S_n|$ increases to infinity as $n \to \infty$. The denominator on the right hand side of (4.4) is at least $\sqrt{\frac{|S_n|}{2}}$. Therefore $\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{z-\xi_k}\right| < e^{-n\epsilon}\right) \leq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{|S_n|}} \to 0$, as $n \to \infty$.

Lemma 4.4. Let $L_n(z) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{z-\xi_{k,n}}$ where $\xi_{k,n}s$ are as in Theorem 2.8. Then for any $\epsilon > 0$, and almost every z we have $\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{P}(\frac{1}{n} \log |L_n(z)| \le -\epsilon) = 0$.

Proof. Fix any $z \in \mathbb{C}$ that does not agree with any of the terms in the given arrays. From Kolmogorov-Rogozin inequality (4.3) and taking $\delta_i = \delta = e^{-n\epsilon}$ we have,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{z - \xi_{k,n}}\right| < e^{-n\epsilon}\right) \le \frac{C}{\sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^{n} (1 - Q(\frac{1}{z - \xi_{k,n}}, e^{-n\epsilon}))}}.$$
(4.5)

It is enough to show that $\sum_{k=1}^n (1-Q(\frac{1}{z-\xi_{k,n}},e^{-n\epsilon}))$ goes to $\infty.$

Because we have that $\sum\limits_{k=1}^n \log_+ \frac{1}{|a_{k,n}-b_{k,n}|} = o(n^2)$, there are sets $C_n \subset \{1,2,\ldots,n\}$

such that $|C_n|=[\frac{3n}{4}]$ and such that whenever $k\in C_n$, we have $\log_+\frac{1}{|a_{k,n}-b_{k,n}|}=o(n)$. The given two triangular arrays are μ -distributed. Therefore we can choose M>0 and $N \in \mathbb{N}$, such that for any n > N we have $A_n = \{k : |a_{k,n}| > M\}$ and $B_n = \{k : |b_{k,n}| > M\}$ satisfying $|A_n|>\frac{3n}{4}$ and $|B_n|>\frac{3n}{4}$. For $k\in A_n\cap B_n\cap C_n$, we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{z - a_{k,n}} - \frac{1}{z - b_{k,n}} \right| = \frac{|a_{k,n} - b_{k,n}|}{|z - a_{k,n}||z - b_{k,n}|}$$
(4.6)

$$\geq \frac{|a_{k,n} - b_{k,n}|}{(|z| + |a_{k,n}|)(|z| + |b_{k,n}|)} \tag{4.7}$$

$$\geq \frac{|a_{k,n} - b_{k,n}|}{(|z| + M)^2}. (4.8)$$

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Let $\log_+\frac{1}{|a_{k,n}-b_{k,n}|}=\alpha_n=o(n)$. Therefore from 4.6 we have $\left|\frac{1}{z-a_{k,n}}-\frac{1}{z-b_{k,n}}\right|\geq \frac{e^{-\alpha_n}}{(|z|+M)^2}$. Hence for sufficiently large n, and we have $Q(\frac{1}{z-\xi_{k,n}},e^{-n\epsilon})=\frac{1}{2}$. Because $|A_n\cap B_n\cap C_n|\geq \frac{n}{4}$, the sum $\sum_{k=1}^n (1-Q(\frac{1}{z-\xi_{k,n}},e^{-n\epsilon}))$ is at least $\frac{n}{8}$. Therefore the right hand side of 4.5 approaches 0 as $n\to\infty$.

Lemma 4.5. Let $\{s_{n,k}\}_{n\geq 1; 1\leq k\leq n}$ be any log-Césaro bounded triangular array of numbers. Define $L_n(z)=\sum\limits_{k=1}^n\frac{1}{z-s_{n,k}}$. Then, for any r>0, the sequence $\{\int_{\mathbb{D}_r}\frac{1}{n^2}\log^2|L_n(z)|dm(z)\}_{n\geq 1}$ is bounded.

Proof. We will first decompose $\log |L_n(z)|$ into its positive and negative parts and analyze them separately. Let $\log |L_n(z)| = \log_+ |L_n(z)| - \log_- |L_n(z)|$. Then,

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \frac{1}{n^2} \log^2 |L_n(z)| dm(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \frac{1}{n^2} \log_+^2 |L_n(z)| dm(z) + \int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \frac{1}{n^2} \log_-^2 |L_n(z)| dm(z).$$

Using (3.6), we get,

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \frac{1}{n^2} \log_+^2 |L_n(z)| dm(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \frac{1}{n^2} \log_+^2 \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{z - s_{n,k}} \right| dm(z),$$

$$\leq \int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \frac{1}{n^2} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \log_+ \left| \frac{1}{z - s_{n,k}} \right| + \log(n) \right)^2 dm(z).$$

Using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality $(a_1+a_2+\cdots+a_n)^2 \leq n(a_1^2+a_2^2+\cdots+a_n^2)$ for the above, we get,

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \frac{1}{n^2} \log_+^2 |L_n(z)| dm(z) \qquad \leq \int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \frac{n+1}{n^2} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \log_+^2 \left| \frac{1}{z - s_{n,k}} \right| + \log^2(n) \right) dm(z), \qquad (4.9)$$

$$= \frac{n+1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \log_-^2 |z - s_{n,k}| dm(z) + \frac{n+1}{n^2} \log^2(n) \pi r^2. (4.10)$$

Because Lebesgue measure on complex plane is translation invariant, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \log_-^2 |z - \xi| dm(z) = \int_{\xi + \mathbb{D}_r} \log_-^2 |z| dm(z) \le \int_{\mathbb{D}_1} \log_-^2 |z| dm(z) < \infty.$$

Therefore $\sup_{\xi\in\mathbb{C}}\int_K\log^2|z-\xi|dm(z)<\infty$ for any compact set $K\subset\mathbb{C}$ it can be seen that each of the terms in the final expression (4.10) are bounded. Hence the sequence $\{\int_{\mathbb{D}_n}\frac{1}{n^2}\log_+^2|L_n(z)|dm(z)\}_{n\geq 1}$ is bounded.

We will now show that the sequence $\{\int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \frac{1}{n^2} \log_-^2 |L_n(z)| dm(z) \}_{n \geq 1}$ is bounded. Let $P_n(z) = \prod_{k=1}^n (z - s_{n,k})$ and $P'_n(z) = n \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (z - \eta_k^{(n)})$. Applying inequality (3.5) and Cauchy-Schwarz inequality we get,

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \frac{1}{n^2} \log_-^2 |L_n(z)| dm(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \frac{1}{n^2} \log_-^2 \left| \frac{P'_n(z)}{P_n(z)} \right| dm(z),
\leq \int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \frac{2}{n^2} \log_-^2 |P'_n(z)| dm(z) + \int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \frac{2}{n^2} \log_-^2 \left| \frac{1}{P_n(z)} \right| dm(z).$$

Again applying inequalities (3.5), (3.4), (3.6) and Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to the above we obtain,

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}_{r}} \frac{1}{n^{2}} \log_{-}^{2} |L_{n}(z)| dm(z) \tag{4.11}$$

$$\leq \int_{\mathbb{D}_{r}} \frac{2}{n^{2}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \log_{-} |z - \eta_{k}^{(n)}| \right)^{2} dm(z) + \int_{\mathbb{D}_{r}} \frac{2}{n^{2}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} \log_{+} |z - s_{n,k}| \right)^{2} dm(z),$$

$$(4.12)$$

$$\leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \log_-^2 |z - \eta_k^{(n)}| dm(z) \tag{4.13}$$

$$+2\int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \left(\log(2) + \log_+ |z| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \log_+ |s_{n,k}| \right)^2 dm(z). \tag{4.14}$$

From the hypothesis, we have that the triangular array $\{s_{n,k}\}_{n\geq 1; 1\leq k\leq n}$ is log-Cesáro bounded. Therefore (4.14) is bounded uniformly in n. Using the fact that $\sup_{\xi\in\mathbb{C}}\int_K\log^2|z-\xi|dm(z)<\infty$, we get (4.13) is bounded uniformly in n. From the above facts we get that the sequence $\left\{\frac{1}{n^2}\int_{\mathbb{D}_r}\log^2|L_n(z)|dm(z)\right\}_{n\geq 1}$ is bounded.

Lemmas 4.2, 4.3, 4.5 show that the statements (A1), (A2) and (A3) are satisfied. Hence Theorem 2.2 and Theorem 2.8 are proved.

4.3 Proof of Theorem 2.11

Because the sequence $\{z_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ is not dense in $\mathbb C$, there is $\omega\in\mathbb C$ which is not a limit point of z_n s. We will prove the theorem when $\omega=0$ i.e, 0 is not a limit point of the sequence $\{z_n\}_{n\geq 1}$. For other cases we can translate all the points by ω and apply the theorem. We will first prove a lemma about sequences of numbers which will later be used in proving the subsequent lemmas.

Lemma 4.6. Given any sequence $\{z_k\}_{k\geq 1}$, where $z_k\in\mathbb{C}$, $\liminf_{n\to\infty}\left(\inf_{|z|=r}|z-z_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)\geq 1$ for Lebesgue a.e. $r\in\mathbb{R}^+$ w.r.t Lebesgue measure.

Proof. Fix $\epsilon>0$ and let $A_n=\{r>0: \inf_{|z|=r}|z-z_n|<(1-\epsilon)^n\}$. Let m denote the Lebesgue measure on the complex plane. Then,

$$m\left(\left\{r>0: \liminf_{n\to\infty} \left(\inf_{|z|=r} |z-z_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}\right) \le (1-\epsilon)\right\}\right) = m\left(\limsup_{n\to\infty} A_n\right)$$
$$\le \lim_{k\to\infty} m\left(\bigcup_{n\ge k} A_n\right)$$

If $r \in A_k$, then from the definition of A_k we have that $r \in [|z_k| - (1 - \epsilon)^k, |z_k| + (1 - \epsilon)^k]$. Hence we get,

$$m\left(\left\{r>0: \liminf_{n\to\infty} \left(\inf_{|z|=r} |z-z_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}\right) \le (1-\epsilon)\right\}\right)$$

$$\le \lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} m\left(\left\{r: |z_n| - (1-\epsilon)^n \le r \le |z_n| + (1-\epsilon)^n\right\}\right)$$

$$\le \lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} 2(1-\epsilon)^n = 0$$

The above is true for every $\epsilon>0$, therefore $\liminf_{n\to\infty}\left(\inf_{|z|=r}|z-z_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)\geq 1$ outside an exceptional set $E\subset\mathbb{R}^+$ whose Lebesgue measure is 0.

Define the set $F=\{z: \liminf_{n\to\infty}|z-z_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}<1\}$. Because 0 is not a limit point of $\{z_n\}_{n\geq 1}$, we have $\liminf_{n\to\infty}|z_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}\geq 1$. Hence $0\notin F$. For |z|=r, we have

$$\liminf_{n \to \infty} |z - z_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} \ge \liminf_{n \to \infty} \left(\inf_{|z| = r} |z - z_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} \right).$$

Hence $F \subseteq \{z : |z| = r, r \in E\}$ and by invoking Fubini's theorem we get $m(\{z : |z| = r, r \in E\}) = 0$. From the above two observations it follows that m(F) = 0.

The following lemma shows that the hypothesis of Theorem 2.11 implies (A1).

Lemma 4.7. Let $L_n(z)$ be as in Theorem 2.11. Then for any $\epsilon > 0$, and Lebesgue a.e. $z \in \mathbb{C}$,

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log |L_n(z)| < \epsilon$$

almost surely.

Proof. From the hypothesis, Lemma 4.6 and using Markov's inequality we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{|z|=r} \left| \frac{a_n}{z-z_n} \right| > e^{n\epsilon} \right) \le \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sup_{|z|=r} \frac{\mathbb{E}\left[|a_n| \right]}{|z-z_n| e^{n\epsilon}}.$$

Denoting $t_n(r) = \sup_{|z|=r} \left| \frac{1}{z-z_n} \right|$ we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sup_{|z|=r} \frac{\mathbb{E}\left[|a_n|\right]}{|z-z_n|e^{n\epsilon}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}\left[|a_n|\right]}{e^{n\epsilon}} t_n(r). \tag{4.15}$$

Because a_n s are i.i.d. random variables, $\mathbb{E}[|a_n|] = \mathbb{E}[|a_1|]$. Using the root test for the convergence of sequences and the Lemma 4.6, it follows that the right hand side of (4.15) is convergent for Lebesgue a.e. $r \in (0,\infty)$. Invoking Borel-Cantelli lemma we can say that $\sup_{|z|=r} \frac{|a_n|}{|z-z_n|} > e^{n\epsilon}$ only for finitely many times. From here we get

 $|L_n(z)| \leq M_\epsilon + ne^{n\epsilon}$, where M_ϵ is a finite random number which is obtained by bounding the finite number of terms for which $\sup_{|z|=r} \frac{|a_n|}{|z-z_n|} > e^{n\epsilon}$ is satisfied. Therefore we get that

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log |L_n(z)| < \epsilon \text{ almost surely.}$$

Notice that we have proved a stronger version of the Lemma 4.7. We will state this as a remark which will be used further lemmas.

Remark 4.8. Define $M_n(R):=\sup_{|z|=R}|L_n(z)|.$ Then for any $\epsilon>0$, we have

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log M_n(R) < \epsilon$$

for almost every R > 0.

For proving a similar result for the lower bound of $\log |L_n(z)|$ and establish (A2), we need the Kolmogorov-Rogozin inequality 4.3 which was stated at the beginning of this chapter.

Lemma 4.9. Let $L_n(z)$ be as in Theorem 2.11. Then for any $\epsilon > 0$, and Lebesgue a.e. $z \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n} \log |L_n(z)| < -\epsilon\right) = 0.$$

Proof. Because the sequence z_n donot converge to infinity, there exits a compact set K, such that there are infinitely many z_k 's in K. Fix $z \in \mathbb{C}$ which is not in the exceptional set F. If K is a singleton set, then choose z not in $F \cup K$. Let $z_{i_1}, z_{i_2}, \ldots z_{i_{l_n}}$ be the points in K from the set $\{z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_n\}$. From the definition of concentration function and the fact that the concentration function $Q(X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_n, \delta)$ is decreasing in n we get,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(|L_n(z)| \le e^{-n\epsilon}\right) \le Q\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{z-z_i}, e^{-n\epsilon}\right),
\le Q\left(\sum_{k=1}^l \frac{a_{i_k}}{z-z_{i_k}}, e^{-n\epsilon}\right).$$

The random variables $\frac{a_{i_k}}{z-z_{i_k}}$ s are independent. Hence we can apply Kolmogorov-Rogozin inequality to get,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(|L_n(z)| \le e^{-n\epsilon}\right) \le C_{\epsilon} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{l_n} \left(1 - Q\left(\frac{a_{i_k}}{z - z_{i_k}}, e^{-n\epsilon}\right)\right) \right\}^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Denote the distance between z and K by $d(z,K)=\inf_{w\in K}|z-w|$ and the diameter of K by $diam(K)=\sup_{w_1,w_2\in K}|w_1-w_2|$. From the choice of z, we have d(z,K)+diam(K)>0. Because $|z-z_{i_k}|\leq d(z,K)+diam(K)$, from above we get,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(|L_n(z)| \le e^{-n\epsilon}\right) \le C_{\epsilon} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{l_n} \left(1 - Q\left(a_{i_k}, (d(z, K) + diam(K)) e^{-n\epsilon}\right)\right) \right\}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Because a_{i_k} s are non-degenerate i.i.d random variables and $l_n \to \infty$, the right hand side of (4.16) converges to 0 as $n \to \infty$. Hence the lemma is proved.

It remains to show that the hypothesis of Theorem 2.11 implies (A3). Fix R>r. The idea here is to write the function $\log |L_n(z)|$ for $z\in \mathbb{D}_r$ as an integral on the boundary of a larger disk \mathbb{D}_R and bound the integral uniformly on the disk \mathbb{D}_r . This is facilitated by Poisson-Jensen's formula for meromorphic functions. The Poisson-Jensen's formula is stated below. Let $\alpha_1,\alpha_2,\ldots\alpha_k$ and $\beta_1,\beta_2,\ldots\beta_\ell$ be the zeros and poles of a meromorphic function f in \mathbb{D}_R . Then

$$\log |f(z)| = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \Re\left(\frac{Re^{i\theta} + z}{Re^{i\theta} - z}\right) \log |f(Re^{i\theta})| d\theta - \sum_{m=1}^k \log \left|\frac{R^2 - \overline{\alpha}_j z}{R(z - \alpha_j)}\right| + \sum_{m=1}^l \log \left|\frac{R^2 - \overline{\beta}_j z}{R(z - \beta_j)}\right|$$

The following lemma 4.10 gives an estimate of the boundary integral obtained in the Poisson-Jensen's formula when applied for the function $\log |L_n(z)|$ at z=0. Define

$$\mathcal{I}_n(z,R) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \Re\left(\frac{Re^{i\theta} + z}{Re^{i\theta} - z}\right) \log |L_n(Re^{i\theta})| d\theta.$$

Lemma 4.10. There is a constant $c_2 > 0$ such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n}\mathcal{I}(0, R) \le -c_2\right) = 0.$$

Proof. From Poisson-Jensen's formula at 0 we get,

$$\frac{1}{n}\mathcal{I}_n(0;R) = \frac{1}{n}\log|L_n(0)| + \frac{1}{n}\sum_{m=1}^k \log\left|\frac{z_{i_m}}{R}\right| - \frac{1}{n}\sum_{m=1}^l \log\left|\frac{\alpha_{i_m}}{R}\right|,\tag{4.16}$$

where $z_{i_m}s$ and $\alpha_{i_m}s$ are zeros and critical points respectively of $P_n(z)$ in the disk \mathbb{D}_R . Because 0 is not a limit point of $\{z_1,z_2,\dots\}$, $\left\{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{m=1}^k\log\left|\frac{z_{i_m}}{R}\right|\right\}_{n\geq 1}$ is a sequence of negative numbers bounded from below. $\left\{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{m=1}^l\log\left|\frac{\alpha_{i_m}}{R}\right|\right\}_{n\geq 1}$ is also a sequence of negative numbers. Therefore the last two terms in the right hand side of (4.16) are bounded below. Because 0 is not in exceptional set F, from Lemma 4.9 we have that the sequence $\lim_{n\to\infty}\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n}\log|L_n(z)|<-1\right)=0$ is bounded from below. Therefore there exists C_1 such that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n}\log|L_n(z)|<-1\text{ and }\frac{1}{n}\sum_{m=1}^k\log\left|\frac{z_{i_m}}{R}\right|-\frac{1}{n}\sum_{m=1}^l\log\left|\frac{\alpha_{i_m}}{R}\right|<-C_1\right)=0.$$

Choosing $c_2 = C_1 + 1$ the statement of lemma is established.

Using above lemma 4.5 and exploiting formula of Poisson kernel for disk we will now obtain an uniform bound for the corresponding integral $\mathcal{I}_n(z,R)$.

Lemma 4.11. There is a constant b>0 such that for any $z\in\mathbb{D}_r$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n}\mathcal{I}_n(z, R) \le -b\right) = 0. \tag{4.17}$$

Proof. We will decompose the function $\log |L_n(z)|$ into its positive and negative components. Let $\log |L_n(z)| = \log_+ |L_n(z)| - \log_- |L_n(z)|$, where $\log_+ |L_n(z)|$ and $\log_- |L_n(z)|$ are positive. Using this we can write,

$$\begin{split} 2\pi\mathcal{I}_n(z) &= \qquad \qquad \int_0^{2\pi} \log|L_n(Re^{i\theta})| \Re\bigg(\frac{Re^{i\theta}+z}{Re^{i\theta}-z}\bigg) d\theta, \\ &= \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \log_+|L_n(Re^{i\theta})| \Re\bigg(\frac{Re^{i\theta}+z}{Re^{i\theta}-z}\bigg) d\theta - \int_0^{2\pi} \log_-|L_n(Re^{i\theta})| \Re\bigg(\frac{Re^{i\theta}+z}{Re^{i\theta}-z}\bigg) d\theta. \end{split}$$

We can find constants C_3 and C_4 such that for any $z \in \mathbb{D}_r$, $0 < C_3 \le \Re\left(\frac{Re^{i\theta} + z}{Re^{i\theta} - z}\right) \le C_4 < \infty$ is satisfied. Therefore,

$$2\pi \mathcal{I}_n(z) \ge C_3 \int_0^{2\pi} \log_+ |L_n(Re^{i\theta})| d\theta - C_4 \int_0^{2\pi} \log_- |L_n(Re^{i\theta})|^- d\theta,$$

$$\ge 2\pi C_3 \mathcal{I}_n(0) - 2\pi (C_4 - C_3) M_n(R).$$
(4.18)

From the Remark 4.8 and Lemma 4.10 we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n}\mathcal{I}_n(0) \le -c \text{ or } \frac{1}{n}M_n(R) > 1\right) = 0 \tag{4.20}$$

The proof is completed from above (4.20) and (4.19) and by choosing $b=2\pi(cC_3+C_4-C_3)$.

To complete the argument we now need to control the other terms in Poisson-Jensen's formula. Let $\xi_{i_m}s$ and $\beta_{i_m}s$ be the poles and zeros of $L_n(z)$ in \mathbb{D}_R and $k,l(\leq n)$ are the number of zeros and poles of $L_n(z)$ respectively in \mathbb{D}_R . Now applying Poisson-Jensen's formula to $L_n(z)$ we have,

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \log^2 |L_n(z)| dm(z)
= \frac{1}{n^2} \int_{\mathbb{D}_r} \left(\mathcal{I}_n(z) + \sum_{m=1}^k \log \left| \frac{R(z - \beta_{i_m})}{R^2 - \overline{\beta}_{i_m} z} \right| + \sum_{m=1}^l \log \left| \frac{R(z - \xi_{i_m})}{R^2 - \overline{\xi}_{i_m} z} \right| \right)^2 dm(z)$$

Invoking a case of Cauchy-Schwarz inequality $(a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n)^2 \le n(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \cdots + a_n^2)$ repeatedly we get,

$$\begin{split} \int_{\mathbb{D}_{r}} \frac{1}{n^{2}} \log^{2} |L_{n}(z)| dm(z) \\ & \leq \frac{3}{n^{2}} \int_{\mathbb{D}_{r}} |\mathcal{I}_{n}(z)|^{2} dm(z) + \frac{3}{n^{2}} \int_{\mathbb{D}_{r}} \left(\sum_{m=1}^{k} \log \left| \frac{R(z - \beta_{i_{m}})}{R^{2} - \overline{\beta}_{i_{m}} z} \right| \right)^{2} dm(z) \\ & + \frac{3}{n^{2}} \int_{\mathbb{D}_{r}} \left(\sum_{m=1} \log \left| \frac{R(z - \xi_{i_{m}})}{R^{2} - \overline{\xi}_{i_{m}} z} \right| \right)^{2} dm(z), \\ & \leq \int_{\mathbb{D}_{r}} \frac{3}{n^{2}} |\mathcal{I}_{n}(z)|^{2} dm(z) + \frac{3k}{n^{2}} \sum_{m=1}^{k} \int_{\mathbb{D}_{r}} \log^{2} \left| \frac{R(z - \beta_{i_{m}})}{R^{2} - \overline{\beta}_{i_{m}} z} \right| dm(z) \\ & + \frac{3l}{n^{2}} \sum_{m=1}^{l} \int_{\mathbb{D}_{r}} \log^{2} \left| \frac{R(z - \xi_{i_{m}})}{R^{2} - \overline{\xi}_{i_{m}} z} \right| dm(z). \end{split}$$

For $z\in \mathbb{D}_r$, we have $|R^2-\overline{\beta}_{i_m}z|\geq R(R-r)$. Applying this inequality in the above we get.

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}_{r}} \frac{1}{n^{2}} \log^{2} |L_{n}(z)| dm(z) \leq \int_{\mathbb{D}_{r}} \frac{3}{n^{2}} |\mathcal{I}_{n}(z)|^{2} dm(z) + \frac{3k}{n^{2}} \sum_{m=1}^{k} \int_{\mathbb{D}_{r}} \log^{2} \left| \frac{z - \beta_{i_{m}}}{R - r} \right| dm(z) + \frac{3l}{n^{2}} \sum_{l=1}^{l} \int_{\mathbb{D}_{r}} \log^{2} \left| \frac{z - \xi_{i_{m}}}{R - r} \right| dm(z).$$
(4.22)

From the Lemmas 4.10 and 4.11, the corresponding sequence $\frac{3}{n^2}\int_{\mathbb{D}_r}|\mathcal{I}_n(z)|^2dm(z)$ is tight. The function $\log^2|z|$ is an integrable function on any bounded set in \mathbb{C} . Combining these facts and above inequality (4.22) we have that the sequences $\left\{\int_{\mathbb{D}_r}\frac{1}{n^2}\log^2|L_n(z)|dm(z)\right\}_{n\geq 1}$ are tight. Hence the hypothesis of Theorem 2.11 implies (A3). Therefore the proof of the theorem is complete.

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