

# JENSEN POLYNOMIALS FOR THE RIEMANN XI-FUNCTION

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ABSTRACT. We investigate  $\xi(s) = \frac{1}{2}s(s-1)\pi^{-\frac{s}{2}}\Gamma(\frac{s}{2})\zeta(s)$ , where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function. The Riemann hypothesis (RH) asserts that if  $\xi(s) = 0$ , then  $\operatorname{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Pólya proved that RH is equivalent to the hyperbolicity of the Jensen polynomials  $J^{d,n}(X)$  constructed from certain Taylor coefficients of  $\xi(s)$ . For each  $d \geq 1$ , recent work proves that  $J^{d,n}(X)$  is hyperbolic for sufficiently large  $n$ . In this paper, we make this result effective. Moreover, we show how the low-lying zeros of the derivatives  $\xi^{(n)}(s)$  influence the hyperbolicity of  $J^{d,n}(X)$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF RESULTS

Let  $\zeta(s)$  be the Riemann zeta function. Define  $\xi(s) := \frac{1}{2}s(s-1)\pi^{-\frac{s}{2}}\Gamma(\frac{s}{2})\zeta(s)$  and<sup>1</sup>

$$(1.1) \quad \psi(z) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma(j)}{j!} z^{2j} = \xi\left(\frac{1}{2} + z\right).$$

It is known that  $\gamma(n) > 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$  [4, Section 4.4]. For  $d, n \geq 0$ , the degree  $d$  Jensen polynomial  $J^{d,n}(X)$  for the  $n$ -th derivative  $\xi^{(n)}(s)$  is

$$(1.2) \quad J^{d,n}(X) := \sum_{j=0}^d \binom{d}{j} \gamma(n+j) X^j.$$

A polynomial with real coefficients is *hyperbolic* if all of its zeros are real. Expanding on notes of Jensen, Pólya [16] proved that the Riemann hypothesis (RH) is equivalent to the hyperbolicity of  $J^{d,n}(X)$  for all  $d, n \geq 0$ . Since RH remains unproved, some research has focused on proving hyperbolicity for all  $n \geq 0$  when  $d$  is small. Csordas, Norfolk, and Varga [7] and Dimitrov and Lucas [9] proved hyperbolicity for  $n \geq 0$  and  $d \leq 3$ . Building on the work of Borcea and Brändén [3] and Obreschkoff [14], Chasse [5] proved hyperbolicity for  $d \leq 2 \times 10^{17}$  and  $n \geq 0$ .

Recent work [12] provides a complementary treatment. For all  $d \geq 1$ , there is a threshold  $N(d)$  such that  $J^{d,n}(X)$  is hyperbolic for  $n \geq N(d)$ . Specifically, under the transformation (2.2) below, the polynomials  $J^{d,n}(X)$  are closely modeled by the Hermite polynomials  $H_d(\frac{X}{2})$ , where

$$(1.3) \quad \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} H_d(X) \frac{t^d}{d!} := e^{2Xt-t^2} = 1 + 2Xt + (4X^2 - 2) \frac{t^2}{2!} + (8X^3 - 12X) \frac{t^3}{3!} + \dots$$

Thus for large  $n$ ,  $J^{d,n}(X)$  inherits hyperbolicity from  $H_d(\frac{X}{2})$ . See Bombieri [2] for commentary.

Our main result, which builds on work in [12], provides an effective upper bound for  $N(d)$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *There is a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $J^{d,n}(X)$  is hyperbolic for  $d \geq 1$  and  $n \geq ce^{d/2}$ .*

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<sup>1</sup>This presentation, which is convenient for us, differs from the traditional  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \gamma(j)z^{2j}/(2j)!$ .

For an integer  $m \geq 0$ , let  $\text{RH}_m$  to be the statement that if  $\xi^{(m)}(s) = 0$ , then  $\text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ . It is well known that  $\text{RH} = \text{RH}_0$  implies  $\text{RH}_m$  for all  $m \geq 1$  [16]. The ideas of Pólya lead to the conclusion that  $\xi^{(m)}(s)$  satisfies  $\text{RH}_m$  if and only if  $J^{d,n}(X)$  is hyperbolic for  $d \geq 1$  and  $n \geq m$ . For  $T \geq 0$ , we define  $\text{RH}_m(T)$  to be the statement that all zeros  $\rho^{(m)}$  of  $\xi^{(m)}(s)$  with  $|\text{Im}(\rho^{(m)})| \leq T$  satisfy  $\text{Re}(\rho^{(m)}) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Our second result is a relationship between  $\text{RH}_m(T)$  and the hyperbolicity of  $J^{d,n}(X)$  for  $n \geq m$ . In what follows,  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the usual floor function.

**Theorem 1.2.** *If  $\text{RH}_m(T)$  is true and  $d \leq \lfloor T \rfloor^2$ , then  $J^{d,n}(X)$  is hyperbolic for all  $n \geq m$ .*

This is a modest generalization of work of Chasse [5, Theorem 1.8], which Theorem 1.2 recovers when  $m = 0$ . We include it for the sake of completeness. Since Platt [17] has verified  $\text{RH}_0(3.06 \times 10^{10})$ , Theorem 1.2 implies the following corollary.

**Corollary 1.3.** *If  $d \leq 9.36 \times 10^{20}$  and  $n \geq 0$ , then  $J^{d,n}(X)$  is hyperbolic.*

### Remarks.

- (1) *One can generalize the notion of a Jensen polynomial by replacing the Taylor coefficients  $\gamma(n)$  with other suitable arithmetic functions in (1.2). Questions of hyperbolicity for such polynomials can be of great arithmetic interest [12]. While some of the ideas presented here might apply in other settings, we restrict our consideration and only present the strongest conclusions for  $\xi(s)$  that our methods appear to permit.*
- (2) *Our proof quantifies the rate at which a certain transformation of  $J^{d,n}(X)$  tends to  $H_d(\frac{X}{2})$  as  $n$  tends to infinity. See Farmer [11] for an interesting interpretation of this as an instance of a uniform variant of Berry's "cosine is a universal attractor" principle [1].*
- (3) *It would be most desirable to prove a sort of converse to Theorem 1.2 wherein the partial results on hyperbolicity from Theorem 1.1 would directly influence the distribution of zeros of the derivatives of  $\xi(s)$ , or perhaps even  $\xi(s)$  itself. While Theorem 1.2 indicates that a partial understanding of the zeros of  $\xi^{(m)}(s)$  influence the hyperbolicity of  $J^{d,n}(X)$  for  $n \geq m$ , a quick inspection of the proofs in [16] indicates that it is highly unlikely that converse influence exists unless one has hyperbolicity for all  $n \geq m$  and all  $d \geq 1$ . While Jensen polynomials can be used to uniformly approximate  $\xi^{(n)}(\frac{1}{2} + it)$ , they are ultimately quite inefficient at detecting zeros that violate  $\text{RH}_n$  (should any such zeros exist). One can see this by directly plotting the aforementioned uniform approximation.*
- (4) *After this paper was written, O'Sullivan [15] wrote an interesting paper on the Pólya-Jensen criterion for the Riemann Hypothesis. Instead of working directly with the Jensen polynomials  $J^{d,n}(X)$ , he considers a variant of the original criterion which makes use of  $\sum_{j=0}^d \binom{d}{j} \gamma(n+j) H_{d-j}(X)$ . His paper complements the explicit results obtained here for this modified criterion.*

In Section 2, we prove Theorem 1.1 using a small modification of a result of Turán. Our proof assumes two technical results (Theorems 2.1 and 2.3) that we prove in Sections 3 and 4. In Section 5, we prove Theorem 1.2.

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## 2. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

The effective refinement of the work in [12] provided by Theorem 1.1 uses different methods. Our proofs are facilitated by renormalizations of several objects in [12].

**2.1. New conventions and preliminaries.** Recall the setup in [12, Section 5]. It was shown that for each  $d \geq 1$ , there exist positive numbers  $A(n)$ ,  $\delta(n)$ ,  $g_3(n)$ ,  $g_4(n)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $g_d(n)$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad \log \left( \frac{\gamma(n+j)}{\gamma(n)} \right) = A(n)j - \delta(n)^2 j^2 + \sum_{i=3}^d g_i(n) j^i + o(\delta(n)^d),$$

with  $g_i(n) = O(n^{1-i}) = o(\delta(n)^i)$  and  $\delta(n) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}}$ . From these, we define

$$(2.2) \quad \widehat{J}^{d,n}(X) := \frac{\delta(n)^{-d}}{\gamma(n)} J^{d,n} \left( \frac{\delta(n)X - 1}{\exp(A(n))} \right).$$

Estimates in [12] are written in terms of the behavior of  $\delta(n)$ , and there is considerable latitude in the choice of  $\delta(n)$ . In this sense,  $\delta(n)$  serves as a uniformizer for the calculations in [12].

We introduce a more refined uniformizer

$$(2.3) \quad \Delta(M) := \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\gamma(M-2)\gamma(M)}{\gamma(M-1)^2} \right)}$$

and the a normalization  $\widetilde{J}^{d,n}(X)$  of the polynomials  $J^{d,n}(X)$ . It will become apparent that  $\Delta(M)$  is a more convenient and more accurate uniformizer than  $\delta(n)$ , which is important for our eventual goal of an effective lower bound for  $n$  in terms of  $d$ . Before defining  $\widetilde{J}^{d,n}(X)$ , we establish some basic properties of  $\Delta(M)$ . As a consequence of the hyperbolicity of  $J^{2,n}(X)$  [6], we know that  $\gamma(n-2)\gamma(n) \leq \gamma(n-1)^2$  for all  $n \geq 3$ . This establishes the log concavity of  $\gamma(n)$ . It follows that  $\Delta(M) \in \mathbb{R}$  for all  $M \geq 3$ . The next theorem contains some key results for  $\Delta(M)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\Delta(M)$  be as in (2.3).*

- (1) *We have  $\Delta(M) \sim 1/\sqrt{2M}$ . In particular, if  $C > 1$ , then there exists  $M_C > C/(C-1)$  (depending only on  $C$ ) such that if  $M > M_C$ , then  $1/\sqrt{2C(M-1)} \leq \Delta(M) \leq 1/\sqrt{M}$ .*
- (2) *For each integer  $m \geq 1$ , there exists a function  $G_m(z)$ , holomorphic for  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 1$ , such that for all integers  $1 \leq j < M$  we have*

$$(2.4) \quad \log \left( \frac{\gamma(M-j)}{\gamma(M)} \right) = - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} G_m(M) \Delta(M)^{2m-2} j^m.$$

*With  $C > 1$  as in part (1), the bound  $|G_m(M)| \ll_C (2C)^m$  holds for all integers  $m, M \geq 1$ . We also have the limit  $\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} G_m(M) = \frac{2^{m-1}}{m(m-1)}$ .*

- (3) *We have*

$$(2.5) \quad G_2(M) = 1 + (1 - 3G_3(M))\Delta(M)^2 + O(\Delta(M)^4).$$

We will prove Theorem 2.1 in Section 3.

**Remark.** *The uniform bound on  $|G_m(M)|$  is critical for our proofs. While  $G_m(M)$  is a bounded function of  $M$  for fixed  $m$ , we need to bound  $|G_m(M)|$  when  $m$  and  $M$  vary jointly.*

Now that we have listed some key properties of  $\Delta(M)$ , we define

$$(2.6) \quad \tilde{J}^{d,n}(X) := \frac{\gamma(n+d)^{d-1}}{\gamma(n+d-1)^d \cdot \Delta(n+d)^d} J^{d,n} \left( \frac{\gamma(n+d-1)}{\gamma(n+d)} \cdot (\Delta(n+d)X - 1) \right).$$

For future convenience, we define the coefficients  $A_{d,k}(n)$  by the expansion

$$(2.7) \quad \tilde{J}^{d,n}(X) = \sum_{k=0}^d A_{d,k}(n) X^{d-k}.$$

The following lemma explains our reason for working with these new normalizations.

**Lemma 2.2.** *If  $d \geq 1$  and  $n \geq 0$ , then  $A_{d,0}(n) = 1$ ,  $A_{d,1}(n) = 0$ , and  $A_{d,2}(n) = -d(d-1)$ . In particular,  $\tilde{J}^{1,n}(X) = H_1(\frac{X}{2})$ ,  $\tilde{J}^{2,n}(X) = H_2(\frac{X}{2})$ , and  $\deg(\tilde{J}^{d,n}(X) - H_d(\frac{X}{2})) \leq d-3$  for  $d \geq 3$ .*

*Proof.* This is straightforward to verify from (1.2), (1.3), and (2.6).  $\square$

We use Theorem 2.1 to prove asymptotics for the coefficients  $A_{d,k}(n)$  for  $k \geq 3$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $d \geq 4$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , and  $3 \leq k \leq d$  be integers, and let  $1 < C < 2$ . Recall the definition of  $M_C$  from Theorem 2.1(1). If  $n+d > \max\{10k^3, M_C\}$ , then*

$$\frac{(-1)^{\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor} (d-k)! \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor!}{d!} A_{d,k}(n) = \begin{cases} 1 + Z_{n+d}(\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor) \Delta(n+d)^2 + O_C(k^6 (4C)^k \Delta(n+d)^4) & \text{if } k \text{ is even,} \\ \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor (G_3(n+d) - 2) \Delta(n+d) + O_C(k^4 (4C)^k \Delta(n+d)^3) & \text{if } k \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

where  $Z_{n+d}(t) := t(t-1)(-\frac{2}{3}(3t+2) + 2tG_3(n+d) - \frac{t-2}{2}G_3(n+d)^2 - G_4(n+d))$ .

We prove Theorem 2.3 in Section 4.

**2.2. Proof of Theorem 1.1.** We use the following result to prove Theorem 1.1.

**Lemma 2.4.** *For  $0 \leq j \leq d$ , define*

$$(2.8) \quad c_{d,n,j} := \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{j}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(d-j+2i)!}{i!(d-j)!} A_{d,j-2i}(n),$$

where  $A_{d,k}(n)$  is defined by (2.7). If

$$(2.9) \quad \sum_{j=3}^d 2^{-j} \frac{(d-j)!}{(d-1)!} c_{d,n,j}^2 < 1,$$

then  $J^{d,n}(X)$  is hyperbolic.

*Proof.* There exist  $A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}$  (depending on  $n$  and  $d$ ) such that  $\tilde{J}^{d,n}(X) = A J^{d,n}(BX + C)$ , hence  $J^{d,n}(X)$  is hyperbolic if and only if  $\tilde{J}^{d,n}(X)$  is hyperbolic. We apply the inversion formula [10, Equation 18.18.20] to (2.7) and obtain  $\tilde{J}^{d,n}(X) = \sum_{j=0}^d c_{d,n,j} H_{d-j}(\frac{X}{2})$ . Turán [18, Theorem III] proved that if  $c_j \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $0 \leq j \leq N$  and

$$(2.10) \quad \sum_{j=0}^{N-2} 2^j j! c_j^2 < 2^N (N-1)! c_N^2,$$

then all roots of  $\sum_{j=0}^N c_j H_j(z)$  (hence  $\sum_{j=0}^N c_j H_j(\frac{z}{2})$ ) are real and simple. Since  $c_{d,n,0} = 1$  and  $c_{d,n,1} = c_{d,n,2} = 0$  by Lemma 2.2, the inequality (2.10) applied to our setting reduces to (2.9).  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* We will show that there exists a suitably large absolute constant  $c > 0$  such that if  $n \geq ce^{d/2}$ , then (2.9) holds, in which case Lemma 2.4 applies. We now appeal to Theorem 2.3. When  $j = 2\ell$ , we use the even case of Theorem 2.3, (2.8), and the fact that  $A_{d,0} = 1$  and  $A_{d,2} = -d(d-1)$  to find that  $c_{d,n,2\ell}$  equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^{\ell} \frac{(d-2i)!}{(\ell-i)!(d-2\ell)!} A_{d,2i}(n) \\ &= \frac{d!}{\ell!(d-2\ell)!} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{\ell} \binom{\ell}{i} (-1)^{i+\Delta(n+d)} \Delta(n+d)^2 \sum_{i=2}^{\ell} \binom{\ell}{i} (-1)^i Z_{n+d}(i) + O_C \left( \Delta(n+d)^4 \sum_{i=2}^{\ell} \binom{\ell}{i} i^6 (4C)^{2i} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{d!}{\ell!(d-2\ell)!} \left[ \Delta(n+d)^2 \sum_{i=2}^{\ell} \binom{\ell}{i} (-1)^i Z_{n+d}(i) + O_C \left( \Delta(n+d)^4 \sum_{i=2}^{\ell} \binom{\ell}{i} i^6 (4C)^{2i} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

For a function  $f$  defined on the nonnegative integers, we define the  $k$ -th difference operator

$$(2.11) \quad \sigma_{k,x}(f(x)) := \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} f(j)$$

Note that  $f(x)$  is given by polynomial of degree at most  $d$  if and only if  $\sigma_{k,x}(f(x)) = 0$  for all  $k > d$ . Since  $Z_{n+d}(t)$  is a polynomial in  $t$  of degree 3 with  $Z_{n+d}(0) = Z_{n+d}(1) = 0$ , it follows if  $\ell \geq 4$ , then  $\sum_{i=2}^{\ell} \binom{\ell}{i} (-1)^i Z_{n+d}(i) = 0$ . Thus if  $\ell \geq 4$ , then we apply the bound  $i^6 \leq \ell^6$  to conclude that

$$(2.12) \quad c_{d,n,2\ell} \ll_C \frac{d!}{(d-2\ell)! \ell!} \Delta(n+d)^4 \ell^6 \sum_{i=2}^{\ell} \binom{\ell}{i} (4C)^{2i} \ll_C \frac{d!}{(d-2\ell)! \ell!} \ell^6 (16C^2 + 1)^{\ell} \Delta(n+d)^4.$$

The bound (2.12) also holds when  $\ell = 2$  and  $\ell = 3$  by bounding the main terms directly. A symmetric calculation using the odd case of Theorem 2.3 reveals that

$$(2.13) \quad c_{d,n,2\ell+1} \ll_C \frac{d!}{(d-2\ell-1)! \ell!} \ell^4 (16C^2 + 1)^{\ell} \Delta(n+d)^3.$$

The bound (2.12) leads to a bound for the even-indexed terms in (2.9), namely

$$\sum_{\substack{3 \leq j \leq d \\ j \text{ even}}} 2^{-j} \frac{(d-j)!}{(d-1)!} c_{d,n,j}^2 \ll_C d \Delta(n+d)^8 \sum_{1 \leq \ell \leq d/2} \binom{d}{2\ell} \binom{2\ell}{\ell} \ell^{12} \left( \frac{16C^2 + 1}{4} \right)^{\ell}.$$

Note that  $\binom{2\ell}{\ell} \sim \frac{4^{\ell}}{\sqrt{\pi\ell}}$  by Stirling's formula. Trivially bounding  $\ell^{12} \leq d^{12}$ , we find that

$$(2.14) \quad \sum_{\substack{3 \leq j \leq d \\ j \text{ even}}} 2^{-j} \frac{(d-j)!}{(d-1)!} c_{d,n,j}^2 \ll_C d^{13} (1 + \sqrt{1 + 16C^2})^d \Delta(n+d)^8.$$

A similar bound over the odd terms holds as well:

$$(2.15) \quad \sum_{\substack{3 \leq j \leq d \\ j \text{ odd}}} 2^{-j} \frac{(d-j)!}{(d-1)!} c_{d,n,j}^2 \ll_C d^9 (1 + \sqrt{1 + 16C^2})^d \Delta(n+d)^6.$$

We combine (2.14) and (2.15) with the bound for  $\Delta(n+d)$  in Theorem 2.1 to conclude that there is a constant  $\alpha_C > 0$  such that (2.9) holds if  $n \geq \alpha_C d^{13/3} (1 + \sqrt{1 + 16C^2})^{d/3}$ . Per Corollary 1.3, we may assume that  $d \geq 9.36 \cdot 10^{20}$ . We choose  $C = 1 + 10^{-5}$ , in which case there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $\alpha_C d^{13/3} (1 + \sqrt{1 + 16C^2})^{d/3} \leq ce^{d/2}$ , as desired.  $\square$

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 2.1

Define

$$F(z) := \int_1^\infty (\log t)^z t^{-3/4} \left( \sum_{k=1}^\infty e^{-\pi k^2 t} \right) dt,$$

which is holomorphic for  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$ . It follows from [12, Equation 13] that

$$(3.1) \quad \gamma(M) = \frac{M!}{(2M)!} \cdot \frac{32 \binom{2M}{2} F(2M-2) - F(2M)}{2^{2M-1}}.$$

If we replace the binomial coefficient and factorials in (3.1) with  $\Gamma$ -functions, we see that (3.1) extends to a function of a *complex* variable  $M$  which is holomorphic for  $\operatorname{Re}(M) > 1$ .

For  $M > 0$ , let  $L_M$  be the unique positive solution of the equation  $M = L_M(\pi e^{L_M} + \frac{3}{4})$ . It is straightforward to show that  $L_M \sim \log(\frac{M}{\log M})$ . Define  $K_M = (L_M^{-1} + L_M^{-2})M - \frac{3}{4}$ . The function  $L_M$  (and therefore  $K_M$ ) extends to a function which is holomorphic and non-vanishing for  $\operatorname{Re}(M) > 1$ . By [12, Equation 16], we have

$$(3.2) \quad \gamma(M) = \frac{e^{M-2} M^{M+\frac{1}{2}} L_{2M-2}^{2M-2}}{2^{2M-5} (2M-2)^{(2M-2)+\frac{1}{2}}} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{K_{2M-2}}} \exp\left(\frac{L_{2M-2}}{4} - \frac{2M-2}{L_{2M-2}} + \frac{3}{4}\right) \left(1 + O_\varepsilon\left(\frac{1}{M^{1-\varepsilon}}\right)\right).$$

Ultimately, the analytic continuation of  $L_M$  and Stirling's formula imply that even when  $M$  is complex, we may keep the existing error term in (3.2) once we replace  $M$  with  $|M|$ .

For fixed  $\operatorname{Re}(M) > 1$ , there is a function  $R_M(j)$  of a *complex* variable  $j$ , holomorphic and non-vanishing for  $|j| < \operatorname{Re}(M) - 1$ , with the property that if  $j, M \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfy  $|j| < M$ , then

$$(3.3) \quad R_M(j) = \gamma(M-j)/\gamma(M).$$

Since  $R_M(j)$  is holomorphic and nonvanishing when  $|j| < \operatorname{Re}(M) - 1$ , we have the expansion

$$(3.4) \quad \log R_M(j) = \sum_{m=1}^\infty a_m(M) j^m, \quad |j| < \operatorname{Re}(M) - 1.$$

By varying  $M$ , we find the Taylor coefficients  $a_m(M)$  are in fact holomorphic functions in  $M$ .

Since  $\log R_M(j)$  is holomorphic for  $M$  and  $j$  in the specified domains, the right hand side of (3.4) converges absolutely and uniformly for  $j$  and  $M$  in *compact* subsets of their respective domains. We wish to give bounds on the coefficients  $a_m(M)$  which are uniform for *all* real  $M$  and  $j$  in their respective domains. To do so, we must regularize  $\log R_M(j)$  to obtain a function  $R_M^*(\lambda)$  which extends to a function of  $M$  on the extended interval  $[3, \infty]$ . For convenience, we replace  $j$  with  $\lambda(M-2)$ ; it suffices to consider  $\lambda$  in the closed disk  $|\lambda| \leq 1$  (rather than  $j$  in a domain that varies with  $M$ ). We now define our regularized function

$$(3.5) \quad R_M^*(\lambda) := \frac{1}{M-2} \log \left( \left( \frac{e L_{2M-2}^2 M}{4(2M-2)^2} \right)^{\lambda(M-2)} R_M(\lambda(M-2)) \right) + (1-\lambda) \log(1-\lambda).$$

Our expansion for  $R_M^*(\lambda)$  for  $|\lambda| \leq 1$  naturally incorporates the coefficients  $a_m(M)$ :

$$(3.6) \quad R_M^*(\lambda) = \left( a_1(M) + \log \left( \frac{eL_{2M-2}^2 M}{4(2M-2)^2} \right) - 1 \right) \lambda + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \left( a_m(M)(M-2)^{m-1} + \frac{1}{m(m-1)} \right) \lambda^m.$$

**Lemma 3.1.** *The function  $R_M^*(\lambda)$  is holomorphic for all  $|\lambda| \leq 1$  and all  $M$  in the extended interval  $[3, \infty]$ . Moreover, for all  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ , we have that  $\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} R_M^*(\lambda) = 0$*

*Proof.* For all finite  $M$  and  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ , the function  $R_M^*(\lambda)$  is holomorphic since each such point corresponds to a value of  $R_M(j)$  with  $|j| \leq M-2$ . In order to understand the behavior of  $R_M^*(\lambda)$  as  $M \rightarrow \infty$ , we consider the regularized limit

$$(3.7) \quad \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{M-2} \log \left( \left( \frac{eL_{2M-2}^2 M}{4(2M-2)^2} \right)^{\lambda(M-2)} R(\lambda(M-2); M) \right).$$

Let  $j = \lambda(M-2)$ , as above. The asymptotic (3.2) implies that as  $M \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{M-2} \log \left( \left( \frac{eL_{2M-2}^2 M}{4(2M-2)^2} \right)^j R_M(j) \right) = A + B + C + O_\varepsilon \left( \frac{\log M}{M} \right),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_M(\lambda) &= \frac{1}{M-2} \log \left( \frac{M^j (M-j)^{M-j-2} (2M-2)^{2M-2+\frac{1}{2}}}{(2M-2)^{2j} (2M-2-2j)^{2M-2-2j+\frac{1}{2}} M^{M-2}} \right), \\ B_M(\lambda) &= \frac{1}{M-2} \left( (2M-2-2j) \log \left( \frac{L_{2M-2-2j}}{L_{2M-2}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{K_{2M-2-2j}}{K_{2M-2}} \right) \right), \quad \text{and} \\ C_M(\lambda) &= \frac{1}{M-2} \left( \frac{L_{2M-2-2j}}{4} - \frac{2M-2-2j}{L_{2M-2-2j}} - \frac{L_{2M-2}}{4} + \frac{2M-2}{L_{2M-2}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $L_M \sim \log \left( \frac{M}{\log M} \right)$ , a calculus exercise shows that  $\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} B_M(\lambda) = \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} C_M(\lambda) = 0$ .

Simplifying  $A_M(\lambda)$ , we find that

$$A_M(\lambda) = \frac{M-j-2}{M-2} \log \left( 1 - \frac{j}{M} \right) - \frac{2M-2-2j+\frac{1}{2}}{M-2} \log \left( 1 - \frac{2j}{2M-2} \right).$$

Since  $j = \lambda(M-2)$ , it follows that

$$(3.8) \quad \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} A_M(\lambda) = -(1-\lambda) \log(1-\lambda) = \lambda - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m(m-1)} \lambda^m.$$

The rightmost sum converges absolutely for  $|\lambda| < 1$ , but is not holomorphic at 1, hence we remove the term in (3.5) so that (3.6) converges on the boundary of the disk.  $\square$

Since  $R_M^*(\lambda)$  is holomorphic for  $|\lambda| \leq 1$  and all  $M \in [3, \infty]$ , the Taylor series given in (3.6) converges absolutely and uniformly for all such  $\lambda$  and  $M$ . Taking  $\lambda = 1$  and  $M \geq 3$ , we find that for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an integer  $W_\varepsilon \geq 1$ , *depending only on  $\varepsilon$* , such that

$$(3.9) \quad |a_m(M)(M-2)^{m-1} + (m(m-1))^{-1}| < \varepsilon \quad \text{whenever } m \geq W_\varepsilon.$$

*Proof of Theorem 2.1.* To prove our claimed asymptotic for  $\Delta(M)$ , we write  $\Delta(M)$  in terms of  $a_m(M)$ . We extend  $\Delta(M)$ , originally defined in (2.3), to a holomorphic function by the identity

$$(3.10) \quad \Delta(M) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{R_M(2)}{R_M(1)^2} \right)}.$$

We use (3.4) to expand (3.10) and then apply (3.9) to bound  $a_m(M)$  for  $m \geq 4$ , thus obtaining

$$(3.11) \quad \Delta(M) = \sqrt{-a_2(M) - 3a_3(M) - a_2(M)^2 + O(M^{-3})}.$$

The asymptotic  $\Delta(M) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2M}}$  now follows from (3.9) as we let  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

We define  $G_m(M)$  by the identity  $-a_m(M) = G_m(M)\Delta(M)^{2m-2}$ . The expansion (2.4) now has the desired properties, and the claimed bounds and asymptotics for  $G_m(M)$  follow from (3.9) and the fact that  $\Delta(M) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2M}}$ . To recover (2.5), we square both sides of (3.11), and notice that  $G_2(M)$  satisfies the quadratic equation

$$\Delta(M)^2 G_2(M)^2 - G_2(M) + 1 - 3G_3(M)\Delta(M)^2 = O(\Delta(M)^4).$$

The desired result follows.  $\square$

**Remark.** *These methods provide an effective alternative to the approach to asymptotics for  $g_m(n)$  and  $\delta(n)$  in [12]. Greater care is required here than in [12] because of the uniformity required in Theorem 1.1. Comparing (2.1) and (2.4), and noticing the sign change of  $j$  on the left hand side both equations, we see that  $G_m(M)\Delta(M)^{2m-2} \sim (-1)^{m+1}g_m(M)$ . In particular, we see that  $g_2(M) \sim -1/(2M)$ , which implies that  $\delta(M) \sim \Delta(M)$ .*

#### 4. PROOF OF THEOREM 2.3

Using the functions  $G_m(M)$  given by Theorem 2.1, we define  $S(j; M)$  and  $Q_m(M)$  as follows:

$$(4.1) \quad S(j; M) = \frac{R_M(j)}{R_M(1)^j} = \exp \left( \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} G_m(M)\Delta(M)^{2m-2}(j - j^m) \right) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} Q_m(M)j^m.$$

This definition of  $S(j; M)$  is critical because, by (3.3), we have for integers  $j \in [0, M-1]$  that

$$S(j; M) = \frac{\gamma(M-j)\gamma(M)^{j-1}}{\gamma(M-1)^j}.$$

Using (2.6), we may rewrite the coefficients  $A_{d,k}(n)$  as

$$(4.2) \quad A_{d,k}(n) = \binom{d}{k} \Delta(n+d)^{-k} \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} S(j; n+d).$$

Recall (2.11), and define  $y_{m,k} = \sigma_{k,x}(x^m)$ . This leads to the identity

$$(4.3) \quad A_{d,k}(n) = \binom{d}{k} \Delta(n+d)^{-k} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} y_{m,k} Q_m(n+d).$$

We have the following lemma about the size of the  $y_{m,k}$ .



**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $y_{m,k}$  be defined as above. Then  $y_{m,k} = 0$  if  $m < k$ , and*

$$y_{k,k} = k!, \quad y_{k+1,k} = k! \binom{k+1}{2}, \quad y_{k+2,k} = k! \binom{k+2}{3} \frac{3k+1}{4}, \quad y_{k+3,k} = k! \binom{k+3}{4} \frac{k^2+k}{2}.$$

*More generally, for all  $i \geq 1$ , there exists a polynomial  $P_i(k)$  of degree  $i-1$ , satisfying  $P_i(1) = 1$  and  $P_i(k) \leq k^{i-1}$  for all positive integers  $k$ , such that  $y_{k+i,k} = k! \binom{k+i}{1+i} P_i(k)$ .*

*Proof.* If  $m < k$ , the identity  $y_{m,k} = 0$  follows the discussion following (2.11). For  $m \geq k$ , we have the identity  $(e^X - 1)^k = (X + \frac{X^2}{2} + \frac{X^3}{3!} + \dots)^k = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{y_{m,k}}{m!} X^m$ . For integers  $t > i$ , we now consider  $\sigma_{t,k} \left( \frac{y_{k+i,k}}{(k+i)!} \right)$  as a function of  $k$ . For fixed  $t$ , we have the generating function

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sigma_{t,k} \left( \frac{y_{k+i,k}}{(k+i)!} \right) X^{i+t} &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^t (-1)^{t-j} \binom{t}{j} \left( \frac{y_{j+i,j}}{(j+i)!} \right) X^{i+t} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^t (-1)^{t-j} \binom{t}{j} X^{t-j} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{y_{j+i,j}}{(j+i)!} \right) X^{j+i} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^t (-1)^{t-j} \binom{t}{j} X^{t-j} (e^X - 1)^j = (e^X - X - 1)^t = \frac{1}{2^t} X^{2t} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\sigma_{t,k} \left( \frac{y_{k+i,k}}{(k+i)!} \right) = 0$  for  $t > i$ . This implies that  $\frac{y_{k+i,k}}{(k+i)!}$  is a polynomial in  $k$  of degree at most  $i$ . For  $i \geq 1$ , note that  $y_{i,0} = 0$ , and  $y_{i,1} = 1$ . Thus, we can factor  $y_{k+i,k}$  as

$$y_{k+i,k} = k P_i(k) \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} \frac{k+i-j}{1+i-j} = k! \binom{k+i}{i+1} P_i(k),$$

where  $P_i(1) = 1$ . A short calculation gives the claimed expressions for  $y_{k+1,k}$ ,  $y_{k+2,k}$ , and  $y_{k+3,k}$ .

We prove that  $P_i(k) \leq k^{i-1}$  for all positive integers  $k$  by comparing the Taylor coefficients of

$$(4.4) \quad \left( \frac{e^X - 1}{X} \right)^k = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{k \cdot P_i(k)}{(i+1)!} X^i \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{e^{kX} - 1}{kX} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{k^i}{(i+1)!} X^i.$$

Given functions  $f = f(x)$  and  $g = g(x)$  which are analytic at 0, let  $f \prec g$  denote the condition that  $f^{(i)}(0) \leq g^{(i)}(0)$  for all integers  $i \geq 0$ . In other words, the  $i$ -th Taylor coefficient of  $g$  is at least the  $i$ -th Taylor coefficient of  $f$  in the expansions at zero. This statement has transitivity—if  $f \prec g$  and  $g \prec h$ , then  $f \prec h$ . If  $h^{(i)}(0) \geq 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$ , then  $f \prec g$  implies  $fh \prec gh$ .

By comparing the expansions in (4.4), the bound  $P_i(k) \leq k^{i-1}$  is equivalent to

$$(4.5) \quad \left( \frac{e^x - 1}{x} \right)^k \prec \frac{e^{kx} - 1}{kx}.$$

Define  $F_k = F_k(x) := (e^{kx/2} - e^{-kx/2})/(kx)$ . We rewrite (4.5) as  $e^{kx/2} F_1^k \prec e^{kx/2} F_k$ . Since  $(e^{kx/2})^{(n)}(0) > 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $e^{kx/2} F_1^k \prec e^{kx/2} F_k$  follows from  $F_1^k \prec F_k$ .

We will prove  $F_1^k \prec F_k$  by induction on  $k$ . The result when  $k = 1$  is trivial. Suppose now that  $F_1^k \prec F_k$  is true for some integer  $k \geq 1$ . By transitivity, the truth of  $F_1^{k+1} \prec F_{k+1}$  follows from that of  $F_1^{k+1} \prec F_1 F_k$  and  $F_1 F_k \prec F_{k+1}$ . Since  $F_k^{(i)}(0) \geq 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$ , our inductive hypothesis  $F_1^k \prec F_k$  implies  $F_1^{k+1} \prec F_1 F_k$ .

It remains to prove  $F_1 F_k \prec F_{k+1}$  for all  $k \geq 1$ . We have the expansions

$$F_1(x)F_k(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{k(2i)!} \left( \left( \frac{k+1}{2} \right)^{2i} - \left( \frac{k-1}{2} \right)^{2i} \right) x^{2i-2}, \quad F_{k+1}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2i-1)!} \left( \frac{k+1}{2} \right)^{2i-2} x^{2i-2}.$$

Thus  $F_1 F_k \prec F_{k+1}$ , and hence (4.5), follows from the bound

$$(4.6) \quad 0 \leq \frac{4ik}{(k+1)^2} + \left( \frac{k-1}{k+1} \right)^{2i} - 1, \quad i, k \geq 1.$$

Denote the right side of (4.6) as  $\omega_k(i)$ . Observe that  $\omega_k(i+1) - \omega_k(i) = \frac{4k}{(k+1)^2} (1 - (\frac{k-1}{k+1})^{2i}) > 0$  for all  $i, k \geq 1$ . It follows that  $\omega_k(i) \geq \omega_k(1) = 0$  for all  $i, k \geq 1$ , which proves (4.6).  $\square$

The desired asymptotic for  $A_{d,k}(n)$  will follow from a suitable bound for  $Q_m(M)$ , which we prove using Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 4.1.

**Lemma 4.2.** *If  $m, \ell \geq 1$  are integers,  $C > 1$ , and  $M \geq \max(\ell^3, M_C)$ , then  $|Q_m(M)|\ell! \ll_C (4C)^m \ell^{\ell - \frac{1}{2}m} \Delta(M)^m$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be a partition of  $m$ , denoted  $\lambda \vdash m$ . Let  $\lambda_i$  be the number of parts equal to  $i$  so that  $\sum_{i=1}^m i\lambda_i = m$ . Define  $\mathcal{L}(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i$ . From (4.1) and the multinomial theorem, we obtain

$$(4.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{Q_m(M)\ell!}{\Delta(M)^m} &= \frac{\ell!}{\Delta(M)^m} \sum_{\lambda \vdash m} \frac{(\tilde{G}_1(M)\Delta(M)^2)^{\lambda_1}}{\lambda_1!} \frac{(-G_2\Delta(M)^2)^{\lambda_2}}{\lambda_2!} \cdots \frac{(-G_m\Delta(M)^{2m-2})^{\lambda_m}}{\lambda_m!} \\ &= \sum_{\lambda \vdash m} (-1)^{\mathcal{L}(\lambda) - \lambda_1} \frac{\ell!}{\lambda_1! \lambda_2! \cdots \lambda_m!} \tilde{G}_1(M)^{\lambda_1} G_2(M)^{\lambda_2} \cdots G_m(M)^{\lambda_m} \Delta(M)^{m - 2\mathcal{L}(\lambda) + 2\lambda_1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{G}_1(M) := \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} G_m(M)\Delta(M)^{2m-4}$ . Since  $|G_i(M)| \ll_C (2C)^i$  by Theorem 2.1, it follows that  $\tilde{G}_1(M) = 1 + O_C(\Delta(M)^2)$  and  $|\tilde{G}_1(M)^{\lambda_1} G_2(M)^{\lambda_2} \cdots G_m(M)^{\lambda_m}| \ll_C (2C)^{\sum_{i=1}^m i\lambda_i} = (2C)^m$ . Since  $\Delta(M) \leq M^{-\frac{1}{2}} \leq \ell^{-\frac{3}{2}}$  by Theorem 2.1 and our hypotheses, the definition of  $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)$  yields

$$\frac{\ell!}{\lambda_1! \lambda_2! \cdots \lambda_m!} \Delta(M)^{m - 2\mathcal{L}(\lambda) + 2\lambda_1} \leq \frac{\ell!}{\lambda_2!} \ell^{-\frac{3}{2}(m - 2\mathcal{L}(\lambda) + 2\lambda_1)} \leq \ell^{\ell - \lambda_2 - \frac{3}{2}(m - 2\mathcal{L}(\lambda) + 2\lambda_1)} \leq \ell^{\ell - \frac{1}{2}m}.$$

The desired result now follows since there are at most  $2^m$  partitions of  $m$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 2.3.* Recall (4.3), which expresses  $A_{d,k}(n)$  as a sum of  $y_{m,k}Q_m(n+d)$  over  $m \geq 0$ . We use Lemma 4.1 to rewrite the contribution from  $y_{m,k}$  in (4.3) and arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} A_{d,k}(n) &= \binom{d}{k} k! \left[ \frac{Q_k(n+d)}{\Delta(n+d)^k} + \binom{k+1}{2} \frac{Q_{k+1}(n+d)}{\Delta(n+d)^k} + \binom{k+2}{3} \frac{3k+1}{4} \frac{Q_{k+2}(n+d)}{\Delta(n+d)^k} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \binom{k+3}{4} \frac{k^2+k}{2} \frac{Q_{k+3}(n+d)}{\Delta(n+d)^k} + \sum_{i=4}^{\infty} \binom{k+i}{1+i} \frac{P_i(k)Q_{k+i}(n+d)}{\Delta(n+d)^k} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $j = \lfloor k/2 \rfloor$ . Since  $\binom{d}{k} k! = \frac{d!}{(d-k)!}$ , it follows that  $A_{d,k}(n)$  equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(-1)^j d!}{j!(d-k)!} \left[ \frac{(-1)^j j! Q_k(n+d)}{\Delta(n+d)^k} + \binom{k+1}{2} \frac{(-1)^j j! Q_{k+1}(n+d)}{\Delta(n+d)^k} \right. \\ & \quad + \binom{k+2}{3} \frac{3k+1}{4} \frac{(-1)^j j! Q_{k+2}(n+d)}{\Delta(n+d)^k} + \binom{k+3}{4} \frac{k^2+k}{2} \frac{(-1)^j j! Q_{k+3}(n+d)}{\Delta(n+d)^k} \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{i=4}^{\infty} \binom{k+i}{1+i} P_i(k) \frac{(-1)^j j! Q_{k+i}(n+d)}{\Delta(n+d)^k} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $n+d > \max\{j^3, M_C, 64C^2 j\}$ . The asymptotic bounds for  $\Delta(n+d)$  from Theorem 2.1 and the bound for  $Q_{k+i}(n+d)$  in Lemma 4.2 imply that  $A_{d,k}(n)$  equals

$$(4.8) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{(-1)^j d!}{j!(d-k)!} \left[ \frac{(-1)^j j! Q_k(n+d)}{\Delta(n+d)^k} + \binom{k+1}{2} \frac{(-1)^j j! Q_{k+1}(n+d)}{\Delta(n+d)^k} \right. \\ & \quad + \binom{k+2}{3} \frac{3k+1}{4} \frac{(-1)^j j! Q_{k+2}(n+d)}{\Delta(n+d)^k} + \binom{k+3}{4} \frac{k^2+k}{2} \frac{(-1)^j j! Q_{k+3}(n+d)}{\Delta(n+d)^k} \\ & \quad \left. + O((4C)^k k^{9/2} \Delta(n+d)^4) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $m \in \{k, k+1, k+2, k+3\}$ . As in Lemma 4.2, we use (4.7) to expand  $Q_m(n+d)$ , bounding the contribution from the partitions  $\lambda$  such that  $m - 2\mathcal{L}(\lambda) + 2\lambda_1 \geq 3$  using the bound for  $|G_m(n+d)|$  in Theorem 2.1. Since  $m - 2\mathcal{L}(\lambda) + 2\lambda_1 = \lambda_1 + \sum_{i=3}^m (i-2)\lambda_i$ , we must separately consider the cases where  $m$  is even (where the powers of  $\Delta(n+d)$  are even) and  $m$  is odd (where the powers of  $\Delta(n+d)$  are odd). When  $M = n+d$  and  $m$  is even, it then follows from (4.7) that  $Q_m(M)$  equals  $(-1)^{m/2} \Delta(M)^m / (\frac{m}{2})!$  times

$$(4.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & G_2(M)^{\frac{m}{2}} - \frac{m}{4} \left( G_2(M)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \tilde{G}_1(M)^2 + (m-2) G_4(M) G_2(M)^{\frac{m}{2}-2} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (m-2) G_3(M) G_2(M)^{\frac{m}{2}-2} \tilde{G}_1(M) + \frac{(m-2)(m-4)}{4} G_3(M)^2 G_2(M)^{\frac{m}{2}-3} \right) \Delta(M)^2 \\ & \quad + O_C(m^6 (4C)^m \Delta(M)^4). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, when  $m$  is odd,  $Q_m(M)$  equals  $(-1)^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor} \Delta(M)^m / (\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor)!$  times

$$(4.10) \quad (G_2(M)^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor} \tilde{G}_1(M) + \lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor G_3(M) G_2(M)^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - 1}) \Delta(M) + O_C(m^4 (4C)^m \Delta(M)^3).$$

The theorem follows by substituting (4.9) and (4.10) into (4.8).  $\square$

## 5. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2

We introduce some notation. For  $0 < \delta < \pi/2$ , define  $S(\theta, \delta) := \{z \in \mathbb{C}^\times : |\arg(z) - \theta| \leq \delta\}$ . Let  $C(\theta, \delta)$  to be the set of entire functions  $F$  such that there exist a sequence of complex numbers  $(\beta_k)_{k \geq 1}$ , an integer  $q \geq 0$ , and constants  $c, \sigma \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|\beta_k|} < \infty$ ,  $\beta_k, \sigma \in S(\theta, \delta)$ , and

$$F(z) = cz^q e^{-\sigma z} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z}{\beta_k}\right).$$

**Lemma 5.1.** *Let  $0 < \delta < \pi/2$ . If  $F \in C(\theta, \delta)$ , then  $F$  is locally uniformly approximated by polynomials, each of whose zeros lie in  $S(\theta, \delta)$ , and conversely. Moreover, if  $m \geq 1$  is an integer and the  $m$ -th derivative  $F^{(m)}$  is not identically zero, then  $F^{(m)} \in C(\theta, \delta)$ .*

*Proof.* The first claim is proved in [13, Chapter VIII]. For the second claim, suppose that  $F \in C(\theta, \delta)$  is non-constant. By the first claim, there exists a sequence of nonzero polynomials  $(g_n)$  which locally uniformly approximate  $F$ , and each zero of  $g_n$  lies in  $S(\theta, \delta)$ . By the Gauss-Lucas theorem, the zeros of  $g'_n$  belong to the convex hull of the set of zeros of  $g_n$ ; thus each zero of  $g'_n$  lies in  $S(\theta, \delta)$ . Since the sequence  $(g'_n)$  locally uniformly approximates  $F'$ , it follows by the first claim that  $F' \in C(\theta, \delta)$ . For higher derivatives, we proceed by induction.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.2.** *If  $\frac{d^n}{dz^n}\psi(\sqrt{z}) \in C(\pi, \delta)$ , then  $J^{d,n}(X)$  is hyperbolic for  $d \leq |\sin(\delta)|^{-2}$ .*

*Proof.* In (1.1), all powers of  $z$  are even, so  $\psi(\sqrt{z})$  is entire. Since  $\gamma(j) > 0$  for all  $j \geq 0$  and

$$\frac{d^n}{dz^n}\psi(\sqrt{z}) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma(j+n)}{j!} z^j,$$

the Taylor coefficients of  $\frac{d^n}{dz^n}\psi(\sqrt{z})$  are positive. Hence the lemma follows immediately from [5, Theorem 3.6] with  $\varphi = \frac{d^n}{dz^n}\psi(\sqrt{z})$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* We follow [5]. Let  $m \geq 0$  be an integer. Suppose that  $\text{RH}_m(T)$  holds for some  $T > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then the zeros of  $\frac{d^m}{dz^m}\psi(z)$  in the rectangle  $\{z \in \mathbb{C}: |\text{Re}(z)| < 1/2, |\text{Im}(z)| \leq T\}$  are imaginary. Therefore, the zeros of  $\frac{d^m}{dz^m}\psi(\sqrt{z})$  must lie in  $S(0, 2 \arctan(\frac{1}{2T})) \cup S(\pi, 2 \arctan(\frac{1}{2T}))$ . Since  $\gamma(j) > 0$  for all  $j \geq 0$ , the zeros of  $\frac{d^m}{dz^m}\psi(\sqrt{z})$  lie in the half-plane  $\text{Re}(z) < 0$ , and hence must lie in  $S(\pi, 2 \arctan(\frac{1}{2T}))$ . Hence  $\frac{d^m}{dz^m}\psi(\sqrt{z}) \in C(\pi, 2 \arctan(\frac{1}{2T}))$ . We see from Lemma 5.2 that  $J^{d,m}(X)$  is hyperbolic for  $d \leq \lfloor |\sin(2 \arctan(\frac{1}{2T}))|^{-2} \rfloor = \lfloor T^2 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{16T^2} \rfloor$ . Thus if  $d \leq \lfloor T \rfloor^2$ , then  $J^{d,m}(X)$  is hyperbolic. Since  $C(\theta, \delta)$  is closed under differentiation per Lemma 5.1, we have  $\frac{d^n}{dz^n}\psi(\sqrt{z}) \in C(\pi, 2 \arctan(\frac{1}{2T}))$  for all  $n \geq m$ . This finishes the proof.  $\square$

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