

Zipf-Mandelbrot law, properties and its generalizations

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Abstract. Despite a wide spread applications of Zipf-Mandelbrot law, there is quite small amount of results concerning analytical properties on distribution law. On the first stage, we examine some monotonicity properties of the law, we derive the whole variety of its lower and upper estimations. We then further refine our results using some well-known inequalities such as Hölder and Lyapunov inequality.

On the second stage we consider the case when total mass of Zipf-Mandelbrot law is spread all over positive integer, and then we come to Hurwitz ζ -function. As we show, it is very natural first to examine properties of Hurwitz ζ -function to derive properties of Zipf-Mandelbrot law. Using some well-known inequalities such as Chebyshev's and Lyapunov's inequality we are able to deduce a whole variety of theoretical characterizations that include, among others, log-convexity, log-subadditivity, exponential convexity.

On the third stage, we generalize Zipf-Mandelbrot law using maximization of Shannon entropy, as we get hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law. It is interesting that examination of its densities provides some new insights of Lerch's transcendent.

1.1 Some classical inequalities and Zipf-Mandelbrot law

1.1.1 Introduction

For $N \in \mathbb{N}$, $q \geq 0$, $s > 0$, $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$, Zipf-Mandelbrot probability mass function is defined with

$$f(k, N, q, s) = \frac{1/(k+q)^s}{H_{N,q,s}}, \quad (1.1)$$

where

$$H_{N,q,s} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{(i+q)^s}, \quad (1.2)$$

$N \in \mathbb{N}$, $q \geq 0$, $s > 0$, $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ (see [5]).

Proposition 1.1 For $s > t > 0$

$$(Nf(k, N, q, s))^{1/s} \leq (Nf(k, N, q, t))^{1/t}. \quad (1.3)$$

Proof. In [6] it is proved, after $\frac{1}{Nf(k, N, q, s)}$ is interpreted as power mean depending on s , that $s \mapsto Nf(k, N, q, s)$ is a decreasing function. \square

Denote $m = \frac{k+q}{N+q}$, $M = \frac{k+q}{1+q}$ and observe $m = \min\{x_i : i = 1, \dots, N\}$, $M = \max\{x_i : i = 1, \dots, N\}$.

Further, for $s, t > 0$ let

$$\mu = \frac{M^s - m^s}{M^t - m^t}$$

and

$$B_{t,s} = \left(\frac{\mu t}{s}\right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \left\{ \frac{m^s M^t - m^t M^s}{(1-s/t)(M^t - m^t)} \right\}^{\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{t}}. \quad (1.4)$$

Theorem 1.1 For probability mass function (1.39) we have following inequalities, for $0 < t < s$

a)

$$\frac{N^{\frac{s}{t}-1}}{B_{t,s}^s} (f(k, N, q, t))^{s/t} \leq f(k, N, q, s) \leq N^{\frac{s}{t}-1} (f(k, N, q, t))^{s/t}, \quad (1.5)$$

b)

$$\frac{M^t - m^t}{f(k, N, q, s)} - \frac{M^s - m^s}{f(k, N, q, t)} \leq N (M^t m^s - M^s m^t). \quad (1.6)$$

Proof.

a) It follows, for $0 < t < s$,

$$(Nf(k, N, q, s))^{1/s} \leq (Nf(k, N, q, t))^{1/t},$$

hence

$$f(k, N, q, s) \leq N^{\frac{s}{t}-1} (f(k, N, q, t))^{s/t}.$$

Now we prove left hand side inequality. First, observe here that $m = \min\{x_i : i = 1, \dots, N\}$, $M = \max\{x_i : i = 1, \dots, N\}$.

Using *Beesack inequality* (see [2], p. 334; [13], p. 110)

$$M_N^{[s]}(x_{1,N}) \leq B_{t,s} M_N^{[t]}(x_{1,N}), \quad 0 < t < s, \quad (1.7)$$

where

$$B_{t,s} = \left(\frac{\mu t}{s}\right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \left\{ \frac{m^s M^t - m^t M^s}{(1-s/t)(M^t - m^t)} \right\}^{\frac{1}{s}-\frac{1}{t}}.$$

It follows

$$f(k, N, q, s) \geq \frac{N^{\frac{s}{t}-1}}{B_{t,s}^s} (f(k, N, q, t))^{s/t}.$$

b) From *Goldman inequality* (see [13], p. 109.), $0 < t < s$,

$$(M^t - m^t) \{M_N^{[s]}(x_{1,N})\}^s - (M^s - m^s) \{M_N^{[t]}(x_{1,N})\}^t \leq M^t m^s - M^s m^t.$$

Hence, for $0 < t < s$,

$$\frac{M^t - m^t}{f(k, N, q, s)} - \frac{M^s - m^s}{f(k, N, q, t)} \leq N (M^t m^s - M^s m^t).$$

□

Remark 1.1 Another type of a lower bound for $f(k, N, q, s)$ can be derived from another Beesack inequality (see [2], p. 336; [13], p. 111):

$$M_N^{[s]}(x_{1,N}) \leq C_{t,s} + M_N^{[t]}(x_{1,N}),$$

where

$$C_{t,s} = \left\{ \frac{m^s M^t}{M^t - m^t} + \frac{s-t}{t} \left(\frac{\mu t}{s}\right)^{\frac{s}{s-t}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{s}},$$

concluding

$$f(k, N, q, s) \geq \frac{1}{N} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(C_{t,s} + [Nf(k, N, q, t)]^{-\frac{1}{t}}\right)^s}.$$

1.1.2 Zipf law estimations

If we take $q = 0$ in probability mass function (1.39) we get Zipf law with probability mass function

$$f(k, N, s) = \frac{1}{k^s H_{N,s}} \quad (1.8)$$

where

$$H_{N,s} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{i^s}. \quad (1.9)$$

For $s = 1$ $H_N = H_{N,1}$ we get N -th harmonic number.

1° (case $t = 1$)

Using Proposition 1.2 for $q = 0$, $t = 1$ and $s > 1$ we have

$$(Nf(k, N, s))^{\frac{1}{s}} \leq Nf(k, N, 1)$$

i.e.

$$f(k, N, s) \leq \frac{N^{s-1}}{k^s H_N^s}. \quad (1.10)$$

We can derive further bounds using well-known inequalities for harmonic numbers.

Using Schlömilch-Lemmonier inequalities (see [12], p. 118)

$$\ln(N+1) < H_N < 1 + \ln(N+1) \quad (1.11)$$

and (1.10) we get

$$f(k, N, s) < N^{s-1} k^{-s} \ln^{-s}(N+1).$$

Also, using (see [12], p. 120)

$$r(1 - (N+1)^{-1/r}) < H_n < r(N^{1/r} - 1) + 1 \quad (1.12)$$

we have

$$f(k, N, s) < N^{s-1} (rk(1 - (N+1)^{-1/r}))^{-s}.$$

Similarly, we have a list of inequalities with Euler constant $\gamma = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (H_N - \ln N)$ (see [12], p. 120):

$$\gamma + \ln N + \frac{1}{2N} - \frac{1}{8N^2} < H_N < \gamma + \ln N + \frac{1}{2N} \quad (1.13)$$

$$\gamma + \ln N + \frac{1}{2(N+1)} < H_N < \gamma + \ln N + \frac{1}{2(N-1)} \quad (1.14)$$

$$\gamma + \ln(N+1/2) + \frac{1}{24(N+1)^2} < H_N < \gamma + \ln(N+1/2) + \frac{1}{24N^2} \quad (1.15)$$

$$\gamma + \ln(N+1/2) + \frac{1}{24(N+1/2)^2} - \frac{7}{960N^4} < H_N \quad (1.16)$$

$$< \gamma + \ln(N+1/2) + \frac{1}{24(N+1/2)^2} - \frac{7}{960(N+1)^4}.$$

Now, using (1.10) and left-hand side inequalities in (1.13)-(1.16) we get

$$f(k, N, s) < k^{-s} N^{s-1} \left(\gamma + \ln N + \frac{1}{2N} - \frac{1}{8N^2} \right)^{-s}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f(k, N, s) &< k^{-s} N^{s-1} \left(\gamma + \ln N + \frac{1}{2(N+1)} \right)^{-s} \\
f(k, N, s) &< k^{-s} N^{s-1} \left(\gamma + \ln(N+1/2) + \frac{1}{24(N+1)^2} \right)^{-s} \\
f(k, N, s) &< k^{-s} N^{s-1} \left(\gamma + \ln(N+1/2) + \frac{1}{24(N+1/2)^2} - \frac{7}{960N^4} \right)^{-s}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, using Proposition 1.2 for $q = 0$, $t = 1$ and $0 < s < 1$ we have

$$(Nf(k, N, s))^{\frac{1}{s}} \geq Nf(k, N, 1)$$

i.e.

$$f(k, N, s) \geq \frac{N^{s-1}}{k^s H_N^s}. \quad (1.17)$$

and then using (1.13)-(1.16) we will get lower bounds

$$\begin{aligned}
f(k, N, s) &> k^{-s} N^{s-1} \left(\gamma + \ln N + \frac{1}{2N} \right)^{-s} \\
f(k, N, s) &> k^{-s} N^{s-1} \left(\gamma + \ln N + \frac{1}{2(N-1)} \right)^{-s} \\
f(k, N, s) &> k^{-s} N^{s-1} \left(\gamma + \ln(N+1/2) + \frac{1}{24N^2} \right)^{-s} \\
f(k, N, s) &> k^{-s} N^{s-1} \left(\gamma + \ln(N+1/2) + \frac{1}{24(N+1/2)^2} - \frac{7}{960(N+1)^4} \right)^{-s}
\end{aligned}$$

2° (case $t = 2$)

Using Proposition 1.2 for $q = 0$, $t = 2$ and $s > 2$ we have

$$(Nf(k, N, s))^{\frac{1}{s}} \leq Nf(k, N, 1) = (Nk^{-2}H_{N,2})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

i.e.

$$f(k, N, s) \leq N^{\frac{s}{2}-1} k^{-s} H_{N,2}^{-\frac{s}{2}}. \quad (1.18)$$

Applying Proposition 1.2 for $q = 0$, $t = 2$ and $0 < s < 2$ we get reversed inequality

$$f(k, N, s) \geq N^{\frac{s}{2}-1} k^{-s} H_{N,2}^{-\frac{s}{2}}. \quad (1.19)$$

Now we use the next estimations for $H_{N,2}$ (see [12] p. 121–122; [?])

$$\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{N+1/2}{N^2+N+d} < H_{N,2} < \frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{N+1/2}{N^2+N+1/3}, \quad d = 0.324555 \quad (1.20)$$

and (see [12] p. 122)

$$H_{N,2} \geq \frac{8}{5} - \frac{1}{N+\frac{2}{3}}, \quad N \geq 1 \quad (1.21)$$

$$H_{N,2} \geq \frac{13}{8} - \frac{1}{N+\frac{5}{3}}, \quad N \geq 1 \quad (1.22)$$

$$H_{N,2} \geq \frac{13}{8} - \frac{1}{N+\frac{2}{3}}, \quad N \geq 2 \quad (1.23)$$

$$H_{N,2} \leq \frac{10N-1}{6N+3}, \quad N \geq 1 \quad (1.24)$$

$$H_{N,2} < 2 - \frac{1}{N}, \quad N \geq 2. \quad (1.25)$$

Hence, for $s > 2$

$$f(k, N, s) < N^{\frac{s}{2}-1} k^{-s} \left(\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{N+1/2}{N^2+N+d} \right)^{-\frac{s}{2}}, \quad N \geq 1;$$

$$f(k, N, s) \leq N^{\frac{s}{2}-1} k^{-s} \left(\frac{8}{5} - \frac{1}{N+\frac{2}{3}} \right)^{-\frac{s}{2}}, \quad N \geq 1;$$

$$f(k, N, s) \leq N^{\frac{s}{2}-1} k^{-s} \left(\frac{13}{8} - \frac{1}{N+\frac{3}{5}} \right)^{-\frac{s}{2}}, \quad N \geq 1;$$

$$f(k, N, s) \leq N^{\frac{s}{2}-1} k^{-s} \left(\frac{13}{8} - \frac{1}{N+\frac{5}{3}} \right)^{-\frac{s}{2}}, \quad N \geq 2,$$

and for $0 < s < 2$

$$f(k, N, s) > N^{\frac{s}{2}-1} k^{-s} \left(\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{N+1/2}{N^2+N+1/3} \right)^{-\frac{s}{2}}, \quad N \geq 1;$$

$$f(k, N, s) \geq N^{\frac{s}{2}-1} k^{-s} \left(\frac{10N-1}{6N+3} \right)^{-\frac{s}{2}}, \quad N \geq 1;$$

$$f(k, N, s) \leq N^{\frac{s}{2}-1} k^{-s} \left(2 - \frac{1}{N} \right)^{-\frac{s}{2}}, \quad N \geq 2.$$

1.1.3 Zipf law and Goldman inequality

From Goldman inequality we derived (1.6). For $q = 0$, $0 < t < s$, (now $m = k/N$, $M = k$)

$$\frac{k^t - \left(\frac{k}{N}\right)^t}{f(k, N, s)} - \frac{k^s - \left(\frac{k}{N}\right)^s}{f(k, N, t)} \leq N \left(k^t \left(\frac{k}{N} \right)^s - k^s \left(\frac{k}{N} \right)^t \right) \quad (1.26)$$

1° for $s > t = 1$ we have then

$$\frac{k - \frac{k}{N}}{f(k, N, s)} - \frac{k^s - \left(\frac{k}{N}\right)^s}{f(k, N, 1)} \leq N \left(k \left(\frac{k}{N} \right)^s - k^s \frac{k}{N} \right)$$

i.e.

$$f(k, N, s) \geq \frac{1}{k^s} \cdot \frac{N^{s-1}(N-1)}{N - N^s + (N^s - 1)H_N}. \quad (1.27)$$

Using (1.13)-(1.16) we get the following sequence of lower bounds for $f(k, N, s)$, $s > 1$,

$$f(k, N, s) > \frac{1}{k^s} \cdot \frac{N^{s-1}(N-1)}{N - N^s + (N^s - 1) \left(\gamma + \ln N + \frac{1}{2N} \right)}, \quad N > 1;$$

$$f(k, N, s) > \frac{1}{k^s} \cdot \frac{N^{s-1}(N-1)}{N - N^s + (N^s - 1) \left(\gamma + \ln N + \frac{1}{2(N-1)} \right)}, \quad N > 1;$$

$$f(k, N, s) > \frac{1}{k^s} \cdot \frac{N^{s-1}(N-1)}{N - N^s + (N^s - 1) \left(\gamma + \ln(N+1/2) + \frac{1}{24N^2} \right)}, \quad N > 1;$$

$$f(k, N, s) > \frac{1}{k^s} \cdot \frac{N^{s-1}(N-1)}{N - N^s + (N^s - 1) \left(\gamma + \ln(N+1/2) + \frac{1}{24(N+1/2)^2} - \frac{7}{960(N+1)^4} \right)}, \quad N > 1;$$

2° for $0 < t < s = 1$ in (1.26)

$$f(k, N, t) \leq \frac{1}{k^t} \cdot \frac{N^{t-1}(N-1)}{N - N^t + (N^t - 1)H_N}. \quad (1.28)$$

Using (1.13)-(1.16) we get the following sequence of upper bounds for $f(k, N, t)$, $t < 1$,

$$f(k, N, t) < \frac{1}{k^t} \cdot \frac{N^{t-1}(N-1)}{N - N^t + (N^t - 1) \left(\gamma + \ln N + \frac{1}{2N} - \frac{1}{8N^2} \right)}, \quad N > 1;$$

$$f(k, N, t) < \frac{1}{k^t} \cdot \frac{N^{t-1}(N-1)}{N - N^t + (N^t - 1) \left(\gamma + \ln N + \frac{1}{2(N+1)} \right)}, \quad N > 1;$$

$$f(k, N, t) < \frac{1}{k^t} \cdot \frac{N^{t-1}(N-1)}{N - N^t + (N^t - 1) \left(\gamma + \ln(N+1/2) + \frac{1}{24(N+1)^2} \right)}, \quad N > 1;$$

$$f(k, N, t) < \frac{1}{k^t} \cdot \frac{N^{t-1}(N-1)}{N - N^t + (N^t - 1) \left(\gamma + \ln(N+1/2) + \frac{1}{24(N+1/2)^2} - \frac{7}{960(N+1)^4} \right)}, \quad N > 1.$$

3° For $s > t = 2$ in (1.26)

$$\frac{k^2 - \left(\frac{k}{N}\right)^2}{f(k, N, s)} - \frac{k^s - \left(\frac{k}{N}\right)^s}{f(k, N, 2)} \leq N \left(k^2 \left(\frac{k}{N} \right)^s - k^s \left(\frac{k}{N} \right)^2 \right)$$

i.e.

$$f(k, N, s) \geq \frac{1}{k^s} \cdot \frac{N^{s-2}(N^2 - 1)}{N - N^{s-1} + (N^s - 1)H_{N,2}}, \quad N > 1. \quad (1.29)$$

Combining (1.30) with (1.20), (1.24) and (1.25) we get the sequence of inequalities

$$f(k, N, s) > \frac{1}{k^s} \cdot \frac{N^{s-2}(N^2 - 1)}{N - N^{s-1} + (N^s - 1) \left(\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{N+1/2}{N^2 + N + 1/3} \right)}, \quad N > 1;$$

$$f(k, N, s) \geq \frac{1}{k^s} \cdot \frac{N^{s-2}(N^2 - 1)}{N - N^{s-1} + (N^s - 1) \left(\frac{10N-1}{6N+3} \right)}, \quad N > 1;$$

$$f(k, N, s) \geq \frac{1}{k^s} \cdot \frac{N^{s-2}(N^2 - 1)}{N - N^{s-1} + (N^s - 1) \left(2 - \frac{1}{N} \right)}, \quad N > 2.$$

4° For $t > s = 2$ in (1.26)

$$\frac{k^t - \left(\frac{k}{N}\right)^t}{f(k, N, 2)} - \frac{k^2 - \left(\frac{k}{N}\right)^2}{f(k, N, t)} \leq N \left(k^t \left(\frac{k}{N} \right)^2 - k^2 \left(\frac{k}{N} \right)^t \right)$$

i.e.

$$f(k, N, t) \leq \frac{1}{k^t} \cdot \frac{N^{t-2}(N^2 - 1)}{N - N^{t-1} + (N^t - 1)H_{N,2}}, \quad N > 1. \quad (1.30)$$

Combining (1.30) with (1.20), (1.21), (1.22) and (1.23) we get the sequence of inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} f(k, N, t) &< \frac{1}{k^t} \cdot \frac{N^{t-2}(N^2 - 1)}{N - N^{t-1} + (N^t - 1)\left(\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{N+1/2}{N^2+N+d}\right)}, \quad N > 1; \\ f(k, N, s) &\leq \frac{1}{k^t} \cdot \frac{N^{t-2}(N^2 - 1)}{N - N^{t-1} + (N^t - 1)\left(\frac{8}{5} - \frac{1}{N+\frac{2}{3}}\right)}, \quad N > 1; \\ f(k, N, t) &\leq \frac{1}{k^t} \cdot \frac{N^{t-2}(N^t - 1)}{N - N^{t-1} + (N^t - 1)\left(\frac{13}{8} - \frac{1}{N+\frac{2}{3}}\right)}, \quad N > 1. \\ f(k, N, t) &\leq \frac{1}{k^t} \cdot \frac{N^{t-2}(N^t - 1)}{N - N^{t-1} + (N^t - 1)\left(\frac{13}{8} - \frac{1}{N+\frac{2}{3}}\right)}, \quad N \geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

1.1.4 Further bounds via Lyapunov and Hölder inequality

Theorem 1.2 For probability mass function (1.39) we have the following inequality, for $0 < r < s < t$

$$\frac{[Nf(k, N, q, t)]^{-\frac{1}{t}} - [Nf(k, N, q, r)]^{-\frac{1}{r}}}{[Nf(k, N, q, t)]^{-\frac{1}{t}} - [Nf(k, N, q, s)]^{-\frac{1}{s}}} \leq \frac{s(t-r)}{r(t-s)}. \quad (1.31)$$

Proof. Using Lyapunov inequality (see [12], p. 34, [13] p. 117). For $0 < r < s < t$

$$\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^s \right)^{t-r} \leq \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^r \right)^{t-s} \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^t \right)^{s-r} \quad (1.32)$$

We can rewrite this as

$$[Nf(k, N, q, s)]^{-\frac{1}{s}} \leq \left\{ [Nf(k, N, q, r)]^{-\frac{1}{r}} \right\}^{\frac{t-s}{s}} \left\{ [Nf(k, N, q, t)]^{-\frac{1}{t}} \right\}^{\frac{t}{s} \frac{s-r}{t-r}} \quad (1.33)$$

Applying A-G inequality on right-hand side of (1.59) we have

$$[Nf(k, N, q, s)]^{-\frac{1}{s}} \leq \frac{r}{s} \frac{t-s}{t-r} [Nf(k, N, q, r)]^{-\frac{1}{r}} + \frac{t}{s} \frac{s-r}{t-r} [Nf(k, N, q, t)]^{-\frac{1}{t}}$$

which we can rewrite as

$$\frac{[Nf(k, N, q, t)]^{-\frac{1}{t}} - [Nf(k, N, q, r)]^{-\frac{1}{r}}}{[Nf(k, N, q, t)]^{-\frac{1}{t}} - [Nf(k, N, q, s)]^{-\frac{1}{s}}} \leq \frac{s(t-r)}{r(t-s)}.$$

□

Theorem 1.3 For $\alpha > 1$, let (α, β) be a pair of Hölder conjugates. Then for $r, s > 0$ we have

$$f(k, N, q, s+r) \geq f(k, N, q, s\alpha)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} f(k, N, q, r\beta)^{\frac{1}{\beta}}. \quad (1.34)$$

Proof. Using Hölder inequality for sequences $\left\{\left(\frac{k+q}{i+q}\right)^r : i = 1, \dots, N\right\}$ and $\left\{\left(\frac{k+q}{i+q}\right)^s : i = 1, \dots, N\right\}$, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q}\right)^{r+s} \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q}\right)^{r\alpha}\right)^{1/\alpha} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q}\right)^{s\beta}\right)^{1/\beta}$$

i.e.

$$(f(k, N, q, s+r))^{-1} \leq f(k, N, q, s\alpha)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} f(k, N, q, r\beta)^{-\frac{1}{\beta}}.$$

□

Let

$$m = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{k+q}{N+q}\right)^{s-\frac{r\beta}{\alpha}}, & s\alpha > r\beta \\ \left(\frac{k+q}{1+q}\right)^{s-\frac{r\beta}{\alpha}}, & s\alpha < r\beta \end{cases} \quad (1.35)$$

and

$$M = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{k+q}{1+q}\right)^{s-\frac{r\beta}{\alpha}}, & s\alpha > r\beta \\ \left(\frac{k+q}{N+q}\right)^{s-\frac{r\beta}{\alpha}}, & s\alpha < r\beta. \end{cases} \quad (1.36)$$

Theorem 1.4 For $\alpha > 1$, let (α, β) be a pair of Hölder conjugates. Then for $r, s > 0$ we have

$$\frac{M-m}{f(k, N, q, s\alpha)} + \frac{mM^\alpha - Mm^\alpha}{f(k, N, q, r\beta)} \leq \frac{M^\alpha - m^\alpha}{f(k, N, q, r+s)}, \quad (1.37)$$

where m and M are defined with (1.35) and (1.36) respectively.

Proof. Follows from a conversion of the Hölder inequality and a discreet version of the linear functional in Theorem 4.14, [13], p. 114, applied for sequences

$$\left\{\left(\frac{k+q}{i+q}\right)^r : i = 1, \dots, N\right\} \text{ and } \left\{\left(\frac{k+q}{i+q}\right)^s : i = 1, \dots, N\right\}.$$

□

Another type of conversion of the Hölder inequality is given in [13], Theorem 4.16, p. 115. Similarly, as in the proof of Theorem 1.4, using discreet version of a linear functional, we get the next theorem.

Theorem 1.5 Under the same assumptions as in Theorem 1.4, the following result holds

$$f(k, N, q, r+s) \leq \frac{\alpha^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \beta^{-\frac{1}{\beta}} (M^\alpha - m^\alpha)}{(M-m)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} (mM^\alpha - Mm^\alpha)^{\frac{1}{\beta}}} (f(k, N, q, s\alpha))^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} (f(k, N, q, r\beta))^{\frac{1}{\beta}}. \quad (1.38)$$

1.2 Analytical properties of Zipf-Mandelbrot law and Hurwitz ζ -function

For $N \in \mathbb{N}$, $q \geq 0$, $s > 0$, $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$, we can rewrite Zipf-Mandelbrot law (probability mass function) in the following form

$$f(k, N, q, s) = \frac{1/(k+q)^s}{\zeta(N, s, q)}, \quad (1.39)$$

where

$$\zeta(N, s, q) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{(i+q)^s}, \quad (1.40)$$

$N \in \mathbb{N}$, $q \geq 0$, $s > 0$, $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$. If total number of words N tends to infinity we denote

$$f(k, q, s) = \frac{1/(k+q)^s}{\zeta(s, q)}, \quad (1.41)$$

where

$$\zeta(s, q) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(i+q)^s} \quad (1.42)$$

we recognize as Hurwitz ζ -function. This infinite case, when total mass is spread over all set of positive integers, particularly, is studied in [9]. Note here, that we use more suitable version of Hurwitz ζ function (see also [1]), since in the classical definition sum starts from zero and $q > 0$. However, this fact does not alter our conclusions about Hurwitz ζ -function.

There are also quite different interpretation of Zipf-Mandelbrot law. As it is pointed out in [11] (see also [3], [15]), parameters in (1.39) can be interpreted in the following way: N is the number of species present and the parameters q and s have an ecological interpretation: q represents the diversity of the environment and s the predictability of the ecosystem, i.e. the average probability of the appearance of a species.

1.2.1 Monotonicity properties

As starting point, we use the next proposition on inequalities for sums of positive order ([12, pp. 36], [13, pp. 165]).

Proposition 1.2 *If $a_i \geq 0$, $i \in \mathbb{N}$ then for $0 < t < s$*

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i^s \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i^t \right)^{\frac{1}{t}}. \quad (1.43)$$

Theorem 1.6

i) The function $s \mapsto [\zeta(N, s, q)]^{1/s}$ is decreasing i.e. for $s > t > 0$

$$[\zeta(N, s, q)]^{1/s} \leq [\zeta(N, t, q)]^{1/t}.$$

ii) The function $s \mapsto [f(k, N, q, s)]^{1/s}$ is increasing i.e. for $s > t > 0$

$$[f(k, N, q, s)]^{1/s} \geq [f(k, N, q, t)]^{1/t}.$$

iii) The function $s \mapsto [\zeta(s, q)]^{1/s}$ is decreasing i.e. for $s > t > 0$

$$[\zeta(s, q)]^{1/s} \leq [\zeta(t, q)]^{1/t}.$$

iv) The function $s \mapsto [f(k, q, s)]^{1/s}$ is increasing i.e. for $s > t > 0$

$$[f(k, q, s)]^{1/s} \geq [f(k, q, t)]^{1/t}.$$

Proof.

i) We use the Proposition 1.2, for

$$a_i = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{i+q}, & i = 1, \dots, N; \\ 0, & i > N. \end{cases}$$

ii) Follows from i)-part and

$$\frac{1}{f(k, N, q, s)} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^s = (k+q)^s \zeta(N, s, q). \quad (1.44)$$

iii) Use Proposition 1.2 for $a_i = \frac{1}{i+q}$, $i \in \mathbb{N}$.

iv) Follows from iii)-part and

$$\frac{1}{f(k, q, s)} = (k+q)^s \zeta(s, q). \quad (1.45)$$

□

Theorem 1.7 *The function*

$$s \mapsto (Nf(k, N, q, s))^{1/s} \quad (1.46)$$

is decreasing i.e. for $s > t > 0$

$$(Nf(k, N, q, s))^{1/s} \leq (Nf(k, N, q, t))^{1/t}. \quad (1.47)$$

Proof. From (1.44) it follows

$$\frac{1}{Nf(k, N, q, s)} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^s, \quad (1.48)$$

i.e.

$$(Nf(k, N, q, s))^{-1/s} = \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^s \right]^{1/s}. \quad (1.49)$$

Denote $x_i = \frac{k+q}{i+q}$, $i = 1, \dots, N$. Then the right-hand side of (1.49) is the power mean

$$M_N^{[s]}(x_{1,N}) := \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^s \right]^{1/s}.$$

Using well-known fact, that $s \mapsto M_N^{[s]}(x_{1,N})$ is increasing function (see for example [12, 13]) we conclude that the function

$$s \mapsto (Nf(k, N, q, s))^{1/s} \quad (1.50)$$

is decreasing. \square

1.2.2 Log-convexity and exponential convexity

Let us recall well-known Lyapunov inequality, for sequences ([12, pp. 34], [13, pp. 117]).

Proposition 1.3 *If $a_i \geq 0$, $i \in \mathbb{N}$, then for $0 < r < s < t$*

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i^s \right)^{t-r} \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i^r \right)^{t-s} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i^t \right)^{s-r}. \quad (1.51)$$

If we set $a_i = \frac{1}{i+q}$, $i \in \mathbb{N}$ in (1.51) we get

Corollary 1.1 *For $1 < r < s < t$*

$$\zeta^{t-r}(s, q) \leq \zeta^{t-s}(r, q) \zeta^{s-r}(t, q). \quad (1.52)$$

In the next theorem we prove, log-concavity of $s \mapsto f(k, N, q, s)$ and log-convexity of $s \mapsto \zeta(s, q)$.

Theorem 1.8 *Let $\lambda \in (0, 1)$.*

i) For $0 < r < t$,

$$\zeta(N, \lambda r + (1-\lambda)t, q) \leq \zeta^\lambda(N, r, q) \zeta^{1-\lambda}(N, t, q).$$

ii) For $0 < r < t$,

$$(f(k, N, q, \lambda r + (1 - \lambda)t))^{-1} \leq (f(k, N, q, r))^{-\lambda} (f(k, N, q, t))^{-(1-\lambda)}.$$

iii) For $1 < r < t$,

$$\zeta(\lambda r + (1 - \lambda)t, q) \leq \zeta^\lambda(r, q) \zeta^{1-\lambda}(t, q).$$

iv) For $1 < r < t$,

$$(f(k, q, \lambda r + (1 - \lambda)t))^{-1} \leq (f(k, q, r))^{-\lambda} (f(k, q, t))^{-(1-\lambda)}.$$

Proof.

i) For $0 < r < t$ and $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ we set

$$a_i = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{i+q}, & i = 1, \dots, N; \\ 0, & i > N. \end{cases}$$

and $s = \lambda r + (1 - \lambda)t$ in (1.51):

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{1}{i+q} \right)^{\lambda r + (1-\lambda)t} \right)^{t-r} \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{1}{i+q} \right)^r \right)^{\lambda(t-r)} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{1}{i+q} \right)^t \right)^{(1-\lambda)(t-r)}.$$

ii) Follows from (1.44) and i)-part.

iii) We set $a_i = \frac{1}{i+q}$ and $s = \lambda r + (1 - \lambda)t$ in (1.51).

iv) Follows from iii)-part and (1.45). □

We can conclude even more since this result can be extended to exponential convexity [4].

Definition 1.1 A function $h : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is exponentially convex on an interval $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ if it is continuous and

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \xi_i \xi_j h\left(\frac{x_i + x_j}{2}\right) \geq 0$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and all choices $\xi_i \in \mathbb{R}$, $x_i \in I$, $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Theorem 1.9 The function $s \mapsto \zeta(s, q)$ is exponentially convex function on $(1, \infty)$.

Proof. For a given $n \in \mathbb{N}$ let $\xi_m \in \mathbb{R}$, $s_m \in (1, \infty)$ ($m = 1, \dots, n$) we have

$$\sum_{l,m=1}^n \xi_l \xi_m \zeta\left(\frac{s_l + s_m}{2}, q\right) = \sum_{l,m=1}^n \xi_l \xi_m \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(i+q)^{\frac{s_l + s_m}{2}}} \quad (1.53)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l,m=1}^n \xi_l \xi_m \frac{1}{(i+q)^{\frac{s_l + s_m}{2}}} \quad (1.54)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=1}^n \frac{1}{(i+q)^{\frac{s_m}{2}}} \right)^2 \geq 0. \quad (1.55)$$

Since the function $s \mapsto \zeta(s, q)$ is continuous function on $(1, \infty)$, we conclude its exponential convexity on $(1, \infty)$. □

Using (1.45) we have also the next corollary.

Corollary 1.2 *The function $s \mapsto (f(k, q, s))^{-1}$ is exponentially convex function on $(1, \infty)$.*

Proof. This is consequence of (1.45) and the fact that exponential convexity is closed under finite multiplication of exponentially convex functions. \square

Corollary 1.3 *The matrices $[(\zeta(\frac{s_l+s_m}{2}, q))]_{l,m=1}^n$ and $[(f(k, q, \frac{s_l+s_m}{2}))^{-1}]_{l,m=1}^n$ are positive semi definite for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, s_1, \dots, s_n in $(1, \infty)$.*

We can also deduce exponential convexity from diversity point of view, notion mentioned in the introduction.

Theorem 1.10 *For any $s > 0$, $N \in \mathbb{N}$, the function*

$$q \mapsto \zeta(N, s, q)$$

is exponentially convex on $(0, \infty)$.

Proof. For $k = 1, \dots, N$, using the Laplace transform,

$$\frac{1}{(k+q)^s} = \int_0^\infty e^{-(k+q)t} \frac{t^{s-1}}{\Gamma(s)} dt$$

and the fact

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \xi_i \xi_j \exp \left[- \left(k + \frac{q_i + q_j}{2} \right) t \right] = e^{-kt} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i \exp \left(- \frac{q_i}{2} t \right) \right)^2 \geq 0,$$

we conclude exponential convexity of the function $q \mapsto \frac{1}{(k+q)^s}$ on $(0, \infty)$. Now $q \mapsto \zeta(N, s, q)$ is exponentially convex on $(0, \infty)$ as a finite sum of exponentially convex functions. \square

Theorem 1.11 *For any $s > 1$, the function*

$$q \mapsto \zeta(s, q)$$

is exponentially convex on $(0, \infty)$.

Proof. Using Mellin transformation

$$\zeta(s, q) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{s-1} e^{-(q+1)t}}{1 - e^{-t}} dt$$

and

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \xi_i \xi_j \exp \left(- \left(\frac{q_i + q_j}{2} + 1 \right) t \right) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i \exp \left(- \frac{q_i + 1}{2} t \right) \right)^2 \geq 0,$$

we conclude exponential convexity of $q \mapsto \zeta(s, q)$ on $(0, \infty)$. \square

Corollary 1.4 For $s > 1$, the matrix $[\zeta(s, (\frac{q_l + q_m}{2}))]_{l,m=1}^n$ is positive semi definite for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $q_1, \dots, q_n \in (0, \infty)$.

Corollary 1.5 For any $s > 1$, the function

$$q \mapsto \zeta(s, q)$$

is log-convex on $(0, \infty)$.

1.2.3 Log subadditivity

Let us recall Chebyshev's inequality (see [12, pp. 27], [13, pp. 197]).

Theorem 1.12 Let (a_1, \dots, a_N) and (b_1, \dots, b_N) be two N -tuples of real numbers such that

$$(a_i - a_j)(b_i - b_j) \geq 0, \text{ for } i, j = 1, \dots, N,$$

and (w_1, \dots, w_N) be a positive n -tuple. Then

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^N w_i \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^N w_i a_i b_i \right) \geq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i a_i \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^N w_i b_i \right). \quad (1.56)$$

Theorem 1.13 The function $s \mapsto Nf(k, N, q, s)$ is log subadditive, i.e. for $s, r > 0$

$$Nf(k, N, q, s+r) \leq [Nf(k, N, q, s)] [Nf(k, N, q, r)]. \quad (1.57)$$

Proof. We apply Chebyshev's inequality (1.79) for

$$a_i = \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^s, \quad b_i = \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^r, \quad w_i = \frac{1}{N}; \quad i = 1, \dots, N.$$

Hence we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^{s+r} &\geq \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^s \right) \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^r \right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{Nf(k, N, q, s+r)} &\geq \frac{1}{Nf(k, N, q, s)} \frac{1}{Nf(k, N, q, r)}, \end{aligned}$$

concluding (1.81). □

Theorem 1.14 The function $u \mapsto [f(k, N, q, u^{-1})]^{-u}$ is log-convex.

Proof. Using Lyapunov inequality in Proposition 1.3, for $0 < r < s < t$

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^s \right)^{t-r} \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^r \right)^{t-s} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^t \right)^{s-r}. \quad (1.58)$$

Using (1.49) we rewrite this as

$$[f(k, N, q, s)]^{-\frac{1}{s}} \leq \left\{ [f(k, N, q, r)]^{-\frac{1}{r}} \right\}^{\frac{r}{s} \frac{t-s}{t-r}} \left\{ [f(k, N, q, t)]^{-\frac{1}{t}} \right\}^{\frac{t}{s} \frac{s-r}{t-r}} \quad (1.59)$$

Now we substitute $t = 1/x$, $r = 1/y$, $\lambda = \frac{t}{s} \frac{s-r}{t-r}$ in (1.59), and since $1 - \lambda = \frac{r}{s} \frac{t-s}{t-r}$, $s = [\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y]^{-1}$, we have

$$\left[f(k, N, q, [\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y]^{-1}) \right]^{-[\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y]} \leq \left\{ [f(k, N, q, x^{-1})]^{-x} \right\}^{\lambda} \left\{ [f(k, N, q, y^{-1})]^{-y} \right\}^{1-\lambda},$$

concluding log-convexity of the function $u \mapsto [f(k, N, q, u^{-1})]^{-u}$. \square

1.2.4 Gini means and further monotonicity

For positive n -tuple (a_1, \dots, a_n) , $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$, Gini means are defined with

$$G(\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^\alpha}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-\beta}}, & \alpha \neq \beta; \\ \exp \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^\alpha \ln a_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^\alpha} \right), & \alpha = \beta. \end{cases} \quad (1.60)$$

It is known then see [13, pp. 119],

$$G(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \leq G(\alpha_2, \beta_2), \quad (1.61)$$

for $\alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2$, $\beta_1 \leq \beta_2$, $\alpha_1 \neq \beta_1$, $\alpha_2 \neq \beta_2$.

If we choose $a_i = \frac{k+q}{i+q}$ in (1.60) we will get Zip-Mandelbrot means:

$$Z(\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{f(k, N, q, \beta)}{f(k, N, q, \alpha)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-\beta}}, & \alpha \neq \beta; \\ [(k+q)^\alpha \zeta(N, s, \alpha)]^{\frac{(k+q)^\alpha H_{N, q, \alpha}}{\alpha f(k, N, q, \alpha)}} \exp \left(-\frac{(k+q)^\alpha}{\alpha f(k, N, q, \alpha)} E(k, N, q, \alpha) \right), & \alpha = \beta. \end{cases} \quad (1.62)$$

where

$$E(k, N, q, \alpha) = - \sum_{k=1}^N f(k, N, q, \alpha) \ln f(k, N, q, \alpha)$$

denotes Shannon entropy of the law (1.39) (for related results see also [?]).

Using (1.86) we can now formulate the next theorem.

Theorem 1.15 For $0 < \alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2$, $0 < \beta_1 \leq \beta_2$, $\alpha_1 \neq \beta_1$, $\alpha_2 \neq \beta_2$;

$$Z(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \leq Z(\alpha_2, \beta_2). \quad (1.63)$$

The expectation of the Zipf-Mandelbrot law is

$$\sum_{k=1}^N kf(k, N, q, s) = \frac{1}{\zeta(N, s, q)} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{k+q-q}{(k+q)^s} = \frac{\zeta(N, s-1, q)}{\zeta(N, s, q)} - q.$$

This is a decreasing function over s , as the next theorem shows.

Theorem 1.16 *The function*

$$s \mapsto \frac{\zeta(N, s-1, q)}{\zeta(N, s, q)}$$

is decreasing on \mathbb{R}_+ .

Proof. We set $a_i = \frac{1}{i+q}$, $i = 1, \dots, N$ and $\alpha = s-1$, $\beta = s$ in (1.60).

According (1.86), for $0 < s < t$, we have

$$\left(\frac{\zeta(N, s-1, q)}{\zeta(N, s, q)} \right)^{-1} \leq \left(\frac{\zeta(N, t-1, q)}{\zeta(N, t, q)} \right)^{-1}.$$

□

Of course, result can be extended to Hurwitz ζ -function.

Corollary 1.6 *The function*

$$s \mapsto \frac{\zeta(s-1, q)}{\zeta(s, q)}$$

is decreasing on \mathbb{R}_+ .

Remark 1.2 General remark in this section is that parameters α , β in (1.85) could be any real numbers, so Theorems 1.27 and 1.16 are also valid on \mathbb{R}^2 and \mathbb{R} , respectively.

1.3 Hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law

There is a unified approach, maximization of Shannon entropy, that naturally follows the path of generalization from Zipf's to hybrid Zipf's law. Extending this idea, in this section, we make transition from Zipf-Mandelbrot to hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law. It is interesting that examination of its densities provides some new insights of Lerch's transcendent (see [7]).

1.3.1 Shannon entropy and Zipf-Mandelbrot law

Here we extend use the maximum entropy approach in [14] to Zipf's law in order to deduce Zipf-Mandelbrot law, i.e. we maximize

$$S = - \sum_{i \in I} p_i \ln p_i \tag{1.64}$$

subject to some constraints. Trivial constraint is of course $\sum_{i \in I} p_i = 1$.

Theorem 1.17 Let $I = \{1, \dots, N\}$ or $I = \mathbb{N}$. For a given $q \geq 0$ and $\chi \geq 0$, a probability distribution, concentrated on I , that maximizes Shannon entropy under additional constraint

$$\sum_{k \in I} p_k \ln(k+q) = \chi \quad (1.65)$$

is Zipf-Mandelbrot law.

Proof. If $I = \{1, \dots, N\}$, in a very standard procedure, we set two Lagrange multipliers λ and s and consider expression

$$\hat{S} = - \sum_{k=1}^N p_k \ln p_k - \lambda \left(\sum_{k=1}^N p_k - 1 \right) - s \left(\sum_{k=1}^N p_k \ln(k+q) - \chi \right).$$

Just for convenience we can, of course, replace $\lambda \longleftrightarrow \ln \lambda - 1$, and now consider

$$\hat{S} = - \sum_{k=1}^N p_k \ln p_k - (\ln \lambda - 1) \left(\sum_{k=1}^N p_k - 1 \right) - s \left(\sum_{k=1}^N p_k \ln(k+q) - \chi \right)$$

instead.

From $\hat{S}_{p_k} = 0$, $k = 1, \dots, N$ we deduce

$$p_k = \frac{1}{\lambda (k+q)^s},$$

and combining this with $\sum_{k=1}^N p_k = 1$, we have

$$\lambda = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{(k+q)^s},$$

where $s > 0$, concluding

$$p_k = \frac{1/(k+q)^s}{\zeta(N, s, q)}, \quad k = 1, \dots, N.$$

The case $I = \mathbb{N}$ is treated in a similar manner with the restriction $s > 1$:

$$p_k = \frac{1/(k+q)^s}{\zeta(s, q)}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

□

Remark 1.3

- (i) If X is the random variable with values at I and probability law $(p_i, i \in I)$, then χ from (1.65) is in fact expectation of the random variable $\ln(X+q)$, which depends on X .

- (ii) Observe here that for Zipf-Mandelbrot law (1.39) Shannon entropy (1.64) can be bounded from above (see [10]):

$$S = - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(k, q, s) \ln f(k, q, s) \leq - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(k, q, s) \ln q_k, \quad (1.66)$$

where $(q_k : k \in \mathbb{N})$ is any sequence of positive numbers such that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q_k = 1$.

1.3.2 Hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law

The same technique of maximum entropy we apply with one additional constraint. The derived probability law we will call *hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law*.

Theorem 1.18 *Let $I = \{1, \dots, N\}$ or $I = \mathbb{N}$. For a given $q \geq 0$, $\chi \geq 0$ and $\mu \geq 0$, a probability distribution, concentrated on I , that maximizes Shannon entropy under additional constraints*

$$\sum_{k \in I} p_k \ln(k+q) = \chi, \quad \sum_{k \in I} k p_k = \mu$$

is hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law:

$$p_k = \frac{w^k}{(k+q)^s \Phi^*(s, q, w)}, \quad k \in I,$$

where

$$\Phi_I^*(s, q, w) = \sum_{k \in I} \frac{w^k}{(k+q)^s}.$$

Proof. We consider first $I = \{1, \dots, N\}$ and then we maximize

$$\hat{S} = - \sum_{k=1}^N p_k \ln p_k + \ln w \left(\sum_{k=1}^N k p_k - \mu \right) - (\ln \lambda - 1) \left(\sum_{k=1}^N p_k - 1 \right) - s \left(\sum_{k=1}^N p_k \ln(k+q) - \chi \right).$$

$\hat{S}_{p_k} = 0$, $k = 1, \dots, N$ gives us

$$-\ln p_k + k \ln w - \ln \lambda - s \ln(k+q) = 0,$$

i.e.

$$p_k = \frac{w^k}{\lambda (k+q)^s}.$$

Using $\sum_{k=1}^N p_k = 1$, we get $\lambda = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{w^k}{(k+q)^s}$ and we recognize this as the partial sum of Lerch's transcendent

$$\Phi_N^*(s, q, w) = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{w^k}{(k+q)^s},$$

with $w \geq 0, s > 0$.

In the infinite case $I = \mathbb{N}$ we have restrictions either $w < 1, s > 0$ or $w = 1, s > 1$ and

$$\lambda = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{w^k}{(k+q)^s}$$

we recognize as Lerch's transcendent that we will denote with $\Phi^*(s, q, w)$. \square

Let us denote

$$f_h(w, N, k, q, s) = \frac{w^k}{(k+q)^s \Phi_N^*(s, q, w)}, \quad k = 1, \dots, N \quad (1.67)$$

and

$$f_h(w, k, q, s) = \frac{w^k}{(k+q)^s \Phi^*(s, q, w)}, \quad (1.68)$$

hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law on finite and infinite state space, respectively.

Remark 1.4 Some remarks are needed.

- (i) Observe that constraint with the μ is in fact the expectation of the law.
- (ii) There is a slight difference between Lerch's transcendent defined in [?] p. 27 and with our understanding of Lerch's transcendent: we don't have 0th summand.
- (iii) We omitted the full bordered Hessian discussion in proofs of Theorems 1.17 and 1.18 as mere standard procedure.
- (iv) Observe, further, that for hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law (1.68) Shannon entropy (1.64) can be bounded from above (see [10]):

$$S = - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_h(k, q, s) \ln f_h(k, q, s) \leq - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_h(k, q, s) \ln q_k, \quad (1.69)$$

where $(q_k : k \in \mathbb{N})$ is any sequence of positive numbers such that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q_k = 1$.