

30. Fourier Series. XV. Gibbs' Phenomenon

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1. Concerning Gibbs' phenomenon of the Fourier series H. Cramér [1] proved the following theorem.

Theorem 1. *There exists a number r_0 , $0 < r_0 < 1$, with the following property: If $f(x)$ is simply discontinuous at a point ξ , the (C, r) means $\sigma_n^r(x)$ of the Fourier series of $f(x)$ present Gibbs' phenomenon at ξ for $r < r_0$, but not for $r \geq r_0$.*

On the other hand S. Izumi and M. Satô [2] proved the following theorems:

Theorem 2. *Suppose that $f(x) = a\psi(x - \xi) + g(x)$, where $\psi(x)$ is a periodic function with period 2π such that $\psi(x) = (\pi - x)/2$ ($0 < x < 2\pi$), and where*

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} \limsup_{x \downarrow \xi} g(x) &= 0, & \liminf_{x \uparrow \xi} g(x) &= 0, \\ \liminf_{x \downarrow \xi} g(x) &\geq -a\pi, & \limsup_{x \uparrow \xi} g(x) &\leq a\pi, \\ \int_0^x |g(\xi + u)| du &= o(|x|), \end{aligned}$$

then Gibbs' phenomenon of the Fourier series of $f(x)$ appears at $x = \xi$.

Theorem 3. *In Theorem 2, if we replace the condition (1) by the following conditions:*

$$\int_0^x g(\xi + u) du = o(|x|),$$

and

$$\int_0^x \{g(t+u) - g(t-u)\} du = o(|x|)$$

uniformly for all t in a neighbourhood of ξ , then Gibbs' phenomenon of the Fourier series of $f(x)$ appears at $x = \xi$.

We proved that Theorem 1 holds even when the point ξ is the discontinuity point of the second kind, satisfying the condition in Theorem 2 [3]. More precisely,

Theorem 4. *Suppose that*

$$f(x) = a\psi(x - \xi) + g(x)$$

where $\psi(x)$ is a periodic function with period 2π such that

$$\psi(x) = (\pi - x)/2 \quad (0 < x < 2\pi)$$

and where

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{x \downarrow \xi} g(x) &= 0, & \liminf_{x \uparrow \xi} g(x) &= 0, \\ \liminf_{x \downarrow \xi} g(x) &\geq -a\pi, & \limsup_{x \uparrow \xi} g(x) &\leq a\pi, \end{aligned}$$