

73. Fourier Series. XVI. The Gibbs Phenomenon of Partial Sums and Cesàro Means of Fourier Series. 2

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5. Proof of Theorem 7. Let

$$n_k = 2^{2^k} \quad (k=1, 2, \dots).$$

Then $2\sqrt{n_k} \pi/n_k = 2\pi/\sqrt{n_k} = 2\pi/2^{2^{k-1}} = 2\pi/n_{k-1}$.

Let $\varphi_k(x)$ be an even concave function which is zero for $x \geq \pi/2n_k$ and such that its curve touches y -axis at $y=1$ and touches x -axis at $x=\pi/2n_k$. Further suppose¹⁾

$$\int_0^t \varphi_k(x) dx - t\varphi_k(t) = t / \sqrt{\log \log \frac{1}{t}}$$

for all $0 < t \leq \pi/2n_k$.

Let

$$\begin{aligned} f_k(x) &= \varphi_k(x + (2j-1/2)\pi/n_k) && \text{in } ((2j-1)\pi/n_k, 2j\pi/n_k), \\ &= 0 && \text{otherwise,} \\ & && (j = \sqrt{n_k}/\log n_k, (\sqrt{n_k}/\log n_k) + 1, \dots, \sqrt{n_k}), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x).$$

Then

$$s_{n_k}(\pi/n_k, f) = s_{n_k}(\pi/n_k, f_k) + o(1).$$

If we set $\psi_k(t) = \varphi_k(t + \pi/2n_k)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} s_{n_k}(\pi/n_k, f_k) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f_k(t + \pi/n_k) \frac{\sin n_k t}{t} dt + o(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{j=\sqrt{n_k}/\log n_k}^{\sqrt{n_k}} \int_0^{\pi/n_k} \psi_k(t) \frac{\sin n_k t}{t + 2j\pi/n_k} dt + o(1) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/n_k} \psi_k(t) \sin n_k t dt \sum_{j=\sqrt{n_k}/\log n_k}^{\sqrt{n_k}} \frac{n_k}{2j\pi} + o(1) \\ &\geq A \log \log n_k \cdot n_k \int_0^{\pi/n_k} \psi_k(t) \sin n_k t dt + o(1) \\ &\geq A \log \log n_k \cdot n_k \int_{\pi/4n_k}^{\pi/4n_k} \psi_k(t) dt + o(1) \\ &\geq A \log \log n_k / \sqrt{\log \log n_k}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $s_{n_k}(\pi/n_k, f) \rightarrow \infty$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Thus partial sums of Fourier series of $f(x)$ present the Gibbs phenomenon at $x=0$.

1) The base of logarithm is 2.

On the other hand, we can easily prove that

$$\int_0^t (f(u) + f(-u)) du = o(t)$$

and

$$\int_0^t (f(x+u) - f(x-u)) du = o(t)$$

uniformly for all x , and then by Theorem 5 Cesàro means do not present the Gibbs phenomenon. Thus Theorem 7 is proved.

By a slight modification of above example we can see that the condition (1) in Theorem 3 is best possible; that is, for any function $\omega(n)$ tending to infinity, however slowly may be, there is a function $f(x)$ such that

$$\int_0^h (f(x+u) - f(x-u)) du = o\left(h\omega(1/h) / \log \frac{1}{h}\right), \text{ uniformly in } x,$$

and partial sums of Fourier series of $f(t)$ present the Gibbs phenomenon at a certain point.

In Theorem 4 we can also say that the condition (1) is best possible. To see this we have to use $\varphi_k(x)$ modified such that its height tends to zero as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

6. Proof of Theorem 9. Let $0 < r < 1$ and let (m_k) and (n_k) be increasing sequences of integers, which will be determined later.

For a moment set $m_k = m, n_k = n, \alpha = 1 + r/2$ and $N = n + (1 + r)/2$. Let β be an even integer determined later and we define the function $f_k(t)$ such that

$$(6) \quad f_k(t) = -(t - \beta\pi/N)^{1+r} / ((\alpha + \beta + 1)\pi/N + 2j\pi/N)^{1+r}$$

in the interval

$$((\alpha + \beta)\pi/N + 2j\pi/N, (\alpha + \beta + 1)\pi/N + 2j\pi/N)$$

where $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$ and otherwise $f_k(t) = 0$. Then

$$(7) \quad -1 \leq f_k(t) \leq 0.$$

Using the notation in § 4, we write

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_n^{(r)}(\beta\pi/N, f_k) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f_k(t + \beta\pi/N) L_n^{(1)}(t) dt \\ &+ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f_k(t + \beta\pi/N) L_n^{(2)}(t) dt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f_k(t + \beta\pi/N) L_n^{(3)}(t) dt \\ &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3. \end{aligned}$$

We have first

$$\begin{aligned} (8) \quad I_1 &= \frac{1}{\pi A_n^r} \sum_{j=0}^m \int_{\alpha\pi/N}^{\alpha\pi/N + \pi/N} f_k\left(t + \frac{\beta\pi}{N} + \frac{2j\pi}{N}\right) \frac{\sin(Nt - r\pi/2)}{(t + 2j\pi/N)^{1+r}} dt + o(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi A_n^r} \sum_{j=0}^m \frac{1}{((\alpha + \beta + 1)\pi/N + 2j\pi/N)^{1+r}} \\ &\quad \int_{\alpha\pi/N}^{\alpha\pi/N + \pi/N} (-\sin(Nt - r\pi/2)) dt + o(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{\pi A_n^r} \left(\frac{N}{2\pi}\right)^{1+r} \frac{2}{N} \sum_{j=0}^m \frac{1}{((\alpha+\beta+1)/2+j)^{1+r}} + o(1) \\
 &\geq \frac{1+o(1)}{2^{1+r}\pi^{2+r}\Gamma(1+r)} \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{(x+(\alpha+\beta+1)/2)^{1+r}} + o(1) \\
 &= \frac{1+o(1)}{r \cdot 2\pi^{2+r}(\alpha+\beta+1)^r \Gamma(1+r)},
 \end{aligned}$$

if m is sufficiently large.

Secondly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{r}{n+1} \sum_{j=0}^m \frac{1}{((\alpha+\beta+1)\pi/N+2j\pi/N)^{1+r}} \int_{\alpha\pi/N}^{\alpha\pi/N+\pi/N} \frac{dt}{(t+2j\pi/N)^{1+r}} \\
 &\geq -\frac{r(1+o(1))}{\pi^2} \sum_{j=0}^m \frac{1}{((\alpha+\beta+1)+2j)^{1+r}(\alpha+2j)^{1-r}} \\
 &\geq -\frac{r(1+o(1))}{4\pi^2} \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{(x+\alpha/2)^{1-r}(x+(\alpha+\beta+1)/2)^{1+r}} + \frac{4}{\alpha^{1-r}(\alpha+\beta+1)^{1+r}} \right\} \\
 &\geq -\frac{r(1+o(1))}{2\pi^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{(x+1)^{1-r}(x+(\alpha+\beta+1)/\alpha)^{1+r}} + \frac{2}{\alpha^{1-r}(\alpha+\beta+1)^{1+r}} \right\}^{2)} \\
 &\geq -\frac{r(1+o(1))}{2\pi^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha r(\beta+1)/\alpha} + \frac{2}{\alpha^{1-r}(\alpha+\beta+1)^{1+r}} \right\} \\
 &= -\frac{1+o(1)}{2\pi^2(1+\beta)} - \frac{r(1+o(1))}{\pi^2 \alpha^{1-r}(\alpha+\beta+1)^{1+r}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 |I_3| &\leq \frac{8r(1-r)}{n^2} \sum_{j=0}^m \frac{1}{((\alpha+\beta+1)\pi/N+2j\pi/N)^{1+r}} \int_{\alpha\pi/N}^{\alpha\pi/N+\pi/N} \frac{dt}{(t+2j\pi/N)^{2-r}} \\
 &\leq \frac{8r(1-r)}{\pi^2} (1+o(1)) \sum_{j=0}^m \frac{1}{((\alpha+\beta+1)+2j)^{1+r}(\alpha+2j)^{2-r}} \\
 &\leq \frac{r(1-r)}{\pi^2} (1+o(1)) \left\{ \frac{8}{\alpha^{2-r}(\alpha+\beta+1)^{1+r}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{(x+(\alpha+\beta+1)/2)^{1+r}(x+\alpha/2)^{2-r}} \right\} \\
 &\leq \frac{r(1-r)}{\pi^2} (1+o(1)) \left\{ \frac{8}{\alpha^{2-r}(\alpha+\beta+1)^{1+r}} + \frac{4}{(1-r)(\alpha+\beta+1)^{1+r}\alpha^{1-r}} \right\} \\
 &\leq \frac{12r(1+o(1))}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{\alpha^{1-r}(\alpha+\beta+1)^{1+r}}
 \end{aligned}$$

for large β .

Collecting above estimations we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sigma_n^r(\beta\pi/N, f_k) \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{r \cdot 2\pi^{2+r}(\alpha+\beta+1)^r \Gamma(1+r)} - \frac{1}{2\pi^2(\beta+1)} - \frac{13r}{\pi^2 \alpha^{1-r}(\alpha+\beta+1)^{1+r}} + o(1).
 \end{aligned}$$

2) $\int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{(x+1)^{1-r}(x+q)^{1+r}} = \frac{1}{r(q-1)} \left[1 - \frac{1}{q^r} \right] < \frac{1}{r(q-1)}$ ($q > 1, 0 < r < 1$).

The right side is greater than a positive constant g_r , if we take β suitably, depending only on r .

Let us suppose m_{k-1} and n_{k-1} are determined, then we take m_k and n_k such that (i) m_k is so large that the sum in (8) is sufficiently near to the infinite sum and (ii) $(\beta + 2m_k)/n_k < 1/n_{k-1}^2$. By such determined (m_k) and (n_k) , we define $(f_k(x))$ and

$$(9) \quad f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x).$$

Then

$$\sigma_{n_k}^r(\beta\pi/N_k, f) = \sigma_{n_k}^r(\beta\pi/N_k, f_k) + o(1) \geq g_r + o(1),$$

for all k . Thus, by (7), $\sigma_n^r(x, f)$ presents the Gibbs phenomenon at $x=0$.

We shall now prove Theorem 9. Let (ρ_k) be an increasing sequence tending to 1, and (r_k) be the sequence

$$r_1 = \rho_1, r_2 = \rho_1, r_3 = \rho_2, r_4 = \rho_1, r_5 = \rho_2, r_6 = \rho_3, \dots,$$

$$r_{k(k+1)/2+1} = \rho_1, r_{k(k+1)/2+2} = \rho_2, \dots, r_{(k+1)(k+2)/2} = \rho_k, \dots$$

In the definition (6) of $f_k(t)$, we use r_k instead of r , and let $f(t) = \sum f_k(t)$. Then this is the required function in Theorem 9.

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