

ON UNIFORM CONVERGENCE OF TRIGONOMETRIC SERIES

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1. **Introduction.** The following theorems have been proved previously.¹

THEOREM I. *If the function $\phi(t)$ is throughout continuous, periodic of period 2π , $\phi(t) = \phi(-t) = \phi(2\pi + t)$,*

$$(1.1) \quad \phi(t) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_1^{\infty} a_n \cos nt,$$

and if

$$(1.2) \quad na_n > -K,$$

for some constant K , and all n , then the series (1.1) is uniformly convergent (on the real axis).

THEOREM II. *If $f(t)$ is everywhere continuous, periodic of period 2π , $f(t) = -f(-t)$,*

$$(1.3) \quad f(t) \sim \sum_1^{\infty} b_n \sin nt,$$

and if

$$(1.4) \quad nb_n > -K, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

then the series (1.3) is uniformly convergent.

THEOREM III (CHAUNDY AND JOLLIFFE). *The Fourier series (1.3) is uniformly convergent, if*

$$(1.5) \quad b_n \geq b_{n+1} > 0, \quad \text{and if } nb_n \rightarrow 0.$$

Note that here no explicit assumption is made on $f(t)$.

THEOREM IV. *If $\phi(t)$ is continuous at $t=0$, and if*

$$(1.6) \quad \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_n^{\lambda n} (|a_n| - a_n) = 0,$$

then the series (1.1) is uniformly convergent at $t=0$. (That is, $s_n(t_n) \rightarrow 0$ whenever $t_n \rightarrow 0$.)

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¹ Cf. [2] and the references given there; numbers in brackets refer to the literature cited at the end of this paper.

THEOREM V. *If $f(t)$ is continuous at $t=0$, and if*

$$(1.7) \quad \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_n^{\lambda n} (|b_\nu| - b_\nu) = 0,$$

then $\sum_1^n \nu b_\nu = o(n)$, and the series (1.3) is uniformly convergent at $t=0$.

Some more general results are given in the present paper. In particular:

THEOREM 1. *Under the assumptions of Theorem IV the series (1.1) converges uniformly at each point of continuity of $\phi(t)$.*

THEOREM 2. *Under the assumptions of Theorem V the series (1.3) converges uniformly at each point of continuity of $f(t)$.*

Clearly Theorems 1 and 2 include Theorems I and II respectively. Either of the following two theorems includes Theorem III.

THEOREM 3. *Suppose that*

$$(1.8) \quad \sum_n^{2n} |b_\nu - b_{\nu+1}| = O(n^{-1}) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

and that

$$(1.9) \quad (1 - r) \sum_1^\infty n b_n r^n \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } r \uparrow 1;$$

then the trigonometric series $\sum b_n \sin nt$ is uniformly convergent.

Note that the assumptions refer solely to the coefficients b_n .

THEOREM 4. *Suppose, for some constants $p \geq 0, q \geq 0$,*

$$(1.10) \quad n b_n + p = B_n \geq 0,$$

that

$$(1.11) \quad B_{n+1} \leq (1 + n^{-1}q)B_n, \quad \text{for all large } n,$$

and that (1.9) holds. Then $n b_n \rightarrow 0$ and the trigonometric series $\sum b_n \sin nt$ is uniformly convergent.

We also give (in §§5 and 6) analogous theorems for cosine series; here the partial sums $\sum_1^n a_\nu = s_n$ play a similar role as the sequence $\{n b_n\}$ for the sine series. However convergence of the series $\sum a_\nu$ does not carry as far as existence of the limit $\lim n b_n$. It is for this reason that no such theorems have been established hitherto for cosine series. For details see §§5, 6 and 7.

2. **Proof of Theorems 1 and 2.** We have proved [2] that under the assumptions of Theorem IV

$$(2.1) \quad \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_n^{\lambda n} |a_n| = 0.$$

If $\phi(t)$ is continuous at t_0 , then the Fourier series

$$\frac{\phi(t_0 + \theta) + \phi(t_0 - \theta)}{2} \sim \sum a_n \cos nt_0 \cos n\theta,$$

$$\frac{\phi(t_0 + \theta) - \phi(t_0 - \theta)}{2} \sim \sum a_n \sin nt_0 \sin n\theta$$

satisfy the assumptions of Theorems IV and V respectively, hence are uniformly convergent at $\theta=0$. This proves Theorem 1. The proof of Theorem 2 follows on quite similar lines, since it has been proved [2] that

$$(2.2) \quad \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_n^{\lambda n} |b_n| = 0.$$

It is clear from our proof that the assumptions of our theorems can be replaced by the sole assumptions (2.1) and (2.2) respectively.

We remark that in Theorems IV and V the assumptions (1.6) and (1.7) cannot be replaced by

$$\sum_n^{2n} |a_n| = O(1) \quad \text{and} \quad \sum a_n \text{ converges,}$$

$$\sum_n^{2n} |b_n| = O(1) \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_1^n \nu b_\nu = o(n),$$

respectively. We give an example, suggested by a construction due to Fejér [1].

Let $P_n(z) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{n-1} z^\nu / (n-\nu) - \sum_{\nu=0}^{n-1} z^{n+\nu} / (\nu+1)$, then $|P_n(z)| < 6$ for $|z| \leq 1$. Let $\mu_n = 2^{n^2}$, $\kappa_n = 2^{n(n+1)}$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, and consider the polynomial series $\sum_1^\infty n^{-2} z^{\mu_n} P_{\kappa_n}(ze^{i/n})$. This series is clearly uniformly convergent for $|z| \leq 1$, the degree of the n th term is $2\kappa_n + \mu_n - 1 < \mu_{n+1}$, hence writing out the polynomials successively we get a power series, convergent for $|z| < 1$: $\sum_1^\infty c_n z^n = F(z)$, and $F(e^{it})$ is the Fourier power series of a continuous function. The structure of P_n easily yields $\sum_n^{2n} |c_n| = O(1)$. It can be proved, as in Fejér's example, that the series $\sum c_n e^{in t}$ converges for each t , uniformly in $\epsilon \leq t \leq 2\pi - \epsilon$, $\epsilon > 0$; but neither component converges uniformly at $t=0$. The same is true for

the series $\sum a_n \cos nt$, $\sum a_n \sin nt$, where $a_n = R(c_n)$; $\sum a_n$ converges, so that $\sum_1^n \nu a_\nu = o(n)$. Again, using Fejér's device, and replacing e^{itn} by e^{it_n} , where the sequence $\{t_n\}$ is everywhere dense in $(0, 2\pi)$, we get a continuous function with a Fourier series and its conjugate nonuniformly convergent everywhere, while $|c_n|$ is the same as before.

3. Proof of Theorem 3. It follows from (1.8) that $\lim b_n$ exists, and now from (1.9) that $\lim b_n = 0$. Furthermore

$$\sum_1^{2^k} |b_\nu - b_{\nu+1}| \leq \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \sum_{\frac{2^n}{2}}^{\frac{2^{n+1}}{2}} |b_\nu - b_{\nu+1}| = \sum \frac{1}{2^n} O(1) = O(1),$$

hence

$$(3.1) \quad \sum_1^\infty |b_\nu - b_{\nu+1}| < \infty.$$

Moreover

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_n^\infty |b_\nu - b_{\nu+1}| &\leq \sum_{k=0}^\infty \sum_{\frac{n \cdot 2^k}{n \cdot 2^k}}^{n \cdot 2^{k+1}} |b_\nu - b_{\nu+1}| \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum \frac{1}{2^k}\right) = O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right), \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$(3.3) \quad nb_n = n \sum_n^\infty (b_\nu - b_{\nu+1}) = O(1).$$

It was proved by Littlewood that boundedness of a sequence and Abel summability imply $(C, 1)$ summability; if we apply this to the sequence $\{nb_n\}$ it follows from (1.9) and (3.3) that

$$(3.4) \quad \sum_1^n \nu b_\nu = o(n).$$

Next, from Abel's formula

$$(3.5) \quad \sum_n^m b_\nu \sin \nu t = \sum_n^{m-1} (b_\nu - b_{\nu+1}) T_\nu(t) + b_m T_m(t) - b_n T_{n-1}(t),$$

where

$$T_n(t) = \frac{\cos t/2 - \cos (n + 1/2)t}{2 \sin t/2},$$

hence in any interval $\epsilon \leq t \leq 2\pi - \epsilon$

$$\left| \sum_n^m b_\nu \sin \nu t \right| < \epsilon^{-1} \pi \sum_n^\infty |b_\nu - b_{\nu+1}| + 2\epsilon^{-1} \pi (|b_n| + |b_m|).$$

Thus the series $\sum b_n \sin nt$ is uniformly convergent in $\epsilon \leq t \leq 2\pi - \epsilon$, $\epsilon > 0$. Let

$$\sum_1^\infty b_n \sin nt = f(t);$$

we shall prove next that $f(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \downarrow 0$. We write

$$f(t) = \left(\sum_1^n + \sum_{n+1}^\infty \right) b_\nu \sin \nu t = U_1(t) + U_2(t),$$

say, where $n = [\epsilon^{-1}t^{-1}]$. Now, employing (3.2), (3.3) and (3.5)

$$\begin{aligned} (3.6) \quad |U_2(t)| &< t^{-1} \pi \left(\sum_{n+1}^\infty |b_\nu - b_{\nu+1}| + |b_{n+1}| \right) \\ &= t^{-1} O(n^{-1}) = \epsilon O(1). \end{aligned}$$

As to $U_1(t)$, we have

$$U_1 = \sum_1^n \nu b_\nu \frac{\sin \nu t}{\nu} = \sum_1^{n-1} v_n \Delta_\nu + v_n \frac{\sin nt}{n},$$

where

$$v_n = \sum_1^n \nu b_\nu, \quad \Delta_n = \Delta \frac{\sin nt}{n} = \frac{\sin nt}{n} - \frac{\sin (n+1)t}{n+1}.$$

We have

$$\Delta_n = \int_0^t (\Delta \cos nx) dx = R \int_0^t z^n (1-z) dx, \quad z = e^{ix},$$

hence

$$|\Delta_n| < \int_0^t |1-z| dx < t^2,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (3.7) \quad |U_1(t)| &< t^2 \sum_1^n |v_\nu| + n^{-1} |v_n| \\ &< \epsilon^{-2} n^{-1} \sum_1^n \nu^{-1} |v_\nu| + n^{-1} |v_n| \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $t \downarrow 0$, by (3.4).

Now (3.6) and (3.7) yield

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} |f(t)| \leq \epsilon;$$

ϵ being arbitrary, we get $f(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow 0$. In view of (3.3) uniform convergence now follows from Theorem II.

We remark that under the assumptions of Theorem 3 the sequence $\{nb_n\}$ need not have a limit. This is seen from the example

$$nb_n = 1 \text{ for } n = 2^\nu, \nu = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad b_n = 0 \text{ otherwise.}$$

Moreover in this case $b_n \geq 0$ and $\sum b_n$ is convergent.

On the other hand for the example $\sum_2^\infty (-1)^n \sin(2n-1)t/n \log n$, $nb_n \rightarrow 0$, $\sum b_n$ converges, yet the series is divergent for $t = \pi/2$. Of course (1.8) is not satisfied, but $\sum_n^{2n} |b_n| = O(1/\log n)$.

4. Proof of Theorem 4. We shall employ the following lemma.

LEMMA 1. *Suppose that $B_n \geq 0$, that for some $q \geq 0$*

$$(4.1) \quad B_{n+1} \leq (1 + q/n)B_n, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

and that the sequence $\{B_n\}$ is Abel summable to B ; then $B_n \rightarrow B$.

This is Lemma 5 of my paper [2]. Note that the inequalities $B_n \geq 0$ and (4.1) need only be satisfied for all large n , $n \geq n_0$, say. For the sequence $B'_n = B_{n_0}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots, n_0$, $B'_n = B_n$, $n > n_0$, satisfies the assumptions of the lemma, hence $\lim B_n = \lim B'_n$ exists.

Now for $nb_n + p = B_n$, from (1.9)

$$(4.2) \quad (1 - r) \sum B_n r^n \rightarrow p \text{ as } r \uparrow 1;$$

from (1.10) and (1.11)

$$(4.3) \quad 0 \leq B_{n+1} \leq (1 + q/n)B_n, \text{ for all large } n.$$

Lemma 1 now yields

$$(4.4) \quad B_n \rightarrow p, \text{ that is } nb_n \rightarrow 0.$$

From (4.3)

$$(4.5) \quad (B_{n+1} - B_n) \leq n^{-1}qB_n, \text{ for } n \geq n_0, \text{ say.}$$

Write $\sum_n^{2n} (B_{\nu+1} - B_\nu) = \sum' + \sum''$, where \sum' is the sum of the positive terms, and \sum'' the rest. From (4.4) and (4.5), $\sum' = O(1)$; furthermore

$$B_{2n+1} - B_n = \sum' + \sum'' = \sum' - |\sum''|,$$

hence $|\sum''| = B_n - B_{2n+1} + \sum' = O(1)$. It now follows that

$$\sum_n^{2n} |B_{\nu+1} - B_\nu| = \sum' + |\sum''| = O(1);$$

this and (4.4) yield (1.8). Our theorem now follows from Theorem 3.

If we replace (1.9) by the assumption (A) $\lim nb_n = \rho$, then the trigonometric series

$$\sum (b_n - \rho n^{-1}) \sin nt = \sum \beta_n \sin nt$$

satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 4, hence it is uniformly convergent, and we get $nb_n \rightarrow \rho$, and

$$(4.6) \quad \sum b_n \sin nt \rightarrow \pi\rho/2 \quad \text{as } t \downarrow 0.$$

Combined with Theorem 3 of our paper [2] we get the theorem.

THEOREM 5. *If (4.2) holds then a necessary and sufficient condition that (4.6) holds is $nb_n \rightarrow \rho$.*

For b_n positive and decreasing, $\rho = 0$, the result is due to Chaundy and Jolliffe, for $\rho \neq 0$ to Hardy. For references see [2].

5. The cosine series. We shall next prove the theorem:

THEOREM 6. *Suppose that*

$$(5.1) \quad \sum_n^{2n} |a_\nu - a_{\nu+1}| = O(n^{-1}),$$

and that $\sum a_n$ is Abel summable, then $\sum a_n \cos nt$ is uniformly convergent.

Using Abel's formula

$$(5.2) \quad \sum_n^m a_\nu \cos \nu t = \sum_n^{m-1} (a_\nu - a_{\nu+1}) \gamma_\nu(t) + a_m \gamma_m(t) - a_n \gamma_{n-1}(t),$$

where

$$\gamma_n(t) = \frac{\sin(n + 1/2)t}{2 \sin(t/2)}.$$

As in §3 it follows from (5.1) that $\lim a_n$ exists, and now Abel summability of $\sum a_n$ implies that $a_n \rightarrow 0$. Furthermore

$$(5.3) \quad \sum_1^\infty |a_n - a_{n+1}| < \infty, \quad \sum_n^\infty |a_\nu - a_{\nu+1}| = O(n^{-1}), \quad na_n = O(1).$$

Hence, by a theorem of Littlewood, $\sum a_n$ converges.

Now (5.2) yields uniform convergence of $\sum a_n \cos nt$ in $\epsilon \leq t \leq \pi$, $\epsilon > 0$. Let

$$\sum_1^{\infty} a_n \cos nt = \phi(t), \quad 0 < t \leq \pi.$$

We write

$$\sum_1^{\infty} a_\nu \cos \nu t = \sum_1^n + \sum_{n+1}^{\infty} = V_1(t) + V_2(t),$$

say, where $n = [\epsilon^{-1}t^{-1}]$. Now from (5.2)

$$V_2(t) = \sum_{n+1}^{\infty} (a_\nu - a_{\nu+1})\gamma_\nu(t) - a_{n+1}\gamma_n(t),$$

hence

$$(5.4) \quad |V_2(t)| < t^{-1}\pi \left(|a_{n+1}| + \sum_{n+1}^{\infty} |a_\nu - a_{\nu+1}| \right) \\ = t^{-1}O(n^{-1}) = \epsilon O(1).$$

To estimate V_1 put $\sum_n^{\infty} a_\nu = r_n$, then $r_1 = s$, and

$$V_1 = s \cos t - r_{n+1} \cos nt + 2 \sum_2^n r_\nu \sin(t/2) \sin(\nu + 1/2)t,$$

hence

$$(5.5) \quad |V_1(t) - s \cos t| \leq |r_{n+1}| + t \sum_2^n |r_\nu| \\ \leq |r_{n+1}| + \epsilon^{-1}n^{-1} \sum_2^n |r_\nu| = \epsilon^{-1}o(1)$$

as $t \rightarrow 0$. From (5.4) and (5.5) $\limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} |\phi(t) - s| \leq \epsilon$, ϵ being arbitrary, we get $\phi(t) \rightarrow s$, as $t \rightarrow 0$. Our theorem now follows from Theorem I. The example $\sum 2^{-n} \cos 2^n t$ shows that na_n need not have a limit.

Here is an alternative proof for the continuity of $\phi(t)$ at $t=0$:
From (5.2)

$$\phi(t) = -a_1/2 + 2^{-1} \sum_1^{\infty} (a_n - a_{n+1}) \cos nt \\ + 2^{-1} \cos(t/2) \sum_1^{\infty} (a_n - a_{n+1}) \frac{\sin nt}{\sin(t/2)};$$

clearly $\sum (a_n - a_{n+1}) \cos nt$ is uniformly convergent. Furthermore

$$\sum_1^{\infty} (a_n - a_{n+1}) \sin nt = \sum_1^{\infty} n(a_n - a_{n+1}) \frac{\sin nt}{n} = \sum_1^{\infty} a_n' \frac{\sin nt}{n},$$

where

$$a'_n = n(a_n - a_{n+1}), \quad \sum_n^{2n} |a'_v| = O(1), \quad \text{by (5.1).}$$

Now $\sum_1^n a'_v = \sum_1^{n+1} a_v - (n+1)a_{n+1}$; $\sum a_n$ being convergent, it follows that $n^{-1} \sum_1^n \nu a_v \rightarrow 0$, and $\sum a'_n$ is $(C, 1)$ summable to s , hence by Theorem 4 of our paper [3]

$$\sum_1^\infty a'_n \frac{\sin nt}{nt} \rightarrow \sum_1^\infty a_n = s, \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

Thus $\phi(t)$ is continuous at $t=0$.

Theorems 3 and 6 combined yield the theorem:

THEOREM 7. *Suppose that*

$$\sum_n^{2n} |c_v - c_{v+1}| = O(n^{-1}) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

and that $\sum c_n$ is Abel summable; then the power series $\sum c_n z^n$ is uniformly convergent in the circle $|z| \leq 1$.

It suffices to consider the circle $|z|=1$; suppose first that the c_n are real. The uniform convergence of $\sum c_n \cos nt$ follows from Theorem 6; it also follows that $n^{-1} \sum_1^n \nu c_v \rightarrow 0$, and Theorem 3 now yields the uniform convergence of $\sum c_n \sin nt$. If the c_n are complex, $c_n = a_n + ib_n$, then apply the result just obtained to $\sum a_n z^n, \sum b_n z^n$. This proves Theorem 7.

6. Further theorems on cosine series. Our next theorem is:

THEOREM 8. *Suppose that for some constants $p \geq 0$ and $q \geq 0$*

$$(6.1) \quad 0 \leq (n+1)s_{n+1} - ns_n + p \leq (1+q/n)[ns_n - (n-1)s_{n-1} + p],$$

$s_n = \sum_1^n a_v$, and that $\sum a_n$ is Abel summable; then $na_n \rightarrow 0$, and $\sum a_n \cos nt$ is uniformly convergent.

Put $ns_n - (n-1)s_{n-1} + p = \delta_n = s_n + (n-1)a_n + p, s_0 = 0$, then $\sum_1^n \delta_v = n(s_n + p) \geq 0, s_n \geq -p$, hence by a well known theorem of Tauberian type $\sum a_n$ is $(C, 1)$ summable, thus the sequence $\{\delta_n\}$ is $(C, 2)$ summable. This and $0 \leq \delta_{n+1} \leq (1+q/n)\delta_n$ imply by Lemma 1 that $\lim \delta_n$ exists, $\delta_n \rightarrow \delta$, say. It follows that $n^{-1} \sum_1^n \delta_v = s_n + p \rightarrow \delta$, or $s_n \rightarrow \delta - p = s$, and now

$$(6.2) \quad na_n = \delta_n - s_n + a_n - p \rightarrow 0.$$

Next from (6.1)

$$(6.3) \quad \delta_{n+1} - \delta_n \leq (q/n)\delta_n,$$

furthermore

$$(6.4) \quad D_n = \sum_n^{2n} (\delta_{\nu+1} - \delta_\nu) = \delta_{2n+1} - \delta_n = O(1).$$

Write $D_n = D' + D''$, where D' denotes the sum of positive terms, $D'' = D_n - D'$. From (6.3)

$$0 \leq D' \leq q \sum_n^{2n} \nu^{-1} \delta_\nu = O(1),$$

and now from (6.4), $|D''| = O(1)$, hence

$$\sum_n^{2n} |\delta_{\nu+1} - \delta_\nu| = O(1).$$

Also $\delta_{\nu+1} - \delta_\nu = (\nu+1)(a_{\nu+1} - a_\nu) + 2a_\nu$, thus

$$\sum_n^{2n} \nu |a_{\nu+1} - a_\nu| \leq O(1) + 2 \sum_n^{2n} |a_\nu|.$$

But from (6.2), $\sum_n^{2n} |a_\nu| = O(1)$, hence

$$\sum_n^{2n} |a_{\nu+1} - a_\nu| = O(n^{-1}).$$

Our theorem now follows from Theorem 6.

We next prove the following analogue to Lemma 1:

LEMMA 2. Suppose that $B_n \geq 0$ for $n > n_0$, that for some $q > 0$

$$(6.5) \quad B_{n+1} \geq (1 - q/n)B_n, \quad n > n_0,$$

and that (A) $\lim B_n = B$; then $B_n \rightarrow B$.

We may assume that $q/n < 1$ for $n > n_0$; then from (6.5)

$$\sum_n^{n+k} B_\nu \geq B_n \sum_{\nu=0}^k (1 - q/n)^\nu = \frac{nB_n}{q} \{1 - (1 - q/n)^{k+1}\}, \quad n > n_0,$$

hence

$$(6.6) \quad B_n \leq \frac{q}{n} (B'_{n+k} - B'_{n-1}) \{1 - (1 - q/n)^{k+1}\}^{-1}, \quad \text{where}$$

$$B'_n = \sum_1^n B_\nu.$$

Choose $\kappa = [\delta n]$, where $\delta > 0$; from Abel summability and from $B_n \geq 0$, it follows that $n^{-1}B'_n \rightarrow B$. Now from (6.6)

$$\limsup B_n \leq \frac{q\delta B}{1 - \exp(-q\delta)} ;$$

letting $\delta \downarrow 0$, we get

$$\limsup B_n \leq B.$$

Similarly for $n - \kappa > n_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\nu=0}^{\kappa} B_{n-\nu} &\leq B_n \sum_{\nu=0}^{\kappa} \left(1 - \frac{q}{n - \kappa}\right)^{-\nu} \\ &= \frac{n - \kappa}{q} B_n \left(1 - \frac{q}{n - \kappa}\right) \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{q}{n - \kappa}\right)^{-(\kappa+1)} - 1 \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$B_n \geq (q/(n - \kappa - q))(B'_n - B'_{n-\kappa-1}) \{ (1 - q/(n - \kappa))^{-(\kappa+1)} - 1 \}^{-1}.$$

Let now $\kappa = [n\delta]$, $0 < \delta < 1$, then

$$\liminf B_n \geq \frac{q\delta}{1 - \delta} B \left(\exp \frac{q\delta}{1 - \delta} - 1 \right)^{-1},$$

and $\delta \downarrow 0$ yields $\liminf B_n \geq B$. This proves the lemma.

THEOREM 9. *Suppose that for some constants $p \geq 0, q \geq 0$,*

$$(6.7) \quad \begin{aligned} (n + 1)s_{n+1} - ns_n + p \\ \geq (1 - q/n)[ns_n - (n - 1)s_{n-1} + p] \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

and that (A) $\lim s_n = s$ exists. Then $na_n \rightarrow 0$ and $\sum a_n \cos nt$ is uniformly convergent.

As in the proof of Theorem 8, $s_n \geq -p$, hence $\sum a_n$ is $(C, 1)$ summable; then by Lemma 2, $\delta_n \rightarrow \delta, na_n \rightarrow 0$. Next from (6.7)

$$(6.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \delta_{n+1} - \delta_n &\geq -qn^{-1}\delta_n, \quad \text{and} \\ D_n &= \sum_n^{2n} (\delta_{\nu+1} - \delta_\nu) = \delta_{2n+1} - \delta_n = O(1). \end{aligned}$$

Write $D_n = D' + D''$, where D' denotes the sum of negative terms, $D'' = D_n - D'$. From (6.8), $0 \geq D' \geq -q \sum_n^{2n} \nu^{-1} \delta_\nu$, hence $D' = O(1)$, and $D'' = O(1)$; hence $\sum_n^{2n} |\delta_{\nu+1} - \delta_\nu| = O(1)$. The remaining part is the same as in the proof of Theorem 8.

7. Closing remarks. The assumption of Lemma 1 can be written as $0 \leq B_{n+1} \leq (n+q)/nB_n$, or $0 \leq (\Gamma(n+q)/\Gamma(n))B_{n+1} \leq (\Gamma(n+q+1)/\Gamma(n+1))B_n$, that is, $\Gamma(n)B_n/\Gamma(n+q)$ is decreasing. A similar lemma was proved by Hardy; for reference see [2]. Again in Lemma 2 the assumption is $B_{n+1} \geq (n-q)/nB_n \geq 0$, or

$$(\Gamma(n-q)/\Gamma(n))B_{n+1} \geq (\Gamma(n-q+1)/\Gamma(n+1))B_n \geq 0,$$

that is, $\Gamma(n)B_n/\Gamma(n-q)$ is increasing. The larger q the more general is the condition.

The differences $(n+1)s_{n+1} - ns_n = \tau_{n+1}$ are the $(C, -1)$ means of the series $\sum a_n$, that is, $s_n = n^{-1} \sum_1^n \tau_v$ ($\tau_1 = s_1$). The condition (6.1) may be written as

$$-(\tau_n + p) \leq \tau_{n+1} - \tau_n \leq (q/n)(\tau_n + p).$$

If it holds for some p , then it clearly holds for any $p' > p$. Similarly (6.7) becomes

$$\tau_{n+1} - \tau_n \geq -(q/n)(\tau_n + p) \geq -(\tau_n + p),$$

and here too p may be replaced by any $p' > p$. Clearly summability $(C, -1)$ of the series $\sum a_n$ is equivalent to convergence together with $na_n \rightarrow 0$.

We have seen that the first inequality of (6.1) and Abel summability of $\sum a_n$ imply $(C, 2)$ summability of the sequence $\{\tau_n\}$; it follows from a theorem of Tauberian type that $\sum a_n$ converges. It is an open question whether this and $\tau_n \geq -p$, $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$, imply uniform convergence of $\sum a_n \cos nt$ at $t=0$. Theorem IV asserts that this is the case if $\sum a_n \cos nt$ is the Fourier series of a function continuous at $t=0$. However it is doubtful whether even $(C, -1)$ summability of $\sum a_n$ itself implies uniform convergence of $\sum a_n \cos nt$, or continuity of the corresponding function at $t=0$.

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