

112. On Fourier Constants.

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G. H. Hardy¹⁾ proved the following theorem :

(A) If $\{a_n\}$ are the Fourier constants of a function of L_p ($p \geq 1$), then $\{(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k)/n\}$ are also the Fourier constants of a function of L_p .

Recently T. Kawata²⁾ has proved a dual form of (A), that is :

(B) If $\{a_n\}$ are the Fourier sine constants of a function of L_p ($p > 1$), then $\{\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k/k\}$ are also the Fourier sine constants of a function of L_p . Moreover if $\{a_n\}$ are the Fourier sine constants of a function of L_x , then $\{\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k/k\}$ are the Fourier sine constants of a function of L .

In the present note the author considers the case of cosine constants and completes (B) in the following form.

Theorem 1. If $\{a_n\}$ are the Fourier constants of a function L_p ($p > 1$), then $\{\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k/k\}$ are also the Fourier constants of a function of L_p . Moreover if $\{a_n\}$ are the Fourier constants of a function of L_x , then $\{\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k/k\}$ are the Fourier constants of a function of L .

The method of proof is analogous to that of Kawata, but is somewhat delicate.

Proof of the case L_p . It is sufficient to prove the theorem for pure cosine series without constant term, that is $\int_0^\pi f(x)dx = 0$.

Let

$$(1) \quad f(x) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos kx, \quad f(x) \in L_p,$$

$$(2) \quad g(x) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \cos kx,$$

then $g(x) \in L_r$ for all $r \geq 1$ by the Hausdorff-Young theorem.

By Parseval's relation³⁾, we have

$$(3) \quad \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f(x)g(x)dx - \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f(x) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{\cos kx}{k} dx.$$

The left-hand side series is summable (C, 1), and further in this case it converges as $f(x) \in L_p$.

1) G. H. Hardy, *Messenger of Math.*, **58** (1928), 50-52.

2) T. Kawata, *Proc.* **20** (1944), 218-222.

3) A. Zygmund, *Trigonometrical series*, (1935), 88.

Let $\int_0^x f(t)dt = F(x)$, then $F(\pi) = 0$.

Since $g(x) = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1}{2(1-\cos x)}$,

and $\lim_{x \rightarrow +0} \left(\log \frac{1}{x} \right) \int_0^x f(t)dt = \lim_{x \rightarrow +0} \left(\log \frac{1}{x} \right) \cdot x \int_0^x |f(t)|^p dx = 0$,

the right-hand side of (3) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2}{\pi} \left[F(x)g(x) \right]_0^\pi + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi F(x) \frac{1}{2} \cot \frac{x}{2} dx - \frac{2}{\pi} \left[F(x) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{\cos kx}{k} \right]_0^\pi \\ & \quad - \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi F(x) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin kx dx \\ & = \frac{2}{\pi} \left\{ \int_0^\pi F(x) \frac{1}{2} \cot \frac{x}{2} dx - \int_0^\pi F(x) \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}x - \cos \left(n - \frac{1}{2} \right)x}{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}x} dx \right\} \\ & = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi F(x) \frac{\cos \left(n - \frac{1}{2} \right)x}{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}x} dx \\ & = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi F(x) \frac{1}{2} \cot \frac{1}{2}x \cos nx dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi F(x) \sin nx dx. \end{aligned}$$

Since $F(x) \frac{1}{2} \cot \frac{1}{2}x \in L_p$ and $\int_0^\pi F(x) \sin nx dx = 0 (n^{-1})$, we get the first part of the theorem.

Proof of the case L_λ . For every $\lambda < 1/e$, $e^{1/\lambda} \in L^4$. Since L_λ and $L_{\exp, \lambda}$ are Young's complementary classes, (3) is still valid and convergency is assured by the Hardy-Littlewood theorem⁵.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +0} \left(\log \frac{1}{x} \right) \int_0^x f(t)dt = 0$$

follows from the inequality⁶

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\log \frac{1}{x} \right) \int_0^x |f(t)| dt & \leq \int_0^x |f(t)| \log \frac{1}{t} dt \leq 2 \int_0^x |f| \log^+ |f| dt + \frac{4\sqrt{x}}{e}, \\ & (|x| < 1). \end{aligned}$$

And that $F(x)/x \in L$ is nothing but the maximal theorem of Hardy-Littlewood. Thus we complete the proof of the theorem.

Remark. There exist Fourier cosine constants of a function L such as $\sum_{k=1}^\infty a_k/k = \infty$. $\sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{\sin nx}{(\log n)^2}$ is sine series of a function of L .

4) A. Zygmund, *T. S.*, 234.

5) A. Zygmund, *T. S.*, 138.

6) G. H. Hardy, J. E. Littlewood and G. Pólya, *Inequalities*, (1934), 168-169.

As $\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k(\log k)^2} \sim \int_x^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t(\log t)^2} = \frac{1}{\log x} \sim \frac{1}{\log n}$, $\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k(\log k)^2}$ cannot be sine constants⁷⁾. Thus our theorem is best possible in a sense.

In the Fourier integral we get analogous theorem by Titchmarsh's argument⁸⁾.

Theorem 2. If $F(x)$ is the transform of $f(x) \in L_p$ ($1 < p \leq 2$), then $\int_x^{\infty} \frac{F(t)}{t} dt$ is the transform of $\frac{1}{x} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) dt$ which belongs to L_p .

7) A. Zygmund, *T. S.*, 112.

8) E. C. Titchmarsh, *Introduction to the theory of Fourier integrals*, (1937), 98.