

153. Absolute Summability by Logarithmic Method of Fourier Series

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1. Introduction and Theorems.

1.1. Let $\sum a_n$ be an infinite series and (s_n) be the sequence of partial sums. If the function

$$(1) \quad L(x) = \frac{-1}{\log(1-x)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{s_n x^n}{n}$$

is of bounded variation on an interval $(c, 1)$, then the series $\sum a_n$ is said to be absolutely summable by logarithmic method or $|L|$ -summable (see [1] and [2]).

Let f be an even integrable function with period 2π and its Fourier series be $\sum a_n \cos nx$. R. Mohanty and J. N. Patnaik [2] have proved the following

Theorem 1. *If the function*

$$(2) \quad \frac{1}{t \log(2\pi/t)} \int_t^\pi \frac{f(u) du}{2 \sin u/2} = \frac{g(t)}{t \log(2\pi/t)}$$

is integrable in the interval $(0, \pi)$, then the Fourier series of f is $|L|$ -summable at the origin.

Our first object of this paper is to give an alternative proof of this theorem.

1.2. Let (p_n) be a sequence of non-negative numbers such that

$$p(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n x^n < \infty \quad \text{for } 0 < x < 1.$$

If the function

$$(3) \quad P(x) = \frac{1}{p(x)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n s_n x^n$$

is of bounded variation on an interval $(c, 1)$ ($0 < c < 1$), then we say that the series $\sum a_n$ is absolutely Perron summable or $|P|$ -summable. According as $p_1=1$ or $p_n=1/n$, then $|P|$ -summability reduces to $|A|$ -summability or $|L|$ -summability, respectively.

Theorem 1 is generalized as follows:

Theorem 2. *Suppose that (i) the sequence $(n p_n)$ is of bounded variation and that (ii) there is an a , $0 < a < 1$, such that*

$$(4) \quad (1-x)^a p(x) \downarrow \quad \text{as } x \uparrow 1.$$

If $g(t)/t p(1-t)$ is integrable in the interval $(0, \pi)$, then the Fourier series of f is $|P|$ -summable at the origin.

From the proof of Theorem 2, we can see that the condition (i) may be replaced by that

$$p'(z) = O(1/|1-z|), \quad p''(z) = O(1/|1-z|^2) \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow 1$$

where $z = xe^{it}$ and $p(z) = \sum p_n z^n$.

If $p_n = 1/n$, then Theorem 2 reduces to Theorem 1.

2. Proof of Theorems.

2.1. Proof of Theorem 1.

Let s_n be the n th partial sum of Fourier series of f at the origin, then

$$(6) \quad \frac{\pi}{2} s_n = \int_0^\pi f(t) \frac{\sin(n+1/2)t}{2 \sin t/2} dt = (n+1/2) \int_0^\pi g(t) \cos(n+1/2)t dt$$

where $g(t)$ is defined by (2). By the definition (1),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi}{2} L(x) &= \frac{-1}{\log(1-x)} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left(1 + \frac{1}{2n}\right) x^n \int_0^\pi g(t) \cos(n+1/2)t dt \\ &= \frac{-1}{\log(1-x)} \int_0^\pi g(t) \left(\sum_{n=1}^\infty x^n \cos(n+1/2)t\right) dt \\ &\quad + \frac{-1}{2 \log(1-x)} \int_0^\pi g(t) \left(\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{x^n \cos(n+1/2)t}{n}\right) dt \\ &= M(x) + N(x). \end{aligned}$$

We shall first prove that $M(x)$ is of bounded variation on the interval $(c, 1)$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^\infty x^n \cos(n+1/2)t &= \Re \left(\sum_{n=1}^\infty x^n e^{i(n+1/2)t} \right) \\ &= \Re \left(e^{it/2} \sum_{n=1}^\infty x^n e^{int} \right) = \Re(xe^{3it/2}/(1-xe^{it})) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$|1-xe^{it}|^2 = (1-x \cos t)^2 + x^2 \sin^2 t = (1-x)^2 + 4 \sin^2 t/2,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_c^1 |M'(x)| dx &\leq \int_0^\pi |g(t)| dt \int_c^1 \left| \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{(1-xe^{it}) \log(1-x)} \right) \right| dx \\ &= \int_0^\pi |g(t)| dt \int_c^1 \left| \frac{1}{(1-xe^{it})^2 \log(1-x)} + \frac{x}{(1-x)(1-xe^{it})(\log(1-x))^2} \right| dx \\ &\leq A \int_0^\pi |g(t)| dt \left(-\int_c^{1-t} \frac{dx}{(1-x)^2 \log(1-x)} - \frac{1}{t^2} \int_{1-t}^1 \frac{dx}{\log(1-x)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{t} \int_{1-t}^1 \frac{dx}{(1-x)(\log(1-x))^2} \right) \leq A \int_0^\pi \frac{|g(t)|}{t \log(2\pi/t)} dt \leq A. \end{aligned}$$

Concerning $N(x)$,

$$\begin{aligned} N'(x) &= \frac{-1}{2 \log(1-x)} \int_0^\pi g(t) \left(\sum_{n=1}^\infty x^{n-1} \cos(n+1/2)t \right) dt \\ &\quad + \frac{-1}{(1-x)(\log(1-x))^2} \int_0^\pi g(t) dt \int_0^x \left(\sum_{n=1}^\infty u^{n-1} \cos(n+1/2)t \right) du \end{aligned}$$

and then the total variation of $N(x)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_c^1 |N'(x)| dx &\leq \int_c^1 \frac{dx}{|\log(1-x)|} \int_0^\pi \frac{|g(t)|}{|1-xe^{it}|} dt \\ &\quad + \int_c^1 \frac{dx}{(1-x)(\log(1-x))^2} \int_0^\pi |g(t)| dt \int_0^x \frac{du}{|1-ue^{it}|} \\ &\leq A \int_0^\pi |g(t)| dt \left(\int_c^1 \frac{dx}{|1-xe^{it}| |\log(1-x)|} + A \right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus the theorem is proved.

2.2. Proof of Theorem 2.

By (3) and (6),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi}{2} P(x) &= \frac{1}{p(x)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1/2) p_n x^n \int_0^\pi g(t) \cos(n+1/2)t dt \\ &= \frac{1}{p(x)} \int_0^\pi g(t) \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1/2) p_n x^n \cos(n+1/2)t \right) dt. \end{aligned}$$

We put $p(z) = \sum p_n z^n$, for complex z , then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1/2) p_n x^n \cos(n+1/2)t = \Re \left(x e^{it/2} p'(x e^{it}) + \frac{1}{2} e^{it/2} p(x e^{it}) \right)$$

where ' denotes the differentiation with respect to x . Hence

$$\int_c^1 |P'(x)| dx \leq \int_0^\pi |g(t)| dt \int_c^1 \left| \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x p'(x e^{it}) + p(x e^{it})/2}{p(x)} \right) \right| dx.$$

It is enough to prove that

$$(7) \quad \int_c^1 \left| \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x p'(x e^{it}) + p(x e^{it})/2}{p(x)} \right) \right| dx = \int_c^1 |q(x)| dx \leq \frac{A}{tp(1-t)},$$

where

$$q(x) = \frac{(1 + e^{it}/2)p'(x e^{it}) + x e^{it} p''(x e^{it})}{p(x)} - \frac{(x p'(x e^{it}) + p(x e^{it})/2)/p'(x)}{(p(x))^2}.$$

By the condition (4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_c^{1-t} \frac{|p'(x e^{it})|}{p(x)} dx &\leq \int_c^{1-t} \frac{dx}{(1-x)p(x)} \leq \frac{A}{t^a p(1-t)} \int_c^{1-t} \frac{dx}{(1-x)^{1-a}} \leq \frac{A}{p(1-t)}, \\ \int_c^{1-t} \frac{|p''(x e^{it})|}{p(x)} dx &\leq A \int_c^{1-t} \frac{dx}{(1-x)^2 p(x)} \\ &\quad + A \int_c^{1-t} \frac{dx}{(1-x)p(x) \log 1/x} \leq \frac{A}{tp(1-t)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_c^{1-t} \frac{|x p'(x e^{it}) + p(x e^{it})/2| |p'(x)|}{(p(x))^2} dx &\leq A \int_c^{1-t} \frac{p'(x)}{(1-x)(p(x))^2} dx \\ &\leq \frac{A}{t^a p(1-t)} \int_c^{1-t} \frac{dx}{(1-x)^{2-a}} \leq \frac{A}{tp(1-t)}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining above three inequalities, we get

$$(8) \quad \int_c^{1-t} |q(x)| dx \leq \frac{A}{tp(1-t)}.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$(9) \quad p'(xe^{it}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} np_n x^{n-1} e^{int} = e^{it} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Delta(np_n) \frac{1-x^n e^{int}}{1-xe^{it}} \\ + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (np_n) \frac{e^{it}}{1-xe^{it}}$$

and

$$(10) \quad p''(xe^{it}) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)p_n x^{n-2} e^{int} \\ = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \Delta(np_n) \sum_{m=2}^n (m-1)x^{m-2} e^{imt} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} np_n \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (m-1)x^{m-2} e^{imt} \\ = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \Delta(np_n) \frac{d}{dx} \left(\sum_{m=1}^n x^{m-1} e^{imt} \right) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} np_n \frac{d}{dx} \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} x^{m-1} e^{imt} \right) \\ = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \Delta(np_n) \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1-x^n e^{int}}{1-xe^{it}} \right) e^{it} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} np_n \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{e^{it}}{1-xe^{it}} \right) \\ = e^{it} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \Delta(np_n) \left(\frac{(1-x^n e^{int})e^{it}}{(1-xe^{it})^2} - \frac{nx^{n-1}e^{int}}{1-xe^{it}} \right) \\ + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} np_n \frac{e^{2it}}{(1-xe^{it})^2}.$$

By positivity of p_n , (9) and (10), we get

$$\int_{1-t}^1 \frac{|p'(xe^{it})|}{p(x)} dx \leq \frac{1}{p(1-t)} \int_{1-t}^1 |p'(xe^{it})| dx \leq \frac{A}{p(1-t)} \\ \int_{1-t}^1 \frac{|p''(xe^{it})|}{p(x)} dx \leq \frac{1}{p(1-t)} \int_{1-t}^1 |p''(xe^{it})| dx \leq \frac{A}{tp(1-t)}$$

and

$$\int_{1-t}^1 \frac{|xp'(xe^{it}) + p(xe^{it})/2|}{(p(x))^2} p'(x) dx \leq \frac{A}{t} \int_{1-t}^1 \left| \left(\frac{1}{p(x)} \right)' \right| dx \leq \frac{A}{tp(1-t)}.$$

Combining above three estimations, we get

$$(11) \quad \int_{1-t}^1 |q(x)| dx \leq \frac{A}{tp(1-t)}.$$

The inequalities (8) and (11) give the required inequality (7). Thus Theorem 2 is proved.

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