

## 111. Uniform Convergence of Fourier Series

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J. P. Nash<sup>1)</sup> has proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** *If  $f(x)$  is of class  $\phi(n)$  with bounded  $\phi'(n)$  and is continuous with modulus of continuity  $\omega(\delta)$ , then there exist positive constants  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  independent of  $f(x)$  such that*

$$|s_n(x) - f(x)| \leq \omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \left[ A \log \theta(n) + B \frac{n}{\phi(n)} \right] + \frac{C}{\theta(n)},$$

where  $\theta(n)$  is monotone increasing and

$$1 \leq \theta(n) \leq \phi(n); \quad 1 \leq \frac{\theta(n+1)}{\theta(n)} \leq \frac{\phi(n+1)}{\phi(n)}.$$

In this theorem, a function  $f(x)$  is said to be of class  $\phi(n)$  if

$$\phi(n) \int_a^b f(x+t) \cos nt \, dt = O(1)$$

uniformly for all  $x, n, a, b$  with  $b-a \leq 2\pi$ .

We shall prove the following generalization which contains the Dini-Lipschitz test as a particular case.

**Theorem 2.** *If  $f(x)$  is of class  $\phi(n)$ ,  $\phi(n)$  being  $O(n)$ ,<sup>2)</sup> and is continuous with modulus of continuity  $\omega(\delta)$ , then there exist positive constants  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  independent of  $f(x)$  such that*

$$(1) \quad |s_n(x) - f(x)| \leq \omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \left[ A \log \theta(n) + B \log \frac{n}{\phi(n)} \right] + \frac{C}{\theta(n)},$$

where  $\theta(n)$  is monotone increasing and  $1 \leq \theta(n) \leq \phi(n)$ .

**Proof.** It is sufficient to prove (1) for

$$s_n^*(x) - f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi [f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)] \frac{\sin nt}{2 \tan t/2} dt.$$

We divide the integral into three parts such that

$$\begin{aligned} s_n^*(x) - f(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_0^{\alpha/\phi(n)} + \int_{\alpha/\phi(n)}^{\beta\theta(n)/\phi(n)} + \int_{\beta\theta(n)/\phi(n)}^\pi \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} [I + J + K] \end{aligned}$$

1) J. P. Nash: Uniform convergence of Fourier series, The Rice Institute Pamphlet (1953).

In this paper we use the notation in Zygmund, Trigonometrical series, 1936.

2) As J. P. Nash shows, the assumption  $\phi(n) = O(n)$  does not lose generality.

say, where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the least numbers  $\geq 1$  such that  $\alpha n/\pi\phi(n)$  and  $\beta n\theta(n)/\pi\phi(n)$  are odd integers. Then<sup>3)</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^{\alpha/\beta\langle n \rangle} [f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)] \frac{\sin nt}{2 \tan t/2} dt \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\{\alpha n/\pi\phi(n)\}-1} \int_{k\pi/n}^{(k+1)\pi/n} [f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)] \frac{\sin nt}{2 \tan t/2} dt \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\alpha\gamma} \int_{\pi/n}^{2\pi/n} (-1)^{k-1} \left[ f\left(x+t+\frac{k-1}{n}\pi\right) + f\left(x-t-\frac{k-1}{n}\pi\right) - 2f(x) \right] \\ &\qquad \qquad \qquad \cdot \frac{\sin nt}{2 \tan t/2} dt \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{(\alpha\gamma-3)/2} \int_{\pi/n}^{2\pi/n} \left[ \left\{ f\left(x+t+\frac{2k}{n}\pi\right) - f\left(x+t+\frac{2k+1}{n}\pi\right) \right\} \right. \\ &\qquad \qquad \qquad \left. - \left\{ f\left(x-t-\frac{2k}{n}\pi\right) - f\left(x-t-\frac{2k+1}{n}\pi\right) \right\} \right] \frac{\sin nt}{2 \tan(t+2k\pi/n)/2} dt \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=0}^{(\alpha\gamma-3)/2} \int_{\pi/n}^{2\pi/n} \left[ \left\{ f\left(x+t+\frac{2k+1}{n}\pi\right) - f(x) \right\} + \left\{ f\left(x-t-\frac{2k+1}{n}\pi\right) - f(x) \right\} \right] \\ &\qquad \qquad \qquad \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{2 \tan(t+2k\pi/n)/2} - \frac{1}{2 \tan(t+(2k+1)\pi/n)/2} \right] \sin nt dt \\ &= I_1 + I_2 \end{aligned}$$

say, where for the sake of brevity we put  $\gamma = n/\pi\phi(n)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1| &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{(\alpha\gamma-3)/2} \int_{\pi/n}^{2\pi/n} \left[ \frac{|f(x+t+2k\pi/n) - f(x+t+(2k+1)\pi/n)|}{t+2k\pi/n} \right. \\ &\qquad \qquad \qquad \left. + \frac{|f(x-t-2k\pi/n) - f(x-t-(2k+1)\pi/n)|}{t+2k\pi/n} \right] dt \\ &\leq 2\omega\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right) \sum_{k=0}^{(\alpha\gamma-3)/2} \frac{1}{(2k+1)\pi/n} \int_{\pi/n}^{2\pi/n} dt \leq 2\omega\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right) \sum_{k=1}^{\alpha\gamma-2} \frac{1}{k/n} \frac{1}{n} \\ &\leq 2\omega\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right) \log \frac{\alpha n}{\pi\phi(n)} \leq B_1 \omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \log \frac{n}{\phi(n)}; \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |I_2| &\leq \frac{\pi}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{(\alpha\gamma-3)/2} \int_{\pi/n}^{2\pi/n} \left[ \frac{|f(x+t+(2k+1)\pi/n) - f(x)|}{(t+2k\pi/n)^2} \right. \\ &\qquad \qquad \qquad \left. + \frac{|f(x-t-(2k+1)\pi/n) - f(x)|}{(t+2k\pi/n)^2} \right] dt \\ &\leq \frac{\pi}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{(\alpha\gamma-3)/2} \omega\left(\frac{2k+3}{n}\pi\right) \int_{\pi/n}^{2\pi/n} \frac{dt}{(t+2k\pi/n)^2} \leq \frac{B_2}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^{\alpha\gamma} \frac{\omega(k/n)}{(k/n)^2} \\ &= B_2 \omega(1/n) \sum_{k=1}^{\alpha\gamma} \frac{1}{k} \leq B_3 \omega(1/n) \log \frac{n}{\phi(n)}. \end{aligned}$$

3) Cf. R. Salem: Comptes Rendus, **207**, 662 (1938).

4)  $B_1, B_2$  and  $B_3$  are absolute constants.

Thus we have

$$|I| \leq B\omega(1/n) \log \frac{n}{\phi(n)},$$

where  $B$  is a positive constant independent of  $f(x)$ . Further

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \int_{\alpha/\beta(n)}^{\beta\theta(n)/\phi(n)} [f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)] \frac{\sin nt}{2 \tan t/2} dt \\ &= \sum_{k=\alpha n/\pi\beta(n)}^{\{\beta n\theta(n)/\pi\phi(n)\}-1} \int_{k\pi/n}^{(k+1)\pi/n} [f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)] \frac{\sin nt}{2 \tan t/2} dt \\ &= \int_{\pi/n}^{2\pi/n} \sum_{k=\alpha\tau-1}^{\beta\tau\theta(n)-2} (-1)^k [f(x+t+k\pi/n) + f(x-t-k\pi/n) - 2f(x)] \\ &\quad \cdot \frac{\sin nt}{2 \tan (t+k\pi/n)/2} dt. \end{aligned}$$

By using the first mean value theorem, we have

$$J = -\frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=\alpha\tau-1}^{\beta\tau\theta(n)-2} \frac{(-1)^k}{2 \tan (\xi+k\pi/n)/2} [f(x+k\pi/n+\xi) + f(x-k\pi/n-\xi) - 2f(x)],$$

where  $\pi/n \leq \xi \leq 2\pi/n$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |J| &\leq \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=\alpha\tau-1}^{\beta\tau\theta(n)-2} \frac{1}{2k+1} [ |f(x+\xi+2k\pi/n) - f(x+\xi+(2k+1)\pi/n)| \\ &\quad + |f(x-\xi-2k\pi/n) - f(x-\xi-(2k-1)\pi/n)| ] \\ &\leq A\omega(1/n) \log \theta(n), \end{aligned}$$

where  $A$  is a positive constant independent of  $f(x)$ .

We next prove that  $|K| \leq C/\phi(n)$ . By the second mean value theorem

$$\begin{aligned} |K| &= \left| \int_{\beta\theta(n)/\phi(n)}^{\pi} [f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)] \frac{\sin nt}{2 \tan t/2} dt \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\phi(n)}{\beta\theta(n)} \left| \int_{\beta\theta(n)/\phi(n)}^{\pi} [f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)] \sin nt dt \right|, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta\theta(n)/\phi(n) \leq \eta \leq \pi$ . Since  $\left| \int_a^b f(x+t) \sin nt dt \right| \leq C_1/\phi(n)$  for an absolute constant  $C_1$ ,

$$|K| \leq \frac{\phi(n)}{\beta\theta(n)} \frac{4C_1}{\phi(n)} = \frac{4C_1}{\beta\theta(n)}.$$

Thus there are positive constants  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  such that

$$|s^*(x) - f(x)| \leq \omega(1/n) \left[ A \log \theta(n) + B \log \frac{n}{\phi(n)} \right] + \frac{C}{\theta(n)},$$

and the theorem is therefore proved.

**Theorem 3.** *If  $f(x)$  is of class  $\phi(n)$ ,  $\phi(n)$  being  $O(n)$ , and is continuous with modulus of continuity  $\omega(\delta)$ , where  $\phi(n)$  satisfies  $\omega(1/n) \log n / \phi(n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and moreover if  $\theta(n)$  is monotone increasing to infinity, such that  $1 \leq \theta(n) \leq \phi(n)$  and  $\omega(1/n) \log \theta(n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  converges uniformly to  $f(x)$ .*

We may easily prove from Theorem 2

**Corollary 1 (Dini-Lipschitz).** *If  $f(x)$  is continuous and*

$$\omega(1/n) = o(1/\log n),$$

*then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  converges uniformly.*

For the proof it is sufficient to take  $\phi(n) = \theta(n) = \log n$  in Theorem 3.

**Corollary 2.** *If  $f(x)$  is continuous and*

$$\omega(1/n) = o(1/\log \log n),$$

$$\int_a^b f(x+t) \cos nt \, dt = O(\log n/n),$$

*uniformly in  $x, n, a, b$ , where  $b-a \leq 2\pi$ , then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  converges uniformly.*

For the proof it is sufficient to take  $\phi(n) = n/\log n$  and  $\theta(n) = \log n$  in Theorem 3.

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