

109. On the Inequalities of Erdős-Turán and Berry-Esseen. I

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1. Introduction. The purpose of this note is to present new generalizations of the celebrated inequalities of Erdős-Turán [4: p. 114] on uniform distribution mod 1 and Berry-Esseen [5: p. 285] for the closeness of two distributions. More precisely, we give some upper bounds for the supremum norm $\|f\|$ and the oscillation $[f]$ of a real-valued function f in terms of its modulus of nonmonotonicity and its Fourier-Stieltjes transform. The modulus of nonmonotonicity was introduced by Sendov [9]. For the properties and other applications of this modulus we refer to [9] and [10].

In Section 3, we generalize and improve all previous versions of the Erdős-Turán inequality which are due to Faïnleïb [2], Elliott [1], Niederreiter and Philipp [6] and the author [8]. Moreover, Theorem 3 implies the classical Erdős-Turán inequality (see [4: p. 114]) with constant $C=24/\pi^2$, which is better than the previous one ($C=4$) obtained by Niederreiter and Philipp [6].

The results in Section 4 generalize the Berry-Esseen inequality as well as one of its generalizations obtained by Faïnleïb [2] (see also Popov [7] for another form of Faïnleïb's inequality). We note that another generalization of the Berry-Esseen inequality was obtained by Popov [7].

2. Moduli of nonmonotonicity. Let f be a real-valued function defined on an interval Δ . The modulus of nonmonotonicity of f was defined by Sendov as follows:

$$\mu(f; \delta) = \sup_{\substack{x' \leq x \leq x'' \\ x'' - x' \leq \delta}} (|f(x) - f(x')| + |f(x) - f(x'')| - |f(x') - f(x'')|),$$

where the supremum is taken over all points x' , x'' and x in Δ satisfying the above inequalities. Following Sendov [9] we say that the function f is locally-monotone on Δ if

$$\mu(f; \delta) \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \delta \longrightarrow 0+.$$

For the properties of locally-monotone functions one can see [9].

In order to define some subsets of the class of locally-monotone functions, we consider also the following moduli which were defined by Korneïchuk [3: p. 111] as follows:

$$\omega_+(f; \delta) = \sup_{0 \leq x'' - x' \leq \delta} (f(x'') - f(x'))$$

and

$$\omega_-(f; \delta) = \sup_{0 \leq x'' - x' \leq \delta} (f(x') - f(x'')),$$

where the supremums are taken over all points x' and x'' lying in Δ and

satisfying the above inequalities. Also we write

$$\nu(f; \delta) = \min \{ \omega_+(f; \delta), \omega_-(f; \delta) \}.$$

It is easy to prove that

$$\mu(f; \delta) \leq \nu(f; \delta) \leq \omega(f; \delta) \quad \text{for all } \delta \geq 0,$$

where $\omega(f; \delta)$ denotes the modulus of continuity of f on the interval Δ .

We say that the function f is *locally-decreasing* on Δ if

$$\omega_+(f; \delta) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0+.$$

Analogously, we say that f is *locally-increasing* on Δ if

$$\omega_-(f; \delta) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0+.$$

From the inequality $\mu(f; \delta) \leq \nu(f; \delta)$, it follows that if f is locally-decreasing or locally-increasing on Δ , then it is locally-monotone on this interval.

The function f is said to satisfy the *one-sided Lipschitz condition* on Δ with constant L if either

$$\omega_+(f; \delta) \leq L\delta \quad \text{for all } \delta \geq 0,$$

or

$$\omega_-(f; \delta) \leq L\delta \quad \text{for all } \delta \geq 0.$$

It is easy to show (see [8]) that if f satisfies a one-sided Lipschitz condition on a closed interval Δ , then it is a function of bounded variation on this interval.

3. Generalization of the Erdős-Turán inequality. For a Riemann-integrable function f on the unit interval $[0, 1]$, we define its Fourier-Stieltjes transform as follows:

$$\hat{f}(h) = \int_0^1 e^{2\pi i h x} df(x) \quad \text{for } h \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Theorem 1. *Let f be a periodic function with period 1, and let it be Riemann-integrable on $[0, 1]$. Then for every positive integer m and every real $a > 1$, we have*

$$[f] \leq (a+1)\mu\left(f; \frac{16}{\pi^2(a-1)} \cdot \frac{1}{m}\right) + \frac{2a}{\pi} \sum_{h=1}^m \left(\frac{1}{h} - \frac{1}{m}\right) |\hat{f}(h)|.$$

Corollary 1. *Let $\mu(\delta)$ be a monotone increasing function on $[0, \infty)$ with $\mu(0+) = 0$, and let $(F_N)_{N=1}^\infty$ be a sequence of locally-monotone periodic functions with period 1, each function of which satisfies the inequality*

$$\mu(F_N; \delta) \leq \mu(\delta) \quad \text{for all } \delta \geq 0.$$

Suppose also that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \hat{F}_N(h) = 0 \quad \text{for all } h \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} [F_N] = 0.$$

It is easy to show that Corollary 1 is a generalization of the sufficient part of the well known (in the theory of uniform distribution mod 1) Weyl-Schoenberg criterion (see [4: Chapter 1, Theorem 7.3]).

Theorem 2. *Let f be as in Theorem 1. Then for every positive integer m and every real $a > 1$, we have*

$$[f] \leq (a+1)\nu\left(f; \frac{8a}{\pi^2(a-1)} \cdot \frac{1}{m}\right) + \frac{2a}{\pi} \sum_{h=1}^m \left(\frac{1}{h} - \frac{1}{m}\right) |\hat{f}(h)|.$$

Corollary 2. *Let a function f be Riemann-integrable on $[0, 1]$, and $f(0)=f(1)$. Then for every positive integer m and every real $a>1$, we have the above inequality but with $2(a+1)$ in place of $(a+1)$.*

Corollary 3. *Let F and G be distributions in $[0, 1]$. Then for every real $m>0$, and every real $a>1$,*

$$[F - G] \leq 2(a+1)\omega\left(\frac{8a}{\pi^2(a-1)} \cdot \frac{1}{m}\right) + \frac{2a}{\pi} \sum_{1 \leq h \leq m} \frac{|\hat{F}(h) - \hat{G}(h)|}{h},$$

where $\omega(\delta) = \min\{\omega(F; \delta), \omega(G; \delta)\}$.

This latter corollary improves in various ways a result of Elliott [1: Theorem 2] and a result of Faïnleïb [2: Theorem 3]. For example, if we apply Corollary 3 with $a = \pi^2/(\pi^2 - 4)$, then we get the estimate

$$[F - G] \leq 11\omega\left(\frac{1}{m}\right) + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{1 \leq h \leq m} \frac{|\hat{F}(h) - \hat{G}(h)|}{h},$$

which is a refinement of the above mentioned Faïnleïb's theorem.

Theorem 3. *Let a function f satisfy the one-sided Lipschitz condition on $[0, 1]$ with constant L , and let $f(0)=f(1)$. Then for every positive integer m , we have*

$$[f] \leq \frac{24}{\pi^2} \cdot \frac{L}{m} + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{h=1}^m \left(\frac{1}{h} - \frac{1}{m}\right) |\hat{f}(h)|.$$

This theorem was proved in [8] with constant 4 in place of $24/\pi^2$. In [8] we noticed that a result of Niederreiter and Philipp [6: Theorem 1'] is a consequence of Theorem 3.

4. Generalization of the Berry-Esseen inequality. It is well known that the Erdős-Turán inequality can be regarded as a discrete analogue of the Berry-Esseen inequality. In this section, we give two theorems which can be regarded as continuous analogues of Theorems 1 and 2, respectively.

For a function f of bounded variation on $(-\infty, \infty)$, we define its *Fourier-Stieltjes transform* as follows:

$$\hat{f}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} df(x) \quad \text{for all real } t.$$

Theorem 4. *Let f be a function of bounded variation on $(-\infty, \infty)$, and let $f(-\infty)=f(\infty)=0$. Then for every real $T>0$ and every real $a>1$, we have*

$$\|f\| \leq \frac{a+1}{2} \mu\left(f; \frac{32a}{\pi(a-1)} \cdot \frac{1}{T}\right) + \frac{a}{\pi} \int_0^T \left(\frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{T}\right) |\hat{f}(t)| dt.$$

Theorem 5. *Let f be as in Theorem 4. Then for every real $T>0$ and every real $a>1$, we have*

$$\|f\| \leq \frac{a+1}{2} \nu\left(f; \frac{16a}{\pi(a-1)} \cdot \frac{1}{T}\right) + \frac{a}{\pi} \int_0^T \left(\frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{T}\right) |\hat{f}(t)| dt.$$

Corollary 4. *Let F and G be distribution functions (on the whole real line). Then for every real $T>0$ and every real $a>1$, we have*

$$\|F - G\| \leq \frac{a+1}{2} \omega\left(\frac{16a}{\pi(a-1)} \cdot \frac{1}{T}\right) + \frac{a}{\pi} \int_0^T \frac{|\hat{F}(t) - \hat{G}(t)|}{t} dt,$$

where $\omega(\delta)$ is defined as in Corollary 3.

Setting in this latter corollary $a = g\pi/(g\pi - 16)$ we obtain

$$\|F - G\| \leq 15\omega\left(\frac{1}{T}\right) + \frac{3}{\pi} \int_0^x \frac{|\hat{F}(t) - \hat{G}(t)|}{t} dt,$$

which without specified constants is due to Faĭnleĭb [2: Theorem 1] (see also Popov [7: Theorem C]).

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