

15. On the Erdős-Turán Inequality on Uniform Distribution. II

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This is continued from [1].

2. To prove Theorem 1 we need three lemmas.

Lemma 1. *Let a function f satisfy the right Lipschitz condition on \mathbf{R} with constant L , and let Δ be a closed interval. Set $\delta = \|f\|/2L$, where $\|f\|$ denotes the supremum norm of f on Δ . Then there exists a real number a such that either*

$$(5) \quad f(x+a) \geq L(x+\delta) \quad \text{for all } x < \delta$$

or

$$(6) \quad f(x+a) \leq L(x-\delta) \quad \text{for all } x > -\delta.$$

Proof. By the assumption, it follows that f is a function of bounded variation on every closed interval. Hence, both limit values $f(x+)$ and $f(x-)$ exist for every $x \in \mathbf{R}$. Moreover, we have

$$(7) \quad f(x+) \leq f(x) \leq f(x-) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Indeed, since f satisfies the right Lipschitz condition with constant L , we have

$$f(x+t) - Lt \leq f(x) \leq f(x-t) + Lt$$

for all $x \in \mathbf{R}$ and $t > 0$. Passing to the limit in these inequalities as $t \rightarrow 0+$ we obtain (7).

Let us consider f on the closed interval Δ . Then from (7), it follows that there exists a point $b \in \Delta$ such that either $\|f\| = f(b-)$ or $\|f\| = -f(b+)$. Now set

$$(8) \quad a = \begin{cases} b - \delta & \text{if } \|f\| = f(b-), \\ b + \delta & \text{if } \|f\| = -f(b+). \end{cases}$$

We shall prove that the real number a defined by (8) satisfies the requirement of the lemma.

Suppose first that $\|f\| = f(b-)$. Then from the definition of δ , we conclude that $f(b-) = 2L\delta$. Now choose two real numbers y and t with $y < t < b$. Since f satisfies the right Lipschitz condition on \mathbf{R} with constant L ,

$$f(y) \geq f(t) - L(t-y).$$

Passing to the limit in this inequality as $t \rightarrow b-$ we obtain

$$(9) \quad f(y) \geq f(b-) - L(b-y) = 2L\delta - L(b-y).$$

Now let $x < \delta$. Then (8) implies that $x+a < b$. Hence, we can apply (9) with $y = x+a$. Thus, we arrive at

$$f(x+a) \geq 2L\delta - L(b-a-x) = 2L\delta - L(\delta-x) = L(x+\delta),$$

and so, in the considered case, (5) holds.

In the case $\|f\| = -f(b+)$, it can be proved in a similar way that (6) holds. Therefore, in any case, we either have (5) or (6). Q.E.D.

In what follows, for an integrable function f on $[0, 1]$ and a positive integer m , we denote by $I_m(f)$ the m th Fejér integral of f , i.e.,

$$(10) \quad I_m(f; t) = \int_0^1 f(x)F_m(x-t)dx \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbf{R},$$

where

$$(11) \quad F_m(x) = \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{h=-m}^m (m+1-|h|)e^{2\pi i h x}$$

is the m th Fejér kernel. We recall that F_m is a nonnegative even function with $\int_0^{1/2} F_m(x)dx = 1/2$.

Lemma 2. *Let a function f be as in Theorem 1. Then there exists a real number a such that the inequality*

$$(12) \quad \|f\| < 2L/(m+1) + 2|I_m(f; a)|$$

holds for any positive integer m .

Proof. We may assume that f satisfies a right Lipschitz condition since the other case follows immediately from this case (replacing f by $-f$). Set $\delta = \|f\|/2L$ ($\|f\|$ is the supremum norm of f on the closed interval $\Delta = [0, 1]$). Now extend f on \mathbf{R} with period 1. It is easy to prove that the extended function f satisfies the right Lipschitz condition on the whole real line \mathbf{R} with constant L . Then according to Lemma 1 there exists a real number a such that either (5) or (6) holds. Further we assume that (5) holds. The other alternative can be treated in a similar way.

Now let m be a given positive integer. We are going to prove (12). We can suppose that $\|f\| \geq 2L/(m+1)$ since otherwise there is nothing to prove. From the last inequality and the definition of δ , we conclude that $\delta \geq 1/(m+1)$. Because of the periodicity of f and F_m , we can write the Fejér integral $I_m(f; a)$ in the form

$$(13) \quad I_m(f; a) = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} f(x+a)F_m(x)dx.$$

For the value of δ there are two possible cases:

$$1/(m+1) \leq \delta \leq 1/2 \quad \text{or} \quad \delta > 1/2.$$

Suppose first that $1/(m+1) \leq \delta \leq 1/2$. It is known (see [2: Lemma 1]) that in this case,

$$(14) \quad \int_{\delta}^{1/2} F_m(x)dx < 1/6\delta(m+1).$$

From (13), it follows that

$$(15) \quad I_m(f; a) = I_1 + I_2 + I_3,$$

where I_1, I_2 and I_3 denote the integrals of the function $f(x+a)F_m(x)$ on the intervals $[-\delta, \delta]$, $[-1/2, -\delta]$ and $[\delta, 1/2]$, respectively. Using (5) and the above mentioned properties of the Fejér kernel we deduce the estimate

$$(16) \quad I_1 \geq L \int_{-\delta}^{\delta} (x+\delta)F_m(x)dx = 2L\delta \int_0^{\delta} F_m(x)dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= L\delta - 2L\delta \int_{\delta}^{1/2} F_m(x) dx \\ &= \|f\|/2 - 2L\delta \int_{\delta}^{1/2} F_m(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Analogously, using the obvious inequality $f(x+a) \geq -\|f\|$ which holds for all $x \in \mathbf{R}$, we deduce

$$(17) \quad I_2 \geq -\|f\| \int_{-1/2}^{-\delta} F_m(x) dx = -2L\delta \int_{\delta}^{1/2} F_m(x) dx$$

and

$$(18) \quad I_3 \geq -\|f\| \int_{\delta}^{1/2} F_m(x) dx = -2L\delta \int_{\delta}^{1/2} F_m(x) dx.$$

From (15), (16), (17) and (18), it follows that

$$I_m(f; a) \geq \|f\|/2 - 6L\delta \int_{\delta}^{1/2} F_m(x) dx.$$

Combining this inequality with (14) we get

$$I_m(f; a) > \|f\|/2 - L/(m+1),$$

which implies (12).

Now suppose that $\delta > 1/2$. Then from (13), (5) and the above mentioned properties of the Fejér kernel, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_m(f; a) &\geq L \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} (x+\delta) F_m(x) dx \\ &= 2L\delta \int_0^{1/2} F_m(x) dx = \|f\|/2, \end{aligned}$$

which again implies (12).

Q.E.D.

Lemma 3. *Let a function f satisfy the one-sided Lipschitz condition on $[0, 1]$ with constant L . Suppose also that*

$$f(0) = f(1) \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^1 f(x) dx = 0.$$

Then for any positive integer m , we have

$$(19) \quad \|f\| < \frac{2L}{m+1} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{h=1}^m \left(\frac{1}{h} - \frac{1}{m+1} \right) |\hat{f}(h)|.$$

Proof. Choose a positive integer m . Using (11) and taking into account that $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 0$ we can write the Fejér integral (10) in the form

$$(20) \quad I_m(f; t) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum'_{h=-m}^m \frac{m+1-|h|}{(m+1)h} \hat{f}(h) e^{-2\pi i h t},$$

where the prime in the sum indicates that $h=0$ is excluded from the range of summation. From (20), it follows that

$$(21) \quad |I_m(f; t)| \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{h=1}^m \left(\frac{1}{h} - \frac{1}{m+1} \right) |\hat{f}(h)|$$

holds for each $t \in \mathbf{R}$. From (21) and Lemma 2, we get (19).

Q.E.D.

Proof of Theorem 1. Let f satisfy the assumption of Theorem 1. Then the function f^* defined on $[0, 1]$ by

$$f^*(x) = f(x) - \int_0^1 f(t) dt$$

satisfies the assumption of Lemma 3. Applying Lemma 3 to the function f^* and taking into account the relations $[f^*] \leq 2\|f^*\|$, $[f^*] = [f]$ and $\hat{f}^* = \hat{f}$, we get (4). Q.E.D.

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