

ON RIESZ SUMMABILITY OF FOURIER SERIES BY EXPONENTIAL MEANS

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Let $f(t)$ be an integrable periodic function with the period 2π . Let its Fourier series be

$$(1) \quad f(t) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt$$

and let

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t) &= \{f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2s\}/2, \\ \phi_\beta(t) &= (1/\Gamma(\beta)) \int_0^t (t-u)^{\beta-1} \phi(u) du, \\ A_n &= a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx. \end{aligned}$$

We shall prove the following result.¹

If $A_n > -Kn^{-\beta/\gamma}$ ($\gamma > \beta > 0$) and

$$(2) \quad \phi_\beta(t) = o(t^\gamma) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0,$$

the Fourier series (1) converges to s at $t=x$.

Set $\alpha = 1 - \beta/\gamma$, and

$$(3) \quad C_\tau(\omega) = a_0 e^{\tau\omega^\alpha}/2 + \sum_{n < \omega} (e^{\omega^\alpha} - e^{n^\alpha})^\tau A_n.$$

The Fourier series (1) is said to be summable (e^{n^α}, τ) to the sum s if²

$$C_\tau(\omega) = se^{\tau\omega^\alpha} + o(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha}) \quad \text{as } \omega \rightarrow \infty.$$

Concerning this kind of summability we have the following theorem.

THEOREM.³ *If (2) holds and τ is a positive integer greater than $\gamma+1$ the Fourier series (1) is summable (e^{n^α}, τ) to the sum s at $t=x$.*

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¹ G. H. Hardy and J. E. Littlewood [2], F. T. Wang [6]. Numbers in brackets refer to the references listed at the end of the paper.

² G. H. Hardy and M. Riesz [3].

³ Under the hypotheses of the Theorem I have established that the Fourier series (1) is summable $(e^{n^\alpha}, \gamma + \delta)$ ($\delta > 0$) to the sum s at $t=x$, but the proof is very complicated. See F. T. Wang [6].

The convergence criterion above is deducible from this theorem by the use of a result of Hardy,⁴ namely if the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$, with terms $a_n \geq -Kn^{\alpha-1}$, $0 < \alpha < 1$, is summable (e^{n^α}, τ) , it is convergent.

To prove the theorem we write

$$E_\tau(\omega, t) = \tau\alpha \int_0^\omega (e^{\omega^\alpha} - e^{x^\alpha})^{\tau-1} e^{x^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} \frac{\sin xt}{t} dx.$$

Then we have⁵ $C_\tau(\omega) = (2/\pi) \int_0^1 \phi(t) E_\tau(\omega, t) dt + se^{\tau\omega^\alpha} + o(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha})$, and if we take $\omega_1 = 2^{-1/\alpha}\omega$, then

$$\begin{aligned} E_\tau(\omega, t) &= \alpha\tau \int_{\omega_1}^\omega (e^{\omega^\alpha} - e^{x^\alpha})^{\tau-1} e^{x^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} \frac{\sin xt}{t} dx + o(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha}) \\ &= F_\omega(t) + o(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(4) \quad C_\tau(\omega) = (2/\pi) \int_0^1 \phi(t) F_\omega(t) dt + se^{\tau\omega^\alpha} + o(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha}).$$

By setting $n = [\beta] + 1$ and differentiating under the integral sign we get

$$\begin{aligned} (5)^6 \quad F_\omega^{(n)}(t) &= \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \left\{ \alpha\tau \int_{\omega_1}^\omega (e^{\omega^\alpha} - e^{x^\alpha})^{\tau-1} e^{x^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} \frac{\sin xt}{t} dx \right\} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n K_i \int_{\omega_1}^\omega (e^{\omega^\alpha} - e^{x^\alpha})^{\tau-1} e^{x^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1+n-i} \frac{\sin(xt-a)}{t^{i+1}} dx, \end{aligned}$$

where $a = (n-i)\pi/2$.

By mathematical induction we can easily establish the formula

$$\begin{aligned} (6) \quad (d^\tau/dx^\tau) \{ (e^{\omega^\alpha} - e^{x^\alpha})^{\tau-1} e^{x^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1+n-i} \} \\ = \sum_{j=1}^\tau \sum_{p=0}^\tau K_{jp} e^{(\tau-j)\omega^\alpha} e^{jx^\alpha} x^{(p+1)(\alpha-1)+n-i-(\tau-p)}. \end{aligned}$$

Then by the use of (5) and (6) and an integration by parts we find

$$\begin{aligned} (7) \quad F_\omega^{(n)}(t) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=1}^\tau \sum_{p=0}^{\tau-1} K_{ijp} e^{(\tau-j)\omega^\alpha} \int_{\omega_1}^\omega e^{jx^\alpha} x^\alpha \frac{\sin(xt-b)}{t^{i+\tau}} dx \\ &\quad + O(e^{(\tau-1/2)\omega^\alpha} \omega^{k_1} t^{-k_2}), \end{aligned}$$

⁴ G. H. Hardy [4].

⁵ F. T. Wang [6].

⁶ Throughout this paper we use K or $K_i \dots$ as a constant different in different occurrences.

where $c = (p+1)(\alpha-1) + n - i - (\tau-1-p)$, and $b = (n-i-\tau+1)\pi/2$.

Put $t=1$ in (7). Then $F_\omega^{(m)}(0)$ is finite for $1 \leq m < n$, and $F_\omega^{(m)}(1) = o(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha})$. Successive integration of (4) by parts yields

$$(8) \quad C_\tau(\omega) = (2/\pi) \int_0^1 \phi_n(t) F_\omega^{(n)}(t) dt + se^{\tau\omega^\alpha} + o(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha}).$$

By a theorem on the fractional integral⁷

$$\phi_n(t) = (1/\Gamma(n-\beta)) \int_0^t (t-u)^{n-\beta-1} \phi_\beta(u) du,$$

we have

$$(9) \quad C_\tau(\omega) = (2/\pi) \int_0^1 \phi_\beta(u) H_\omega(u) du + se^{\tau\omega^\alpha} + o(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha}),$$

where

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} H_\omega(u) &= (1/\Gamma(n-\beta)) \int_u^1 (t-u)^{n-\beta-1} F_\omega^{(n)}(t) dt \quad (n > \beta > n-1) \\ &= F_\omega^{(n)}(u) \quad (n = \beta). \end{aligned}$$

Concerning $H_\omega(u)$ we require the following two lemmas.

LEMMA 1. For $\omega > K$ and $0 < u < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} H_\omega(u) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} O(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha} \omega^{\beta-i} u^{-i-1}) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} O(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha} \omega^{n-i-1} u^{n-\beta-i-2}) \\ &\quad + O(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha} \omega^{n-1} (1-u)^{n-\beta-1}) + O(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha} u^{-\beta-1}). \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. From (10) and (5) we have

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} H_\omega(u) &= \sum_{i=0}^n K_i \int_{\omega_1}^\omega (e^{\omega^\alpha} - e^{x^\alpha})^{\tau-1} e^{x^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1+n-i} dx \\ &\quad \cdot \int_u^1 (t-u)^{n-\beta-1} \frac{\sin(xt-a)}{t^{i+1}} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$(12) \quad \int_1^\infty (t-u)^{n-\beta-1} \frac{\sin(xt-a)}{t^{i+1}} dt = O\{(1-u)^{n-\beta-1} x^{-1}\}.$$

⁷ L. S. Bosanquet [1].

It follows from a change of variable, the second mean value theorem, and a theorem on the Γ function,⁸ that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_u^\infty (t-u)^{n-\beta-1} \frac{\sin(xt-a)}{t^{i+1}} dt \\
 (13) \quad &= u^{n-\beta-i-1} \int_0^\infty v^{n-\beta-1} \sin(xu(1+v)-a) dv + O(u^{n-\beta-i-2}x^{-1}) \\
 &= O(u^{-i-1}x^{\beta-n}) + O(u^{n-\beta-i-2}x^{-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved by (11), (12), (13) and an easy estimate of the term $i=n$ in (11).

LEMMA 2. For $\omega > K$ and $0 < u < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_\omega(u) &= \sum_{i=0}^n O(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha} u^{-\tau-i-1} \omega^{\tau(\alpha-1)+\beta-i}) + O(e^{(\tau-1/2)\omega^\alpha} \omega^{k_1} u^{-k_2}) \\
 &+ \sum_{i=0}^n O(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha} u^{n-\beta-\tau-i-1} \omega^{(\tau-1)(\alpha-1)+n-i-1}) \\
 &+ O(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha} \omega^{(\tau-1)(\alpha-1)+n-1} (1-u)^{n-\beta-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. From (13) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (14) \quad H_\omega(u) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=1}^{\tau} \sum_{p=0}^{\tau-1} K_{ijp} e^{(\tau-j)\omega^\alpha} \int_{\omega_1}^\omega e^{ix^\alpha} x^c dx \\
 &\cdot \int_u^1 (t-u)^{n-\beta-1} \frac{\sin(xt-b)}{t^{i+\tau}} dt + O(e^{(\tau-1/2)\omega^\alpha} \omega^{k_1} u^{-k_2}),
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (15) \quad & \int_u^1 (t-u)^{n-\beta-1} \frac{\sin(xt-b)}{t^{i+\tau}} dt \\
 &= u^{n-\beta-i-\tau} \int_0^\infty v^{n-\beta-1} \sin\{xu(1+v)-b\} dv \\
 &+ O((1-u)^{n-\beta-1}x^{-1}) + O(u^{n-\beta-i-\tau-1}x^{-1}) \\
 &= u^{-\tau-i}x^{\beta-n}\Gamma(\beta-n) \sin(xu-b') \\
 &+ O((1-u)^{n-\beta-1}x^{-1}) + O(u^{n-\beta-i-\tau-1}x^{-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

From (14) and (15), Lemma 2 follows.

⁸ E. C. Titchmarsh [5, p. 107].

PROOF OF THE THEOREM. By Lemma 1 and (2)

$$(16) \quad \int_0^{\omega^{\alpha-1}} \phi_\beta(u) H_\omega(u) du = o(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha}) \quad \text{as } \omega \rightarrow \infty$$

and by (2) and Lemma 2

$$(17) \quad \int_{\omega^{\alpha-1}}^1 \phi_\beta(u) H_\omega(u) du = o(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha}) \quad \text{as } \omega \rightarrow \infty$$

By (9), (16), and (17), then,

$$C_\tau(\omega) = se^{\tau\omega^\alpha} + o(e^{\tau\omega^\alpha}) \quad \text{as } \omega \rightarrow \infty$$

Thus the theorem is proved.

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