## PARTIAL-SUM COUPLINGS FOR DOUBLE FOURIER SERIES

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1. Introduction. Throughout this paper the function f(t, u) is assumed to be Lebesgue integrable over the square  $Q(-\pi, \pi; -\pi, \pi)$  and to have period  $2\pi$  in each variable. The double Fourier series is denoted by  $\sigma(f)$  and the rectangular partial sums of  $\sigma(f)$  at the point (x, y) are denoted by  $s_{mn}(x, y)$ . To say that a method of summability S possesses the localization property means that if an integrable function f vanishes in a neighborhood of (x, y), then S sums  $\sigma(f)$  at (x, y) to 0. It is well known that ordinary convergence and also the Cesàro method (C, 1, 1) do not possess the localization property. One way to get localization results is to consider restricted limits. If, for any  $\lambda \geq 1$ , a sequence  $s_{mn}$  tends to a limit s when  $m, n \to \infty$  in such a manner that  $m/n \leq \lambda$ ,  $n/m \leq \lambda$ , this limit s being independent of  $\lambda$ , then we say  $s_{mn} \rightarrow s$  restrictedly; whenever convenient we may denote this by writing  $s_{mn} \xrightarrow{r} s$ . In a previous paper [1] the author showed that restricted summability (C,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ) does possess the localization property if and only if  $\alpha \geq 1$ ,  $\beta \geq 1$ . Thus restricted convergence of  $\sigma(f)$  does not possess the localization property. In particular this means that even if (x, y) is a point of continuity of f it may not be true that  $s_{mn}(x, y) \to f(x, y)$  restrictedly. It was shown in [1], however, that at a point (x, y) of continuity of f the double Fourier series  $\sigma(f)$  is restrictedly summable (C, 1, 1) to f(x, y).

As an alternative to Cesàro means, Rogosinski [2] introduced and studied couplings of the partial sums of a simple Fourier series. In the present paper we shall study the analogous couplings of the partial sums of double Fourier series. For integers p and q and real h and k we define the couplings by means of the equation

(1.01)  

$$\kappa_{mn}(x, y; p, q; h, k) = \frac{1}{4} \left[ s_{mn}(x + h, y + k) + (-1)^{p-1} \\ \cdot s_{mn} \left( x + h + \frac{p\pi}{m}, y + k \right) + (-1)^{q-1} s_{mn} \left( x + h, y + k + \frac{q\pi}{n} \right) \\ + (-1)^{p+q} s_{mn} \left( x + h + \frac{p\pi}{m}, y + k + \frac{q\pi}{n} \right) \right].$$

We note that if p and q are both odd this is a "sum-coupling" and if p or q or both are even we get various "difference-couplings." If  $h = h_m = -p\pi/(2m)$ and  $k = k_n = -q\pi/(2n)$  we obtain a symmetric coupling which we denote by

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