

171. On the Nörlund Summability of Fourier Series

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1. Introduction and Theorems.

1.1. Definitions. Let $\sum a_n$ be a given series and s_n be its n th partial sum. Let (p_n) be a sequence of real numbers such that $p_0=0$, $P_n=p_0+p_1+\cdots+p_n \neq 0$ for all n and $|P_n| \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. If the sequence

$$(1) \quad t_n = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{k=0}^n p_{n-k} s_k \quad (n=1, 2, \dots)$$

tends to a limit s as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then the series $\sum a_n$ is said to be (N, p_n) summable to s . This method of summation is regular if and only if

$$(2) \quad \sum_{k=0}^n |p_k| \leq A |P_n| \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1 \text{ and } p_n/P_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Let f be an integrable function with period 2π and its Fourier series be

$$(3) \quad f(t) \sim \frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(x).$$

We write $\varphi(t) = \varphi_x(t) = f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)$.

1.2. E. Hille and J. D. Tamarkin [1] have applied the (N, p_n) summation to Fourier series. Extending one of their theorems, O. P. Vershney [2] has proved the following

Theorem I. Suppose that the sequence (p_n) of real numbers satisfies the conditions:

$$(4) \quad n |p_n| \leq A |P_n| \log(n+1) \quad \text{for } n \geq 1,$$

$$(5) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k |\Delta p_k|}{\log(k+1)} \leq A |P_n| \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1$$

and

$$(6) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{|P_k|}{k \log(k+1)} \leq A |P_n| \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1.$$

If

$$(7) \quad \Phi(t) = \int_0^t |\varphi(u)| du = o\left(t \log \frac{1}{t}\right) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0,$$

then the Fourier series of f is (N, p_n) summable to $f(x)$.

On the other hand O. P. Vershney [3] proved the

Theorem II. Let (p_n) be a positive non-increasing sequence. Then the Fourier series of f satisfying the condition

$$\varphi(t) = o\left(1/\log \frac{1}{t}\right) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0,$$