

10. On the Absolute Nörlund Summability of a Factored Fourier Series

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1. Let $\sum a_n$ be a given infinite series with the sequence of partial sums $\{s_n\}$. Let $\{p_n\}$ be a sequence of constants, real or complex, and let us write

$$P_n = p_0 + p_1 + p_2 + \cdots + p_n; \quad P_{-1} = p_{-1} = 0.$$

The sequence to sequence transformation

$$(1.1) \quad t_n = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{\nu=0}^n p_{n-\nu} s_\nu = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{\nu=0}^n p_\nu s_{n-\nu} \quad (P_n \neq 0)$$

defines the sequence $\{t_n\}$ of Nörlund mean [3] of the sequence $\{s_n\}$, generated by the sequence of coefficient $\{p_n\}$. The series $\sum a_n$ is said to be absolutely Nörlund summable, or *summable* $|N, p_n|$, if the sequence $\{t_n\}$ is of bounded variation, that is, the series $\sum |t_n - t_{n-1}|$ is convergent [2]. In the special case in which

$$(1.2) \quad p_n = \frac{1}{n+1},$$

and therefore

$$P_n \sim \log n, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

the Nörlund mean reduces to the familiar harmonic mean [5]. Thus summability $|N, p_n|$, where p_n is defined as in (1.2), is the same as summability $\left|N, \frac{1}{n+1}\right|$.

Let $f(t)$ be a periodic function with period 2π and integrable (L) over $(-\pi, \pi)$. Without any loss of generality the constant term in the Fourier series can be taken to be zero, that is,

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) dt = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &\sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt) \\ &\equiv \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n(t). \end{aligned}$$

We write

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \{f(x+t) + f(x-t)\}, \\ \phi_1(t) &= \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \phi(u) du. \end{aligned}$$