

49. On Cesàro Summability of Fourier-Laguerre Series

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1. The Fourier-Laguerre expansion corresponding to a function $f(x) \in L(0, \infty)$ is given by

$$(1.1) \quad f(x) \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$$

where

$$(1.2) \quad \Gamma(\alpha+1) \binom{n+\alpha}{n} a_n = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-x} x^\alpha f(x) L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) dx,$$

and $L_n^{(\alpha)}$ denotes the Laguerre polynomial of order α .

At the point $X=0$

$$(1.3) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n L_n^{(\alpha)}(0) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^\alpha f(t) L_n^{(\alpha)}(t) dt.$$

Denoting the Cesàro means of order k of the series (1.1) at the point $X=0$ by $\sigma_n^k(0)$, we easily have

$$(1.4) \quad \sigma_n^k(0) = \{A_n^{(k)} \Gamma(\alpha+1)\}^{-1} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^\alpha f(t) L_n^{(\alpha+k+1)}(t) dt.$$

Szegö [1] has studied the (C, k) summability of Laguerre series corresponding to a continuous function for $k > \alpha + \frac{1}{2}$.

In the present paper I prove the following more general theorem:-

Theorem. If $f(x)$ be integrable in $(0, \infty)$ and if it satisfies the following conditions

$$(1.5) \quad \int_1^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} x^{\alpha-k-\frac{1}{3}} |f(x)| dx < \infty, \text{ and}$$

$$(1.6) \quad \int_0^x |f(t)| dt = o(t),$$

then the Laguerre series of $f(x)$ is (C, k) summable at $x=0$ with the sum of $f(0)$ provided that $k > \alpha + \frac{1}{2}$.

2. We shall take help of the following lemmas in the proof of the theorem:-

Lemma 1 (Szegö [2], p. 172). Let α be arbitrary and real, C and ω fixed positive constants, and let $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then

$$(2.1) \quad L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = \begin{cases} x^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}-\frac{1}{4}} O(n^{\frac{\alpha}{2}-\frac{1}{4}}), & \text{if, } \frac{c}{n} \leq x \leq \omega, \\ O(n^\alpha) & \text{if, } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{c}{n}, \end{cases}$$

Lemma 2 (Szegö [2], p. 235). Let α and λ be arbitrary and real