

94. A Tauberian Theorem for Fourier Series

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1. Let $\varphi(t)$ be an even function, integrable in Lebesgue sense, periodic of period 2π , and let

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

and

$$s_n = \frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{\nu=1}^n a_\nu.$$

Hardy and Littlewood [1] have proved that if

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

and if for some positive δ

$$a_n > -An^{-\delta}, \quad A > 0,$$

then

$$s_n \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

In this paper we shall prove a converse

THEOREM. If $\sum a_n$ is summable to zero in Abel sense, and

$$(1) \quad \sum_{\nu=n}^{2n} |a_\nu| = o(1/\log n) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

and if for some positive ρ ,

$$(2) \quad \varphi'(t) > -At^{-\rho} \quad (0 < t < t_0),$$

where A is a positive constant independent of t , then

$$\varphi(t) \rightarrow 0 \quad (t \rightarrow 0).$$

2. Proof of the theorem. We require a

LEMMA. If $\sum u_n$ is summable in Abel sense, and if

$$u_{n+1} + u_{n+2} + \cdots + u_{n+\nu} > -K \quad (\nu = 1, 2, \dots, n),$$

where K is a positive constant, then the series $\sum u_n$ converges to the same sum.

This is Lemma 2, slightly modified, of Szász [2].

For the proof of our Theorem, using the argument in Yano [3], we begin with the identities

$$(3) \quad \varphi(t) = \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h \varphi(t+u) du - \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h [\varphi(t+u) - \varphi(t)] du$$

and

$$(4) \quad \varphi(t) = \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h \varphi(t-u) du + \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h [\varphi(t) - \varphi(t-u)] du,$$