

36. On the Absolute Nörlund Summability Factors of a Fourier Series

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1.1. *Definitions.* Let $\sum u_n$ 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

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

The sequence-to-sequence transformation:

$$(1.1.1.) \quad t_n = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{\nu=0}^n p_{n-\nu} s_\nu = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{\nu=0}^n P_{n-\nu} u_\nu, \quad (P_n \neq 0),$$

defines the sequence $\{t_n\}$ of Nörlund means of the sequence $\{s_n\}$, generated by the sequence of coefficients $\{p_n\}$. The series $\sum u_n$ is said to be summable (N, p_n) to the sum s if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n$ exists and is equal to s ,

and is said to be absolutely summable (N, p_n) , or $|N, p_n|$, if the sequence $\{t_n\}$ is of bounded variation,¹⁾ that is, the series $\sum |t_n - t_{n-1}|$ is convergent. In the special case in which

$$(1.1.2) \quad p_n = 1/(n+1)$$

the Nörlund mean reduces to the Harmonic mean.

Thus summability $|N, p_n|$, where p_n is defined by (1.1.2) is the same as the absolute Harmonic summability.

1.2. Let $f(t)$ be a periodic function, with period 2π , and integrable in the sense of Lebesgue over $(-\pi, \pi)$. Then the Fourier series of $f(t)$ is

$$(1.2.1) \quad \sum (a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt) = \sum A_n(t).$$

We write

$$\phi(t) = \frac{1}{2} \{f(x+t) + f(x-t)\},$$

$\tau = [1/t]$, i.e., the greatest integer contained in $1/t$.

K = an absolute constant, not necessarily the same at each occurrence.

2.1. We establish the following theorem.

Theorem. If $\phi(t) \in BV(0, \pi)$, and $\{\lambda'_n\}$, where $\lambda'_n = \frac{\lambda_n}{n}$, is monotonic increasing then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n A_n(t) / \lambda_n$ is summable $|N, p_n|$, provided $\{p_n\}$ satisfies the following conditions:

(i) $\{p_n\}$ is monotonic diminishing, and P_n is monotonic in-

1) Symbolically, $\{t_n\} \in BV$; similarly by ' $f(x) \in BV(h, k)$ ' we shall mean that $f(x)$ is a function of bounded variation over the interval (h, k) .