CONVERGENCE, SUMMABILITY, AND UNIQUENESS OF MULTIPLE TRIGONOMETRIC SERIES

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1. Relationships between methods of convergences and the growth of coefficients. It was shown by Paul J. Cohen [1] that if a multiple trigonometric series converges regularly at almost every point of the k-torus $T^k = [-\pi, \pi] \times \cdots \times [-\pi, \pi]$, then its coefficients $a_n = a_{n_1, \dots, n_k}$ cannot exhibit exponential growth. A particular form of regular convergence is square convergence. Consideration of double series of the form

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(n) (1 - \cos x)^n e^{iny}$$

shows that Cohen's seemingly gross estimates cannot be improved. For by a suitable choice of the $\phi(n)$ the series may be made square convergent almost everywhere while having coefficients which grow faster than any given sequence whose growth is less than exponential.

THEOREM 1. If a multiple trigonometric series converges unrestrictedly rectangularly on a set, then the coefficients are necessarily bounded; furthermore, $a_n = a_{n_1,\dots,n_k} \to 0$ as $\min\{|n_1|, \dots, |n_k|\} = ||n|| \to \infty$.

Again this theorem is best possible. The proof is by induction and makes use of

LEMMA 1. If a polynomial $P(e^{ix})$ of degree n is bounded for all $x \in E \subset [0, 2\pi)$ by a bound B, where |E| = Lebesgue measure of $E = \delta > 0$, then there is a number $c = c(\delta, n)$ such that $|P(e^{ix})| \le c$ for every x.

The lemma is an easy consequence of the Lagrange interpolation formula and a lemma of Paul Cohen's [1, p. 41]. Another consequence of Lemma 1 is

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