

## ON UNIFORM CONVERGENCE FOR WALSH-FOURIER SERIES

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In 1940 R. Salem formulated a sufficient condition for a continuous and periodic function to have a trigonometric Fourier series which converges uniformly to the function. In this paper we will formulate a similar condition, which implies that the Walsh-Fourier series of such a function has this property. Furthermore we show that our result is stronger than certain classical results, and that it also implies the uniform convergence of the Walsh-Fourier series of certain classes of continuous functions of generalized bounded variation. The latter is analogous to results obtained by L. C. Young and R. Salem for trigonometric Fourier series.

Let  $\{\varphi_n(x)\}$  be the sequence of Rademacher functions, i.e.,

$$\varphi_0(x) = +1 \left( 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \right), \quad \varphi_0(x) = -1 \left( \frac{1}{2} \leq x < 1 \right),$$

$$\varphi_0(x + 1) = \varphi_0(x).$$

$\varphi_n(x) = \varphi_0(2^n x)$ , ( $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ). In [3] R. E. A. C. Paley gave the following definition for the Walsh functions  $\{\psi_n(x)\}$ :  $\psi_0(x) \equiv 1$ , and, if  $n = 2^{n_1} + 2^{n_2} + \dots + 2^{n_r}$ , with  $n_1 > n_2 > \dots > n_r$ , then  $\psi_n(x) = \varphi_{n_1}(x)\varphi_{n_2}(x) \dots \varphi_{n_r}(x)$ . J. L. Walsh [6] proved that the system  $\{\psi_n(x)\}$  is a complete orthonormal system. For every Lebesgue-integrable function  $f(x)$  of period 1 there is a corresponding Walsh-Fourier series (WFS):

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k \psi_k(x), \quad \text{with } c_k = \int_0^1 f(t) \psi_k(t) dt.$$

As in the case of trigonometric Fourier series (TFS), we can find a simple expression for the partial sums of a WFS,

$$S_n(f, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} c_k \psi_k(x) = \int_0^1 f(x + t) D_n(t) dt,$$

where  $D_n(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \psi_k(t)$ . For the meaning of  $+$  and for further notations, definitions and properties of the WFS we refer to [2].

2. In [4], Chapter VI, R. Salem proved the following theorem: Let  $f(x)$  be a continuous function of period  $2\pi$ . For odd  $n$ , let

$$T_n(x) = \sum_{p=0}^{(n-1)/2} (p+1)^{-1} [f(x + 2p\pi/n) - f(x + (2p+1)\pi/n)]$$