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Generalized Lebesgue Points *

Let f be Lebesgue integrable on $[-\pi, \pi]$ and let $\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nt + \sin nt)$, be the Fourier series of f. A well known result of Lebesgue, states that if x is a Lebesgue point of f, then

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\sigma_n(x)=f(x),\tag{*}$$

where we adopt the usual notation $\sigma_n(x) = \frac{s_0(x) + s_1(x) \cdots + s_{n-1}(x)}{n}$, and $s_0(x) = \frac{a_0}{2}$, $s_m(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^m (a_k \cos kt + b_k \sin kt)$, $m = 1, 2 \dots$ In the paper being summarized here we prove that if f is Denjoy-Perron integrable on $[-\pi, \pi]$, and if x is a generalized Lebesgue point of f, then (*) holds. Since it is shown that a Lebesgue point of a Lebesgue integrable function is a generalized Lebesgue point this result gives a generalization of the classical result. Prior to giving a precise statement of the main result, we list some background results.

A well-known result of Féjer states that if f is continuous at x, then its Fourier series is (C, 1)-summable at x to f(x). Over the years this continuity condition has been relaxed. Lebesgue showed that if f is Lebesgue integrable, then its Fourier series is (C,1)-summable to f(x) at any point where $\lim_{h\to 0} \frac{1}{h} \int_x^{x+h} |f(x) - f(t)| dt = 0$, i.e. at the full measure set of Lebesgue points of f. Fatou showed that if all we are concerned with is A-summability, then $\lim_{h\to 0} \frac{1}{h} \int_x^{x+h} (f(x) - f(t)) dt = 0$, will do. These are called points of Ccontinuity. What happens if the function is only D^* -integrable? There is a theorem of Marcinkiewicz quoted in Čelidze & Džvaršejšvili as: If a function is D-integrable, then it is (C, 1)-summable at all points of C-continuity. This seems to be a misquote since then we could extend Fatou's result to (C, 1)-summability. There is an example in Zygmund of a function whose differentiated series is not (C,1)-summable at a point where it has a derivative; however it is not clear that this function is ACG*, or even ACG. A reading of the original paper of Marcinkiewicz seems to suggest the correct result is: A D-integrable function is (C,1)-summable at almost all points of C-continuity. In the case of Lebesgue integrable functions this implies a weaker form of Lebesgue's result.

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Our aim is to define a class of points at which the Fourier series of a D^* -integrable function is (C, 1)-summable. First we must give a criterion for D^* -

integrability, due to the present author. It is set in the Henstock-Kurzweil theory.

Theorem 1 $f \in D^*([a,b])$ iff there exist a decomposition of [a,b] into a sequence of disjoint sets $E_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ with the following properties:

- (a) for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the finite union $\bigcup_{k \leq n} E_k$ is closed;
- (b) for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $f \in \mathcal{L}(E_n)$;
- (c) if for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, F_n denotes the Lebesgue primitive of $f|_{E_n}$, then $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_n$ converges uniformly;
- (d) for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists a gauge δ_n such that

$$\forall x \notin \bigcup_{k \leq n} E_k, (x - \delta_n(x), x + \delta(x)) \subset (a, b) \setminus \bigcup_{k \leq n} E_k$$

and if $\tau_n = \sup \sum_{x \notin \cup_{k \le n} E_k} f(x)(v-u)$, the sup being over all δ_n -fine partitions of [a, b], and $x \notin \bigcup_{k \le n} E_k$ then $\lim_{n \to \infty} \tau_n = 0$.

Then the D^* -primitive of f is $\sum_{n\in\mathbb{N}} F_n$. With the notation of this theorem we call x a generalized Lebesgue point if the following limit exists uniformly, (in n).

$$\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{1}{h}\int_x^{x+h}\left|\sum_{k\leq n}\left(f(t)-f(x)\right)|_{E_k}(t)\right|dt=0.$$

It follows immediately that if f is Lebesgue integrable, then a Lebesgue point is a generalized Lebesgue point; and if f is continuous at x, then x is a generalized Lebesgue point. The main result of the paper is then:

Theorem 2 If $f \in D^*(-\pi, \pi)$ then the Fourier series of f is (C, 1)-summable at all generalized Lebesgue points.

Unfortunately, so far we have only been able to show that if $f \in D^*(-\pi, \pi)$, then the set of generalized Lebesgue points is a dense set of positive measure.

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