

**NOTE ON DIRICHLET SERIES (I)  
ON THE SINGULARITIES OF DIRICHLET SERIES (I)**

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**1. Fundamental theorem I.** Put

$$(1.1) \quad F(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \exp(-\lambda_n s) \quad (s = \sigma + it, 0 \leq \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_n \rightarrow +\infty).$$

Let (1.1) be simply convergent for  $\sigma > 0$ . In this present Note, by the systematic method based upon A. Ostrowski's criterion of singularities, we shall study the relation between singularities of (1.1) and coefficients  $\{a_n\}$ . We begin with some definitions.

DEFINITION I. Let  $\{a_n\}$  be real. We say that the sign-change occurs between  $\{a_{n_k-1}, a_{n_k}\}$ , provided that

(i)  $a_{n_k} \neq 0, a_{n_k-1} \neq 0$  and  $a_{n_k} \cdot a_{n_k-1} < 0$ .

or

(ii)  $a_{n_k} \neq 0, a_{n_k-1} = a_{n_k-2} = a_{n_k-3} = \dots = a_{n_k-v+1} = 0$   
and  $a_{n_k} \cdot a_{n_k-v} < 0$ .

DEFINITION II. We call that the sequence of coefficients  $\{a_n\}$  has the normal sign-change, provided that the sign-change occurs between  $\{a_{n_k-1}, a_{n_k}\}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ) with  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\lambda_{n_k} - \lambda_{n_k-1}) > 0$ .

DEFINITION III. We say that the sequence of coefficients  $\{a_n\}$  has the normal sign-change in the sequence of intervals  $\{I_k\}$  ( $I_i \cdot I_j = 0, i \neq j$ ), provided that the subsequence  $\{a_{n_i}\}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ), whose exponent  $\lambda_{n_i}$  belongs to  $\{I_k\}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ), has the normal sign-change in the sense of Definition 2.

Our fundamental theorem states as follows.

FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM I. *Let (1.1) be simply convergent for  $\sigma > 0$ . Then  $s = 0$  is the singular point for (1.1), provided that there exist two sequences  $\{x_k\}$  ( $0 < x_k \uparrow \infty$ ),  $\{\gamma_k\}$  ( $\gamma_k$ : real) such that*

(a)  $\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/x_k \cdot \log \left| \sum_{\{x_k\} \leq \lambda_n < x_k} \Re(a_n \cdot \exp(-i\gamma_k)) \right| = 0,$ <sup>1)</sup>

(b)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_k / [x_k] = 0$ , where  $\sigma_k$ : the number of sign-changes of  $\Re(a_n \exp(-i\gamma_k))$ ,  $\lambda_n \in I_k[[x_k](1 - \omega), [x_k](1 + \omega)]$  ( $0 < \omega < 1$ ),

(c) the sequence  $\Re(a_n \exp(-i\gamma_k))$  ( $\lambda_n \in \{I_k\}$ ) has the normal sign-change in  $\{I_k\}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ).

**2. Lemmas.** For its proof, we need some lemmas.

1)  $[x]$  is the greatest integer contained in  $x$ .

singular point, provided that there exist two sequences  $\{x_k\}$ ,  $\{\gamma_k\}$  ( $\gamma_k$ : real) such that

- (a)  $\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/x_k \cdot \log \left| \sum_{(x_k) \leq \lambda_n < x_k} a_n \right| = 0,$
- (b)  $\Re(a_n \exp(-i\gamma_k)) \geq 0$  for  $\lambda_n \in [[x_k](1-\omega), [x_k](1+\omega)]$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ )  
( $0 < \omega < 1$ ),
- (c)  $\lim_{\lambda_n \in ((x_k), x_k] (k=1, 2, \dots)}^{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} [\cos\{\arg(a_n \exp(-i\gamma_k))\}]^{1/\lambda_n} = 1.$

PROOF. The assumptions (b) and (c) of the Fundamental Theorem 1 are evidently satisfied. Hence, it is sufficient to prove that

$$(6.1) \quad \Delta = \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/x_k \cdot \log \left| \sum_{(x_k) \leq \lambda_n < x_k} \Re(a_n \exp(-i\gamma_k)) \right| = 0.$$

By T. Kojima's theorem,

$$\Delta \leq \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/x_k \cdot \log \left| \sum_{(x_k) \leq \lambda_n < x_k} a_n \right| \leq \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} 1/x \cdot \left| \sum_{(x) \leq \lambda_n < x} a_n \right| = 0,$$

so that

$$(6.2) \quad \Delta \leq 0.$$

On other hand, by (b) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1/x_k \cdot \log \left| \sum_{(x_k) \leq \lambda_n < x_k} \Re(a_n \exp(-i\gamma_k)) \right| &= 1/x_k \cdot \log \left\{ \sum_{(x_k) \leq \lambda_n < x_k} |a_n| \cos(\theta_n - \gamma_k) \right\} \\ &\geq 1/x_k \cdot \log \left\{ \cos(\theta_{n_k} - \gamma_k) \sum_{(x_k) \leq \lambda_n < x_k} |a_n| \right\} \quad (\theta_n = \arg a_n), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\cos(\theta_{n_k} - \gamma_k) = \text{Min}_{(x_k) \leq \lambda_n < x_k} [\cos(\theta_n - \gamma_k)]$ . Hence, by (a) and (c),

$$\Delta \geq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n_k}/x_k \cdot 1/\lambda_{n_k} \cdot \log \{ \cos(\theta_{n_k} - \gamma_k) \} + \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/x_k \cdot \log \left| \sum_{(x_k) \leq \lambda_n < x_k} a_n \right| = 0,$$

so that

$$(6.3) \quad \Delta \geq 0.$$

By (6.2) and (6.3),  $\Delta = 0$ .

q. e. d.

Putting  $\gamma_k \equiv 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ) in Theorem 2, we get

COROLLARY III. Let (1.1) be simply convergent for  $\sigma > 0$ . Then,  $s = 0$  is the singular point, provided that there exist two sequences  $\{x_k\}$ ,  $\{\gamma_k\}$  such that

- (a)  $\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/x_k \cdot \log \left| \sum_{(x_k) \leq \lambda_n < x_k} a_n \right| = 0,$
- (b)  $\Re(a_n) \geq 0$  for  $\lambda_n \in [[x_k](1-\omega), [x_k](1+\omega)]$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots; 0 < \omega < 1$ ),
- (c)  $\lim_{\lambda_n \in ((x_k), x_k] (k=1, 2, \dots)}^{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} [\cos\{\arg(a_n)\}]^{1/\lambda_n} = 1.$

COROLLARY IV (C. Biggeri, [5.] pp. 979-980). *Let (1.1) be simply convergent for  $\sigma > 0$ . If  $\Re(a_n) \geq 0$  for  $n \geq N$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\cos \{\arg a_n\}]^{1/\lambda_n} = 1$ , then  $s = 0$  is the singular point.*

By T. Kojima's theorem, the simple convergence-abscissa of (1.1) is determined by

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 1/x \cdot \log \left| \sum_{(x) \leq x_n < x} a_n \right| = 0.$$

Hence, there exists at least one sequence  $\{x_k\}$  such that

$$\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/x_k \cdot \log \left| \sum_{(x_k) \leq \lambda_n < x_k} a_n \right| = 0.$$

Taking this sequence  $\{x_k\}$ , the assumptions of Corollary 3 are all satisfied, so that Corollary 4 follows immediately from Corollary 3.

COROLLARY V (M. Fekete, [3] p. 81). *Let (1.1) be simply convergent for  $\sigma > 0$ . If  $|\arg a_n| \leq \theta < \pi/2$  for  $n \geq N$ , then  $s = 0$  is the singular point.*

By  $|\arg a_n| \leq \theta < \pi/2$ , we have evidently

$$\Re(a_n) \geq 0, \quad \cos \theta \leq \cos \{\arg(a_n)\} \leq 1 \quad \text{for } n \geq N,$$

so that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\cos \{\arg a_n\}]^{1/\lambda_n} = 1.$$

Hence, we obtain Corollary 5 from Corollary 4.

7. **Theorem III.** In this section, we shall prove some theorems of Fabry's type concerning the singularities of Dirichlet series, by virtue of Fundamental Theorem 2 established in the previous Note ([1]). Put

$$(1.1) \quad F(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \exp(-\lambda_n s) \quad (s = \sigma + it, \quad 0 \leq \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_n \rightarrow \infty).$$

First we shall prove

THEOREM III. *Let (1.1) be simply convergent for  $\sigma > 0$ . Then  $\sigma = 0$  is the natural boundary for (1.1), provided that there exists a subsequence  $\{\lambda_{n_k}\}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ) such that*

- (a)  $\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/\lambda_{n_k} \cdot \log |a_{n_k}| = 0$ ,
- (b)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} s_k/\lambda_{n_k} = 0$ , where  $s_k$ : the number of  $a_n \neq 0$ ,  
 $\lambda_n \in I_k [[\lambda_{n_k}](1 - \omega), [\lambda_{n_k}](1 + \omega)]$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots; 0 < \omega < 1$ ),
- (c)  $\lim_{\substack{n \rightarrow \infty \\ \lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1} \in I_k (k=1, 2, \dots)}} (\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n) > 0$ .

PROOF. Putting  $\gamma_k = \arg(a_{n_k})$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ), by (a) we get

$$(7.2) \quad \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/\lambda_{n_k} \cdot \log |\Re(a_{n_k} \exp(-i\gamma_k))| = 0.$$

Denote by  $\sigma_k$  the number of sign-change of  $\Re(a_n \exp(-i\gamma_k))$  ( $\lambda_n \in I_k$ ). Since

$0 \leq \sigma_k / [\gamma_{n_k}] \leq s_k / [\gamma_{n_k}]$ , by (b) we have

$$(7.3) \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_k / [\lambda_{n_k}] = 0.$$

By (c), the sign-change of  $\Re(a_n \exp(-i\gamma_k))$  ( $\lambda_n \in I_k$ ) is evidently normal. Thus, all the assumptions of Fundamental Theorem 2 are satisfied. Hence  $s = 0$  is the singular point for (1.1). By the transformation  $s = s' + it$  and the same arguments as above,  $s = it$  is singular for (1.1). This proves our theorem.

As a consequence of Theorem 1, we can prove

**COROLLARY VI** (F. Carlson-E. Landau, O. Szász, [6], [7], [3] p. p. 140-141). *Let (1.1) be simply convergent for  $\sigma > 0$ . If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n) > 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n/\lambda_n = 0$ , then  $\sigma = 0$  is the natural boundary.*

**PROOF.** Since evidently  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log n/\lambda_n = 0$ , by G. Valiron's theorem ([4] p. 4) the simple convergence-abcissa of (1.1) is determined by  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1/\lambda_n \cdot \log |a_n| = 0$ .

Denoting by  $N(r)$  the number of  $\lambda_n$ 's contained in  $[0, r]$ , by  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} n/\lambda_n = 0$  we have

$$N(r) = o(\lambda_{N(r)}) = o(r).$$

Hence,

$$0 \leq s_n / [\lambda_n] \leq N([\lambda_n](1 + \omega)) / [\lambda_n](1 + \omega) \cdot (1 + \omega) \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $s_n$ : the number of  $a_i \neq 0$ ,  $\lambda_i \in I_n$   $[\lambda_n](1 - \omega)$ ,  $[\lambda_i](1 + \omega)$ . Thus, all assumptions of the theorem are satisfied, so that  $\sigma = 0$  is the natural boundary. q. e. d.

**8. Theorem IV.** Here we shall prove

**THEOREM IV.** *Let (1.1) be simply convergent for  $\sigma > 0$ . Then,  $s = 0$  is the singular point, provided that there exists a subsequence  $\{\lambda_{n_k}\}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ) such that*

- (a)  $\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/\lambda_{n_k} \cdot \log |a_{n_k}| = 0$ ,
- (b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\varphi_{n+1} - \varphi_n) = 0$ ,  
 $\lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1} \in I_k (k=1, 2, \dots)$   
*where  $\varphi_n = \arg(a_n)$ , and  $I_k[[\lambda_{n_k}](1 - \omega), [\lambda_{n_k}](1 + \omega)]$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ),*
- (c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n) > 0$ .  
 $\lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1} \in I_k (k=1, 2, \dots)$

From this theorem immediately follows

**COROLLARY VII.** *Let (1.1) be simply convergent for  $\sigma > 0$ . If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n) > 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\varphi_{n+1} - \varphi_n) = 0$ ,  $\varphi_n = \arg(a_n)$ , then  $s = 0$  is the singular point.*

In fact, by G. Valiron's theorem, we have  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1/\lambda_n \cdot \log |a_n| = 0$ . Hence, all hypotheses of Theorem 4 are satisfied, so that we get Corollary 7 by Theorem 4. In the case of Taylor series, Theorem 4 was proved by E. Fabry ([4] p. 84).

PROOF OF THEOREM 4. Taking account of the Fundamental Theorem 2, it is sufficient to prove the existence of the sequence  $\{\gamma_k\}$  ( $\gamma_k$ : real) such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/\lambda_{n_k} \cdot \log |\Re(a_{n_k} \exp(-i\gamma_k))| = 0, \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_k / [\lambda_{n_k}] = 0,$$

where  $\sigma_k$ : the number of sign-changes of  $\Re(a_n \exp(-i\gamma_k))$ ,  $\lambda_n \in I_k$   $[\lambda_{n_k}] \cdot (1 - \omega)$ ,  $[\lambda_{n_k}](1 + \omega)$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ). By hypothesis (b), there exists a positive integer  $\mu(k)$  such that

$$(8.1) \quad \text{Max}_{\lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1} \in I_k} |\varphi_{n+1} - \varphi_n| \leq 1/\mu(k), \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(k) = \infty.$$

Let us divide the periphery of the unit-circle into  $4\mu(k)$  equal parts in such manner that each dividing point does not coincide with  $\exp(i\varphi_n)$  ( $\lambda_n \in I_k$ ). Since  $2\pi/4\mu > 1/\mu$ , each arc  $(\exp(i\varphi_n), \exp(i\varphi_{n+1}))$  ( $\lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1} \in I_k$ ) contains at most one dividing point. By (c) there exists  $h$  such that

$$\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n > h > 0 \quad \text{for } \lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1} \in I_k \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Hence, the number of arcs  $(\exp(i\varphi_n), \exp(i\varphi_{n+1}))$  ( $\lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1} \in I_k$ ) is at most

$$(8.2) \quad 2\omega [\lambda_{n_k}]/h.$$

Since  $\mu \times 2[\lambda_{n_k}]/\mu h > 2\omega [\lambda_{n_k}]/h$ , by (8.2) among  $\mu(k)$  quadrates we have one quadrate  $R_k$ , whose summits touch at most  $2[\lambda_{n_k}]/\mu h$  arcs  $(\exp(i\varphi_n), \exp(i\varphi_{n+1}))$  ( $\lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1} \in I_k$ ). Then we can choose a suitable summit  $\exp(i\gamma_k)$  such that

$$(8.3) \quad |\varphi_{n_k} - \gamma_k| \leq \pi/4.$$

Denoting by  $\sigma_k$  the number of sign-changes of  $\Re(a_n \exp(-i\gamma_k))$  ( $\lambda_n \in I_k$ ), we have evidently

$$0 \leq \sigma_k \leq 2[\lambda_{n_k}]/\mu(k)h.$$

Therefore, by (8.1)

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_k / [\lambda_{n_k}] = 0.$$

On the other hand, by (8.3)

$$\Re(a_{n_k} \exp(-i\gamma_k)) = |a_{n_k}| \cos(\varphi_{n_k} - \gamma_k) \geq 1/\sqrt{2} \cdot |a_{n_k}|,$$

so that

$$(8.4) \quad \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/\lambda_{n_k} \cdot \log |\Re(a_{n_k} \exp(-i\gamma_k))| \geq \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/\lambda_{n_k} \cdot \log |a_{n_k}| = 0.$$

By  $|\Re(a_{n_k} \exp(-i\gamma_k))| \leq |a_{n_k}|$ , we get evidently

$$\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/\lambda_{n_k} \cdot \log |\Re(a_{n_k} \exp(-i\gamma_k))| \leq \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/\lambda_{n_k} \cdot \log |a_{n_k}| = 0.$$

Hence, by (8.4)

$$\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/\lambda_{n_k} \cdot \log |\Re(a_{n_k} \exp(-i\gamma_k))| = 0.$$

Thus,  $\{\gamma_k\}$  is the desired one.

q. e. d.

(to be continued)

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# NOTES ON FOURIER ANALYSIS (XLVIII): UNIFORM CONVERGENCE OF FOURIER SERIES

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1. G. H. Hardy and J. E. Littlewood [1] proved that

THEOREM A. *If*

$$(1.1) \quad f(x+t) - f(x) = o\left(1/\log \frac{1}{|t|}\right) \quad (t \rightarrow 0)$$

and the  $n$ -th Fourier coefficients of  $f(t)$  are of order  $n^{-\delta}$  ( $0 < \delta < 1$ ), then the Fourier series of  $f(t)$  converges at  $t = x$ .

Recently O. Szász [4] proved that

THEOREM B. *If  $f(t)$  is even (or odd) and continuous, and if*

$$(1.2) \quad \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 0} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_n^{\lambda n} (|a_n| - a_n) = 0,$$

$a_n$  being the  $n$ -th Fourier cosine (or sine) coefficient of  $f(t)$ , then the Fourier series of  $f(t)$  converges uniformly at  $t = x$ . Especially if  $a_n$  is of order  $n^{-1}$ , then (1.2) is valid.

In the assumption of these theorems, the first is the continuity condition and the second is the Tauberian condition. We shall prove that the assumption of Theorem A is not sufficient to the uniform convergence of the Fourier series of  $f(t)$  at  $t = x$ . Further, even if (1.1) is replaced by the condition

$$(1.3) \quad f(x+t) - f(x) = O(|t|) \quad (t \rightarrow 0)$$

in the assumption of Theorem A, the Fourier series of  $f(t)$  does not converge uniformly at  $t = x$  in general. But we can prove that, if, instead of (1.1)

$$(1.4) \quad f(t) - f(t') = o\left(1/\log \frac{1}{|t-t'|}\right) \quad (t \rightarrow x, t' \rightarrow x)$$

or, if

$$(1.5) \quad f(t) - f(t') = o\left(1/\log_2 \frac{1}{|t-t'|}\right) \quad (t \rightarrow x, t' \rightarrow x)$$

and the  $n$ -th Fourier coefficients of  $f(t)$  is of order  $(\log n)^\alpha/n$  ( $\alpha > 0$ ), then the Fourier series of  $f(t)$  converges uniformly at  $t = x$ . The condition (1.4) is the type of Dini-Lipschitz test, and (1.5) links Theorem B and this test.

To prove the negative theorem, we construct an example of the type used by one of the authors [2]. For the proof of the positive theorem we use the method due to H. Lebesgue and R. Salem [3].

On the other hand, we can prove that Young's convergence test implies the uniform convergence of Fourier series at a point. This is a dual of