

**NOTES ON FOURIER ANALYSIS (X):  
ABSOLUTE CESÀRO SUMMABILITY OF FOURIER SERIES.\*)**

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**§ 1. Introduction.** Concerning the absolute convergence of the Fourier series of function in the  $\text{Lip}(\alpha, p)$  class, Hardy and Littlewood proved the following theorem:

**Theorem A<sup>1)</sup>.** If  $f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, p)$ , where

$$0 < \alpha \leq 1, 1 \leq p \leq 2, \alpha p > 1,$$

then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  converges absolutely. Further

$$\sum |c_n|^\beta < \infty,$$

where  $c_n$  is the  $n$ -th Fourier coefficient of the Fourier series (of the complex form) of  $f(x)$  and

$$\beta > p/(p + \alpha p - 1).$$

**Theorem B<sup>2)</sup>.** If  $f(x) \in \text{Lip}(1/p, p)$  and  $f(x) \in \text{Lip } \alpha$ , where

$$0 < \alpha \leq 1, 1 \leq p < 2,$$

then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  converges absolutely.

Concerning the absolute Cesàro summability of the Fourier series of functions in the  $\text{Lip}(\alpha, p)$  class, we will prove the following theorems.

**Theorem 1.** If  $f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, p)$ , where

$$0 < \alpha \leq 1, 1 \leq p \leq 2, \alpha p \leq 1,$$

then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is summable  $|C, \frac{1}{p} - \alpha + \varepsilon|$  almost everywhere,  $\varepsilon$  being any positive number.

**Theorem 2.** If  $f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, p)$ , where

$$0 < \alpha \leq 1, \alpha p > 1,$$

then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is summable  $|C, \frac{1}{q} + \varepsilon|$ .

If  $f \in \text{Lip } \alpha$ , then  $f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, 2)$ , and theorem 1 implies.

**Theorem 3.** If  $f \in \text{Lip } \alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1/2$ , then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is summable  $|C, 1/2 - \alpha + \varepsilon|$ .

This is due to Hyslop<sup>3)</sup>.

Functions in  $\text{Lip}(1,1)$  are equivalent to functions of bounded variation.

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Putting  $\alpha=p=1$  in Theorem 1, we get

**Theorem 4.** If  $f(x)$  is of bounded variation, then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is summable  $|C, \varepsilon|$ ,  $\varepsilon$  being any positive number.

This is due to Bosanquet.

In the proof of these theorems we used the complex method due to Hardy and Littlewood. Therefore the proof is quite different from that of Bosanquet and Hyslop.

**§ 2. Lemmas.** Let  $f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, p)$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , and

$$(1) \quad f(x) \sim \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx} \equiv \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} C_n.$$

Let the power series component of (1) be

$$F(e^{ix}) \sim \sum_0^{\infty} c_n e^{inx}, \quad F_2(e^{ix}) \sim \sum_{-\infty}^{-1} c_n e^{inx},$$

which are boundary functions of

$$F_1(z) = \sum_0^{\infty} c_n z^n, \quad F_2(z) = \sum_{-\infty}^{-1} c_n z^n,$$

regular in  $|z| < 1$ .

It is known that

**Lemma 1.** If  $f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, p)$ , then  $F_i(e^{ix}) \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, p)$  and

$$\left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |F_i(z)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} = O\left( (1-r)^{\alpha-1} \right)$$

where  $i=1, 2$ , and  $z=re^{ix}$ .

If we put  $z=\rho e^{it}$  and

$$g(z) = F(ze^{ix}) = \sum_0^{\infty} c_n z^n e^{inx} = \sum_0^{\infty} C_n z^n,$$

then we have

$$\left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |g(e^{i(t+h)}) - g(e^{it})|^p dt \right)^{1/p} = \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |F_1(e^{i(t+h+x)}) - F_1(e^{i(t+x)})|^p dt \right)^{1/p}$$

which is  $O(h^\alpha)$  by Lemma 1. Thus we get

**Lemma 2.** If  $f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, p)$ , then  $g(e^{it}) \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, p)$ .

Further we have

**Lemma 3.** If  $g(x) \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, p)$ , then  $g_1(t) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(x+t) dt \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, p)$ .

For

$$\left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |g_1(t+h) - g_1(t)|^p dt \right)^{1/p} = \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dt \left| \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [g(x+t+h) - g(x+t)]^p dx \right| \right)^{1/p}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -g(x+t) \Big| dx \Big|^p \Big)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
& \leq A \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dt \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |g(x+t+h) - g(x+t)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
& = A \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dt h^{\alpha} \leq Ah^{\alpha}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 4.** If we denote by  $\sigma_n^r$  and  $\tau_n^r$  the  $r$ -th Cesàro mean of  $\Sigma u_n$  and  $\{un^n\}$  respectively, then

$$\sigma_{n+1}^r - \sigma_n^r = \tau_n^r / n.$$

From above lemmas we see that, in proving Theorem 1 and 2, we can suppose that the Fourier series of  $f(x)$ , is of power series type and it is sufficient to prove that  $\Sigma |\tau_n^r| / n < \infty$  for required  $r$ .

**§ 3. Proof of Theorem 1.** We will distinguish two cases. Firstly we will exclude the case  $p=1$ . By  $T_n^r$  we denote the  $r$ -th Cesàro sum of  $\{nc_n\}$ , which is given by the expansion coefficient of  $zg'(z)/(1-z)^r$ .

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
(2) \quad T_{n+1}^r &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} zg'(z)/(1-z)^r z^{n+2} dt \quad (z = \rho e^{it}) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi \rho^n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g'(\rho e^{it}) e^{-int} / (1 - \rho e^{it})^r dt. \\
T_{n+1}^r &= \frac{1}{2\pi \rho^n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{e^{-int}}{(1 - \rho e^{it})^r} g'(\rho e^{it}) dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Let us put, for the sake of simplicity,

$$\begin{aligned}
\tau_n &\equiv T_{n+1}^r, \\
H(t) &\equiv H(\rho e^{it}) \equiv 1/(1 - \rho e^{it})^r, \\
G(t) &\equiv G(\rho e^{it}) \equiv g'(\rho e^{it}),
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 1

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |g'(\rho e^{it})|^p dt = O\left((1-\rho)^{(\alpha-1)p}\right),$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned}
(3) \quad \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |G(\rho e^{it})|^p dt \right)^{1/p} &= \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dt \left| \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g'(\rho e^{i(t+\varphi)}) dx \right|^p \right)^{1/p} \\
&\leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dx \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |g'(\rho e^{i(t+\varphi)})|^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = O\left((1-\rho)^{\alpha-1}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

For the proof of Theorem 1 it is sufficient to prove that

$$\sum_1^{\infty} |T_n^r| / n^{r+1} < \infty, \text{ a.e.}$$

or

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_1^{\infty} |\tau_n| / n^{p+1} dx < \infty.$$

Since we can suppose  $r < 1/p$ , we have by the Hausdorff-Young theorem

$$\begin{aligned} (4) \quad & (\sum |\tau_n|^q \rho^{nq} |\sin nh|^q)^{1/q} \leq A \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |H(t+h)G(t+h) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - H(t-h)G(t-h)|^p dt \right)^{1/p} \\ & \leq A \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |H(t+h)|^p |G(t+h) - G(t-h)|^p dt \right)^{1/p} + A \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |H(t+h) \\ & \quad - H(t-h)|^p |G(t-h)|^p dt \Big)^{1/p}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ . We will denote by  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  the integrals on the right hand side.

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} P_1^p dx & \leq A \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |H(t+h)|^p \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |g'(\rho e^{i(t+h)}) - g'(\rho e^{i(t-h)})|^p dx dt \\ & \leq A \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |H(t+h)|^p \left\{ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |g'(\rho e^{i(t+h)})|^p dx \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |g'(\rho e^{i(t-h)})|^p dx \right\} dt \\ & \leq A(1-\rho)^{(\alpha-1)p} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |H(t+h)|^p dt, \\ & \leq A(1-\rho)^{(\alpha-1)p} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{dt}{\{(1-\rho)^2 + \rho(t+h)\}^{p/2}} \\ & \leq A(1-\rho)^{(\alpha-1)p}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} P_2^p dx & \leq A \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |H(t+h) - H(t-h)|^p \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |g'(\rho e^{i(t-h)})|^p dx dt \\ & \leq A(1-\rho)^{(\alpha-1)p} \left( \int_{-\pi}^0 + \int_0^{\pi} \right) |H(t+h) - H(t-h)|^p dt, \end{aligned}$$

where the second integral on the right hand side is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi} |H(t+h) - H(t-h)|^p dt & = \int_{-h}^{\pi-h} |H(t+2h) - H(t)|^p dt \\ & = \int_{-h}^h + \int_h^{\pi-h} \equiv Q_1 + Q_2, \end{aligned}$$

say. Firstly

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1 & \leq A \int_{-h}^h |H(t+h)|^p dt + A \int_{-h}^h |H(t)|^p dt \\ & \leq A \int_{-h}^{h^r} \frac{dt}{(t+2)^p h^r} + A \int_{-h}^h \frac{dt}{t^{rp}} \leq A(h^{1-rp}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_2 &\leq A \int_h^\pi |H(t+2h) - H(t)|^p dt \\
&\leq A \int_h^\pi \left| \frac{1}{(1-\rho e^{i(t+2h)})^r} - \frac{1}{(1-\rho e^{it})^r} \right|^p dt \\
&\leq Ah^p \int_h^\pi \frac{dt}{(1-\rho e^{it})^{(r+1)p}} \leq Ah^p \int_h^\pi \frac{dt}{t^{(r+1)p}} \leq Ah^{1-rp}.
\end{aligned}$$

Summing up above estimations

$$\int_{-\pi}^\pi P_2^p dx \leq A(1-\rho)^{(\alpha-1)p} h^{1-rp}.$$

Putting  $1-\rho=h$ , we have

$$\int_{-\pi}^\pi P_1^p dx \leq Ah^{(\alpha-1)p}, \quad \int_{-\pi}^\pi P_2^p dx \leq Ah^{(\alpha-1)p+(1-rp)}.$$

Substituting these into (4) we get

$$\int_{-\pi}^\pi \left\{ \sum_1^\infty |\tau_n|^q \rho^{nq} |\sin nh|^q \right\}^{p/q} \leq Ah^{(\alpha-1)p},$$

consequently

$$\int_{-\pi}^\pi \left\{ \sum_{N/2}^N |\tau_n|^q \rho^{nq} (\sin nh)^q \right\}^{p/q} \leq Ah^{(\alpha-1)p}.$$

Let  $h \equiv \pi/2N$ , then  $\rho^{nq} = (1-h)^{nq} = (1-\pi/2N)^{nq} > c > 0 (N/2 \leq n \leq N)$ .

Thus we have

$$\int_{-\pi}^\pi \left( \sum_{N/2}^N |\tau_n|^q \right)^{p/q} \leq AN^{-(\alpha-1)p}.$$

Putting  $N=2^\nu$  and summing up by  $\nu$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{-\pi}^\pi \sum_1^\infty |\tau_n|/n^{1+r} dx &= \int_{-\pi}^\pi \sum_{\nu=1}^\infty \sum_{n=2^{\nu-1}+1}^{2^\nu} |\tau_n|/n^{1+r} dx \\
&\leq \sum_{\nu=1}^\infty \int_{-\pi}^\pi (\sum \tau_n^q)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \sum_{n=2^{\nu-1}+1}^{2^\nu} \frac{1}{n^{(r+1)p}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} dx \\
&\leq A \sum_{\nu=1}^\infty 2^\nu \left( \frac{1}{2^{\nu-1}} \right)^{r-1} \left( \int_{-\pi}^\pi (\sum_{n=2^{\nu-1}+1}^{2^\nu} |\tau_n|^q)^{p/q} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq A \sum_{\nu=1}^\infty 2^{-\nu(\alpha-\frac{1}{p}+r)}
\end{aligned}$$

which is convergent for  $r > 1/p - \alpha$ . Thus we get the theorem.

We will now consider the second case  $p=1$ . In this case (4) is replaced by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\tau_n \rho^n \sin nh| dx &\leq A \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |G(t+h) - G(t-h)| dx \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |H(t+h)| dt \\ &\quad + A \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |H(t+h) - H(t-h)| dx \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |G(t-h)| dt \\ &\leq A(1-\rho)^{\alpha-1} + A(1-\rho)^{\alpha-1} \leq A(1-\rho)^{\alpha-} \end{aligned}$$

as in the former case. Putting  $h \equiv \pi/2N$ ,

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_1^{\infty} |\tau_n| / n^{r+1} \leq A \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} 2^{v(1-\alpha-r)} < \infty.$$

§ 4. Proof of Theorem 2. Using the notation of the proof of Theorem 1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_{n+1}^r &= \frac{1}{2\pi\rho^n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{g'(\rho e^{it})}{(1-\rho e^{it})^r} e^{-int} dt, \\ |T_{n+1}^r| &\leq A \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |g'(\rho e^{it})|^p dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |1-\rho e^{it}|^{rq} dt \right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq A(1-\rho)^{\alpha-1} \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{dt}{((1-\rho)^2 + 4\rho \sin^2 t/2)^{rq}} \right)^{1/q}, \end{aligned}$$

where the integral on the right hand side is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{dt}{((1-\rho)^2 + 4\rho \sin^2 t/2)^{rq}} &\leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{dt}{((1-\rho)^2 + 4\rho t^2/\pi^2)^{rq}} \\ &\leq A \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{dt}{((1-\rho)^2 + \rho t^2)^{rq/2}} \leq A(1-\rho)^{1-rq} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{dt}{(1+t^2)^{rq}} \\ &\leq A(1-\rho)^{1-rq}, \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $rq < 1$ . Hence we have, putting  $\rho \equiv 1 - 1/n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |T_{n+1}^r| &\leq A(1-\rho)^{1-r-\frac{1}{p}} \leq A/n^{\alpha-r-1/p}, \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|T_{n+1}^r|}{n^{r+1}} &\leq A \sum_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\alpha+1/q}} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the theorem is proved.

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