

Notes on Fourier Analysis (X).
On the summability of Fourier series.

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1. Let $\phi(x)$ be an L-integrable and periodic function with period 2π . For any $k \geq 0$ and any $a \geq 0$ we define $\Psi_k(x)$ and $\Psi_k^a(x)$ the formula:

$$\Psi_k(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(k)} \int_x^\pi \left(\log \frac{u}{x}\right)^{k-1} \phi(u) \frac{du}{u},$$

$$\Psi_0(x) = \phi(x)$$

and

$$\Psi_k^a(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^x (x-v)^{a-1} \Psi_k(v) dv,$$

$$\Psi_k^0(x) = \Psi_k(x).$$

If $\Psi_k^a(x)/x^a(\log 1/x)^k = o(1)$ as $x \rightarrow 0$, we say that $\phi(x)$ is (a, k) -continuous at $x=0$.

Let $\sum a_n$ be a given series and $A(u) \equiv \sum_{v < u} a_v$ be its partial sum. For any $k \geq 0$ we define Riesz's sum $R_k(\omega)$ of order k by

$$R_k(\omega) = \sum_{n < \omega} \left(\log \frac{\omega}{n}\right)^k a_n = \frac{1}{\Gamma(k)} \int_1^\omega \left(\log \frac{\omega}{u}\right)^{k-1} \frac{A(u)}{u} du,$$

$$R_0(\omega) = A(\omega)$$

and for any $a \geq 0$

$$R_k^a(\omega) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^\omega (\omega-v)^{a-1} R_k(v) dv,$$

$$R_k^0(\omega) = R_k(\omega).$$

If

$$R_k^a(\omega)/\omega^a(\log \omega)^k \rightarrow s \text{ as } \omega \rightarrow \infty,$$

then we say that $\sum a_n$ be (a, k) -summable to the sum s and denote it by

$$\sum a_n = s(a, k).$$

Let $\phi(x)$ be an even periodic function with period 2π , and its Fourier

series be

$$\phi \sim \frac{1}{2}a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx.$$

Let us consider the (a, k) -summability of Fourier series of $\phi(t)$ at x . For the sake of simplicity, we suppose that $x=0$, $s=0$ and $\phi(0)=0$. This summability has been already treated by Hardy¹⁾, Kawata-Wang²⁾ and Bosanquet-Offord³⁾ Especially Bosanquet and Offord proved the following theorem :

If
$$|\phi(t)| = O\left(\log \frac{1}{t}\right) \quad (C, 1)$$

as $t \rightarrow 0$, then a necessary and sufficient condition that for any $\delta > -1$ $\mathcal{S}[\phi]$ is $(\delta, 1)$ -summable, is that for some β , $\phi(x)$ is $(\beta, 1)$ -continuous.

As an extension of this theorem, we prove the following Theorem. If for $k \geq 1$

$$\Psi_{k-1}(t) = O\left(\log \frac{1}{t}\right)^k \quad (C, 1)$$

as $t \rightarrow 0$, then the necessary and sufficient condition that $\mathcal{S}[\phi]$ is (a, k) -summable for any $a > -1$, is that for some β , $\phi(x)$ is (β, k) -continuous.

2. Let S_n^α be the n -th Cesàro sum of the series $\sum a_n$ of order α . Concerning the relation between S_n^α and $R_k^\alpha(\omega)$ we have

Lemma 1. For any positive integer k and α such as $\alpha - k > -1$,

$$S_n^\alpha = A_0 R_k^\alpha(n) + A_1 n R_k^{\alpha-1}(n) + \dots + A_k n^k R_k^{\alpha-k}(n),$$

where $A_i (i=0, 1, \dots, k)$ depends only on α and k .

Proof. By the definition

$$S_n^\alpha = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^n (n-v)^{\alpha-1} s(v) dv$$

where $s(v) = \sum_{n < v} a_n$. Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(\alpha) S_n^\alpha &= \left[R_1(v) v (n-v)^{\alpha-1} \right]_0^n - \int_0^n R_1(v) \frac{d}{dv} \{ v (n-v)^{\alpha-1} \} dv \\ &= -\alpha \int_0^n R_1(v) (n-v)^{\alpha-1} dv + (\alpha-1) n \int_0^n R_1(v) (n-v)^{\alpha-2} dv \\ &= -\alpha \Gamma(\alpha) R_1^\alpha(n) + (\alpha-1) \Gamma(\alpha-1) n R_1^{\alpha-1}(n), \end{aligned}$$

Dividing by $\Gamma(a)$, we get

$$S_n^\alpha = -aR_1^\alpha(n) + nR_1^{\alpha-1}(n).$$

Repeating this process we get

$$S_n^\alpha = A_0R_k^\alpha(n) + A_1nR_k^{\alpha-1}(n) + \dots + A_{k-1}n^{k-1}R_k^{\alpha-k+1}(n) \\ + A_k'n^k \int_0^n R_k(v) (n-v)^{\alpha-k-1} dv,$$

where the last term is equal to

$$\frac{A_k'}{a-k} n^k \frac{d}{dn} \int_0^n R_k(v) (n-v)^{\alpha-k} dv \\ = \frac{A_k'}{a-k} \Gamma(a-k+1) n^k \frac{d}{dn} R_k^{\alpha-k+1}(n) = A_k n^k R_k^{\alpha-k}(n).$$

Consequently, for $a-k > -1$,

$$S_n^\alpha = A_0R_k^\alpha(n) + A_1nR_k^{\alpha-1}(n) + \dots + A_k n^k R_k^{\alpha-k}(n).$$

Thus the lemma is proved.

As the immediate corollary of Lemma 1 we get

Lemma 2. For any positive integer k and $a > -1$, $\sum a_n = O(a, k)$ implies $\sum a_n = o(\log n)^k (a+k, 0)$.

On the other hand the following theorem is known:

Theorem (Kawata-Wang²⁾). For any $a, \beta > 0$, $\sum a_n = O(a, \beta)$ implies $\sum a_n = o(0, a+\beta)$.

3. For any $k \geq 1$ the k -th Riesz sum $R_k(\omega)$ of Fourier series $\mathfrak{C}[\phi]$ is represented by

$$R_k(\phi, \omega) = R_k(\omega) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \Psi_k(t) \frac{\sin \omega t}{t} dt + o(\log \omega)^k.$$

That is

$$R_k(\omega) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin\left(\omega + \frac{1}{2}\right)t}{2 \sin t/2} \Psi_k(t) dt + o(\log \omega)^k + o(1) \\ = S_\omega(\Psi_k) + o(\log \omega)^k.$$

In particular,

$$R_1(\Psi_k, \omega) = S_\omega((\Psi_k)_1) + o(\log \omega) = S_\omega(\Psi_{k+1}) + o(\log \omega),$$

$$(1) \quad R_1(\Psi_k, \omega) = R_{k+1}(\Phi, \omega) + o(\log \omega)^{k+1}.$$

As the consequence of Lemma 1 and (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\omega}^{\alpha}(\Psi_{k-1}) &= A_0 R_1^{\alpha}(\Psi_{k-1}, \omega) + A_1 \omega R_1^{\alpha-1}(\Psi_{k-1}, \omega) \\ &= A_0 \{ R_k^{\alpha}(\phi, \omega) + o(\omega^{\alpha} \log^k \omega) \} + A_1 \omega \{ R_k^{\alpha-1}(\phi, \omega) \\ &\quad + o(\omega^{\alpha-1} \log^k \omega) \} \\ &= A_0 R_k^{\alpha}(\phi, \omega) + A_1 \omega R_k^{\alpha-1}(\phi, \omega) + o(\omega^{\alpha} \log^k \omega). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get

$$S_{\omega}^{\alpha}(\Psi_{k-1}) = A_0 R_k^{\alpha}(\phi, \omega) + A_1 \omega R_k^{\alpha-1}(\phi, \omega) + o(\omega^{\alpha} \log^k \omega),$$

provided that $\alpha > 0$ and $k \geq 1$.

Lemma 3. If $\alpha > 0$ and $k \geq 1$, then the necessary and sufficient condition that $\mathfrak{S}[\phi]$ is $(\alpha-1, k)$ -summable, is that

$$1^{\circ} \quad S_{\omega}^{\alpha}(\Psi_{k-1}) = o(\omega^{\alpha} (\log \omega)^k).$$

2 $^{\circ}$. There exists β such that, $\mathfrak{S}[\phi]$ is (β, k) -summable.

Proof. Necessity is trivial. If $\beta > \alpha$, then from (2)

$$\frac{S_{\omega}^{\beta}(\Psi_{k-1})}{\omega^{\beta} (\log \omega)^k} = A_0 \frac{R_k^{\beta}(\phi, \omega)}{\omega^{\beta} (\log \omega)^k} + A_1 \frac{R_k^{\beta-1}(\phi, \omega)}{\omega^{\beta-1} (\log \omega)^k} + o(\omega^{\alpha-\beta})$$

and Lemma 1 $\mathfrak{S}[\phi]$ is $(\beta-1, k)$ -summable. If $h = [\beta - \alpha] + 1$, we have easily $(\beta-h, k)$ -summability of $\mathfrak{S}[\phi]$ and then (α, k) -summability of $\mathfrak{S}[\phi]$. On the other hand if $\beta \leq \alpha$, then the lemma is evident.

Lemma 4. For any $\alpha > 0$

$$\Psi_{k-1}^{\alpha+1}(t) = B_0 \Psi_k^{\alpha+1}(t) + B_1 t \Psi_k^{\alpha}(t),$$

where B_0 and B_1 are independent from t .

Proof. By the definition

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_k(t) &= \int_t^{\pi} \Psi_{k-1}(u) \frac{du}{u}, \\ \Psi_{k-1}^{\alpha+1}(t) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^t (t-u)^{\alpha} \Psi_{k-1}(u) du \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^t (t-u)^{\alpha} u^{\alpha} \Psi_k'(u) du \end{aligned}$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_{k-1}^{\alpha+1}(t) &= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^t \{t-u\}^\alpha - (t-u)^{\alpha+1} \} \Psi_k'(u) du \\ &= t\Psi_k^\alpha(t) - (\alpha+1)\Psi_k^{\alpha+1}(t).\end{aligned}$$

Lemma 5. For any non-negative k and $\alpha \geq 0$,

$$\phi(t) = o\left(\log \frac{1}{t}\right)^k \quad (C, \alpha),$$

implies

$$S_n(t) = o(\log n)^k \quad (C, \alpha + \delta)$$

for any $\delta > 0$.

This lemma is due to Kawata and Wang²⁾.

Lemma 6. If $\mathfrak{S}[\phi]$ is (C, k) -summable, then $\phi(t)$ is $(2, k)$ -continuous. This is due to Hardy¹⁾.

4. Proof of Theorem. Necessity. We have already seen that

$$R_k(\phi, \omega) = S_\omega(\Psi_k) + o(\log \omega)^k$$

and

$$R_k^\alpha(\phi, \omega) = S_\omega^\alpha(\Psi_k) + o(\omega^\alpha (\log \omega)^k).$$

By the hypothesis $\mathfrak{S}[\phi]$ is (C, k) -summable, and then

$$S_\omega(\Psi_k) = o(\log \omega)^k$$

as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$. Consequently by Lemma 6 $\phi(t)$ is $(2, k)$ -continuous.

Sufficiency. Since for some β_0 $\phi(t)$ is (β_0, k) -continuous

$$\Psi_k^{\beta_0}(t) = o\left(t^{\beta_0} \left(\log \frac{1}{t}\right)^k\right)$$

as $t \rightarrow 0$. By Lemma 5

$$(3) \quad S_\omega(\Psi_k) = o(\log \omega)^k \quad (C, \beta_0 + \delta).$$

That is $\mathfrak{S}[\phi]$ is $(\beta_0 + \delta, k)$ -summable for any $\delta > 0$.

On the other hand, by the condition that $\phi(t)$ is (β_0, k) -continuous, $\phi(t)$ is $(\beta_0 + 1, k)$ -continuous, that is,

$$(4) \quad \Psi_k^{\beta_0+1}(t) = o\left(t^{\beta_0+1} \left(\log \frac{1}{t}\right)^k\right).$$

From Lemma 4 and 3 we get

$$(5) \quad \Psi_{k-1}^{\beta_0+1}(t) = o\left(t^{\beta_0+1} \left(\log \frac{1}{t}\right)^k\right).$$

By Lemma 5 and (5) we have

$$(6) \quad S_{\omega}(\Psi_{k-1}) = o(\log \omega)^k \quad (C, \beta_0 + 1 + \delta)$$

for any $\delta > 0$. We can now easily prove that

$$\Psi_{k-1}(t) = O\left(\log \frac{1}{t}\right)^k \quad (C, 1)$$

implies

$$S_{\omega}(\Psi_{k-1}) = O(\log \omega)^k \quad (C, \epsilon)$$

for any $\epsilon > 0$. (6), (7) and the Andersen's theorem give us

$$(8) \quad S_{\omega}(\Psi_{k-1}) = o(\log \omega)^k \quad (C, \epsilon).$$

Since (8) and (3) satisfy the condition of Lemma 3, $\mathfrak{S}[\phi]$ is $(\epsilon-1, k)$ -summable for any $\epsilon > 0$. Thus the theorem is completely proved.

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