

Menchoff-Rademacher type theorems in vector-valued Banach function spaces

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Abstract

We present a simple procedure which transfers classical coefficient tests on summation of orthonormal series in $L_2(\mu)$ into theorems on summation for unconditionally convergent series in vector-valued Banach function spaces $E(X)$ (where E is a Banach function space over a measure space (Ω, μ) and X a Banach space).

1 Introduction

The fundamental theorem of Menchoff [12] and Rademacher [16] is the most important coefficient test for almost everywhere summation of general orthonormal series. It states that whenever a sequence (α_k) of coefficients satisfies the “test” $\sum_k |\alpha_k \log(k+2)|^2 < \infty$, then every orthonormal series $\sum_k \alpha_k x_k$ in $L_2(\mu)$ converges almost everywhere – moreover, by a result of Kantorovitch [8] its maximal function is square-integrable,

$$\left\| \sup_j \left| \sum_{k=0}^j \alpha_k x_k \right| \right\|_2 \leq C \|(\log(k+2)\alpha_k)\|_2. \quad (1.1)$$

There is a long list of analogs of this result for various summation methods as Cesaro, Riesz, or Abel summation.

Recall that a *summation method* formally is a matrix $S = (s_{jk})$ with positive entries such that for each convergent series $s = \sum_k x_k$ of scalars we have

$$s = \lim_j \sum_k s_{jk} \sum_{\ell=0}^k x_\ell \quad (1.2)$$

(see e.g. [1] and [19]).

For example, the coefficient test $\sum_k |\alpha_k \log \log(k+2)|^2 < \infty$ assures that all orthonormal series $\sum_k \alpha_k x_k$ are almost everywhere Cesaro-summable, and moreover for the Cesaro means of its partial sums we have $\sup_j \left| \frac{1}{j+1} \sum_{k=0}^j \sum_{\ell=0}^k \alpha_\ell x_\ell \right| \in L_2(\mu)$, a result of Kaczmarz [7] and Menchoff [13].

Given a summation method $S = (s_{kj})$ and a scalar sequences (ω_k) , we speak of a *coefficient test* whenever for each orthonormal series $\sum_k \alpha_k x_k$ in $L_2(\mu)$ with coefficients (α_k) satisfying the test $\sum_k |\alpha_k \omega_k|^2 < \infty$ we have

$$\sum_k \alpha_k x_k = \lim_j \sum_k s_{jk} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \alpha_\ell x_\ell \quad \mu\text{-a.e.};$$

such test sequences (ω_k) are then usually called *Weyl sequences* with respect to S . Obviously, $(\log(k+2))_k$ is a Weyl sequence for ordinary summation, and $(\log \log(k+2))_k$ for Cesaro-summation.

It is well-known that some fundamental coefficient tests transfer to almost everywhere summation theorems for unconditionally convergent series $\sum_k x_k$ in arbitrary $L_p(\mu)$ -spaces (see e.g. [2], [3], [5], [6], [11], [15], and [17]). Following the approach from [5], the aim of this article is to extend several of these classical tests even to the vector-valued situation. We show a couple of results reflecting the following general philosophy:

Given a coefficient test with respect to a summation method S and a Weyl sequence ω , then for every unconditionally convergent series $\sum_k x_k$ in a Banach-space-valued Banach function space $E(X)$ we have

$$\sum_k \frac{x_k}{\omega_k} = \lim_j \sum_k s_{jk} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{x_\ell}{\omega_\ell} \quad \mu\text{-a.e.},$$

and moreover for its maximal function

$$\sup_j \left\| \sum_k s_{jk} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{x_\ell}{\omega_\ell} \right\|_X \in E.$$

Since any orthonormal series $\sum_k \alpha_k x_k$ in L_2 is unconditionally convergent, such results then still contain the original test as a special case ($E = L_2$ and $X = \mathbb{K}$).

Applied to ordinary summation we obtain a Menchoff-Rademacher type theorem for unconditionally convergent series $\sum_k x_k$ in spaces $E(X)$ (which needs no further assumption on the underlying Banach function space E and Banach space X), and similar results for Cesaro, Abel, or Riesz summation. Part of this article will be implicitly contained in [5].

2 Preliminaries

We shall use standard notation and notions from Banach space theory as presented e.g in [4], [6], [10], or [17]. We will need Grothendieck’s notion of integral and Hilbertian operators in Banach spaces, and denote the integral norm of a (bounded and linear) operator u in Banach spaces by $\iota(u)$ and its Hilbertian norm by $\gamma_2(u)$. Grothendieck’s “fundamental theorem of the metric theory of tensor products” states that for every operator u from ℓ_1 into ℓ_∞ we have

$$\gamma_2(u) \leq \iota(u) \leq K_G \gamma_2(u). \tag{2.1}$$

The projective norm $\|\cdot\|_\pi$ for an element z in the tensor product $X \otimes Y$ of two Banach spaces is given by $\|z\|_\pi = \inf \sum_k \|x_k\| \|y_k\|$, where the infimum is taken over all finite representation $z = \sum_k x_k \otimes y_k$. Dually, the injective norm $\|\cdot\|_\varepsilon$ for $z = \sum_k x_k \otimes y_k$ (a fixed finite representation) is defined by $\|z\|_\varepsilon = \sup_{\|x'\|_{X'}, \|y'\|_{Y'} \leq 1} \left| \sum_k x'(x_k) y'(y_k) \right|$. We will need the fact that for each integral operator $u \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$

$$\iota(u) = \sup \| \text{id} \otimes u : Z \otimes_\varepsilon X \longrightarrow Z \otimes_\pi Y \|, \tag{2.2}$$

where the supremum is taken over all Banach spaces Z (see e.g., [4]).

Recall that the vector space of all unconditionally summable sequences $x = (x_k)$ in a Banach space X (i.e., the series $\sum_k x_k$ are unconditionally convergent) together with the norm $w_1(x) := \sup_{\|\alpha\|_\infty \leq 1} \left\| \sum_{k=0}^\infty \alpha_k x_k \right\|$ forms the Banach space $\ell_1^{\text{unc}}(X)$. There is a canonical way to identify $\ell_1^{\text{unc}}(X)$ with the completion of $\ell_1 \otimes_\varepsilon X$.

For the definition of Banach function spaces (= Köthe function spaces) E over measure spaces (Ω, μ) see [10]. Recall that a function $f : \Omega \rightarrow X$ is μ -measurable whenever it is an almost everywhere limit of a sequence of vector-valued step functions. The vector-valued Banach function space $E(X)$ consists of all (μ -equivalence classes of) μ -measurable functions $f : \Omega \rightarrow X$ such that $\|f\|_X \in E$, a vector space which together with the norm $\|f\|_{E(X)} = \|\|f\|_X\|_E$ forms a Banach space. For $E = L_p(\mu)$ this construction leads to the well-known space $L_p(\mu, X)$ of Bochner-integrable functions. For $\Omega = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ with the discrete measure we as usual write ℓ_p^n instead of $L_p(\mu)$ (here $\dim \ell_p^n = n + 1$).

3 Summation processes and maximizing matrices

By a result of Toeplitz, summation methods S (see the introduction for a definition) can be characterized through the following two conditions

$$\lim_j \sum_k s_{jk} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_j s_{jk} = 0 \quad \text{for all } k, \tag{3.1}$$

and it can be shown easily that these conditions even assure that (1.2) holds for all convergent series $\sum_k x_k$ in a Banach space X . A sequence (x_k) in a Banach space X for which the sequence $(\sum_k s_{jk} x_k)_j$ converges, is said to be S -summable. The identity matrix is the first important example of a summation process. Let us recall three other fundamental methods – Cesaro, Riesz and Abel summation.

The *Cesaro matrix* C with

$$c_{jk} := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{j+1} & k \leq j \\ 0 & k > j \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

defines Cesaro-summation, and more generally for $\alpha > 0$ the *Cesaro matrix* C^α defined by

$$c_{jk}^\alpha := \begin{cases} \frac{A_{j-k}^{\alpha-1}}{A_j^\alpha} & k \leq j \\ 0 & k > j \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

gives Cesaro-summation of order α ; here $A_j^\alpha := \binom{j+\alpha}{j}$ for $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Next, if λ is a positive, strictly increasing and unbounded sequence of scalars, then the *Riesz matrices* R^λ are given by

$$r_{jk}^\lambda := \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k}{\lambda_{j+1}} & k \leq j \\ 0 & k > j \end{cases} \quad (3.4)$$

Note that for $\lambda_j = j$ Riesz $^\lambda$ -summation means Cesaro-summation, and for $\lambda_j = 2^j$ a sequence is Riesz $^\lambda$ -summable iff it is summable. Finally, we define the *Abel matrices* A^ρ by

$$a_{jk}^\rho := \rho_j^k (1 - \rho_j), \quad (3.5)$$

where ρ is a positive sequence which increases to 1. Recall that a scalar sequence (x_k) is said to be Abel-summable whenever the limit $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \sum_{k=0}^\infty x_k r^k$ exists. For $0 < r < 1$ we have $\sum_{k=0}^\infty x_k r^k = \sum_{k=0}^\infty (1-r)r^k \sum_{\ell=0}^k x_\ell$ which justifies our name for A^ρ . For more information on these summation methods see e.g. [1] and [19].

Now we define maximizing matrices, a definition crucial for our purpose. Let $A = (a_{jk})_{j,k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ be a matrix satisfying $\|A\|_\infty := \sup_{jk} |a_{jk}| < \infty$, or equivalently A defines an operator from ℓ_1 into ℓ_∞ with norm $\|A\|_\infty$. We say that A is *maximizing* whenever for each orthonormal series $\sum_k \alpha_k x_k$ in $L_2(\mu)$ we have

$$\sup_j \left| \sum_{k=0}^\infty a_{jk} \alpha_k x_k \right| \in L_2(\mu).$$

Clearly, by a closed graph argument A is maximizing if and only if the following maximal inequality holds: There is a constant $C > 0$ such that for all orthonormal series $\sum_k \alpha_k x_k$ in $L_2(\mu)$ we have

$$\left\| \sup_j \left| \sum_{k=0}^\infty a_{jk} \alpha_k x_k \right| \right\|_2 \leq C \|\alpha\|_2,$$

and the best of these constants is denoted by

$$m(A) := \inf C.$$

In [5, section 1.7] it is proved that A is maximizing if and only if A as an operator from ℓ_1 into ℓ_∞ factorizes through a Hilbert space (is a Hilbertian operator), and in this case

$$\gamma_2(A) = m(A). \quad (3.6)$$

Let us finally list some examples of maximizing matrices. Note first that all matrix products of the form

$$S \Sigma D_{(1/\log(k+2))} = \left(\frac{1}{\log(k+2)} \sum_{\ell=k}^{\infty} s_{j\ell} \right)_{j,k} \tag{3.7}$$

are maximizing where S is some summation method, Σ the sum matrix defined by

$$\sigma_{jk} := \begin{cases} 1 & k \leq j \\ 0 & k > j \end{cases},$$

and $D_{(1/\log(k+2))}$ the diagonal matrix with diagonal $(1/\log(k+2))_k$. Indeed, S by (3.1) defines a (bounded and linear) operator on ℓ_∞ which implies that

$$\sup_j \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} s_{jk} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{\alpha_\ell}{\log(\ell+2)} x_\ell \right| \leq \|S : \ell_\infty \rightarrow \ell_\infty\| \sup_k \left| \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{\alpha_\ell}{\log(\ell+2)} x_\ell \right|,$$

and hence the conclusion is an immediate consequence of the Menchof-Rademacher-Kantorovitch inequality (1.1).

In the particular case of Cesaro, Riesz and Abel summation the above diagonal sequence $(1/\log(k+2))_k$ (or Weyl sequence $(\log(k+2))_k$) can be improved. This follows from a careful analysis of the proofs for the famous coefficient tests for almost everywhere convergence of orthonormal series due to Kaczmarz [7], Kantorovitch [8], Menchoff [12], [13], Rademacher [16], and Zygmund [18]. For a detailed presentation of the following three facts see [5, section 2].

Example 3.1. The following matrices generated (as in (3.7)) by the Cesaro matrices C^α , Riesz matrices R^λ and Abel matrices A^ρ are maximizing:

$$R^\lambda \Sigma D_{(1/\log \log \lambda_k)} = \left(\begin{cases} (1 - \frac{\lambda_k}{\lambda_{j+1}}) \frac{1}{\log \log \lambda_k} & k \leq j \\ 0 & k > j \end{cases} \right)_{jk} \tag{3.8}$$

$$C^\alpha \Sigma D_{(1/\log \log(k+2))} = \left(\begin{cases} \frac{A_{j-k}^\alpha}{A_j^\alpha} \frac{1}{\log \log(k+2)} & k \leq j \\ 0 & k > j \end{cases} \right)_{jk} \tag{3.9}$$

$$A^\rho \Sigma D_{(1/\log \log(k+2))} = \left(\frac{\rho_j^k}{\log \log(k+2)} \right)_{jk}. \tag{3.10}$$

4 The main result

It is remarkable that most of the classical almost everywhere summation theorems for orthonormal series in $L_2(\mu)$ can be extended without any further assumptions to spaces $L_p(\mu, X)$ of Bochner-integrable functions with values in a Banach space X , or even more generally, to vector-valued Banach function spaces $E(X)$ (where E is a Banach function space over a measure space (Ω, μ) and X a Banach space).

Theorem 4.1. *Let $E(X)$ be a vector-valued Banach function space. Let S be a summation method and ω a Weyl sequence with the additional property that for each orthonormal series $\sum_k \alpha_k x_k$ in $L_2(\mu)$ we have*

$$\sup_J \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} s_{jk} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{\alpha_k}{\omega_\ell} x_\ell \right| \in L_2(\mu) .$$

Then for each unconditionally convergent series $\sum_k x_k$ in $E(X)$ the following two statements hold:

$$(1) \sup_j \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} s_{jk} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{x_\ell}{\omega_\ell} \right\|_X \in E$$

$$(2) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x_k}{\omega_k} = \lim_j \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} s_{jk} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{x_\ell}{\omega_\ell} \quad \mu\text{-a.e.}$$

Proof. By $E(X)[\ell_\infty(I)]$ (I some countable partially ordered index set) we denote all families $(x_i)_{i \in I}$ in $E(X)$ such that $\sup_i \|x_i\|_X \in E$. This vector space together with the norm $\|(x_i)\| := \left\| \sup_i \|x_i\|_X \right\|_E$ forms a Banach space. Note that (x_i) belongs to $E(X)[\ell_\infty(I)]$ if and only if there is a factorization $x_i = z_i f$ where (z_i) is a uniformly bounded sequence in $L_\infty(X)$ and $f \in E$. We will also need the closed subspace $E(X)[c_0(I)] \subset E(X)[\ell_\infty(I)]$ of all families (x_i) allowing a factorization $x_i = z_i f$ for which the z_i even form a zero sequence in $L_\infty(X)$.

We start with the proof of (1): Define the matrix

$$A = S \Sigma D_{1/\omega} = \left(\frac{1}{\omega_k} \sum_{\ell=k}^{\infty} s_{j\ell} \right)_{j,k} ,$$

and note that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{jk} x_k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} s_{jk} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{x_\ell}{\omega_\ell} .$$

We know from (3.6) that the maximizing matrix A as an operator from ℓ_1 into ℓ_∞ factorizes through a Hilbert space. By the identification of $\ell_1^{\text{unc}}(E(X))$ with the completed ε -tensor product of $E(X)$ and ℓ_1 and a density argument (all finite sequences in $E(X)$ form a dense subspace of $\ell_1^{\text{unc}}(E(X))$), all we have to show is that for each n

$$\| \text{id}_{E(X)} \otimes A : E(X) \otimes_\varepsilon \ell_1^n \longrightarrow E(X)[\ell_\infty^n] \| \leq K_G \gamma_2(A) < \infty ; \tag{4.1}$$

indeed, for $x = (x_k)_{k=0}^n \in E(X)^{n+1}$

$$w_1(x) = \left\| \sum_{k=0}^n x_k \otimes e_k \right\|_{E(X) \otimes_\varepsilon \ell_1^n}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{id}_{E(X)} \otimes A) \left(\sum_k x_k \otimes e_k \right) &= \sum_k x_k \otimes A e_k \\ &= \sum_k x_k \otimes \sum_j a_{jk} e_j = \sum_j \left(\sum_k a_{jk} x_k \right) \otimes e_j , \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\left\| \sup_j \left\| \sum_k a_{jk} x_k \right\|_X \right\|_E = \left\| \text{id}_{E(X)} \otimes A \left(\sum_k x_k \otimes e_k \right) \right\|_{E(X)[\ell_\infty^2]} \leq K_G \gamma_2(A) w_1(x).$$

Let us now prove (4.1). From (2.1) we know that

$$\iota(A) \leq K_G \gamma_2(A)$$

hence we conclude from (2.2)

$$\| \text{id}_{E(X)} \otimes A : E(X) \otimes_\varepsilon \ell_1^n \longrightarrow E(X) \otimes_\pi \ell_\infty^m \| \leq K_G \gamma_2(A).$$

But since

$$\| \text{id} : E(X) \otimes_\pi \ell_\infty^m \longrightarrow E(X)[\ell_\infty^m] \| \leq 1,$$

we obtain as desired (4.1). This completes the proof of (1).

It remains to prove (2): Note first that (1) and an easy closed graph argument yield that the linear mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi : \ell_1^{\text{unc}}(E(X)) &\longrightarrow E(X)[\ell_\infty(\mathbb{N}_0 \times \mathbb{N}_0)] \\ (x_k)_{k=0}^\infty &\rightsquigarrow \left(\sum_k a_{ik} x_k - \sum_k a_{jk} x_k \right)_{(i,j)} \end{aligned}$$

is well-defined and bounded.

Our aim is to show that Φ has its values in the closed subspace $E(X)[c_0(\mathbb{N}_0 \times \mathbb{N}_0)]$. By continuity it suffices to prove that, given a finite sequence $x = (x_0, \dots, x_k, 0, \dots)$ of functions in $E(X)$, the sequence $\Phi x \in E(X)[c_0(\mathbb{N}_0 \times \mathbb{N}_0)]$. Clearly, $(x_k)_{0 \leq k \leq k_0} \in E(X)[\ell_\infty]$, and hence there are $z_k \in L_\infty(X)$ with $\|z_k\|_\infty \leq 1$ and $f \in E$ satisfying $x_k = z_k f$ for all k . But then for all i, j

$$\sum_{k=0}^{k_0} a_{ik} x_k - \sum_{k=0}^{k_0} a_{jk} x_k = \sum_{k=0}^{k_0} (a_{ik} - a_{jk}) x_k = \left(\sum_{k=0}^{k_0} (a_{ik} - a_{jk}) z_k \right) f,$$

and moreover

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^{k_0} (a_{ik} - a_{jk}) z_k \right\|_\infty \leq \sum_{k=0}^{k_0} |a_{ik} - a_{jk}| \|z_k\|_\infty \leq \sum_{k=0}^{k_0} |a_{ik} - a_{jk}|.$$

On the other hand, we have that each column of A viewed as a sequence converges (by (3.1) we know for each k that $\lim_j a_{jk} = \lim_j \frac{1}{\omega_k} \sum_{\ell=k}^\infty s_{j\ell} = \lim_j \left(\frac{1}{\omega_k} \sum_{\ell=0}^\infty s_{j\ell} - \frac{1}{\omega_k} \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} s_{j\ell} \right) = \frac{1}{\omega_k}$). Hence, $\left(\sum_k a_{ik} x_k - \sum_k a_{jk} x_k \right)_{(i,j)}$ is contained in $E(X)[c_0(\mathbb{N}_0 \times \mathbb{N}_0)]$.

As a consequence, for every unconditionally convergent series $\sum_k x_k$ in $E(X)$ the sequence $(y_{(i,j)}) = \left(\sum_k a_{ik} x_k - \sum_k a_{jk} x_k \right)_{(i,j)}$ in fact belongs to $E(X)[c_0(\mathbb{N}_0 \times \mathbb{N}_0)]$, i.e., there is a factorization $y_{(i,j)} = z_{(i,j)} f$ where $(z_{(i,j)})$ is a zero sequence in $L_\infty(X)$ and $f \in E$. Clearly, this implies that the sequence $\left(\sum_k a_{jk} x_k \right)_j$ in $E(X)$ is an almost everywhere Cauchy sequence. This completes the proof. ■

We illustrate the preceding theorem by the following collection of results on summation of unconditionally convergent series $\sum_k x_k$ in vector-valued Banach function spaces $E(X)$.

Corollary 4.2. *Let $\sum_k x_k$ be an unconditionally convergent series in a vector-valued Banach function space $E(X)$. Then*

- (1) $\sup_j \left\| \sum_{k=0}^j \frac{x_k}{\log(k+2)} \right\|_X \in E$
- (2) $\sup_j \left\| \sum_{k=0}^j \frac{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k}{\lambda_{j+1}} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{x_\ell}{\log \log \lambda_\ell} \right\|_X \in E$ for every strictly increasing, unbounded and positive sequence (λ_k) of scalars
- (3) $\sup_j \left\| \sum_{k=0}^j \frac{A_{j-k}^{r-1}}{A_j^r} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{x_\ell}{\log \log \ell} \right\|_X \in E$ for every $r > 0$
- (4) $\sup_j \left\| \sum_{k=0}^\infty \rho_j^k \frac{x_k}{\log \log k} \right\|_X \in E$ for every positive strictly increasing sequence (ρ_j) converging to 1.

Moreover, in each of these cases

$$\sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{x_k}{\omega_k} = \lim_j \sum_{k=0}^\infty s_{jk} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{x_\ell}{\omega_\ell} \quad \mu - a.e.,$$

where the summation method S is either given by the identity, Riesz $^\lambda$, Cesaro r , or Abel p matrix, and ω is the related Weyl sequence from (1) up to (4).

Let us give some references for this result whenever $E = L_p(\mu)$ and $X = \mathbb{K}$: In this case the origin of 4.2 (1) is in the article of Kwapien and Pelczynski [9] where a slightly weaker result is shown, and its final form is due to Bennett [2] and independently Maurey-Nahoum [11]. The result was then reproved by Orno in [15] with a method related to ours. But we do not see how the method in Orno should be modified in order to yield (1) in the above more general (vector-valued) formulation. Statement (2) for $E = L_p(\mu)$ and $X = \mathbb{K}$ is again a result due to Bennett from [2], and it is important to remark that he gives a in a sense elementary and direct argument. The statements (3) and (4) are new, even for $E(X) = L_p(\mu)$. Recall that the underlying models for all four results are well-known almost everywhere coefficient tests for orthogonal series due to Kaczmarz [7], Menchoff [12], [13], Rademacher [16], and Zygmund [18]; as already mentioned, the required maximal inequality for orthonormal series needed for the proof of (1) is a result of Kantorovitch [8], whereas for (2) up to (4) this inequality follows from a careful inspection of the classical results (for details see again [5, Chapter 1]).

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