

134. On Some Trigonometric Series

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1. Introduction and Theorems. **1.1.** Let us consider a trigonometric series

$$(1) \quad \frac{1}{2}a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx).$$

If we write $r_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}$, then the series (1) can be written in the form

$$(2) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_n \cos(nx + c_n), \quad -\pi/2 \leq c_n < 3\pi/2.$$

We denote by α_0 the root of the equation

$$\int_0^{3\pi/2} x^{-\alpha} \cos x \, dx = 0.$$

It is known that $\alpha_0 = 0.30844 \dots$

In the case $c_n = 0$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) in (2), we have proved the following theorems [1], as generalization of Chowla's and Selberg's theorems [2].

Theorem I. *If the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n/n^{1-\beta}$ diverges for a β , $0 \leq \beta < \alpha_0$, then*

$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ -\min_{0 \leq x < \pi} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N r_n \cos nx / \sum_{n=1}^N r_n \right) \right\} \geq A(\beta)$$

where $A(\beta) = -(1-\beta)(2/(3\pi))^{1-\beta} \int_0^{3\pi/2} x^{-\beta} \cos x \, dx > 0$. The constant $A(\beta)$ is the best possible one.

Theorem II. *Let $0 \leq \beta < \alpha_0$. If there exist $A > 0$ and λ , $0 \leq \lambda < 1 - \beta$ such that*

$$\sum_{n=1}^N r_n \cos nx \geq -AN^\lambda \quad \text{for all } x \text{ and all } N,$$

then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n/n^{1-\beta}$ converges.

1.2. For non-vanishing (c_n) , Chidambaraswamy and Shah [3] have proved the following generalization of Chowla's and Selberg's theorems [2].

Theorem III. *If $r_0 > 0$,*

$$\sum_{n=0}^N r_n \cos(nx + c_n) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \text{ and all } N$$

and there exist $a > 0$, $0 < \beta < 1$, and $d = d(a, \beta) > 0$ such that

$$\sup_{n \geq 1} \int_0^a x^{-\beta} \cos(x + c_n) dx \leq -d,$$

then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n/n^{1-\beta}$ converges.

Theorem IV. Let $0 < \beta < 1$, $1 \leq b < 1/(1-\beta)$, $0 < \gamma < 1 - b(1-\beta)$.

If

$$\sup_{n \geq 1} \int_0^{3\pi/2} x^{-\beta} \cos(x + c_n) dx \leq -d < 0$$

and the sequence of positive integers n_k ($k \geq 1$), satisfies the condition

$$1 \leq n_1 < n_2 < \dots, n_N \leq AN^{b+\epsilon} \quad (0 < \epsilon < 1 - (1-\beta)b - \gamma),$$

then

$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ -N^{-\gamma} \min_{0 \leq x \leq 2\pi} \sum_{k=1}^N \cos(n_k x + c_k) \right\} > 0.$$

1.3. We shall prove the theorems which contain above theorems as particular case.

Theorem 1. If there exist $a > 0$, $0 < \beta < 1$, and $d > 0$ such that

$$(3) \quad \sup_{n \geq 1} \int_0^a x^{-\beta} \cos(x + c_n) dx = -d$$

and the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n/n^{1-\beta}$ diverges, then

$$(4) \quad \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ -\min_{0 \leq x \leq \pi} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N r_n \cos(nx + c_n) \right) / \sum_{n=1}^N r_n \right\} \geq A'(\beta)$$

where $A'(\beta) = d(1-\beta)/a^{1-\beta}$. The constant $A'(\beta)$ is the best possible one.

If $c_n = 0$ for all n in (2), then the theorem reduces to Theorem I. If all coefficients a_n and b_n in the series (1) are non-negative, then $0 \leq c_n \leq \pi/2$ and then we can take $a = 3\pi/2$ in (3) and (3) is satisfied by $\beta < \alpha_0$. Thus we get the following

Corollary 1. If $a_n \geq 0$ and $b_n \geq 0$ for all n in (1) and the series

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} / n^{1-\beta}$ diverges for a β , $0 \leq \beta < \alpha_0$, then

$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ -\min_{0 \leq x \leq 2\pi} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) / \sum_{n=1}^N \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} \right) \right\} \geq A''(\beta)$$

where $A''(\beta)$ is a positive constant.

If one of c_n is $-\pi/2$ or (c_n) has limiting point $-\pi/2$, then the equation (3) does not hold for any a , any β , and any d . Suppose that $-\pi/2 + \delta \leq c_n \leq (3\pi/2) - \delta$ for all n , then, taking $a = 2\pi - \delta$, the equation (3) has a solution. If $c_n = \pi/2$, then the series (1) becomes the sine series $-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n \sin nx$ and the relation (3) holds for any β , $0 < \beta < 1$, and for any $a > 0$, hence we have

Corollary 2. In the case of sine series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx$, if $b_n \geq 0$ for

all n and the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n/n^\alpha$ diverges for an $\alpha, 0 < \alpha < 1$, then

$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \max_{0 \leq x \leq \pi} \left(\frac{\sum_{n=1}^N b_n \sin nx}{\sum_{n=1}^N b_n} \right) \right\} \geq A'''$$

where A''' is a positive constant.

Finally suppose that (n_k) is an increasing sequence of integers and that $a_{n_k} = 1$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots$ and the other a_n are zero. Then Theorem 1 reduces to

Corollary 3. *If there exist $a > 0, 0 < \beta < 1$, and $d > 0$ such that*

$$\sup_{n \geq 1} \int_0^a x^{-\beta} \cos(x + c_{n_k}) dx = -d$$

and $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n_k^{\beta-1}$ diverges, then

$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ - \min_{0 \leq x \leq 2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \cos(n_k x + c_{n_k}) \right) \right\} \geq A''''(\beta)$$

where $A''''(\beta) = d(1 - \beta)a^{1-\beta} > 0$.

This contains Theorem IV as a particular case.

Theorem 1 can be stated in the following equivalent form.

Theorem 1'. *If there exist $a > 0, 0 < \beta < 1$, and $d > 0$ satisfying the condition (3) and if, for any $\delta, 0 < \delta < 1$,*

$$\sum_{n=1}^N r_n \cos(nx + c_n) \geq -\delta A'(\beta) \sum_{n=1}^N r_n \quad \text{for all } N \text{ and all } x,$$

then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n/n^{1-\beta}$ converges.

Theorem III is a particular case of Theorem 1' and then of Theorem 1 since we can suppose that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n$ diverges.

Our second theorem is as follows:

Theorem 2. *If there exist $a > 0, 0 < \beta < 1$, and $d > 0$, satisfying the condition (3) and further if there exist $A > 0$ and $0 < \lambda < 1 - \beta$ such that*

$$(5) \quad \sum_{n=1}^N r_n \cos(nx + c_n) \geq -AN^\lambda \quad \text{for all } N \text{ and } x,$$

then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n/n^{1-\beta}$ converges.

If all c_n vanish, then this theorem reduces to Theorem II, and further Theorem III is also a particular case of Theorem 2. If $c_n = \pi/2$ for all n , then the relation (3) is satisfied for any $\beta, 0 < \beta < 1$, and a suitable a and the left side of (5) reduces to the sine series $-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n \sin nx$. Thus we get

Corollary 4. *If there exist $A > 0$ and $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < a < 1$, such that*

$$\sum_{n=1}^N r_n \sin nx \leq AN^\lambda \quad \text{for all } N \text{ and } x,$$

then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n/n^a$ converges.

2. Proof of Theorems. 2.2. Proof of Theorem 1. Consider $a > 0$, $0 < \beta < 1$, and $d > 0$, satisfying the condition (3), then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (6) \quad & -d \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{r_n}{n^{1-\beta}} \geq \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{r_n}{n^{1-\beta}} \int_0^a x^{-\beta} \cos(x + c_n) dx \\
 & = \sum_{n=1}^N r_n \int_0^{a/n} x^{-\beta} \cos(nx + c_n) dx = \sum_{n=1}^N r_n \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \int_{a/(j+1)}^{a/j} \\
 & = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{j=n}^N + \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} = \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^j + \sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \\
 & = \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \int_{a/(j+1)}^{a/j} \left(\sum_{n=1}^j r_n \cos(nx + c_n) \right) x^{-\beta} dx \\
 & \quad + \int_0^{a/N} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N r_n \cos(nx + c_n) \right) x^{-\beta} dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

If we put $s_j = \sum_{n=1}^j r_n$ and suppose that

$$(7) \quad M(j) = \min_{0 \leq x \leq 2\pi} \left(\sum_{n=1}^j r_n \cos(nx + c_n) \right) \geq -\delta A'(\beta) s_j$$

for all j , $1 \leq j \leq N$, and for some δ , $0 < \delta < 1$, then (6) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 -d \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{r_n}{n^{1-\beta}} & \geq -\delta A'(\beta) \left(\sum_{j=1}^{N-1} s_j \int_{a/(j+1)}^{a/j} x^{-\beta} dx + s_N \int_0^{a/N} x^{-\beta} dx \right) \\
 & = -\delta d \left(\sum_{j=1}^{N-1} s_j (j^{\beta-1} - (j+1)^{\beta-1}) + s_N N^{\beta-1} \right) \\
 & = -\delta d \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{r_j}{j^{1-\beta}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction and then, for any δ , $0 < \delta < 1$, there is a j such that the relation (7) does not hold. By divergence of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n/n^{1-\beta}$, we have, for any δ , $0 < \delta < 1$,

$$M(j) < -\delta A'(\beta) s_j \quad \text{for infinitely many } j$$

and then

$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} (-M(N)/s_N) \geq \delta A'(\beta).$$

Since δ is any positive number < 1 , we get the required relation (4).

2.2. Proof of Theorem 2. By (6) and the assumption (5),

$$\begin{aligned}
 -d \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{r_n}{n^{1-\beta}} & \geq -A \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} j^\lambda \int_{a/(j+1)}^{a/j} x^{-\beta} dx - AN^\lambda \int_0^{a/N} x^{-\beta} dx \\
 & \geq -A \int_0^a x^{-\lambda-\beta} dx = -A a^{1-\lambda-\beta} / (1-\lambda-\beta)
 \end{aligned}$$

and then

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{r_n}{n^{1-\beta}} \leq A a^{1-\lambda-\beta} / (1-\lambda-\beta) d \quad \text{for all } N.$$

Thus we get the convergence of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n/n^{1-\beta}$.

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