

49. On Cesàro Summability of Fourier-Laguerre Series

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1. The Fourier-Laguerre expansion corresponding to a function $f(x) \in L(0, \infty)$ is given by

$$(1.1) \quad f(x) \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$$

where

$$(1.2) \quad \Gamma(\alpha+1) \binom{n+\alpha}{n} a_n = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-x} x^\alpha f(x) L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) dx,$$

and $L_n^{(\alpha)}$ denotes the Laguerre polynomial of order α .

At the point $X=0$

$$(1.3) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n L_n^{(\alpha)}(0) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^\alpha f(t) L_n^{(\alpha)}(t) dt.$$

Denoting the Cesàro means of order k of the series (1.1) at the point $X=0$ by $\sigma_n^k(0)$, we easily have

$$(1.4) \quad \sigma_n^k(0) = \{A_n^{(k)} \Gamma(\alpha+1)\}^{-1} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^\alpha f(t) L_n^{(\alpha+k+1)}(t) dt.$$

Szegö [1] has studied the (C, k) summability of Laguerre series corresponding to a continuous function for $k > \alpha + \frac{1}{2}$.

In the present paper I prove the following more general theorem:-

Theorem. If $f(x)$ be integrable in $(0, \infty)$ and if it satisfies the following conditions

$$(1.5) \quad \int_1^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} x^{\alpha-k-\frac{1}{3}} |f(x)| dx < \infty, \text{ and}$$

$$(1.6) \quad \int_0^x |f(t)| dt = o(t),$$

then the Laguerre series of $f(x)$ is (C, k) summable at $x=0$ with the sum of $f(0)$ provided that $k > \alpha + \frac{1}{2}$.

2. We shall take help of the following lemmas in the proof of the theorem:-

Lemma 1 (Szegö [2], p. 172). Let α be arbitrary and real, C and ω fixed positive constants, and let $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then

$$(2.1) \quad L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = \begin{cases} x^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}-\frac{1}{4}} O(n^{\frac{\alpha}{2}-\frac{1}{4}}), & \text{if, } \frac{c}{n} \leq x \leq \omega, \\ O(n^\alpha) & \text{if, } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{c}{n}, \end{cases}$$

Lemma 2 (Szegö [2], p. 235). Let α and λ be arbitrary and real

$a > 0, 0 < \eta < 4$. Then for $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$(2.2) \quad \max e^{-\frac{x}{2}} x^\lambda |L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)| \sim n^\rho$$

where

$$(2.3) \quad Q = \begin{cases} \max\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{1}{4}\right), & \text{if } a \leq x \leq (4-\eta)n \\ \max\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{3}, \frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{1}{4}\right), & \text{if } x \geq a. \end{cases}$$

3. *Proof of the theorem.* Without loss of generality we may take $f(0) = 0$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_n^{(k)}(0) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)A_n^{(k)}} \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^\alpha f(t) L_n^{(\alpha+k+1)}(t) dt. \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)A_n^{(k)}} \left[\int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} + \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^S + \int_S^\infty \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)A_n^{(k)}} [I_1 + I_2 + I_3], \text{ say.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1| &\leq \int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} e^{-t} t^\alpha |f(t)| |L_n^{(\alpha+k+1)}(t)| dt \\ &= O(n^{\alpha+k+1}) \int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} e^{-t} t^\alpha |f(t)| dt, \text{ by Lemma 1.} \\ &= O(n^{\alpha+k+1}) \frac{1}{n^\alpha} \int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} |f(t)| dt. \\ (3.1) \quad &= o(n^k), \text{ from (1.6)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |I_2| &= \left| \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^S e^{-t} t^\alpha f(t) L_n^{(\alpha+k+1)}(t) dt \right| \\ &= O\left(\int_{\frac{1}{n}}^S e^{-t} t^\alpha |f(t)| t^{-\frac{\alpha+k+1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}} n^{\frac{\alpha+k+1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}} dt \right) \text{ By Lemma 1.} \\ (3.2) \quad &= O\left(n^{\frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{k}{2} + \frac{1}{4}} \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^S |f(t)| t^{\frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{k}{2} - \frac{3}{4}} dt. \right) \end{aligned}$$

On integrating by parts we find on putting

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t |f(u)| du &= F(t) \quad \text{that} \\ \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^S |f(t)| t^{\frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{k}{2} - \frac{3}{4}} dt &= [F(t) t^{\frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{k}{2} - \frac{3}{4}}]_{\frac{1}{n}}^S - \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^S F(t) t^{\frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{k}{2} - \frac{7}{4}} dt \\ &= F(S) S^{\frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{k}{2} - \frac{3}{4}} + F\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) n^{-\frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{k}{2} + \frac{3}{4}} \\ &\quad - \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^S O(t^{\frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{k}{2} - \frac{3}{4}}) dt \\ &= O(1) + O(n^{-\frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{k}{2} - \frac{1}{4}}) - O(1) + O(n^{-\frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{k}{2} - \frac{1}{4}}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore (3.2) give that

$$(3.3) \quad |I_2| = O(n^k).$$

Coming now to I_3 , we make use of Lemma 2. Replacing α by $\alpha+k+1$ and putting $\lambda=k+\frac{1}{3}$, we see that $\lambda-\frac{1}{3}=k>\frac{\alpha+k+1}{2}-\frac{1}{4}$ since $k>\alpha+\frac{1}{2}$. So,

$$\begin{aligned} |I_3| &= O(1) \int_S^\infty e^{-\frac{t}{2}} t^\alpha |f(t)| t^{-k-\frac{1}{3}} n^k dt \\ &= O(n^k) \int_S^\infty e^{-\frac{t}{2}} t^{\alpha-k-\frac{1}{3}} |f(t)| dt \\ (3.4) \qquad &= o(n^k), \end{aligned}$$

because we can choose S as large as we please.

Combining (3.1), (3.3), and (3.4), we have the required result.

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