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# REARRANGEMENTS OF TRIGONOMETRIC SERIES AND TRIGONOMETRIC POLYNOMIALS

#### Abstract

The paper is related to the following question of P. L. Ul'yanov. Is it true that for any  $2\pi$ -periodic continuous function f there is a uniformly convergent rearrangement of its trigonometric Fourier series? In particular, we give an affirmative answer if the absolute values of Fourier coefficients of f decrease. Also, we study how to choose m terms of a trigonometric polynomial of degree n to make the uniform norm of their sum as small as possible.

### 1 Introduction

P. L. Ul'yanov [Ul] raised the following question. Is it true that for any  $2\pi$ -periodic continuous function f there is a uniformly convergent rearrangement of its trigonometric Fourier series? The problem is still open.

Let  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $C(\mathbb{T})$  be the space of all continuous functions  $f: \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{C}$ , ||f|| be the uniform norm of  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$ . We associate with every function  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$  its Fourier series in complex form

$$f \sim \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} c_k e^{ikx}$$

and in real form

$$f \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k(x), \ A_k(x) = d_k \cos(kx + \phi_k).$$

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Observe that  $A_k(x) = c_k e^{ikx} + c_{-k} e^{-ikx}$ . It is easy to see that if Ul'yanov's conjecture is true for the series in a real form (that is, there is a permutation  $\sigma$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  such that  $\|f - d_0 - \sum_{k=1}^n A_{\sigma(k)}\| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ ), then it is also true for the series in complex form because for  $n \to \infty$ 

$$\left\| f - d_0 - \sum_{k=1}^n \left( c_{\sigma(k)} e^{i\sigma(k)x} + c_{-\sigma(k)} e^{-i\sigma(k)x} \right) \right\| \to 0.$$

Sz.Gy. Révész[R, R2] proved that for any  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$  there is a rearrangement of its trigonometric Fourier series such that some subsequence of the sequence of partial sums of the rearranged series converges to f uniformly. Due to this result, Ul'yanov's conjecture is equivalent to the following. There is an absolute constant C > 0 such that for any trigonometric polynomial (with a zero constant term)  $\sum_{k=1}^{n} A_k(x)$  there is a permutation  $\sigma: \{1, \ldots, n\} \to \{1, \ldots, n\}$  such that for  $m = 1, \ldots, n$ 

$$\left\| \sum_{k=1}^{m} A_{\sigma(k)}(x) \right\| \le C \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{n} A_{k}(x) \right\|.$$

It is known that

$$\left\| \sum_{k=1}^{m} A_k(x) \right\| \le C \log(n+1) \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{n} A_k(x) \right\|$$

(see [Z][ chapter 2,  $\S12]$ ). Let

$$\omega(f, \delta) = \sup_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{T} \\ |x - y| \le \delta}} |f(x) - f(y)|$$

be the modulus of continuity of f. By the Dini-Lipschitz theorem [Z] [chapter 2, §10], if  $\omega(f, \delta) = o(1/\log 1/\delta)$  as  $\delta \to 0$ , then the Fourier series of f converges to f uniformly. Moreover, the condition on  $\omega(f, \delta)$  is sharp and cannot be replaced by  $\omega(f, \delta) = O(1/\log 1/\delta)[Z]$  [chapter 8, §2].

The author [K, K2] proved the following results.

**Theorem 1.** For any trigonometric polynomial  $\sum_{k=1}^{n} A_k(x)$  there is a permutation  $\sigma: \{1, \ldots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \ldots, n\}$  such that for  $m = 1, \ldots, n$ 

$$\left\| \sum_{k=1}^{m} A_{\sigma(k)}(x) \right\| \le C \log \log(n+2) \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{n} A_{k}(x) \right\|.$$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$  and  $\omega(f, \delta) = o(1/\log \log 1/\delta)$  as  $\delta \to 0$ . Then there is a permutation  $\sigma : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\left\| f - d_0 - \sum_{k=1}^n A_{\sigma(k)}(x) \right\| \to 0 \ (n \to \infty).$$

Theorem 2 follows from Theorem 1 by using Theorem 5 from [R].

To approach Ul'yanov's conjecture, one can try to prove that there is an absolute constant C>0 such that for any trigonometric polynomial (with a zero constant term)  $\sum_{k=1}^n A_k(x)$  and for any  $m\leq n$  there is an injection  $\sigma:\{1,\ldots,m\}\to\{1,\ldots,n\}$  such that

$$\left\| \sum_{k=1}^{m} A_{\sigma(k)}(x) \right\| \le C \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{n} A_{k}(x) \right\|.$$

I cannot prove this either.

**Theorem 3.** For any trigonometric polynomial  $\sum_{k=1}^{n} A_k(x)$  and for any  $m \le n$  there is a set  $K \subset \{1, ..., n\}$  such that |K| = m and

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in K} A_k(x) \right\| \le C \log \log \log(n + 20) \left\| \sum_{k=1}^n A_k(x) \right\|.$$

Theorem 4. Let  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$ ,

$$f \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k(x), \ A_k(x) = d_k \cos(kx + \phi_k),$$

and  $d_k = O(k^{-1/2})$ . Then there is a permutation  $\sigma : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\left\| f - d_0 - \sum_{k=1}^n A_{\sigma(k)}(x) \right\| \to 0 \quad (n \to \infty).$$

In particular, Theorem 4 works if the sequence  $\{|d_k|\}$  is nonincreasing. Note that, by a theorem of Salem [S], there exists an even continuous function such that its Fourier series diverges at x=0 and the sequence  $\{|d_k|\}$  is nonincreasing,

By  $C, C', C_1, C_2, \ldots$  we denote positive constants. Let [u] and  $\{u\}$  be the integer and the fractional part of the real number u, respectively.

#### 2 Proof of Theorem 3

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , T be a trigonometric polynomial,

$$T(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} A_k(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} d_k \cos(kx + \phi_k).$$

We use the following lemmas from [K2].

**Lemma 1.** Let  $||T|| \le 1$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $K_{l,j} = \{k : 1 \le k \le n, k \equiv \pm j \pmod{l}\}$ . Then

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in K_{l,i}} A_k \right\| \le 2.$$

**Lemma 2.** Let  $||T|| \le 1$ . Then there exists an odd prime  $p \le 2\log^3(n+3)$  such that

$$\sum_{\substack{k_1 \neq k_2 \\ k_1 \equiv k_2 \pmod{p}}} |d_{k_1}|^2 |d_{k_2}|^2 \le \frac{C_1}{\log^2(n+1)}.$$
 (1)

**Lemma 3.** Let p be a prime satisfying (1),  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $K_{p,j} = \{k : 1 \le k \le n, k \equiv \pm j \pmod{p}\}$ ,  $N_j = |K_{p,j}|$ . Then there exists a bijection  $\tau : \{1, \ldots, N_j\} \to K_{p,j}$  such that for any  $m = 1, \ldots, N_j$  the inequality

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{m} A_{\tau(j)} \right\| \le C_2 (1 + \|T\|)$$

holds.

In the proof of Theorem 3 we assume that n is sufficiently large and  $||T|| \le 1$ . We can also assume that  $m \le n/2$ ; otherwise we can take the complement to a set constructed for n-m < n/2 instead of m. Also, it is sufficient to construct a set  $K' \subset \{1, \ldots, n\}$  such that |K'| = m' for some  $m' \le m$ ,  $m-m' \le 0.2n/\log^3 n$ , and

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in K'} A_k(x) \right\| \le C' \log \log \log n.$$

Indeed, take an odd prime  $p \leq 2\log^3(n+3)$  satisfying Lemma 2. Define the sets  $K_{p,j}$  as in Lemma 3. Since  $|K'| \leq n/2$ , we can find j so that

$$|K_{p,j} \setminus K'| \ge (n - |K'|)/p \ge n/(4\log^3(n+3)) \ge 0.2n/\log^3 n$$

provided that  $n \geq 20$ . Applying Lemma 3 to the polynomial

$$\sum_{k \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus K'} A_k,$$

we can define the set K as  $K' \cup \{\tau(1), \ldots, \tau(m)\}$  where m is such that

$$\{\tau(1),\ldots,\tau(m)\}\setminus K'=m-m'.$$

By the above arguments we can assume that  $m > 0.2n/\log^3 n$ ; otherwise, we take m' = 0 and  $K' = \emptyset$ .

We shall use the following known fact.

**Lemma 4.** For any real  $\alpha \in (0,1]$  there exist positive integers  $l_1, l_2, \ldots$ , such that for any positive integer s

$$0 < \alpha - \sum_{j=1}^{s} \frac{1}{l_j} \le 2^{-2^{s-1}}.$$
 (2)

PROOF. We construct  $l_s$  inductively by

$$l_s = \min\{l : \alpha - \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} \frac{1}{l_j} - \frac{1}{l} > 0\}.$$

The inequalities (2) can be checked by induction on s. The proof of the first inequality is straightforward. The induction base for the second inequality holds:  $\alpha - 1/l_1 \le 1/2$ .

By the induction supposition (2), we have  $l_{s+1}-1\geq 2^{2^{s-1}}$ . Also, by the definition of  $l_{s+1}$ ,  $\alpha-\sum_{j=1}^s\frac{1}{l_j}-\frac{1}{l_{s+1}-1}\leq 0$ . Therefore,

$$\alpha - \sum_{j=1}^{s+1} \frac{1}{l_j} \le \frac{1}{l_{s+1} - 1} - \frac{1}{l_{s+1}} < \frac{1}{(l_{s+1} - 1)^2} \le 2^{-2^s},$$

and (2) is established for s + 1. Lemma 4 is proved.

Take  $s = [2 \log \log \log n]$ . Note that for sufficiently large n we have

$$2^{-2^{s-1}} \le 0.05/\log^3 n. \tag{3}$$

One can try to define the numbers  $l_1, \ldots, l_s$  by Lemma 3 with  $\alpha$  close to m/n and to take, for example,

$$K' = \bigcup_{j=1}^{s} K_j, \quad K_j = \{k \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{2l_j}\},$$

By Lemma 1,

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in K_i} A_k \right\| \le 2$$

and  $\sum_{j} |K_{j}|$  is close to m. However, the sets  $K_{j}$  might have common points, and in general we cannot give good estimates for  $\left\|\sum_{k \in K'} A_{k}\right\|$  and for |K'|. We show how to correct the construction.

Let  $l_0 = [5 \log \log \log n]$ ,  $\gamma = l_0 m/n - 0.1/\log^3 n$ ,  $g = [\gamma]$ ,  $\alpha = {\gamma}$ . Note that  $g \ge 0$ . Because of our supposition  $m > 0.2n/\log^3 n$ . Take the numbers  $l_1, \ldots, l_s$  in accordance with Lemma 4 and define

$$K' = \bigcup_{j=1}^{g} K_j \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^{s} K'_j,$$

where  $K_j = \{k \equiv \pm j \pmod{2l_0}\}, K'_j = \{k \pm (g+j) \equiv 0 \pmod{2l_0l_j}\}$ . Note that the residues classes  $\pm j \pmod{2l_0}$   $(j = 1, \dots, g+s)$ , are all distinct since  $g+s \leq l_0/2+s < l_0-1$ . Therefore, the sets  $K_j$ ,  $K'_j$  are pairwise disjoint. Further, by Lemma 1,

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in K_j} A_k \right\| \le 2, \ \left\| \sum_{k \in K'_j} A_k \right\| \le 2.$$

Hence,

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in K'} A_k \right\| \le 2(g+s) \le 10 \log \log \log n.$$

Also, it is not difficult to check that

$$||K_i| - n/l_0| \le 1, ||K_i'| - n/(l_0l_i)| \le 1.$$

Therefore,

$$|K'| = ng/l_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{s} n/(l_0 l_j) + O(\log \log \log n).$$

Taking (2) and (3) into account, we get

$$ng/l_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{s} n/(l_0 l_j) \le m - 0.1n/\log^3 n$$

$$ng/l_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{s} n/(l_0 l_j) \ge m - 0.1n/\log^3 n - 0.05n/\log^3 n.$$

Combining three last inequalities, we obtain

$$m \ge |K'| \ge m - 0.2n/\log^3 n,$$

as required. This completes the proof of Theorem 3.

## 3 Spencer's Theorem and Its Corollaries

Let u be a vector  $u = (u^1, \dots, u^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $|u|_{\infty} = \max_k |u^k|$ . J. Spencer [Sp] actually proved the following theorem.

**Theorem A.** Let  $r \leq n$  be a positive integer,  $u_j \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $|u_j|_{\infty} \leq 1$ . Then for some choice of signs

$$|\pm u_1 \pm \cdots \pm u_r|_{\infty} \le C_3 (r \log(2n/r))^{1/2}$$
.

**Corollary 1.** Let  $r \leq n$  be positive integers and  $K \subset \{1, ..., n\}$ , |K| = r. Consider a trigonometric polynomial

$$\sum_{k \in K} A_k(x), \ A_k(x) = d_k \cos(kx + \phi_k).$$

Then there are sets  $K_+ \subset K$  and  $K_- \subset K$  such that

$$K_{+} \cup K_{-} = K, \ K_{+} \cap K_{-} = \emptyset, \ |K_{+}| = [|K|/2]$$
 (4)

and

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in K_{+}} A_{k} - \sum_{k \in K_{-}} A_{k} \right\| \le C_{4} (r \log(2n/r))^{1/2} \max_{k \in K} |d_{k}|.$$
 (5)

PROOF. Let  $d = \max_{k \in K} |d_k|$ . We apply Theorem A to the vectors  $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^{20n+1}$ ,  $k \in K$ , defined as

$$u_k = (\Re(A_k(\pi l/(5n))/d)_{l=0,\dots,10n-1}, \Im(A_k(\pi l/(5n))/d)_{l=0,\dots,10n-1}, 1).$$

Then there exist numbers  $\sigma_k = \pm 1 \ (k \in K)$  such that

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in K} \sigma_k A_k \right\| \le 3\sqrt{2} C_3 (r \log((40n+2)/r))^{1/2} d \tag{6}$$

and

$$\left| \sum_{k \in K} \sigma_k \right| \le C_3 (r \log((40n + 2)/r))^{1/2}. \tag{7}$$

For the proof of (6) we use that for any trigonometric polynomial T of order n

$$||T|| \le 3 \max_{l=0,\dots,10n-1} |T(\pi l/(5n))|$$

(see, for example, [Kl]). Without loss of generality we can assume that  $\sum_{k \in K} \sigma_k \leq 0$ . Take  $K'_+ = \{k \in K : \sigma_k = 1\}, K'_- = \{k \in K : \sigma_k = -1\}$ . We have

$$2|K'_{+}| = |K| + \sum_{k \in K} \sigma_k \le 2[|K|/2].$$

Take an arbitrary set  $K_1 \subset K'_-$  such that  $|K_1| = [|K|/2] - |K'_+|$ . By (7),  $|K_1| \leq C_3 (r \log((40n + 2)/r))^{1/2}/2$ . Hence,

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in K_1} A_k \right\| \le C_3 (r \log((40n+2)/r))^{1/2} d/2. \tag{8}$$

Denote  $K_+ = K'_+ \cup K_1$ ,  $K_- = K'_- \setminus K_1$ . The conditions (4) are satisfied. By (6) and (8) we get

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in K_+} A_k - \sum_{k \in K_-} A_k \right\| \le 6C_3 \left( r \log((40n + 2)/r) \right)^{1/2} d.$$

Therefore, (5) also holds, and Corollary 1 is proved.

**Corollary 2.** Let  $r \leq n$  be positive integers and  $K \subset \{1, ..., n\}$ , |K| = r. Consider a trigonometric polynomial

$$\sum_{k \in K} \alpha_k A_k(x), \ A_k(x) = d_k \cos(kx + \phi_k),$$

where  $\alpha_k$  are real numbers. Then there are numbers  $\beta_k \in \{[\alpha_k], [\alpha_k] + 1\}$  such that

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in K} \alpha_k A_k - \sum_{k \in K} \beta_k A_k \right\| \le C_4 (r \log(2n/r))^{1/2} \max_{k \in K} |d_k|.$$

In fact, the deduction of Corollary 2 from Corollary 1 is exhibited in [Kl].

**Corollary 3.** Let r, n be positive integers,  $r \leq n/5$  and  $K \subset \{1, ..., n\}$ , |K| = r. Consider a trigonometric polynomial

$$\sum_{k \in K} A_k(x), \ A_k(x) = d_k \cos(kx + \phi_k).$$

Then there exists a bijection  $\sigma: \{1, \ldots, r\} \to K$  such that for any  $m = 1, \ldots, r$  the inequality

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{m} A_{\sigma(j)} - \frac{m}{r} \sum_{k \in K} A_k \right\| \le (4C_4 + 4)(r \log(2n/r))^{1/2} \max_{k \in K} |d_k| \tag{9}$$

holds.

PROOF. Let  $d = \max_{k \in K} |d_k|$ . We fix n and use induction on r. If  $r \leq 8$  then we take an arbitrary bijection  $\sigma$ . For any  $m \leq r$  we have

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{m} A_{\sigma(j)} - \frac{m}{r} \sum_{k \in K} A_k \right\| \le md + \frac{m}{r} (rd) \le 2md$$

$$\le 2rd = (2r)^{1/2} (2r)^{1/2} d \le 4(r \log(2n/r))^{1/2} d,$$

and (9) holds. Let us assume that  $9 \le r \le n/5$  and that the statement of the corollary is satisfied for all r' < r.

By Corollary 1, we split the sets K into the sets  $K_+$  and  $K_-$ . The inequality (5) can be rewritten as

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in K_+} A_k - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \in K} A_k \right\| \le \frac{C_4}{2} (r \log(2n/r))^{1/2} d.$$

We have

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in K_{+}} A_{k} - \frac{[r/2]}{r} \sum_{k \in K} A_{k} \right\| \leq \frac{C_{4}}{2} (r \log(2n/r))^{1/2} d$$

$$+ \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{[r/2]}{r} \right) \left\| \sum_{k \in K} A_{k} \right\|$$

$$\leq \frac{C_{4}}{2} (r \log(2n/r))^{1/2} d + \frac{1}{2r} (rd)$$

$$= \frac{C_{4}}{2} (r \log(2n/r))^{1/2} d + d/2$$

$$\leq \frac{C_{4} + 1}{2} (r \log(2n/r))^{1/2} d.$$
(10)

By the induction supposition, there exist bijections  $\sigma_+:\{1,\ldots,[r/2]\}\to K_+$  and  $\sigma_-:\{1,\ldots,r-[r/2]\}\to K_-$  such that for any  $m\leq [r/2]$ 

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{m} A_{\sigma_{+}(j)} - \frac{m}{r_{1}} \sum_{k \in K_{+}} A_{k} \right\| \le (4C_{4} + 4)(r_{1}\log(2n/r_{1}))^{1/2} d, \ r_{1} = [r/2], \ (11)$$

and for any  $m \leq r - [r/2]$ 

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{m} A_{\sigma_{-}(j)} - \frac{m}{r_1} \sum_{k \in K_{-}} A_k \right\| \le (4C_4 + 4)(r_1 \log(2n/r_1))^{1/2} d, \ r_1 = r - [r/2].$$

We take  $\sigma(j) = \sigma_+(j)$  for  $j \leq [r/2]$  and  $\sigma(j) = \sigma_-(r+1-j)$  for j > [r/2]. If  $m \leq [r/2]$  then we have, by (10) and (11),

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{m} A_{\sigma(j)} - \frac{m}{r} \sum_{k \in K} A_k \right\| \le \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{m} A_{\sigma_+(j)} - \frac{m}{r_1} \sum_{k \in K_+} A_k \right\|$$

$$+ \left\| \frac{m}{r_1} \sum_{k \in K_+} A_k - \frac{m}{r} \sum_{k \in K} A_k \right\|$$

$$\le \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{m} A_{\sigma_+(j)} - \frac{m}{r_1} \sum_{k \in K_+} A_k \right\|$$

$$+ \left\| \sum_{k \in K_+} A_k - \frac{[r/2]}{r} \sum_{k \in K} A_k \right\|$$

$$\le (4C_4 + 4)(r_1 \log(2n/r_1))^{1/2} d$$

$$+ \frac{C_4 + 1}{2} (r \log(2n/r))^{1/2} d, \ r_1 = [r/2].$$

$$(13)$$

Further, for  $r_1 = \lceil r/2 \rceil$  we have

$$(r_1 \log(2n/r_1))^{1/2} \le \left(\frac{r}{2} \log(2n/r \times 9/4)\right)^{1/2} < \left(\frac{r}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} \log(2n/r)\right)^{1/2}$$

$$< \left(\frac{3}{4} r \log(2n/r)\right)^{1/2} < \frac{7}{8} (r \log(2n/r))^{1/2}.$$

Substituting the last inequality into (13) we get the required

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{m} A_{\sigma(j)} - \frac{m}{r} \sum_{k \in K} A_k \right\| \le (4C_4 + 4)(r \log(2n/r))^{1/2} d.$$

If m > [r/2], then, similarly to (13), we have

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{m} A_{\sigma(j)} - \frac{m}{r} \sum_{k \in K} A_k \right\| = \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{r-m} A_{\sigma_{-}(j)} - \frac{r-m}{r} \sum_{k \in K} A_k \right\|$$

$$\leq (4C_4 + 4)(r_1 \log(2n/r_1))^{1/2} d$$

$$+ \frac{C_4 + 1}{2} (r \log(2n/r))^{1/2} d, \ r_1 = r - [r/2].$$

$$(14)$$

For  $r_1 = [r/2]$  we have

$$(r_1 \log(2n/r_1))^{1/2} \le \left(\frac{5r}{9} \log(2n/r \times 2)\right)^{1/2} < \left(\frac{5r}{9} \times \frac{4}{3} \log(2n/r)\right)^{1/2} < \left(\frac{3}{4} r \log(2n/r)\right)^{1/2} < \frac{7}{8} (r \log(2n/r))^{1/2}.$$

and after substitution of the last inequality into (14) we complete the proof of Corollary 3.  $\Box$ 

#### 4 Proof of Theorem 4

We use Vallée Poussin sums defined for positive integers n > m as

$$V_{m,n}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m} A_k(x) + \sum_{k=m+1}^{n} \frac{n-k}{n-m} A_k(x).$$

It is known that for any  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$  there is a function  $n : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  such that n(m) > m for all m,  $\lim_{m \to \infty} n(m)/m = 1$  and  $\lim_{m \to \infty} \|V_{m,n} - f\| = 0$ . (This follows, for example, from [D] or from [St].) We define the increasing sequence of positive integers  $\{N_{\lambda}\}_{{\lambda} \in \mathbb{N}}$  by  $N_1 = 1$ ,  $N_{{\lambda}+1} = n(N_{{\lambda}})$  for  ${\lambda} \geq 1$ .

We fix  $\lambda \geq 1$ , take  $m = N_{\lambda}$ ,  $n = N_{\lambda+1}$  and use Corollary 2 for  $K_{\lambda} = \{m+1,\ldots,n\}$ ,  $\alpha_k = \frac{n-k}{n-m}$ . We find that there are numbers  $\beta_k \in \{0,1\}$ ,  $k \in K$ , such that

$$\left\| V_{m,n} - \sum_{k=0}^{m} A_k - \sum_{k \in K} \beta_k A_k \right\|$$

$$\ll (((n-m)/n) \log((2n)/(n-m)))^{1/2} \to 0 \quad (\lambda \to \infty).$$

Also, by the choice of the sequence  $\{N_{\lambda}\}\$ , we have  $\lim_{\lambda \to \infty} \|V_{m,n} - f\| = 0$ . Therefore, letting  $L_{\lambda} = \{1, \ldots, m\} \cup \{k \in K_{\lambda} : \beta_k = 1\}$  we get

$$\left\| f - d_0 - \sum_{k \in L_\lambda} A_k \right\| \to 0 \ (\lambda \to \infty). \tag{15}$$

To complete the proof, it is enough, by (15), to find a good permutation of the terms of the polynomials  $\sum_{k \in L_{\lambda+1} \setminus L_{\lambda}} A_k$ . We construct a permutation in such a way that the numbers from  $L_{\lambda} \setminus L_{\lambda-1}$  precede the numbers from  $L_{\lambda+1} \setminus L_{\lambda}$  for all  $\lambda$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ ; we consider that  $L_0 = \emptyset$ . The permutation

can be constructed by Corollary 3, the partial sums can be estimated similarly to (15), and we are done.

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