

**APPROXIMATION AND SATURATION OF FUNCTIONS BY  
ARITHMETIC MEANS OF TRIGONOMETRIC  
INTERPOLATING POLYNOMIALS**

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Let  $f(x)$  be a continuous function with period  $2\pi$  and  $E_n$  be the set of equidistant nodal points situated in the interval  $0 \leq x < 2\pi$ , that is

$$\xi_0 + 2\pi j / (2n + 1) \quad (j = 0, 1, \dots, 2n), \quad (\text{mod. } 2\pi)$$

where  $\xi_0$  is any real number. Then the trigonometric polynomial of order  $n$  coinciding with  $f(x)$  on  $E_n$  is

$$(1) \quad I_n(x, f) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(t) D_n(x - t) d\omega_{2n+1}(t),$$

where  $D_n(x)$  is the Dirichlet kernel and  $\omega_{2n+1}(t)$  is a step function which is associated with  $E_n$ . (We shall refer to A. Zygmund [4, Chap. X] these notations and fundamental properties of trigonometric interpolation.) We denote the Fourier expansions of (1) by

$$(2) \quad I_n(x, f) = \sum_{k=-n}^n c_k^{(n)} e^{ikx}$$

$$c_k^{(n)} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(t) e^{-ikt} d\omega_{2n+1}(t).$$

The  $\{c_k^{(n)}\}$  are called the  $k$ -th Fourier-Lagrange coefficients and for a fixed  $k$ ,  $c_k^{(n)}$  is an approximate Riemann sum for the integral defining Fourier coefficient  $c_k$  of  $f(x)$ , that is

$$c_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(t) e^{-ikt} dt.$$

Let us denote the partial sums of (1) by

$$I_{n,m}(x, f) = \sum_{k=-m}^m c_k^{(n)} e^{ikx} \quad (m \leq n),$$

in particular

$$I_n(x, f) = I_{n,n}(x, f).$$

Let  $B_{n, \nu}(x, f)$  denote the arithmetic means of  $I_{n, m}(x, f)$ ; thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3) \quad B_{n, \nu}(x, f) &= \frac{1}{\nu + 1} \sum_{m=0}^{\nu} I_{n, m}(x, f) \quad (\nu \leq n) \\
 &= \sum_{k=-\nu}^{\nu} \left( 1 - \frac{|k|}{\nu + 1} \right) c_k^{(n)} e^{ikx} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(t) K_{\nu}(t - x) d\omega_{2n+1}(t),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_{\nu}(t)$  is the Fejér kernel, and set

$$B_n(x, f) = B_{n, n}(x, f).$$

In the present note, the author will investigate approximating properties of  $B_{n, \nu}(x, f)$ . These are analogous to the Fejér means of Fourier series. But the proofs are somewhat delicate.

**THEOREM 1.** *We have*

$$(1^0) \quad B_n(x, f) - f(x) = o(n^{-1})$$

*uniformly as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , if and only if  $f(x)$  is a constant.*

$$(2^0) \quad B_{n, \nu}(x, f) - f(x) = O(\nu^{-1})$$

*uniformly as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$  (for all  $\nu \leq n$ ), if and only if  $\tilde{f}(x)$  satisfies the Lipschitz condition of order 1.*

**PROOF.** (1<sup>0</sup>) From the formula (3),

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \{f(x) - B_n(x, f)\} e^{-ikx} dx &= c_k - \left( 1 - \frac{|k|}{n + 1} \right) c_k^{(n)} \\
 &= c_k - c_k^{(n)} + \frac{|k|}{n + 1} c_k^{(n)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $B_n(x, f) - f(x) = o(n^{-1})$  uniformly, then

$$(4) \quad c_k - c_k^{(n)} + \frac{|k|}{n + 1} c_k^{(n)} = o(n^{-1}).$$

When a trigonometric polynomial of order  $n$  has approximating degree  $\varepsilon_n$  for  $f(x)$ , then the integral of  $f(x)$  has the same degree of approximation by its Riemann sums, (Walsh-Sewell [3, Theorem 4]). Since  $B_n(x, f)$  is a trigonometric polynomial of order  $n$ , and

$$f(x) - B_n(x, f) = o(n^{-1}), \quad f(x)e^{-ikx} - B_n(x, f)e^{-ikx} = o(n^{-1}) \quad (k \leq n),$$

we have

$$\int_0^{2\pi} f(x)e^{-ikx}dx - c_k^{(n)} = o(n^{-1}), \quad \text{for fixed } k;$$

that is

$$n(c_k - c_k^{(n)}) = o(1) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence from (4)

$$|k| c_k^{(n)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

and this means that  $c_k = 0$ , ( $k = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ). Thus we have  $f(x) = c_0$ . The converse is trivial.

(2°) We suppose that

$$f(x) - B_{n,\nu}(x, f) = O(\nu^{-1})$$

uniformly as  $n \geq \nu \rightarrow \infty$ . Since the unit ball of  $L^\infty$  space is weak\* compact, there exist a bounded function  $g(x)$  and a subsequence  $\{\nu_p\}$  of  $\nu$  such as

$$\begin{aligned} (5) \quad \lim_{n_p \geq \nu_p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \nu_p \{ f(x) - B_{n_p, \nu_p}(x, f) \} e^{-ikx} dx \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} g(x) e^{-ikx} dx \end{aligned}$$

for all integral  $k$ . The first term is

$$(6) \quad \lim_{\nu_p \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \nu_p (c_k - c_k^{(n_p)}) + \frac{\nu_p |k|}{\nu_p + 1} c_k^{(n_p)} \right\} \quad (\nu_p \leq n_p).$$

On the other hand if we take  $\nu = n$ , then the above Walsh-Sewell result yields

$$(7) \quad n(c_k - c_k^{(n)}) = O(1) \quad (k \leq n).$$

When we set  $\nu = [n^{1-\delta}]$  ( $0 < \delta < 1$ ) and select a subsequence  $\{n_p\}$  and we set  $\nu_p = [n_p^{1-\delta}]$ ,

then

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_p (c_k - c_k^{(n_p)}) &= n_p^{1-\delta} (c_k - c_k^{(n_p)}) \\ &= (n_p)^{-\delta} n_p (c_k - c_k^{(n_p)}) = o(1) \end{aligned}$$

from (7). Since  $c_k^{(n_p)} \rightarrow c_k$ , from (5) and (6) we conclude

$$|k| c_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} g(x) e^{-ikx} dx, \quad g(x) \in L^\infty(0, 2\pi),$$

for all integral  $k$ . This means that  $|k|c_k$  are the Fourier coefficients of  $g(x)$  which belongs to the class  $L^\infty(0, 2\pi)$ . Since  $\{c_k\}$  are Fourier coefficients of  $f(x)$ , it is easy to see that  $f'(x) \in L^\infty(0, 2\pi)$ . This is equivalent to that  $\tilde{f}(x)$  satisfies the Lipschitz condition of order 1.

Conversely if  $\tilde{f}(x) \in L^\infty(0, 2\pi)$ , then the Fejér means  $\sigma_n(x, f)$  of  $f(x)$  are the best approximation (A. Zygmund [4, I, p. 123]), that is

$$(8) \quad f(x) - \sigma_\nu(x, f) = O(\nu^{-1}).$$

$B_{n,\nu}(x, f)$  is a linear method of approximation, and

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} B_{n,\nu}(x, f) - f(x) &= B_{n,\nu}(x, f - \sigma_\nu) - (f - \sigma_\nu) + \{B_{n,\nu}(x, \sigma_\nu) - \sigma_\nu\} \\ &= P_{n,\nu}(x) + Q_{n,\nu}(x), \end{aligned}$$

say.  $B_{n,\nu}(x)$  transforms any bounded function to some bounded function, so from (8)

$$P_{n,\nu}(x) = O(\nu^{-1}) \quad (\nu \leq n).$$

On the other hand  $\sigma_\nu(x)$  is a  $\nu$ -th order polynomial and  $\nu \leq n$ ,

$$I_n(x, \sigma_\nu(x)) \equiv \sigma_\nu(x) = \sum_{k=-\nu}^{\nu} \left(1 - \frac{|k|}{\nu+1}\right) c_k e^{ikx},$$

and

$$B_{n,\nu}(x, \sigma_\nu(x)) = \sum_{k=-\nu}^{\nu} \left(1 - \frac{|k|}{\nu+1}\right)^2 c_k e^{ikx}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{n,\nu}(x) &= B_{n,\nu}(x, \sigma_\nu(x)) - \sigma_\nu(x) \\ &= \sum_{k=-\nu}^{\nu} \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{|k|}{\nu+1}\right)^2 \right\} c_k e^{ikx} - \sum_{k=-\nu}^{\nu} \left(1 - \frac{|k|}{\nu+1}\right) c_k e^{ikx} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\nu+1} \sum_{k=-\nu}^{\nu} \left(1 - \frac{|k|}{\nu+1}\right) |k| c_k e^{ikx}. \end{aligned}$$

From the assumption  $\tilde{f}'(x) \in L^\infty(0, 2\pi)$ , the arithmetic means of Fourier series of  $\tilde{f}(x)$  is bounded. Consequently

$$Q_{n,\nu}(x) = O(\nu^{-1}).$$

Collecting the estimates of  $P_{n,\nu}(x)$  and  $Q_{n,\nu}(x)$ , we have the desired result.

**THEOREM 2.** *If  $f(x)$  belongs to the Lipschitz class of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha < 1$ )*

then

$$B_{n,\nu}(x, f) - f(x) = O(\nu^{-\alpha}) \quad (\nu \leq n)$$

and if  $f(x)$  belongs to the Lipschitz class of order 1, then

$$B_{n,\nu}(x, f) - f(x) = O(\nu^{-1} \log \nu) \quad (\nu \leq n).$$

More generally if  $f(x)$  belongs to the class  $\Lambda_{\frac{1}{2}}^1$ , then

$$B_{n,\nu}(x, f) - f(x) = O(\nu^{-1} \log \nu).$$

PROOF.  $B_{n,\nu}(x, f)$  maps any bounded function to some bounded function. Hence applying author's another result (G. Sunouchi [2, Theorem 1]) to Theorem 1, we get Theorem 2.

Theorem 2 has been proved by Ruban and Krasilinikoff [1] with another method.

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