

ON THE CONVERGENCE OF CERTAIN PARTIAL SUMS OF A TAYLOR SERIES WITH GAPS

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We consider the function $f(z)$ determined by the power series

$$(1) \quad f(z) = \sum_1^{\infty} c_n z^{\lambda_n}$$

and its direct analytic continuation. For simplicity, it is supposed that $\limsup |c_n|^{1/\lambda_n} = 1$.

We write

$$S_n(z) = \sum_1^n c_p z^{\lambda_p},$$

$$M(r) = \max_{|z|=r} |f(z)| \quad (0 < r < 1),$$

$$M(r) = 1 \quad (r \leq 0),$$

$$\theta_n = \lambda_{n+1}/\lambda_n - 1.$$

Ostrowski has proved¹ that if $\{\theta_{n_i}\}$ is a sequence extracted from the sequence $\{\theta_n\}$ such that $\liminf \theta_{n_i} > 0$, then every regular point of $f(z)$ on the circle $|z| = 1$ is the center of a circle in which the sequence $\{S_{n_i}(z)\}$ converges uniformly to $f(z)$. Restricting ourselves to the question of convergence at the regular points themselves, we shall prove the following theorem:

If

$$(2) \quad \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log (M(1 - \theta_{n_i}^2)/\theta_{n_i})}{\lambda_{n_i} \theta_{n_i}^2} < \infty,$$

then $\lim S_{n_i}(z) = f(z)$ at all regular points of (1) on the circle $|z| = 1$.

For the proof, we shall assume that $\lim \theta_{n_i} = 0$; afterwards, we shall remove this restriction, with the aid of Ostrowski's theorem.

Let z_1 be a regular point for (1) on the circle $|z| = 1$, and let z_0 be a point on the segment joining z_1 to the origin. We write $|z_1 - z_0| = a$, and for every positive integer i we define the three circles

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¹ A. Ostrowski, *Über eine Eigenschaft gewisser Potenzreihen mit unendlich vielen verschwindenden Koeffizienten*. Preuss. Akad. Wiss. Sitzungsber. vol. 34 (1921) pp. 557-565. Essentially the same proof is to be found in P. Montel's *Leçons sur les familles normales de fonctions analytiques et leurs applications*, pp. 204-207.

$$\Gamma'_i : |z - z_0| = \rho'_i \quad (0 < \rho'_i < a),$$

$$\Gamma(a) : |z - z_0| = a, \quad \Gamma''_i : |z - z_0| = \rho''_i \quad (\rho''_i > a),$$

where ρ''_i shall be chosen so that the function $f(z)$ is holomorphic in the closed region bounded by Γ''_i . By M'_i , $M_i(a)$, and M''_i we denote the maximum value of $|f(z) - S_{n_i}(z)|$ on Γ'_i , $\Gamma(a)$, and Γ''_i , respectively. We write

$$R'_i = 1 + \rho'_i - a, \quad R''_i = 1 + \rho''_i - a,$$

and we choose r_i so that $R'_i < r_i < 1$.

By Cauchy's formula we have, on the circle $|z| = R'_i$,

$$|f(z) - S_{n_i}(z)| \leq \sum_{p=\lambda_{n_i+1}}^{\infty} \frac{M(r_i)}{r_i^p} R_i'^p = \frac{M(r_i)r_i}{r_i - R'_i} \left(\frac{R'_i}{r_i}\right)^{\lambda_{n_i}(1+\theta_{n_i})},$$

and by the principle of the maximum

$$\log M'_i \leq \log \frac{M(r_i)r_i}{r_i - R'_i} + \lambda_{n_i}(1 + \theta_{n_i}) \log \frac{R'_i}{r_i}.$$

On the circle $|z| = R''_i$, and therefore also on Γ''_i , we have

$$|S_{n_i}(z)| \leq M(r_i) \sum_0^{\lambda_{n_i}} \left(\frac{R''_i}{r_i}\right)^p < \frac{M(r_i)R''_i}{R''_i - r_i} \left(\frac{R''_i}{r_i}\right)^{\lambda_{n_i}}.$$

Since $f(z)$ is holomorphic in the closed region bounded by Γ''_i , and since at least one of the expressions $R''_i/(R''_i - r_i)$, $(R''_i/r_i)^{\lambda_{n_i}}$ tends to ∞ as $i \rightarrow \infty$, we may write, for any positive η and for i sufficiently large,

$$\log M''_i < \log \frac{M(r_i)(1 + \eta)R''_i}{R''_i - r_i} + \lambda_{n_i} \log \frac{R''_i}{r_i}.$$

Applying Hadamard's three-circle theorem to the function $S_{n_i}(z) - f(z)$ on the circles Γ'_i , $\Gamma(a)$, Γ''_i , we have now

$$\begin{aligned} \log \frac{\rho''_i}{\rho'_i} \log M_i(a) &\leq \log \left(\frac{\rho''_i}{a}\right) \log M'_i + \log \left(\frac{a}{\rho'_i}\right) \log M''_i \\ (3) \quad &< \log \left(\frac{\rho''_i}{a}\right) \left\{ \log \frac{M(r_i)r_i}{r_i - R'_i} + \lambda_{n_i}(1 + \theta_{n_i}) \log \frac{R'_i}{r_i} \right\} \\ &+ \log \left(\frac{a}{\rho'_i}\right) \left\{ \log \frac{M(r_i)(1 + \eta)R''_i}{R''_i - r_i} + \lambda_{n_i} \log \frac{R''_i}{r_i} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

In the proof of his theorem Ostrowski now takes the point z_0 near

to the point z_1 and chooses for Γ'_i , $\Gamma(a)$, and Γ''_i three fixed circles with radii sufficiently near to $|z_1 - z_0|$ (with $\Gamma(a)$ including the point z_1 instead of passing through it). In our case it is necessary to take z_0 near to the origin and to let ρ'_i and ρ''_i tend to a as i becomes large. We choose $\rho'_i = (1 - b_i)a$, $\rho''_i = (1 + b_i)a$, $r_i = 1 - k_i$, where $0 < b_i < 1$ and $0 < k_i < ab_i$; substituting these values in (3), expanding terms such as $\log(1 + ab_i)$ in power series, and dividing both sides of the inequality by b_i , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2(1 + b_i^2/3 + \dots) \log M_i(a) < (1 - b_i/2 + b_i^2/3 - \dots) \\
 & \quad \cdot \left\{ \log \frac{M(1 - k_i)(1 - k_i)}{(1 - k_i/ab_i)ab_i} + \lambda_{n_i}(1 + \theta_{n_i}) \log \frac{1 - ab_i}{1 - k_i} \right\} \\
 & + (1 + b_i/2 + b_i^2/3 + \dots) \\
 & \quad \cdot \left\{ \log \frac{M(1 - k_i)(1 - k_i)(1 + \eta)}{(1 + k_i/ab_i)ab_i} + \lambda_{n_i} \log \frac{1 + ab_i}{1 - k_i} \right\} \\
 & < 2\eta + 3k_i + 3k_i/ab_i - 3 \log a \\
 & + 2(1 + b_i^2/3 + \dots) \log \frac{M(1 - k_i)}{b_i} \\
 (4) \quad & + \lambda_{n_i} \{ \theta_{n_i} [1 - b_i/2 + b_i^2/3 - \dots] \\
 & \quad \cdot [-ab_i - a^2 b_i^2/2 - \dots + k_i + k_i^2/2 + \dots] \\
 & + [1 - b_i/2 + b_i^2/3 - \dots] [-ab_i - a^2 b_i^2/2 - \dots] \\
 & + [1 + b_i/2 + b_i^2/3 + \dots] [ab_i - a^2 b_i^2/2 + \dots] \\
 & + 2[1 + b_i^2/3 + \dots] [k_i + k_i^2/2 + \dots] \} \\
 & < 2\eta + 3k_i + 3k_i/ab_i - 3 \log a + 3 \log \frac{M(1 - k_i)}{b_i} \\
 & - (\lambda_{n_i}/2) \{ ab_i [\theta_{n_i} - b_i(1 - a)] - 3k_i \}
 \end{aligned}$$

provided θ_{n_i} and b_i are sufficiently small and the sum of the terms in the braces of the last term is positive.

Now suppose that

$$\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log (M(1 - \theta_{n_i}^2)/\theta_{n_i})}{\lambda_{n_i} \theta_{n_i}^2} < H \quad (1 < H < \infty).$$

Choose $b_i = b\theta_{n_i}$, $k_i = b\theta_{n_i}/b = \theta_{n_i}^2$, where $b > 14H$. The last member of (4) becomes

$$- (\lambda_n \theta_{n_i}^2 b/2) \{ a[1 - b(1 - a)] - 3/b \}.$$

If a is chosen sufficiently near to 1, $b\{a[1-b(1-a)]-3/b\} > 10H$, and for sufficiently large values of i (4) becomes

$$(2 + \epsilon) \log M_i(a) < K(a, b) + 3 \log M(1 - \theta_{n_i}^2)/\theta_{n_i} - 5\lambda_{n_i}\theta_{n_i}^2H,$$

where $K(a, b)$ depends on a and b only. But $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \theta_{n_i} = 0$ implies, together with the validity of (2), that $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n_i}\theta_{n_i}^2 = \infty$. For sufficiently large i we have

$$(2 + \epsilon) \log M_i(a) < -\lambda_{n_i}\theta_{n_i}^2H,$$

that is,

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \log M_i(a) = -\infty,$$

and, in particular,

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} S_{n_i}(z_1) = f(z_1).$$

Now let $\{\theta_{n_i}\}$ be any sequence of values θ_{n_i} for which (2) is satisfied, and let z_1 be a regular point for (1). From every subsequence of $\{\theta_{n_i}\}$ we can extract a further subsequence $\{\theta_{m_j}\}$ such that either $\lim \theta_{m_j} = 0$ or $\liminf \theta_{m_j} > 0$. In the first case, $\lim S_{m_j}(z_1) = f(z_1)$ by what we have just proved; in the second case, by Ostrowski's theorem. From every subsequence of $\{n_i\}$ we can therefore extract a further subsequence $\{m_j\}$ such that $\lim S_{m_j}(z_1) = f(z_1)$. It follows that the sequence $\{S_{n_i}(z_1)\}$ itself tends to $f(z_1)$, and our theorem is proved.

Condition (2) may be replaced by one that is somewhat less general, but can be expressed more immediately in terms of the behavior of $M(r)$:

If $\liminf \theta_{n_i} = \theta$, we define, for $h > \theta$,

$$\lambda(h) = \text{g.l.b. } \lambda_{n_i};$$

$\theta_{n_i} \leq h$

for $0 \leq h \leq \theta$, we write $\lambda(h) = \infty$. It follows from our theorem that $\lim S_{n_i}(z_1) = f(z_1)$ whenever z_1 is a regular point for (1) on the circle $|z| = 1$, provided

$$(5) \quad \limsup_{h \rightarrow 0+} \frac{\log (M(1 - h^2)/h)}{h^2\lambda(h)} < \infty.$$

If we write $r = 1 - h^2$, (5) becomes

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow 1-0} \frac{\log [M(r)/(1 - r)^{1/2}]}{(1 - r)\lambda(1 - r)^{1/2}} < \infty.$$

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ON ABEL AND LEBESGUE SUMMABILITY

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1. Introduction. A series $\sum_1^\infty a_n$ is called Abel summable to the value s if the power series $\sum a_n r^n$ converges for $0 < r < 1$, and if $\sum a_n r^n \rightarrow s$ as $r \uparrow 1$; it is called Lebesgue summable if the sine series

$$(1.1) \quad \sum_1^\infty a_n \frac{\sin nt}{n} = F(t)$$

converges in some interval $0 < t < \tau$, and if

$$(1.2) \quad t^{-1}F(t) \rightarrow s \quad \text{as } t \downarrow 0.$$

We write in the first case $A\sum a_n = s$, and in the latter case $L\sum a_n = s$ (summability A or L respectively). It is known that convergence does not imply L -summability and conversely L -summability does not imply convergence of $\sum a_n$. Tauberian type problems which arise out of this situation have been discussed.¹ It is also known that either convergence or L -summability imply A -summability. As to the converse (restricting ourselves to real a_n) we have proved the following theorems:

THEOREM 1. [8, pp. 582–583]. *If*

$$(1.3) \quad \sum_n^{2n} (|a_\nu| - a_\nu) = O(1) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

and if

$$(1.4) \quad \sum_1^\infty a_n r^n = O(1) \quad \text{as } r \uparrow 1,$$

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¹ See [8], where further references are given; numbers in brackets refer to the bibliography at the end of this paper.