

ON LACUNARY NON-HARMONIC TRIGONOMETRIC SERIES

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I. The following theorem of Zygmund on lacunary trigonometric series is well known.¹⁾

A. If $n_{k+1}/n_k > \lambda > 1$ being integers, and the series $\sum (a_k^2 + b_k^2)$ converges, then

$$(1) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos n_k x + b_k \sin n_k x)$$

is the Fourier series of a function $f(x)$ belonging to the class L^r , r being any positive number and

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(x)|^r dx \right\}^{1/r} \leq A_{r,\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k^2 + b_k^2) \right\}^{1/2}$$

where $A_{r,\lambda}$ depends only on r and λ .

B. Under the conditions of A, we have

$$B_{r,\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k^2 + b_k^2) \right\}^{1/2} \leq \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(x)|^r dx \right\}^{1/r}$$

where $B_{r,\lambda}$ is positive and depends only on r and λ .

We shall prove that a theorem of same type is valid, even if the integral character of the numbers is not assumed.

Theorem 1. If $\lambda_{k+1}/\lambda_k \geq \lambda > 1$, $\lambda_k > 1$ (this is not an essential restriction, so for our convention we suppose this in the following all theorems), and if the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k|^2$ converges, then

$$(2) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k e^{i\lambda_k x}$$

is almost everywhere convergent to a function $f(x)$ belonging to every $L^{r,\sigma}(-\infty, \infty)$, $L^{r,\sigma}$ means the class of functions whose r th power in absolute values are integrable with respect to a monotone function $\sigma(x)$,

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1 - \cos t}{t^2} dt, \text{ and}$$

$$(3) \quad \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^r d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/r} \leq A'_{r,\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k|^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

holds, where $A'_{r,\lambda}$ depends only on r and λ .

Theorem 2. Under the conditions of Theorem 1,

$$(4) \quad B'_{r,\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k|^2 \right\}^{1/2} \leq \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^r d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/r}$$

where $B'_{r,\lambda}$ is a positive constant which depends only on r and λ .

Theorem 3. Under the conditions of Theorem 1, the series (2) converges in the mean with exponent r over every finite interval to $f(x)$.

We shall prove more strong results than Theorem 1, that is;

Theorem 4. If the conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied, and

$$S^*(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |S_n(x)|$$

where

$$S_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k e^{i\lambda_k x}$$

then

$$(5) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |S^*(x)|^r d\sigma(x) \leq D_{r,\lambda} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^r d\sigma(x) \quad r > 1$$

where $D_{r,\lambda}$ depends only on r and λ .

Theorem 5. Under the conditions of Theorem 4, we have

$$\int_a^b |S^*(x)|^r dx \leq D \int_a^b |f(x)|^r dx, \quad r > 1$$

where D depends on r, λ, a and b .

Theorem 6. There exists a constant $\mu (> 0)$ which depends only $\sum |c_n|^2$ and λ such that the function $e^{i\lambda f(x)}$ belonging to the class $L^{1,\sigma}(-\infty, \infty)$.

Remark. All the above theorems still hold even if we take $\sigma_h(x)$ ($0 < h \leq 1$) for $\sigma(x)$, where

$$\sigma_h(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{\sin^2 ht}{h t^2} dt$$

2. Proof of Theorem 1. The almost everywhere convergence are already proved by M. Kac.²⁾ and so we shall prove the inequality (3).

By Holder's inequality, if $r < r'$, we have

$$\left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^r d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/r} \leq \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^{r'} d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/r'}$$

and hence it is sufficient to consider $r = 2m, m = 1, 2, \dots$

Moreover it is well known that if we prove the inequality

$$(3') \quad \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n c_k e^{i\lambda_k x} \right|^{2m} d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/2m} \\ \leq A'_{2m, \lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n |c_k|^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

then the inequality (3) will be valid. Hence we shall prove the inequality (3'). Suppose first $\lambda_{k+1}/\lambda_k \geq \lambda > 4m$.

Then

$$\left(\sum_k c_k e^{i\lambda_k x} \right)^m = \sum d_\nu e^{i\mu_\nu x}$$

where μ_ν is the number of the form

$$\alpha_1 \lambda_{k_1} + \alpha_2 \lambda_{k_2} + \dots, \text{ with} \\ \lambda_{k_1} > \lambda_{k_2} > \dots, \alpha_i \geq 0 \\ \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots = m.$$

And under our assumptions every can be represented uniquely in the form (6). For otherwise we should have an equation

$$\beta_1 k_1 + \beta_2 k_2 + \dots = 0$$

where

$$\beta_i > 0, 0 \leq |\beta_i| \leq m \quad (i=1, 2, 3, \dots) \\ \lambda_{k_1} > \lambda_{k_2} > \dots, \text{ and so} \\ \lambda_{k_1} \leq m(\lambda_{k_2} + \lambda_{k_3} + \dots)$$

Thus

$$1 \leq m(\lambda^{-1} + \lambda^{-2} + \dots) \leq \frac{m}{\lambda-1}$$

This is impossible if $\lambda > m+1$. Moreover

$$|\mu_\nu - \mu_{\nu'}| \geq 1 \text{ for } \nu \neq \nu'.$$

Because if

$$|\mu_\nu - \mu_{\nu'}| < 1,$$

then we should have an inequality

$$(\beta_1 \lambda_{k_1} + \beta_2 \lambda_{k_2} + \dots) < 1$$

where

$$\beta_i > 0, 0 \leq |\beta_i| \leq m, \lambda_{k_1} > \lambda_{k_2} > \dots,$$

and so

$$\lambda_{k_1} < 1 + m(\lambda_{k_2} + \lambda_{k_3} + \dots).$$

Thus

$$1 < \frac{1}{\lambda_{k_1}} + \frac{m}{\lambda-1}$$

This is impossible if $\lambda \geq 3m$. Thus under our assumption $\lambda_{k+1}/\lambda_k \geq \lambda \geq 3m$, $\{e^{i\lambda_k x}\}$ are an orthonormal system in $(-\infty, \infty)$ with respect to $d\sigma(x)$. Thus by Parseval's theorem,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \sum c_k e^{i\lambda_k x} \right|^{2m} d\sigma(x) = \sum |d_\nu|^{2m}$$

where d_ν is of the form

$$d_\nu = \frac{m!}{\alpha_1! \alpha_2! \dots} c_{k_1}^{\alpha_1} c_{k_2}^{\alpha_2} \dots \\ |d_\nu|^2 = \left(\frac{m!}{\alpha_1! \alpha_2! \dots} \right)^2 |c_{k_1}|^{2\alpha_1} |c_{k_2}|^{2\alpha_2} \dots \\ \leq m! \frac{m!}{\alpha_1! \alpha_2! \dots} |c_{k_1}|^{2\alpha_1} |c_{k_2}|^{2\alpha_2} \dots$$

Hence

$$\sum |d_\nu|^2 \leq m! (\sum |c_k|^2)^m$$

Thus we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \sum c_k e^{i\lambda_k x} \right|^{2m} d\sigma(x) \leq m! (\sum |c_k|^2)^m$$

that is

$$\left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \sum c_k e^{i\lambda_k x} \right|^{2m} d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/2m} \leq (m!)^{1/2m} (\sum |c_k|^2)^{1/2}$$

To prove (3) for general $\lambda > 1$ we break up (2) into a finite number of series, which the gap λ greater than $3m$.

Then for each series, we have

$$(7) \quad \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \sum c_{s_j+l} e^{i\lambda_{s_j+l} x} \right|^{2m} d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/2m} \leq (m!)^{1/2m} (\sum |c_{s_j+l}|^2)^{1/2} \\ (l=1, 2, \dots, s)$$

Thus by Minkowski's inequality

$$(8) \quad \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \sum c_k e^{i\lambda_k x} \right|^{2m} d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/2m} \\ \leq \sum_{l=1}^s \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \sum c_{s_j+l} e^{i\lambda_{s_j+l} x} \right|^{2m} d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/2m} \\ \leq s (m!)^{1/2m} (\sum_k |c_k|^2)^{1/2}$$

Thus this completes the proof.

Proof of Theorem 2. Let

$$f = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k e^{i\lambda_k x}$$

Since

$$|f|^2 = |f|^{2/3} |f|^{4/3}$$

we have, by Holder's inequality

$$\left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f|^2 d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/2} \leq \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f| d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/3} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f|^4 d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/3}$$

Thus

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f| d\sigma(x) \geq \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f|^2 d\sigma(x) \right\}^{3/2} / \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f|^4 d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$\geq \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k|^2}{A_\lambda} / \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k|^4 \right\}^{1/2} \\ \geq B_\lambda \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k|^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

That is

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f| d\sigma(x) \geq B_{\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |C_k|^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

Thus by Holder's inequality

$$\left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f| d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/r} \geq B_{\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |C_k|^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

Proof of Theorem 3. By Theorem 1

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{k=-n}^n C_k e^{i\lambda_k x} \right|^{r \frac{\sin^2 x}{\pi x^2}} dx \leq C_{r,\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-n}^n |C_k|^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

Hence

$$(9) \quad \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \left| \sum_{k=-n}^n C_k e^{i\lambda_k x} \right|^r dx \leq \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{k=-n}^n C_k e^{i\lambda_k x} \right|^{r \frac{\sin^2 x}{\pi x^2}} dx \leq C_{r,\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-n}^n |C_k|^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

we have, more generally

$$(10) \quad \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \left| \sum_{k=-n}^n C_k e^{i\lambda_k x} \right|^r dx \leq C_{r,\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-n}^n |C_k|^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

For

$$\int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \left| \sum_{k=-n}^n C_k e^{i\lambda_k x} \right|^r dx = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \left| \sum_{k=-n}^n C_k e^{i\lambda_k x} e^{-i\lambda_k x} \right|^r dx \leq C_{r,\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-n}^n |C_k|^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

Thus by (9), we get

$$\int_a^b \left| \sum_{k=-n}^n C_k e^{i\lambda_k x} \right|^r dx \leq \frac{b-a}{\pi} C_{r,\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-n}^n |C_k|^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

Thus, if $\sum_{k=-n}^n |C_k|^2 < \infty$ then the series (2) converges to $f(x)$ in the mean with exponent r over every finite interval.

We shall state a lemma for the proof of Theorem 4.

Lemma. There exist constant C_1 which is independent of f and h such that

$$\left| \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} e^{i\lambda_k x} d\sigma(x) \right| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_k} C_1 \left\{ \frac{\sin^2 x_0}{x_0^2} + \frac{\sin^2(x_0+h)}{(x_0+h)^2} \right\}$$

This is proved easily by the second mean value theorem.

We shall prove Theorem 4. From

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| f(x) - \sum_{k=1}^n C_k e^{i\lambda_k x} \right|^2 d\sigma(x) \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty)$$

we have

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} f(x) d\sigma(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n C_k \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} e^{i\lambda_k x} d\sigma(x)$$

Using this fact and lemma, we have

$$\left| \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} f(x) d\sigma(x) - \sum_{k=1}^n C_k \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} e^{i\lambda_k x} d\sigma(x) \right| \leq \left[\sum_{k=1}^n |C_k|^2 \right]^{1/2} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\lambda_k^2} \right]^{1/2} C_1 \left\{ \frac{\sin^2 x_0}{x_0^2} + \frac{\sin^2(x_0+h)}{(x_0+h)^2} \right\}$$

$$(11) \quad \left| \sum_{k=1}^n C_k \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} [e^{i\lambda_k x} - e^{i\lambda_k x_0}] d\sigma(x) \right| \leq M|h| \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |C_k| \lambda_k \right) |\sigma(x_0+h) - \sigma(x_0)|$$

Thus by (10) and (11)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{[\sigma(x_0+h) - \sigma(x_0)]} \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} f(x) d\sigma(x) - \sum_{k=1}^n C_k e^{i\lambda_k x_0} \right| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{1}{\sigma(x_0+h) - \sigma(x_0)} \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} f(x) d\sigma(x) - \frac{1}{\sigma(x_0+h) - \sigma(x_0)} \sum_{k=1}^n C_k e^{i\lambda_k x_0} \right| \\ & \quad + \left| \frac{1}{\sigma(x_0+h) - \sigma(x_0)} \sum_{k=1}^n C_k (e^{i\lambda_k x} - e^{i\lambda_k x_0}) d\sigma(x) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{|\sigma(x_0+h) - \sigma(x_0)|} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n |C_k|^2 \right]^{1/2} \frac{1}{\lambda_r} C_1 \left\{ \frac{\sin^2 x_0}{x_0^2} + \frac{\sin^2(x_0+h)}{(x_0+h)^2} \right\} \\ & \quad + M|h| \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |C_k| \lambda_k \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq M_1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |C_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{h \lambda_r} + M|h| \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |C_k| \lambda_k \right)$$

where M_1 and M_2 are independent of x_0 , h and r . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{k=1}^n C_k e^{i\lambda_k x_0} \right| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{1}{\sigma(x_0+h) - \sigma(x_0)} \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} f(x) d\sigma(x) \right| \\ & \quad + M_1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |C_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{h \lambda_r} + M|h| \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |C_k| \lambda_k \right) \end{aligned}$$

From this inequality, if we take $r = r(x_0)$ such that

$$S^*(x_0) = \sup_n |S_n(x_0)| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^{r(x_0)} C_k e^{i\lambda_k x} \right|$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} S^*(x_0) & \leq \left| \frac{1}{\sigma(x_0+h) - \sigma(x_0)} \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} f(x) d\sigma(x) \right| \\ & \quad + M_1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |C_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{h \lambda_{r(x_0)}} + M|h| \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |C_k| \lambda_k \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now, let $h = \lambda_{r(x_0)}^{-1}$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} S^*(x_0) & = \left| \frac{1}{\sigma(x_0 + \lambda_{r(x_0)}^{-1}) - \sigma(x_0)} \int_{x_0}^{x_0 + \lambda_{r(x_0)}^{-1}} f(x) d\sigma(x) \right| \\ & \quad + M_1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |C_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} + M \frac{1}{\lambda_r} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |C_k| \lambda_k \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\lambda_r} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |C_k| \lambda_k \right) & \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_r} \sum_{k=1}^n |C_k| \lambda_k^2 \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_r} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |C_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq M_{\lambda} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |C_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

where M_λ is constant which depends only on λ . We have

$$(12) \quad S^*(\alpha) \leq \left| \frac{1}{\sigma(x_0 + \lambda^r(x_0)) - \sigma(x_0)} \int_{x_0}^{x_0 + \lambda^r(x_0)} f(x) d\sigma(x) \right| + M_\lambda \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |C_k|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Using the well known maximal theorem of Hardy and Littlewood

$$(13) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\sup \left| \frac{1}{\sigma(x_0+h) - \sigma(x)} \int_x^{x_0+h} f(x) d\sigma(x) \right| \right]^r d\sigma(x) \leq C_r \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^r d\sigma(x), \quad r > 1$$

where C_r is an absolute constant which depends only on r .

From Theorem 1, (12) and (13), we completes the proof of Theorem 4.

The proof of Theorem 5 can be done in quite similar way as in the proof of Theorem 4 by using Theorem 3.

Proof of Theorem 6.

Lemma. Under the same conditions of Theorem 1,

$$\left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f|^{2n} d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/2n} \leq C_1 [n!]^{1/2n} \left[\frac{2n}{\lambda} \right]^{1/2} \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |C_k|^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

By (6)

$$\left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j+l} C_{s_j+l} e^{i\lambda s_j + \lambda x} \right|^{2n} d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/2n} \leq (n!)^{1/2n} \left(\sum_{j+l} |C_{s_j+l}|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ (\quad l = 1, 2, \dots, S), \quad S = \left[\frac{2n}{\lambda} \right] + 1.$$

So by Minkowski's inequality we have

$$\left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f|^{2n} d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/2n} \leq \sum_{l=1}^S \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j+l} C_{s_j+l} e^{i\lambda s_j + \lambda x} \right|^{2n} d\sigma(x) \right\}^{1/2n} \\ \leq (n!)^{1/2n} \sum_{l=1}^S \left(\sum_{j+l} |C_{s_j+l}|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ \leq (n!)^{1/2n} S \left[\frac{1}{S} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |C_k|^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ \leq (n!)^{1/2n} S^{1/2} \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |C_k|^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ \leq C_1 [n!]^{1/2n} \left[\frac{2n}{\lambda} \right]^{1/2} \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |C_k|^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

which proves the lemma.

We shall now prove the theorem. From the above lemma, using Stirling formula, we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^{2n}}{(2n)!} |f(x)|^{2n} d\sigma(x) \leq C \frac{\mu^{2n}}{(2n)!} n! \left[\frac{2n}{\lambda} \right]^n \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |C_k|^2 \right]^n \\ \leq C_1 \left(\frac{e^2}{4} \right)^n \left(\frac{3}{\lambda} \right)^n \mu^{2n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |C_k|^2 \right)^n$$

Thus, if that is

$$\frac{e^2}{4} \frac{3}{\lambda} \mu^2 \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |C_k|^2 \right)^n < 1, \\ (14) \quad \mu^2 < \frac{4\lambda}{e^2 3 \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |C_k|^2 \right)}$$

then the series

$$(15) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^{2n}}{(2n)!} |f(x)|^{2n} d\sigma(x)$$

converges. Similarly, under the hypothesis (14),

$$(16) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} |f(x)|^{2n-1} d\sigma(x)$$

converges. Hence the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^n}{n!} |f(x)|^n d\sigma(x)$$

converges. So if $\frac{\mu^2}{4} < \frac{4\lambda}{e^2 3 \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |C_k|^2 \right)^{1/2}}$ the function $e^{\mu f(x)}$ belongs to the class $L^{1,\sigma}(-\infty, \infty)$. This completes the proof.

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