

120. Lacunary Fourier Series. II

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1. M. E. Noble [1] has proved the following

Theorem N. *If the Fourier series of $f(t)$ has a gap $0 < |n - n_k| \leq N_k$ such that*

$$\lim N_k / \log n_k = \infty$$

and $f(t)$ satisfies a Lipschitz condition of order α , where $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha < 1$, in some interval $|x - x_0| \leq \delta$. Then

$$\sum (|a_{n_k}| + |b_{n_k}|) < \infty,$$

where a_{n_k}, b_{n_k} are non-vanishing Fourier coefficients of $f(t)$.

As a continuation of the first paper [2] we treat absolute convergence of the Fourier series with a certain gap and satisfying some continuity condition at a point (Theorems 3 and 4).

We need following theorems and lemmas in [2].

Lemma 1. *Let (δ_m) be a sequence tending to zero and let $n = [4em/\delta_m]$. Then there exists a trigonometrical polynomial $T_n(x)$ of degree not exceeding n with constant term 1 such that¹⁾*

- (i) $|T_n(x)| \leq A/\delta_m,$ for all $x,$
- (ii) $|T_n(x)| \leq An/\delta_m e^m,$ for $\delta_m \leq |x| \leq \pi,$
- (iii) $|T'_n(x)| \leq An/\delta_m,$ for all $x,$
- (iv) $|T'_n(x)| \leq A(n^2/\delta_m e^m + 1/x^2),$ for $\lambda\delta_m \leq |x| \leq \pi, \lambda > 1,$ ²⁾
- (v) $|T''_n(x)| \leq An^2/\delta_m,$ for all $x,$

where A denotes an absolute constant.

Theorem 1. *Let $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $0 < \beta < \min(1 - \alpha, (2 - \alpha)/3)$. If*

$$k^{2/(2-\alpha-3\beta)} < n_k < e^{2k/(2+\alpha+\beta)},$$

$$|n_{k\pm 1} - n_k| > 4ekn_k^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and

$$(1) \quad \frac{1}{h^{\beta}} \int_0^{\pi} |f(t) - f(t \pm h)| dt = O(h^{\alpha}),$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^{\tau} |f(t) - f(t \pm h)| dt = O(1), \quad \text{unif. in } \tau \geq h^{\beta},$$

then

$$(3) \quad a_{n_k} = O(n_k^{-\alpha}), \quad b_{n_k} = O(n_k^{-\alpha}).$$

Lemma 2. *Let (δ_m) be a sequence tending to zero and let $n = [4me^{1-m\delta'/m/\delta_m}/\delta_m]$. Then there exists a trigonometrical polynomial*

1) A denotes an absolute constant which is not the same in different occurrences.

2) λ may be taken as near 1 as we like when m is sufficiently large.

$T_n(x)$ of degree not exceeding n with constant term 1, satisfying the conditions (i), (iii), (v) in Lemma 1 and

$$(ii') \quad |T_n(x)| \leq A n / \delta_m e^{(1-m\delta'/\delta_m)(m-1)}, \quad \delta_m \leq |x| \leq \pi,$$

$$(iv') \quad |T'_n(x)| \leq A(n^2/\delta_m e^{(1-m\delta'/\delta_m)(m-1)} + 1/x^2), \quad \lambda \delta_m \leq |x| \leq \pi, \quad \lambda > 1.$$

Theorem 2. Let $0 < \alpha < 1$, $0 < \beta < (2-\alpha)/3$, and

$$\gamma > 2/\min(1-\beta, 2-\alpha-3\beta)$$

(or especially $0 < \beta < (1-\alpha)/2$ and $\gamma > 2/(1-\beta)$). If the Fourier coefficients of $f(t)$ vanish except for $n = [k^\tau]$ ($k=1, 2, 3, \dots$) and the conditions (1) and (2) of Theorem 1 are satisfied, then (3) holds.

2. Theorem 3. Let $1/2 < a < \alpha < 1$, $0 < \beta < (2-\alpha)/3$, and $\beta/2 < \alpha - a \leq (2-\alpha-\beta)/4$. If

$$k^{1/(2\alpha-2a-\beta)} < n_k < e^{2k/(2+a+\beta)},$$

$$|n_{k\pm 1} - n_k| > 4ekn_k^\beta$$

and

$$(4) \quad \frac{1}{h^\beta} \int_0^{n^\beta} |f(t) - f(t \pm h)|^2 dt = O(h^{2\alpha}) \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0,$$

$$(5) \quad \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau |f(t) - f(t \pm h)|^2 dt = O(1) \quad \text{unif. in } \tau > h^\beta$$

then

$$(6) \quad \sum (|a_{n_k}| + |b_{n_k}|) < \infty,$$

where a_{n_k}, b_{n_k} are the non-vanishing Fourier coefficients of $f(t)$.

Proof. Let $\delta_k = 1/n_k^\beta$ and choose a sequence $M_k = [4ek/\delta_k]$ and let $T_{M_k}(x)$ be the trigonometrical polynomial of Lemma 1. Let us put

$$g_k(x) = f\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4n_k}\right) - f\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4n_k}\right)$$

then

$$g_k(x) \sim \sum_0^\infty 2 \sin \frac{n\pi}{4n_k} \cdot (b_n \cos nx - a_n \sin nx).$$

Then the n th Fourier coefficients α_n, β_n of $g_k(x)T_{M_k}(x)$ are given by

$$\alpha_{n_p} = 2 \sin \frac{n_p \pi}{4n_k} b_{n_p}, \quad \beta_{n_p} = -2 \sin \frac{n_p \pi}{4n_k} a_{n_p}, \quad (n_k \leq n_p \leq 2n_k).$$

On the other hand, by Theorem 1 we have

$$a_{n_k} = O(1/n_k^\alpha), \quad b_{n_k} = O(1/n_k^\alpha).$$

Since $\sum 1/n_k^{2\alpha} < \infty$, $f(x)$ belongs to the L^2 -class. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n_k}^{2n_k} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) &\leq \sum_{n_k}^{2n_k} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \sin^2 \frac{n\pi}{4n_k} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n_k}^{2n_k} (\alpha_n^2 + \beta_n^2) \leq \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^\pi g_k^2(x) T_{M_k}^2(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\int_0^\pi + \int_{-\pi}^0 \right] g_k^2(x) T_{M_k}^2(x) dx = \frac{1}{4\pi} [I_1 + I_2]. \end{aligned}$$

By integration by parts

$$I_1 = \left[T_{M_k}^2(x) \int_0^x g_k^2(t) dt \right]_0^\pi - 2 \int_0^\pi T_{M_k}(x) T'_{M_k}(x) dx \int_0^x g_k^2(t) dt \\ = I_{11} - 2I_{12},$$

where

$$I_{11} = T_{M_k}^2(\pi) \int_0^\pi g_k^2(t) dt \leq A \left(\frac{M_k}{\delta_k e^{2k}} \right)^2 = O\left(\frac{1}{n_k^{2\alpha}} \right)$$

by Lemma 1, (ii), and for $\lambda > 1$

$$I_{12} = \left[\int_0^{\lambda \delta_k} + \int_{\lambda \delta_k}^\pi \right] T_{M_k}(x) T'_{M_k}(x) dx \int_0^x g_k^2(t) dt \\ = I_{121} + I_{122} = O(1/n_k^{2\alpha}).$$

For,

$$|I_{121}| \leq \frac{AM_k}{\delta_k^2} \int_0^{\lambda \delta_k} dx \int_0^x g_k^2(t) dt \\ \leq \frac{AM_k}{\delta_k} \int_0^{\lambda \delta_k} dx \left[\frac{1}{\delta_k} \int_0^{\lambda \delta_k} g_k^2(t) dt \right] \\ \leq AM_k/n_k^{2\alpha} \leq A/n_k^{2\alpha}.$$

By Lemma 1, (i), (iii) and condition (4) and

$$|I_{122}| \leq \frac{AM_k}{\delta_k e^{2k}} \int_{\lambda \delta_k}^\pi \left(\frac{M_k^2}{\delta_k e^{2k}} + \frac{1}{x^2} \right) dx \int_0^x g_k^2(t) dt \\ \leq \frac{AM_k^3}{\delta_k^3 e^{2k}} \int_{\lambda \delta_k}^\pi dx \int_0^x g_k^2(t) dt + \frac{AM_k}{\delta_k e^{2k}} \int_{\lambda \delta_k}^\pi \frac{dx}{x} \left[\frac{1}{x} \int_0^x g_k^2(t) dt \right] \\ \leq \frac{AM_k^3}{\delta_k^3 e^{2k}} + \frac{AM_k}{\delta_k e^{2k}} \log \frac{1}{\delta_k} \leq \frac{A}{n_k^{2\alpha}}$$

by Lemma 1, (ii) and (iv).

Thus we have proved that

$$\sum_{n_k}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) = O(n_k^{-2\alpha}).$$

Consequently

$$\sum_{n_k}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|) = O(2^{(\frac{1}{2} + \alpha)m})$$

and then summing up both sides we get

$$\sum (|a_n| + |b_n|) < \infty.$$

Thus Theorem 3 is proved.

In a similar manner we can prove the following theorem, using Lemma 2 and Theorem 2.

Theorem 4. Let $1/2 < a < \alpha < 1$, $0 < \beta < (1 - \alpha)/2$, $\gamma > 1/(2\alpha - 2a - \beta)$, and $\beta/2 < \alpha - a < (1 + \beta)/4$.

If $n_k = [k^\gamma]$ ($k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$), and the conditions (4) and (5) are satisfied then (6) holds.

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