

A THEOREM ON FOURIER TRANSFORM

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1. We have defined in my paper<sup>(1)</sup> on Wiener Prediction theory a class of function  $\mathcal{R}_F$ . Let  $F(x)$  be a non-decreasing bounded function in  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . If there exists a function  $K(\theta)$  of bounded variation in every finite interval such that

$$\lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |k(x) - \int_{-A}^A e^{-ix\theta} dK(\theta)|^2 dF(x) = 0$$

then  $k(x)$  is said to belong to  $\mathcal{K}(-\infty, \infty)$ . Further if there exists a sequence of functions of  $\mathcal{K}(-\infty, \infty)$ ,  $\{k_n(x)\}$ , such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |k(x) - k_n(x)|^2 dF(x) = 0$$

then,  $k(x)$  is called a function of  $\mathcal{R}_F$ .

In connection with this, we shall show that  $L_2(F)$ -continuous function can be always approximated by Fourier-Stieltjes integral as closely as we please.

If

$$(1.1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dF(x) < \infty,$$

then  $f(x)$  is said to belong to  $L_2(F)$ , and if  $f(x+u) \in L_2(F)$  for every  $u$ , and

$$(1.2) \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x+u) - f(x)|^2 dF(x) = 0,$$

then  $f(x)$  is said to be  $L_2(F)$ -continuous.

2. Let  $f_R(x) = f(x)$ , for  $|x| \leq R$ ,  
 $= 0$ , for  $|x| > R$ .

We shall prove, under the condition (1.2), that for any given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist a  $\delta$  and an  $R_0$  such that, for  $|u| < \delta$ ,  $R > R_0$ ,

$$(2.1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_R(x+u) - f_R(x)|^2 dF(x) < \varepsilon.$$

Let  $u \geq 0$ . The case  $u < 0$  can be similarly treated.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_R(x+u) - f_R(x)|^2 dF(x) \\ &= \int_{-R-u}^{-R} |f(x+u)|^2 dF(x) + \int_{-R}^{R-u} |f(x+u) - f(x)|^2 dF(x) \\ & \quad + \int_{R-u}^R |f(x)|^2 dF(x) \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

$= I_1 + I_2 + I_3$ ,

say. Then

$$(2.3) I_2 \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x+u) - f(x)|^2 dF(x) \rightarrow 0, u \rightarrow 0.$$

If  $0 \leq u < \delta$ , then for any  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$(2.4) I_3 \leq \int_{R-\delta}^R |f(x)|^2 dF(x)$$

which tends to zero as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , since  $f(x) \in L_2(F)$ .

Next,

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_{-R-u}^{-R} |f(x+u) - f(x) + f(x)|^2 dF(x) \\ &\leq 2 \int_{-R-u}^{-R} |f(x+u) - f(x)|^2 dF(x) \\ & \quad + 2 \int_{-R-u}^{-R} |f(x)|^2 dF(x) \\ &\leq 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x+u) - f(x)|^2 dF(x) + 2 \int_{-R-\delta}^{-R} |f(x)|^2 dF(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(2.5) \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{u \rightarrow 0} I_1 = 0.$$

(2.3), (2.4) and (2.5) give (2.1).

3. We shall prove

Theorem 1. Let  $f(x) \in L_2(F)$  be  $L_2(F)$ -continuous and be squarely integrable in ordinary Lebesgue sense in every finite interval. Then for any given positive  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist an  $A$  and a function  $K(\theta) = K_A(\theta)$  of bounded variation in  $[-A, A]$ , such that

$$(3.1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x) - \int_{-A}^A e^{-ix\theta} dK(\theta)|^2 dF(x) < \varepsilon.$$

Put

$$(3.2) f_R(x, A) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_R(y) \frac{\sin^2 A(y-x)}{A(y-x)^2} dy.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & f_R(x, A) - f(x) \\ &= f_R(x, A) - f_R(x) + f_R(x) - f(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{f_R(y) - f_R(x)\} \frac{\sin^2 A(y-x)}{A(y-x)^2} dy \\ & \quad + f_R(x) - f(x) \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_R(x, A) - f(x)|^2 dF(x) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{f_R(y) - f_R(x)\} \frac{\sin^2 A(y-x)}{A(y-x)^2} dy \right|^2 dF(x) \\ & \quad + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_R(x) - f(x)|^2 dF(x) \\ (3.3) & = J_1 + J_2, \end{aligned}$$

say. We have

$$(3.4) J_2 \leq \int_{|x| > R} |f(x)|^2 dF(x)$$

which tends to zero as  $R \rightarrow \infty$

By Schwarz inequality

$$\begin{aligned} |J_1| & \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_R(y) - f_R(x)|^2 \frac{\sin^2 A(y-x)}{A(y-x)^2} dy \right\} dF(x) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dF(x) \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_R(x+u) - f_R(x)|^2 \frac{\sin^2 Au}{Au^2} du \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 Au}{Au^2} du \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_R(x+u) - f_R(x)|^2 dF(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|u| < \delta} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|u| \geq \delta} \\ &= J_{1,1} + J_{1,2}, \end{aligned}$$

say. By (2.1)

$$\begin{aligned} (3.5) |J_{1,1}| & \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{\pi} \int_{|u| < \delta} \frac{\sin^2 Au}{Au^2} du \\ & \leq \varepsilon \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 Au}{Au^2} du = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

We shall, here, prove that for every finite  $R$ , the integral

$$(3.6) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_R(x+u)|^2 dF(x)$$

is finite.

In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_R(x+u)|^2 dF(x) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \int_{-R-u}^{R-u} |f(x)|^2 dF(x) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dF(x) \int_{-R-x}^{R-x} |f(x+u)|^2 du \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dF(x) \int_{-R}^R |f(y)|^2 dy < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This also shows

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_R(x+u) - f_R(x)|^2 dF(x) < \infty,$$

for every finite  $R > 0$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} J_{1,2} & \leq \frac{1}{A\pi} \int_{|u| > \delta} \frac{du}{u^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_R(x+u) - f_R(x)|^2 dF(x) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{A\delta^2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_R(x+u) - f_R(x)|^2 dF(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence it is evident that there exists an  $A_0 = A_0(\delta, R)$  such that for  $A \geq A_0$ ,

$$(3.7) J_{1,2} \leq \varepsilon$$

(3.5) and (3.7) show that

$$(3.8) |J_1| \leq 2\varepsilon.$$

By (3.4) and (3.8), for given  $\varepsilon$ , there exists an  $R_0$  such that for  $R \geq R_0$  and  $A = A(R)$ ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_R(x, A) - f(x)|^2 dF(x) < \varepsilon$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} f_R(x, A) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_R(y) \frac{\sin^2 A(y-x)}{A(y-x)^2} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-A}^A (1 - \frac{|\theta|}{A}) e^{-ix\theta} d\theta \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_R(t) e^{i\theta t} dt \end{aligned}$$

We can write

$$f_R(x, A) = \int_{-A}^A e^{ix\theta} dK(\theta),$$

$K(\theta)$  being

$$= 0, \quad |0| \geq A$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-A}^0 \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{A}\right) du \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_R(t) e^{iut} dt, \quad |0| < A.$$

Thus the theorem is proved.

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