

ON POINTWISE APPROXIMATION OF FOURIER SERIES BY TYPICAL MEANS

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1. Notations and results. Throughout the paper $f(x)$ will be a real-valued, 2π -periodic, L -integrable function on the real line such that $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)dx = 0$. We denote the Fourier series of f by

$$S(f) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k(f; x), \quad A_k(f; x) = a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx,$$

where a_k and b_k are its Fourier coefficients.

Let $X_{2\pi}$ be one of the function spaces $C_{2\pi}$, or $L_{2\pi}^p$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, of the functions in question; the spaces are endowed with their usual norms. Let γ be a positive constant. If for an f in $X_{2\pi}$ the associated series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{\gamma} A_k(f; x)$$

is the Fourier series of some function g in $X_{2\pi}$, we say that f has a *Riesz derivative of order γ* in $X_{2\pi}$ and we write

$$D^{(\gamma)} f := f^{(\gamma)} = g.$$

It is well known (see e. g., P. L. Butzer-K. Scherer [3, Ch. 4]) that the operator $D^{(\gamma)}$ is closed with domain

$$X_{2\pi}^{(\gamma)} = \{f \in X_{2\pi} : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{\gamma} A_k(f; x) \text{ is the Fourier series of a function } g \text{ in } X_{2\pi}\}$$

dense in $X_{2\pi}$. Since for an $f \in X_{2\pi}^{(\gamma)}$, $D^{(\gamma)} f = 0$ implies $f = 0$, $D^{(\gamma)}$ has an inverse $I^{(\gamma)}$. Its extension to the whole space $X_{2\pi}$ is the so-called *Riesz potential of order γ* . With $I^{(\gamma)} f := f_{[\gamma]}$ (or $:= f^{1-\gamma}$) we have

$$S(f_{[\gamma]}) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_k(f; x)}{k^{\gamma}}.$$

The *typical means of order γ*

$$P_{n,\gamma}(f; x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{k^\gamma}{(n+1)^\gamma} \right) A_k(f; x) \quad (\gamma > 0, n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

of the Fourier series of a function f are closely related to its Riesz derivative $f^{(\gamma)}$. Indeed, the following theorem holds true.

THEOREM A. *Let $\gamma > 0$. If for the functions f and g in $X_{2\pi}$*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|(n+1)^\gamma \{R_{n,\gamma} f - f\} - g\|_{X_{2\pi}} = 0,$$

then $f \in X_{2\pi}^{(\gamma)}$ and $f^{(\gamma)} = -g$, and vice versa. If in particular $g = 0$, then f is the zero-function.

The theorem is a modification of the *saturation theorem* for the typical means in $X_{2\pi}$. It has its roots in results due to A. Zygmund and B. Sz.-Nagy in the 1940's. The theorem itself was first formulated and proved by S. Aljančić for the space $C_{2\pi}$ and by G. Sunouchi-C. Watari for the spaces in question in the late 1950's. In the form of Theorem A it is due to P. L. Butzer-E. Görlich. For details we refer to P. L. Butzer-K. Scherer, loc. cit. Finally, we have to mention that G. Sunouchi [4] studied local versions of Theorem A.

It is the aim of this note to prove the following pointwise analogue of Theorem A.

THEOREM B. *Let $f \in L_{2\pi}$ be such that*

$$(1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_{n,\gamma}(f; x) = f(x)$$

finitely for all x in some interval (a, b) . If there exists a finitely-valued, L -integrable function $g(x)$ in (a, b) such that

$$(2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1)^\gamma \{R_{n,\gamma}(f; x) - f(x)\} = g(x)$$

pointwise for all x in (a, b) , then $f^{(\gamma-2)}$ belongs to $L_{2\pi}$ and for almost all x in (a, b)

$$(3) \quad f^{(\gamma-2)}(x) = Ax + B + \int_a^x dt \int_a^t g(u) du,$$

where A and B are some constants.

For $0 < \gamma < 1$, (3) remains true even if (1) is violated in a denumerable set E of points, supposed that

$$(4a) \quad |R_{n,\gamma}(f; x)| = o(n^{1-\gamma}) \quad (\text{for all } x \in E).$$

For $\gamma = 1$, (3) remains true even if (2) is violated in a denumerable set E of points.

For $\gamma > 1$, (3) remains true even if (2) is violated in a denumerable set of points E , supposed that

$$(4b) \quad |R_{n,\gamma}(f; x) - f(x)| = o(n^{1-\gamma}) \quad (\text{for all } x \in E).$$

For $\gamma = 1$ (Fejér means) and $g(x) = 0$, Theorem B is due to V. A. Andrienko [1].

The following corollaries are obvious consequences of Theorem B.

COROLLARY 1. *Let f and g be finitely-valued functions in $L_{2\pi}$ such that the conditions (1) and (2) of Theorem B are satisfied for all x except in a denumerable set E of points at which (4) holds, then $f \in L_{2\pi}^{(\gamma)}$ and for almost all x , $f^{(\gamma)}(x) = -g(x)$.*

COROLLARY 2. *Let f and g belong to $C_{2\pi}$ such that*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1)^\gamma \{R_{n,\gamma}(f; x) - f(x)\} = g(x)$$

pointwise everywhere, then $f \in C_{2\pi}^{(\gamma)}$ and $f^{(\gamma)} = -g$, and vice versa.

The second corollary substantially weakens the statement of Theorem A for the space $X_{2\pi} = C_{2\pi}$.

REMARK. The function f_γ given by

$$(5) \quad S(f_\gamma) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos kx}{k^\gamma} \quad (\gamma > 0)$$

shows that if there is only one exceptional point $x_0 \pmod{2\pi}$ in R for which (4) is violated then the statement of Corollary 1 is wrong. Indeed, the series (5) converges for all $x \neq 0 \pmod{2\pi}$ and the associated function f_γ belongs to

L_{2x} . Moreover, for all $x \neq 0 \pmod{2\pi}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1)^\gamma \{R_{n,\gamma}(f_\gamma; x) - f_\gamma(x)\} = \frac{1}{2},$$

while for $x_0 = 0 \pmod{2\pi}$

$$|R_{n,\gamma}(f_\gamma; x_0)| = \begin{cases} \Omega(n^{1-\gamma}) & (n \rightarrow \infty), \quad 0 < \gamma < 1, \\ \Omega(\log n) & (n \rightarrow \infty), \quad \gamma = 1, \end{cases}$$

and

$$|R_{n,\gamma}(f_\gamma; x_0) - f(x_0)| = \Omega(n^{1-\gamma}) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty), \quad \gamma > 1.$$

We conclude this section with the formulation of a third theorem although it seems to be known, see G. Sunouchi [4]. The proof follows directly from relation (11) and the Fejér-Lebesgue theorem.

THEOREM C. *Let f be a function in $L_{2x}^{[\gamma]}$. For almost all x*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1)^\gamma \{R_{n,\gamma}(f; x) - f(x)\} = -f^{(\gamma)}(x).$$

2. Proof of Theorem B. The proof is based on two lemmas. Lemma 1 is a uniqueness theorem for $(C, 1)$ -summable trigonometric series. It can be obtained out of Verblunsky's uniqueness theorems for Abel summable trigonometric series (cf. A. Zygmund [6, p. 352ff]). Moreover, Lemma 1 is a very special form of results due to F. Wolf [5] about (C, λ) -summable series. In Lemma 2 we rewrite condition (2) so that Theorem B can be concluded directly out of Lemma 1.

LEMMA 1. *Let $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k(x)$ be a trigonometric series. If in some interval (a, b) the limit*

$$(6) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_n(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{k}{n+1}\right) A_k(x) = g(x)$$

exists finitely, except in a denumerable set E , with $g(x)$ L -integrable, and if for all $x \in E$

$$(7) \quad \sigma_n(x) = o(n) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

then $\sum_1^\infty A_k(x)/k^2$ is the Fourier series of some function F in $L_{2\pi}$ and for almost all x in (a, b)

$$(8) \quad F(x) = Ax + B + \int_a^x dt \int_a^t g(u)du.$$

If, moreover, the interval (a, b) contains $[0, 2\pi)$ then $\sum_1^\infty A_k(x)$ is the Fourier series of g .

LEMMA 2. Let f in $L_{2\pi}$ be such that for some x , $R_{n,\gamma}(f; x) \rightarrow c(x)$ finitely as $n \rightarrow \infty$. The limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1)^\gamma \{R_{n,\gamma}(f; x) - c(x)\}$$

exists finitely if, and only if, the limit

$$(9) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -\sigma_n^{(\gamma)}(f; x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{k}{n+1}\right) (-k^\gamma) A_k(f; x)$$

exists, and both limits are equal.

PROOF. By the use of the identity

$$R_{n-1,\gamma}(f; x) - R_{n,\gamma}(f; x) = \left\{ \frac{1}{n^\gamma} - \frac{1}{(n+1)^\gamma} \right\} \sum_{k=1}^n (-k^\gamma) A_k(f; x) \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots),$$

see P. L. Butzer-S. Pawelke [2], we obtain the relation

$$R_{n,\gamma}(f; x) - c(x) = \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty \left\{ \frac{1}{k^\gamma} - \frac{1}{(k+1)^\gamma} \right\} \sum_{j=1}^k (-j^\gamma) A_j(f; x).$$

Introducing the abbreviations $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n (-k^\gamma) A_k(f; x)$ and $t_n = R_{n,\gamma}(f; x) - c(x)$, the latter equation simply reads

$$(10) \quad t_n = \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty \left\{ \frac{1}{k^\gamma} - \frac{1}{(k+1)^\gamma} \right\} s_k.$$

It is appropriate to use two additional notations: $\tau_n = (n+1)^\gamma t_n$ and $\sigma_n = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n s_k \right) / (n+1)$.

To prove the “if”-part, we have to show that $\sigma_n \rightarrow s$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ implies $\tau_n \rightarrow s$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Indeed, by partial summation of the sum on the right-hand side of (10) we have

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} \tau_n &= (n+1)^\gamma \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} (k+1) \left\{ \frac{1}{k^\gamma} - \frac{2}{(k+1)^\gamma} + \frac{1}{(k+2)^\gamma} \right\} \sigma_k \\ &\quad - (n+1)^{1+\gamma} \left\{ \frac{1}{(n+1)^\gamma} - \frac{1}{(n+2)^\gamma} \right\} \sigma_n, \end{aligned}$$

and the result follows by taking into account that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= (n+1)^\gamma \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} (k+1) \left\{ \frac{1}{k^\gamma} - \frac{2}{(k+1)^\gamma} + \frac{1}{(k+2)^\gamma} \right\} \\ &\quad - (n+1)^{1+\gamma} \left\{ \frac{1}{(n+1)^\gamma} - \frac{1}{(n+2)^\gamma} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

identically in $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1)^{1+\gamma} \left\{ \frac{1}{(n+1)^\gamma} - \frac{1}{(n+2)^\gamma} \right\} = \gamma.$$

On the other hand, by (10)

$$t_{n-1} - t_n = \left\{ \frac{1}{n^\gamma} - \frac{1}{(n+1)^\gamma} \right\} s_n := \frac{1}{C_n} s_n \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Setting s_0 as well as the constant C_0 equal to zero, we obtain again by partial summation

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^n s_k &= s_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n C_k (t_{k-1} - t_k) \\ &= s_0 + \sum_{k=0}^n (C_{k+1} - C_k) t_k - C_{n+1} t_n, \end{aligned}$$

or

$$(12) \quad \sigma_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{C_{k+1} - C_k}{(k+1)^\gamma} \tau_k - \frac{C_{n+1}}{(n+1)^{1+\gamma}} \tau_n.$$

Since

$$1 = \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{C_{k+1} - C_k}{(k+1)^\gamma} - \frac{C_{n+1}}{(n+1)^{1+\gamma}}$$

identically in $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, and since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_{n+1}/(n+1)^{1+\gamma} = \frac{1}{\gamma}$ (see above), it is easy to conclude that $\tau_n \rightarrow s$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ implies $\sigma_n \rightarrow s$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This proves the "only if"-part.

The proof of Theorem B now follows by setting the coefficients $A_k(x)$ in Lemma 1 equal to $(-k^\gamma)A_k(f; x)$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$, i. e., $\sigma_n(x) = -\sigma_n^{(\gamma)}(f; x)$.

With respect to the conditions upon $R_{n,\gamma}(f; x)$ at the points x in the exceptional set E , we have to mention that for $0 < \gamma < 1$ (4a) is equivalent to (7), for $\gamma = 1$ (1) implies (7), and for $\gamma > 1$ again (4b) is equivalent (7).

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