

THE $| E, q |$ -SUMMABILITY OF A SERIES ASSOCIATED WITH
FOURIER SERIES

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The authors investigate a sufficient condition for the absolute Euler summability of a series associated with Fourier series. They further show that the above condition is the best possible in a certain sense.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $f(t)$ be 2π -periodic and L -integrable over $(-\pi, \pi)$ and let its Fourier series, at a point x , be

$$\frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) = \frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n(x).$$

Essential supremum — A function f is called essentially bounded if there exists a positive, finite constant c such that $\{x/ | f(x) | > c\}$ is a set of measure zero. The infimum of the values of c for which this statement is true is called the essential supremum of $| f |$, abbreviated to

$$\text{ess sup } | f | .$$

For fixed real numbers x and s , we write

$$\phi(t) = f(x + t) + f(x - t) - 2s \tag{1.1}$$

and

$$s_n(x) = \frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{m=1}^n A_m(x). \tag{1.2}$$

Concerning the absolute Euler summability of Fourier series, a number of results have been obtained by Mohanty and Mohapatra (1968), Chandra (1972a, b, 1975, 1978) and Kwee (1972). In this paper, we first obtain the following theorem concerning $| E, q |$ -summability ($q > 0$) of a series related to a Fourier series:

Theorem 1 — Let

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{|\phi(t)|}{t} \log \frac{2\pi}{t} dt < \infty. \tag{1.3}$$

Then

$$\sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{s_n(x) - s}{n + 1} \in |E, q| \quad (q > 0).$$

Our next attempt is to show that the condition (1.3) of Theorem 1 cannot be replaced by a lighter condition of the form:

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{|\phi(t)|}{t} |p(t)| \log \frac{2\pi}{t} dt < \infty \tag{1.4}$$

where the function $p(t)$ is defined in $(0, \pi)$ and that

$$p(t) = o(1), \text{ as } t \downarrow 0. \tag{1.5}$$

It is known (see Lemma 1) that the inclusion:

$$|E, q| \subset |B| \quad (q > -1)$$

is strict, therefore we now prove, in fact, a deeper result than what we have stated above. To be precise, we prove the following.

Theorem 2 — Let the function $p(t)$, defined in $(0, \pi)$, satisfy (1.5). Then (1.4) implies that

$$\sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{s_n(x) - s}{n + 1} \in |B|. \tag{1.6}$$

We shall write throughout the paper

$$g(t) = \frac{\phi(t)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}t} p(t) \log \frac{2\pi}{t}.$$

2. LEMMAS

We shall use the following lemmas in the proofs of the theorems:

Lemma 1 — If $q > -1$, then $|E, q| \subset |B|$.

This is due to Knopp and Lorentz (1949) for $q > 0$, and the general case was investigated by Chandra (1975).

Lemma 2 — Let F be a measurable function over $(0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$ and $g \in L(0, \infty)$. Then

$$G(y) = \int_0^\infty F(y, t) g(t) dt$$

is defined almost everywhere for each $g \in L(0, \infty)$ and

$$\int_0^\infty |G(y)| dy < \infty$$

if and only if

$$\text{ess sup}_{0 < t < \infty} \int_0^\infty |F(y, t)| dy \leq K.$$

This is due to Sunouchi and Tsuchikura (1952).

3. PROOFS OF THE THEOREMS

Proof of Theorem 1 — We have (Titchmarsh 1949, p. 403)

$$s_n(x) - s = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \phi(t) \frac{\sin(n + \frac{1}{2})t}{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}t} dt.$$

The series $\sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{s_n(x) - s}{n+1} \in |E, q| \quad (q > 0)$ if (Chandra 1975)

$$\sum_{n=0}^\infty (q+1)^{-n-1} \left| \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} q^{n-m} \frac{s_m(x) - s}{m+1} \right| < \infty.$$

However, in view of (1.3), it will be sufficient for the proof of the theorem to show that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(1+q)^{-n-1}}{(n+1)} \left| \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n+1}{m+1} q^{n-m} \sin(m + \frac{1}{2})t \right| \\ &= O \left\{ \log \frac{2\pi}{t} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad \dots(3.1)$$

uniformly in $0 < t < \pi$.

Now splitting up \sum_0^∞ into \sum_0^T and $\sum_{n>T}$, where T is the integral part of $(2\pi/t)^2$,

we observe that

$$\sum_{n=0}^T = O\left(\log \frac{2\pi}{t}\right)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n>T} &< 1 + q + \left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 + q)^{-n-1} (1 + q^2 + 2q \cos t)^{(n+1)/2} \\ &= O(1) \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in $0 < t < \pi$.

This proves (3.1) and consequently it completes the proof of Theorem 1.

Proof of Theorem 2 — Without any loss of generality, we assume, for the proof of the theorem, that

$$(p(t))^{-1} = O\left(\log \frac{2\pi}{t}\right), \text{ as } t \downarrow 0. \tag{3.2}$$

The series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{s_n(x) - s}{n + 1} \in |B|$$

if and only if (see Knopp and Lorentz 1949)

$$I = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} \left| \int_0^{\pi} \frac{dt}{p(t) \log(2\pi/t)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^n}{n!} \frac{\sin(n + \frac{3}{2})t}{(n + 2)} g(t) \right| dy < \infty.$$

Now, by Lemma 2 and hypothesis (1.4), I converges if and only if

$$\text{ess sup}_{0 < t < \pi} \frac{1}{|p(t)| \log(2\pi/t)} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} \left| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^n}{n! (n + 2)} \sin(n + \frac{3}{2})t \right| dy \leq K. \tag{3.3}$$

However

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} \left| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^n}{n! (n + 2)} \sin(n + \frac{3}{2})t \right| dy \\ &\geq \int_1^{\infty} e^{-y} \left| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^n}{(n + 1)!} \sin(n + \frac{3}{2})t \right| dy - O(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_1^\infty y^{-1} e^{-y} \left| \exp(y \cos t) \sin \left\{ \frac{1}{2} t + y \sin t \right\} - \sin \frac{1}{2} t \right| dy - O(1) \\
 &\geq \cos \frac{1}{2} t \int_0^\infty y^{-1} \exp \{-y(1 - \cos t)\} \left| \sin(y \sin t) \right| dy \\
 &\quad - \sin \frac{1}{2} t \int_1^\infty y^{-1} \exp \{-y(1 - \cos t)\} \left| \cos(y \sin t) \right| dy - O(1) \\
 &= J_1(t) - J_2(t) - O(1), \text{ say.}
 \end{aligned}$$

However, uniformly in $0 < t < \pi$,

$$J_2(t) \leq K |p(t)| \log \frac{2\pi}{t}$$

therefore for the proof of (3.3) it is necessary that

$$\operatorname{ess\,sup}_{0 < t < \pi} \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2} t}{|p(t)| \log(2\pi/t)} \int_0^\infty y^{-1} \exp \{-y(1 - \cos t)\} \left| \sin(y \sin t) \right| dy \leq K. \tag{3.4}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_0^\infty y^{-1} \exp(-2y \sin^2 \frac{1}{2} t) \left| \sin(y \sin t) \right| dy \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_{(n-1)\pi}^{n\pi} u^{-1} \exp(-u \tan \frac{1}{2} t) \left| \sin u \right| du \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^{-1} \exp(-n\pi \tan \frac{1}{2} t) \left| \int_{(n-1)\pi}^{n\pi} \sin u \, du \right| \\
 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \log \{1 - \exp(-\pi \tan \frac{1}{2} t)\}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

so that, whenever (1.4) holds,

$$\frac{2 \cos \frac{1}{2} t}{\pi |p(t)| \log(2\pi/t)} \log \{1 - \exp(-\pi \tan \frac{1}{2} t)\}^{-1} \rightarrow \infty$$

as $t \downarrow 0$. Thus (3.4) does not hold. Consequently, it proves the theorem.

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