

ABSOLUTE CESARO SUMMABILITY OF SUCCESSIVELY DERIVED SERIES OF A FOURIER SERIES OF FUNCTIONS OF CLASS $L_p(p > 1)$

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In the present paper the author obtains a criterion for the absolute cesàro summability of the r th derived series of a fourier series of a function of class $L_p(p > 1)$. The case $r = 0$ of the theorem obtained here is equivalent to the theorem proved by Tsuchikura (1954). It is also shown that the order of summability obtained here cannot be improved.

1.1. Let $f(t)$ be a periodic function with period 2π , integrable in the sense of Lebesgue over $(0, 2\pi)$. Let the Fourier series of $f(t)$ be

$$\sum_1^\infty (a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt) = \sum_1^\infty A_n(t), \text{ say.} \quad \dots(1.1.1)$$

The constant term of the Fourier series of $f(t)$ is taken to be zero without any loss of generality.

The r th derived series of the Fourier series of $f(t)$ is given by

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^r A_n(t) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty A_{n,r}(t) \quad (r \geq 0), \text{ say.} \quad \dots(1.1.2)$$

When $r = 0$, the series in (1.1.2) reduces to that in (1.1.1).

We write

$$P(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \{\theta_i t^i / i!\}$$

where $P(t)$ denotes an arbitrary polynomial subject to the condition that

$$g(t) = \{[f(x+t) - P(t)] + (-1)^r [f(x-t) - P(-t)]\} / 2t^r \quad \dots(1.1.3)$$

satisfies $g(t) \in L(0, 2\pi)$. The function $g(t)$ is defined by periodicity outside the range $(0, 2\pi)$.

We write

$$\phi(t) = \frac{1}{2} \{f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)\}$$

1.2. A given infinite series Σa_n is said to be absolutely summable by Cesàro means of order k or summable $|C, k| (k > -1)$ if $\Sigma_n |\tau_n^k - \tau_{n-1}^k| < \infty$, where τ_n^k is the n th Cesàro mean of order k of the sequence $\{na_n\}$ and is given by

$$\tau_n^k = \sum_{s=1}^n \{A_{n-s}^{k-1} sa_s/A_n^k\} (n \geq 1)$$

with A_n^k defined by

$$\sum_0^\infty A_n^k x^n = (1 - x)^{-k-1} (|x| < 1).$$

In this paper, we denote, by $\tau_{n,r}^k(x)$, the n th Cesàro mean of order $k (k \geq 0)$ of the sequence $\{nA_{n,r}(x)\}$ and by p' a number such that $p^{-1} + p'^{-1} = 1$.

2.1. Concerning the absolute Cesàro summability of a Fourier series of functions of class $L_p(p > 1)$, Tsuchikura (1954) proved the following theorem :

Theorem A — If $1 < p \leq 2, \alpha > 1/p'$, and

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{|\varphi(t)|^p}{t} \left| \log \frac{1}{t} \right|^{\alpha p} dt < \infty,$$

then the series (1.1.1) at $t = x$ is summable $|C, k|, k > 1/p$.

Our object in this paper is to obtain a criterion for the absolute Cesàro summability of the r th derived series of a Fourier series of a function of class $L_p(p > 1)$. The case $r = 0$ of our theorem is equivalent to Theorem A. We also show that the order of summability obtained in our result cannot be improved. Precisely we prove:

Theorem 1 — Let $1 < p \leq 2, \alpha > 1/p'$ and

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{|g(t)|^p}{t} \left| \log \frac{\bar{k}}{t} \right|^{\alpha p} dt < \infty \quad (\bar{k} > \pi) \tag{2.1.1}$$

then the series (1.1.2) at $t = x$ is summable $|C, k|, k > r + (1/p) (r = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$.

That the conclusion of our theorem can not be replaced by a sharper one when (2.1.1) holds, by taking in the result $|C, r + (1/p)| (r = 0, 1, \dots)$ instead of $|C, k|$ for $k > r + (1/p)$, is a consequence of the following theorem :

Theorem 2 — Summability $|C, r + (1/p)| (r = 0, 1, \dots)$ of the r th derived series of Fourier series of functions of class $L_p (p > 1)$ is not a local property of the generating function.

We shall need the following lemmas for the proof of our theorems :

Lemma 1 — If $0 < \beta \leq r + 1$ ($r = 0, 1, \dots$), and

$$G_n^\beta(t) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n A_{n-\nu}^{\beta-1} \sin \nu t$$

then

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{r+1} \{G_n^\beta(t)\} = g_n^\beta(t) + h_n^\beta(t),$$

where

$$h_n^\beta(t) = O(n^r t^{-\beta-1}) \quad (nt \geq 1);$$

and

$$g_n^\beta(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{(i)^{r+1} n^{r+1} \cos \{(n + \frac{1}{2}\beta)t - \frac{1}{2}\beta\pi\}}{(2 \sin \frac{1}{2}t)^\beta} & (r = 0, 2, 4, \dots); \\ \frac{(i)^{r+1} n^{r+1} \sin \{(n + \frac{1}{2}\beta)t - \frac{1}{2}\beta\pi\}}{(2 \sin \frac{1}{2}t)^\beta} & (r = 1, 3, \dots). \end{cases}$$

Further, uniformly in t ,

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{r+1} G_n^\beta(t) = O(n^{\beta+r+1}).$$

PROOF : The proof involves ideas similar to those used in Zygmund (1959, Vol. I, p. 95 and Vol. II, p. 60). Since with a bit of care one can establish the estimates involved in this lemma, we shall omit its proof.

Lemma 2 — If $1 < p \leq 2$, $\alpha > 1/p'$ and

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{|g(t)|^p}{t} \left| \log \frac{\bar{k}}{t} \right|^{\alpha p} dt < \infty \quad (\bar{k} > \pi)$$

then

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{|g(t)|}{t} dt < \infty.$$

PROOF : This can be proved with the use of Hölder's inequality.

Lemma 3 (Hyslop 1940) — For $k \geq 0$, the series $\sum_n (-1)^n n^k$ is summable $|C, k + 1 + \delta|$ ($\delta > 0$).

Lemma 4 (Kogbetliantz 1925) — If $\sum a_n$ is summable $|C, k|$ ($k \geq 0$), then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n|/n^k) < \infty.$$

3.1. *Proof of Theorem 1* — Let us suppose that r is even, say $r = 2m$ ($m = 0, 1, \dots$). Let us assume, as we can, without any loss of generality, that

$$2m + (1/p) < k \leq 2m + 1.$$

Now

$$\tau_{n,r}^k(x) = \frac{1}{\pi A_n^k} \int_0^\pi \{f(x+t) + f(x-t)\} \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{r+1} G_n^k(t) dt, \quad \dots(3.1.1)$$

where $G_n^k(t)$ is the n th Cesàro mean of order k of the sequence $\{\sin nt\}$.

From (1.1.3) and (4.1.1),

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{n,2m}^k(x) &= \frac{2}{\pi A_n^k} \int_0^\pi g(t) t^{2m} \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{2m+1} G_n^k(t) dt \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\pi A_n^k} \int_0^\pi \{P(t) + P(-t)\} \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{2m+1} G_n^k(t) dt \\ &= P + Q, \text{ say.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus it will be enough for our purpose to show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|P|/n) < \infty \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|Q|/n) < \infty.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|P|}{n} &= O \left(\sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=2^\nu}^{2^{\nu+1}-1} n^{-k-1} \left| \int_0^\pi g(t) t^{2m} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{2m+1} G_n^k(t) dt \right| \right) \\ &= O \left(\sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} 2^{-\nu(k+1)} \sum_{n=2^\nu}^{2^{\nu+1}-1} \left| \int_0^{\pi/2^\nu} g(t) t^{2m} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{2m+1} G_n^k(t) dt \right| \right) \end{aligned}$$

(equation continued on p. 1254)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ O \left(\sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} 2^{-\nu(k+1)} \sum_{n=2^{\nu}}^{2^{\nu+1}-1} \left| \int_{\pi/2^{\nu}}^{\pi} g(t) t^{2m} \right. \right. \\
 &\qquad \qquad \qquad \left. \left. \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^{2m+1} G_n^k(t) dt \right| \right) \\
 &= \sum_1 + \sum_2 \text{ (say).}
 \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 1,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_1 &= O \left(\sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} 2^{-\nu(k+1)} \sum_{n=2^{\nu}}^{2^{\nu+1}-1} n^{k+1+2m} \int_0^{\pi/2^{\nu}} |g(t)| t^{2m} dt \right) \\
 &= O \left(\sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} 2^{\nu} \int_0^{\pi/2^{\nu}} |g(t)| dt \right) \\
 &= O \left(\sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} 2^{\nu} \sum_{\rho=\nu}^{\infty} \int_{\pi/2^{\rho+1}}^{\pi/2^{\rho}} |g(t)| dt \right) \\
 &= O \left(\sum_{\rho=0}^{\infty} 2^{\rho} \int_{\pi/2^{\rho+1}}^{\pi/2^{\rho}} |g(t)| dt \right) \\
 &= O \left(\int_0^{\pi} \frac{|g(t)|}{t} dt \right) \\
 &= O(1),
 \end{aligned}$$

by (2.1.1) and Lemma 2.

Again, by Lemma 1,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_2 &\leq \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} 2^{-\nu(k+1)} \sum_{n=2^{\nu}}^{2^{\nu+1}-1} \left| \int_{\pi/2^{\nu}}^{\pi} g(t) t^{2m} h_n^k(t) dt \right| \\
 &\quad + \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} 2^{-\nu(k+1)} \sum_{n=2^{\nu}}^{2^{\nu+1}-1} \left| \int_{\pi/2^{\nu}}^{\pi} g(t) t^{2m} g_n^k(t) dt \right| \\
 &= \sum_{21} + \sum_{22}, \text{ say.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Majorizing the inner sum in Σ_{21} by replacing the modulus of the integral by the integral of the modulus of the intergrand and substituting the estimate for $h_n^k(t)$ from Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{21} &= O \left(\sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} 2^{-\nu(k+1)} \sum_{n=2^\nu}^{2^{\nu+1}-1} n^{2m} \int_{\pi/2^\nu}^{\pi} |g(t)| t^{2m-k-1} dt \right) \\ &= O \left(\sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} 2^{-\nu(k-2m)} \sum_{\rho=0}^{\nu-1} \int_{\pi/2^{\rho+1}}^{\pi/2^\rho} (|g(t)| / t^{k+1-2m}) dt \right) \\ &= O \left(\sum_{\rho=0}^{\infty} \int_{\pi/2^{\rho+1}}^{\pi/2^\rho} |g(t)| t^{-k-1+2m} dt \sum_{\nu=\rho+1}^{\infty} 2^{-\nu(k-2m)} \right) \\ &= O \left(\sum_{\rho=0}^{\infty} 2^{-(\rho+1)(k-2m)} \int_{\pi/2^{\rho+1}}^{\pi/2^\rho} |g(t)| t^{-k-1+2m} dt \right) \\ &= O \left(\int_0^\pi \frac{|g(t)|}{t} dt \right) = O(1), \end{aligned}$$

by (2.1.1) and Lemma 2.

After applying Hölder’s inequality to the inner sum of Σ_{22} , we get

$$\Sigma_{22} \leq \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} 2^{-\nu(k+1-1/p')} \left\{ \sum_{n=2^\nu}^{2^{\nu+1}-1} \left| \int_{\pi/2^\nu}^{\pi} g(t) t^{2m} g_n^k(t) dt \right|^{p'} \right\}^{1/p'}$$

By Lemma 1 and Minkowski’s inequality

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\{ \sum_{n=2^\nu}^{2^{\nu+1}-1} \left| \int_{\pi/2^\nu}^{\pi} g(t) t^{2m} g_n^k(t) dt \right|^{p'} \right\}^{1/p'} \\ &= O \left(2^{\nu(1+2m)} \left[\sum_{n=2^\nu}^{2^{\nu+1}-1} \left| \int_{\pi/2^\nu}^{\pi} \frac{g(t) t^{2m} \cos \{k(\frac{1}{2}t - \frac{1}{2}\pi) + nt\}}{(2 \sin t/2)^k} dt \right|^{p'} \right]^{1/p'} \right) \\ &= O \left(2^{\nu(1+2m)} \left[\sum_{n=2^\nu}^{2^{\nu+1}-1} \left| \int_{\pi/2^\nu}^{\pi} g(t) t^{2m} \frac{\cos k(t - \pi)/2}{(2 \sin t/2)^k} \cos nt dt \right|^{p'} \right]^{1/p'} \right) \\ &\quad + O \left(2^{\nu(1+2m)} \left[\sum_{n=2^\nu}^{2^{\nu+1}-1} \left| \int_{\pi/2^\nu}^{\pi} g(t) t^{2m} \frac{\sin k(t - \pi)/2}{(2 \sin t/2)^k} \sin nt dt \right|^{p'} \right]^{1/p'} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Writing

$$X(t) = \begin{cases} t^{2m} g(t) \frac{\cos (t-\pi) \frac{k}{2}}{\sin (t-\pi) \frac{k}{2}} (2 \sin t/2)^k & \left(\frac{\pi}{2^v} \leq t < \pi\right), \\ 0 & (0 \leq t < \pi/2^v); \end{cases}$$

we have by Hausdorff-Young inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=2^v}^{2^{v+1}-1} \left| \int_{\pi/2^v}^{\pi} g(t) t^{2m} g_n^k(t) dt \right|^{p'} \\ &= O\left(2^{v(1+2m)} \left\{ \int_0^{\pi} |X(t)|^p dt \right\}^{1/p}\right) \\ &= O\left(2^{v(1+2m)} \left\{ \int_{\pi/2^v}^{\pi} \frac{|g(t)|^p}{t^{kp}} t^{2mp} dt \right\}^{1/p}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Hölder’s inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{22} &= O\left(\sum_{v=1}^{\infty} 2^{-v(k-2m-1/p)} \left\{ \int_{\pi/2^v}^{\pi} |g(t)|^p t^{-(k-2m)p} dt \right\}^{1/p}\right) \\ &= O\left(\left\{ \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} v^{\alpha p} 2^{-v(kp-1-2mp)} \int_{\pi/2^v}^{\pi} |g(t)|^p t^{-(k-2m)p} dt \right\}^{1/p'} \times \right. \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \left. \left\{ \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} v^{-\alpha p'} \right\}^{1/p'}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Since, by hypothesis, the series on the right converges when $\alpha > 1/p'$, it will be enough to show that the first factor is bounded. We find

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} v^{\alpha p} 2^{-v(kp-1-2mp)} \int_{\pi/2^v}^{\pi} |g(t)|^p t^{-(k-2m)p} dt \\ &= \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} v^{\alpha p} 2^{-v(kp-1-2mp)} \sum_{p=v-1}^{\infty} \int_{\pi/2^{p+1}}^{\pi/2^p} |g(t)|^p t^{-(k-2m)p} dt \\ &= \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \int_{\pi/2^{p+1}}^{\pi/2^p} |g(t)|^p t^{-(k-2m)p} dt \sum_{v=0}^{p+1} v^{\alpha p} 2^{-v(kp-1-2mp)} \end{aligned}$$

(equation continued on p. 1257)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= O \left(\sum_{p=0}^{\infty} (\rho + 1)^{\alpha p} 2^{-(p+1)(k_{p-1}-2mp)} \int_{\pi/2^{p+1}}^{\pi/2^p} |g(t)|^p t^{-(k-2m)p} dt \right) \\
 &= O \left(\sum_{p=0}^{\infty} (\rho + 1)^{\alpha p} 2^{(p+1)} \int_{\pi/2^{p+1}}^{\pi/2^p} |g(t)|^p dt \right) \\
 &= O \left(\sum_{p=0}^{\infty} (\rho + 1)^{\alpha p} 2^{(p+1)} \pi 2^{-p} \left| \log \left(\frac{\bar{k}}{\pi} 2^{(p+1)} \right) \right|^{\alpha p} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times \int_{\pi/2^{p+1}}^{\pi/2^p} \frac{|g(t)|^p}{t} \left| \log \frac{\bar{k}}{t} \right|^{\alpha p} dt \right) \\
 &= O \left(\int_0^{\pi} \frac{|g(t)|^p}{t} \left| \log \frac{\bar{k}}{t} \right|^{\alpha p} dt \right) = O(1).
 \end{aligned}$$

The convergence of the series $\Sigma (| Q | / n)$ is the same as the summability of a series whose general term is

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \{P(t) + P(-t)\} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^{2m} \cos nt dt \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^m n^{2m}}{2\pi} \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \frac{\theta_{i2}}{(2i)!} \int_0^{\pi} t^{2i} \cos nt dt \\
 &= (-1)^m \frac{n^{2m}}{2\pi} \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \frac{\theta_{2i}}{(2i)!} (-1)^n \sum_{s=1}^i (-1)^{s-1} \frac{(2i)!}{(2i-2s+1)!} \\
 &\quad \times n^{-2s} \pi^{2i-2s+1} \\
 &= 2(-1)^n \sum_{s=1}^{m-1} (-1)^{m+s-1} n^{2m-2s} \sum_{i=s}^{m-1} \frac{\theta_{2i} \pi^{2i-2s}}{(2i-2s+1)!}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3, we find that the series is summable $| C, 2m - 1 + \delta |$ ($\delta > 0$), and *a fortiori* summable $| C, 2m + \delta + (1/p) |$ ($p > 0$).

This completes the proof of the theorem when r is even.

The proof when r is odd is similar. On combining both the cases we have the required result.

3.2. *Proof of Theorem 2* — We first observe that if the Fourier series of a function $f(t)$ is given by $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt)$, then a necessary condition

for its r th derived series to be summable $|C, k|$ ($k > 0$) at $t = 0$, by Lemma 4, is the convergence of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| n^{-k+r} \text{ or } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| n^{-k+r}$$

according as r is even or odd.

It will be sufficient for us to establish the following :

(i) There exists a function of class L_p ($p > 1$) of period 2π which vanishes in the interval $-\pi/2 \leq x \leq \pi/2$ such that the $2m$ th derived series of the Fourier series of this function is not summable $|C, 2m + (1/p)|$ ($m = 0, 1, \dots$), at $x = 0$.

(ii) There exists a function of class L_p ($p > 1$) of period 2π which vanishes in the interval $-\pi/2 \leq x \leq \pi/2$, the $(2m + 1)$ th derived series of the Fourier series of which is not summable $|C, 2m + 1 + (1/p)|$ ($m = 0, 1, \dots$) at $x = 0$.

Before going into the proof of these assertions we like to mention that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\cos nx}{n^{1-(1/p)} \log n} \text{ and } \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sin nx}{n^{1-(1/p)} \log n}$$

are Fourier series of functions of class L_p ($p > 1$) (see Zygmund 1959, Vol. II, 6.6, Lemma (i), (ii), p. 129).

PROOF OF (i) : Let $f(x)$ be given by the following :

$$f(x) = f(-x), f(x + 2\pi) = f(x) \text{ and}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & (0 \leq x \leq \pi/2) \\ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [\cos nx/n^{1-(1/p)} \log n] & (\pi/2 < x \leq \pi) \end{cases}$$

It is evident that $f(x) \in L_p$ ($p > 1$). Let a_n be the n th Fourier coefficient of $f(x)$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} a_{2m} &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \cos 2mx \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\cos 2nx}{n^{1-(1/p)} \log n} dx \\ &= (1/2m^{1-(1/p)}) \log m \quad (m = 2, 3, \dots), \end{aligned}$$

the termwise integration being valid.

Now, since,

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} |a_m| m^{-1/p} \geq \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} |a_{2m}| (2m)^{-1/p}$$

(equation continued on p. 1259)

$$= 2^{-1-(1/p)} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (m \log m)^{-1},$$

the proof of (i) is completed by appealing to our observation at the beginning of this section.

PROOF OF (ii) : In this case, the function $f(x)$, may, for example, be taken as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & (0 \leq x \leq \pi/2), \\ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sin 2nx}{n^{1-(1/p)} \log n} & \left(\frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \pi \right); \\ f(-x) = -f(x), & f(x + 2\pi) = f(x). \end{cases}$$

We can follow the reasoning used in the proof of (i) to complete the proof of (ii).

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

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