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## ON $L^1$ CONVERGENCE OF CERTAIN COSINE SUMS

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**ABSTRACT.** Rees and Stanojević introduced a new class of modified cosine sums  $\{g_n(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n \Delta a(k) + \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=k}^n \Delta a(j) \cos kx\}$  and found a necessary and sufficient condition for integrability of these modified cosine sums. Here we show that to every classical cosine series  $f$  with coefficients of bounded variation, a Rees-Stanojević cosine sum  $g_n$  can be associated such that  $g_n$  converges to  $f$  pointwise, and a necessary and sufficient condition for  $L^1$  convergence of  $g_n$  to  $f$  is given. As a corollary to that result we have a generalization of the classical result of this kind. Examples are given using the well-known integrability conditions.

Theorem A gives a necessary and sufficient condition for a sine series with coefficients of bounded variation and converging to zero to be the Fourier series of its sum, or equivalently, for its sum to be integrable. Theorem B shows that if such a series is a Fourier series then its convergence is “good”, that is, convergence in the  $L^1$  metric.

**THEOREM A** [1]. *Let  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b(n) \sin nx$  where  $\Delta b(n) \geq 0$  [ $\Delta b(n) = b(n) - b(n+1)$ ] and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b(n) = 0$ . Then  $f \in L^1[0, \pi]$  or, equivalently,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b(n) \sin nx$  is the Fourier series of  $f$  if and only if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\Delta b(n)| \log n < \infty$ .*

**THEOREM B** [1]. *Let  $f(x)$  be as in Theorem A. If  $f \in L^1[0, \pi]$  then  $\sum_{k=1}^n b(k) \sin kx$  converges to  $f$  in the  $L^1$  metric.*

There is no known analogue of Theorem A for the cosine series. Theorems C and D only give sufficient conditions for the cosine series to be the Fourier series of its sum.

In what follows we will denote by  $C$  the cosine series

$$\frac{1}{2}a(0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n) \cos nx$$

where  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(n) = 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\Delta a(n)| < \infty$ . Partial sums of  $C$  will be denoted by  $S_n(x)$ , and  $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x)$ .

**THEOREM C** [1]. *If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\Delta a(n)| \log n < \infty$ , then  $f \in L^1[0, \pi]$  or, equivalently,  $C$  is the Fourier series of  $f$ .*

**THEOREM D** [1]. *If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\Delta^2 a(n)|(n+1) < \infty$ , then  $f \in L^1[0, \pi]$  or, equivalently,  $C$  is the Fourier series of  $f$ .*

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Theorem E is related to Theorem B. It shows that the classical cosine series is not as “well behaved” as the classical sine series.

**THEOREM E [1].** *If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\Delta^2 a(n)|(n+1) < \infty$ , then  $S_n$  converges to  $f$  in the  $L^1$  metric if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(n) \log n = 0$ .*

Rees and Stanojević introduced a new type of cosine sum and obtained a necessary and sufficient condition for integrability of its limit.

**THEOREM F [2].** *Let*

$$g_n^*(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ \frac{a(k)}{2} + \sum_{j=k}^n a(j) \cos kx \right]$$

where  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(n) = 0$  and  $\Delta a(n) \geq 0$ . Then

- (i)  $g^*(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n^*(x)$  exists for  $x \in (0, \pi]$ , and
- (ii)  $g^* \in L^1[0, \pi]$  if and only if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n) < \infty$ .

This paper proves an analogue of Theorem B for this type of cosine sum. Indeed, these modified cosine sums approximate their limit “better” than the classical cosine series since they converge in the  $L^1$  metric to their limit when the classical cosine series may not.

**LEMMA 1.** *Let*

$$\tilde{g}_n(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n \Delta a(k) + \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=k}^n \Delta a(j) \cos kx.$$

Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{g}_n(x) = f(x)$ , for  $x \in (0, \pi]$ .

It will be shown in the proof of this lemma that

$$g_n(x) = S_n(x) - a(n+1)D_n(x).$$

We prefer the form given in the lemma, however, since it emphasizes better its use in [2].

**PROOF.** Denoting the Dirichlet kernel by  $D_n(x)$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n \Delta a(k) + \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=k}^n \Delta a(j) \cos kx \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{a(0)}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n a(k) \cos kx - a(n+1)D_n(x) \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [S_n(x) - a(n+1)D_n(x)] = f(x), \end{aligned}$$

$x \in (0, \pi]$  since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) = f(x)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(n+1)D_n(x) = 0$ ,  $x \in (0, \pi]$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $g_n$  be as defined in Lemma 1. Then  $g_n$  converges to  $f$  in the  $L^1$  metric if and only if given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta(\epsilon) > 0$  such that  $\int_0^\delta |\sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \Delta a(k) D_k(x)| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .*

**PROOF.** For the “if” part let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$\int_0^\delta |\sum_{k=n+1}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x)| < \epsilon/2$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi |f - g_n| &= \int_0^\pi \left| \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x) \right| \\ &= \int_0^\delta \left| \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x) \right| + \int_\delta^\pi \left| \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x) \right| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty |\Delta a(k)| \int_\delta^\pi |D_k(x)| \\ &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty |\Delta a(k)| \int_\delta^\pi \csc \frac{1}{2}x \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty |\Delta a(k)| [-2 \log |\csc \delta/2 - \cot \delta/2|] < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

for sufficiently large  $n$  since  $\sum_{k=0}^\infty |\Delta a(k)| < \infty$ .

For the “only if” part, let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then there exists an integer  $M$  such that  $\int_0^\pi |f(x) - g_n(x)| < \epsilon/2$  if  $n \geq M$ . That is,  $\int_0^\pi |\sum_{k=n}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x)| < \epsilon/2$  if  $n \geq M$ . Now if  $\sum_{k=0}^M |\Delta a(k)| = 0$ , then for  $n > M$ ,  $\int_0^\pi |\sum_{k=n}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x)| < \epsilon/2 < \epsilon$  and, for  $0 \leq n \leq M$ ,

$$\int_0^\pi \left| \sum_{k=n}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x) \right| = \int_0^\pi \left| \sum_{k=M+1}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x) \right| < \epsilon/2 < \epsilon.$$

If  $\sum_{k=0}^M |\Delta a(k)| \neq 0$ , let  $\delta = \epsilon/2M \sum_{k=0}^M |\Delta a(k)|$ . For  $n \geq M$ ,

$$\int_0^\delta \left| \sum_{k=n}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x) \right| \leq \int_0^\pi \left| \sum_{k=n}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x) \right| < \epsilon/2 < \epsilon.$$

For  $0 \leq n < M$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\delta \left| \sum_{k=n}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x) \right| &\leq \int_0^\delta \left| \sum_{k=n}^{M-1} \Delta a(k) D_k(x) \right| + \int_0^\delta \left| \sum_{k=M}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x) \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^\delta \sum_{k=n}^{M-1} k |\Delta a(k)| + \int_0^\pi \left| \sum_{k=M}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x) \right| \\ &< \delta \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} k |\Delta a(k)| + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &\leq \delta M \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} |\Delta a(k)| + \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

So given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\int_0^\delta |\sum_{k=n}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x)| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\pi |f(x) - g_n(x)| = 0$ , it is clear that  $f \in L^1[0, \pi]$ .

$$\int_0^\pi |f(x)| \leq \int_0^\pi |f(x) - g_n(x)| + \int_0^\pi |g_n(x)| < \infty$$

since  $g_n(x)$  is a finite cosine sum.

**COROLLARY 1.** *If for  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta(\epsilon) > 0$  such that*

$\int_0^\delta |\sum_{k=n}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq 0$ , then  $S_n$  converges to  $f$  in the  $L^1$  metric if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(n) \log n = 0$ .

**Proof.** Using  $g_n$  as defined in Lemma 1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi |f(x) - S_n(x)| &= \int_0^\pi |f(x) - g_n(x) + g_n(x) - S_n(x)| \\ &\leq \int_0^\pi |f(x) - g_n(x)| + \int_0^\pi |g_n(x) - S_n(x)| \\ &= \int_0^\pi |f(x) - g_n(x)| + \int_0^\pi |a(n+1)D_n(x)|. \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi |a(n+1)D_n(x)| &= \int_0^\pi |g_n(x) - S_n(x)| \\ &\leq \int_0^\pi |f(x) - S_n(x)| + \int_0^\pi |f(x) - g_n(x)|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\int_0^\pi |a(n+1)D_n(x)|$  behaves like  $a(n+1) \log n$  for large values of  $n$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\pi |f(x) - g_n(x)| = 0$ , the corollary is proved.

The following examples show that known sufficient conditions for integrability of the limit of a cosine series are also sufficient for the  $L^1$  convergence of  $g_n$  to that limit, since they imply the necessary and sufficient condition from Theorem 1.

**EXAMPLE 1.** Let  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty |\Delta^2 a(n)|(n+1) < \infty$ . Then  $g_n$  converges to  $f$  in the  $L^1$  metric space. Denoting the Fejér kernel by  $F_n(x)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi |f(x) - g_n(x)| &= \int_0^\pi \left| \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x) \right| \\ &= \int_0^\pi \left| \sum_{k=n}^\infty (k+1)\Delta^2 a(k) F_k(x) - (n+1)\Delta a(n) F_n(x) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty (k+1)|\Delta^2 a(k)| \int_0^\pi F_k(x) + (n+1)|\Delta a(n)| \int_0^\pi F_n(x) \\ &\leq \pi \sum_{k=n}^\infty (k+1)|\Delta^2 a(k)| \end{aligned}$$

since  $\int_0^\pi F_k(x) = \pi/2$  and

$$\begin{aligned} (n+1)|\Delta a(n)| &= \sum_{k=n}^\infty (n+1)[|\Delta a(k)| - |\Delta a(k+1)|] \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n}^\infty (n+1)|\Delta^2 a(k)| \leq \sum_{k=n}^\infty (k+1)|\Delta^2 a(k)|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty (n+1)|\Delta^2 a(n)| < \infty$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\pi |f(x) - g_n(x)| = 0$ .

**EXAMPLE 2.** Let  $\sum_{k=1}^\infty |\Delta a(k)| \log k < \infty$ . Then  $g_n$  converges to  $f$  in the  $L^1$  metric space, for

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi |f(x) - g_n(x)| &= \int_0^\pi \left| \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty |\Delta a(k)| \int_0^\pi |D_k(x)|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\int_0^\pi |D_k(x)|$  behaves like  $\log k$  for large  $k$ , and  $\sum_{k=1}^\infty |\Delta a(k)| \log k < \infty$ , we get  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\pi |f(x) - g_n(x)| = 0$ . As a corollary of this example we have the well-known Theorem E.

Theorems C and D can be combined as in the following lemma.

LEMMA 2. Let  $a(n) = b(n) + c(n)$  where  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty |\Delta b(n)| \log n < \infty$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty |\Delta^2 c(n)|(n+1) < \infty$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b(n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c(n) = 0$ . Then  $f \in L^1[0, \pi]$ .

It is interesting to note that in Lemma 2 we may have

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty |\Delta a(n)| \log n = \sum_{n=1}^\infty |\Delta^2 a(n)|(n+1) = \infty.$$

EXAMPLE 3. Let  $f(x)$  be as in Lemma 2. Then  $g_n$  converges to  $f$  in the  $L^1$  metric. This follows from Examples 1 and 2, writing  $a(n) = b(n) + c(n)$ .

Stanojević combined Theorems C and D in a different way.

THEOREM G [3]. Let  $a(n) = \alpha(n)\beta(n)$  where  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty |\Delta \alpha(n)| < \infty$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty |\Delta^2 \beta(n)|(n+1) < \infty$ ,  $|\beta(n)| \leq M$ , and  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty |\beta(n)\Delta \alpha(n)| \log n < \infty$ . Then  $f \in L^1[0, \pi]$ .

EXAMPLE 4. Let  $f(x)$  be as in Theorem G. Then  $g_n$  converges to  $f$  in the  $L^1$  metric. We get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi |f(x) - g_n(x)| &\leq M \sum_{k=n}^\infty |\beta(k)\Delta \alpha(k)| \log k \\ &\quad + N \sum_{k=n}^\infty (k+1) \{ |\alpha(k+1)\Delta^2 \beta(k)| + |\Delta \alpha(k+1)\Delta \beta(k+1)| \}. \end{aligned}$$

Since both series converge, we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\pi |f(x) - g_n(x)| = 0$ .

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