

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.

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

$\int_0^\delta |\sum_{k=n}^\infty \Delta a(k) D_k(x)| < \epsilon$ 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

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

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

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

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

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