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# Degree of Approximation of Fourier Series by Hausdörff and Nörlund Product Means

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#### Abstract

In this paper a theorem on degree of approximation of a function  $f \in Lip(\alpha, r)$  by product summability  $(E, q)(N, p_n)$  of Fourier series associated with f has been established.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a given infinite series with the sequence of partial sums  $\{s_n\}$ .

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Let  $\{p_n\}$  be a sequence of positive real numbers such that

$$P_n = \sum_{\nu=0}^n p_\nu \longrightarrow \infty, as \ n \longrightarrow \infty, (P_{-i} = p_{-i} = 0, i \ge 0).$$

The sequence-to-sequence transformation

$$t_n = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{\nu=0}^n p_{n-\nu} s_{\nu},$$
 (1)

defines the sequence  $\{t_n\}$  of the  $(N, p_n)$ -mean of the sequence  $\{s_n\}$  generated by the sequence of coefficient  $\{p_n\}$ . If

$$t_n \longrightarrow s, \ as \ n \longrightarrow \infty,$$
 (2)

then the series  $\sum a_n$  is said to be  $(N, p_n)$  summable to s.

The conditions for regularity of Nörlund summability  $(N, p_n)$  are easily seen to be [1]

(i) 
$$\frac{p_n}{P_n} \to 0 \quad as \quad n \to \infty,$$
 (3)

(*ii*) 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} p_k = 0(P_n)as \quad n \to \infty.$$
 (4)

The sequence-to-sequence transformation [1]

$$T_{n} = \frac{1}{(1+q)^{n}} \sum_{\nu=0}^{n} \binom{n}{\nu} q^{n-\nu} s_{\nu},$$
(5)

defines the sequence  $\{T_n\}$  of the (E,q) mean of the sequence  $\{s_n\}$ . If

$$T_n \to s, \quad as \quad n \to \infty,$$
 (6)

then the series  $\Sigma a_n$  is said to be (E, q) summable to s. Clearly (E, q) method is regular [1]. Further, the (E, q) transformation of the  $(N, p_n)$  transform of  $\{s_n\}$  is defined by

$$\tau_{n} = \frac{1}{(1+q)^{n}} \Sigma_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} T_{k}$$
$$= \frac{1}{(1+q)^{n}} \Sigma_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} \left\{ \frac{1}{P_{k}} \Sigma_{\nu=0}^{k} p_{k-\nu} s_{\nu} \right\}$$
(7)

If

$$\tau_n \to s, \ as \ n \to \infty,$$
 (8)

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then  $\sum a_n$  is said to be  $(E,q)(N,p_n)$ -summable to s.

Let f(t) be a periodic function with period  $2\pi$ , *L*-integrable over  $(-\pi, \pi)$ . The Fourier series associated with f at any point x is defined by

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(x) \tag{9}$$

Let  $s_n(f:x)$  be the *n*-th partial sum of (9). The  $L_{\infty}$ -norm of a function  $f: R \to R$  is defined by

$$|| f ||_{\infty} = \sup\{|f(x)| : x \in R\}$$
 (10)

and the  $L_v$ -norm is defined by

$$\| f \|_{v} = \left( \int_{0}^{2\pi} |f(x)|^{v} \right)^{\frac{1}{v}}, v \ge 1.$$
(11)

The degree of approximation of a function  $f : R \to R$  by a trigonometric polynomial  $P_n(x)$  of degree n under norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is defined by

$$|| P_n - f ||_{\infty} = \sup\{|p_n(x) - f(x)| : x \in R\}$$
 (12)

and the degree of approximation  $E_n(f)$  a function  $f \epsilon L_v$  is given by

$$E_n(f) = \min_{P_n} \|P_n - f\|_{\nu}.$$
 (13)

This method of approximation is called Trigonometric Fourier approximation.

A function  $f \epsilon Lip \alpha$  if

$$|f(x+1) - f(x)| = O(|t|^{\alpha}), 0 < \alpha \le 1.$$
(14)

and  $f \epsilon Lip(\alpha, r)$ , for  $0 \le x \le 2\pi$ , if

$$\left(\int_{0}^{2\pi} |f(x+t) - f(x)|^{r} dx\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} = 0(|t|^{\alpha}), 0 < \alpha \le 1, r \ge 1, t > 0.$$
(15)

We use the following notations throughout this paper:

$$\phi(t) = f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x), \tag{16}$$

and

$$K_n(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi(1+q)^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} \bigg\{ \frac{1}{P_k} \sum_{\nu=0}^k p_{k-\nu} \frac{\sin\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)t}{\sin\frac{t}{2}} \bigg\}$$

Further, the method  $(E,q)(N,P_n)$  is assumed to be regular and this case is supposed through out the paper.

#### 2 Known Theorems

Dealing with the degree of approximation by the product (E, q)(C, 1)-mean of Fourier series, Nigam et. al [3] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** If a function f is  $2\pi$ -periodic and of class  $Lip\alpha$ , then its degree of approximation by (E,q)(C,1) summability mean on its Fourier series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(t)$  is given by

$$\|E_n^q C_n^1 - f\|_{\infty} = O\left(\frac{1}{(n+1)^{\alpha}}\right), 0 < \alpha < 1,$$

where  $E_n^q C_n^1$  represents the (E,q) transform of (C,1) transform of  $s_n(f:x)$ .

Subsequently Misra et. al. [2] have proved the following theorem on degree of approximation by the product mean  $(E,q)(N,p_n)$  of Fourier series:

**Theorem 2.2.** If f is a  $2\pi$ -Periodic function of class  $Lip\alpha$ , then degree of approximation by the product  $(E,q)(N,p_n)$  summability means on its Fourier series (defined above) is given by

$$\|\tau_n - f\|_{\infty} = O\left(\frac{1}{(n+1)^{\alpha}}\right), 0 < \alpha < 1,$$

where  $\tau_n$  as defined in (7).

### 3 Main Theorem

In this paper, we have proved a theorem on degree of approximation by the product mean  $(E,q)(N,p_n)$  of the Fourier series of a function of class  $Lip(\alpha, r)$ . We prove:

**Theorem 3.1.** If f is a  $2\pi$ - periodic function of the class  $Lip(\alpha, r)$ , then degree of approximation by the product  $(E,q)(N,p_n)$  summability means on its Fourier series (9) is given by

$$\| \tau_n - f \|_{\infty} = O\left(\frac{1}{(n+1)^{\alpha - \frac{1}{r}}}\right), 0 < \alpha < 1, r \le 1,$$

where  $\tau_n$  is as defined in (7).

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# 4 Required Lemmas

We require the following Lemmas for the proof the theorem.

Lemma 4.1.

$$|K_n(t)| = O(n), 0 \le t \le \frac{1}{n+1}.$$

**Proof** For  $0 \le t \le \frac{1}{n+1}$ , we have  $sin \ nt \le n \ sin \ t$  then

$$|K_{n}(t)| = \frac{1}{2\pi(1+q)^{n}} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} \left\{ \frac{1}{P_{k}} \sum_{\nu=0}^{k} p_{k-\nu} \frac{\sin\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)t}{\sin\frac{t}{2}} \right\} \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\pi(1+q)^{n}} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} \left\{ \frac{1}{P_{k}} \sum_{\nu=0}^{k} p_{k-\nu} \frac{(2\nu+1)\sin\frac{t}{2}}{\sin\frac{t}{2}} \right\} \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\pi(1+q)^{n}} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} (2k+1) \left\{ \frac{1}{P_{k}} \sum_{\nu=0}^{k} p_{k-\nu} \right\} \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{(2n+1)}{2\pi(1+q)^{n}} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} \right|$$

$$= O(n).$$

This proves the lemma.

Lemma 4.2.

$$|K_n(t)| = O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right), for \frac{1}{n+1} \le t \le \pi.$$

**Proof** For  $\frac{1}{n+1} \leq t \leq \pi$ , we have by Jordan's lemma,  $\sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \geq \frac{t}{\pi}$ ,  $\sin nt \leq 1$ . Then

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$$|K_{n}(t)| = \frac{1}{2\pi(1+q)^{n}} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} \left\{ \frac{1}{P_{k}} \sum_{\nu=0}^{k} p_{k-\nu} \frac{\sin\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)t}{\sin\frac{t}{2}} \right\} \right|$$
  

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\pi(1+q)^{n}} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} \left\{ \frac{1}{P_{k}} \sum_{\nu=0}^{k} \frac{\pi p_{k-\nu}}{t} \right\} \right|$$
  

$$= \frac{1}{2(1+q)^{n}t} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} \left\{ \frac{1}{P_{k}} \sum_{\nu=0}^{k} p_{k-\nu} \right\} \right|$$
  

$$= \frac{1}{2(1+q)^{n}t} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} \right|$$
  

$$= O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right).$$

This proves the lemma.

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# 5 Proof of theorem 3.1

Using Riemann-Lebesgue theorem, for the *n*-th partial sum  $s_n(f:x)$  of the Fourier series (9) of f(x) and following Titchmarch [4], we have

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

Using (1), the  $(N, p_n)$  transform of  $s_n(f:x)$  is given by

$$t_n - f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi P_n} \int_0^{\pi} \phi(t) \sum_{k=0}^n p_{n-k} \frac{\sin\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)t}{\sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)} dt.$$

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Denoting the  $(E,q)(N,p_n)$  transform of  $s_n(f:x)$  by  $\tau_n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tau_n - f\| &= \frac{1}{2\pi(1+q)^n} \int_0^{\pi} \phi(t) \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} \bigg\{ \frac{1}{P_k} \sum_{\nu=0}^k p_{k-\nu} \frac{\sin\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)t}{\sin\frac{t}{2}} \bigg\} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi} \phi(t) K_n(t) dt = \bigg\{ \int_0^{\frac{1}{n+1}} + \int_{\frac{1}{n+1}}^{\pi} \bigg\} \phi(t) K_n(t) dt \\ &= I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned}$$
(17)

Now

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1| &= \frac{1}{2\pi(1+q)^n} \left| \int_0^{\frac{1}{n+1}} \phi(t) \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} \left\{ \frac{1}{P_k} \sum_{\nu=0}^k p_{k-\nu} \frac{\sin\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)t}{\sin\frac{t}{2}} \right\} dt \right| \\ &= \left| \int_0^{\frac{1}{n+1}} \phi(t) K(t) dt \right| \\ &= \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{n+1}} (\phi(t))^r dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{n+1}} (K_n(t))^s dt \right)^{\frac{1}{s}}, \text{ using Holder's inequality} \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{(n+1)^\alpha}\right) \left(\frac{n^s}{n+1}\right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{(n+1)^{\frac{1}{s}-1+\alpha}}\right) = O\left(\frac{1}{(n+1)^{\alpha-\frac{1}{r}}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Next

$$\begin{aligned} |I_2| &\leq \left( \int_{\frac{1}{n+1}}^{\pi} \left( \phi(t) \right)^r dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left( \int_{\frac{1}{n+1}}^{\pi} (K_n(t))^s dt \right)^{\frac{1}{s}}, & \text{using Holder's inequality} \\ &= O\left( \frac{1}{(n+1)^{\alpha}} \right) \left( \int_{\frac{1}{n+1}}^{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{t} \right)^s dt \right)^{\frac{1}{s}}, & \text{using Lemma 4.2} \\ &= O\left( \frac{1}{(n+1)^{\alpha}} \right) \left( \left[ t^{-s+1} \right]_{\frac{1}{n+1}}^{\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{s}}, \\ &= O\left( \frac{1}{(n+1)^{\alpha}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{n+1} \right)^{\frac{1-s}{s}} = O\left( \frac{1}{(n+1)^{\alpha-1+\frac{1}{s}}} \right) = O\left( \frac{1}{(n+1)^{\alpha-\frac{1}{r}}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then from (17) and the above inequalities, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\tau_n - f(x)| &= O\left(\frac{1}{n+1^{\alpha-\frac{1}{r}}}\right), \quad \text{for} \quad 0 < \alpha < 1, \ r \ge 1, \\ \| \tau_n - f(x) \|_{\infty} &= \sup_{-\pi < x < \pi} |\tau_n - f(x)| = O\left(\frac{1}{(n+1)^{\alpha-\frac{1}{r}}}\right), 0 < \alpha < 1, r \ge 1. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

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