

On a generalization of a theorem of Markiewicz

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we obtain a result concerning the degree of approximation of a class of functions by using triangular matrix means of the conjugate series of a Fourier series, which generalizes a recent result of Markiewicz (1980).

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $f(t)$ be a periodic function with period 2π and integrable in the sense of Lebesgue over $(-\pi, \pi)$. Let its Fourier series be given by

$$f(t) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos kt + b_k \sin kt) \quad . \quad (1.1)$$

Then its conjugate series is

$$- \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (b_k \cos kt - a_k \sin kt) \quad . \quad (1.2)$$

We shall use the following notations:

$$\psi_x(t) = \frac{1}{2} \{ f(x+t) - f(x-t) \} \quad ,$$

$$\Psi(t) = \int_0^t |\psi_x(u)| du \quad ,$$

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \frac{-2}{\pi} \int_{0^+}^{\pi} \frac{\psi_x(t)}{2 \tan t/2} dt \quad .$$

Let $\lambda_{n,k}$ ($k = 0, 1, \dots, n, n = 0, 1, \dots$) be a triangular matrix of real or complex numbers and let

$$\sigma_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \lambda_{n,k} s_k \quad . \quad (1.3)$$

A series $\sum u_n$ with the sequence of partial sums $\{s_n\}$ is said to be summable (\wedge) to s if the sequence $\{\sigma_n\}$ tends to a finite limit s as n tends to infinity. We denote by $\tilde{\sigma}_n(x)$ the \wedge -means of the series (1.2) at $t = x$, where $s_0 = 0$.

In what follows we suppose that $\{\lambda_{n,k}\}$ is non-negative with $\sum_{k=0}^n \lambda_{n,k} = 1, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, then the necessary and sufficient condition for the regularity of \wedge -method is

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n,k} = 0, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

For

$$\lambda_{n,k} = \begin{cases} \frac{P_{n-k}}{P_k} & k \leq n \\ 0 & k > n, \end{cases}$$

where $P_n = \sum_{v=0}^n P_v \neq 0, \sigma_n$ defined by Equation 1.3, is the same as Nörlund mean (N, p_n) generated by the sequence of coefficients $\{p_n\}$. Suppose $f(x)$ is an arbitrary function defined in a closed interval I and let

$$\omega(\delta, f) = \text{Sup}_{x_1, x_2 \in I} |f(x_1) - f(x_2)|, \quad |x_1 - x_2| \leq \delta$$

This function $\omega(\delta, f)$ is called the modulus of continuity of $f(x)$. We write

$$\omega_1(\delta) = \omega_1[f, x](\delta) = \text{Sup}_{|h| < \delta} \left\{ \frac{1}{2h} \int_{-h}^h |f(x+u) - f(x)| du \right\}$$

It is clear that if $f(x) \in C^* [0, 2\pi]$, then $\omega_1(\delta) \leq \omega(\delta, f)$, where C^* denotes the class of continuous and periodic functions in $[0, 2\pi]$.

Concerning the approximation of $\tilde{f}(x)$ by the Nörlund means $\tilde{t}_n(x)$ of the series (1.2) Markiewicz (1980) proved the following theorem:

Theorem A. If at a fixed point $x, \omega_1(f, \delta) < \infty$ for $\delta \in (0, \pi]$ and if

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{|\psi_x(t)|}{t} dt < \infty,$$

then

$$|\tilde{f}(x) - \tilde{t}_n(x)| = O(1) \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{n+1}} \frac{|\psi_x(t)|}{t} dt + \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{P_k}{k+1} \omega_1 \left(\frac{\pi}{k+1} \right) \right\},$$

where $\{p_n\}$ is a non-increasing sequence of positive numbers.

The object of this note is to generalize Theorem A by proving the following result. The corresponding result for Fourier series was recently obtained by Mazhar (1983).

Theorem. If $\omega_1(\delta) < \infty$ for $\delta \in (0, \pi]$,

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{|\psi_x(t)|}{t} dt \text{ exists}$$

and $\{\lambda_{n,k}\}$ is non-decreasing with respect to k , then

$$|\tilde{\sigma}_n(x) - \tilde{f}(x)| = 0 \quad (1) \quad \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\omega_1\left(\frac{\pi}{k+1}\right)}{(k+1)} \sum_{v=0}^k \lambda_{n,n-v} + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{n+1}} \frac{|\psi_x(t)|}{t} dt \right\} .$$

2. LEMMA

In order to prove this theorem we need the following lemma:

Lemma. (McFadden 1942). If $\{\lambda_{n,k}\}$ is non-negative and non-decreasing with respect to k , then for $0 \leq a \leq b \leq \infty$, $0 < t \leq \pi$ and for every n

$$\left| \sum_{k=a}^b \lambda_{n,n-k} e^{i(n-k)t} \right| \leq BA_{n,n-\tau} \quad ,$$

where B is an absolute constant, τ is the integral part of $1/t$ and

$$A_{n,n-\tau} = \sum_{v=n-\tau}^n \lambda_{n,v} .$$

3. PROOF OF THE THEOREM

Using the formula in Zygmund (1959, p. 50)

$$\tilde{S}_n(x) = \frac{-2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \psi_x(t) \frac{[\cos t/2 - \cos(n + \frac{1}{2})t]}{2 \sin t/2} dt \quad ,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\sigma}_n(x) - \tilde{f}(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \lambda_{n,k} [\tilde{S}_k - \tilde{f}(x)] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \lambda_{n,k} \left[\frac{-2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \psi_x(t) \frac{(\cos t/2 - \cos(k + \frac{1}{2})t)}{2 \sin t/2} dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\psi_x(t)}{2 \tan t/2} dt \right] \\ &= \frac{-2}{\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{n+1}} \sum_{k=0}^n \lambda_{n,k} \psi_x(t) \tilde{D}_k(t) dt \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{n+1}}^{\pi} \sum_{k=0}^n \lambda_{n,k} \psi_x(t) \frac{\cos(k + \frac{1}{2})t}{2 \sin t/2} \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{n+1}} \sum_{k=0}^n \lambda_{n,k} \frac{\psi_x(t)}{2 \tan t/2} dt \\ &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3, \quad \text{say,} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\tilde{D}_k(t) = \sum_{v=1}^k \sin vt = \frac{\cos t/2 - \cos(k + \frac{1}{2})t}{2 \sin t/2} .$$

Now since

$$\Psi(t) = \int_0^t |\psi_x(u)| du = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t |f(x+u) - f(x-u) - f(x) + f(x)| du \leq t\omega_1(t) \quad (3.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1| &\leq \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{n+1}} |\psi_x(t)| \sum_{k=0}^n \lambda_{n,k}(k+1) dt \\ &\leq C(n+1) \Psi\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right) \\ &\leq C \omega_1\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right) \\ &= 0 \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\omega_1\left(\frac{\pi}{k+1}\right)}{(k+1)} \sum_{v=0}^k \lambda_{n,n-v} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

where C is a constant not necessarily the same at each occurrence. Also, it is obvious that

$$|I_3| \leq \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{n+1}} \frac{|\psi_x(t)|}{2 \tan t/2} dt .$$

Thus

$$I_3 = 0 \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{n+1}} \frac{|\psi_x(t)|}{t} dt \right\}. \quad (3.3)$$

Suppose $\gamma_n(t)$ is a linear function in $[k, k + 1]$ such that $\gamma_n(k) = \lambda_{n,n-k}$, $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Writing

$$F_n(t) = \int_0^t \gamma_n(u) du, \quad t \geq 0 ,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_n(k) &= \sum_{v=0}^{k-1} \int_v^{v+1} \gamma_n(u) du \\ &= \sum_{v=0}^{k-1} \frac{\gamma_n(v+1) + \gamma_n(v)}{2} \\ &= \sum_{v=0}^{k-1} \frac{\gamma_{n,n-v-1} + \lambda_{n,n-v}}{2} \\ &\leq \sum_{v=0}^k \lambda_{n,n-v} \leq 2F_n(k) . \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

It is clear, in view of the above Lemma, that

$$\left| \sum_{k=0}^n \lambda_{n,n-k} \cos(n - k + \frac{1}{2})t \right| \leq B \sum_{k=0}^{\tau} \lambda_{n,n-k} \leq 2BF_n(\tau) \leq 2BF_n\left(\frac{\pi}{t}\right) .$$

Hence

$$|I_2| \leq C \int_{\frac{\pi}{n+1}}^{\pi} \frac{|\psi_x(t)|}{t} F_n\left(\frac{\pi}{t}\right) dt .$$

Integrating by parts, the above integral is

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left[\Psi(t) \cdot \frac{1}{t} \cdot F_n\left(\frac{\pi}{t}\right) \right]_{\frac{\pi}{n+1}}^{\pi} + \int_{\frac{\pi}{n+1}}^{\pi} \frac{\Psi(t)}{t^2} F_n\left(\frac{\pi}{t}\right) dt \\ &+ \int_{\frac{\pi}{n+1}}^{\pi} \frac{\Psi(t)}{t} \cdot F_n'\left(\frac{\pi}{t}\right) \cdot \frac{\pi}{t^2} dt \\ &= I_{21} + I_{22} + I_{23}, \text{ say} . \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$I_{21} = \frac{\Psi(\pi)}{\pi} F_n(1) - \frac{n+1}{\pi} \Psi\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right) \cdot F_n(n+1) .$$

Using 3.4

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\pi} \Psi(\pi) F_n(1) &\leq \omega_1(\pi) \cdot \sum_{v=0}^1 \lambda_{n,n-v} \leq 2\omega_1(\pi) \lambda_{n,n} \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{k=0}^n \omega_1\left(\frac{\pi}{k+1}\right) \lambda_{n,n-k} \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\omega_1[\pi/(k+1)]}{(k+1)} \sum_{v=0}^k \lambda_{n,n-v} , \end{aligned}$$

since

$$\sum_{v=0}^k \lambda_{n,n-v} \geq \lambda_{n,n-k} \sum_{v=0}^k 1 = (k+1) \lambda_{n,n-k} .$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n+1}{\pi} \Psi\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right) F_n(n+1) &\leq \omega_1\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right) \cdot \sum_{k=0}^n \lambda_{n,n-k} \\ &\leq \omega_1\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right) \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(k+1)} \sum_{v=0}^k \lambda_{n,n-v} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\omega_1[\pi/(k+1)]}{(k+1)} \sum_{v=0}^k \lambda_{n,n-v} . \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$I_{21} = 0 \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\omega_1[\pi/(k+1)]}{(k+1)} \sum_{v=0}^k \lambda_{n,n-v} \right) . \tag{3.5}$$

Also by virtue of 3.1

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{22} &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{n+1}}^{\pi} \frac{\Psi(t)}{t^2} F_n\left(\frac{\pi}{t}\right) dt \\
 &= \int_1^{n+1} \frac{\Psi\left(\frac{\pi}{u}\right)}{\pi^2/u^2} F_n(u) \cdot \frac{\pi}{u^2} du \\
 &\leq C \int_1^{n+1} \frac{\pi}{u} \omega_1\left(\frac{\pi}{u}\right) F_n(u) du \\
 &= C \sum_{v=1}^n \int_v^{v+1} \frac{\omega_1\left(\frac{\pi}{u}\right)}{u} F_n(u) du \\
 &\leq C \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \frac{\omega_1\left(\frac{\pi}{m+1}\right)}{m+1} \sum_{k=0}^{m+1} \lambda_{n,n-k} \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\omega_1\left(\frac{\pi}{k+1}\right)}{(k+1)} \sum_{v=0}^k \lambda_{n,n-v} \quad , \tag{3.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

since

$$\lambda_{n,n-m-1} \leq \lambda_{n,n-m} \leq \sum_{k=0}^m \lambda_{n,n-k} .$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{23} &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{n+1}}^{\pi} \frac{\Psi(t)}{t} F'_n\left(\frac{\pi}{t}\right) \cdot \frac{\pi}{t^2} dt \\
 &\leq \int_1^{n+1} \omega_1\left(\frac{\pi}{t}\right) F'_n(t) dt \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^n \int_k^{k+1} \omega_1\left(\frac{\pi}{t}\right) \gamma_n(t) dt \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \omega_1\left(\frac{\pi}{k}\right) \int_k^{k+1} \gamma_n(t) dt \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \omega_1\left(\frac{\pi}{k}\right) \lambda_{n,n-k} \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\omega_1\left(\frac{\pi}{k+1}\right)}{(k+1)} \sum_{v=0}^k \lambda_{n,n-v} \quad . \tag{3.7}
 \end{aligned}$$

From estimates 3.2–3.3 and 3.5–3.7 we conclude that

$$|\tilde{\sigma}_n - \tilde{f}(x)| = O \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\omega_1 \left(\frac{\pi}{k+1} \right)}{k+1} \sum_{v=0}^k \lambda_{n,n-v} \right\} + O \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{n+1}} \frac{|\psi_x(t)|}{t} dt \right\}$$

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