

Pointwise convergence of Fourier series

Dirichlet kernel: $D_n := \sum_{k=-n}^n \exp(ik\theta) = \frac{\sin[(n + \frac{1}{2})\theta]}{\sin[\frac{1}{2}\theta]}$, $s_n = D_n * u$. Not a summability kernel!

Fejér's theorem: $\sigma_n \rightarrow \check{u}$, where $\check{u}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [u(\theta - h) + u(\theta + h)]$.

Proof: K_n is even and $\sup\{K_n(\theta) : -\delta < \theta < \delta\} \rightarrow 0$

$$\sigma_n - \check{u} = K_n * u - \check{u} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} K_n(\tau) [u(\theta - \tau) - \check{u}(\theta)] d\tau = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\int_0^{\delta} + \int_{\delta}^{\pi} \right] K_n(\tau) \left[\frac{u(\theta - \tau) + u(\theta + \tau)}{2} - \check{u}(\theta) \right] d\tau$$

For the first integral the expression in the brackets is small and for the second K_n is small.

- At points of continuity of u , $\sigma_n \rightarrow u$.
- On compact subsets of continuity of u the convergence is uniform.

Proof: Use uniform continuity of u to choose one δ for all θ .

- Existence of limit in Fejér's theorem can be weakened (Lebesgue) to $\exists \check{u}$ with $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \int_0^h \left| \frac{u(\theta - \tau) + u(\theta + \tau)}{2} - \check{u} \right| d\tau = 0$.
- This $\check{u} = u$ a.e., so $\sigma_n \rightarrow u$ a.e.
- $u \in L_2(\mathbf{T}) \Rightarrow$ Fourier series $\rightarrow u$ a.e. (Carleson, 1965)
- $u \in L_p(\mathbf{T}), p > 1 \Rightarrow$ Fourier series $\rightarrow u$ in the mean (we have seen this for L_2).
- \exists continuous u whose Fourier series diverges at a point!

Mercer's theorem: $^1 u \in L_1 \Rightarrow \hat{u}_k \rightarrow 0$

Proof: $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists$ trig polynomial p with $|u - p|_1 < \varepsilon$. For $n > \deg p$, $|\hat{u}_n| = |(u - p)_n| \leq |u - p|_1$.

Hardy's Tauberian theorem: $u \in L_1(\mathbf{T}), \hat{u}_k = \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{k}) \Rightarrow$ the convergence of s_n is the same as that of σ_n .

Proof: Let $\varepsilon > 0$. $\exists \lambda > 1$ such that $\limsup \sum_{n < |k| \leq \lambda n} |\hat{u}_k| < \varepsilon$.

$$s_n = \frac{[[\lambda n]] + 1}{[[\lambda n]] - n} \sigma_{[[\lambda n]]} - \frac{n + 1}{[[\lambda n]] - n} \sigma_n - \frac{[[\lambda n]] + 1}{[[\lambda n]] - n} \sum_{n < |k| \leq \lambda n} \left[1 - \frac{|k|}{[[\lambda n]] + 1} \right] \hat{u}_k \exp(ik\theta)$$

For large enough n (dependent only on the rate of convergence of σ_k) the sum $< \varepsilon$, so $|s_n - \lim \sigma_k| < 2\varepsilon$.

- If u is of bounded variation, then the hypothesis (and conclusion) of the Tauberian theorem hold.

Proof: $|\hat{u}_k| \leq \frac{\text{var}(u)}{2\pi |k|}$

Reference: Y. Katznelson, *An Introduction to Harmonic Analysis*, Wiley, 1968 (Dover, 1976)

¹ Analogous result for the continuous Fourier transform is known as the Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma.