

On certain sequences of Fourier-Young coefficients of a function of Wiener's class

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Abstract

In this paper we study the summability of certain sequences of Fourier-Young coefficients of a function of Wiener's class by Nörlund method. From which we deduce under what conditions a function of Wiener's class is continuous.

Key words : Sequences, Fourier-Young coefficients, Wiener class.

Sobre ciertas sucesiones de coeficientes de Fourier-Young de una Función de Clase Wiener

Resumen

En este trabajo estudiamos la sumabilidad de ciertas sucesiones de coeficientes de Fourier-Young de una función de clase Wiener por el método Nörlund. A partir de esto se deduce bajo qué condiciones una función de clase Wiener es continua.

Palabras claves : Sucesión, coeficientes de Fourier-Young, clase Wiener.

Introduction

Let f be a real or complex valued 2π -periodic function defined on $[0, 2\pi]$ and let $P_\varepsilon: 0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = 2\pi$ be a partition of $[0, 2\pi]$ such that the norm

$$\mu(P_\varepsilon) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |t_i - t_{i-1}| < \varepsilon,$$

where ε is an arbitrary positive number. For $1 \leq p < \infty$, we define p -th variation of f by

$$V_p(f) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \sup_{P_\varepsilon} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n |f(t_i) - f(t_{i-1})|^p \right\}^{1/p}$$

where the supremum has been taken with respect to all partitions of the type P_ε of $[0, 2\pi]$. Now we define Wiener's class simply by

$$V_p = \{f : V_p(f) < \infty\}$$

We note [5] that

$$V_{p_1} \subset V_{p_2} \quad (1 \leq p_1 \leq p_2 < \infty)$$

is a strict inclusion. Hence Wiener's class V_p ($1 < p < \infty$) is a strictly larger class than the class V_1 of functions of bounded variation in ordinary sense. The class V_p was first introduced by Wiener [6]. Then Young [7] proved the following theorem in connection with the existence of Riemann-Stieltjes integral of a function of V_p .

Theorem A

If an $f \in V_p$ and $g \in V_q$ where $p, q > 0$, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} > 1$, have no common points of discontinuity, their Stieltjes integral

$$\int_0^{2\pi} f dg$$

exists in the Riemann sense.

From Theorem A, the sequence defined by

$$\hat{f}(k) = (2\pi)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{ikt} dF(t), (k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots)$$

exists for every $f \in V_p (1 < p < \infty)$. We shall call $(\hat{f}(k))$ the sequence of Fourier-Young coefficients and the series

$$\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(k) e^{ikx}$$

will be called the Fourier-Young series of f .

In terms of Young [7], a sequence $\{f_n\}$ of the class V_p converges densely in $[0, 2\pi]$ to a function f if $f_n(x)$ tends to $f(x)$ for each x of an everywhere dense set in $[0, 2\pi]$.

And a sequence $\{f_n(x)\}$ converges uniformly to $f(x)$ at x_0 , if given an $\epsilon > 0$, there is an η and a $\delta > 0$, such that, for $n > \eta$ and for all x distant less than δ from x_0 , $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$.

Now we are able to state the following theorem due to Young [7].

Theorem B

Let $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of functions such that $\{V_p(f_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is uniformly bounded in n and p and let $g \in V_q$, where $p, q > 0, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} > 1$. Suppose that $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges densely in $[0, 2\pi]$ to a function f of V_p and $\{f_n(x)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges uniformly at each point of discontinuity of $f(x)$ in $[0, 2\pi]$. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \epsilon_n dg = \int_0^{2\pi} f dg$$

There is also a well known theorem due to Wiener [6].

Theorem C

If $f \in V_p (1 \leq p < \infty)$ is continuous, then $V_q(f) = 0$ for all $q > p$.

Let $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of real or complex

numbers such that $P_n = \sum_{k=0}^n p_k \neq 0$. A sequence

$\{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is said to be summable by Nörlund method of summability defined by $\{p_n\}$, or simply summable (N, p) if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{N}_n^p(s) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^n P_{n-k} s_k$$

exists. The conditions for regularity are

(i) $p_n = o(P_n) (n \rightarrow \infty)$ and

(ii) $\sum_{k=0}^n |p_k| = o(P_n) (n \rightarrow \infty)$,

of which the latter is automatically satisfied when the sequence $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ is positive (cf. Bari [1] p. 12). We write throughout:

$$\Delta p_k = p_k - p_{k-1}, \Delta^r p_k = \Delta(\Delta^{r-1} p_k) (r > 1)$$

with $p_k = 0$ for $k < 0$.

The main aim of this paper is to study the summability of the sequence $\{\hat{f}(k) e^{ikx}\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ of Fourier-Young coefficients of a function of Wiener's class by Nörlund method. This will enable us to obtain a criterion, answering that under what conditions, a function of Wiener's class is continuous. More precisely, first we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1

If $f \in V_p (1 < p < \infty)$, then the sequence $\{\hat{f}(k) e^{ikx}\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ is summable (N, p) to $\pi^{-1} D(x) = \pi^{-1} (f(x+0) - f(x-0))$ for every $x \in [0, 2\pi]$ provided that (N, p) is regular and

(i) $\sum_{k=0}^n (n-k) |\Delta p_k| = o(P_n) (n \rightarrow \infty)$

(ii) $\sum_{k=0}^n k |\Delta p_k| = o(P_n) (n \rightarrow \infty)$.

where O means capital order O in ordinary sense.

Proof :

Consider

$$M_n^2 [\hat{f}(k) e^{ikx}] = P_n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^n P_{n-k} \hat{f}(k) e^{ikx} = \pi^{-1} P_n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^n P_{n-k} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{ik(x-t)} dh(t) + \pi^{-1} D(x)$$

where

$$h(t) = f(t) - \pi^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} D(x_j) g(t-x_j), \quad (1)$$

x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots are points of discontinuity of f in $[0, 2\pi]$ and

$$g(t) = \frac{\pi-t}{2} \text{ for } 0 < t < 2\pi$$

$g(0) = g(2\pi) = 0$ and outside of $[0, 2\pi]$, $g(t)$ is defined by periodicity. It is evident that $h \in V_p$ and is continuous everywhere in $[0, 2\pi]$. $D(x) = f(x+0) - f(x-0)$ denotes the jump of f at x . Hence we can write

$$M_n^2 [\hat{f}(k) e^{ikx}] = \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} K_n(x-t) dh(t) + \pi^{-1} D(x) \quad (2)$$

where

$$K_n(x-t) = P_n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^n P_{n-k} e^{ik(x-t)}$$

It is sufficient to show that the integral on the right hand side of (2) tends to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Consider

$$\int_0^{2\pi} K_n(x-t) dh(t) = \int_{|x-t| \leq \delta} + \int_{|x-t| > \delta} = I_1 + I_2$$

But the integral

$$\int_{|x-t| \leq \delta} K_n(x-t) dh(t) = \sup \sum_{i=1}^N K_n(x-t_i) (h(t_i) - h(t_{i-1}))$$

where the supremum has been taken with respect to all partitions $P: x - \delta = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 \dots < t_n = x + \delta$ of $[x - \delta, x + \delta]$. But we can write

$$\sum_{i=1}^N K_n(x-t_i) (h(t_i) - h(t_{i-1})) = \sum_{0 < r < l < N} \sum \Delta_r(K_n) \Delta_l(h) + K_n(x-\delta) [h(x+\delta) - h(x-\delta)]$$

where

$$\Delta_l(h) = h(t_l) - h(t_{l-1}) \text{ and } \Delta_r(K_n) = K_n(t_r) - K_n(t_{r-1}).$$

Now using Hölder's inequality (cf. Young [7] p.254), we obtain for $p, q > 0$ satisfying $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} > 1$,

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^N K_n(x-t_i) (h(t_i) - h(t_{i-1})) \right| \leq \left\{ 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} n^{-\left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}\right)} \right\}$$

$$V_p(K_n) V_q(h) + |K_n(x-\delta)| |h(x+\delta) - h(x-\delta)|.$$

Since h is continuous, $V_q(h) = 0$ from Theorem C and $V_p(K_n)$ is bounded, hence by the definitions of $V_p(K_n)$ and $V_q(h)$, we obtain

$$I_1 = \left| \pi^{-1} \int_{|x-t| \leq \delta} K_n(x-t) dh(t) \right| < \epsilon$$

for a given arbitrary small positive ϵ . Now we proceed to show that $|V_p(K_n)|$ is uniformly bounded in n . Since, for $0 = t_0 < \dots < t_n = 2\pi$,

$$K_n(t_i) = P_n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^n P_{n-k} e^{ikt_i} = P_n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^n P_{n-k} \cos kt_i + iP_n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^n P_{n-k} \sin kt_i$$

can be written into real and imaginary parts of $K_n(t_i)$. By using Abel's transformation on real part of $K_n(t_i)$, we can write

$$P_n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^n P_{n-k} \cos kt_i = P_n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \Delta_{P_{n-k}} D_k(t_i) + P_n^{-1} D_n(t_i)$$

where $D_n(t_i) = \sum_{k=0}^n \cos kt_i$ denotes Dirichlet's kernel. It will be sufficient to show that the real

part of $K_n(t)$ belongs to V_p uniformly in n . Since the real part of

$$[K_n(t_i) - K_n(t_{i-1})] = P_n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} \Delta p_{n-k} [D_k(t_i) + D_k(t_{i-1})] + P_n^{-1} p_0 [D_n(t_i) + D_n(t_{i-1})]$$

And by using Mean Value Theorem, we can write the real part of $K_n(t_i) - K_n(t_{i-1})$ is equal to

$$P_n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} \Delta p_{n-k} D'_k(\xi_i) (t_i - t_{i-1}) + P_n^{-1} p_0 D'_n(\xi_i) (t_i - t_{i-1}) \tag{3}$$

where $D'_k(\xi_i)$ denotes derivative of $D_k(t)$ at the point $\xi_i \in (t_{i-1}, t_i)$. Hence (3) is majorised by

$$P_n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^n k |\Delta p_{n-k}| |t_i - t_{i-1}| M \leq M (t_i - t_{i-1})$$

where M is an absolute constant. Hence, for $1 \leq p < \infty$, the real part of

$$\sup_j \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N |K_n(t_i) - K_n(t_{i-1})|^{1/p} \right\}^{1/p} \leq 2\pi M,$$

and, therefore, the real part of $K_n(t)$ belongs to V_p uniformly in n . Similarly, we can show that the imaginary part of $K_n(t)$ belongs to V_p uniformly in n . Hence $(V_p(K_n))$ is uniformly bounded in n and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K_n(t_i) = 0 \text{ for all } t_i \neq 0 \pmod{2\pi}$$

Further $h(t)$ is continuous part of f , hence using Young convergence theorem B, we obtain,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|x-t| > \delta} K_n(x-t) dh(t) = 0$$

which implies $I_2 \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This completes the proof of theorem 1.

A Nörlund method of summability (N, p) which is regular and satisfies the conditions I and II of Theorem 1 will be called an admissible method. Hence we deduce the following theorem from Theorem 1.

Theorem 2

For every $f \in V_p$ ($1 \leq p < 2$), the followings are equivalent.

- (i) f is continuous
- (ii) $\{|\hat{f}(k)|^2\}$ is summable (N, P) to zero by an admissible method.
- (iii) $\{|\hat{f}(k)|\}$ is summable (N, P) to zero by an admissible method.

Proof:

Suppose that f is continuous in $[0, 2\pi]$. Hence $D(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [0, 2\pi]$. Since the convolution of $f \in V_p$, defined by

$$f^*(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x+t) \overline{dF(t)},$$

exists only for $1 \leq p < 2$ by Theorem A for every x which does not belong to a countable set D of numbers $\{x_j\}$, where $\{x_j\}$ are the points of discontinuities of f . We define for x' in D .

$$f^*(x') = \lim_{x \rightarrow x'+0} f^*(x).$$

It is easily seen that $f^* \in V_p$ ($1 \leq p < 2$) from Theorem A and its Fourier-Young series is $\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |J^*(k)|^2 e^{ikx}$. Since (cf. Zygmund [8] p.8-10).

$$f^*(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x+t) \overline{dh(t)} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f(x+x_j) \overline{D(x_j)},$$

it follows that

$$f^*(+0) - f^*(-0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |D(x_j)|^2$$

where summation is taken over all the points of discontinuity of f in $[0, 2\pi]$ and h is continuous part of f defined in (1). Applying theorem 1 on f^* at $x = 0$, we obtain that $\{|\hat{f}(k)|^2\}$ is summable (N, p) to $\frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |D(x_j)|^2$ which is zero by hypothesis.

Hence (i) \Rightarrow (ii)

If $(\|\hat{f}(k)\|^2)$ is summable (N,p) to zero then by Schwarz's inequality, we obtain that $(\|\hat{f}(k)\|)$ is summable (N,p) to zero and hence (ii) \Rightarrow (iii).

Further, if $(\|\hat{f}(k)\|)$ is summable (N,p) to zero then $D(x) = 0 \forall x \in [0, 2\pi]$ by applying theorem 1. Hence f is continuous in $[0, 2\pi]$. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

Theorem 2 extends to various theorems on continuity to Wiener's class V_p including those given by Wiener [6], Lozinskiĭ [3], Matveev [4] (cf. Bari [1] page 256) and Golubov [2].

We also like to remark that Theorem 2 is no more true for $p \geq 2$. For we have the following functions:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin kx}{k}, \quad g(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin k(x + \ln k)}{k} \quad (4)$$

It is easy to verify (cf. Zygmund [8] p.241-243) that both series in (4) converges for all x . We also note [8] that $f(x)$ is a discontinuous function belonging to V_1 and $g(x)$ belongs to $Lip_{1/2}$ and hence belongs to V_2 . We can compute the Fourier-Young coefficients $\hat{f}(k) = \hat{g}(k) = 1$ for $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ and $\hat{f}(0) = \hat{g}(0) = 0$. Hence we obtain two functions f and g belonging to V_p ($2 \leq p < \infty$); one is discontinuous and other is continuous such that $\hat{f}(k) = \hat{g}(k)$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Hence Theorem 2 cannot be extended for $p \geq 2$ in terms of Fourier-Young coefficients.

Applying Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, we can prove the following theorem.

Theorem 3

Let (N,p) be an admissible Nörlund method of summability

(i) If $1 \leq p < 2$, then the condition that $(\|\hat{f}(k)\|)$ is summable (N,p) to zero, is necessary and sufficient for f of V_p to be continuous.

(ii) If $p \geq 2$, then the condition that $(\|\hat{f}(k)\|)$ is summable (N,p) to zero, remains sufficient but is no longer necessary for f of V_p to be continuous.

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