

GENERALIZATIONS OF FATOU’S AND MARCINKIEWICZ’S RESULTS

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Abstract. Two new criteria for almost everywhere, uniform, and L^1 -convergence of Fourier series are established. The first one is a Tauberian result for $(C, 1)$ summability, which generalizes a result of Fatou. The second one is a norm analogue of Dini’s test, which generalizes a result of Marcinkiewicz. It is also pointed out that our second result is not comparable with the Dini-Lipschitz test.

1. Introduction

Let $T = [-\pi, \pi]$ and $(X, \|\cdot\|) = (C(T), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ or $(L^1(T), \|\cdot\|_1)$. Denote by $s_n(f; x)$ the n th partial sum of the Fourier series of $f \in X$. The n th Cesàro mean $\sigma_n(f; x)$ of $\{s_n(f; x)\}_{n=0}^\infty$ is defined by

$$\sigma_n(f; x) = \frac{s_0(f; x) + \cdots + s_n(f; x)}{n+1} \quad (n \geq 0).$$

We have

$$\sigma_n(f; x) = \sum_{|j| \leq n} \left(1 - \frac{|j|}{n+1}\right) \hat{f}(j) e^{ijx} = f * K_n(x), \quad (1.1)$$

where $K_n(x)$ is the n th Fejér kernel defined by

$$K_n(x) = \sum_{|j| \leq n} \left(1 - \frac{|j|}{n+1}\right) e^{ijx} = \frac{1}{n+1} \left(\frac{\sin((n+1)x/2)}{\sin(x/2)}\right)^2. \quad (1.2)$$

As indicated in [1, 7], $s_n(f; x)$ may not converge to $f(x)$ in $(X, \|\cdot\|)$, even in the sense of pointwise convergence. What’s the condition for such convergence? Several famous conclusions had been established. In [3, Vol. I, p. 106] (see also [1, Vol. I, p. 178]), Fatou proved that (1.3) is sufficient for the almost everywhere convergence of $s_n(f; x)$ with $f \in L^1(T)$ and for the uniform convergence with $f \in C(T)$:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=-n}^n |k \hat{f}(k)| = o(1) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (1.3)$$

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But the L^1 -convergence of $s_n(f;x)$ was not discussed in Fatou’s result. However, for the L^1 -convergence, an integral analogue of the Dini-Lipschitz test was established (see [6, p. 78, Corollary 3.2.2] or [7, Vol. I, p. 180, Ex.7]). For the $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ -convergence, the famous Dini-Lipschitz test was found, which is stated as follows: For $f \in C(T)$, $\|s_n(f) - f\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ if

$$\omega(\delta) = o\left(\frac{1}{\log(1/\delta)}\right) \quad \text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0^+. \tag{1.4}$$

Here $\omega(\delta)$ is the modulus of continuity of f . For pointwise convergence, the so-called Dini test was found (see [1, Vol. I, p. 113] or [7, Vol. I, p. 52]), which is described in the way: $s_n(f;x_0) \rightarrow f(x_0)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ if there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\int_0^\delta \frac{|\phi_{x_0}(t)|}{t} dt < \infty. \tag{1.5}$$

Here $\phi_x(t) = f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)$. In [5, p. 7], Marcinkiewicz proved that a stronger form of (1.6) with $\|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_1$ ensures the almost everywhere convergence of $s_n(f;x)$ for $f \in L^1(T)$:

$$\int_0^\delta \frac{\|\phi_x(t)\|}{t} dt < \infty. \tag{1.6}$$

Here $\|\phi_x(t)\|$ denotes the $\|\cdot\|$ -norm of the function $\phi_x(t)$ with variable x .

In this paper, we shall establish the following result and prove that it generalizes Fatou’s and Marcinkiewicz’s results.

THEOREM 1.1. *Let $f \in X$ and $x_0 \in T$. Then the following two assertions hold.*

(i) $s_n(f) \rightarrow f$ in X if and only if

$$(1.7) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \sup_{n \geq N} \frac{n}{N} \left\| \sigma_{n+N-1}(f;x) - \sigma_{n-1}(f;x) \right\| \right\} = 0.$$

(ii) $s_n(f;x_0) \rightarrow f(x_0)$ if and only if $\sigma_n(f;x_0) \rightarrow f(x_0)$ and

$$(1.8) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \sup_{n \geq N} \frac{n}{N} \left\| \sigma_{n+N-1}(f;x_0) - \sigma_{n-1}(f;x_0) \right\| \right\} = 0.$$

The conclusion (ii) indicates that Theorem 1.1 is a Tauberian result for the $(C, 1)$ -summability (cf. [2, 4] for definitions). With help of (1.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n}{N} \left\| \sigma_{n+N-1}(f;x) - \sigma_{n-1}(f;x) \right\| &\leq \sup_{k \geq n} \left\{ k \left\| \sigma_k(f;x) - \sigma_{k-1}(f;x) \right\| \right\} \left(\frac{n}{N} \sum_{k=n}^{n+N-1} \frac{1}{k} \right) \\ &\leq \sup_{k \geq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{\ell=-k}^k |\ell \hat{f}(\ell)| \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

This inequality still holds if we replace $\|\cdot\|$ by $|\cdot|$. According to Lebesgue’s theorem (see [1, Vol. I, p. 139] or [7, Vol. I, p. 90]), we see that Theorem 1.1 generalizes Fatou’s

result. As proved in Theorem 3.3, (1.6) \implies (1.7). Thus, Theorem 1.1 also includes Marcinkiewicz's result as a special case. Theorem 3.3 not only generalizes the result of Marcinkiewicz, but also provides us a new criterion for the $\|\cdot\|$ -convergence of the Fourier series of $f \in X$ which can be regarded as the norm analogue of Dini's test. We also point out that our result is not comparable with the Dini-Lipschitz test (see §3).

2. Proof of Theorem 1.1

The proof of Theorem 1.1 is based on the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.1. *Let $f \in X$. Then for any fixed $N \geq 1$, we have*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=n}^{n+N-1} s_k(f;x) - s_n(f;x) \right\| = 0. \tag{2.1}$$

Moreover, (2.1) still holds if $x \in T$ and $\|\cdot\|$ is replaced by $|\cdot|$.

Proof. By the Riemann-Lebesgue theorem, we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=n}^{n+N-1} s_k(f;x) - s_n(f;x) \right\| &\leq \frac{N-1}{2} \left\{ \sup_{\ell > n} \left\| s_\ell(f;x) - s_{\ell-1}(f;x) \right\| \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{N-1}{2} \left\{ \sup_{\ell > n} \left(\left| \hat{f}(\ell) \right| + \left| \hat{f}(-\ell) \right| \right) \right\} \\ &\longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

To replace $\|\cdot\|$ in the above inequalities by $|\cdot|$, we get the other case. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.1. The left side of (1.7) can be written in the following way:

$$\frac{n}{N} \left(\sigma_{n+N-1}(f;x) - \sigma_{n-1}(f;x) \right) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=n}^{n+N-1} s_k(f;x) - \sigma_{n+N-1}(f;x). \tag{2.2}$$

This implies

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| s_n(f;x) - f(x) \right\| &\leq \left\| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=n}^{n+N-1} s_k(f;x) - s_n(f;x) \right\| + \left\| \sigma_{n+N-1}(f;x) - f(x) \right\| \\ &\quad + \frac{n}{N} \left\| \sigma_{n+N-1}(f;x) - \sigma_{n-1}(f;x) \right\|. \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

With the help of Lemma 2.1 and Fejér theorem (see [7, Vol. I, p. 89]), we get the “if” part of (i). Obviously, the “only if” part of (i) follows from (2.2). This completes the proof of (i). To replace Fejér theorem by $|\sigma_n(f;x_0) - f(x_0)| \rightarrow 0$ and $\|\cdot\|$ in (2.3) by $|\cdot|$, we find that the above argument also leads us to (ii). \square

3. Norm analogues of Dini's condition

In this section, we pass (1.7) to (1.6). To do so, we need the following two lemmas.

LEMMA 3.1. *Let $n, N \geq 1$ and $0 < |t| \leq \pi$. Then*

$$\left| K_{n+N-1}(t) - K_{n-1}(t) \right| \leq \frac{\pi^2}{(n+N)t^2} \left(\frac{N}{n} \left| \sin\left(\frac{nt}{2}\right) \right| + \left| \sin\left(\frac{Nt}{2}\right) \right| \right). \tag{3.1}$$

Proof. We have $|\sin t/2| \geq |t|/\pi$ for $0 < |t| \leq \pi$. By (1.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| K_{n+N-1}(t) - K_{n-1}(t) \right| &= \left| \frac{-N \sin^2(\frac{n}{2}t) + n \sin(\frac{2n+N}{2}t) \sin(\frac{N}{2}t)}{n(n+N) \sin^2(\frac{t}{2})} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\pi^2}{(n+N)t^2} \left(\frac{N}{n} \left| \sin\left(\frac{nt}{2}\right) \right| + \left| \sin\left(\frac{Nt}{2}\right) \right| \right). \end{aligned}$$

This is what we want. \square

LEMMA 3.2. *Let g be a nonnegative function defined on $(0, \pi]$ and integrable on every subinterval $(a, \pi]$ with $0 < a < \pi$. Then for $N \rightarrow \infty$,*

$$\int_0^{1/N} \frac{g(t)}{t} dt = o(1) \implies \int_{1/N}^\pi \frac{g(t)}{t^2} dt = o(N).$$

Proof. We can find a small $\delta > 0$ such that $\int_0^\delta g(t)/t dt < \infty$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{1/N}^\pi \frac{g(t)}{t^2} dt &\leq \int_{1/N}^{\log N/N} \frac{g(t)}{t^2} dt + \int_{\log N/N}^\delta \frac{g(t)}{t^2} dt + O(1) \\ &\leq N \int_0^{\log N/N} \frac{g(t)}{t} dt + \frac{N}{\log N} \int_0^\delta \frac{g(t)}{t} dt + O(1). \end{aligned}$$

By Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem, we have $N \int_0^{\log N/N} g(t)/t dt = o(N)$. Putting this with the above estimate, we are led to the conclusion. \square

We have $\sigma_{n+N-1}(f) - \sigma_{n-1}(f) = f * (K_{n+N-1} - K_{n-1})$. Applying (3.1) to $|K_{n+N-1}(t) - K_{n-1}(t)|$, we get the following analogue of Dini's test.

THEOREM 3.3. *Let $f \in X$. If (1.6) holds, then $s_n(f; x) \rightarrow f(x)$ in X and for almost all $x \in T$.*

Proof. First, we claim that $s_n(f) \rightarrow f$ in X . For $n \geq N \geq 1$, by Minkowski's integral inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \sigma_{n+N-1}(f; x) - \sigma_{n-1}(f; x) \right\| \tag{3.2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left\{ \int_0^{1/n} + \int_{1/n}^{1/N} + \int_{1/N}^\pi \right\} \|\phi_x(t)\| \left| K_{n+N-1}(t) - K_{n-1}(t) \right| dt \\ &= I'_{n,N} + I''_{n,N} + I'''_{n,N}, \text{ say.} \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (1.6) and (3.1) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 I'_{n,N} &\leq \frac{\pi}{2(n+N)} \left(\frac{N}{2} \int_0^{1/n} \frac{\|\phi_x(t)\|}{t} dt + \frac{N}{2} \int_0^{1/N} \frac{\|\phi_x(t)\|}{t} dt \right) \\
 &= o\left(\frac{N}{n+N}\right) \quad \text{as } n \geq N \rightarrow \infty.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.3}$$

Similarly, (1.6), (3.1) and Lemma 3.2 together give

$$\begin{aligned}
 I''_{n,N} &\leq \frac{\pi}{2(n+N)} \int_{1/n}^{1/N} \frac{\|\phi_x(t)\|}{t^2} \left(\frac{N}{n} + \sin\left(\frac{Nt}{2}\right) \right) dt \\
 &\leq \frac{N\pi}{2n(n+N)} \int_{1/n}^{\pi} \frac{\|\phi_x(t)\|}{t^2} dt + \frac{N\pi}{4(n+N)} \int_0^{1/N} \frac{\|\phi_x(t)\|}{t} dt \\
 &= o\left(\frac{N}{n+N}\right) \quad \text{as } n \geq N \rightarrow \infty.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.4}$$

On the other hand, (3.1) and Lemma 3.2 lead us to

$$\begin{aligned}
 I'''_{n,N} &\leq \frac{\pi}{2(n+N)} \left(\frac{N}{n} + 1 \right) \int_{1/N}^{\pi} \frac{\|\phi_x(t)\|}{t^2} dt \\
 &= o\left(\frac{N}{n+N}\right) \quad \text{as } n \geq N \rightarrow \infty.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.5}$$

Putting (3.2) – (3.5) together yields (1.7). By Theorem 1.1(i), we infer that $s_n(f) \rightarrow f$ in X . As for the almost everywhere convergence, applying Minkowski's integral inequality, we get

$$\left\| \int_0^{\delta} \frac{|\phi_x(t)|}{t} dt \right\| \leq \int_0^{\delta} \frac{\|\phi_x(t)\|}{t} dt < \infty.$$

Hence, (1.5) holds for almost all $x_0 \in T$. By Dini's test, we conclude that $s_n(f; x) \rightarrow f(x)$ almost everywhere. This completes the proof. \square

Obviously, $\|\phi_x(t)\|_1 \leq 2w_1(f; t)$, where $w_1(f; x)$ is defined by [5, p. 7, Eq. (1.28)]. Hence, $\int_{[0, \pi]} w_1(f; t) dt/t < \infty \implies (1.6)$. This indicates that Theorem 3.3 generalizes the result of Marcinkiewicz. It is clear that (1.6) is satisfied by those $f \in X$ with $\|\phi_x(t)\| \leq c\alpha t^\alpha$ for all $0 \leq t \leq \pi$, where $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Thus, $s_n(f) \rightarrow f$ in X for such f . We know that the condition $\|\phi_x(t)\| = o\left(\frac{1}{\log(1/t)}\right)$ may not imply (1.6), so the Dini-Lipschitz test is not a corollary of Theorem 3.3. On the other hand, the function $(\log(1/\delta))^{-1}$ appeared in the right side of (1.4) goes smoothly to infinite as $\delta \rightarrow 0^+$. Hence, in general, the Dini-Lipschitz test does not deal with the case with $\|\phi_x(t)\| = o(h(t))$, where $h(t)$ has a big oscillation near the origin. For example, the Dini-Lipschitz test does not apply to the case

$$(3.6) \quad h(t) = \begin{cases} t^\alpha + t e^{1/t} & \text{on } \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [1/n - \delta_n, 1/n], \\ t^\alpha & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, $0 < \delta_n < 1/n - 1/(n+1)$, and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{1/n-\delta_n}^{1/n} e^{1/t} dt < \infty.$$

However, (3.6) implies (1.6), so Theorem 3.3 works well for such $h(t)$. From the above argument, we see that Theorem 3.3 and the Dini-Lipschitz test are not comparable.

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