

## Absolute almost convergence of Hardy-Littlewood series

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ABSTRACT. Extending a result of Mohanty and Mohapatra on absolute Cesàro summability of Hardy-Littlewood series, a result on absolute almost convergent of Hardy-Littlewood series has been established in this paper.

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## 1. Definitions

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a given infinite series, which we denote by  $a$ , with the sequence of partial sums  $\{s_n\}$ . Let us consider the transformation

$$t_{m,n} = \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{k=0}^m s_{n+k} \quad (1.1)$$

If  $t_{m,n} \rightarrow s$ , uniformly in  $n$ , then the series  $\sum a_n$  is said to be almost convergent to  $s$  (see[11]). Let  $\hat{c}$  denote the set of all almost convergent sequences. The series  $a$  (or the sequence  $\{s_n\}$ ) is said to be absolutely almost convergent (see [6],[4],[5],[3]) , if

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |\phi_{m,n}| < \infty, \quad (1.2)$$

uniformly in  $n$ , where

$$\phi_{m,n} = \frac{1}{m(m+1)} \sum_{k=0}^m k a_{n+k}, (n \geq 1), \quad \phi_{0,n} = a_n \quad (1.3)$$

An infinite series  $\sum a_n$  is said to be absolutely  $(C, \alpha)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , if

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\tau_n^\alpha}{n} < \infty, \quad (1.4)$$

where  $\tau_n^\alpha$  is the  $(C, \alpha)$  mean ([11]) of the sequence  $\{na_n\}$  , that is

$$\tau_n^\alpha = \frac{1}{A_n^\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^n A_{n-k}^\alpha k a_k \quad (1.5)$$

and  $A_n^\alpha$ 's are given by

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^{\alpha+1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n^\alpha x^n, \quad |x| < 1. \quad (1.6)$$

Let  $l$  and  $\hat{l}$  denote the set of absolutely convergent series and almost convergence series respectively. We have the following known results :

$$(i) \quad l \subset \hat{l} \subset |C, 1| \quad (1.7)$$

$$(ii) \quad \hat{l} \text{ and } |C, \alpha|, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1, \text{ are mutually exclusive.} \quad (1.8)$$

Let  $f$  be a  $2\pi$ -periodic integrable function defined over  $(-\pi, \pi)$ . The Fourier series of  $f$  at  $x$  is given by

$$\frac{1}{2}a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(x) \quad (1.9)$$

The series conjugate to Fourier series (1.9) is given by

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \sin nx - b_n \cos nx) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n(x) \quad (1.10)$$

We write

$$\phi_x(t) = \frac{1}{2}[f(x+t) + f(x-t) - 2f(x)] \quad (1.11)$$

$$\psi_x(t) = \frac{1}{2}[f(x+t) - f(x-t)] \quad (1.12)$$

Let  $S_n(f; x)$  and  $S_n^*(f; x)$  denote respectively the  $n$ th. partial sum and modified  $n$ th. partial sum of the Fourier series (1.9). Then

$$S_n(f; x) = \sum_{k=0}^n A_k(x) \quad (1.13)$$

$$S_n^*(f; x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A_k(x) + \frac{1}{2}A_n(x) \quad (1.14)$$

It is known that ([16], page 50) that

$$S_n(f; x) - f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \phi_x(t) \frac{\sin(n + \frac{1}{2})t}{2 \sin(t/2)} dt \quad (1.15)$$

$$S_n^*(f; x) - f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \phi_x(t) \frac{\sin(n + \frac{1}{2})t}{2 \tan(t/2)} dt \quad (1.16)$$

## 2. Introduction

It is known [8] that the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{S_n(f; x) - f(x)}{n} \quad (2.1)$$

is usually called Hardy-Littlewood series or simply HL-series. Hardy and Littlewood [8] have shown that (2.1) is  $(C, 1)$  summable to the value

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \left[ \left( \frac{\pi - u}{2} \right) \cot \frac{1}{2}u - \log(2 \sin \frac{u}{2}) \right] \phi_x(u) du \quad (2.2)$$

whenever the integral

$$\int_0^\infty \phi_x(u) \frac{1}{2} \cot \frac{1}{2}u du \quad (2.3)$$

exists. Further [8], if

$$\int_0^\infty |\phi_x(u)| du = O(t), \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0^+, \quad (2.4)$$

then (2.1) converges if and only if (2.3) exists. As the interest of HL-series lies in the relation to the integral (2.3), there are relations very similar to those between the conjugate series  $\sum B_n(x)$  and to the integral

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{\psi_x(u)}{u} du. \quad (2.5)$$

It is known ([16], page 50), that if  $f \in L(0, \pi)$ , then (2.5) exists almost everywhere. On the otherhand there exists a continuous function for which the integral given in (2.3) diverges for almost all  $x$  [8]. At this stage we remark that above results on HL-series remain unaltered, if we replace the H-L series by

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{S_n^*(f; x) - f(x)}{n}. \quad (2.6)$$

The series (2.6) is summable  $(C, 1)$  to the value

$$\int_{0^+}^\pi \phi_x(u) \frac{u}{2} \cot \frac{1}{2}u du, \quad (2.7)$$

if it exists. Further, if (2.4) holds, then a necessary and sufficient condition ([16], page 125) for the convergence or summability  $(C, 1)$  problems of (2.6) is the convergence or the integral (2.7). Thus the convergence or  $(C, 1)$  summability problem of (2.6) is same as that of (2.1) though their sums are different and hence we may term (2.6) as an HL-series.

### 3. Known Result

Prössdorf[14] studied the degree of approximation in the Hölder metric and proved the following theorem:

### Theorem A

Let  $f \in H_\alpha$ , ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) and  $0 \leq \beta < \alpha \leq 1$ . Then

$$\|\sigma_n(f) - f\|_{(\beta, \alpha)} = O(1) \begin{cases} n^{\beta-\alpha}, & \text{for } 0 < \alpha < 1 \\ n^{\beta-1}(1 + \log n)^{1-\beta}, & \text{for } \alpha = 1 \end{cases}, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\sigma_n(f)$  is the Fejer mean of the Fourier series of  $f$ .

The case  $\beta = 0$  of Theorem A is due to Alexits. With regards to the approximation of functions of  $L_p$  norm, the following is due to Quade[15]

### Theorem B

Let  $f \in lip(\alpha, p)$ , ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ). Then

$$\|\sigma_n(f) - f\|_{(0, p)} = O(1) \begin{cases} n^{-\alpha}, & \text{for } p > 1 \\ n^{-\alpha}, & \text{for } p = 1, 0 < \alpha < 1 \\ (\log n)/n, & \text{for } p = 1, \alpha = 1 \end{cases}. \quad (3.2)$$

In 1996 [2], the degree of approximation in the generalized Hölder metric has been introduced and the following result has been obtained.

### Theorem C

Let  $s_n(x)$  be the  $n$ th partial sum of (1.9). Suppose that  $A \in \mathcal{T}$  and there exists a positive non-decreasing sequence  $(\mu_n)$  such that

$$\sum_{k=\mu_n}^{\infty} (k+1)|a_{n,k}| = O(\mu_n). \quad (3.3)$$

Then for  $p \geq 1$  and  $f \in H(\alpha, p)$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < \alpha$

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{n,k} s_k - f \right\|_{(\beta, p)} = O(1) \begin{cases} (1 + \log(\mu_n/\lambda_n))^{\beta/\alpha} \lambda_n^{\beta-\alpha} + \psi(n) \lambda_n^{1-\alpha+\beta}, & \text{for } 0 < \alpha \leq 1 \\ \frac{(1 + \log(\mu_n/\lambda_n))^{\beta}}{\lambda_n^{1-\beta}} + \psi(n) \lambda_n^{\beta} (\log \lambda_n)^{1-\beta}, & \text{for } \alpha = 1 \end{cases}, \quad (3.4)$$

where  $\lambda_n$  is any positive non-decreasing sequence such that  $\lambda_n \leq \mu_n$ .

In the middle of 1998, Das et al [6] had determined the degree of approximation of the series

$$(1/2)c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{S_n(f; x) - f(x)}{n} \quad (3.5)$$

by means of A-transform in the generalized Hölder metric in the following form :

### Theorem D

Suppose that  $A \in \mathcal{T}$  and there exists a positive non-decreasing sequence  $(\mu_n)$  such that

$$\sum_{k=\mu_n}^{\infty} (k+1)|a_{n,k}| = O(\mu_n). \quad (3.6)$$

Let  $M_n(x)$  be the A-transform of the series (2.12). Then for  $p \geq 1$  and  $f \in H(\alpha, p), 0 < \alpha \leq 1, 0 \leq \beta < \alpha$

$$\|M_n(x) - \chi_x(\pi/\mu_n)\|_{(\beta, p)} = O(1) \begin{cases} (\log \mu_n)^{\beta/\alpha} \left[ (1 + \log(\mu_n/\lambda_n))^{\beta/\alpha} \lambda_n^{\beta-\alpha} + \psi(n) \lambda_n^{1-\alpha+\beta} \right], & \text{for } 0 < \alpha < 1 \\ (\log \mu_n)^{\beta} \left[ \frac{(1 + \log(\mu_n/\lambda_n))^{\beta}}{\lambda_n^{1-\beta}} + \psi(n) \lambda_n^{\beta} (\log \lambda_n)^{1-\beta} \right], & \text{for } \alpha = 1 \end{cases}, \quad (3.7)$$

where  $\lambda_n$  is any positive non-decreasing sequence such that  $\lambda_n \leq \mu_n$  and  $\psi(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_{n,k} - a_{n,k+1}|$ .

Very recently Manish Kumar et al [12], dealing with Euler, Borel and  $(e, c)$  mean of H-L series for functions of Lipschitz class, have established the following theorems :

### Theorem E

Let  $0 \leq \beta < \alpha \leq 1$  and let  $f \in H_{\alpha, p}$ . Then

$$\|E_n^q(\hat{T}) - f\|_{(\beta, p)} = O(1) \begin{cases} n^{\beta-\alpha}, & \text{for } \alpha - \beta \neq 1 \\ (\log n)/n, & \text{for } p = 1, \alpha - \beta = 1 \end{cases}, \quad (3.8)$$

where  $E_n^q(\hat{T})$  is the  $(E, q)$  mean of the H-L series.

## Theorem F

Let  $0 \leq \beta < \alpha \leq 1$  and let  $f \in H_{\alpha,p}$ . Then

$$\|B_p(\hat{T}) - f\|_{(\beta,p)} = O(1) \begin{cases} p^{\beta-\alpha}, & \text{for } \alpha - \beta \neq 1 \\ (\log p)/p, & \text{for } \alpha - \beta = 1 \end{cases}, \quad (3.9)$$

where  $B_p(\hat{T})$  is the Borel mean of the H-L series.

## Theorem G

Let  $0 \leq \beta < \alpha \leq 1$  and let  $f \in H_{\alpha,p}$ . Then

$$\|e_n(\hat{T}) - f\|_{(\beta,p)} = O(1) \begin{cases} n^{\beta-\alpha}, & \text{for } 0 < \alpha - \beta \neq 1/2 \\ 1/\sqrt{n}, & \text{for } 1/2 < \alpha - \beta \leq 1 \end{cases}, \quad (3.10)$$

where  $e_n(\hat{T})$  is the  $(e, c)$  mean of the H-L series.

However, the absolute convergence, absolute Riesz summability and absolute Cesàro summability problems of HL-series were first studied by Mohanty and Mohapatra[13]. Their result on absolute Cesàro summability is as follows :

## Theorem H

If  $\frac{\phi_x(t)}{t} \in L(0, \pi)$ , then the HL-series is summable  $|C, \alpha|$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ .

## 4. Main Result

Dealing with absolute almost convergence of H-L series, in the present work, we prove the following theorem :

## Theorem

If  $\frac{\phi_x(t)}{t} \in L(0, \pi)$ , then the HL-series (2.6) is summable  $\hat{l}$ .

## 5. Lemma

In order to prove the theorem we require the following lemma :

## Lemma

If

$$l_m(n, t) = \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{k}{n+k} \sin(n+k)t \quad (5.1)$$

then

$$l_m(n, t) = \begin{cases} O(m^2 t), & 0 \leq t < \frac{\pi}{n+1}, \\ O(t^{-1}), & \frac{\pi}{n+1} < t \leq \pi \end{cases} \quad (5.2)$$

Proof of the lemma :

For  $0 \leq t < \frac{\pi}{n+1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |l_m(n, t)| &= \left| \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{k \sin(n+k)t}{n+k} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^m kt, \text{ as } |\sin(n+k)t| \leq (n+k)t \\ &= O(m^2 t). \end{aligned}$$

Next for all  $t$

$$\begin{aligned} |l_m(n, t)| &= \left| \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{k \sin(n+k)t}{n+k} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{m}{n+m} \text{Max} \sum_{k=m_1}^{k=m_2} \sin(n+k)t, \text{ where max is taken for } m_1 \leq k < m_2 \\ &\leq \text{Max} \left| \sum_{k=m_1}^{k=m_2} \sin(n+k)t \right| \\ &= O(t^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

## 6.Proof of the theorem

By the definition, we have that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{S_n^*(f; x) - f(x)}{n} \in \hat{l}$ , if and only if,

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m(m+1)} \left| \sum_{k=1}^m \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\phi_x(t) k \sin(n+k)t}{(n+k) 2 \tan \frac{t}{2}} dt \right| < \infty,$$



uniformly in  $n$ . As by the hypothesis  $\int_0^\pi \frac{|\phi_x(t)|}{t} < \infty$ , in order to establish the theorem it is enough to show that

$$\sum = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m(m+1)} \left| \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{k \sin(n+k)t}{(n+k)} dt \right| = O(1), \quad (6.1)$$

uniformly in  $0 < t \leq \pi$  and  $n$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum &= \left( \sum_{m=1}^T + \sum_{m=T+1}^{\infty} \right) |l_m(n, t)|, \text{ where } T = [t_{-1}] \\ &= I_1 + I_2, \text{ say.} \end{aligned} \quad (6.2)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \sum_{m=1}^T \frac{1}{m(m+1)} |l_m(n, t)| \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^T \frac{1}{m(m+1)} O(m^2 t) \\ &= O(t) T \\ &= O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (6.3)$$

Next

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \sum_{m=T+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m(m+1)} |l_m(n, t)| \\ &= O(t^{-1}) \sum_{m=T+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^2} \\ &= O\left(\frac{t^{-1}}{T}\right). \\ &= O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (6.4)$$

Collecting the results (6.2), (6.3) and (6.4), we obtain (6.1) and this completes the proof of the theorem.

## Conclusion

The result in this article is quite independent of the result of Mohanty

and Mohapatra. One can find results for the convergence of operators associated with H-L series.

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