

Remark of Theorem 1.1.

1. Integrability (mean square convergence) does not guarantee that the Fourier series converges for any θ . (Exercise 3)
2. Differentiability at θ_0 guarantees that the Fourier series converges at θ_0 . (Theorem 2.1)
3. Continuous functions may have diverging Fourier series at one point.

Theorem Let f be an integrable function on the circle which is differentiable at a point θ_0 . Then $S_N(f)(\theta_0) \rightarrow f(\theta_0)$ as N tends to infinity.

Proposition Let f be a bounded function on the compact interval $[a, b]$. If $c \in (a, b)$ and if for all $\delta > 0$, the function f is integrable on the intervals $[a, c-\delta]$ and $[c+\delta, b]$, then f is integrable on $[a, b]$.

Proof: Suppose $|f| \leq M$ and let $\varepsilon > 0$. Choose a (small) $\delta > 0$ so that $4\delta M \leq \varepsilon/3$. Now let P_1, P_2 be partitions of $[a, c-\delta]$ and $[c+\delta, b]$, so that for each $i=1, 2$, we have

$$U(P_i, f) - L(P_i, f) < \varepsilon/3.$$

This is possible since f is integrable on each one of the intervals. Then by taking as a partition $P = P_1 \cup \{c-\delta\} \cup \{c+\delta\} \cup P_2$ we immediately see that $U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \varepsilon$.

Proof of the Theorem.

$$\text{Define } F(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(\theta_0 - t) - f(\theta_0)}{t} & \text{if } t \neq 0, |t| < \pi \\ -f'(\theta_0) & \text{if } t = 0. \end{cases}$$

First, F is bounded near 0 since f is differentiable there.

Second, for all small δ the function F is integrable on $[-\pi, -\delta] \cup [\delta, \pi]$ because f has this property and $|t| > \delta$ there.

As a consequence of the previous proposition, the function F is integrable on all of $[-\pi, \pi]$.

Now $S_N(f)(\theta_0) = (f * D_N)(\theta_0)$ where D_N is the Dirichlet kernel. Since $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int D_N = 1$, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} S_N(f)(\theta_0) - f(\theta_0) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta_0 - t) D_N(t) dt - f(\theta_0) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(\theta_0 - t) - f(\theta_0)] D_N(t) dt. \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(t) t D_N(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that $D_N(t) = \frac{\sin((N + \frac{1}{2})t)}{\sin(t/2)}$

then $t D_N(t) = \frac{t}{\sin \frac{t}{2}} \sin((N + \frac{1}{2})t)$

where the quotient $\frac{t}{\sin(\frac{t}{2})}$ is continuous in the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$. Since we can write $\sin((N + \frac{1}{2})t) = \sin(Nt) \cos \frac{t}{2} + \cos(Nt) \sin \frac{t}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} S_N f(\theta_0) - f(\theta_0) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(t) \frac{t}{\sin \frac{t}{2}} [\sin(Nt) \cos \frac{t}{2} + \cos(Nt) \sin \frac{t}{2}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(t) \frac{t \cos \frac{t}{2}}{\sin \frac{t}{2}} \sin(Nt) dt + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} t F(t) \cos(Nt) dt \end{aligned}$$

we apply the Riemann-Lebesgue lemma to conclude that $S_N(f)(\theta_0) - f(\theta_0) \rightarrow 0$ and thus $S_N(f)(\theta_0) \rightarrow f(\theta_0)$

The proof is complete. \square

Remark: The conclusion of the theorem still holds if we only assume that f satisfies a Lipschitz condition at θ_0 ,

that is $|f(\theta) - f(\theta_0)| \leq M|\theta - \theta_0|$ for some M and all θ .

The verification is similar as the proof of the theorem, just to modify the definition of $F(t)$:

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(\theta_0+t) - f(\theta_0)}{t} & t \neq 0 \text{ and } |t| < \pi \\ -D^+F(\theta_0) & t = 0 \end{cases}$$

where $D^+F(\theta_0) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\theta_0+t) - f(\theta_0)}{t}$ Obviously,

$F(t)$ is an integrable function on $[-\pi, \pi]$.

The Lipschitz condition is the same as saying that f satisfies a Hölder condition of order $\alpha = 1$.

The convergence of $S_N(f)(\theta_0)$ depends only on the behavior of f near θ_0 .

Theorem (Localization Lemma)

Suppose f and g are two integrable functions defined on the circle, and for some θ_0 there exists an open interval I containing θ_0 such that $f(\theta) = g(\theta)$ for all $\theta \in I$.

Then $S_N(f)(\theta_0) - S_N(g)(\theta_0) \rightarrow 0$ as N tends to infinity.

Proof: The function $f-g$ is 0 in I , so it is differentiable at θ_0 . Apply the previous theorem,

$$S_N(f-g)(\theta_0) = S_N(f)(\theta_0) - S_N(g)(\theta_0) \rightarrow 0 \quad N \rightarrow \infty$$

(Here we observe the linearity of Fourier series) and we complete the proof. \square

Theorem (Dini's Test, Version 1).

Let f be an integrable function on the circle.

For a real number s , let

$$\varphi(t) = f(\theta_0 - t) - s$$

If there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that $\varphi(t)/t$ is an integrable function on $[-\delta, \delta]$, then the Fourier series of f converges to s .

Proof:
$$\begin{aligned} S_N(f)(\theta_0) - s &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta_0 - t) D_N(t) dt - s \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(\theta_0 - t) - s] D_N(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\varphi(t)}{t} \cdot t D_N(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\frac{\varphi(t)}{t}$ is integrable on $[-\delta, \delta]$ and on the set

$\{t \mid \delta \leq |t| \leq \pi\}$ naturally, $\varphi(t)/t$ is integrable on $[-\pi, \pi]$.

Next, $t D_N(t) = \frac{t}{\sin \frac{t}{2}} \sin\left(\left(N + \frac{1}{2}\right)t\right)$

where $\frac{t}{\sin(\frac{t}{2})}$ is continuous on $[-\pi, \pi]$. Since we can write

$\sin\left(\left(N + \frac{1}{2}\right)t\right) = \sin(Nt) \cos \frac{t}{2} + \cos(Nt) \sin \frac{t}{2}$, we can apply the Riemann-Lebesgue lemma to the Riemann integrable function

$(\varphi(t)/t) \cdot t \cos \frac{t}{2} / \sin \frac{t}{2} = \varphi(t) \cos \frac{t}{2} / \sin \frac{t}{2}$ and $\varphi(t)/t \cdot t = \varphi(t)$ to finish the proof.

Theorem (Dini's Test Version 2)

Let f be an integrable function on the circle.

For a fixed real number s , let

$$\varphi(t) = f(\theta_0 + t) + f(\theta_0 - t) - 2s.$$

If there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that $\varphi(t)/t$ is an integrable function on $[0, \delta)$, then the Fourier series of f converges to s .

Proof:

Write $S_N(f)(\theta_0) = (f * D_N)(\theta_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta_0 - t) D_N(t) dt$, where D_N

Let $s = -t$. $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta_0 - t) D_N(t) dt$ is the N -th Dirichlet kernel.

$$= \int_{-s=-\pi}^{-s=\pi} f(\theta_0 + s) D_N(-s) d(-s)$$

$$= \int_{\pi}^{-\pi} -f(\theta_0 + s) D_N(s) ds \quad (D_N(s) = D_N(-s))$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta_0 + s) D_N(s) ds$$

Therefore $S_N(f)(\theta_0) - f(\theta_0) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(\theta_0 + t) + f(\theta_0 - t) - 2s] D_N(t) dt \right)$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (\varphi(t)/t) \cdot t D_N(t) dt.$$

Similar as the argument in Theorem 2.1, we conclude that $S_N(f)(\theta_0) - f(\theta_0) \rightarrow 0$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$, and hence we finished the proof. \square

Theorem (Riemann's Localization Lemma formal version)

Let f be an integrable function on the circle. If

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\delta \frac{f(\theta_0 - t) + f(\theta_0 + t)}{2} D_N(t) dt = S$$

exists for some $0 < \delta < \pi$, then the Fourier series of f converges at θ_0 to S .

Proof: Write: $S_N(f)(\theta_0) = (f * D_N)(\theta_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta_0 - t) D_N(t) dt$

$D_N(t)$ is the N -th Dirichlet kernel which is an even function

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi (f(\theta_0 - t) + f(\theta_0 + t)) D_N(t) dt$$

Now, divide the above expressions into two integrals $\int_0^\delta + \int_\delta^\pi$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_\delta^\pi [f(\theta_0 - t) + f(\theta_0 + t)] D_N(t) dt \quad \left(D_N(t) = \frac{\sin((N + \frac{1}{2})t)}{\sin \frac{t}{2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_\delta^\pi \left(\frac{f(\theta_0 - t) + f(\theta_0 + t)}{\sin \frac{t}{2}} \right) \sin(N + \frac{1}{2})t dt \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

We see that $\frac{f(\theta_0 - t) + f(\theta_0 + t)}{\sin \frac{t}{2}}$ is (bounded and hence) integrable on $[\delta, \pi]$. By Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma, the expression (*) converges to zero as $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N(f)(\theta_0) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\int_0^\delta + \int_\delta^\pi \right) [f(\theta_0 - t) + f(\theta_0 + t)] D_N(t) dt \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\delta [f(\theta_0 - t) + f(\theta_0 + t)] D_N(t) dt \\ &= S \quad \text{by the given condition.} \end{aligned}$$

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Definition (Lipschitz condition)

Let f be a function defined near x_0 . If there exists a $\delta > 0$, $L > 0$ and $\alpha > 0$, such that

$$|f(x_0+t) - f(x_0^+)| \leq Lt^\alpha, \text{ and}$$

$$|f(x_0-t) - f(x_0^-)| \leq Lt^\alpha$$

whenever $t \in [0, \delta)$, then we say f satisfies the Lipschitz condition of order α near x_0 .

Theorem Let f be an integrable function on the circle.

If f satisfies Lipschitz condition of order $\alpha > 0$, near θ_0 , then the Fourier series of f converges to $\frac{1}{2}(f(\theta_0^+) + f(\theta_0^-))$.

Proof: Take $S = \frac{1}{2}(f(\theta_0^+) + f(\theta_0^-))$ then

$$\frac{\varphi(t)}{t} = \frac{f(\theta_0+t) - f(\theta_0^+) + f(\theta_0-t) - f(\theta_0^-)}{t}$$

Since f satisfies Lipschitz condition of order α near θ_0 ,

$$\left| \frac{\varphi(t)}{t} \right| \leq \frac{2L}{t^{1-\alpha}} \quad 0 < t \leq \delta$$

If $\alpha \geq 1$, $\varphi(t)/t$ is bounded and integrable.

$0 < \alpha < 1$ $\varphi(t)/t$ is (absolutely) improper integrable

on $[0, \delta)$. We apply Dini's Test to finish the proof of the theorem.

Corollary. Let f be an integrable function on the circle. If f has two one-sided generalized derivatives at θ_0 :

$$f'_+(\theta_0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(\theta_0 + t) - f(\theta_0^+)}{t}$$

$$f'_-(\theta_0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(\theta_0 - t) - f(\theta_0^-)}{-t}$$

Then the Fourier series of f at θ_0 converges to $\frac{1}{2}(f(\theta_0^+) + f(\theta_0^-))$

Proof: Under the condition we may conclude that f satisfies the Lipschitz condition of order $\alpha = 1$ near θ_0 . By the previous theorem, we conclude the proof.

The above Corollary is called the convergence theorem of Fourier series, which can also be proved by Riemann's Localization lemma formal version above.