

**CHAPTER – 10**

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## 10.1 DEFINITIONS AND NOTATIONS :

Let  $f$  be a  $2\pi$  periodic function integrable  $L_p(p > 1)$  and let

$$(10.1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} f &\sim \frac{1}{2}a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(x) \end{aligned}$$

be its Fourier series.

A function  $f \in \text{Lip } \alpha$  if

$$(10.1.2) \quad f(x+h) - f(x) = O(|h|^\alpha) \quad \text{for } 0 < \alpha \leq 1,$$

We define the norm  $\|\cdot\|_p$  by

$$(10.1.3) \quad \|f\|_p = \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |f(x)|^p dx \right\}^{1/p}, \quad p \geq 1$$

and the degree of approximation  $E_n(f)$  by

$$(10.1.4) \quad E_n(f) = \min_{T_n} \|f - T_n\|_p$$

where  $T_n(x)$  is a trigonometrical polynomial of degree  $n$ .

We say that  $f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, q)$  for  $a \leq x \leq b$  if

$$(10.1.5) \quad \left\{ \int_a^b |f(x+h) - f(x)|^q dx \right\}^{1/q} \leq A|h|^\alpha, \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \quad q \geq 1$$

where  $A$  is some constant. (see Def. 5.38 of McFadden (1942)).

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We write

$$\phi(t) = f(x+t) - f(x-t) - 2f(x) .$$

Lorentz (1948) has defined:

**DEFINITION  $L_1$ .** A sequence  $\{s_n\}$  is said to almost convergent to a limit  $s$ , if

$$(10.1.6) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)} \sum_{k=p}^{n+p} s_k = s ,$$

uniformly with respect to  $p$ .

Recently Sharma et al. (1977) have defined almost Borel summability.

Sharma and Qureshi (1980) defined :

**DEFINITION  $L_2$ .** A series  $\sum u_n$  with the sequence of partial sums  $\{s_n\}$  is said to be almost Riesz summable to  $s$ , provided .

$$(10.1.7) \quad t_{n,p} = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{k=0}^n p_k s_{k,p} \rightarrow s , \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

uniformly with respect to  $p$ ,

where

$$s_{k,p} = \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{\mu=p}^{k+p} s_\mu$$

and  $\{p_n\}$  be a sequence of non-negative constants, such that  $p_0 > 0$  and

$$P_n = p_0 + p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n .$$

The Riesz means are regular if and only if  $P_n \rightarrow \infty$  with  $n$  (see theorem 1.4.4 of Petersen (1966))

**10.2** Let  $\{p_n\}$  be a non-negative, non-increasing generating sequence for the  $(N, p_n)$  method such that

(10.2.1)  $P_n \equiv P(n) = p_0 + p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n \rightarrow \infty$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We write

$$p(y) = p_{[y]} \text{ and } P(y) = P_{[y]}$$

where  $[y]$  as usual denotes the greatest integer less than  $y$ .

Sahney and Rao (1972 a, b) have proved the following theorem.

**THEOREMA.** If  $f$  is periodic and belongs to the class  $Lip(\alpha, p)$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  and let  $\{P_n\}$  be defined as in (10.2.1) and

$$\left( \int_1^n \frac{(P(y))^q}{y^{(q\alpha+2-q)}} dy \right)^{1/q} = O\left( \frac{P(n)}{n^{(q\alpha+1)/q}} \right)$$

then  $\|f - t_n\|_p = O\left( \frac{1}{n^{(\alpha p - 1)/p}} \right)$

where  $t_n = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{k=0}^n p_{n-k} S_k$ .

i.e. the  $(N, p_n)$  mean of the Fourier series (10.1.1).

We have prove the following theorem.

**THEOREM.** The degree of approximation of a periodic function  $f$  belonging to the class  $Lip(\alpha, p)$ , for  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  by almost Riesz mean is given by

$$\|f - t_{n,p}\|_p = O\left\{ \frac{1}{(P_n)^{\alpha - 1/p}} \right\}$$

where Riesz means are regular and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  such that  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ .

To prove the theorem we shall need the following lemma.

**LEMMA.** (McFadden (1942), lemma 5.40) If  $f$  belongs to  $Lip(\alpha, q)$  on  $[0, \pi]$ . then  $\phi(t)$  also belongs to  $Lip(\alpha, q)$  on  $[0, \pi]$ .

**10.3. PROOF OF THE THEOREM.** Following Sharma et al. (1977), we write

$$s_{k,p}(x) - f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi(k+1)} \int_0^\pi \phi(t) \frac{\cos pt - \cos(k+p+1)t}{2 \sin^2 \frac{t}{2}} dt.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) - t_{n,p}(t) &= \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{k=0}^n p_k \{f(t) - s_{k,p}(t)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi P_n} \int_0^\pi \phi(t) \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{p_k}{(k+1)} \frac{[\cos(k+p+1)t - \cos pt]}{2 \sin^2 \frac{t}{2}} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi P_n} \left[ \int_0^{\frac{1}{2} P_n} + \int_{\frac{1}{2} P_n}^\pi \right] \phi(t) \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{-p_k}{(k+1)} \frac{\sin(k+2p+1) \frac{t}{2} \sin(k+1) \frac{t}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{t}{2}} \right) dt \\ &= I_1 + I_2, \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi P_n} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2} P_n} \phi(t) \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{-p_k}{(k+1)} \frac{\sin(k+2p+1) \frac{t}{2} \sin(k+1) \frac{t}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{t}{2}} dt$$

By Hölders inequality and the lemma, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi P_n} \left\{ \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{2} P_n} \left( \frac{t|\phi(t)|}{t^\alpha} \right)^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right\} \\ &\quad \left\{ \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{2} P_n} \left( \frac{1}{t^{1-\alpha}} \left| \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{p_k}{(k+1)} \frac{\sin(k+2p+1) \frac{t}{2} \sin(k+1) \frac{t}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{t}{2}} \right|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right\} \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right) O\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right) O\left\{ \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{2} P_n} \left( \frac{1}{t^{1-\alpha}} \sum_{k=0}^n p_k \frac{1}{t} \right)^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= O\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right) O\left\{\left(\int_0^{1/P_n} t^{\alpha q - 2q}\right)^{1/q}\right\} \\
 &= O\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right) O\left\{\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right)^{\alpha - 2 + 1/q}\right\} \\
 &= O\left\{\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right)^{\alpha - 1 + 1/q}\right\} \\
 &= O\left\{\frac{1}{(P_n)^{\alpha - 1/p}}\right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  such that  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ .

Also, similarly as above

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &= O\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right) O\left\{\left(\int_{1/P_n}^{\pi} \left(\frac{t^{-\delta} |\phi(t)|}{t^{\alpha}}\right)^p dt\right)^{1/p}\right\} \\
 &\quad \left\{ \left( \int_{1/P_n}^{\pi} \left| \frac{1}{t^{-\delta-\alpha}} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{P_k \sin(k+2p+1) \frac{t}{2} \sin(k+1) \frac{t}{2}}{(k+1) \sin^2 \frac{t}{2}} \right|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta$  is finite quantity.

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &= O\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right) O\left\{\left(\int_{1/P_n}^{\pi} \left(\frac{t^{-\delta} t^{\alpha - 1/p}}{t^{\alpha}}\right)^p dt\right)^{1/p}\right\} \\
 &\quad \left\{ \left( \int_{1/P_n}^{\pi} \frac{1}{t^{-\delta-\alpha}} \sum_{k=0}^n \left| \frac{P_k \sin(k+2p+1) \frac{t}{2}}{(k+1) \sin^2 \frac{t}{2}} \right|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= O\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right) O\left\{\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right)^{-\delta}\right\} O\left\{\left(\int_{1/P_n}^{\pi} \frac{t^{\alpha+\delta}}{\sin \frac{1}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^n \left|p_k \sin(k+2p+1)\frac{t}{2}\right|^q\right)^{1/q}\right\} \\
 &= O\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right) O\left\{\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right)^{-\delta}\right\} O\left\{\left(\int_{1/P_n}^{\pi} t^{\alpha q+\delta q-2q} dt\right)^{1/q}\right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

since  $\{p_n\}$  is monotonic increasing, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=0}^n p_k \sin(k+2p+1)\frac{t}{2} &\leq p_n \sum_{k=0}^n \sin(k+2p+1)\frac{t}{2} \\
 &= O\left(\frac{p_n}{t}\right) \text{ [alternatively see (1)]}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &= O\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right) O\left\{\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right)^{\delta}\right\} O\left\{\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right)^{\alpha+\delta-2+\frac{1}{q}}\right\} \\
 &= O\left\{\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right)^{\alpha-1+\frac{1}{q}}\right\} \\
 &= O\left\{\frac{1}{(P_n)^{\alpha-1/p}}\right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\|f - t_{n,p}\|_p = O\left\{\frac{1}{(P_n)^{\alpha-1/p}}\right\}$

This completes the proof of theorem.

