

**CESÀRO MEANS CONNECTED WITH THE ALLIED
SERIES OF A FOURIER SERIES**

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1. Introduction.

It is classical that, if the Fourier series of a function $\psi(t)$ of bounded variation is $\sum \bar{c}_n \sin nt$, the sequence $n\bar{c}_n$ is bounded. This result cannot be improved. "For, the function $\psi(t) = \frac{1}{2}t (-\pi < t < \pi)$ whose Fourier series is $\sum (-1)^{n-1} n^{-1} \sin nt$ is of bounded variation; but we have $n\bar{c}_n = (-1)^{n-1}$ ". We know, however, that, (1) if $\psi(t)$ is of bounded variation in $(0, 2\pi)$, the sequence $n\bar{c}_n$ converges (c, α) to $2\pi^{-1}\psi(+0)$ for every $\alpha > 0$. In this paper I shall give some results concerning the convergence (C) of the sequence $n\bar{c}_n$ by studying the Cesàro means $\psi_\alpha(t)$ of $\psi(t)$.

We suppose throughout that $f(x)$ is a periodic function, with period 2π , which is integrable in the Lebesgue sense in $(-\pi, \pi)$. We write

$$\psi(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f(x+t) - f(x-t) \right\}.$$

If we suppose the Fourier series of $f(x)$ to be

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx),$$

the Fourier series of $\psi(t)$ is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{c}_n \sin nt,$$

where

(1) A. Zygmund, *Trigonometrical Series*, (1935), p. 62.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{c}_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (b_n \cos nx - a_n \sin nx)$$

is the allied series of (1.1). We also write, for $t > 0$,

$$\Psi_0(t) = \psi(t),$$

$$\Psi_\alpha(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-u)^{\alpha-1} \psi(u) du \quad (\alpha > 0),$$

$$\psi_\alpha(t) = \Gamma(\alpha+1) t^{-\alpha} \Psi_\alpha(t) \quad (\alpha \geq 0).$$

We denote by τ_n^α the n -th Cesàro-mean of order $\alpha > 0$ of the sequence $n\bar{c}_n$, i.e.

$$\tau_n^\alpha = \frac{1}{A_n^\alpha} \sum_{\nu=0}^n A_{n-\nu}^{\alpha-1} \nu \bar{c}_\nu,$$

where

$$A_n^\alpha = \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(1+\alpha)} \sim \frac{n^\alpha}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}.$$

We say that $n\bar{c}_n$ is bounded (c, α) if $\tau_n^\alpha = O(1)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and that $n\bar{c}_n$ converges (C, α) to τ if $\tau_n^\alpha \rightarrow \tau$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

2. Lemmas.

In this section I give some lemmas which will be used subsequently.

LEMMA 1⁽²⁾. *If a sequence converges (C) to τ and is bounded (c, α) , then it converges $(c, \alpha+\delta)$ to τ , for every $\delta > 0$.*

LEMMA 2⁽³⁾. *If $\psi_\alpha(t)$ is of bounded variation, then so is $\psi_\beta(t)$ for every $\beta > \alpha$*

LEMMA 3⁽⁴⁾. *If $\psi_\alpha(+0)$ exists, then so does $\psi_\beta(+0)$ for every $\beta > \alpha$, and $\psi_\beta(+0) = \psi_\alpha(+0)$.*

(2) A. F. Andersen, *Studier over Cesàro Summabilitetsmetode*, (1921).

(3) L. S. Bosanquet, *Proc. Edinburgh Math. Soc.*, (2), 4(1933), 12-17.

(4) L. S. Bosanquet, *Proc. London Math. Soc.*, (2) 31(1930), 144-164.

LEMMA 4⁽⁵⁾. Let $\alpha > 0$. If $\Psi_\alpha(t)$ is of bounded variation in an interval $(0, \eta)$, where $\eta > 0$, and $\Psi_\alpha(+0) = 0$, then, for almost all t in $(0, \eta)$ and for every $\beta > \alpha - 1$, we have

$$\Psi_\beta(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1+\beta-\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-u)^{\beta-\alpha} d\Psi_\alpha(u).$$

LEMMA 5. Let $\alpha > 0$ and let

$$g^\alpha(n, t) = \frac{1}{A_n^\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{2} A_n^{\alpha-1} + \sum_{\nu=1}^n A_{n-\nu}^{\alpha-1} \cos \nu t \right).$$

Then, if k is a positive integer or zero, we have⁽⁶⁾

$$(2.1) \quad \left| \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^k g^\alpha(n, t) \right| \begin{cases} \leq A n^k & (0 < t \leq \pi), \\ \leq A n^{k-\alpha} t^{-\alpha} & (n^{-1} < t \leq \pi; \quad k > \alpha - 1), \\ \leq A n^{-1} t^{-k-1} & (n^{-1} < t \leq \pi; \quad k \leq \alpha - 1). \end{cases}$$

This can be proved by an argument used by Zygmund.⁽⁷⁾

LEMMA 6. Let $\alpha > 0$ and $h = [\alpha]$ and let

$$(2.2) \quad G(n, u; \delta) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1+h-\alpha)} \int_u^\delta (t-u)^{h-\alpha} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^{h+1} g^\alpha(n, t) dt,$$

where $0 < \delta \leq \pi$. Then

$$\left| G(n, u; \delta) \right| \begin{cases} \leq A n^\alpha & (0 < u \leq \delta), \\ \leq A u^{-\alpha} & (n^{-1} < u \leq \delta), \end{cases}$$

This can be proved by an argument used by Bosanquet.⁽⁸⁾

3. The case $\alpha \geq 1$.

If $\alpha \geq 1$, it is interesting to note that the convergence (C, α) of the sequence $n\bar{c}_n$ depends only on the local property of the function. In fact, we can prove the following theorem.

(5) L. S. Bosanquet, *Quart. J. of Math.*, (Oxford), 6(1935), 113-123.
 (6) A is a constant, not always the same, independent of n, t or u , and ε .
 (7) A. Zygmund, *Bull. de l'Acad. Polonaise (Cracovie)*, A(1925) 207-217.
 (8) L. S. Bosanquet, *Proc. London Math. Soc.*, (2) 41(1936), 517-528.

THEOREM 3.1. *If $\alpha \geq 1$, the necessary and sufficient condition for the sequence $n\bar{c}_n$ to converge (C, α) to τ is that*

$$-\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\delta \psi(t) \frac{d}{dt} g^\alpha(n, t) dt \rightarrow \tau$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, where δ is an arbitrary positive number.

Proof. Since

$$n\bar{c}_n = \frac{2n}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \psi(t) \sin nt dt = -\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \psi(t) \frac{d}{dt} \cos nt dt,$$

we have

$$\tau_n^\alpha = -\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \psi(t) \frac{d}{dt} g^\alpha(n, t) dt = -\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\delta -\frac{2}{\pi} \int_\delta^\pi$$

and the theorem is proved if we can show that

$$I = \int_\delta^\pi \psi(t) \frac{d}{dt} g^\alpha(n, t) dt = o(1)$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Suppose first that $\alpha \geq 2$. Then, by the third inequality of (2.1), we have

$$\left| I \right| \leq A n^{-1} \int_\delta^\pi \left| \psi(t) \right| t^{-2} dt \leq A n^{-1} = o(1).$$

Next, suppose that $1 < \alpha < 2$. We have, by the second inequality of (2.1),

$$\left| I \right| \leq A n^{1-\alpha} \int_\delta^\pi \left| \psi(t) \right| t^{-\alpha} dt \leq A n^{1-\alpha} = o(1)$$

Finally, let $\alpha = 1$. Then, since

$$\frac{d}{dt} g^\alpha(n, t) = \frac{1}{n+1} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\sin(n+\frac{1}{2})t}{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}t} \right),$$

we have

$$I = \frac{n}{n+1} \int_\delta^\pi \frac{\psi(t)}{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}t} \cos(n+\frac{1}{2})t dt - \frac{1}{n+1} \int_\delta^\pi \frac{\psi(t)}{(2 \sin \frac{1}{2}t)^2} \sin nt dt = o(1)$$

by Riemann-Lebesgue theorem.

THEOREM 3.2. *If $\alpha \geq 1$ and if $\psi_\alpha(t)$ is of bounded variation in an interval $(0, \eta)$, where $\eta > 0$, then the sequence $n\bar{c}_n$ converges (c, α) to $2\pi^{-1}\psi_\alpha(+0)$.*

Proof. We prove first that we can suppose without loss of generality that $\psi_\alpha(+0) = 0$. In fact, if $\psi_\alpha(+0) \neq 0$, we write

$$\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{2}(\pi - t)$$

so that

$$\varphi_\alpha(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\pi - \frac{t}{\alpha+1} \right) \longrightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$$

as $t \rightarrow +0$. Let

$$\psi^*(t) = \psi(t) - \frac{2}{\pi} \psi_\alpha(+0) \varphi(t).$$

Then

$$\psi_\alpha^*(t) = \psi_\alpha(t) - \frac{2}{\pi} \psi_\alpha(+0) \varphi_\alpha(t)$$

and

$$\psi_\alpha^*(+0) = 0.$$

Since the Fourier series of $\psi(t)$ is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin nt}{n},$$

if we suppose that the Fourier series of $\psi^*(t)$ is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{c}_n^* \sin nt,$$

then

$$\bar{c}_n = \bar{c}_n^* + \frac{1}{n} \frac{2}{\pi} \psi_\alpha(+0)$$

and

$$n \bar{c}_n = n \bar{c}_n^* + \frac{2}{\pi} \psi_\alpha(+0).$$

Then the theorem is proved if we can show that the sequence $n \bar{c}_n^*$ converges (C, α) to 0.

This being so, let us suppose that $\psi_\alpha(t)$ is non-decreasing in $(0, \eta)$. Let ε be an arbitrarily small positive number. Choose δ so small that $\psi_\alpha(t) < \varepsilon$ for $0 < t \leq \delta \leq \eta$. Then

$$\int_0^\delta |d\psi_\alpha(t)| = \int_0^\delta d\psi_\alpha(t) = \psi_\alpha(\delta) < \varepsilon.$$

By Theorem 3.1, it is enough to prove that, as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$|J| = \left| \int_0^\delta \psi(t) \frac{d}{dt} g^\alpha(n, t) dt \right| \leq A \varepsilon.$$

Let $h = [\alpha]$. Then, after h times integration by parts, we have

$$J = \left[\sum_{m=1}^h (-1)^{m-1} \Psi_m(t) \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^m g^\alpha(n, t) \right]_0^\delta + (-1)^h \int_0^\delta \Psi_h(t) \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^{h+1} g^\alpha(n, t) dt.$$

If α is an integer, then $h = \alpha$ and, letting P be the integrated part of J , we have, for sufficiently large n ,

$$|P| = \left| \sum_{m=1}^{h-1} O(n^{-1}) + (-1)^{h-1} \frac{1}{\Gamma(h+1)} \delta^h \psi_h(\delta) \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^h g^\alpha(n, \delta) \right| \leq A \varepsilon.$$

If α is not an integer, then $h < \alpha$ and

$$P = \sum_{m=1}^{h-1} O(n^{-1}) + O(n^{\alpha-h}) = o(1),$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. In either case the theorem is proved if we can show that, as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$|J_1| = \left| \int_0^\delta \Psi_h(t) \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^{h+1} g^\alpha(n, t) dt \right| \leq A \varepsilon.$$

Now, by Lemma 4,

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_1 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(1+h-\alpha)} \int_0^\delta \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{h+1} g^\alpha(n, t) dt \int_0^t (t-u)^{h-\alpha} d\Psi_\alpha(u) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(1+h-\alpha)} \int_0^\delta d\Psi_\alpha(u) \int_u^\delta (t-u)^{h-\alpha} \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{h+1} g^\alpha(n, t) dt \\
 &= \int_0^\delta G(n, u; \delta) d\Psi_\alpha(u).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$d\Psi_\alpha(u) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} u^{\alpha-1} \psi_\alpha(u) du + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} u^\alpha d\psi_\alpha(u),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_1 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\delta u^{\alpha-1} \psi_\alpha(u) G(n, u; \delta) du + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^\delta u^\alpha G(n, u; \delta) d\psi_\alpha(u) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\int_0^{n^{-1}} + \int_{n^{-1}}^\delta \right) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \left(\int_0^{n^{-1}} + \int_{n^{-1}}^\delta \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (J_{11} + J_{12}) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} (J_{13} + J_{14}).
 \end{aligned}$$

By (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |J_{11}| &\leq An^\alpha \int_0^{n^{-1}} u^{\alpha-1} \psi_\alpha(u) du \leq A\epsilon n^\alpha \int_0^{n^{-1}} u^{\alpha-1} du \leq A\epsilon, \\
 |J_{13}| &\leq An^\alpha \int_0^{n^{-1}} u^\alpha d\psi_\alpha(u) \leq A \int_0^{n^{-1}} d\psi_\alpha(u) \leq A\epsilon, \\
 |J_{14}| &\leq A \int_{n^{-1}}^\delta d\psi_\alpha(u) \leq A\epsilon.
 \end{aligned}$$

It remains to show that $|J_{12}| \leq A\epsilon$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

By the second mean-value theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_{12} &= \psi_\alpha(\delta) \int_{\delta'}^\delta u^{\alpha-1} G(n, u; \delta) du \quad (n^{-1} < \delta' < \delta) \\
 &= \frac{\psi_\alpha(\delta)}{\Gamma(1+h-\alpha)} \int_{\delta'}^\delta u^{\alpha-1} du \int_u^\delta (t-u)^{h-\alpha} \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{h+1} g^\alpha(n, t) dt \\
 &= \frac{\psi_\alpha(\delta)}{\Gamma(1+h-\alpha)} \int_{\delta'}^\delta \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{h+1} g^\alpha(n, t) \int_{\delta'}^t (t-u)^{h-\alpha} u^{\alpha-1} du
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\psi_\alpha(\delta)}{\Gamma(1+h-\alpha)} \int_{\delta'}^{\delta} t^h \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{h+1} g^\alpha(n, t) \int_{\delta'/t}^1 (1-v)^{h-\alpha} v^{\alpha-1} dv \\
&= \frac{\psi_\alpha(\delta)}{\Gamma(1+h-\alpha)} \int_{\delta'}^{\delta} t^h \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{h+1} g^\alpha(n, t) F(t) dt,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$F(t) = \int_{\delta'/t}^1 (1-v)^{h-\alpha} v^{\alpha-1} dv$$

is an increasing function of t . Applying the second mean-value theorem again, we have

$$J_{12} = \frac{\psi_\alpha(\delta) F(\delta)}{\Gamma(1+h-\alpha)} \int_{\delta''}^{\delta} t^h \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{h+1} g^\alpha(n, t) dt \quad (n^{-1} < \delta' < \delta'' < \delta).$$

Since, by (2.1),

$$\int_{\delta''}^{\delta} t^h \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{h+1} g^\alpha(n, t) dt = \left[\sum_{m=0}^h (-1)^{h-m} \frac{h!}{m!} t^m \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^m g^\alpha(n, t) \right]_{\delta''}^{\delta} = O(1)$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, it follows that $|J_{12}| \leq A\varepsilon$. This completes the proof.

4. The case $0 < \alpha < 1$.

If $0 < \alpha < 1$, Theorem 3.1 is no longer true. In this case, we can prove the following theorem.

THEOREM 4.1. *If $0 < \alpha < 1$ and if $\psi_\alpha(t)$ is of bounded variation in $(0, \pi)$, then the sequence $n\bar{c}_n$ is bounded (C, α) .*

Proof. Here we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\tau_n^\alpha &= -\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \psi(t) \frac{d}{dt} g^\alpha(n, t) dt = -\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{d}{dt} g^\alpha(n, t) dt \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-u)^{-\alpha} d\Psi_\alpha(u) \\
&= -\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^\pi d\Psi_\alpha(u) \int_u^\pi (t-u)^{-\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} g^\alpha(n, t) dt \\
&= -\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi G(n, u; \pi) d\Psi_\alpha(u) \\
&= -\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\pi \psi_\alpha(u) u^{\alpha-1} G(n, u; \pi) du - \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^\pi u^\alpha G(n, u; \pi) d\Psi_\alpha(u) \\
&= -\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\int_0^{n^{-1}} + \int_{n^{-1}}^\pi \right) - \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \left(\int_0^{n^{-1}} + \int_{n^{-1}}^\pi \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (I_1 + I_2) - \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} (I_3 + I_4).$$

Since $\psi_\alpha(t)$ is bounded in $(0, \pi)$, we have, by (2.2)

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1| &\leq An^\alpha \int_0^{n^{-1}} u^{\alpha-1} du \leq A, \\ |I_3| &\leq An^\alpha \int_0^{n^{-1}} u^\alpha |d\psi_\alpha(u)| \leq A \int_0^{n^{-1}} |d\psi_\alpha(u)| \leq A, \\ |I_4| &\leq A \int_{n^{-1}}^\pi |d\psi_\alpha(u)| \leq A. \end{aligned}$$

Now, suppose that $\psi_\alpha(t)$ is non-decreasing in $(0, \pi)$. By the second mean-value theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int_{n^{-1}}^\pi \psi_\alpha(u) u^{\alpha-1} G(n, u; \pi) du = \psi_\alpha(\pi-0) \int_\delta^\pi u^{\alpha-1} G(n, u; \pi) du \\ &\hspace{20em} (n^{-1} < \delta < \pi) \\ &= \frac{\psi_\alpha(\pi-0)}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_\delta^\pi u^{\alpha-1} du \int_u^\pi (t-u)^{-\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} g^\alpha(n, t) dt \\ &= \frac{\psi_\alpha(\pi-0)}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_\delta^\pi \frac{d}{dt} g^\alpha(n, t) dt \int_\delta^t u^{\alpha-1} (t-u)^{-\alpha} du \\ &= \frac{\psi_\alpha(\pi-0)}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_\delta^\pi F_1(t) \frac{d}{dt} g^\alpha(n, t) dt = \frac{\psi_\alpha(\pi-0) F_1(\pi)}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_{\delta'}^\pi \frac{d}{dt} g^\alpha(n, t) dt \\ &\hspace{20em} (\delta < \delta' < \pi) \\ &= \frac{\psi_\alpha(\pi-0) F_1(\pi)}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \{g^\alpha(n, \pi) - g^\alpha(n, \delta')\} = O(1), \end{aligned}$$

for

$$F_1(t) = \int_\delta^t u^{\alpha-1} (t-u)^{-\alpha} du = \int_{\delta/t}^1 v^{\alpha-1} (1-v)^{-\alpha} dv$$

is an increasing function of t and $F_1(\pi)$ is bounded. Hence $\tau_n^\alpha = O(1)$ and the theorem is therefore proved.

THEOREM 4.2. *If $0 < \alpha < 1$, and if $\psi_\alpha(t)$ is of bounded variation in $(0, \pi)$, then the sequence $n\bar{c}_n$ converges (C, β) to $2\pi^{-1}\psi_\alpha(+0)$, for every $\beta > \alpha$.*

Proof. Under the given conditions, $\psi_1(t)$ is, by Lemma 2, of bounded variation, and $\psi_1(+0)$ is, by Lemma 3, equal to $\psi_\alpha(+0)$. Hence, by Theorem 3.2, the sequence $n\bar{c}_n$ converges $(C, 1)$, and, by Lemma 1, converges (C, β) , for every $\beta > \alpha$, to $2\pi^{-1}\psi_\alpha(+0)$.

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