

ADDENDUM TO "ARITHMETIC MEANS OF FOURIER COEFFICIENTS"

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ABSTRACT. Let f be integrable and periodic with period 2π . Then a necessary and sufficient condition for \tilde{f} to be equivalent to a continuous function is that $-(1/\pi) \int_t^\pi (f(x+u) - f(x-u))/2 \tan(u/2) du$ converges uniformly in x as $t \rightarrow 0+$.

In what follows, we shall not distinguish between equivalent functions.

Zamansky [2] (also see [3, Volume 1, p. 180, Exercise 5(a)]) proved the following.

Let f be continuous and periodic. Then a necessary and sufficient condition for \tilde{f} to be continuous is that

$$(1) \quad \tilde{f}(x; t) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_t^\pi \frac{f(x+u) - f(x-u)}{2 \tan u/2} du$$

converges uniformly as $t \rightarrow 0+$.

In this note we show that the restriction of continuity on f can be dropped in the above theorem. Equivalently we show the following.

THEOREM. *Let f be integrable and periodic. Then a necessary and sufficient condition for \tilde{f} to be continuous is that $\tilde{f}(x; t)$ converges uniformly in x as $t \rightarrow 0+$, where $\tilde{f}(x; t)$ is defined in (1).*

PROOF. Sufficiency is obvious since $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \tilde{f}(x; t) = \tilde{f}(x)$ for a.e. x .

Conversely, let \tilde{f} be continuous. Take $\tilde{f} = g$ and $\tilde{f}(x; t) \equiv g(x; t)$. Let T_S and T_H be defined as in [1]. Also let $g_x(t) \equiv g(t+x)$. Now define $T_x g = T_S(g_x)$. Then T_x is a bounded operator on L^∞ by [1, Lemma 1.1].

Also using [1, (1.1)] with $f_c(t)$ replaced by $h_x(t) \equiv [g_x(t) + g_x(-t)]/2$, we can show that

$$(2) \quad T_x g(t) = T_S h_x(t) = T_H \tilde{h}_x(t) = \frac{1}{2} [\pi g(x; t) + G_x(t)]$$

for a.e. $t > 0$ where $G_x(t) \equiv \sum_{n=1}^\infty [A_n(x; g)/n] \sin nt$.

It can easily be shown that the family $\{T_x g | x \in [0, 2\pi]\}$ is a normal family since $[0, 2\pi]$ is compact and

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$$\begin{aligned}x_n \rightarrow x &\Rightarrow \|g_{x_n} - g_x\|_\infty \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \|T_S g_{x_n} - T_S g_x\|_\infty \rightarrow 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \|T_{x_n} g - T_x g\|_\infty \rightarrow 0.\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by the Ascoli-Arzelà Theorem, the family $\{T_x g | x \in [0, 2\pi]\}$ is equicontinuous. Therefore $\{T_x g(t)\}$ converges uniformly in x as $t \rightarrow 0 +$.

Similarly we can show that the family $\{G_x(t) | x \in [0, 2\pi]\}$ is also equicontinuous and, hence, $G_x(t)$ converges uniformly in x as $t \rightarrow 0 +$. Therefore, by (2), $g(x; t)$ converges uniformly in x as $t \rightarrow 0 +$. Hence the result.

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