On the a.e. convergence of multiple orthogonal series. I (Square and spherical partial sums)

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1. Notations. Let Z^d be the set of *d*-tuples $k = (k_1, ..., k_d)$ with nonnegative integral coordinates. Let $\varphi = \{\varphi_k(x) : k \in Z^d\}$ be an orthonormal system (in abbreviation: ONS) on the unit cube $x = (x_1, ..., x_d) \in I^d$, where I = [0, 1]. Consider the *d*-multiple orthogonal series

(1)
$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} a_k \varphi_k(x) = \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{k_d=0}^{\infty} a_{k_1, \dots, k_d} \varphi_{k_1, \dots, k_d}(x_1, \dots, x_d),$$

where $a = \{a_k: k \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$ is a system of coefficients, for which

(2)
$$\sum_{k\in\mathbb{Z}^d}a_k^2<\infty.$$

Fixing a sequence $Q = \{Q_r : r=0, 1, ...\}$ of finite sets in Z^d with properties

$$Q_0 \subset Q_1 \subset Q_2 \subset \dots$$
 and $\bigcup_{r=0}^{\infty} Q_r = Z^d$,

our main goal is to study the convergence behaviour of the sums

(3)
$$s_r(x) = \sum_{k \in Q_r} a_k \varphi_k(x) \quad (r = 0, 1, ...),$$

which can be regarded as a certain kind of partial sums of series (1). The case

$$Q_r^1 = \{k \in Z^d \colon \max_{1 \le j \le d} k_j \le r\}$$

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provides the square partial sums $s_r^1(x)$, while

$$Q_r^2 = \left\{ k \in Z^d : |k| = \left(\sum_{j=1}^d k_j^2 \right)^{1/2} \le r \right\}$$

provides the spherical partial sums $s_r^2(x)$ of (1).

2. A.e. convergence of $\{s_r(x): r=0, 1, ...\}$. Denote by M(d, Q) the class of those systems $a = \{a_k: k \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$ of coefficients for which the sequence $\{s_r(x)\}$ defined by (3) converges a.e. for every ONS $\varphi = \{\varphi_k(x): k \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$ on I^d . The set of measure zero of the divergence points may vary with each φ .

One can easily see that if $a \in M(d, Q)$, then (2) is necessarily satisfied. This follows from the obvious fact that the *d*-multiple Rademacher system

$$\{r_k(x)\} = \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^d r_{k_j}(x_j) \colon k = (k_1, \dots, k_d) \in \mathbb{Z}^d \text{ and } x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{Z}^d \right\}$$

consists of stochastically independent functions and thus, for every choice of the sequence $Q = \{Q_r: r=0, 1, ...\}$ of finite sets in Z^d , the sequence $\{s_r(x)\}$ defined by (3) for $\varphi = \{r_k(x)\}$ converges a.e. or diverges a.e. according as (2) is satisfied or not.

For a given system $a = \{a_k : k \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$ of coefficients we set

$$\mathscr{I}(a; d, Q, \varrho) = \sup \int_{I_d} \left(\max_{0 \le r \le \varrho} |s_r(x)| \right)^2 dx,$$

where the supremum is taken over all ONS $\varphi = \{\varphi_k(x): k \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$ on I^d and $dx = = dx_1 \dots dx_d$, further,

$$||a; d, Q|| = \lim_{\varrho \to \infty} \mathscr{I}^{1/2}(a; d, Q, \varrho) \leq \infty.$$

This limit exists since $\mathcal{I}(a; d, Q, \varrho)$ is nondecreasing in ϱ .

Theorem 1. (i) $a \in M(d, Q)$ if and only if $||a; d, Q|| < \infty$; (ii) M(d, Q) endowed with the norm $||\cdot; d, Q||$ is a separable Banach space.

This theorem is essentially a reformulation of an earlier result of TANDORI [11].

To this effect, let $\psi = \{\psi_{k_1}(x_1): k=0, 1, ...\}$ be a single ONS on *I*. Consider the ordinary orthogonal series

(4)
$$\sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} c_{k_1} \psi_{k_1}(x_1),$$

where $c = \{c_{k_1}: k_1 = 0, 1, ...\}$ is a sequence of coefficients for which

(5)
$$\sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} c_{k_1}^2 < \infty.$$

Fixing a sequence $v = \{v_r : r = 0, 1, ...\}$ of integers with the property $0 \le v_0 < v_1 < ... < v_n < ... < v_n < ... < v_n < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ... < ..$ $< v_2 < ...,$ denote by M(v) the class of those sequences $c = \{c_k\}$ for which the v, th partial sums of series (4) converge a.e. for every ONS $\psi = \{\psi_{k_1}(x_1)\}$ on *I*.

For a given sequence $c = \{c_{k_1}\}$ of coefficients we set

(6)
$$\mathscr{I}(c; v, \varrho) = \sup \int_{I} \left(\max_{0 \leq r \leq \varrho} \left| \sum_{k_1=0}^{v_r} c_{k_1} \psi_{k_1}(x_1) \right| \right)^2 dx_1,$$

where the supremum is taken over all ONS $\psi = \{\psi_{k_1}(x_1)\}$ on *I*, and

 $||c; v|| = \lim_{\varrho \to \infty} \mathscr{I}^{1/2}(c; v, \varrho) \leq \infty.$

It is not hard to see that

$$\mathscr{I}(c; v, \varrho) = \sup \int_{I} \left(\max_{0 \leq r \leq \varrho} \left| \sum_{m_1 = 0}^{r} C_{m_1} \Psi_{m_1}(x_1) \right| \right)^2 dx_1,$$

where

$$C_m = \left(\sum_{k_1=\nu_{m-1}+1}^{\nu_m} c_{k_1}^2\right)^{1/2} \quad (m = 0, 1, ...; \nu_{-1} = -1)$$

and the supremum is taken over all ONS $\{\Psi_{m_1}(x_1)\}$ on *I*.

After these preliminaries the above-mentioned theorem of Tandori reads as follows.

Theorem A [11, Satz II]. (i) $c \in M(v)$ if and only if $||c; v|| < \infty$; (ii) M(v) endowed with the norm $\|\cdot; v\|$ is a separable Banach space.

Now, it is a trivial observation that Theorem A remains valid if instead of the single ONS $\psi = \{\psi_{k_1}(x_1): k_1=0, 1, ...\}$ on *I* we consider the *d*-multiple ONS $\varphi =$ $= \{\varphi_k(x): k \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$ on I^d and take the integrals over I^d instead of I in (6). In fact, the sufficiency part in (i) is true over any measure space X (instead of X=I or I^d), while the necessity part in (i) can be shown by the following simple observation: let $v_r = |Q_r|$, the number of the lattice points of Z^d contained in the set Q_r , and let $\varphi_k(x_1, ..., x_d) = \psi_{m_1}(x_1)$, where the mapping $k = k(m_1)$ is one-to-one for each pair $v_{r-1} < m_1 \le v_r$ and $k \in Q_r \setminus Q_{r-1}$ (r=0, 1, ...; $v_{-1} = -1$ and $Q_{-1} = \emptyset$). Consequently, Theorem 1 is really a reformulation of Theorem A.

In the light of what has been said above, the result of [11, Satz III] can be reformulated as follows.

Theorem 2. If two systems $a = \{a_k : k \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$ and $b = \{b_k : k \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$ of coefficients are such that

$$B_{r} = \left\{ \sum_{k \in \mathcal{Q}_{r} \setminus \mathcal{Q}_{r-1}} b_{k}^{2} \right\}^{1/2} \leq \left\{ \sum_{k \in \mathcal{Q}_{r} \setminus \mathcal{Q}_{r-1}} a_{k}^{2} \right\}^{1/2} = A_{r} \quad (r = 0, 1, ...),$$

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then

$$||b; d, Q|| \leq ||a; d, Q||;$$

consequently, if $a \in M(d, Q)$ then $b \in M(d, Q)$.

It is of interest to give an upper estimate for the norm $\|\cdot; d, Q\|$ which turns out to be exact in certain cases.

Theorem 3. In each case we have

(7)
$$||a; d, Q|| \leq C_1 \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k \in \mathcal{Q}_r \setminus \mathcal{Q}_{r-1}} a_k^2 \right) \log^2(r+2) \right\}^{1/2},$$

and in the special case when

$$A_{r} = \left\{ \sum_{k \in \mathcal{Q}_{r} \setminus \mathcal{Q}_{r-1}} a_{k}^{2} \right\}^{1/2} \ge \left\{ \sum_{k \in \mathcal{Q}_{r+1} \setminus \mathcal{Q}_{r}} a_{k}^{2} \right\}^{1/2} = A_{r+1} \quad (r = 0, 1, \ldots)$$

an inequality opposite to (7) holds also true:

$$||a; d, Q|| \ge C_2 \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k \in \mathcal{Q}_r \setminus \mathcal{Q}_{r-1}} a_k^2 \right) \log^2(r+2) \right\}^{1/2}.$$

Here C_1 and C_2 are positive constants depending only on d.

To prove Theorem 3 one has to start with the results of [7, Theorems 1 and 2] and to argue in a similar manner as it is done during the proof of [11, Satz VII].

We note that in the cases of the square and the spherical partial sums the righthand sides in inequality (7) coincide, up to a constant:

$$||a; d, Q^{i}|| \leq C_{1} \left\{ \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}} a_{k}^{2} \log^{2}(|k|+2) \right\}^{1/2} \quad (i = 1, 2).$$

In spite of this fact, the norms $||a; d, Q^1||$ and $||a; d, Q^2||$ are not equivalent to each other in case $d \ge 2$.

Theorem 4. If $d \ge 2$, then there exists a system $a = \{a_k : k \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$ of coefficients for which

$$||a; d, Q^1|| < \infty$$
 and $||a; d, Q^2|| = \infty$,

and vice versa, there exists a system $a = \{a_k : k \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$ of coefficients for which

$$||a; d, Q^1|| = \infty$$
 and $||a; d, Q^2|| < \infty$.

This is an easy consequence of Theorem 1 and [7, Theorem 3].

We note that the result stated in [7, Theorem 3] can be strengthened in the following way:

Let T be a regular method of summation (see. e.g., [14, p. 74]). Then there exists a double orthogonal series (1) such that (2) is satisfied, its square partial sums converge

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a.e., but its spherical partial sums are not summable by the method T a.e. on I^2 ; and vice versa.

In the proof of the latter assertion one has to use a result of [4, p. 183]:

For every regular method T of summation there exists a strictly increasing sequence $\{\mu_r: r=0, 1, ...\}$ of positive integers such that the a.e. T-summability of series (4) under condition (5) involves the a.e. convergence of the μ_r th partial sums of (4).

Keeping in mind the proof of [7, Theorem 3] one's task is essentially reduced to the construction of a single orthogonal series (4) with condition (5), the μ_r th partial sums of which diverge a.e., while the μ_{2r} th partial sums of which converge a.e. on *I*. This construction can be certainly done if the ratio μ_{r+1}/μ_r is large enough (r=0, 1, ...), and the last condition may be assumed without loss of generality.

3. A.e. $(C, \delta > 0)$ -summability of the spherical partial sums. Up to this point we studied the convergence properties of series (1) in the setting when $a = \{a_k : k \in Z^d\}$ is a fixed system of coefficients, while $\varphi = \{\varphi_k(x) : k \in Z^d\}$ runs over all the ONS on I^d . From now on we consider an individual ONS $\varphi = \{\varphi_k\}$ on I^d with some nice properties and let $a = \{a_k\}$ run over all the systems of coefficients satisfying condition (2).

To this aim, we assume that $\varphi = \{\varphi_k(x): k \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$ is a product ONS on I^d in the sense that there exists a single ONS $\psi = \{\psi_{k_1}(x_1): k_1 = 0, 1, ...\}$ on I such that

(8)
$$\varphi_k(x) = \prod_{j=1}^d \psi_{k_j}(x_j), \quad k = (k_1, \dots, k_d) \text{ and } x = (x_1, \dots, x_d);$$

furthermore, we assume that the system $\psi = \{\psi_{k_1}(x_1)\}$ is such that for every sequence $c = \{c_{k_1}: k_1 = 0, 1, ...\}$ of coefficients we have

(9)
$$\int_{\Gamma} \left(\max_{0 \leq r \leq \varrho} \left| \sum_{k_1=0}^{r} c_{k_1} \psi_{k_1}(x_1) \right| \right)^2 dx_1 \leq C \sum_{k_1=0}^{\varrho} c_{k_1}^2 \quad (\varrho = 0, 1, ...),$$

where C is a positive constant. Inequality (9) implies, among others, that series (4) converges a.e. under condition (5). The fact that inequality (9) is satisfied for the ordinary trigonometric system $\psi = \{1, \cos 2\pi k_1 x_1, \sin 2\pi k_1 x_1; k_1 = 1, 2, ...\}$ is due to HUNT [3], while for the Walsh system $\psi = \{w_{k_1}(x_1): k_1 = 0, 1, ...\}$ is due to SJÖLIN [8].

It is not hard to conclude from (9) the following upper estimate for the maximum of the square partial sums $s_r^1(x)$ of series (1):

$$\int_{I^d} \left(\max_{0 \le r \le \varrho} |s_r^1(x)| \right)^2 dx \le 2^d C^d \sum_{k \in Q_{\varrho}} a_k^2 \quad (\varrho = 0, 1, \ldots).$$

This means that the square partial sums $s_r^1(x)$ converge a.e. on I^d provided (2) is satisfied. (For more details, see [12] and [6].)

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The question of a.e. convergence of the spherical partial sums $s_r^2(x)$ of series (1) under condition (2) seems to us to be an open problem for $d \ge 2$. As to the multiple trigonometric system, we cite here two papers by Russian mathematicians. On the one hand, TEVZADZE [13] published in 1973 that he managed to prove that the spherical partial sums of the double Fourier expansion of a function $f(x_1, x_2)$ from $L^p(I^2)$ with p>1 converge a.e. on I^2 , but the proof turned out to be false even in case p=2. On the other hand, BUADZE [2] announced in 1976 the existence of a continuous function $f(x_1, x_2)$ on I^2 such that the spherical partial sums of the double Fourier expansion of a function and the existence of a partial sums of $f(x_1, x_2)$ on I^2 such that the spherical partial sums of the double Fourier expansion of $f(x_1, x_2)$ diverge everywhere, but the construction has not yet appeared.

We are unable to decide this question. However, we can prove the a.e. $(C, \delta > 0)$ -summability of the spherical partial sums $s_r^2(x)$ of series (1) under the only conditions that $\varphi = \{\varphi_k(x)\}$ is an ONS with properties (8) and (9), and $a = \{a_k\}$ is a system of coefficients satisfying (2). To this end, we recall that the (C, δ) -means $\sigma_e^{\delta}(x)$ in question are defined as follows:

$$\sigma_{\varrho}^{\delta}(x) = \frac{1}{A_{\varrho}^{\delta}} \sum_{r=0}^{\varrho} A_{\varrho-r}^{\delta-1} s_{r}^{2}(x) =$$
$$= \frac{1}{A_{\varrho}^{\delta}} \sum_{r=0}^{\varrho} A_{\varrho-r}^{\delta} (\sum_{r-1 < |k| \le r} a_{k} \varphi_{k}(x)),$$

where

$$A_{\varrho}^{\delta} = \begin{pmatrix} \varrho + \delta \\ \varrho \end{pmatrix} \quad (\varrho = 0, 1, ...; \delta > 0).$$

For a positive integer δ one can consider the following modified (C, δ)-means, too:

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{\varrho}^{\delta}(x) = \frac{1}{A_{\varrho}^{\delta}} \sum_{|k| \leq \varrho} A_{\varrho-|k|}^{\delta} a_{k} \varphi_{k}(\dot{x}),$$

in particular, for $\delta = 1$,

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{\varrho}^{1}(x) = \sum_{|k| \leq \varrho} \left(1 - \frac{|k|}{\varrho + 1} \right) a_{k} \varphi_{k}(x).$$

Unfortunately, we can prove the statement that

$$\sigma_{\varrho}^{\delta}(x) - \tilde{\sigma}_{\varrho}^{\delta}(x) \to 0$$
 as $\varrho \to \infty$ a.e. on I

only in case $\delta = 1$. In fact, writing

$$\sigma_{\varrho}^{1}(x)-\tilde{\sigma}_{\varrho}^{1}(x)=\frac{1}{\varrho+1}\sum_{r=0}^{\varrho}\left(\sum_{r-1<|k|\leq r}(r-|k|)a_{k}\varphi_{k}(x)\right),$$

by virtue of the Kronecker lemma (see, e.g. [1, p. 72]) it is enough to show that the single orthogonal series

$$\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r+1} \left(\sum_{r-1 < |k| \le r} (r-|k|) a_k \varphi_k(x) \right)$$

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converges a.e. on I^d . But by the well-known Rademacher—Menšov theorem this is the case provided (2) is satisfied.

After these preliminaries we state the following

Theorem 5. Assume that $\varphi = \{\varphi_k(x)\}$ is a product ONS on I^d given by (8) and satisfying condition (9), $a = \{a_k\}$ is a system of coefficients satisfying (2), and δ is a positive number. Then the spherical partial sums $s_r^2(x)$ of series (1) are (C, δ) -summable a.e. on I^d .

Taking into account of what has been said above on the trigonometric and Walsh systems, hence it follows immediately the following

Corollary. If $\varphi = \{\varphi_k(x)\}\$ is the d-multiple trigonometric or Walsh system, then the spherical partial sums $s_r^2(x)$ of series (1) are $(C, \delta > 0)$ -summable a.e. on I^d provided (2) is satisfied.

Remarks. (a) In the case when φ is the *d*-multiple trigonometric system, STEIN [9] proved that the Bochner—Riesz means $\tilde{\sigma}_{q}^{\delta}(x)$ of series (1) defined by

$$\tilde{\tilde{\sigma}}_{\varrho}^{\delta}(x) = \sum_{|k| < \varrho} \left(1 - \frac{|k|^2}{\varrho^2} \right)^{\delta} a_k \varphi_k(x) \quad (\varrho, \, \delta > 0)$$

converge to f(x) a.e. on I^d provided series (1) is the *d*-multiple Fourier expansion of a function $f(x) \in L^p(I^d)$, where

$$\delta > \frac{d-1}{2}\left(\frac{2}{p}-1\right)$$
 and $1 .$

In particular, under condition (2) the means $\tilde{\tilde{\sigma}}_{\varrho}^{\delta}(x)$ converge a.e. on I^{d} again for every $\delta > 0$.

(b) As to the multiple Haar system, KEMHADZE [5] proved that the spherical partial sums of the expansion of a function f(x) with respect to the *d*-multiple Haar system converge a.e. on I^d provided $f(x) \in L(\log^+ L)^{d-1}(I^d)$.

Proof of Theorem 5. Our starting point is that under the conditions of the theorem the square partial sums $s_r^1(x)$ of series (1) converge a.e. on I^d . We assume that $d \ge 2$, since in case d=1 we have $s_r^2(x) \equiv s_r^1(x)$ (r=0, 1, ...).

We will show that the subsequence $\{s_{dm}^2(x): m=0, 1, ...\}$ of the spherical partial sums of (1) also converges a.e. on I^d . This is an immediate consequence of Beppo Levi's theorem since

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \int_{I^d} (s_{d^m}^1(x) - s_{d^m}^2(x))^2 dx = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (\sum_{k \in \mathcal{Q}_{d^m}^1 \setminus \mathcal{Q}_{d^m}^2} a_k^2) \leq \sum_{k \in Z^d} a_k^2 < \infty.$$

Here we took into account that $\{Q_{d^m}^1 \setminus Q_{d^m}^2: m=0, 1, ...\}$ is a disjoint sequence of

sets. In fact, if $k \in Q_{d^m}^1 \setminus Q_{d^m}^2$ for a certain $m \ge 1$, then $\max_{1 \le j \le d} k_j = d^m$ and hence

$$|k| \leq d^{1/2} \max_{1 \leq j \leq d} k_j \leq d^{m+1/2}$$

i.e., $k \notin Q_{d^n}^1 \setminus Q_{d^n}^2$ for $n \ge m+1$. On the other hand,

$$\max_{1\leq j\leq d}k_{j}\geq d^{-1/2}|k|>d^{m-1/2},$$

whence $k \notin Q_{d^n}^1 \setminus Q_{d^n}^2$ follows for $n \le m-1$. We note that we should have taken the "thicker" subsequence $\{s_{ld^{m/2}}^2(x)\}$ too, where $[\cdot]$ means the integral part.

In order to make the proof complete, we apply a result of TANDORI [10] in a somewhat more general setting as stated originally and add some supplements. To this effect, let $v = \{v_r: r=0, 1, ...\}$ be, as earlier, a sequence of integers, $0 \le v_0 < < v_1 < v_2 < ...$, and consider the v_r th partial sums

$$\tilde{s}_{v_r}(x_1) = \sum_{k_1=1}^{v_r} c_{k_1} \psi_{k_1}(x_1)$$

of the orthogonal series (4) under condition (5). Now we form the $(C, \delta > 0)$ -means $\sigma_{\rho}^{\delta}(v; x_1)$ of the subsequence $\{\tilde{s}_{\nu_{\alpha}}(x_1)\}$:

(10)

$$\sigma_{\varrho}^{\delta}(v; x_{1}) = \frac{1}{A_{\varrho}^{\delta}} \sum_{r=0}^{\varrho} A_{\varrho-r}^{\delta-1} \tilde{s}_{v_{r}}(x_{1}) = \frac{1}{A_{\varrho}^{\delta}} \sum_{r=0}^{\varrho} A_{\varrho-r}^{\delta} \left(\sum_{k_{1}=v_{r-1}+1}^{v_{r}} c_{k_{1}} \psi_{k_{1}}(x_{1}) \right)$$

$$(\varrho = 0, 1, ...; v_{-1} = -1).$$

Then the above-mentioned theorem of Tandori can be stated in a more general form as follows.

Theorem B ([10, Hilfssatz I]). Let $v = \{v_r\}$ be a strictly increasing sequence of nonnegative integers, and let $\delta > 0$ and q > 1. Then, under condition (5), we have

(i)
$$\tilde{s}_{\nu_{[a^m]}}(x_1) - \sigma^{\mathbf{1}}_{[q^m]}(\nu; x_1) \to 0$$
 as $m \to \infty$, and

(ii)
$$\max_{[q^m] < r < [q^{m+1}]} \left(\sigma_r^1(v; x_1) - \sigma_{[q^m]}^1(v; x_1) \right) \to 0 \quad as \quad m \to \infty$$

a.e. on I.

This theorem is proved in [10] for the special case q=2, but the proof can be executed, without essential changes, for general q>1, too.

Now, using the reasonings made in [4, pp. 186–187] for the special case $v_r \equiv r$, one can supplement (i)—(ii) as follows.

Theorem C. Let $v = \{v_r\}$ be a strictly increasing sequence of nonnegative integers and let $\delta > 1/2$. Then, under condition (5), we have

(iii)
$$\frac{1}{\varrho+1} \sum_{r=0}^{\varrho} (\sigma_r^{\delta-1}(\nu; x_1) - \sigma_r^{\delta}(\nu; x_1))^2 \rightarrow 0 \quad as \ \varrho \rightarrow \infty$$

a.e. on I. Consequently, if

$$\sigma_r^{\delta}(v; x_1) \rightarrow f(x_1) \quad as \ r \rightarrow \infty$$

a.e. on I, then

$$\frac{1}{\varrho+1}\sum_{r=0}^{\varrho} (\sigma_r^{\delta-1}(v; x_1) - f(x_1))^2 \to 0 \quad as \ \varrho \to \infty$$

a.e. on I.

Finally, we insert an elementary lemma which can be found e.g. in [4, p. 189]: (iv) If $\delta > -1/2$ and

$$\frac{1}{\varrho+1}\sum_{r=0}^{\varrho}(\sigma_r^{\delta}-s)^2\to 0 \quad as \ \varrho\to\infty,$$

where the σ_r^{δ} are the (C, δ) -means of a numerical series, then, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, we have

$$\sigma_r^{\delta+1/2+\varepsilon} \to s \quad as \ r \to \infty.$$

Combining (i)—(iv) in such a manner as it is done in [4, pp. 189—190] for the case $v_r \equiv r$, one can conclude the following statement:

Under condition (5), the a.e. convergence of the subsequence $\{\tilde{s}_{v_{[q^m]}}(x_1): m==0, 1, ...\}$ of the partial sums of the orthogonal series (4) is equivalent to the a.e. convergence of the means $\{\sigma_{\varrho}^{\delta}(v; x_1): \varrho=0, 1, ...\}$ defined by (10), where $\delta > 0$ and q > 1 are fixed numbers.

On closing, one more remark: the latter statement clearly holds true if the interval I of orthogonality is replaced by any measure space X, in particular, by $X=I^d$.

This completes the proof of Theorem 5.

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