

Note on Fourier series with nonnegative coefficients

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1. Let $f(x)$ be a continuous and 2π -periodic function and let

$$(1) \quad f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx)$$

be its Fourier series. Denote $s_n = s_n(x)$ the n -th partial sum of (1). If $\omega(\delta)$ is a non-decreasing continuous function on the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ having the properties

$$\omega(0) = 0, \quad \omega(\delta_1 + \delta_2) \leq \omega(\delta_1) + \omega(\delta_2)$$

for any $0 \leq \delta_1 \leq \delta_2 \leq \delta_1 + \delta_2 \leq 2\pi$, then it will be called modulus of continuity.

Define the following classes of functions

$$(2) \quad H^\omega = \{f: \|f(x+h) - f(x)\| = O(\omega(h))\},$$

$$(3) \quad (H^\omega)^* = \{f: \|f(x+h) + f(x-h) - 2f(x)\| = O(\omega(h))\},$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the usual maximum norm. If $\omega(\delta) = \delta^\alpha$ then we write $\text{Lip } \alpha$ instead of H^{δ^α} .

In 1948 G. G. LORENTZ [7] proved a theorem containing a coefficient-condition for $f \in \text{Lip } \alpha$ in the case if the sequence of the Fourier coefficients is monotonic. Namely he proved the following result.

Theorem A ([7]). *Let $\lambda_n \neq 0$ and let λ_n be the Fourier sine or cosine coefficients of φ . Then $\varphi \in \text{Lip } \alpha$ ($0 < \alpha < 1$) if and only if $\lambda_n = O(n^{-1-\alpha})$.*

Later this result was generalized by R. P. BOAS [1] in 1967 as follows:

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Theorem B ([1]). Let $\lambda_n \geq 0$ and let λ_n be the sine or cosine coefficients of φ . Then $\varphi \in \text{Lip } \alpha$ ($0 < \alpha < 1$) if and only if

$$(4) \quad \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \lambda_k = O(n^{-\alpha}),$$

or equivalently

$$(5) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k \lambda_k = O(n^{1-\alpha}).$$

In 1980 L. LEINDLER in connection with certain investigations in the theory of strong approximation by Fourier series, defined some function classes which are more general than $\text{Lip } \alpha$ but narrower than H^ω . Namely he gave the following definition.

Let $\omega_\alpha(\delta)$ ($0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$) denote a modulus of continuity having the following properties:

(i) for any $\alpha' > \alpha$ there exists a natural number $\mu = \mu(\alpha')$ such that

$$(6) \quad 2^{\mu\alpha'} \omega_\alpha(2^{-n-\mu}) > 2\omega_\alpha(2^{-n}) \quad \text{holds for all } n \geq 1;$$

(ii) for every natural number ν there exists a natural number $N(\nu)$ such that

$$(7) \quad 2^{\nu\alpha} \omega_\alpha(2^{-n-\nu}) \leq 2\omega_\alpha(2^{-n}) \quad \text{if } n > N(\nu).$$

Using $\omega_\alpha(\delta)$ L. LEINDLER defined the function class $\text{Lip } \omega_\alpha$ in the following way

$$\text{Lip } \omega_\alpha = \left\{ f: \|f(x+h) - f(x)\| = O(\omega_\alpha(h)) \right\}.$$

Recently the author of the present paper generalized the result of R. P. BOAS formulated in Theorem B and some other ones for $\text{Lip } \omega_\alpha$ instead of $\text{Lip } \alpha$.

For example we proved the following

Theorem C ([8]). Let $\lambda_n \geq 0$ and λ_n be the Fourier sine or cosine coefficients of φ . Then

$$\varphi \in \text{Lip } \omega_\alpha \quad (0 < \alpha < 1)$$

if and only if

$$(8) \quad \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \lambda_k = O\left(\omega_\alpha\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right),$$

or equivalently

$$(9) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k \lambda_k = O\left(n \omega_\alpha\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right).$$

The question of further generalizations for arbitrary $\omega(\delta)$ and H^ω can naturally be arisen.

The first results in this direction were already given by A. I. RUBINSTEIN ([9]) for cosine series, furthermore V. G. KROTOV and L. LEINDLER ([3], see also in [6]) for the sine case. Their results read as follows

Theorem D ([9]). Let f be an even function belonging to H^ω and let a_n be its Fourier coefficients with $a_n \geq 0$ ($n=1, 2, \dots$). Then

$$(10) \quad \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k = O\left(\omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)$$

and

$$(11) \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n k a_k = O\left(\frac{1}{n} \int_{1/n}^{\delta_0} \frac{\omega(t)}{t^2} dt\right)$$

hold for some fix $\delta_0 > 0$.

If ω satisfies the condition

$$(12) \quad \delta \int_{\delta}^{\delta_0} \frac{\omega(t)}{t^2} dt = O(\omega(\delta))$$

then conditions (10) and (11) are sufficient for

$$f \in H^\omega.$$

It should be noted that (10) implies (11) for any ω , namely

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k a_k = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i=k}^n a_i = O(1) \sum_{k=1}^n \omega\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) = O(1) \int_{1/n}^{\delta_0} \frac{\omega(t)}{t^2} dt,$$

and thus for the special moduli of continuity ω satisfying relation (12) the condition (10) itself is a sufficient condition.

Theorem E ([3] Lemma 3, see also in [6]). If $\lambda_n \geq 0$ and

$$g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \sin nx$$

belongs to the class H^ω then

$$(13) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k \lambda_k = O\left(n \omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right).$$

The aim of this paper is to show that neither (10) nor (13) is sufficient for the corresponding function to be in H^ω ; furthermore to give sufficient condition for $f \in H^\omega$ in both cases. We also show that (10) is a necessary and sufficient condition for f to belong to the class $(H^\omega)^*$ (which is broader than H^ω , so this result in this sense is a little sharper than that of Rubinstein). Finally it will be proved that (10) and (13), respectively, is not only a necessary but also sufficient condition for $f \in H^\omega$ and $g \in H^\omega$, if the coefficients a_k and b_k form monotonically decreasing sequences.

2. Now we formulate our results.

Theorem 1. If $\lambda_n \geq 0$ and λ_n are the Fourier sine or cosine coefficients of φ , then the conditions

$$(14) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k\lambda_k = O\left(n\omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)$$

and

$$(15) \quad \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \lambda_k = O\left(\omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)$$

imply

$$(16) \quad \varphi \in H^\omega.$$

Remark. The well-known Weierstrass function

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos 2^n x}{2^n}$$

shows that (15) itself is not sufficient for $\varphi \in H^\omega$ (since $f \notin H^\omega$ if $\omega(\delta) = \delta$ and (15) is obviously satisfied).

The example

$$g(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4k^2} \sin 3^{4k^2} x$$

proves that from (14) alone (16) does not follow. This function was constructed by A. I. RUBINSTEIN ([9]) in connection with lacunary series. He proved that $g \notin H^\omega$, for $\omega(\delta) = \frac{1}{|\log_3 \delta|}$. At the same time it can easily be checked that (14) holds.

Theorem 2. If $a_k \geq 0$ and a_k are the Fourier cosine coefficients of f then

$$(17a) \quad f \in (H^\omega)^*$$

if and only if

$$(17b) \quad \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k = O\left(\omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right).$$

Remark. Notice that (17b) implies

$$(18) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k a_k \leq K \sum_{k=1}^n \omega\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$$

and using the standard estimation we have that (18) implies

$$f \in H^{\omega_*},$$

where

$$\omega_*(t) := t \sum_{k=1}^{[1/t]} \omega\left(\frac{1}{k}\right).$$

In fact, since from (17a) (18) follows we have that

$$(19) \quad \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k = O\left(\omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)$$

implies $f \in H^{\omega*}$ and Theorem 2 gives that the same condition (17a) implies

$$f \in (H^{\omega})^*,$$

too. Thus the following question can be arisen: whether

$$(20) \quad f \in H^{\omega*} \Leftrightarrow f \in (H^{\omega})^*$$

or not.

We can prove that

$$(21) \quad f \in (H^{\omega})^* \Rightarrow f \in H^{\omega*}$$

but the converse is false. Really, from Theorem 2 we have that

$$f \in (H^{\omega})^* \Rightarrow \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k = O\left(\omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)$$

which assures that $f \in H^{\omega*}$, so (21) is proved. In order to prove that

$$(22) \quad f \in H^{\omega*} \not\Rightarrow f \in (H^{\omega})^*$$

we consider the following function

$$(23) \quad f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log k}{k^2} \cos kx$$

and let $\omega(t) = t$, that is, $\omega_*(t) = t \log t$. From Theorem 4 of [8] it follows that

$$f \in H^{\delta \log \delta} \quad (= H^{\omega*})$$

because both

$$(24) \quad \sum_{h=n}^{\infty} \frac{\log k}{k^2} = O\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right)$$

and

$$(25) \quad \left\| \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\log k}{k} \sin kx \right\| = O(\log n)$$

hold. And at the same time

$$f \notin (H^{\delta})^* = (H^{\omega})^*,$$

because

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} |f(0+2h) + f(0-2h) - 2f(0)| &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log n}{n^2} (1 - \cos 2nh) = \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log n}{n^2} \sin^2 nh \cong 2h^2 \sum_{n=1}^{[1/h]} \log n \frac{\sin^2 nh}{n^2 h^2} \cong 2h |\log h|, \end{aligned}$$

which gives that

$$\|f(x+h)+f(x-h)-2f(x)\| \neq O(h),$$

that is, $f \notin (H^\delta)^*$ and so (22) is proved.

Theorem 3. If $b_k \neq 0$ and $g(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \sin kx$ then

$$(26a) \quad g \in H^\omega$$

if and only if

$$(26b) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n kb_k = O\left(n\omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right).$$

Theorem 4. If $a_k \neq 0$ and $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos kx$ then

$$(27a) \quad f \in H^\omega$$

if and only if

$$(27b) \quad \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k = O\left(\omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right).$$

3. We require the following lemmas.

Lemma 1. Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of nonnegative numbers and ω be a modulus of continuity. Then

$$(28) \quad \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k = O\left(\omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)$$

implies

$$(29) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 a_k = O\left(n^2 \omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right).$$

Proof. *) Using (28) we have

$$(30) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 a_k = \sum_{k=1}^n (2k-1) \sum_{i=k}^n a_i \leq 2 \sum_{k=1}^n k \omega\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) = I.$$

Since for any ω the inequality

$$(31) \quad \frac{\omega(x_1)}{x_1} \leq 2 \frac{\omega(x_2)}{x_2} \quad (0 < x_2 \leq x_1)$$

*) This very elegant proof is due to L. Leindler; the author's original one was much more complicated.

(see for example [11] p. 103) holds I can be estimated as follows

$$(32) \quad I \leq 2n \cdot 2n\omega \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) = 4n^2 \omega \left(\frac{1}{n} \right).$$

Thus (30) and (32) give (29).

Lemma 2. Let $a_k \geq 0$ and a_k be the Fourier cosine coefficients of f . Then

$$(33) \quad \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k = O \left(\omega \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \left\| \sum_{k=1}^n k a_k \sin kx \right\| = O \left(n\omega \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) \right)$$

imply

$$(34) \quad f \in H^\omega.$$

This lemma can be proved in the same way as Theorem 4 in [8] for $\omega_1(\delta)$.

4. Proofs.

Proof of Theorem 1. We detail the proof just for cosine series. Set

$$(35) \quad |f(x+2h) - f(x)| = 2 \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k \sin k(x+h) \sin kh \right| \leq \\ \leq 2 \left(\sum_{k=1}^{[1/h]} \lambda_k \sin kh + \sum_{k=[1/h]}^{\infty} \lambda_k \right) = I + II.$$

Since

$$(36) \quad I \leq Kh \sum_{k=1}^{[1/h]} k \lambda_k \frac{\sin kh}{kh} \leq K_1 h \sum_{k=1}^{[1/h]} k \lambda_k,$$

from (14) it follows that

$$(37) \quad I = O(\omega(h)).$$

By using (15) we have that

$$(38) \quad II = O(\omega(h)).$$

So (35), (36), (37) and (38) give that

$$f \in H^\omega.$$

Theorem 1 is completed.

Proof of Theorem 2. Suppose that (17b) holds. Then

$$(39) \quad |f(x+2h) + f(x-2h) - 2f(x)| = 4 \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \sin^2 kh \cos kx \right| \leq \\ \leq 4 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \sin^2 kh = 4h^2 \sum_{k=1}^{[1/h]} k^2 a_k \frac{\sin^2 kh}{k^2 h^2} + \sum_{k=[1/h]}^{\infty} a_k.$$

The first item of the last formula does not exceed $O(\omega(h))$ because of Lemma 1; and from (17b) we get that the second one is also $O(\omega(h))$. So (17b) \Rightarrow (17a) is proved.

Turning to prove (17a) \Rightarrow (17b) first we note that the proof will be led by the same way as A. I. RUBINSTEIN did in [9]. Let $I_n(x, g)$ be the Jackson polynomial defined by

$$(40) \quad I_n(x, g) = \frac{3}{2n\pi(2n^2+1)} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(t) \left(\frac{\sin n \frac{t-x}{2}}{\sin \frac{t-x}{2}} \right)^4 dt.$$

This polynomial can be written in the following form

$$(41) \quad I_n(x, g) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{2n-2} \varrho_k^{(n)} (a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx),$$

where a_k, b_k are the Fourier coefficients of g and $\varrho_k^{(n)}$ are defined as follows

$$(42) \quad \varrho_k^{(n)} = \frac{1}{2n(2n^2+1)} \left[\frac{(2n-k+1)!}{(2n-k-2)!} - 4 \frac{(n-k+1)!}{(n-k-2)!} \right] \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq n-2,$$

$$\varrho_k^{(n)} = \frac{1}{2n(2n^2+1)} \frac{(2n-k+1)!}{(2n-k-2)!} \quad \text{for } n-2 < k \leq 2n-2.$$

Formula (42) was given by G. P. SAFRANOVA ([10]).

Consider the following difference for

$$(43) \quad f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos kx$$

$$f(0) - I_n(0; f) = \sum_{k=1}^{2n-2} (1 - \varrho_k^{(n)}) a_k + \sum_{k=2n-1}^{\infty} a_k.$$

It can be proved that the order of approximation by polynomial (40) is $O\left(\omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)$ for

$$g \in (H^\omega)^*$$

(see for example [2] pp. 496—497).

Using this fact and that $1 - \varrho_k^{(n)} \cong 0$ we have from (43)

$$\sum_{k=2n-1}^{\infty} a_k = O\left(\omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right),$$

which was to be proved.

Theorem 2 is completed.

Proof of Theorem 3. The statement (26a) \Rightarrow (26b) was proved by V. G. KROTOV and L. LEINDLER (see Theorem E). Now we suppose (26b). It is obvious that to

prove (26a) it is sufficient to show

$$(44) \quad |g(h) - g(0)| \leq K_1 \cdot \omega(h)$$

and

$$(45) \quad |g(x) - g(x+h)| \leq K_2 \omega(h), \quad \text{for } 0 < h \leq x \leq \pi.$$

First we prove (44).

Set

$$(46) \quad |g(h) - g(0)| \leq \left| \sum_{k=1}^{[1/h]} b_k \sin kh \right| + \left| \sum_{k=[1/h]}^{\infty} b_k \sin kh \right| = I + II.$$

Using (26b) we can estimate I as follows

$$(47) \quad I \leq h \sum_{k=1}^{[1/h]} k b_k \frac{\sin kh}{kh} \leq Kh \sum_{k=1}^{[1/h]} k b_k = O(\omega(h)).$$

From the well-known inequality

$$(48) \quad \left| \sum_{k=n}^m a_k \sin kx \right| \leq \frac{4}{x} a_n \quad (a_n \downarrow, x \in (0, \pi))$$

it follows that

$$(49) \quad II \leq 4 \frac{1}{h} b_{[1/h]}.$$

But taking into account that $b_k \downarrow$, from (26b) we have

$$(50) \quad b_n = O\left(\frac{\omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)}{n}\right).$$

From (49) and (50) we get

$$(51) \quad II = O(\omega(h)).$$

Using (46), (47) and (51) we obtain (44).

Now we verify (45). Consider

$$(52) \quad |g(x+h) - g(x)| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k (\sin kx - \sin k(x+h)) \right| \leq \\ \leq \left| \sum_{k=1}^{[1/h]} b_k \cos k(x+h) \sin kh \right| + \left| \sum_{k=[1/h]}^{\infty} b_k \sin kx - \sin k(x+h) \right| \leq \\ \leq \left| \sum_{k=1}^{[1/h]} b_k \sin kh \right| + \left| \sum_{k=[1/h]}^{\infty} b_k \sin kx \right| + \left| \sum_{k=[1/h]}^{\infty} b_k \sin k(x+h) \right| = I + II' + II''.$$

By (47) we have

$$(53) \quad I = O(\omega(h)).$$

Taking into account again (48), (49) and the condition $0 < h \leq x$ we have that the magnitude of either II' or II'' is $O(\omega(h))$, that is,

$$(54) \quad II' + II'' = O(\omega(h)).$$

Thus (52), (53) and (54) give (45) which is the desired statement.

Theorem 3 is completed.

Proof of Theorem 4. Using Theorem 2 and the fact that $H^\omega \subset (H^\omega)^*$ the statement (27a) \Rightarrow (27b) can immediately be obtained. Concerning the opposite direction, by Lemma 2, it is enough to show that

$$(55) \quad \left\| \sum_{k=1}^n k a_k \sin kx \right\| \leq K \cdot n\omega \left(\frac{1}{n} \right).$$

Let $x \in (0, \pi)$ be fixed and let ν denote $\left\lfloor \frac{1}{x} \right\rfloor$; if $n > \frac{1}{x}$, then split up the left hand side of (55) into two parts as follows

$$(56) \quad \left\| \sum_{k=1}^n k a_k \sin kx \right\| \leq \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{\nu} k a_k \sin kx \right\| + \left\| \sum_{k=\nu+1}^n k a_k \sin kx \right\| = I + II.$$

Estimating I we get

$$(57) \quad I \leq K_1 x \sum_{k=1}^{\nu} k^2 a_k.$$

Taking into account the monotony of a_k and (27b) we have

$$(58) \quad k a_k = O \left(\omega \left(\frac{1}{k} \right) \right).$$

From (58) it follows that

$$(59) \quad x \sum_{k=1}^{\nu} k^2 a_k \leq K_2 x \sum_{k=1}^{\nu} k \omega \left(\frac{1}{k} \right) \leq K_3 n \omega \left(\frac{1}{n} \right).$$

In the last step we used again inequality (31) and $n > \nu$.

Thus from (57) and (59)

$$(60) \quad I = O \left(n \omega \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) \right)$$

can be obtained.

Now we estimate the second item in (56). Since

$$(61) \quad II = \left\| \sum_{k=\nu}^n k a_k \sin kx \right\| \leq \left\| \sum_{k=\nu}^n \sum_{i=k}^n a_i \sin ix \right\| + \nu \sum_{i=\nu}^n a_i = II' + II''$$

and using again (48) and (58)

$$(62) \quad II' \cong K \sum_{k=v}^n \frac{a_k}{x} \cong K_1 v \sum_{k=v}^n k\omega \left(\frac{1}{k} \right) \frac{1}{k^2} \cong K_2 n\omega \left(\frac{1}{n} \right).$$

And for II'' using (58) we immediately obtain that

$$(63) \quad II'' \cong K_3 n\omega \left(\frac{1}{n} \right),$$

and (61), (62), (63) give that

$$(64) \quad II = O \left[n\omega \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) \right].$$

Thus (60) and (64) together give (56) which was to be proved.

Theorem 4 is completed.

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