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Abstract

Full Text

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ON THE THEORY OF LINEAR POLYNOMIAL OPERATIONS

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1°. Denote by C the space of all continuous functions $f(x)$ defined on the segment $[-1, 1]$, with norm

$$\|f\| = \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x)|.$$

Denote by Π_n the set of all algebraic polynomials of degree $\leq n$. Denote by \mathfrak{M}_n the set of all linear operations V_n from C into C that map C into Π_n . The following theorem is known.

Theorem 1. In order that the sequence $\{V_n(f)\}_{n=1}^\infty$, $V_n \in \mathfrak{M}_n$, satisfy, for every $f \in C$, the relation

$$\|V_n(f) - f\| \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty; \tag{1}$$

it is necessary and sufficient that the following conditions hold: 1) for every polynomial relation (1) is fulfilled; 2) the norms of the operators V_n are bounded in the aggregate

$$\|V_n\| \leq C, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where the constant C does not depend on n .

Verification of condition 2) is usually associated with great difficulties. Therefore one tries to replace it by other conditions. Thus, for example, if V_n is a method of summation of a Fourier-Chebyshev series,

$$V_n(f) = V_n(f, x, \lambda) = \frac{a_0 \lambda_0^{(n)}}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \lambda_k^{(n)} T_k(x), \tag{2}$$

$$a_k = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f(\cos t) \cos kt \, dt,$$

then condition 2) is replaced by the condition ^(1,2)

$$\int_0^\pi \left| \frac{\lambda_0^{(n)}}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k^{(n)} \cos kt \right| dt \leq C, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Not every operator from \mathfrak{M}_n is an operator of the form (2). Therefore the question arises of replacing, in the case of arbitrary linear polynomial operations

V_n , condition 2) by other conditions which, together with condition 1), are necessary and sufficient for relation (1) to hold for every $f \in C$. In the present note this question is studied in the nonperiodic case.

2°. Denote by C^\wedge the space consisting of all even 2π -periodic functions $\varphi(\theta)$ with norm

$$\|\varphi\| = \max_{0 \leq \theta \leq \pi} |\varphi(\theta)|.$$

Between the spaces $f \in C$ and $\varphi \in C^\wedge$ one can establish a one-to-one correspondence according to the formulas

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\theta) &= f(\cos \theta), & 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi; \\ f(x) &= \varphi(\arccos x), & -1 \leq x \leq 1, \end{aligned}$$

where $f \in C$ and $\varphi \in C^\wedge$. It is clear that $\|f\| = \|\varphi\|$. As is known (1), φ is called the function induced by the function f . To preserve the connection in notation between the function itself and the induced function, we shall use

will be denoted by the sign $\hat{\cdot}$. Thus,

$$\hat{f}(\theta) = f(\cos \theta), \quad f(x) = \hat{f}(\arccos x).$$

Following Faber (3) and Fejér (4), we define the shift T_h of a function $\varphi \in C^\wedge$ by h according to the formula

$$T_h \varphi = T_h^\theta \varphi = \frac{\varphi(\theta + h) + \varphi(\theta - h)}{2}. \quad (3)$$

The operator (3) has the following obvious properties: 1) from $\varphi \in C^\wedge$ it follows that, for every $-\infty < h < \infty$, $T_h \varphi \in C^\wedge$; 2) $\|T_h \varphi\| \leq \|\varphi\|$; 3) if φ is a cosine polynomial of order n , then $T_h^\theta \varphi$ is also a cosine polynomial of order n , both with respect to θ and with respect to h .

By the shift of a function $f \in C$ we mean the shift of the induced function. Thus,

$$T_h f = T_h^\theta f = \frac{\hat{f}(\theta + h) + \hat{f}(\theta - h)}{2}.$$

3°. Let $V_n \in \mathfrak{M}_n$. Introduce the operator

$$\tilde{V}_n(f, \theta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} T_h^\theta V_n^\wedge(T_h^\theta f) dh, \quad (4)$$

where h is considered as a parameter, and θ as the independent variable. The operator \tilde{V}_n has the following properties: 1) if $V_n \in \mathfrak{M}_n$, then $\tilde{V}_n \in \mathfrak{M}_n$; 2) $\|\tilde{V}_n\| \leq 2\|V_n\|$.

Theorem 2. Let $V_n \in \mathfrak{M}_n$; then, for every $f \in C$, the equality

$$\tilde{V}_n(\hat{f}, \theta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \hat{f}(h) \tilde{V}_n(T_h^\theta D_n) dh, \quad (5)$$

holds, where $D_n(t)$ is the Dirichlet kernel of order n .

We indicate the proof of this theorem. It is known that the partial sum of order n of the Fourier series of the function \hat{f} can be represented in the form

$$S_n(\hat{f}, \theta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \hat{f}(h) T_h^\theta D_n dh. \quad (6)$$

Since $\tilde{V}_n \in \mathfrak{M}_n$, according to (5) we have

$$\tilde{V}_n(\hat{f}) = \tilde{V}_n(S_n(\hat{f})). \quad (7)$$

It follows from (6) and (7) that

$$\tilde{V}_n(\hat{f}, \theta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \tilde{V}_n \left(\int_0^\pi \hat{f}(h) T_h^\theta D_n dh \right). \quad (8)$$

It is easy to verify the validity of interchanging the operator and the integral. Therefore (5) follows from (8).

Theorem 3. Let $V_n \in \mathfrak{M}_n$; then

$$\|V_n\| \geq \frac{L_n}{2}, \quad L_n = \max_{0 \leq \theta \leq \pi} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi |\tilde{V}_n(T_h^\theta D_n)| dh. \quad (9)$$

Proof. According to Theorem 2, $\tilde{V}_n(\hat{f}, \theta)$ is an integral operator from C^\wedge into C^\wedge with kernel $\tilde{V}_n(T_h^\theta D_n)$. Using a general theorem of functional analysis concerning integral operators, we obtain that

$$\|\tilde{V}_n^\wedge\| = L_n. \quad (10)$$

Since $\|V_n\| \geq \|\tilde{V}_n^\wedge\|/2$, (9) follows from (10).

From Theorem 3 there follows

Theorem 4. In order that the sequence $\{V_n(f)\}_{n=1}^\infty$, $V_n \in \mathfrak{M}_n$, satisfy relation (1) for every $f \in C$, it is necessary that relation (1) hold for every monomial and that

$$L_n \leq C, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where the constant C does not depend on n .

It is curious that the necessary conditions indicated in Theorem 4 are close to sufficient conditions. This is seen from Theorem 5.

Theorem 5. *Let the sequence $\{V_n(f)\}_{n=1}^\infty$, $\mathfrak{M} \ni V_n$, be such that for every monomial relation (1) holds, and let*

$$L_n \leq C, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \quad (11)$$

where the constant C does not depend on n . Then for every $f \in C$ the equality holds

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \widetilde{V}_n^\wedge(f^\wedge) - f^\wedge - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f^\wedge(t) dt \right\| = 0. \quad (12)$$

Proof. From (10) and (11) it follows that the norms of the operators \widetilde{V}_n^\wedge are uniformly bounded. Therefore, by Theorem 1, it remains only to prove that equality (12) holds for any function $T_m^\wedge(\theta) = \cos m\theta$. Let us first verify that equality (12) holds for $\cos m\theta$, where $m > 0$.

From the definition of \widetilde{V}_n^\wedge we have

$$\widetilde{V}_n^\wedge(\cos m\theta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} T_h^\theta V_n^\wedge(\cos m\theta) \cos mh \, dh. \quad (13)$$

It is easy to see that

$$\cos m\theta = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} T_h^\theta \cos m\theta \cos mh \, dh. \quad (14)$$

From equalities (13) and (14) we conclude that

$$\left\| \widetilde{V}_n^\wedge(\cos m\theta) - \cos m\theta \right\| \leq 2 \|V_n^\wedge(\cos m\theta) - \cos m\theta\|.$$

Since, by assumption, the right-hand side tends to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \widetilde{V}_n^\wedge(\cos m\theta) - \cos m\theta \right\| = 0,$$

and, for $f^\wedge(\theta) = \cos m\theta$, $m > 0$, this equality is equivalent to (12).

Consider now the case when $f = 1$. We have

$$\tilde{V}_n^\wedge(1) - 2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} [T_h^\theta V_n^\wedge(1) - T_h^\theta 1] dh.$$

Consequently,

$$\|\tilde{V}_n^\wedge(1) - 2\| \leq 2 \|V_n^\wedge(1) - 1\|. \quad (15)$$

By the hypothesis of the theorem, as $n \rightarrow \infty$ the right-hand side of inequality (15) tends to zero. Therefore from (15) follows the equality

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\tilde{V}_n^\wedge(1) - 2\| = 0,$$

which is the particular case of equality (12) when $f = 1$.

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