

ON THE CONVERGENCE OF FOURIER–LAPLACE SERIES

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In the present paper we prove the following theorem. For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a measurable set  $G \subset S^3$  with measure  $\text{mes}G > 4\pi - \varepsilon$ , such that for each  $f(x) \in L^1(S^3)$  there is a function  $g(x) \in L^1(S^3)$ , coinciding with  $f(x)$  on  $G$  with the following properties. Its Fourier–Laplace series converges to  $g(x)$  in metrics  $L^1(S^3)$  and the inequality holds  $\sup_N \left\| \sum_{n=1}^N Y_n[g, (\theta, \varphi)] \right\|_{L^1(S^3)} \ll 3 \|g\|_{L^1(S^3)} \leq 12 \|f\|$ .

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Let  $S^3$  be the unit sphere in three-dimensional Euclidean space  $R^3$ . The Cartesian and spherical coordinates of a point  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in S^3$  are connected by relations

$$x_1 = \sin \theta \cos \varphi, \quad x_2 = \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \quad x_3 = \cos \theta, \quad \theta \in [0, \pi], \quad \varphi \in [0, 2\pi].$$

Let  $L^1(S^3)$  be the class of functions  $f(x) = f(\theta, \varphi)$ ,  $x \in S^3$ , with bounded integral  $\iint_{S^3} |f(x)| ds$ , where  $ds = \sin \theta d\theta d\varphi$  is the area element of the surface  $S^3$ .

We denote by  $\|f\|_{L^1}$  the norm of  $f(x)$  in  $L^1(S^3)$ , i.e.  $\|f\|_{L^1(S^3)} = \iint_{S^3} |f(x)| ds$ . It is

known (see [1–3]) that in  $R^3$  there are  $2n+1$  linearly independent spherical harmonics of order  $n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & p_n(\cos \theta), \quad p_n^m(\cos \theta) \cos m\varphi, \quad p_n^m(\cos \theta) \sin m\varphi, \\ & m = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi, \quad 0 \leq \varphi \leq 2\pi, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $p_n(t)$  are standard,  $p_n^m(t)$  are adjoint Legendre polynomials. Any spherical function  $Y_n(\theta, \varphi)$  of order  $n$  may be represented as a combination of functions (1):

$$Y_n(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{n,0} p_n(\cos \theta) + \sum_{m=1}^n p_n^m(\cos \theta) \left[ \alpha_n^{(m)} \cos m\varphi + \beta_n^{(m)} \sin m\varphi \right].$$

Note that the functions  $Y_n(\theta, \varphi)$  as well as the functions (1) form orthogonal systems on  $S^3$  and

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$$\begin{aligned} \|p_n(\cos\theta)\|_{L^2(S^3)} &= \frac{4\pi}{2n+1}, \\ \|p_n^m(\cos\theta)\cos m\varphi\|_{L^2(S^3)}^2 &= \|p_n^m(\cos\theta)\sin m\varphi\|_{L^2(S^3)}^2 = \frac{2\pi}{n+1} \cdot \frac{(n+m)!}{(n-m)!}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Note that there is a renewed interest to spherical functions (see for instance [1–5]). For  $f(x) \in L(S^3)$  we put

$$\begin{aligned} a_n^{(m)}(f) &= \frac{2n+1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{(n-m)!}{(n+m)!} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi f(\theta, \varphi) p_n^m(\cos\theta) \cos m\varphi \sin\theta \, d\theta \, d\varphi, \\ b_n^{(m)}(f) &= \frac{2n+1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{(n-m)!}{(n+m)!} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi f(\theta, \varphi) p_n^m(\cos\theta) \sin m\varphi \sin\theta \, d\theta \, d\varphi, \\ Y_n[f, (\theta, \varphi)] &= \frac{1}{2} a_n^{(0)}(f) p_n(\cos\theta) + \\ &+ \sum_{m=1}^n p_n^{(m)}(\cos\theta) [a_n^{(m)}(f) \cos m\varphi + b_n^{(m)}(f) \sin m\varphi]. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Y_n[f, (\theta, \varphi)]$  is called Fourier–Laplace series for the function  $f(\theta, \varphi)$ .

In 1975 A. Bonami and E. Clerc [6] proved that there is a function  $f(\theta, \varphi) \in L^1(S^3)$  such that its Fourier–Laplace series diverges in the metrics  $L^1(S^3)$ :

$$\overline{\lim}_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{n=1}^N Y_n[f, (\theta, \varphi)] - f(\theta, \varphi) \right\|_{L^1} = +\infty.$$

In the present work we prove the following theorem.

*Theorem.* For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a measurable set  $G \subset S^3$  with measure  $\text{mes}G > 4\pi - \varepsilon$ , such that for each  $f(x) \in L^1(S^3)$  there is a function  $g(x) \in L^1(S^3)$  coinciding with  $f(x)$  on  $G$ , whereas its Fourier–Laplace series converges to  $g(x)$  in  $L^1(S^3)$  and

$$\sup_N \left\| \sum_{n=1}^N Y_n[g, (\theta, \varphi)] \right\|_{L^1(S^3)} < 3 \|g\|_{L^1(S^3)} \leq 12 \|f\|.$$

*Remark.* This Theorem is a strengthening of M.G. Grigorian's result (Theorem 1, [5]). To prove the Theorem we use the method developed by M.G. Grigorian in [7, 8]. However the idea of improving the convergence of Fourier series through changing the function being decomposed on a small measure set, belongs to D.E. Menshoff [9, 10]. In this direction a number of interesting results were obtained in [11, 13]. We'll use the following Lemma to prove the Theorem.

*Lemma.* Given the function  $f(\theta, \varphi) \in L^1(S^3)$ ,  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  and  $N_0 > 1$ . There are a measurable set  $E \subset S^3$ , a function  $g(\theta, \varphi) \in L(S^3)$  and a polynomial by spherical harmonics having the form  $P(\theta, \varphi) = \sum_{k=N_0}^{\tilde{N}} Y_k(\theta, \varphi)$ , satisfying the following conditions:

1.  $\text{mes}E > 4\pi - \varepsilon$ ,

2.  $g(\theta, \varphi) = f(\theta, \varphi)$  on  $E$ ,
3.  $\frac{1}{2} \|f\|_{L^1(S^3)} \leq \|g\|_{L^1(S^3)} \leq 4 \|f\|_{L^1(S^3)}$ ,
4.  $\|g - p\|_{L^2(S^3)} < \varepsilon$ ,
5.  $\sup_{N_0 \leq m \leq \bar{N}} \left\| \sum_{k=N_0}^m Y_k \right\|_{L^1(S^3)} \leq 4 \|f\|_{L^1(S^3)}$ .

The proof of this Lemma is similar to the one used in [7] for Lemma 2.

*Proof of Theorem.* Let

$$f_1(\theta, \varphi), f_2(\theta, \varphi), \dots, f_n(\theta, \varphi), \dots \quad (4)$$

be a sequence of polynomials by spherical harmonics  $Y_n(\theta, \varphi)$  with rational coefficients. Repeatedly applying the Lemma we get the sequences of functions  $\{\bar{g}_n(\theta, \varphi)\}$ , sets  $\{\bar{E}_n\}$  and polynomials

$$\bar{p}_n(\theta, \varphi) = \sum_{k=M_{n-1}}^{M_n-1} Y_k(\theta, \varphi), \quad M_n < M_{n+1}, \quad (5)$$

satisfying the conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}_n(\theta, \varphi) &= f_n(\theta, \varphi) \text{ on } \bar{E}_n \subset S^3, \\ |\bar{E}_n| &> 4\pi - \frac{\varepsilon}{2^n}, \\ \frac{1}{2} \|f_n\|_{L^1(S^3)} &\leq \|\bar{g}_n\|_{L^1(S^3)} \leq 4 \|f_n\|_{L^1(S^3)}, \\ \|\bar{p}_n - \bar{g}_n\|_{L^2(S^3)} &< 2^{-4n}, \\ \sup_{M_{n-1} \leq m < M_n} \left\| \sum_{k=M_{n-1}}^m Y_k \right\|_{L^1(S^3)} &\leq 4 \|f_n\|_{L^1(S^3)}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

We put  $E = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{E}_n$ . Obviously (see condition 1 of Lemma),  $\text{mes} E > 4\pi - \varepsilon$ . Let

$f(x) = f(\theta, \varphi) \in L^1(S^3)$ . It is easy to see that one can choose a subsequence  $\{f_{k_n}(x)\}$  from the sequence (4), such that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \iint_{S^3} \left| \sum_{n=1}^N f_{k_n}(x) - f(x) \right| ds = 0, \quad (7)$$

$$\iint_{S^3} |f_{k_n}(x)| ds < 2^{-8n}, \quad n \geq 2. \quad (8)$$

Assume that the functions  $g_1(x), \dots, g_{\nu-1}(x)$  and the polynomials  $P_n(x) = \sum_{k=m_n}^{\bar{m}_n} Y_k(x)$ ,

$m_{n+1} > \bar{m}_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots, \nu - 1$ , satisfying the conditions

$$g_n(x) = f_{k_n}(x), \quad x \in E, \quad n \leq \nu - 1, \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \|f_{k_n}\|_{L^1(S^3)} < \iint_{S^3} |g_n(x)| ds < 2^{-2(n-1)}, \quad (10)$$

$$\iint_{S^3} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n [P_i(x) - g_i(x)] \right|^2 dx < 2^{-2n}, \quad (11)$$

$$\max_{m_n \leq i < m_{n+1}} \iint_{S^3} \left| \sum_{k=m_n}^i Y_k(x) \right| ds < 2^{-n}, \quad (12)$$

are already defined.

We take a function  $f_{k_\nu}(x)$  from the sequence (4) such that

$$\iint_{S^3} \left| f_{k_\nu}(x) - \left\{ f_{k_\nu}(x) - \sum_{i=1}^{\nu-1} [P_i(x) - g_i(x)] \right\} \right| ds < 2^{-8\nu}. \quad (13)$$

Taking into account (8) and (11), we have

$$\iint_{S^3} \left| f_{k_\nu}(x) - \sum_{i=1}^{\nu-1} [P_i(x) - g_i(x)] \right| ds < 2 \cdot 2^{-2(\nu-1)}. \quad (14)$$

From (13) it follows  $\iint_{S^3} |f_{k_\nu}(x)| ds < 2^{-\nu}$ . We put

$$\begin{aligned} g_\nu(x) &= f_{k_\nu}(x) + [\bar{g}_{k_n}(x) - f_{k_n}(x)], \\ P_\nu(x) &= \bar{P}_{k_n}(x) = \sum_{k=m_\nu}^{\bar{m}_\nu} Y_k(x), \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where  $m_\nu = M_{k_{n-1}}$ ,  $\bar{m}_\nu = M_{k_n} - 1$ .

Taking into account (9), (10)–(13), (15), we get  $g_\nu(x) = f_{k_\nu}(x)$ ,  $x \in E$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{S^3} |g_\nu(x)| ds &\leq \iint_{S^3} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\nu-1} [P_i(x) - g_i(x)] \right| ds + \iint_{S^3} |\bar{g}_{k_n}(x)| ds + \\ &+ \iint_{S^3} |f_{k_n}(x) - \{f_{k_\nu}(x) - [P_i(x) - g_i(x)]\}| ds < 5 \cdot 2^{-2(\nu-1)}, \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \iint_{S^3} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} [P_i(x) - g_i(x)] \right|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} &\leq \left( \iint_{S^3} \left| f_{k_n} - \left\{ f_{k_\nu} - \sum_{i=1}^{\nu-1} [P_i(x) - g_i(x)] \right\} \right|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} + \\ &+ \left( \iint_{S^3} |\bar{P}_{k_\nu}(x) - \bar{g}_{k_\nu}(x)|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} < 2^{-2\nu}. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

It is clear that one can define by induction a sequence of functions  $\{g_\nu(x)\}$  and polynomials  $\{P_\nu(x)\}$ , satisfying the conditions (16) and (17) for all  $\nu \geq 1$ . From (16) it follows

$$\iint_{S^3} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} g_i(x) \right| ds < \infty. \quad (18)$$

We define the function  $g(x)$  and its series by spherical harmonics in the following way

$$g(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} g_i(x), \quad \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} P_\nu(x) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=m_\nu}^{\bar{m}_\nu} Y_k(x) \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n(x),$$

$$m_{\nu+1} > \bar{m}_\nu, Y_n(x) \equiv 0, \text{ for } n \in \bigcup_{\nu=1}^{\infty} [\bar{m}_\nu + 1, m_{\nu+1}].$$

From (18) we have

$$g(x) \in L(S^3), g(x) = f(x) \text{ on } E,$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \|f\|_{L^1(S^3)} < \|g\|_{L^1(S^3)} \leq 4 \|f\|_{L^1(S^3)}.$$

Let  $m$  be an arbitrary natural number  $m > m_{\nu_0}$ . Then for some  $\nu > \nu_0$  we have  $m_\nu \leq m \leq m_{\nu+1}$ , and from (10) and (15) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{S^3} \left| \sum_{k=1}^m Y_k(x) - g(x) \right| ds &\leq \iint_{S^3} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\nu-1} P_i(x) - g_i(x) \right| ds + \\ &\quad \sum_{k=\nu}^{\infty} \iint_{S^3} |g_k(x)| ds + \iint_{S^3} \left| \sum_{k=m_\nu}^m |Y_k(x)| \right| ds < 2^{-\nu+3}. \\ \left\| \sum_{k=1}^m Y_k \right\|_{L^1} &= \iint_{S^3} \left| \sum_{k=1}^m Y_k(x) \right| ds \leq \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \left( \max_{m_\nu \leq m < \bar{m}_\nu} \iint_{S^3} \left| \sum_{k=m_\nu}^m Y_k(x) \right| ds \right) + 2 \iint_{S^3} |g_1(x)| ds \leq \\ &\leq 3 \iint_{S^3} |g(x)| ds \leq 12 \iint_{S^3} |f(x)| ds. \end{aligned}$$

The Theorem is thus proved.

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Ֆուրյե–Լապլասի շարքերի զուգամիտության մասին

Աշխատանքում ապացուցված է հետևյալ թեորեմը: Ցանկացած դրական  $\varepsilon$  թվի համար գոյություն ունի  $\text{mes}G > 4\pi - \varepsilon$  չափով այնպիսի չափելի  $G \subset S^3$  բազմություն, որ ցանկացած  $f(x) \in L^1(S^3)$  ֆունկցիայի համար կարելի է գտնել  $g(x) \in L^1(S^3)$  ֆունկցիա, որը համընկնում է  $f(x)$ -ի հետ  $G$  բազմության վրա և որի Ֆուրյե–Լապլասի շարքը զուգամիտում է  $g(x)$ -ին  $L^1(S^3)$  մետրիկայով և տեղի ունի հետևյալ անհավասարությունը.  $\sup_N \left\| \sum_{n=1}^N Y_n[g, (\theta, \varphi)] \right\|_{L^1(S^3)} \ll 3 \|g\|_{L^1(S^3)} \leq 12 \|f\|$  :

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**О сходимости рядов Фурье–Лапласа**

В статье доказывается следующая теорема. Пусть  $\varepsilon$  – любое положительное число. Тогда существует измеримое множество  $G \subset S^3$  с мерой  $\text{mes}G > 4\pi - \varepsilon$  такое, что для каждой функции  $f(x) \in L^1(S^3)$  можно найти функцию  $g(x) \in L^1(S^3)$ , совпадающую с  $f(x)$  на множестве  $G$ , что ее ряд Фурье–Лапласа сходится к  $g(x)$  в метрике  $L^1(S^3)$  и имеет место неравенство  $\sup_N \left\| \sum_{n=1}^N Y_n[g, (\theta, \varphi)] \right\|_{L^1(S^3)} \ll 3 \|g\|_{L^1(S^3)} \leq 12 \|f\|$ .