

CHAPTER - IV

ON THE ORDER OF CERTAIN SUMMABILITY

MEANS

4.1 Let $\{\phi_n(x)\}$ ($n=0,1,2,\dots$) be an orthonormal system (ONS) of L^2 -integrable functions defined in the closed interval $[a,b]$. We consider the orthogonal series

$$(4.1.1) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n(x)$$

with real coefficients c_n 's.

The notations $s_n(x)$, $t_n(x)$, $\{p_n\} \in M^\alpha$ and $\{p_n\} \in BVM^\alpha$ mean the same as referred in Chapter II.

Define
$$K_n(t,x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \phi_k(t) \phi_k(x)$$

and

$$L_n(x) = \int_a^b |K_n(t,x)| dt$$

Here $K_n(t,x)$ and $L_n(x)$ are respectively called the n^{th} kernel and n^{th} Lebesgue function of the ONS $\{\phi_n(x)\}$.

The behaviour of Lebesgue functions effects upon the convergence of orthogonal series. The connection between the behaviour of Lebesgue functions and convergence was first discovered by Kolmogoroff-Seliverstoff¹⁾ and Plessner²⁾ for

1) Kolmogoroff and Seliverstoff ([35], [36])

2) Plessner [66]

the case of Fourier trigonometric series. It was then extended to orthogonal series for the convergence and Cesàro summability by Kaczmarz¹⁾ and Tandori²⁾ and for summability by first Logarithmic means by Meder.³⁾ Sunouchi⁴⁾ has also worked in this direction for Riesz means. While discussing the influence of Lebesgue functions on the Cesàro summability of orthogonal series Alexits⁵⁾ has proved the following theorem.

THEOREM A : If the Lebesgue functions

$$(4.1.2) \quad L_{2^n}(x) = \int_a^b \left| \sum_{k=0}^{2^n} \phi_k(t) \phi_k(x) \right| dt$$

of an ONS $\{\phi_n(x)\}$ are uniformly bounded on the set $E \subset [a, b]$, then the condition

$$(4.1.3) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n^2 < \infty$$

implies the $(C, \alpha > 0)$ -summability of the orthogonal series (4.1.1) almost everywhere on E .

In this chapter we extend the above result to Riesz and Nörlund summability as follows :

THEOREM 1 : If the Lebesgue functions (4.1.2) of an ONS $\{\phi_n(x)\}$ are uniformly bounded on the set $E \subset [a, b]$, then the relation (4.1.3) implies that the estimate

$$\sigma_n(\lambda, x) = o_x(n)$$

1) Kaczmarz [28]

4) Sunouchi [77]

2) Tandori [82]

5) Alexits ([4], p.185)

3) Meder [47]

holds almost everywhere on E .

THEOREM 2 : If

$$(4.1.4) \quad \{p_n\} \in BVM^\alpha, \quad \alpha > \frac{1}{2}$$

and the Lebesgue functions (4.1.2) of an ONS $\{\phi_n(x)\}$ are uniformly bounded on the set $E \subset [a, b]$, then the orthogonal series (4.1.1) is (N, p_n) -summable almost everywhere under the condition (4.1.3).

Further, while discussing the Cesàro summability of the orthogonal series (4.1.1) Alexits¹⁾ has made the following assertion :

THEOREM B : If the coefficients of the orthogonal series (4.1.1) satisfy the condition (4.1.3) and the series (4.1.1) is A -summable almost everywhere, then the relation

$$(4.1.5) \quad \sigma_n(x) = o_x(\log \log n)$$

holds almost everywhere.

An attempt has been made here to prove the above theorem without the A -summability condition. In what follows we prove the following theorem :

THEOREM 3²⁾ : If the coefficients of the orthogonal series (4.1.1) satisfy the condition (4.1.3), then the relation (4.1.5) holds almost everywhere.

1) Alexits ([4], p.129)

2) Kantawala [30]

4.2 In order to prove the above theorems, we need the following lemmas :

LEMMA 1¹⁾ : Under the condition (4.1.3) the relation

$$s_n(x) - \overline{s}_n(x) = o_x(1)$$

is valid almost everywhere for every index sequence $\{v_n\}$ with

$$\frac{v_{n+1}}{v_n} \geq q > 1.$$

LEMMA 2²⁾ : If the coefficients of the orthogonal series (4.1.1) satisfy the condition

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n^2 (\log \log n)^2 < \infty,$$

then the series (4.1.1) is (C, α) -summable for every $\alpha > 0$.

LEMMA 3³⁾ : If $\{\lambda_n\}$ is a positive, non-decreasing number sequence for which the relation

$$L_n(x) = O(\lambda_n) \quad (v_1 < v_2 < \dots)$$

holds in a set $E \subset [a, b]$, then for the partial sums $\{s_n(x)\}$ of the orthogonal series (4.1.1) under the condition (4.1.3), the estimate

$$s_n(x) = O_x(\lambda_n^{\frac{1}{p}})$$

holds almost everywhere on E .

1) Alexits ([4], p.118)

2) Alexits ([4], p.125)

3) Alexits ([4], p.172)

LEMMA 4¹⁾ : Let $s_n(x)$ be the n^{th} partial sum of the orthogonal series (4.1.1) with coefficients C_n satisfying the condition (4.1.3) and $\{n_k\}$ be an arbitrary increasing sequence of indices satisfying the condition

$$1 < q \leq \frac{n_{k+1}}{n_k} \leq r \quad \text{for } k=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where r and q are constants. If

$$\{p_n\} \in \text{BVM}^\alpha, \quad \alpha > \frac{1}{2}$$

then the orthogonal series (4.1.1) is (N, p_n) -summable almost everywhere if and only if the sequence $\{s_{n_k}(x)\}$ is convergent almost everywhere.

LEMMA 5 : Let

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n$$

be a given series with $\{s_n\}$ and $\{\overline{G}_n\}$ as its sequences of partial sums and n^{th} $(C, 1)$ -means respectively. If $\{m_n\}$ is a convex null sequence and

$$(4.2.1) \quad \overline{G}_n = O(1)$$

then

$$\overline{G}_n(\lambda, m) = o(n)$$

where $\overline{G}_n(\lambda, m)$ denotes the $(R, \lambda_n, 1)$ -mean of the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n m_n.$$

PROOF : Using Abel's transformation, we obtain

1) Meder [48]

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_n(\lambda, m) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_k}{\lambda_{n+1}}\right) U_k m_k = \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n \delta_k U_k, \quad \text{where } \delta_k = \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_k}{\lambda_{n+1}}\right) m_k \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n (\delta_k - \delta_{k+1}) s_k + \delta_n s_n \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n \delta'_k s_k + \delta_n s_n, \quad \text{where } \delta'_k = \delta_k - \delta_{k+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, it follows on account of $\delta_n = \delta'_n$ by Abel's transform that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_n(\lambda, m) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \delta'_k s_k = \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \delta''_k (k+1) \sigma_k + \delta'_n (n+1) \sigma_n,
\end{aligned}$$

where $\delta''_k = \delta'_k - \delta'_{k+1}$

The second difference δ''_k may be represented as follows :

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta''_k &= \delta'_k - \delta'_{k+1} = \\
&= \delta_k - 2\delta_{k+1} + \delta_{k+2} \\
&= \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_k}{\lambda_{n+1}}\right) \Delta m_k - \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_{k+1}}{\lambda_{n+1}}\right) \Delta m_{k+1} + \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k}{\lambda_{n+1}}\right) m_{k+1} + \left(\frac{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_{k+2}}{\lambda_{n+1}}\right) m_{k+2},
\end{aligned}$$

where $\Delta m_k = m_k - m_{k+1}$.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{G}_n(\lambda, m) &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_k}{\lambda_{n+1}}\right) (k+1) \bar{G}_k \Delta m_k - \\
 &- \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_{k+1}}{\lambda_{n+1}}\right) (k+1) \bar{G}_k \Delta m_{k+1} + \\
 &+ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k}{\lambda_{n+1}}\right) (k+1) \bar{G}_k m_{k+1} + \\
 &+ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_{k+2}}{\lambda_{n+1}}\right) (k+1) \bar{G}_k m_{k+2} + \\
 &+ \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_{n+1}}\right) (n+1) \bar{G}_n m_n.
 \end{aligned}$$

From condition (4.2.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{G}_n(\lambda, m) &= O(1) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1) \Delta m_k + O(1) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1) \Delta m_{k+1} + \\
 &+ O(1) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k}{\lambda_{n+1}}\right) (k+1) m_{k+1} + \\
 &+ O(1) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_{k+2}}{\lambda_{n+1}}\right) (k+1) m_{k+2} + \\
 &+ O(1) \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_{n+1}}\right) (n+1) m_n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\{m_n\}$ is a convex null sequence

$$n \Delta m_n = o(1)$$

and consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_n(\lambda, m) &= o(n) + o(n) + O(1) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k}{\lambda_{n+1}} \right) (k+1) m_{k+1} + \\ &+ O(1) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k}{\lambda_{n+1}} \right) (k+1) m_{k+2} + o(n). \\ &= o(n) + O(1) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k}{\lambda_{n+1}} \right) (k+1) \Delta m_{k+1} \\ &= o(n) + o(1) \\ &= o(n). \end{aligned}$$

With this the lemma is proved.

LEMMA 6¹⁾ : If $\{\lambda_n\}$ is positive, concave, monotone increasing and tending so slowly to infinity that $\Delta \lambda_n = O(n^{-1})$, then $(C, 1)$ -summability of the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n$$

implies the estimate

$$\sigma_n(\lambda) = o(\lambda_n)$$

where $\sigma_n(\lambda)$ denotes the n^{th} $(C, 1)$ -mean of the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n \lambda_n.$$

1) Alexits ([4], p.74)

LEMMA 7 : The sequence $\{\log \log n\}$ is concave and $\Delta \log \log n = O((\log n)^{-1})$, where for any sequence $\{\lambda_n\}$ we mean $\Delta \lambda_k = \lambda_k - \lambda_{k+1}$ and $\Delta^2 \lambda_k = \Delta \lambda_k - \Delta \lambda_{k+1}$.

PROOF : We observe that

$$\Delta^2 \log \log n = \log \log n + \log \log(n+2) - \log \log^2(n+1).$$

Thus in order to prove the sequence $\{\log \log n\}$ to be concave, we must have

$$\log\left(\frac{\log n \cdot \log(n+2)}{\log^2(n+1)}\right) \leq 0$$

or

$$(4.2.2) \quad \frac{\log n \cdot \log(n+2)}{\log^2(n+1)} \leq 1.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \log n &= \log(n+1-1) \\ &= \log(n+1) + \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right). \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$(4.2.3) \quad \log n = \log(n+1) - \frac{1}{(n+1)} - \frac{1}{2(n+1)^2} - \dots$$

and

$$\log(n+2) = \log(n+1+1).$$

i.e.,

$$(4.2.4) \quad \log(n+2) = \log(n+1) + \frac{1}{(n+1)} - \frac{1}{2(n+1)^2} + \dots$$

Hence, from (4.2.3) and (4.2.4)

$$\begin{aligned} \log n \cdot \log(n+2) &\leq \log^2(n+1) + \log(n+1) \left\{ \frac{1}{(n+1)} - \frac{1}{2(n+1)^2} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{3(n+1)^3} - \dots - \frac{1}{(n+1)} - \frac{1}{2(n+1)^2} - \dots \right\} \\ &= \log^2(n+1) - \log(n+1) \left\{ \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} + \frac{1}{2(n+1)^4} + \dots \right\} \\ &< \log^2(n+1). \end{aligned}$$

This proves (4.2.2).

Now, we proceed to prove that

$$\Delta(\log \log n) = O((n \log n)^{-1}).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta \log \log n| &= |\log \log n - \log \log(n+1)| \\ &= \log \log(n+1) - \log \log n \\ &= \int_{\log n}^{\log(n+1)} \frac{dx}{x} \\ &\leq \frac{\log(n+1) - \log n}{\log n} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\Delta \log n = O(n^{-1})$, we have

$$|\Delta \log \log n| = \frac{1}{\log n} O(n^{-1}) = O((n \log n)^{-1}).$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.

4.3 PROOF OF THEOREM 1 : Since

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n^2 < \infty$$

there exists a monotone number sequence $\{u_n^2\}$, such that $u_n \rightarrow \infty$ and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n^2 u_n^2 < \infty.$$

It is also easy to construct (for instance geometrically) a strictly increasing concave sequence $\{m_n\}$ with $m_n^2 \leq u_n^2$, $m_n \rightarrow \infty$ and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n^2 m_n^2 < \infty.$$

Since $\{m_n\}$ is concave and tending to infinity, $\{1/m_n\}$ is a convex null sequence. Let $s_n(m, x)$ and $\bar{s}_n(m, x)$ denote the n^{th} partial sum and the n^{th} $(C, 1)$ -mean of the orthogonal series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n m_n \phi_n(x)$$

respectively.

From our assumption about the uniform boundedness of the Lebesgue functions (4.1.2), it follows by Lemma 3 that the relation

$$s_{2^p}(m, x) = O_x(1)$$

holds almost everywhere on E.

Hence, the relation

$$\sigma_{2^p}(m, x) = O_x(1)$$

is valid almost everywhere on E due to Lemma 1.

Also

$$\sigma_n(m, x) - \sigma_{2^p}(m, x) \rightarrow 0 \quad 1)$$

almost everywhere with $2^p < n < 2^{p+1}$.

Therefore, the relation

$$\sigma_n(m, x) = O_x(1)$$

is valid almost everywhere on E.

Since the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n(x)$$

arises from the series

$$(4.3.1) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n m_n \phi_n(x)$$

by multiplying by turns the terms of the series (4.3.1) by the terms of the convex null sequence $\{1/m_n\}$, it follows by

1) Alexits ([4], p.119)

Lemma 5 that the estimate

$$\sigma_n(\lambda, x) = o_x(n)$$

holds almost everywhere on E .

This proves the theorem completely,

4.4 PROOF OF THEOREM 2 : From the given conditions, we can conclude by Theorem A that the orthogonal series (4.1.1) is $(C, \alpha > 0)$ -summable almost everywhere on E . Therefore, Lemma 1 implies the convergence of the sequence $\{s_{2^n}(x)\}$ of the partial sums of the series (4.1.1).

Hence by Lemma 4, it follows that the orthogonal series (4.1.1) is (N, p_n) -summable almost everywhere on E .

4.5 PROOF OF THEOREM 3 : We have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n^2 < \infty,$$

i.e.
$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{c_n^2}{(\log \log n)^2} (\log \log n)^2 < \infty.$$

Consequently, it follows from Lemma 2 that the orthogonal series

$$\sum \frac{c_n}{\log \log n} \phi_n(x)$$

is (C, α) -summable for every $\alpha > 0$.

Moreover, due to Lemma 7, it follows that the sequence $\{\log \log n\}$ is positive, concave, monotone increasing and tending so slowly to infinity and $\Delta(\log \log n) = O(n^{-1})$, hence Lemma 6 implies that

$$\overline{6}_n(x) = o_x(\log \log n)$$

is valid almost everywhere.

With this the theorem is proved.