

## AN ESTIMATE OF ULTRASPHERICAL SERIES BY GENERALIZED NÖRLUND MEANS

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### DEFINITIONS AND NOTATIONS

(i) Let  $f(\theta, \phi)$  be a function defined for the range  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ ,  $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$  on a sphere S. We suppose throughout that the function

$$f(\theta', \phi') [\sin^2 \theta' \sin^2 (\phi - \phi')]^{\lambda - \frac{1}{2}} \quad \dots (1.1)$$

is absolutely integral (L) over the whole surface of the unit sphere.

A generalized mean value of  $f(\theta, \phi)$  on the sphere has been defined by KOGBETLIANTZ [4, 5, 6, 7 and 8], we define the generalized mean value of  $f(\theta, \phi)$  as follows

$$f(\omega) = \frac{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} + \lambda\right)}}{(\lambda) 2\pi (\sin \omega)^{2\lambda}} \int_{c_\omega} \frac{f(\theta', \phi')}{[\sin^2 \theta' \sin^2 (\phi - \phi')]^{\frac{1}{2} - \lambda}} \quad \dots (1.2)$$

where the integral is taken along the small circle whose centre is  $(\theta, \phi)$  on the sphere and whose curvilinear radius is  $\omega$ .

(ii) (N, p, q) means of ultraspherical series – It is known that SZEGO [10]

$$\begin{aligned} \sum (k + \lambda) P_n^{(\lambda)}(\cos \theta) &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(m + 2\lambda) P_m^{(\lambda)}(\cos \theta) - P_{m+1}^{(\lambda)}(\cos \theta)(m + 1)}{1 - \cos \theta} \quad \dots (1.3) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \{P_m^{(\lambda)}(x) + P_{m+1}^{(\lambda)}(x)\}_{x=\cos \theta} \right] \end{aligned}$$

So the  $m$ th partial sum  $S_m$  of the series is given by

$$S_m = \frac{\sqrt{(\lambda)}}{2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \lambda\right)}} \int_0^\pi f(\omega) \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \{P_{m+1}^{(\lambda)}(x) + P_m^{(\lambda)}(x)\} \right]_{x=\cos \theta} (\sin \omega)^{2\lambda} d\omega$$

Now using the orthogonal property of the ultraspherical polynomials we have

$$S_m - f(P) = \frac{\sqrt{(\lambda)}}{2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \lambda\right)}} \int_0^\pi F(\omega) \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \{P_{m+1}^{(\lambda)}(x) + P_m^{(\lambda)}(x)\} \right]_{x=\cos \theta} (\sin \omega)^{2\lambda} d\omega \quad \dots (1.4)$$

where  $f(P)$  is the value of the function at a point  $P$  on the sphere.

Putting

$$F(\omega) = [f(\omega) - f(P)] (\sin \omega)^{2\lambda-1} \quad \dots (1.5)$$

Hence, in virtue of the definition of  $(N, p, q)$  means, we have

$$t_n^{p,q} - f(P) = \int_0^\pi F(\omega) L_n(\omega) d\omega \quad \dots (1.6)$$

where 
$$L_n(\omega) = \frac{\sqrt{(\lambda)}}{2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \lambda\right)} \frac{1}{R_n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n-k} q_k \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \{P_m^{(\lambda)}(x) + P_{m+1}^{(\lambda)}(x)\} \right]_{x=\cos \theta} \sin \omega$$

where  $\{p_n\}$  and  $\{q_n\}$  are positive and  $\{q_n\}$  is non increasing sequences of real number such that

$$R_n = (p * q)_n = p_0 q_n + p_1 q_{n-1} + \dots + p_n q_0 (\neq 0) \\ p_{-1} = q_{-1} = r_{-1} = 0$$

We suppose throughout that

$$R_n^{\delta-1} \geq n^{\lambda-1}, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

and

$$\int_0^t R \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^\delta du = O \left[ R \left(\frac{1}{t}\right)^\delta \right]$$

## INTRODUCTION

Generalizing the theorem of PORWAL [9], GUPTA and PANDEY [3] have proved a theorem on the degree of approximation to a function  $f(x)$  by Nörlund means of Fourier series.

Later on, generalizing the theorem of GUPTA and PANDEY [3] BEOHAR [1] has proved a theorem on the degree of approximation of a function by Nörlund means of ultraspherical series in the following form.

**Theorem :** Let  $\{p_n\}$  be a positive non increasing sequence of real numbers such that

$\left\{ \frac{(P_n)^\delta}{n^\lambda} \right\}$  is increasing and

$$\int_t^\delta \frac{|F(\theta)|^p \left(\frac{1}{\theta}\right)^{d\theta}}{\theta^{\lambda+1}} = O \left[ t^\lambda \left( P \left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \right)^\delta \right] \text{ for } 0 < \lambda < 1, 0 < \delta < 1 \quad \dots (2.1)$$

then 
$$t_n - f(P) = O \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \right)^{1-\delta} \quad \dots (2.2)$$

It may be mentioned here that the condition (2.1) is un-natural, because the right hand side approaches to zero  $t \rightarrow 0$ .

3. The object of the present paper is to improve the theorem on the degree of approximation to a function by its  $(N, p, q)$  means of ultraspherical series. However, our theorem is as follows.

**Theorem :** If  $0 < \delta \leq \pi$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$

$$\int_t^\delta \frac{|F(\omega)|^p \left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right)^{d\omega}}{\omega^{\lambda+1}} = 0 \left[ \left( R_{\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)} \right)^\delta \right] \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0 \quad \dots (3.1)$$

and then

$$t_n - f(R) = 0 \left[ \frac{n^{\lambda-1}}{(R_n)^{1-\delta}} \right] + 0 \left[ \frac{n^\lambda}{R_n} \right] \quad \dots (3.2)$$

4. For the proof of the theorem we require the following lemmas

**Lemma 1:** [10] If  $0 < \lambda < 1$  and  $C$  is a fixed constant and  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then

$$P_n^{(\lambda)}(\cos \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta^{-\lambda} 0(n^{\lambda-1}), & \frac{c}{n} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0(n^{2\lambda-1}), & 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{c}{n} \end{cases} \quad \dots (4.1)$$

**Lemma 2:** [2] If  $0 < \lambda < 1$  and  $0 \leq \omega \leq \pi$ , then

$$L_n(\omega) = 0(n^{2\lambda+1}\omega) \quad \dots (4.2)$$

**Lemma 3:** [2] If  $0 < \lambda < 1$  and  $\pi - \frac{c}{n} \leq \omega \leq \pi$ , then

$$L_n(\omega) = 0(n^{2\lambda} \sin \omega) \quad \dots (4.3)$$

where  $c$  is a positive constant

**Lemma 4:** The condition (3.1) implies that

$$\int_0^t |F(\omega)| d\omega = 0 \left[ \frac{t^{\lambda+1}}{\left( R_{\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)} \right)^{1-\delta}} \right] \quad \dots (4.4)$$

**Proof of the lemma** we write

$$\phi(t) = \int_t^\delta \frac{|F(\omega)| R_{\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right)} d\omega}{\omega^{\lambda+1}} = 0 \left[ R_{\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)}^\delta \right]$$

Hence, on integration by parts, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_t^\delta |F(\omega)| R_{\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right)} d\omega &= \int_t^\delta u^{\lambda+1} \phi'(u) du \\ &= [u^{\lambda+1} \phi(u)]_0^t - \int_0^t u^\lambda \phi(u) du \\ &= 0 \left[ t^{\lambda+1} \left( R_{\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)} \right)^\delta \right] + 0 \int_0^t u^\lambda \left( R_{\left(\frac{1}{u}\right)} \right)^\delta du \\ &= 0 \left[ t^{\lambda+1} \left( R_{\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)} \right)^\delta \right] \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\int_0^t |F(\omega)| R_{\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right)} d\omega = 0 \left[ t^{\lambda+1} \left( R_{\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)} \right)^\delta \right]$$

$$R_{\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)} \int_0^t |F(\omega)| d\omega = 0 \left[ t^{\lambda+1} \left( R_{\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)} \right)^\delta \right]$$

$$\int_0^t |F(\omega)| d\omega = 0 \left[ \frac{t^{\lambda+1}}{\left( R_{\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)} \right)^{1-\delta}} \right]$$

Thus the lemma holds.

## **P**ROOF OF THE THEOREM

**W**e have from (1.6)

$$\begin{aligned} t_n^{p,q} - f(P) &= \int_0^\pi |F(\omega)| L_n(\omega) d\omega \\ &= \int_0^{c/n} + \int_{c/n}^\delta + \int_\delta^{\pi-c/n} + \int_{\pi-c/n}^\pi |F(\omega)| L_n(\omega) d\omega \\ &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4 \quad \text{say} \end{aligned} \quad \dots (5.1)$$

We first consider,

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_0^{c/n} |F(\omega)| L_n(\omega) d\omega \\ &= 0 (n^{2\lambda+1}) \int_0^{c/n} |F(\omega)| \omega d\omega \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts and using lemma 4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= 0 \left[ n^{2\lambda+1} \left( \frac{\omega^{\lambda+2}}{R_{\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right)}^{1-\delta}} \right)_0^{c/n} \right] \\ &= 0 \left[ \frac{n^{2\lambda+1}}{(R_n)^{1-\delta}} \cdot n^{-\lambda-2} \right] \\ &= 0 \left[ \frac{n^{\lambda-1}}{(R_n)^{1-\delta}} \right] \end{aligned} \quad \dots (5.2)$$

Next we consider  $I_2$

$$I_2 = \int_{c/n}^\delta |F(\omega)| L_n(\omega) d\omega$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 0 \left( \frac{n^{\lambda-1}}{R_n} \right) \int_{c/n}^{\delta} |F(\omega)| R_{\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right)} \left( \sin \frac{\omega}{2} \right)^{-\lambda-1} \left( \cos \frac{\omega}{2} \right)^{-\lambda} d\omega \\
&\quad + 0 \left( \frac{n^{\lambda}}{R_n} \right) \int_{c/n}^{\delta} |F(\omega)| R_{\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right)} \left( \sin \frac{\omega}{2} \right)^{-\lambda} \left( \cos \frac{\omega}{2} \right)^{1-\lambda} d\omega \\
&= I_{2.1} + I_{2.2} \quad \text{say}
\end{aligned}$$

We discuss  $I_{2.1}$ , first,

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{2.1} &= 0 \left( \frac{n^{\lambda-1}}{R_n} \right) \int_{c/n}^{\delta} \frac{|F(\omega)| R_{\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right)} d\omega}{\omega^{\lambda+1}} \\
&= 0 \left( \frac{n^{\lambda-1}}{R_n} \right) ((R_n)^{\delta}) \\
&= 0 \left[ \frac{n^{\lambda-1}}{(R_n)^{1-\delta}} \right] \quad \dots (5.3)
\end{aligned}$$

Next we have

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{2.2} &= 0 \left( \frac{n^{\lambda}}{R_n} \right) \int_{\frac{c}{n}}^{\delta} \frac{|F(\omega)| R_{\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right)} d\omega}{\omega^{\lambda}} \\
&= 0 \left( \frac{n^{\lambda}}{R_n} \right) \int_{\frac{c}{n}}^{\delta} \frac{\omega |F(\omega)| R_{\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right)} d\omega}{\omega^{\lambda+1}} \\
&= 0 \left( \frac{n^{\lambda}}{R_n} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{n} \int_{\frac{c}{n}}^{\delta} \frac{|F(\omega)| R_{\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right)} d\omega}{\omega^{\lambda+1}} \right] \\
&= 0 \left[ \frac{n^{\lambda-1}}{R_n} \right] [(R_n)^{\delta}] \\
&= 0 \left[ \frac{n^{\lambda-1}}{(R_n)^{1-\delta}} \right] \quad \dots (5.4)
\end{aligned}$$

Combining (5.3) and (5.4), we get

$$I_2 = 0 \left[ \frac{n^{\lambda-1}}{(R_n)^{1-\delta}} \right] \quad \dots (5.5)$$

Now, we consider  $I_3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
I_3 &= \int_{\delta}^{\pi - \frac{c}{n}} |F(\omega)| L_n(\omega) d\omega \\
&= 0 \left( \frac{n^{\lambda-1}}{R_n} \right) \int_{\delta}^{\pi - \frac{c}{n}} \frac{|F(\omega)| R_{\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right)} d\omega}{\left( \sin \frac{\omega}{2} \right)^{\lambda+1} \left( \cos \frac{\omega}{2} \right)^{\lambda}} \\
&\quad + 0 \left( \frac{n^{\lambda}}{R_n} \right) \int_{\delta}^{\pi - \frac{c}{n}} \frac{|F(\omega)| R_{\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right)} d\omega}{\left( \sin \frac{\omega}{2} \right)^{\lambda} \left( \cos \frac{\omega}{2} \right)^{\lambda-1}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$= 0 \left[ \frac{n^{\lambda-1}}{(R_n)^{1-\delta}} \right] + 0 \left[ \frac{n^\lambda}{R_n} \right] \quad \dots (5.6)$$

At last, we consider  $I_4$ ,

$$I_4 = \int_{\pi-\frac{c}{n}}^{\pi} |F(\omega)| L_n(\omega) d\omega$$

By lemma 3, we have

$$I_4 = 0 \left[ n^{2\lambda} \int_{\pi-\frac{c}{n}}^{\pi} |F(\omega)| \sin \omega \, d\omega \right]$$

Putting  $\omega = \pi - t$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_4 &= 0 \left[ n^{2\lambda} \int_0^{\frac{c}{n}} t dt \right] \\ &= 0 \left[ n^{2\lambda-2} \right] \quad \dots (5.7) \end{aligned}$$

Combining (5.2), (5.5), (5.6) and (5.7), we get

$$t_n - f(R) = 0 \left[ \frac{n^{\lambda-1}}{(R_n)^{1-\delta}} \right] + 0 \left[ \frac{n^\lambda}{R_n} \right]$$

Hence the theorem holds

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