

CHAPTER - 9

## ON THE CONVERGENCE OF LACUNARY

## ORTHOGONAL SERIES

Let  $\{\phi_n(x)\}$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) be an orthonormal system of  $L^2$ -integrable functions defined in the closed interval  $[a, b]$ . Let  $\lambda(x) \leq x$  denote a positive function, concave from below, defined for  $x \geq 1$  and increasing monotonely to infinity. We shall call the orthogonal series

$$(9.1.1) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n \phi_n(x)$$

$\lambda(n)$  lacunary<sup>1)</sup>, if the number of non-vanishing coefficients  $C_k$  with  $n < k \leq 2n$  does not exceed  $\lambda(n)$ .

Furthermore we shall say that the coefficients have the positive number sequence  $\{q_n\}$  as a majorant if the relation

$$C_n = O(q_n)$$

holds.

The notations  $S_n(x)$ ,  $\bar{T}_n(x)$  and  $\sigma_n(\lambda, x)$

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1) Alexits ([5], p. 130)

have the same meaning as considered in Chapter 2.

The Cesàro summability of order  $\alpha$  of  $\lambda(n)$  - lacunary orthogonal series (9.1.1) was discussed by Alexits<sup>1)</sup>. He has proved the following theorem :

Theorem A : If the coefficients of  $\lambda(n)$  lacunary orthogonal series (9.1.1) have as a majorant a positive monotone decreasing number sequence  $\{q_n\}$ , satisfying the condition

$$(9.1.2) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda(n)} q_n}{n} < \infty ,$$

then the condition

$$(9.1.3) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n^2 < \infty ,$$

implies the  $(C, \alpha)$  summability almost everywhere of the orthogonal series (9.1.1).

The  $(E, q)$  summability for  $q > 0$  of the  $\lambda(n)$  - lacunary orthogonal series (9.1.1) was discussed by Sapre and Bhatnagar<sup>2)</sup>. Similarly Nörlund summability was discussed by Kantawala P.S.<sup>3)</sup>

In this chapter we extend the above results

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1) Alexits G. ([5], p. 130)      3) Kantawala P.S. [50]  
 2) Sapre and Bhatnagar [107]

to  $(\bar{N}, p_n)$  summability and Riesz summability of order 1.  
Our results are as follows.

Theorem 1 : Let  $p_n(-M)^\alpha$  and the coefficients of  $\lambda(n)$ -lacunary orthogonal series (9.1.1) have as a majorant a positive monotone decreasing sequence of numbers  $\{q_n\}$  satisfying the condition (9.1.3) and (9.1.2). Then the orthogonal series (9.1.1) is  $(\bar{N}, p_n)$  summable almost everywhere.

Theorem 2 : Let  $\{v_n\}$  denote a strictly increasing sequence satisfying the condition

$$(9.1.4) \quad 1 < l \leq \frac{\lambda_{v_n+1}}{\lambda_{v_n}} \leq k$$

where  $l$  and  $k$  are constants, independent of  $n$  and the coefficients of  $\lambda(n)$  lacunary orthogonal series (9.1.1) have as a majorant a positive monotone decreasing number sequence  $\{q_n\}$  satisfying the condition (9.1.3) and (9.1.2). Then the series (9.1.1) is  $(R, \lambda_n, 1)$  summable almost everywhere.

If we take in to consideration that between the indices  $n$  and  $2n$  there are exactly  $n$  free places, then in the above theorem we may exclude the condition of lacunarity

This remark enables us to point out a special case from Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, in which the condition of lacunarity does not more appear.

Theorem 3: If the coefficients of the orthogonal series (9.1.1) have as a majorant a positive, monotone decreasing sequence  $\{q_n\}$  satisfying the condition

$$(9.1.5) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q_n}{\sqrt{n}} < \infty \text{ and}$$

(9.1.3) holds, then the orthogonal series (9.1.1) is  $(\bar{N}, p_n)$  summable almost everywhere.

Theorem 4 : If the coefficients of the orthogonal series (9.1.1) have as a majorant a positive, monotone decreasing sequence  $\{q_n\}$  satisfying the condition (9.1.5) and (9.1.3), then the orthogonal series (9.1.1) is  $(R, \lambda_n, 1)$  summable almost everywhere.

While, discussing the convergence of  $\lambda(n)$  lacunary orthogonal series Alexits has proved the following theorem.

Theorem B : If the coefficients of a  $\lambda(n)$  - lacunary series (9.1.1) have as a majorant the positive monotone decreasing sequence  $\{q_n\}$  for which

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n^2 \log^{\beta} n < \infty \quad (0 \leq \beta \leq 2)$$

holds, then the condition

$$\lambda(n) = O\left(\frac{n}{\log^{2-\beta} n}\right)$$

implies the convergence of the orthogonal series (9.1.1) almost everywhere.

In this chapter we generalize the above result for higher order.

Theorem 5 : If the coefficient of a  $\lambda(n)$  - lacunary orthogonal series (9.1.1) have as a majorant the positive monotone decreasing sequence  $\{q_n\}$  for which,

$$(9.1.6) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n^2 (\log n)^{p\beta} < \infty \quad (0 \leq \beta \leq 2)$$

holds, then the condition

$$(9.1.7) \quad \lambda(n) = O\left(\frac{n}{\log^{2-\beta} n}\right)^p \quad 0 < p \leq 1$$

implies the convergence of (9.1.1) orthogonal series almost everywhere.

For proving this theorem we need the following Lemmas.

Lemma 1<sup>1)</sup>: If the coefficients of a  $\lambda(n)$  lacunary orthogonal series have as a majorant a positive monotone decreasing sequence  $\{q_n\}$ , satisfying the condition (9.1.2) then the condition (9.1.3) implies the  $(C, \alpha)$  summability almost everywhere of orthogonal series (9.1.1).

Lemma 2: The series

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\log n)^{2p} n^{2-p}} \text{ is convergent.}$$

Proof: Here

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\log n)^{2p} n^{2-p}} \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} 2^k \frac{1}{(k \log 2)^{2p} 2^{(2-p)k}} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{2p}} 2^{kp-k}, \end{aligned}$$

By ratio test,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{(k+1)(p-1)}{2}}{(k+1)^{2p}} \frac{2^p}{2^{k(p-1)}} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} 2^{p-1} \left( \frac{k}{k+1} \right)^{2p} \\ &= 2^{p-1}. \end{aligned}$$

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1) Alexits G. ([5], p. 130)

Therefore, the given series is convergent if  $p < 1$ .

Lemma 3 :<sup>1)</sup> Under the condition (9.1.3) the relation  $s_{v_n}(x) - \sigma_{v_n}(x) = o_x(1)$  is valid almost everywhere for every index sequence  $\{v_n\}$  with  $\frac{v_{n+1}}{v_n} \gg q > 1$ .

Lemma 4 :<sup>2)</sup> If the real numbers  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_N$  and the orthonormal system  $\{\psi_n(x)\}$  are arbitrarily given, there exist an  $L_\mu^2$  - integrable function  $\delta_N(x) \gg 0$  with the condition;

$$\max_{v \leq N} \left| \sum_{k=0}^v a_k \psi_k(x) \right| \leq \delta_N(x)$$

$$\int_a^b \delta_N^2(x) d\mu(x) = O(\log^2 N) \sum_{k=0}^N a_k^2.$$

In order to prove the above theorems we need the following Lemmas.

Lemma 5 :<sup>3)</sup> Let  $\{p_n\}$  be a nonnegative monotonic increasing or decreasing sequence of real numbers such that  $p_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $np_n = O(p_n)$ .

1) Alexits G. ([5], p. 118)

3) Sharma J.P. [110]

2) Alexits G. ([5], p. 79)

Let  $\{n_k\}$  be an arbitrary increasing sequence of numbers satisfying the following condition of lacunarity.

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

where  $q$  and  $r$  are constants. Then the orthogonal series (9.1.1) with coefficients satisfying the condition (9.1.3) is  $(\bar{N}, p_n)$  summable almost everywhere, if the sequence of partial sums  $\{s_{n_k}(x)\}$  is convergent almost everywhere.

Lemma 6<sup>1)</sup>: Let  $\{v_n\}$  denotes a strictly increasing sequence satisfying the condition (9.1.4). In order that orthogonal series (9.1.1) should be summable  $(R, \lambda_n, 1)$  in a set  $E$  almost everywhere, it is necessary and sufficient that the sequence  $\{s_{v_n}(x)\}$  of partial sums should converge in  $E$  almost everywhere.

Proof of Theorem 1 :

Under the condition (9.1.2) and (9.1.3), Alexits G.<sup>2)</sup> has proved the convergence almost everywhere of the sequence  $\{s_{2^n}(x)\}$  of the partial sums of the orthogonal

1) Meder J. [76]

2) Alexits G. ([5], p.130)



series (9.1.1). Hence by Lemma 5, the series is  $(\bar{N}, p_n)$  summable almost everywhere.

Proof of Theorem 2 :

By Lemma 6, the result directly follows in the direction of theorem 1.

Proof of Theorem 3 :

Alexits<sup>1)</sup> has proved that the condition (9.1.5) implies the condition (9.1.3).

But the condition (9.1.5) is a special case of (9.1.2) corresponding to  $\lambda(n) = n$  and therefore this case is as mentioned above, satisfied for every series. Hence our theorem follows from theorem 1.

Proof of Theorem 4 :

Result follows from Theorem 2, in the direction of theorem 3.

Proof of Theorem 5 :

Here,

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda(n)} q_n}{n} = O(1) \cdot \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{q_n}{n} \left( \frac{n}{\log^{2-\beta_n} n} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}}$$

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1) Alexits G. ([5], p. 132)

$$= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \frac{n^{\frac{p}{2}-1}}{(\log n)^{p-\frac{pp}{2}}}$$

Applying Schwarz inequality, we have

$$= O(1) \left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n^2 (\log n)^{p\beta} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\log n)^{2p} n^{2-p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

by Lemma 2 we have,

$$= O(1) \left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n^2 (\log n)^{p\beta} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$< \infty$

Obviously we have (9.1.3) from (9.1.6). By Lemma 1 the series (9.1.1) is  $(C, \alpha > 0)$  summable almost everywhere, so by Lemma 3 the convergence almost everywhere of the sequence  $s_{2^m}(x)$  follows. It remains to show that apart from a set of measure zero the relation,

$$(9.1.8) \quad s_n(x) - s_{2^m}(x) = o_x(1) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty, \quad 2^m < n \leq 2^{m+1}),$$

holds.

Let  $C_{v_i(m)}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, M_n$ ) denote the positive, nonzero coefficients with indices between  $2^m$  and  $2^{m+1}$ , by Lemma 4 there exist such a function  $\delta_m(x)$  that

$$(9.1.9) \quad |s_n(x) - s_{2^m}(x)| \leq \delta_m(x) \quad (2^m < n < 2^{m+1})$$

$$\text{and } \int_a^b \delta_m^2(x) d\mu(x) = O(\log^2 M_m) \sum_{i=1}^{M_m} C_{v_i}^2(m)$$

are satisfied since  $M_m = O(\lambda(2^m))$  and

$$C_{v_i}^2(m) \leq q_{v_i}^2(m) \leq q_{2^m}^2 \quad (i = 1, \dots, M_m) \text{ hold, an}$$

account of (9.1.7) we have,

$$\int_a^b \delta_m^2(x) d\mu(x) = O(\log^2 M_m) \sum_{i=1}^{M_m} C_{v_i}^2(m)$$

$$= O(\log^2 \left( \frac{2^m}{\log^{2-\beta} 2^m} \right)^p) q_{2^m}^2 M_m$$

$$= O(1) \log^2 \left( \frac{2^{mp}}{(m \log 2)^{(2-\beta)p}} \right).$$

$$q_{2^m}^2 \frac{2^{mp}}{(m \log 2)^{(2-\beta)p}}$$

$$= O(1) [ \log 2^{mp} - \log ((m \log 2)^{(2-\beta)p}) ]^2$$

$$q_{2^m}^2 \frac{2^{mp}}{(m \log 2)^{(2-\beta)p}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= O(1) (m^p - \log m^{(2-\beta)p})^2 q_{2m}^2 \frac{2^{mp}}{m^{(2-\beta)p}} \\
&= O(1) [m^2 p^2 + (\log m^{(2-\beta)p})^2] q_{2m}^2 \frac{2^{mp}}{m^{(2-\beta)p}} \\
&= O(1) [m^2 p^2 + m^{2(2-\beta)^2 p^2}] q_{2m}^2 \frac{2^{mp}}{m^{(2-\beta)p}} \\
&= O(1) \frac{m^2 p^2}{m^{2p}} q_{2m}^2 m^{p\beta} 2^{mp} \\
&= O(1) m^{p\beta} q_{2m}^2 2^{mp}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \int_a^b \delta_m^2(x) dx &= O(1) \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m^{p\beta} q_{2m}^2 2^{mp} \\
&= O(1) \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} q_n^2 (\log n)^\beta \\
&< \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence by B. Levy's theorem, the series

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \delta_m^2(x) \text{ converges almost everywhere.}$$

i.e.  $\delta_m(x) \rightarrow 0$  almost everywhere.

Hence from (9.1.9) the relation (9.1.8) is satisfied almost everywhere.

Hence the proof.