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# **Generalized Cesàro summability of Fourier series and its applications**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, by using generalized Cesàro means based on  $q$ -integers, we study on approximating continuous and periodic functions by their Fourier series. We also discuss its connection with the concept of statistical convergence. At the end of the paper, some applications and graphical illustrations are also provided.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The question of whether the Fourier series of a periodic function converges to the given function is researched by a field known as classical harmonic analysis. It is well-known that convergence is not necessarily given in the general case. However, by using some summability methods, such as Cesàro means and Riesz means, the convergence is possible in some sense (see, for instance,  $[21]$ ). In the present paper, by using generalized Cesàro means based on  $q$ integers (see the next section for details), we study on approximating continuous and periodic functions by their Fourier series.

Let  $S_n(f)$  denote the partial sums of an integrable and  $2\pi$ -periodic function f, that is

$$
S_n(f; x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n (a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx),
$$

where

$$
a_k := \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos kt dt, k = 0, 1, ...
$$

and

$$
b_k := \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin kt dt, k = 1, 2, \dots.
$$

Then, we may write that

$$
S_n(f; x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+t) D_n(t) dt,
$$

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where  $D_n(t)$  denotes Dirichlet's kernel given by

$$
D_n(t) = \frac{\sin ((n + 1/2)t)}{2 \sin (t/2)}.
$$

Furthermore, the classical Cesàro means of  $S_n(f)$  can be written as follows:

$$
\sigma_n(f; x) = \frac{S_0(f; x) + S_1(f; x) + \dots + S_n(f; x)}{n+1}
$$

$$
= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+t) \left( \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} D_k(t) \right) dt
$$

$$
= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+t) K_n(t) dt,
$$

where  $K_n(t)$  denotes Fejér's kernel given by

(1.1) 
$$
K_n(t) = \frac{\sin^2((n+1/2)t)}{2(n+1)\sin^2(t/2)}.
$$

Now, let  $C^{2\pi}$  denote the space of all continuous and  $2\pi$  periodic functions. Then, it is wellknown that, for any  $f \in C^{2\pi}$ , the sequence  $(\sigma_n(f))$  is uniformly convergent to  $f$ , i.e.,  $(S_n(f))$  is uniformly Cesàro summable to f.

In order to generalize this summability, we will consider the generalized Cesàro means based on  $q$ -integers introduced in  $[1, 4]$  $[1, 4]$  $[1, 4]$ .

### <span id="page-1-0"></span>2. Q-CESÀRO SUMMABILITY OF FOURIER SERIES

We first recall some concepts and notation from the  $q$ -calculus (see [\[11\]](#page-8-2) for details). For a given  $q > 0$ , the q-integer  $[n]_q$  is given by

$$
[n]_q := 1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^{n-1} \text{ with } [0]_q = 0.
$$

Then, for each  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ , we may write that

<span id="page-1-1"></span>
$$
[n]_q = \frac{1-q^n}{1-q}
$$
 for  $q \neq 1$ .

Now, for a given  $q > 0$ , consider the q-Cesàro matrix  $C(q) = [c_{nk}(q)] (k, n = 0, 1, 2, ...)$  defined by (see  $[1, 4]$  $[1, 4]$  $[1, 4]$ )

(2.2) 
$$
c_{nk}(q) = \begin{cases} \frac{q^k}{[n+1]_q}, & k = 0, 1, ..., n \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}
$$

Then, we can write the matrix  $C(q)$  as follows:

$$
C(q) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \frac{1}{[2]_q} & \frac{q}{[2]_q} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \frac{1}{[3]_q} & \frac{q}{[3]_q} & \frac{q^2}{[3]_q} & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{[n+1]_q} & \frac{q}{[n+1]_q} & \frac{q^2}{[n+1]_q} & \cdots & \frac{q^n}{[n+1]_q} & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}
$$

.

Observe that the case of  $q = 1$  reduces to the classical Cesàro matrix. About regularity of q-Cesàro matrix, we can say the following:

- For any fixed  $q > 1$ , the matrix  $C(q)$  is regular (see [\[1\]](#page-8-0)).
- For a given  $0 < q < 1$ , the corresponding matrix  $C(q)$  cannot be regular due to the fact that  $[n+1]_q \to \frac{1}{1-q}$  as  $n \to \infty$ .
- Instead of a fixed q, take a sequence  $q = (q_n)$  such that the following conditions hold:

(2.3) 
$$
0 < q_n < 1 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, \ldots\}
$$

<span id="page-2-0"></span>and

$$
(2.4)
$$

$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} q_n = 1.
$$

Then,  $C(q)$  is still regular. Indeed, from  $(2.3)$  $(2.3)$  and  $(2.4)$ , we may write that  $[n+1]_{q_n} \to \infty$ as  $n \to \infty$  (see, for instance, [\[17,](#page-8-3) [18,](#page-8-4) [19\]](#page-9-1)). Hence, using the well-known Silverman-Toeplitz conditions, we immediately get the regularity of  $C(q)$  for  $q = (q_n)$  (see Example [2](#page-5-0).1 for such a sequence).

Because the sequence of partial sums  $(S_n(f))$  need not converge to f, we may try looking at their  $q$ -Cesàro means as follows:

<span id="page-2-1"></span>
$$
\sigma_n(f; q; x) = \frac{1}{[n+1]_q} \sum_{k=0}^n q^k S_k(f; x)
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{S_0(f; x) + qS_1(f; x) + \dots + q^n S_n(f; x)}{[n+1]_q},
$$

which implies

<span id="page-2-3"></span><span id="page-2-2"></span>
$$
\sigma_n(f; q; x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+t) \left( \frac{1}{[n+1]_q} \sum_{k=0}^n q^k D_k(t) \right) dt.
$$

Hence, we may write that

(2.5) 
$$
\sigma_n(f; q; x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+t) K_n(q; t) dt,
$$

where

(2.6) 
$$
K_n(q;t) := \frac{1}{2[n+1]_q} \sum_{k=0}^n q^k \frac{\sin((k+1/2)t)}{\sin(t/2)},
$$

say q-Fejér's kernel.

We should note that the  $q$ -Cesàro means in [\(2.5\)](#page-2-2) may be regarded as a special case of Nörlund or Riesz means of the partial sums of Fourier series. However, it is more convenient to examine the behavior of the corresponding  $q$ -Fejér's kernel in  $(2.6)$  by taking into account the known properties of the  $q$ -integers. Another important reason for using  $q$ -integers in this process is that it is possible to weaken the classical limit condition needed in the approximation (see Section [3](#page-6-0) for details).

We now start with the fundamental properties of  $q$ -Fejér's kernel.

<span id="page-2-4"></span>**Lemma 2.1.** *Let*  $q > 0$  *and*  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ *. Then, we get the followings:* 

(a) 
$$
K_n(q;t) = \frac{(1+q)\sin(t/2) + q^{n+2}\sin((n+1/2)t) - q^{n+1}\sin((n+3/2)t)}{2[n+1]_q\sin(t/2)\{(1-q)^2\cos^2(t/2) + (1+q)^2\sin^2(t/2)\}}.
$$

(b) 
$$
K_n(q;t) = \frac{(n+1)}{[n+1]_q} \left\{ q^n K_n(t) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (q^k - q^{k+1}) K_k(t) \right\},
$$
  
where  $K_n(t)$  is the classical Fejér's Kernel given by (1.1).

(c) 
$$
\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} K_n(q; t) dt = \frac{n+1}{[n+1]_q}
$$
.  
(d) If  $0 < q \le 1$ , then  $K_n(q; \cdot) \ge 0$ .

*Proof.* (a) From the definition of  $K_n(q; t)$  in [\(2](#page-2-3).6), we may write that

$$
K_n(q;t) = \frac{1}{2[n+1]_q \sin(t/2)} \text{Im}\left\{ \sum_{k=0}^n q^k e^{i(k+1/2)t} \right\}
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{1}{2[n+1]_q \sin(t/2)} \text{Im}\left\{ e^{it/2} \sum_{k=0}^n (qe^{it})^k \right\}
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{1}{2[n+1]_q \sin(t/2)} \text{Im}\left\{ e^{it/2} \frac{1-q^{n+1}e^{i(n+1)t}}{1-qe^{it}} \right\}
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{1}{2[n+1]_q \sin(t/2)} \text{Im}\left\{ \frac{1-q^{n+1}e^{i(n+1)t}}{e^{-it/2}-qe^{it/2}} \right\}.
$$

Observe that

$$
\operatorname{Im}\left\{\frac{1-q^{n+1}e^{i(n+1)t}}{e^{-it/2}-qe^{it/2}}\right\} = \frac{A_n(q,t)-B_n(q,t)}{(1-q)^2\cos^2\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)+(1+q)^2\sin^2\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)},
$$

where

$$
A_n(q,t) = (1+q) (1-q^{n+1} \cos ((n+1)t)) \sin (t/2),
$$
  
\n
$$
B_n(q,t) = (1-q) q^{n+1} \sin ((n+1)t) \cos (t/2).
$$

Hence, using some appropriate trigonometric identities, we obtain that

$$
A_n(q,t) - B_n(q,t) = (1+q)\sin(t/2) + q^{n+2}\sin((n+1/2)t)
$$

$$
-q^{n+1}\sin((n+3/2)t),
$$

which immediately gives the equality in  $(a)$ .

(b) If we use Abel's partial sums identity in  $(2.6)$  $(2.6)$ , then we observe from  $(1.1)$  $(1.1)$  that

$$
K_n(q;t) = \frac{(n+1)}{[n+1]_q} \sum_{k=0}^n q^k \frac{\sin((k+1/2) t)}{2(n+1)\sin(t/2)}
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{(n+1)}{[n+1]_q} \left\{ q^n K_n(t) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (q^k - q^{k+1}) K_k(t) \right\},
$$

which completes the proof of  $(b)$ .

 $(c)$  We may write from  $(b)$  that

$$
\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} K_n(q; t) dt
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{n+1}{[n+1]_q} \left\{ q^n \left( \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} K_n(t) dt \right) + (1-q) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q^k \left( \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} K_k(t) dt \right) \right\}.
$$

Since  $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} K_n(t) dt = 1$ , we see that

$$
\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} K_n(q; t) dt = \frac{n+1}{[n+1]_q} \left\{ q^n + (1-q) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q^k \right\}
$$

$$
= \frac{n+1}{[n+1]_q} \left\{ q^n + (1-q) [n]_q \right\}
$$

$$
= \frac{n+1}{[n+1]_q},
$$

which gives  $(c)$ .

(d) It is clear from (b), since  $0 < q \le 1$ .

**Remark [2](#page-2-4).1.** *If one takes*  $q = 1$  *in Lemma* 2.1 *then*  $(a)$  *implies* 

$$
K_n(1;t) = \frac{2\sin(t/2) + \sin((n+1/2)t) - \sin((n+3/2)t)}{8(n+1)\sin^3(t/2)}
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{1 - \cos((n+1)t)}{4(n+1)\sin^2(t/2)}
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{\sin^2((n+1)t/2)}{2(n+1)\sin^2(t/2)}
$$
  
= 
$$
K_n(t),
$$

*and* (b) *implies the same equality*  $K_n(1;t) = K_n(t)$ *, and also* (c) *and* (d) *implies the classical results*  $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} K_n(t) dt = 1$  and  $K_n(\cdot) \geq 0$ , respectively.

<span id="page-4-3"></span>**Theorem 2.1.** *Assume that the sequence*  $q = (q_n)$  *satisfies the conditions* [\(2](#page-2-1).3) *and* (2.4)*. Then, for the operators in* (2.[5\)](#page-2-2)*, we get*

<span id="page-4-2"></span>
$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} \sigma_n(f; q_n; x) = f(x) \text{ uniformly with respect to } x
$$

for every  $f \in C^{2\pi}$ .

*Proof.* Since the operators in  $(2.5)$  $(2.5)$  are positive and linear, from the well-known Korovkin theorem for  $2\pi$ -periodic continuous functions (see [\[2,](#page-8-5) [12\]](#page-8-6)), it is enough to show that

(2.7) 
$$
\sigma_n(f_i; q_n; x) \Rightarrow f_i(x) \text{ for } i = 0, 1, 2,
$$

where  $f_0(x) = 1$ ,  $f_1(x) = \sin x$  and  $f_2(x) = \cos x$ . As usual, the symbol  $\Rightarrow$  denotes the uniform convergence. Now, it is easy to check that

(2.8) 
$$
\sigma_n(f_0; q_n; x) = f_0(x) = 1.
$$

From the definition of the operators, we observe that

<span id="page-4-0"></span>
$$
\sigma_n(f_1; q_n; x) = \frac{S_0(f_1; x) + q_n S_1(f_1; x) + q_n^2 S_2(f_1; x) + \dots + q_n^2 S_n(f_1; x)}{[n+1]_{q_n}}
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{0 + q_n \sin x + q_n^2 \sin x + \dots + q_n^2 \sin x}{[n+1]_{q_n}}
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{q_n + q_n^2 + \dots + q_n^2}{[n+1]_{q_n}} \sin x,
$$

which implies

<span id="page-4-1"></span>(2.9) 
$$
\sigma_n(f_1; q_n; x) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{[n+1]_{q_n}}\right) \sin x.
$$



<span id="page-5-3"></span><span id="page-5-2"></span>FIGURE 1. *q*-Cesàro approximation to the function  $f(x) = |x|$  by the operators  $\sigma_n(f; q_n; x)$  associated with the sequence  $q = (q_n)$  given by [\(2.11\)](#page-5-1)

Similarly, we also get

(2.10) 
$$
\sigma_n(f_2; q_n; x) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{[n+1]_{q_n}}\right) \cos x.
$$

Taking limit as  $n \to \infty$  in (2.[8\)](#page-4-0), (2.[9\)](#page-4-1) and (2.[10\)](#page-5-2) and also considering the assumptions (2.[3\)](#page-2-0) and  $(2.4)$  $(2.4)$ , we obtain  $(2.7)$  $(2.7)$ , which completes the proof.

<span id="page-5-0"></span>**Example 2.1.** *Define the function* f, for  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$ , by  $f(x) = |x|$  and extend its domain periodically *to the whole real line which coincides on*  $[-\pi, \pi]$ *. Consider the sequence*  $q = (q_n)$  *given by* 

$$
(2.11) \t\t q_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n+2}.
$$

*Then, all conditions of Theorem* [2](#page-4-3).1 *holds, which implies*

<span id="page-5-4"></span><span id="page-5-1"></span>
$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} \sigma_n(f; q_n; x) = f(x)
$$

*uniformly with respect to* x. *This (uniform)* q*-Cesàro summability is indicated in Figure [1](#page-5-3) with the parameter values*  $n = 2, 5, 10$ .

<span id="page-5-5"></span>**Example 2.2.** *Consider the*  $2\pi$ -periodic and even function f defined on  $[0, \pi]$  by

(2.12) 
$$
f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \sin \left( \left( 2^{k^3} + 1 \right) \frac{x}{2} \right).
$$

*Then, according to Weierstrass M-test, we get the continuity of* f *on* R*. Hence, Theorem [2.1](#page-4-3) implies that, for any sequence*  $q = (q_n)$  *satisfying*  $(2.3)$  $(2.3)$  *and*  $(2.4)$  $(2.4)$ ,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sigma_n(f; q_n; x) = f(x)$  *uniformly with respect to* x. *However, one can observe that the classical partial sums of the function* f *in* (2.[12\)](#page-5-4) *cannot converge to* f at the origin. More precisely, the sequence  $(S_n(f; 0))$  diverges to the infinity as  $n \to \infty$ *(see, for instance,* [\[20\]](#page-9-2)*).*

#### 3. EXTENSION TO THE STATISTICAL CONVERGENCE AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

<span id="page-6-0"></span>In this section, we will work on the situation where the limit condition in  $(2.4)$  $(2.4)$  is weakened. For example, we can consider the concept of statistical convergence (see [\[8\]](#page-8-7) by Fast). We note that this type of convergence has been introduced a few years earlier by Zygmund with the name "almost convergence" (see [\[21,](#page-9-0) Vol. II, Chap. XIII]). Later on, the statistical convergence has been frequently used not only in the summability theory, but also in the approximation theory (see [\[3,](#page-8-8) [6,](#page-8-9) [7,](#page-8-10) [10,](#page-8-11) [13,](#page-8-12) [14,](#page-8-13) [15,](#page-8-14) [16\]](#page-8-15)). We recall that the (asymptotic) density,  $\delta(K)$ , of a set  $K \subset \mathbb{N}$  is defined by

$$
\delta(K) := \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \# \{0 \le k \le n : k \in K\}
$$

provided that the limit exists, where the symbol  $#$  denotes the cardinal number of a set. Using this density, a sequence  $(x_n)$  is said to be statistically convergent to a number L, denoted by  $st - \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = L$ , if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$
\delta\left(\{0 \le k \le n : |x_k - L| \ge \varepsilon\}\right) = 0,
$$

that is

<span id="page-6-1"></span>
$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \# \{ 0 \le k \le n : |x_k - L| \ge \varepsilon \} = 0.
$$

It is well-known that every convergent sequence is statistically convergent to the same value, but the converse is not always true. Furthermore, for a given sequence  $(x_n)$ ,  $st - \lim\limits_{n\to\infty}x_n = L$  if and only if there exists an index set  $K = \{k_n : n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  of density 1 such that the subsequence  $(x_{k_n})$  converges to  $L$  (in the usual sense) as  $n \to \infty$  (see [\[5,](#page-8-16) [9\]](#page-8-17) for further properties of statistical convergence).

For a given sequence  $q = (q_n)$  with  $0 < q_n < 1$ , we replace the limit condition (2.[4\)](#page-2-1) with the following weaker condition:

$$
(3.13) \t\t st - \lim_{n \to \infty} q_n = 1.
$$

In this case, the corresponding  $q$ -Cesàro matrix in  $(2.2)$  $(2.2)$  does not need to be regular. For example, consider the sequence  $q = (q_n)$  defined by

<span id="page-6-2"></span>(3.14) 
$$
q_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n+2} \right), & \text{if } n = m^2 \ (m = 0, 1, \ldots) \\ 1 - \frac{1}{n+1}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}
$$

Observe that, in this case,  $[m^2 + 1]_{q_{m^2}} \rightarrow 2$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Despite this negative situation, we obtain the following statistical approximation theorem.

<span id="page-6-3"></span>**Theorem 3.2.** *Assume that the sequence*  $q = (q_n)$  *satisfy the conditions* (2.[3\)](#page-2-0) *and* (3.[13\)](#page-6-1)*. Then, for the operators in* [\(2](#page-2-2).5)*, we get*

(3.15) 
$$
st - \lim_{n \to \infty} \sigma_n(f; q_n; x) = f(x) \text{ uniformly with respect to } x
$$

for every  $f\in C^{2\pi}.$ 

*Proof.* This immediately follows from the statistical Korovkin theorem for periodic functions (see [\[6\]](#page-8-9)) since, for each  $i = 0, 1, 2$ ,

<span id="page-6-4"></span>
$$
st-\lim_{n\to\infty}\sigma_n(f_i;q_n;x)=f_i(x)\text{ uniformly with respect to }x,
$$

where  $f_i$  are the test functions stated before.



<span id="page-7-0"></span>FIGURE 2. q-Cesàro approximation to the function  $f_1(x) = \sin x$  by  $(\sigma_n(f_1; q_n; x))$  associated with the sequence  $q = (q_n)$  given by [\(3.14\)](#page-6-2) fails for the values  $n = m^2$ 

**Remark 3.2.** *We know from Example* [2](#page-5-5).2 *that there exists a function* f *in* C 2π *such that approximation to* f *by the partial sums*  $(S_n(f))$  *fails. Now consider the sequence*  $q = (q_n)$  *given by*  $(3.14)$  $(3.14)$ *. Then, using the test function*  $f_1(x) = \sin x$ , *we get* 

$$
\sigma_{m^2}(f_1; q_{m^2}; x) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{[m^2 + 1]_{q_{m^2}}}\right) \sin x \to \frac{\sin x}{2} \ (as \ m \to \infty),
$$

which is indicated in Figure  $2$  for some values  $n = m^2$ . Hence, for the sequence  $q = (q_n)$  in  $(3.14)$  $(3.14)$  , q*-Cesàro approximation in Theorem* [2](#page-4-3).1 *fails either. However, one can obtain from Theorem* [3](#page-6-3).2 *that*  $(3.15)$  $(3.15)$  *holds for any function in*  $C^{2\pi}$ . This situation is indicated in Figure [3](#page-8-18) for some values  $n \neq m^2$ , *where the set of all nonnegative integers* n *satisfying*  $n \neq m^2$  *has density one.* 



<span id="page-8-18"></span>FIGURE 3. Statistical *q*-Cesàro approximation to the function  $f_1(x) = \sin x$  by  $(\sigma_n(f_1; q_n; x))$  associated with the sequence  $q = (q_n)$  given by [\(3.14\)](#page-6-2) for the values  $n \neq m^2$ 

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