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ON THE NORMS OF THE MEANS OF SPHERICAL FOURIER SUMS<sup>1</sup>

The spherical Fourier sums  $S_R(f, x) = \sum_{\|k\| \leq R} \widehat{f}(k) e^{ik \cdot x}$  of a periodic functions in  $m$  variables, the strong

means  $\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} |S_j(f, x)|^p\right)^{1/p}$  and the strong integral means  $\left(\left(\int_0^R |s_r(f, x)|^p dx\right) / R\right)^{1/p}$  of these sums for  $p \geq 1$  are considered. In contrast to the one-dimensional case treated by Hardy and Littlewood, for  $m \geq 2$  the norms of the corresponding operators in the space  $L_\infty$  are not bounded. The sharp order of growth of these norms is found. The upper and lower bounds differ by a factor depending only on the dimension  $m$ .

A sufficient condition on the function ensuring the uniform strong  $p$ -summability of its Fourier series is given.

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**1. Introduction.** Given a function  $f$  integrable on the cube  $\mathbb{T}^m = [-\pi, \pi]^m$ , the spherical partial sum  $S_R(f, x)$  of the Fourier series of  $f$ , has the form (hereafter  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ )

$$S_R(f, x) = \sum_{\|k\| \leq R} \widehat{f}(k) e^{ik \cdot x}, \quad \text{where } \widehat{f}(k) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^m} \int_{\mathbb{T}^m} f(u) e^{-ik \cdot u} du.$$

This is the convolution  $f$  with the spherical Dirichlet kernel

$$D_R(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^m} \sum_{\|k\| \leq R} e^{-ik \cdot x}.$$

The  $L_1$ -norm

$$\mathcal{L}_R = \int_{\mathbb{T}^m} |D_R(x)| dx = \sup_{|f| \leq 1} |S_R(f, 0)|$$

of this kernel is called the Lebesgue constant. In the multidimensional case ( $m > 1$ ) the two-sided bound  $A_m R^{\frac{m-1}{2}} \leq \mathcal{L}_R \leq B_m R^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$  is valid for  $R \geq 1$  (see [1], [2]).

The strong spherical means of the Fourier series are defined as follows (hereafter  $p \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ )

$$H_{n,p}(f, x) = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} |S_j(f, x)|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{p}}} \sup_{|\varepsilon|_q \leq 1} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \varepsilon_j S_j(f, x) \right|.$$

Here, supremum is taken over all collections  $\varepsilon = \{\varepsilon_0, \dots, \varepsilon_{n-1}\}$  of real numbers satisfying the condition

$$|\varepsilon|_q = (|\varepsilon_0|^q + \dots + |\varepsilon_{n-1}|^q)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq 1$$

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( $q$  is the conjugate exponent:  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ).

Our purpose is to estimate the norms of the corresponding operators, i.e., the quantities

$$H_{n,p} = \sup_{|f| \leq 1} H_{n,p}(f, 0) = \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{p}}} \sup_{|\varepsilon|_q \leq 1} \int_{\mathbb{T}^m} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \varepsilon_j D_j(x) \right| dx.$$

Note that, by Hölder's inequality, the means  $H_{n,p}(f)$ , and hence the norms  $H_{n,p}$ , increase with  $p$ .

The notion of strong summability of Fourier series was introduced by Hardy and Littlewood [3] in the one-dimensional case more one hundred years ago. They proved that for  $m = 1$  and a fixed  $p$ , the norms  $H_{n,p}$  are bounded.

In the multidimensional case, the situation is different. For  $m \geq 3$  the norms  $H_{n,p}$  not bounded, being of order  $n^{\frac{m-1}{2} - \min\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{p}\}}$  (cm. [4], [5]). In the two-dimensional case, the results were not complete: this two-sided bound still holds true for any fixed  $p > 2$ , while for  $p \in [1, 2]$  only the upper bound  $H_{n,p} \leq c\sqrt{\ln(n+1)}$  was known [see 6,7].

**2. The main result for  $H_{n,p}$ .** We prove [8] that <sup>2</sup>

$$H_{n,p} \asymp \begin{cases} n^{\frac{m-1}{2} - \min\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{p}\}} & \text{if } m \geq 3, p \geq 1; \\ n^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}} \min^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \ln(n+1), \frac{1}{p-2} \right\} & \text{if } m = 2, p \geq 2; \\ \sqrt{\ln(n+1)} & \text{if } m = 2, p \in [1, 2]. \end{cases}$$

Note that in the two-dimensional case, for "large"  $p$  (with  $p - 2$  greater than a fixed positive number) the factor  $\min^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \ln(n+1), \frac{1}{p-2} \right\}$  can be replaced by 1.

**3. The main lemma.**

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  be nonnegative numbers. Then*

$$\sup_{\varepsilon_j = \pm 1} \int_0^\pi \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \varepsilon_j a_j \cos \left( jt + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right| \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t}} \gg \sqrt{\frac{\ln n}{n}} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j.$$

With  $a_j = \sqrt{j}$  this immediately implies the desired relation  $H_{n,1} \gg \sqrt{\ln n}$ .

**4. The norms of the integral means of spherical Fourier sums.** In addition to the means  $H_{n,p}(f)$ , it is also natural to consider their integral analogs defined by the equality

$$\mathcal{H}_{R,p}(f, x) = \left( \frac{1}{R} \int_0^R |S_r(f, x)|^p dr \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Note that averaging over the radius was used systematically in many papers, for example, in the study of the Riesz sums of multiple Fourier series.

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<sup>2</sup>The notion  $\alpha_n \asymp \beta_n$  means that  $\alpha_n = O(\beta_n)$  and  $\beta_n = O(\alpha_n)$  simultaneously. Instead of  $\alpha_n = O(\beta_n)$  we also write  $\alpha_n \ll \beta_n$ . Hereafter, the constants in the corresponding inequalities valid for all  $n$  may depend only on the dimension  $m$ .

$$\mathcal{H}_{R,p} = \sup_{|f| \leq 1} \mathcal{H}_{R,p}(f, 0).$$

In view of Hölder's inequality, the means  $\mathcal{H}_{R,p}(f)p$  increase with  $p$  and, therefore, so do the norms  $\mathcal{H}_{R,p}$ . In [7] they were estimated from above. It is easy to see that, to do this, it suffices to consider  $\mathcal{H}_{R,p}$  only for integer values  $R$ .

We prove [9] that the norms  $\mathcal{H}_{n,p}$  и  $H_{n,p}$  have the same order. More precisely,

$$\mathcal{H}_{n,p} \asymp H_{n,p} \asymp \begin{cases} n^{\frac{m-1}{2} - \min\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{p}\}} & \text{if } m \geq 3, p \geq 1; \\ n^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}} \min^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \ln(n+1), \frac{1}{p-2} \right\} & \text{if } m = 2, p > 2; \\ \sqrt{\ln(n+1)} & \text{if } m = 2, p \in [1, 2]. \end{cases}$$

**5. Estimating  $\mathcal{H}_{n,p}$  from below.** We begin with two-dimensional case. For  $1 \leq p \leq 2$

$$\mathcal{H}_{n,p} = H_{n,p} + O(1) \geq \alpha_m \sqrt{\ln(n+1)}.$$

In addition, for  $p > 2$  the relations

$$H_{n,p} \asymp n^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}} \min^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \ln(n+1), \frac{1}{p-2} \right\} \text{ и } \mathcal{H}_{n,p} = H_{n,p} + O(n^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}})$$

imply

$$\mathcal{H}_{n,p} \geq \beta_m n^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}} \min^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \ln(n+1), \frac{1}{p-2} \right\}$$

at least for  $p$ , sufficiently close to 2.

We need following result for  $p \geq 2$ .

Further,  $R > 1$ ,  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ ;  $f_{R,\delta}$  is a function, equal to  $\cos(R\|x\| - \frac{\pi}{4}(m+1))$  for  $\|x\| \leq \delta$  and zero for other  $x \in \mathbb{T}^m$ ;  $B(r)$  is the ball of radius  $r$  centered at zero.

**Lemma 2.** *If  $\delta$  is sufficiently small and the product  $R\delta$  is sufficiently large (the boundaries depend only the dimension  $m$ ), then the function  $f_{R,\delta}$  satisfies the inequality*

$$S_r(f_{R,\delta}, 0) = \int_{B(\delta)} f_{R,\delta}(x) D_r(x) dx \geq c_m (r\delta)^{\frac{m-1}{2}} \quad \text{for all } r, |r - R| \leq 1/\delta.$$

For the coefficient  $c_m$  we can take the fraction  $\pi^{\frac{m-1}{2}} / 2\Gamma(1 + \frac{m}{2})$ .

In view [1]  $|S_r(f, 0)| \leq \int_{\mathbb{T}^m} |D_r(x)| dx = O(r^{\frac{m-1}{2}})$ , if  $|f| \leq 1$ , then this implies that, for  $f_{R,\delta}$ , not only the spherical sum  $S_R(f_{R,\delta}, 0)$ , but also all the sums  $S_r(f_{R,\delta}, 0)$  for  $R - 1/\delta \leq r \leq R + 1/\delta$  are the largest possible (among bounded functions).

For  $p \geq 2$  the lemma 2 (for  $R=n$  and small  $\delta$ ) immediately yields the lower bound:

$$\mathcal{H}_{n,p} = \sup_{|f| \leq 1} \left( \frac{1}{n} \int_0^n |S_r(f, 0)|^p dr \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \geq \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{p}}} \int_{n-1}^n S_r(f_{n,\delta}, 0) dr \geq c_m \delta^{\frac{m-1}{2}} n^{\frac{m-1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}}.$$

In the two-dimensional case, for "large"  $p > 2$  (the difference  $p - 2$  is bounded away from zero), the above relations are equivalent to the inequality

$$\mathcal{H}_{n,p} \geq \beta_m n^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}} \min^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \ln(n+1), \frac{1}{p-2} \right\},$$

which, for “small”  $p > 2$ , was established at the beginning. Thus, for  $p > 2$  the required lower bound for the norms  $\mathcal{H}_{n,p}$  is obtained for all  $m = 2, 3, \dots$ . Recall that, at the beginning of this section, the lower bound was also obtained for  $m = 2$  and  $1 \leq p \leq 2$ .

**6. On  $p$ -summation of the Fourier series in the strong sense.** The estimates of the norms  $\mathcal{H}_{R,p}$ , established above, by standard arguments lead to condition on a continuous periodic function  $f$  that ensures the uniform strong  $p$ -summability of the Fourier series, i.e., the uniform (with respect to  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ) convergence to zero as  $R \rightarrow +\infty$  of the quantities

$$\frac{1}{R} \int_0^R |S_r(f, x) - f(x)|^p dr.$$

To do this, we shall need the notion of best uniform approximation of a function  $f$ , which is defined by the equality

$$E_R(f) = \min_M \|f - M\|_C, \quad \text{where } M(x) = \sum_{\|k\| \leq R} c_k e^{ik \cdot x}.$$

**Corollary.** *Let  $f$  be a continuous and  $2\pi$ -periodic (in each variable) function in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  such that  $\mathcal{H}_{R,p} E_R(f) \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow +\infty} 0$ . Then*

$$\max_x \frac{1}{R} \int_0^R |S_r(f, x) - f(x)|^p dr \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow +\infty} 0.$$

By Jackson’s theorem, the best approximation  $E_R(f)$  is majorized by the modulus of smoothness of the functions  $f$ . Therefore, in the two-dimensional, for  $1 \leq p \leq 2$ , the condition

$$\omega_f(t) = o(1/\sqrt{|\ln t|})$$

on the modulus of continuity of the function  $f$  is sufficient for the uniform strong  $p$ -summability of the spherical sums and, for a fixed  $p > 2$ , it ensures the more restrictive Lipschitz condition

$$\omega_f(t) = o(|t|^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}}).$$

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**О нормах средних сферических сумм Фурье.**

Сферическая сумма Фурье  $S_R(f, x) = \sum_{\|k\| \leq R} \hat{f}(k) e^{ik \cdot x}$  периодической функции  $m$  переменных, ее сильные средние и сильные интегральные средние рассмотрены при  $p \geq 1$ . В отличие от одномерного случая, рассмотренного Харди и Литвудом, при  $m \geq 2$  нормы соответствующих операторов в пространстве  $L_\infty$  не ограничены. Найден точный порядок роста этих норм. Оценки сверху и снизу различаются на коэффициенты, зависящие лишь от размерности. Получено достаточное условие на функцию, обеспечивающее равномерную сильную суммируемость ее ряда Фурье.

**Ключевые слова:** Кратные ряды Фурье, сферические суммы, сильные средние

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