

Lanczos derivative applied to Fourier series

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Abstract.

It is very known that if the operator $\frac{d}{dx}$ acts on each term into a convergent Fourier series (FS), then it may result a divergent series. This situation is remedied applying the symmetric derivative to FS, which implies the existence of the important Fejér-Lanczos Factors. In this note, we show that the Lanczos derivative also leads to these Factors.

1.- Introduction.

If on the Fourier series [1]:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [a_k \cos(kx) + b_k \sin(kx)] , \quad (1)$$

convergent in $[-\pi, \pi]$, we apply the operator $\frac{d}{dx}$ results: $\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k [-a_k \sin(kx) + b_k \cos(kx)]$, (2) which it may be divergent [2,3]. This problem was remedied by Lanczos [3] with $f'(x)$ defined as a Symmetric Derivative:

$$f'(x) \equiv \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{2\pi}{n}} \left[f_n \left(x + \frac{\pi}{n} \right) - f_n \left(x - \frac{\pi}{n} \right) \right] , \quad (3)$$

with the partial sums:

$$f_n(x) = g_n(x) + h_n(x) ,$$
$$g_n(x) = \frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \cos(kx) , \quad h_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k \sin(kx) , \quad (4)$$

resulting the convergent expression:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma_k \frac{d}{dx} [a_k \cos(kx) + b_k \sin(kx)] , \quad (5)$$

with the Fejér-Lanczos Factors [3,4]:

$$\sigma_0 = 1 , \quad \sigma_k = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{n}\right)}{\frac{k\pi}{n}} , \quad k = 1, \dots, n , \quad \sigma_n = 0 . \quad (6)$$

The set of factors σ_k , for a given n , is equivalent to a discrete sampling function.

In (2) and (3), we employ two derivatives, however, also there is the Lanczos derivative [3, 5-11], then it is natural to ask if this ultimate derivative leads to relation (5). The answer is yes, to see the next section.

2.- Lanczos generalized derivative.

Lanczos [3] used the least square method of Gauss-Legendre to obtain an integral expression for the derivative of a function, that is, differentiation by integration:

$$F'(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{2\epsilon^3} \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} t F(x+t) dt, \quad (7)$$

which it may be applied to Fourier case:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{2\epsilon^3} \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} t g_n(x+t) dt &\stackrel{(4)}{=} \frac{3}{2\epsilon^3} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} t \cos(kx+kt) dt, \\ &= -3 \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \frac{\sin(kx)}{k^2} A_k \quad \text{with} \quad A_k(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} [\sin(k\epsilon) - k\epsilon \cos(k\epsilon)]; \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

similarly:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{2\epsilon^3} \int_{\epsilon}^{\epsilon} t h_n(x+t) dt &\stackrel{(4)}{=} \frac{3}{2\epsilon^3} \sum_{k=1}^n b_k \int_{\epsilon}^{\epsilon} t \sin(kx+kt) dt, \\ &= 3 \sum_{k=1}^n b_k \frac{\cos(kx)}{k^2} A_k. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Therefore, the Lanczos derivative applied to partial sum (4) gives, taking $\epsilon = \frac{\pi}{n}$:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{2\epsilon^3} \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} t f_n(x+t) dt, \\ &\stackrel{(8) \text{ and } (9)}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} A_k [-a_k \sin(kx) + b_k \cos(kx)], \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{3 A_k}{k^3} \frac{d}{dx} [a_k \cos(kx) + b_k \sin(kx)], \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

but the Bernoulli–Hôpital rule permits to observe the behavior:

$$A_k \left(\epsilon = \frac{\pi}{n} \right) \xrightarrow{n \gg 1} \frac{k^3}{3} \frac{\sin(k\epsilon)}{k\epsilon} = \frac{k^3}{3} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{n}\right)}{\frac{k\pi}{n}} \stackrel{(6)}{=} \frac{k^3}{3} \sigma_k, \quad (11)$$

and this value employed in (10) implies (5), q.e.d.

Thus, it is proved that the Symmetric and Lanczos derivatives give us the same expression for the derivative of a infinite Fourier series, with the important participation of the Fejér–Lanczos factors.

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