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An Asymptotic Behavior of $\{f(n_k t)\}$

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Abstract Let $f(t) \in \text{Lip } \delta$ ($\delta > 1/2$) and $f(t+1) = f(t)$. Then if $\{n_k\}$ satisfies $n_{k+1}/n_k > 1 + ck^{-\alpha}$ ($c > 0$ and $0 \leq \alpha < 1/2$), the law of the iterated logarithms for $\{f(n_k t)\}$ is studied.

1. Introduction Let $f(t)$ be a real valued Lebesgue measurable function on $(-\infty, +\infty)$ satisfying the conditions

$$f(t+1) = f(t), \quad \int_0^1 f(t) dt = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^1 f^2(t) dt < +\infty,$$

and $\{n_k\}$ be an increasing sequence of positive integers. Then it is well known that the sequence of functions $\{f(n_k t)\}$, although themselves not independent, exhibits the properties of independent random variables.

In [3] we proved that if $f \in \text{Lip } \delta$ ($\delta > 0$) and

$$(1.1) \quad n_{k+1}/n_k > 1 + c \quad (c > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad k \geq 1),$$

then we have

$$(1.2) \quad \overline{\lim}_{N \rightarrow \infty} (N \log \log N)^{-1/2} \sum_{k=1}^N f(n_k t) \leq C, \quad \text{a. e. } t,$$

where C is a constant depending on f and c in (1.1).

Recently, Dhompongsa [1] showed that if $f \in \text{Lip } \delta$ ($\delta > 1/2$) and $\{n_k\}$ satisfies the gap condition

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{cases} n_{k+1}/n_k > 1 + ck^{-\alpha}, & k \geq 1, \\ \text{for some } c > 0 \text{ and } 0 < \alpha < 1/2, \end{cases}$$

then (1.2) holds for some constant $C > 0$.

The purpose of the present note is to prove the

THEOREM. *If $f \in \text{Lip } \delta$ ($\delta > 1/2$) and $\{n_k\}$ satisfies (1.3), then we have*

$$\overline{\lim}_{N \rightarrow \infty} (N \log \log N)^{-1/2} \sum_{k=1}^N f(n_k t) \leq \|f\|, \quad \text{a. e. } t,$$

where $f \sim \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} a_h \cos 2\pi h(t + \alpha_h)$, $a_h \geq 0$, and $\|f\| = \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} a_h$.

2. Some Lemmas From now on let us assume that f belongs to the class Lip δ ($\delta > 1/2$) and $\{n_k\}$ satisfies the gap condition (1. 3).

i. If $f(t) \sim \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} a_h \cos 2\pi h(t + \alpha_h)$, $a_h \geq 0$, then the following facts are well known (c f. [5], Vol. 1);

$$(2. 1) \quad \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} a_h \log(h+1) < +\infty$$

and

$$(2. 2) \quad |f(t) - \sum_{h=1}^n a_h \cos 2\pi h(t + \alpha_h)| = O(n^{-\delta} \log n) \\ = o(n^{-1/2}), \quad \text{uniformly in } t, \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty.$$

For simplicity of writing the formulas we consider only cosine series. The general case follows the same lines.

ii. Let us put

$$p(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad p(k) = \max\{m; n_m < 2^k\} \quad \text{for } k \geq 1.$$

If $p(k) + 1 < p(k+1)$, then we have

$$2 > n_{p(k+1)} / n_{p(k)+1} > \prod_{m=p(k)+1}^{p(k+1)-1} (1 + cm^{-\alpha}) \\ > 1 + c \{p(k+1) - p(k) - 1\} p^{-\alpha}(k+1).$$

Therefore, we have

$$(2. 3) \quad p(k+1) - p(k) = O(p^\alpha(k)), \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

Further, the following lemmas are proved (cf. [4]).

LEMMA 1. For any given integers k, j, q and h satisfying

$$p(j) + 1 < h \leq p(j+1) < p(k) + 1 < q \leq p(k+1),$$

the number of solutions (n_r, n_i) of the equation

$$n_q - n_r = n_h - n_i,$$

where $p(j) < i < h$ and $p(k) < r < q$, is at most $C2^{j-k} p^\alpha(k)$, where C is a positive constant independent of k, j, q and h .

LEMMA 2. For any given integers k, j, q and h satisfying

$$p(j+1) < h \leq p(j+2) < p(k+1) < q \leq p(k+2),$$

the number of solutions (n_r, n_i) of the equation

$$n_q - n_r = n_h - n_i,$$

where $p(j) < i \leq p(j+1)$ and $p(k) < r \leq p(k+1)$, is at most $C2^{j-k}p^\alpha(k)$, where C is a positive constant independent of k, j, q and h .

iii. Let β be a positive constant satisfying

$$(2.4) \quad 0 < 1/(1-\alpha) < \beta < 2,$$

and $\{q(k)\}$ be a sequence of integers such that

$$(2.5) \quad p(q(k)-1) \leq k^\beta < p(q(k)).$$

Further, we put

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{cases} \Delta_m(t) = \sum_{j=p(m)+1}^{p(m+1)} \cos 2\pi n_j t, \\ Q_k(t) = \sum_{m=q(k-1)}^{q(k)-2} \Delta_m(t). \end{cases}$$

Then we have, by (2.4) and (2.5),

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} k^\beta - p(q(k)-1) &\leq p(q(k)) - p(q(k)-1) \\ &= O(p^\alpha(q(k))) = O(k^{\alpha\beta}) = o(k^{\beta-1}), \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 3. We have

$$\| \sum_{k=1}^N (Q_k^2 - \| Q_k \|_2^2) \|_2^2 = O(N^{3\beta-2}), \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow +\infty.$$

PROOF. We have

$$\begin{aligned} Q_k^2 - \| Q_k \|_2^2 &= \sum_{m=q(k-1)}^{q(k)-2} (\Delta_m^2 - \| \Delta_m \|_2^2) \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{m=q(k-1)+3}^{q(k)-2} \Delta_m \sum_{j=q(k-1)}^{m-2} \Delta_j + 2 \sum_{m=q(k-1)+1}^{q(k)-2} \Delta_m \Delta_{m-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since for each $r, 0 \leq r \leq 2$, the functions $(\Delta_{3m+r} \sum_{j=q(k-1)}^{3m+r-2} \Delta_j), q(k-1)+2 < 3m+r < q(k)-1$ and $k=1, 2, \dots$, are orthogonal and by (2.5) and (2.7),

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \| \sum_{j=q(k-1)}^{q(k)-2} | \Delta_j | \|_\infty &\leq p(q(k)-1) - p(q(k-1)) \\ &= O(k^{\beta-1}), \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\| \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{m=q(k-1)+3}^{q(k)-2} \Delta_m \sum_{j=q(k-1)}^{m-2} \Delta_j \|_2^2 \\ &\leq 3 \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{m=q(k-1)+3}^{q(k)-2} \| \Delta_m \sum_{j=q(k-1)}^{m-2} \Delta_j \|_2^2 \\ &= O \left(\sum_{k=1}^N k^{2\beta-2} \sum_{m=q(k-1)+3}^{q(k)-2} \| \Delta_m \|_2^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= O\left(\sum_{k=1}^N k^{2\beta-2} \{p(q(k))-1\} - p(q(k-1))\right) = O(N^{3\beta-2}), \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow +\infty.$$

On the other hand we have

$$\Delta_k^2 - \|\Delta_k\|_2^2 = U_k + V_k,$$

where

$$U_k = \sum_{q=p(k)+1}^{p(k+1)} \left\{ (\cos 4\pi n_q t)/2 + \sum_{r=p(k)+1}^{q-1} \cos 2\pi(n_q + n_r)t \right\},$$

$$V_k = \sum_{q=p(k)+2}^{p(k+1)} \sum_{r=p(k)+1}^{q-1} \cos 2\pi(n_q - n_r)t.$$

Since $\{U_m\}$ is orthogonal, we have, by the Minkowski inequality and (2. 3) and (2. 5),

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{m=q(k-1)}^{q(k)-2} U_m \right\|_2^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{m=q(k-1)}^{q(k)-2} \|U_m\|_2^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{m=q(k-1)}^{q(k)-2} \{p(m+1) - p(m)\}^3 = O(p^{2\alpha+1}(q(N))) \\ &= O(N^{(2\alpha+1)\beta}) = o(N^{3\beta-2}), \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

In the same way we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{m=q(k-1)}^{q(k)-2} \|V_m\|_2^2 = o(N^{3\beta-2}), \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow +\infty.$$

On the other hand we have, by Lemma 1,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \left| \int_0^1 V_k(t) V_j(t) dt \right| \\ &\leq Cp^\alpha(k) \{p(k+1) - p(k)\} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} 2^{j-k} \{p(j+1) - p(j)\} \\ &\leq Cp^\alpha(k) \{p(k+1) - p(k)\} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} 2^{j-k} p^\alpha(j). \end{aligned}$$

Since $p(j+1)/p(j) \rightarrow 1$, as $j \rightarrow +\infty$, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} 2^{j-k} p^\alpha(j) = O(p^\alpha(k)), \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Hence, we have, by (2. 3) and (2. 7),

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{q(N)} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \left| \int_0^1 V_k(t) V_j(t) dt \right| &= O\left(\sum_{k=1}^{q(N)} p^{2\alpha}(k) \{p(k+1) - p(k)\}\right) \\ &= O(p^{2\alpha+1}(q(N))) = O(N^{(2\alpha+1)\beta}) = o(N^{3\beta-2}), \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\| \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{m=q(k-1)}^{q(k)-2} V_m \|_2^2 = o(N^{3\beta-2}), \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow +\infty.$$

In the same way we have, by (2. 3) and Lemma 2,

$$\| \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{m=q(k-1)+1}^{q(k)} \Delta_m \Delta_{m-1} \|_2^2 = O(N^{3\beta-2}), \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow +\infty.$$

By the above relations we can complete the proof of the Lemma 3.

In the same way we can prove the following

LEMMA 4. We have, for any M and N ,

$$\| \sum_{k=N}^M (\Delta_k^2 - \| \Delta_k \|_2^2) \|_2^2 \leq C p^{2\alpha}(M) \{p(M+1) - p(N)\},$$

where C is a positive constant independent of M and N .

iii. We have, by (2. 3) and (2. 7),

$$(2. 9) \quad \begin{aligned} \| \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \Delta_{q(k)-1} \|_2^2 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \{p(q(k)) - p(q(k)-1)\} \\ &= O(\sum_{k=1}^N p^\alpha(q(k))) = O(\sum_{k=1}^N k^{\alpha\beta}) = O(N^{\alpha\beta+1}), \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

3. The Estimations of Probabilities.

i. If x is real and $|x| < 1/3$, then we have

$$(3. 1) \quad \exp\{x - (x^2 + |x|^3)/2\} \leq (1+x).$$

Hence, if $|\lambda| \max_{m \leq N} \|Q_m\|_\infty < 1/3$, then

$$\begin{aligned} &\exp\left(\sum_{m=1}^N \{\lambda Q_m(t) - (\lambda^2 Q_m^2(t) + |\lambda Q_m(t)|^3)/2\}\right) \\ &\leq \prod_{m=1}^N \{1 + \lambda Q_m(t)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\{Q_m(t)\}$ is multiplicatively orthogonal, that is, if $0 \leq m_1 < m_2 < \dots < m_n$, then

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{j=1}^n Q_{m_j}(t) dt = 0,$$

we have

$$\int_0^1 \exp\left(\sum_{m=1}^N \{\lambda Q_m(t) - (\lambda^2 Q_m^2(t) + |\lambda Q_m(t)|^3)/2\}\right) dt \leq 1.$$

If we put, for $x > 0$ and $\lambda > 0$,

$$E(\lambda, N, x) = [t; t \in [0, 1], \sum_{m=1}^N Q_m(t) \geq x + \sum_{m=1}^N \{\lambda Q_m^2(t) + \lambda^2 |Q_m(t)|^3\}/2],$$

then we have, by Tchebyshev's inequality,

$$(3.2) \quad |E(\lambda, N, x)| \leq \exp(-\lambda x),$$

where $|E|$ denotes the Lebesgue measure of the set E .

ii. For any fixed $\theta > 1$, we take an integer $M(k)$ and real numbers $\lambda(h, k)$ and $x(h, k)$, $1 \leq h \leq \theta^k$, as follows:

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{cases} M(k)^\beta \leq \theta^k < (M(k)+1)^\beta, \\ \lambda(h, k) = 2 [\{\log(h+1) + \log \log \theta^k\} / \theta^k]^{1/2}, \\ x(h, k) = (1+\eta) \{\log(h+1) + \log \log \theta^k\} / \lambda(h, k), \end{cases}$$

where η is any given positive number.

Then we have, by (2.4) and (2.8),

$$(3.4) \quad \max \{ \lambda(h, k) \|Q_m\|_\infty; m \leq M(k), h \leq \theta^k \} \\ = O(k\theta^{k(2^{-1}-\beta^{-1})}) = o(1), \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Hence, we have, by (3.2),

$$|E(\lambda(h, k), M(k), x(h, k))| \leq \exp\{- (1+\eta) (\log(h+1) + \log \log \theta^k)\},$$

and this implies that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} |E(\lambda(h, k), M(k), x(h, k))| < +\infty.$$

Therefore, by Borel-Cantelli's lemma, for a. e. t , there exists an integer $k_o(t)$ such that $k \geq k_o(t)$ implies

$$\left| \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \sum_{m=1}^{M(k)} Q_m(ht) \right| \\ \leq \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h [x(h, k) + \lambda(h, k) \sum_{m=1}^{M(k)} \{Q_m^2(ht) + \lambda(h, k) |Q_m(ht)|^3\} / 2].$$

On the other hand we have, by (2.1) and (3.3),

$$\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h x(h, k) / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^{1/2} \leq (1+\eta) \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} a_h / 2.$$

By (2.1) and Lemma 3, we have

$$\left\| \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \lambda(h, k) \sum_{m=1}^{M(k)} \{Q_m^2(h \cdot) - \|Q_m\|_2^2\} \right\|_2 \\ \leq \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \lambda(h, k) \left\| \sum_{m=1}^{M(k)} (Q_m^2 - \|Q_m\|_2^2) \right\|_2 \\ = O(kM(k)^{3\beta-2} \theta^{-k})^{1/2} = O(k\theta^{2k(1-\beta^{-1})})^{1/2}, \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Hence, we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\| \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \lambda(h, k) \sum_{m=1}^{M(k)} \{Q_m^2(h \cdot) - \|Q_m\|_2^2\} \right\|_2^2 / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k) < +\infty.$$

By (2. 1), (2. 9) and (3. 3), this shows that, for a. e. t ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \lambda(h, k) \sum_{m=1}^{M(k)} Q_m^2(ht) / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^{1/2} \\ & \sim \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \lambda(h, k) \sum_{m=1}^{M(k)} \|Q_m\|_2^2 / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^{1/2} \\ & \sim \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h, \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

and thus, by (3. 4),

$$\sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \lambda^2(h, k) \sum_{m=1}^{M(k)} |Q_m^3(ht)| / \{\theta^k \log \log \theta^k\}^{1/2} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Further, we have, by (2. 9), (3. 3) and (2.4),

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \sum_{m=1}^{M(k)} \Delta_{q(m)-1}(h \cdot) \| \Delta_{q(m)-1}(h \cdot) \|_2^2 / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k) < +\infty.$$

The above relations show that

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \sum_{m=1}^{M(k)} \cos 2\pi n_m ht / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^{1/2} \\ & \leq (1 + \eta) \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} a_h, \quad \text{a. e. } t. \end{aligned}$$

Since η is arbitrary, we have, by (2. 2), (2. 5) and (3. 3),

$$(3. 5) \quad \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m \leq \theta^k} f(n_m t) / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^{1/2} \leq \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} a_h, \quad \text{a. e. } t.$$

4. The Maximal Theorems. By (2. 3) we can take, for large k , an increasing sequence of integers $\{m_{j,k}\}$, $0 \leq j \leq k$, as follows:

$$(4. 1) \quad p(m_{j,k}) \leq \theta^k + \{(\theta^{k+1} - \theta^k)j/k\} < p(m_{j,k} + 1).$$

Then we have, for some constant C ,

$$(4. 2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \max_{0 \leq j \leq k} \{p(m_{j,k} + 1) - p(m_{j,k})\} \\ & = C(p^\alpha(m_{j,k})) = O(\theta^{k\alpha}), \text{ as } k \rightarrow +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

i. If we put, for $1 \leq h \leq \theta^k$ and $k \geq 1$,

$$(4. 3) \quad \begin{cases} \eta(h, k) = [\{\log(h+1) + \log \log \theta^k\} / (\theta^{k+1} - \theta^k)]^{1/2}, \\ y(h, k) = 3\{\log(h+1) + \log \log \theta^k\} / \eta(h, k). \end{cases}$$

Then we have, by (4. 2) and (4. 3),

$$\max \{ \eta(h, k) \| \Delta_m \|_\infty ; 1 \leq h \leq \theta^k, m_{0,k} \leq m \leq m_{k,k} \}$$

$$= O(k^{1/2} \theta^{k(\alpha-1/2)}) = o(1), \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow +\infty$$

By (3. 1), we have, for large k ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp \left\{ \eta(h, k) \sum_{m=m_{0,k}}^{m_{i,k}} \Delta_m - \eta^2(h, k) \sum_{m=m_{0,k}}^{m_{h,k}} \Delta_m^2 \right\} \\ & \leq \exp \left\{ \eta(h, k) \sum_{m=m_{0,k}}^{m_{i,k}} (\Delta_m - \eta(h, k) \Delta_m^2 - 2 | \eta^2(h, k) \Delta_m^3 |) \right\} \\ & \leq \sum_{m=m_{0,k}}^{m_{i,k}} \{1 + 2\eta(h, k) \Delta_m(t)\}^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since both sequences $\{\Delta_{2m}(t)\}$ and $\{\Delta_{2m+1}(t)\}$ are multiplicatively orthogonal on the interval $(0, 1)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \exp \left\{ \eta(h, k) \sum_{m=m_{0,k}}^{m_{i,k}} \Delta_m - \eta^2(h, k) \sum_{m=m_{0,k}}^{m_{h,k}} \Delta_m^2 \right\} dt \\ & \leq \int_0^1 \prod_{m=m_{0,k}}^{m_{i,k}} \{1 + 2\eta(h, k) \Delta_m(t)\}^{1/2} dt \\ & \leq \left[\int_0^1 \Pi_1 \{1 + 2\eta(h, k) \Delta_{2m}(t)\} dt \int_0^1 \Pi_2 \{1 + 2\eta(h, k) \Delta_{2m+1}(t)\} dt \right]^{1/2} = 1, \end{aligned}$$

where Π_1 (or Π_2) is the product over all m such that

$$m_{0,k} \leq 2m \leq m_{i,k} \quad (\text{or } m_{0,k} \leq 2m+1 \leq m_{j,k}).$$

If we put

$$\begin{aligned} & E'(h, k, j) \\ & = \{t; t \in [0, 1], \sum_{m=m_{0,k}}^{m_{i,k}} \Delta_m(ht) \geq y(h, k) + \eta(h, k) \sum_{m=m_{0,k}}^{m_{h,k}} \Delta_m^2(ht)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have, for any j ,

$$\begin{aligned} |E'(h, k, j)| & \leq \exp \{-3(\log(h+1) + \log \log \theta^k)\} \\ & \leq C \{(h+1)k\}^{-3}, \quad \text{for some } C > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$(4. 4) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^k \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} |E'(h, k, j)| < +\infty.$$

On the other hand we have, by Lemma 4 and (2. 1),

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\| \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \eta(h, k) \sum_{m=m_{0,k}}^{m_{h,k}} \{\Delta_m^2(h \cdot) - \|\Delta_m\|_2^2\} \right\|_2 / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^{1/2} \\ & \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \eta(h, k) \left\| \sum_{m=m_{0,k}}^{m_{h,k}} (\Delta_m^2 - \|\Delta_m\|_2^2) \right\|_2 / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^{1/2} < +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have, by (2. 1) and (4. 1), for a. e. t ,

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \eta(h, k) \sum_{m=m_{\alpha,k}}^{m_{\beta,k}} \Delta_m^2(ht) / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^{1/2} \\ & \sim 2 \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \eta(h, k) \sum_{m=m_{\alpha,k}}^{m_{\beta,k}} \|\Delta_m\|_2^2 / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^{1/2} \\ & \sim \sqrt{\theta-1} \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} a_h, \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Further, we have, by (2. 1),

$$\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \eta(h, k) / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^{1/2} \leq 3\sqrt{\theta-1} \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} a_h.$$

From the above two relations and (4. 4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{0 \leq j \leq k} \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \sum_{m=m_{\alpha,k}}^{m_{\beta,k}} \Delta_m(ht) / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^{1/2} \\ & \leq 4\sqrt{\theta-1} \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} a_h, \quad \text{a. e. } t. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have, by (2. 2),

$$\begin{aligned} (4. 5) \quad & \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{0 \leq j \leq k} \sum_{m=p(m_{\alpha,k})}^{p(m_{\beta,k})} f(n_m t) / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^{1/2} \\ & \leq 4\sqrt{\theta-1} \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} a_h, \quad \text{a. e. } t. \end{aligned}$$

ii. If we put

$$A(j, k, t) = \sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h \sup_{m_{j,k} \leq m \leq m_{j+1,k}} \sum_{r=m_{j,k}}^m \Delta_r(ht),$$

then we have, by (2. 1)

$$\|A(j, k, \cdot)\|_4 \leq \left(\sum_{h \leq \theta^k} a_h\right) \sup_{m_{j,k} \leq m \leq m_{j+1,k}} \sum_{r=m_{j,k}}^m \|\Delta_r\|_4.$$

By the theorems of trigonometric series (c f. [5] vol. II (4. 4) p. 231 and (4. 24) p. 233) and Lemma 4, we have, for some constants c_1, c_2 and c_3 .

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \sup_{m_{j,k} \leq m \leq m_{j+1,k}} \sum_{r=m_{j,k}}^m \Delta_r \right\|_4^4 \leq c_1 \left\| \sum_{r=m_{j,k}}^{m_{j+1,k}} \Delta_r \right\|_4^4 \\ & \leq c_2 \left\| \sum_{r=m_{j,k}}^{m_{j+1,k}} \Delta_r^2 \right\|_2^2 \leq 2c_2 \left(\left\| \sum_{r=m_{j,k}}^{m_{j+1,k}} (\Delta_r^2 - \|\Delta_r\|_2^2) \right\|_2^2 + \left(\sum_{r=m_{j,k}}^{m_{j+1,k}} \|\Delta_r\|_2^2 \right)^2 \right) \\ & \leq c_3 (\theta^{2k} k^{-2}), \quad \text{for } j=0, 1, \dots, k, \text{ as } k \rightarrow +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_0^1 \max_{0 \leq j \leq k} |A(j, k, t)|^4 / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^2 dt \\ & \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^k \int_0^1 |A(j, k, t)|^4 / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^2 dt < +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

and this shows that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j \leq k} |A(j, k, t)| / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^{1/2} = 0, \quad \text{a. e. } t.$$

By (2. 2), we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j \leq k} \sup_{m_{j,k} \leq m \leq m_{j+1,k}} \sum_{r=p(m_{j,k})}^{p(m)} f(n_r t) / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^{1/2} = 0, \quad \text{a. e. } t.$$

By the above relation and (4. 5) and (2. 3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (4. 6) \quad & \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\theta^k \leq m \leq \theta^{k+1}} \sum_{r=\theta^k}^m f(n_r t) / (\theta^k \log \log \theta^k)^{1/2} \\ & \leq 4\sqrt{\theta-1} \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} a_h, \quad \text{a. e. } t. \end{aligned}$$

Since we can choose θ as close as 1, by (3. 5) and (4. 6), we can complete the proof of the theorem.

As a result in the opposite direction P. Erdős [2] proved that there exist a sequence $\{n_k\}$ of positive integers with *Hadamard's gap* and a function $f \in L^2(0, 1)$ such that

$$\overline{\lim}_{N \rightarrow \infty} N^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^N f(n_k t) = +\infty, \quad \text{a. e. } t.$$

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