

# A REMARK ON THE DIVERGENCE OF STRONG POWER MEANS OF WALSH-FOURIER SERIES

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ABSTRACT. F. Schipp in 1969 proved almost everywhere  $p$ -strong summability of Walsh-Fourier series and if  $\lambda(n) \rightarrow \infty$  there exists a function  $f \in L^1[0, 1)$  which Walsh partial sums  $S_k(x, f)$  satisfy the divergence condition

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |S_k(x, f)|^{\lambda(k)} = \infty$$

almost everywhere on  $[0, 1)$ . In the present paper we show that this condition may hold everywhere.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In the study of almost everywhere convergence and summability of Fourier series the trigonometric and Walsh systems have many common properties. Kolmogorov [?] in 1926 constructed the first example of everywhere divergent trigonometric Fourier series. The existence of the almost everywhere divergent Walsh-Fourier series first proved Stein [?]. Then Schipp [?] constructed an example of everywhere divergent Walsh-Fourier series. A significant complement to these divergence theorems are the investigations on almost everywhere summability of Fourier series.

Let  $\Phi(t) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $\Phi(0) = 0$ , be an increasing continuous function. A numerical series with partial sums  $s_1, s_2, \dots$  is said to be (strong)  $\Phi$ -summable to a number  $s$ , if

$$(1.1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \Phi(|s_k - s|) = 0.$$

We note that the condition (1.1) is as strong as rapidly growing is  $\Phi$ , and in the case of  $\Phi(t) = t^p$ ,  $p > 0$ , the condition (1.1) coincides with  $H^p$ -summability, well known in the theory of Fourier series. Marcinkiewicz-Zygmund in [?], [?] established the almost everywhere  $H^p$ -summability for an arbitrary trigonometric Fourier series (ordinary and conjugate). Oskolkov in [?] proved a.e.  $\Phi$ -summability for trigonometric Fourier series if  $\Phi(t) = O(t/\log \log t)$ . Then Rodin [?] established the analogous with  $\Phi$  satisfying the condition

$$(1.2) \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \Phi(t)}{t} < \infty,$$

which is equivalent to the bound  $\Phi(t) < \exp(Ct)$  with some  $C > 0$ . Moreover, Rodin invented an interesting property, that is almost everywhere BMO-boundedness of

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Fourier series, and the a.e.  $\Phi$ -summability immediately follows from this results, applying John-Nirenberg theorem. Karagulyan in [?, ?] proved that the condition (??) is sharp for a.e.  $\Phi$ -summability for Fourier series. That is if

$$(1.3) \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \Phi(t)}{t} = \infty,$$

then there exists an integrable function  $f \in L^1(0, 2\pi)$  such that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \Phi(|S_k(x, f)|) = \infty, \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \Phi(|\tilde{S}_k(x, f)|) = \infty,$$

hold everywhere on  $\mathbb{R}$ , where  $S_k(x, f)$  and  $\tilde{S}_k(x, f)$  are the ordinary and conjugate partial sums of Fourier series of  $f(x)$ .

Analogous problems are considered also for Walsh series. Almost everywhere  $H^p$ -summability of Walsh-Fourier series with  $p > 0$  was proved by F. Schipp [?]. The almost everywhere  $\Phi$ -summability with the condition (??) was proved by V. Rodin [?] and F. Schipp [?]. Recently Gát, Goginava and Karagulyan [?] established, that the bound (??) is sharp for a.e.  $\Phi$ -summability of Walsh-Fourier series too. Moreover, as in the trigonometric case [?], it is constructed a function  $f \in L^1[0, 1)$  such that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \Phi(|S_k(x, f)|) = \infty$$

holds everywhere on  $[0, 1)$ , where  $\Phi$  satisfies the condition (??) and  $S_k(x, f)$  are the partial sums of Walsh-Fourier series of  $f(x)$ . Let  $\lambda(n) \rightarrow \infty$  be an arbitrary sequence. Schipp [?] constructed an example of function  $f \in L^1[0, 1)$  such that

$$(1.4) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |S_k(x, f)|^{\lambda(k)} = \infty$$

holds almost everywhere on  $[0, 1)$ . Using a version of the basic lemma from [?], in this paper we shall show that (??) may hold everywhere. That is

**Theorem.** *For any sequence  $\lambda(n) \rightarrow \infty$ , there exists a function  $f \in L^1[0, 1)$  such that (??) holds everywhere on  $[0, 1)$ .*

We note also, that the problem of uniformly  $\Phi$ -summability of trigonometric Fourier series, when  $f(x)$  is a continuous function was considered by V. Totik [?, ?]. He proved that the condition (??) is necessary and sufficient for the uniformly  $\Phi$ -summability of Fourier series of continuous functions. For the Walsh series the analogous problem is considered by S. Fridli and F. Schipp [?, ?], V. Rodin [?], U. Goginava and L. Gogoladze [?].

## 2. PROOF OF THEOREM

Recall the definitions of Rademacher and Walsh functions (see [?] or [?]). We consider the function

$$r_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in [0, 1/2), \\ -1, & \text{if } x \in [1/2, 1), \end{cases}$$

periodically continued over the real line. The Rademacher functions are defined by  $r_k(x) = r_0(2^k x)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Walsh system is obtained by all possible products

of Rademacher functions. We shall consider the Paley ordering of Walsh system. We set  $w_0(x) \equiv 1$ . To define  $w_n(x)$  when  $n \geq 1$  we write  $n$  in the dyadic form

$$(2.1) \quad n = \sum_{j=0}^k \varepsilon_j 2^j,$$

where  $\varepsilon_k = 1$  and  $\varepsilon_j = 0$  or  $1$  if  $j = 0, 1, \dots, k-1$ , and set

$$w_n(x) = \prod_{j=0}^k (r_j(x))^{\varepsilon_j}.$$

The partial sums of Walsh-Fourier series of a function  $f \in L^1[0, 1)$  have a formula

$$S_n(x, f) = \int_0^1 f(t) D_n(x \oplus t) dt,$$

where  $D_n(x)$  is the Dirichlet kernel and  $\oplus$  denotes the dyadic addition. We note that

$$D_{2^k}(x) = \begin{cases} 2^k, & \text{if } x \in [0, 2^{-k}), \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in [2^{-k}, 1). \end{cases}$$

The Dirichlet kernel can be expressed by the modified Dirichlet kernel  $D_n^*(x)$  by

$$D_n(x) = w_n(x) D_n^*(x).$$

If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  have the form (??), then we have

$$D_n^*(x) = \sum_{j=0}^k \varepsilon_j D_{2^j}^*(x) = \sum_{j=0}^k \varepsilon_j r_j(x) D_{2^j}(x).$$

We shall write  $a \lesssim b$ , if  $a < c \cdot b$  and  $c > 0$  is an absolute constant. The notation  $\mathbb{1}_E$  stands for the indicator function of a set  $E$ . An interval is said to be a set of the form  $[a, b)$ . For a dyadic interval  $\delta$  we denote by  $\delta^+$  and  $\delta^-$  the left and right halves of  $\delta$ . We denote the spectrum of a Walsh polynomial  $P(x) = \sum_{k=0}^m a_k w_k(x)$  by

$$\text{sp } P(x) = \{k \in \mathbb{N} \cup 0 : a_k \neq 0\}.$$

The following lemma is proved in [?]. In its proof we use a well known inequality

$$(2.2) \quad \left| \left\{ x \in (0, 1) : \left| \sum_{k=1}^n a_k r_k(x) \right| \leq \lambda \right\} \right| \geq 1 - 2 \exp \left( -\lambda^2 / 4 \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 \right), \quad \lambda > 0,$$

for Rademacher polynomials (see for example [?], chap. 2, theorem 5).

**Lemma 1** ([?]). *If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n > 50$ , then there exists a set  $E_n \subset [0, 1)$ , which is a union of some dyadic intervals of the length  $2^{-n}$ , satisfies the inequality*

$$(2.3) \quad |E_n| > 1 - 2 \exp(-n/36),$$

and for any  $x \in E_n$  there exists an integer  $m = m(x) < 2^n$  such that

$$(2.4) \quad \int_0^x D_m^*(x \oplus t) dt \geq \frac{n}{30}.$$

*Proof.* We define

$$(2.5) \quad E_n = \left\{ x \in [0, 1) : \left| \sum_{j=1}^n r_j(x)r_{j+1}(x) \right| < \frac{n}{3} \right\}.$$

Since  $\phi_j(x) = r_j(x)r_{j+1}(x)$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are independent functions, taking values  $\pm 1$  equally, the inequality (??) holds for  $\phi_j(x)$  functions too. Applying (??) in (??) we will get the bound (??). Observe that for a fixed  $x \in E_n$  we have

$$(2.6) \quad \#\{j \in \mathbb{N} : 1 \leq j \leq n : r_j(x)r_{j+1}(x) = -1\} > n/3,$$

where  $\#A$  denotes the cardinality of a set  $A$ . On the other hand the value in (??) characterizes the number of sign changes in the sequence  $r_1(x), r_2(x), \dots, r_{n+1}(x)$ . Using this fact, we may fix integers  $1 \leq k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_\nu \leq n$ , such that

$$(2.7) \quad r_{k_i}(x) = 1, \quad r_{k_i+1}(x) = -1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, \nu, \quad \nu \geq \frac{n}{6} - 1.$$

Suppose  $\delta_j$  is the dyadic interval of the length  $2^{-j}$  containing the point  $x$ . Observe that (??) is equivalent to the condition

$$(2.8) \quad x \in \left( (\delta_{k_j})^+ \right)^-.$$

This implies

$$(2.9) \quad \left( (\delta_{k_j})^+ \right)^+ \subset [0, x),$$

$$(2.10) \quad r_{k_j}(x \oplus t) = 1, \quad t \in \delta_{k_j} \cap [0, x).$$

Now consider the integer

$$m = 2^{k_1} + 2^{k_2} + \dots + 2^{k_\nu}.$$

Using (??) and (??), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^x D_m^*(x \oplus t) dt &= \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \int_0^x r_{k_j}(x \oplus t) D_{2^{k_j}}(x \oplus t) dt \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} 2^{k_j} \int_{\delta_{k_j} \cap [0, x)} r_{k_j}(x \oplus t) dt \\ &\geq \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} 2^{k_j} \int_{\left( (\delta_{k_j})^+ \right)^+} r_{k_j}(x \oplus t) dt \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} 2^{k_j-2} |\delta_{k_j}| = \frac{\nu}{4} > \frac{n}{30}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\lambda(n) \rightarrow \infty$  be an arbitrary sequence. Then for any integer  $n > n_0$  there exists a Walsh polynomial  $f(x) = f_n(x)$  such that*

$$(2.11) \quad \|f\|_1 \leq 4, \quad \text{sp } f(x) \subset [p(n), q(n)],$$

$$(2.12) \quad \sup_{N \in [p(n), 2q(n)]} \frac{\#\{k \in \mathbb{N} : 1 \leq k \leq N, |S_k(x, f)| > n/40\}}{N} \gtrsim 2^{-2n},$$

where  $n_0$  is an absolute constant and  $q(n) > p(n)$  are positive integers such that

$$(2.13) \quad \min_{k \geq p(n)} \lambda(k) > n.$$

*Proof.* We define

$$\theta_k = \frac{k-1}{2^n} + \frac{k-1}{4^n} \in \Delta_k = \left[ \frac{k-1}{2^n}, \frac{k}{2^n} \right), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, 2^n,$$

and a positive integer  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ , satisfying

$$(2.14) \quad \min_{k \geq 2^s} \lambda(k) > n, \quad s > n.$$

Let  $E_n$  be the set obtained in ???. We define  $f(x)$  by

$$(2.15) \quad f(x) = 2^\gamma \cdot \mathbb{I}_{(E_n)^c}(x) r_s(x) + \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{j=1}^{2^n} \left( D_{u_{2^n}}(x \oplus \theta_j) - D_{u_j}(x \oplus \theta_j) \right),$$

where  $s$  is defined in (??) and

$$(2.16) \quad \gamma = \lceil \log_2(\exp(n/36)) \rceil,$$

$$(2.17) \quad u_j = 2^{s+10j}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, 2^n.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sp } (\mathbb{I}_{(E_n)^c}(x) r_s(x)) &\subset [2^s, 2^{s+1}) = [u_0, 2u_0), \\ \text{sp } (D_{u_{2^n}}(x \oplus \theta_j) - D_{u_j}(x \oplus \theta_j)) &\subset (u_j, u_{2^n}] \subset [u_0, u_{2^n}], \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\text{sp } f(x) \subset [p(n), q(n)], \quad p(n) = u_0 = 2^s, \quad q(n) = u_{2^n}.$$

Using (??) and (??), we obtain

$$\|f\|_1 \leq 2^\gamma (1 - |E_n|) + 2 \leq \exp(n/36) \cdot 2 \exp(-n/36) + 2 = 4.$$

From the expression (??) it follows that any value taken by  $f(x)$  is either 0 or a sum of different numbers of the form  $\pm 2^k$  with  $k \geq \gamma$ . This implies

$$|f(x)| \geq 2^\gamma \geq \frac{\exp(n/36)}{2} > \frac{n}{40}, \quad n > n_0 = 150,$$

whenever

$$(2.18) \quad x \in \text{supp } f = (E_n)^c \cup \left( \bigcup_{j=1}^{2^n-1} (\theta_j \oplus \text{supp } D_{u_j}) \right).$$

On the other hand if  $l \geq q(n)$  and  $x$  satisfies (??), then we have

$$|S_l(x, f)| = |f(x)| > \frac{n}{40}.$$

Thus we obtain

$$\frac{\#\{k \in \mathbb{N} : 1 \leq k \leq 2q(n), |S_k(x, f)| > n/40\}}{2q(n)} \geq \frac{1}{2} > 2^{-2n},$$

which implies (??). Now consider the case when (??) doesn't hold. We may suppose that

$$(2.19) \quad x \in \Delta_k \setminus \text{supp } f, \quad 1 \leq k \leq 2^n.$$

According to Lemma ??, there exists an integer  $m = m(x) < 2^n$  satisfying the inequality (?). Together with  $m$  we consider

$$p = p(x) = m(x)(1 + 2^n) < 2^{2n}.$$

Using the definition of  $\theta_j$ , observe that

$$\begin{aligned} w_m(\theta_k) &= w_m\left(\frac{k-1}{2^n}\right), \\ w_{m \cdot 2^n}(\theta_k) &= w_{m \cdot 2^n}\left(\frac{k-1}{4^n}\right) = w_m\left(\frac{k-1}{2^n}\right), \end{aligned}$$

and therefore we get

$$(2.20) \quad w_p(\theta_k) = w_m(\theta_k)w_{m \cdot 2^n}(\theta_k) = 1, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, 2^n.$$

Define

$$(2.21) \quad L(x) = \{l \in \mathbb{N} : l = p + \mu \cdot 2^{2n}, \mu \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Once again using the definition of  $\theta_k$  as well as (?), we conclude

$$(2.22) \quad w_l(\theta_k) = w_p(\theta_k)w_{\mu \cdot 2^{2n}}(\theta_k) = 1, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, 2^n, \quad l \in L(x).$$

Suppose

$$(2.23) \quad l \in L(x) \cap [u_{k-1}, u_k), \quad k \leq 2^n.$$

Since  $x$  is taken outside of  $\text{supp } f$ , we have

$$(2.24) \quad \begin{aligned} S_l(x, f) &= \frac{1}{2^n} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} D_l(x \oplus \theta_j) - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} D_{u_j}(x \oplus \theta_j) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} D_l(x \oplus \theta_j). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand by (?) we get

$$(2.25) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2^n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} D_l(x \oplus \theta_j) \right| &= \frac{1}{2^n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} w_l(\theta_j) D_l^*(x \oplus \theta_j) \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2^n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} D_l^*(x \oplus \theta_j) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Using the definition of  $D_l^*(x)$ , observe that

$$D_l^*(x) = D_p^*(x) + D_{\mu \cdot 2^{2n}}^*(x) = D_m^*(x) + D_{m \cdot 2^n}^*(x) + D_{\mu \cdot 2^{2n}}^*(x).$$

Since the supports of the functions  $D_{m \cdot 2^n}^*(t)$  and  $D_{\mu \cdot 2^{2n}}^*(t)$  are in  $\Delta_1$ , we conclude

$$(2.26) \quad D_l^*(x \oplus \theta_j) = D_m^*(x \oplus \theta_j), \quad x \in \Delta_k, \quad j \neq k.$$

Thus, applying Lemma ?? and (??), we obtain the bound

$$(2.27) \quad \frac{1}{2^n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} D_l(x \oplus \theta_j) \right| = \frac{1}{2^n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} D_m^*(x \oplus \theta_j) \right| \\ \geq \int_0^x D_m^*(x \oplus t) dt - 1 > \frac{n}{30} - 1 > \frac{n}{40}, \quad n > n_0 = 150,$$

which holds whenever  $l$  satisfies (??). Taking into account of (??) and (??), we get

$$\frac{\#\{l \in \mathbb{N} : 1 \leq l \leq u_k, |S_l(x, f)| > n/40\}}{u_k} \geq \frac{\#\{L(x) \cap [u_{k-1}, u_k]\}}{u_k} \gtrsim 2^{-2n},$$

which completes the proof of lemma.  $\square$

*Proof of theorem.* We may choose numbers  $\{n_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  such that

$$(2.28) \quad p(n_{k+1}) > 2q(n_k),$$

$$(2.29) \quad \frac{1}{2^{2n_k}} \cdot \left(\frac{n_k}{50 \cdot 2^k}\right)^{n_k} > k,$$

$$(2.30) \quad n_{k+1} > 800k2^k q(n_k),$$

where  $p(n)$  and  $q(n)$  are the sequences determined in Lemma ?. Applying Lemma ?, we get polynomials  $g_k(x) = f_{n_k}(x)$ , which satisfy (??) for any  $x \in [0, 1)$ . We have

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} g_k(x) \in L^1[0, 1).$$

The condition (??) provides increasing spectrums of these polynomials. Thus, if  $p(n_k) < l \leq q(n_k)$ , then we have

$$(2.31) \quad |S_l(x, f)| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} S_l(x, g_j) \right| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} 2^{-j} g_j(x) + 2^{-k} S_l(x, g_k) \right| \\ \geq 2^{-k} |S_l(x, g_k)| - 4(k-1)q(n_{k-1}).$$

Applying Lemma ?, for any  $x \in [0, 1)$  we may find a number  $N_k \in [p(n_k), 2q(n_k)]$  such that

$$\#\{l \in \mathbb{N} : p(n_k) < l \leq N_k, |S_l(x, g_k)| > n_k/40\} \gtrsim \frac{N_k}{2^{2n_k}}.$$

Thus, using also (??) and (??), we conclude

$$\#\{l \in \mathbb{N} : p(n_k) < l \leq N_k, |S_l(x, f)| > n_k/50 \cdot 2^k\} \gtrsim \frac{N_k}{2^{2n_k}}$$

and finally, using (??) we obtain

$$\frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{j=1}^{N_k} |S_j(x, f)|^{\lambda(j)} \gtrsim \frac{1}{N_k} \cdot \frac{N_k}{2^{2n_k}} \cdot \left(\frac{n_k}{50 \cdot 2^k}\right)^{n_k} \geq k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

This implies the divergence of  $\lambda$ -power means at a point  $x \in [0, 1)$  taken arbitrarily, which completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

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