

## Some Results about Smoothing Methods of Fourier Series (\*) (\*\*).

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**Summary.** – In this paper we compare the Fourier polynomial's approximation, in  $C(T^n)$  or in  $L^p(T^n)$ , with that one obtained by a class of smoothing methods, which naturally arise in solving ill posed problems. It is also given a sharp evaluation of the above approximation in the space  $\text{Lip}(\alpha, C(T))$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ .

### 1. – Introduction.

Let us consider an integrable, sufficiently smooth, function  $f$  defined on the  $N$ -dimensional torus. In order to obtain both a good graphic representation and a good  $L^2$  approximation of  $f$ , some years ago M. FRONTINI and L. GORUSSO ([4], [5]) approximated  $f$  in the case  $N = 1, 2$  by trigonometric polynomials obtained with a technique similar to that one used by D. L. PHILLIPS [11] for smoothing the approximated solutions of an integral equation of the first kind.

This smoothing process was obtained by means of kernels of the form  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^N} (1 - \sigma P(n))^{-1} \exp(2\pi i n t)$ , where  $P$  is a suitable homogeneous polynomial of degree 4 and  $\sigma$  is a real positive smoothing parameter.

Many results were later obtained ([6], [3], [7]) on the subject, concerning the  $N$ -dimensional torus and general homogeneous polynomials of even degree  $k$  such that  $P(x) > 0$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $x \neq 0$ .

Briefly, we recall some of the mentioned results.

If  $N \geq 1$ , let  $Z^N$  be the lattice of integer points of  $\mathbb{R}^N$  and  $T^N = \mathbb{R}^N/Z^N$  the  $N$ -dimensional torus. Let us name  $B$ , indifferently, the Lebesgue space  $L^p(T^N)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$ , or the space of continuous functions  $C(T^N)$  and denote their norm by  $\| \cdot \|_B$ .

If  $f \in L^1(T^N)$  and  $\sigma > 0$ , let

$$(1.1) \quad f_\sigma \sim \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^N} \frac{f(n)}{1 + \sigma P(n)} \exp(2\pi i n t), \quad t \in T^N.$$

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Whenever  $f \in B$ , also  $f_\sigma \in B$  and  $\|f - f_\sigma\|_B \rightarrow 0$ . Moreover, if  $k$  is big enough (e.g.  $k > N$ ), the series (1.1) is absolutely and uniformly convergent to  $f_\sigma$  over  $T^N$ . Then in this case we can approximate every  $f \in B$  as close as we want both by  $f_\sigma$  and by Fourier polynomials of  $f_\sigma$ , also in  $L^1(T^N)$  and  $C(T^N)$ , where generally the approximation by Fourier polynomials fails.

In this paper we compare the approximation given in  $B$  by the above method and by more general other smoothing methods with that one given by Fourier polynomials.

2. - For every integer  $m \geq 0$  and for every real  $\sigma \geq 0$  let us set

$$(2.1) \quad P_{m,\sigma} = P_{m,\sigma}(f) = \sum_{|n| \leq m} \frac{\hat{f}(n)}{1 + \sigma P(n)} \exp(2\pi i n t), \quad t \in T^N.$$

In the Introduction we observed that if  $B = L^1$  or  $B = C$  there exist functions such that the inequality

$$(2.2) \quad \|f - P_{m,\sigma}\|_B \leq \|f - P_{m,0}\|_B$$

is satisfied at least for sufficiently small  $\sigma$  and large  $m$ .

Nevertheless, this is not enough to ensure that  $P_{m,\sigma}$  give an essentially better approximation of  $f$  than that one obtained by Fourier polynomials  $P_{m,0}$ . Indeed for every smoothing method, by using the properties of the lacunary Fourier series can be easily proved the following theorem.

**THEOREM 1.** - For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a function  $f \in B$  (which is not a trigonometric polynomial) with an absolutely convergent Fourier series such that every polynomial

$$Q(t) = \sum_{|n| \leq m} \alpha_n \hat{f}(n) \exp(2\pi i n t), \quad t \in T^N$$

satisfies the inequality

$$(2.3) \quad \|f - Q\|_B > \frac{K_B}{1 + \varepsilon} \|f - P_{m,0}\|_B$$

where

$$K_B = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } B = L^p(T^N), 1 \leq p < 2 \\ p^{-\frac{1}{2}} & \text{if } B = L^p(T^N), 2 < p < +\infty \\ 1 & \text{if } B = C(T^N). \end{cases}$$

3. - If  $f$  is a trigonometric polynomial of degree  $s \neq 0$ , obviously (2.2) doesn't hold if  $m \geq s$ . Moreover, in the case  $B = C(T)$ , for every function  $f$  of the form

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cos 2\pi n t, \quad t \in T$$

with  $a_n > 0$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} a_n < +\infty$ , it can easily be seen that (2.2) doesn't hold whatever is  $m > 0$  and  $\sigma$ .

The following theorem shows that the same happens in the case  $B = L^1(T)$ .

THEOREM 2. - There exist functions  $f \in L^1(T)$  such that

$$(3.1) \quad \|f - P_{m,\sigma}\|_1 > \|f - P_{m,0}\|_1$$

for every real  $\sigma > 0$  and for every positive integer  $m$ .

This theorem is a particular case of the following more general result.

Let  $M: (\mathbf{R}^+ \cup \{0\}) \times \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  be such that  $M(\sigma, 0) = 1, \forall \sigma > 0$  and  $M(0, n) = 1, \forall n \in \mathbf{N}^+$ .

If  $f \in L^1(T)$  let us set

$$f_\sigma(t) = f_{\sigma,M}(t) \sim \sum_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} M(\sigma, |n|) \hat{f}(n) \exp(2\pi i n t),$$

$$Q_{m,\sigma}(t) = Q_{m,\sigma,M}(t) = \sum_{|n| \leq m} M(\sigma, |n|) \hat{f}(n) \exp(2\pi i n t).$$

THEOREM 3. - Suppose that

- 1)  $M(\sigma, 1) \neq 1, \quad \forall \sigma > 0;$
- 2)  $\text{Sup}_{\sigma > 0} \left| \frac{1 - M(\sigma, n)}{1 - M(\sigma, 1)} \right| < +\infty, \quad \forall n \in \mathbf{N}^+.$

Then there exist functions  $f \in L^1(T)$  (which are not trigonometric polynomials) such that

$$(3.2) \quad \|f - Q_{m,\sigma}\|_1 > \|f - Q_{m,0}\|_1$$

for every real  $\sigma > 0$  and for every positive integer  $m$ .

REMARKS. - 1) Obviously, condition 1) cannot be relaxed if (3.2) has to be satisfied for every  $\sigma > 0$  and  $m > 0$ . If instead of 1) we require  $M(\sigma, n_0) \neq 1, \sigma > 0$  and we make the same assumption in 2), then the result holds for every  $m > n_0$ : Moreover, the proof of the theorem shows that the result is true also if 2) is verified only for  $n = 2^k n_0, k = 1, 2, \dots$

2) Theorem 3 can be applied, for instance, to the classical cases of Féjer and Poisson Kernels, whose Fourier transforms satisfy 1) and 2).

3) We can also apply Theorem 3 to the case  $M(\sigma, n) = \hat{\mu}_\sigma(n)$  where  $\{\mu(\sigma)\}_{\sigma>0}$  is a family of positive bounded measures which weak  $*$  converges for  $\sigma \rightarrow 0^+$  to the unit mass measure  $\delta(0)$ . For instance, if  $d\mu_\sigma(x) = (1/\sigma)\varphi(x/\sigma) dx$ , where  $\varphi$  is a sufficiently smooth positive function, supported in a neighbourhood of the origin, whose integral is one, then (2.2) holds for every sufficiently large  $m$ . Indeed, the hypotheses of Th. 3 in the weaker form of the remark 1 are satisfied.

Another case in this scheme is that of convolution semigroups, i.e. a family  $\{\mu_\sigma\}_{\sigma>0}$  of positive bounded measures with: a)  $\mu_\sigma(T) \leq 1$ ,  $\sigma > 0$ ; b)  $\mu_\sigma * \mu_s = \mu_{\sigma+s}$ ,  $\sigma, s > 0$ ; c)  $\mu_\sigma \rightarrow \delta(0)$  for  $\sigma \rightarrow 0^+$ . (See e.g. [2], def. 8.1). From Th. 8.3 and 7.17 of [2] one can easily deduce that hypotheses of theorem 3 are satisfied, except for the trivial cases  $\mu_\sigma = \delta(0)$ ,  $\sigma > 0$ .

4. - Now we come back to consider the smoothing method (1.1). We recall that if  $f \in B$ , for sufficiently large  $m$ , the polynomials  $P_{m,\sigma}$  in (2.1) give us an as good approximation of  $f$  as we want. At present, we would like to give an estimate of such approximation, at least for some classes of functions.

An estimate of  $\|f_\sigma - P_{m,\sigma}\|$  can be found for instance in [3], Th. 4 and [7], pp. 354-356. Here we obtain some evaluations of  $\|f - f_\sigma\|$  for functions in Lipschitz classes.

A similar result for these classes was obtained in [9] and [14] in the case of Féjer sums.

We recall the definition of Lipschitz class. We say that  $f \in B$  belongs to the Lipschitz class  $K \text{ lip } (\alpha, B)$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  if we have

$$\|\Delta_u f\|_B \leq K \|u\|^\alpha, \quad \forall u \in T^N$$

where

$$(\Delta_u f)(t) = f(t + u) - f(t).$$

THEOREM 4. - If  $f \in K \text{ lip } (\alpha, B)$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , we have

$$(4.1) \quad \|f - f_\sigma\|_B \leq KC_{\alpha,N} \sigma^{\alpha/k}.$$

Moreover, if  $N = 1$ , there exists  $M > 0$  such that

$$(4.2) \quad \sup_{f \in K \text{ lip } (\alpha, C(T))} \|f - f_\sigma\|_\sigma > M \sigma^{\alpha/k}.$$

5. - In this section we give the proofs of the theorems.

THEOREM 1. - Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $E \in Z^N$  a Sidon set, [13], such that for every absolutely convergent series

$$f(t) = \sum_{n \in E} a_n \exp(2\pi i n t), \quad t \in T^N$$

we have

$$\sum_{n \in E} |a_n| < (1 + \varepsilon) \|f\|_\infty.$$

Such a set  $E$  may be, for instance, a lacunary set. (See e.g. [1], vol. 1, p. 179; vol. II, p. 246).

Therefore, if  $1 \leq p < 2$  we have

$$\|f - P_{m,0}\|_p \leq \|f - P_{m,0}\|_2 \leq \|f - Q\|_2 \leq 2(1 + \varepsilon) \|f - Q\|_p;$$

if  $2 < p < +\infty$ , then

$$\|f - P_{m,0}\|_p \leq \sqrt{p}(1 + \varepsilon) \|f - P_{m,0}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{p}(1 + \varepsilon) \|f - Q\|_2 \leq \sqrt{p}(1 + \varepsilon) \|f - Q\|_p;$$

if  $p = \infty$  then

$$\|f - P_{m,0}\|_\infty \leq \sum_{\substack{n \in E \\ |n| > m}} |\hat{f}(n)| \leq \sum_{\substack{n \in E \\ |n| \leq m}} |1 - \alpha_n| |\hat{f}(n)| + \sum_{\substack{n \in E \\ |n| > m}} |\hat{f}(n)| \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \|f - Q\|_\infty,$$

q.e.d.

The proof shows that for  $2 < p < +\infty$  (2.3) holds for every trigonometric polynomial of degree less than or equal to  $m$ .

**THEOREM 3.** - Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence of real positive numbers such that for every  $n > 1$  we have

$$(5.1) \quad a_n < 2^{-(2n-1)} K_{2^{n-1}}^{-1}$$

where

$$K_n = \sup_{\sigma > 0} \frac{1 - M(\sigma, n)}{1 - M(\sigma, 1)}$$

and moreover

$$(5.2) \quad a_n < 2^{-(2n-2m+1)} a_m, \quad \forall m = 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

Let us consider the function

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin 2^n \pi t, \quad t \in T.$$

For this kind of functions it suffices to consider  $Q_{k,\sigma}$  where  $k = 2^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbf{N}^+$ . Let us set  $Q_{2^n, \sigma} = R_{n,\sigma}$ . Then for every  $m > 0$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots, m$

$$(f - R_{m,0})(t) = - (f - R_{m,0})(2^{-n} - t);$$

therefore  $R_{m,0}$  satisfies the following conditions

$$\int_0^1 \sin 2^n \pi t \operatorname{sgn}((f - R_{m,0})(t)) dt = 0$$

for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . This implies that  $R_{m,0}$  is a best  $L^1$  approximation of  $f$  in the class  $V_m$  of the polynomials of the form  $\sum_{n=1}^m a_n \sin 2^n \pi t$  <sup>(1)</sup>. Consequently

$$(5.3) \quad \|f - R_{m,\sigma}\|_1 \geq \|f - R_{m,0}\|_1, \quad \sigma > 0.$$

Because  $f$  is not a Chebychev set on  $(0, 1)$ , the polynomial of best approximation of  $f$  in  $V_m$  may not be unique; then we have to prove that in (5.3) the strict inequality holds.

To this aim let us consider

$$(5.4) \quad f - R_{m,\sigma} = \sum_{n=1}^m a_n (1 - M(\sigma, 2^{n-1})) \sin 2^n \pi t + \sum_{n>m} a_n \sin 2^n \pi t = \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2.$$

We may always suppose  $a_1 = 1$  and  $1 - M(\sigma, 1) > 0$ . By (5.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1 &= \sum_{n=1}^m a_n (1 - M(\sigma, 2^{n-1})) 2^{n-1} \sin 2\pi t \prod_{s=1}^{n-1} \cos 2^s \pi t = \\ &= (1 - M(\sigma, 1)) \sin 2\pi t \left\{ 1 + \sum_{n=2}^m \frac{1 - M(\sigma, 2^{n-1})}{1 - M(\sigma, 1)} 2^{n-1} a_n \cdot \prod_{s=1}^{n-1} \cos 2^s \pi t \right\} \geq \\ &\geq (1 - M(\sigma, 1)) \sin 2\pi t \left\{ 1 - \operatorname{sgn}(\sin 2\pi t) \sum_{n=2}^m 2^{-n} \right\} \geq \\ &\geq (1 - M(\sigma, 1)) \sin 2\pi t \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sgn}(\sin 2\pi t) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

From (5.2) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_2 &= \sin 2^{m+1} \pi t \left\{ a_{m+1} + \sum_{n=2}^m 2^{n-1} a_{m+n} \prod_{s=1}^{n-1} \cos 2^{m+s} \pi t \right\} \geq \\ &\geq a_{m+1} \sin 2^{m+1} \pi t \left\{ 1 - \operatorname{sgn}(\sin 2^{m+1} \pi t) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} 2^{-n} \right\} \geq \\ &\geq a_{m+1} \sin 2^{m+1} \pi t \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sgn}(\sin 2^{m+1} \pi t) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us set

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{m,\sigma}(t) &= (1 - M(\sigma, 1)) \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sgn}(\sin 2\pi t) \right\} \sin 2\pi t + \\ &\quad + a_{m+1} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sgn}(\sin 2^{m+1} \pi t) \right\} \sin 2^{m+1} \pi t. \end{aligned}$$

<sup>(1)</sup> See e.g. [12], p. 104, th. 4.2 or [8], p. 104, Cor. 1.5.

By (5.4) we have

$$f(t) - R_{m,\sigma}(t) \geq \varphi_{m,\sigma}(t), \quad \forall t \in T.$$

Because

$$(f - R_{m,\sigma})(t) = -(f - R_{m,\sigma})(1-t), \quad \forall t \in T, \quad \forall m > 0$$

the last inequality gives

$$(5.5) \quad \int_0^1 \sin 2\pi t \operatorname{sgn} (f(t) - R_{m,\sigma}(t)) dt \geq 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin 2\pi t \operatorname{sgn} (f(t) - R_{m,\sigma}(t)) dt \geq \\ \geq 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin 2\pi t \operatorname{sgn} \varphi_{m,\sigma}(t) dt.$$

Now we check the sign of  $\varphi_{m,\sigma}$  in  $(0, \frac{1}{2})$ .

For every  $k$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq 2^{m-1} - 1$  let

$$I_k = \left( \frac{k}{2^{m+1}}, \frac{k+1}{2^{m+1}} \right)$$

and let

$$I'_k = \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{k+1}{2^{m+1}}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{k}{2^{m+1}} \right).$$

Let first consider an even  $k$ ; in  $I_k$ ,  $\sin 2\pi t$  and  $\sin 2^{m+1}\pi t$  are positive; therefore

$$\varphi_{m,\sigma}(t) > 0, \quad \forall t \in I_k.$$

In  $I'_k$  the function  $\sin 2\pi x$  has a positive minimum if  $k > 0$ ; for  $k = 0$  we have  $\sin 2\pi x > 0$ ,  $\forall x \in I'_k$ ,  $x \neq 0$ . On the contrary,  $\sin 2^{m+1}\pi x$  is negative in the interior of  $I'_k$  and zero on the boundary. Then for  $\sigma$  small enough there exists  $I''_{k,\sigma} \subset I'_k$  such that

$$\varphi_{m,\sigma}(t) < 0, \quad \forall t \in I''_{k,\sigma}, \quad \varphi_{m,\sigma}(t) > 0, \quad \forall t \in I'_k \setminus I''_{k,\sigma}.$$

Moreover,  $I''_{k,\sigma} \uparrow I'_k$  if  $\sigma \rightarrow 0^+$ .

Then, by a symmetry argument, we easily obtain

$$(5.6) \quad \int_{I_k \cup I'_k} \sin 2\pi t \operatorname{sgn} \varphi_{m,\sigma}(t) dt > 0$$

for every  $\sigma > 0$  and even  $k$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq 2^{m-1} - 1$ .

For odd  $k$ , analogous considerations prove that  $\varphi_{m,\sigma}(t) > 0$ ,  $\forall t \in I'_k$  and that for  $\sigma$  small enough there exists an interval  $I''_{k,\sigma} \uparrow I_k$  for  $\sigma \rightarrow 0^+$  such that  $\varphi_{m,\sigma}(t) < 0$  in  $I''_{k,\sigma}$  and  $\varphi_{m,\sigma}(t) \geq 0$  in  $I_k \setminus I''_{k,\sigma}$ .

Therefore, (5.6) holds for every  $\sigma > 0$  and for every  $k$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq 2^{m-1} - 1$ .

Then

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \sin 2\pi t \operatorname{sgn} \varphi_{m,\sigma}(t) dt > 0, \quad \forall \sigma > 0$$

and by (5.5)

$$\int_0^1 \sin 2\pi t \operatorname{sgn} (f(t) - R_{m,\sigma}(t)) dt > 0, \quad \forall \sigma > 0.$$

Consequently,  $R_{m,\sigma}$  is not a best  $L^1$ -approximation of  $f$  in the class  $V_m$  <sup>(2)</sup> whatever is  $\sigma > 0$ . Then in (5.3) for every  $\sigma > 0$  the strict inequality holds, q.e.d.

**THEOREM 4.** - Let  $G \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^N)$  be the function whose Fourier transform is  $\hat{G} = (1 - P)^{-1}$ . (See [3], th. 5.) Let us set

$$G_\sigma(x) = \sigma^{-N/k} G(\sigma^{-1/k}x),$$

$$K_\sigma(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^N} G_\sigma(x + n).$$

Let  $f^*$  the continued periodic function of  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^N$ . Then

$$f_\sigma(x) = K_\sigma * f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^M} K_\sigma(u) f(x - u) du = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} G_\sigma(u) f^*(x - u) du = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f^*(x + u) G_\sigma(-u) du.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - f_\sigma\|_B &= \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (f^*(x + u) - f^*(x)) G_\sigma(-u) du \right\|_B \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \|\Delta_u f\|_B |G_\sigma(-u)| du \leq \\ &\leq K \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{\|u\|^\alpha}{\sigma^{N/k}} \left| G\left(\frac{-u}{\sigma^{1/k}}\right) \right| du = K \sigma^{\alpha/k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |x|^\alpha |G(-x)| dx. \end{aligned}$$

The last integral exists ([3], th. 5); then (4.1) holds.

Let now be  $N = 1$ : in this case  $P(x) = P_k(x) = x^k$ ,  $k = 2, 4, \dots$ . For every  $h = 1, 2, \dots, k/2$ , let us set

$$\varepsilon_h = \frac{(2h-1)\pi}{k}, \quad a_h = \sin \varepsilon_h, \quad b_h = \cos \varepsilon_h.$$

We have ([10], p. 5):

$$G(x) = G_k(|x|) = \frac{2\pi}{k} \sum_{n=1}^{k/2} \sin(\varepsilon_n + 2\pi b_n |x|) \exp(-2\pi a_n |x|);$$

$$K_\sigma(x) = K_{\sigma,k}(x) = \frac{2\pi}{k\sigma^{1/k}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{h=1}^{k/2} \sin\left(\varepsilon_n + \frac{2\pi b_h}{\sigma^{1/k}} |x + n|\right) \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi a_h}{\sigma^{1/k}} |x + n|\right).$$

<sup>(2)</sup> See e.g. [12], p. 103, th. 4.2 or [8], p. 104, Cor. 1.5.



Let us consider the function

$$f_\alpha(t) = \begin{cases} t^\alpha & 0 \leq t < \frac{1}{2} \\ (1-t)^\alpha & \frac{1}{2} \leq t < 1. \end{cases}$$

Then for every  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $f_\alpha \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, C(T))$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_{\alpha, \sigma}\|_\infty &= \|K_\sigma * f_\alpha\|_\infty \geq |K_\sigma * f_\alpha(0)| = \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{k\sigma^{1/k}} \left| \int_0^{+\infty} \sum_{h=1}^{k/2} \sin\left(\varepsilon_h + \frac{2\pi b_h}{\sigma^{1/k}} x\right) \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi a_h}{\sigma^{1/k}} x\right) f^*(x) dx \right| = \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{k} \left| \int_0^{+\infty} \sum_{h=1}^{k/2} \sin(\varepsilon_h + 2\pi b_h x) \exp(-2\pi a_h x) f_\alpha^*(\sigma^{1/k} x) dx \right| \geq \\ &\geq \frac{4\pi \sigma^{\alpha/k}}{k} \left| \int_0^{1/2\sigma^{1/k}} \sum_{h=1}^{k/2} x^\alpha \sin(\varepsilon_h + 2\pi b_h x) \exp(-2\pi a_h x) dx \right| - \\ &- \frac{4\pi}{k} \left| \int_{1/2\sigma^{1/k}}^{+\infty} \sum_{h=1}^{k/2} \sin(\varepsilon_h + 2\pi b_h x) \exp(-2\pi a_h x) f_\alpha^*(\sigma^{1/k} x) dx \right| \geq \frac{4\pi \sigma^{\alpha/k}}{k} I_1 - \frac{4\pi}{k} I_2. \end{aligned}$$

We start evaluating  $I_1$ . From [10], p. 10 and p. 121 we obtain

$$\int_0^{+\infty} x^\alpha \sin(\varepsilon_h + 2\pi b_h x) \exp(-2\pi a_h x) dx = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\alpha+1}} \Gamma(\alpha + 1) \sin\left((\alpha + 1)\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha\varepsilon_h\right).$$

Since  $0 < \varepsilon_h < \pi$ , we have  $0 < (\alpha + 1)(\pi/2) - \alpha\varepsilon_h < \pi$ .

Then for  $\delta$  sufficiently small, for every  $\sigma < \bar{\sigma}$  we have

$$I_1 = I_1(\sigma) > \delta > 0.$$

On the other hand we have

$$I_2 < \int_{1/2\sigma^{1/k}}^{+\infty} \sigma^{-\alpha/k} \sum_{h=1}^{k/2} \exp(-2\pi a_h x) dx = \frac{\sigma^{-\alpha/k}}{2} \sum_{h=1}^{k/2} \frac{1}{a_h} \exp\left(\frac{-2a_h \pi^2}{\sigma^{1/k}}\right) = \sigma(1) \quad \text{for } \sigma \rightarrow 0^+.$$

Therefore, there does exist  $M > 0$  such that for every  $\sigma < \sigma_0(k)$  (4.2) holds.

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