

# A Cohen-Type Inequality for Jacobi Expansions and Divergence of Fourier Series on Compact Symmetric Spaces

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND NOTATIONS

In a recent paper [4] we proved a Cohen-type inequality for ultraspherical series which implies divergence theorems for ultraspherical expansions and spherical harmonic expansions on the real sphere  $S_{n-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  with respect to arbitrary groupings of the degrees. In the following we extend the Cohen-type inequality to the larger class of Jacobi polynomials and we also get an estimate in the case of the critical endpoints of the Pollard interval  $(\frac{4\alpha+4}{2\alpha+3}, \frac{4\alpha+4}{2\alpha+1})$  of  $L^p$  boundedness with respect to the natural grouping. Since the zonal spherical function on rank one symmetric spaces  $X$  of compact type can be viewed as Jacobi polynomials  $R_m^{(\alpha, \beta)}$  with suitable  $\alpha, \beta \geq -\frac{1}{2}$ , Corollary 2 in [4] can be proved for this larger class of spaces. Let us mention that the proof of the divergence result in [10] is only correct for the case of the canonical grouping which is a corollary of an old theorem of Nicolaev [2]. A correct proof of the results in [10] follows from our Cohen-type inequality in the special case  $p = 1$ .

In the following we assume  $\alpha \geq \beta \geq -1/2$ ,  $\alpha > -1/2$ . The results are completely analogous if  $\alpha < \beta$ . For  $x$  in  $[-1, 1]$  let  $R_m = R_m^{(\alpha, \beta)}$  be the Jacobi polynomial of degree  $m$ , defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_m^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) &= {}_2F_1[-m, m + \alpha + \beta + 1; \alpha + 1; (1 - x)/2] \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{(-m)_k (m + \alpha + \beta + 1)_k}{k! (\alpha + 1)_k} \left(\frac{1 - x}{2}\right)^k, \tag{1.1}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $(a)_k = \Gamma(k + a)/\Gamma(a)$ . The Jacobi polynomials are orthogonal in  $L_w^p = L_{w^{\alpha, \beta}}^p(-1, 1)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , where

$$\|f\|_p = \left\{ \int_{-1}^1 |f(x)|^p w^{\alpha, \beta}(x) dx \right\}^{1/p}$$

and

$$w(x) = w^{\alpha, \beta}(x) = (1 - x)^\alpha (1 + x)^\beta.$$

As usual  $\|f\|_\infty = \text{ess sup}_{x \in [-1, 1]} |f(x)|$ , and  $f \in L_w^1$  has the expansion

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{m=0}^\infty c_m(f) h_m R_m$$

with

$$c_m(f) = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) R_m(x) w(x) dx$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_m = h_m^{\alpha, \beta} &= \left( \int_{-1}^1 [R_m(x)]^2 w(x) dx \right)^{-1} \\
 &= \frac{(2m + \alpha + \beta + 1) \Gamma(m + \alpha + \beta + 1) \Gamma(m + \alpha + 1)}{2^{\alpha + \beta + 1} \Gamma(m + \beta + 1) \Gamma(m + 1) \Gamma(\alpha + 1) \Gamma(\alpha + 1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Denote by  $*$  the usual convolution product in  $L_w^1$  [12]. For  $k$  in  $L_w^1$  let  $T: L_w^p \rightarrow L_w^p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , denote the convolutor  $Tf = k * f$ ,  $f \in L_w^p$ , and set  $\|k\|_p = \|T\|_p = \sup_{\|f\|_p=1} \|Tf\|_p$ .

## 2. A COHEN-TYPE INEQUALITY

**THEOREM.** *Let  $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_N$  be natural numbers and  $c_{n_1}, c_{n_2}, \dots, c_{n_N}$  be complex numbers with  $|c_{n_N}| \geq 1$ . Then*

$$\left\| \left\| \sum_{j=1}^N c_{n_j} h_{n_j} R_{n_j}^{(\alpha, \beta)} \right\| \right\|_p \geq M_{p, \alpha, \beta} \begin{cases} (n_N)^{(2\alpha+2)/p - (2\alpha+3)/2}, & 1 \leq p < \frac{4\alpha+4}{2\alpha+3}, \\ (\log n_N)^{1-1/p}, & p = \frac{4\alpha+4}{2\alpha+3}, \\ (\log n_N)^{1/p}, & p = \frac{4\alpha+4}{2\alpha+1}, \\ (n_N)^{(2\alpha+1)/2 - (2\alpha+2)/p}, & \frac{4\alpha+4}{2\alpha+1} < p \leq \infty, \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

where  $M_{p, \alpha, \beta}$  is a constant which only depends on  $p, \alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

For the proof of the theorem we need the following three lemmas. Lemma 3 allows the reduction of the problem to good  $L^p$  norm estimates from below of the Jacobi polynomials  $R_m^{(\alpha, \beta)}$ . Lemmas 1 and 2 give the  $L_p$  norm estimates.

LEMMA 1. For each polynomial  $t_N$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  of degree less than or equal to  $N = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$  one has

$$\|t_N\|_q \leq \text{const}_{p, q, \alpha} N^{(2\alpha+2)(1/p-1/q)} \|t_N\|_p. \quad (2.2)$$

LEMMA 2. For  $p_0 = (4\alpha+4)/(2\alpha+1)$  one gets

$$\|R_m^{(\alpha, \beta)}\|_{p_0} \geq \text{const}_{\alpha, \beta} (\log m)^{1/p_0} m^{-\alpha-1/2}. \quad (2.3)$$

LEMMA 3. There exists a sequence  $(f_N^{\alpha, \beta})_{N=1}^\infty$  of continuous functions on  $[-1, 1]$  with

- (i)  $\|f_N^{\alpha, \beta}\|_\infty \leq 1$  ( $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ),
- (ii)  $c_m(f_N^{\alpha, \beta}) = 0$  for  $m \leq N$  ( $m, N \in \mathbb{N}$ ),
- (iii)  $c_N(f_N^{\alpha, \beta}) \sim N^{-\alpha-1/2}$  ( $N \rightarrow \infty$ ).

*Proof of Lemma 1.* The proof is the same as the proof of Lemma 1 in [4] in the case  $\alpha = \beta$ . We include the proof then only for completeness.

Let  $D_l^{\alpha, \beta}$  be the Dirichlet kernel  $\sum_{m=0}^l h_m R_m$ . Then one has  $D_l^{\alpha, \beta} * t_l = t_l$  for each polynomial of degree less than or equal to  $l$  and by the inequality of Cauchy-Schwarz one gets

$$\|t_l\|_\infty \leq \|D_l^{\alpha, \beta}\|_2 \|t_l\|_2. \quad (2.4)$$

Choose  $r$  as the least even number greater than or equal to  $p$ . Then  $t_N^{r/2}$  is a polynomial of degree less than or equal to  $Nr/2$ . From (2.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|t_N^{r/2}\|_\infty &\leq \|D_{rN/2}^{\alpha,\beta}\|_2 \left[ \int_{-1}^1 |t_N(x)|^r w(x) dx \right]^{1/2} \\ &\leq \|D_{rN/2}^{\alpha,\beta}\|_2 \|t_N\|_\infty^{(r-p)/2} \|t_N\|_p^{p/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $h_m^{\alpha,\beta} \sim m^{2\alpha+1}$  ( $m \rightarrow \infty$ ) one gets

$$\|D_{rN/2}^{\alpha,\beta}\|_2 = \left( \sum_{m=0}^{rN/2} h_m \right)^{1/2} \leq \text{const}_\alpha N^{\alpha+1}.$$

Thus we have proved (2.2) for  $q = \infty$ . Hence we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|t_N\|_q^q &= \int_{-1}^1 |t_N(x)|^{q-p} |t_N(x)|^p w(x) dx \\ &\leq c_{p,q,\alpha} N^{(2\alpha+2)(1/p)(q-p)} \|t_N\|_p^{(q-p)} \|t_N\|_p^p \end{aligned}$$

which implies (2.2).

*Proof of Lemma 2.* R. Askey informed the authors that Lemma 2 had been included by him as a problem in the fourth edition of Szegő's book [12, Problem 91]. Thus, we dropped the proof which follows from computations with Szegő's asymptotic formula [12, Theorem 8.21.13].

*Proof of Lemma 3.* Let  $M$  denote the least odd integer greater than or equal to  $2\alpha + 1$ . Let  $l = N + M$ ,  $N = 1, 2, \dots$ . Define  $f_N^{\alpha,\beta}: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f_N^{\alpha,\beta}(\cos \varphi) = \sin l\varphi \sin^{M-(2\alpha+1)} \frac{\varphi}{2} \cos^{M-(2\beta+1)} \frac{\varphi}{2}, \quad 0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi.$$

Then (i) is clear and one has

$$\begin{aligned} c_m(f_N^{\alpha,\beta}) &= \int_0^\pi R_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\cos \varphi) f_N^{\alpha,\beta}(\cos \varphi) \left( \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} \right)^{2\alpha+1} \left( \cos \frac{\varphi}{2} \right)^{2\beta+1} d\varphi \\ &= \int_0^\pi R_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\cos \varphi) \sin l\varphi \left( \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} \cos \frac{\varphi}{2} \right)^M d\varphi \\ &= \frac{1}{2^M} \int_0^\pi R_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\cos \varphi) \sin l\varphi \sin^M \varphi d\varphi. \end{aligned}$$

Elementary computations show that

$$\sin l\varphi \sin^M \varphi = \sum_{s=l-M}^{l+M} q_s \cos s\varphi$$

with suitable coefficients  $q_s$ . In particular  $q_{l-M} = 1/2(2i)^{M-1}$ . Hence the lowest appearing frequency in the cosine expansion of  $\sin l\varphi \sin^M \varphi$  is  $N = l - M$ . Now from (1.1) we get

$$R_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\cos \varphi) = \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{(-m)_k (m + \alpha + \beta + 1)_k}{k! (\alpha + 1)_k} \sin^{2k} \frac{\varphi}{2}.$$

An easy computation shows

$$\sin^{2k} \frac{\varphi}{2} = \frac{2}{(2i)^{2k}} \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j \binom{2k}{j} \cos(k-j)\varphi.$$

Hence

$$R_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\cos \varphi) = \frac{2}{(2i)^{2m}} \frac{(-m)_m (m + \alpha + \beta + 1)_m}{m! (\alpha + 1)_m} \cos m\varphi + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} a_{k,m} \cos k\varphi.$$

This shows  $c_m(f_N^{\alpha,\beta}) = 0$  for  $m < N$  and

$$c_N(f_N^{\alpha,\beta}) = \text{const}_M \frac{(-N)_N (N + \alpha + \beta + 1)_N}{2^{2N} N! (\alpha + 1)_N}.$$

From the duplication formula of the gamma function and the well-known behaviour of the gamma function at infinity one gets  $c_N(f_N^{\alpha,\beta}) \sim N^{-\alpha-1/2}$ .

*Proof of the Theorem.* One gets, with the testing function of Lemma 3 and  $\tilde{N} = n_N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^N c_{n_j} h_{n_j} R_{n_j} \right\|_p &\leq \left\| \sum c_{n_j} h_{n_j} R_{n_j} * f_{\tilde{N}}^{\alpha,\beta} \right\|_p \\ &= |c_{\tilde{N}}| h_{\tilde{N}} |c_{\tilde{N}}(f_{\tilde{N}}^{\alpha,\beta})| \|R_{\tilde{N}}\|_p \\ &\geq \text{const}_{\alpha,\beta} \tilde{N}^{2\alpha+1} \tilde{N}^{-\alpha-1/2} \|R_{\tilde{N}}\|_p \end{aligned}$$

as  $h_{\tilde{N}} \sim \tilde{N}^{2\alpha+1}$  and  $|c_{\tilde{N}}| \geq 1$ . We assume  $\frac{4\alpha+4}{2\alpha+1} \leq p \leq \infty$ . For  $1 \leq p \leq \frac{4\alpha+4}{2\alpha+1}$  the assumption follows by duality. Now, for  $p = \frac{4\alpha+4}{2\alpha+1}$  apply Lemma 2 and for  $p > \frac{4\alpha+4}{2\alpha+1}$  apply Lemma 1 with  $q = \infty$  and  $t_{\tilde{N}} = R_{\tilde{N}}$ . Recall that  $\|R_{\tilde{N}}\|_\infty = R_{\tilde{N}}(1) = 1$ .

Let us conclude this section with some remarks. In the special case  $n_1 = 0, \dots, n_N = N - 1, c_0 = c_2 = \dots = c_{N-1} = 1$  and  $p = 1$  one can use the nice expression in [12, (4.5.3)] for the Dirichlet kernel  $D_{N-1}^{\alpha,\beta}$  instead of Lemma 3. Let  $c_{n_1} = \dots = c_{n_{N-1}} = 0$  in the Theorem. This shows that in contrast to the situation on the torus ( $\alpha = \beta = -1/2$ ) the growth of the convolutor norm of the Dirichlet kernel in our situation is at least the growth of the convolutor norm of the term  $h_{n_N} R_{n_N}$  with the highest frequency  $n_N$ .

The estimate in Lemma 2 has been used by Newman and Rudin in [9] but they did not give a proof. The proof of Lemma 1 is analagous to the proof in the trigonometric case in Timan's book [13]. For  $p = 1$ ,  $|c_{n_j}| \geq 1, j = 1, \dots, N$  and  $\alpha = -1/2$  inequality (2.1) is related to the famous conjecture of Littlewood [7] which has recently been proved [8].

### 3. DIVERGENCE RESULTS

As in [4] we deduce here some divergence results that follow directly by usual technique from our Theorem. An increasing sequence  $\{\Sigma_N\}$  of finite subsets  $\Sigma_N, N = 1, 2, \dots$ , of  $\mathbb{N}$  with  $\bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \Sigma_N = \mathbb{N}$  is called a grouping on  $\mathbb{N}$ . On  $L_w^1$  the partial sum operator relative to  $\{\Sigma_N\}$  is defined by

$$S_N f = \sum_{m \in \Sigma_N} h_m R_m * f.$$

**COROLLARY 1.** For  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  with  $p \notin (\frac{4(\alpha+1)}{2\alpha+3}, \frac{4(\alpha+1)}{2\alpha+1})$  and for every grouping  $\{\Sigma_N\}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  there exists a function  $f \in L_w^p$  such that

$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \|S_N f\|_p = \infty.$$

For  $\Sigma_N = \{0, 1, \dots, N\}$  and  $p \in (P'_0, P_0)$  Pollard [12] proved the convergence of the Jacobi expansions of  $L_w^p$ . Thus Corollary 1 completely settles the problem of divergence and extends the result of Newman and Rudin [9].

As mentioned in the Introduction, the zonal spherical functions on symmetric spaces  $X$  of compact type of rank one can be viewed as Jacobi polynomials (cf. [6]). The complete list of the spaces is  $S^m, m \geq 2, P^m(\mathbb{R}), P^m(\mathbb{C}), P^m(\mathbb{H})$  and  $P^2$  (Cayley). One has the following table. The zonal spherical function on  $X$  can be expressed by the Jacobi polynomials

TABLE I

$X$	$d = \dim X$	$p$	$q$
$S^n$	$n$	0	$d - 1$
$P^n(\mathbb{R})$	$n$	$d - 1$	0
$P^n(\mathbb{C})$	$2n$	$d - 2$	1
$P^n(\mathbb{H})$	$4n$	$d - 4$	3
$P^2$ (Cayley)	16	8	7

$R_m^{((d-2)/2, (q-1)/2)}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and for  $(\alpha, \beta) = (\frac{d-2}{2}, \frac{q-1}{2})$  the convolution structure of the Jacobi polynomials  $R_m^{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is inherited from the corresponding symmetric space  $X$ . Denote by  $L^p(X)$  the usual  $L^p$  space over  $X$  with respect to the normalized measure  $d\omega$  associated with the volume element corresponding to the Riemannian structure on  $X$ . The convolutors  $S_N$  above extend to convolutors on  $L^p(X)$  which are denoted by the same symbol.

**COROLLARY 2.** *Let  $X$  be a symmetric space of compact type and  $d = \dim X$ . Then for every  $p$ ,  $1 \leq p < 2d/(d+1)$ , and for every choice of the grouping  $\{\Sigma_N\}$  there exists a function  $f \in L^p(X)$  such that*

$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} |S_N f(x)| = \infty$$

for  $d\omega$  almost all  $x$  in  $X$ .

In the case  $p = 1$  the result follows with well-known elementary arguments from the Theorem. Theorem 3 in [10] is a similar easy consequence of our Theorem with  $p = 1$ . In the case  $1 < p < 2d/(d+1)$  Corollary 2 is a consequence of Corollary 1 and a result of Stein [11]. In contrast to Corollary 1, a much stronger result than Corollary 2 is known in the case of the canonical groupin  $\Sigma_N = \{0, 1, \dots, N\}$ . In this case the result is true for  $p < 2 = \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} 2d/(d+1) = 2$ . This follows from a result of Fefferman [5] combined with the Passage theorem of Bonami and Clerc [1] and the result of Stein [11] used above. Some of the results in this paper have recently been extended by the first author to compact symmetric spaces of arbitrary rank [3].

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