

ON QUASI-UNIVERSAL WALSH SERIES
IN $L^p_{[0,1]}$, $p \in [1, 2]$

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Let the sequence $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$, $a_k \searrow 0$ with $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \notin l_2$, and Walsh system $\{W_k(x)\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ be given. Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a measurable set $E \subset [0, 1]$ with measure $|E| > 1 - \varepsilon$ and numbers $\delta_k = \pm 1, 0$ such that for any $p \in [1, 2]$ and each function $f(x) \in L^p(E)$ there exists a rearrangement $k \rightarrow \sigma(k)$ such that the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \delta_{\sigma(k)} a_{\sigma(k)} W_{\sigma(k)}(x)$ converges to $f(x)$ in the norm of $L^p(E)$.

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Introduction. A series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x), \{f_n(x)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in L^p[0, 1], p \in [1, \infty), \quad (\text{A})$$

is said to be quasi universal in $L^p[0, 1)$ with respect to rearrangements, if for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a measurable set $E \subset [0, 1]$ with measure $|E| > 1 - \varepsilon$ such that for any $p \geq 1$ and each function $f(x) \in L^p(E)$ there exists a rearrangement $k \rightarrow \sigma(k)$ such that the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_{\sigma(k)}(x)$ converges to $f(x)$ in the norm of $L^p(E)$.

The question of existence of various types of universal series in the sense of almost everywhere or in measure convergence have been considered in [1–8]. The first trigonometric series universal in the usual sense in the class of all measurable functions for convergence almost everywhere has been constructed by Men'shov [1]. This result was extended by Talalyan [2] to arbitrary orthonormal complete systems. Also was established, that if $\{\varphi_n(x)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$, $x \in [0, 1]$, is an arbitrary complete orthonormal system, then there exists a series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \varphi_k(x)$, which is universal with respect

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to the convergence in measure of the partial series in the class of all measurable functions on $[0, 1]$ [3].

In [4, 5] the following theorems were proved:

Theorem 1. For any complete orthonormal system $\{\varphi_n(x)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ there exists a series $\sum_{k=1}^\infty b_k \varphi_k(x)$ with $\sum_{k=1}^\infty |b_k|^r < \infty$ for any $r > 2$, which is quasi universal in all spaces $L^p[0, 1]$ for $p \in [1, 2)$ simultaneously with respect to both rearrangements and partial series.

Theorem 2. Let the sequence $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$, $a_k \searrow 0$ with $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \notin l_2$, and the Walsh system $\{W_k(x)\}_{k=0}^\infty$ be given. Then there exist numbers $\delta_k = \pm 1$ such that the series $\sum_{k=1}^\infty \delta_k a_k W_k(x)$ is universal with respect to a.e. convergence of the partial series in the class of all measurable a.e. finite functions on $[0, 1]$.

In this paper we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 3. Let the sequence $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$, $a_k \searrow 0$ with $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \notin l_2$, and the Walsh system $\{W_k(x)\}_{k=0}^\infty$ be given. Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist a measurable set $E \subset [0, 1]$ with measure $|E| > 1 - \varepsilon$ and numbers $\delta_k = \pm 1, 0$ such that for any $p \in [1, 2]$ and each function $f(x) \in L^p(E)$ there exists a rearrangement $k \rightarrow \sigma(k)$ such that the series $\sum_{k=1}^\infty \delta_{\sigma(k)} a_{\sigma(k)} W_{\sigma(k)}(x)$ converges to $f(x)$ in the norm of $L^p(E)$.

First we show that for any $p \geq 2$ ($p \geq 1$) and for any orthonormal (bounded orthonormal) system $\{\varphi_n(x)\}$ there is no series, that is universal either with respect to rearrangements or signs in $L^p[0, 1]$ (for $p > 2$ we assume that $\varphi_n(x) \in L^p[0, 1]$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$).

Indeed, if for some $p_0 \geq 2$ ($p_0 \geq 1$) and for some orthonormal (bounded orthonormal) system $\{\varphi_n(x)\}$ there exists a series (1⁰), which is universal in $L^{p_0}_{[0,1]}$ with respect to rearrangements, then according to Eq. (A) for $(|a_1| + 1)\varphi_1(x)$ there exists a rearrangement $k \rightarrow \sigma(k)$ such that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^m a_{\sigma(k)} \varphi_{\sigma(k)}(x) - (|a_1| + 1)\varphi_1(x) \right\|_{p_0} = 0,$$

or since $\varphi_1(x) \in L^{q_0}[0, 1]$ $\left(\frac{1}{q_0} + \frac{1}{p_0} = 1 \text{ for } p_0 > 1 \text{ and } q_0 = \infty \text{ for } p_0 = 1 \right)$, for the first case we have $a_1 = 1 + |a_1|$, while for the second case

$$1 + |a_1| = \begin{cases} a_1 & \text{for } n_1 = 1, \\ 0 & \text{for } n_1 > 1. \end{cases}$$

This contradiction completes the Proof.

Proof of Basic Lemmas. We shall use the following lemma of the paper [5].

Lemma 1. Let the sequence $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$, $a_k \searrow 0$ with $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \notin l_2$, the numbers $n_0 > 1$ ($n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$), $\gamma \neq 0$, $\varepsilon > 0$, $\delta > 0$ and the interval of the form $\Delta = \Delta_n^{(k)} = \left[\frac{k-1}{2^m}, \frac{k}{2^m} \right)$, $k \in [1, 2^m]$, be given. Then, there exist a measurable set

$E \subset \Delta$ and polynomials $H(x)$, $Q(x)$ in Walsh system of the form

$$H(x) = \sum_{k=N_0}^N b_k W_k(x), \quad Q(x) = \sum_{k=N_0}^N \delta_k a_k W_k(x),$$

satisfying the conditions:

- a) $\delta_k = \pm 1, 0$;
- b) $|E| = |\Delta|(1 - \varepsilon)$;
- c) $H(x) = 0, x \in [0, 1] \setminus \Delta$;
- d) $|Q(x) - \gamma| < \delta, x \in E$;
- e) $\max_{N_0 \leq n < N} \left| \sum_{k=N_0}^n b_k W_k(x) \right| < C \frac{|\gamma|}{\varepsilon} + \delta, x \in \Delta$ (C is an absolute constant);
- f) $\int_0^1 |Q(x) - H(x)|^2 dx < \varepsilon \delta^2 |\Delta|$;
- g) $\max_{N_0 \leq n < N} \left| \sum_{k=N_0}^n b_k W_k(x) \right| < \delta, x \in [0, 1] \setminus \Delta$.

Using Lemma 1, we prove the following lemma, which is the basic tool in the Proof of Theorem 3.

Lemma 2. Let the sequence $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^\infty, a_k \searrow 0$ with $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \notin l_2$, be given. Then, for any numbers $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}, 0 < \delta, \varepsilon < 1, p \in [1, 2]$ and for each polynomial $f(x)$ in Walsh system with $|f| > 0$ one can find a measurable set $E \subset [0, 1]$ and a polynomial in Walsh system of the form

$$Q(x) = \sum_{k=N_0}^N \delta_k a_k W_k(x) \text{ when } \delta_k = \pm 1$$

satisfying the conditions:

- 1) $|E| = 1 - \varepsilon$;
- 2) $\left(\int_E |Q(x) - f(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} < \varepsilon$;
- 3) $\max_{N_0 \leq n < N} \left(\int_E \left| \sum_{k=N_0}^n \delta_k a_k W_k(x) \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq \left(\int_E |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} + \varepsilon, \forall p \in [1, 2]$.

Proof of Lemma 2. Let

$$f(x) = \sum_{v=1}^{\mu_0} \gamma_v \chi_{\Delta_v}(x), \quad [0, 1] = \bigcup_{v=1}^{\mu_0} \Delta_v, \quad (1)$$

where $\Delta_v, v = 1, 2, \dots, \mu_0$, are disjoint diadic intervals (χ_Δ is characteristic function of Δ). We choose a number $\beta > 0$ such that

$$\max \left\{ \beta, \beta \sum_{v=1}^{\mu_0} |\Delta_v|^{1/2} \right\} < \min \left\{ \frac{\delta}{4}; C \frac{\min |f|}{\varepsilon}; \left(\int_0^1 |f|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \right\}. \quad (2)$$

Consecutively applying Lemma 1, one can define sets $E_\nu \subset \Delta_\nu$ for $1 \leq \nu \leq \mu_0$ and polynomials

$$H_\nu(x) = \sum_{k=N_{\nu-1}}^{N_\nu-1} b_k W_k(x), \quad (3)$$

$$Q_\nu(x) = \sum_{k=N_{\nu-1}}^{N_\nu-1} \delta_k a_k W_k(x), \quad \delta_k = \pm 1, \quad (4)$$

where $N_0 = n_0$, satisfying the conditions:

$$|E_\nu| = |\Delta_\nu|(1 - \varepsilon), \quad (5)$$

$$H_\nu(x) = 0, \quad x \in [0, 1] \setminus \Delta_\nu, \quad (6)$$

$$|H_\nu(x) - \gamma_\nu| < \beta, \quad x \in E_\nu, \quad (7)$$

$$\max_{N_{\nu-1} \leq n < N_\nu} \left| \sum_{k=N_{\nu-1}}^n b_k W_k(x) \right| < C \frac{|\gamma_\nu|}{\varepsilon} + \beta, \quad x \in \Delta_\nu \quad (C > 1), \quad (8)$$

C is an absolute constant,

$$\int_0^1 |Q_\nu(x) - H_\nu(x)|^2 dx < \varepsilon \beta^2 |\Delta_\nu|, \quad (9)$$

$$\max_{N_{\nu-1} \leq n < N_\nu} \left| \sum_{k=N_{\nu-1}}^n b_k W_k(x) \right| < \beta, \quad x \in [0, 1] \setminus \Delta_\nu. \quad (10)$$

We put

$$E = \bigcup_{\nu=1}^{\mu_0} E_\nu, \quad (11)$$

$$Q(x) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{\mu_0} Q_\nu(x) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{\mu_0} \sum_{k=N_{\nu-1}}^{N_\nu-1} \delta_k a_k W_k(x) = \sum_{k=N_0}^N \delta_k a_k W_k(x), \quad (12)$$

$$H(x) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{\mu_0} H_\nu(x) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{\mu_0} \sum_{k=N_{\nu-1}}^{N_\nu-1} a_k W_k(x) = \sum_{k=N_0}^N a_k W_k(x). \quad (13)$$

From (5) and (11) it follows that $|E| = 1 - \varepsilon$. Using equations (3), (4), (12), (13) and (9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_0^1 |Q(x) - H(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} &\leq \sum_{\nu=1}^{\mu_0} \left(\int_0^1 |Q_\nu(x) - H_\nu(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \leq \\ &\leq \beta \sum_{\nu=1}^{\mu_0} (\varepsilon |\Delta_\nu|)^{1/2} < \min \left\{ \frac{\delta}{4}; \left(\int_0^1 |f|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Then, according to (1), (2) and (6), (7), (9), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\int_E |H(x) - f(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \leq \sum_{\nu=1}^{\mu_0} \left(\int_{E_\nu} |H_\nu(x) - \gamma_\nu|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \leq \\
& \leq \sum_{\nu=1}^{\mu_0} \left(\int_{E_\nu} |H_\nu(x) - Q_\nu(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} + \sum_{\nu=1}^{\mu_0} \left(\int_{E_\nu} |Q_\nu(x) - \gamma_\nu|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} < \quad (15) \\
& < \beta \sum_{\nu=1}^{\mu_0} (\varepsilon |\Delta_\nu|)^{1/2} + \beta \sum_{\nu=1}^{\mu_0} |\Delta_\nu|^{1/2} < \frac{\delta}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

From this and from relations (12)–(14) we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\int_E |Q(x) - f(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \leq \left(\int_0^1 |Q(x) - H(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} + \\
& + \left(\int_E |H(x) - f(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} < \delta,
\end{aligned}$$

which proves the condition 3) of the Lemma.

If $n \in [N_0, N]$, then for some $1 \leq \nu \leq \mu_0$ and $n \in [N_{\nu-1}, N_\nu]$ from (14) we get

$$\sum_{k=N_0}^n \delta_k a_k W_k(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\nu-1} \sum_{k=N_{j-1}}^{N_j-1} \delta_k a_k W_k(x) + \sum_{k=N_{\nu-1}}^n \delta_k a_k W_k(x), \quad (16)$$

From this and (4), (6), (8), (13), (14), for any $p \in [1, 2]$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\int_E \left| \sum_{k=N_0}^n \delta_k a_k W_k(x) \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq \\
& \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\nu-1} \left(\int_E |Q_j(x) - H_j(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} + \sum_{j=1}^{\nu-1} \left(\int_E |H_j(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} + \\
& + \left(\int_E \left| \sum_{k=N_{\nu-1}}^n (\delta_k a_k - a_k) W_k(x) \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p} + \left(\int_E \left| \sum_{k=N_{\nu-1}}^n a_k W_k(x) \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq \\
& \leq \beta \sum_{j=1}^{\nu-1} (\varepsilon |\Delta_\nu|)^{1/2} + 2 \left(\sum_{\nu=1}^{\mu_0} (|\gamma_\nu + \beta|)^p |\Delta_\nu| \right)^{1/p} + \left(C \frac{|\gamma_\nu|}{\varepsilon} + \beta \right) (|\Delta_\nu|)^{1/p} \leq \\
& \leq 2 \left(\int_E |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} + \varepsilon. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

Proof of Theorem 3. Let

$$\left\{ f_k(x) \right\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \quad (17)$$

be the system of all algebraic polynomials with rational coefficients and the sequence $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$, $a_k \searrow 0$ with $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \notin l_2$, and $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ be given.

Applying Lemma 2 when $f = f_n$ from (17), we determine a sequence of measurable sets $\{E_n\}$ and a sequence of polynomials

$$Q_n(x) = \sum_{k=m_{n-1}}^{m_n-1} \delta_k a_k W_k(x), \quad \delta_k = \pm 1, 0, \quad m_0 = 2, \quad m_n > m_{n-1}, \quad (18)$$

$$|E_n| > 1 - 2^{-2n}, \quad n \geq 1, \quad (19)$$

$$\left(\int_{E_n} |Q_n(x) - f_n(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} < 2^{-4n}, \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{m_{n-1} \leq s \leq m_n} \left[\int_{E_n} \left| \sum_{k=m_{n-1}}^s \delta_k a_k W_k(x) \right|^p dx \right]^{1/p} \leq \\ & \leq \left(\int_{E_n} |f_n(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} + 2^{-2n}, \quad p \in [1, 2]. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

We put

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \delta_k a_k W_k(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=m_{n-1}}^{m_n-1} \delta_k a_k W_k(x) \right), \quad (22)$$

$$E = \bigcap_{v=n_0}^{\infty} E_v, \quad (23)$$

where n_0 is the integer part of $\log_{1/2} \varepsilon$. From (19) and (23) we get $|E| > 1 - \varepsilon$.

Let $f(x) \in L^p(E)$, $p \in [1, 2]$. Consider a function $f_{n_1}(x)$ ($n_1 > n_0$) from (2) satisfying

$$\|f(x) - f_{n_1}(x)\|_{L^p(E)} = \left(\int_E |f(x) - f_{n_1}(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} < 2^{-4(1+1)}.$$

From this and (20)

$$\|f(x) - [Q_{n_1}(x) + a_1 W_1(x)]\|_{L^p(E)} < 2^{-2n_1} + 2^{-8} + a_1.$$

Assume that the members

$$\left\{ \left\{ \delta_j = \pm 1, k_j \right\}_{j=m_{n_s-1}}^{m_{n_s}-1}, q_s \right\}_{s=1}^v$$

and functions

$$\left\{ \delta_k a_k W_k(x) \right\}_{k=m_{n_s-1}}^{m_{n_s}-1}, \quad a_{q_s} W_{q_s}(x), \quad s = 1, 2, \dots, v,$$

of the series (22) or (23) are chosen to satisfy

$$q_v = \min \left\{ \bigcup_{s=1}^v \left\{ k \right\}_{k=m_{n_s-1}}^{m_{n_s}-1} \right\} \cup \{q_1, \dots, q_{v-1}\}.$$

$$\left\| f(x) - \sum_{j=1}^v [Q_{n_j}(x) + a_{q_j} W_{q_j}(x)] \right\|_{L^p(E)} \leq 2^{-2n_v} + 2^{-4(v+1)} + a_{s_v}, \quad (24)$$

$$\max_{m_{n_v-1} \leq m \leq m_{n_v}} \left\| \sum_{k=m_{n_v-1}}^m \delta_j a_k W_k(x) \right\|_{L^p(E)} < 2^{-v} + a_{q_v}, \quad \forall p \in [1, 2]. \quad (25)$$

We choose a natural number $n_{v+1} > n_v$ and a function $f_{n_{v+1}}(x)$ from (2) satisfying

$$\left\| f_{n_{v+1}}(x) - f(x) + \sum_{j=1}^v [Q_{n_j}(x) + a_{q_j} W_{q_j}(x)] \right\|_{L^p(E)} < 2^{-4(v+1)}.$$

From this and from (25) we obtain

$$\|f_{n_{v+1}}(x)\|_{L^p(E)} \leq 2^{-2(v+1)} + a_{q_v}.$$

Therefore, by (18), (21) and (23) we have

$$\max_{m_{n_{v+1}-1} \leq N \leq m_{n_{v+1}}} \left\| \sum_{k=m_{n_{v+1}-1}}^N \delta_k a_k W_k(x) \right\|_{L^p(E)} < 2^{-(v+1)} + a_{q_v}, \quad (26)$$

$$\left\| Q_{n_{v+1}}(x) - f(x) + \sum_{j=1}^v [Q_{n_j}(x) + a_{q_j} W_{q_j}(x)] \right\|_{L^p(E)} < 2^{-4(v+1)} + 2^{-4n_{v+1}}. \quad (27)$$

After the selection of functions (see (18) and (23)) we choose

$$q_{v+1} = \min \left\{ \bigcup_{s=1}^{v+1} \left\{ k \right\}_{k=m_{n_s-1}}^{m_{n_s}-1} \right\} \cup \{q_1, \dots, q_v\}.$$

By (27) we obtain

$$\left\| f(x) - \sum_{j=1}^{v+1} [Q_{n_j}(x) + a_{q_{v+1}} W_{q_{v+1}}(x)] \right\|_{L^{p_{v+1}}(E)} \leq 2^{-2(v+1)} + a_{q_{v+1}}. \quad (28)$$

Thus, by induction from (22) we get some rearranged series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \delta_{\sigma(k)} a_{\sigma(k)} W_{\sigma(k)}(x) = \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=m_{n_s-1}}^{m_{n_s}-1} \delta_k a_k W_k(x) + a_{q_s} W_{q_s}(x) \right), \quad (29)$$

whose terms satisfy (25) and (26) for all $v > 1$. This together with (26)–(28) implies, that the series (29) converges to $f(x)$ in any norm $L^p(E)$, $p \geq 1$, i.e. the series (22) is quasi universal in $L^p_{[0,1]}$ with respect to the rearrangements. \square

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