Mathematics. - A characterization of the sub-manifold of $C[a, b]$ spanned by the sequence $\left\{x^{n} k\right\}$. By J. Korevaar. (Communicated by Prof. J. G. van der Corput.)
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§ 1. Introduction and results. As usual, $C[a, b]$ denotes the space of all continuous functions of $x, a \leq x \leq b$. A set $\left\{\varphi_{k}(x)\right\} \in C[a, b]$ is said to be closed in $C[a, b]$, or to span this space, if it is possible to approximate uniformly over $[a, b]$ to every function $\epsilon C[a, b]$ by linear aggregates $\sum \operatorname{ak}_{k} \varphi_{k}(x)$.

This note is concerned with closure-properties in $C[a, b]$ of sets

$$
\text { (1.1) } \quad\left\{x^{n} k\right\}, \quad(k=1,2, \ldots)
$$

where $\left\{n_{k}\right\}$ is an increasing sequence of non-negative integers. The classical result in this field is the theorem of Müntz ${ }^{3}$ ) and Szász 5) which implies that the set (1.1) is closed in $C[0,1]$ if, and only if,

$$
\begin{equation*}
n_{1}=0, \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n_{k}}=\infty . \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

It was shown recently by Clarkson and Erdös ${ }^{1}$ ), and independently by L. Schwartz ${ }^{4}$ ), that the sub-manifold of $C[0,1]$ spanned by a sequence

$$
\text { (1.3) } \quad\left\{x^{n} k, \quad\left(\sum_{n_{k}>0} \frac{1}{n_{k}}<\infty\right)\right.
$$

is rather small: a continuous function which is the uniform limit on [0, 1] of a sequence of linear aggregates of functions (1.3) can be extended to be analytic in the interior of the unit-circle. The power series for this analytic extension contains only powers $x^{n} k$.

Conversely, the question arises whether it is possible to approximate uniformly over $[0,1]$ by linear aggregates of functions (1.3) to every function

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(x)=\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k} x^{n_{k}} \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the series converges for $0 \leq x<1$ and where

$$
\text { (1.5) } \quad \lim _{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)
$$

exists. This question was answered in part by Clarkson and Erdös, viz. for the lacunary case $n_{k+1} / n_{k}>c>1$. Here the existence of the limit (1.5) is known to imply the convergence of $\Sigma a_{k}$ and hence the uniform
convergence on [0,1] of the series (1.4). (See Hardy and Littlewood 2).) It is shown below (theorem 2) that $f(x)$ can be uniformly approximated by linear aggregates of functions (1.3) in the general case also. This yields a complete characterization of the sub-manifold of $C[0,1]$ spanned by the sequence (1.3).

In § 4 a similar result is reached for the interval $[a, b], 0 \leq a<b$. The establishment of this theorem 6 requires some more information than was known until now about the best approximation to powers $x^{m}$ by linear aggregates $\Sigma \mathrm{a}_{k} x^{n}{ }_{k}$ on $[a, b]$. This information is obtained in $\S 3$ by the method used by Clarkson and Erdös to prove the extension to $[a, b]$ of the theorem of Müntz and SzÁsz for [0, 1]. (See [1), §3].)
§ 2. The interval $[0,1]$. The characterization-theorem for $[0,1]$ is Theorem 1. The set of continuous functions of $x, 0 \leq x \leq 1$, spanned by the sequence

$$
\left\{x^{\left.n_{k}\right\}}, \quad\left(\sum_{n_{k}>0} \frac{1}{n_{k}}<\infty\right)\right.
$$

is identical with the set of all power series

$$
\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k} x^{n_{k}}
$$

convergent on $0 \leq x<1$ for which
exists.

$$
\lim _{x \rightarrow 1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k} x^{n_{k}}
$$

The proof follows from the result of Clarkson, Erdös and L. Schwartz mentioned in $\S 1$ combined with the following theorem, which may be of some interest in itself.

Theorem 2. If the series

$$
g(x)=\Sigma b_{k} x^{k}
$$

converges for $0 \leq x<1$, and if

$$
\lim _{x \rightarrow 1} g(x)
$$

exists - name it $g(1)$ - then it will be possible to approximate uniformly to $g(x)$ on $[0,1]$ by linear aggregates of the partial sums $s_{n}(x)$ of $\Sigma b_{k} x^{k}$.

The proof of theorem 2 is exceedingly simple. It follows from the uniform continuity of $g(x)$ on $0 \leq x \leq 1$ that if $\varepsilon$ is an arbitrary positive number, then

$$
\text { (2.1) } \quad|g(x)-g(\theta x)|<\varepsilon / 2 \quad(0 \leqslant x \leqslant 1)
$$

for $\theta$ sufficiently near to $1(\theta<1)$. But the series for $g(\theta x)$ is convergent on $0 \leq x<\theta^{-1}$. Hence if $N$ is sufficiently large,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|g(\theta x)-\sum_{1}^{N} b_{k} \theta^{k} x^{k}\right|<\varepsilon / 2, \quad(0 \leqslant x \leqslant 1) \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

A combination of (2.1) and (2.2) yields the theorem:

$$
\left|g(x)-\sum_{1}^{N} \theta^{k}\left\{s_{k}(x)-s_{k-1}(x)\right\}\right|<\varepsilon, \quad(0 \leqslant x \leqslant 1)
$$

The interval $[0, b]$. By the substitution $b x=x^{\prime}$ theorem 1 yields a corresponding result for the interval $[0, b]$.
§ 3. Approximation to powers $x^{m}$ on $[a, b]$. Starting from Müntz's formula (see ${ }^{3}$ ), 5))

$$
\text { 1. b. } \int_{0}^{1}\left|x^{m}-\Sigma a_{k} x^{n_{k}}\right|^{2} d x=\frac{1}{2 m+1} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty}\left(1-\frac{2 m+1}{n_{k}+m+1}\right)^{2}
$$

Clarkson and Erdös proved an estimate (see [1), theorem 2]) which implies the following fundamental
Theorem 3. Let $S$ be an increasing sequence of non-negative integers $\left\{n_{k}\right\}$ satisfying the condition

$$
\sum_{n_{k}>0} \frac{1}{n_{k}}<\infty .
$$

Let $0<\varepsilon<1$. Then there exists an integer $m_{0}(\varepsilon, S)$ such that $m>m_{0}(\varepsilon, S)$, m not in $S$, implies

$$
\underset{\substack{\text { 1. b. } \\\left\{a_{k}\right\}}}{\max _{k} \mid=S} \mid
$$

Furthermore this $m_{0}$ can be chosen independently of the patticular sequence $S$ for every family $F$ of sequences $S$ for which the functions

$$
\Phi(m, S)=\sum_{m<n_{k}} \frac{1}{n_{k}}, \quad \Psi(m, S)=\frac{1}{m} \sum_{n_{k} \leq m} 1
$$

tend to zero uniformly as $m \rightarrow \infty$ for $S \in F$.
Remark 1. Let the family $F$ of sequences $S$ satisfy the conditions of theorem 3. Now replace every sequence $S=\left\{n_{k}\right\}_{k=1,2, \ldots} \in F$ by the set of sequences $S_{j}=\left\{n_{k}+j\right\}_{k=1,2, \ldots}, j=0,1,2, \ldots$. Then the family $F^{\prime}$ formed by all sequences $S_{j}$ will also satisfy the conditions of theorem 3. For

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Phi\left(m, S_{j}\right)=\sum_{m<n_{k}+j} \frac{1}{n_{k}+j} & =\sum_{m<n_{k}} \frac{1}{n_{k}+j}+\sum_{m-j<n_{k} \leq m} \frac{1}{n_{k}+j} \leqslant \\
& \leqslant \sum_{m<n_{k}} \frac{1}{n_{k}}+\frac{1}{m} \sum_{n_{k} \leq m} 1=\Phi(m, S)+\Psi(m, S)
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\Psi\left(m, S_{j}\right)=\frac{1}{m} \sum_{n_{k}+j \leq m} 1 \leqslant \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n_{k} \leq m} 1=\Psi(m, S)
$$

Remark 2. Let the family $F$ again satisfy the conditions of theorem 3. Now replace every sequence $S=\left\{n_{k}\right\}_{k=1,2, \ldots} \in F$ by the set of sequences
$S_{j}^{\prime}=\left\{n_{k}\right\} k_{\neq j}, \quad j=1,2, \ldots$. Then the family $F^{\prime \prime}$ formed by all sequences $S_{j}^{\prime}$ will again satisfy the conditions of theorem 3. For clearly

$$
\Phi\left(m, S_{j}^{\prime}\right) \leqslant \Phi(m, S), \quad \Psi\left(m, S_{j}^{\prime}\right) \leqslant \Psi(m, S)
$$

From theorem 3 a similar result will be derived for the interval $[a, b]$, $a \geq 0$.
Theorem 4. Let $S$ denote a sequence of integers $\left\{n_{k}\right\}$ satisfying the conditions

$$
0 \leqslant n_{1}<n_{2}<\ldots<n_{k}<\ldots, \quad \sum_{n_{k}>0} \frac{1}{n_{k}}<\infty .
$$

Let $F$ be a family of sequences $S$ satisfying the conditions that

$$
\Phi(m, S)=\sum_{m<n_{k}} \frac{1}{n_{k}} \text { and } \Psi(m, S)=\frac{1}{m} \sum_{n_{k} \leq m} 1
$$

tend to zero as $m \rightarrow \infty$ uniformly for $S \in F$. Let $0<\varepsilon<b$. Then there exists an integer $m_{0}(\varepsilon, F)$ such that $m>m_{0}(\varepsilon, F)$ implies

$$
\underset{\substack{s \in F \\ \mathcal{S o t} \exists m}}{\text { l. b. }} \quad \operatorname{a}_{k}\left|\max _{k}\right|=S \leq x \leq b \leq x^{m}-\sum_{k} a_{k} x^{n_{k}} \mid \geqslant(b-\varepsilon)^{m} .
$$

There is no restriction in taking $b=1$. (Substitution $x=b x^{\prime}$.) Further let $a>0$. Finally, let $1-\varepsilon>a$. Now if there were no integer $m_{0}(\varepsilon, F)$ satisfying the above condition then there would be a sequence of integers $m_{k} \rightarrow \infty(k \rightarrow \infty)$ and a corresponding sequence of linear aggregates

$$
\begin{equation*}
P_{k}(x)=\sum_{j} b_{k j} x^{n_{k j}} \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

$m_{k}$ not in $S_{k}=\left\{n_{k j}\right\}_{J=1,2, \ldots}, S_{k} \in F$, such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\max _{a \leq x \leq 1} \mid x^{m_{k}-P_{k}(x) \mid<(1-\varepsilon)^{m_{k}} . . . ~} \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now let $\|f\|,\|f\|^{\prime},\|f\|^{\prime \prime}$ denote the maximum of $|f|$ on $[a, 1],[0, a]$ and $[0,1]$ respectively. Let $0<\theta<1$. Then it will be possible to choose $k_{1}=k_{1}(\theta)$ so large that
(3.3) $\quad\left\|x^{2 m_{k}}-x^{m_{k}} P_{k}(x)\right\|^{\prime \prime}>\theta^{2 m_{k}}, \quad\left(k>k_{1}(\theta)\right)$.

This is a consequence of theorem 3, remark 1. For the set $F_{1}$ of all sequences $S_{k}^{\prime}=\left\{n_{k j}+m_{k}\right\}_{j=1,2, \ldots}$ is a sub-set of the set $F^{\prime}$ considered there. Taking $\theta^{2}=1-\varepsilon$ in (3.3) and comparing with (3.2) one sees that

$$
\left\|x^{2 m_{k}-x^{m}} p_{k}(x)\right\|^{\prime}>(1-\varepsilon)^{m_{k}}, \quad\left(k>k_{1}\right)
$$

Hence

As $(1-\varepsilon) / a>1,\left\|P_{k}\right\|^{\prime}$ must increase exponentially:
(3.1)

$$
A_{k}=\left\|P_{k}\right\|^{\prime \prime}>c^{m_{k}}, \quad\left(k>k_{2}\right)
$$

where $c>1$.

Now let $r_{0}$ be so large that

$$
\sum_{r_{0}<r}\{a(2-a)\}^{r}<\frac{1}{2},
$$

and let $n_{0}$ be such that
(3. 5)

$$
\underset{\substack{\left|. a_{k j}\right| \\\left\{n_{k i} \mid=s_{k}\right.}}{ } \| x^{n_{k j}-} \sum_{i \neq j} a_{k i} x^{n_{k i} \|^{\prime \prime}}>(2-\mathrm{a})^{-n_{k j}}
$$

for all $k$ and $j$ for which $n_{k_{j}}>n_{0}$. This is possible by theorem 3, remark 2 . By (3.5), if $b_{k j} \neq 0, n_{k j}>n_{0}$,

$$
\left\|\frac{P_{k}(x)}{b_{k j}}\right\|^{\prime \prime}=\left\|x^{n_{k j}}+\ldots\right\|^{\prime \prime}>(2-a)^{-n_{k j}}
$$

Hence

$$
\left|b_{k j}\right|<A_{k}(2-a)^{n_{k j}} \quad\left(n_{k j}>n_{0}\right)
$$

If follows that if $p_{0}=\max \left(r_{0}, n_{0}\right)$,

$$
\left\|\sum_{p_{0}<n_{k j}} b_{k j} x^{n_{k j}}\right\|^{\prime}<A_{k_{p_{0}}<r} \sum_{2}\{a(2-a)\} r<\frac{1}{2} A_{k} .
$$

Hence if $k_{3}$ is so large that for $k>k_{3}\left\|P_{k}\right\|^{\prime \prime}=\left\|P_{k}\right\|^{\prime}$, then $k>k_{3}$ must imply that

$$
\sum_{n_{k j} \leq p_{0}}\left|b_{k j}\right| \geqslant\left\|_{n_{k j} \leq p_{0}} \sum_{k j} x^{n_{k j}}\right\|^{\prime}>\frac{1}{2} \dot{A}_{k}
$$

But then there exists, to every $k>k_{3}$, a $j(k)$ such that
(3.6)

$$
n_{k, j(k)} \leqslant p_{0}
$$

(3.7)

$$
\left|b_{k, j(k)}\right|>\frac{A_{k}}{2\left(p_{0}+1\right)}
$$

By (3.4) it is then possible to take $k_{4}$ so large that $k>k_{4}$ implies
(3.8)
$\left|b_{k, j(k)}\right|>1$.

Now for $k>k_{1,2,3,4}$ consider the expression

Here $\lambda_{k}=n_{k, j(k)}+m_{k}$, and $Q_{k}(x)$ represents a linear aggregate of $x^{2 m_{k}}$ and $x^{n_{k i}+m_{k, i}} \boldsymbol{i} \neq j(k)$. If $k$ is sufficiently large, the expression (3.9) will be less than $\alpha^{m_{k}}$, where $0<\alpha<1$, everywhere on [ 0,1 ]. This follows from (3.2) and (3.8) for [a, 1]. For [0, a], by (3.8) and (3.7),

$$
\left|b_{k, j(k)}\right|^{-1} \mid x^{2 m_{k}-x^{m_{k}} P_{k}(x) \mid \leqslant \mathrm{a}^{2 m_{k}}+2\left(p_{0}+1\right) a^{m_{k}} . . .2{ }^{2} .}
$$

Thus
(3.10) $\left\|x^{\lambda_{k}}+Q_{k}(x)\right\|^{\prime \prime}=\left\|x^{2} k-b_{k, j(k)}^{-1} x^{2 m_{k}}+R_{k}(x)\right\|^{\prime \prime}<a^{m_{k}}, \quad\left(k>k_{5}\right)$.

The inequalities (3.10), (3.7) and (3.4) imply

$$
\left\|x^{2} k+R_{k}(x)\right\|^{\prime \prime}<\beta^{m_{k}}, \quad\left(k>k_{6}\right)
$$

where $0<\beta<1$. Finally, by (3.6),
(3.11)
$\left\|x^{\lambda_{k}}+R_{k}(x)\right\|^{\prime \prime}<\gamma^{2} k$,
$\left(k>k_{7}\right)$,
$0<\gamma<1$. Here $R_{k}(x)$ contains only powers $x^{n_{k i}+m_{k},} i \neq j(k)$. As the family of sequences $\left\{n_{k i}+m_{k}\right\}_{i \neq j(k)}(k=1,2, \ldots)$ satisfies the conditions of theorem 3 the inequality ( 3.11 ) must be false. This completes the proof of theorem 4.

Corollary 1. (Clarkson and Erdös) The set
(3.12)
$\left\{x^{n_{k}}\right\}$
of $C[a, b]$, where $0 \leq n_{1}<n_{2}<\ldots<n_{k}<\ldots \rightarrow \infty$, is closed in $C[a, b]$ $(0<a<b)$ if and only if the series
(3.13)

$$
\sum_{n_{k}>0} \frac{1}{n_{k}}
$$

diverges.
Proof. If the series (3.13) diverges the set (3.12) is closed in $C_{0}[0, b]$ by the theorem of MÜntz and SzÁsz. Here $C_{0}[0, b]$ denotes the space of all continuous functions of $x, 0 \leq x \leq b$, vanishing at $x=0$. The set (3.12) is then a fortiori closed in $C[a, b], a>0$.

If the series (3.13) converges on the other hand, then it follows from theorem 4 by taking $F=S=\left\{n_{k}\right\}$ that it is impossible to approximate uniformly on [a,b] to any function $x^{m}, m$ not in $S$, as soon as $m>m_{0}$.

However, this is true for $m \leq m_{0}$ also:
Corollary 2. If $m$ does not belong to the increasing sequence of nonnegative integers $\left\{n_{k}\right\}$ satis $\{y i n g$

$$
\sum_{n_{k}>0} \frac{1}{n_{k}}<\infty
$$

then it is impossible to approximate uniformly to $x^{m}$ on $[a, b]$ by linear aggregates

$$
\sum a_{k} x^{n_{k}}
$$

Proof. Take in theorem 4

$$
F=\left\{S_{j}\right\}_{j=0,1,2, \ldots,} \quad S_{j}=\left\{n_{k}+j\right\}_{k=1,2, \ldots}
$$

It follows that for $m+j>m_{0}, m$ not in $\left\{n_{k}\right\}$,

$$
\frac{\text { l. b. } \max _{k} \mid a \leq x \leq b}{}\left|x^{m+j}-x^{j} \sum a_{k} x^{n}\right| \geqslant(b-\varepsilon)^{m+j}
$$

Hence, taking $j=m_{0}+1$,

$$
\text { 1. } \mathrm{b} . \max _{\left\{a_{k}\right\} a \leq x \leq b}\left|x^{m}-\Sigma a_{k} x^{n_{k}}\right| \geqslant(b-\varepsilon)^{m+m_{0}+1} b^{-m_{0}-1}
$$

whenever $m$ is not an $n_{k}$.

The following corollary will also be used in § 4.
Corollary 3. Let $\left\{n_{k}\right\}$ be an increasing sequence of non-negative integers satisfying the condition

$$
\sum_{n_{k}>0} \frac{1}{n_{k}}<\infty .
$$

Let $0<\varepsilon<b$. Then there exists an integer $k_{0}=k_{0}(\varepsilon)$ such that $k>k_{0}$ implies

$$
\text { 1. b. } \max _{a_{j} \mid a \leq x \leq b}\left|x^{n_{k}-} \sum_{j \neq k} a_{j} x^{n_{j}}\right| \geqslant(b-\varepsilon)^{n_{k}}
$$

Proof. See theorem 4, and theorem 3, remark 2.
§4. The principal theorem. The above corollaries 2, 3 yield the analogue for $[a, b]$ of the result of Clarkson, Erdös and L. Schwartz for $[0,1]$ mentioned in $\S 1$.

Theorem 5. Let the incteasing sequence of non-negative integers $\left\{n_{k}\right\}$ satisfy the condition

$$
\sum_{n_{k}>0} \frac{1}{n_{k}}<\infty .
$$

Let the sequence of linear aggregates

$$
P_{j}(x)=\sum_{k} a_{j k} x^{n_{k}} \quad(j=1,2, \ldots)
$$

converge uniformly to $f(x)$ on $a \leq x \leq b, a \geq 0$, as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Then $f(x)$ can be extended to be analytic in the interior of the circle $|x|<b$. The power series for this analytic extension is

$$
\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_{k} x^{n_{k}}
$$

where

$$
A_{k}=\lim _{j \rightarrow \infty} a_{j k} \quad(k=1,2, \ldots)
$$

The proof is essentially the same as that given by Clarkson and Erdös for the interval $[0,1]$. It follows here for the sake of completeness, however.
(i) $a_{j k}$ tends to a limit as $j \rightarrow \infty$. For to any $\varepsilon>0$ there exists a $j_{0}$ such that $j, j^{\prime}>j_{0}$ implies

$$
\varepsilon>\max _{a \leq x \leq b}\left|P_{j}(x)-P_{j^{\prime}}(x)\right|=\left|a_{j k}-a_{j^{\prime} k}\right| \max _{a \leq x \leq b} \mid x^{n_{k}-Q(x) \mid}
$$

where $Q(x)$ is a linear aggregate of powers $x^{n_{i}}, i \neq k$. Now by theorem 4, corollary 2 ,

$$
\max _{a \leq x \leq b}\left|x^{n}-\mathrm{Q}(x)\right| \geqslant c_{k}>0
$$

Hence if $j, j^{\prime}>j_{0}$.

$$
\left|a_{j k}-a_{j^{\prime} k}\right|<\varepsilon c_{k}^{-1}
$$

Let
(4.1)

$$
\lim _{j \rightarrow \infty} a_{j k}=A_{k} \quad(k=1,2, \ldots)
$$

(ii) The next step is to find a proper estimate for the $A_{k}$. Let $\varepsilon>0$. Let $Q_{j k}(x)$ be defined by the equation

$$
P_{j}(x)=a_{j k}\left\{x^{n_{k}}+Q_{j k}(x)\right\}
$$

whenever $a_{j k} \neq 0$. By theorem 4, corollary 3,

$$
\max _{a \leq x \leq b}\left|x^{n_{k}}+Q_{j k}(x)\right| \geqslant(b-\varepsilon)^{n_{k}}
$$

for $k>k_{0}(\varepsilon), j=1,2, \ldots$ The $P_{j}(x)$ will be uniformly bounded:

$$
\left|P_{j}(x)\right|<M \quad(a \leqslant x \leqslant b ; j=1,2, \ldots)
$$

Hence for all $j$

$$
\begin{equation*}
M>\left|a_{j k}\right|(b-\varepsilon)^{n_{k}}, \quad\left(k>k_{0}\right) \tag{4.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

and by (4.1),
(4. 3)

$$
\left|A_{k}\right| \leqslant M(b-\varepsilon)^{-n_{k}}, \quad\left(k>k_{0}\right)
$$

The power series $\Sigma A_{k} x^{n}{ }_{k}$ will thus at least converge for $|x|<b$. Let the sum of the series be $g(x)$.
(iii) It remains to be proved that $f(x)=g(x)$ on $a \leq x<b$. This will follow from the relation

$$
\lim _{j \rightarrow \infty}\left|P_{j}(x)-g(x)\right|=0, \quad(a \leqslant x<b) .
$$

To prove it, let $x$ be fixed on $a \leq x<b$.

$$
\left|P_{j}(x)-g(x)\right|=\left|\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_{k} x^{n_{k}-} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{j k} x^{n_{k}}\right| \leqslant
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\leqslant \sum_{1}^{N}\left|A_{k}-a_{j k}\right| x^{n_{k}}+\sum_{N+1}^{\infty}\left(\left|A_{k}\right|+\left|a_{j k}\right|\right) x^{n_{k}} \tag{4.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now first choose $N$ so large that

$$
\left|a_{j k}\right|,\left|A_{k}\right| \leqslant M\left(\frac{b+x}{2}\right)^{-n_{k}}
$$

for $k>N$. (See (4.2) and (4.3).) Next let $N$ increase until the last term of (4.4) is sufficiently small. Finally take $j$ so large that the first term of the third member of (4.4) is also small enough.
A combination of theorems 5 and 2 now yields the principal theorem.
Theorem 6. The set of continuous functions of $x, a \leq x \leq b, a \geq 0$. spanned by the sequence

$$
\left\{x^{n_{k}}\right\} \quad\left(\sum_{n_{k}>0} \frac{1}{n_{k}}<\infty\right)
$$

is identical with the set of all power series

$$
\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k} x^{n_{k}}
$$

convergent on $a \leq x<b$ for which

$$
\lim _{x \rightarrow b} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k} x^{n_{k}}
$$

exists.
Another corollary to theorem 5 is
Theorem 7. Let the increasing sequence of non-negative integers $\left\{n_{k}\right\}$ satisfy the condition

$$
\sum_{n_{k}>0} \frac{1}{n_{k}}<\infty
$$

Let the sequence of linear aggregates

$$
P_{j}(x)=\sum_{k} a_{j k} x^{n_{k}} \quad(j=1,2, \ldots)
$$

converge uniformly to $f(x)$ on $a \leq x \leq b, a \geq 0$. Then the sequence $\left\{P_{j}(x)\right\}$ is uniformly convergent in every circle $|x| \leq b-\delta, \delta>0$. Its limit is the analytic extension of $f(x)$.

In particular, let $\left\{P_{j}(x)\right\}$ converge uniformly to zero on $a \leq x \leq b$, $a \geq 0$. Then it will do so in every circle $|x| \leq b-\delta, \delta>0$.

Proof. See (4.4).

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Mathematics. - Inequalities for the coefficients of trigonomettic poly nomials. II. By R. P. Boas Jr. (Communicated by Prof. J. G. van der Corput.)
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1. Let $F(t)=\sum_{-n}^{n} a_{j} e^{i j t}$ be a real trigonometric polynomial. The inequality

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|a_{0}\right|+\frac{2}{3}\left|a_{k}\right| \leqq \frac{1}{4} \int_{0}^{2 \pi}|F(t)| d t, \quad k>\frac{1}{2} n . \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

was given by van der Corput and Visser ${ }^{1}$ ). The constant $\frac{1}{4}$ in (1) was improved 2) to $\frac{1}{2}\left(1+\frac{1}{3} \sqrt{2}\right) / \pi=.234 \ldots$. Here I shall obtain the best possible result

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|a_{0}\right|+\frac{2}{3}\left|a_{k}\right| \leqq C \int_{0}^{2 \pi}|F(t)| d t, \quad k>\frac{1}{2} n \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

with

$$
\begin{gather*}
C=1 /(2 \pi-4 \delta),  \tag{3}\\
\sin \delta+\frac{1}{3} \delta=\frac{1}{6} \pi, \quad 0<\delta<\pi / 2 . \tag{4}
\end{gather*}
$$

We have $.2136<\mathrm{C}<.2137$.
More generally, for any positive $\gamma$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\mathbf{a}_{0}\right|+2 \gamma\left|\mathbf{a}_{k}\right| \leqq C_{\gamma} \int_{0}^{2 \pi}|F(t)| d t, \quad k>\frac{1}{2} n . \ldots \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $C_{\gamma}$ is given by (3) and $\delta$ is the smallest positive root of $\sin \delta=$ $=\frac{1}{2} \gamma(\pi-2 \delta)$; equality occurs in (5) for some $F(t) \not \equiv 0$. For example, $C_{1}=.338$; the value given before ${ }^{2}$ ) was $\frac{1}{2}(1+\sqrt{2}) / \pi=.384 \ldots$ Thus we have

$$
\left|a_{0}\right|+2\left|a_{k}\right|<2.126 \cdot \frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{0}^{2 \pi}|F(t)| d t, \quad k>\frac{1}{2} n, F(t) \neq 0
$$

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