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A new study on absolute summability factors of infinite series

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Abstract: We first give a new and more general definition on absolute matrix summability of infinite series. Then we generalise a known theorem on $|\bar{N}, p_n|_k$ summability factors of infinite series with this summability method by using an almost increasing sequence. This new theorem also includes several new results.

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INTRODUCTION

Summability theory plays an important role in analysis, applied mathematics and engineering sciences. The aim of this theory is to bring a value to the indefinite divergent series. Various summability methods have been introduced by different researchers to find this value. Some of these methods are given by Cesàro [1], Abel [2], Nörlund [3], Riesz [4], matrix summability [5], etc.

A significant rise of the summability began in the latter part of the 19th century. In 1890, Cesàro published a paper on the multiplication of series [1]. Das gave the definition of absolute summability [6]. Then Kishore and Hotta defined the summability factor [7]. The definition of $|A|_k$ summability was given by Tanović-Miller [8]. Later Bor defined $|\bar{N}, p_n|_k$ and $|\bar{N}, p_n; \delta|_k$ summability of an infinite series [9, 10]. The definition of $|A, p_n; \delta|_k$ summability of an infinite series was defined by Özarslan and Ögdük [11]. In this paper a

theorem on absolute matrix summability is obtained using a more general summability method.

Now we give some definitions related to the summability which are used in this article.

Definition 1 [12]. A positive sequence (r_n) is said to be almost increasing, if there exist a positive increasing sequence (d_n) and two positive constants K and L such that $Kd_n \leq r_n \leq Ld_n$. Obviously every increasing sequence is almost increasing sequence but the converse need not be true as can be seen from the example $b_n = ne^{(-1)^n}$.

Definition 2 [13]. Let $\sum a_n$ be a given infinite series with the partial sums (s_n) . Let (p_n) be a sequence of positive numbers such that

$$P_n = \sum_{v=0}^n p_v \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, (P_{-i} = p_{-i} = 0, i \geq 1). \quad (1)$$

The sequence-to-sequence transformation

$$w_n = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{v=0}^n p_v s_v \quad (2)$$

defines the sequence (w_n) of the (\bar{N}, p_n) means of the sequence (s_n) , generated by the sequence of coefficients (p_n) .

Definition 3 [9]. The series $\sum a_n$ is said to be summable $|\bar{N}, p_n|_k$, $k \geq 1$, if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{k-1} |w_n - w_{n-1}|^k < \infty. \quad (3)$$

Definition 4 [14]. The series $\sum a_n$ is said to be summable $|\bar{N}, p_n, \beta; \delta|_k$, $k \geq 1$, $\delta \geq 0$ and β is a real number if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k + k - 1)} |w_n - w_{n-1}|^k < \infty. \quad (4)$$

Definition 5 [15]. Let $A = (a_{nv})$ be a normal matrix, i.e. a lower triangular matrix of non-zero diagonal entries. Then A defines the sequence-to-sequence transformation, mapping the sequence $s = (s_n)$ to $As = (A_n(s))$, where

$$A_n(s) = \sum_{v=0}^n a_{nv} s_v, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots \quad (5)$$

The series $\sum a_n$ is said to be summable $|A, p_n|_k$, $k \geq 1$ if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{k-1} |\bar{\Delta} A_n(s)|^k < \infty, \quad (6)$$

where

$$\bar{\Delta} A_n(s) = A_n(s) - A_{n-1}(s). \quad (7)$$

Definition 6 [16]. The series $\sum a_n$ is summable $|A, p_n, \beta; \delta|_k$, $k \geq 1$, $\delta \geq 0$ and β is a real number if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k + k - 1)} \left| \bar{\Delta} A_n(s) \right|^k < \infty. \tag{8}$$

If we take $\beta = 1$, then $|A, p_n, \beta; \delta|_k$ summability reduces to $|A, p_n; \delta|_k$ summability [11]. Also, if we take $\beta = 1$ and $\delta = 0$, then $|A, p_n, \beta; \delta|_k$ summability reduces to $|A, p_n|_k$ summability. Furthermore, if we take $\beta = 1$, then $|\bar{N}, p_n, \beta; \delta|_k$ summability reduces to $|\bar{N}, p_n; \delta|_k$ summability [6]. Also, if we take $\beta = 1$ and $\delta = 0$, then $|\bar{N}, p_n, \beta; \delta|_k$ summability reduces to $|\bar{N}, p_n|_k$ summability.

KNOWN RESULT

Bor [17] has proved the following theorem for $|\bar{N}, p_n|_k$ summability factors of infinite series.

Theorem 1. Let (p_n) be a sequence of positive numbers such that

$$P_n = O(n p_n) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{9}$$

If (X_n) is a positive monotonic non-decreasing sequence such that

$$|\lambda_m| X_m = O(1) \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty, \tag{10}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^m n X_n |\Delta^2 \lambda_n| = O(1) \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty, \tag{11}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^m \frac{P_n}{P_n} |t_n|^k = O(X_m) \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty, \tag{12}$$

where $t_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{v=1}^n v a_v$, then the series $\sum a_n \lambda_n$ is summable $|\bar{N}, p_n|_k, k \geq 1$.

MAIN RESULT

Much work on absolute matrix summability of infinite series has been done [18-29]. The aim of this paper is to generalise Theorem 1 to $|A, p_n, \beta; \delta|_k$ summability. We first introduce some further notations.

Given a normal matrix $A = (a_{nv})$, we associate two lower semi-matrices $\bar{A} = (\bar{a}_{nv})$ and $\hat{A} = (\hat{a}_{nv})$ as follows:

$$\bar{a}_{nv} = \sum_{i=v}^n a_{ni}, \quad n, v = 0, 1, \dots \tag{13}$$

and

$$\hat{a}_{00} = \bar{a}_{00} = a_{00}, \quad \hat{a}_{nv} = \bar{a}_{nv} - \bar{a}_{n-1,v}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \tag{14}$$

It may be noted that \bar{A} and \hat{A} are the well-known matrices of series-to-sequence and series-to-series transformations respectively. Then we have

$$A_n(s) = \sum_{v=0}^n a_{nv} s_v = \sum_{v=0}^n \bar{a}_{nv} a_v \tag{15}$$

and

$$\bar{\Delta} A_n(s) = \sum_{v=0}^n \hat{a}_{nv} a_v. \tag{16}$$

Now we shall prove the following theorem.

Theorem 2. Let $A=(a_{nv})$ be a positive normal matrix such that

$$\bar{a}_{n0} = 1, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, \tag{17}$$

$$a_{n-1,v} \geq a_{nv}, \quad \text{for } n \geq v+1, \tag{18}$$

$$a_{nn} = O\left(\frac{p_n}{P_n}\right), \tag{19}$$

$$|\hat{a}_{n,v+1}| = O(v |\Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv})|). \tag{20}$$

Let (X_n) be an almost increasing sequence. If conditions (10)-(11) of Theorem 1 and

$$\sum_{n=1}^m \left(\frac{P_n}{P_n}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)-k} |t_n|^k = O(X_m) \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow \infty, \tag{21}$$

$$\sum_{n=v+1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P_n}{P_n}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)-k+1} |\Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv})| = O\left(\left(\frac{P_v}{P_v}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)-k}\right) \tag{22}$$

are satisfied, then the series $\sum a_n \lambda_n$ is summable $|A, p_n, \beta; \delta|_k, k \geq 1, \delta \geq 0$ and $-\beta(\delta k + k - 1) + k > 0$.

We need the following lemma for the proof of Theorem 2.

Lemma 1 [30]. Under the conditions on (X_n) and (λ_n) which are taken in the statement of our theorem, we have the following:

$$n X_n |\Delta \lambda_n| = O(1) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \tag{23}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n |\Delta \lambda_n| < \infty. \tag{24}$$

PROOF OF THEOREM 2

Let (I_n) denote A-transform of the series $\sum a_n \lambda_n$. Then we have by (15) and (16)

$$\bar{\Delta} I_n = \sum_{v=1}^n \hat{a}_{nv} a_v \lambda_v = \sum_{v=1}^n \frac{\hat{a}_{nv} \lambda_v}{v} v a_v.$$

Applying Abel's transformation to this sum, we obtain the following.

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Delta} I_n &= \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \Delta_v \left(\frac{\hat{a}_{nv} \lambda_v}{v}\right) \sum_{r=1}^v r a_r + \frac{\hat{a}_{nn} \lambda_n}{n} \sum_{r=1}^n r a_r \\ &= \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \Delta_v \left(\frac{\hat{a}_{nv} \lambda_v}{v}\right) (v+1)t_v + \frac{a_{nn} \lambda_n}{n} (n+1)t_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{n+1}{n} a_{nn} \lambda_n t_n + \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \frac{v+1}{v} \Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv}) \lambda_v t_v + \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \frac{v+1}{v} \hat{a}_{n,v+1} \Delta \lambda_v t_v + \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{v} \hat{a}_{n,v+1} \lambda_{v+1} t_v \\
&= I_{n,1} + I_{n,2} + I_{n,3} + I_{n,4}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $|I_{n,1} + I_{n,2} + I_{n,3} + I_{n,4}|^k \leq 4^k (|I_{n,1}|^k + |I_{n,2}|^k + |I_{n,3}|^k + |I_{n,4}|^k)$, to complete the proof of Theorem 2 it is sufficient to show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k + k - 1)} |I_{n,r}|^k < \infty, \quad \text{for } r=1, 2, 3, 4. \quad (25)$$

First, by using Abel's transformation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=1}^m \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k + k - 1)} |I_{n,1}|^k &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^m \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k + k - 1)} a_{nn}^k |\lambda_n|^k |t_n|^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^m \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k + k - 1)} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^k |\lambda_n|^{k-1} |\lambda_n| |t_n|^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^m \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k + k - 1) - k} |\lambda_n| |t_n|^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} \Delta |\lambda_n| \sum_{v=1}^n \left(\frac{P_v}{p_v} \right)^{\beta(\delta k + k - 1) - k} |t_v|^k + O(1) |\lambda_m| \sum_{n=1}^m \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k + k - 1) - k} |t_n|^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} |\Delta \lambda_n| X_n + O(1) |\lambda_m| X_m \\
&= O(1) \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}$$

by virtue of the hypotheses of Theorem 2 and Lemma 1. Now applying Hölder's inequality with indices k and k' , where $k > 1$ and $\frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{k'} = 1$ as in $I_{n,1}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k + k - 1)} |I_{n,2}|^k &= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k + k - 1)} \left(\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} |\Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv})| |\lambda_v| |t_v| \right)^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k + k - 1)} \left(\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} |\Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv})| |\lambda_v|^k |t_v|^k \right) \times \left(\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} |\Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv})| \right)^{k-1} \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k + k - 1)} a_{nn}^{k-1} \left(\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} |\Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv})| |\lambda_v|^k |t_v|^k \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Now using the fact that $a_{nn} = O\left(\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right)$ by (19), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)} |I_{n,2}|^k &= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)-k+1} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} |\Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv})| |\lambda_v|^k |t_v|^k \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m |\lambda_v|^k |t_v|^k \sum_{n=v+1}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)-k+1} |\Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv})| \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m \left(\frac{P_v}{p_v}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)-k} |\lambda_v|^{k-1} |\lambda_v| |t_v|^k \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m \left(\frac{P_v}{p_v}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)-k} |\lambda_v| |t_v|^k \\
 &= O(1) \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

by virtue of the hypotheses of Theorem 2 and Lemma 1.

Now using Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)} |I_{n,3}|^k &= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)} \left(\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} |\hat{a}_{n,v+1}| |\Delta \lambda_v| |t_v|\right)^k \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)} \left(\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} v |\Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv})| |\Delta \lambda_v| |t_v|\right)^k \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)} \left(\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} v |\Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv})| |\Delta \lambda_v| |t_v|^k\right) \\
 &\quad \times \left(\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} v |\Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv})| |\Delta \lambda_v|\right)^{k-1} \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)} a_{mm}^{k-1} \left(\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} v |\Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv})| |\Delta \lambda_v| |t_v|^k\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

By using (19), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)} |I_{n,3}|^k &= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)-k+1} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} v |\Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv})| |\Delta \lambda_v| |t_v|^k \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m v |\Delta \lambda_v| |t_v|^k \sum_{n=v+1}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)-k+1} |\Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv})| \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m v |\Delta \lambda_v| |t_v|^k \left(\frac{P_v}{p_v}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)-k} \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^{m-1} \Delta(v |\Delta \lambda_v|) \sum_{r=1}^v \left(\frac{P_r}{p_r}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)-k} |t_r|^k \\
 &\quad + O(1) m |\Delta \lambda_m| \sum_{v=1}^m \left(\frac{P_v}{p_v}\right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)-k} |t_v|^k
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^{m-1} v \left| \Delta^2 \lambda_v \right| X_v + O(1) \sum_{v=1}^{m-1} \left| \Delta \lambda_v \right| X_v + O(1) m \left| \Delta \lambda_m \right| X_m \\
 &= O(1) \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

by virtue of the hypotheses of Theorem 2 and Lemma 1.

Finally, as in $I_{n,1}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)} \left| I_{n,4} \right|^k &= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)} \left(\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{v} \left| \hat{a}_{n,v+1} \right| \left| \lambda_{v+1} \right| \left| t_v \right| \right)^k \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)} \left(\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \left| \Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv}) \right| \left| \lambda_{v+1} \right| \left| t_v \right| \right)^k \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)} \left(\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \left| \Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv}) \right| \left| \lambda_{v+1} \right|^k \left| t_v \right|^k \right) \\
 &\quad \times \left(\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \left| \Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv}) \right| \right)^{k-1} \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)} a_{nn}^{k-1} \left(\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \left| \Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv}) \right| \left| \lambda_{v+1} \right|^{k-1} \left| \lambda_{v+1} \right| \left| t_v \right|^k \right) \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)-k+1} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \left| \Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv}) \right| \left| \lambda_{v+1} \right| \left| t_v \right|^k \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m \left| \lambda_{v+1} \right| \left| t_v \right|^k \sum_{n=v+1}^{m+1} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)-k+1} \left| \Delta_v(\hat{a}_{nv}) \right| \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m \left(\frac{P_v}{p_v} \right)^{\beta(\delta k+k-1)-k} \left| \lambda_{v+1} \right| \left| t_v \right|^k \\
 &= O(1) \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

by virtue of the hypotheses of Theorem 2 and Lemma 1. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

CONCLUSIONS

If we take $\beta = 1$, then we get a theorem dealing with $\left| A, p_n; \delta \right|_k$ summability. If we take (X_n) as a positive monotonic non-decreasing sequence, $\beta = 1$, $\delta = 0$ and $a_{nv} = \frac{P_v}{P_n}$, then we get Theorem 1. In this case condition (21) reduces to condition (12).

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