

# LINEAR METHODS WHICH SUM SEQUENCES OF BOUNDED VARIATION

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A complex sequence  $\{z_p\}$  is said to be of bounded variation provided  $\sum |z_p - z_{p+1}| < \infty$ . In this paper we show that a matrix which sums every sequence of bounded variation also sums a convergent sequence not of bounded variation (Theorem 1). Indeed, if  $M$  is a countable set of matrices, each of which sums every sequence of bounded variation, then there is a convergent sequence not of bounded variation which every matrix in  $M$  sums (Theorem 2). Our proofs are by direct construction. We are indebted to the referee for the following observation: Theorem 1 follows from a rather inaccessible result of Mazur-Orlicz-Zeller (see p. 125 of [4] and p. 256 of [5]) to the effect that the set of all convergent sequences which a matrix sums, as an  $FK$  space, has a separable dual space, while the space of sequences of bounded variation does not, since its maximal subspace of null sequences is equivalent to  $\{z: \sum |z_i| < \infty\}$  whose dual is the set of all bounded sequences.

A basic tool in this study is the fact [1], [3] that a matrix  $(a_{pq})$  sums every sequence of bounded variation if and only if

- (1) (i)  $\{a_{pn}\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  converges,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ,
- (ii)  $\left\{ \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} a_{np} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges, and
- (iii) there exists  $k$  such that  $\left| \sum_{p=1}^j a_{np} \right| < k, \quad n, j \geq 1$ .

We will denote the set of all convergent complex sequences by  $S_C$  and the set of all complex sequences of bounded variation by  $S_{BV}$ . Throughout, we will use the notation  $x = \{x_p\}$ , and, given a sequence  $y$  and an increasing sequence  $\alpha$  of positive integers, we will use  $F(y, \alpha)$  to denote the sequence  $z$  such that for each positive integer  $j$ ,  $z_p = y_j, \alpha_{j-1} < p \leq \alpha_j, (\alpha_0 = 0)$ .

**LEMMA.** *If  $\sum a_p$  has bounded partial sums  $\{s_p\}$ , then there exists an increasing sequence  $\alpha$  of positive integers such that if  $y$  is a null sequence and  $F(y, \alpha) = x$ , then  $\sum x_p a_p$  converges.*

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PROOF. Let  $\alpha$  be an increasing sequence of positive integers such that  $\{s_{\alpha_p}\} \in S_{BV}$ . Let  $y$  be a null sequence and  $F(y, \alpha) = x$ . Suppose  $k > \alpha_1$  is an integer and  $t$  is the largest integer such that  $\alpha_t < k$ . Then, using summation by parts, we have

$$(2) \quad \sum_{p=1}^k x_p a_p = \sum_{p=1}^{t-1} s_{\alpha_p} (x_{\alpha_p} - x_{\alpha_{p+1}}) + s_{\alpha_t} x_{\alpha_t} + \sum_{p=\alpha_t+1}^k x_p a_p.$$

By a well-known theorem of Hadamard [2],  $\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} s_{\alpha_p} (x_{\alpha_p} - x_{\alpha_{p+1}})$  converges since  $\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} (x_{\alpha_p} - x_{\alpha_{p+1}}) = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} (y_p - y_{p+1})$  converges and  $\{s_{\alpha_p}\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  converges absolutely, i.e., is of bounded variation. Thus from (2) we see that  $\sum x_p a_p$  converges since  $\{s_p\}$  is bounded,  $x$  and  $y$  are null sequences, and the last term on the right side of (2) is equal to  $y_{t+1}(s_k - s_{\alpha_t})$ . This completes the proof.

REMARK 1. Suppose  $\sum a_p$  has bounded partial sums  $\{s_p\}$  and  $\alpha$  is an increasing sequence of positive integers such that  $\{s_{\alpha_p}\} \in S_{BV}$ . It is clear from the proof of the lemma that if  $\alpha'$  is an increasing sequence of positive integers such that for some  $m$ ,  $\{\alpha'_p\}_{p=m}^{\infty}$  is a subsequence of  $\alpha$ ,  $y$  is a null sequence, and  $F(y, \alpha') = x$ , then  $\sum x_p a_p$  converges.

THEOREM 1. *If  $A$  is a matrix which sums every sequence in  $S_{BV}$ , then there exists  $x \in S_C - S_{BV}$  such that  $Ax \in S_C$ .*

PROOF. Suppose  $A = (a_{pq})$  sums every sequence in  $S_{BV}$ . Using (i) of (1), we let  $a_n = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} a_{pn}$ , and using  $\{s_p\}$  for the partial sums of  $\sum a_p$ , we note that (i) and (iii) of (1) can be used to show that  $|s_p| \leq k$  for all  $p \geq 1$ . Let  $\alpha$  be an increasing sequence of positive integers such that  $\{s_{\alpha_p}\} \in S_{BV}$ . Let  $t_1$  be a positive integer such that if  $q \geq t_1$ , then  $|a_{qi} - a_i| < 1/2^{i+1}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \alpha_1$ . Let  $r_1 = \alpha_1$  and let  $r_2$  be the first term of  $\alpha$  following  $\alpha_1$  such that if  $j$  is a positive integer, then  $|\sum_{q=r_2+j}^{\infty} a_{pq}| < 1/2^2$ ,  $p = 1, 2, \dots, t_1$ . Let  $t_2$  be an integer greater than  $t_1$  such that if  $q \geq t_2$ , then  $|a_{qi} - a_i| < 1/2^{i+2}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r_2$ . Let  $r_3$  be the first term of  $\alpha$  following  $r_2$  such that if  $j$  is a positive integer, then  $|\sum_{q=r_3+j}^{\infty} a_{pq}| < 1/2^3$ ,  $p = 1, 2, \dots, t_2$ . We continue the process to obtain sequences  $\{r_p\}$  and  $\{t_p\}$  such that  $\{r_p\}$  is a subsequence of  $\alpha$ ,  $\{t_p\}$  is an increasing sequence of positive integers, and if  $m$  is a positive integer, then for  $q \geq t_m$ ,

$$(3) \quad |a_{qi} - a_i| < 1/2^{i+m}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, r_m,$$

and if  $j$  is a positive integer and  $m > 1$ , then

$$(4) \quad \left| \sum_{q=r_m+j}^{\infty} a_{pq} \right| < 1/2^m, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, t_{m-1}.$$

Suppose  $y$  is a null sequence and let  $F(y, r) = x$ . By using (4), we can easily show that if  $n$  is a positive integer, then  $\sum x_p a_{np}$  converges. Hence  $Ax$  is a complex sequence.

We next show that  $Ax \in S_C$ . By Remark 1 we note that  $\sum x_p a_p$  converges. Let  $L$  be such that  $|y_p| < L, p \geq 1$ . Suppose  $\epsilon > 0$ . Let  $Q$  be a positive integer such that  $1/2^Q < \epsilon$  and if  $p > Q$ , then  $|x_p| < \epsilon$  and  $|\sum_{j=p}^{\infty} x_j a_j| < \epsilon$ . Let  $R$  be a positive integer such that if  $t_p > R$ , then  $p > Q$ . Let  $N = Q + R$  and suppose  $n > N$ . If  $t_q \leq n < t_{q+1}$ , then by use of (3) and (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} x_p a_{np} - \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} x_p a_p \right| &\leq \left| \sum_{p=1}^{r_q} x_p (a_{np} - a_p) \right| + \left| \sum_{p=r_q+1}^{\infty} x_p a_p \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \sum_{p=r_q+1}^{r_{q+1}} x_p a_{np} \right| + \left| \sum_{p=r_{q+1}+1}^{r_{q+2}} x_p a_{np} \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \sum_{p=r_{q+2}+1}^{\infty} x_p a_{np} \right| \\ &< 2L/2^{q+1} + \epsilon + 2k\epsilon + 2k\epsilon + 2L/2^{q+1} \\ &< (4L + 1 + 4k)\epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $Ax \in S_C$ , and we see that  $Ax$  converges to  $\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} x_p a_p$ . The theorem follows since we can take  $y$  to be a null sequence not of bounded variation and then  $x \in S_C - S_{BV}$ .

REMARK 2. The proof of Theorem 1 can be modified slightly to prove the following statement:

If  $A$  is a matrix which sums every sequence of bounded variation and  $\alpha$  is an increasing sequence of positive integers, then there exists a subsequence  $\beta$  of  $\alpha$  such that if  $\gamma$  is an increasing sequence of positive integers such that for some  $m, \{\gamma_p\}_{p=m}^{\infty}$  is a subsequence of  $\beta, y$  is a null sequence, and  $F(y, \gamma) = x$ , then  $Ax \in S_C$ .

THEOREM 2. If  $M$  is a countable set of matrices, each of which sums every sequence of bounded variation, then there exists a convergent sequence not of bounded variation which every matrix in  $M$  sums.

PROOF. The proof will be for the case that  $M$  is infinite. Suppose  $M = \{M_1, M_2, M_3, \dots\}$ . Let  $\beta^{(1)}$  be an increasing sequence of positive integers which has the property with respect to  $M_1$  which  $\beta$  has with respect to  $A$  in Remark 2. Let  $\beta^{(2)}$  be a subsequence of  $\beta^{(1)}$  such that  $\beta^{(2)}$  has the property with respect to  $M_2$  which  $\beta$  has with respect to  $A$  in Remark 2. We continue the process to obtain  $\beta^{(1)}, \beta^{(2)}, \beta^{(3)}, \dots$  such that if  $q$  is a positive integer, then  $\beta^{(q+1)}$  is a subsequence of the increasing sequence  $\beta^{(q)}$  of positive integers, and  $\beta^{(q+1)}$

has the property with respect to  $M_{q+1}$  which  $\beta$  has with respect to  $A$  in Remark 2. Let  $\beta_1^{(0)} = \beta_1^{(1)}$  and let  $\beta_2^{(0)}$  be the first integer greater than  $\beta_1^{(0)}$  such that  $\beta_2^{(0)}$  is a term of  $\beta^{(2)}$ . Let  $\beta_3^{(0)}$  be the first integer greater than  $\beta_2^{(0)}$  such that  $\beta_3^{(0)}$  is a term of  $\beta^{(3)}$ . Continue the process. Suppose  $y$  is a null sequence and  $F(y, \beta^{(0)}) = x$ . Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Clearly there exists  $m$  such that  $\{\beta_p^{(0)}\}_{p=m}^{\infty}$  is a subsequence of  $\beta^{(n)}$ . Thus by Remark 2,  $M_n x \in S_C$ . In particular, if  $y$  had been chosen as a null sequence not of bounded variation, then  $x$  would have been a convergent sequence not of bounded variation. Thus the theorem follows.

We now show that in Theorem 2 we cannot replace the set  $M$  with the set of *all* matrices which sum every sequence of bounded variation. To this end, suppose  $\{b_p\} \in S_C - S_{BV}$ . By a theorem of Hadamard [2], there exists  $\{a_p\} \in S$  such that  $\sum a_p$  converges and  $\sum b_p a_p$  diverges. Let  $A = (a_{pq})$  be defined as follows:  $a_{pq} = a_q$  if  $p \geq q$ ,  $a_{pq} = 0$  if  $p < q$ . Clearly  $A$  satisfies (i), (ii), and (iii) of (1) and therefore sums every sequence of bounded variation, but  $A$  does not sum  $\{b_p\}$ .

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