RELATIONS ON SOME SUMMABILITY METHODS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we prove a new result connecting the summability methods $|\overline{N}, p_n|_k$ with either $|N, q_n|_k$ or $|\overline{N}, w_n|_k$ for given sequences $\{p_n\}$, $\{q_n\}$, and $\{w_n\}$ of positive real constants. Several results, some of them known, are deduced.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\sum a_n$ be an infinite series with partial sums s_n . Let σ_n^δ and η_n^δ denote the n th Cesàro mean of order δ ($\delta > -1$) of the sequences $\{s_n\}$ and $\{na_n\}$ respectively. The series $\sum a_n$ is said to be summable (C, δ) with index k , or simply summable $|C, \delta|_k$, $k \geq 1$, if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{k-1} |\sigma_n^\delta - \sigma_{n-1}^\delta|^k < \infty,$$

or, equivalently,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} |\eta_n^\delta|^k < \infty.$$

Let $\{p_n\}$ be a sequence of real or complex constants with

$$P_n = p_0 + p_1 + \cdots + p_n, \quad p_{-r} = P_{-r} = 0, \quad r = 1, 2, \dots$$

The series $\sum a_n$ is said to be summable $|N, p_n|$ if

$$(1.1) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |T_n - T_{n-1}| < \infty,$$

where

$$T_n = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{v=0}^n p_{n-v} s_v \quad (T_{-1} = 0).$$

We write $p = \{p_n\}$ and

$$M = \{p: p_n > 0 \text{ \& } p_{n+1}/p_n \leq p_{n+2}/p_{n+1} \leq 1, n = 0, 1, \dots\}.$$

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It is known that for $p \in M$ (1.1) holds if and only if (see [3])

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{nP_n} \left| \sum_{v=1}^n p_{n-v} v a_v \right| < \infty.$$

Definition 1 (Sulaiman [6]). For $p \in M$, we say that $\sum a_n$ is summable $|N, p_n|_k$, $k \geq 1$, if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left| \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{v=1}^n p_{n-v} v a_v \right|^k < \infty.$$

In the special case in which $p_n = A_n^{r-1}$, $r > -1$, where A_n^r is the coefficient of x^n in the power series expansion of $(1-x)^{-r-1}$ for $|x| < 1$, $|N, p_n|_k$ summability reduces to $|C, r|_k$ summability.

The series $\sum a_n$ is said to be summable $|\overline{N}, p_n|_k$, $k \geq 1$, if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{k-1} |t_n - t_{n-1}|^k < \infty \quad (\text{Bor [1]}),$$

where

$$t_n = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{v=0}^n p_v s_v.$$

If we take $p_n = 1$, then $|\overline{N}, p_n|_k$ summability is equivalent to $|C, 1|_k$ summability. In general, these two summabilities are not comparable.

Throughout this paper we set

$$\begin{aligned} Q_n &= q_0 + q_1 + \cdots + q_n, & q_{-1} &= Q_{-1} = 0; \\ W_n &= w_0 + w_1 + \cdots + w_n, & w_{-1} &= w_{-1} = 0; \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta f_n = f_n - f_{n+1}.$$

Here we give the following definition:

Definition 2. Let $\{p_n\}$ and $\{q_n\}$ be sequences of positive real constants such that $q \in M$. We say that $\sum a_n$ is summable $|N, p_n, q_n|_k$, $k \geq 1$, if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} \left| \sum_{v=1}^n P_{v-1} q_{n-v} a_v \right|^k < \infty,$$

where

$$R_n = p_0 q_n + p_1 q_{n-1} + \cdots + p_n q_0.$$

With t_n as previously defined,

$$t_n = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{v=0}^n p_v \sum_{r=0}^v a_r = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{v=0}^n (P_n - P_{v-1}) a_v,$$

hence

$$-\Delta t_{n-1} = \frac{p_n}{P_n P_{n-1}} \sum_{v=1}^n P_{v-1} a_v.$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{k-1} |\Delta t_{n-1}|^k = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{p_n}{P_n P_{n-1}^k} \left| \sum_{v=1}^n P_{v-1} a_v \right|^k.$$

This shows that $|N, p_n, 1|_k \Rightarrow |\bar{N}, p_n|_k$.

In 1985 and 1986, respectively, Bor established the following two results.

Theorem A. Let $\{p_n\}$ be a sequence of positive real constants such that as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$(1.2) \quad (i) \quad np_n = O(P_n), \quad (ii) \quad P_n = O(np_n).$$

If $\sum a_n$ is summable $|C, 1|_k$, then it is summable $|\bar{N}, p_n|_k$, $k \geq 1$.

Theorem B. Let $\{p_n\}$ be a sequence of positive real constants such that it satisfies (1.2). If $\sum a_n$ is summable $|\bar{N}, p_n|_k$, then it is also summable $|C, 1|_k$.

We prove

Theorem 1. Let $\{p_n\}$, $\{q_n\}$, and $\{w_n\}$ be sequences of positive real constants such that $q \in M$ and $\{p_n/P_n R_{n-1}^k\}$ is nonincreasing for $q_n \neq c$. Let t_n denote the $(\bar{N}, w_n)$ -mean of the series $\sum a_n$. Let $\{\varepsilon_n\}$ be a sequence of constants. If

$$(1.3) \quad \sum_{n=v+1}^{m+1} \frac{p_n q_{n-v-1}}{P_n R_{n-1}} = O(P_v^{-1}), \quad m \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$(1.4) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{k-1} |\varepsilon_n|^k |\Delta t_{n-1}|^k < \infty,$$

$$(1.5) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{p_n}{P_n} \left(\frac{W_n}{w_n} \right)^k |\varepsilon_n|^k |\Delta t_{n-1}|^k < \infty,$$

$$(1.6) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{k-1} \left(\frac{W_n}{w_n} \right)^k |\Delta \varepsilon_n|^k |\Delta t_{n-1}|^k < \infty,$$

and

$$(1.7) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{p_n}{P_n} \left(\frac{P_{n-1}}{R_{n-1}} \right)^k \left(\frac{W_n}{w_n} \right)^k |\varepsilon_n|^k |\Delta'_{n-1}|^k < \infty,$$

then the series $\sum a_n \varepsilon_n$ is summable $|N, p_n, q_n|_k$, $k \geq 1$.

2. LEMMAS

Lemma 1. Let $q \in M$. Then for $0 < \gamma \leq 1$,

$$\sum_{n=v+1}^{\infty} \frac{q_{n-v-1}}{n^\gamma Q_{n-1}} = O(v^{-\gamma}).$$

Proof. Since $nq_n = O(Q_n)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=v+1}^{\infty} \frac{q_{n-v-1}}{n^\gamma Q_{n-1}} &= \left(\sum_{n=v+1}^{2v} + \sum_{n=2v+1}^{\infty} \right) \frac{q_{n-v-1}}{n^\gamma Q_{n-1}} \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{v^\gamma Q_v}\right) \sum_{n=v+1}^{2v} q_{n-v-1} + O(1) \sum_{r=v}^{\infty} \frac{q_r}{r^\gamma Q_r} \\ &= O(v^{-\gamma}) + O(1) \sum_{r=v+1}^{\infty} r^{-\gamma-1} = O(v^{-\gamma}). \end{aligned}$$

3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1

Write

$$\tau_n = \sum_{v=1}^n P_{v-1} q_{n-v} a_v \varepsilon_v ;$$

then we have, by Abel's transformation,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_n &= \sum_{v=1}^n W_{v-1} a_v \left(P_{v-1} q_{n-v} \frac{1}{W_{v-1}} \varepsilon_v \right) \\ &= \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \left(\sum_{r=1}^v W_{r-1} a_r \right) \Delta \left(P_{v-1} q_{n-v} \frac{1}{W_{v-1}} \varepsilon_v \right) \\ &\quad + \left(\sum_{r=1}^n W_{r-1} a_r \right) P_{n-1} q_0 \frac{1}{W_{n-1}} \varepsilon_n \\ &= \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \left\{ -\frac{W_{v-1} W_v}{w_v} \Delta t_{n-1} \right\} \\ &\quad \times \left\{ P_{v-1} \Delta q_{n-v} \frac{1}{W_{v-1}} \varepsilon_v + P_{v-1} q_{n-v-1} \frac{w_v}{W_{v-1} W_v} \varepsilon_v \right. \\ &\quad \left. - p_v q_{n-v-1} \frac{1}{W_v} \varepsilon_v + P_v q_{n-v-1} \frac{1}{W_v} \Delta \varepsilon_v \right\} - P_{n-1} q_0 \frac{W_n}{w_n} \varepsilon_n \Delta t_{n-1} \\ &= \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \left\{ -P_{v-1} \Delta_v q_{n-v} \frac{W_v}{w_v} \varepsilon_v \Delta t_{v-1} - P_{v-1} q_{n-v-1} \varepsilon_v \Delta t_{v-1} - p_v q_{n-v-1} \frac{W_{v-1}}{w_v} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \varepsilon_v \Delta t_{v-1} + P_v q_{n-v-1} \frac{W_{v-1}}{w_v} \Delta \varepsilon_v \Delta t_{v-1} \right\} - P_{n-1} q_0 \frac{W_n}{w_n} \varepsilon_n \Delta t_{n-1} \\ &= \tau_{n,1} + \tau_{n,2} + \tau_{n,3} + \tau_{n,4} + \tau_{n,5}, \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned}$$

In order to prove the theorem, by Minkowski's inequality it is sufficient to show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} |\tau_{n,r}|^k < \infty, \quad r = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.$$

Applying Hölder's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} |\tau_{n,1}|^k &= \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} \left| \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} P_{v-1} \Delta_v q_{n-v} \frac{W_v}{w_v} \varepsilon_v \Delta t_{v-1} \right|^k \\
 &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} P_{v-1}^k |\Delta_v q_{n-v}| \left(\frac{W_v}{w_v} \right)^k |\varepsilon_v|^k |\Delta t_{v-1}|^k \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} |\Delta_v q_{n-v}| \right\}^{k-1} \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m P_{v-1}^k \left(\frac{W_v}{w_v} \right)^k |\varepsilon_v|^k |\Delta t_{v-1}|^k \sum_{n=v}^{m+1} \frac{P_n |\Delta_v q_{n-v}|}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m \frac{p_v}{P_v} \left(\frac{P_{v-1}}{R_{v-1}} \right)^k \left(\frac{W_v}{w_v} \right)^k |\varepsilon_v|^k |\Delta t_{v-1}|^k, \\
 \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} |\tau_{n,2}|^k &= \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} \left| \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \frac{P_{v-1}}{p_v} p_v q_{n-v-1} \varepsilon_v \Delta t_{v-1} \right|^k \\
 &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \left(\frac{P_{v-1}}{p_v} \right)^k p_v q_{n-v-1} |\varepsilon_v|^k |\Delta t_{v-1}|^k \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \frac{p_v q_{n-v-1}}{R_{n-1}} \right\}^{k-1} \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m \left(\frac{P_v}{p_v} \right)^k p_v |\varepsilon_v|^k |\Delta t_{v-1}|^k \sum_{n=v+1}^{m+1} \frac{p_n q_{n-v-1}}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m \left(\frac{P_v}{p_v} \right)^{k-1} |\varepsilon_v|^k |\Delta t_{v-1}|^k, \\
 \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} |\tau_{n,3}|^k &= \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} \left| \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} p_v q_{n-v-1} \frac{W_{v-1}}{w_v} \varepsilon_v \Delta t_{v-1} \right|^k \\
 &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} p_v q_{n-v-1} \left(\frac{W_{v-1}}{w_v} \right)^k |\varepsilon_v|^k |\Delta t_{v-1}|^k \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \frac{p_v q_{n-v-1}}{R_{n-1}} \right\}^{k-1} \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m p_v \left(\frac{W_v}{w_v} \right)^k |\varepsilon_v|^k |\Delta t_{v-1}|^k \sum_{n=v+1}^{m+1} \frac{p_n q_{n-v-1}}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} \\
 &= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m \frac{p_v}{P_v} \left(\frac{W_v}{w_v} \right)^k |\varepsilon_v|^k |\Delta t_{v-1}|^k,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} |\tau_{n,4}|^k &= \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} \left| \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} P_v q_{n-v-1} \frac{W_{v-1}}{w_v} \Delta \varepsilon_v \Delta t_{v-1} \right|^k \\
&\leq \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \left(\frac{P_v}{p_v} \right)^k p_v q_{n-v-1} \left(\frac{W_{v-1}}{w_v} \right)^k |\Delta \varepsilon_v|^k |\Delta t_{v-1}|^k \\
&\quad \times \left\{ \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \frac{p_v q_{n-v-1}}{R_{n-1}} \right\}^{k-1} \\
&= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m \left(\frac{P_v}{p_v} \right)^k p_v \left(\frac{W_v}{w_v} \right)^k |\Delta \varepsilon_v|^k |\Delta t_{v-1}|^k \sum_{n=v+1}^{m+1} \frac{p_n q_{n-v-1}}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} \\
&= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m \left(\frac{P_v}{p_v} \right)^{k-1} \left(\frac{W_v}{w_v} \right)^k |\Delta \varepsilon_v|^k |\Delta t_{v-1}|^k, \\
\\
\sum_{n=1}^m \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} |\tau_{n,5}|^k &= \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{p_n}{P_n R_{n-1}^k} \left| P_{n-1} q_0 \frac{W_n}{w_n} \varepsilon_n \Delta t_{n-1} \right|^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{p_n}{P_n} \left(\frac{P_{n-1}}{R_{n-1}} \right)^k \left(\frac{W_n}{w_n} \right)^k |\varepsilon_n|^k |\Delta t_{n-1}|^k.
\end{aligned}$$

4. APPLICATIONS

Corollary 1 (Bor and Thorpe [3]). *Let $\{p_n\}$ and $\{w_n\}$ be sequences of positive real constants. If*

$$(4.1) \quad (i) \quad p_n W_n = O(P_n w_n), \quad (ii) \quad P_n w_n = O(p_n W_n),$$

then the series $\sum a_n$ is summable $|\overline{N}|, p_n|_k$ whenever it is summable $|\overline{N}|, w_n|_k$, $k \geq 1$.

Proof. The proof follows from Theorem 1 by putting $\varepsilon_n = 1$, $q_n = 1$.

Corollary 2 (Theorems A and B). *If (1.2) is satisfied, then the series $\sum a_n$ is summable $|C, 1|_k$ if and only if it is summable $|\overline{N}|, p_n|_k$, $k \geq 1$.*

Proof. $(\Rightarrow)$ follows from Corollary 1 by putting $p_n = 1$.

$(\Leftarrow)$ follows from Corollary 1 by putting $q_n = 1$.

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