

COMPLEX TAUBERIAN THEOREMS FOR POWER SERIES⁽¹⁾

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1. **Introduction.** Given a power series ⁽²⁾

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = \sum a_n z^n = (1 - z) \sum s_n z^n$$

with radius of convergence 1, we wish to study the relations between the sequence (s) and its associated function $f(z)$ which may be considered as a transformation $T(s)$. Direct (or Abelian) theorems conclude from the sequence (s) to the transformation $T(s)$, while Tauberian theorems infer conclusions from the behavior of $T(s)$ to the behavior of (s) under specified additional conditions (Tauberian conditions).

For the special transformation T which transforms (s) into $f(z)$ according to (1.1) we distinguish two types of Tauberian theorems. Tauberian theorems of real character use assumptions about $f(z)$ where z is on the real axis, and have real Tauberian conditions; for example

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 1-0} f(z) = s \quad \text{and} \quad a_n \geq 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s.$$

In this paper we are concerned with Tauberian theorems of complex character in which the assumptions on $f(z)$ are essentially complex.

One of these complex Tauberian theorems was given first by Fatou [3, p. 389]:

THEOREM A. *If the function $f(z)$ defined by (1.1) is regular at $z=1$ and $a_n \rightarrow 0$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$), then $\sum a_n$ converges.*

Another theorem of this type is due to M. Riesz (see, e.g. [9, p. 64]):

THEOREM B. *If the function $f(z)$ defined by (1.1) is regular in the region*

$$S_1: \quad \begin{cases} |z| < R, & R > 1, \\ |\arg(z-1)| > \theta_0, & 0 < \theta_0 < \pi/2, \end{cases}$$

and continuous in \bar{S}_1 (the closure of S_1), then $\sum a_n$ converges.

After recalling some well known facts in summability theory we shall relax the assumptions on $f(z)$ in the Theorems A and B and prove a theorem which contains both as special cases. The condition about the behavior of

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(²) We shall always let $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = \sum a_n$.

$f(z)$ in S_1 is thereby localized to a smaller region S_2 in the neighborhood of $z=1$ which is the smallest possible in a certain sense. In §4 other regions are taken instead of S_2 .

In §§5 and 6 we assume that $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ has a positive radius of convergence and that $z=1$ lies on the boundary of the region of V -summability associated with $f(z)$. In analogy to the above theorems we infer conclusions from the behavior of $f(z)$ in the neighborhood of $z=1$ to the behavior of $V(s)$. In an extended sense these theorems are also complex Tauberian theorems. For V the methods of Euler-Knopp, Borel, and Meyer-König are taken and thus extensions of results of Karamata, Meyer-König, and Obrechhoff are obtained.

2. The methods E_p , B , S_a . The methods of Euler-Knopp, Borel, and Meyer-König are useful for the analytic continuation of power series. Assume that a series $\sum a_n$ with partial sums $s_n = \sum_{\nu=0}^n a_\nu$ is given and that the associated power series $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ has a positive radius of convergence.

a. The method E_p (Euler-Knopp) with fixed parameter p ($0 < p < \infty$) is defined by the triangular matrix (E_p) with elements

$$(2.1) \quad c_{n\nu} = \frac{1}{2^{pn}} \binom{n}{\nu} (2^p - 1)^{n-\nu} \quad (n, \nu = 0, 1, 2, \dots; \nu \leq n).$$

The E_p -transformation of the sequence s_n is therefore the new sequence

$$E_p(n; s_\nu) = \frac{1}{2^{pn}} \sum_{\nu=0}^n \binom{n}{\nu} (2^p - 1)^{n-\nu} s_\nu \quad (n = 0, 1, \dots)$$

and we say that E_p -lim $s_n = s$ (or E_p - $\sum a_n = s$) if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_p(n; s_\nu) = s$.

For our purposes another definition of the E_p -transformation of the sequence s_n is more suitable. Letting

$$(2.2) \quad z = \phi_p(w) = \frac{w}{2^p - (2^p - 1)w}$$

and developing $f(z)$ into powers of w we obtain a power series

$$F(w) = \sum a'_n w^n$$

which is convergent in the neighborhood of $w=0$. It is easy to prove that

$$(2.3) \quad E_p(n; s_\nu) = \sum_{\kappa=0}^n a'_\kappa \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} a'_n = 2^{-p} E_p(n-1; a_{\nu+1}) & (n = 1, 2, \dots), \\ a'_0 = a_0. \end{cases}$$

Hence E_p - $\sum a_n$ exists if and only if $\sum a'_n$ converges, and E_p -lim $a_n = 0$ is necessary for the existence of E_p - $\sum a_n$. (Here we use the fact that $E_p(n; a_{\nu+1}) \rightarrow 0$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) is equivalent to $E_p(n; a_\nu) \rightarrow 0$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$).)

If the method E_p is applied to $\sum a_n z^n$ for different values of z , one obtains

a region \mathfrak{G}_{E_p} in the z -plane in the interior of which the power series is E_p -summable to the value $f(z)$, whereas it is certainly not summable for any z which lies outside of $\overline{\mathfrak{G}_{E_p}}$. On the boundary of \mathfrak{G}_{E_p} no general statement can be made and the situation is somewhat similar to the situation on the boundary of the circle of convergence of a power series. \mathfrak{G}_{E_p} can be constructed from the singularities of $f(z)$; we shall use that $f(z)$ is necessarily regular in $\mathfrak{R}_{E_p} = \mathfrak{R}((2^p - 1)/(2^{p+1} - 1))$ if $z=1$ is on the boundary of \mathfrak{G}_{E_p} . (We denote by $\mathfrak{R}(a)$ the region $|z-a| < 1-a$ for $0 < a < 1$.) \mathfrak{R}_{E_p} is the map of $|w| < 1$ under the transformation $z = \phi_p(w)$.

b. Two methods of Borel are known. In the case of the "exponential method" we let

$$B(x; s_\nu) = e^{-x} \sum \frac{s_n x^n}{n!} \quad (x \geq 0)$$

where the sum exists for $x \geq 0$ since $\sum a_n z^n$ has a positive radius of convergence; we say that $B\text{-}\lim s_n = s$ (or $B\text{-}\sum a_n = s$) if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} B(x; s_\nu) = s$.

The second method is called Borel's "integral method" and is often more suitable to power series. With the given series $\sum a_n$ we associate the function $\phi(t) = \sum a_n t^n / n!$ for $t \geq 0$ and let

$$B'(x; s_\nu) = \int_0^x e^{-t} \phi(t) dt \quad (x \geq 0);$$

we say that $B'\text{-}\lim s_n = s$ (or $B'\text{-}\sum a_n = s$) if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} B'(x; s_\nu) = s$.

Concerning the relations between these two methods it is known that

$$(2.4) \quad B\text{-}\lim s_n = s \quad \text{implies} \quad B'\text{-}\lim s_n = s,$$

but not conversely. However, since

$$(2.5) \quad B(x; s_\nu) = B(x; a_\nu) + B'(x; s_\nu),$$

the converse of (2.4) is true if and only if $B(x; a_\nu) \rightarrow 0 (x \rightarrow \infty)$. The relations (2.4) and (2.5) also imply that $B\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$ is necessary for the existence of $B\text{-}\sum a_n$.

The region \mathfrak{G}_B of Borel-summability of the power series $\sum a_n z^n$ is defined analogously to \mathfrak{G}_{E_p} in **a**, and is the same for both methods B and B' . If $z=1$ lies on the boundary of \mathfrak{G}_B , then $f(z)$ is necessarily regular in $\mathfrak{R}_B = \mathfrak{R}(1/2)$.

c. The succession of the methods E_p and B is continued in a certain sense by the method of Meyer-König [10, p. 272]). This method depends on a parameter $\alpha (0 < \alpha < 1)$ and is defined by the matrix (S_α) with elements

$$c_{n\nu} = (1 - \alpha)^{n+1} \binom{n + \nu}{n} \alpha^\nu \quad (n, \nu = 0, 1, \dots).$$

The S_α -transformation of the sequence s_n

$$S_\alpha(n; s_\nu) = (1 - \alpha)^{n+1} \sum \binom{n + \nu}{n} \alpha^\nu s_\nu \quad (n = 0, 1, \dots)$$

exists if and only if $s_\nu = O(\nu^{-n} \alpha^{-\nu})$ for $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ and all fixed $n = 0, 1, \dots$; one then says that (S_α) is applicable to the sequence s_n . This obviously implies the regularity of $f(z)$ in $|z| < \alpha$, and the regularity of $f(z)$ in $|z| \leq \alpha$ is sufficient for the applicability of (S_α) to the sequence s_n .

Later we use an alternative definition of the S_α -transformation. Assume that (S_α) is applicable to the sequence s_n so that $f(z)$ is regular in $|z| < \alpha$; assume in addition that $f(z)$ is regular at $z = \alpha$. Letting

$$(2.6) \quad z = \frac{\alpha}{1 - (1 - \alpha)w}$$

and developing $f(z)$ into powers of w we obtain a power series

$$F(w) = \sum a'_n w^n$$

which is convergent in the neighborhood of $w = 0$. One finds that

$$(2.7) \quad S_\alpha(n; s_\nu) = \sum_{\kappa=0}^n a'_\kappa \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} a'_n = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} S_\alpha(n; a_{\nu+1}) & (n = 1, 2, \dots), \\ a'_0 = a_0 + \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} S_\alpha(0; a_{\nu+1}). \end{cases}$$

Hence $S_\alpha \text{-} \sum a_n$ exists if and only if $\sum a'_n$ converges, and $S_\alpha \text{-} \lim a_n = 0$ is necessary for the existence of $S_\alpha \text{-} \sum a_n$.

In the application to power series the situation here is slightly more complicated than in **a** and **b**. The region of S_α -summability has not been investigated in full but it is known that the regularity of $f(z)$ in $\Re_{S_\alpha} = \Re(1/(2-\alpha))$ is necessary for the existence of $S_\alpha \text{-} \sum a_n$ (again assuming the regularity of $f(z)$ at $z = \alpha$).

3. On two theorems of Fatou and M. Riesz. The starting point for our investigations on the circle of convergence of the power series

$$(3.1) \quad f(z) = \sum a_n z^n \quad \left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n} = 1 \right)$$

is the Theorems A and B of the introduction. Szász showed [1, pp. 485–486] that in Theorem B the region S_1 can be replaced by another region which has a finite number of corners on $|z| = 1$ instead of one as in the case of $S_1^{(3)}$. We show in Theorem 1 that the assumptions on $f(z)$ can be localized completely to a neighborhood of $z = 1$ if the condition $a_n \rightarrow 0$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) is added.

Let S_2 be the region

(³) Such a region can be expressed by $\bigcap_1^n \{z_\kappa \cdot S_1\}$ with $|z_\kappa| = 1$ ($\kappa = 1, 2, \dots, n$).

To prove the uniform convergence of $\sum a_n e^{in\phi}$ for $|\phi| \leq \phi_0$, take first all ϕ with $|\phi| \leq \phi_1 = (1/2) \text{ arc } z_1$. If $\sigma_n(\phi)$ are the arithmetic means of $s_n(\phi) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n a_\nu e^{i\nu\phi}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} |s_n(\phi) - \sigma_n(\phi)| &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left| \sum_{\nu=1}^n a_\nu \nu e^{i\nu\phi} \right| = \frac{1}{n+1} \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left\{ \sum_{\nu=1}^n \nu e^{i\nu\phi} \int_{C_1} \frac{f(z) dz}{z^{\nu+1}} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \int_{C_2} f(z) \sum_{\nu=1}^n \frac{\nu e^{i\nu\phi}}{z^{\nu+1}} dz \right\} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi(n+1)} |A_n^{(1)}(\phi) + A_n^{(2)}(\phi)|. \end{aligned}$$

Estimation of $A_n^{(1)}$: For $\nu = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_1^{z_1'} \frac{f(z) dz}{z^{\nu+1}} \right| &< \epsilon \cdot \frac{\pi \cos \theta_1}{8} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\tau}{|1 + \tau e^{i\theta_1}|^{\nu+1}} \\ &< \epsilon \cdot \frac{\pi \cos \theta_1}{8} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\tau}{(1 + \tau \cos \theta_1)^{\nu+1}} = \frac{\pi}{8\nu} \cdot \epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

and similarly for the other parts of C_1 . Hence

$$(3.3) \quad |A_n^{(1)}(\phi)| < \frac{n\pi}{2} \cdot \epsilon \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots),$$

uniformly for $|\phi| \leq \phi_1$.

Estimation of $A_n^{(2)}$: Evaluating first the finite sum occurring in the expression for $A_n^{(2)}$ we obtain

$$A_n^{(2)}(\phi) = e^{i\phi} \int_{C_2} f(z) \frac{z^{n+1} - (n+1)ze^{i\phi} + ne^{i\phi(n+1)}}{z^{n+1}(z - e^{i\phi})^2} dz.$$

In this integral we have first

$$\int_{C_2} \frac{f(z) dz}{(z - e^{i\phi})^2} = o(n),$$

and we shall prove that also

$$(3.4) \quad n \int_{C_2} \frac{f(z) dz}{z^n (z - e^{i\phi})^2} = o(n),$$

always uniformly for $|\phi| \leq \phi_1$. Assume for the moment that (3.4) is true. Then

$$(3.5) \quad |A_n^{(2)}(\phi)| < \frac{n\pi}{2} \cdot \epsilon \quad (n > n_1),$$

uniformly for $|\phi| \leq \phi_1$, and therefore $|s_n(\phi) - \sigma_n(\phi)| < \epsilon/2$ for $n > n_1$ and

$|\phi| \leq \phi_1$. Using now the fact [15, pp. 94–95] that $\sigma_n(\phi)$ converges uniformly to $f(e^{i\phi})$ for $|\phi| \leq \phi_1$, we get

$$|s_n(\phi) - f(e^{i\phi})| \leq |s_n(\phi) - \sigma_n(\phi)| + |\sigma_n(\phi) - f(e^{i\phi})| < \epsilon$$

for $n > n_2$ and all ϕ in $|\phi| \leq \phi_1$. Since for ϕ with $\phi_1 \leq |\phi| \leq \phi_0$ the uniform convergence of $\sum a_n e^{in\phi}$ follows from an extension of Theorem A due to M. Riesz [15, p. 90], the proof of Theorem 2 is completed provided (3.4) is true.

For the proof of (3.4) we apply a method of M. Riesz [15], choosing the numbers $b_1 = b_1(\phi)$ and $b_2 = b_2(\phi)$ such that $H(z_1) = H(z_2) = 0$ for

$$H(z) = H(z, \phi) = \frac{1}{(z - e^{i\phi})^2} + b_1 + b_2 z.$$

One finds that $b_1(\phi)$ and $b_2(\phi)$ are bounded for $|\phi| \leq \phi_1$. Therefore using (3.3) and $a_n \rightarrow 0$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{C_2} \frac{f(z)H(z)dz}{z^n} &= \int_{C_2} \frac{f(z)dz}{z^n(z - e^{i\phi})^2} + b_1 \int_C \frac{f(z)dz}{z^n} + b_2 \int_C \frac{f(z)dz}{z^{n-1}} \\ &\quad - b_1 \int_{C_1} \frac{f(z)dz}{z^n} - b_2 \int_{C_1} \frac{f(z)dz}{z^{n-1}} \\ &= \int_{C_2} \frac{f(z)dz}{z^n(z - e^{i\phi})^2} + o(1), \end{aligned}$$

so that it remains now to show that

$$(3.6) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_2} \frac{f(z)H(z)dz}{z^n} = 0,$$

uniformly for $|\phi| \leq \phi_1$. But by Theorem A the series $\sum a_n z^n$ converges for z_1 and z_2 and therefore uniformly on C_2 so that

$$\int_{C_2} \frac{f(z)H(z)dz}{z^n} = \sum_{\nu} a_{\nu} \int_{C_2} z^{\nu-n} H(z) dz$$

which is a matrix transformation of the zero-sequence a_{ν} . We have to show

$$(3.7) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_{n\nu} = 0 \quad (\nu = 0, 1, \dots, \text{fixed}),$$

$$(3.8) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\nu} |c_{n\nu}| < \infty,$$

uniformly for $|\phi| \leq \phi_1$, where

$$c_{n\nu} = c_{n\nu}(\phi) = \int_{C_2} z^{\nu-n} H(z, \phi) dz.$$

Integrating twice by parts we get for $\nu \neq n-1, \nu \neq n-2$

$$c_{n\nu} = -\frac{1}{\nu-n+1} \left\{ \frac{z^{\nu-n+2}}{\nu-n+2} \frac{\partial H(z)}{\partial z} \Big|_{z_1}^{z_2} - \frac{1}{\nu-n+2} \int_{C_2} z^{\nu-n+2} \frac{\partial^2 H(z)}{\partial z^2} dz \right\}.$$

Since $H(z) = H(z, \phi)$ is regular in the finite z -plane except for $z = e^{i\phi}$ where $|\phi| \leq \phi_1$, we can replace the path C_2 by the arc: $|\phi| \geq \text{arc } z_1$ of the unit circle. For z on this arc the function $H(z)$ and its first and second derivatives with respect to z are bounded, uniformly for $|\phi| \leq \phi_1$, by a constant L_1 , say. Therefore

$$|c_{n\nu}| \leq L_1 \frac{2 + 2\pi}{(\nu - n + 1)(\nu - n + 2)} \quad (\nu \neq n-1; \nu \neq n-2),$$

uniformly for $|\phi| \leq \phi_1$, which proves (3.7). But obviously $c_{n,n-1}$ and $c_{n,n-2}$ are uniformly bounded for $|\phi| \leq \phi_1$, by a constant L_2 , say, so that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\nu} |c_{n\nu}| &\leq 2L_2 + L_1 \sum_{\nu \neq n-1, \nu \neq n-2} \frac{2 + 2\pi}{(\nu - n + 1)(\nu - n + 2)} \\ &\leq 2L_2 + 2L_1(2 + 2\pi) \end{aligned}$$

which proves (3.8) and therefore completes the proof of Theorems 1 and 2.

4. Weaker assumptions on $f(z)$. Until now our assumptions on $f(z)$ concerned its behavior in the regions S_1 and S_2 , whose boundaries have an osculation of first order with $|z|=1$ at $z=1$. The question arises what can be said in the case that S_1 and S_2 are substituted by the regions S_3 and S_4 , whose boundaries have an osculation of second order with $|z|=1$ at $z=1$:

$$S_3: \begin{cases} |z| < R, & R > 1 \\ |z| < 1 + c_0\phi^2, & c_0 > 0 \end{cases}; \quad S_4: \begin{cases} |z-1| < \delta_0, & \delta_0 > 0 \\ |z| < 1 + c_0\phi^2, & c_0 > 0 \end{cases} \quad (z = |z| \cdot e^{i\phi}).$$

In the neighborhood of $z=1$ the boundaries of S_3 and S_4 behave like a circle which touches $|z|=1$ exteriorly at $z=1$.

First we remark that *it is impossible to substitute S_1 by S_3 in Theorem B or S_2 by S_4 in Theorem 1*. For there exist power series which define a function $f(z)$ regular in S_3 and continuous in $\overline{S_3}$ and which are not even V -summable for $z=1$ [5, p. 331]; by V we denote in this paragraph any of the methods E_p ($0 < p < \infty$), B , S_α ($0 < \alpha < 1$). We shall show, however, that the following modifications of Theorems B and 1 are true.

THEOREM 3. *If (3.1) is regular in S_3 and continuous in $\overline{S_3}$, then $\sum a_n$ converges provided that $V\text{-}\sum a_n$ exists⁽⁴⁾.*

This is a $V \rightarrow K$ -Theorem (" K " standing for "convergence") under complex Tauberian conditions.

⁽⁴⁾ Theorem 3 and its proof also hold if "continuous in $\overline{S_3}$ " is replaced by "bounded in S_3 ."

Proof. The assumptions on $f(z)$ imply $a_n = O(1/n^{1/2})$ [5, p. 327], which is a Tauberian condition for V -summability.

We now prove the localization of Theorem 3.

THEOREM 4. *Let (3.1) be regular and bounded in S_4 , and $a_n \rightarrow 0$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$). Then $\sum a_n = s$ if $V\text{-}\sum a_n = s^{(5)}$.*

Proof. It is sufficient to show

$$(4.1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\nu=n}^{n+[\epsilon_n n^{1/2}]} a_\nu = 0 \quad \text{for any positive zero-sequence } \epsilon_n,$$

because this is a Tauberian condition for V -summability. (For E_p and B see for example [6, p. 312]; for S_α see [4, p. 36].) To prove (4.1) we construct a path similar to the one in Fig. 1, except that the part $(z'_2, 1, z'_1)$ of C_1 is substituted by a segment of $|z| = 1 + c_1 \phi^2$ ($0 < c_1 < c_0$); the parts (z_2, z'_2) and (z_1, z'_1) remain rectilinear as in Fig. 1. Then with $k = [\epsilon_n n^{1/2}]$ we have

$$\sum_{\nu=n}^{n+k} a_\nu = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[\sum_{\nu=n}^{n+k} \int_{C_1} \frac{f(z) dz}{z^{\nu+1}} + \int_{C_2} f(z) \sum_{\nu=n}^{n+k} z^{-\nu-1} dz \right].$$

As proved in [5], $\int_{C_1} f(z) dz / z^{\nu+1} = O(1/\nu^{1/2})$ ($\nu \rightarrow \infty$), and the second integral equals

$$\int_{C_2} \frac{f(z) dz}{z^n (z-1)} - \int_{C_2} \frac{f(z) dz}{z^{n+k+1} (z-1)}.$$

Both of these integrals tend to zero for $n \rightarrow \infty$, which is shown in the same way as (3.4) for $\phi = 0$. Hence

$$\sum_{\nu=n}^{n+k} a_\nu = O\left(\sum_{\nu=n}^{n+k} \frac{1}{\nu^{1/2}}\right) + o(1) = O\left([\epsilon_n n^{1/2}] \cdot \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}\right) + o(1) = o(1) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

which proves (4.1) and therefore Theorem 4.

5. Tauberian theorems asserting E_p - and S_α -summability. Consider now a power series

$$(5.1) \quad f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$$

with positive radius of convergence on the boundary of its region of E_p - and S_α -summability. We investigate the question from what assumptions about $f(z)$ in the neighborhood of $z=1$ we can derive the summability of $\sum a_n$ by means of the methods E_p and S_α . The following assumptions will be frequently used:

⁽⁵⁾ Comparing Theorem 4 with Theorem 1 it is noted that the assumptions on $f(z)$ are relaxed in Theorem 4; but since $V\text{-}\sum a_n = s$ implies $A\text{-}\sum a_n = s$ if $\limsup |a_n|^{1/n} = 1$, the assumptions on $\sum a_n$ are strengthened.

$$(*) \quad f(z) \text{ is regular in } \mathfrak{R}_{E_p} = \mathfrak{R}\left(\frac{2^p - 1}{2^{p+1} - 1}\right) \quad \text{for } p > 0;$$

$$(**) \quad f(z) \text{ is regular in } |z| < \alpha \text{ and in } \mathfrak{R}_{S_\alpha} = \mathfrak{R}\left(\frac{1}{2 - \alpha}\right) \quad \text{for } 0 < \alpha < 1.$$

As to the necessity of these assumptions for the E_p - and S_α -summability of $\sum a_n$ see §2, a and c.

Corresponding to Theorem 1 we have

THEOREM 5. Assume that (5.1) fulfills the condition (*) [or (**)] and is regular and bounded in S_2 , furthermore $E_p\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$ [or $S_\alpha\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$]. Then $E_p\text{-}\sum a_n = s$ [or $S_\alpha\text{-}\sum a_n = s$] if $\lim_{z \rightarrow 1-0} f(z) = s$.

Proof. We restrict ourselves to the proof of the case of E_p -summability. According to §2, a the question is whether the series $\sum a'_n w^n$ representing $F(w) = f(\phi_p(w))$ with $\phi_p(w) = w/(2^p - (2^p - 1)w)$ converges for $w = 1$. We shall show that for $F(w) = \sum a'_n w^n$ all the assumptions of Theorem 1 are fulfilled.

(a) The image of the region S_2 in the z -plane under $w = \phi_p^{-1}(z)$ is a region in the w -plane whose boundary has an exterior osculation of order one with $|w| = 1$ at $w = 1$. Hence $F(w)$ (which by (*) is regular in $|w| < 1$) is regular and bounded in some region S_2 in the w -plane.

(b) We have $a'_n \rightarrow 0$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) since $E_p\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$ (§2, a).

(c) Finally $\lim_{w \rightarrow 1-0} F(w) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1-0} f(z) = s$.

Hence, by Theorem 1, $\sum a'_n = s$, i.e. $E_p\text{-}\sum a_n = s$.

If $f(z)$ is regular at the point $z = 1$ on the boundary of the region of summability, Theorem 5 yields analogues to Theorem A of the introduction.

The proof of Theorem 5 is based upon the following idea. Suppose that certain assumptions on $F(w) = \sum a'_n w^n$ allow one to draw conclusions about $\sum a'_n$, and we "transform" these assumptions on $f(z)$ by $z = \phi_p(w)$. Then from the "transformed" assumptions on $f(z)$ we can conclude to $\sum a'_n$ and therefore to $E_p\text{-}\sum a_n$, since $E_p\text{-}\sum a_n$ behaves like $\sum a'_n$. Following are two more examples of this general principle.

THEOREM 6. Assume that (5.1) fulfills the condition (*) [or (**)] and is continuous in \mathfrak{R}_{E_p} [or \mathfrak{R}_{S_α}]. Then $C_\epsilon E_p\text{-}\sum a_n$ [or $C_\epsilon S_\alpha\text{-}\sum a_n$] exists for every $\epsilon > 0$.

REMARK. The case where $f(z)$ is regular in $|z| < 1$ and continuous in \mathfrak{R}_{E_p} [or \mathfrak{R}_{S_α}] was treated by Meyer-König [11, p. 352]. He proved that then $E_p C_\epsilon\text{-}\sum a_n$ [or $S_\alpha C_\epsilon\text{-}\sum a_n$] exists for $\epsilon = 1, 2, \dots$. These results are contained in Theorem 6, for since the matrices (E_p) and (C_ϵ) are Hausdorff matrices, $(C_\epsilon E_p) = (E_p C_\epsilon)$; on the other hand it is proved that for $\epsilon = 1, 2, \dots$ the methods $C_\epsilon S_\alpha$ and $S_\alpha C_\epsilon$ are equivalent [12, p. 450].

Proof of Theorem 6. We restrict ourselves to the case of E_p -summability.

The assumptions on $f(z)$ imply that $F(w) = \sum a'_n w^n$ is regular in $|w| < 1$ and continuous in $|w| \leq 1$ whence by a known result of M. Riesz [15, pp. 94–95] we obtain that $C_\epsilon \sum a'_n$ exists for every $\epsilon > 0$, i.e. $C_\epsilon E_p \sum a_n$ exists for every $\epsilon > 0$.

If in Theorem 6 the continuity of $f(z)$ for $z \rightarrow 1$ is sufficiently strong, we can derive the E_p - [or S_α -] summability of $\sum a_n$.

THEOREM 7. *Assume that $f(z)$ fulfills the condition (*) [or (**)] and that*

$$(5.2) \quad f(z) = s + o((1-z)^\eta) \quad (\eta > 0),$$

uniformly for $z \rightarrow 1$ in \mathfrak{R}_{E_p} [or \mathfrak{R}_{S_α}]. Then $E_p \sum a_n = s$ [or $S_\alpha \sum a_n = s$] if $E_p\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$ [or $S_\alpha\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$].

The last condition is certainly fulfilled under the stronger assumption that $f(z)$ is continuous in $\overline{\mathfrak{R}_{E_p}}$ [or $\overline{\mathfrak{R}_{S_\alpha}}$], since this means that $F(w)$ is continuous in $|w| \leq 1$, so that $a'_n \rightarrow 0$, i.e. $E_p\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$ [or $S_\alpha\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$].

Proof. For the function $F(w) = \sum a'_n w^n$ we have

$$F(w) = f(\phi_p(w)) = s + o((1 - \phi_p(w))^\eta) = s + o((1 - w)^\eta) \quad (\eta > 0),$$

uniformly for $w \rightarrow 1$ in $|w| < 1$ since $1 - \phi_p(w) = (2^p / (2^p - (2^p - 1)w))(1 - w) \sim (1 - w)$ for $w \rightarrow 1$; furthermore $a'_n \rightarrow 0$ since $E_p\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$. Hence by a known theorem [17, p. 220] the series $\sum a'_n$ converges, i.e. $E_p \sum a_n$ exists, and its value is s . The proof for the S_α -case is similar.

Assuming that there exists an analogue to Theorem 7 for B -summability (see Theorem 7', §6) we obtain the following

COROLLARY. *Let $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ be regular in $|z| < 1$ and*

$$f(z) = s + o((1-z)^\eta) \quad (\eta > 0),$$

uniformly for $z \rightarrow 1$ in \mathfrak{R}_{E_p} [or \mathfrak{R}_B , or \mathfrak{R}_{S_α}]. Then $E_p \sum a_n = s$ [or $B \sum a_n = s$ or $S_\alpha \sum a_n = s$].

For the proof one notes that $E_p\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$ [or $S_\alpha\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$] since $a'_n \rightarrow 0$ is implied by the boundedness of $f(z)$ in \mathfrak{R}_{E_p} [or \mathfrak{R}_{S_α}]. We shall prove in Theorem 9 that $B\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$ is a consequence of the boundedness of $f(z)$ in \mathfrak{R}_B .

The above corollary has some relationship to a theorem which Hardy and Littlewood have stated without proof [7, p. 53]:

Let $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ be regular in $|z| < 1$ and $f(z) = s + o((1-z)^\eta)$ ($\eta > 0$), uniformly for $z \rightarrow 1$ in some circle touching $|z| = 1$ interiorly at $z = 1$. Then $B \sum a_n = s$.

Obviously this result and the corollary overlap, i.e. neither one is included in the other⁽⁶⁾.

We can combine the above corollary with Theorem 3:

⁽⁶⁾ For a series $\sum a_n$ with $\limsup |a_n|^{1/n} = 1$ we have $E_p \rightarrow B \rightarrow S_\alpha$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) &= B' \cdot \sum a_n z^n = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} \sum \frac{a_n (tz)^n}{n!} dt = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^\infty e^{-t/z} \phi(t) dt \\
 &= (\zeta + 1) \int_0^\infty e^{-t\zeta} \psi(t) dt = (\zeta + 1) I(\zeta) \quad \left(\zeta = \frac{1}{z} - 1 \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where we let $\psi(t) = e^{-t} \phi(t) = e^{-t} \sum a_n (t^n/n!) = B(t; a_n)$ for $t \geq 0$. The integral $I(\zeta)$ exists for $\zeta > 0$ and has the limit s for $\zeta \rightarrow 0$, so that by a Tauberian theorem for Laplace-integrals (see for example [6, p. 164]) it is sufficient to show that $\int_0^\infty \psi(t) dt$ is a slowly oscillating function. We shall show that

$$(6.2) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \int_x^{x+\epsilon(x)x} \psi(t) dt = 0$$

for any positive function $\epsilon(x)$ tending to zero as $x \rightarrow \infty$. For (6.2) implies that $I(0) = s$, i.e. that $B' \cdot \sum a_n = s$, which is equivalent to $B \cdot \sum a_n = s$ since $B\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$.

We now prove (6.2). Denote by $C = \sum_{i=1}^6 C_i$ the path as indicated in Fig. 2, and let $|f(z)/z| < M$ for z on C . (Let $f(1) = s$; the points z_2 and z_3 should be chosen such that $f(z)$ is regular on $C - C_1$, thereafter they are fixed.) Then for $t > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(t; a_n) &= \psi(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} e^{-t} \sum \left(\int_C \frac{f(z) dz}{z^{n+1}} \frac{t^n}{n!} \right) \\
 (6.3) \quad &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} e^{-t} \int_C \frac{f(z)}{z} \sum \frac{(t/z)^n}{n!} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-t(1-1/z)} dz,
 \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_x^{x+\epsilon(x)x} \psi(t) dt &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_x^{x+\epsilon(x)x} \int_{C_1+\dots+C_6} \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-t(1-1/z)} dz dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} [I_1(x) + \dots + I_6(x)].
 \end{aligned}$$

Divide C_1 into its four rectilinear segments. Then we have for instance

$$\left| \int_1^{1+\delta_1 e^{i\theta_1}} \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-t(1-1/z)} dz \right| < M \int_0^\infty e^{-\sigma t y} dy = \frac{M}{\sigma t},$$

since for z on $(1, 1+\delta_1 e^{i\theta_1})$ we have $\Re(1-1/z) \geq \sigma|1-z|$ for a constant $\sigma > 0$. With similar estimations for the other parts of C_1 we obtain

$$(6.4) \quad \int_C \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-t(1-1/z)} dz = O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \quad (t \rightarrow \infty).$$

and hence

$$I_1(x) = \int_x^{x+\epsilon(x)x} O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) dt = O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot \epsilon(x)x = o(1) \quad (x \rightarrow \infty).$$

For the estimation of $I_3(x)$ and $I_5(x)$ note that for instance on C_3 we have $\Re(1-1/z) \geq \tau |z_2 - z|$ for a constant $\tau > 0$, so that by similar computations as in the case of $I_1(x)$ we obtain $|I_3(x)| + |I_5(x)| = o(1)$ ($x \rightarrow \infty$). For z on C_4 we have $\Re(1-1/z) \geq \eta > 0$, so that

$$\left| \int_{C_4} \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-t(1-1/z)} dz \right| < 2\pi M e^{-t\eta} = O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \quad (t \rightarrow \infty),$$

whence by the same reasoning as above $I_4(x) = o(1)$ ($x \rightarrow \infty$).

Finally we estimate $I_2(x)$ and $I_6(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} I_2(x) &= \int_x^{x+\epsilon(x)x} \int_{C_2} \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-t(1-1/z)} dz dt = \int_{C_2} \int_x^{x+\epsilon(x)x} \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-t(1-1/z)} dt dz \\ &= \int_{C_2} \frac{f(z)}{z-1} e^{-x(1-1/z)} dz - \int_{C_2} \frac{f(z)}{z-1} e^{-x(1+\epsilon(x))(1-1/z)} dz, \end{aligned}$$

and similarly for $I_6(x)$. Hence it is sufficient to show that

$$(6.5) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_2+C_6} \frac{f(z)}{1-z} e^{-x(1-1/z)} dz = 0.$$

For this purpose we choose the constants b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4 such that

$$zH(z) = \frac{1}{1-z} + \frac{b_1}{z} + \frac{b_2}{z} \cdot e^{(1-1/z)} + \frac{b_3}{z} \cdot e^{2(1-1/z)} + \frac{b_4}{z} \cdot e^{3(1-1/z)}$$

vanishes at z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 . Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{C_2+C_6} zH(z)f(z)e^{-x(1-1/z)} dz \\ &= \int_{C_2+C_6} \frac{f(z)}{1-z} e^{-x(1-1/z)} dz + b_1 \int_C \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-x(1-1/z)} dz + \dots \\ (6.6) \quad &+ b_4 \int_C \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-(x-3)(1-1/z)} dz \\ &- b_1 \int_{C_1+C_3+C_4+C_5} \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-x(1-1/z)} dz - \dots \\ &- b_4 \int_{C_1+C_3+C_4+C_5} \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-(x-3)(1-1/z)} dz. \end{aligned}$$

Using (6.4) and the corresponding estimations for the paths C_3, C_4 , and C_5 ,

we see that the last four terms in (6.6) tend to zero for $x \rightarrow \infty$, while $B\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$ implies by (6.3) that the second to fifth terms tend to zero for $x \rightarrow \infty$. Hence it remains to show that

$$(6.7) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_2 + C_6} z H(z) f(z) e^{-x(1-1/z)} dz = 0.$$

Now the function $f(z)$ has the representation

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^\infty e^{-t/z} \phi(t) dt \quad (z \in \mathfrak{R}_B),$$

where the Laplace-integral converges also at the regular points z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 (see [16, pp. 18–19]⁽⁷⁾) and therefore uniformly on $C_2 + C_6$ by a familiar Abelian theorem on Laplace-integrals. The integral in (6.7) becomes therefore

$$\int_0^\infty \int_{C_2 + C_6} H(z) e^{(t-x)(1-1/z)} e^{-t/z} \phi(t) dz dt = \int_0^\infty \psi(t) \int_{C_2 + C_6} H(z) e^{(t-x)(1-1/z)} dz dt,$$

which is an integral-transformation of the function $\psi(t)$ which tends to zero for $t \rightarrow \infty$. This transform tends to zero for $x \rightarrow \infty$ if for any fixed $t_1, t_2 > 0$

$$(6.8) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |c(x, t)| dt = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty |c(x, t)| dt < \infty,$$

where

$$c(x, t) = \int_{C_2 + C_6} H(z) e^{(t-x)(1-1/z)} dz \quad (t \geq 0, x \geq 0).$$

Finally the relations (6.8) are proved in the same manner as (3.7) and (3.8) in §3, first integrating twice by parts and then estimating $c(x, t)$. This concludes the proof of Theorem 8.

It should be noted that Theorem 8 combines two theorems analogous to the Theorems A and B of the introduction. We mention the following case.

COROLLARY. Assume that $z=1$ lies on the boundary of the region of B -summability of $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ and that $f(z)$ is regular at $z=1$. Then $B\text{-}\sum a_n$ exists if $B\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$.

Sometimes it is useful to have “ $B\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$ ” substituted by an assumption on $f(z)$.

⁽⁷⁾ This theorem of M. Riesz states: In $J(w) = \int_0^\infty e^{-tw} \phi(t) dt$ let $\int_0^\infty \phi(t) dt = o(e^{c\infty})$ ($c > 0$) ($x \rightarrow \infty$) so that $J(w)$ is regular for $\Re(w) > c$. If $J(w)$ is regular at w_0 with $\Re(w_0) = c$, then $\int_0^\infty e^{-tw_0} \phi(t) dt$ converges. Here we put $w = 1/z$, $c = 1$, and $w_0 = 1$; the assumption $e^{-x} \int_0^\infty \phi(t) dt \rightarrow 0$ ($x \rightarrow \infty$) is clearly fulfilled since $B\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$ and therefore $\phi(t) = o(e^t)$ ($t \rightarrow \infty$).

THEOREM 9. Let $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ be regular in $|z| < r (r > 0)$ and in \mathfrak{R}_B and assume that $f(z)$ belongs to the class H^1 of the circle \mathfrak{R}_B , i.e. that

$$(6.9) \quad \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} \left| f\left(\frac{1}{2} + Re^{i\theta}\right) \right| d\theta \leq K \quad \text{for } 0 < R < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Then $B\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$.

Proof. Again we have

$$2\pi i B(x; a_n) = \int_C \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-x(1-1/z)} dz \quad (C = C_1 + \cdots + C_4).$$

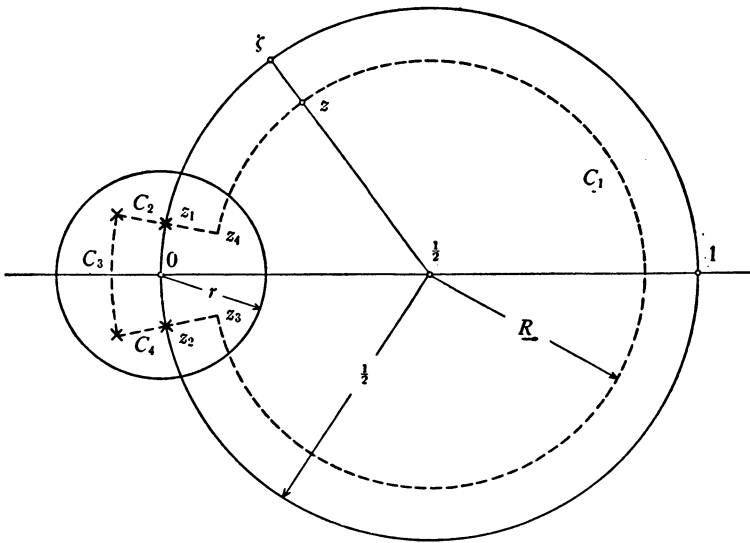


FIG. 3

Given an $\epsilon > 0$, we choose C_2 and C_4 so short that

$$\int_{C_2+C_4} \left| \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| |dz| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}.$$

Then we have

$$\left| \int_{C_2+C_4} \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-x(1-1/z)} dz \right| \leq \int_{C_2+C_4} \left| \frac{f(z)}{z} \right| |dz| < \frac{\epsilon}{3} \quad (x \geq 0).$$

Furthermore

$$\left| \int_{C_3} \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-x(1-1/z)} dz \right| = O(e^{-x\eta}) < \frac{\epsilon}{3} \quad (x \geq x_1),$$

since for z on C_3 we have $\Re(1-1/z) \geq \eta > 0$. Finally we estimate

$$(6.10) \quad I(x) = \int_{C_1} \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-x(1-1/z)} dz.$$

Let x be fixed for the moment and put $z(\theta) = 1/2 + Re^{i\theta}$, $\zeta(\theta) = 1/2 + (1/2)e^{i\theta}$, $z_4 = z(\alpha)$. Then $\lim_{R \rightarrow 1/2} f(z(\theta))$ exists for almost all θ in $(-\pi, +\pi)$ and represents there a Lebesgue-integrable function $f(\zeta(\theta))$ such that

$$(6.11) \quad \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} |f(z(\theta)) - f(\zeta(\theta))| d\theta \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } R \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$$

(see for example [18, p. 162]). Therefore in

$$\begin{aligned} I(x) = & \int_{-\alpha}^{+\alpha} \frac{f(z(\theta)) - f(\zeta(\theta))}{z(\theta)} e^{-x(1-1/z(\theta))} dz(\theta) + \int_{-\alpha}^{+\alpha} \frac{f(\zeta(\theta))}{z(\theta)} e^{-x(1-1/z(\theta))} dz(\theta) \\ & + \left(\int_{z_4}^{z_1} + \int_{z_2}^{z_3} \right) \frac{f(z)}{z} e^{-x(1-1/z)} dz \end{aligned}$$

the first and third terms tend to zero as $R \rightarrow 1/2$, while the second term tends to

$$\int \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta} e^{-x(1-1/\zeta)} d\zeta,$$

for $R \rightarrow 1/2$, the integral being taken as Lebesgue-integral over the arc: $(z_2, 1, z_1)$ of $|\zeta - 1/2| = 1/2$. Substituting $w = 1/\zeta - 1$, we get therefore

$$I(x) = \int_{-w_0}^{+w_0} f^*(w) e^{wx} dw$$

where w is purely imaginary and $f^*(w)$ is Lebesgue-integrable on the finite section $\langle -w_0, +w_0 \rangle$ of the imaginary axis. By the Riemann-Lebesgue theorem,

$$|I(x)| < \epsilon/3 \quad (x \geq x_2),$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 9.

It is a well known fact that a power series $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ with radius of convergence 1 is B -summable at $z=1$ if $f(z)$ is regular at $z=1$. If we combine Theorems 8 and 9 we obtain the following sharper result:

A power series $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ with radius of convergence 1 is B -summable at $z=1$ if $f(z)$ is regular and bounded in S_2 and $\lim_{z \rightarrow 1-0} f(z)$ exists.

The result of the author [5, p. 331] mentioned previously in §3 shows furthermore that herein the region S_2 cannot be replaced by a region whose boundary has an osculation of second order with $|z|=1$ at $z=1$.

PART B. We give first a necessary and sufficient condition for B -summability.

THEOREM 10. Let $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ be regular in $|z| < r$ ($r > 0$) and in \mathfrak{R}_B and assume that $f(z)$ belongs to the class H^1 of the circle \mathfrak{R}_B , i.e. that (6.9) is fulfilled. Then $B\text{-}\sum a_n = s$ if and only if

$$(6.12) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\tau}^{+\tau} \frac{\sin xt}{t} f\left(\frac{1}{1+it}\right) dt = s$$

for every fixed $\tau > 0$, the integral being taken as Lebesgue-integral.

REMARK. Karamata has proved this theorem in the case $r=1$ and under the assumption that $f(z)$ is bounded in \mathfrak{R}_B [8, pp. 156-157], but his method is not applicable under the more general assumptions of Theorem 10.

Proof. We have

$$2\pi i B(x; s_n) = \int_{C_1 + \dots + C_4} \frac{f(z)}{z(1-z)} e^{-x(1-1/z)} dz = I_1(x) + \dots + I_4(x),$$

where $C = \sum_{i=1}^4 C_i$ is again the path of Fig. 3. As in the proof to Theorem 9 one finds that for a given $\epsilon > 0$

$$(6.13) \quad |I_2(x)| + |I_3(x)| + |I_4(x)| < \epsilon/2 \quad (x \geq x_1).$$

Consider the auxiliary function

$$H(x) = \int_{C_1} \frac{f(z)}{z(1-z)} e^{x(1-1/z)} dz.$$

On the segments (z_4, z_1) and (z_2, z_3) of C_1 we have $\Re(1-1/z) \leq 0$ and therefore

$$\left| \left(\int_{z_4}^{z_1} + \int_{z_2}^{z_3} \right) \frac{f(z)}{z(1-z)} e^{x(1-1/z)} dz \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{8} \quad (x \geq 0)$$

if only $|z_4 - z_1| < \delta = \delta(\epsilon)$, and since on the remaining part of C_1 the estimation $\Re(1-1/z) \leq -\eta < 0$ holds,

$$(6.14) \quad |H(x)| < \epsilon/4 \quad (x \geq x_2).$$

We now estimate

$$I_1(x) = \int_{C_1} \frac{f(z)}{z} \left[\frac{e^{-x(1-1/z)} - e^{x(1-1/z)}}{1-z} \right] dz + H(x) = I(x) + H(x)$$

by a method similar to the one used in the proof of Theorem 9. The bracketed term is regular for all $z \neq 0$ and therefore $I(x)$ can be treated as $I(x)$ in (6.10). Hence

$$I(x) = \int \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta} \left[\frac{e^{-x(1-1/\zeta)} - e^{x(1-1/\zeta)}}{1-\zeta} \right] d\zeta,$$

the integral being taken as Lebesgue-integral along the arc: $(z_2, 1, z_1)$ of

$|\zeta - 1/2| = 1/2$. Letting $\zeta = 1/(1+it)$ (t real), we get

$$I(x) = 2i \int_{-T}^{+T} \frac{\sin xt}{t} f\left(\frac{1}{1+it}\right) dt,$$

where $z_2 = 1/(1+iT)$. By the Riemann-Lebesgue theorem,

$$(6.15) \quad \left| 2 \left(\int_{-T}^{-\tau} + \int_{+\tau}^{+T} \right) \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{4} \quad (x \geq x_3),$$

and hence from (6.13)–(6.15) it follows that for $x \geq \max(x_1, x_2, x_3)$

$$\left| 2\pi i B(x; s_n) - 2i \int_{-\tau}^{+\tau} \frac{\sin xt}{t} f\left(\frac{1}{1+it}\right) dt \right| < \epsilon,$$

which proves Theorem 10.

We prove now the analogues to Theorems 6 and 7 in the case of B -summability.

THEOREM 6'. Assume that (6.1) is continuous in $\overline{\mathbb{R}_B}$. Then $C_\epsilon B$ - $\sum a_n$ exists for every $\epsilon > 0$.

REMARK. Since $C_\epsilon B$ and BC_ϵ are equivalent methods [2, p. 45], Theorem 6' contains the result of Karamata [8, p. 157] who proved the BC_ϵ -summability of $\sum a_n$ under the assumption that $f(z)$ is regular in $|z| < 1$ and continuous in $\overline{\mathbb{R}_B}$.

Proof. For z in \mathbb{R}_B we have $f(z) = (1/z) \int_0^\infty e^{-t/z} \phi(t) dt$, and by a theorem of Riesz [16, p. 20] the integral is C_ϵ -summable for $z=1$, i.e. $C_\epsilon B'$ - $\sum a_n = s$, provided that

$$(6.16) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-x}}{x^\epsilon} \int_0^x (x-t)^\epsilon \phi(t) dt = 0.$$

But by Theorem 9 we have $B\text{-}\lim a_n = 0$, i.e. $\phi(t) = \epsilon(t) \cdot e^t$, where $\epsilon(t) \rightarrow 0$ ($t \rightarrow \infty$). It is easily shown that the integral transformation with the generating function $c(x, t) = e^{t-x} x^{-\epsilon} (x-t)^\epsilon$ ($0 < t \leq x$, $\epsilon > 0$) transforms every function tending to zero for $t \rightarrow \infty$ into one tending to zero for $x \rightarrow \infty$, so that (6.16) holds. Now the relation $B(x; s_n) = B(x; a_n) + B'(x; s_n)$ implies $C_\epsilon B(x; s_n) = C_\epsilon B(x; a_n) + C_\epsilon B'(x; s_n)$, and the last two terms tend to zero and to s respectively. This proves Theorem 6'.

If the continuity of $f(z)$ for $z \rightarrow 1$ in \mathbb{R}_B is sufficiently strong, we obtain

THEOREM 7'. Assume that (6.1) belongs to the class H^1 of the circle \mathbb{R}_B , i.e. that (6.9) is fulfilled,

$$f(z) = s + o((1-z)^\eta) \quad (\eta > 0),$$

uniformly for $z \rightarrow 1$ in \mathbb{R}_B . Then B - $\sum a_n = s$.

Proof. Without loss of generality we may assume $s=0$, so that for the limit function $f(\zeta)$ existing almost everywhere on $|\zeta-1/2|=1/2$ we have $|f(\zeta)| = |f(1/(1+it))| \leq A|t|^{-\eta}$ for $|t| < t_0$ where $A > 0$ is a constant. Given an $\epsilon > 0$, we may choose $\tau < t_0$ in (6.12) so small that $\int_0^\tau t^{\eta-1} dt < \epsilon\pi/2A$. (If (6.12) holds for some $\tau > 0$ it holds for all $\tau > 0$ by the Riemann-Lebesgue theorem.) For this τ we obtain

$$\left| \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\tau}^{+\tau} \frac{\sin xt}{t} f\left(\frac{1}{1+it}\right) dt \right| \leq \frac{2A}{\pi} \int_0^\tau \frac{dt}{t^{1-\eta}} < \epsilon$$

for all $x \geq 0$, so that (6.12) is fulfilled.

PART C. This section is concluded with the discussion of a theorem of Obrechhoff [14, p. 1813].

Suppose we have given a power series $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ with positive radius of convergence. Let $z=1$ be a singular point of $f(z)$ lying in the interior of L where L is a rectilinear part of the Borel-polygon associated with $f(z)$ ⁽⁸⁾. Assume that the singularity of $f(z)$ at $z=1$ is such that in the region $S_2 = S_2(\delta_0, \theta_0)$ the function $f(z)$ is regular and $|1-z|^\delta |f(z)|$ is bounded for some $\delta(0 < \delta < 1)$.

The theorem of Obrechhoff states that under these assumptions the series $\sum a_n z_0^n$ is B -summable for every regular point $z_0 = R_0 e^{i\phi_0}$ in the interior of L .

Obrechhoff's proof of this theorem is valid only under restricted conditions. If the circle $K: |z-z_0/2| = R_1 (R_1 > R_0/2)$ is drawn and $A_1 = 1 + a_1 e^{i\phi_0}$ and $A_2 = 1 + a_2 e^{-i\phi_0}$ are the two points lying on K with $|\text{arc}(z-1)| = \theta_0$, his proof depends on the fact that a_1 and a_2 tend to zero if R_1 approaches $R_0/2$. This, however, is true if and only if the circle $|z-z_0/2| < R_0/2$ is contained in the region $|\text{arc}(z-1)| > \theta_0$, i.e. if and only if

$$(6.17) \quad |\text{arc } z_0| + \theta_0 \leq \pi/2.$$

Therefore the theorem of Obrechhoff remains valid if either z_0 is close enough to $z=1$, or if θ_0 may be chosen small enough such that (6.17) holds. (Note that $\text{arc}(z_0-1) = \pm\pi/2$ since $z=1$ is in the interior of L ; therefore $|\text{arc } z_0| < \pi/2$.)

But if (6.17) holds, the region $|z-z_0/2| < R_0/2$ is contained in the region $|\text{arc}(z-1)| > \theta_0$. Therefore

$$\limsup |z-1|^\delta |f(z)| \leq M \quad \text{for } z \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{in } \left| z - \frac{z_0}{2} \right| < \frac{R_0}{2} \quad (0 < \delta < 1),$$

whilst $f(z)$ remains bounded for the other part of $|z-z_0/2| < R_0/2$; this is because z_0 is an interior point of L and therefore $z=1$ is the only singularity of $f(z)$ on $|z-z_0/2| = R_0/2$. Theorem 9 assures now that $B\text{-}\lim a_n z_0^n = 0$ and hence by Theorem 8 or its corollary the existence of $B\text{-}\sum a_n z^n$ follows. This

(8) By "interior of L " we mean that $z=1$ is not a corner of the Borel-polygon.

is a new proof of Obrechkoff's theorem in its modified form.

Added January 28, 1953. It has been investigated by Garten and Karamata [Math. Zeit. vol. 40 (1936) pp. 756–759 and vol. 45 (1939) pp. 635–641] under what conditions on a_n

$$(6.18) \quad B - \sum a_n = s \text{ implies } B - \sum \alpha_n = s \\ (\alpha_0 = a_0 + a_1, \alpha_n = a_{n+1}, n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Their restrictions on the series [$a_n = o(n^k)$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$, k fixed) and $a_n = o(e^{n^\rho})$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$, $\rho < 1/3$), respectively] are such that the associated function $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ is necessarily regular in $|z| < 1$. It should be noted that if $f(z)$ does not fulfill this condition, Theorem 9 may be applicable, since $B\text{-lim } a_{n+1} = 0$ is necessary and sufficient for the validity of (6.18) (see [6, p. 183]).

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