

A note on generalized absolute Cesàro summability

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Abstract. In this paper, a known theorem dealing with $|C, 1|_k$ summability methods has been generalized under weaker conditions for $|C, \alpha, \beta; \delta|_k$ summability methods. Some new results have also been obtained.

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1. Introduction

A positive sequence (b_n) is said to be almost increasing if there exist a positive increasing sequence c_n and two positive constants A and B such that $Ac_n \leq b_n \leq Bc_n$ (see [1]). Obviously every increasing sequence is almost increasing. However, the converse need not be true as can be seen by taking the example, say $b_n = ne^{(-1)^n}$. A sequence (d_n) of positive numbers is said to be δ -quasi monotone, if $d_n > 0$ ultimately and $\Delta d_n \geq -\delta_n$, where (δ_n) is a sequence of positive numbers (see [2]). Let $\sum a_n$ be a given infinite series with partial sums (s_n) . We denote by $u_n^{\alpha, \beta}$ and $t_n^{\alpha, \beta}$ the n -th Cesàro means of order (α, β) , with $\alpha + \beta > -1$, of the sequence (s_n) and (na_n) , respectively, i.e., (see [6])

$$u_n^{\alpha, \beta} = \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha+\beta}} \sum_{v=0}^n A_{n-v}^{\alpha-1} A_v^{\beta} s_v \quad (1)$$

$$t_n^{\alpha, \beta} = \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha+\beta}} \sum_{v=1}^n A_{n-v}^{\alpha-1} A_v^{\beta} v a_v, \quad (2)$$

where

$$A_n^{\alpha+\beta} = O(n^{\alpha+\beta}), \quad \alpha + \beta > -1, \quad A_0^{\alpha+\beta} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad A_{-n}^{\alpha+\beta} = 0 \quad \text{for } n > 0. \quad (3)$$

The series $\sum a_n$ is said to be summable $|C, \alpha, \beta|_k$, $k \geq 1$ and $\alpha + \beta > -1$, if (see [7])

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{k-1} |u_n^{\alpha, \beta} - u_{n-1}^{\alpha, \beta}|^k < \infty. \quad (4)$$

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Since $t_n^{\alpha,\beta} = n(u_n^{\alpha,\beta} - u_{n-1}^{\alpha,\beta})$ (see [7]), condition (4) can also be written as

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} |t_n^{\alpha,\beta}|^k < \infty. \tag{5}$$

The series $\sum a_n$ is summable $|C, \alpha, \beta; \delta|_k, k \geq 1, \alpha + \beta > -1$ and $\delta \geq 0$, if (see [5])

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\delta k + k - 1} |u_n^{\alpha,\beta} - u_{n-1}^{\alpha,\beta}|^k = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\delta k - 1} |t_n^{\alpha,\beta}|^k < \infty. \tag{6}$$

If we take $\delta = 0$, then $|C, \alpha, \beta; \delta|_k$ summability reduces to $|C, \alpha, \beta|_k$ summability. Also, if we take $\beta = 0$, then we get $|C, \alpha; \delta|_k$ (see [9]) summability. Furthermore, if we take $\beta = 0$ and $\delta = 0$, then $|C, \alpha, \beta; \delta|_k$ summability reduces to $|C, \alpha|_k$ (see [8]) summability. It should be noted that obviously $(C, \alpha, 0)$ mean is the same as (C, α) mean.

Mazhar [10] has obtained the following theorem for $|C, 1|_k$ summability factors of infinite series.

Theorem A. *Let (X_n) be a positive non-decreasing increasing sequence such that $|\Delta X_n| = O(X_n/n)$ and $\lambda_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Suppose that there exists a sequence of numbers (A_n) such that it is δ -quasi-monotone with $\sum n\delta_n X_n < \infty, \sum A_n X_n$ is convergent and $|\Delta \lambda_n| \leq A_n$ for all n . If*

$$\sum_{n=1}^m \frac{1}{n} |t_n|^k = O(X_m) \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow \infty, \tag{7}$$

then the series $\sum a_n \lambda_n$ is summable $|C, 1|_k, k \geq 1$.

2. The main result

The aim of this paper is to generalize Theorem A under weaker conditions for $|C, \alpha, \beta; \delta|_k$ summability, by taking an almost increasing sequence instead of a positive non-decreasing sequence. We shall prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1. *Let (X_n) be an almost increasing sequence such that $|\Delta X_n| = O(X_n/n)$ and $\lambda_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Suppose that there exists a sequence of numbers (A_n) such that it is δ -quasi-monotone with $\sum n\delta_n X_n < \infty, \sum A_n X_n$ is convergent and $|\Delta \lambda_n| \leq |A_n|$ for all n . If the sequence $(\theta_n^{\alpha,\beta})$ is defined by*

$$\theta_n^{\alpha,\beta} = |t_n^{\alpha,\beta}|, \quad \alpha = 1, \beta > -1 \tag{8}$$

$$\theta_n^{\alpha,\beta} = \max_{1 \leq v \leq n} |t_v^{\alpha,\beta}|, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1, \beta > -1 \tag{9}$$

satisfies the condition

$$\sum_{n=1}^m n^{\delta k - 1} (\theta_n^{\alpha,\beta})^k = O(X_m) \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow \infty, \tag{10}$$

then the series $\sum a_n \lambda_n$ is summable $|C, \alpha, \beta; \delta|_k$ for $0 < \alpha \leq 1, \beta > -1, k \geq 1, \delta \geq 0$ and $\alpha + \beta - \delta > 0$.

It should be noted that if we take (X_n) as a positive non-decreasing sequence, $\alpha = 1, \delta = 0$ and $\beta = 0$, then we get Theorem A. In this case condition (10) reduces to condition (7). We need the following lemmas for the proof of our theorem.

Lemma 1 (see [3]). *Let (X_n) be an almost increasing sequence such that $n | \Delta X_n | = O(X_n)$. If (A_n) is a δ -quasi-monotone with $\sum n\delta_n X_n < \infty$ and $\sum A_n X_n$ is convergent, then*

$$nA_n X_n = O(1) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \tag{11}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nX_n | \Delta A_n | < \infty. \tag{12}$$

Lemma 2 (see [4]). *If $0 < \alpha \leq 1, \beta > -1$ and $1 \leq v \leq n$, then*

$$\left| \sum_{p=0}^v A_{n-p}^{\alpha-1} A_p^\beta a_p \right| \leq \max_{1 \leq m \leq v} \left| \sum_{p=0}^m A_{m-p}^{\alpha-1} A_p^\beta a_p \right|. \tag{13}$$

3. Proof of Theorem 1

Let $(T_n^{\alpha,\beta})$ be the n -th (C, α, β) mean of the sequence $(na_n \lambda_n)$. Then, by means of (2) we have

$$T_n^{\alpha,\beta} = \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha+\beta}} \sum_{v=1}^n A_{n-v}^{\alpha-1} A_v^\beta v a_v \lambda_v.$$

First applying Abel's transformation and then using Lemma 2, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} T_n^{\alpha,\beta} &= \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha+\beta}} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \Delta \lambda_v \sum_{p=1}^v A_{n-p}^{\alpha-1} A_p^\beta p a_p + \frac{\lambda_n}{A_n^{\alpha+\beta}} \sum_{v=1}^n A_{n-v}^{\alpha-1} A_v^\beta v a_v, \\ |T_n^{\alpha,\beta}| &\leq \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha+\beta}} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} |\Delta \lambda_v| \left| \sum_{p=1}^v A_{n-p}^{\alpha-1} A_p^\beta p a_p \right| + \frac{|\lambda_n|}{A_n^{\alpha+\beta}} \left| \sum_{v=1}^n A_{n-v}^{\alpha-1} A_v^\beta v a_v \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha+\beta}} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} A_v^\alpha A_v^\beta \theta_v^{\alpha,\beta} |\Delta \lambda_v| + |\lambda_n| \theta_n^{\alpha,\beta} \\ &= T_{n,1}^{\alpha,\beta} + T_{n,2}^{\alpha,\beta}, \text{ say.} \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$|T_{n,1}^{\alpha,\beta} + T_{n,2}^{\alpha,\beta}|^k \leq 2^k (|T_{n,1}^{\alpha,\beta}|^k + |T_{n,2}^{\alpha,\beta}|^k),$$

in order to complete the proof of Theorem 1, by using (6) it is sufficient to show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\delta k-1} |T_{n,r}^{\alpha,\beta}|^k < \infty, \text{ for } r = 1, 2.$$

Whenever $k > 1$, we can apply Hölder's inequality with indices k and k' , where $\frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{k'} = 1$, we get that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=2}^{m+1} n^{\delta k-1} |T_{n,1}^{\alpha,\beta}|^k &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} n^{\delta k-1} \left| \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha+\beta}} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} A_v^\alpha A_v^\beta \theta_v^{\alpha,\beta} \Delta \lambda_v \right|^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \frac{1}{n^{1+(\alpha+\beta-\delta)k}} \left\{ \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} v^{\alpha k} v^{\beta k} A_v (\theta_v^{\alpha,\beta})^k \right\} \times \left\{ \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} A_v \right\}^{k-1} \\
&= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m v^{(\alpha+\beta)k} A_v (\theta_v^{\alpha,\beta})^k \sum_{n=v+1}^{m+1} \frac{1}{n^{1+(\alpha+\beta-\delta)k}} \\
&= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m v^{(\alpha+\beta)k} A_v (\theta_v^{\alpha,\beta})^k \int_v^\infty \frac{dx}{x^{1+(\alpha+\beta-\delta)k}} \\
&= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m A_v v^{\delta k} (\theta_v^{\alpha,\beta})^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^m v A_v v^{\delta k-1} (\theta_v^{\alpha,\beta})^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^{m-1} \Delta(v A_v) \sum_{p=1}^v p^{\delta k-1} (\theta_p^{\alpha,\beta})^k \\
&\quad + O(1) m A_m \sum_{v=1}^m v^{\delta k-1} (\theta_v^{\alpha,\beta})^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^{m-1} |\Delta(v A_v)| X_v + O(1) m A_m X_m \\
&= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^{m-1} v |\Delta A_v| X_v + O(1) \sum_{v=1}^{m-1} A_v X_v + O(1) m A_m X_m \\
&= O(1), \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty,
\end{aligned}$$

in view of hypotheses of Theorem 1 and Lemma 1.

Similarly, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=1}^m n^{\delta k-1} |T_{n,2}^{\alpha,\beta}|^k &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^m |\lambda_n| n^{\delta k-1} (\theta_n^{\alpha,\beta})^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^m n^{\delta k-1} (\theta_n^{\alpha,\beta})^k \sum_{v=n}^\infty |\Delta \lambda_v| \\
&= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^\infty |\Delta \lambda_v| \sum_{n=1}^v n^{\delta k-1} (\theta_n^{\alpha,\beta})^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{v=1}^\infty A_v X_v < \infty,
\end{aligned}$$

by virtue of hypotheses of Theorem 1 and Lemma 1. Therefore, by (6) we get that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\delta k-1} |T_{n,r}^{\alpha,\beta}|^k < \infty, \text{ for } r = 1, 2. \quad (14)$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

If we take $X_n = \log n$, $\beta = 0$, $\delta = 0$ and $\alpha = 1$, then we get a result of Mazhar [10] dealing with $|C, 1|_k$ summability factors. Also, if we take $\beta = 0$, $\delta = 0$, then we have a new result for $|C, \alpha|_k$ summability factors. Finally, if we take $\delta = 0$, then we get another new result for $|C, \alpha, \beta|_k$ summability factors.

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