

## ON ABSOLUTE SUMMABILITY FACTORS

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In the present paper, the hypotheses of a theorem on absolute summability factors of infinite series have been weakened.

**1. DEFINITION.** Let  $\sum a_n$  be an infinite series with partial sums  $s_n$  and let  $(p_n)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers such that

$$P_n = p_0 + p_1 + \dots + p_n \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad (P_{-1} = p_{-1} = 0).$$

The sequence-to-sequence transformation :

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

defines the sequence  $(t_n)$  of  $(\bar{N}, p_n)$  mean of the sequence  $(s_n)$ , generated the sequence of coefficients  $(p_n)$ . The series  $\sum a_n$  is called summable  $[\bar{N}, p_n]_k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , if (see Bor<sup>1</sup>)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{k-1} |t_n - t_{n-1}|^k < \infty.$$

**2.** Bor<sup>1</sup> proved the following theorem in 1987.

**THEOREM A.** Let  $(x_n)$  be a positive non-decreasing sequence and there be sequences  $(\beta_n)$  and  $(\lambda_n)$  such that

$$|\Delta \lambda_n| \leq \beta_n \tag{2.1}$$

$$\beta_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \tag{2.2}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |\Delta \beta_n| x_n < \infty \tag{2.3}$$

$$|\lambda_n| x_n = o(1) \tag{2.4}$$

and, for  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$\sum_{v=1}^n \frac{1}{v} |s_v|^k = o(x_n) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{2.5}$$

Suppose further the sequence  $(p_n)$  is such that

$$P_n = o(np_n) \quad (2.6)$$

$$P_n \Delta p_n = o(p_n p_{n+1}). \quad (2.7)$$

Then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \frac{p_n \lambda_n}{np_n}$  is summable  $|\bar{N}, p_n|_k$   $k \geq 1$ .

3. The object of this paper is, by weakening conditions, to obtain a more general theorem than the one due to Bor<sup>1</sup>. In what follows we shall prove the following theorem.

THEOREM B. Let  $k \geq 1$  and let  $(x_n)$  be a positive non-decreasing sequence. Under the assumptions (2.1), (2.2), (2.5) and (2.6) of theorem A if the sequences  $(\beta_n)$ ,  $(\lambda_n)$  and  $(p_n)$  satisfy

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n |\Delta(|\lambda_n|^k)| < \infty \quad (3.1)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^k x_n (\beta_n + \beta_{n+1})^{k-1} |\Delta \beta_n| < \infty \quad (3.2)$$

$$x_n |\lambda_n|^k = o(1) \quad (3.3)$$

and

$$\Delta\left(\frac{P_n}{np_n}\right) = o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.4)$$

Then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \frac{P_n \lambda_n}{np_n}$  is summable  $|\bar{N}, p_n|_k$ .

It may be remarked one of the conditions (3.1) and (3.2) does not imply to the other under the conditions of theorem A.

On the other hand the hypotheses of theorem A imply the hypotheses of theorem B, but the converse of this implication need not be true. This can be shown as follows. By observation of Mishra [2], the conditions (2.2) and (2.3) imply that

$$nx_n \beta_n = o(1) \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n x_n < \infty. \quad (3.6)$$

By (3.5), we can also write

$$n(\beta_n + \beta_{n+1}) = o(1).$$

Hence, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^k x_n (\beta_n + \beta_{n+1})^{k-1} |\Delta \beta_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x_n \{n(\beta_n + \beta_{n+1})\}^{k-1} |\Delta \beta_n| =$$

$$= o(1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x_n |\Delta \beta_n| = o(1),$$

and considering that

$$\Delta |\lambda_n|^k = |\lambda_n|^k - |\lambda_{n+1}|^k = k \xi_n^{k-1} (|\lambda_n| - |\lambda_{n+1}|) \quad (3.7)$$

where  $\xi_n$  lies between  $|\lambda_n|$  and  $|\lambda_{n+1}|$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n |\Delta(|\lambda_n|^k)| &= k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n \xi_n^{k-1} |\Delta(|\lambda_n|)| = \\ &= o(1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n \beta_n = o(1), \text{ by (3.6).} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, (2.2) and (2.3)  $\Rightarrow$  (3.1) and (3.2). In addition, it is clear that (2.4)  $\Rightarrow$  (3.3) and, that (2.6) and (2.7)  $\Rightarrow$  (3.4) (see Mishra and Srivastava [3]). To show the converse, it is sufficient to take that  $x_n = \log(n+1)$ ,  $\lambda_n = x_n^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta \lambda_n = \beta_n$  and  $k > 1$ .

4. For the proof of the theorem we require the following Lemma.

LEMMA. If the sequence  $(\beta_n)$  satisfies the conditions (2.2) and (3.2) then, for  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$x_n (n \beta_n)^k = o(1) \quad (4.1)$$

and

$$\sum_{v=1}^n v^{k-1} x_v \beta_v^k = o(1) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (4.2)$$

Proof. Since  $\beta_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  by (2.2), we have

$$x_n (n \beta_n)^k \leq x_n n^k \sum_{v=n}^{\infty} |\Delta \beta_v^k| \leq \sum_{v=n}^{\infty} v^k x_v (\beta_v + \beta_{v+1})^{k-1} |\Delta \beta_v| = o(1) \text{ by (3.2),}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{v=1}^n v^{k-1} x_v \beta_v^k &= o(1) \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} v^{k-1} x_v \sum_{i=v}^{\infty} |\Delta \beta_i^k| = o(1) \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\Delta \beta_i^k| \sum_{v=1}^i v^{k-1} x_v = \\ &= o(1) \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i^k x_i (\beta_i + \beta_{i+1})^{k-1} |\Delta \beta_i| = o(1) \text{ by (3.2).} \end{aligned}$$

5. Proof of the theorem. For establishing the theorem we have to prove that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right)^{k-1} |T_n - T_{n-1}|^k < \infty$$

where

$$T_n = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{v=0}^n p_v \sum_{r=1}^v \frac{a_r P_r \lambda_r}{r p_r} = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{v=0}^n (P_n - P_{v-1}) \frac{a_v P_v \lambda_v}{v p_v}.$$

So,

$$T_n - T_{n-1} = \Delta \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right) \sum_{v=0}^n \frac{P_{v-1} P_v \lambda_v}{v p_v}, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Abel's transformation enables us to get that

$$\begin{aligned} T_n - T_{n-1} &= \Delta \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right) \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \frac{P_v P_{v+1} + \Delta \lambda_v s_v}{(v+1) p_{v+1}} - \Delta \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right) \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \frac{P_v \lambda_v s_v}{v} + \\ &+ \Delta \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right) \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} P_v \Delta \left( \frac{P_v}{v p_v} \right) \lambda_v s_v + \frac{\lambda_n}{n} s_n = T_{n,1} + T_{n,2} + T_{n,3} + T_{n,4}, \text{ say.} \end{aligned}$$

By Minkowski's inequality, it is sufficient to show that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{k-1} |T_{n,i}|^k < \infty$

for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

Now, using (2.6), we have

$$\sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left( \frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{k-1} |T_{n,1}|^k = 0(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right)^{k-1} \Delta \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right) \left\{ \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \frac{P_v}{p_v} \cdot p_v |\Delta \lambda_v| |s_v| \right\}^k$$

Hölder's inequality gives us that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left( \frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{k-1} |T_{n,1}|^k &= 0(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \Delta \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right) \times \\ &\times \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{P_v}{p_v} \right)^k p_v |\Delta \lambda_v|^k |s_v|^k x \left\{ \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} p_v \right\}^{k-1} = \\ &= 0(1) \sum_{v=1}^m \left( \frac{P_v}{p_v} \right)^k p_v |\Delta \lambda_v|^k |s_v|^k \sum_{n=v+1}^{m+1} \Delta \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right) = \\ &= 0(1) \sum_{v=1}^m \left( \frac{P_v}{v p_v} \right)^{k-1} v^k |\Delta \lambda_v|^k \frac{|s_v|^k}{v} = 0(1) \sum_{v=1}^m v^k \beta_v^k \frac{|s_v|^k}{v} \end{aligned}$$

by virtues of (2.1) and (2.6).

Replacing  $|\lambda_v|$  by  $\beta_v$  in equality (3.7), we have that

$|\Delta \beta_v^k| = 0(1) (\beta_v + \beta_{v+1})^{k-1} |\Delta \beta_v|$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left( \frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{k-1} |T_{n,1}|^k &= 0(1) \sum_{v=1}^{m-1} v^k \omega_v (\beta_v + \beta_{v+1})^{k-1} |\Delta \beta_v| + \\ &+ 0(1) \sum_{v=1}^{m-1} (v+1)^{k-1} \alpha_{v+1} \beta_{v+1}^k + 0(1) x_m (m \beta_m)^k = \\ &= 0(1) \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty, \text{ by (3.2), (4.1) and (4.2).} \end{aligned}$$

Again, by (2.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left( \frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{k-1} |T_{n,2}|^k &= \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right)^{k-1} \Delta \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right) \left| \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \frac{P_v}{v p_v} p_v \lambda_v s_v \right|^k = \\ &= 0(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \Delta \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right) \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{P_v}{v p_v} \right)^k p_v |\lambda_v|^k |s_v|^k x \left\{ \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} p_v \right\}^{k-1} = \\ &= 0(1) \sum_{v=1}^m \left( \frac{P_v}{v p_v} \right)^k p_v |\lambda_v|^k |s_v|^k \sum_{n=v+1}^{m+1} \Delta \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right) = 0(1) \sum_{v=1}^m |\lambda_v|^k \frac{|s_v|^k}{v} = \\ &= 0(1) \sum_{v=1}^{m-1} x_v |\Delta(|\lambda_v|^k)| + 0(1) x_m |\lambda_m|^k = 0(1) \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty, \text{ by (3.1) and (3.3).} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, considering (3.4), as in  $T_{n,2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left( \frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{k-1} |T_{n,3}|^k &= \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right)^{k-1} \Delta \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right) \left| \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} P_v \Delta \left( \frac{P_v}{v p_v} \right) \lambda_v s_v \right|^k \\ &= 0(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right)^{k-1} \Delta \left( \frac{1}{P_{n-1}} \right) \left| \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \frac{P_v}{v} \lambda_v s_v \right|^k = 0(1) \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, as in  $T_{n,2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^m \left( \frac{P_n}{p_n} \right)^{k-1} |T_{n,4}|^k &= \sum_{n=1}^m \left( \frac{P_n}{n p_n} \right)^{k-1} |\lambda_n|^k \frac{|s_n|^k}{n} = \\ &= 0(1) \sum_{n=1}^m |\lambda_n|^k \frac{|s_n|^k}{n} = 0(1) \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.

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