

## Spaces of strongly $\mathcal{A}$ -summable sequences

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### 1. Introduction

The class of sequences which are strongly summable with respect to a modulus was introduced by Maddox [6] and extended by Connor [3]. In [2,4,5,8] a further extension of these definitions was given by using a sequence of positive real numbers  $p = (p_k)$  or a sequence of moduli  $F = (f_k)$ .

We first recall the notion of modulus.

**Definition 1.** A function  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called a modulus if

- 1)  $f(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ ;
- 2)  $f(t+s) \leq f(t) + f(s)$  for all  $t \geq 0, s \geq 0$ ;
- 3)  $f$  is increasing;
- 4)  $f$  is continuous from the right at 0.

The notion of strong  $\mathcal{A}$ -summability with respect to a modulus was given in [1,2].

Let  $A = (a_{nk})$  be an infinite matrix of nonnegative real numbers,  $p = (p_k)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers and  $f$  be a modulus. A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is called strongly  $\mathcal{A}$ -summable to  $L$  with respect to the modulus  $f$  if (see [2])

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_k a_{nk} f(|x_k - L|)^{p_k} = 0.$$

Here and henceforth we write  $f(t)^{p_k}$  instead of  $[f(t)]^{p_k}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the sequences of infinite matrices  $A^i = (a_{nk}(i))$  of nonnegative real numbers. A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is called strongly  $\mathcal{A}$ -summable to  $L$  with respect to the modulus  $f$  if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_k a_{nk}(i) f(|x_k - L|)^{p_k} = 0 \text{ uniformly in } i$$

(notation  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]\text{-lim } x = L$ ). The sets of strongly  $\mathcal{A}$ -summable sequences with respect to the modulus, and strongly  $\mathcal{A}$ -summable to zero sequences

with respect to the modulus are denoted, respectively, by  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]$  and  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]_0$ .

A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is called strongly  $\mathcal{A}$ -bounded with respect to the modulus  $f$  if

$$\sup_{n,i} \sum_k a_{nk}(i) f(|x_k|)^{p_k} < \infty.$$

The set of strongly  $\mathcal{A}$ -bounded sequences with respect to the modulus is denoted by  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]_\infty$ . If  $\mathcal{A} = (A)$ ,  $A = (a_{nk})$ , then in the notations we write  $A$  instead of  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $f(t) = t$ , then we omit  $f$  in the notations.

The various special cases of the spaces  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]$ ,  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]_0$  and  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]_\infty$  are considered earlier by Bilgin [1,2] and Connor [3] (in the case  $\mathcal{A} = (A)$ ), Soomer [9] (in the case  $f(t) = t$ ) and Kolk [5] (in the case  $\mathcal{A} = (A)$  and  $p_k = p$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ), where one modulus  $f$  is replaced with a sequence of moduli  $(f_k)$ ).

In the present paper we examine some properties of the sequence spaces  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]_0$ ,  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]$  and  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]_\infty$ .

## 2. Fundamental and inclusion theorems

The following theorem gives inclusion relations among the spaces  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]$ ,  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]_0$ , and  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]_\infty$ . This is a routine verification and therefore we omit the proof. We have

**Theorem 1.**  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]_0 \subset [\mathcal{A}, f, p]$ ,  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]_0 \subset [\mathcal{A}, f, p]_\infty$  and  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p] \subset [\mathcal{A}, f, p]_\infty$  if

$$\|\mathcal{A}\| = \sup_{n,i} \sum_k a_{nk}(i) < \infty. \quad (1)$$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $0 < p_k \leq \sup p_k = H < \infty$ . Then  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]_0$  is complete linear topological spaces paranormed by  $h$  defined by

$$h(x) = \sup_{n,i} \left( \sum_k a_{nk}(i) f(|x_k|)^{p_k} \right)^{1/M}$$

where  $M = \max\{1, H\}$ . If (1) holds and  $\inf p_k > 0$ , then  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]$  is paranormed with the same paranorm  $h$ . The space  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]$  is complete if

$$\lim_n \sum_k a_{nk}(i) = 0 \text{ uniformly in } i. \quad (2)$$

*Proof.* By using standard techniques we can prove that  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]_0$  and  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]$  (if (1) holds and  $\inf p_k > 0$ ) have the paranorm  $h$  and that  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]_0$  is complete.

If  $H = \sup p_k$  and  $K = \max\{1, 2^{H-1}\}$ , we have (see, Maddox [7])

$$|a_k + b_k|^{p_k} \leq K(|a_k|^{p_k} + |b_k|^{p_k}) \quad (3)$$

and for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$|\lambda|^{p_k} \leq \max\{1, |\lambda|^H\}. \quad (4)$$

Now by the inequalities (3) and (4)

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_n^i(x) &= \sum_k a_{nk}(i) f(|x_k|)^{p_k} = \sum_k a_{nk}(i) f(|x_k - L + L|)^{p_k} \\ &\leq K \sum_k a_{nk}(i) f(|x_k - L|)^{p_k} \\ &\quad + K \max\{1, f(|L|)^H\} \sum_k a_{nk}(i). \end{aligned}$$

From this inequality, (2) and Theorem 1, it is easy to see that  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p] = [\mathcal{A}, f, p]_0$  and therefore the completeness of  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]$  follows from the completeness of  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]_0$ .

We now characterize the class of strongly regular methods  $\mathcal{A}$ . The summability method  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be strongly regular if  $x_k \rightarrow L$  implies that  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]\text{-}\lim x_k = L$ .

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two nonempty subsets of the space  $w$  of all sequences. If  $x \in X$  implies that  $(\sum_k a_{nk} x_k) \in Y$ , we say that  $A$  defines a matrix transformation from  $X$  into  $Y$  and we write  $A : X \rightarrow Y$ . The symbol  $(X, Y)$  denotes the class of matrices  $A$  such that  $A : X \rightarrow Y$ . It is known that  $A \in (c_0, c_0)$  if and only if  $\|A\| = \sup_n \sum_k |a_{nk}| < \infty$  and  $\lim_n a_{nk} = 0$  for all  $k$ , where  $c_0$  denotes the Banach spaces of null sequences  $x = (x_k)$ .

By  $A \in (c_0, c_0)$  we mean that for every  $x \in c_0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_k a_{nk}(i) x_k = 0 \text{ uniformly in } i.$$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $0 < r = \inf p_k \leq p_k \leq \sup p_k = H < \infty$  and

$$\lim \frac{f(t)}{t} = \beta > 0. \quad (5)$$

Then  $\mathcal{A}$  is strongly regular if and only if  $\mathcal{A} \in (c_0, c_0)$ .

For  $\mathcal{A} = (A)$  this result is proved by Bilgin in [1].

**Theorem 4.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{A} \in (c_0, c_0)$  and  $p = (p_k)$  converges to a positive limit. Then  $x_k \rightarrow L$ ,  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]\text{-}\lim x = L$ ,  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]\text{-}\lim x = L'$  imply  $L = L'$  if and only if

$$\lim_n \sum_k a_{nk}(i) \neq 0 \text{ uniformly in } i. \quad (6)$$

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{A} \in (c_0, c_0)$  and  $(p_k)$  be bounded. Suppose that  $x_k \rightarrow L$  imply  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]\text{-lim } x = L$  uniquely. By Definition 1 we get  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]\text{-lim } e = 1$ , where  $e = (1, 1, 1, \dots)$ . Hence, we must have (6), for otherwise  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]\text{-lim } e = 0$  which contradicts the uniqueness of  $L$ .

The rest of the claim can be proved by using the techniques similar to those used in Theorem 2 of Bilgin [1].

Using the same technique as in Theorem 1 in [1], it is easy to prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.** Suppose that  $0 < p_k \leq q_k$  (for all  $k$ ),  $(q_k/p_k)$  is bounded and (1) holds. Then  $[\mathcal{A}, f, q] \subset [\mathcal{A}, f, p]$ .

**Theorem 6.** If (1) holds and  $0 < r = \inf p_k \leq p_k \leq \sup p_k = H < \infty$ , then  $[\mathcal{A}, p]_0 \subset [\mathcal{A}, f, p]_0$  and  $[\mathcal{A}, p] \subset [\mathcal{A}, f, p]$ .

*Proof.* We consider  $[\mathcal{A}, p]_0 \subset [\mathcal{A}, f, p]_0$  only. Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and choose  $\delta$  with  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $f(t) < \epsilon$  for  $0 \leq t \leq \delta$ . For a sequence  $(x_k) \in [\mathcal{A}, p]_0$ , let

$$T_n^i = \sum_k a_{nk}(i) |x_k|^{p_k},$$

so that  $\lim_n T_n^i = 0$  uniformly in  $i$ . We split the sum  $T_n^i$  into two sums  $\sum_1$  and  $\sum_2$  over  $\{k : |x_k| \leq \delta\}$  and  $\{k : |x_k| > \delta\}$ , respectively. Then

$$\sum_1 < \max\{\epsilon, \epsilon^r\} \|A\|. \quad (7)$$

Further, for  $|x_k| > \delta$  we have by Definition 1 that  $f(|x_k|) \leq \frac{2f(1)}{\delta} |x_k|$ . Hence

$$\sum_2 \leq \max\left\{1, \left(\frac{2f(1)}{\delta}\right)^H\right\} T_n^i,$$

which together with (7) yields  $(x_k) \in [\mathcal{A}, f, p]_0$ .

**Corollary 7.** If  $\|A\| = \sup_n \sum_k a_{nk} < \infty$  and  $0 < r = \inf p_k \leq p_k \leq \sup p_k = H < \infty$ , then  $[\mathcal{A}, p]_0 \subset [\mathcal{A}, f, p]_0$  and  $[\mathcal{A}, p] \subset [\mathcal{A}, f, p]$ .

Oztürk and Bilgin ([8], Theorem 5) proved Corollary 7 in the case  $A = (C, 1)$ . Note that in this case if  $p_k = 1$  for all  $k$ , Maddox ([6], Theorem 1) proved Corollary 7.

**Theorem 8.** If (1) and (5) hold and  $0 < r = \inf p_k \leq p_k \leq \sup p_k = H < \infty$ , then  $[\mathcal{A}, p] = [\mathcal{A}, f, p]$ .

*Proof.* In Theorem 6, it was shown that  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p] \supset [\mathcal{A}, p]$ . We must show that  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p] \subset [\mathcal{A}, p]$ . This inclusion can be proved by using the techniques similar to those used in Theorem 4 of Bilgin [2].

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  denote the sequence of infinite matrices  $B^i = (b_{nk}(i))$  of nonnegative real numbers. We write  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p] \subset [\mathcal{B}, f, q](\text{reg})$  if  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p] \subset [\mathcal{B}, f, q]$  and  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]\text{-lim } x = [\mathcal{B}, f, q]\text{-lim } x$  for every  $x \in [\mathcal{A}, f, p]$ .

We now establish an inclusion relation between the spaces  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]$  and  $[\mathcal{B}, f, q]$ .

**Theorem 9.** Suppose that  $0 < q_k < p_k$ ,  $r = \sup \frac{q_k}{p_k} < 1$ ,  $\lambda = \inf \frac{q_k}{p_k} > 0$  and  $b_{nk}(i) \neq 0$  implies  $a_{nk}(i) \neq 0$ . If the conditions

$$\sup_{n,i} \sum_k [b_{nk}(i)]^{1/1-r} [a_{nk}(i)]^{r/r-1} < \infty \quad (8)$$

and

$$\sup_{n,i} \sum_k [b_{nk}(i)]^{1/1-\lambda} [a_{nk}(i)]^{\lambda/\lambda-1} < \infty \quad (9)$$

are fulfilled, then  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p] \subset [\mathcal{B}, f, q](\text{reg})$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x = (x_k) \in [\mathcal{A}, f, p]$  and  $[\mathcal{A}, f, p]\text{-lim } x = L$ . We write  $t_k = f(|x_k - L|)^{p_k}$  and  $\lambda_k = \frac{q_k}{p_k}$ , so that  $0 < \lambda \leq \lambda_k < 1$ , and

$$\lim_n \sum_k a_{nk}(i) t_k = 0 \text{ uniformly in } i. \quad (10)$$

Define

$$U_k = \begin{cases} t_k, & t_k \geq 1 \\ 0, & t_k < 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad V_k = \begin{cases} t_k, & t_k \geq 1 \\ 0, & t_k < 1. \end{cases}$$

So  $t_k = U_k + V_k$ ,  $t_k^{\lambda_k} = U_k^{\lambda_k} + V_k^{\lambda_k}$ ,  $U_k \leq t_k$ ,  $V_k \leq t_k$ ,  $U_k^{\lambda_k} \leq U_k^r$  and  $V_k^{\lambda_k} \leq V_k^\lambda$ . By Hölder's inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k b_{nk}(i) f(|x_k - L|)^{q_k} &= \sum_k b_{nk}(i) t_k^{\lambda_k} \\ &= \sum_k b_{nk}(i) U_k^{\lambda_k} + \sum_k b_{nk}(i) V_k^{\lambda_k} \\ &\leq \sum_k b_{nk}(i) U_k^r + \sum_k b_{nk}(i) V_k^\lambda \\ &= \sum_k [a_{nk}(i) U_k]^r \frac{b_{nk}(i)}{a_{nk}(i)^r} \\ &\quad + \sum_k [a_{nk}(i) V_k]^\lambda \frac{b_{nk}(i)}{a_{nk}(i)^\lambda} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_k a_{nk}(i) t_k \right)^r \left( \sum_k b_{nk}(i)^{\frac{1}{1-r}} a_{nk}(i)^{\frac{r}{r-1}} \right)^{1-r} \\ &\quad + \left( \sum_k a_{nk}(i) t_k \right)^\lambda \left( \sum_k b_{nk}(i)^{\frac{1}{1-\lambda}} a_{nk}(i)^{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-1}} \right)^{1-\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

The result follows from (8), (9) and (10).

It is essential to note that for  $A=B$  Theorem 9 follows from Theorem 5.

Soomer ([9], Theorem 1) proved Theorem 9 in the case  $f(t) = t$ .

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