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# On sequence spaces defined by a sequence of moduli and an extension of Kuttner's theorem

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ABSTRACT. Let  $A=(a_{nk})$  be an infinite matrix with  $\lim_n \sum_k a_{nk} \neq 0$ , and let  $p=(p_k)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers. If  $1 \leq p_k < H < \infty$ , then the strong A-summability field (with the exponent p) is included in the summability field of A. But the result known as Kuttner's theorem asserts that if  $0 < p_k = \tilde{p} < 1$  and A is regular, then there is a sequence which is strongly (C,1)-summable but which is not A-summable. This result was extended by Thorpe (cf. Theorem 6) and Maddox (cf. [8] and [9]). The purpose of the present paper is to extend the results of Thorpe and Maddox to a lacunary strong summability with respect to a sequence of modulus functions.

## 1. Introduction

A function  $f: [0,\infty) \to [0,\infty)$  is called a modulus if

- (i)  $f(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $f(t+u) \le f(t) + f(u)$  for all  $t \ge 0, u \ge 0$ ,
- (iii) f is increasing,
- (iv) f is continuous from the right of 0.

For a sequence space X and for a modulus f, Ruckle [12] and Maddox [9] considered a new sequence space:

$$X(f) = \{x = (x_k) | (f(|x_k|)) \in X\}.$$

An extension of this definition was given by Kolk [3]. For a sequence of moduli  $F = (f_k)$ , he defined:

$$X(F) = \{x = (x_k) | F(x) = (f_k(|x_k|)) \in X\}.$$

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A sequence space X is called solid (or normal) if from  $(y_k) \in X$  and  $|x_k| < |y_k|$ , it follows that  $(x_k) \in X$ .

A real function g on the linear space X is called an F-norm if

(i) g(0) = 0,

(ii)  $|\alpha| \le 1 \ (\alpha \in \mathbb{K}) \Rightarrow g(\alpha x) \le g(x),$ 

(iii)  $g(x+y) \le g(x) + g(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

(iv)  $\lim_{n} \alpha_n = 0 \ (\alpha_n \in \mathbb{K}), \ x \in X \Rightarrow \lim_{n} g(\alpha_n x) = 0.$ 

An F-space is defined as a complete F-normed space. If a sequence space X is an F-space on which the coordinate functionals  $\pi_k(x) = x_k$  are continuous, then X is called an FK-space. An FK-space with normable topology is called a BK-space.

Let  $\phi$  be the space of all finite sequences. An F-space X containing  $\phi$  is called an AK-space if  $\lim_n \sum_{k=1}^n x_k e_k = x$  for all  $x \in X$ , where  $e_k = (\delta_{ki})_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

An F-norm g in a sequence space X is called absolutely monotone if  $|x_k| \leq |y_k|$  implies  $g(x) \leq g(y)$  for all  $x = (x_k)$ ,  $y = (y_k)$  in X.

A topologization of X(F) is given by Kolk:

**Theorem 1** (cf. [4]). If X is a solid AK-FK-space with an absolutely monotone F-norm g, then F(X) is a solid AK-FK-space with the absolutely monotone F-norm  $g_F$ , where

$$g_F(x) = g(F(x)).$$

Define for  $p = (p_k), p_k > 0$ ,

$$w_o(p) = \{x = (x_k) | \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} |x_k|^{p_k} = 0\},$$

i.e.  $w_0(p)$  is the space of strongly (C,1)-summable (with exponent p) to zero sequences. If  $p_k = 1, k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we denote  $w_0(p) = w_0$ .

For a sequence of moduli  $F = (f_k)$ , define:

$$w_o(F) = \{x = (x_k) | \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n f_k(|x_k| = 0)\}.$$

In the special case where  $f_k(x) = x^{p_k}$ ,  $0 < p_k < 1$ , we have that  $w_0(F) = w_0(p)$ . In [2], it was shown that the strong (C,1)-summability is equivalent to a summability determined by some lacunary sequence.

An increasing sequence  $\Theta=(k_r)$  of non-negative integers is called a lacunary sequence if  $k_0=0$  and  $\lim_r (k_{r+1}-k_r)=\infty$ . We denote

$$h_r = (k_{r+1} - k_r), \quad q_r = \frac{k_{r+1}}{k_r}, \quad \sum_{(r)} = \sum_{k=k_r}^{k_{r+1}-1}.$$

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For any lacunary sequence  $\Theta$ , the space  $N_{\Theta}^{0}$  is defined as follows (cf. [2]):

$$N_{\Theta}^{0} = \{x = (x_k) | \lim_{r} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{(r)} |x_k| = 0\}.$$

It is routine to show that the next statement is valid.

**Theorem 2** (cf. [2]). The space  $N_{\Theta}^{\circ}$  is a solid AK-FK-space with the norm

$$||x||_{\Theta} = \sup_{r} h_r^{-1} \sum_{(r)} |x_k|.$$

In the special case  $\Theta=(2^r)$ , we have that  $N_{\Theta}^o=w_0$  and that the norm  $\|x\|_{\Theta}$  is equivalent to the usual norm  $\|x\|_{\Theta}=\sup_n(n+1)^{-1}\sum_{k=0}^n|x_k|$  in  $w_0$ .

For a sequence of moduli  $F = (f_k)$  and for a lacunary sequence  $\Theta$ , define:

$$N_{\Theta}^{0}(F) = \{x = (x_{k}) | \lim_{r} \frac{1}{h_{r}} \sum_{(r)} f_{k}(|x_{k}|) = 0\},$$

hence  $N_{\Theta}^{0}(F) = X(F)$  for  $X = N_{\Theta}^{0}$ . In particular, for  $\Theta = (2^{r})$ ,  $f_{k}(x) = x^{p_{k}}$ ,  $0 < p_{k} < 1$ , we obtain that  $N_{\Theta}^{0}(F) = w_{0}(p)$ .

By Theorems 1 and 2, we can formulate

**Theorem 3.** The space  $N_{\Theta}^{0}(F)$  is a solid AK-FK-space with the F-norm

$$g_F(x) = \sup_r h_r^{-1} \sum_{(r)} f_k(|x_k|).$$

## 2. The Köthe-Toeplitz duals of $N^0_{\Theta}(F)$ .

For a sequence space X, we denote by  $X^{\alpha}$  and  $X^{\beta}$  the Köthe-Toeplitz duals of X, i.e.

$$X^{\alpha} = \{\alpha = (\alpha_k) | \sum_k |\alpha_k x_k| < \infty \text{ for all } (x_k) \in X\}$$

and

$$X^{\beta} = \{\alpha = (\alpha_k) | \sum_k \alpha_k x_k \text{ converges for all } (x_k) \in X\},$$

and for a F-normed space X, we denote by X' the continuous dual of X, and in the case  $\phi \subset X$ , we denote

$$X^{\varphi} = \{(\varphi(e_k)) | \varphi \in X'\}.$$

**Remark 1.** Since for every solid AK-FK-space X,

$$X^{\alpha} = X^{\beta} = X^{\varphi}$$
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then, by Theorem 3, it holds for  $X = N_{\Theta}^{o}(F)$ .

By some restrictions for  $F = (f_k)$ , we will describe the Köthe-Toeplitz duals of  $N_{\Theta}^0(F)$ .

Let  $f_k$  be strictly increasing modulus functions and let  $f_k^{-1}$  be the inverse functions of modulus  $f_k$ .

For a sequence of moduli  $F = (f_k)$  and for a lacunary sequence  $\Theta = (k_r)$ , we define

$$M_{\Theta}(F) = \left\{ \alpha = (\alpha_k) | \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \max_{(r)} \frac{|\alpha_k|}{f_k^{-1}(B/h_r)} < \infty \right.$$
 for some integer  $B > 1 \right\},$  (1)

where  $\max_{(r)} = \max_{k_r \le k < k_{r+1} - 1}$ .

Further, we will use the following characteristics for a sequence of moduli  $F = (f_k)$ :

(F1) there exists C > 0 such that

$$f_k(t)f_k(1/t) \le C$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and t > 0,

(F2) there exists a continuous function  $\Phi:[0,\infty)\to[0,\infty)$  such that

$$\sum_{(r)} f_k^{-1}(B/h_r)|x_k| \le \Phi(\sum_{(r)} B/h_r f_k(|x_k|))$$

for all  $(x_k) \in N_{\Theta}^0(F)$  and for some  $B \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Theorem 4. If condition (F1) is fulfilled, then

$$(N_{\Theta}^0(F))^{\alpha} \subset M_{\Theta}(F).$$

*Proof.* If  $\alpha=(\alpha_k)$  is not in  $M_{\Theta}(F)$ , then the series in (1) is divergent for each integer B>1, and therefore, there exists a sequence  $B_r\to\infty$  such that

$$\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \max_{(r)} \frac{|\alpha_k|}{f_k^{-1}(B_r/h_r)} = \infty.$$

Let

$$A_{rk} = \frac{|\alpha_k|}{f_k^{-1}(B_r/h_r)}$$

and  $A_{r\tilde{k}_r} = \max_{(r)} A_{rk}$ . Define  $\tilde{x} = (\tilde{x}_k)$  by

$$\tilde{x}_k = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{f_k^{-1}(B_r/h_r)} & \text{for } k = \tilde{k}_r, \\ 0 & \text{for } k \neq \tilde{k}_r. \end{cases}$$

Then, by condition (F1), we have

$$\frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{(r)} f_k(|\tilde{x}_k|) = \frac{1}{h_r} f_{\tilde{k}_r} \left( \frac{1}{f_{\tilde{k}_r}^{-1}(B_r/h_r)} \right) \le \frac{C}{B_r}$$

and, therefore,  $\tilde{x} \in N_{\Theta}^{0}(F)$ .

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$$\sum_{(r)} |\alpha_k \tilde{x}_k| = \frac{|\alpha_{\tilde{k}_r}|}{f_{\tilde{k}_r}^{-1}(B_r/h_r)} = \max_r \frac{|\alpha_k|}{f_k^{-1}(B_r/h_r)}$$

and hence  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_k \tilde{x}_k| = \infty$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem 5.** If condition (F2) is fulfilled, then

$$M_{\Theta}(F) \subset (N_{\Theta}^0(F))^{\alpha}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $x=(x_k)\in N^0_\Theta(F)$  and  $\alpha=(\alpha_k)\in M_\Theta(F)$ . Then, by condition (F2), we have

$$\sum_{(r)} |\alpha_k x_k| = \sum_{(r)} A_{rk} f_k^{-1} (B/h_r) |x_k| \le$$

$$\le \max_{(r)} A_{rk} \sum_{(r)} f_k^{-1} (B/h_r) |x_k| \le$$

$$\le \max_{(r)} A_{rk} \Phi(B/h_r \sum_{(r)} f_k(|x_k|)) =$$

$$= \max_{(r)} A_{rk} \Phi(Bg_F(x)).$$

Hence we have  $\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_r x_r| < \infty$  and the proof is completed.

Remark 2. If we use the same technique as in [6], Theorem 4, we may estimate that the inclusion  $M_{\Theta}(F) \subset (N_{\Theta}^0(F))^{\alpha}$  holds for the sequence of moduli  $F = (f_k)$ , where

- (F3)  $f_k^{-1}(uv) \ge K f_k^{-1}(u) f_k^{-1}(v)$  for some K>0  $(k\in\mathbb{N};\ u,v\ge 0),$  (F4) there exists M>0 such that

$$f_k^{-1}(u) \le Mu$$
 for all  $0 < u < 1$ .

In the case  $f_k(t) = t^{p_k}$ ,  $0 < p_k < 1$ , and  $\Theta = (2^r)$ , conditions (F1) and (F2) (and also (F3)) hold and we have a result of the same kind as Theorem 4 in [6].

Condition (F2) follows from conditions (F3) and (F4).

Indeed, for each  $x=(|x_k|)\in N^0_\Theta(F)$ , we may state that there exists an integer R>0 such that

$$Bh_r^{-1}f_k(|x_k|) < 1$$

for some B > 1 and r > R. Then, by conditions (F3) and (F4), we have

$$\sum_{(r)} f_k^{-1}(Bh_r^{-1})|x_k| \le \frac{1}{K} \sum_{(r)} f_k^{-1}(Bh_r^{-1}f_k(|x_k|)) \le \frac{M}{K} Bh_r^{-1} \sum_{(r)} f_k(|x_k|)$$

and, therefore, condition (F2) holds.

## 3. Some extensions of Kuttner's theorem

Let  $l_{\infty}$  denote the space of bounded sequences. We formulate:

**Theorem 6** (cf. [14]). Let X be a locally convex FK-space, and let  $p = (p_k)$ , where  $0 < p_k = \tilde{p} < 1$  for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $X \supset w_0(p)$  implies  $X \supset l_{\infty}$ .

In 1946, Kuttner [5] proved the statement of Theorem 6 for  $X = c_A$ , where  $c_A$  is a summability field of any regular matrix A. In 1968, Maddox [7] extended this result to coregular A, and in 1981, Thorpe [14] proved Theorem 6.

A generalization of Theorem 6 for non-constant  $p = (p_k)$  is given by Maddox [8].

Further, we will use the following two propositions.

#### Proposition 1. Let

$$B_{\Theta}(F) = \bigcap_{B \subset \mathbb{N}} \{x = (x_k) | \lim_r \sum_{(r)} f_k^{-1}(B/h_r) | x_k | = 0 \}.$$

Then

(i)  $B_{\Theta}(F)$  is a locally convex AK-FK-space with the norms

$$||x||_{B} = \sup_{r} \sum_{(r)} f_{k}^{-1}(B/h_{r})|x_{k}|, B \in \mathbb{N},$$

(ii)  $(N_{\Theta}^0(F))^{\varphi} \subset (B_{\Theta}(F))^{\varphi}$  for each  $F = (f_k)$  which satisfies condition (F1).

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*Proof.* (i.) The space  $B_{\Theta}(F)$  is a countable intersection of strong null summability fields of positive matrices without zero columns. By [1], we have that every such summability field is a solid AK-BK-space with respect to the norm  $||x||_B$ . Then  $B_{\Theta}(F)$  is an locally convex FK-space by the well-known result of Zeller [14], and it is routine to show that  $B_{\Theta}(F)$  is an AK-space.

(ii). By Remark 1 (let  $X = B_{\Theta}(F)$ ) and by Theorem 4, it is sufficient to show that  $M_{\Theta}(F) \subset (B_{\Theta}(F))^{\alpha}$ . Let  $\alpha = (\alpha_k) \in M_{\Theta}(F)$ . Then there exists an integer B > 1 such that

$$H = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \max_{(r)} \frac{|\alpha_k|}{f_k^{-1}(B/h_r)} < \infty.$$

Now, for each  $x = (x_k) \in B_{\Theta}(F)$ , we have

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$$\begin{split} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_r x_r| &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{(r)} |\alpha_k x_k| = \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{(r)} \frac{|\alpha_k|}{f_k^{-1}(B/h_r)} f_k^{-1}(B/h_r) |x_k| \le \\ &\le H \parallel x \parallel_B, \end{split}$$

which implies that  $(\alpha_k) \in (B_{\Theta}(F))^{\alpha}$ .

The FK-space X is called an AD-space if  $\overline{\phi} = X$ .

**Proposition 2** (cf. [13]). Let E be an AD-space, and let X be an locally convex FK-space such that  $X \supset \phi$ . Then  $X^{\varphi} \subset E^{\varphi}$  implies  $X \supset E$ .

The next two theorems are certain generalizations of Theorem 6 for some restrictions for the sequence of moduli.

We denote e = (1, 1, ...).

**Theorem 7.** Let X be a locally convex FK-space, and let the sequence of moduli  $F = (f_k)$  satisfy condition (F1). Then the condition  $e \in B_{\Theta}(F)$  is sufficient for the implication

$$X \supset N_{\Theta}^{\circ}(F) \Rightarrow X \supset l_{\infty}.$$

*Proof.* Suppose that  $X \supset N_{\Theta}^{0}(F)$ . Then we have that  $X^{\varphi} \subset (N_{\Theta}^{0}(F))^{\varphi}$ , and it follows, by Proposition 1, that  $X^{\varphi} \subset (B_{\Theta}(F))^{\varphi}$ . Since  $B_{\Theta}(F)$  is an AK-space, then it is also an AD-space and, by Proposition 2, we have that  $X \supset B_{\Theta}(F)$ . It is routine to show that  $e \in B_{\Theta}(F)$  is equivalent to  $l_{\infty} \subset B_{\Theta}(F)$ . Therefore, we have that  $X \supset l_{\infty}$ , and the proof is completed.

**Theorem 8.** Let X be a locally convex FK-space, and let the sequence of moduli  $F = (f_k)$  satisfy condition (F2). Then the condition  $e \in B_{\Theta}(F)$  is necessary for the implication

$$X \supset N_{\Theta}^0(F) \Rightarrow X \supset l_{\infty}.$$

*Proof.* Suppose that  $e \notin B_{\Theta}(F)$ . Then there exists an integer  $\tilde{B} \geq 1$  such that

$$\sum_{(r)} f_k^{-1}(\tilde{B}/h_r) \not\to 0 \text{ if } r \to \infty.$$
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Define now a matrix method  $A = (a_{rk})$  by

$$a_{rk} = \begin{cases} f_k^{-1}(\tilde{B}/h_r), & \text{for } k_r \le k < k_{r+1} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and let  $[c_A]_0$  be a strong null summability field of the matrix method A. Then condition (2) implies that  $l_{\infty} \not\subset [c_A]_0$ . But by condition (F2), we have

$$\sum_{(r)} a_{rk} |x_k| = \sum_{(r)} f_k^{-1} (\tilde{B}/h_r)) |x_k| \le$$

$$\le \Phi(\tilde{B} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{(r)} f_k(|x_k|)).$$

Therefore, by the continuity of  $\Phi$ , we have that  $[c_A]_0 \supset N_{\Theta}^0(F)$ . Hence, $[c_A]_0$  is a locally convex FK-space (more exactly, it is a BK-space, cf. [1]) such that  $[c_A]_0 \supset N_{\Theta}^0(F)$  but  $[c_A]_0 \not\supset l_{\infty}$ . This completes the proof.

**Example 1.** Let  $0 and <math>f_k(t) = t^p$ ,  $0 , for all <math>t \ge 0$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then it is evident that condition (F1) holds, and from the inequality

$$(\sum_{k} |a_{k}|)^{p} \leq \sum_{k} |a_{k}|^{p}, \quad 0$$

it follows that (F2) holds.

**Example 2.** In the case, where  $f_k(t) = |\lambda_k t|^{p_k}$ ,  $\lambda_k \neq 0$ ,  $0 < p_k < 1$ , we may show that (F1) holds if  $|\lambda_k|^{p_k} = 0(1)$ , and (F2) holds if  $1/\lambda_k = 0(1)$ .

**Example 3.** In general, condition (F1) is fullfilled if  $f_k(tu) \ge C_1 f_k(t) f_k(u)$  and  $f_k(1) \le C_2$  for some  $C_1, C_2 > 0$ .

We note that  $f(t) = t^p$ ,  $0 , is not the unique modulus function such that <math>f(tu) \ge C_1 f(t) f(u)$  (see [9]).

Let now  $F = (f_k)$  be a sequence of moduli such that the next conditions hold:

- (F5)  $\sup_k f_k(t) < \infty$  for each t > 0,
- (F6)  $\lim_{t\to 0+} \sup_k f_k(t) = 0$ .

Kolk [3] proved that the function

$$f(t) = \sup_{k} f_k(t)$$

which satisfies (F5) is a modulus if and only if condition (F6) holds.

**Theorem 9.** Let X be a locally convex FK-space. If the sequence of moduli  $F = (f_k)$  satisfies conditions (F5), (F6), and the lacunary sequence  $\Theta = (k_r)$  satisfies the condition  $\liminf q_r > 1$ , then the condition

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{f(t)}{t} = 0 \tag{3}$$

is sufficient for the implication

$$X \supset N_{\Theta}^0(F) \Rightarrow X \supset l_{\infty}.$$

Proof. It is easy to show that, for all solid sequence spaces  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  with  $E_1\subset E_2$ , the inclusion  $E_1(f)\subset E_2(F)$  is valid. The condition  $\liminf q_r>1$  guarantees that  $w_0\subset N_\Theta^0$  (see [2], Lemma 2.1). Therefore, in the case  $E_1=w_0,\ E_2=N_\Theta^0$ , we have that  $w_0(f)\subset N_\Theta^0(F)$ . Maddox (see [10], Theorem 6) proved that  $X\supset w_0(f)$  implies  $X\supset l_\infty$  if and only if condition (3) holds (for an arbitrary modulus f). This completes the proof.

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