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# **FACTORS FOR ABSOLUTE NÖRLUND SUMMABILITY**

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#### Abstract

In this paper, a general theorem dealing with  $|N, p_n|_k$  summability factors has been proved. This theorem also includes some known results.

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## **1** Introduction

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a given infinite series with the sequence of partial sums  $(s_n)$  and  $w_n = na_n$ . By  $u_n^{\alpha}$  and  $t_n^{\alpha}$  we denote the *n*-th Cesàro means of order  $\alpha$ , with  $\alpha > -1$ , of the sequences  $(s_n)$  and  $(w_n)$ , respectively. i.e,

$$u_n^{\alpha} = \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha}} \sum_{\nu=0}^n A_{n-\nu}^{\alpha-1} s_{\nu}, \qquad (1.1)$$

$$t_n^{\alpha} = \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha}} \sum_{\nu=1}^n A_{n-\nu}^{\alpha-1} \nu a_{\nu}, \qquad (1.2)$$

where

$$A_n^{\alpha} = O(n^{\alpha}), \quad \alpha > -1, \quad A_0^{\alpha} = 1 \quad and \quad A_{-n}^{\alpha} = 0.$$
 (1.3)

The series  $\sum a_n$  is said to be summable  $|C, \alpha|_k, k \ge 1$ , if (see [5],[7])

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{k-1} | u_n^{\alpha} - u_{n-1}^{\alpha} |^k = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} | t_n^{\alpha} |^k < \infty.$$
(1.4)

If we take  $\alpha = 1$ , then  $|C, \alpha|_k$  summability reduces to  $|C, 1|_k$  summability. Let  $(p_n)$  be a sequence of constants, real or complex, and let us write

$$P_n = p_0 + p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n \neq 0, \ (n \ge 0).$$
(1.5)

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$$\sigma_n = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{\nu=0}^n p_{n-\nu} s_\nu \tag{1.6}$$

defines the sequence  $(\sigma_n)$  of the Nörlund mean of the sequence  $(s_n)$ , generated by the sequence of coefficients  $(p_n)$ . The series  $\sum a_n$  is said to be summable  $|N, p_n|$ , if (see [8])

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\sigma_n - \sigma_{n-1}| < \infty, \tag{1.7}$$

and it is said to be summable  $|N, p_n|_k, k \ge 1$ , if (see [3])

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{k-1} \mid \boldsymbol{\sigma}_n - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{n-1} \mid^k < \infty.$$
(1.8)

In the special case when

$$p_n = \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(n+1)}, \ \alpha \ge 0 \tag{1.9}$$

the Nörlund mean reduces to the  $(C, \alpha)$  mean and  $|N, p_n|_k$  summability becomes  $|C, \alpha|_k$  summability. For  $p_n = 1$ , we get the (C, 1) mean and then  $|N, p_n|_k$  summability becomes  $|C, 1|_k$  summability. For any sequence  $(\lambda_n)$ , we write  $\Delta \lambda_n = \lambda_n - \lambda_{n+1}$ .

### 2 The known results

Concerning the |C, 1| and  $|N, p_n|$  summabilities Kishore [6] has proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $p_0 > 0$ ,  $p_n \ge 0$  and  $(p_n)$  be a non-increasing sequence. If  $\sum a_n$  is summable |C, 1|, then the series  $\sum a_n P_n (n+1)^{-1}$  is summable  $|N, p_n|$ .

Varma [11] has also generalized Theorem 2.1 for  $|N, p_n|_k$  summability.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $p_0 > 0$ ,  $p_n \ge 0$  and  $(p_n)$  be a non-increasing sequence. If  $\sum a_n$  is summable  $|C, 1|_k$ , then the series  $\sum a_n P_n(n+1)^{-1}$  is summable  $|N, p_n|_k$ ,  $k \ge 1$ .

Recently Bor [2] has proved the following theorem on this subject.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $(p_n)$  be as in Theorem 2.1. If

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\nu} \mid t_{\nu} \mid^{k} = O(X_{n}) \text{ as } n \to \infty,$$

$$(2.1)$$

where  $(t_n)$  is the n-th (C,1) mean of the sequence  $(na_n)$ ,  $(X_n)$  is a positive non-decreasing sequence and  $(\lambda_n)$  is a sequence such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \mid \Delta^2 \lambda_n \mid X_n < \infty, \tag{2.2}$$

$$|\lambda_n| X_n = O(1) \text{ as } n \to \infty, \tag{2.3}$$

then the series  $\sum a_n P_n \lambda_n (n+1)^{-1}$  is summable  $|N, p_n|_k, k \ge 1$ .

### 3 Main Result

The aim of this paper is to prove Theorem 2.3 in a more general form for  $|N, p_n|_k$  summability. Now we shall prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(p_n)$  be as in Theorem 2.1 and  $(X_n)$  be a positive non - decreasing sequence. If the conditions (2.2)-(2.3) of Theorem 2.3 are satisfied and the sequence  $(w_n^{\alpha})$ , defined by (see [10])

$$w_n^{\alpha} = |t_n^{\alpha}|, \quad \alpha = 1 \tag{3.1}$$

$$w_n^{\alpha} = \max_{1 \le v \le n} |t_v^{\alpha}|, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1$$
(3.2)

satisfies the condition

$$\sum_{n=1}^{m} n^{-1} (w_n^{\alpha})^k = O(X_m) \quad as \quad m \to \infty,$$
(3.3)

then the series  $\sum a_n P_n \lambda_n (n+1)^{-1}$  is summable  $|N, p_n|_k$ ,  $k \ge 1$  and  $0 < \alpha \le 1$ .

It should be remarked that if we take  $\alpha = 1$ , then we get Theorem 2.3. We need the following lemmas for the proof of our theorem.

**Lemma 3.2.** ([4]) *If*  $0 < \alpha \le 1$  *and*  $1 \le v \le n$ , *then* 

$$\left|\sum_{p=0}^{\nu} A_{n-p}^{\alpha-1} a_{p}\right| \leq \max_{1 \leq m \leq \nu} \left|\sum_{p=0}^{m} A_{m-p}^{\alpha-1} a_{p}\right|.$$
(3.4)

**Lemma 3.3.** ([2]) Under the conditions on  $(X_n)$  and  $(\lambda_n)$ , as taken in the statement of *Theorem 3.1, the following conditions hold :* 

$$nX_n\Delta\lambda_n = O(1) \text{ as } n \to \infty, \tag{3.5}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Delta \lambda_n X_n < \infty. \tag{3.6}$$

**Lemma 3.4.** ([9]) If  $-1 < \alpha \le \beta, k > 1$  and the series  $\sum a_n$  is summable  $|C, \alpha|_k$ , then it is also summable  $|C, \beta|_k$ .

The case k = 1 of this Lemma is due to Kogbetliantz [7]. The case k > 1 is a special case of a theorem of Flett ([5], Theorem 1).

# 4 **Proof of Theorem 3.1.**

In order to prove the theorem, we need to consider only the special case in which  $(N, p_n)$  is  $(C, \alpha)$ , that is, we shall prove that  $\sum a_n \lambda_n$  is summable  $|C, \alpha|_k$ . Our theorem will then follow by mean of Lemma 3.4 ( for  $\beta = 1$ ) and Theorem 2.2. Let  $(T_n^{\alpha})$  be the n-th  $(C, \alpha)$ , with  $0 < \alpha \le 1$ , mean of the sequence  $(na_n\lambda_n)$ . Then, by (1.2), we have

$$T_n^{\alpha} = \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha}} \sum_{\nu=1}^n A_{n-\nu}^{\alpha-1} \nu a_{\nu} \lambda_{\nu}.$$
(4.1)

By applying Abel's transformation, we find from (4.1) that

$$T_n^{\alpha} = \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha}} \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \Delta \lambda_{\nu} \sum_{p=1}^{\nu} A_{n-p}^{\alpha-1} p a_p + \frac{\lambda_n}{A_n^{\alpha}} \sum_{\nu=1}^n A_{n-\nu}^{\alpha-1} \nu a_{\nu},$$

which, in view of Lemma 3.2, yields

$$|T_n^{\alpha}| \leq \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha}} \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} |\Delta\lambda_{\nu}|| \sum_{p=1}^{\nu} A_{n-p}^{\alpha-1} p a_p | + \frac{|\lambda_n|}{A_n^{\alpha}} | \sum_{\nu=1}^n A_{n-\nu}^{\alpha-1} \nu a_{\nu} |$$
  
$$\leq \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha}} \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} A_{\nu}^{\alpha} w_{\nu}^{\alpha} | \Delta\lambda_{\nu} | + |\lambda_n| w_n^{\alpha}$$
  
$$= T_{n,1}^{\alpha} + T_{n,2}^{\alpha} .$$

Since,

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

in order to complete the proof of the Theorem, by (1.4) it is sufficient to show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-1} \mid T_{n,r}^{\alpha} \mid^{k} < \infty \quad for \quad r = 1, 2.$$

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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{split} \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} n^{-1} | T_{n,1}^{\alpha} |^{k} &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} n^{-1} (A_{n}^{\alpha})^{-k} \{ \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} A_{\nu}^{\alpha} w_{\nu}^{\alpha} | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} | \}^{k} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} n^{-1} n^{-\alpha k} \{ \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \nu^{\alpha k} (w_{\nu}^{\alpha})^{k} | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} | \} \times \{ \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} | \}^{k-1} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m} \nu^{\alpha k} (w_{\nu}^{\alpha})^{k} | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} | \sum_{n=\nu+1}^{m+1} \frac{1}{n^{\alpha k+1}} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m} \nu^{\alpha k} (w_{\nu}^{\alpha})^{k} | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} | \int_{\nu}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^{\alpha k+1}} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m} \nu | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} | \nu^{-1} (w_{\nu}^{\alpha})^{k} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} \Delta(\nu | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} |) \sum_{r=1}^{\nu} r^{-1} (w_{\nu}^{\alpha})^{k} \\ &+ O(1)m | \Delta \lambda_{m} | \sum_{\nu=1}^{m} \nu^{-1} (w_{\nu}^{\alpha})^{k} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} | \Delta(\nu | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} |) | X_{\nu} + O(1)m | \Delta \lambda_{m} | X_{m} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} | (\nu+1) | \Delta^{2} \lambda_{\nu} | - | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} | | X_{\nu} + O(1)m | \Delta \lambda_{m} | X_{m} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} \nu | \Delta^{2} \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1)m | \Delta \lambda_{m} | X_{m} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} \nu | \Delta^{2} \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1)m | \Delta \lambda_{m} | X_{m} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} \nu | \Delta^{2} \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1)m | \Delta \lambda_{m} | X_{m} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} \nu | \Delta^{2} \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1)m | \Delta \lambda_{m} | X_{m} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} \nu | \Delta^{2} \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1)m | \Delta \lambda_{m} | X_{m} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} \nu | \Delta^{2} \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1)m | \Delta \lambda_{m} | X_{m} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} \nu | \Delta^{2} \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1)m | \Delta \lambda_{m} | X_{m} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} \nu | \Delta^{2} \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} | \Delta \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1)m | \Delta \lambda_{m} | X_{m} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} \nu | \Delta^{2} \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1) \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} | \Delta^{2} \lambda_{\nu} | X_{\nu} + O(1)m | X_{\nu} + O(1)m | X_{\nu} + O(1)m | X_{\nu} + O(1)m |$$

by virtue of the hypotheses of the Theorem and Lemma 3.3. Again, we have that

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=1}^{m} n^{-1} | T_{n,2}^{\alpha} |^{k} &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m} |\lambda_{n}| n^{-1} (w_{n}^{\alpha})^{k} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} \Delta |\lambda_{n}| \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \nu^{-1} (w_{\nu}^{\alpha})^{k} + O(1) |\lambda_{m}| \sum_{n=1}^{m} n^{-1} (w_{n}^{\alpha})^{k} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} |\Delta\lambda_{n}| X_{n} + O(1) |\lambda_{m}| X_{m} = O(1) \quad as \quad m \to \infty, \end{split}$$

by virtue of the hypotheses of the Theorem and Lemma 3.3. Therefore, we get that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{m} n^{-1} | T_{n,r}^{\alpha} |^{k} = O(1) \quad as \quad m \to \infty, \quad for \quad r = 1, 2.$$

This completes the proof of the Theorem.

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