

# A new factor theorem for absolute Cesàro summability

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## Abstract

In this paper, a known theorem dealing with  $|C, \alpha; \delta|_k$  summability factors has been generalized for  $|C, \alpha, \beta; \delta|_k$  summability factors. Our theorem also includes some known results.

## 1 Introduction

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  $(\alpha, \beta)$ , with  $\alpha + \beta > -1$ , of the sequence  $(s_n)$  and  $(na_n)$ , respectively, i.e., (see [3])

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

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

where

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

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

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

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Since  $t_n^{\alpha,\beta} = n(u_n^{\alpha,\beta} - u_{n-1}^{\alpha,\beta})$  (see [5]), 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  $|C, \alpha, \beta; \delta|_k$ ,  $k \geq 1$  and  $\delta \geq 0$ , if (see [2])

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

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  $|C, \alpha; \delta|_k$  summability (see [7]). Furthermore, if we take  $\beta = 0$  and  $\delta = 0$ , then  $|C, \alpha, \beta; \delta|_k$  summability reduces to  $|C, \alpha|_k$  summability (see [6]). It should be noted that obviously  $(C, \alpha, 0)$  mean is the same as  $(C, \alpha)$  mean. A sequence  $(\lambda_n)$  is said to be convex if  $\Delta^2 \lambda_n \geq 0$ , where  $\Delta^2 \lambda_n = \Delta \lambda_n - \Delta \lambda_{n+1}$  and  $\Delta \lambda_n = \lambda_n - \lambda_{n+1}$ . In [8] Lal and Singh have proved the following theorem dealing with  $|C, \alpha; \delta|_k$  summability factors of infinite series.

**Theorem A.** If  $(\lambda_n)$  is a convex sequence such that  $\sum n^{-1} \lambda_n$  is convergent and the sequence  $(\theta_n^\alpha)$  defined by

$$\theta_n^\alpha = |t_n^\alpha|, \quad \alpha = 1 \tag{7}$$

$$\theta_n^\alpha = \max_{1 \leq v \leq n} |t_v^\alpha|, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1 \tag{8}$$

satisfies the condition

$$(n^\delta \theta_n^\alpha)^k = O\{(\log n)^{p+k-1}\} (C, 1),$$

then the series  $\sum (\log n)^{-p-k+1} a_n \lambda_n$  is summable  $|C, \alpha; \delta|_k$  for  $0 < \alpha \leq 1, p \geq 0, k \geq 1, \delta \geq 0$  and  $\delta k < \alpha$ .

## 2 The Main Result

The aim of this paper is to generalize Theorem A for  $|C, \alpha, \beta; \delta|_k$  summability. We shall prove the following theorem.

**Theorem .** If  $(\lambda_n)$  is a convex sequence such that  $\sum n^{-1} \lambda_n$  is convergent and the sequence  $(\theta_n^{\alpha,\beta})$  defined by

$$\theta_n^{\alpha,\beta} = |t_n^{\alpha,\beta}|, \quad \alpha = 1, \beta > -1 \tag{9}$$

$$\theta_n^{\alpha,\beta} = \max_{1 \leq v \leq n} |t_v^{\alpha,\beta}|, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1, \beta > -1 \tag{10}$$

satisfies the condition

$$(n^\delta \theta_n^{\alpha, \beta})^k = O\{(\log n)^{p+k-1}\} \quad (C, 1),$$

then the series  $\sum (\log(n+1))^{-p+k+1} a_n \lambda_n$  is summable  $|C, \alpha, \beta; \delta|_k$  for  $0 < \alpha \leq 1, \beta > -1, k \geq 1, \delta \geq 0, p \geq 0$  and  $\alpha + \beta - \delta > 0$ .

We need the following lemmas for the proof of our theorem.

**Lemma 1 ([4]).** If  $(\lambda_n)$  is a convex sequence such that the series  $\sum n^{-1} \lambda_n$  is convergent, then  $(\lambda_n)$  is non-negative and non-increasing,  $n \Delta \lambda_n = O(1)$  and  $\lambda_n \log n = o(1)$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

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

$$\left| \sum_{p=0}^v A_{n-p}^{\alpha-1} A_p^\beta a_p \right| \leq \max_{1 \leq m \leq v} \left| \sum_{p=0}^m A_{m-p}^{\alpha-1} A_p^\beta a_p \right|. \quad (11)$$

**Lemma 3 ([10]).** If  $((\log(n+1))^{p+k-1} X_n)$  satisfies the same conditions as  $(\lambda_n)$  in Lemma 1, then

$$n (\log(n+1))^{p+k-1} \Delta X_n = O(1), \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$\sum_{n=1}^m n (\log(n+1))^{p+k-1} \Delta^2 X_n = O(1), \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Lemma 4 ([8]).** If  $(\lambda_n)$  is a convex sequence such that the series  $\sum n^{-1} \lambda_n$  is convergent, then for  $p \geq 0$  and  $k \geq 1$

$$\sum_{n=1}^m \frac{\Delta(\lambda_n)^k}{(\log(n+1))^{p(k+1)+(k-1)^2}} = O(1), \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty.$$

### 3 Proof of the Theorem

We write

$$X_n = \frac{\lambda_n}{(\log(n+1))^{p+k-1}}.$$

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

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

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

$$T_n^{\alpha, \beta} = \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha+\beta}} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \Delta X_v \sum_{i=1}^v A_{n-i}^{\alpha-1} A_i^\beta i a_i + \frac{X_n}{A_n^{\alpha+\beta}} \sum_{v=1}^n A_{n-v}^{\alpha-1} A_v^\beta v a_v,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|T_n^{\alpha,\beta}| &\leq \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha+\beta}} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \Delta X_v \left| \sum_{i=1}^v A_{n-i}^{\alpha-1} A_i^\beta i a_i \right| + \frac{X_n}{A_n^{\alpha+\beta}} \left| \sum_{v=1}^n A_{n-v}^{\alpha-1} A_v^\beta v a_v \right| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{A_n^{\alpha+\beta}} \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} A_v^\alpha A_v^\beta \theta_v^{\alpha,\beta} \Delta X_v + X_n \theta_n^{\alpha,\beta} \\
&= T_{n,1}^{\alpha,\beta} + T_{n,2}^{\alpha,\beta}, \quad \text{say.}
\end{aligned}$$

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 the theorem, by (6), it is sufficient to show that

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

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

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

by the application of Lemma 3. Similarly, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=1}^m n^{\delta k-1} |X_n \theta_n^{\alpha, \beta}|^k &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{X_n^k}{n} (n^\delta \theta_n^{\alpha, \beta})^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} \Delta(n^{-1} X_n^k) \sum_{v=1}^n (v^\delta \theta_v^{\alpha, \beta})^k \\
&+ O(1) \frac{X_m^k}{m} \sum_{v=1}^m (v^\delta \theta_v^{\alpha, \beta})^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} n (\log(n+1))^{p+k-1} \Delta(n^{-1} X_n^k) + O(X_m^k (\log(m+1))^{p+k-1}) \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} n^{-1} X_n^k (\log(n+1))^{p+k-1} + O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} (\log(n+1))^{p+k-1} \Delta X_n^k \\
&+ O(1) ((\log(m+1))^{p+k-1} X_m^k) \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} \frac{(\lambda_n \log(n+1))^k}{(n+1) (\log(n+1))^{1+p(k-1)+k(k-1)}} \\
&+ O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} \frac{\Delta \lambda_n^k}{(\log(n+1))^{p(k-1)+(k-1)^2}} \\
&+ O\left(\frac{(\lambda_m \log(m+1))^k}{(\log(m+1))^{p(k-1)+k(k-1)+1}}\right) \\
&= O(1) \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty,
\end{aligned}$$

by the application of Lemma 4 and  $\lambda_n \log n = O(1)$ . Therefore, by (6), we get that

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

This completes the proof of the theorem. It should be noted that if we take  $\beta = 0$ , then we obtain Theorem A. This theorem also includes as particular cases the results of Pati [9] and Prasad and Bhatt [10].

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