

## ON $(N, P_n)$ AND $(K, 1, \alpha)$ SUMMABILITY METHODS

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1.1 Let  $\Sigma a_m^1$  be a given infinite series with the sequence of partial sums  $\{s_n\}$ . The Cesàro transform of order  $\alpha$  of  $\Sigma a_n$  is defined by

$$(1.1.1) \quad s_n^\alpha = S_n^\alpha / A_n^\alpha, \quad \alpha > -1,$$

where  $S_n^\alpha$  and  $A_n^\alpha$  are by the relations;

$$S_n^\alpha = \sum_{v=0}^n A_{n-v}^\alpha a_v = \sum_{v=0}^n A_{n-v}^{\alpha-1} S_v;$$

$$(1.1.2) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n^\alpha x^n = (1-x)^{-\alpha-1}, \quad (|x| < 1).$$

The series  $\Sigma a_n$  is said to be summable  $(C, \alpha)$  to  $s$ , if  $s_n^\alpha \rightarrow s$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , [2].

The series  $\Sigma a_n$  is said to be summable  $(K, 1, \alpha)$  to sum  $s$ , [5] if the series

$$(1.1.3) \quad f(\alpha, t) = B_\alpha^{-1} t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n^\alpha \int_t^\pi \frac{\sin nx}{2 \tan x/2} dx$$

converges in some interval  $0 < t < t_0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +0} f(\alpha, t) = s$ , where

$$B_\alpha = \begin{cases} \pi/2 & \alpha = -1 \\ (\alpha + 1)^{-1} \sin(\alpha + 1)\pi/2 & -1 < \alpha < 0 \\ 1 & \alpha = 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha = -1$ , the method  $(K, 1, \alpha)$  reduces to the method  $(K, 1)$  [11].

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<sup>1</sup>unless or otherwise stated  $\Sigma$  denotes  $\Sigma_0^\infty$ .

The method  $(K, 1, \alpha)$  is not regular when  $-1 \leq \alpha \leq 0$  [5].

Let  $\{p_n\}$  be a sequence of constants, real or complex, such that

$$P_n = \sum_{v=0}^n P_v \neq 0, \quad P_{-1} = p_{-1} = 0,$$

and let us write

$$(1.1.4) \quad t_n = \frac{T_n}{P_n} = \sum_{v=0}^n \frac{P_{n-v} s_v}{P_n}.$$

The series  $\Sigma a_n$  is said to be summable  $(N, P_n)$  to sum  $s$ , if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n$  exists and is equal to  $s$  ([7], [10]).

In the special cases in which

$$(1.1.5) \quad p_n = \binom{n + \alpha - 1}{\alpha - 1} = \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha)}{\Gamma(n + 1)\Gamma(\alpha)} \quad (\alpha > -1);$$

$$(1.1.6) \quad \begin{cases} p_n = (n + 1)^{-1} & (\alpha > -1); \\ p_n \log n, & \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \end{cases}$$

The  $(N, p_n)$  summability reduces to  $(C, \alpha)$  summability,  $\alpha > -1$ , [3] § 5.13 and harmonic summability methods [3], § 5.13 respectively.

The conditions for the regularity of the method of summation  $(N, p_n)$  defined by (1.1.4), are

$$(1.1.7) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p_n}{P_n} = 0,$$

and

$$(1.1.8) \quad \sum_{v=0}^n |p_v| = O(p_n), \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad (\text{see [3]}).$$

If  $p_n$  is real, non-negative and monotonic non-increasing, the conditions of regularity (1.1.7) and (1.1.8) are automatically satisfied and the method  $(N, p_n)$  is then regular and hence the harmonic summability method is also regular. It is known that summability  $(N, 1/(n+1))$  implies summability  $(C, \alpha)$  for every  $\alpha > 0$ .

1.2. We set

$$(1.2.1) \quad (\Sigma p_n x_n)^{-1} = \Sigma c_n x^n \quad (|x| < 1; C_0 = 1)$$

Then from (1.1.4) and (1.2.1), we get

$$(1.2.2) \quad s_n = \sum_{v=1}^n c_{n-v} T_v$$

$$(1.2.3) \quad a_n = \sum_{v=1}^n c_{n-v} (T_v - T_{v-1}).$$

In what follows we take  $a_0 = 0$ , so that  $T_0 = 0$ .

2.1. Giving relation between  $(N, p_n)$  and  $(R, 1, \alpha)$  summabilities recently the authors [2] have proved the following theorem:

THEOREM A.  $\Sigma a_n$  is  $(N, p)$  summable and if

$$(2.1.1) \quad \sigma_n = \sum_{k=1}^n |T_k - T_{k-1}| = O(P_n),$$

then the series  $\Sigma a_n$  is summable  $(R, 1, \alpha)$  for  $-1 \leq \alpha \leq 0$ , provided that  $p_n$  is a non-negative, non-increasing sequence such that  $P_n \rightarrow \infty$ , and

$$(2.1.2) \quad \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |C_k| = O\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right), \quad n \geq 0;$$

$$(2.1.3) \quad \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{P_{k-n}}{k(k+1)} = O\left(\frac{P_n}{n}\right), \quad n \geq 1;$$

$$(2.1.4) \quad \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{P_k} = O\left(\frac{n}{P_n}\right);$$

$$(2.1.5) \quad \text{for a positive number } \mu \text{ and } n = [\mu t^{-1}], \tau = [t^{-1}]$$

$$P_n = O(P_\mu P_\tau).$$

It has been proved by Izumi [6] that for Fourier series, summability  $(K, 1)$  is equivalent to summability  $(R_1)$ . Since it is known that for Fourier series summability  $(R, 1)$  and  $(R_1)$  are mutually exclusive [4], it follows that in general, summability  $(K, 1)$  and  $(R, 1)$  are also independent of each other. Therefore, the object of this paper is to show that this Theorem A also holds for summability  $(K, 1, \alpha)$ .

## 2.2. Our Main theorem is:

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $\{p_n\}$  be a non-negative, non-increasing sequence, such that  $P_n \rightarrow \infty$ , and the conditions (2.1.2) through (2.1.5) hold. If  $\Sigma a_n$  is  $(N, p_n)$ -summable and if (2.1.1) holds, then  $\Sigma a_n$  is also summable  $(K, 1, \alpha)$ , for  $-1 \leq \alpha \leq 0$ .*

Combining Theorem 1 with Lemma 5 below, we also get the following interesting and simple result.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $\{p_n\}$  be a positive, non-increasing sequence, such that  $p_0 = 1$ ,  $P_n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\{p_{n+1}/p_n\}$  is non-decreasing sequence and the conditions (2.1.3) through (2.1.5) hold. If  $\Sigma a_n$  is  $(N, p_n)$  summable and if (2.1.1) holds, then  $\Sigma a_n$  is also sumable  $(K, 1, \alpha)$ , for  $-1 \leq \alpha \leq 0$ .*

## 2.3. The following lemmas are pertinent for the proof of our theorems.

**LEMMA 1.** ([1], Lema 1). *If  $\{p_n\}$  is a non-negative, non-increasing sequence such that the series  $\sum_{v=n}^{\infty} P_{v-n}/v(v+1)$  converges, then  $\frac{P_n}{n} \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

**LEMMA 2.** ([1], Lemma 2). *Let  $\{p_n\}$  be a non-negative, non-increasing sequence such that, for  $n \geq 1$ ,*

$$(2.3.1) \quad \sum_{v=n}^{\infty} \frac{P_{v-n}}{v(v+1)} = O\left(\frac{P_n}{n}\right).$$

Then for  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$(2.3.2) \quad \sum_{v=n}^{\infty} \frac{P}{f(v+1)} = O\left(\frac{P_n}{n}\right).$$

**LEMMA 3.** ([1], Lemma 3). *Let  $\{p_n\}$  be a non-negative, non-increasing sequence such that  $\{P_n/n\}$  is a null sequence. If  $\Sigma a_k$  is summable  $(N, p_n)$  then*

$$(i) \quad W_n = \sum_{v=n}^{\infty} \frac{T_v - T_{v-1}}{v} = o\left(\frac{P_n}{n}\right),$$

$$(ii) \quad W_n' = \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} W_v = o(P_n).$$

**LEMMA 4.** ([3], Theorem 22). *If  $p(x) = \Sigma p_n x^n$  is convergent for  $|x| < 1$  and*

$$(2.3.3) \quad p_0 = 1, \quad p_n > 0, \quad \frac{p_{n+1}}{p_n} \geq \frac{p_n}{p_{n-1}} \quad (n > 0), \text{ then}$$

$$(2.3.4) \quad \{p(x)\}^{-1} = 1 + C_1x + C_2x^2 + \dots$$

where  $C_n \geq 0$ , for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |C_n| \leq 1$ . If  $\Sigma p_n = \infty$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |C_n| = 1$ .

LEMMA 5. ([9], Lemma 2). If  $\{p_n\}$  is a positive and non-increasing sequence such that  $p_0 = 1$ ,  $P_n \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $\{p_{n+1}/p_n\}$  in non-decreasing sequence, then for  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$(2.3.5) \quad d_n = \sum_{v=n+1}^{\infty} |C_v| = \sum_{v=0}^n C_v = O\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right).$$

REMARK. The identity

$$(2.3.6) \quad d_n = \sum_{v=n+1}^{\infty} |C_v| = \sum_{v=0}^n C_v$$

is obtained by virtue of the Lemma 4.

LEMMA. ([2], Lemma 9) Let  $\{p_n\}$  be a non-negative sequence such that  $P_n \rightarrow \infty$ , and the conditions (2.1.2) to (2.1.4) of Theorem A hold. Then  $(N, p_n)$  - summability of the series  $\Sigma a_n$  to the sum  $s$  implies its  $(C, 1)$  - summability to the same sum. In particular, if  $T_n = o(P_n)$ , then  $S_n^1 = o(n)$ .

LEMMA 7. Let  $\Phi(n, t) = \int_t^{\pi} \frac{\pi \sin nu}{2 \tan u/2} du$ . Then

$$(2.3.7) \quad \Phi(n, t) = O(1/nt)$$

and

$$(2.3.8) \quad \Delta^m \Phi(n, t) = O\left(\frac{t^{m-1}}{n}\right)$$

where  $\Delta^m \Phi(n, t)$  denotes the  $m$ -th difference of  $\Phi(n, t)$  with respect to  $n$  and  $m$  is a non-negative number.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PROOF. } \Phi(n, t) &= \int_t^{\pi} \frac{\sin nu}{2 \tan u/2} du = 2(\tan t/2)^{-1} \int_t^{\xi} \sin nu \, du, \quad t < \xi < \pi \\ &= (2 \tan t/2)^{-1} - \left[ -\frac{\cos nu}{n} \right]_t^{\xi} = O(1/nt). \end{aligned}$$

Again

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi(n, t) &= \Delta \left[ \int_t^\pi \frac{\sin nu}{2 \tan u/2} du \right] \\
&= \int_t^\pi \frac{\sin nu - \sin(n+1)u}{2 \tan u/2} du \\
&= - \int_t^\pi \frac{2 \cos(n+1/2)u \sin u/2}{2 \tan u/2} du, \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \int_t^\pi \cos(n+1)u + \cos nu du, \\
&= \frac{t}{2} \left[ \frac{\sin(n+1)t}{(n+1)t} + \frac{\sin nt}{nt} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta^m \Phi(n, t) &= \Delta^{m-1} \Phi(n, t) = t/2 \Delta^{m-1} \left[ \frac{\sin(n+1)t}{(n+1)t} + \frac{\sin nt}{nt} \right] \\
&= O\left(\frac{t^{m-1}}{n}\right),
\end{aligned}$$

by virtue of

$$\Delta^m \left( \frac{\sin nt}{nt} \right)^p = O(n^{-p} t^{m-p}), \text{ (see Obrechhoff [8] Lemma 1).}$$

This completes the proof.

LEMMA 8. Let  $G_v(t) = t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_{n-v}^{\alpha-1} \Phi(n, t)$ ,  $-1 \leq \alpha \leq 0$ . Then

$$(2.3.9) \quad G_v(t) = O(1/v),$$

and for positive integer  $k$ ,

$$(2.3.10) \quad \Delta^k G_v(t) = O\left(\frac{t^k}{v}\right).$$

PROOF. Let  $G(t) = t_{\alpha+1} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{v+\rho} + \sum_{n=v+\rho+1}^{\infty} \right) = U_1 + U_2$ , say, where  $\rho = [1/t]$ .

Now by (2.3.8) we have for  $-1 < \alpha < 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} U_2 &= t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=v+\rho+1}^{\infty} A_{n-v}^{\alpha-1} \Phi(n, t) \\ &= O\left(t^{\alpha}(v+\rho+1)^{-1} \sum_{n=v+\rho+1}^{\infty} (n-v)^{\alpha-1}\right) \\ &= O(t^{\alpha}v^{-1}\rho^{\alpha}) = O(v^{-1}), \end{aligned}$$

and applying Abel's transformation to  $U_1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} U_1 &= t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=0}^{\rho} A_n^{\alpha-1} \Phi(n+v, t), \\ &= t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=0}^{\rho-1} A_n^{\alpha} \Phi(n+v, t) + t^{\alpha+1} A_{\rho}^{\alpha} \Phi(\rho+v, t) \\ &= O\left(t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=2}^{\rho-1} A_n^{\alpha} (n+v)^{-\alpha}\right) + O(v^{-1}) \\ &\quad + O(t^{\alpha+1} \rho^{\alpha+1} v^{-1}) + O(v^{-1}) = O(v^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $G_v(t) = O(v^{-1})$ , for  $-1 < \alpha < 0$ . When  $\alpha = 0$   $G_v(t) = t \Phi(v, t) = O(v^{-1})$ . Similarly, we have the result when  $\alpha = -1$ .

Now

$$\begin{aligned} G_v(t) &= t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=v}^{\infty} A_{n-v}^{\alpha-1} \Phi(n, t) \\ &= t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n^{\alpha-1} \Phi(n+v, t), \end{aligned}$$

hence by using the method of proof of (2.3.9), we have

$$\Delta^k G_v(t) = t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n^{\alpha-1} \Delta^k(n+v, t) = O\left(\frac{t^k}{v}\right),$$

Hence, the Lemma.

LEMMA 9. Let  $K_v(t) = \sum_{n=v}^{\infty} G_n(t)$ , then

$$(2.3.11) \quad K_v(t) = O(v^{-1}t^{-1}).$$

PROOF. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_v(t) &= \sum_{n=v}^{\infty} G_n(t) = t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=v}^{\infty} \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} A_{k-n}^{\alpha-1} \Phi(k, t) \\
 &= t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=v}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k^{\alpha-1} \Phi(n+k, t) \\
 &= t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k^{\alpha-1} \sum_{n=v}^{\infty} \Phi(n+k, t),
 \end{aligned}$$

the change of order of summation can be easily justified. To prove the lemma we just show that

$$\gamma_{v+k}(t) = \sum_{n=v}^{\infty} \Phi(n+k, t) = O((v+k)^{-1}t^{-2})$$

We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=v}^{\infty} \Phi(n+k, t) &= \sum_{n=v}^{\infty} \int_t^{\pi} \frac{\sin(n+k)x}{\tan x/2} dx \\
 &= \sum_{n=v}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2 \tan t/2} \int_t^{\xi} \sin(n+k)x dx, \quad t < \xi < \pi, \\
 &= (2 \tan t/2)^{-1} \sum_{n=v}^{\infty} \left[ -\frac{\cos(n+k)x}{n+k} \right]_t^{\xi} = O\left(\frac{t^{-2}}{(v+k)}\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

since  $\sum_{n=v}^{\infty} \frac{\cos nt}{n} = O\left(\frac{1}{nt}\right)$ .

Now for  $-1 < \alpha < 0$ , we write

$$t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k^{\alpha-1} \gamma_{v+k}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\rho} + \sum_{\rho+1}^{\infty} = V_1 + V_2, \text{ say.}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_2 &= O\left(t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{k=\rho+1}^{\infty} k^{\alpha-1}(v+k)^{-1}t^{-2}\right) \\
 &= O((v+\rho+1)^{-1}t^{\alpha-1}\rho^{\alpha}) = O(v^{-1}t^{-1}), \text{ and} \\
 V_1 &= t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{k=0}^{\rho-1} A_k^{\alpha} \Delta_k(\gamma_{k+v}(t) + t^{\alpha-1}A_{\rho}^{\alpha}\gamma_{\rho+v}(t)) = O(v^{-1}t^{-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$



Hence, (2.3.11) follows for  $-1 < \alpha < 0$ . The result for  $\alpha = 0$  is quite obvious. This completes the proof.

LEMMA 10. *If  $S_n^1 = o(n)$ , then we have*

$$t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n^{\alpha} \Phi(n, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n G_n(t),$$

where

$$G_n(t) = t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{v=n}^{\infty} A_{v-n}^{\alpha-1} \Phi(v, t) \quad (-1 < \alpha \leq 0).$$

PROOF. We have

$$\begin{aligned} t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n^{\alpha} \Phi(n, t) &= t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Phi(n, t) \sum_{k=1}^n A_{n-k}^{\alpha-1} s_k, \\ &= t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s_k \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} A_{n-1}^{\alpha-1} \Phi(n, t), \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s_k G_k(t). \end{aligned}$$

Here we shall prove the change of order of summation is justified. For this purpose it is sufficient to prove that, for fixed  $t > 0$ ,

$$I_n = \sum_{k=1}^N s_k \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} A_{n-k}^{\alpha-1} \Phi(n, t) = o(1), \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty.$$

Using Abel's transformation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} S_k^1 \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} A_{n-k}^{\alpha-2} \Phi(n, t) + S_N^1 \sum_{N=n+1}^{\infty} A_{n-N}^{\alpha-1} \Phi(n, t) \\ &= \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} |s_k^1| N^{-1} (N - K)^{\alpha-1} \right) + o(NN^{-1}) = o(1), \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the lemma.

LEMMA 11. *Let  $G_n(t)$  and  $K_n(t)$  be the same as defined in lemmas 8 and 9 respectively. If  $s_n K_{n+1}(t) = o(1)$ ,  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then the convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n K_n(t)$  implies the convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n G_n(t)$  and*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n (K_n(t)) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n G_n(t).$$

The proof of this lemma follows from the identity

$$\sum_{v=1}^m s_v G_v(t) = \sum_{v=1}^m a_v K_v(t) = s_m K_{m+1}(t).$$

LEMMA 12. *If  $p_n$  is such that it satisfies all the conditions of the theorem (2.1.3), then the series*

$$(2.3.12) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n K_{n+v}(t) = H_v(t),$$

*is absolutely convergent and for  $m = 0, 1, 2,$*

$$(2.2.13) \quad \Delta^m H_v(t) = O\left(\frac{t^{-m-1}}{vP_\tau}\right).$$

*where  $\Delta^m H_v(t)$  denote the  $m$ th difference of  $H_v(t)$ , with respect to  $v$ .*

Absolute convergence of (2.3.12) follows from the hypotheses (2.1.2) since  $\sum c_n < \infty$ . To prove (2.3.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^m H_v(t) &= \Delta^m \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n K_{n+v}(t) \right) = \Delta^{m-1} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n K_{n+v}(t) \right) \\ &= \Delta^{m-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n G_{n+v}(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \Delta^{m-1} G_{n+v}(t) \\ &= \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\tau} + \sum_{n=\tau+1}^{\infty} \right) c_n \Delta^{m-1} G_{n+v}(t) = H_v^{(1)}(t) + H_v^{(2)}(t), \end{aligned}$$

say.

Now, by hypotheses and lemmas 8 and 11, we have, for  $m = 1, 2, \dots,$

$$\begin{aligned} H^{(2)}(t) &= \sum_{n=\tau+1}^{\infty} c_n \Delta^{m-1} G_{n+v}(t) = \left( \sum_{n=\tau+1}^{\infty} |c_n| \frac{t^{m-1}}{(n+v)} \right) \\ &= O\left(\frac{t^{m-1}}{v+\tau+1}\right) \sum_{n=\tau+1}^{\infty} |c_n| = O\left(\frac{t^{m-1}}{vP_\tau}\right). \end{aligned}$$

And by applying Abel's transformation and lemmas 5 and 8, we have,  $m = 1, 2, \dots,$

$$\begin{aligned} H_v^{(1)}(t) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\tau-1} d_n \Delta^m G_{n+v}(t) + d \Delta^{m-1} G_{\tau+v}(t) \\ &= O\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\tau-1} \frac{1}{P_n} \frac{t^m}{(n+v)}\right) + O\left(\frac{t^{m-1}}{vP_\tau}\right) = O\left(\frac{t^{m-1}}{vP_\tau}\right) \end{aligned}$$

By hypothesis, and for  $m = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} {}^m H_v(t) &= H_v = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n K_{n+v}(t) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\tau} c_n K_{n+v}(t) + \sum_{n=\tau+1}^{\infty} c_n K_{n+v}(t), \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\tau} d_n H_{n+v}(t) + d_{\tau} K_{\tau+v+1}(t) + O\left(\frac{1}{vt} \sum_{n=\tau+1}^{\infty} |c_n|\right) \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{v} \sum_{n=0}^{\tau} \frac{1}{P_n}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{vtP_{\tau}}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{vtP_{\tau}}\right) = O\left(\frac{1}{vtP_{\tau}}\right), \end{aligned}$$

by hypotheses and lemmas 5 and 9.

2.4. *Proof of theorem 1.* We may assume, without loss of generality that  $T_n = (P_n)$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By virtue of Lemmas 6 and 10, we have

$$t^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n^{\alpha} \Phi(n, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n G_n(t).$$

Again, by (1.2.2) and lemma 6, we have, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} S_n K_{n+1}(t) &= K_{n+1}(t) \sum_{v=1}^n (t) c_{n-v} T_v \\ &= O\left(\frac{P_n}{(n+1)t}\right) \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} |c_{n-v}| + O\left(\frac{P_n}{nt}\right) = o(1) \end{aligned}$$

for fixed  $t > 0$  and by hypothesis (2.1.2) and (2.1.3) and Lemma 1.

Therefore, by virtue of lemma 11, it is sufficient to prove that  $\Sigma a_n K_n(t)$  converges in  $0 < t < t_0$  and tends to zero as  $t \rightarrow +0$ .

Employing (1.2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n K_n(t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n(t) \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} c_{n-v} (T_v - T_{v-1}) \\ &= \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} (T_v - T_{v-1}) \sum_{n=v}^{\infty} c_{n-v} K_n(t), \end{aligned}$$

the interchange of order of summations being legitimate, since the double series is absolutely convergent.

Since by hypothesis and the fact that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n| < \infty$  for every fixed  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\sum_{v=1}^{\infty} |T_v - T_{v-1}| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n K_{n+v}(t)| = \left( \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{v} |T - T_{v-1}| \right).$$

Now, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{v=1}^n \frac{1}{v} |T_v - T_{v-1}| &= O(n^{-1}\sigma_n) + O\left(\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \frac{\sigma v}{v(v+1)}\right) \\ &= 0(1) \frac{P_n}{n} + 0(1) \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \frac{P_v}{v(v+1)} = 0(1), \end{aligned}$$

by hypotheses and lemmas 1 and 2.

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (2.4.2) \quad f(\alpha, t) &= \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} (T_v - T_{v-1}) \sum_{n=v}^{\infty} c_{n-v} K_n(t) = \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} (T_v - T_{v-1}) H_v(t) \\ &= \left( \sum_{v=1}^n \sum_{v=n+1}^{\infty} \right) (T_v - T_{v-1}) H_v(t) \\ &= \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2, \text{ say,} \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} (2.4.3) \quad |\Sigma_2| &= \left| \sum_{v=n+1}^{\infty} (T_v - T_{v-1}) H_v(t) \right| = \left( \sum_{v=n+1}^{\infty} |T_v - T_{v-1}| \frac{1}{vtP_\tau} \right) \\ &= O \left[ \frac{1}{tP_\tau} \left( \sum_{v=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma v}{v(v+1)} - \frac{\sigma_n}{n+1} \right) \right] \\ &= O \left[ \frac{\tau}{P_\tau} \frac{P_n}{n} \right] = O \left( \frac{P_\mu}{\mu} \right), \\ &= O(1) \frac{P_\mu}{\mu} \end{aligned}$$

by hypotheses and lemmas 2 and 12.

Next by lemma 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1 &= \sum_{v=1}^n (T_v - T_{v-1}) H_v(t) = \sum_{v=1}^n (W_v - W_{v+1}) v H_v(t) \\ &= \sum_{v=1}^n W_v [v H_v(t) - (v-1) H_{v-1}(t)] - n W_{n+1} H_n(t) \\ &= - \sum_{v=1}^n H_v v [H_{v-1}(t) - H_v(t)] + \sum_{v=1}^n W_v H_{v-1}(t) - n W_{n+1} H_n(t) \\ &= -\Sigma_{1,1} + \Sigma_{1,2} - n W_{n+1} H_n(t), \text{ where, by Lemma 3 (ii) and 12,} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_{1,1} &= \sum_{v=1}^n vW_v \Delta H_{v-1}(t) = \sum_{v=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{\mu=1}^n \mu W_\mu \right\} \Delta^2 H_{v-1}(t) \Delta H_n(t) \sum_{v=1}^n vW_v \\ &= o\left(\sum_{v=1}^n vP_v \frac{t}{vP_\tau}\right) + o\left(\frac{1}{nP_\tau} nP_n\right) = o\left(nt \frac{P_n}{P_\tau}\right) + o\left(\frac{P_n}{P_\tau}\right) \\ &= o(1)\mu P_\mu + o(1)p_\mu = o(1)\end{aligned}$$

since  $\sum_{v=1}^n vW_v = o\left(\sum_{v=1}^n v \frac{P_v}{v}\right) = o(n, P_n)$ , and by applying Abel's transformation twice, writing  $W'_m = \sum_{\mu=1}^m W_\mu$  and by virtue of Lemma 1, 3 (ii) and 11, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_{1,2} &= \sum_{v=1}^n \left( \sum_{m=1}^v W'_m \right) \Delta^2 H_{v-1}(t) + \Delta H_n(t) \sum_{v=1}^n W'_v + H_n(t) W'_n \\ &= o\left(\sum_{v=1}^n vP_v \frac{t}{vP_\tau}\right) + o\left(\frac{1}{nP_\tau} \sum_{v=1}^n P_v\right) + o\left(\frac{P_n}{nP_\tau}\right) \\ &= o(1)\mu P_\mu + o(1)P_\mu + o(1)\frac{P_\mu}{\mu} = o(1).\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$(2.4.4) \quad \Sigma_1 = o(1)$$

Therefore, from (2.4.2), (2.4.3) and (2.4.4), we have

$$f(\alpha, t) = o(1) + O(1)\frac{P_\mu}{\mu}, \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

Consequently,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \sup f(\alpha t) \leq O(1)\frac{P_\mu}{\mu}$ , being arbitrary large and  $O(1)$  independent of  $\mu$  we get finally

$$f(\alpha, t) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

This completes the proof of our theorem.

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