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## ON THE LACUNARY $(A, \varphi)$ -STATISTICAL CONVERGENCE OF DOUBLE SEQUENCES

## ПРО ЛАКУНАРНУ $(A, \varphi)$ -СТАТИСТИЧНУ ЗБІЖНІСТЬ ПОДВІЙНИХ ПОСЛІДОВНОСТЕЙ

We extend some results known from the literature for ordinary (single) sequences to multiple sequences of real numbers. Further, we introduce a concept of double lacunary strong  $(A, \varphi)$ -convergence with respect to a modulus function. In addition, we also study some relationships between double lacunary strong  $(A, \varphi)$ -convergence with respect to a modulus and double lacunary statistical convergence.

Деякі відомі результати для звичайних (одинарних) послідовностей поширено на багатократні послідовності дійсних чисел. Крім того, введено поняття подвійної лакунарної сильної  $(A, \varphi)$ -збіжності відносно функції модуля, а також вивчено деякі співвідношення між подвійною лакунарною сильною  $(A, \varphi)$ -збіжністю відносно модуля та подвійною лакунарною статистичною збіжністю.

**1. Introduction.** A notion of a modulus function was introduced by Nakano [10]. We recall that a modulus  $f$  is a function from  $[0, \infty)$  to  $[0, \infty)$  such that

- (i)  $f(x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \geq 0$ ,
- (iii)  $f$  is increasing,
- (iv)  $f$  is continuous from the right at zero.

A modulus may be bounded or unbounded. For example,  $f(x) = x^p$ , for  $0 < p \leq 1$  is unbounded, but  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+x}$  is bounded (see [13]).

The class of sequences which are strongly Cesàro summable with respect to a modulus was introduced by Maddox [6] as an extension of the definition of strongly Cesàro summable sequences. Connor [1] further extended this definition by replacing the Cesàro matrix with an arbitrary non-negative regular matrix summability  $A$  and established some elementary connections between strong  $A$ -summability with respect to a modulus and  $A$ -statistical convergence. Recently E. Savas [14] generalized the concept of strong almost convergence by using a modulus function and examined some properties of the corresponding new sequence spaces. Malkowsky and Savas [8] introduced and studied some sequence spaces which arise from the notation of generalized de la Vallée Poussin means and the concept of a modulus function. Furthermore, the four dimensional matrix transformation  $(Ax)_{m,n} = \sum_{k,l=1}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l}x_{k,l}$  was studied extensively by Robison [12] and Hamilton [5], respectively. In their work and throughout this paper, the four dimensional matrices and double sequences have real-valued entries unless specified otherwise.

In [11] the notion of convergence for double sequences was presented by A. Pringsheim.

Before continuing with this paper we present a few definitions and preliminaries.

A lacunary sequence  $\theta = (k_r)$ ,  $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , where  $k_0 = 0$ , is an increasing sequence of nonnegative integers such that  $h_r = k_r - k_{r-1} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . The intervals determined by  $\theta$  will be denoted by  $I_r = (k_{r-1}, k_r]$  and  $q_r = \frac{k_r}{k_{r-1}}$ .

The space of lacunary strongly convergent sequences  $N_\theta$  was defined by Freedman et al. [3] as follows:

$$N_\theta = \left\{ x = (x_k) : \lim_r \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{k \in I_r} |x_k - L| = 0 \text{ for some } L \right\}.$$

The double sequence  $\theta_{r,s} = \{(k_r, l_s)\}$  is called **double lacunary** if there exist two increasing sequences of integers such that

$$k_0 = 0, h_r = k_r - k_{r-1} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$l_0 = 0, \bar{h}_s = l_s - l_{s-1} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } s \rightarrow \infty.$$

Let us denote  $k_{r,s} = k_r l_s$ ,  $h_{r,s} = h_r \bar{h}_s$  and  $\theta_{r,s}$  is determine by  $I_{r,s} = \{(k, l) : k_{r-1} < k \leq k_r \text{ and } l_{s-1} < l \leq l_s\}$ ,  $q_r = \frac{k_r}{k_{r-1}}$ ,  $\bar{q}_s = \frac{l_s}{l_{s-1}}$ , and  $q_{r,s} = q_r \bar{q}_s$ .

For more recent developments on double sequences one can consult the papers (see [17–24]), where more references can be found.

By a  $\varphi$ -function we understand a continuous nondecreasing function  $\varphi(u)$  defined for  $u \geq 0$  and such that  $\varphi(0) = 0$ ,  $\varphi(u) > 0$  for  $u > 0$  and  $\varphi(u) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $u \rightarrow \infty$  (see [25]).

A  $\varphi$ -function  $\varphi$  is called non weaker than a  $\varphi$ -function  $\psi$  if there are constants  $c, b, k, l > 0$  such that  $c\psi(lu) \leq b\varphi(ku)$  (for all large  $u$ ) and we write  $\psi \prec \varphi$ . A  $\varphi$ -functions  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are called equivalent if there are positive constants  $b_1, b_2, c, k_1, k_2, l$  such that  $b_1\varphi(k_1u) \leq c\psi(lu) \leq b_2\varphi(k_2u)$  (for all large  $u$ ) and we write  $\varphi \sim \psi$ .

In the present paper, we introduce and study an idea of double lacunary strong  $(A, \varphi)$ -convergence with respect to a modulus function. We also investigate the relationship between double lacunary strong  $(A, \varphi)$ -convergence with respect to a modulus and double lacunary  $(A, \varphi)$ -statistical convergence.

**2. Main results.** Throughout this paper we shall examine our sequence spaces using the following type of transformation:

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $A = (a_{m,n,k,l})$  denote a four dimensional summability method that maps the real double sequences  $x$  into the double sequence  $Ax$  where the  $(mn)$ th term to  $Ax$  is as follows:

$$(Ax)_{m,n} = \sum_{k,l=1}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} x_{k,l}.$$

Such transformation is said to be nonnegative if all  $a_{m,n,k,l}$  is nonnegative.

By the convergence of a double sequence we mean the convergence in the Pringsheim sense that is, a double sequence  $x = (x_{k,l})$  has **Pringsheim limit**  $L$  (denoted by  $P - \lim x = L$ ) provided that given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|x_{k,l} - L| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $k, l > N$  [11]. We shall describe such an  $x$  more briefly as “**P-convergent**”.

Let  $\varphi$  and  $f$  be given  $\varphi$ -function and modulus function, respectively. Moreover, let  $A = (a_{m,n,k,l})$  be a nonnegative four dimensional matrix of real entries and double lacunary sequence  $\theta$  be given. Then we define the following:

$$N_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, f) = \left\{ x = (x_{k,l}) : P - \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}} f \left( \left| \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \right| \right) = 0 \text{ for some } L \right\}$$

and

$$N_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, f)_0 = \left\{ x = (x_{k,l}) : P - \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}} f \left( \left| \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l}|) \right| \right) = 0 \right\}.$$

If  $x \in N_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, f)_0$ , the sequence  $x$  is said to be double lacunary strong  $(A, \varphi)$ -convergent to zero with respect to a modulus  $f$ .

If  $f(x) = x$ , we write

$$N_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi) = \left\{ x = (x_{k,l}) : P - \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}} \left| \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \right| = 0 \text{ for some } L \right\}.$$

If we take  $A = I$  and  $\varphi(x) = x$  respectively, then we have

$$N_{\theta}^2(f) = \left\{ x = (x_{k,l}) : P - \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(k,l) \in I_{r,s}} f(|x_{k,l} - L|) = 0 \text{ for some } L \right\}.$$

If we take  $A = I$ ,  $\varphi(x) = x$  and  $f(x) = x$  respectively, then we obtain

$$N_{\theta}^2 = \left\{ x = (x_{k,l}) : P - \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(k,l) \in I_{r,s}} |x_{k,l} - L| = 0 \text{ for some } L \right\},$$

which was defined and studied in [18].

In the next theorem we establish inclusion relations between  $w^2(A, \varphi, f)_0$  and  $N_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, f)_0$ . We now have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f$  be any modulus function,  $\varphi$ -function  $\varphi$ , and let  $A = (a_{m,n,k,l})$  be a nonnegative four dimensional matrix of real entries and double lacunary sequence  $\theta$  be given. If*

$$w^2(A, \varphi, f)_0 = \left\{ x = (x_{k,l}) : P - \lim_{i,j} \frac{1}{i \cdot j} \sum_{m,n=1}^{ij} f \left( \left| \sum_{k,l=1}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l}|) \right| \right) = 0 \right\},$$

then the following relation is true:

if  $\liminf q_r > 1$  and  $\liminf \bar{q}_s > 1$ , then we have  $w^2(A, \varphi, f)_0 \subseteq N_\theta^2(A, \varphi, f)_0$ .

**Proof.** Let us suppose that  $x \in w^2(A, \varphi, f)_0$ . There exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $q_r > 1 + \delta$  for sufficiently large  $r$  and  $\liminf \bar{q}_s > 1 + \delta$  for sufficiently large  $s$  we get  $h_r/k_r \geq \delta/(1 + \delta)$  for sufficiently large  $r$  and  $\frac{\bar{h}_s}{l_s} \geq \frac{\delta}{1 + \delta}$  for sufficiently large  $s$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{k_{r,s}} \sum_{n,m=1}^{k_{r,s}} f \left( \left| \sum_{k,l=1}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{kl}|) \right| \right) \geq \\ & \geq \frac{1}{k_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}} f \left( \left| \sum_{k,l=1}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{kl}|) \right| \right) = \\ & = \frac{h_{r,s}}{k_{r,s}} \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}} f \left( \left| \sum_{k,l=1}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{kl}|) \right| \right) \geq \\ & \geq \left( \frac{\delta}{1 + \delta} \right)^2 \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}} f \left( \left| \sum_{k,l=1}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{kl}|) \right| \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $x \in N_\theta^2(A, \varphi, f)_0$ .

Theorem 2.1 is proved.

We now have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.**  $N_\theta^2(A, \varphi) \subset N_\theta^2(A, \varphi, f)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x \in N_\theta^2(A, \varphi)$ . For a given  $\varepsilon > 0$  we choose  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $f(x) < \varepsilon$  for every  $x \in [0, \delta]$ . We have

$$\frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}} f \left( \left| \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \right| \right) = S_{11} + S_{22},$$

where

$$S_{11} = \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}} f \left( \left| \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \right| \right)$$

and this sum is taken over

$$\sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \leq \delta,$$

and

$$S_{22} = \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}} f \left( \left| \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \right| \right)$$

and this sum is taken over

$$\sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) > \delta.$$

By definition of the modulus  $f$  we obtain

$$S_{11} = \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}} f(\delta) = f(\delta) < \varepsilon$$

and further

$$S_{22} = f(1) \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}} \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|).$$

Finally, we have  $x \in N_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, f)$ .

Theorem 2.2 is proved.

**3. Double A-statistical convergence.** The concept of statistical convergence was introduced by Fast [2] in 1951. A real number sequence  $x$  is said to be statistically convergent to the number  $L$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\lim_n \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n : |x_k - L| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0,$$

where by  $k \leq n$  we mean that  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$  and the vertical bars indicate the number of elements in the enclosed set. In this case we write  $st_1 - \lim x = L$  or  $x_k \rightarrow L(st_1)$ .

We first recall the definition of lacunary statistical convergence of a sequence of real numbers which is defined by Friday and Orhan [4] as follows. Let  $\theta$  be a lacunary sequence; the number sequence  $x$  is  $S_{\theta}$ -convergent to  $L$  provided that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\lim_r \frac{1}{h_r} |\{k \in I_r : |x_k - L| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0.$$

In this case we write  $S_{\theta} - \lim x = L$  or  $x_k \rightarrow L(S_{\theta})$ .

Let  $K \subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  be a two dimensional set of natural numbers and let  $K_{m,n}$  be the numbers of  $(i, j)$  in  $K$  such that  $i \leq n$  and  $j \leq m$ . Then the lower asymptotic density of  $K$  is defined as

$$P - \liminf_{m,n} \frac{K_{m,n}}{mn} = \delta_2(K).$$

In the case when the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{K_{m,n}}{mn} \right\}_{m,n=1}^{\infty}$  has a limit then we say that  $K$  has a natural density and is defined

$$P - \lim_{m,n} \frac{K_{m,n}}{mn} = \delta_2(K).$$

For example, let  $K = \{(i^2, j^2) : i, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Then

$$\delta_2(K) = P - \lim_{m,n} \frac{K_{m,n}}{mn} \leq P - \lim_{m,n} \frac{\sqrt{m}\sqrt{n}}{mn} = 0$$

(i.e., the set  $K$  has double natural density zero).

Recently, Mursaleen and Edely [9], defined the statistical analogue for double sequences  $x = (x_{k,l})$  as follows: a real double sequences  $x = (x_{k,l})$  is said to be  $P$ -statistically convergent to  $L$  provided that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$P - \lim_{k,l} \frac{1}{kl} \{\text{number of } (m, n) : k \leq m \text{ and } l \leq n, |x_{k,l} - L| \geq \varepsilon\} = 0.$$

In this case we write  $st_2 - \lim_{k,l} x_{k,l} = L$  and we denote the set of all statistical convergent double sequences by  $st_2$ .

Furthermore, Savas and Patterson [15] studied double lacunary sequence spaces as follows:

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\theta_{r,s}$  be a double lacunary sequence; the double sequence  $x$  is  $S_{\theta_{r,s}}$ -convergent to  $L$  provided that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$P - \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} |\{(k, l) \in I_{r,s} : |x_{k,l} - L| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0.$$

In this case we write  $S_{\theta}^2 - \lim_{k,l} x_{k,l} = L$  and we denote the set of all statistical convergent double sequences by  $S_{\theta}^2$ .

We now define the following: Let  $\theta$  be a double lacunary sequence, and let the nonnegative matrix  $A = (a_{m,n,k,l})$ , the sequence  $x = (x_{kl})$ , the  $\varphi$ -function  $\varphi(x)$  and a positive number  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. We write

$$K_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, \varepsilon) = \left\{ (n, m) \in I_{r,s} : \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \geq \varepsilon \right\}.$$

The sequence  $x$  is said to be double lacunary  $(A, \varphi)$ -statistically convergent to a number zero if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$P - \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \mu(K_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, \varepsilon)) = 0,$$

where  $\mu(K_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, \varepsilon))$  denotes the number of elements belonging to  $K_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, \varepsilon)$ . We denote by  $S_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi)$ , the set of sequences  $x = (x_{k,l})$  which are double lacunary  $(A, \varphi)$ -statistical convergent to zero. We write

$$S_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi) = \left\{ x = (x_{k,l}) : P - \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \mu(K_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, \varepsilon)) = 0 \right\}.$$

If we take  $A = I$  and  $\varphi(x) = x$  respectively, then  $S_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi)$  reduce to  $S_{\theta}^2$  (see [16]).

In the next theorem we prove the following inclusion.

**Theorem 3.1.** If  $\psi \prec \varphi$ , then  $S_{\theta}^2(A, \psi) \subset S_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi)$ .

**Proof.** By assumption we have  $\psi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \leq b\varphi(c|x_{k,l} - L|)$  and

$$\sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \psi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \leq b \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(c|x_{k,l} - L|) \leq M \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|)$$

for  $b, c > 0$ , where the constant  $M$  is connected with properties of  $\varphi$ . Thus, the condition

$$\sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \psi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \geq \varepsilon$$

implies the condition

$$\sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \geq \varepsilon$$

and in consequence we get

$$\mu(K_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, \varepsilon)) \subset \mu(K_{\theta}^2(A, \psi, \varepsilon))$$

and

$$\lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \mu(K_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, \varepsilon)) \leq \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \mu(K_{\theta}^2(A, \psi, \varepsilon)).$$

Theorem 3.1 is proved.

We establish a relation between the sets  $N_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, f)$  and  $S_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi)$  as follows:

**Theorem 3.2.** (i) *If the nonnegative double matrix  $A$ , the lacunary sequence  $\theta$  and functions  $f$  and  $\varphi$  are given, then*

$$N_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, f) \subset S_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi).$$

(ii) *If the  $\varphi$ -function  $\varphi(u)$  and the nonnegative double matrix  $A$  are given, and the modulus function  $f$  is bounded, then*

$$S_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi) \subset N_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, f).$$

(iii) *If the  $\varphi$ -function  $\varphi(u)$  and the nonnegative double matrix  $A$  are given, and the modulus function  $f$  is bounded, then*

$$S_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi) = N_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, f).$$

**Proof.** (i) Let  $f$  be a modulus function and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We can write the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}} f \left( \left| \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \right| \right) \geq \\ & \geq \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}^1} f \left( \left| \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \right| \right) \geq \\ & \geq \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} f(\varepsilon) \mu(K_{\theta}(A, \varphi, \varepsilon)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$I_{r,s}^1 = \left\{ (m, n) \in I_{r,s} : \left| \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \right| \geq \varepsilon \right\}.$$

Finally, if  $x \in N_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi, f)$ , then  $x \in S_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi)$ .

(ii) Let us suppose that  $x \in S_{\theta}^2(A, \varphi)$ . If the modulus function  $f$  is a bounded function, then there exists an integer  $M$  such that  $f(x) < M$  for all  $x \geq 0$ . Let us write

$$I_{r,s}^2 = \left\{ (m, n) \in I_{r,s} : \left| \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \right| < \varepsilon \right\}.$$

Thus we write

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}} f \left( \left| \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \right| \right) \leq \\ & \leq \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}^1} f \left( \left| \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \right| \right) + \\ & + \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(m,n) \in I_{r,s}^2} f \left( \left| \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,k,l} \varphi(|x_{k,l} - L|) \right| \right) \leq \\ & \leq \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} M\mu(K_\theta(A, \varphi, \varepsilon)) + f(\varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain that  $x \in N_\theta^2(A, \varphi)$ .

The proof of (iii) follows from (i) and (ii).

Theorem 3.2 is proved.

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