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# A Note on Generalized $|A|_k$ -Summability Factors for Infinite Series

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A general theorem concerning the  $|A|_k$ -summability factors of infinite series has been proved.

## 1. Introduction

A weighted mean matrix, denoted by  $(\overline{N}, p_n)$ , is a lower triangular matrix with entries  $p_k/P_n$ , where  $\{p_k\}$  is a nonnegative sequence with  $p_0 > 0$ , and  $P_n := \sum_{k=0}^n p_k$ .

Mishra and Srivastava [1] obtained sufficient conditions on a sequence  $\{p_k\}$  and a sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}$  for the series  $\sum a_n P_n \lambda_n / n p_n$  to be absolutely summable by the weighted mean matrix  $(\overline{N}, p_n)$ .

Recently Savaş and Rhoades [2] established the corresponding result for a nonnegative triangle, using the correct definition of absolute summability of order  $k \geq 1$ .

Let  $A$  be an infinite lower triangular matrix. We may associate with  $A$  two lower triangular matrices  $\overline{A}$  and  $\hat{A}$ , whose entries are defined by

$$\overline{a}_{nk} = \sum_{i=k}^n a_{ni}, \quad \hat{a}_{nk} = \overline{a}_{nk} - \overline{a}_{n-1,k}, \quad (1.1)$$

respectively. The motivation for these definitions will become clear as we proceed.

Let  $A$  be an infinite matrix. The series  $\sum a_k$  is said to be absolutely summable by  $A$ , of order  $k \geq 1$ , written as  $|A|_k$ , if

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} n^{k-1} |\Delta t_{n-1}|^k < \infty, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\Delta$  is the forward difference operator and  $t_n$  denotes the  $n$ th term of the matrix transform of the sequence  $\{s_n\}$ , where  $s_n := \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ .

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} t_n &= \sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} s_k = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} \sum_{v=1}^k a_v = \sum_{v=1}^n a_v \sum_{k=v}^n a_{nk} = \sum_{v=1}^n \bar{a}_{nv} a_v, \\ t_n - t_{n-1} &= \sum_{v=1}^n \bar{a}_{nv} a_v - \sum_{v=1}^{n-1} \bar{a}_{n-1,v} a_v = \sum_{v=1}^n \hat{a}_{nv} a_v, \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

since  $\bar{a}_{n-1,n} = 0$ .

A sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is said to be of bounded variation ( $bv$ ) if  $\sum_n |\Delta \lambda_n| < \infty$ . Let  $bv_0 = bv \cap c_0$ , where  $c_0$  denotes the set of all null sequences.

A positive sequence  $\{b_n\}$  is said to be an almost increasing sequence if there exist an increasing sequence  $\{c_n\}$  and positive constants  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $Ac_n \leq b_n \leq Bc_n$ , (see [3]). Obviously, every increasing sequence is almost increasing. However, the converse need not be true as can be seen by taking the example, say  $b_n = e^{(-1)^n} n$ .

A positive sequence  $\gamma := \{\gamma_n\}$  is said to be a quasi  $\beta$ -power increasing sequence if there exists a constant  $K = K(\beta, \gamma) \geq 1$  such that

$$Kn^\beta \gamma_n \geq m^\beta \gamma_m \quad (1.4)$$

holds for all  $n \geq m \geq 1$ . It should be noted that every almost increasing sequence is quasi  $\beta$ -power increasing sequence for any nonnegative  $\beta$ , but the converse need not be true as can be seen by taking an example, say  $\gamma_n = n^{-\beta}$  for  $\beta > 0$  (see [4]). If (1.4) stays with  $\beta = 0$  then  $\gamma$  is simply called a quasi-increasing sequence. It is clear that if  $\{\gamma_n\}$  is quasi  $\beta$ -power increasing then  $\{n^\beta \gamma_n\}$  is quasi-increasing.

A positive sequence  $\gamma = \{\gamma_n\}$  is said to be a quasi- $f$ -power increasing sequence, if there exists a constant  $K = K(\gamma, f) \geq 1$  such that  $Kf_n \gamma_n \geq f_m \gamma_m$  holds for all  $n \geq m \geq 1$ , where  $f := \{f_n\} = \{n^\beta (\log n)^\mu\}$ ,  $\mu > 0$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$  was considered instead of  $n^\beta$  (see [5, 6]).

Given any sequence  $\{x_n\}$ , the notation  $x_n \asymp O(1)$  means  $x_n = O(1)$  and  $1/x_n = O(1)$ .

Quite recently, Savaş and Rhoades [2] proved the following theorem for  $|A|_k$ -summability factors of infinite series.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $A$  be a triangle with nonnegative entries satisfying*

- (i)  $\bar{a}_{n0} = 1$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ ,
  - (ii)  $a_{n-1,v} \geq a_{nv}$  for  $n \geq v + 1$ ,
  - (iii)  $na_{nn} \asymp O(1)$ ,
  - (iv)  $\Delta(1/a_{nn}) = O(1)$ , and
  - (v)  $\sum_{v=0}^n a_{vv} |\hat{a}_{n,v+1}| = O(a_{nn})$ .
- If  $\{X_n\}$  is a positive nondecreasing sequence and the sequences  $\{\lambda_n\}$  and  $\{\beta_n\}$  satisfy*
- (vi)  $|\Delta \lambda_n| \leq \beta_n$ ,
  - (vii)  $\lim \beta_n = 0$ ,
  - (viii)  $|\lambda_n| X_n = O(1)$ ,

- (ix)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nX_n|\Delta\beta_n| < \infty$ , and  
 (x)  $T_n := \sum_{\nu=1}^n \frac{|s_{\nu}|^k}{\nu} = O(X_n)$ ,

then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n\lambda_n/na_{nm}$  is summable  $|A|_k, k \geq 1$ .

It should be noted that if  $\{X_n\}$  is an almost increasing sequence then (viii) implies that the sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is bounded. However, when  $\{X_n\}$  is a quasi  $\beta$ -power increasing sequence or a quasi  $f$ -increasing sequence, (viii) does not imply  $|\lambda_m| = O(1), m \rightarrow \infty$ . For example, since  $X_m = m^{-\beta}$  is a quasi  $\beta$ -power increasing sequence for  $0 < \beta < 1$ , if we take  $\lambda_m = m^{\delta}$ ,  $0 < \delta < \beta < 1$  then  $|\lambda_m|X_m = m^{\delta-\beta} = O(1), m \rightarrow \infty$  holds but  $|\lambda_m| = m^{\delta} \neq O(1)$  (see [7]).

The goal of this paper is to prove a theorem by using quasi  $f$ -increasing sequences. We show that the crucial condition of our proof,  $\{\lambda_n\} \in bv_0$ , can be deduced from another condition of the theorem.

## 2. The Main Results

We have the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $A$  be nonnegative triangular matrix satisfying conditions (i)–(v) and let  $\{\beta_n\}$  and  $\{\lambda_n\}$  be sequences satisfying conditions (vi) and (vii) of Theorem 1.1 and*

$$\sum_{n=1}^m \lambda_n = o(m), \quad m \rightarrow \infty. \quad (2.1)$$

If  $\{X_n\}$  is a quasi  $f$ -increasing sequence and condition (x) and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nX_n(\beta, \mu)|\Delta\beta_n| < \infty \quad (2.2)$$

are satisfied, then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n\lambda_n/na_{nm}$  is summable  $|A|_k, k \geq 1$ , where  $\{f_n\} := \{n^{\beta}(\log n)^{\mu}\}$ ,  $\mu \geq 0, 0 \leq \beta < 1$ , and  $X_n(\beta, \mu) := (n^{\beta}(\log n)^{\mu}X_n)$ .

Theorem 2.1 includes the following theorem with the special case  $\mu = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $A$  satisfying conditions (i)–(v) and let  $\{\beta_n\}$  and  $\{\lambda_n\}$  be sequences satisfying conditions (vi), (vii), and (2.1). If  $\{X_n\}$  is a quasi  $\beta$ -power increasing sequence for some  $0 \leq \beta < 1$  and conditions (x) and*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nX_n(\beta)|\Delta\beta_n| < \infty \quad (2.3)$$

are satisfied, where  $X_n(\beta) := (n^{\beta}X_n)$ , then the series  $\sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} a_n\lambda_n/na_{nm}$  is summable  $|A|_k, k \geq 1$ .

If we take that  $\{X_n\}$  is an almost increasing sequence instead of a quasi  $\beta$ -power increasing sequence then our Theorem 2.2 reduces to [8, Theorem 1].

*Remark 2.3.* The crucial condition,  $\{\lambda_n\} \in bv_0$ , and condition (viii) do not appear among the conditions of Theorems 2.1 and 2.2. By Lemma 3.3, under the conditions on  $\{X_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$ , and  $\{\lambda_n\}$  as taken in the statement of the Theorem 2.1, also in the statement of Theorem 2.2 with the special case  $\mu = 0$ , conditions  $\{\lambda_n\} \in bv_0$  and (viii) hold.

### 3. Lemmas

We shall need the following lemmas for the proof of our main Theorem 2.1.

**Lemma 3.1** (see [9]). *Let  $\{\varphi_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers and denote*

$$\Phi_n := \sum_{k=1}^n \varphi_k, \quad \Psi_n := \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} |\Delta\varphi_k|. \quad (3.1)$$

*If  $\Phi_n = o(n)$  then there exists a natural number  $\mathbb{N}$  such that*

$$|\varphi_n| \leq 2\Psi_n \quad (3.2)$$

*for all  $n \geq \mathbb{N}$ .*

**Lemma 3.2** (see [7]). *If  $\{X_n\}$  is a quasi  $f$ -increasing sequence, where  $\{f_n\} = \{n^\beta(\log n)^\mu\}$ ,  $\mu \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ , then conditions (2.1) of Theorem 2.1,*

$$\sum_{n=1}^m |\Delta\lambda_n| = o(m), \quad m \rightarrow \infty, \quad (3.3)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nX_n(\beta, \mu) |\Delta|\Delta\lambda_n|| < \infty, \quad (3.4)$$

*where  $X_n(\beta, \mu) = (n^\beta(\log n)^\mu X_n)$ , imply conditions (viii) and*

$$\lambda_n \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.5)$$

**Lemma 3.3** (see [7]). *If  $\{X_n\}$  is a quasi  $f$ -increasing sequence, where  $\{f_n\} = \{n^\beta(\log n)^\mu\}$ ,  $\mu \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ , then under conditions (vi), (vii), (2.1) and (2.2), conditions (viii) and (3.5) are satisfied.*

**Lemma 3.4** (see [7]). *Let  $\{X_n\}$  be a quasi  $f$ -increasing sequence, where  $\{f_n\} = \{n^\beta(\log n)^\mu\}$ ,  $\mu \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ . If conditions (vi), (vii), and (2.2) are satisfied, then*

$$n\beta_n X_n = O(1), \quad (3.6)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n X_n < \infty. \quad (3.7)$$

### 4. Proof of Theorem 2.1

Let  $T_n$  denote the  $n$ th term of the  $A$ -transform of the partial sums of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \lambda_n) / (na_{nn})$ . Then, we have

$$T_n = \sum_{v=1}^n a_{nv} \sum_{i=1}^v \frac{a_i \lambda_i}{a_{ii} i} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i \lambda_i}{a_{ii} i} \sum_{v=i}^n a_{nv} = \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{a}_{ni} \frac{a_i \lambda_i}{a_{ii} i}. \tag{4.1}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} T_n - T_{n-1} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{a}_{ni} \frac{a_i \lambda_i}{a_{ii} i} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \bar{a}_{n-1,i} \frac{a_i \lambda_i}{a_{ii} i} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{a}_{ni} - \bar{a}_{n-1,i}) \frac{a_i \lambda_i}{a_{ii} i} = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{a}_{ni} \frac{a_i \lambda_i}{a_{ii} i} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{a}_{ni} \frac{\lambda_i}{a_{ii} i} (s_i - s_{i-1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \hat{a}_{ni} \frac{\lambda_i}{a_{ii} i} s_i + a_{nn} \frac{\lambda_n}{a_{nn} n} s_n - \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{a}_{ni} \frac{\lambda_i s_{i-1}}{a_{ii} i} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \hat{a}_{ni} \frac{\lambda_i}{a_{ii} i} s_i + a_{nn} \frac{\lambda_n}{a_{nn} n} s_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \hat{a}_{n,i+1} \frac{\lambda_{i+1} s_i}{(i+1) a_{i+1,i+1}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left( \hat{a}_{ni} \frac{\lambda_i}{a_{ii} i} - \hat{a}_{n,i+1} \frac{\lambda_{i+1}}{(i+1) a_{i+1,i+1}} \right) s_i + a_{nn} \frac{\lambda_n}{na_{nn}}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

It is easy to see that

$$\frac{\hat{a}_{ni} \lambda_i}{ia_{ii}} - \frac{\hat{a}_{n,i+1} \lambda_{i+1}}{(i+1)a_{i+1,i+1}} = \Delta_i \left( \frac{\hat{a}_{ni}}{ia_{ii}} \right) \lambda_i + \frac{\hat{a}_{n,i+1}}{(i+1)a_{i+1,i+1}} \Delta(\lambda_i). \tag{4.3}$$

Also we may write

$$\Delta_i \left( \frac{\hat{a}_{ni}}{ia_{ii}} \right) \lambda_i = \frac{\Delta_i(\hat{a}_{ni}) \lambda_i}{ia_{ii}} + a_{n,i+1} \lambda_i \left( \frac{1}{ia_{ii}} - \frac{1}{(i+1)a_{i+1,i+1}} \right). \tag{4.4}$$

Therefore, for  $n > 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T_n - T_{n-1} &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\Delta_i(\hat{a}_{ni})}{ia_{ii}} \lambda_i s_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \hat{a}_{n,i+1} \lambda_i \left( \frac{1}{ia_{ii}} - \frac{1}{(i+1)a_{i+1,i+1}} \right) s_i \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\hat{a}_{n,i+1}}{(i+1)a_{i+1,i+1}} \Delta_i(\lambda_i) s_i + \frac{\lambda_n}{n} s_n \\ &= T_{n1} + T_{n2} + T_{n3} + T_{n4}, \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

To complete the proof of the theorem, it will be sufficient to show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{k-1} |T_{nr}|^k < \infty, \quad \text{for } r = 1, 2, 3, 4. \quad (4.6)$$

Using Hölder's inequality and condition (iii),

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} |T_{n1}|^k \leq \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left| \frac{\Delta_i(\widehat{a}_{ni})}{ia_{ii}} \lambda_i s_i \right| \right)^k \\ &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\Delta_i(\widehat{a}_{ni}) \lambda_i s_i| \right)^k \\ &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\Delta_i(\widehat{a}_{ni})| |\lambda_i|^k |s_i|^k \right) \times \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\Delta_i(\widehat{a}_{ni})| \right)^{k-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

Since  $(\lambda_n)$  is bounded by Lemma 3.3, using (ii), (iii), (vi), (x), and property (3.7) of Lemma 3.4,

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} (na_{nn})^{k-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\lambda_i|^k |s_i|^k |\Delta_i(\widehat{a}_{ni})| \\ &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} (na_{nn})^{k-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\lambda_i|^{k-1} |\lambda_i| |\Delta_i(\widehat{a}_{ni})| |s_i|^k \right) \\ &= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^m |\lambda_i| |s_i|^k \sum_{n=i+1}^{m+1} (na_{nn})^{k-1} |\Delta_i(\widehat{a}_{ni})| \\ &= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^m |\lambda_i| |s_i|^k a_{ii} = O(1) \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{|\lambda_i| |s_i|^k}{i} \\ &= O(1) \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m |\lambda_i| \sum_{r=1}^i \frac{|s_r|^k}{r} - \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} |\lambda_{i+1}| \sum_{r=1}^i \frac{|s_r|^k}{r} \right] \\ &= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \Delta(|\lambda_i|) \sum_{r=1}^i \frac{1}{r} |s_r|^k + O(1) |\lambda_m| \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{|s_i|^k}{i} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \Delta(|\lambda_i|) X_i + O(1) |\lambda_m| X_m \\ &= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i X_i + O(1) |\lambda_m| X_m = O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} |T_{n2}|^k = \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \widehat{a}_{n,i+1} \lambda_i \Delta \left( \frac{1}{ia_{ii}} \right) s_i \right|^k \\ &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| |\lambda_i| \left| \Delta \left( \frac{1}{ia_{ii}} \right) \right| |s_i| \right\}^k. \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

From [2],

$$\Delta \left( \frac{1}{ia_{ii}} \right) = \frac{1}{(i+1)} \left[ \Delta \left( \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \right) + \frac{1}{ia_{ii}} \right]. \quad (4.10)$$

Thus, using (iv) and (ii),

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \Delta \left( \frac{1}{ia_{ii}} \right) \right| &= \left| \frac{1}{i+1} \left[ \Delta \left( \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \right) + \frac{1}{ia_{ii}} \right] \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{i+1} [O(1) + O(1)]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.11)$$

Hence, using Hölder's inequality, (v), (iii), and the fact that the  $\lambda_n$ 's are bounded,

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| |\lambda_i| \frac{1}{i+1} |s_i| \right\}^k \\ &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| a_{ii} |\lambda_i| |s_i| \right\}^k \\ &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| a_{ii} |\lambda_i|^k |s_i|^k \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ii} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| \right)^{k-1} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} (na_{nn})^{k-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| a_{ii} |\lambda_i|^k |s_i|^k \\ &= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^m |\lambda_i|^k |s_i|^k a_{ii} \sum_{n=i+1}^{m+1} (na_{nn})^{k-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| \\ &= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^m |\lambda_i|^k |s_i|^k a_{ii} \sum_{n=i+1}^{m+1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| \\ &= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^m |\lambda_i|^k |s_i|^k a_{ii} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^m |\lambda_i| |\lambda_i|^{k-1} |s_i|^k \frac{1}{i} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m |\lambda_i| \frac{|s_i|^k}{i} = O(1),
\end{aligned} \tag{4.12}$$

as in the proof of  $I_1$ .

It follows from (3.6) that  $\beta_n = O(1/n)$  and hence that  $|\Delta\lambda_n| = O(1/n)$  by condition (vi).

Using (iii), Hölder's inequality, and (v),

$$\begin{aligned}
I_3 &= \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} |T_{n3}|^k = \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}(\Delta\lambda_i)s_i}{(i+1)a_{i+1,i+1}} \right|^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| |\Delta\lambda_i| |s_i| \right)^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{a_{ii}}{a_{ii}} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| |\Delta\lambda_i| |s_i| \right\}^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ii} \frac{|\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}|}{a_{ii}^k} |\Delta\lambda_i|^k |s_i|^k \right\} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ii} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| \right\}^{k-1} \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} (na_{nn})^{k-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ii} \frac{|\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}|}{a_{ii}^k} |\Delta\lambda_i|^k |s_i|^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| |\Delta\lambda_i|^k |s_i|^k \frac{1}{a_{ii}^k} a_{ii} \\
&= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{a_{ii}}{a_{ii}^k} |\Delta\lambda_i|^k |s_i|^k \sum_{n=i+1}^{m+1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| \\
&= O(1) \sum_{i=0}^m \left( \frac{|\Delta\lambda_i|}{a_{ii}} \right)^{k-1} |\Delta\lambda_i| |s_i|^k \\
&= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^m |\Delta\lambda_i| |s_i|^k = O(1) \sum_{i=0}^m |s_i|^k \beta_i.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.13}$$

Since  $|s_i|^k = i(T_i - T_{i-1})$  by (x), we have

$$I_3 = O(1) \sum_{i=1}^m i(T_i - T_{i-1})\beta_i. \tag{4.14}$$

Using Abel's transformation, (vi), (2.2), and properties (3.7) and (3.6) of Lemma 3.4,

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} T_i \Delta(i\beta_i) + O(1) m T_n \beta_n \\ &= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} i |\Delta\beta_i| X_i + O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} X_i \beta_i + O(1) m X_n \beta_n = O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (4.15)$$

Using the boundedness of  $\lambda_n$  and (x),

$$\begin{aligned} I_4 &= \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} |T_{n4}|^k = \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left| \frac{s_n \lambda_n}{n} \right|^k \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} |s_n|^k |\lambda_n|^k \frac{1}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} \frac{|s_n|^k}{n} |\lambda_n| |\lambda_n|^{k-1} = O(1), \end{aligned} \quad (4.16)$$

as in the proof of  $I_1$ .

A weighted mean matrix, written  $(\overline{N}, p_n)$ , is a lower triangular matrix with entries  $a_{nv} = p_v / P_n$ , where  $\{p_n\}$  is a nonnegative sequence with  $p_0 > 0$  and  $P_n := \sum_{i=0}^n p_i \rightarrow \infty$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Corollary 4.1.** *Let  $\{p_n\}$  be a positive sequence satisfying*

- (i)  $np_n \asymp O(P_n)$  and
- (ii)  $\Delta(P_n/p_n) = O(1)$ .

and let  $\{\beta_n\}$  and  $\{\lambda_n\}$  be sequences satisfying conditions (vi), (vii), and (2.1). If  $\{X_n\}$  is a quasi  $f$ -increasing sequence, where  $\{f_n\} := \{n^\beta (\log n)^\mu\}$ ,  $\mu \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ , and conditions (x) and (2.2) are satisfied, then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n P_n \lambda_n) / (np_n)$  is summable  $[\overline{N}, p_n]_k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ .

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