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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  $k \ge 1$ .

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

$$\overline{a}_{nk} = \sum_{i=k}^{n} a_{ni}, \qquad \widehat{a}_{nk} = \overline{a}_{nk} - \overline{a}_{n-1,k}, \tag{1.1}$$

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  $k \ge 1$ , written as  $|A|_k$ , if

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

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

Thus

$$t_{n} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{nk} s_{k} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{nk} \sum_{\nu=1}^{k} a_{\nu} = \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} a_{\nu} \sum_{k=\nu}^{n} a_{nk} = \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \overline{a}_{n\nu} a_{\nu},$$

$$t_{n} - t_{n-1} = \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \overline{a}_{n\nu} a_{\nu} - \sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \overline{a}_{n-1,\nu} a_{\nu} = \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \widehat{a}_{n\nu} a_{\nu},$$

$$(1.3)$$

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

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  $Ac_n \le b_n \le Bc_n$ , (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  $K = K(\beta, \gamma) \ge 1$  such that

$$Kn^{\beta}\gamma_n \ge m^{\beta}\gamma_m \tag{1.4}$$

holds for all  $n \ge m \ge 1$ . 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  $K = K(\gamma, f) \ge 1$  such that  $Kf_n\gamma_n \ge f_m\gamma_m$  holds for all  $n \ge m \ge 1$ , 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  $x_n \times O(1)$  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)  $\overline{a}_{n0} = 1$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$
- (ii)  $a_{n-1,\nu} \ge a_{n\nu}$  for  $n \ge \nu + 1$ ,
- (iii)  $na_{nn} \times O(1)$ ,
- (iv)  $\Delta(1/a_{nn}) = O(1)$ , and
- (v)  $\sum_{\nu=0}^{n} a_{\nu\nu} |\hat{a}_{n,\nu+1}| = O(a_{nn}).$

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  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \lambda_n / n a_{nn}$  is summable  $|A|_k, k \ge 1$ .

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  $|\lambda_m| = O(1)$ ,  $m \to \infty$ . 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  $|\lambda_m|X_m = m^{\delta-\beta} = O(1)$ ,  $m \to \infty$  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

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

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

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n X_n(\beta, \mu) \left| \Delta \beta_n \right| < \infty \tag{2.2}$$

are satisfied, then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \lambda_n / n a_{nn}$  is summable  $|A|_k$ ,  $k \ge 1$ , where  $\{f_n\} := \{n^{\beta} (\log n)^{\mu}\}$ ,  $\mu \ge 0$ ,  $0 \le \beta < 1$ , 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  $0 \le \beta < 1$  and conditions (x) and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n X_n(\beta) \left| \Delta \beta_n \right| < \infty \tag{2.3}$$

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

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

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

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

$$|\varphi_n| \le 2\Psi_n \tag{3.2}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\lambda_n \longrightarrow 0, \quad n \longrightarrow \infty.$$
 (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  $\{f_n\} = \{n^{\beta}(\log n)^{\mu}\}, \mu \ge 0$ ,  $0 \le \beta < 1$ . If conditions (vi), (vii), and (2.2) are satisfied, then

$$n\beta_n X_n = O(1), \tag{3.6}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n X_n < \infty. \tag{3.7}$$

## 4. Proof of Theorem 2.1

Let  $T_n$  denote the nth 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

$$T_n = \sum_{\nu=1}^n a_{n\nu} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \frac{a_i \lambda_i}{a_{ii} i} = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{a_i \lambda_i}{a_{ii} i} \sum_{\nu=i}^n a_{n\nu} = \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{a}_{ni} \frac{a_i \lambda_i}{a_{ii} i}.$$
 (4.1)

Thus,

$$T_{n} - T_{n-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \overline{a}_{ni} \frac{a_{i}\lambda_{i}}{a_{ii}i} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \overline{a}_{n-1,i} \frac{a_{i}\lambda_{i}}{a_{ii}i}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\overline{a}_{ni} - \overline{a}_{n-1,i}) \frac{a_{i}\lambda_{i}}{a_{ii}i} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \widehat{a}_{ni} \frac{a_{i}\lambda_{i}}{a_{ii}i}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \widehat{a}_{ni} \frac{\lambda_{i}}{a_{ii}i} (s_{i} - s_{i-1})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \widehat{a}_{ni} \frac{\lambda_{i}}{a_{ii}i} s_{i} + a_{nn} \frac{\lambda_{n}}{a_{nn}n} s_{n} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \widehat{a}_{ni} \frac{\lambda_{i}s_{i-1}}{a_{ii}i}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \widehat{a}_{ni} \frac{\lambda_{i}}{a_{ii}i} s_{i} + a_{nn} \frac{\lambda_{n}}{a_{nn}n} s_{n} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \widehat{a}_{n,i+1} \frac{\lambda_{i+1}s_{i}}{(i+1)a_{i+1,i+1}}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left( \widehat{a}_{ni} \frac{\lambda_{i}}{a_{ii}} - \widehat{a}_{n,i+1} \frac{\lambda_{i+1}}{(i+1)a_{i+1,i+1}} \right) s_{i} + a_{nn} \frac{\lambda_{n}}{na_{nn}}.$$

$$(4.2)$$

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

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

Therefore, for n > 1,

$$T_{n} - T_{n-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\Delta_{i}(\widehat{a}_{ni})}{ia_{ii}} \lambda_{i} s_{i} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \widehat{a}_{n,i+1} \lambda_{i} \left( \frac{1}{ia_{ii}} - \frac{1}{(i+1)a_{i+1,i+1}} \right) s_{i}$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}}{(i+1)a_{i+1,i+1}} \Delta_{i}(\lambda_{i}) s_{i} + \frac{\lambda_{n}}{n} s_{n}$$

$$= T_{n1} + T_{n2} + T_{n3} + T_{n4}, \quad \text{say}.$$

$$(4.5)$$

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

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

Using Hölder's inequality and condition (iii),

$$I_{1} = \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} |T_{n1}|^{k} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left| \frac{\Delta_{i}(\widehat{a}_{ni})}{i a_{ii}} \lambda_{i} s_{i} \right| \right)^{k}$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\Delta_{i}(\widehat{a}_{ni}) \lambda_{i} s_{i}| \right)^{k}$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\Delta_{i}(\widehat{a}_{ni})| |\lambda_{i}|^{k} |s_{i}|^{k} \right) \times \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\Delta_{i}(\widehat{a}_{ni})| \right)^{k-1}.$$

$$(4.7)$$

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

$$I_{1} = O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} (na_{nn})^{k-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\lambda_{i}|^{k} |s_{i}|^{k} |\Delta_{i}(\widehat{a}_{ni})|$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} (na_{nn})^{k-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\lambda_{i}|^{k-1} |\lambda_{i}| |\Delta_{i}(\widehat{a}_{ni})| |s_{i}|^{k} \right)$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m} |\lambda_{i}| |s_{i}|^{k} \sum_{n=i+1}^{m+1} (na_{nn})^{k-1} |\Delta_{i}(\widehat{a}_{ni})|$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m} |\lambda_{i}| |s_{i}|^{k} a_{ii} = O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{|\lambda_{i}||s_{i}|^{k}}{i}$$

$$= O(1) \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} |\lambda_{i}| \sum_{r=1}^{i} \frac{|s_{r}|^{k}}{r} - \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} |\lambda_{i+1}| \sum_{r=1}^{i} \frac{|s_{r}|^{k}}{r} \right]$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \Delta(|\lambda_{i}|) \sum_{r=1}^{i} \frac{1}{r} |s_{r}|^{k} + O(1) |\lambda_{m}| \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{|s_{i}|^{k}}{i}$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \Delta(|\lambda_{i}|) X_{i} + O(1) |\lambda_{m}| X_{m}$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m} \beta_{i} X_{i} + O(1) |\lambda_{m}| X_{m} = O(1).$$

Now

$$I_{2} = \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} |T_{n2}|^{k} = \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \widehat{a}_{n,i+1} \lambda_{i} \Delta \left( \frac{1}{i a_{ii}} \right) s_{i} \right|^{k}$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| |\lambda_{i}| \left| \Delta \left( \frac{1}{i a_{ii}} \right) \right| |s_{i}| \right\}^{k}.$$

$$(4.9)$$

From [2],

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

Thus, using (iv) and (ii),

$$\left| \Delta \left( \frac{1}{i a_{ii}} \right) \right| = \left| \frac{1}{i+1} \left[ \Delta \left( \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \right) + \frac{1}{i a_{ii}} \right] \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{i+1} [O(1) + O(1)]. \tag{4.11}$$

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

$$\begin{split} I_{2} &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| |\lambda_{i}| \frac{1}{i+1} |s_{i}| \right\}^{k} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| |a_{ii}| |\lambda_{i}| |s_{i}| \right\}^{k} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| |a_{ii}| |\lambda_{i}|^{k} |s_{i}|^{k} \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ii} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| \right)^{k-1} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} (na_{nn})^{k-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| |a_{ii}| |\lambda_{i}|^{k} |s_{i}|^{k} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m} |\lambda_{i}|^{k} |s_{i}|^{k} a_{ii} \sum_{n=i+1}^{m+1} (na_{nn})^{k-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| \\ &= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m} |\lambda_{i}|^{k} |s_{i}|^{k} a_{ii} \sum_{n=i+1}^{m+1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| \\ &= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m} |\lambda_{i}|^{k} |s_{i}|^{k} a_{ii} \end{split}$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m} |\lambda_i| |\lambda_i|^{k-1} |s_i|^k \frac{1}{i}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} |\lambda_i| \frac{|s_i|^k}{i} = O(1),$$
(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),

$$I_{3} = \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} |T_{n3}|^{k} = \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}(\Delta \lambda_{i}) s_{i}}{(i+1) a_{i+1,i+1}} \right|^{k}$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| |\Delta \lambda_{i}| |s_{i}| \right)^{k}$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{a_{ii}}{a_{ii}} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| |\Delta \lambda_{i}| |s_{i}| \right\}^{k}$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ii} \frac{|\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}|}{a_{ii}^{k}} |\Delta \lambda_{i}|^{k} |s_{i}|^{k} \right\} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ii} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| \right\}^{k-1}$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} (na_{nn})^{k-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ii} \frac{|\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}|}{a_{ii}^{k}} |\Delta \lambda_{i}|^{k} |s_{i}|^{k}$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}| |\Delta \lambda_{i}|^{k} |s_{i}|^{k} \frac{1}{a_{ii}^{k}}$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{a_{ii}}{a_{ii}^{k}} |\Delta \lambda_{i}|^{k} |s_{i}|^{k} \sum_{n=i+1}^{m+1} |\widehat{a}_{n,i+1}|$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{i=0}^{m} \left( \frac{|\Delta \lambda_{i}|}{a_{ii}} \right)^{k-1} |\Delta \lambda_{i}| |s_{i}|^{k}$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m} |\Delta \lambda_{i}| |s_{i}|^{k} = O(1) \sum_{i=0}^{m} |s_{i}|^{k} \beta_{i}.$$

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

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

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

$$I_{3} = O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} T_{i} \Delta (i\beta_{i}) + O(1) m T_{n} \beta_{n}$$

$$= O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} i |\Delta \beta_{i}| X_{i} + O(1) \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} X_{i} \beta_{i} + O(1) m X_{n} \beta_{n} = O(1).$$

$$(4.15)$$

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

$$I_{4} = \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} |T_{n4}|^{k} = \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} n^{k-1} \left| \frac{s_{n} \lambda_{n}}{n} \right|^{k}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} |s_{n}|^{k} |\lambda_{n}|^{k} \frac{1}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{m+1} \frac{|s_{n}|^{k}}{n} |\lambda_{n}| |\lambda_{n}|^{k-1} = O(1),$$
(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  $P_n := \sum_{i=0}^n p_i \to \infty$ , as  $n \to \infty$ .

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

- (i)  $np_n \times O(P_n)$  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  $\{f_n\} := \{n^{\beta}(\log n)^{\mu}\}, \mu \geq 0, 0 \leq \beta < 1, \text{ and conditions (x) and (2.2)}$  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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