



## Studies On $\sigma$ -Statistical Convergence And Lacunary $\sigma$ -Statistical Convergence

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**Abstract:** In this paper we study one more extension of the concept of statistical convergence namely almost  $\lambda$ -statistical convergence. In section 1.2 we discuss some inclusion relations between almost  $\lambda$ -statistical convergence, strong almost  $(V, \lambda)$ -summability and strong almost convergence. Further in section 1.3 we study the necessary and sufficient condition for an almost statistically convergent sequence to be almost  $\lambda$ -statistically convergent.

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### 1.1 Introduction

Let  $s$  be the set of all real or complex sequences and let  $l_\infty$ ,  $c$  and  $c_0$  denote the Banach spaces of bounded, convergent and null sequences  $x = \{\xi_k\}$  respectively normed by  $\|x\| = \sup_k |\xi_k|$ . Suppose  $D$  is the shift operator on  $s$ , i.e.  $D(\{\xi_k\}) = \{\xi_{k+1}\}$ .

**Definition 1.1.1.** A Banach limit [1] is a linear functional  $L$  defined on  $l_\infty$ , such that

(i)  $L(x) \geq 0$  if  $\xi_k \geq 0$  for all  $k$ ,

(ii)  $L(Dx) = L(x)$  for all  $x \in l_\infty$ ,  
 (iii)  $L(e) = 1$  where  $e = \{1, 1, 1, \dots\}$ .

**Definition 1.1.2.** A sequence  $x \in l_\infty$  is said to be almost convergent [19] if all Banach limits of  $x$  coincide.

Let  $\hat{C}$  and  $\hat{C}_0$  denote the sets of all sequences which are almost convergent and almost convergent to zero. It was proved by Lorentz [19] that

$$\hat{C} = \{x = \{\xi_k\} : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \xi_{k+m} \text{ exists uniformly in } m\}.$$

Several authors including Duran [7], King [15] and Lorentz [19] have studied almost convergent sequences.

**Definition 1.1.3.** A sequence  $x = \{\xi_k\}$  is said to be

(C,1)-summable if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \xi_k$  exists.

**Definition 1.1.4.** A sequence  $x = \{\xi_k\}$  is said to be strongly (Cesàro) summable to the number  $\xi$  if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |\xi_k - \xi| = 0.$$

Spaces of strongly Cesàro summable sequences were discussed by Kuttner [17] and some others and this concept was generalized by Maddox [20].

**Remark 1.1.1.** Just as summability gives rise to strong summability, it was quite natural to expect that almost convergence must give rise to a new type of

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| = 0 \text{ uniformly in } m.$$

If  $[\hat{C}]$  denotes the set of all strongly almost convergent sequences, then

$$[\hat{C}] = \{x = \{\xi_k\}: \text{for some } \xi, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| = 0 \text{ uniformly in } m\}.$$

Let  $\lambda = \{\lambda_n\}$  be a non-decreasing sequence of positive numbers tending to  $\infty$  such that  $\lambda_{n+1} \leq \lambda_n + 1, \lambda_1 = 1$ .

**Definition 1.1.7.** Let  $x = \{\xi_k\}$  be a sequence. The generalized de la Valée-Pousin mean is defined by

$$t_n(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \xi_k$$

where  $I_n = [n - \lambda_n + 1, n]$ .

**Definition 1.1.8.** A sequence  $x = \{\xi_k\}$  is said to be  $(V, \lambda)$ -summable to a number  $\xi$  [18] if  $t_n(x) \rightarrow \xi$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Remark 1.1.9.** Let  $\lambda_n = n$ . Then  $I_n = [1, n]$  and

$$t_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \xi_k.$$

Hence  $(V, \lambda)$ -summability reduces to  $(C, 1)$ -summability when  $\lambda_n = n$ .

**Definition 1.1.10.** A sequence  $x = \{\xi_k\}$  is said to be strongly almost  $(V, \lambda)$ -summable to a number  $\xi$  if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| = 0 \text{ uniformly in } m.$$

In this case we write  $\xi_k \rightarrow \xi[\hat{V}, \lambda]$  and  $[\hat{V}, \lambda]$  denotes the set of all strongly almost  $(V, \lambda)$ -summable sequences,

convergence, namely strong almost convergence and this concept was introduced and discussed by Maddox [20].

**Definition 1.1.1.** A sequence  $x = \{\xi_k\}$  is said to be strongly almost convergent to the number  $\xi$  if

$$\text{i.e. } [\hat{V}, \lambda] = \{x = \{\xi_k\}: \text{for some } \xi, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| = 0 \text{ uniformly in } m\}.$$

**Definition 1.1.11.** A sequence  $x = \{\xi_k\}$  is said to be almost statistically convergent to the number  $\xi$  if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0 \text{ uniformly in } m.$$

In this case we write  $\hat{S}\text{-lim } \xi_k = \xi$  or  $\xi_k \rightarrow \xi(\hat{S})$  and  $\hat{S}$  denotes the set of all almost statistically convergent sequences.

**Definition 1.1.12.** A sequence  $x = \{\xi_k\}$  is said to be almost  $\lambda$ -statistically convergent to the number  $\xi$  if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} |\{k \in I_n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0 \text{ uniformly in } m.$$

In this case we write  $\hat{S}_\lambda\text{-lim } \xi_k = \xi$  or  $\xi_k \rightarrow \xi(\hat{S}_\lambda)$  and  $\hat{S}_\lambda$  denotes the set of all almost  $\lambda$ -statistically convergent sequences.

**Remark 1.1.13.** If  $\lambda_n = n$ , then  $\hat{S}_\lambda$  is same as  $\hat{S}$ .

## 1.2 SOME INCLUSION RELATION BETWEEN ALMOST $\lambda$ -STATISTICAL CONVERGENCE, STRONG ALMOST $(V, \lambda)$ -SUMMABILITY AND STRONG ALMOST CONVERGENCE

In this section we study some inclusion relations between almost  $\lambda$ -statistical convergence, strong almost  $(V, \lambda)$ -summability and strong almost convergence. First we show that every strongly almost summable sequence is almost statistically convergent.

**Theorem 1.4.1.** If a sequence  $x = \{\xi_k\}$  is almost strongly summable to  $\xi$ , then it is almost statistically convergent to  $\xi$ .

$$\geq \varepsilon |\{k \leq n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\}|$$

Consequently,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\}|$$

Hence by (1) and the fact that  $\varepsilon$  is fixed number, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0 \text{ uniformly in } m.$$

$\Rightarrow$   $x$  is almost statistically convergent.

**Theorem 1.2.2.** Let  $\lambda = \{\lambda_n\}$  be same as defined earlier. Then

(i)  $\xi_k \rightarrow \xi[\hat{V}, \lambda] \Rightarrow \xi_k \rightarrow \xi(\hat{S}_\lambda)$

and the inclusion  $[\hat{V}, \lambda] \subseteq \hat{S}_\lambda$  is proper,

(ii) if  $x \in l_\infty$  and  $\xi_k \rightarrow \xi(\hat{S}_\lambda)$ , then  $\xi_k \rightarrow \xi[\hat{V}, \lambda]$  and hence  $\xi_k \rightarrow \xi[\hat{C}]$  provided  $x = \{\xi_k\}$  is not eventually constant.

(iii)  $\hat{S}_\lambda \cap l_\infty = [\hat{V}, \lambda] \cap l_\infty$ ,

where  $l_\infty$  denotes the set of bounded sequences.

**Proof. (i).** Since  $\xi_k \rightarrow \xi[\hat{V}, \lambda]$ , for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| = 0 \text{ uniformly in } m. \dots(2)$$

Let us take some  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| &\geq \sum_{\substack{k \in I_n \\ |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon}} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \\ &\geq \varepsilon |\{k \in I_n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\}| \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} |\{k \in I_n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\}|$$

Hence by using (2) and the fact that  $\varepsilon$  is fixed number, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} |\{k \in I_n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0 \text{ uniformly in } m,$$

**Proof.** Suppose that  $x = \{\xi_k\}$  is almost strongly summable to  $\xi$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| = 0 \text{ uniformly in } m. \dots(1)$$

Let us take some  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We have

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \sum_{|\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi|$$

i.e.  $\xi_k \rightarrow \xi(\hat{S}_\lambda)$ .

It is easy to see that  $[\hat{V}, \lambda] \square \hat{S}_\lambda$ .

(ii). Suppose that  $\xi_k \rightarrow \xi(\hat{S}_\lambda)$  and  $x \in I_\infty$ . Then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} |\{k \in I_n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in m.} \quad \dots(3)$$

Since  $x \in I_\infty$ , there exists a positive real number M such that  $|\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \leq M$  for all k and m. For given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| = \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{\substack{k \in I_n \\ |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon}} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| + \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{\substack{k \in I_n \\ |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| < \varepsilon}} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{\substack{k \in I_n \\ |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon}} M + \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \varepsilon \\ & = \frac{M}{\lambda_n} |\{k \in I_n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\}| + \varepsilon \frac{1}{\lambda_n} [n - (n - \lambda_n + 1) + 1] \\ & = \frac{M}{\lambda_n} |\{k \in I_n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\}| + \varepsilon \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \lambda_n \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad = \frac{M}{\lambda_n} |\{k \in I_n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\}| + \varepsilon \\ \Rightarrow & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \leq M \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} |\{k \in I_n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\}| + \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Hence by using (3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in m.} \quad \dots(4) \\ \Rightarrow & \xi_k \rightarrow \xi[\hat{V}, \lambda]. \end{aligned}$$

Further, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-\lambda_n} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=n-\lambda_n+1}^n |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \\ & = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-\lambda_n} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-\lambda_n} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| + \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \leq \frac{2}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \leq 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\xi_{k+m} - \xi|$$

Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| = 0 \text{ uniformly in } m. \text{ [Using (4)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi_k \rightarrow \xi[\hat{c}].$$

(iii). Let  $x \in l_\infty$  be such that  $\xi_k \rightarrow \xi(\hat{S}_\lambda)$ .

Then by (ii),

$$\xi_k \rightarrow \xi[\hat{V}, \lambda].$$

Thus

$$\hat{S}_\lambda \cap l_\infty \subset [\hat{V}, \lambda] \cap l_\infty. \quad \dots(5)$$

Also by (i), we have

$$\xi_k \rightarrow \xi[\hat{V}, \lambda] \Rightarrow \xi_k \rightarrow \xi(\hat{S}_\lambda).$$

So

$$[\hat{V}, \lambda] \subset \hat{S}_\lambda.$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$[\hat{V}, \lambda] \cap l_\infty \subset \hat{S}_\lambda \cap l_\infty. \quad \dots(6)$$

Hence by (5) and (6)

$$\hat{S}_\lambda \cap l_\infty = [\hat{V}, \lambda] \cap l_\infty.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem

**1.3 NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT CONDITION FOR AN ALMOST STATISTICALLY CONVERGENT SEQUENCE TO BE ALMOST  $\lambda$ -STATISTICALLY CONVERGENT**

Since  $\frac{\lambda_n}{n}$  is bounded by 1, we have  $\hat{S}_\lambda \subseteq$

$\hat{S}$  for all  $\lambda$ . In this section we discuss the following relation.

**Theorem 1.4.1.**  $\hat{S} \subseteq \hat{S}_\lambda$  if and only if

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{n} > 0, \quad \dots(7)$$

i.e. every almost statistically convergent sequence is almost  $\lambda$ -statistically convergent if and only if (7) holds.

**Proof.** Let us take an almost statistically convergent sequence  $x = \{\xi_k\}$  and assume that (7) holds. Then for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \epsilon\}| = 0 \text{ uniformly in } m. \quad \dots(8)$$

For given  $\epsilon > 0$  we get,

$$\{k \leq n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \epsilon\} \supset \{k \in I_n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \epsilon\}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \epsilon\}| &\geq \frac{1}{n} |\{k \in I_n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \epsilon\}| \\ &\geq \frac{\lambda_n}{n} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} |\{k \in I_n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \epsilon\}| \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (7), we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} |\{k \in I_n: |\xi_{k+m} - \xi| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } m,$$

i.e.  $\xi_k \rightarrow \xi(\hat{S}_\lambda)$ .

Hence  $\hat{S} \subseteq \hat{S}_\lambda$  for all  $\lambda$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\hat{S} \subseteq \hat{S}_\lambda$  for all  $\lambda$ .

We have to prove that (7) holds.

Let us assume that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{n} = 0.$$

As in [9], we can choose a subsequence  $\{n(j)\}$  such that

$$\frac{\lambda_{n(j)}}{n(j)} < \frac{1}{j}.$$

Define a sequence  $x = \{\xi_i\}$  by

$$\xi_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \in I_{n(j)}, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $x \in [\hat{c}]$  and hence by Theorem 1.4.1,  $x \in \hat{S}$ . But on the other hand  $x \notin [\hat{V}, \lambda]$  and Theorem 1.4.1 (ii) implies that  $x \notin \hat{S}_\lambda$ . Hence (7) is necessary.

This completes the proof of the theorem

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