

A NOTE ON RIESZ MEAN

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In the present paper, three theorems are proved which generalize the results of Das (1969) and Varshney and Prasad (1969).

§1. Let  $\Sigma^* a_n$  be a given series with sequence of  $\{s_n\}$  for its  $n$ th partial sum. We suppose that sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}$  to be a sequence of non-decreasing, nonnegative numbers tending to infinity with  $n$ . Further let  $R_n$  denote the  $(R, \lambda_n, 1)$  mean of the sequence  $\{s_n\}$  defined

$$R_n = \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{\nu=0}^n (\lambda_\nu - \lambda_{\nu-1}) s_\nu, (\lambda_{-1} = 0). \quad \dots(1.1)$$

If  $R_n \rightarrow s$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the sequence  $\{s_n\}$  is said to be summable  $(R, \lambda_n, 1)$  and if in addition  $\{R_n\}$  is of bounded variation, then it is said to be absolutely summable or summable  $| R, \lambda_n, 1 |$ .

Let  $\{p_n\}$  be a sequence of constants such that  $P_n = \sum_{k=0}^n p_k \neq 0$  ( $n \geq 0$ ) and  $P_{-1} = p_{-1} = 0$ . Then the  $(N, p)$  mean of  $\{s_n\}$  is defined by

$$t_n = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{\nu=0}^n p_{n-\nu} s_\nu. \quad \dots(1.2)$$

when  $\Sigma a_n$  is absolutely  $(N, p)$  summable, we write, for brevity  $\Sigma a_n \in | N, p |$ . Let  $T_n$  be the  $(N, p)$  mean of the sequence  $\{na_n\}$ .

We define the sequence of constants  $\{c_n\}$  formally by

$$(\Sigma p_n x^n)^{-1} = \Sigma c_n x^n, (c_{-1} = 0). \quad \dots(1.3)$$

We write for the sequence  $\{f_n\}$

$$f_n^{(1)} = f_0 + f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n$$

$$f_n^{(2)} = f_0^{(1)} + f_1^{(1)} + \dots + f_n^{(1)}.$$

\*Summation without limit is from 0 to  $\infty$ .

§2. The main object of this paper is to give three general theorems which generalize the following results.

*Theorem A* (Das 1969, Theorem 9) — Let  $\sum a_n \in \left| N, \frac{1}{n+1} \right|$  and  $\{n^{1-\alpha}a_n\} \in |R, e^{n^\alpha}, 1|$  ( $0 < \alpha < 1$ )

then

$\sum a_n \in |c, 0|$ , or absolutely convergent.

*Theorem B* [Varshney and Prasad 1969] — If the series  $\sum a_n$  is summable  $|N, k|$  ( $k \geq 1$ ) and the sequence  $\{n^\delta a_n\}$  is of bounded variation for some  $\delta$  ( $0 < \delta < 1$ ), then the series  $\sum a_n$  is absolutely convergent.

§3. We establish the following:

*Theorem 1* — Let  $X(\rho)$  be some function of the integer  $\rho$  such that

$$P_\rho C_{X(\rho)}^{(1)} = O(1) \tag{3.1}$$

$$\sum_{n=\nu+1}^\infty |C_n| = O(|C_\nu^{(1)}|) \tag{3.2}$$

$$P_\rho \sum_{\nu=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} |C_{\nu-\rho}^{(1)}| = O(\rho). \tag{3.3}$$

Then

$$\sum \frac{|T_n|}{n} < \infty \Rightarrow \sum a_n \in |R, \lambda_n, 1|$$

if and only if

$$\rho P_\rho \sum_{\nu=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} |C_{\nu-\rho}^{(1)}| \left| \frac{\Delta(\lambda_{\nu-1})}{\nu \lambda_\nu} \right| = O(1). \tag{3.4}$$

*Theorem 2* — Let  $\frac{p_n}{p_{n+1}} \leq \frac{p_{n+1}}{p_{n+2}} \leq 1, p_n > 0,$

$$\frac{P_\rho}{P_{X(\rho)}} = O(1) \tag{3.5}$$

$$X(\rho) = O(\rho). \tag{3.6}$$

Then

$$\sum a_n \in |N, p| \Rightarrow \sum a_n \in |R, \lambda_n, 1|$$

if and only if

$$\rho P_\rho \sum_{\nu=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} |C_{\nu-\rho}^{(1)}| \left| \frac{\Delta \lambda_{\nu-1}}{\nu \lambda_\nu} \right| = O(1). \tag{3.7}$$

*Theorem 2A* — Let the conditions (3.5) and (3.6) of Theorem 2 hold and let further the following conditions also hold:

$$\frac{\Delta(\lambda_{\nu-1})}{\lambda_\nu} \text{ is monotonic decreasing,} \tag{3.8}$$

$$\frac{X(\rho) \Delta(\lambda_{\nu-1})}{\lambda_\rho} = O(1). \tag{3.9}$$

Then

$$\Sigma a_n \in |N, p| \Rightarrow \Sigma a_n \in |R, \lambda_n, 1|.$$

*Theorem 3* — Let  $\Sigma a_n \in |N, \delta|$  for  $\delta > 0$  (however large) and

$$\{n^{1-\alpha} a_n\} \in |R, e^{n^\alpha}, 1| \text{ for } 0 < \alpha < 1. \tag{3.10}$$

Then  $\Sigma a_n$  is absolutely convergent.

§4. We need the following lemmas for the proof of Theorem 1.

*Lemma 1* —

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|T_n|}{n} < \infty \Rightarrow \Sigma a_n \in |R, \lambda_n, 1| \tag{4.1}$$

if and only if

$$J_\rho = \rho P_\rho \sum_{n=\rho}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \right| \left| \sum_{\nu=\rho}^n \frac{\lambda_{\nu-1}}{\nu} C_{\nu-\rho} \right| = O(1)$$

uniformly in  $\rho \geq 1$ .

**PROOF:** Now using the inversion formula

$$\nu a_\nu = \sum_{\rho=1}^{\nu} c_{\nu-\rho} T_\rho P_\rho$$

we obtain

$$R_n - R_{n-1} = \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \sum_{\nu=1}^n a_\nu \lambda_{\nu-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \sum_{v=1}^n \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} \sum_{\rho=1}^v C_{v-\rho} P_\rho T_\rho \\
 &= \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \sum_{\rho=1}^n \rho P_\rho \frac{T_\rho}{\rho} \sum_{v=\rho}^n \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} C_{v-\rho}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus (4.1) is true if and only if uniformly in  $\rho \geq 1$ ,

$$J_\rho = \rho P_\rho \sum_{n=\rho}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \left| \sum_{v=\rho}^n \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} C_{v-\rho} \right| = O(1).$$

This completes the proof.

*Lemma 2* — We write  $m = \min \{n, \rho + X(\rho)\}$ .

Let (3.2), (3.3), (3.4) hold. Then

$$\rho P_\rho \sum_{n=\rho}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \left| \sum_{v=\rho}^m \Delta \left( \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} \right) \sum_{r=0}^v C_{r-\rho} \right| = O(1)$$

uniformly in  $\rho \geq 1$ .

**PROOF :** Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{n=\rho}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \left| \sum_{v=\rho}^m \Delta \left( \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} \right) \sum_{r=0}^v C_{r-\rho} \right| \\
 &\leq \sum_{n=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \left| \sum_{v=\rho}^n \Delta \left( \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} \right) C_{v-\rho}^{(1)} \right| \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=\rho+X(\rho)+1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \left| \sum_{v=\rho}^m \Delta \left( \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} \right) C_{v-\rho}^{(1)} \right| \\
 &= \sum_{n=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \left| \sum_{v=\rho}^n \Delta \left( \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} \right) C_{v-\rho}^{(1)} \right| \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=\rho+X(\rho)+1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \left| \sum_{v=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} \Delta \left( \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} \right) C_{v-\rho}^{(1)} \right|
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \sum_{v=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} \Delta\left(\frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v}\right) C_{v-\rho}^{(1)} \left| \sum_{n=v}^{\rho+X(\rho)} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \right| \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=\rho+X(\rho)+1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \sum_{v=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} \Delta\left(\frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v}\right) \left| C_{v-\rho}^{(1)} \right| \\
 &= \sum_{v=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} \Delta\left(\frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v}\right) \left| C_{v-\rho}^{(1)} \right| \sum_{n=v}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \\
 &= \sum_{v=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} \left\{ \Delta\left(\frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v}\right) + \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v^2} \right\} O\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_{v-1}}\right) \left| C_{v-\rho}^{(1)} \right| \\
 &= \sum_{v=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} \frac{\Delta(\lambda_{v-1})}{v\lambda_{v-1}} \left| C_{v-\rho}^{(1)} \right| + \sum_{v=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} \frac{1}{v^2} \left| C_{v-\rho}^{(1)} \right| \\
 &= O\left(\frac{1}{\rho P_\rho}\right) + O\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho^2 P_\rho}\right) = O\left(\frac{1}{\rho P_\rho}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

by the relations (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4).

This completes the proof.

*Lemma 3* — Let (3.1) and (3.4) hold. Then

$$\sum_{n=\rho}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \left| C_{m-\rho}^{(1)} \right| \frac{\lambda_m}{m+1} = O\left(\frac{1}{\rho P_\rho}\right)$$

when  $m = \min \{n, \rho + X(\rho)\}$ .

**PROOF :** Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{n=\rho}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \left| C_{m-\rho}^{(1)} \right| \frac{\lambda_m}{m+1} \\
 &\leq \sum_{n=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \frac{\lambda_m}{m+1} \left| C_{m-\rho}^{(1)} \right| \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=\rho+X(\rho)+1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \frac{\lambda_m}{m+1} \left| C_{m-\rho}^{(1)} \right|
 \end{aligned}$$

(equation continued on p. 1439)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{n=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \frac{\lambda_n}{n+1} |C_{n-\rho}^{(1)}| \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=\rho+X(\rho)+1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \frac{\lambda_{\rho+X(\rho)}}{\rho+X(\rho)} |C_{X(\rho)}^{(1)}| \\
 &= \sum_{n=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{(n+1)\lambda_{n-1}} |C_{n-\rho}^{(1)}| \\
 &\quad + \frac{\lambda_{\rho+X(\rho)}}{\rho+X(\rho)} |C_{X(\rho)}^{(1)}| \sum_{n=\rho+X(\rho)}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \\
 &= \sum_{n=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} \frac{\Delta \lambda_n}{(n+1)\lambda_{n-1}} |C_{n-\rho}^{(1)}| \\
 &\quad + \frac{\lambda_{\rho+X(\rho)}}{\rho+X(\rho)} |C_{X(\rho)}^{(1)}| \sum_{n=\rho+X(\rho)}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \\
 &= \sum_{n=\rho}^{\rho+X(\rho)} \frac{\Delta \lambda_n}{(n+1)\lambda_{n-1}} |C_{n-\rho}^{(1)}| + \frac{\lambda_{\rho+X(\rho)}}{\rho+X(\rho)} |C_{X(\rho)}^{(1)}| \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda_{\rho+X(\rho)}} \\
 &= O\left(\frac{1}{\rho P_\rho}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{\rho P_\rho}\right) \\
 &= O\left(\frac{1}{\rho P_\rho}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

by the conditions (3.1) and (3.4).

§5. *Proof of Theorem 1* — It follows from (Das 1969, Theorem 6) on general infinite series that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|T_n|}{n} = O(1) \tag{5.1}$$

if and only if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |t_n - t_{n-1}| = O(1)$ .

Therefore for the proof of the theorem, it is enough to show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|T_n|}{n} = O(1) \Rightarrow \{R_n\} \in \text{bounded variation.} \tag{5.2}$$

From Lemma 1, the necessary and sufficient condition for the result (5.2) is

$$J_p = \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \left| \sum_{v=p}^n \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} C_{v-p} \right| = O\left(\frac{1}{\rho P_p}\right).$$

Now

$$J_p = \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \left| \left\{ \sum_{v=p}^m + \sum_{v=m+1}^n \right\} \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} C_{v-p} \right|$$

$$= J_{(1)} + J_{(2)} \text{ (say)}$$

where

$$J_{(1)} = \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \left| \sum_{v=p}^m \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} C_{v-p} \right|$$

$$J_{(2)} = \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \left| \sum_{v=m+1}^n \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} C_{v-p} \right|.$$

Now applying Abel's transformation to inner sigma of  $J_{(1)}$  and then using the relation (1.3) we get

$$J_{(1)} = \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \left| \sum_{v=p}^m \Delta \left( \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} \right) \sum_{\mu=0}^v C_{\mu-p} + \frac{\lambda_m}{m+1} \sum_{\mu=0}^m C_{\mu-p} \right|$$

$$\leq J_{(1)}^{(1)} + J_{(1)}^{(2)} \text{ (say)}$$

where

$$J_{(1)}^{(1)} = \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \left| \sum_{v=p}^m \Delta \left( \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} \right) \sum_{\mu=0}^v C_{\mu-p} \right|$$

and

$$J_{(1)}^{(2)} = \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-p}} \left| C_{m-p}^{(1)} \right| \frac{\lambda_{m-1}}{m+1}.$$

By Lemmas 2 and 3 we get

$$J_{(1)}^{(1)} = O\left(\frac{1}{\rho P_\rho}\right),$$

and  $J_{(1)}^{(2)} = O\left(\frac{1}{\rho P_\rho}\right)$

respectively. Therefore for the proof of the Theorem, it is enough to show that

$$J_{(2)} = O\left(\frac{1}{\rho P_\rho}\right).$$

Now using change of summation, the relations (3.1), (3.2) and the fact that

$$m = \min \{n, X(\rho) + \rho\},$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} J_{(2)} &= \sum_{v=\rho+X(\rho)}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} |C_{v-\rho}| \sum_{n=v}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1}}{\lambda_n \cdot \lambda_{n-1}} \\ &= \sum_{v=\rho+X(\rho)}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{v-1}}{v} |C_{v-\rho}| \frac{1}{\lambda_{v-1}} \\ &= \sum_{v=\rho+X(\rho)}^{\infty} \frac{|C_{v-\rho}|}{v} \\ &= \frac{1}{\rho + X(\rho)} O(|C_{X(\rho)}^{(1)}|) \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{\rho P_\rho}\right). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

*Proof of Theorem 2*— It is known from Das (1969) that

$$\sum a_n \in |N, p| \Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|T_n|}{n} = O(1).$$

Since  $C_n^{(1)} \geq 0$ , the relation (3.3) of Theorem 1 reduces to the condition

$$P_\rho C_{X(\rho)}^{(2)} = O(\rho). \tag{5.3}$$

But from (3.5) and (3.6) we have

$$C_{X(\rho)}^{(2)} = O\left(\frac{X(\rho)}{P_{X(\rho)}}\right).$$



Therefore (5.3) reduces to

$$\frac{X(\rho) P_{\rho}}{P_{X(\rho)}} = O(1).$$

Since all the conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied, the proof of Theorem 2 follows from Theorem 1.

*Proof of Theorem 2A* — It can be easily seen that the relations (3.5), (3.8) and (3.9) imply the necessary and sufficient condition of Theorem 1 (i.e.) the relation (3.4). The proof follows from Theorem 2.

*Corollary* —  $\Sigma a_n \in |N, \delta| \Rightarrow \Sigma a_n \in |R, e^{n^{\alpha}}, 1|$  for  $\delta > 0, 0 < \alpha < 1$ .

PROOF : Let us take up  $X(\rho) = [\rho^{1-\alpha}] + 2$ .

So that

$$X(\rho) = O(\rho)$$

and  $P_{\rho} = O(P_{X(\rho)})$

and other conditions of Theorem 2A are satisfied.

The proof follows from Theorem 2A.

*Proof of Theorem 3* — We know that (Das 1969, Theorem 9)

$$\Sigma a_n \in |R, e^{n^{\alpha}}, 1| \Rightarrow \Sigma |a_n| < \infty,$$

if and only if the relation (3.10) holds.

Now the proof follows from the Corollary of Theorem 2A.

*Remark 1* : Here we show examples to satisfy the conditions from (3.1) to (3.3).

*Example 1* — Let  $p_n = \frac{1}{n+1}$ ,  $X(n) = n$ .

Then (Das 1969, Lemma 5) we have

$$C_n^{(1)} = O\left(\frac{1}{\log n}\right), C_n^{(2)} = O\left(\frac{n}{\log n}\right)$$

so that the condition (3.1) reduces to  $O(1)$ . (3.3) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \log(n+1) \sum_{v=n}^{2n} C_{v-n}^{(1)} &= \log(n+1) C_n^{(2)} \\ &= \log(n+1) \cdot O\left(\frac{n}{\log(n+1)}\right) \\ &= O(n). \end{aligned}$$

*Example 2* — Let  $p_n = A_n^{\alpha-1} X(n) = n$

so that  $C_n = A_n^{-(\alpha+1)}$  and  $C_n^{(1)} = A_n^{-\alpha}$ .

Then the condition (3.1) reduces to

$$P_n C_{X(n)}^{(1)} = O(1).$$

And (3.3) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} A_n^\alpha \sum_{v=n}^{2n} C_{v-n}^{(1)} &= A_n^\alpha C_n^{(2)} \\ &= A_n^\alpha \cdot A_n^{1-\alpha} \\ &= O(n). \end{aligned}$$

*Remark 2* : In Theorems 1, 2 and 2A, we have established a very general theorem on inclusion relation i.e.

$$|N, p| \Rightarrow |R, \lambda_n, 1|.$$

As a Corollary to Theorem 2A we have obtained the inclusion

$$(**) |N, \delta| \Rightarrow |R, e^{n^\alpha}, 1| \quad (0 < \alpha < 1), \delta > 0.$$

Since  $|N, \delta| \subset |N, \delta'|$  (see Mahapatra 1979)  $\delta' > \delta > 0$  we get (\*\*) is trivial in the case  $0 < \delta < 1$  in view of Theorem 8 of Das (1969). But in the case  $\delta > 1$ , our Theorem is sharper than the result of Das (1969). Again if we put  $\delta = 1$  in Theorem 3 we get Theorem 9 due to Das (1969). It is also more general than that of Varshney and Prasad (1969) in the sense that they took the condition  $\{n^{1-\alpha}a_n\} \in BV$  instead of the lighter condition (3.10). Also they have taken  $\delta$  as positive integer greater than one, whereas in our case  $\delta > 0$ .

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