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**Absolute Nörlund Summability
of a Factored Fourier Series. (**)**

1.1. - Definitions [5].

Let $\sum a_n$ be a given infinite series and $\{s_n\}$ is the sequence of its partial sums. The sequence to sequence transformation

$$(1.1.1) \quad t_n = (1/P_n) \sum_{\nu=0}^n p_{n-\nu} s_\nu, \quad P_n = \sum_{\nu=0}^n p_\nu \neq 0,$$

where p_n is a sequence of constants, real or complex, defines the (N, p_n) mean of the sequence $\{s_n\}$. If $\{p_n\}$ is of bounded variation, i.e.

$$(1.1.2) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |t_n - t_{n-1}| < \infty,$$

then we say that $\sum a_n$, or $\{s_n\}$, is summable $|N, p_n|$.

In the special case in which

$$(1.1.3) \quad p_n = \binom{n + \alpha - 1}{\alpha - 1} = \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha)}{\Gamma(n + 1) \Gamma(\alpha)} \quad (\alpha > 0)$$

the NÖRLUND mean reduces to the familiar (C, α) mean, and when

$$(1.1.4) \quad p_n = \frac{1}{n + 1}$$

the (N, p_n) mean reduces to the harmonic mean.

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1.2. — Let $f(t)$ be a periodic function with period 2π and integrable (L) over $(-\pi, \pi)$, without loss of generality, we may assume that the constant term in the FOURIER series of $f(t)$ is zero, so that

$$f(t) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt) \equiv \sum_1^{\infty} A_n(t)$$

and

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) dt = 0,$$

we use the following notations throughout:

$$\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{2} \{f(x+t) + f(x-t)\},$$

$$\Phi_0(t) = \varphi(t),$$

$$\Phi_{\alpha}(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-u)^{\alpha-1} \varphi(u) du \quad (\alpha > 0),$$

$$\varphi_{\alpha}(t) = \Gamma(\alpha-1) t^{-\alpha} \Phi_{\alpha}(t) \quad (\alpha \geq 0),$$

$$\Phi_{\alpha}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \Phi_{\alpha+1}(t) \quad (-1 < \alpha \leq 0),$$

$$\varphi_{-1}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \{t\varphi(t)\},$$

$$g(n, t) = (2/\pi) \sum_{k=1}^n p_{n-k} \lambda_k k^{-\alpha} \sin kt,$$

$$J(n, u) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_u^{\pi} (t-u)^{-\alpha} \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} g(n, t) \right\} dt \quad (0 < \alpha < 1, u \geq 0),$$

$$V(n, u) = \int_0^u v^{\alpha} \left\{ \frac{d}{dv} J(n, v) \right\} dv,$$

$$P_n = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\nu} p_{\nu}, \quad \tau = [1/t],$$

$$Q_n = \sum_{\nu=0}^n q_\nu = \sum_{\nu=1}^n \lambda_\nu \nu^{-\alpha},$$

$$\mu_n = (1/p_n) \sum_{k=1}^n p_{n-k} \lambda_k,$$

$$m = [n/2], \quad \text{where } [x] = (\text{the integral part of } x),$$

$$\Delta \lambda_n = \lambda_n - \lambda_{n+1}.$$

2.1. - BOSANQUET [2] established:

Theorem A. [2] If $\varphi_\alpha(t)$ is of bounded variation in $(0, \pi)$, then the FOURIER series of $f(t)$ is summable $|C, \beta|$ at the point $t = x$, where $\beta > \alpha \geq 0$.

Extending the above theorem, PRASAD and BHATT [7] proved:

Theorem B [7]. If $\{\lambda_n\}$ is a convex sequence such that $\sum \lambda_n/n < \infty$, and for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$,

$$\int_0^t u |d\varphi_\alpha(u)| = O(t) \quad (0 \leq t \leq \pi),$$

then the series $\sum \lambda_n A_n(t)/\log(n+1)$, at $t = x$ is summable $|C, \alpha|$.

BHATT [1] further extended BOSANQUET's result for $|H, 1|$ summability.

Theorem C [1]. If $\{\lambda_n\}$ be a convex sequence such that $\sum \lambda_n/n < \infty$. If $\varphi_\alpha(t) \in B.V.$ in $(0, \pi)$, then the factored FOURIER series $\sum A_n(t) n^{-\alpha} \log(n+1) \lambda_n$ is summable $|H, 1|$.

Recently NANDKISHORE [6] has extended this further for absolute NÖRLUND summability.

The aim of this paper is to prove:

Theorem. *If*

$$(2.1.1) \quad \int_0^t u |d\varphi_\alpha(u)| = O(t) \quad (0 \leq t \leq \pi),$$

then the factored Fourier series $\sum A_n(t) n^{-\alpha} \lambda_n$ is $|N, p_n|$ summable, at $t = x$, provided $\{\lambda_n\}$ is a convex sequence such that $\sum \lambda_n/n < \infty$, and $\{p_n\}$ is a monotonic non-increasing sequence of non-negative numbers, such that

- (i) the sequence $\{(n+1)p_n/p_n\}$ is of bounded variation, and
- (ii) the sequence $\{Q_n n^{-\alpha}\}$ is monotonic.

Our Theorem generalises the theorem of NANDKISHORE. This also extends Theorem B for absolute NÖRLUND summability.

3.1. – We require the following Lemmas for proof of our Theorem.

Lemma 1. *If $\{\lambda_n\}$ be a convex sequence such that $\sum \lambda_n/n < \infty$. If $\sum a_n$ is bounded, then a necessary and sufficient condition for $|\mathbb{N}, p_n|$ summability of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n n^{-\alpha} a^n$ is that the series*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{p_{n-k} k \lambda_k a_k}{k^\alpha} \right| < \infty.$$

Proof. Following BHATT [1] we have,

$$t_n - t_{n-1} = \frac{1}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_k (n-k) a_{n-k} q_{n-k} + \frac{1}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_k \left(\frac{1}{P_k} - \frac{1}{P_n} \right) a_{n-k} q_{n-k}.$$

Hence to prove the Lemma it is sufficient to show that

$$(3.1.1) \quad \sum \frac{1}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} |M_n| < \infty,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_n &= (1/P_n) \sum_{k=1}^n (P_n - P_{n-k}) a_k q_k \\ &= (1/P_n) \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^m + \sum_{k=m+1}^n \right\} (P_n - P_{n-k}) a_k q_k \\ &= M_{n1} + M_{n2}, \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned}$$

By ABEL's transformation, we have

$$M_{n1} = (1/P_n) \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \Delta(P_n - P_{n-k}) \sum_{\mu=1}^k a_\mu q_\mu + \frac{P_n - P_{n-m}}{P_n} \sum_{\mu=1}^m a_\mu q_\mu = O\left(\frac{1}{P_n}\right)$$

hence

$$(3.1.2) \quad M_{n1} = O(1),$$

since,

$$P_n - P_{n-m} = O(1)$$

and

$$\sum_{\mu=1}^k a_\mu q_\mu = \sum_{\mu=1}^k a_\mu \lambda_\mu / \mu^\alpha = O(1).$$

Similarly,

$$(3.1.3) \quad M_{n_2} = O(1).$$

Lemma 2 [3]. (i) If $\beta > \alpha > -1$, and $\Phi_{\alpha+1}(t)$ is of bounded variation in $(0, \eta)$, (ii) $\Phi_{\alpha+1}(+0) = 0$, then $\Phi_\beta(t)$ exists for almost all t in $(0, \eta)$ and satisfies the relation

$$\Phi_\beta(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta - \alpha)} \int_0^t (t - u)^{\beta - \alpha - 1} d\Phi_{\alpha+1}(u).$$

Lemma 3 [4]. If $\{p_n\}$ is non-negative, non-increasing sequence, then for $0 \leq a < b \leq \infty$, $0 \leq t \leq 1$, and for any n

$$\left| \sum_{k=a}^b p_k \exp(i(n-k)t) \right| \leq CP\tau.$$

Lemma 4. Let $\{p_n\}$ be monotonic non-increasing sequence of real non-negative numbers and $\{\lambda_n\}$ be a convex sequence such that $\sum \lambda_n n^{-1} < \infty$, then

$$(3.1.4) \quad |g(n, t)| = \begin{cases} O(P_n \mu_n) \\ O(p_m Q_\tau) + O(\lambda_m P_m P_\tau m^{-\alpha}), \end{cases}$$

$$(3.1.5) \quad \left| \frac{d}{dt} g(n, t) \right| = \begin{cases} O(n P_n \mu_n) \\ O(m p_m Q_\tau) + O(m \lambda_m P_m P_\tau m^{-\alpha}). \end{cases}$$

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} |g(n, t)| &= \left| \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^n p_{n-k} \lambda_k k^{-\alpha} \sin kt \right| \leq C \left| \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^n p_{n-k} \lambda_k \right| \\ &= O(P_n M_n). \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$|g(n, t)| \leq 2/\pi \left[\sum_{k=1}^m + \sum_{k=m+1}^n \right] p_{n-k} \lambda_k k^{-\alpha} \sin kt = g_1 + g_2, \quad \text{say.}$$

$$|g_1| = 2/\pi \left[\sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \Delta p_{n-k} \sum_{\mu=1}^k \lambda_\mu \mu^{-\alpha} \sin \mu t + p_{n-m} \sum_{\mu=1}^m \lambda_\mu \mu^{-\alpha} \sin \mu t \right]$$

$$\leq C Q_\tau \left[\sum_{k=1}^{m-1} |\Delta p_{n-k}| + p_m \right] = O(p_m Q_\tau),$$

and clearly

$$g_2 = O(\lambda_m P_m p_\tau P^{-\alpha}).$$

This completes the proof of (3.1.4). Similarly we can obtain (3.1.5).

Lemma 5. Under the conditions of Lemma 4

$$|J(n, u)| = \begin{cases} O(n^\alpha P_n \mu_n) & \text{for all } u, \\ O(n^\alpha p_m Q[1/u]) + O(\lambda_m P_m p[1/u]) & \text{for } u \geq n^{-1}. \end{cases}$$

Proof. We shall prove the second inequality; the first can be similarly obtained.

$$J(n, u) = \int_u^{u+n^{-1}} \dots + \int_{u+n^{-1}}^\pi \dots = J_1 + J_2, \quad \text{say.}$$

Now for $u \geq 1/n$

$$\begin{aligned} |J_1| &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_u^{u+n^{-1}} (t-u)^{-\alpha} \{O(np_m Q_\tau) + O(n\lambda_m P_m P_\tau m^{-\alpha})\} dt \\ &= O\{n^\alpha p_m Q[1/u]\} + O\{\lambda_m P_m P[1/u]\} \end{aligned}$$

and using the second mean-value theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} |J_2| &\leq C n^\alpha \int_{u+n^{-1}}^u \frac{d}{dt} g(n, t) dt \\ &= C n^\alpha \{ |g(n, u)| \} = O(n^\alpha p_m Q[1/u]) + O(\lambda_m P_m P[1/u]). \end{aligned}$$

3.2. - Proof of the Theorem.

We consider the case $0 < \alpha < 1$. We first observe that $\Phi_\alpha(t)$ is of bounded variation in $(0, \pi)$, and $\Phi_\alpha(+0) = 0$. For, if $0 < t < \pi$, we have by (2.1.1.), writing $\Phi^*(t) = \int_0^t u |d\varphi_\alpha(u)|$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_t^\pi |d\varphi_\alpha(u)| &= \int_t^\pi 1/u |u d\varphi_\alpha(u)| = [1/u \Phi^*(u)]_t^\pi + \int_t^\pi \Phi^*(u) \frac{du}{u^2} \\ &= O(1) + O(\log \pi/t). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\varphi_\alpha(t) = O(\log(2\pi/t))$$

and hence $\Phi_\alpha(+0) = 0$. Hence also, for $0 < t < \pi$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(\alpha + 1) \int_t^\pi |d\Phi_\alpha(u)| &= \int_t^\pi |d\{u^\alpha \varphi_\alpha(u)\}| \\ &\leq \int_t^\pi u^\alpha |d\varphi_\alpha(u)| + \alpha \int_t^\pi u^{\alpha-1} |\varphi_\alpha(u)| du \\ &\leq \int_t^\pi u^\alpha |d\varphi_\alpha(u)| + \alpha \int_t^\pi u^{\alpha-1} |\varphi_\alpha(u)| du \\ &= O(1) + O(t^\alpha \log 2\pi/t) = O(1). \end{aligned}$$

since

$$nA_n = 2/\pi \int_0^\pi \varphi(t) \frac{d}{dt} (\sin nt) dt.$$

We now have, by Lemma 2, with O in place of β and α in place of $\alpha + 1$, and proceeding as BOSANQUET [2] or more particularly as BHATT [1], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_n &= \sum_{k=1}^n p_{n-k} \lambda_k k^{-\alpha} 2/\pi \int_0^\pi \varphi(t) \frac{d}{dt} (\sin kt) dt \\ &= O\left(\int_0^\pi \frac{d}{dt} g(n, t) dt \int_0^t (t-u)^{-\alpha} d\Phi_\alpha(u)\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= O \left\{ \int_0^\pi d\Phi_\alpha(u) \int_u^\pi (t-u)^{-\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} g(n, t) dt \right\} \\
&= O \left\{ [\Phi_\alpha(u) J(n, u)]_0^\pi + \int_0^\pi \Phi_\alpha(u) \frac{d}{du} J(n, u) du \right\} \\
&= O \left\{ \Phi_\alpha(\pi) J(n, \pi) + \int_0^\pi u^\alpha \varphi_\alpha(u) \frac{d}{du} J(n, u) du \right\} \\
&= O \{ \Phi_\alpha(\pi) J(n, \pi) \} + O \left\{ \left[\varphi_\alpha(u) \int_0^u v^\alpha \frac{d}{dv} J(n, v) dv \right]_0^\pi + \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \int_0^\pi d\varphi_\alpha(u) \int_0^u v^\alpha \frac{d}{dv} J(n, v) dv \right\} \\
&= O \{ \Phi_\alpha(\pi) J(n, \pi) - \varphi_\alpha(\pi) V(n, \pi) + \int_0^\pi V(n, u) d\varphi_\alpha(u) du \} \\
&= O(n^\alpha p_m) + O(P_m \lambda_m) - \varphi_\alpha(\pi) V(n, \pi) + \int_0^\pi V(n, u) d\varphi_\alpha(u) du \}.
\end{aligned}$$

If in particular we suppose that $\varphi(t) = 1$, for all t , in which case $\varphi_\alpha(t) = 1$ for all t and $\sigma_n = 0$ for every n , we get

$$V(n, \pi) = O(n^\alpha p_m) + O(P_m \lambda_m).$$

Thus

$$\sigma_n = O(n^\alpha p_m) + O(P_m \lambda_m) + \int_0^\pi V(n, u) d\varphi_\alpha(u).$$

We can now prove

$$(3.2.1) \quad |V(n, u)| = \begin{cases} O(n^\alpha u^\alpha P_n \mu_n) & \text{for all } u, \\ O(n^\alpha p_m) + O(P_m \lambda_m) + O(n^\alpha u^\alpha p_m Q[1/u]) + \\ \quad + O(u^\alpha \lambda_m P_m P_{[1/u]}) & \text{for } u \geq n^{-1}. \end{cases}$$

For that, we have

$$V(n, u) = 1/\Gamma(1 + \alpha) \int_0^u v^\alpha \frac{d}{dv} J(n, v) dv = O(n^\alpha u^\alpha p_n \mu_n),$$

from the first inequality of Lemma 5.

Again, for $u \geq n^{-1}$

$$V(n, \pi) - V(n, u) = \left[\frac{u^\alpha J(n, u)}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} \right]_u^\pi - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_u^\pi v^{\alpha-1} J(n, v) dv.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} V(n, u) &= V(n, \pi) - \left[\frac{u^\alpha J(n, u)}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} \right]_u^\pi + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_u^\pi v^{\alpha-1} J(n, v) dv \\ &= O(n^\alpha p_m) + O(P_m \lambda_m) + O(n^\alpha u^\alpha p_m Q[1/u]) + O(u^\alpha \lambda_m P_m P_{[1/u]}) + |I|, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |I| &= \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_u^\pi v^{\alpha-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} \int_v^\pi (t-v)^{-\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} g(n, t) dt \right\} dv \right. \\ &= O \left| \int_u^\pi \frac{d}{dt} g(n, t) dt \int_{v/t}^1 (1-v)^{-\alpha} v^{\alpha-1} dv \right| = O \left(\int_u^\pi \frac{d}{dt} g(n, t) dt \right) \\ &= O(p_m Q[1/u]) + O(\lambda_m P_m P_{[1/u]} m^{-\alpha}) \quad \text{by Lemma 4,} \\ &= O[n^\alpha u^\alpha p_m Q[1/u]] + O[u^\alpha P_m \lambda_m P_{[1/u]}]. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, for $0 < \alpha < 1$,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\sigma_n|}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} \leq \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} \left\{ O(n^\alpha p_m) + O(P_m \lambda_m) + \left| \int_0^\pi V(n, u) d\varphi_\alpha(u) \right| \right\} \right]$$

hence

$$(3.2.2) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\sigma_n|}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} = O(1) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} \left| \int_0^\pi V(n, u) d\varphi_\alpha(u) \right|.$$

Now

$$(3.2.3) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} \left| \left[\int_0^{1/n} + \int_{1/n}^\pi \right] V(n, u) d\varphi_\alpha(u) \right| = K_1 + K_2, \quad \text{say.}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|K_1| &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} \int_0^{1/n} O(n^\alpha u^{\alpha-1} P_n \mu_n) |u \, d\varphi_\alpha(u)| \\
&\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^m + \sum_{k=m+1}^n \right) p_{n-k} \lambda_k \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} \left\{ p_m \sum_{k=1}^m \lambda_k + \lambda_m \sum_{k=m+1}^n p_{n-k} \right\} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_m}{m}
\end{aligned}$$

hence

$$(3.2.4) \quad |K_1| = O(1)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
|K_2| &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} \left[\int_{1/n}^{\pi} \{O(n^\alpha p_m u^{-1}) + O(u^{-1} P_m \lambda_m)\} + \right. \\
&\quad \left. + O(n^\alpha u^{\alpha-1} p_m Q[1/u]) + O(u^{\alpha-1} \lambda_m P_m P_{[1/u]}) |u \, d\varphi_\alpha(u)| \right]
\end{aligned}$$

hence

$$(3.2.5) \quad |K_2| = K_{2,1} + K_{2,2} + K_{2,3} + K_{2,4}, \quad \text{say.}$$

$$(3.2.6) \quad \begin{cases} K_{2,1} = O(1) \\ K_{2,2} = O(1) \end{cases}.$$

And since $u^\alpha Q[1/u]$ is monotonic, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|K_{2,3}| &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} \left[\int_{1/n}^{\pi} O(n^\alpha u^{\alpha-1} p_m Q[1/u]) |u \, d\varphi_\alpha(u)| \right. \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^\alpha p_m}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} \left\{ \frac{Q_n}{n^{\alpha-1}} \int_{1/n}^{\xi} |u \, d\varphi_\alpha(u)| + \pi^\alpha Q[1/u] \int_{\xi}^{\pi} u |d\varphi_\alpha(u)| \right\} \quad (1/n \leq \xi \leq \pi) \\
&= O \left[\sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_\nu}{\nu^\alpha} \sum_{n=\nu}^{\infty} \frac{n p_m}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} \right] + O(1) = O \left(\sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_\nu}{\nu} \right) + O(1)
\end{aligned}$$

hence

$$(3.2.7) \quad |K_{2,3}| = O(1)$$

since $w^\alpha P_{[1/w]}$ is non-increasing, we have

$$|K_{2,4}| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)P_{n-1}} O(P_m \lambda_m) \int_{1/n}^{\xi'} |u d\varphi_\alpha(u)| = O\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_m}{m}\right) \quad (1/n < \xi' \leq \pi),$$

(3.28) $|K_{2,4}| = O(1).$

Collecting (3.2.4), (3.2.6), (3.2.7), and (3.2.8) the Proof of the Theorem is complete.

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