

## LACUNARY STRONG A-CONVERGENCE WITH RESPECT TO A MODULUS

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**Abstract.** The definition of lacunary strong convergence with respect to a modulus is extended to a definition of lacunary strong A-convergence with respect to a modulus when  $A = (a_{ik})$  is an infinite matrix of complex numbers. We study some connections between lacunary strong A-convergence with respect to a modulus and lacunary A-statistical convergence.

### 1. Introduction

The notion of modulus function was introduced by Nakano [11]. We recall that a modulus  $f$  is a function from  $[0, \infty)$  to  $[0, \infty)$  such that

- (i)  $f(x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$  for  $x, y \geq 0$ ,
- (iii)  $f$  is increasing and
- (iv)  $f$  is continuous from the right at 0. It follows that  $f$  must be continuous on  $[0, \infty)$ .

Connor [2], Esi [3], Kolk [8], Maddox [9], [10], Öztürk and Bilgin [12], Pehlivan and Fisher [13], Ruckle [14] and others used a modulus function to construct sequence spaces.

Following Freedman et al. [4], we call the sequence  $\theta = (k_r)$  lacunary if it is an increasing sequence of integers such that  $k_0 = 0$ ,  $h_r = k_r - k_{r-1} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . The intervals determined by  $\theta$  will be denoted by  $I_r = (k_{r-1}, k_r]$  and  $q_r = k_r/k_{r-1}$ . These notations will be used throughout the paper. The sequence space of lacunary

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strongly convergent sequences  $N_\theta$  was defined by Freedman et al. [4], as follows:

$$N_\theta = \left\{ x = (x_i) : \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} |x_i - s| = 0 \text{ for some } s \right\}.$$

Recently, the concept of lacunary strongly convergence was generalized by Pehlivan and Fisher [13] as below:

$$N_\theta(f) = \left\{ x = (x_i) : \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} f(|x_i - s|) = 0 \text{ for some } s \right\}.$$

Let  $A = (a_{ik})$  be an infinite matrix of complex numbers. We write  $Ax = (A_i(x))$  if  $A_i(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{ik}x_k$  converges for each  $i$ .

The purpose of this paper is to introduce and study a concept of lacunary strong A-convergence with respect to a modulus.

## 2. $N_\theta(A, f)$ Convergence

**Definition.** Let  $A = (a_{ik})$  be an infinite matrix of complex numbers and  $f$  be a modulus. We define

$$N_\theta(A, f) = \left\{ x = (x_i) : \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} f(|A_i(x) - s|) = 0 \text{ for some } s \right\},$$

$$N_\theta^0(A, f) = \left\{ x = (x_i) : \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} f(|A_i(x)|) = 0 \right\}.$$

A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be lacunary strong A-convergent to a number  $s$  with respect to a modulus if there is a complex number  $s$  such that  $x \in N_\theta(A, f)$ . Note that, if we put  $f(x) = x$ , then  $N_\theta(A, f) = N_\theta(A)$  and  $N_\theta^0(A, f) = N_\theta^0(A)$ . If  $x \in N_\theta(A)$ , we say that  $x$  is lacunary strong A-convergent to  $s$ . If  $x$  is lacunary strong A-convergent to the value  $s$  with respect to a modulus  $f$ , then we write  $x_i \rightarrow s(N_\theta(A, f))$ . If  $A = I$  unit matrix, we write  $N_\theta(f)$  and  $N_\theta^0(f)$  for  $N_\theta(A, f)$  and  $N_\theta^0(A, f)$ , respectively. Hence  $N_\theta(f)$  is the same as the space  $N_\theta(f)$  of Pehlivan and Fisher [13].

$N_\theta(A, f)$  and  $N_\theta^0(A, f)$  are linear spaces. We consider only  $N_\theta^0(A, f)$ . Suppose that  $x, y \in N_\theta^0(A, f)$  and  $a, b$  are in  $C$ , the complex numbers. Then there exist integers

$T_a$  and  $T_b$  such that  $|a| \leq T_a$  and  $|b| \leq T_b$ . We therefore have

$$h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} f(|aA_i(x) + bA_i(y)|) \leq T_a h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} f(|A_i(x)|) + T_b h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} f(|A_i(y)|).$$

This implies that  $ax + by \in N_\theta^0(A, f)$ .

Now we give relation between lacunary strong A-convergence and lacunary strong A-convergence with respect to a modulus.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f$  be any modulus. Then  $N_\theta(A) \subseteq N_\theta(A, f)$  and  $N_\theta^0(A) \subseteq N_\theta^0(A, f)$ .*

**Proof.** We consider  $N_\theta(A) \subseteq N_\theta(A, f)$  only. Let  $x \in N_\theta(A)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We choose  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $f(u) < \varepsilon$  for every  $u$  with  $0 \leq u \leq \delta$ . We can write

$$h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} f(|A_i(x) - s|) = h_r^{-1} \sum_1 f(|A_i(x) - s|) + h_r^{-1} \sum_2 f(|A_i(x) - s|)$$

where the first summation is over  $|A_i(x) - s| \leq \delta$  and the second over  $|A_i(x) - s| > \delta$ .

By definition of  $f$ , we have

$$h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} f(|A_i(x) - s|) \leq \varepsilon + 2f(1)\delta^{-1}h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} |A_i(x) - s|.$$

Therefore  $x \in N_\theta(A, f)$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f$  be any modulus. If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(t)}{t} = \beta > 0$ , then  $N_\theta(A) = N_\theta(A, f)$ .*

**Proof.** If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(t)}{t} = \beta > 0$ , then  $f(t) \geq \beta t$  for all  $t > 0$ . Let  $x \in N_\theta(A, f)$ . Clearly,

$$h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} f(|A_i(x) - s|) \geq h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} \beta |A_i(x) - s| = \beta h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I} |A_i(x) - s|,$$

therefore  $x \in N_\theta(A)$ . By using Theorem 1 the proof is complete.

We now give an example to show that  $N_\theta(A) \neq N_\theta(A, f)$  in the case when  $\beta = 0$ . Consider  $A = I$  and the modulus  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ . In the case  $\beta = 0$ , define  $x_i$  to be  $h_r$  at the first term in  $I_r$  for every  $r$  and  $x_i = 0$  otherwise. Then we have

$$h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} f(|A_i(x)|) = h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} \sqrt{|x_i|} = h_r^{-1} \sqrt{|h_r|} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty$$

and so  $x \in N_\theta(A, f)$ . But  $h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} |A_i(x)| = h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} |x_i| = h_r^{-1} h_r \rightarrow 1$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  and so  $x \notin N_\theta(A)$ .

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $f$  be any modulus. Then*

(i) For  $\liminf q_r \succ 1$  we have  $w(A, f) \subseteq N_\theta(A, f)$ .

(ii) For  $\limsup q_r \prec \infty$  we have  $N_\theta(A, f) \subseteq w(A, f)$ .

(iii)  $w(A, f) = N_\theta(A, f)$  is  $1 \succ \liminf_r q_r \leq \limsup_r q_r \prec \infty$ ,

where  $w(A, f) = \left\{ x = (x_i) : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n f(|A_i(x) - s|) = 0 \text{ for some } s \right\}$  (see, Esi [3]).

**Proof.** (i) Let  $x \in w(A, f)$  and  $\liminf q_r \succ 1$ . There exist  $\delta \succ 0$  such that  $q_r = (k_r/k_{r-1}) \geq 1 + \delta$  for sufficiently large  $r$ . We have, for sufficiently large  $r$ , that  $(h_r/k_r) \geq \delta/(1 + \delta)$  and  $(k_r/h_r) \leq (1 + \delta)/\delta$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} k_r^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{k_r} f(|A_i(x) - s|) &\geq k_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} f(|A_i(x) - s|) \\ &= (h_r/k_r) h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} f(|A_i(x) - s|) \\ &\geq \delta/(1 + \delta) h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} f(|A_i(x) - s|) \end{aligned}$$

which yields that  $x \in N_\theta(A, f)$ .

(ii) If  $\limsup q_r \prec \infty$  then there exists  $K \succ 0$  such that  $q_r \prec K$  for every  $r$ . Now suppose that  $x \in N_\theta(A, f)$  and  $\varepsilon \succ 0$ . There exists  $m_0$  such that for every  $m \geq m_0$ ,

$$H_m = h_m^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_m} f(|A_i(x) - x|) \prec \varepsilon.$$

We can also find  $T \succ 0$  such that  $H_m \leq T$  for all  $m$ . Let  $n$  be any integer with  $k_r \geq n \succ k_{r-1}$ . Now write

$$\begin{aligned} n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n f(|A_i(x) - s|) &\leq k_r^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{k_r} f(|A_i(x) - s|) \\ &= k_{r-1}^{-1} \left( \sum_{m=1}^{m_0} + \sum_{m=m_0+1}^{k_r} \right) \sum_{i \in I_m} f(|A_i(x) - s|) \\ &= k_{r-1}^{-1} \sum_{m=1}^{m_0} \sum_{i \in I_m} f(|A_i(x) - s|) + k_{r-1}^{-1} \sum_{m=m_0+1}^{k_r} \sum_{i \in I_m} f(|A_i(x) - s|) \\ &\leq k_{r-1}^{-1} \sum_{m=1}^{m_0} \sum_{i \in I_m} f(|A_i(x) - s|) + \varepsilon(k_r - k_{m_0})k_{r-1}^{-1} \\ &= k_{r-1}^{-1} (h_1 H_1 + h_2 H_2 + \cdots + h_{m_0} H_{m_0}) + \varepsilon(k_r - k_{m_0})k_{r-1}^{-1} \\ &\leq k_{r-1}^{-1} \left( \sup_{1 \leq i \leq m_0} H_i k_{m_0} \right) + \varepsilon K \prec k_{r-1}^{-1} k_{m_0} T + \varepsilon K \end{aligned}$$

from which we deduce that  $x \in w(A, f)$ . (iii) follows from (i) and (ii).

The next result follows from Theorem 2 and 3.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $f$  be any modulus. If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(t)}{t} = \beta > 0$  and  $l < \liminf_r q_r \leq \limsup_r q_r < \infty$ , then  $N_\theta(A) = w(A, f)$ .*

### 3. Lacunary A-statistical convergence

The notation of statistical convergence was given in earlier works [1], [4], [6], [15] and [16]. Recently, Fridy and Orhan [7] introduced the concept of lacunary statistical convergence:

Let  $\theta$  be a lacunary sequence. Then a sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be lacunary statistically convergent to a number  $s$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} h_r^{-1} |K_\theta(\varepsilon)| = 0$ , where  $|K_\theta(\varepsilon)|$  denotes the number of elements in  $K_\theta(\varepsilon) = \{i \in I_r : |x_i - s| \geq \varepsilon\}$ . The set of all lacunary statistical convergent sequences is denoted by  $S_\theta$ .

Let  $A = (a_{ik})$  be an infinite matrix of complex numbers. Then a sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be lacunary A-statistically convergent to a number  $s$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} h_r^{-1} |KA_\theta(\varepsilon)| = 0$ , where  $|KA_\theta(\varepsilon)|$  denotes the number of element in  $KA_\theta(\varepsilon) = \{i \in I : |A_i(x) - s| \geq \varepsilon\}$ . The set of all lacunary A-statistical convergent sequences is denoted by  $S_\theta(A)$ .

The following Theorem gives the relation between of the lacunary A-statistical convergence and lacunary strongly A-convergence.

Let  $I_r^1 = \{i \in I_r : |A_i(x) - s| \geq \varepsilon\} = KA_\theta(\varepsilon)$  and  $I_r^2 = \{i \in I_r : |A_i(x) - s| < \varepsilon\}$ .

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $A$  be a limitation method, then*

- (i)  $x_i \rightarrow s(N_\theta(A))$  implies  $x_i \rightarrow s(S_\theta(A))$ .
- (ii)  $x$  is bounded and  $x_i \rightarrow s(S_\theta(A))$  implies  $x_i \rightarrow s(N_\theta(A))$ .
- (iii)  $S_\theta(A) = N_\theta(A)$  is  $x$  is bounded.

**Proof.** (i) If  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $x_i \rightarrow s(N_\theta(A))$  we can write

$$h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} |A_i(x) - s| \geq h_r^{-1} |KA_\theta(\varepsilon)| \varepsilon.$$

It follows that  $x_i \rightarrow s(S_\theta(A))$ . Note that in this part of the proof we do not need the limitation method of  $A$ .

(ii) Suppose that  $x$  is lacunary  $A$ -statistical convergent to  $s$ . Since  $x$  is bounded and  $A$  is limitation method, there is a constant  $T > 0$  such that  $|A_i(x) - s| \leq T$  for all  $i$ . Therefore we have, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , that

$$h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} |A_i(x) - s| \leq h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r^1} |A_i(x) - s| + h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r^2} |A_i(x) - s| \leq Th_r^{-1} |KA_\theta(\varepsilon)| + \varepsilon.$$

Taking the limit as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , the result follows. (iii) follows from (i) and (ii).

Now we give the relation between of the lacunary  $A$ -statistical convergence and lacunary strongly  $A$ -convergence with respect to modulus.

**Theorem 6.** (i) For any modulus  $f$ ,  $x_i \rightarrow s(N_\theta(A, f))$  implies  $x_i \rightarrow s(S_\theta(A))$ .

(ii)  $f$  is bounded and  $x_i \rightarrow s(S_\theta(A))$  imply  $x_i \rightarrow s(N_\theta(A, f))$ .

(iii)  $S_\theta(A) = N_\theta(A, f)$  if  $f$  is bounded.

**Proof.** (i) Let  $f$  be any modulus. If  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $x_i \rightarrow s(N_\theta(A, f))$  we can write

$$h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} f(|A_i(x) - s|) \geq h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r^1} f(|A_i(x) - s|) > h_r^{-1} |KA_\theta(\varepsilon)| f(\varepsilon).$$

It follows that  $x_i \rightarrow s(S_\theta(A))$ .

(ii) Suppose that  $f$  is bounded. Since  $f$  is bounded, there exists an integer  $T$  such that  $f(x) \leq T$  for all  $x \geq 0$ . We see that

$$\begin{aligned} h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r} f(|A_i(x) - s|) &\leq h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r^1} f(|A_i(x) - s|) + h_r^{-1} \sum_{i \in I_r^2} f(|A_i(x) - s|) \\ &\leq Th_r^{-1} |KA_\theta(\varepsilon)| + f(\varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f$  is continuous and  $x_i \rightarrow s(S_\theta(A))$ , it follows from  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  that  $x_i \rightarrow s(N_\theta(A, f))$ . (ii) follows from (i) and (ii).

As an example to show that  $S_\theta(A) \neq N_\theta(A, f)$  when  $f$  is unbounded, consider  $A = I$ . Since  $f$  is unbounded, there exists a positive sequence  $0 < y_1 < y_2 < \dots$  such that  $f(y_i) \geq h_i$ . Define the sequence  $x = (x_i)$  by putting  $x_{k_i} = y_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $x_i = 0$  otherwise. We have  $x \in S_\theta(A)$ , but  $x \notin N_\theta(A, f)$ .

Finally we consider the case when  $x_k \rightarrow s$  implies  $x_k \rightarrow s(N_\theta(A, f))$ .

**Lemma 7.** ([6]) If  $\liminf q_r > 1$  then  $x_i \rightarrow s(S)$  implies  $x_i \rightarrow s(S_\theta)$ .

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $\liminf q_r > 1$ ,  $A$  is regular and  $f$  is bounded. Then  $x_i \rightarrow s$  implies  $x_i \rightarrow s(N_\theta(A, f))$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $x_i \rightarrow s$ . By regularity of  $A$  and definition of statistical convergence we have  $A_i(x) \rightarrow s(S)$ . Since  $\liminf q_r > 1$  it follows lemma 7 that  $A_i(x) \rightarrow s(S_\theta)$  i.e.  $x_i \rightarrow s(S_\theta(A))$ . Thus, using Theorem 6, we have  $x_i \rightarrow s(N_\theta(A, f))$ .

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