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# Product (*N*, *p<sub>n</sub>*) (*C*, 1) summability of a sequence of Fourier coefficients

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## Abstract

**Purpose:** The purpose of the present paper is to study the product  $(N, p_n)$  (C, 1) summability of a sequence of Fourier coefficients which extends a theorem of Prasad.

**Methods:** We use  $N_p$ ,  $C^1$  summability methods with dropping monotonicity on the generating sequence  $\{p_{n-k}\}$  (that is, by weakening the conditions on the filter, we improve the quality of digital filter).

**Results:** Let  $B_n(x)$  denote the nth term of conjugate series of a Fourier series. Mohanty and Nanda were the first to establish a result for  $C_1$  summability of the sequence { $n \ B_n(x)$ }. Varshney improved the result for  $H_1$ .  $C_1$  summability which was generalized by various investigators using different summability methods with different sets of conditions. In this paper, we extend a result of Prasad by dropping the monotonicity on the sequence { $p_{n-k}$ }.

**Conclusions:** Various results pertaining to the  $C_1$  and  $H_1$ ,  $C_1$  summabilities of the sequence  $\{n \ B_n(x)\}$  have been reviewed and the condition of monotonicity on the means generating the sequence  $\{p_{n-k}\}$  has been relaxed. Moreover, a proper set of conditions have been discussed to rectify the errors pointed out in Remark 3.2 (1) and (2).

**Keywords:** Conjugate Fourier series, (C, 1) summability, (N, p<sub>n</sub>) summability and product, (N, p<sub>n</sub>) (C, 1) summability

### Introduction

Let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n$  be a given infinite series with sequence of its nth partial sums  $\{s_n\}$ . If the  $\{p_n\}$  be a nonnegative and nondecreasing, which generates sequences of constants, real or complex, let us write

$$P_n = \sum_{k=0}^n P_k \neq 0 \quad \forall n \ge 0, \ P_{-1} = 0 = P_{-1} \text{ and}$$
$$P_n \to \infty \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

The condition for regularity of Nörlund summability are easily seen to be

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{P_n}{P_n} \to 0 \quad and \tag{1.}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |p_k| = O(P_n), \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$
(2.)

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$$t_n^N = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{k=0}^n p_{n-k} s_k.$$
(1.1)

defines the sequence  $\{t_n^N\}$  of Nörlund means of the sequence  $\{s_n\}$ , as generated by the sequence of coefficients  $\{p_n\}$ . The series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n$  is said to be summable  $(N, p_n)$  to the sum *s* if  $\lim_{n\to\infty} t_n^N$  exists and equal to *s*.

In the special case in which

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$$u_n = {n+\alpha-1 \choose \alpha-1} = {\Gamma(n+\alpha) \over \Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha)}; \ (\alpha > -1)$$

the Nörlund summability  $(N, p_n)$  reduces to the familiar  $(C, \alpha)$  summability.

The product of  $N_p$  summability with a  $C^1$  summability defines  $N_p$ .  $C^{-1}$  summability. Thus the  $N_p$ .  $C^{-1}$  mean is given by  $t^{NC}{}_n(x) = P_n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n p_{n-k} C_k(x)$ . If  $t_n^{NC} \to s \text{ as } n \to \infty$ , then the infinite series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n$ 

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Let f(x) be a  $2\pi$ -periodic function and Lebesgue integrable. The Fourier series of f(x) at any point x is given by

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos k x + b_k \sin k x) \equiv \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k(x).$$
(1.2)

With nth partial sum,  $s_n(f; x)$  is called trigonometric polynomial of degree (order) *n* of the first (n + 1) terms of the Fourier series of *f*.

The conjugate series of Fourier series (1.2) is given by

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (b_k \cos kx - a_k \sin kx) \equiv \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k(x)$$
(1.3)

The regularity conditions of  $N_p$ .  $C^1$  are as follows:  $n B_n \rightarrow s \Rightarrow C^1(n B_n) = t_n^C = n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n k B_k(x) \rightarrow s$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $C^1$  method is regular,  $\Rightarrow N_p \{C^1(nB_n)\} = t_n^{NC} = P_n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n P_{n-k}$   $(k^{-1} \sum_{r=1}^k r B_r(x)) \rightarrow s$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $N_p$  method is also regular, and  $\Rightarrow C^1.N_p$  method is regular. We note that  $t_n^N$  and  $t_n^{NC}$ are also trigonometric polynomials of degree (order) n.

#### Abel's transformation

The formula

$$\sum_{k=m}^{n} u_{k} v_{k} = \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} U_{k} (v_{k} - v_{k+1}) - U_{m-1} v_{m} + U_{n} v_{n},$$
(1.4)

where  $0 \le m \le n$ ,  $U_k = u_0 + u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_k$ , if  $k \ge 0$ ,  $U_{-1} = 0$ , which can be verified, is known as Abel's transformation and will be used extensively in the succeeding discussion.

If  $v_{m}v_{m+1}, \ldots, v_n$  are nonnegative and nonincreasing, the left hand side of (1.4) does not exceed  $2v_m \max_{m-1 \le k \le n} |U_k|$  in the absolute value. In fact,

$$\left|\sum_{k=m}^{n} u_{k} v_{k}\right| \leq \max |U_{k}| \left\{\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} (v_{k} - v_{k+1}) + v_{m} + v_{n}\right\}$$
  
= 2 v<sub>m</sub> max| U<sub>k</sub> |.

Throughout in this paper, we use the following notations

$$\begin{split} \psi(t) &= \psi_x(t) = f(x+t) - f(x-t) - l, \\ \Psi(t) &= \int_0^t |\psi(u)| du, \\ Q(n,t) &= \frac{1}{\pi P_n} \sum_{k=1}^n p_{n-k} \left\{ \frac{\sin k t}{k t^2} - \frac{\cos k t}{t} \right\}, \end{split}$$

 $\Delta_k p_{n-k} = p_{n-k} - p_{n-k-1}, 0 \le k \le n,$ 

and  $\tau = [1/t]$  is the largest integer contained in 1/t, where *l* is a constant.

The (C, 1) and (H, 1) denotes the Cesàro and harmonic summabilities respectively of order one. The product summability  $(N, p_n)$  (C, 1) is obtained by superimposing  $(N, p_n)$  summability on (C, 1) summability, and the product summability  $(N, p_n)$  (C, 1) plays an important role in signal theory as a double digital filter in finite impulse response in particular [1].

#### Methods

#### Known theorems

The theory of summability is a very extensive field. Mohanty and Nanda [2] proved the following theorem on  $C_1$  summability of the sequence { $n B_n(x)$ }.

Theorem 2.1 [2] If

$$\Psi(t) = o(t/\log(1/t)), \text{ as } t \rightarrow +0$$
 (2.1)

and

$$a_n = \mathcal{O}(n^{-\delta}); b_n = \mathcal{O}(n^{-\delta}), \text{ as } t \to +0,$$
 (2.2)

then the sequence  $\{n \ B_n(x)\}\$  is the summable  $C_1$  to the value of  $l/\pi$ .

Varshney [3] improved Theorem 2.1 by extending it to product  $H_1$ .  $C_1$  summability. He has proved that

$$\Psi(t) = o(t/\log(1/t)), \text{ as } t \to +0, \tag{2.3}$$

then the sequence  $\{n \ B_n(x)\}\$  is the summable  $H_1$ .  $C_1$  to the value of  $l/\pi$ .

Various investigators such as Sharma [4], Rhoades [5] (cor. 19, p. 533), Pandey [6], Rai [7], Dwivedi [8], Mittal and Prasad [9], Prasad [10], Mittal [11], Chandra [12], Mittal et al. [13,14], and Mittal and Singh [1] used different summability methods with different sets of conditions. In particular, Prasad [10] has proved the following:

**Theorem 2.3 [6]** Let p(u) be monotonically decreasing and strictly positive value with  $u \ge 0$ . Let  $p_n = p(n)$  and

$$P(u) = \int_0^u p(x) dx \to \infty, \text{ as } u \to \infty.$$
 (2.4)

Let  $\alpha(t)$  be a positive and nondecreasing function of t. If

$$\Psi(t) = o(t/\alpha(1/t)), \text{ as } t \to +0, \tag{2.5}$$

then a sufficient condition that the sequence  $\{n B_n(x)\}\$  be a summable  $N_P. C_1$  to the value of  $l/\pi$  is that

$$\int_{1}^{n} \frac{P(x)}{x \alpha(x)} dx = O(P(n)), \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$
(2.6)
  
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#### **Results and discussion**

#### Main theorem

In the present paper, we extend Theorem 2.3 by dropping the monotonicity on the generating sequence  $\{P_{n-k}\}$  (that is, by weakening the conditions on the filter, we improve the quality of the digital filter). More precisely, we prove in Theorem 3.1:

Theorem 3.1 Let  $\{p_k\}$  be a nonnegative value such that

(i.) 
$$\sum_{k=r}^{n} |\Delta_k p_{n-k}| = O(p_{n-r}), \text{ (ii.) } n p_n = O(p_n).$$
  
(3.1)

Let  $\alpha(t)$  be a positive and increasing function of t such that

$$\Psi(t) = o(t/\alpha \ (1/t)), \text{ as } t \to +0 \tag{3.2}$$

and

$$\alpha(n) \to \infty, \text{ as } n \to \infty \tag{3.3}$$

then a sufficient condition for the sequence  $\{nB_n(x)\}$  to be as the summable  $(N, p_n)$  (C, 1) to the value of  $l/\pi$  is

$$\int_{1/\delta}^{n} \frac{P(x)}{x \alpha(x)} dx = O(P(n)), \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$
(3.4)

**Remark 3.2** (1) If  $p_{n-k} \le p_{n-k-1}$ ,  $\forall 0 \le k < n$ , as used in Theorem 2.3, then both the conditions (3.1) holds. Thus Theorem 3.1 extends Theorem 2.3. (2) In the proof of Theorem 2.3, author in [10] has used the condition (3.3) but did not mention in his statement.

Lemmas. For the proof of our Theorem 3.1, we require the following lemmas.

**Lemma 4.1** [10] *If*  $0 \le t \le 1/n$ , then

|Q(n,t)|=0(n)

Lemma 4.2 [15] For all values of n and t

$$\left|\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{\sin(k+1)t}{k+1}\right| \le 1 + \frac{\pi}{2}.$$
(4.2)

**Lemma 4.3** Under the regularity conditions of matrix  $(N, p_n)$  in satisfying (3.1), we get  $Q(n, t) = O(t^{-1} P(\tau)/P_n) + O(t^{-2} p_1/P_n)$ , for

$$1/n \le t \le \delta. \tag{4.3}$$

**Proof** We have  $Q(n,t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{n-k} / \pi P_n \left\{ \frac{\sin(n-k)t}{(n-k)t^2} - \frac{\cos(n-k)t}{t} \right\} = Q_1(n,t) + Q_2(n,t)$ , as we say.

By using Abel's transformation, Lemma 4.2, and condition (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Q_{1}(n,t)| &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{n-k} / \pi P_{n} \frac{\sin(n-k)t}{(n-k)t^{2}} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} p_{n-k} / \pi P_{n} \frac{\sin(n-k)t}{(n-k)t^{2}} \right| \\ &+ \left| \sum_{k=r}^{n-1} p_{n-k} / \pi P_{n} \frac{\sin(n-k)t}{(n-k)t^{2}} \right| \\ &\leq \left[ t^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} p_{n-k} \left| \frac{\sin(n-k)t}{(n-k)t} \right| \right] / \pi P_{n} \\ &\leq \left[ t^{-1} \sum_{k=r}^{r-1} p_{n-k} \frac{\sin(n-k)t}{n-k} \right] \right] / \pi P_{n} \\ &\leq \left[ t^{-1} \sum_{k=r}^{r-1} p_{n-k} \frac{\sin(n-k)t}{n-k} \right] \\ &+ t^{-2} \left| \sum_{k=r}^{n-2} \left( \Delta_{k} p_{n-k} \sum_{r=0}^{k} \frac{\sin(n-r)t}{n-r} \right) \right| \right] / \pi P_{n} \\ &+ t^{-2} \left| p_{n-r} / \pi P_{n} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} \frac{\sin(n-k)t}{n-k} \right| \\ &+ t^{-2} \left| p_{n-r} / \pi P_{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\sin(n-k)t}{n-k} \right| \\ &\leq \left[ t^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{r} p_{n-k} + t^{-2} \left( 1 + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right] \\ &\times \left( \sum_{k=r}^{n-2} |\Delta_{k} p_{n-k}| + p_{n-r} + p_{1} \right) \right] / \pi P_{n} \\ &= O(t^{-1}) ((P(\tau) + (\tau+1)p_{n-r}) / P_{n}) + O(t^{-2}p_{1} / P_{n}) \\ &= O(t^{-1}P(\tau) / P_{n}) + O(t^{-2}p_{1} / P_{n}). \end{aligned}$$

Again by using Abel's transformation and condition (3.1), we have

$$\begin{split} Q_{2}(n,t) &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{n-k} / \pi P_{n} \frac{\cos(n-k)t}{t} \\ &= O(t^{-1}) \bigg[ P(\tau) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (\Delta_{k} p_{n-k}) \sum_{r=0}^{k} \cos(n-r) t \\ &- p_{n-\tau} \sum_{r=0}^{\tau-1} \cos(n-r) t \bigg] P_{n}^{-1} \\ &+ O(t^{-1}) P_{n}^{-1} p_{1} \sum_{r=0}^{n} \cos(n-r) t \\ &|Q_{2}(n,t)| = O(t^{-1}) \bigg[ P(\tau) + t^{-1} \sum_{k=\tau}^{n-2} |\Delta_{k} p_{n-k}| \\ &+ t^{-1} p_{n-\tau} + t^{-1} p_{1} \bigg] / P_{n} \\ &= O(t^{-1} P(\tau) / P_{n}) + O(t^{-2} p_{1} / P_{n}). \end{split}$$

By collecting  $Q_1(n, t)$ ,  $Q_2(n, t)$  and Q(n, t), we get

$$Q(n,t) = \mathcal{O}(t^{-1}P(\tau)/P_n) + \mathcal{O}(t^{-2}p_1/P_n).$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 4.3. **Proof of Theorem 3.1** The  $C_1$  transform of the sequence  $\{n B_n(x)\}$  denoted by  $C_n(x)$  is defined by

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$$C_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n k B_k(x).$$

The  $N_p$ .  $C_1$  transform of the sequence  $\{n \ B_n(x)\}$ , which is denoted by  $t_n^{N-C}(x)$ , is given by

$$t^{NC}{}_{n}(x) = P_{n}^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{n-k} C_{k}(x)$$
  
=  $P_{n}^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{n-k} \left( \frac{1}{k} \sum_{r=1}^{k} r B_{r}(x) \right).$ 

Therefore, following Mohanty and Nanda [2], we obtain

$$t^{NC}{}_{n}(x) - l/\pi = P_{n}^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \left\{ p_{n-k} \left( \frac{1}{k} \sum_{r=1}^{k} r B_{r}(x) - l/\pi \right) \right\}$$
$$= P_{n}^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{n-k} \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi} \psi(t) \left( \frac{\sinh t}{kt^{2}} - \frac{\cosh t}{t} \right) dt + o(1) \right\}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi} \psi(t) P_{n}^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{n-k} \left( \frac{\sinh t}{kt^{2}} - \frac{\cosh t}{t} \right) dt + o(1)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \int_{0}^{1/n} + \int_{1/n}^{\delta} + \int_{\delta}^{\pi} \right) \psi(t) Q(n, t) dt + o(1), \text{ where } 0 < \delta < \pi$$
$$= \frac{1}{\pi} (I_{1} + I_{2} + I_{3}) + o(1), \tag{5.1}$$

where

$$I_{1} = \int_{0}^{1/n} \psi(t)Q(n,t)dt = O(n)\int_{0}^{1/n} |\psi(t)|dt$$
  
=  $O(n)\Psi(1/n) = O(n)O(1/n\alpha(n))$   
=  $O(1/\alpha(n)) = O(1)$ , as  $n \to \infty$ , (5.2)

in view of Lemma 4.1, conditions (3.2), and (3.3). Using Lemma 4.3, we have

$$I_{2} = \int_{1/n}^{\delta} \psi(t)Q(n,t)dt$$
  
=  $\int_{1/n}^{\delta} |\psi(t)|P_{n}^{-1} \{O(t^{-2}p_{1}) + O(t^{-1}P(\tau))\}dt$   
=  $I_{2,1} + I_{2,2}$  as we say. (5.3)

Now, using conditions (3.1-ii), (3.2), (3.3), and second mean value theorem for integrals, we have

$$\begin{split} I_{2,1} &= \mathcal{O}(1) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} t^{-2} P_n^{-1} p_1 |\psi(t)| \, dt = \mathcal{O}(P_n^{-1} p_1) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} t^{-2} |\psi(t)| \, dt \\ &= \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \left\{ (t^{-2} \, \Psi(t))_{1/n}^{\delta} + \int_{1/n}^{\delta} t^{-3} \, \Psi(t) \, dt \right\} \\ &= o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \left(\frac{1}{t \, \alpha(1/t)}\right)_{1/n}^{\delta} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} \frac{dt}{t^2 \, \alpha(1/t)} \\ &= o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) + o\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(n)}\right) + o\left(\frac{1}{n \, \alpha(1/\delta)}\right) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} \frac{dt}{t^2} \\ &= o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) + o\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(n)}\right) + o\left(\frac{1}{n \, \alpha(1/\delta)}\right) (\delta - 1/n) \\ &= o(1), \text{ as } n \to \infty. \end{split}$$
(5.4)

Using conditions (3.1-ii), (3.2), (3.3), and (3.4), we have

$$\begin{split} I_{2,2} &= O(1) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} \frac{|\psi(t)|}{t} P_n^{-1} P(\tau) dt = O(1) \left( \Psi(t) P_n^{-1} \frac{P(\tau)}{t} \right)_{1/n}^{\delta} \\ &+ O(1) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} \Psi(t) P_n^{-1} \frac{P(\tau)}{t^2} dt + O(1) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} \frac{\Psi(t)}{t} d(P_n^{-1} P(\tau)) \\ &= o(1) + o\left( \frac{P_n^{-1} P_n}{\alpha(n)} \right) + o(1) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} \frac{P_n^{-1} P(\tau)}{t \alpha(1/t)} dt \\ &+ O(P_n^{-1}) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} \Psi(t) d\left( \frac{P(1/t) \alpha(1/t)}{t \alpha(1/t)} \right) \\ &= o(1) + o\left( \frac{P_n^{-1} P_n}{\alpha(n)} \right) + o(1) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} \frac{P_n^{-1} P(\tau)}{t \alpha(1/t)} dt \\ &+ O(P_n^{-1}) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} o\left( \frac{t}{\alpha(1/t)} \right) d\left( \frac{P(1/t)}{t \alpha(1/t)} \right) \alpha(1/t) \\ &+ O(P_n^{-1}) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} o\left( \frac{t}{\alpha(1/t)} \right) \frac{P(1/t)}{t \alpha(1/t)} d(\alpha(1/t)) \\ &= o(1) + o\left( \frac{1}{\alpha(n)} \right) + o(1) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} \frac{P_n^{-1} P(\tau)}{t \alpha(1/t)} dt \\ &+ o(P_n^{-1}) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} t d\left( \frac{P(1/t)}{t \alpha(1/t)} \right) + o(1) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} \frac{d(\alpha(1/t))}{(\alpha(1/t))^2} \\ &= o(1) + o\left( \frac{1}{\alpha(n)} \right) + o(1) \int_{1/n}^{\delta} \frac{P_n^{-1} P(\tau)}{t \alpha(1/t)} dt \\ &+ o(P_n^{-1}) \left\{ \left[ \frac{t P(1/t)}{t \alpha(1/t)} \right]_{1/n}^{\delta} - \int_{1/n}^{\delta} \frac{P(1/t)}{t \alpha(1/t)} dt \right\} \\ &+ o(1) \left[ -\frac{1}{\alpha(1/t)} \right]_{1/n}^{\delta} \int_{1/n}^{\delta} \frac{P_n^{-1} P(\tau)}{t \alpha(1/t)} dt \\ &= o(1) + o(1) \int_{1/\delta}^{n} \frac{P_n^{-1} P(x)}{x \alpha(x)} dx \\ &= o(1) + o(1) O(P_n^{-1} P(n)) = o(1), \text{ as } n \to \infty. \quad (5.5) \\ \textbf{WWW.SID.ir} \end{split}$$

$$I_2 = o(1), \text{ as } n \to \infty \tag{5.6}$$

Finally, by Riemann-Lebesgue Theorem, we have

$$I_3 = \int_{\delta}^{\pi} \psi(t) Q(n, t) dt = o(1), \text{ as } n \to \infty$$
(5.7)

By collecting (5.2), (5.6), and (5.7), we get

$$t^{NC}{}_n(x) - l/\pi = o(1), \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

#### Conclusions

Various results pertaining to the  $C_1$  and  $H_1$   $C_1$  summabilities of the sequence  $\{n \ B_n(x)\}$  have been reviewed, and the condition of monotonicity on the means of generating the sequence  $\{p_{n-k}\}$  has been relaxed. Moreover, a proper set of conditions have been discussed to rectify the errors pointed out in Remark 3.2 (1) and (2).

#### **Competing interest**

The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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