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Statistical Convergence of Double Sequences of Order $\tilde{\alpha}$

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We intend to make a new approach and introduce the concepts of statistical convergence of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ and strongly $p$-Cesàro summability of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ for double sequences of complex or real numbers. Also, some relations between the statistical convergence of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ and strong $p$-Cesàro summability of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ are given.

1. Introduction

The concept of statistical convergence was introduced by Steinhaus [1] and Fast [2] and later investigated by Schoenberg [3] independently for real and complex sequences. Over the years and under different names, statistical convergence has been discussed in the theory of Fourier analysis, ergodic theory, number theory, measure theory, trigonometric series, turnpike theory, and Banach spaces. Later on, it was further investigated from the sequences space point of view and linked with summability theory by Fridy [4], Connor [5], Maddox [6], Rath and Tripathy [7], Šalát [8], Tripathy et al. [9–12], and many others.

The idea of statistical convergence was later extended to double sequences by Mursaleen and Edely [13], Karakaya et al. [14], Móricz [15], and Tripathy et al. [16–18]. More recent developments on double sequences can be found in [19–22].

In the present paper, we introduce and examine the concepts of statistically convergence of double sequences of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ and strong $p$-Cesàro summability of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ of double sequences of complex or real numbers, where $\tilde{\alpha}$ denotes the pair $(s, t)$, and $s, t$ are any real numbers such that $s, t \in (0, 1]$. The order of statistical convergence of a single sequence of numbers was given in [23], and after that, statistical convergence of order $\alpha$ and strong $p$-Cesàro summability of order $\alpha$ were studied by Çolak in [24, 25].

In Section 2, we give a brief information about statistical convergence and strong $p$-Cesàro summability, and we define the concepts of statistical convergence of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ and strong $p$-Cesàro summability of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ and give some results. In Section 3, we give the main results and establish some inclusion relations between $S_{\tilde{\alpha}}^2$ and $w_{p\tilde{\alpha}}^2$.

2. Definitions and Preliminaries

In this section, mainly we introduce and examine the concepts of the $\tilde{\alpha}$-double density of a subset $E$ of $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$, statistical convergence of order $\tilde{\alpha}$, and strong $p$-Cesàro summability of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ of the double sequences of complex or real numbers for $\tilde{\alpha} \in (0, 1]$.

$w^2$ denotes the space of all double sequences. Let $\ell_{\infty}^2$, $c^2$ and $c_0^2$ be the linear spaces of bounded, convergent, and null sequences $x = (x_{j,k})$ with complex terms, respectively, normed by $\|x\|_{(\infty, 2)} = \sup_{j,k} |x_{j,k}|$, where $j, k \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \ldots\}$ the set of positive integers.

By the convergence of a double sequence, we mean the convergence in Pringsheim’s sense [26]. A double sequence $x = (x_{j,k})$ is said to be convergent in the Pringsheim sense if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|x_{j,k} - L| < \epsilon$ whenever $j, k \geq N$; $L$ is called the Pringsheim limit of $x$.

A double sequence $x = (x_{j,k})$ is bounded if there exists a positive number $M$ such that $|x_{j,k}| \leq M$ for all $j$ and $k$, that is, if

$$\|x\|_{(\infty, 2)} = \sup_{j,k} |x_{j,k}| < \infty.$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)

Note that in contrast to the case for single sequences, a convergent double sequence need not be bounded.
Let $K \subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ and let $K(n, m)$ be the number of $(i, j)$ in $K$ such that $i \leq n$ and $j \leq m$. Then, the lower asymptotic density of a set $K \subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ is defined by

$$
\delta^2(K) = \liminf_{n,m} \frac{K(n, m)}{nm}.
$$

(2)

In case the sequence $(K(n, m)/nm)$ has a limit in Pringsheim's sense, then we say that $K$ has a double natural density and is defined by

$$
\delta^2(K) = \lim_{n,m} \frac{K(n, m)}{nm}.
$$

(3)

Throughout the paper, we take $s, t, u, v \in (0, 1]$, otherwise indicated, and for the sake of brevity, we write $\tilde{\alpha}$ instead of $(s, t)$ and $\tilde{\beta}$ instead of $(u, v)$. Also, we define

$$
\tilde{\alpha} \leq \tilde{\beta} \iff s \leq u \text{ and } t \leq v
$$

$$
\tilde{\alpha} < \tilde{\beta} \iff s < u \text{ and } t < v
$$

$$
\tilde{\alpha} \equiv \tilde{\beta} \iff s = u \text{ and } t = v
$$

$$
\tilde{\alpha} \in (0, 1] \iff s, t \in (0, 1]
$$

$$
\tilde{\beta} \equiv 1 \text{ in case } s = t = 1
$$

$$
\tilde{\alpha} > 1 \text{ in case } s > 1 \text{ and } t > 1,
$$

and furthermore, we write $S^2_{\tilde{\alpha}}$ to denote $S^2_{(s, t)}$ and $S^2_{\tilde{\beta}}$ to denote $S^2_{(u, v)}$ in the following.

Now we define the $\tilde{\alpha}$-double density of the set $K \subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ as

$$
\delta^2_{\tilde{\alpha}}(K) = \lim_{n,m} \frac{K(n, m)}{n^m t^m}.
$$

(4)

**Remark 1.** Note that for any set $K \subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$, $\delta^2_{\tilde{\alpha}}(K)$ may be greater than 1, equal to 1, or less than 1. $\delta^2_{\tilde{\alpha}}(K)$ does not hold in general.

**Definition 2.** Let $x = (x_{j,k}) \in \mathcal{U}^2$ and $\tilde{\alpha} \in (0, 1]$ be given. The sequence $(x_{j,k})$ is said to be statistically convergent of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ if there is a complex number $\ell$ such that for every $\epsilon > 0$,

$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n^m t^m} \left| \left\{ (j, k) : j \leq n, k \leq m, |x_{j,k} - \ell| \geq \epsilon \right\} \right| = 0,
$$

(5)

which is the case when we say that $x$ is statistically convergent of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ to $\ell$. In this case, we write $S^2_{\tilde{\alpha}} - \lim_{j,k} x_{j,k} = \ell$ and we denote the set of all statistically convergent double sequences of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ by $S^2_{\tilde{\alpha}}$.

In case $\tilde{\alpha} \equiv 1$, the statistical convergence of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ reduces to the statistical convergence of double sequences [13]. If $x = (x_{j,k})$ is statistically convergent of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ to the number $\ell$, then $\ell$ is determined uniquely. The statistical convergence of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ is well defined for $\tilde{\alpha} \in (0, 1]$, but it is not well defined for $\tilde{\alpha} > 1$. For this, let $x = (x_{j,k})$ be defined as follows:

$$
x_{j,k} = \begin{cases} 
1, & \text{if } j + k \text{ even} \\
0, & \text{if } j + k \text{ odd}
\end{cases}
$$

(6)

Then,

$$
\lim_{n,m \to \infty} \frac{1}{n^m t^m} \left| \left\{ (j, k) : j \leq n, k \leq m, |x_{j,k} - 1| \geq \epsilon \right\} \right| \leq \lim_{n,m \to \infty} \frac{n^2 + 1}{n^m t^m} = 0,
$$

(7)

$$
\lim_{n,m \to \infty} \frac{1}{n^m t^m} \left| \left\{ (j, k) : j \leq n, k \leq m, |x_{j,k} - 0| \geq \epsilon \right\} \right| \leq \lim_{n,m \to \infty} \frac{n^2 + 1}{n^m t^m} = 0
$$

for $\tilde{\alpha} > 1$ that is $s > 1$ and $t > 1$, so that $x = (x_{j,k})$ statistically converges of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ to both 0 and 1, that is, $S_{\tilde{\alpha}}^2 - \lim_{j,k} x_{j,k} = 0$, and $S_{\tilde{\alpha}}^2 - \lim_{j,k} x_{j,k} = 1$ and $S_{\tilde{\alpha}}^2 - \lim_{j,k} x_{j,k} = 0$. However, this is impossible.

**Theorem 3.** Let $\tilde{\alpha} \in (0, 1]$ and $x = (x_{j,k})$, $y = (y_{j,k})$ be sequences of complex numbers. Then,

(i) If $S_{\tilde{\alpha}}^2 - \lim_{j,k} x_{j,k} = x_0$ and $c \in \mathbb{C}$, then $S_{\tilde{\alpha}}^2 - \lim_{j,k} cx_{j,k} = c x_0$.

(ii) If $S_{\tilde{\alpha}}^2 - \lim_{j,k} x_{j,k} = x_0$ and $S_{\tilde{\alpha}}^2 - \lim_{j,k} y_{j,k} = y_0$, then $S_{\tilde{\alpha}}^2 - \lim_{j,k} (x_{j,k} + y_{j,k}) = x_0 + y_0$.

**Proof.** (i) is clear in case $c = 0$. Suppose that $c \neq 0$; then the proof of (ii) follows from

$$
\frac{1}{n^m t^m} \left| \left\{ (j, k) : j \leq n, k \leq m, |cx_{j,k} - c x_0| \geq \epsilon \right\} \right| = \frac{1}{n^m t^m} \left| \left\{ (j, k) : j \leq n, k \leq m, |x_{j,k} - x_0| \geq \frac{\epsilon}{|c|} \right\} \right|,
$$

(8)

and that of (ii) follows from the following inequality:

$$
\frac{1}{n^m t^m} \left| \left\{ (j, k) : j \leq n, k \leq m, |x_{j,k} + y_{j,k} - (x_0 + y_0)| \geq \epsilon \right\} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n^m t^m} \left| \left\{ (j, k) : j \leq n, k \leq m, |x_{j,k} - x_0| \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right\} \right| + \frac{1}{n^m t^m} \left| \left\{ (j, k) : j \leq n, k \leq m, |y_{j,k} - y_0| \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right\} \right|.
$$

(9)

□

It is easy to see that every convergent double sequence is statistically convergent of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ to the same number, that is $S_{\tilde{\alpha}}^2 \subseteq S_{\tilde{\alpha}}^2$ for each $\tilde{\alpha} \in (0, 1]$ that is for each pair of $(s, t)$ such that $s, t \in (0, 1]$. However, the converse does not hold. For example, the sequence $x = (x_{j,k})$ defined by

$$
x_{j,k} = \begin{cases} 
1, & \text{if } j = n^3, k = m^3 \\
0, & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
$$

(10)
is statistically convergent of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ with $S_\alpha^2 - \lim x_{jk} = 0$ for $\tilde{\alpha} > 1/3$ that is $s > 1/3$, $t > 1/3$ but it is not convergent.

**Definition 4.** Let $\tilde{\alpha} \in (0, 1]$ be given. A sequence $x = (x_{jk})$ is said to be Cesàro summable of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ if there is a complex number $\ell$ such that

$$\lim_{n,m \to \infty} \frac{1}{nm} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} x_{jk} = \ell,$$

which is the case when we say that $x$ is Cesàro summable of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ to $\ell$. For $\tilde{\alpha} \equiv 1$, the Cesàro summability of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ reduces to the Cesàro summability that is given in [15]. The set of all Cesàro summable double sequences of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ will be denoted by $w_\tilde{\alpha}^2$. The set of all Cesàro summable double sequences will be denoted by $w^2$.

**Definition 5.** Let $\tilde{\alpha} \in (0, 1]$ be given, and let $p$ be a positive real number. Then, a sequence $x = (x_{jk})$ is said to be strongly $p$-Cesàro summable of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ if there is a complex number $\ell$ such that

$$\lim_{n,m \to \infty} \frac{1}{nm} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} |x_{jk} - \ell|^p = 0,$$

which is the case when we say that $x$ is strongly $p$-Cesàro summable of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ to $\ell$. For $\tilde{\alpha} \equiv 1$, the strong $p$-Cesàro summability of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ reduces to the strong $p$-Cesàro summability that is given in [13]. The set of all strongly $p$-Cesàro summable sequences of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ will be denoted by $[w_\tilde{\alpha}^p]_{\tilde{\alpha}}$.

### 3. Main Results

In this section, we give the main results of the paper. In Theorem 6, we give the relationship between the statistical double convergence of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ and the statistical double convergence of order $\beta$ for $\tilde{\alpha} \leq \beta$ and so that the relationship between the statistical double convergence of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ and the statistical convergence. In Corollary 10, we give the relationship between the strong $p$-Cesàro summability of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ and the strong $p$-Cesàro summability of order $\beta$. In Theorem 12, we give the relationship between the strong $p$-Cesàro summability of order $\tilde{\alpha}$ and the statistical double convergence of order $\beta$.

**Theorem 6.** Let $\tilde{\alpha}, \beta \in (0, 1]$ be given such that $\tilde{\alpha} \leq \beta$. Then, $S_\alpha^2 \subseteq S_\beta^2$ and the inclusion is strict for some $\tilde{\alpha}$ and $\beta$ such that $\tilde{\alpha} < \tilde{\beta}$.

**Proof.** Let $\tilde{\alpha}, \beta \in (0, 1]$ be given. If $\tilde{\alpha} \leq \beta$ and so that $s \leq u$ and $t \leq v$, then

$$\frac{1}{n^{u}m^{v}} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} |x_{jk} - \ell|^p \leq \frac{1}{n^{u}m^{v}} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} |x_{jk} - \ell|^p,$$

and this gives that $[w_\tilde{\alpha}^p]_{\tilde{\alpha}} \subseteq [w_\beta^p]_{\beta}$.

To show that the inclusion is strict, consider the sequence $x = (x_{jk})$ defined in (14). It is easy to see that

$$\frac{\sqrt{n-1}}{n^{u}} \frac{\sqrt{m-1}}{m^{v}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{n-1}}{n^{u}m^{v}} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} |x_{jk}|^p \leq \frac{\sqrt{n-1}}{n^{u}} \frac{\sqrt{m-1}}{m^{v}}.$$
and \(((\sqrt{n-1}/n^t)/((\sqrt{m}-1)/m^t))\to\infty\) as \(n\to\infty, m\to\infty\), then \(x \notin [u^2_{p,\alpha}]\) for \(\alpha \in (0,1/2]\) (i.e., for \(0 < s < 1/2\) and \(0 < t < 1/2\)). This completes the proof. \(\square\)

The following result is a consequence of Theorem 9.

**Corollary 10.** Let \(\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1)\) be given such that \(\alpha \leq \beta\), and let \(p\) be a positive real number. Then,

(i) \([u^2_{p,\alpha}] = [u^2_{p,\beta}]\) if and only if \(\alpha \equiv \beta\);

(ii) \([u^2_{p,\alpha}] \subset [u^2_{p,\beta}]\) for each \(\alpha\) such that \(\alpha \in (0, 1)\) and \(0 < p < \infty\).

The following result is a simple consequence of Hölder’s inequality which is an extension of a result of Maddox [27].

**Theorem 11.** Let \(\alpha \in (0, 1)\), and let \(0 < p < q < \infty\). Then,

\([u^2_{q,\alpha}] \subset [u^2_{p,\alpha}]\).

Taking \(\alpha \equiv 1\) in Theorem 11, we obtain a result of Maddox [27]: if \(0 < p < q < \infty\), then \(u^2_{q} \subset u^2_{p}\).

**Theorem 12.** Let \(\alpha\) and \(\beta\) be given such that \(\alpha \leq \beta\), and let \(0 < p < \infty\), where \(\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1)\). If a sequence is strongly \(p\)- Cesàro summable of order \(\alpha\) to \(\ell\), then it is statistically convergent of order \(\beta\) to \(\ell\).

**Proof.** For any sequences \(x = (x_{jk})\) and \(\epsilon > 0\), we have

\[
\sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} \left| x_{jk} - \ell \right|^p \geq \left| \left\{ (j,k) : j \leq n, k \leq m, |x_{jk} - \ell| \geq \epsilon \right\} \right|^p \cdot \epsilon^p,
\]

so that \(\alpha \leq \beta\).

\[
\frac{1}{n^m m^t} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} \left| x_{jk} - \ell \right|^p \geq \left( \frac{1}{n^m m^t} \right)^p \left| \left\{ (j,k) : j \leq n, k \leq m, |x_{jk} - \ell| \geq \epsilon \right\} \right| \cdot \epsilon^p
\]

From this, it follows that if \(x = (x_{jk})\) is strongly \(p\)- Cesàro summable of order \(\alpha\) to \(\ell\), then it is statistically convergent of order \(\beta\) to \(\ell\). \(\square\)

If we take \(\beta \equiv \alpha\) in Theorem 12, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 13.** Let \(\alpha \in (0, 1)\) be given, and let \(0 < p < \infty\). If a double sequence is strongly \(p\)- Cesàro summable of order \(\alpha\) to \(\ell\), then it is statistically convergent of order \(\alpha\) to \(\ell\).

**Remark 14.** Note that the converse of Theorem 12 does not hold in general. We see that a bounded and statistically convergent double sequence of order \(\alpha\) need not be strongly \(p\)- Cesàro summable of order \(\alpha\) in general for \(\alpha \in (0, 1)\).

The sequence \(x = (x_{jk})\) defined by

\[
x_{jk} = \begin{cases} 
\frac{1}{\sqrt{jk}} & j \neq n^3, k \neq m^3 \\
1 & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
\]

is an example for this case. It is clear that \(x \in \ell^2_{\alpha}\) and \(x \in S^2_{\alpha}\) for each \(\alpha \in (1/3, 1)\). First, recall that the inequality

\[
\sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} \frac{1}{\sqrt{jk}} > \sqrt{m^3 n}
\]

holds for every positive integer \(m \geq 2\) and \(n \geq 2\). Define \(G_n = \{ j \leq n : j \neq i^3, i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \}\), \(H_m = \{ k \leq m : k \neq i^3, i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \}\) and take \(p = 1\). Since

\[
\sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} \frac{1}{\sqrt{jk}} = \sum_{j \in G_n} \sum_{k \in H_m} \frac{1}{\sqrt{jk}} + \sum_{j \notin G_n} \sum_{k \in H_m} \frac{1}{\sqrt{jk}}
\]

we have

\[
\frac{1}{n^m m^t} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} \left| x_{jk} \right|^p \geq \frac{1}{n^m m^t} \sum_{j \notin G_n} \sum_{k \in H_m} \frac{1}{\sqrt{jk}} \geq \frac{1}{n^m m^t} \sqrt{m^3 n}
\]

so that \(x \notin [u^2_{p,\alpha}]\) for \(\alpha \in (0, 1)\) if \(p = 1\). Therefore, \(x \in S^2_{\alpha} - [u^2_{p,\alpha}]\) for \(\alpha \in (1/3, 1/2)\) if \(p = 1\).

**Corollary 15.** Let \(\alpha \in (0, 1)\), and let \(p\) be a positive real number. Then, \(u^2_{p,\alpha} \subset S^2\). The inclusion is strict if \(\alpha \in (0, 1)\).

**Proof.** From Corollaries 13 and 7, we have \([u^2_{p,\alpha}] \subset S^2\). To show that the inclusion is strict, consider the sequence \(x = (x_{jk})\) defined in (10). Then, clearly \(S^2 - \lim x_{jk} = 0\); that is,
\[ x \in S^3 \text{ but } x \notin \left[ w^2 \right]_{\alpha} \text{ for } \alpha \in (0, 1/3] \text{ and } p = 1. \] Indeed it is easy to see that

\[
\frac{1}{n'm'} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} |x_{jk} - 0|^p = \frac{1}{n'm'} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} |x_{jk}| \geq \sqrt[n]{\sqrt[m]{\sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} |x_{jk}|}} = \sqrt[n]{\sqrt[m]{\sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} 1}}.
\]

(24)

Since \( \sqrt[n]{\sqrt[m]{\sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} 1}} \to \infty \) as \( n \to \infty \) and \( \sqrt[n]{\sqrt[m]{\sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} |x_{jk}|}} \to \infty \) as \( m \to \infty \), then \( x \notin \left[ w^2 \right]_{\alpha} \) if \( \alpha \in (0, 1/3] \) and \( p = 1 \). Consequently, \( x \in S^3 - \left[ w^2 \right]_{\alpha} \) for \( \alpha \in (0, 1/3] \) and \( p = 1 \). This completes the proof.

4. Conclusion

The concepts of statistical convergence and strong Cesàro summability of double sequences of complex or real numbers have been studied by various mathematicians. In this paper, we introduced the concepts of statistical convergence of order \( \alpha \) and strong \( p \)-Cesàro summability of order \( \alpha \) for double sequences, where \( \alpha \in (0, 1] \). These concepts are much more general than the concepts of statistical convergence and strong \( p \)-Cesàro summability of double sequences that include these concepts in the special case \( \alpha \equiv 1 \).

Note that the converse of Theorem 12 does not hold in general; that is, a statistically convergent sequence of order \( \alpha \) (even a bounded and statistically convergent sequence of order \( \alpha \)) need not be strongly \( p \)-Cesàro summable of order \( \alpha \) in general.

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