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WEIGHTED MEANS IN NON-ARCHIMEDEAN FIELDS

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§1. INTRODUCTION.

In developing summability methods in non-archimedean fields, Srinivasan [6] defined the analogue of the classical weighted means (\bar{N}, p_n) under the assumption that the sequence $\{p_n\}$ of weights satisfies the conditions :

$$|p_0| < |p_1| < |p_2| < \dots < |p_n| < \dots ; \quad (1)$$

and
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |p_n| = \infty . \quad (2)$$

However, it turned out that these weighted means were equivalent to convergence. In the present paper, an attempt is made to remedy the situation by assuming that the sequence $\{p_n\}$ of weights satisfies the conditions :

$$p_n \neq 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots ; \quad (3)$$

and
$$|p_i| \leq |P_j|, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, j, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad (4)$$

where $P_j = \sum_{k=0}^j p_k$, $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Note that (3) and (4) imply $P_n \neq 0$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$.

(4) is equivalent to

$$\max_{0 \leq i \leq j} |p_i| \leq |P_j|, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots .$$

Since the valuation is non-archimedean,

$$|P_j| \leq \max_{0 \leq i \leq j} |p_i|$$

so that (4) is equivalent to

$$|P_j| = \max_{0 \leq i \leq j} |p_i| = |p_j|. \quad (4')$$

The assumptions (3) and (4) make the method of summability arising out of the weighted means non-trivial in certain cases (Remark 4) and further make it possible to compare two regular weighted means (Theorem 3) or compare a regular weighted mean with a regular matrix method (Theorem 4 and Theorem 5). This helps us to obtain (§4) a strictly increasing scale of regular summability methods in \mathbf{Q}_p , the p-adic field for a prime p ; analogous to the scale of Cesàro means in \mathbb{R} (the field of real numbers). These arise out of taking the weights

$$p_n = p^{nk}, \text{ if } n \text{ is odd;} \\ = \frac{1}{p^{nk}}, \text{ if } n \text{ is even,}$$

$$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

For a knowledge of (\bar{N}, p_n) methods in the classical case, the reader may refer [2],[5] and for analysis in non-archimedean fields [1].

§2. PRELIMINARIES .

Throughout this paper, K denotes a complete, non-trivially valued, non-archimedean field and infinite matrices and sequences have their entries in K . Given an infinite matrix $A = (a_{nk}), n, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and a sequence $\{x_k\}, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, by the A -transform of $\{x_k\}$, we mean the sequence $\{(Ax)_n\}$ where

$$(Ax)_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk}x_k, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

it being assumed that the series on the right converge. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (Ax)_n = s$, we say that $\{x_k\}$ is A -summable (or summable by the infinite matrix method A) to s . If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (Ax)_n = s$ whenever $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = s$, the matrix method A is said to be *regular*. It is well-known (see [3], [4]) that A is regular if and only if

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad & \sup_{n,k} |a_{nk}| < \infty \quad ; \\ \text{(b)} \quad & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{nk} = 0, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad ; \\ \text{(c)} \quad & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk} \right) = 1 \quad . \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{5}$$

(cf. For criterion for the regularity of a matrix method in the classical case see [2], p.43, Theorem 2). If a regular matrix A is such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (Ax)_n = s$ implies $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = s$, the matrix method A is said to be *trivial*. Given two infinite matrix methods A, B , we say that A is *included in* B , written as $A \subset B$, if any sequence $\{x_k\}$ that is A -summable to s is also B -summable to s . An infinite matrix $A = (a_{nk})$ is said to be *triangular* (or, more precisely, lower triangular) if $a_{nk} = 0, k > n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Definition 1. The (\overline{N}, p_n) method is defined by the infinite matrix (a_{nk}) where

$$\begin{aligned} a_{nk} &= \frac{p_k}{P_n}, k \leq n \quad ; \\ &= 0, k > n \quad . \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Remark 1. If $\left| \frac{P_{n+1}}{P_n} \right| > 1, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |P_n| = \infty$ i.e. $|P_n|$ strictly increases to infinity, then the method (\overline{N}, p_n) is trivial. For $|p_n| = |P_n - P_{n-1}| = |P_n|$, since $|P_n| > |P_{n-1}|$. So (1) is satisfied. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |P_n| = \infty, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |p_n| = \infty$ so that (2) is satisfied too. Hence (\overline{N}, p_n) is trivial because of Theorem 4.2 of [6].

In the sequel we shall suppose that the sequence $\{p_n\}$ of weights satisfies conditions (3) and (4).

An example of such an (\overline{N}, p_n) method corresponds to $\{p_n\}$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} p_n &= p^n, \text{ if } n \text{ is odd;} \\ &= \frac{1}{p^n}, \text{ if } n \text{ is even,} \end{aligned}$$

where $K = \mathbf{Q}_p$.

Remark 2. We note that (4) is equivalent to

$$|P_{n+1}| \geq |P_n|, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{7}$$

Proof. Let (4) hold. Now

$$\begin{aligned} |P_{n+1}| &= \max_{0 \leq i \leq n+1} |p_i| \\ &= \max \left[\max_{0 \leq i \leq n} |p_i|, |p_{n+1}| \right] \\ &= \max \left[|P_n|, |p_{n+1}| \right] \\ &\geq |P_n|, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, let (7) hold. For a fixed integer $j \geq 0$ let $0 \leq i \leq j$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |p_i| &= |P_i - P_{i-1}| \\ &\leq \max \left[|P_i|, |P_{i-1}| \right] \\ &\leq |P_i| \\ &\leq |P_j| \end{aligned}$$

by (7).

§3. MAIN RESULTS.

Theorem 1. (\overline{N}, p_n) is regular if and only if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |P_n| = \infty \tag{8}$$

Proof. Let the (\overline{N}, p_n) method be regular. Using (6) and (5)(b), we note that (8) holds. Conversely, let (8) hold. In view of (6) and (8) it follows that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{nk} = 0, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Now, $|a_{nk}| = 0, k > n$. If $k \leq n, |a_{nk}| = \frac{|p_k|}{|P_n|} \leq 1$, in view of (4).

Also $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk} = 1, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ so that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk} \right) = 1$. Thus, by (5) the method (\overline{N}, p_n) is regular.

Remark 3. If (\overline{N}, p_n) is non-trivial, then (1) cannot be satisfied. Suppose (1) holds, then $|p_n| = |P_n|$ so that (2) also holds. Thus (\overline{N}, p_n) is trivial by Theorem 4.2 of [6], a contradiction. This establishes the claim.

Remark 4. There are non-trivial (\overline{N}, p_n) methods. Let $\alpha \in K$ such that $0 < c = |\alpha| < 1$, this being possible since K is non-trivially valued. Let

$$\{p_n\} = \left\{ \alpha, \frac{1}{\alpha^2}, \alpha^3, \frac{1}{\alpha^4}, \dots \right\}$$

and

$$\{s_n\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha}, \alpha^2, \frac{1}{\alpha^3}, \alpha^4, \dots \right\}$$

It is clear that $\{s_n\}$ does not converge. If $\{t_n\}$ is the (\overline{N}, p_n) transform of $\{s_k\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} |t_{2k}| &= \left| \frac{2k}{\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \alpha^3 + \dots + \frac{1}{\alpha^{2k}}} \right| \\ &= \frac{|2k|}{\left(\frac{1}{c^{2k}}\right)} \\ &\leq c^{2k} \\ |t_{2k+1}| &= \left| \frac{2k+1}{\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \alpha^3 + \dots + \frac{1}{\alpha^{2k}} + \alpha^{2k+1}} \right| \\ &= \frac{|2k+1|}{\left(\frac{1}{c^{2k}}\right)} \\ &\leq c^{2k} \end{aligned}$$

so that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = 0$. Thus $\{s_n\}$, though non convergent, is summable (\overline{N}, p_n) (in fact, to 0). This establishes our claim.

Theorem 2. (Limitation theorem) If $\{s_n\}$ is summable (\overline{N}, p_n) to s , then

$$|s_n - s| = o\left(\left|\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right|\right), n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Proof. If $\{t_n\}$ is the (\overline{N}, p_n) transform of $\{s_k\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \left|\frac{p_n(s_n - s)}{P_n}\right| &= \left|\frac{p_n s_n - p_n s}{P_n}\right| \\ &= \left|\frac{P_n t_n - P_{n-1} t_{n-1} - s(P_n - P_{n-1})}{P_n}\right| \\ &= \left|\frac{P_n(t_n - s) - P_{n-1}(t_{n-1} - s)}{P_n}\right| \\ &\leq \max\left[|t_n - s|, \left|\frac{P_{n-1}}{P_n}\right| |t_{n-1} - s|\right] \\ &\leq \max[|t_n - s|, |t_{n-1} - s|] \end{aligned}$$

since $\left|\frac{P_{n-1}}{P_n}\right| \leq 1$, by (7). Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = s$, it follows that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left|\frac{p_n(s_n - s)}{P_n}\right| = 0$. Thus

$$|s_n - s| = o\left(\left|\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right|\right), n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Theorem 3. (Comparison theorem for two regular weighted means). If (\overline{N}, p_n) , (\overline{N}, q_n) are two regular methods and if

$$\left|\frac{P_n}{p_n}\right| \leq H \left|\frac{Q_n}{q_n}\right|, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \tag{9}$$

where $H > 0$ is a constant and $Q_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q_k$, then $(\overline{N}, p_n) \subset (\overline{N}, q_n)$.

Proof. Let, for a given sequence $\{s_n\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} t_n &= \frac{p_0 s_0 + p_1 s_1 + \dots + p_n s_n}{P_n}, \\ u_n &= \frac{q_0 s_0 + q_1 s_1 + \dots + q_n s_n}{Q_n}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Then $p_0s_0 = P_0t_0$, $p_ns_n = P_nt_n - P_{n-1}t_{n-1}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_n &= \frac{1}{Q_n} \left[\frac{q_0}{p_0} P_0t_0 + \frac{q_1}{p_1} (P_1t_1 - P_0t_0) + \dots + \frac{q_n}{p_n} (P_nt_n - P_{n-1}t_{n-1}) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_{nk}t_k,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_{nk} &= \left(\frac{q_k}{p_k} - \frac{q_{k+1}}{p_{k+1}} \right) \frac{P_k}{Q_n}, \quad k < n; \\
 &= \frac{q_k}{p_k} \frac{P_k}{Q_k}, \quad k = n; \\
 &= 0, \quad k > n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |Q_n| = \infty$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_{nk} = 0$, $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. If $s_n = 1$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$,

$t_n = u_n = 1$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ so that $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_{nk} = 1$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_{nk} \right) = 1$.

Let $k < n$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 |c_{nk}| &= \left| \frac{q_k}{p_k} - \frac{q_{k+1}}{p_{k+1}} \right| \left| \frac{P_k}{Q_n} \right| \\
 &\leq \max \left[\left| \frac{q_k}{p_k} \right| \left| \frac{P_k}{Q_n} \right|, \left| \frac{q_{k+1}}{p_{k+1}} \right| \left| \frac{P_k}{Q_n} \right| \right] \\
 &\leq \max \left[\left| \frac{q_k}{p_k} \right| \left| \frac{P_k}{Q_k} \right|, \left| \frac{q_{k+1}}{p_{k+1}} \right| \left| \frac{P_{k+1}}{Q_{k+1}} \right| \right] \\
 &\leq H,
 \end{aligned}$$

by (9), since $k < n$ implies $|Q_k|, |Q_{k+1}| \leq |Q_n|$ and so $\frac{1}{Q_n} \leq \frac{1}{Q_k}$, $\frac{1}{Q_n} \leq \frac{1}{Q_{k+1}}$ and $|P_k| \leq |P_{k+1}|$.

If $k = n$, $|c_{nn}| = \left| \frac{q_n}{p_n} \frac{P_n}{Q_n} \right| \leq H$ and $|c_{nk}| = 0 \leq H$, $k > n$. Consequently $\sup_{n,k} |a_{nk}| \leq H$.

The method (c_{nk}) is thus regular, using (5) and so $(\overline{N}, p_n) \subset (\overline{N}, q_n)$. The proof of the theorem is now complete.

Remark 5. Note that the classical counterpart of Theorem 3 (see [2], p.58, Theorem 14) has an additional hypothesis.

Theorem 4. (Comparison theorem for a regular (\overline{N}, p_n) method and a regular matrix). Let (\overline{N}, p_n) be a regular method and A be a regular matrix. If

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{nk}P_k}{p_k} = 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots; \tag{10}$$

and

$$\sup_{n,k} \left| \left(\frac{a_{nk}}{p_k} - \frac{a_{n,k+1}}{p_{k+1}} \right) P_k \right| < \infty, \tag{11}$$

then $(\overline{N}, p_n) \subset A$.

Proof. Let $\{s_n\}$ be any sequence, $\{t_n\}, \{\tau_n\}$ be its (\overline{N}, p_n) , A transforms respectively so that

$$t_n = \frac{p_0s_0 + p_1s_1 + \dots + p_ns_n}{P_n},$$

$$\tau_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk}s_k, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Now,

$$s_n = \frac{P_nt_n - P_{n-1}s_1t_{n-1}}{p_n}, \quad P_{-1} = 0$$

Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = s$. $\tau_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk}s_k$ exists, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and in fact

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_n &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk}s_k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk} \left\{ \frac{P_k t_k - P_{k-1} t_{k-1}}{p_k} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a_{nk}}{p_k} - \frac{a_{n,k+1}}{p_{k+1}} \right) P_k t_k, \end{aligned}$$

since $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n,k+1}}{p_{k+1}} P_k t_k = 0$ by (10) and using the fact that $\{t_k\}$ is convergent and so bounded and $\left| \frac{P_k}{P_{k+1}} \right| \leq 1$. We can now write

$$\tau_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{nk} t_k,$$

where

$$b_{nk} = \left(\frac{a_{nk}}{p_k} - \frac{a_{n,k+1}}{p_{k+1}} \right) P_k.$$

By (11), $\sup_{n,k} |b_{nk}| < \infty$. Since A is regular, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{nk} = 0, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ so that

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_{nk} = 0, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Let $s_n = 1, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Then $t_n = 1, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$.

It now follows that $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{nk} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Consequently $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{nk} \right) =$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk} \right) = 1$. The method (b_{nk}) is thus regular and so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = s$ implies $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tau_n =$

s . i.e. $(\overline{N}, p_n) \subset A$.

Theorem 5. (\overline{N}, p_n) is a regular method and $A = (a_{nk})$ is a regular triangular matrix. Then $(\overline{N}, p_n) \subset A$ if and only if (11) holds.

Proof . Let (11) hold. Since A is a triangular matrix, (10) clearly holds. In view of Theorem 4, we have $(\overline{N}, p_n) \subset A$. Conversely, let $(\overline{N}, p_n) \subset A$. Following the notation of Theorem 4, let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = s$. As in the proof of Theorem 4,

$$\tau_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk} s_k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{nk} t_k,$$

where

$$b_{nk} = \left(\frac{a_{nk}}{p_k} - \frac{a_{n,k+1}}{p_{k+1}} \right) P_k .$$

Since $(\overline{N}, p_n) \subset A$, for every sequence $\{t_k\}$ with $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} t_k = s$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tau_n = s$. This means that (b_{nk}) is a regular matrix and so (11) holds. This complicates the proof.

§4. A SCALE OF STRICTLY INCREASING WEIGHTED MEANS.

We conclude the present paper by obtaining a strictly increasing scale of regular summability methods in \mathbf{Q}_p . We define, for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, the method $(\overline{N}, p_n^{(k)})$ by

$$\begin{aligned} p_n^{(k)} &= p^{nk}, \text{ if } n \text{ is odd;} \\ &= \frac{1}{p_{nk}}, \text{ if } n \text{ is even;} \end{aligned}$$

We now establish that

$$(\overline{N}, p_n^{(k)}) \not\subset (\overline{N}, p_n^{(k+1)}). \tag{12}$$

We apply Theorem 3 to prove this assertion. For convenience, let $p_n = p_n^{(k)}$ and $q_n = p_n^{(k+1)}$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. If n is odd,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{P_n}{p_n} \right| &= \frac{1}{c^{(n-1)k}} \cdot \frac{1}{c^{nk}} = \frac{1}{c^{(2n-1)k}} \\ \left| \frac{Q_n}{q_n} \right| &= \frac{1}{c^{(n-1)(k+1)}} \cdot \frac{1}{c^{n(k+1)}} = \frac{1}{c^{(2n-1)(k+1)}}, \quad c = |p| < 1, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\left| \frac{P_n}{p_n} \right| \leq \left| \frac{Q_n}{q_n} \right|$$

If n is even,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{P_n}{p_n} \right| &= \frac{1}{c^{nk}} \cdot c^{nk} = 1 \\ \left| \frac{Q_n}{q_n} \right| &= \frac{1}{c^{n(k+1)}} \cdot c^{n(k+1)} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\left| \frac{P_n}{p_n} \right| \leq \left| \frac{Q_n}{q_n} \right|$$

in this case too. Consequently, by Theorem 3, $(\overline{N}, p_n^{(k)}) \subset (\overline{N}, p_n^{(k+1)})$. Let now

$$s_n = 0, \quad \text{if } n \text{ is even;} \\ = \frac{1}{p^{n(k+1)+k(n-1)}}, \quad \text{if } n \text{ is odd.}$$

Let $\{\tau_n\}$ be the (\overline{N}, q_n) transform of $\{s_n\}$.

If n is odd,

$$|\tau_n| = \left| \frac{0 + p^{k+1} \cdot \frac{1}{p^{k+1}} + 0 + p^{3(k+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{p^{3(k+1)+2k}} + \dots + 0 + p^{n(k+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{p^{n(k+1)+k(n-1)}}}{1 + p^{k+1} + \frac{1}{p^{2(k+1)}} + \dots + \frac{1}{p^{(n-1)(k+1)}} + p^{n(k+1)}} \right| \\ = \frac{\frac{1}{c^{k(n-1)}}}{\frac{1}{c^{(k+1)(n-1)}}} \\ = c^{n-1}$$

If n is even,

$$|\tau_n| = \left| 0 + p^{k+1} \cdot \frac{1}{p^{k+1}} + 0 + p^{3(k+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{p^{3(k+1)+2k}} + \dots + 0 \right. \\ \left. + \frac{p^{(n-1)(k+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{p^{(n-1)(k+1)+k(n-2)}} + 0}{1 + p^{k+1} + \frac{1}{p^{2(k+1)}} + \dots + p^{(n-1)-(k+1)} + \frac{1}{p^{n(k+1)}}} \right| \\ = \frac{\frac{1}{c^{k(n-2)}}}{\frac{1}{c^{n(k+1)}}} \\ = c^{n+2k}$$

In both the cases, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tau_n = 0$. Thus $\{s_n\}$ is summable (\overline{N}, q_n) to 0. Let, now, $\{t_n\}$ be the (\overline{N}, p_n) transform of $\{s_n\}$.

If n is odd

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\tau_n| &= \left| \frac{0 + p^k \cdot \frac{1}{p^{k+1}} + 0 + p^{3k} \cdot \frac{1}{p^{3(k+1)+2k}} + \dots + 0 + p^{nk} \cdot \frac{1}{p^{n(k+1)+k(n-1)}}}{1 + p^k + \frac{1}{p^{2k}} + \dots + \frac{1}{p^{(n-1)k}} + p^{nk}} \right| \\
 &= \frac{1}{\frac{c^{n+k(n-1)}}{1}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{c^n}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\frac{1}{c} > 1$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |t_n| = \infty$ that $\{t_n\}$ cannot converge. Thus $\{s_n\}$ is not (\overline{N}, p_n) summable and consequently (12) holds.

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