



A theorem on the Cesàro summability method

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we retrieve the backward Cesàro convergence of a real sequence $u = (u_n)$ from the Cesàro summability of the general control modulo of the oscillatory behavior of integer order m of (u_n) under certain conditions.

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1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, the symbols $u_n = o(1)$ and $u_n = O(1)$ mean respectively that $u_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and that (u_n) is bounded for large enough n . Let the sequence of the backward differences of a sequence $u = (u_n)$ be denoted by $\Delta u = (\Delta u_n)$, where $\Delta u_n = u_n - u_{n-1}$ for $n \geq 1$, and $\Delta u_0 = u_0$ for $n = 0$. For each integer $m \geq 0$ and for all nonnegative integers n we define $\sigma_n^{(m)}(u)$ by

$$\sigma_n^{(m)}(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n \sigma_k^{(m-1)}(u) = u_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{V_k^{(m-1)}(\Delta u)}{k}, & m \geq 1 \\ u_n, & m = 0 \end{cases}$$

where

$$V_n^{(m)}(\Delta u) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n V_k^{(m-1)}(\Delta u), & m \geq 1 \\ \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n k \Delta u_k, & m = 0. \end{cases}$$

The identity

$$u_n - \sigma_n^{(1)}(u) = V_n^{(0)}(\Delta u) \quad (1.1)$$

which is well-known and will be used extensively in the proofs is known as the Kronecker identity. Since $\sigma_n^{(1)}(u) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{V_k^{(0)}(\Delta u)}{k} + u_0$, the Kronecker identity can be rewritten in terms of the generator sequence $V_n^{(0)}(\Delta u)$ of (u_n) as

$$u_n = V_n^{(0)}(\Delta u) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{V_k^{(0)}(\Delta u)}{k} + u_0. \quad (1.2)$$

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The classical control modulo of the oscillatory behavior of (u_n) is denoted by $\omega_n^{(0)}(u) = n\Delta u_n$ and the general control modulo of the oscillatory behavior of integer order $m \geq 1$ of (u_n) is defined inductively in [1,2] by

$$\omega_n^{(m)}(u) = \omega_n^{(m-1)}(u) - \sigma_n^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)) \tag{1.3}$$

for all nonnegative integers n . We define $(n\Delta)_m u_n = n\Delta((n\Delta)_{m-1}u_n)$ for each integer $m \geq 1$ and for all nonnegative integers n , where $(n\Delta)_0 u_n = u_n$. It is proved in [3] that $\omega_n^{(m)}(u) = (n\Delta)_m V_n^{(m-1)}(\Delta u)$ for each integer $m \geq 1$.

A sequence (u_n) is Cesàro summable to s if $\lim_n \sigma_n^{(1)}(u) = s$.

A sequence (u_n) is backward convergent if $\Delta u_n = o(1)$. A sequence (u_n) is backward Cesàro convergent if $\Delta \sigma_n^{(1)}(u) = o(1)$.

A sequence (u_n) is said to be subsequentially convergent [1] if there exists a finite interval $I(u)$ such that all accumulation points of (u_n) are in $I(u)$ and every point of $I(u)$ is an accumulation point of (u_n) . We note that bounded backward convergent sequences are subsequentially convergent.

A sequence (u_n) is said to be slowly oscillating [4] if

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 1^+} \limsup_n \max_{n+1 \leq k \leq [\lambda n]} |u_k - u_n| = 0,$$

where $[\lambda n]$ denotes the integer part of λn . It is proved in [2] that (u_n) is slowly oscillating if and only if $(V_n^{(0)}(\Delta u))$ is bounded and slowly oscillating.

A sequence (u_n) is said to be $|C, 1|_p$ summable [5] if for $p > 1$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^{p-1} |\Delta \sigma_j^{(1)}(u)|^p < \infty.$$

A positive sequence (u_n) is O -regularly varying [6] if $\overline{\lim}_n \frac{u([\lambda n])}{u(n)} < \infty$ for $\lambda > 1$. A sequence (u_n) is said to be slowly varying [7] if

$$\lim_n \frac{u([\lambda n])}{u(n)} = 1$$

for $\lambda > 1$.

Our goal is to retrieve backward Cesàro convergence of a real sequence $u = (u_n)$ from the Cesàro summability of the general control modulo of oscillatory behavior of integer order m of (u_n) under certain conditions.

We prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1.1. *Let $(\sigma_n^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)))$ be Cesàro summable to s . If for some $p > 1$*

$$(\lambda - 1)^{p-1} \limsup_n \sum_{j=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} \frac{|\omega_j^{(m)}(u)|^p}{j} = o(1), \quad \lambda \rightarrow 1^+, \tag{1.4}$$

then (u_n) is backward Cesàro convergent.

Remark 1.2. We note that for $p > 1$,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{|\omega_j^{(m)}(u)|^p}{j} = \sum_{j=1}^n j^{p-1} |\Delta \sigma_j^{(1)}(\omega_j^{(m-1)}(u))|^p. \tag{1.5}$$

If

$$\sum_{j=1}^n j^{p-1} |\Delta \sigma_j^{(1)}(\omega_j^{(m-1)}(u))|^p = \log v_n, \quad p > 1 \tag{1.6}$$

for some O -regularly varying sequence (v_n) , then (1.6) is equivalent to

$$V_n^{(0)}(|\Delta \omega^{(m)}(u)|, p) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n k^p |\Delta \omega_k^{(m)}(u)|^p = O(1), \quad p > 1$$

which is a Tauberian condition for the Cesàro and Abel summability method (see [8,9,3,10]). For more detailed information about this equivalence, we refer the reader to [11].

The proof is based on the following lemmas.

Lemma 1.3 ([4]). For $\lambda > 1$,

$$u_n - \sigma_n^{(1)}(u) = \frac{[\lambda n] + 1}{[\lambda n] - n} (\sigma_{[\lambda n]}^{(1)}(u) - \sigma_n^{(1)}(u)) - \frac{1}{[\lambda n] - n} \sum_{k=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} \sum_{j=n+1}^k \Delta u_j, \tag{1.7}$$

where $[\lambda n]$ denotes the integer part of λn .

Lemma 1.4. Let (u_n) be a sequence of real numbers. If $\omega_n^{(m)}(u) = na_n$ for some sequence $a = (a_n)$, then

$$\omega_n^{(m-j)}(u) = n \sum_{k=0}^j \binom{j}{k} \sigma_n^{(k)}(a) \tag{1.8}$$

for $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m - 1$.

Proof. Let $\omega_n^{(m)}(u) = na_n$ for some sequence $a = (a_n)$. Hence, $\sigma_n^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)) = S_n(a)$. Using the equality (1.3) and $\omega_n^{(m)}(u) = na_n$, we get

$$\omega_n^{(m-1)}(u) = n(a_n + \sigma_n^{(1)}(a)). \tag{1.9}$$

Similarly, the equality (1.3) and (1.9) gives

$$\omega_n^{(m-2)}(u) = n(a_n + 2\sigma_n^{(1)}(a) + \sigma_n^{(2)}(a)). \tag{1.10}$$

Continuing in this way, we have

$$\omega_n^{(m-j)}(u) = n \sum_{k=0}^j \binom{j}{k} \sigma_n^{(k)}(a)$$

for $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m - 1$. \square

2. Proof of Theorem 1.1

Applying Lemma 1.3 to $(\sigma_n^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)))$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\sigma_n^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)) - \sigma_n^{(2)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u))| &\leq \frac{[\lambda n] + 1}{[\lambda n] - n} |\sigma_{[\lambda n]}^{(2)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)) - \sigma_n^{(2)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u))| \\ &\quad + \max_{n+1 \leq k \leq [\lambda n]} \left| \sum_{j=n+1}^k \Delta \sigma_j^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)) \right|. \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

Since $(\sigma_n^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)))$ is Cesàro summable to s , the first term on the right-hand side of (2.1) is $o(1)$ and so (2.1) becomes

$$\limsup_n |\sigma_n^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)) - \sigma_n^{(2)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u))| \leq \limsup_n \max_{n+1 \leq k \leq [\lambda n]} \left| \sum_{j=n+1}^k \Delta \sigma_j^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)) \right|. \tag{2.2}$$

For the second term on the right-hand side of (2.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{n+1 \leq k \leq [\lambda n]} \left| \sum_{j=n+1}^k \Delta \sigma_j^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)) \right| &\leq \sum_{j=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} |\Delta \sigma_j^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u))| \\ &\leq ([\lambda n] - n)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left(\sum_{j=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} \frac{|\omega_j^{(m)}(u)|^p}{j^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad \text{where } \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 \\ &\leq ([\lambda n] - n)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left(\sum_{j=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} \frac{|\omega_j^{(m)}(u)|^p}{j^{p-1}j} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq ([\lambda n] - n)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left(\frac{1}{n^{p-1}} \sum_{j=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} \frac{|\omega_j^{(m)}(u)|^p}{j} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq \frac{([\lambda n] - n)^{\frac{1}{q}}}{n^{\frac{1}{q}}} \left(\sum_{j=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} \frac{|\omega_j^{(m)}(u)|^p}{j} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq (\lambda - 1)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left(\sum_{j=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} \frac{|\omega_j^{(m)}(u)|^p}{j} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

From (2.2) and (2.3) we have

$$\limsup_n |\sigma_n^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)) - \sigma_n^{(2)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u))| \leq (\lambda - 1)^{\frac{1}{q}} \limsup_n \left(\sum_{j=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} \frac{|\omega_j^{(m)}(u)|^p}{j} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}. \tag{2.4}$$

Letting $\lambda \rightarrow 1^+$ in (2.4) and taking (1.4) into account, we deduce that

$$\limsup_n |\sigma_n^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)) - \sigma_n^{(2)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u))| \leq 0. \tag{2.5}$$

From (2.5) we have $\lim_n \sigma_n^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)) = s$. Since $\sigma_n^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)) = \omega_n^{(m-1)}(\sigma^{(1)}(u))$ for any sequence $u = (u_n)$ and any integer $m \geq 1$, we have $\lim_n \omega_n^{(m-1)}(\sigma^{(1)}(u)) = s$. Taking $j = m - 1$ in Lemma 1.4, we obtain

$$\omega_n^{(1)}(\sigma^{(1)}(u)) = n \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{m-1}{k} \sigma_n^{(k)}(\epsilon) \tag{2.6}$$

for some null sequence $\epsilon = (\epsilon_n)$. Dividing the equality (2.6) by n and then summing the resulting equality from $k = 0$ to n , we have

$$V_n^{(1)}(\Delta u) = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{m-1}{k} \sigma_j^{(k)}(\epsilon).$$

Since $\Delta V_n^{(1)}(\Delta u) = o(1)$ and $\Delta \sigma_n^{(2)}(u) = o(1)$, it follows by the Kronecker identity that $\Delta \sigma_n^{(1)}(u) = o(1)$.

Furthermore, $(\Delta \sigma_n^{(1)}(u))$ is slowly oscillating and for some slowly varying sequence (B_n) , we have $\Delta \sigma_n^{(1)}(u) = O(B_n)$. Since $\Delta \sigma_n^{(1)}(u) = O(B_n)$, $n \rightarrow \infty$, it follows that there exists a finite interval I such that for every $r \in I$, there is a subsequence $(\frac{\Delta \sigma_{n(r)}^{(1)}(u)}{B(n(r))})$ such that $\lim_{n(r)} \frac{\Delta \sigma_{n(r)}^{(1)}(u)}{B(n(r))} = r$ (see [1,12]).

As a corollary we have the following result.

Corollary 2.1. *Let $(\sigma_n^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)))$ be Cesàro summable to s . If for some $p > 1$, $(\sigma_n^{(1)}(\omega^{(m-1)}(u)))$ is $|C, 1|_p$ summable, then (u_n) is backward Cesàro convergent.*

Example. Let (a_n) be a bounded sequence such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n} < \infty. \tag{2.7}$$

Consider a sequence (u_n) defined by

$$u_n = \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{a_k}{k} + \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{a_j}{j} \right) \tag{2.8}$$

for $n \geq 2$ and $u_1 = u_0 = 0$.

Put $m = 1$ in Theorem 1.1. For the sequence (u_n) , we have

$$\omega_n^{(1)}(u) = (n\Delta)_1 V_n^{(0)}(\Delta u) = a_n.$$

The condition (2.7) implies that $(\sigma_n^{(1)}(\omega^{(0)}(u))) = (V_n^{(0)}(\Delta u))$ is Cesàro summable. It follows by the boundedness of (a_n) that

$$\sum_{j=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} \frac{|\omega_j^{(1)}(u)|^p}{j} = \sum_{j=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} \frac{|a_j|^p}{j} \leq C \sum_{j=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} \frac{1}{j} \leq C \frac{[\lambda n] - n}{n} \tag{2.9}$$

for some positive constant C . Taking the lim sup in (2.9) gives

$$\limsup_n \sum_{j=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} \frac{|\omega_n^{(1)}(u)|^p}{j} \leq C(\lambda - 1), \tag{2.10}$$

which shows that (1.4) holds for $m = 1$. So, the sequence (u_n) is backward Cesàro convergent by Theorem 1.1.

Note that one can easily construct sequences like in the example above for the case $m \geq 2$ in Theorem 1.1.

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