



# Fuzzy real valued lacunary $I$ -convergent sequences

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## ABSTRACT

In this article, we introduce the concept of lacunary  $I$ -convergent sequence of fuzzy real numbers and study some basic properties.

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## 1. Introduction

The works on  $I$ -convergence of real valued sequences was initially studied by Kostyrko et al. [1]. Later on, it was further studied by Šalàt et al. [2,3], Tripathy et al. [4] and many others.

Let  $S$  be a non-empty set. A non-empty family of sets  $I \subseteq P(S)$  (power set of  $S$ ) is called an *ideal* on  $S$  if (i) for each  $A, B \in I$ , we have  $A \cup B \in I$ ; (ii) for each  $A \in I$  and  $B \subseteq A$ , we have  $B \in I$ . Let  $S$  be a non-empty set. A family  $F \subseteq P(S)$  (power set of  $S$ ) is called a *filter* on  $S$  if (i)  $\phi \notin F$ ; (ii) for each  $A, B \in F$ , we have  $A \cap B \in F$ ; (iii) for each  $A \in F$  and  $B \supseteq A$ , we have  $B \in F$ . An ideal  $I$  is called *non-trivial* if  $I \neq \phi$  and  $S \notin I$ . It is clear that  $I \subseteq P(S)$  is a non-trivial ideal if and only if the class  $F = F(I) = \{S - A : A \in I\}$  is a filter on  $S$ . The filter  $F(I)$  is called the filter associated with the ideal  $I$ . A non-trivial ideal  $I \subseteq P(S)$  is called an *admissible ideal* on  $S$  if and only if it contains all singletons, i.e., if it contains  $\{\{x\} : x \in S\}$ . A non-trivial ideal  $I$  is *maximal* if there cannot exist any non-trivial ideal  $J \neq I$  containing  $I$  as a subset (for details see [1]).

The concept of fuzzy sets was initially introduced by Zadeh [5]. Later on, sequences of fuzzy real numbers have been discussed by Nanda [6], Nuray and Savas [7] and many others.

A lacunary sequence is an increasing integer sequence  $\theta = (k_r)$  such that  $k_0 = 0$  and  $h_r = k_r - k_{r-1} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . The intervals are determined by  $\theta$  and it will be defined by  $J_r = (k_{r-1}, k_r]$  and the ratio  $\frac{k_r}{k_{r-1}}$  will be defined by  $\phi_r$ .

Freedman et al. [8] defined the space  $N_\theta$  in the following way. For any lacunary sequence  $\theta = (k_r)$ ,

$$N_\theta = \left\{ (x_k) : \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} h_r^{-1} \sum_{k \in J_r} |x_k - L| = 0, \text{ for some } L \right\}.$$

The space  $N_\theta$  is a BK space with the norm

$$\| (x_k) \|_\theta = \sup_r h_r^{-1} \sum_{k \in J_r} |x_k|.$$

$N_\theta^0$  denotes the subset of these sequences in  $N_\theta$  for which  $\theta = 0$ ,  $(N_\theta^0, \| \cdot \|_\theta)$  is also a BK space.

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**Lemma 1.** Every solid space is monotone.

**Lemma 2** (Kostyrko et al. [1, Lemma 5.1]). If  $I \subset 2^N$  is a maximal ideal, then for each  $A \subset N$  we have either  $A \in I$  or  $N - A \in I$ .

**2. Definitions and notations**

A fuzzy real number  $X$  is a fuzzy set on  $R$  i.e. a mapping  $X: R \rightarrow J (= [0, 1])$  associating each real number  $t$  with its grade of membership  $X(t)$ .

A fuzzy real number  $X$  is called *convex* if  $X(t) \geq X(s) \wedge X(r) = \min(X(s), X(r))$ , where  $s < t < r$ . If there exists  $t_0 \in R$  such that  $X(t_0) = 1$ , then the fuzzy real number  $X$  is called *normal*.

The  $\alpha$ -level set of a fuzzy real number  $X$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  denoted by  $X^\alpha = \{t \in R : X(t) \geq \alpha\}$ .

A fuzzy real number  $X$  is said to be *upper semi-continuous* if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $X^{-1}([0, a + \varepsilon])$ , for all  $a \in J$  is open in the usual topology of  $R$ . The set of all upper semi-continuous, normal, convex fuzzy number is denoted by  $R(J)$ .

Let  $D$  denote the set of all closed and bounded intervals  $X = [x_1, x_2]$  on the real line  $R$ . For  $X = [x_1, x_2]$  and  $Y = [y_1, y_2]$  in  $D$ , we define  $X \leq Y$  if and only if  $x_1 \leq y_1$  and  $x_2 \leq y_2$ . Define a metric  $d$  on  $D$  by

$$d(X, Y) = \max\{|x_1 - y_1|, |x_2 - y_2|\}.$$

It is known that  $(D, d)$  is a complete metric space and “ $\leq$ ” is a partial order on  $D$ .

The absolute value  $|X|$  of  $X \in R(J)$  is defined as

$$|X|(t) = \begin{cases} \max\{X(t), X(-t)\}, & \text{if } t > 0; \\ 0, & \text{if } t < 0. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\bar{d} : R(J) \times R(J) \rightarrow R$  be defined by

$$\bar{d}(X, Y) = \sup_{0 \leq \alpha \leq 1} d(X^\alpha, Y^\alpha).$$

Then  $\bar{d}$  defines a metric on  $R(J)$ .

We define  $X \leq Y$  if and only if  $X^\alpha \leq Y^\alpha$ , for all  $\alpha \in J$ . The additive identity and multiplicative identity in  $R(J)$  are denoted by  $\bar{0}$  and  $\bar{1}$ , respectively.

A sequence  $(X_k)$  of fuzzy real numbers is said to be *convergent* to a fuzzy real number  $X_0$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in N$  such that  $\bar{d}(X_k, X_0) < \varepsilon$ , for all  $k \geq n_0$ .

A sequence  $(X_k)$  of fuzzy real numbers is said to be *I-convergent* if there exists a fuzzy real number  $X_0$  such that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the set

$$\{k \in N : \bar{d}(X_k, X_0) \geq \varepsilon\} \in I.$$

We write  $I\text{-}\lim X_k = X_0$ .

If  $I = I_f$  (class of all finite subsets of  $N$ ), then  $I_f$ -convergence coincides with the usual convergence.

Let  $E_F$  denote the sequence space of fuzzy numbers. Then  $E_F$  is said to be *solid* (or *normal*) if  $(Y_k) \in E_F$ , whenever  $(X_k) \in E_F$  and  $|Y_k| \leq |X_k|$ , for all  $k \in N$ .

A sequence space  $E_F$  is said to be *symmetric* if  $(X_k) \in E$  implies  $(X_{\pi(k)}) \in E$ , where  $\pi$  is a permutation of  $N$ .

A sequence space  $E_F$  is said to be *monotone* if it contains the canonical preimages of its step space.

Throughout the article, we assume that  $I$  is an admissible ideal of  $N$ .

**3. Lacunary I-convergent sequence of fuzzy real numbers**

**Definition 1.** Let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be a lacunary sequence. Then a sequence  $(X_k)$  of fuzzy real numbers is said to be *lacunary I-convergent* if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\left\{ r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k \in I_r} \bar{d}(X_k, X) \geq \varepsilon \right\} \in I.$$

We write  $I_\theta - \lim X_k = X$ .

**Definition 2.** Let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be a lacunary sequence. Then a sequence  $(X_k)$  of fuzzy real numbers is said to be *lacunary I-null* if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\left\{ r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k \in I_r} \bar{d}(X_k, \bar{0}) \geq \varepsilon \right\} \in I.$$

We write  $I_\theta - \lim X_k = \bar{0}$ .

**Definition 3.** Let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be a lacunary sequence. Then a sequence  $(X_k)$  of fuzzy real numbers is said to be *lacunary I-Cauchy* if there exists a subsequence  $(X_{k'(r)})$  of  $(X_k)$  such that  $k'(r) \in J_r$ , for each  $r$ ,  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} X_{k'(r)} = X'$  and for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\left\{ r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_k, X_{k'(r)}) \geq \varepsilon \right\} \in I.$$

**Definition 4.** A lacunary sequence  $\theta' = (k'(r))$  is said to be a *lacunary refinement* of the lacunary sequence  $\theta = (k_r)$  if  $(k_r) \subset (k'(r))$ .

Throughout  $w^F, \ell_\infty^F, c_\theta^{IF}$  and  $(c_0^F)_\theta$  denotes all, bounded, lacunary I-convergent, and lacunary I-null class of sequences of fuzzy real numbers, respectively.

**Theorem 1.** A sequence  $(X_k)$  of fuzzy real numbers is  $I_\theta$ -convergent if and only if it is an  $I_\theta$ -Cauchy sequence.

**Proof.** Let  $(X_k)$  be a sequence of fuzzy real numbers with  $I_\theta - \lim X_k = X$ .

Write  $H_{(i)} = \{r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_k, X) < \frac{1}{i}\}$ , for each  $i \in N$ .

Hence for each  $i, H_{(i)} \supseteq H_{(i+1)}$  and  $\{r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_k, X) < \frac{1}{i}\} \notin I$ .

We choose  $k_1$  such that  $r \geq k_1$ , then  $\{r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k_1 \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_{k_1}, X) < 1\} \notin I$ .

Next we choose  $k_2 > k_1$  such that  $r \geq k_2$ , then  $\{r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k_2 \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_{k_2}, X) < \frac{1}{2}\} \notin I$ .

For each  $r$  satisfying  $k_1 \leq r < k_2$ , choose  $k'(r) \in J_r$  such that

$$\left\{ r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k'(r) \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_{k'(r)}, X) < 1 \right\} \notin I.$$

In general, we choose  $k_{p+1} > k_p$ , such that  $r > k_{p+1}$  then

$$\left\{ r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k_{p+1} \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_{k_{p+1}}, X) < \frac{1}{p} \right\} \notin I.$$

Then for all  $r$  satisfying  $k_p \leq r < k_{p+1}$ , such that

$$\left\{ r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k'(r) \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_{k'(r)}, X) < \frac{1}{p} \right\} \notin I.$$

Thus we get  $k'(r) \in J_r$ , for each  $r$  and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} X_{k'(r)} = X$ .

Therefore, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\left\{ r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k, k' \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_k, X_{k'(r)}) \geq \varepsilon \right\} \subseteq \left\{ r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_k, X) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} \cup \left\{ r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k'(r) \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_{k'(r)}, X) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\}.$$

i.e.  $\{r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k, k' \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_k, X_{k'(r)}) \geq \varepsilon\} \in I$ .

Then  $(X_k)$  is an  $I_\theta$ -Cauchy sequence.

Conversely, suppose  $(X_k)$  is an  $I_\theta$ -Cauchy sequence. Then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\left\{ r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_k, X) \geq \varepsilon \right\} \subseteq \left\{ r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k, k' \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_k, X_{k'(r)}) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} \cup \left\{ r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k'(r) \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_{k'(r)}, X) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\}.$$

It follows that  $(X_k)$  is a  $I_\theta$ -convergent sequence.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** If  $\theta'$  is a lacunary refinement of a lacunary sequence  $\theta$  and  $(X_k) \in c_{\theta'}^{IF}$ , then  $(X_k) \in c_\theta^{IF}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that for each  $J_r$  of  $\theta$  contains the points  $(k'_{r,t})_{t=1}^{\eta(r)}$  of  $\theta'$  such that

$$k_{r-1} < k'_{r,1} < k'_{r,2} < \dots < k'_{r,\eta(r)} = k_r, \quad \text{where } J'_{r,t} = (k'_{r,t-1}, k'_{r,t}].$$

Since  $k_r \subseteq (k'(r))$ , so  $r, \eta(r) \geq 1$ .

Let  $(J_j^*)_{j=1}^\infty$  be the sequence of intervals  $(J'_{r,t})$  ordered by increasing right end points. Since  $(X_k) \in c_{\theta'}^{IF}$ , then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\left\{ j \in N : (h_j^*)^{-1} \sum_{J_j^* \subset J_r} \bar{d}(X_k, X) \geq \varepsilon \right\} \in I.$$

Also since  $h_r = k_r - k_{r-1}$ , so  $h'_{r,t} = k'_{r,t} - k'_{r,t-1}$ .

For each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\left\{ r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_k, X) \geq \varepsilon \right\} \subseteq \left\{ r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k \in J_r} \left\{ j \in N : (h_j^*)^{-1} \sum_{\substack{J_j^* \subset J_r \\ k \in J_j^*}} \bar{d}(X_k, X) \right\} \geq \varepsilon \right\}.$$

Therefore  $\{r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_k, X) \geq \varepsilon\} \in I$ .

Hence  $(X_k) \in c_\theta^{IF}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\psi$  be a set of all lacunary sequences.

- (a) If  $\psi$  is closed under arbitrary union, then  $c_\mu^{IF} = \bigcap_{\theta \in \psi} c_\theta^{IF}$ , where  $\mu = \bigcup_{\theta \in \psi} \theta$ ;
- (b) If  $\psi$  is closed under arbitrary intersection, then  $c_\nu^{IF} = \bigcup_{\theta \in \psi} c_\theta^{IF}$ , where  $\nu = \bigcap_{\theta \in \psi} \theta$ ;
- (c) If  $\psi$  is closed under union and intersection, then  $c_\mu^{IF} \subseteq c_\theta^{IF} \subseteq c_\nu^{IF}$ .

**Proof.** (a) By hypothesis, we have  $\mu \in \psi$  which is a refinement of each  $\theta \in \psi$ . Then from Theorem 2, we have if  $(X_k) \in c_\mu^{IF}$  implies that  $(X_k) \in c_\theta^{IF}$ .

Thus for each  $\theta \in \psi$ , we get  $c_\mu^{IF} \subseteq c_\theta^{IF}$ . The reverse inclusion is obvious.

Hence  $c_\mu^{IF} = \bigcap_{\theta \in \psi} c_\theta^{IF}$ .

(b) By part (a) and Theorem 2, we have  $c_\nu^{IF} = \bigcup_{\theta \in \psi} c_\theta^{IF}$ .

(c) By part (a) and (b), we get  $c_\mu^{IF} \subseteq c_\theta^{IF} \subseteq c_\nu^{IF}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.**  $c_\theta^{IF} \cap \ell_\infty^F$  is a closed subset of  $\ell_\infty^F$ .

Proof of the theorem is easy, so omitted.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be a lacunary sequence. Then the spaces  $c_\theta^{IF}$  and  $(c_0^{IF})_\theta$  are normal and monotone, in general.

**Proof.** We shall give the proof of the theorem for  $(c_0^{IF})_\theta$  only. Let  $(X_k) \in (c_0^{IF})_\theta$  and  $(Y_k)$  be such that  $\bar{d}(Y_k, \bar{0}) \leq \bar{d}(X_k, \bar{0})$ , for all  $k \in N$ .

Then for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$B = \left\{ r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k \in J_r} \bar{d}(X_k, \bar{0}) \geq \varepsilon \right\} \in I.$$

Again the set  $D = \{r \in N : h_r^{-1} \sum_{k \in J_r} \bar{d}(Y_k, \bar{0}) \geq \varepsilon\} \subseteq B$ .

Hence  $D \in I$  and so  $(Y_k) \in (c_0^{IF})_\theta$ . Thus the space  $(c_0^{IF})_\theta$  is normal. Also from Lemma 1, it follows that  $(c_0^{IF})_\theta$  is monotone.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.** Let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be a lacunary sequence. Then the spaces  $(c_0^{IF})_\theta$  and  $c_\theta^{IF}$  are symmetric, in general.

**Proof.** We will give the proof for  $c_\theta^{IF}$  only. Suppose  $I$  is not maximal and  $I \neq I_f$ . Let us consider a sequence  $X = (X_k)$  of fuzzy real numbers defined by

$$X_k(t) = \begin{cases} 1 + t - 2k, & \text{if } t \in [2k - 1, 2k]; \\ 1 - t + 2k, & \text{if } t \in [2k, 2k + 1]; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

for  $k \in A \subset I$  an infinite set.

Then  $(X_k) \in c_\theta^F$ . Let  $K \subseteq N$  be such that  $K \notin I$  and  $N - K \notin I$  (the set  $K$  exists by Lemma 2, as  $I$  is not maximal). Consider a sequence  $Y = (Y_k)$ , a rearrangement of the sequence  $(X_k)$  defined as follows:

$$Y_k = \begin{cases} X_k, & \text{if } k \in K, \\ \bar{1}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(Y_k) \notin c_\theta^F$ . Therefore the space  $c_\theta^F$  is not symmetric. This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

#### 4. Conclusions

In this article, we have investigated the notion of lacunary convergence from  $I$ -convergence of sequences point of view. Still there are a lot to be investigated on sequence spaces applying the notion of  $I$ -convergence. The workers will apply the techniques used in this article for further investigations on  $I$ -convergence.

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