



## Conservative Matrices in Summability of Series

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**Abstract.** Das [3] introduced the class of absolute  $k$ th-power conservative matrices for  $k \geq 1$ , denoted by  $B(A_k)$ . In the present paper, we generalize the class  $B(A_k)$  to a general one named  $B(\alpha_n, \beta_n; \gamma_n, \delta_n; \varphi)$  and give some sufficient conditions for a matrix belongs to the new class  $B(\alpha_n, \beta_n; \gamma_n, \delta_n; \varphi)$  when  $\varphi$  is convex. As applications of the general result, we investigate the conservatives of Cesàro matrices and Riesz matrices.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\{s_n\}$  be the partial sums of the infinite series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ , The Cesàro means of order  $\alpha$  of the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  are defined by

$$\sigma_n^\alpha := \frac{1}{A_n^\alpha} \sum_{j=0}^n A_{n-j}^{\alpha-1} s_j, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

where

$$A_n^\alpha := \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)\Gamma(n + 1)}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots.$$

Let  $(C, \alpha)$  be the Cesàro matrix of order  $\alpha$ , that is,  $(C, \alpha)$  be the lower triangular matrix  $(A_{n-v}^{\alpha-1}/A_n^\alpha)$ .

Flett [4] introduced the concept of absolute summability of order  $k$ . A series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  is summable  $|C, \alpha|_k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ ,  $\alpha > -1$ , if

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^{k-1} |\sigma_{n-1}^\alpha - \sigma_n^\alpha|^k < \infty.$$

In 1970, Das [3] defined the so-called absolutely  $k$ th-power conservative matrix as follows: A matrix  $T := (t_{nj})$  to be absolutely  $k$ th-power conservative for  $k \geq 1$ , denoted by  $T \in B(A_k)$ , that is, if  $\{s_n\}$  satisfies

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{k-1} |s_n - s_{n-1}|^k < \infty,$$

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then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{k-1} |t_n - t_{n-1}|^k < \infty,$$

where

$$t_n = \sum_{j=0}^n t_{nj} s_j.$$

Flett [4] established the following inclusion theorem for  $|C, \alpha|_k$ . If the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  is summable  $|C, \alpha|_k$ , it is also summable for  $|C, \alpha|_r$  for each  $r \geq k \geq 1$ ,  $\alpha > -1$ ,  $\beta > \alpha + \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{r}$ . Especially, a series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  which is  $|C, \alpha|_k$  summability is also  $|C, \beta|_k$  summability for  $k \geq 1$ ,  $\beta > \alpha > -1$ .

If one sets  $\alpha = 0$ , from the above inclusion result, we have

**Theorem A.** *Let  $k \geq 1$ , then  $(C, \alpha) \in B(A_k)$  for  $\alpha > -1$ .*

Many authors have devoted themselves to generalize the results of Flett ([1], [2], [5], [6]). For example, the most recent works on this topic can be found in [5] and [6].

We first generalize the concept of the absolutely  $k$ th-power conservative to the following

**Definition 1.1.** *Let  $\varphi(x)$  be a nonnegative function defined on  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$ ,  $\{\gamma_n\}$  and  $\{\delta_n\}$  be nonnegative sequences. We say that a matrix*

$$T := (t_{nj}) \in B(\alpha_n, \beta_n; \gamma_n, \delta_n; \varphi),$$

if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n \varphi(\beta_n |s_n - s_{n-1}|) < \infty,$$

implies that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n \varphi(\delta_n |t_n - t_{n-1}|) < \infty.$$

If  $\alpha_n = \gamma_n = n^{-1}$ ,  $\beta_n = \delta_n = n$ ,  $\varphi(x) = x^k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then  $B(\alpha_n, \beta_n; \gamma_n, \delta_n; \varphi)$  reduces to  $B(A_k)$ .

We will give a general result (Theorem 2.1) on the sufficient conditions for a matrix belongs to  $B(\alpha_n, \beta_n; \gamma_n, \delta_n; \varphi)$  when  $\varphi$  is convex. As applications of the general result, we investigate the conservatives of Cesàro matrices and Riesz matrices (see Theorem 3.3-Theorem 3.5). Among them, Theorem 3.3 is an essential generalization of Theorem A in the case when  $\alpha \geq 0$  (see remark after Theorem 3.3).

## 2. Main Result

Let  $T := (t_{nj})$  be a lower triangular matrix,  $\lambda = \{\lambda_n\}$  be a positive sequence. Set

$$\tilde{t}_{ni} := \begin{cases} \sum_{j=i}^n t_{nj} - \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} t_{n-1,j}, & 0 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ t_{nn}, & i = n, \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{T}_n(\lambda) := \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_i |\tilde{t}_{ni}|.$$

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\varphi(x)$  be a nonnegative convex function defined on  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $T := (t_{nj})$  be a lower triangular matrix satisfying  $\sum_{j=0}^n t_{nj} = 1$ , and let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be a nonnegative sequence. If  $\lambda = \{\lambda_n\}$  is a positive sequence such that <sup>1)</sup>

$$\lambda_n^{-1} \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \alpha_j |\tilde{t}_{jn}| \left(\tilde{T}_j(\lambda^{-1})\right)^{-1} = O(A_n), \quad n \geq 1, \tag{1}$$

then

$$T \in B\left(A_n, \lambda_n; \alpha_n, \left(\tilde{T}_n(\lambda^{-1})\right)^{-1}; \varphi\right). \tag{2}$$

*Proof.* Since (set  $s_{-1} := 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned} t_n &= \sum_{j=0}^n t_{nj} s_j = \sum_{j=0}^n t_{nj} \left( \sum_{i=0}^j (s_i - s_{i-1}) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n (s_i - s_{i-1}) \left( \sum_{j=i}^n t_{nj} \right), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} t_n - t_{n-1} &= \sum_{i=0}^n (s_i - s_{i-1}) \left( \sum_{j=i}^n t_{nj} \right) - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (s_i - s_{i-1}) \left( \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} t_{n-1,j} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \tilde{t}_{ni} (s_i - s_{i-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{t}_{ni} (s_i - s_{i-1}), \end{aligned}$$

where in the last inequality, we used the fact  $\tilde{t}_{n0} = 0$ , which follows from  $\sum_{j=0}^n t_{nj} = 1$  and the definition of  $\tilde{t}_{n0}$ . Therefore,

$$\left(\tilde{T}_n(\lambda^{-1})\right)^{-1} |t_n - t_{n-1}| \leq \left(\tilde{T}_n(\lambda^{-1})\right)^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_i^{-1} |\tilde{t}_{ni}| (\lambda_i |s_i - s_{i-1}|).$$

Since

$$\left(\tilde{T}_n(\lambda^{-1})\right)^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_i^{-1} |\tilde{t}_{ni}| = 1,$$

by the well-known Jensen’s inequality and (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n \varphi \left( \left(\tilde{T}_n(\lambda^{-1})\right)^{-1} |t_n - t_{n-1}| \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n \varphi \left( \left(\tilde{T}_n(\lambda^{-1})\right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^{-1} |\tilde{t}_{ni}| (\lambda_i |s_i - s_{i-1}|) \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n \left(\tilde{T}_n(\lambda^{-1})\right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^{-1} |\tilde{t}_{ni}| \varphi(\lambda_i |s_i - s_{i-1}|) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi(\lambda_n |s_n - s_{n-1}|) \lambda_n^{-1} \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \alpha_j |\tilde{t}_{jn}| \left(\tilde{T}_j(\lambda^{-1})\right)^{-1} \\ &= O(1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \varphi(\lambda_n |s_n - s_{n-1}|), \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>1)</sup>Denote by  $\lambda^{-1} = \{\lambda_n^{-1}\}$ .

which implies (2).  $\square$

### 3. Applications of The Main Result

**Lemma 3.1 ([7]).** (i)  $A_n^\alpha$  is positive for  $\alpha > -1$ , increasing (as a function of  $n$ ) for  $\alpha > 0$  and decreasing for  $-1 < \alpha < 0$ ; and  $A_n^0 = 1$  for all  $n$ .

(ii)  $A_n^\alpha \simeq \frac{n^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=i}^{\infty} \frac{A_{n-i}^{\alpha-1}}{n^\varepsilon A_n^\alpha} = O(i^{-\varepsilon}), \quad \alpha \geq 0, \tag{3}$$

and

$$\sum_{n=i}^{\infty} \frac{|A_{n-i}^{\alpha-1}|}{n^\varepsilon A_n^\alpha} = O(i^{-\varepsilon-\alpha}), \quad \alpha < 0. \tag{4}$$

*Proof.* When  $\varepsilon > 0, \alpha \geq 0$ , by Lemma 3.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=i}^{\infty} \frac{A_{n-i}^{\alpha-1}}{n^\varepsilon A_n^\alpha} &= O(1) \left( \frac{1}{i^\varepsilon A_i^\alpha} \sum_{n=i}^{2i} A_{n-i}^{\alpha-1} + \sum_{n=2i+1}^{\infty} \frac{A_{n-i}^{\alpha-1}}{n^\varepsilon A_n^\alpha} \right) \\ &= O(1) \left( \frac{1}{i^\varepsilon A_i^\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^i A_n^{\alpha-1} + \sum_{n=2i+1}^{\infty} \frac{(n-i)^{\alpha-1}}{n^{\varepsilon+\alpha}} \right) \\ &= O(1) \left( i^{-\varepsilon} + \sum_{n=2i+1}^{\infty} n^{-1-\varepsilon} \right) \\ &= O(i^{-\varepsilon}), \end{aligned}$$

which gives (3). When  $\varepsilon > 0, \alpha < 0$ , by Lemma 3.1, we get

$$\sum_{n=i+1}^{2i} |A_{n-i}^{\alpha-1}| = \left| \sum_{n=i+1}^{2i} A_{n-i}^{\alpha-1} \right| = \left| \sum_{n=0}^i A_n^{\alpha-1} - A_0^{\alpha-1} \right| = |A_i^\alpha - A_0^{\alpha-1}| = O(1)$$

and

$$\sum_{n=2i+1}^{\infty} \frac{|A_{n-i}^{\alpha-1}|}{n^\varepsilon A_n^\alpha} = O(1) \sum_{n=2i+1}^{\infty} \frac{(n-i)^{\alpha-1}}{n^{\varepsilon+\alpha}} = O(1) \sum_{n=2i+1}^{\infty} n^{-1-\varepsilon} = O(i^{-\varepsilon}),$$

Therefore, we also have (4).  $\square$

A non-negative sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be almost decreasing, if there is a positive constant  $K$  such that

$$a_n \geq Ka_m$$

holds for all  $n \leq m$ , and it is said to be quasi- $\beta$ -power increasing with some real number  $\beta$ , if  $\{n^\beta a_n\}$  is almost decreasing.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\varphi(x)$  be a nonnegative convex function defined on  $[0, \infty)$ .

(A) If  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a nonnegative sequence such that  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is quasi- $\varepsilon$ -power decreasing for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then

$$(C, \alpha) \in B(\alpha_n, n; \alpha_n, n; \varphi), \quad \alpha \geq 0.$$

(B) If  $k \geq 1, \delta < \frac{1}{k}, \gamma \in R$ , then

$$(C, \alpha) \in B(n^{\delta k - 1} \log^\gamma n, n; n^{\delta k - 1} \log^\gamma n, n; \varphi), \quad \alpha \geq 0. \tag{5}$$

*Proof.* Let

$$t_{nj} := \frac{A_{n-j}^{\alpha-1}}{A_n^\alpha}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n; \quad \alpha > -1.$$

Then, for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{t}_{ni} &= \frac{1}{A_n^\alpha} \sum_{j=i}^n A_{n-j}^{\alpha-1} - \frac{1}{A_{n-1}^\alpha} \sum_{j=i}^n A_{n-1-j}^{\alpha-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{A_n^\alpha} \sum_{j=0}^{n-i} A_j^{\alpha-1} - \frac{1}{A_{n-1}^\alpha} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1-i} A_j^{\alpha-1} \\ &= \frac{A_{n-i}^\alpha}{A_n^\alpha} - \frac{A_{n-1-i}^\alpha}{A_{n-1}^\alpha} = \frac{i}{n} \frac{A_{n-i}^{\alpha-1}}{A_n^\alpha}, \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

and

$$\tilde{t}_{nn} = \frac{A_0^{\alpha-1}}{A_n^\alpha} = \frac{1}{A_n^\alpha}. \tag{7}$$

Taking  $\lambda_n = n, n \geq 1$ , by (6) and (7), we have

$$\tilde{T}_n(\lambda^{-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^{-1} |\tilde{t}_{ni}| = \frac{1}{n A_n^\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n A_{n-i}^{\alpha-1} - \frac{A_n^{\alpha-1}}{n A_n^\alpha} \approx \frac{1}{n}, \quad n \geq 1. \tag{8}$$

By (8) and (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_n^{-1} \sum_{j=n}^\infty \alpha_j |\tilde{t}_{jn}| (\tilde{T}_j(\lambda^{-1}))^{-1} &= \sum_{j=n}^\infty j \alpha_j \left( \frac{A_{j-n}^{\alpha-1}}{j A_j^\alpha} \right) \\ &= O \left( \sum_{j=n}^\infty j^\varepsilon \alpha_j \frac{A_{j-n}^{\alpha-1}}{j^\varepsilon A_j^\alpha} \right) \\ &= O \left( n^\varepsilon \alpha_n \sum_{j=n}^\infty \frac{A_{j-n}^{\alpha-1}}{j^\varepsilon A_j^\alpha} \right) \\ &= O(\alpha_n). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, applying Theorem 2.1, we obtain (A).

Let  $\alpha_n = n^{\delta k - 1} \log^\gamma n, k \geq 1, \delta < \frac{1}{k}, \gamma \in R$ . Since  $\delta k - 1 < 0$ , there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\varepsilon + \delta k - 1 < 0$ , hence  $\{n^\varepsilon \alpha_n\}$  is almost decreasing. Therefore, (B) follows from (A).  $\square$

**Remark.** Theorem A is (5) in the special case when  $\delta = \gamma = 0$  and  $\varphi(x) = x^k, k \geq 1$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $\varphi(x)$  be a nonnegative convex function defined on  $[0, \infty)$ .

(A) If  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a nonnegative sequence such that  $\{n^\alpha \alpha_n\}$  is quasi- $\varepsilon$ -power decreasing for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then

$$(C, \alpha) \in B(\alpha_n, n; \alpha_n, n; \varphi), \quad -1 < \alpha < 0.$$

(B) If  $k \geq 1, \delta < \frac{1-\alpha}{k}, \gamma \in R$ , then

$$(C, \alpha) \in B(n^{\delta k-1} \log^\gamma n, n; n^{\delta k-1} \log^\gamma n, n^{1+\alpha}; \varphi), \quad -1 < \alpha < 0. \tag{9}$$

*Proof.* When  $-1 < \alpha < 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}_n(\lambda^{-1}) &= \frac{1}{nA_n^\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n |A_{n-i}^{\alpha-1}| = \frac{1}{nA_n^\alpha} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} A_{n-i}^{\alpha-1} \right| + \frac{A_0^{\alpha-1}}{nA_n^\alpha} \\ &= \frac{1}{nA_n^\alpha} \left| \sum_{i=0}^n A_{n-i}^{\alpha-1} - A_n^{\alpha-1} - A_0^{\alpha-1} \right| + \frac{1}{nA_n^\alpha} \\ &= \frac{1}{nA_n^\alpha} |A_n^\alpha - A_n^{\alpha-1} - A_0^{\alpha-1}| + \frac{1}{nA_n^\alpha} \\ &\geq C \frac{1}{nA_n^\alpha} \geq Cn^{-(1+\alpha)}. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

By (6), (4), (10) and noting that  $\{n^\alpha \alpha_n\}$  is quasi- $\varepsilon$ -power decreasing with  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_n^{-1} \sum_{j=n}^\infty \alpha_j |\tilde{t}_{jn}| (\tilde{T}_j(\lambda^{-1}))^{-1} &= O(1) \sum_{j=n}^\infty j^{1+\alpha} \alpha_j \left( \frac{|A_{j-n}^{\alpha-1}|}{jA_j^\alpha} \right) \\ &= O(1) \sum_{j=n}^\infty j^{\alpha+\varepsilon} \alpha_j \frac{|A_{j-n}^{\alpha-1}|}{j^\varepsilon A_j^\alpha} \\ &= O\left( n^{\alpha+\varepsilon} \alpha_n \sum_{j=n}^\infty \frac{|A_{j-n}^{\alpha-1}|}{j^\varepsilon A_j^\alpha} \right) \\ &= O(\alpha_n), \end{aligned}$$

which together with Theorem A yields to (A).

(B) can be deduced from (A) directly.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $\varphi(x)$  be a nonnegative convex function defined on  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be a nonnegative sequence and  $\lambda = \{\lambda_n\}$  be a positive sequence. Let  $T = (t_{nj})$  be a lower triangular matrix with the entries having the form  $\frac{p_j}{P_n}$ , where  $p_j > 0$  for  $0 \leq j \leq n$  and  $P_n = \sum_{j=0}^n p_j$ . If

$$n\lambda_n^{-1}P_{n-1} = O\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^{-1}P_{i-1}\right), \tag{11}$$

and

$$\sum_{j=n}^\infty \frac{\alpha_j \lambda_j}{jP_{j-1}} = O\left(\frac{\alpha_n \lambda_n}{P_{n-1}}\right), \tag{12}$$

then

$$T \in B\left(\alpha_n, \lambda_n; \alpha_n, \frac{\lambda_n P_n}{np_n}; \varphi\right).$$

*Proof.* First, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{t}_{ni} &= \sum_{j=i}^n t_{nj} - \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} t_{nj} \\ &= \frac{p_n}{P_n} + \left(\frac{1}{P_n} - \frac{1}{P_{n-1}}\right) \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} p_j \\ &= \frac{p_n}{P_n} - \frac{p_n}{P_n P_{n-1}} (P_{n-1} - P_{i-1}) \\ &= \frac{p_n P_{i-1}}{P_n P_{n-1}}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

and

$$\tilde{t}_{n0} = 0, \quad \tilde{t}_{nn} = \frac{p_n}{P_n}. \tag{14}$$

By (11), we have

$$\left(\tilde{T}_n(\lambda^{-1})\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{p_n}{P_n P_{n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^{-1} P_{i-1}\right)^{-1} = O\left(\frac{\lambda_n P_n}{np_n}\right). \tag{15}$$

By (12)-(14), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_n^{-1} \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \alpha_j |\tilde{t}_{jn}| \left(\tilde{T}_j(\lambda^{-1})\right)^{-1} &= O\left(\lambda_n^{-1} P_{n-1} \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha_j \lambda_j}{j P_{j-1}}\right) \\ &= O(\alpha_n). \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

We obtain Theorem 3.5 by combining Theorem 2.1 with (15) and (16).  $\square$

Now, we give a special application of Theorem 3.5.

Let

$$p_0 = 1, \quad p_n = n^\alpha, \quad n \geq 1, \quad \alpha > -1,$$

$$\lambda_n = n, \quad n \geq 1,$$

and

$$\alpha_n = n^{\delta k - 1}, \quad n \geq 1, \quad k > 0, \quad \delta < \frac{1 + \alpha}{k}.$$

Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^{-1} P_{i-1} \approx \sum_{i=1}^n i^\alpha \approx n^{\alpha+1} \approx n \lambda_n^{-1} P_{n-1},$$

and (note that  $\delta k - 2 - \alpha < -1$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha_j \lambda_j}{j P_{j-1}} &= O(1) \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} j^{\delta k - 2 - \alpha} \\ &= O\left(n^{-\delta k - 1 - \alpha}\right) \\ &= O\left(\frac{\alpha_n \lambda_n}{P_{n-1}}\right), \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Theorem 3.5 yields to

$$T \in B\left(n^{\delta k - 1}, n; n^{\delta k - 1}, n; \varphi\right).$$

In particular, taking  $\delta = 0$ ,  $\varepsilon = 1$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , we have  $T \in B(A_k)$ .

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