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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  $(\overline{N}, p_n)$  under the assumption that the sequence  $\{p_n\}$  of weights satisfies the conditions :

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

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

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 :

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

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

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

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

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

For a knowledge of  $(\overline{N}, p_n)$  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

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

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

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

(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  $a_{nk} = 0, \quad k > n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

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

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

**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

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

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

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

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

**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

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

by (7).

### §3. MAIN RESULTS.

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |P_n| = \infty \quad (8)$$

**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

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

**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

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

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

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

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  $p_0 s_0 = P_0 t_0$ ,  $p_n s_n = P_n t_n - P_{n-1} t_{n-1}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} u_n &= \frac{1}{Q_n} \left[ \frac{q_0}{p_0} P_0 t_0 + \frac{q_1}{p_1} (P_1 t_1 - P_0 t_0) + \dots + \frac{q_n}{p_n} (P_n t_n - P_{n-1} t_{n-1}) \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_{nk} t_k, \end{aligned}$$

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  $\frac{1}{Q_n} \leq \frac{1}{Q_k}$ ,  $\frac{1}{Q_{k+1}}$  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  $\sup_{n,k} |c_{nk}| \leq H$ .

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

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

and

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

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

$$t_n = \frac{p_0 s_0 + p_1 s_1 + \dots + p_n s_n}{P_n},$$

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

Now,

$$s_n = \frac{P_n t_n - P_{n-1} s_1 t_{n-1}}{p_n}, \quad P_{-1} = 0$$

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

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

We now establish that

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

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,

$$\left| \frac{P_n}{p_n} \right| = \frac{1}{c^{nk}} \cdot c^{nk} = 1$$

$$\left| \frac{Q_n}{q_n} \right| = \frac{1}{c^{n(k+1)}} \cdot c^{n(k+1)} = 1.$$

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

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

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

If  $n$  is odd,

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

If  $n$  is even,

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

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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