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1. Introduction. In this paper, we define, and investigate the properties of the strong Borel-type methods $[B', \alpha, \beta]_p$, $[B, \alpha, \beta]_p$, which, when the index p=1, reduce to the methods $[B', \alpha, \beta]$, $[B, \alpha, \beta]$ considered in [1]. We use * to designate generalization of theorems, lemmas and definitions of [1]:

e.g. Theorem 3* is a generalization of Theorem 3 of [1].

Suppose that σ , a_n $(n=0,1,\cdots)$ are arbitrary complex numbers, that $\alpha>0$, that β is real and that N is a positive integer greater than $-\beta/\alpha$. Whenever q>1, q' denotes the number conjugate to q, so that

$$\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q'} = 1.$$

Let x be a real variable in the range $[0, \infty)$: in all limits and order relations involving x, it is to be understood that $x \to \infty$.

Let

$$s_n = \sum_{\nu=0}^n a_{\nu}, \quad s_{-1} = 0, \quad \sigma_N = \sigma - s_{N-1},$$

and define Borel-type sums

$$a_{\alpha,\beta}(x) = \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \frac{a_n x^{\alpha n + \beta - 1}}{\Gamma(\alpha n + \beta)}; \qquad s_{\alpha,\beta}(x) = \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \frac{s_n x^{\alpha n + \beta - 1}}{\Gamma(\alpha n + \beta)}.$$

It is known that the convergence of either series for all $x \ge 0$ implies the convergence, for all $x \ge 0$, of the other.

Borel-type means are defined by

$$A_{\alpha,\beta}(x) = \int_{\mathbf{0}}^{x} e^{-t} \, a_{\alpha,\beta}(t) \, dt \, ; \qquad S_{\alpha,\beta}(x) = \alpha e^{-x} \, s_{\alpha,\beta}(x) \, .$$

Borel-type methods are defined as follows:

- 1. Summability:
- (i) If $A_{\alpha,\beta}(x) \to \sigma_N$, we say that $s_n \to \sigma(B', \alpha, \beta)$,
- (ii) If $S_{\alpha,\beta}(x) \to \sigma$, we say that $s_n \to \sigma(B, \alpha, \beta)$.
- 3*. Strong summability with index p:
- (i) If

$$\int_0^x e^t |A_{lpha,eta-1}(t) - \sigma_N|^p dt = o(e^x),$$

we say that $s_n \to \sigma[B', \alpha, \beta]_p$.

(ii) If

$$\int_{0}^{x} e^{t} |S_{\alpha,\beta-1}(t) - \sigma|^{p} dt = o(e^{x}),$$

we say that $s_n \to \sigma[B, \alpha, \beta]_p$.

We assume henceforth that the series defining $a_{\alpha,\beta}(x)$, $s_{\alpha,\beta}(x)$ are convergent for all $x \ge 0$, and, since the actual choice of N in the definitions is clearly immaterial, that $\alpha N + \beta \ge 2$. The functions $a_{\alpha,\beta}(x)$, $a_{\alpha,\beta-1}(x)$, $s_{\alpha,\beta}(x)$ and $s_{\alpha,\beta-1}(x)$ are then all continuous for $x \ge 0$. Further, we assume, without loss of generality, that $a_0 = a_1 = \cdots = a_{N-1} = 0$, so that $\sigma_N = \sigma$.

Given a function f(x), we write for $\delta > 0$

$$f_{\delta}(x) = \{\Gamma(\delta)\}^{-1} \int_{0}^{x} (x-t)^{\delta-1} f(t) dt$$

whenever the integral exists in the Lebesgue sense.

2. Preliminary Results.

LEMMA A. Suppose that f(t) is a non-negative function, integrable L in every finite interval (0, x), that $\alpha > 0$ and that $\alpha + \beta > 0$. Then

$$\int_0^x f(t) dt = o(e^{\alpha x})$$

if and only if

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$$\int_0^x e^{\beta t} f(t) dt = o(e^{(\alpha+\beta)x}).$$

This can readily be proved by integration by parts.

LEMMA B. If f(t) is non-negative and integrable L^p in every finite interval (0, x), where p > 1, then, for $0 < \delta < 1/p$ and $q = p/(1-\delta p)$, $f_{\delta}(t)$ is integrable L^q in every finite interval (0, x) and

$$\left(\int_0^x \left\{f_\delta(t)\right\}^q dt\right)^{1/q} \leqq K \left(\int_0^x \left\{f(t)\right\}^p dt\right)^{1/p}$$

where K is a constant independent of x.

For a proof, see [2], page 290, Theorem 393.

LEMMA 5*. If f(t) is integrable L^p in every finite interval (0, x), where $p \ge 1$, and

$$\int_0^x |f(t)|^p dt = o(e^{px}),$$

then, for $q \ge p$ and $\delta > \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}$, $f_{\delta}(x)$ is integrable L^q in every finite interval (0, x), and

$$\int_0^x |f_{\delta}(t)|^q dt = o(e^{qx}).$$

PROOF. Let $0 < \mu < 1$, $\frac{1}{\lambda} = 1 - \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}$, so that $(\delta - 1)\lambda > -1$. Using Hölder's inequality twice, we obtain that

$$|f_{\delta}(x)|^{p} \leq \left(\int_{0}^{x} |f(u)|(x-u)^{\delta-1} du\right)^{p}$$

$$\leq e^{p\mu x} \int_{0}^{x} |f(u)|^{p} (x-u)^{(\delta-1)\lambda p/q} e^{-p\mu u} du \left(\int_{0}^{x} (x-u)^{(\delta-1)\lambda} e^{-p\mu(x-u)/(p-1)} du\right)^{p-1} du$$

$$\leq Ke^{p\mu x} \left(\int_{0}^{x} |f(u)|^{p} (x-u)^{(\delta-1)\lambda} e^{-p\mu u} du\right)^{p/q} \left(\int_{0}^{x} |f(u)|^{p} e^{-p\mu u} du\right)^{1-p/q}$$

where, since $(\delta-1)\lambda > -1$, K is finite and independent of x; whence in view of Lemma A with $\alpha = q$, $\beta = -\mu q$,

$$|f_{\delta}(x)|^q = o\left(e^{q\mu x}e^{(q-p)(1-\mu)x}\int_0^x |f(u)|^p (x-u)^{(\delta-1)\lambda}e^{-p\mu u} du\right).$$

Thus

$$\int_0^x |f_{\delta}(t)|^q e^{-(p-q)t} dt = o\left(\int_0^x |f(u)|^p e^{-p\mu u} du \int_u^x (t-u)^{(\delta-1)\lambda} e^{p\mu t} dt\right)$$
$$= o\left(\int_0^x |f(u)|^p du\right) = o(e^{px})$$

since $(\delta-1)\lambda > -1$, and so, in view of Lemma A with $\alpha = p$, $\beta = q - p$,

$$\int_0^x |f_{\delta}(t)|^q dt = o(e^{qx}).$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 5*.

- 3. Theorems. This section is divided into two parts. The first contains theorems concerning relations between methods of the same type: that is between "B" methods or between "B" methods. The second contains theorems giving interrelations between "B" and "B" methods.
- **3.1.** To each "B" theorem stated in this section, there corresponds an exactly analogous "B" theorem which can be proved by replacing "B" by "B", " σ " by " σ_N " and " $S_{\alpha,\beta}(x)$ " by " $A_{\alpha,\beta}(x)$ " respectively in the appropriate proof outlined below.

THEOREM 3*. If $s_n \to \sigma[B, \alpha, \beta]_q$ then $s_n \to \sigma(B, \alpha, \beta - \delta)$ where q > 1 and $\delta < (q-1)/q$.

PROOF. Assume without loss of generality, that $\sigma = 0$. Let $0 < \theta < 1$. Using Lemma A with $\alpha = q$, $\beta = -\theta q$, we obtain that

¹⁾ The second integral does not appear when p=1.

$$\begin{aligned} |\Gamma(1-\delta)s_{\alpha,\beta-\delta}(x)| &= \left| \int_0^x (x-t)^{-\delta} s_{\alpha,\beta-1}(t) \, dt \right| \\ &\leq \left\{ \int_0^x e^{-\theta qt} |s_{\alpha,\beta-1}(t)|^q \, dt \right\}^{1/q} \left\{ \int_0^x e^{\theta q't} (x-t)^{-\delta q'} \, dt \right\}^{1/q'} \\ &= o\left(e^{(1-\theta)x} \left\{ \int_0^x e^{\theta q'(x-u)} u^{-\delta q'} \, du \right\}^{1/q'} \right) \\ &= o(e^x) \end{aligned}$$

(since $\delta q' < 1$, $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\theta q' u} u^{-\delta q'} du < \infty$), and so it follows that $s_n \to 0$ $(B, \alpha, \beta - \delta)$. This completes the proof of Theorem 3*.

Theorem 5*. If $s_n \to \sigma(B, \alpha, \beta)$ then $s_n \to \sigma[B, \alpha, \beta+1]_q$ where q > 0.

This follows immediately from the definitions.

THEOREM 9*. If $s_n \to \sigma[B, \alpha, \beta]_p$ then $s_n \to \sigma[B, \alpha, \beta + \delta]_q$ provided

i) p > q > 0, $\delta = 0$,

or ii)
$$q \ge p \ge 1$$
, $\delta > \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}$,

or iii)
$$q > p > 1$$
, $\delta = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}$.

PROOF. Using Hölder's inequality, we obtain, for p > q > 0, that

$$\int_{0}^{x} e^{t} |S_{\alpha,\beta-1}(t) - \sigma|^{q} dt \leq \left\{ \int_{0}^{x} e^{t} |S_{\alpha,\beta-1}(t) - \sigma|^{p} dt \right\}^{q/p} \left\{ \int_{0}^{x} e^{t} dt \right\}^{1-q/p}$$

$$= o(e^{x}),$$

from which case (i) follows.

Case (ii) can readily be proved by means of Lemmas A and 5*, and case (iii) by means of Lemmas A and B. The final theorem in this section exhibits an exact relation between the strong and ordinary methods; it can be proved in a similar way to Theorem 11 of [1] by using Minkowski's inequality instead of the triangle inequality.

THEOREM 11*. For q > 1, $s_n \to \sigma[B, \alpha, \beta]_q$ if and only if $s_n \to \sigma(B, \alpha, \beta)$

 $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^t |S'_{\alpha,\beta}(t)|^q dt = o(e^x).$

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3. 2.

THEOREM 15*. For q > 1, $s_n \to \sigma[B, \alpha, \beta]_q$ if and only if $s_n \to \sigma[B', \alpha, \beta]_q$ and $a_m \to 0[B, \alpha, \beta]_a$.

THEOREM 18*. For q > 1, $s_n \rightarrow \sigma[B', \alpha, \beta]_q$ if and only if $s_n \rightarrow \sigma[B, \alpha, \beta + 1]_q$

Proofs of these theorems can be constructed from the proofs of Theorems 15 and 18 of [1], by using

- Theorems 3*, 11* instead of Theorems 3, 11 of [1],
- Lemma A to give equivalent statements about means and sums,

e.g.
$$\int_0^x e^t \left| S_{\alpha,\beta}'(t) \right|^q dt = o(e^x)$$

if and only if

$$\int_0^x |s_{\alpha,\beta}(t)-s_{\alpha,\beta-1}(t)|^q dt = o(e^{qx}),$$

- iii) Lemma 5* with p = q instead of Lemma 5 of [1],
- iv) Minkowski's inequality instead of the triangle inequality,
- (applicable only to the proof of Theorem 18*), Theorem 15* instead of Theorem 15 of [1].

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