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## ON THE A-CONTINUITY OF REAL FUNCTION II

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In the present paper two problems concerning the A-continuity to a regular matrix summability method are partially solved.

Let  $A = (a_{mn})$  denote a regular summability method given by a matrix  $(a_{mn})$ . We say that a real function  $f$  is A-continuous at the point  $x_0$  if  $f(x_n) \xrightarrow{A} f(x_0)$  whenever  $x_n \xrightarrow{A} x_0$ .

R. C. Buck [2] showed that if  $f$  is a  $(C, 1)$ -continuous at least at one point of  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $f$  is a linear function. In paper [1] the existence of a regular matrix summability method  $A$  for which there exists a nonlinear function A-continuous at least at one point is given.

Professor Šalát puts the following problem :

1. To characterize regular summability methods  $A$  for which there exists a nonlinear function which is A-continuous at least at one point.
2. To characterize  $C_{fA}$ , the set of all points of A-continuity of the function  $f$ . method is given for which only linear functions are A-continuous at least at one point.

**Definition 1.** A regular matrix summability method has the property (G) if there exists sequences  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , of zeros and ones which are A-convergent to numbers  $a, b$  respectively  $a \in (0, 1)$ ,  $b \neq 0$ ,  $b \neq 1$ ,  $\left(\frac{a}{1-a}\right)^p \neq \left(\frac{b}{1-b}\right)^q$  for all non-zero integers  $p, q$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $T$  be a regular matrix summability method which sums at least one sequence of zeros and ones to a number  $a$ ,  $a \neq 0$ ,  $a \neq 1$ . Let  $f$  be a T-continuous at least at one point. Then  $f$  is a continuous function.

Proof. Let  $f$  be a T-continuous at a point  $x_0$ . Let us suppose that  $f$  is discontinuous at a point  $x$ . Thus there exists a sequence  $u_n \rightarrow 0$  such that  $\lim f(x + u_n) = y \neq f(x)$  (also be  $y + \infty$ , or  $-\infty$ ). Let  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  denote a sequence of zeros and ones for which  $T\text{-lim } \alpha_n = a$ . The sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

$$x_n = \alpha_n(x + t_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) \left( \frac{z_0 - ax}{1 - a} \right)$$

is T-summable to  $z_0$  for every sequence  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $t_n \rightarrow 0$ . Especially for  $x'_n = \alpha_n(x + u_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) \left( \frac{z_0 - ax}{1 - a} \right)$  we have  $T\text{-lim } f(x'_n) = ay + (1 - a)f\left(\frac{z_0 - ax}{1 - a}\right)$ . However, for

$$x''_n = \alpha_n x + (1 - \alpha_n) \left( \frac{z_0 - ax}{1 - a} \right) \text{ we obtain that}$$

$$T\text{-lim } f(x''_n) = af(x) + (1 - a)f\left(\frac{z_0 - ax}{1 - a}\right).$$

Since  $f$  is T-continuous at the point  $z_0$  both above limits have the same value ( $f(z_0)$ ). From this we can conclude that  $f(x) = y$ . This fact, however, is in contradiction with the assumption and the proof is finished.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $A$  be a regular summability method with property (G). Let  $f$  be a  $A$ -continuous at least at one point. Then  $f$  is a linear function.*

**Proof.** Without restriction on generality we can suppose that  $f$  is  $A$ -continuous at the point 0 and  $f(0) = 0$ . The sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  where  $x_n = \alpha_n + (1 - \alpha_n)y$ ,  $y_n = \beta_n u + (1 - \beta_n)v$ , ( $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are sequences of the definition 1) are  $A$ -convergent to 0 if  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $u$ ,  $v$  satisfy equations

$$\begin{aligned} ax + (1 - a)y &= 0 \\ bu + (1 - b)v &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The  $A$ -continuity of the function  $f$  at the point 0 and  $f(0) = 0$  implies that for each  $x$ ,  $u$  the following equations are valid

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(-\frac{a}{1-a}x\right) &= -\frac{a}{1-a}f(x), \\ f\left(-\frac{b}{1-b}u\right) &= -\frac{b}{1-b}f(u). \end{aligned}$$

The last two equations can be rewritten in the form:

$$f(-k_1x) = -k_1f(x), \quad f(-k_2x) = -k_2f(x)$$

where  $k_1 = \frac{a}{1-a}$ ,  $k_2 = \frac{b}{1-b}$ . By induction we can verify the following equality  $f(k_1^i k_2^j x) = k_1^i k_2^j f(x)$  for all  $x$  and  $i, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . The numbers  $k_1^2$ ,  $k_2^2$  are positive. Let  $(\mathbb{R}^+, \cdot)$  denote the topological multiplicative group of nonnegative numbers. It is well known that a subgroup  $\text{gr}(c, d)$  generated by  $c, d$  ( $c, d \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ) is dense if and only if the equality  $c^p = d^q$  holds only for  $p = q = 0$ ,  $p, q$  are integers. (See [3])

p. 27—36.) Thus we easily obtain that  $f(kx) = kf(x)$  for all  $x$  and  $k \in \text{gr}(k_1^2, k_2^2)$ . Since the summability method  $A$  has the property (G) the subgroup  $\text{gr}(k_1^2, k_2^2)$  is a dense subset of  $R^+$ . According to the lemma 1  $f$  is continuous function. Thus  $f(x) = f(1)x$  for  $x \geq 0$  and  $f(-x) = f(-1)x$  for  $x < 0$ , which means that  $f$  is composed of two linear parts, i. e.  $f(x) = cx$  for  $x \geq 0$  and  $f(x) = c'x$  for  $x < 0$ , where  $c, c'$  are constants. The assumption a (0, 1) of property (G) gives that  $k_1 > 0$ . Computing the value of  $f$  at the point  $-k_1$  in two different ways we obtain  $f(-k_1) = c'(-k_1)$  and  $f(-k_1) = -k_1f(1) = -k_1c$  according to (1). Thus we can conclude that  $c = c'$  and  $f$  is a linear function. An example of summability method without property (G) for which there exists non-linear function  $A$ -continuous at least at one point, is given in Example 1.

**Example 1.** A linear transformation given by matrix  $B = (b_{mn})$ , where  $b_{2k+1, 4k+1} = b_{2k+1, 4k+4} = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $b_{2k, 4k+3} = b_{2k, 4k+4} = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $b_{mn} = 0$  otherwise, is a regular summability method. A sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is transformed by matrix  $B$  to the sequence  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , where  $t_{2k+1} = \frac{1}{2}(x_{4k+1} + x_{4k+4})$  and  $t_{2k} = \frac{1}{2}(x_{4k+3} + x_{4k+4})$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Each  $B$ -summable sequence  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  of zeros and ones has a  $B$ -limit equal to one value of the set  $\left\{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1\right\}$  as it can be easily verified. Since the terms on places of the form  $4k + 2$  do not have any influence on the  $B$ -limit, we have that there exist infinitely many sequences of zeros and ones, which have the  $B$ -limit equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$ . But for every two integers  $p, q$  the equality  $1^p = 1^q$  holds. It is sufficient to take for a function  $f$  an arbitrary nonlinear odd function which is uniformly continuous and  $f(0) = 0$ . Such a function is continuous at the point 0 and is not a linear function.

Another condition is given in the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** Let there exist for a regular summability method  $A = (a_{nm})$  sequences  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^\infty, \{\beta_n\}_{n=1}^\infty, \{\gamma_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  of zeros and ones such that  $A\text{-lim } \alpha_n = a, A\text{-lim } \beta_n = b, A\text{-lim } \gamma_n = c, abc \neq 0, a \neq 1 \neq b, c \neq 1$  and  $\alpha_n + \beta_n + \gamma_n = 1$  for every  $n$ . Then  $f$  is a linear function whenever  $f$  is  $A$ -continuous at least at one point.

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be  $A$ -continuous at a point  $x_0$ . Then the sequence  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty, t_n = \alpha_n x + \beta_n y + \gamma_n z$ , has  $A\text{-lim } t_n = x_0$  whenever  $x, y, z$  satisfies the equality

$$ax + by + cz = x_0 \tag{1}$$

Since  $f(t_n) = \alpha_n f(x) + \beta_n f(y) + \gamma_n f(z)$  we have that  $A\text{-lim } f(t_n) = af(x) + bf(y) + cf(z)$ . The  $A$ -continuity of  $f$  at point  $x_0$  gives the equality

$$af(x) + bf(y) + cf(z) = f(x_0) \tag{2}$$

By (1) and (2) we can conclude that the function  $f$  satisfies the following functional equality

$$f\left(-\frac{a}{c}x - \frac{b}{c}y + \frac{1}{c}x_0\right) = -\frac{a}{c}f(x) - \frac{b}{c}f(y) + \frac{1}{c}f(x_0),$$

for all  $x, y$ . According to lemma 1  $f$  is a continuous function. Thus the well-known results about functional equalities of this type give that  $f$  is a linear function (see e. g. [5] pages 68—70).

2. The set of all points at which a given function is  $A$ -continuous strongly depends on the summability method  $A$ . Let e. g.  $A = (a_{mn})$ , where  $a_{mn} = a_{m, n+1} = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  and  $a_{mn} = 0$  otherwise. Then the set  $C_{fA}$  acquires one of the following possibilities:

- a) the set of all real numbers
- b) the empty set
- c) only a one point set
- d) a countable set of isolated points.

We outline a verification of this statement.

Let  $f$  be  $A$ -continuous at a point  $a$ . Without loss of generality we can suppose that  $a = 0$  and  $f(0) = 0$  (in another case we take a function  $g(x) = f(x + a) - f(a)$  which satisfies the above assumptions and  $C_f = C_g + a$ ,  $C_{fA} = C_{gA} + a$ ,  $C_g + a$  is a shift of the set  $C_g$ ).  $A$ -continuity at the point  $a$  implies that  $f$  necessarily satisfies the following equations

$$\begin{aligned} f(-x) + f(x + 2a) &= 2f(a) \\ f(-x + a) + f(x + a) &= 2f(a) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Especially for  $a = 0$  we obtain  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ . This condition allows us to give an example of a function for which  $C_{fA} = 0$  (e. g.  $f(x) = x^2$ ). An example of a function for which  $C_{fA} = 0$  is the function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } x \geq 1 \\ x & \text{for } x \in (-1, 1) \\ -1 & \text{for } x \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

(for more detail see [1]).

We prove that  $C_{fA}$  is a finite set if and only if  $C_{fA}$  contains exactly one point. If  $0$  and  $a$  are points of  $A$ -continuity of a function  $f$ , then using (3) we obtain that  $f(na) = nf(a)$  for  $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$  and all points  $na$  are also points of  $A$ -continuity of the function  $f$ . An example of such a function is the function sinus.

Let  $C_{fA}$  have a finite limit point. Without loss of generality we can suppose that this limit point is  $0$  and  $f(0) = 0$ . Then  $f$  is an odd function and for all  $a \in C_{fA}$   $f(na) = nf(a)$   $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ . Since there exists a sequence  $a_n \rightarrow 0$ ,  $a_n \in C_{fA}$  then

$C_{fA}$  is a dense set in  $R$ . Since according to lemma 1  $f$  is continuous on  $R$  and  $f(na_i) = nf(a_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ),  $f$  is a linear function.

The fact that every linear function is  $A$ -continuous on  $R$  is evident.

The following theorem tells us more about the possibilities for  $C_{fA}$ .

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $B$  be a  $G_\delta$  set. Then there exist a regular summability method  $T$  stronger than the convergence and real function  $f$  for which  $C_{fT} = B$ .*

Proof. It is well known that to any  $G_\delta$  set  $B$  there exists a function  $f$  for which  $C_f = B$ . Let  $\{n_1 < n_2 < \dots\}$  be an infinite set of positive integers whose complementary set (in  $N$ ) is also an infinite set.

Let us define  $T$  in the following way:  $T = (a_{mn})$ , where  $a_{mn} = 1$  and  $a_{mn} = 0$  for  $n \neq n_m$ ,  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . The regularity of such a method is evident. For regular method  $A$  such that  $\{f(x_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is  $A$ -summable whenever  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges the lemma of [4] gives that  $f$  is continuous. It is sufficient to prove that  $C_{fT} \supset C_f$ .

The convergence field of  $T$  consists of all sequences  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  for which the subsequence  $\{y_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  is convergent. Let  $x_0 \in C_f$ . Let  $x_n \xrightarrow{T} x_0$ . Then  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x_0$ . Since  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$ , the sequence  $f(x_{n_k}) \rightarrow f(x_0)$ . However, this fact means that  $f(x_n) \xrightarrow{T} f(x_0)$  and so we have that  $x_0 \in C_{fT}$ . Thus  $C_{fT} = C_f = B$  and the proof is complete.

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## О А-НЕПРЕРЫВНОСТИ ВЕЩЕСТВЕННЫХ ФУНКЦИЙ

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### Резюме

Пусть  $A$  — регулярная матрица. Функция  $f: R \rightarrow R$  называется  $A$ -непрерывной в точке  $x_0$ , если из  $A\text{-}\lim x_n = x_0$  вытекает  $A\text{-}\lim f(x_n) = f(x_0)$ . В работе даны достаточные условия для того, чтобы из  $A$ -непрерывности функции вытекала линейность функции. Также доказано, что для любого множества  $B$  типа  $G_b$  существует матрица  $A$  и функция  $f$  такие, что множество всех точек  $A$ -непрерывности функции  $f$  равно  $B$ .