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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_δ 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_δ 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 .