

## NONINCLUSION THEOREMS FOR SUMMABILITY MATRICES

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**ABSTRACT.** For both ordinary convergence and  $\ell^1$ -summability explicit sufficient conditions on a matrix have long been known that ensure that the summability method is strictly stronger than the identity map. The main results herein show that a matrix that satisfies those conditions can be included by another matrix *only* if the other matrix satisfies those same conditions.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND TERMINOLOGY

Let  $x$  denote a complex number sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  and  $A$  denote an infinite matrix  $[a_{nk}]$  with complex entries; then  $Ax$  is the transformed sequence whose  $n$ -th term is given by  $(Ax)_n = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{nk}x_k$ .

Let  $c$  denote the set of convergent sequences, and  $c_A = \{x : Ax \in c\}$ . Similarly,  $\ell^1 = \left\{x : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x_k| < \infty\right\}$  and  $\ell_A = \{x : Ax \in \ell^1\}$ . The matrix  $A$  is called *regular* if  $c \subseteq c_A$ , and  $A$  is *stronger than (ordinary) convergence* if  $c \subsetneq c_A$ . Similarly,  $A$  is called an  $\ell - \ell$  matrix if  $\ell^1 \subseteq \ell_A$ , and  $A$  is *stronger than the identity* (map) if  $\ell^1 \subsetneq \ell_A$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are matrices such that  $\lim Ax = L$  implies  $\lim Bx = L$ , then we say " $B$  includes  $A$ ," and this clearly implies that  $c_A \subseteq c_B$ . In the  $\ell - \ell$  case we simply write  $\ell_A \subseteq \ell_B$  with no verbal phrase describing it.

There is previous work giving explicit conditions on  $A$  to imply that  $c_A = c = c_I$  or  $\ell_A = \ell^1 = \ell_I$  (See, e.g., the Mercerian-type theorems in [1], [3], and [4]. In [2] and [5] conditions on  $A$  were given that ensure that  $c \subsetneq c_A$  and  $\ell^1 \subsetneq \ell_A$ , respectively. Explicit conditions are not known for making general comparisons of  $c_A$  and  $c_B$  or of  $\ell_A$  and  $\ell_B$  (except when  $B = I$ ). In this paper we address the general inclusion question. The principal results show that if  $A$  satisfies the conditions of [2] or [5] that ensure that  $A$  is stronger than  $I$ , then  $A$  can be included by  $B$  *only* if  $B$  also satisfies those same conditions.

For the reader's convenience we state the theorems due to Silverman-Toeplitz [6, page 43] and Knopp-Lorentz [7] that characterize regular matrices and  $\ell - \ell$  matrices, respectively.

**SILVERMAN-TÖEPLITZ THEOREM.** The matrix  $A$  is regular if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) for each  $k$ ,  $\lim_n a_{nk} = 0$ ,
- (ii) for each  $n$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{nk}$  converges and  $\lim_n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{nk} = 1$ ,
- (iii)  $\sup_n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_{nk}| < \infty$

**KNOPP-LORENTZ THEOREM.** The matrix  $A$  is an  $\ell - \ell$  matrix if and only if the following condition is satisfied:

$$(iv) \sup_k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_{nk}| < \infty.$$

**2. COMPARISON OF REGULAR MATRICES**

In [2] Agnew proved the following simple criterion for establishing  $c \subsetneq c_A$

**THEOREM 2.1.** If  $A$  is regular and satisfies the condition

$$\lim_{n,k} a_{nk} = 0, \tag{2.1}$$

then  $c \subsetneq c_A$ .

The double limit in (2.1) is taken in the Pringsheim sense: if  $\epsilon > 0$  then there exists an  $N$  such that  $|a_{nk}| < \epsilon$  whenever both  $n > N$  and  $k > N$ . This sets the stage for the first of our “noninclusion theorems.”

**THEOREM 2.2.** If  $A$  and  $B$  are regular matrices such that  $A$  satisfies (2.1) and  $B$  does not, i e.,

$$\lim_{n,k} b_{nk} \neq 0, \tag{2.2}$$

then  $c_A \not\subseteq c_B$ .

**PROOF.** First note that since the rows of  $A$  are null sequences, (2.1) implies that

$$\lim_k \left\{ \max_n |a_{nk}| \right\} = 0. \tag{2.3}$$

Also, (2.2) allows us to choose increasing sequences  $\nu'$  and  $\kappa'$  of row and column indices satisfying

$$|b_{\nu'(m), \kappa'(m)}| \geq \delta > 0 \quad \text{for all } m. \tag{2.4}$$

Then use (2.3) to choose a subsequence of those pairs  $\langle \nu''(m), \kappa''(m) \rangle$  such that

$$\max_n |a_{n, \kappa''(m)}| < 2^{-m} \quad \text{for all } m. \tag{2.5}$$

Next, using conditions ST(i) we choose a further subsequence  $\langle \nu(m), \kappa(m) \rangle$  so that for each  $m$ ,  $k < \kappa(m)$  and  $n > \nu(m)$  imply

$$|a_{nk}| < 2^{-m} \quad \text{and} \quad |b_{nk}| < 2^{-m}. \tag{2.6}$$

We also use the assumption that the rows of  $B$  tend to zero (from ST(ii)) to choose  $\langle \nu(m), \kappa(m) \rangle$  so that

$$|b_{nk}| < 2^{-m}$$

whenever  $k > \kappa(m)$  and  $n < \nu(m)$ . Define the sequence  $x$  by

$$x_k := \begin{cases} m, & \text{if } k = \kappa(m) \text{ for } m = 1, 2, \dots, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{2.7}$$

For  $n > \nu(m)$ , (2.5), (2.6), and (2.7) yield

$$\begin{aligned} |(Ax)_n| &= \left| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_{n, \kappa(j)}(j) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{j \leq m} 2^{-m}(j) + \sum_{j > m} 2^{-j}(j) \\ &\leq 2^{-m} \sum_{j \leq m} j + R_m, \end{aligned}$$

say As  $m \rightarrow \infty$  these expressions both tend to zero ( $R_m \rightarrow 0$  because the series  $\sum 2^{-j}$  is convergent);

hence,  $\lim Ax = 0$  and  $x \in c_A$ . For  $Bx$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(Bx)_{\nu(m)}| &\geq |b_{\nu(m),\kappa(m)}x_{\kappa(m)}| - \sum_{j \neq m} |b_{\nu(m),\kappa(j)}|(j) \\ &= |b_{\nu(m),\kappa(m)}m| - \sum_{j < m} 2^{-m}(j) - \sum_{j > m} 2^{-j}(j) \\ &= |b_{\nu(m),\kappa(m)}|m - 2^{-m-1}m(m+1) - R_m. \end{aligned}$$

The latter two terms tend to zero as above, and by (2.4) the first term is unbounded, hence,  $x \notin c_B$ , and the proof is complete.

**REMARK.** In the proof of Theorem 2.2 we did not use the full strength of the regularity hypothesis. It would have sufficed to assume only that the rows and columns of  $A$  and  $B$  tend to zero.

To illustrate Theorem 2.2 we can take  $A$  to be any Cesàro matrix  $C_j$  for  $j > 0$ , or any Euler-Knopp matrix  $E_r$  for  $0 < r < 1$ . (They all satisfy (2.1).) Then  $B$  could be any Nörlund matrix  $N_p$  with  $p$  finitely nonzero (see [6, page 64]), or any weighted mean  $\bar{N}_p$  with  $p \in \ell^1$  (see [6, page 57]), they satisfy (2.2). Therefore none of the latter matrices includes any of the former.

One might note the similarity of form between Theorem 2.2 and Theorem 2.0.3 of [8] where Wilansky proved that if  $A$  is conull and  $B$  is not, then  $c_A \not\subseteq c_B$ . The conservative matrix  $A$  is *conull* provided that

$$\lim_n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{nk} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \lim_n a_{nk} \right) = 0.$$

**3. COMPARISON OF  $\ell - \ell$  MATRICES**

In [5] the following theorem was proved, giving a sufficient condition for an  $\ell - \ell$  matrix to be stronger than the identity matrix

**THEOREM 3.1.** If  $A$  is an  $\ell - \ell$  matrix for which there exists an integer  $m$  such that

$$\liminf_k \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} |a_{nk}| = 0, \tag{3.1}$$

then  $\ell^1 \not\subseteq \ell_A$ .

We next give an  $\ell - \ell$  analogue of Theorem 2.2.

**THEOREM 3.2.** If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\ell - \ell$  matrices such that  $A$  satisfies (3.1) and  $B$  does not, then  $\ell_A \not\subseteq \ell_B$

Actually, we shall prove somewhat more.

**THEOREM 3.3.** Let  $A$  be an  $\ell - \ell$  matrix for which there is an integer  $\mu$  and a sequence  $\{k(j)\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  of column indices such that

$$\lim_j \sum_{n=\mu}^{\infty} |a_{n,k(j)}| = 0; \tag{3.2}$$

if  $B$  is a matrix satisfying

$$\lim_j \sum_{n=\mu}^{\infty} |b_{n,k(j)}| \neq 0, \tag{3.3}$$

then  $\ell_A \not\subseteq \ell_B$ .

**PROOF.** First note that we may assume that the rows of  $B$  satisfy

$$\lim_j b_{n,k(j)} = 0 \text{ for each } n. \tag{3.4}$$

For, if not, then there is an  $n^*$  and a subsequence  $\{k'(j)\}$  such that

$$|b_{n^*, k'(j)}| \geq \epsilon > 0 \quad \text{for every } j. \tag{3.5}$$

Property (3.2) allows us to choose a further subsequence  $\{k''(j)\}$  such that

$$\sum_{n=\mu}^{\infty} |a_{n, k''(j)}| < \frac{1}{j^2} \quad \text{for each } j.$$

Define

$$x_k := \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } k = k''(j) \text{ for } j = 1, 2, \dots, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This yields

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \geq \mu} |(Ax)_n| &= \sum_{n=\mu}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{n, k''(j)} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=\mu}^{\infty} |a_{n, k''(j)}| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^2}, \end{aligned}$$

while (3.5) implies that the series

$$(Bx)_{n^*} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_{n^*, k''(j)}$$

is nonconvergent. Thus, as in the proof of Theorem 1 of [5], we can choose  $x$  so that  $x \in \ell_A$  but  $Bx$  is not defined.

Assume that (3.2), (3.3), and (3.4) hold. We shall find an  $x$  in  $\ell_A$  that is not in  $\ell_B$ . Using (3.3) and replacing  $\{k(j)\}$  with one of its (appropriately chosen) subsequences  $\{k(i)\}$ , we can assume without loss of generality that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_{n, k(i)}| \geq 2\delta > 0 \quad \text{for each } i. \tag{3.6}$$

Replacing  $\{k(i)\}$  with yet another of its subsequences  $\{k(p)\}$  we can get

$$\sum_{n=\mu}^{\infty} |a_{n, k(p)}| < t_p \quad \text{for each } p, \tag{3.7}$$

where  $t \in \ell^1$ .

Next we construct an increasing sequence  $\{\nu(m)\}$  of row indices and a further subsequence  $\{\kappa(m)\}$  of  $\{k(p)\}$  to define the sequence  $x$  that we seek. First, take  $\nu(-1) = 0$ ; then use (3.6) to choose  $\kappa(1)$  satisfying

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_{n, \kappa(1)}| \geq 2\delta,$$

and choose  $\nu(1)$  so that

$$\sum_{n \leq \nu(1)} |b_{n, \kappa(1)}| \geq \delta \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n > \nu(1)} |b_{n, \kappa(1)}| < t_1.$$

After  $\kappa(1) < \dots < \kappa(m-1)$  and  $\nu(1) < \dots < \nu(m-1)$  have been selected use (3.4) to choose  $\kappa(m) > \kappa(m-1)$  such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\nu(m-1)} |b_{n,\kappa(m)}| < t_m, \quad (3.8)$$

and by (3.6),

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_{n,\kappa(m)}| \geq 2\delta.$$

Then select  $\nu(m) > \nu(m-1)$  so that

$$\sum_{n=1+\nu(m-1)}^{\nu(m)} |b_{n,\kappa(m)}| \geq \delta \quad (3.9)$$

and

$$\sum_{n=\nu(m)}^{\infty} |b_{n,\kappa(m)}| < t_m. \quad (3.10)$$

Now define  $x$  by

$$x_k := \begin{cases} \frac{e^{i\theta}}{m}, & \text{if } k = \kappa(m), \text{ for } m = 1, 2, \dots, \text{ and } \theta \in \mathbb{R} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This yields  $x \in \ell_A$  because by (3.7),

$$\sum_{n=\mu}^{\infty} |(Ax)_n| \leq \sum_{n=\mu}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_{n,\kappa(m)} \right| < \sum_{n=\mu}^{\infty} t_m.$$

For  $Bx$ , inequalities (3.8), (3.9), and (3.10) give

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\nu(n)} |(Bx)_n| &= \sum_{m=1}^N \sum_{n=1+\nu(m-1)}^{\nu(m)} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_{n,\kappa(j)} \left( \frac{1}{j} \right) \right| \\ &\geq \sum_{m=1}^N \sum_{n=1+\nu(m-1)}^{\nu(m)} \left\{ |b_{n,\kappa(m)}| \frac{1}{m} - \sum_{j \neq m} |b_{n,\kappa(j)}| \right\} \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^N \sum_{n=1+\nu(m-1)}^{\nu(m)} |b_{n,\kappa(m)}| \frac{1}{m} - \sum_{m=1}^N \sum_{n=1+\nu(m-1)}^{\nu(m)} \sum_{j \neq m} |b_{n,\kappa(j)}| \\ &\geq \delta \sum_{m=1}^N \frac{1}{m} - 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} t_{\kappa(j)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $Bx \notin \ell^1$ , which establishes the assertion that  $x$  is in  $\ell_A$  but not in  $\ell_B$ .

Note that in defining  $x$  we need only have  $|x_{\kappa(m)}| \leq 1/m$  in order to have the subsequent inequalities valid. It is the convergence of the  $\mu - 1$  series

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{n,\kappa(j)} x_{\kappa(j)} = (Ax)_n$$

for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, \mu - 1$  that requires the factor of  $e^{i\theta}$  in  $x_{\kappa(m)}$ . (See Theorem 1 and Lemma 1 of [5].)

**REMARK.** As above with Theorem 1, we have not needed the full strength of the hypotheses, in this case, the assumption that  $A$  is an  $\ell - \ell$  matrix is stronger than what is needed. Condition (3.2) guarantees that  $Ax \in \ell^1$  whenever it exists, so the only concern is that  $(Ax)_n$  exists for  $n < \mu$ . This existence would be guaranteed by assuming only that the row sequences  $\{a_{n,k(j)}\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  for  $n < \mu$  are bounded. (See Lemma 1 of [5].)

As an illustration of Theorem 3.3, we give an example of two matrices that are noncomparable in the  $\ell - \ell$  sense

**EXAMPLE 3.1.** Define  $A$  by

$$a_{nk} := \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 1 \text{ and } k = 1, 2, \dots, \\ \frac{1}{n}, & \text{if } k = n > 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Take  $B$  to be the Euler-Knopp matrix  $E_r$  for some  $r \in (0, 1)$ .

$$E_r[n, k] := \begin{cases} \binom{n}{k} (1-r)^{n-k} r^k, & \text{if } k \leq n, \\ 0, & \text{if } k > n. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_{nk}| = \frac{1}{n}, \quad \text{for } k = 2, 3, \dots,$$

so  $A$  satisfies condition (3.2). In Theorem 4 of [5], it is noted that for each  $k$ ,

$$\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} |E_r[n, k]| = \frac{1}{r},$$

so  $E_r$  does not satisfy (3.2). Hence, by Theorem 3.2,  $\ell_A \not\subseteq \ell_{E_r}$ . Although the following does not involve Theorems 3.2 and 3.3, for the sake of completeness we show that  $\ell_{E_r} \not\subseteq \ell_A$ . This is verified by observing that if  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $x_k := (-r)^{-k}$ , then  $(E_r x)_n = (-r)^n$ ; therefore  $x \in \ell_{E_r}$ . But  $|(Ax)_n| = |(-r)^{-n}/n| \rightarrow \infty$ , so  $x \notin \ell_A$ .

In closing we offer an open question related to Theorem 3.2. Can the absolute sums in conditions (3.2) and (3.3) be weakened to ordinary sums? More precisely, if  $A$  satisfies

$$\liminf_k \left| \sum_{n=\mu}^{\infty} a_{nk} \right| = 0$$

and  $B$  satisfies

$$\liminf_k \left| \sum_{n=\mu}^{\infty} b_{nk} \right| > 0,$$

does it follow that  $\ell_A \not\subseteq \ell_B$ ?

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