

On a divergence result for a subsequence of matrix transform means of Walsh-Fourier series

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Abstract. We investigate the subsequence $\sigma_{2^n}^T(f)$ of matrix transform means with respect to the Walsh system generated by nonincreasing and convex sequences $t_{k,n}$ determined by matrix T .

In particular, we prove for any $0 < p < 1/(1 + \gamma)$ that there exists a martingale $f \in H_p(G)$ such that

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left\| \sigma_{2^n}^T(f) \right\|_{weak-L_p} = \infty,$$

where γ depends on the sequences $t_{k,n}$.

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1. Definitions and notations

We follow the standard notions of dyadic analysis introduced by F. Schipp, W. R. Wade, P. Simon, and J. Pál [20] and others.

Let \mathbb{P} be the set of positive natural numbers and $\mathbb{N} := \mathbb{P} \cup \{0\}$. Let us denote by \mathbb{Z}_2 the discrete cyclic group of order 2, the group operation is the modulo 2 addition. Let be every subset open. The normalized Haar measure μ on \mathbb{Z}_2 is given in the way that $\mu(\{0\}) = \mu(\{1\}) = 1/2$. $G := \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}_2$, G is called the Walsh group. The elements of Walsh group G are sequences of numbers 0 and 1, that is $x = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k, \dots)$ with $x_k \in \{0, 1\}$ ($k \in \mathbb{N}$).

The group operation on G is the coordinate-wise addition (denoted by $+$), the normalized Haar measure μ is the product measure and the topology is the product topology. For another topology on the Walsh group see e.g. [7].

Dyadic intervals are defined in the usual way

$$I_0(x) := G, I_n(x) := \{y \in G : y = (x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}, y_n, y_{n+1}, \dots)\}$$

for $x \in G, n \in \mathbb{P}$. They form a base for the neighbourhoods of G . Let $0 := (0 : i \in \mathbb{N}) \in G$ denote the null element of G and $I_n := I_n(0)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Let $L_p(G)$ denote the usual Lebesgue spaces on G (with the corresponding norm $\|\cdot\|_p$), where $1 \leq p < \infty$.

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Next, we define

$$|x| := \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{x_i}{2^{i+1}} \quad \text{for all } x \in G.$$

We introduce some concepts of Walsh-Fourier analysis. The Rademacher functions are defined as

$$r_k(x) := (-1)^{x_k} \quad (x \in G, k \in \mathbb{N}).$$

The Walsh-Paley functions are the product functions of the Rademacher functions. Namely, each natural number n can be uniquely expressed in the number system based 2, in the form

$$n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} n_k 2^k, \quad n_k \in \{0, 1\} \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}),$$

where only a finite number of n_k 's different from zero. Let the order of $n \in \mathbb{P}$ be denoted by $|n| := \max\{j \in \mathbb{N} : n_j \neq 0\}$. Walsh-Paley functions are $w_0 := 1$ and for $n \in \mathbb{P}$

$$w_n(x) := \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} r_k^{n_k}(x) = (-1)^{\sum_{k=0}^{|n|} n_k x_k}.$$

It is known [15] that the system $(w_n, n \in \mathbb{N})$ is the character system of $(G, +)$. The n th Fourier-coefficient, the n th partial sum of the Fourier series and the n th Dirichlet kernel are defined by

$$\hat{f}(n) := \int_G f w_n d\mu, \quad S_n(f) := \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{f}(k) w_k, \quad D_n := \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} w_k, \quad D_0 := 0.$$

Let $\{q_k : k \geq 0\}$ be a sequence of non-negative numbers. The n th Nörlund mean of the Walsh-Fourier series is defined by

$$t_n(f) := \frac{1}{Q_n} \sum_{k=1}^n q_{n-k} S_k(f; x),$$

where $Q_n := \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q_k$ ($n \geq 1$). It is always assumed that $q_0 > 0$ and

$$(1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q_n = \infty.$$

If $q_k = 1/k$, we get the so-called Nörlund logarithmic mean of the function f , denoted by $L_n(f)$.

Let $T := (t_{i,j})_{i,j=1}^{\infty}$ be a doubly infinite matrix of numbers. It is always supposed that matrix T is triangular. Let us define the n th matrix transform mean determined by the matrix T

$$\sigma_n^T(f) := \sum_{k=1}^n t_{k,n} S_k(f),$$

where $\{t_{k,n} : 1 \leq k \leq n, k \in \mathbb{P}\}$ is a finite sequence of non-negative numbers for each $n \in \mathbb{P}$.

It is a common generalization of the partial sum of Fourier series and several well-known (e.g. Fejér, Cesàro, Cesàro with varying parameters, Nörlund, weighted, Riesz) means.

The σ -algebra generated by the intervals $\{I_n(x) : x \in G\}$ will be denoted by \mathbb{F}_n ($n \in \mathbb{N}$). Denote by $f := \{f^{(n)}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ the martingale with respect to \mathbb{F}_n (for details see, e.g., [21]).

We say that this martingale belongs to the Hardy martingale spaces $H_p(G)$ for $0 < p < \infty$ if

$$\|f\|_{H_p} := \|f^*\|_p, \text{ where } f^* := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f^{(n)}.$$

When $f \in L_1(G)$, the maximal functions are also given by

$$M(f; x) := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left(\mu(I_n(x)) \left| \int_{I_n(x)} f(u) d\mu(u) \right| \right).$$

If $f \in L_1(G)$, then the sequence $F = \{S_{2^n}(f) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a martingale and $F^* = M(f)$.

If $f = \{f^{(n)} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a martingale, then the Walsh-Fourier coefficients must be defined in a slightly different manner:

$$\hat{f}(n) := \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_G f^{(k)}(x) w_n(x) d\mu(x).$$

A bounded measurable function a is p -atom if there exists an interval I , such that

$$\text{supp}(a) \subset I, \int_I a d\mu = 0 \text{ and } \|a\|_\infty \leq \mu(I)^{1/p}.$$

2. Historical overview

Weisz [21] proved that for every $f \in H_p(G)$ there exists an absolute constant c_p , such that

$$\|\sigma_{2^n}(f)\|_{H_p} \leq c_p \|f\|_{H_p}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad p > 0.$$

Móricz and Siddiqi [18] investigated the approximation properties of some special Nörlund means of Walsh-Fourier series of $L_p(G)$ functions in norm. Similar approximation properties for matrix transform mean summability methods can be found in [4, 5]. Fridli, Manchanda, and Siddiqi [9] improved and extended the results of Móricz and Siddiqi [18] to martingale Hardy spaces. The case when $\{q_k = 1/k : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ was excluded, since the methods are not applicable to Nörlund logarithmic means. In [10] Gát and Goginava proved some convergence and divergence properties of the Nörlund logarithmic means of functions in the Lebesgue space $L_1(G)$. In particular, they proved that there exists a function f in the space L_1 , such that

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|L_n\|_p = \infty.$$

In [3] it was proved that there exists a martingale $f \in H_p$, ($0 < p < 1$) such that

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|L_{2^n}\|_p = \infty.$$

A counterexample for $p = 1$ was proved in [19], however, Goginava [12] proved that

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|L_{2^n}\|_1 \leq c \|f\|_{H_1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

The convergence of subsequences of Nörlund logarithmic means in martingale Hardy spaces for Walsh-Paley system was investigated by Goginava [14] and for the character system of the group of 2-adic integers by Memić [17].

Matrix transforms means are common generalizations of several well-known summation methods. It follows by simple consideration that the Nörlund means, the Fejér (or the $(C, 1)$) and the (C, α) means are special cases of the matrix transform summation method introduced above. For matrix transforms means with respect to trigonometric system see e.g. results of Chandra [8] and Leindler [16], to Walsh system see paper of Blyumin [6].

3. Auxiliary results

To prove Theorem 4.1 we need the following results.

The martingale Hardy space $H_p(G)$ has an atomic characterization (see Weisz [21, 22]):

Lemma 3.1. *A martingale $f = \{f^{(n)} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is in H_p ($0 < p \leq 1$) if and only if there exists a sequence $\{a_k : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ of p -atoms and a sequence $\{\mu_k : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ of real numbers such that for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$:*

$$(2) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mu_k S_{2^n}(a_k) = f^{(n)}, \quad \text{where} \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\mu_k|^p < \infty.$$

Moreover, the following two-sided inequality holds

$$\|f\|_{H_p} \sim \inf \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\mu_k|^p \right)^{1/p},$$

where the infimum is taken over all decompositions of f of the form (2).

Lemma 3.2 (Paley’s Lemma [20], p. 7.). *For $n \in \mathbb{N}$*

$$D_{2^n}(x) = \begin{cases} 2^n, & \text{if } x \in I_n, \\ 0, & \text{if } x \notin I_n. \end{cases}$$

It is also well-known, that

$$(3) \quad D_n = w_n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} n_k r_k D_{2^k} = w_n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} n_k (D_{2^{k+1}} - D_{2^k}).$$

Lemma 3.3. For every $n \in \mathbb{P}$, $\{t_{k,n} : 1 \leq k \leq n\}$ be a finite, convex and non-decreasing sequence of non-negative numbers and $x \in I_2(e_0 + e_1)$. Then for any increasing sequence of positive integers α_k the following inequality holds

$$\left| \sum_{j=2^{2\alpha_k}}^{2^{2\alpha_k+1}} t_{j,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} D_j(x) \right| \geq t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-1,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - \frac{3}{2} t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-3,2^{2\alpha_k+1}}.$$

Proof. Using Lemma 3.2 and (3) we get that if $x \in I_2(e_0 + e_1)$ then

$$(4) \quad D_j(x) = \begin{cases} -w_j, & \text{if } j > 1 \text{ is an odd number,} \\ 0, & \text{if } j \text{ is an even number.} \end{cases}$$

From $w_{2k+1}(x) = w_{2k}(x)w_1(x)$ and from (4) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=2^{2\alpha_k}}^{2^{2\alpha_k+1}} t_{j,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} D_j(x) &= - \sum_{j=2^{2\alpha_k-1}}^{2^{2\alpha_k}-1} t_{2j+1,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} w_{2j+1}(x) \\ &= -w_1(x) \sum_{j=2^{2\alpha_k-1}}^{2^{2\alpha_k}-1} t_{2j+1,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} w_{2j}(x) \end{aligned}$$

Since $w_{4k+2}(x) = w_{4k}(x)w_2(x)$, and if $x \in I_2(e_0 + e_1)$, then $w_2(x) = -1$, so

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \sum_{j=2^{2\alpha_k}}^{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-1} t_{j,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} D_j(x) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{j=2^{2\alpha_k-1}}^{2^{2\alpha_k}-1} t_{2j+1,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} w_{2j}(x) \right| \\ &= \left| t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-3,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} w_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-4}(x) + t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-1,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} w_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-2}(x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{j=2^{2\alpha_k-1}}^{2^{2\alpha_k}-3} t_{2j+1,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} w_{2j}(x) \right| \\ &= \left| (t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-1,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-3,2^{2\alpha_k+1}}) w_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-2}(x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{j=2^{2\alpha_k-2}}^{2^{2\alpha_k-1}-2} (t_{4j+1,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} w_{4j}(x) + t_{4j+3,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} w_{4j+2}(x)) \right| \\ &\geq \left| t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-1,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-3,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} \right| \\ &\quad - \sum_{j=2^{2\alpha_k-2}}^{2^{2\alpha_k-1}-2} |t_{4j+3,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - t_{4j+1,2^{2\alpha_k+1}}| =: (*) \end{aligned}$$

From convexity of $t_{k,n}$ we get

$$2t_{k,n} \leq t_{k-2,n} + t_{k+2,n} \Leftrightarrow t_{k,n} - t_{k-2,n} \leq \frac{1}{2}(t_{k+2,n} - t_{k-2,n}),$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=2^{2\alpha_k-2}}^{2^{2\alpha_k-1}-2} (t_{4j+3,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - t_{4j+1,2^{2\alpha_k+1}}) &\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2^{2\alpha_k-2}}^{2^{2\alpha_k-1}-2} (t_{4j+5,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - t_{4j+1,2^{2\alpha_k+1}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-3,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1},2^{2\alpha_k+1}}), \end{aligned}$$

that is why

$$\begin{aligned} (*) &\geq t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-1,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-3,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - \frac{1}{2} t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-3,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} + \frac{1}{2} t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1},2^{2\alpha_k+1}} \\ &\geq t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-1,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - \frac{3}{2} t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-3,2^{2\alpha_k+1}} \end{aligned}$$

These complete the proof of Lemma 3.3. □

4. The main result

Theorem 4.1. *Let $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$ and β be any nonnegative real number. For every $n \in \mathbb{P}$, let $\{t_{k,2^n} : 1 \leq k \leq 2^n\}$ be a convex, non-decreasing and finite sequence of non-negative numbers such that*

$$(5) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{2^n} t_{k,2^n} = 1$$

and

$$(6) \quad t_{2^{2^n-1},2^{2^n}} - \frac{3}{2} t_{2^{2^n-3},2^{2^n}} \geq \frac{c_1}{2^{n\gamma n^\beta}}.$$

are satisfied for some positive constant c_1 . Then, for any $0 < p < 1/(1 + \gamma)$ there exists a martingale $f \in H_p(G)$ such that

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|\sigma_{2^n}^T(f)\|_{weak-L_p} = \infty$$

Proof. Let $\{\alpha_k : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be an increasing sequence of positive integers such that

$$(7) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k^{-p/2} < \infty,$$

$$(8) \quad \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{2^{2\alpha_i/p}}{\sqrt{\alpha_i}} \leq c_2 \frac{2^{2\alpha_{k-1}/p}}{\sqrt{\alpha_{k-1}}}$$

for some constant c_2 and

$$(9) \quad c_2 \frac{2^{2\alpha_{k-1}/p}}{\sqrt{\alpha_{k-1}}} \leq c_1 \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1-\gamma)-\gamma}}{\alpha_k(2\alpha_k + 1)^\beta}.$$

Let us notice, that (6) implies inequality

$$(10) \quad \frac{c_1 2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1)-\gamma}}{\alpha_k(2\alpha_k+1)^\beta} \leq \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1)-1}}{\alpha_k} \left(t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1-1}, 2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - \frac{3}{2} t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1-3}, 2^{2\alpha_k+1}} \right).$$

Let

$$f^{(n)} := \sum_{k; 2\alpha_k < n} \lambda_k a_k,$$

where

$$\lambda_k := \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_k}} \quad \text{and} \quad a_k := 2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1)} (D_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - D_{2^{2\alpha_k}}).$$

Inequality (7) and Lemma 1 yield that $f \in H_p(G)$.

Let us introduce the following notation

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}}^T(f) &= \sum_{j=1}^{2^{2\alpha_k}-1} t_{j, 2^{2\alpha_k+1}} S_j(f) + \sum_{j=2^{2\alpha_k}}^{2^{2\alpha_k+1}} t_{j, 2^{2\alpha_k+1}} S_j(f) \\ &=: I + II. \end{aligned}$$

Based on the technique of paper [13], using conditions (5) and (8) we obtain

$$|I| \leq c_2 \frac{2^{2\alpha_{k-1}/p}}{\sqrt{\alpha_{k-1}}}$$

and if $2^{2\alpha_k} \leq j < 2^{2\alpha_k+1}$, then

$$S_j(f) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{2^{2\alpha_i(1/p-1)}}{\sqrt{\alpha_i}} (D_{2^{2\alpha_i+1}} - D_{2^{2\alpha_i}}) + \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1)}}{\sqrt{\alpha_k}} (D_j - D_{2^{2\alpha_k}}).$$

Let $x \in I_2(e_0 + e_1)$. Since $2 \leq 2\alpha_k$ for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$, in this case $D_{2^{2\alpha_k}} = 0$. It means that

$$S_j(f) = \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1)}}{\sqrt{\alpha_k}} D_j,$$

hence based on Lemma 3.3

$$\begin{aligned} |II| &= \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1)}}{\sqrt{\alpha_k}} \left| \sum_{j=2^{2\alpha_k}}^{2^{2\alpha_k+1}} t_{j, 2^{2\alpha_k+1}} D_j \right| \\ &\geq \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1)}}{\sqrt{\alpha_k}} \left(t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1-1}, 2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - \frac{3}{2} t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1-3}, 2^{2\alpha_k+1}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Then for $x \in I_2(e_0 + e_1)$, using inequalities (9), (10) and condition (6) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
|\sigma_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}}^T(f)| &\geq |II| - |I| \\
&\geq \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1)}}{\sqrt{\alpha_k}} \left(t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-1, 2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - \frac{3}{2} t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-3, 2^{2\alpha_k+1}} \right) - c_2 \frac{2^{2\alpha_k-1/p}}{\sqrt{\alpha_{k-1}}} \\
&\geq \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1)}}{\sqrt{\alpha_k}} \left(t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-1, 2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - \frac{3}{2} t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-3, 2^{2\alpha_k+1}} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1)-1}}{\alpha_k} \left(t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-1, 2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - \frac{3}{2} t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-3, 2^{2\alpha_k+1}} \right) \\
&\geq \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1)-1}}{\sqrt{\alpha_k}} \left(t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-1, 2^{2\alpha_k+1}} - \frac{3}{2} t_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}-3, 2^{2\alpha_k+1}} \right) \\
&\geq \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1)-1}}{\sqrt{\alpha_k}} \frac{c_1}{2^{(2\alpha_k+1)\gamma} (2\alpha_k+1)^\beta} \\
&\geq c_3 \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1-\gamma)}}{\alpha_k^{\beta+1/2}}
\end{aligned}$$

At the end, with the standard technique we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|\sigma_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}}^T(f)\|_{weak-L_p} \\
&\geq c_3 \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1-\gamma)}}{\alpha_k^{\beta+1/2}} \mu \left\{ x \in G : |\sigma_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}}^T(f)| \geq c_3 \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1-\gamma)}}{\alpha_k^{\beta+1/2}} \right\}^{1/p} \\
&\geq c_3 \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1-\gamma)}}{\alpha_k^{\beta+1/2}} \mu \left\{ x \in I_2(e_0 + e_1) : |\sigma_{2^{2\alpha_k+1}}^T(f)| \geq c_3 \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1-\gamma)}}{\alpha_k^{\beta+1/2}} \right\}^{1/p} \\
&\geq c_3 \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1-\gamma)}}{\alpha_k^{\beta+1/2}} \mu(I_2(e_0 + e_1))^{1/p} \\
&\geq c_4 \frac{2^{2\alpha_k(1/p-1-\gamma)}}{\alpha_k^{\beta+1/2}} \rightarrow \infty, \text{ if } k \rightarrow \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of our Theorem 4.1. \square

Remark 4.2. From Theorem 1. of paper of Gát and Goginava [11] follows for every $|f| \in H_p$, where $p > 0$ that

$$(11) \quad \left\| \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |\sigma_{2^n}^{\alpha_n}(f)| \right\|_p \leq c_p \| |f| \|_{H_p}$$

and $\sigma_{2^n}^{\alpha_n}$, the so-called Cesàro mean with varying parameters is a special cases of $\sigma_{2^n}^T$ mean (see Example 5.1). Theorem 4.1 implies that the operator $\sigma_{2^n}^{\alpha_n}$ is not bounded from H_p to L_p , when $0 < p < 1/2$ and $0 < \alpha_n < 1$. Or if we choose $0 < \alpha_n < 1$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$, the statement will be true for $0 < p < 1$ (see also Example 5.1). So it means that the condition $|f| \in H_p$ for (11) in these cases cannot be replaced by the condition $f \in H_p$.

5. Examples

Theorem 4.1 is a generalization of the main result of paper [1]. In their article, Baramidze, Persson, Tangrand and Tephnadze proved analogous statement for Nörlund means. (For the Nörlund logarithmic mean case see [2].) Hereinafter we give two examples (a notable and an elementary one) for sequence $t_{k,2^n}$ for which $\sigma_{2^n}^T$ is not a Nörlund mean, but we can apply our main theorem to that.

Example 5.1. Let $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$, $1 \leq k \leq 2^n$ and

$$t_{k,2^n} := \frac{A_{2^n-k}^{\alpha_n-1}}{A_{2^n-1}^{\alpha_n}},$$

where

$$A_n^\alpha := \frac{(1 + \alpha) \dots (n + \alpha)}{n!}$$

for any $\alpha \neq -1, -2, \dots$ and we suppose that $0 < \alpha_n < 1$.

It is known (see [23]), that $\sum_{k=1}^n A_{n-k}^{\alpha-1} = A_{n-1}^\alpha$, so $\sum_{k=1}^{2^n} t_{k,2^n} = 1$.

A simple calculation shows, that for $1 \leq k < 2^n$ inequality $A_{2^n-k}^{\alpha_n-1} < A_{2^n-k-1}^{\alpha_n-1}$ holds. It follows that for any fixed n , the sequence $t_{k,2^n}$ is increasing. Similarly, for $1 \leq k < 2^n - 1$, the inequality $A_{2^n-k}^{\alpha_n-1} + A_{2^n-k-2}^{\alpha_n-1} > 2A_{2^n-k-1}^{\alpha_n-1}$ is valid, which means, that for any fixed n , the sequence $t_{k,2^n}$ is convex.

The condition (6) needs $t_{2^n-1,2^n} - \frac{3}{2}t_{2^n-3,2^n} > 0$, that is $A_1^{\alpha_1-1} = \alpha_1 > \frac{3}{2}A_3^{\alpha_3-1} = \frac{\alpha_1(1+\alpha_2)(2+\alpha_3)}{4}$. It will be true if $4 > (1 + \alpha_2)(2 + \alpha_3)$, for example if $\alpha_2 := \alpha_3 := \frac{1}{2}$. (It is not a strict limitation, since the situation $n \rightarrow \infty$ is interesting for us.) Since $1 < A_{2^n-1}^{\alpha_n} < 2^n$ holds, so choosing $\gamma := 1$, $\beta := 0, c_1 := \alpha_1 - \frac{\alpha_1(1+\alpha_2)(2+\alpha_3)}{4}$, condition (6) is fulfilled. Or, for example if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_{2^n-1}^{\alpha_n} = 1$, so we can choose $\gamma := 0$.

On the other side easy to see that Cesàro means with varying parameters (in general) are not Nörlund means. (Otherwise q_k would be $A_k^{\alpha_n}$, which depends not only on k , but also on n .)

Example 5.2. Let $2 \leq n \in \mathbb{N}$ and

$$t_{k,2^n} := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^{n+2}}, & \text{if } 1 \leq k \leq 2^n - 2, \\ \frac{1}{4}, & \text{if } k = 2^n - 1, \\ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}, & \text{if } k = 2^n. \end{cases}$$

(Since in Theorem 4.1 we take the supremum for all $n \in \mathbb{P}$ and the value of the supremum is infinity, therefore it is not interesting, what happens for small n 's.) Then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{2^n} t_{k,2^n} = (2^n - 2) \frac{1}{2^{n+2}} + \frac{1}{4} + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \right) = 1.$$

Easy to see, that $t_{k,2^n}$ is non-decreasing for every $2 \leq n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Since

$$t_{k,2^n} + t_{k+2,2^n} = 2t_{k+1,2^n}, \text{ if } 1 \leq k \leq 2^n - 4 \text{ and } 3 \leq n,$$

$$t_{2^n-3,2^n} + t_{2^n-1,2^n} = \frac{1}{2^{n+2}} + \frac{1}{4} > \frac{1}{2^{n+2}} + \frac{1}{2^{n+2}} = 2t_{2^n-2,2^n}, \text{ if } 2 \leq n,$$

$$t_{2^n-2,2^n} + t_{2^n,2^n} = \frac{1}{2^{n+2}} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} > \frac{1}{2} = 2t_{2^n-1,2^n}, \text{ if } 2 \leq n,$$

sequence $t_{k,n}$ is convex for every $3 \leq n \in \mathbb{N}$.

On the other hand if $2 \leq n$, then

$$t_{2^n-1,2^n} - \frac{3}{2}t_{2^n-3,2^n} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n+2}} = \frac{2^{n+1} - 3}{2^{n+3}} > \frac{2^{n+1} - 2^n}{2^{n+3}} = \frac{1}{8}.$$

It means, that choosing $\gamma := \beta := 0$ and $c_1 := \frac{1}{8}$ sequence $t_{k,n}$ is suitable for Theorem 4.1.

If this concrete $\sigma_{2^n}^T$ were a Nörlund mean, next equality would hold

$$\sum_{k=1}^{2^n} t_{k,2^n} S_k = \frac{1}{Q_{2^n}} \sum_{k=1}^{2^n} q_{2^n-k} S_k.$$

It follows, that in this case $\frac{1}{4} = t_{2^n-1,2^n} = \frac{q_1}{Q_{2^n}}$, but it contradicts to (1).

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