

## ON CONVERGENCE DOMAINS OF FUNCTION METHODS

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**Abstract.** We consider function convergence methods and the possibility of giving analogous formulations of Schur's Theorem for matrix convergence methods. So we give a class of function methods and conditions under which an analogue of Schur's Theorem is valid.

Let  $F = (f_n(x))$  be a sequence of functions which map a set  $X$  into the complex plane  $C$  and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a filter on  $X$ .

DEFINITION 1. The complex sequence  $(s_n)$  converges to  $s$  by the function convergence method  $(X, F, \mathcal{F})$  (briefly,  $(s_n)F$ -converges to  $s$ ) if the series<sup>1</sup>  $\sum_n f_n(x)s_n$  converges for every  $x \in X$  and

$$s = \lim_{x, \mathcal{F}} \sum_n f_n(x)s_n.$$

If  $X$  is the set  $N$  of natural numbers and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a Frechet filter ( $G \in \mathcal{F}$  iff  $G$  is the complement of a finite subset in  $N$ ), then we have the matrix convergence method associated with matrix  $A = (a_{kn})$  where  $a_{kn} = f_n(k)$  ( $k, n \in N$ ).

DEFINITION 2. The complex sequence  $(s_n)$  converges to  $s$  by matrix convergence method (briefly,  $(s_n)A$ -converges to  $s$ ) if the series  $\sum_n a_{kn}s_n$  converges for every  $k \in N$  and

$$s = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_n a_{kn}s_n.$$

For the matrix convergence method defined by a matrix  $A$  Schur has proved the following result (see [3]).

THEOREM A. *Every bounded sequence is  $A$ -convergent iff the following conditions are satisfied:*

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<sup>1</sup> $\sum_n A_n$  stands for  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  unless stated otherwise.

$$1^\circ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{nk} = a_k \quad (k \in N)$$

$$2^\circ \sum_k |a_{nk}| < \infty \quad (n \in N)$$

$$3^\circ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_k |a_{nk} - a_k| = 0.$$

It is easy to see that the conjunction of conditions  $1^\circ$ ,  $2^\circ$  and  $3^\circ$  is equivalent to the conjunction of  $1^\circ$  and

$$4^\circ \sum |a_{nk}| \text{ converges uniformly by } n.$$

So the following result is valid (see [1]).

**THEOREM B.** *Every bounded sequence is A-convergent iff conditions  $1^\circ$  and  $4^\circ$  are satisfied.*

Let us try to formulate analogously the preceding theorems for function convergence methods. For the sake of simplicity we will consider the case when  $X = (a, b] (-\infty \leq a < b < +\infty)$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  consists the intersections of  $(a, b]$  and the neighborhoods of  $a$  in the following result.

**THEOREM A'.** *The convergence domain  $((a, b], F)^c$  of the function convergence method  $((a, b], F)$  includes the set of all bounded sequences  $T_b$  iff the following conditions are satisfied:*

$$1' \lim_{x \rightarrow a+0} f_k(x) = g_k \quad (k \in N)$$

$$2' \sum_k |f_k(x)| < \infty \quad (x \in X)$$

$$3' \lim_{x \rightarrow a+0} \sum_k |f_k(x) - g_k| = 0.$$

There is some difficulty to formulate analogously Theorem B for function convergence methods. Namely, one can observe many possibilities for adapting condition  $4^\circ$  such as

$4'$  the series

$$\sum_k |f_k(x)| \quad (*)$$

converges uniformly on  $(a, b]$ ;

$4''$  the series  $(*)$  converges on  $(a, b]$  and converges uniformly on  $(a, c]$  where  $c$  is fixed and  $c \in (a, b]$ ;

$4'''$  the series  $(*)$  converges on  $(a, b]$  and converges uniformly on  $\cup_p \{x_p\}$  for every sequence  $(x_p)$  on  $(a, b]$  converging to  $a$ .

If the function convergence method  $((a, b], F)$  is continuous in the sense of [4], then the following holds (see [2]).

**THEOREM B'.** *The convergence domain of continuous function convergence method contains the set of all bounded sequences iff conditions  $1'$  and  $4'$  are satisfied.*

If a functional convergence method is not continuous, then Theorem  $B'$  is not true. Moreover we have following fact.

**PROPOSITION.** *There exists a function convergence method whose convergence domain contains the set of all bounded sequences but the series  $(*)$  does not converge uniformly on any  $(a, c]$ .*

PROOF: Set

$$x_n = 2^{-n}, y_{nk} = x_{n+1} + x_{n+k+1} \quad (n, k \in N).$$

Let us define a sequence of continuous functions of  $(0, 1]$ :

$$u_k(x) = d(x, (0, 1] - A_k) \quad (k \in N)$$

where  $A_k = \cup_{n=0}^{\infty} (y_{nk+1}, y_{nk})$  and  $d$  is usual distance on the real line.

The sequence  $(u_k(x))$  has the following properties:

- (a)  $0 \leq u_k(x) \leq x$  for  $x \in (0, 1]$  and  $k \in N$ ;
- (b) for every  $x \in (0, 1]$  there exists a  $K(x) \in N$  such that  $k \neq K(x) \Rightarrow u_k(x) = 0$  for every  $k \in N$ ;
- (c)  $u_k(x)$  converges pointwise to 0 on  $(0, 1]$ ;
- (d)  $u_k(x)$  converges uniformly to 0 on  $\cup_p \{x_p\}$ , where  $(x_p)$  is an arbitrary sequence on  $(0, 1]$  converging to 0;
- (e) for any  $a$  where  $0 < a \leq 1$ ,  $u_k(x)$  does not converge uniformly on  $(0, a]$ .

Property (a) follows immediately from the definition of  $u_k(x)$ .

If  $x \in (0, 1]$ , then there exist  $s, t \in N$  such that  $x \in [y_{st+1}, y_{st}]$ . In this case  $k \neq t$  implies  $u_k(x) = 0$ . Hence,  $K(x) = t$  and property (b) holds.

Now property (c) follows immediately from (b).

Let  $x_p \rightarrow 0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . The inequality  $x_p \geq \varepsilon$  is true for at most a finite number of values of  $p$ , for instance  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r$ . Let us take

$$k(\varepsilon) = \max\{K(x_{p_1}), K(x_{p_2}), \dots, K(x_{p_r})\}$$

where  $K(x_{p_i})$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ) are determined by property (b). Then  $u_n(x_{p_i}) = 0$  for every  $n > k(\varepsilon)$  and  $1 \leq i \leq r$ . Since we have  $0 < x_p < \varepsilon$  whenever  $p \neq p_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ), we have that for every  $n \in N$  and  $p \neq p_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ) the following holds:

$$0 \leq u_n(x_p) \leq x_p < \varepsilon.$$

Finally, we conclude that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $k(\varepsilon)$  such that  $n > k(\varepsilon)$  implies  $u_n(x_p) < \varepsilon$  for every  $p \in N$ . Thus (d) is proved.

To prove (e) it suffices to show that for every  $0 < a \leq 1$  there exists a  $\varepsilon(a) > 0$  and a sequence  $(z_k)$  from  $(0, a]$  such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u_k(z_k) = \varepsilon(a).$$

Indeed, for a fixed number  $a$  we choose  $m$  such that  $a > 2^{-m-1}$  and set  $z_k = (y_{mk+1} + y_{mk})/2$ . As  $z_k \rightarrow 2^{-m-1}$ , all but a finite number of members of the sequence  $(z_k)$  belong to  $(0, a]$ . Moreover we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u_k(z_k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} z_k = 2^{-m-1}.$$

Now, property (e) is proved by taking  $\varepsilon(a) = 2^{-m-1}$ .

The properties of the function sequence  $(u_n(x))$  enable us to construct a function convergence method such that:

- (i) the convergence domain contains all the bounded sequences;
- (ii) the method does not satisfy condition  $4''$ .

Set  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 1$ ,  $f_1(x) = u_1(x)$ ,  $f_{k+1}(x) = u_{k+1}(x) - u_k(x)$  ( $k \in N$ ). The properties mentioned before imply:

- (a')  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +0} f_k(x) = 0$  ( $k \in N$ )
- (b')  $\sum_k |f_k(x)| \leq 2x$  ( $x \in (0, 1]$ );
- (c')  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +0} \sum_k |f_k(x) - 0| \leq 2l \lim_{x \rightarrow +0} x = 0$ .

Hence, the convergence domain of our method contains the set of all bounded sequences by virtue of Theorem A'.

Since

$$\sum_{k=0}^n f_k(x) = u_n(x) \quad (n \in N)$$

we conclude that the series  $\sum_k f_k(x)$  does not converge uniformly on any interval  $(0, a]$ ,  $0 < a \leq 1$ .

Consequently, the series  $\sum_k |f_k(x)|$  has the same property and this completes the proof of our proposition.

REMARK 1. The previous example shows that there exists a function convergence method whose functions are continuous but the method is not continuous in the sense of [2].

Further, we can easily prove the following criterion:

Let the convergence domain of  $((a, b], F)$  contain the set of all bounded sequences. If for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a sequence  $(y_n)$  such that

$$0 < y_n - a < \varepsilon \quad (n \in N) \quad \text{and} \quad \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(y_n) = d > 0$$

then this method is not continuous.

When  $f_n(x) = a_n x^n g(x)$  it is easy to check whether this method is continuous or not. If  $f_n(x)$  are arbitrary functions, the checking is quite difficult. Let us consider the following class of functional convergence methods.

DEFINITION 3. The function convergence method  $((a, b], F)$  is an  $L$ -type method if the series  $(*)$  converges on  $(a, b]$  and if this series converges uniformly on any interval  $[a_1, c]$ , where  $a < a_1 \leq c$  and  $c$  is fixed number in  $(a, b]$ .

REMARK 2. If there exists a decreasing sequence  $(a_n)$  from  $(a, b]$  converging to  $a$  such that

$$\sum_{j=k}^{\infty} |f_j(x)| \quad (k \in N) \quad (**)$$

is monotone on  $(a_{m+1}, a_m)$  ( $m \in N$ ), then this method is an  $L$ -type method.

According to the previous remark we can conclude that the following methods are  $L$ -type methods.

EXAMPLE 1. Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be an infinite matrix with the property  $\sum_j |a_{ij}| < \infty$  ( $i \in N$ ). Let us define the sequence of functions  $F = (f_j(x))$ :

$$f_j(x) = \begin{cases} a_{ij} & \text{for } x = i \\ b_{ij}a_{ij} & \text{for } x \in (i, i+1) \end{cases} \quad (i \in N)$$

where  $|b_{ij}| < B_1$ .

Condition  $(**)$  is satisfied because  $f_j(x)$  are constant for  $x \in (i, i+1)$ .

If  $f_j(x)$  are continuous on  $(i, i+1]$ , then this method is equivalent to the matrix convergence method associated with the matrix  $A$ .

EXAMPLE 2. Let us consider the Abel method. In this case  $f_j(x) = (1-x)x^{j-1}$  ( $j \in N$ ) on the interval  $[0, 1)$ . The corresponding sum in the condition  $(**)$  is equal  $x^{k-1}$ . This function is obviously monotone on  $[0, 1)$ .

THEOREM B". *The convergence domain of an  $L$ -type method  $((a, b], F)$  contains all the bounded sequences iff conditions 1' and 4'' are satisfied.*

In the proof we need the following simple lemma which might be interesting by itself.

LEMMA. *Let  $u_k(x)$  be a function sequence converging pointwise to  $u(x)$  on  $(a, b]$ . Then the conditions*

- (1)  $u_k(x)$  converges uniformly to  $u(x)$  on  $\cup_k \{a_k\}$ , where  $a_k \in (a, b]$  and  $a_k \rightarrow a$
  - (2)  $u_k(x)$  converges uniformly to  $u(x)$  on each interval  $[c, b]$  where  $a < c \leq b$
- imply the uniform convergence of the sequence  $(u_k(x))$  to  $u(x)$  on  $(a, b]$ .

PROOF. Let us suppose that  $(u_k(x))$  does not converge uniformly on  $(a, b]$ . Then there exists a convergent sequence  $(z_k)$  from  $(a, b]$  such that

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} |u_k(z_k) - u(z_k)| > 0.$$

There are two possibilities: either  $(z_k)$  converges to  $a$ , or  $(z_k)$  does not converge to  $a$ . It is easy to see that the first possibility contradicts condition (1) and the second one contradicts condition (2).

PROOF OF THE THEOREM: Let us suppose that conditions 1' and 4'' are satisfied. If  $(s_j) \in T_b$ , then  $\sum_j f_j(x)s_j$  converges for every  $x \in (a, b]$ . Moreover this series converges uniformly on  $(a, c]$  and we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a+0} \sum_j f_j(x)s_j = \sum_j g_j s_j$$

for every  $(s_j) \in T_b$ . So, conditions 1' and 4'' are sufficient for the convergence domain of an  $L$ -type method to contain all the bounded sequences. (Obviously, 1' and 4'' are sufficient for  $((a, b], F)^c \supseteq T_b$  in general.)

Let us prove that conditions 1' and 4'' are necessary. Therefore, suppose that every bounded sequence  $(s_k)$  is convergent by the  $L$ -type method  $((a, b], F)$ . From the results concerning function convergence methods in general we can see that condition 1' and the first part of condition 4'' are satisfied.

Suppose that  $(x_i)$  is a sequence from  $(a, b]$  converging to  $a$ . Now, we can define a matrix convergence method by

$$a_{ij} = f_j(x_i) \quad (i, j \in N) \quad (***)$$

The convergence domain of this method contains  $T_b$  by our assumption. Applying Theorem B, we have that the series  $\sum_j |f_j(x_i)|$  converges uniformly by  $i \in N$ . Since  $(x_i)$  is an arbitrary sequence, condition (1) of the Lemma is satisfied. Condition (2) of the Lemma is satisfied by definition of  $L$ -type method. Hence, we conclude that the second part of condition 4'' is satisfied and this completes the proof.

Finally, for general function convergence methods we have the following theorem.

**THEOREM B'''.** *The convergence domain of a function convergence method contains all the bounded sequences iff conditions 1' and 4'' are satisfied.*

**PROOF OF THE SUFFICIENCY PART:** If  $T_b \subseteq ((a, b], F)^c$ , then condition 1' is satisfied in virtue of Theorem A'. Let  $(x_p)$  be a sequence on  $(a, b]$  converging to  $a$ . Let us define the matrix convergence method by the matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  described in (\*\*). Obviously,  $A^c \supseteq ((a, b], F)^c \supseteq T_b$  and we get condition 4''' by applying Theorem B.

**PROOF OF THE NECESSITY PART:** Let  $(x_p)$  and  $A$  be the same as in the preceding part. If  $(s_n)$  is a bounded sequence, then the series  $\sum_n f_n(x_p)s_n$  converges uniformly in  $p$ , because the series  $\sum_n |f_n(x_p)|$  converges uniformly by  $p$  (Theorem B). Hence we have:

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \sum_n f_n(x_p)s_n = \sum_n g_n s_n.$$

Finally, we see that the following limit exists:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a+0} \sum_n f_n(x)s_n.$$

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