

## ON THE LIMIT INFERIOR AND LIMIT SUPERIOR FOR DOUBLE SEQUENCES

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*Abstract.* Let  $(u_{mn})$  be a double sequence of real numbers such that  $\limsup \sigma_{mn}(u) = \beta$  and  $\liminf \sigma_{mn}(u) = \alpha$ , where  $\sigma_{mn}(u) = \frac{1}{(m+1)(n+1)} \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{k=0}^n u_{jk}$ , and  $\alpha \neq \beta$ . In this paper, it is presented that  $\limsup u_{mn} = \beta$  and  $\liminf u_{mn} = \alpha$  if the following conditions hold: For  $\lambda > 1$

$$\liminf \frac{1}{([\lambda m] - m)([\lambda n] - n)} \sum_{j=m+1}^{[\lambda m]} \sum_{k=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} (u_{jk} - u_{mn}) \geq 2(\beta - \alpha) \frac{\lambda(2\lambda - 1)}{(\lambda - 1)^2},$$

for  $0 < \lambda < 1$

$$\liminf \frac{1}{(m - [\lambda m])(n - [\lambda n])} \sum_{j=[\lambda m]+1}^m \sum_{k=[\lambda n]+1}^n (u_{mn} - u_{jk}) \geq 2(\beta - \alpha) \frac{\lambda}{(\lambda - 1)^2},$$

where  $[\lambda n]$  denotes the integer part of  $\lambda n$ .

### 1. Introduction

Let  $u = (u_{mn})$  be a double sequence of real numbers. A double sequence  $(u_{mn})$  is said to be Pringsheim convergent (or  $P$ -convergent) [10] to  $s$  if for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that  $|u_{mn} - s| < \varepsilon$  for all nonnegative integer  $m, n \geq N$ , and we write  $\lim u_{mn} = s$ . A double sequence  $(u_{mn})$  is bounded if there exists a real number  $C > 0$  such that  $|u_{mn}| \leq C$  for all nonnegative  $m, n$ . Notice that some  $P$ -convergent double sequence can be unbounded. For example, the double sequence

$$u_{mn} = \begin{cases} n^2, & \text{if } m = 0; \\ m, & \text{if } n = 0; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is  $P$ -convergent to 0, but it is not bounded.

**DEFINITION 1.** [9] Let  $(u_{mn})$  be a double sequence and let  $\alpha_j = \sup_j \{u_{mn} : m, n \geq j\}$  for each  $j$ . The Pringsheim limit superior of  $(u_{mn})$  is defined as follows:

- i) if  $\alpha = +\infty$  for each  $j$ , then  $\limsup u_{mn} := +\infty$
- ii) if  $\alpha < +\infty$  for some  $j$ , then  $\limsup u_{mn} := \inf_j \{\alpha_j\}$ .

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Similarly, the Pringsheim limit inferior of  $(u_{mn})$  is defined.

The propositions of the limit superior and limit inferior like single dimensional sequences are held [9]: If  $u = (u_{mn})$  and  $v = (v_{mn})$  are double sequences, then

- i)  $\liminf u_{mn} \leq \limsup u_{mn}$ ,
- ii)  $\lim u_{mn} = s$  if and only if  $\liminf u_{mn} = \limsup u_{mn} = s$ ,
- iii)  $\limsup(-u_{mn}) = -\liminf u_{mn}$ ,
- iv)  $\limsup(u_{mn} + v_{mn}) \leq \limsup u_{mn} + \limsup v_{mn}$ ,
- v)  $\liminf(u_{mn} + v_{mn}) \geq \liminf u_{mn} + \liminf v_{mn}$ .

In the example below, the double sequence  $(u_{mn})$  is not bounded above and is not bounded below either; but, both of the Pringsheim limit superior and inferior are finite numbers. The sequence

$$u_{mn} = \begin{cases} n^2, & \text{if } m = 0; \\ -m, & \text{if } n = 0; \\ (-1)^m, & \text{if } m = n > 0; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is not  $P$ -convergence but  $\liminf u_{mn} = -1$  and  $\limsup u_{mn} = 1$ .

The  $(C, 1, 1)$  means of  $(u_{mn})$  are defined by

$$\sigma_{mn}(u) = \frac{1}{(m+1)(n+1)} \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{k=0}^n u_{jk}$$

for nonnegative integers  $m, n$  ([6]). The sequence  $(u_{mn})$  is said to be  $(C, 1, 1)$  summable to a finite number  $s$  if  $\lim \sigma_{mn}(u) = s$ .

If a double sequence is  $P$ -convergent to  $s$ , then it is  $(C, 1, 1)$  summable to  $s$  on the condition that it is bounded. Nevertheless, the converse case is not necessarily true. That is to say, the bounded and  $(C, 1, 1)$  summable double sequence might not be  $P$ -convergent.

EXAMPLE 1. [11] The sequence  $(u_{mn}) = \left( \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^n (-1)^{i+j} \right)$  is not  $P$ -convergent. But it is  $(C, 1, 1)$  summable to  $\frac{1}{4}$ . In fact, from the definition of  $(C, 1, 1)$  means, we get

$$\sigma_{mn}(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} & \text{if } m, n \text{ are odd;} \\ \frac{m+2}{4m+4} & \text{if } m \text{ is even, } n \text{ is odd;} \\ \frac{n+2}{4n+4} & \text{if } m \text{ is odd, } n \text{ is even;} \\ \frac{(m+2)(n+2)}{(2m+2)(2n+2)} & \text{if } m, n \text{ are even.} \end{cases}$$

Hence, we have  $\lim \sigma_{mn}(u) = \frac{1}{4}$ .

Note that the  $P$ -convergence of a double sequence  $(u_{mn})$  can be recovered out of the  $P$ -convergence of its  $(C, 1, 1)$  means under some suitable conditions.

The relation between limit inferior and limit superior of  $(u_{mn})$  and the sequence of its arithmetic means  $(\sigma_{mn}(u))$  for bounded sequences as follows [9]:

$$\liminf u_{mn} \leq \liminf \sigma_{mn}(u) \leq \limsup \sigma_{mn}(u) \leq \limsup u_{mn}. \tag{1}$$

In the following example,  $\liminf \sigma_{mn}(u)$  and  $\limsup \sigma_{mn}(u)$  exist and are finite, but  $\liminf u_{mn}$  and  $\limsup u_{mn}$  are not finite.

EXAMPLE 2. The double sequence is defined by

$$u_{mn} = \begin{cases} n, & \text{if } m = 0; \\ -m^2, & \text{if } n = 0; \\ (-1)^m m, & \text{if } m = n > 0; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is clear that  $\liminf \sigma_{mn}(u) = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\limsup \sigma_{mn}(u) = \frac{1}{2}$ , but  $\liminf u_{mn} = -\infty$  and  $\limsup u_{mn} = \infty$ .

The problem of getting ordinary convergence from the convergence of arithmetic mean of a sequence has been an issue for over a century about which researches are carried out. In recent years, there have been studies on both the  $(C, 1)$  summability of single dimensional sequences [1, 3, 4, 5] and the  $(C, 1, 1)$  summability of two dimensional sequences [11, 7, 8]. Çanak [2] has investigated under which conditions a sequence has  $\liminf$  and  $\limsup$  if the sequence of its arithmetic means has  $\liminf$  and  $\limsup$ .

In this study, we extend the theorem given by Çanak to double sequences. More clearly, we will focus on the suitable conditions in order to show that the existence of  $\limsup$  and  $\liminf$  of the sequence  $(u_{mn})$  out of the existence of  $\limsup$  and  $\liminf$  of the sequence  $(\sigma_{mn}(u))$ . Our main theorem is generalized the theorem given by Móricz [7].

### 2. Main results

THEOREM 2. For a double bounded sequence  $(u_{mn})$  of real numbers, let  $\limsup \sigma_{mn}(u) = \beta$  and  $\liminf \sigma_{mn}(u) = \alpha$ , where  $\alpha \neq \beta$ . If for  $\lambda > 1$

$$\liminf \frac{1}{([\lambda m] - m)([\lambda n] - n)} \sum_{j=m+1}^{[\lambda m]} \sum_{k=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} (u_{jk} - u_{mn}) \geq 2(\beta - \alpha) \frac{\lambda(2\lambda - 1)}{(\lambda - 1)^2}, \tag{2}$$

and for  $0 < \lambda < 1$

$$\liminf \frac{1}{(m - [\lambda m])(n - [\lambda n])} \sum_{j=[\lambda m]+1}^m \sum_{k=[\lambda n]+1}^n (u_{mn} - u_{jk}) \geq 2(\beta - \alpha) \frac{\lambda}{(\lambda - 1)^2}, \tag{3}$$

where  $[\lambda n]$  denotes the integer part of  $\lambda n$ , then  $\limsup u_{mn} = \beta$  and  $\liminf u_{mn} = \alpha$ .

COROLLARY 3. Let  $(u_{mn})$  be  $(C, 1, 1)$  summable to  $s$ . If for  $\lambda > 1$

$$\liminf \frac{1}{([\lambda m] - m)([\lambda n] - n)} \sum_{j=m+1}^{[\lambda m]} \sum_{k=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} (u_{jk} - u_{mn}) \geq 0, \quad (4)$$

and for  $0 < \lambda < 1$

$$\liminf \frac{1}{(m - [\lambda m])(n - [\lambda n])} \sum_{j=[\lambda m]+1}^m \sum_{k=[\lambda n]+1}^n (u_{mn} - u_{jk}) \geq 0, \quad (5)$$

then  $(u_{mn})$  is  $P$ -convergent to  $s$ .

We can replace the conditions (4) and (5) by the conditions which are weaker

$$\limsup_{\lambda \rightarrow 1^+} \liminf \frac{1}{([\lambda m] - m)([\lambda n] - n)} \sum_{j=m+1}^{[\lambda m]} \sum_{k=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} (u_{jk} - u_{mn}) \geq 0, \quad (6)$$

and

$$\limsup_{\lambda \rightarrow 1^-} \liminf \frac{1}{(m - [\lambda m])(n - [\lambda n])} \sum_{j=[\lambda m]+1}^m \sum_{k=[\lambda n]+1}^n (u_{mn} - u_{jk}) \geq 0, \quad (7)$$

since the conditions hold for all  $\lambda > 1$  and all  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , respectively.

It is showed by Moricz [7] that the conditions (6) and (7) are sufficient conditions for convergence from the  $(C, 1, 1)$  summability.

In order to prove our main results, the following lemma is necessary.

LEMMA 4. [11] Let  $(u_{mn})$  be a double sequence. For sufficiently large  $m, n$ :

(i) If  $\lambda > 1$

$$\begin{aligned} u_{mn} - \sigma_{mn}(u) &= \frac{([\lambda m] + 1)([\lambda n] + 1)}{([\lambda m] - m)([\lambda n] - n)} (\sigma_{[\lambda m], [\lambda n]}(u) - \sigma_{[\lambda m], n}(u) - \sigma_{m, [\lambda n]}(u) + \sigma_{mn}(u)) \\ &+ \frac{[\lambda m] + 1}{[\lambda m] - m} (\sigma_{[\lambda m], n}(u) - \sigma_{m, n}(u)) + \frac{[\lambda n] + 1}{[\lambda n] - n} (\sigma_{m, [\lambda n]}(u) - \sigma_{m, n}(u)) \\ &- \frac{1}{([\lambda m] - m)([\lambda n] - n)} \sum_{j=m+1}^{[\lambda m]} \sum_{k=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} (u_{jk} - u_{mn}). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) If  $0 < \lambda < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} u_{mn} - \sigma_{mn}(u) &= \frac{([\lambda m] + 1)([\lambda n] + 1)}{(m - [\lambda m])(n - [\lambda n])} (\sigma_{mn}(u) - \sigma_{[\lambda m], n}(u) - \sigma_{m, [\lambda n]}(u) + \sigma_{[\lambda m], [\lambda n]}(u)) \\ &+ \frac{[\lambda m] + 1}{m - [\lambda m]} (\sigma_{mn}(u) - \sigma_{[\lambda m], n}(u)) + \frac{[\lambda n] + 1}{n - [\lambda n]} (\sigma_{mn}(u) - \sigma_{m, [\lambda n]}(u)) \\ &+ \frac{1}{(m - [\lambda m])(n - [\lambda n])} \sum_{j=[\lambda m]+1}^m \sum_{k=[\lambda n]+1}^n (u_{mn} - u_{jk}). \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Proof of Theorem 2

Suppose that  $\limsup \sigma_{mn}(u) = \beta$  and  $\liminf \sigma_{mn}(u) = \alpha$ , where  $\alpha \neq \beta$ . Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[\lambda x] + 1}{[\lambda x] - x} = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - 1}$  for  $x = m, n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup \frac{([\lambda m] + 1)([\lambda n] + 1)}{([\lambda m] - m)([\lambda n] - n)} & \left( \sigma_{[\lambda m], [\lambda n]}^{(11)}(u) - \sigma_{[\lambda m], n}^{(11)}(u) - \sigma_{m, [\lambda n]}^{(11)}(u) + \sigma_{mn}^{(11)}(u) \right) \\ & \leq 2(\beta - \alpha) \frac{\lambda^2}{(\lambda - 1)^2}, \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

and

$$\limsup \frac{[\lambda m] + 1}{[\lambda m] - m} \left( \sigma_{[\lambda m], n}^{(11)}(u) - \sigma_{m, n}^{(11)}(u) \right) \leq (\beta - \alpha) \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - 1} \tag{9}$$

$$\limsup \frac{[\lambda n] + 1}{[\lambda n] - n} \left( \sigma_{m, [\lambda n]}^{(11)}(u) - \sigma_{m, n}^{(11)}(u) \right) \leq (\beta - \alpha) \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - 1} \tag{10}$$

for  $\lambda > 1$ . We get

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup u_{mn} & \leq \beta + 2(\beta - \alpha) \frac{\lambda^2}{(\lambda - 1)^2} + 2(\beta - \alpha) \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - 1} \\ & \quad - \liminf \frac{1}{([\lambda m] - m)([\lambda n] - n)} \sum_{j=m+1}^{[\lambda m]} \sum_{k=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} (u_{jk} - u_{mn}) \end{aligned}$$

by taking the  $\limsup$  of both sides of the identity in Lemma 4 (i) and using (8), (9), (10). When we take (2) into account, we obtain

$$\limsup u_{mn} \leq \beta. \tag{11}$$

By (1),

$$\beta \leq \limsup u_{mn}. \tag{12}$$

Combining (11) and (12), we have  $\limsup u_{mn} = \beta$ .

On the other hand, since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[\lambda x] + 1}{x - [\lambda x]} = \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda}$  for  $x = m, n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf \frac{([\lambda m] + 1)([\lambda n] + 1)}{(m - [\lambda m])(n - [\lambda n])} & \left( \sigma_{mn}^{(11)}(u) - \sigma_{[\lambda m], n}^{(11)}(u) - \sigma_{m, [\lambda n]}^{(11)}(u) + \sigma_{[\lambda m], [\lambda n]}^{(11)}(u) \right) \\ & \geq 2(\beta - \alpha) \frac{\lambda^2}{(1 - \lambda)^2}, \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

and

$$\liminf \frac{[\lambda m] + 1}{m - [\lambda m]} \left( \sigma_{mn}^{(11)}(u) - \sigma_{[\lambda m], n}^{(11)}(u) \right) \geq (\beta - \alpha) \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} \tag{14}$$

$$\liminf \frac{[\lambda n] + 1}{n - [\lambda n]} \left( \sigma_{mn}^{(11)}(u) - \sigma_{m, [\lambda n]}^{(11)}(u) \right) \geq (\beta - \alpha) \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} \tag{15}$$

for  $0 < \lambda < 1$ . Taking the  $\liminf$  of both sides of the identity in Lemma 4 (ii) and using (13), (14), (15), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf u_{mn} &\geq \beta + 2(\beta - \alpha) \frac{\lambda^2}{(1 - \lambda)^2} + 2(\beta - \alpha) \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} \\ &\quad + \liminf \frac{1}{([\lambda m] - m)([\lambda n] - n)} \sum_{j=m+1}^{[\lambda m]} \sum_{k=n+1}^{[\lambda n]} (u_{jk} - u_{mn}). \end{aligned}$$

Taking (3) into account, we get

$$\liminf u_{mn} \geq \alpha. \quad (16)$$

By (1),

$$\alpha \geq \liminf u_{mn}. \quad (17)$$

Combining (16) and (17), we have  $\liminf u_{mn} = \alpha$ .

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