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# On $\lambda$ -Statistically Convergent Double Sequences of Fuzzy Numbers

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We study the notion of  $\overline{\lambda}$ -statistically convergent for double sequence of fuzzy numbers and also get some inclusion relations.

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### **1. Introduction**

Nanda [1] studied sequence of fuzzy numbers and showed that the set of all convergent sequences of fuzzy numbers form a complete metric space. Nuray [2] proved the inclusion relations between the set of statistically convergent and lacunary statistically convergent sequences of fuzzy numbers. Kwon and Shim [3] studied statistical convergence and lacunary statistical convergence of sequences of fuzzy numbers, and they showed that Nuray's conditions are sufficient as well as necessary. Savaş [4] introduced and discussed double convergent sequence of fuzzy numbers and showed that the set of all double convergent sequences of fuzzy numbers is complete. In [5], Savaş generalized the statistical convergence by using de la Vallee-Poussin mean. Quite recently, Savaş and Mursaleen [6] introduced of statistically convergent and statistically Cauchy for double sequence of fuzzy numbers.

In this paper, we continue to study the concepts of strongly double  $[V, \overline{\lambda}]$ -summable and double  $S_{\overline{\lambda}}$ -convergent for double sequence of fuzzy numbers.

#### 2. Preliminaries

Before continuing with the discussion, we pause to establish some notation. Let  $C(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{A \subset \mathbb{R}^n : A \text{ compact and convex}\}$ . The spaces  $C(\mathbb{R}^n)$  have a linear structure induced by the operations

$$A + B = \{a + b, a \in A, b \in B\},$$
  
$$\lambda A = \{\lambda a, \lambda \in A\}$$
(2.1)

for  $A, B \in C(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . The Hausdorff distance between A and B of  $C(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined as

$$\delta_{\infty}(A,B) = \max\left\{\sup_{a \in A} \inf_{b \in B} \|a - b\|, \sup_{b \in B} \inf_{a \in A} \|a - b\|\right\}.$$
 (2.2)

It is well known that  $(C(\mathbb{R}^n), \delta_{\infty})$  is a complete (not separable) metric space. A fuzzy number is a function *X* from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to [0,1] satisfying

- (1) *X* is normal, that is, there exists an  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $X(x_0) = 1$ ;
- (2) *X* is fuzzy convex, that is, for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $0 \le \lambda \le 1$ ,

$$X(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \ge \min\{X(x), X(y)\};$$
(2.3)

- (3) *X* is upper semicontinuous;
- (4) the closure of  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : X(x) > 0\}$ , denoted by  $X^0$ , is compact.

These properties imply that for each  $0 < \alpha \le 1$ , the  $\alpha$ -level set

$$X^{\alpha} = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : X(x) \ge \alpha \right\}$$
(2.4)

is a nonempty compact convex, subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , as is the support  $X^0$ . Let  $L(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denote the set of all fuzzy numbers. The linear structure of  $L(\mathbb{R}^n)$  induces addition X + Y and scalar multiplication  $\lambda X$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , in terms of  $\alpha$ -level sets by

$$[X + Y]^{\alpha} = [X]^{\alpha} + [Y]^{\alpha},$$
  
$$[\lambda X]^{\alpha} = \lambda [X]^{\alpha}$$
(2.5)

for each  $0 \le \alpha \le 1$ .

Define for each  $1 \le q < \infty$ ,

$$d_q(X,Y) = \left\{ \int_0^1 \delta_\infty (X^\alpha, Y^\alpha)^q d\alpha \right\}^{1/q}$$
(2.6)

and  $d_{\infty} = \sup_{0 \le \alpha \le 1} \delta_{\infty}(X^{\alpha}, Y^{\alpha})$ . Clearly,  $d_{\infty}(X, Y) = \lim_{q \to \infty} d_q(X, Y)$  with  $d_q \le d_r$  if  $q \le r$ . Moreover,  $d_q$  is a complete, separable, and locally compact metric space [7].

Throughout the paper, *d* will denote  $d^q$  with  $1 \le q \le \infty$ .

We will need the following definitions.

*Definition* 2.1. A double sequence  $X = (X_{kl})$  of fuzzy numbers is said to be convergent in the Pringsheim's sense or *P*-convergent to a fuzzy number  $X_0$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N \in \mathcal{N}$  such that

$$d(X_{kl}, X_0) < \epsilon \quad \text{for } k, l > N, \tag{2.7}$$

and we denote  $P - \lim X = X_0$ . The number  $X_0$  is called the Pringsheim limit of  $X_{kl}$ .

More exactly, we say that a double sequence  $(X_{kl})$  converges to a finite number  $X_0$  if  $X_{kl}$  tend to  $X_0$  as both k and l tends to  $\infty$  independently of one another.

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Let  $c^2(F)$  denote the set of all double convergent sequences of fuzzy numbers.

*Definition* 2.2. A double sequence  $X = (X_{kl})$  of fuzzy numbers is bounded if there exists a positive number M such that  $d(X_{kl}, X_0) < M$  for all k and l,

$$\|x\|_{(\infty,2)} = \sup_{k,l} d(X_{kl}, X_0) < \infty.$$
(2.8)

We will denote the set of all bounded double sequences by  $l_{\infty}^{2}(F)$ .

Let  $K \subseteq \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{N}$  be a two-dimensional set of positive integers and let  $K_{m,n}$  be the numbers of (i, j) in K such that  $i \leq n$  and  $j \leq m$ . Then the lower asymptotic density of K is defined as

$$P - \liminf_{m,n} \frac{K_{m,n}}{mn} = \delta_2(K).$$
(2.9)

In the case when the sequence  $(K_{m,n}/mn)_{m,n=1,1}^{\infty,\infty}$  has a limit, then we say that *K* has a natural density and is defined as

$$P - \lim_{m,n} \frac{K_{m,n}}{mn} = \delta_2(K).$$
(2.10)

For example, let  $K = \{(i^2, j^2) : i, j \in \mathcal{M}\}$ , where  $\mathcal{M}$  is the set of natural numbers. Then

$$\delta_2(K) = P - \lim_{m,n} \frac{K_{m,n}}{mn} \le P - \lim_{m,n} \frac{\sqrt{m}\sqrt{n}}{mn} = 0$$
 (2.11)

(i.e., the set *K* has double natural density zero).

*Definition 2.3.* A double sequence  $X = (X_{kl})$  of fuzzy numbers is said to be statistically convergent to  $X_0$  provided that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$P - \lim_{m,n} \frac{1}{nm} |\{(j,k); j \le m, k \le n : d(X_{kl}, X_0) \ge \epsilon\}| = 0.$$
(2.12)

In this case, we write  $st_2 - \lim_{k,l} X_{k,l} = X_0$  and we denote the set of all double statistically convergent sequences of fuzzy numbers by  $st^2(F)$ .

*Definition 2.4.*  $\lambda = (\lambda_n)$  and  $\mu = (\mu_m)$  could be two nondecreasing sequences of positive real numbers such that each tends to  $\infty$  and

$$\lambda_{n+1} \le \lambda_n + 1, \qquad \lambda_1 = 1,$$
  
 $\mu_{m+1} \le \mu_m + 1, \qquad \mu_1 = 1.$ 
(2.13)

A double sequence  $X = (X_{kl})$  of fuzzy numbers is said to be  $\overline{\lambda}$ -summable if there is fuzzy number  $X_0$  such that

$$P - \lim_{nm} \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_{nm}} \sum_{k \in I_n} \sum_{l \in I_m} d(X_{kl}, X_0) = 0, \qquad (2.14)$$

where  $I_n = [n - \lambda_n + 1, n]$ ,  $I_m = [m - \mu_m + 1, m]$ , and  $\overline{\lambda}_{nm} = \lambda_n \mu_m$ .

In this case, we say that X is strongly double  $\lambda$ -summable to  $X_0$  and we denote the set of all strongly double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -summable sequences by  $[V, \overline{\lambda}](F)$ . If  $\overline{\lambda}_{nm} = nm$ , then strongly double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -summable reduces to [C, 1, 1](F), the space of strongly double Cesàro summable sequences defined as follows:

$$P - \lim_{nm} \frac{1}{nm} \sum_{k,l=1,1}^{mn} d(X_{kl}, X_0) = 0.$$
(2.15)

*Definition* 2.5. A double sequence  $X = (X_{kl})$  of fuzzy numbers is said to be double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -statistically convergent or  $S_{\overline{\lambda}}$ -convergent to  $X_0$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$P - \lim_{n,m} \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_{nm}} \left| \left\{ k \in I_n, l \in I_m : d(X_{kl}, X_0) \ge \epsilon \right\} \right| = 0.$$
(2.16)

In this case, we write  $S_{\overline{\lambda}} - \lim X = X_0$  or  $X_{kl} \xrightarrow{P} X_0(S_{\overline{\lambda}})$  and we denote the set of all double  $S_{\overline{\lambda}}$ -statistically convergent sequences of fuzzy numbers by  $(S_{\overline{\lambda}})(F)$ .

If  $\overline{\lambda}_{nm} = nm$ , for all n, m, then the set  $S_{\overline{\lambda}}(F)$  of  $S_{\overline{\lambda}}$ -convergent sequences reduces to the space st<sup>2</sup>(*F*).

We need the following proposition in future. A metric *d* on  $L(\mathbb{R})$  is said to be a translation invariant if d(X + Z, Y + Z) = d(X, Y) for  $X, Y, Z \in L(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** *If d is a translation invariant metric on*  $L(\mathbb{R})$ *, then* 

$$d(X+Y,0) \le d(X,0) + d(Y,0). \tag{2.17}$$

Proof is clear so we omitted it.

In the next theorem, we give some connections between strongly double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -summable and double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -statistical convergences.

#### 3. Main results

**Theorem 3.1.** A double sequence  $X = (X_{kl})$  of fuzzy numbers is strongly double  $\lambda$ -summable  $X_0$ , then it is double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -statistically convergent to  $X_0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and since

$$\sum_{k\in I_n, l\in I_m} d(X_{kl}, X_0) \ge \sum_{k\in I_n, l\in I_m, d(X_{kl}, X_0) \ge \epsilon} d(X_{kl}, X_0) \ge \epsilon |\{k\in I_n, l\in I_m : d(X_{kl}, X_0) \ge \epsilon\}|.$$
(3.1)

This implies that if a sequence  $X = (X_{kl})$  is strongly double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -summable  $X_0$ , then X is double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -statistically convergent to  $X_0$ .

This completes the proof.

We have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** If a bounded  $(X_{kl})$  is double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -statistically convergent to  $X_0$ , then it is strongly double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -summable  $X_0$ .

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*Proof.* Suppose that  $(X_{kl})$  is bounded and double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -statistically convergent to  $X_0$ . Since X is bounded we write  $d(X_{kl}, X_0) \leq M$  for all k, l. Also for given  $\epsilon > 0$  and n and m large we obtain

$$\frac{1}{\overline{\lambda}_{nm}} \sum_{k \in I_n, l \in I_m} d(X_{kl}, X_0) = \frac{1}{\overline{\lambda}_{nm}} \sum_{k \in I_n, l \in I_m, d(X_{kl}, X_0) \ge \epsilon} d(X_{kl}, X_0) + \frac{1}{\overline{\lambda}_{nm}} \sum_{k \in I_n, l \in I_m, d(X_{kl}, X_0) < \epsilon} d(X_{kl}, X_0)$$

$$\leq \frac{M}{\overline{\lambda}_{nm}} |\{k \in I_n, l \in I_m : d(X_{kl}, X_0) \ge \epsilon\}| + \epsilon,$$
(3.2)

which implies that *X* is strongly double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -summable *X*<sub>0</sub>.

This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.3.** If a sequence  $X = (X_{kl})$  of fuzzy numbers is double statistically convergent to  $X_0$ , then it is double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -statistically convergent to  $X_0$  if and only if

$$P - \liminf_{nm} \inf \frac{\overline{\lambda}_{nm}}{nm} > 0.$$
(3.3)

*Proof.* For given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\{k \le n, l \le m : d(X_{kl}, X_0) \ge \epsilon\} \supset \{k \in I_n, l \in I_m : d(X_{kl}, X_0) \ge \epsilon\}.$$
(3.4)

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{nm} |\{k \leq n, l \leq m : d(X_{kl}, X_0) \geq \epsilon\}| \geq \frac{1}{nm} |\{k \in I_n, l \in I_m : d((X_{kl}, X_0) \geq \epsilon\}| \\
\geq \frac{\overline{\lambda}_{nm}}{nm} \frac{1}{\overline{\lambda}_{nm}} |\{k \in I_n, l \in I_m : d((X_{kl}, X_0) \geq \epsilon\}|.$$
(3.5)

Taking the limit as  $n, m \to \infty$  and using hypothesis, we get X is double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -statistically convergent to  $X_0$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $X \in \text{st}_2(F)$  and since  $\overline{\lambda}_{nm} = \lambda_n \mu_m$ , either  $P - \lim_n \inf \lambda_n / n = 0$ or  $P - \lim_m \inf (\mu_m / m) = 0$  or both are zero. Then we can choose subsequences  $(n(p))_{p=1}^{\infty}$  and  $(m(q))_{q=1}^{\infty}$  such that  $\lambda_{n_{(p)}} / n(p) < 1/p$  and  $\mu_{m_{(q)}} / m(q) < 1/q$ . Define a sequence  $X = (X_{kl})$  by

$$X_{kl} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k \in I_{n_{(p)}}, l \in I_{m(q)} (p, q = 1, 2, ...), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
(3.6)

Then  $X \in [C, 1, 1](F)$  and hence, by [6, Theorem 6(a)],  $X \in \text{st}^2(F)$ . But on the other hand,  $X \notin [V, \overline{\lambda}](F)$  and from Theorem 3.1,  $X \notin (S_{\overline{\lambda}})(F)$ ; a contradiction and hence (3.3) must hold.

Finally, we conclude this paper by stating a definition which generalizes Definition 2.4.

*Definition 3.4.* Let  $X = (X_{kl})$  be a double sequence of fuzzy numbers and let p be positive real numbers. The sequence X is said to be strongly double  $\overline{\lambda}_p$ -summable if there is fuzzy number  $X_0$  such that

$$P - \lim_{nm} \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_{nm}} \sum_{k \in I_n} \sum_{l \in I_m} d(X_{kl}, X_0)^p = 0.$$
(3.7)

In this case, we say that X is strongly double  $\overline{\lambda}_p$ -summable to  $X_0$ . If  $\overline{\lambda}_{nm} = nm$ , then strongly double  $\overline{\lambda}_p$ -summable reduces to strongly double *p*-Cesàro summable to  $X_0$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** (1) Let  $p \in (0, \infty)$ . If a double sequence  $X = (X_{kl})$  of fuzzy numbers is strongly double  $\overline{\lambda}_p$ -summable  $X_0$ , then it is double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -statistically convergent to  $X_0$ .

(2) Let  $p \in (0, \infty)$ . If a bounded  $(X_{kl})$  is double  $\overline{\lambda}$ -statistically convergent to  $X_0$ , then it is strongly double  $\overline{\lambda}_p$ -summable  $X_0$ .

*Proof.* The proof of theorem is similar to that of Theorems 3.1 and 3.2 so we omitted it.  $\Box$ 

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