



## Continuity of Superposition Operators on the Double Sequence Spaces $\mathcal{L}_p$

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we define the superposition operator  $P_g$  where  $g : \mathbb{N}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $P_g((x_{ks})) = g(k, s, x_{ks})$  for all real double sequence  $(x_{ks})$ . Chew & Lee [4] and Petranuarat & Kemprasit [7] have characterized  $P_g : l_p \rightarrow l_1$  and  $P_g : l_p \rightarrow l_q$  where  $1 \leq p, q < \infty$ , respectively. The main goal of this paper is to construct the necessary and sufficient conditions for the continuity of  $P_g : \mathcal{L}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1$  and  $P_g : \mathcal{L}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_q$  where  $1 \leq p, q < \infty$ .

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be set of all real numbers,  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of all natural numbers,  $\mathbb{N}^2 = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  and  $\Omega$  denotes the space of all real double sequences which is the vector space with coordinatewise addition and scalar multiplication. Let  $x = (x_{ks}) \in \Omega$ . If for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $l \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|x_{ks} - l| < \varepsilon$  for all  $k, s \geq N$ , then we call that the double sequence  $x = (x_{ks})$  is convergent in the Pringsheim's sense and denoted by  $p - \lim x_{ks} = l$ . The space of all convergent double sequences in the Pringsheim's sense is denoted by  $C_p$ . The space of all bounded double sequences is denoted by  $M_u$ , that is,

$$M_u := \left\{ x = (x_{ks}) \in \Omega : \|x\|_{M_u} = \sup_{k,s \in \mathbb{N}} |x_{ks}| < \infty \right\}$$

which is a Banach space with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{M_u}$ . It's known that there are such sequences in the space  $C_p$ , but not in the space  $M_u$ . The space  $\mathcal{L}_p$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{L}_p := \left\{ x = (x_{ks}) \in \Omega : \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |x_{ks}|^p < \infty \right\}$$

where  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $\sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty}$ .  $\mathcal{L}_p$  is a Banach space with the norm

$$\|x\|_p = \left( \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |x_{ks}|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

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It's know that  $\mathcal{L}_p \subset M_u$  and  $\mathcal{L}_p \subset \mathcal{L}_q$  where  $1 \leq p < q < \infty$ . If given the sequence  $f : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(k, s) = x_{ks}$  and given the increasing functions  $i : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by  $i(k) = i_k$ ,  $j : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by  $j(s) = j_s$ , then we define  $h : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  with  $h(k, s) = (i_k, j_s)$ . In this case, the composite function such that  $f \circ h(k, s) = x_{i_k j_s}$  is called subsequence of the sequence  $(x_{ks})$ . The sequence  $e^{ks} = (e_{ij}^{ks})$  defined by

$$e_{ij}^{ks} = \begin{cases} 1, & (k, s) = (i, j) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

If we consider the sequence  $(s_{nm})$  defined by  $s_{nm} = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^m x_{ks}$  ( $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ), then the pair of  $((x_{ks}), (s_{nm}))$  is called double series. Also  $(x_{ks})$  is called general term of the series and  $(s_{nm})$  is called the sequence of partial sum. If the sequence of partial sum  $(s_{nm})$  is convergent to a real number  $s$  in the Pringsheim's sense, i.e.,

$$p\text{-}\lim_{n,m} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^m x_{ks} = s$$

then the series  $((x_{ks}), (s_{nm}))$  is called convergent in the Pringsheim's sense ,i.e.,  $p$ -convergent and the sum of series equal to  $s$ , and is denoted by

$$\sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} x_{ks} = s.$$

It's know that if the series is  $p$ -convergent, then the  $p$ -limit of the general term of the series is zero. The remaining term of the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} x_{ks}$  is defined by

$$R_{nm} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{s=m}^{\infty} x_{ks} + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^{m-1} x_{ks} + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \sum_{s=m}^{\infty} x_{ks}. \tag{1}$$

We will demonstrate the formula (1) briefly with

$$\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} x_{ks}$$

for  $n = m = N$ . It's known that if the series is  $p$ -convergent, then the  $p$ -limit of the remaining term of the series is zero. Once find before mentioned and more details in [1], [2], [3], [10].

Superposition operators on sequence spaces are discussed by some authors. Chew and Lee [4] have given the necessary and sufficient conditions for the superposition operator acting from the sequence space  $l_p$  into  $l_1$  with the continuity hypothesis. The characterization of the superposition operator acting from the sequence space  $l_p$  into  $l_q$  with  $1 \leq p, q < \infty$  has given by Dedagich and Zabrejko [5]. Petranuarat and Kemprasit [7] have characterized the superposition operator acting from sequence space  $l_p$  into  $l_q$  with  $1 \leq p, q < \infty$  by generalizing works in [4]. The reader may refer for relevant terminology on the superposition operators to [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], [9].

We extend the definition of superposition operators to double sequence spaces as follows. Let  $X, Y$  be two double sequence spaces. A superposition operator  $P_g$  on  $X$  is a mapping from  $X$  into  $\Omega$  defined by  $P_g(x) = (g(k, s, x_{ks}))_{k,s=1}^{\infty}$  where the function  $g : \mathbb{N}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies

(1)  $g(k, s, 0) = 0$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If  $P_g(x) \in Y$  for all  $x \in X$ , we say that  $P_g$  acts from  $X$  into  $Y$  and write  $P_g : X \rightarrow Y$ . Moreover, we shall assume the additionally some of the following conditions:

(2)  $g(k, s, \cdot)$  is continuous for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$

(2')  $g(k, s, \cdot)$  is bounded on every bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ .

It's obvious that if the function  $g(k, s, \cdot)$  satisfies (2), then  $g$  satisfies (2') from [9].

In this paper, we characterize the superposition operator acting from the double sequence space  $\mathcal{L}_p$  into  $\mathcal{L}_1$  where  $1 \leq p < \infty$  under the hypothesis that the function  $g(k, s, \cdot)$  satisfies (2') and its continuity by using the methods in [4], [7]. Then we generalize our works as the superposition operator acting from the space  $\mathcal{L}_p$  into  $\mathcal{L}_q$  where  $1 \leq p, q < \infty$  without assuming that the function  $g(k, s, \cdot)$  is satisfies (2') by using the methods in [7].

**2. Superposition Operators of  $\mathcal{L}_p$  into  $\mathcal{L}_1$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ )**

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let us suppose that  $g : \mathbb{N}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies (2'). Then  $P_g : \mathcal{L}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1$  if and only if there exist  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  and  $(c_{ks})_{k,s=1}^\infty \in \mathcal{L}_1$  such that*

$$|g(k, s, t)| \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |t|^p$$

for each  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  whenever  $|t| \leq \beta$ .

*Proof.* Assume that there exist  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  and  $(c_{ks})_{k,s=1}^\infty \in \mathcal{L}_1$  such that  $|g(k, s, t)| \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |t|^p$  for each  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  whenever  $|t| \leq \beta$ . Let  $x = (x_{ks}) \in \mathcal{L}_p$ . Then,  $\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |x_{ks}|^p < \varepsilon < \beta^p$  for sufficiently large  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence it's obvious that  $|x_{ks}| < \beta$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$ . Thus,

$$|g(k, s, x_{ks})| \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |x_{ks}|^p$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$ . Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k,s=1}^\infty |g(k, s, x_{ks})| &= \sum_{k,s=1}^{N-1} |g(k, s, x_{ks})| + \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |g(k, s, x_{ks})| \\ &\leq A + \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} c_{ks} + \alpha \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |x_{ks}|^p \\ &\leq A + \sum_{k,s=1}^\infty c_{ks} + \alpha \sum_{k,s=1}^\infty |x_{ks}|^p < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_g(x) = (g(k, s, x_{ks}))_{k,s=1}^\infty$ , we obtain that  $P_g(x) \in \mathcal{L}_1$ . So,  $P_g$  acts from  $\mathcal{L}_p$  to  $\mathcal{L}_1$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $P_g$  acts from  $\mathcal{L}_p$  to  $\mathcal{L}_1$ . For all  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  and  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define

$$A(k, s, \alpha, \beta) = \{t \in \mathbb{R} : |t|^p \leq \min\{\beta, \alpha^{-1} |g(k, s, t)|\}\}$$

and

$$B(k, s, \alpha, \beta) = \sup\{|g(k, s, t)| : t \in A(k, s, \alpha, \beta)\}.$$

If  $|t| \leq \beta$  and  $t \in A(k, s, \alpha, \beta)$ , then  $|g(k, s, t)| \leq B(k, s, \alpha, \beta)$ . If  $|t| \leq \beta$  and  $t \notin A(k, s, \alpha, \beta)$ , then  $|g(k, s, t)| < \alpha |t|^p$ . Thus we have

$$|g(k, s, t)| \leq B(k, s, \alpha, \beta) + \alpha |t|^p$$

whenever  $|t| \leq \beta$ . Now, we shall show that  $B(k, s, \alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{L}_1$  for some  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ . Suppose that this does not hold, i.e., for all  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ ,  $\sum_{k,s=1}^\infty B(k, s, \alpha, \beta) = \infty$ . Therefore for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\sum_{k,s=1}^\infty B(k, s, 2^i, 2^{-i}) = \infty$ . Then there exist the increasing sequences of positive integers  $(n_i)$  and  $(m_i)$  such that the pair of  $n_i, m_i$  is the least positive integers satisfying

$$\sum_{k=n_{i-1}+1}^{n_i} \sum_{s=m_{i-1}+1}^{m_i} B(k, s, 2^i, 2^{-i}) > 1.$$

So, we see that

$$\sum_{k=n_{i-1}+1}^{n_i-1} \sum_{s=m_{i-1}+1}^{m_i-1} B(k, s, 2^i, 2^{-i}) \leq 1. \tag{2}$$

For each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is  $\varepsilon_i > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{k=n_{i-1}+1}^{n_i} \sum_{s=m_{i-1}+1}^{m_i} B(k, s, 2^i, 2^{-i}) - \varepsilon_i (n_i - n_{i-1})(m_i - m_{i-1}) > 1. \tag{3}$$

Let  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  be fixed. Since  $g$  satisfies (2'),  $0 \leq B(k, s, 2^i, 2^{-i}) < \infty$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n_{i-1} + 1 \leq k \leq n_i$  and  $m_{i-1} + 1 \leq s \leq m_i$ . From the definition of  $B(k, s, 2^i, 2^{-i})$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n_{i-1} + 1 \leq k \leq n_i$  and  $m_{i-1} + 1 \leq s \leq m_i$ , there is  $x_{ks} \in A(k, s, 2^i, 2^{-i})$  such that

$$|g(k, s, x_{ks})| > B(k, s, 2^i, 2^{-i}) - \varepsilon_i. \tag{4}$$

From (3) and (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=n_{i-1}+1}^{n_i} \sum_{s=m_{i-1}+1}^{m_i} |g(k, s, x_{ks})| &> \sum_{k=n_{i-1}+1}^{n_i} \sum_{s=m_{i-1}+1}^{m_i} B(k, s, 2^i, 2^{-i}) - \sum_{k=n_{i-1}+1}^{n_i} \sum_{s=m_{i-1}+1}^{m_i} \varepsilon_i \\ &= \sum_{k=n_{i-1}+1}^{n_i} \sum_{s=m_{i-1}+1}^{m_i} B(k, s, 2^i, 2^{-i}) - \varepsilon_i (n_i - n_{i-1})(m_i - m_{i-1}) \\ &> 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=n_{i-1}+1}^{n_i} \sum_{s=m_{i-1}+1}^{m_i} |g(k, s, x_{ks})| \right) = \infty$ , that is,  $(g(k, s, x_{ks}))_{k,s=1}^{\infty} \notin \mathcal{L}_1$ . Since  $x_{ks} \in A(k, s, 2^i, 2^{-i})$ ,

$$|x_{ks}|^p \leq \frac{1}{2^i} \text{ and } |x_{ks}|^p \leq 2^{-i} |g(k, s, x_{ks})| \tag{5}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n_{i-1} + 1 \leq k \leq n_i$  and  $m_{i-1} + 1 \leq s \leq m_i$ . Therefore, we obtain using (2) and (5) that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=n_{i-1}+1}^{n_i} \sum_{s=m_{i-1}+1}^{m_i} |x_{ks}|^p &= \sum_{k=n_{i-1}+1}^{n_i-1} \sum_{s=m_{i-1}+1}^{m_i-1} |x_{ks}|^p + |x_{n_i, m_i}|^p \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n_{i-1}+1}^{n_i-1} \sum_{s=m_{i-1}+1}^{m_i-1} 2^{-i} |g(k, s, x_{ks})| + \frac{1}{2^i} \\ &\leq 2^{-i} \sum_{k=n_{i-1}+1}^{n_i-1} \sum_{s=m_{i-1}+1}^{m_i-1} B(k, s, 2^i, 2^{-i}) + \frac{1}{2^i} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^i} + \frac{1}{2^i} = \frac{2}{2^i} \end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $(x_{ks}) \in \mathcal{L}_p$ . This contradicts the assumption that  $P_g : \mathcal{L}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.2.** Let  $g : \mathbb{N}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$g(k, s, t) = \frac{|t|}{3^{k+s}} + |t|^{p+1}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  and for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $g(k, s, \cdot)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $g$  satisfies (2'). Let  $\beta = 2$  and  $|t| \leq 2$ . Then for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |g(k, s, t)| &= \frac{|t|}{3^{k+s}} + |t|^{p+1} \\ &= \frac{|t|}{3^{k+s}} + |t|^p |t| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{3^{k+s}} + 2|t|^p. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{3^{k+s}} < \infty$ , we put  $c_{ks} = \frac{2}{3^{k+s}}$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . If we take  $\alpha = 2$ , then we have  $|g(k, s, t)| \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |t|^p$  whenever  $|t| \leq \beta$ . By Theorem 2.1, we find that  $P_g$  acts from  $\mathcal{L}_p$  to  $\mathcal{L}_1$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** If  $P_g : \mathcal{L}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1$ , then  $P_g$  is continuous on  $\mathcal{L}_p$  if and only if the function  $g(k, s, \cdot)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $P_g$  is continuous on  $\mathcal{L}_p$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Also, let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $P_g$  is continuous at  $te^{mn} \in \mathcal{L}_p$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\|z - te^{mn}\|_p < \delta$  implies  $\|P_g(z) - P_g(te^{mn})\|_1 < \varepsilon$  for all  $z = (z_{ks}) \in \mathcal{L}_p$ . Let  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|u - t| < \delta$  and define  $y_{ks}$  by

$$y_{ks} = \begin{cases} u, & k = m \text{ and } s = n \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Hence  $y = (y_{ks}) \in \mathcal{L}_p$  and  $|u - t| = \|y - te^{mn}\|_p < \delta$ . Therefore, we get  $|g(k, s, u) - g(k, s, t)| = \|P_g(y) - P_g(te^{mn})\|_1 < \varepsilon$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $g(k, s, \cdot)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . So,  $g$  satisfies (2'). Since  $P_g : \mathcal{L}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1$ , there exist  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  and  $(c_{ks})_{k,s=1}^{\infty} \in \mathcal{L}_1$  such that for each  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$|g(k, s, t)| \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |t|^p \text{ whenever } |t| \leq \beta \tag{6}$$

by Theorem 2.1. Since  $x = (x_{ks}) \in \mathcal{L}_p$  and  $(c_{ks}) \in \mathcal{L}_1$ , there exists sufficiently large  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |x_{ks}|^p < \min \left\{ \frac{\varepsilon}{6\alpha}, \frac{1}{2^p} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{6\alpha} \right) \right\} \tag{7}$$

$$|x_{ks}| < \frac{\beta}{2} \text{ for all } k, s \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } \max\{k, s\} \geq N \tag{8}$$

and

$$\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |c_{ks}| < \frac{\varepsilon}{6}.$$

From (6) and (8), we find  $|g(k, s, x_{ks})| \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |x_{ks}|^p$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$ . Hence, we find

$$\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |g(k, s, x_{ks})| \leq \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} c_{ks} + \alpha \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |x_{ks}|^p < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}. \tag{9}$$

There exists  $\delta > 0$  with  $\delta < \min \left\{ \frac{\beta}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{6\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right\}$  such that for all  $k, s \in \{1, 2, \dots, N - 1\}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$|t - x_{ks}| < \delta \text{ implies } |g(k, s, t) - g(k, s, x_{ks})| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3(N - 1)^2} \tag{10}$$

because  $g(k, s, \cdot)$  is continuous at  $x_{ks}$  for all  $k, s \in \{1, 2, \dots, N - 1\}$ . Let  $z \in \mathcal{L}_p$  such that  $\|z - x\|_p < \delta$ . Then

$$|z_{ks} - x_{ks}| < \delta \tag{11}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . For all  $k, s \in \{1, 2, \dots, N - 1\}$ , we find

$$|g(k, s, z_{ks}) - g(k, s, x_{ks})| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3(N - 1)^2}$$

by (10). Therefore

$$\sum_{k,s=1}^{N-1} |g(k, s, z_{ks}) - g(k, s, x_{ks})| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}. \tag{12}$$

We see that  $\|(z_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} - (x_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N}\|_p < \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{6\alpha}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |z_{ks}|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} &= \|(z_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N}\|_p \\ &\leq \|(z_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} - (x_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N}\|_p + \|(x_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N}\|_p \\ &< \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{6\alpha}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \end{aligned}$$

from (7). For all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$ , we find

$$|z_{ks}| \leq |z_{ks} - x_{ks}| + |x_{ks}| < \delta + \frac{\beta}{2} < \beta$$

by (11). It's follows that,

$$|g(k, s, z_{ks})| \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |z_{ks}|^p$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$  from (6). Therefore,

$$\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |g(k, s, z_{ks})| \leq \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} c_{ks} + \alpha \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |z_{ks}|^p < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}.$$

Then, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_g(z) - P_g(x)\|_1 &= \sum_{k,s=1}^{N-1} |g(k, s, z_{ks}) - g(k, s, x_{ks})| + \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |g(k, s, z_{ks}) - g(k, s, x_{ks})| \\ &\leq \sum_{k,s=1}^{N-1} |g(k, s, z_{ks}) - g(k, s, x_{ks})| + \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |g(k, s, z_{ks})| + \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |g(k, s, x_{ks})| \\ &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

by (9) and (12).  $\square$

### 3. Superposition Operators of $\mathcal{L}_p$ into $\mathcal{L}_q$ ( $1 \leq p, q < \infty$ )

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $X$  be a double sequence space. If  $\mathcal{L}_1 \subseteq X$  and  $P_g : X \rightarrow M_u$ , then there exist  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $(g(k, s, \cdot))_{k,s=N}^\infty$  is uniformly bounded on  $[-\alpha, \alpha]$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that the converse of this holds. Then there is a subsequence  $(i_k, j_s)_{k,s=1}^\infty$  of  $(i, j)_{i,j=1}^\infty$  and a sequence  $(x_{i_k j_s})_{k,s=1}^\infty$  such that

$$x_{i_k j_s} \in [-2^{-(k+s)}, 2^{-(k+s)}] \text{ and } |g(i_k, j_s, x_{i_k j_s})| > k + s$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then we find  $(x_{i_k j_s})_{k,s=1}^\infty \in \mathcal{L}_1$  and  $(g(i_k, j_s, x_{i_k j_s}))_{k,s=1}^\infty \notin M_u$ . Let  $(y_{ij})_{i,j=1}^\infty$  defined by

$$y_{ij} = \begin{cases} x_{i_k j_s}, & i_k = i \text{ and } j_s = j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Hence, we obtain  $(y_{ij})_{i,j=1}^\infty \in \mathcal{L}_1 \subseteq X$  and  $(g(i, j, y_{ij}))_{i,j=1}^\infty \notin M_u$ . Therefore,  $P_g : X \rightarrow M_u$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.**  $P_g : \mathcal{L}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_q$  if and only if there exist  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0, N \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(c_{ks})_{k,s=1}^\infty \in \mathcal{L}_1$  such that

$$|g(k, s, t)|^q \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |t|^p \text{ whenever } |t| \leq \beta \tag{13}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $P_g$  acts from  $\mathcal{L}_p$  to  $\mathcal{L}_q$ . Since  $\mathcal{L}_q \subset M_u, P_g : \mathcal{L}_p \rightarrow M_u$ . Also since  $\mathcal{L}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_p$ , we see that there exist  $\alpha_0$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(g(k, s, \cdot))_{k,s=N}^\infty$  is uniformly bounded on  $[-\alpha_0, \alpha_0]$  by Proposition 3.1. Therefore,

$$\sup_{t \in [-\alpha_0, \alpha_0]} |g(k, s, t)|^q < \infty$$

for all  $k, s \geq N$ . We define  $A(k, s, \alpha, \beta) \subseteq [-\alpha_0, \alpha_0]$  by

$$A(k, s, \alpha, \beta) = \{t \in [-\alpha_0, \alpha_0] : |t|^p \leq \min\{\beta, \alpha^{-1} |g(k, s, t)|^q\}\} \tag{14}$$

and

$$B(k, s, \alpha, \beta) = \sup\{|g(k, s, t)|^q : t \in A(k, s, \alpha, \beta)\} \tag{15}$$

for all  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$  and  $k, s \geq N$ . We assert that  $\sum_{k,s=N}^\infty B(k, s, \alpha, \beta) < \infty$  for some  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ . To show the validity of this fact, we assume the converse, that is,  $\sum_{k,s=N}^\infty B(k, s, 2^j, 2^{-j}) = \infty$  for each  $j \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Therefore, we see that for all  $j \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $n \geq N$  there exist  $n' > n$  and  $m' > n$  such that

$$\sum_{k=n}^{n'} \sum_{s=n}^{m'} B(k, s, 2^j, 2^{-j}) > 1. \tag{16}$$

Then there exist  $n'_1 > N$  and  $m'_1 > N$  such that

$$\sum_{k=N+1}^{n'_1} \sum_{s=N+1}^{m'_1} B(k, s, 2^0, 2^{-0}) > 1.$$

Let

$$n_1 = \min \left\{ n' \in \mathbb{N} \mid m' \in \mathbb{N}, n', m' > N, \text{ and } \sum_{k=N+1}^{n'} \sum_{s=N+1}^{m'} B(k, s, 2^0, 2^{-0}) > 1 \right\}$$

$$m_1 = \min \left\{ m' \in \mathbb{N} \mid n' \in \mathbb{N}, n', m' > N, \text{ and } \sum_{k=N+1}^{n'} \sum_{s=N+1}^{m'} B(k, s, 2^0, 2^{-0}) > 1 \right\}.$$

Also there exist  $n'_2 > n_1$  and  $m'_2 > m_1$  such that

$$\sum_{k=n_1+1}^{n'_2} \sum_{s=m_1+1}^{m'_2} B(k, s, 2^1, 2^{-1}) > 1$$

by using (16). We write

$$n_2 = \min \left\{ n' \in \mathbb{N} \mid m' \in \mathbb{N}, n' > n_1, m' > m_1, \text{ and } \sum_{k=n_1+1}^{n'} \sum_{s=m_1+1}^{m'} B(k, s, 2^1, 2^{-1}) > 1 \right\}$$

$$m_2 = \min \left\{ m' \in \mathbb{N} \mid n' \in \mathbb{N}, n' > n_1, m' > m_1, \text{ and } \sum_{k=n_1+1}^{n'} \sum_{s=m_1+1}^{m'} B(k, s, 2^1, 2^{-1}) > 1 \right\}.$$

Hence by induction, there exist a subsequence  $(n_k)_{k=1}^\infty$  of  $(n)_{n=1}^\infty$  and a subsequence  $(m_k)_{k=1}^\infty$  of  $(m)_{m=1}^\infty$  such that  $n_1, m_1 > N$  and

$$n_{j+1} = \min \left\{ n' \in \mathbb{N} \mid m' \in \mathbb{N}, n' > n_1, m' > m_1 \text{ and } \sum_{k=n_j+1}^{n'} \sum_{s=m_j+1}^{m'} B(k, s, 2^j, 2^{-j}) > 1 \right\}$$

$$m_{j+1} = \min \left\{ m' \in \mathbb{N} \mid n' \in \mathbb{N}, m' > m_1, n' > n_1 \text{ and } \sum_{k=n_j+1}^{n'} \sum_{s=m_j+1}^{m'} B(k, s, 2^j, 2^{-j}) > 1 \right\}.$$

Therefore, we see

$$\sum_{k=n_j+1}^{n_{j+1}-1} \sum_{s=m_j+1}^{m_{j+1}-1} B(k, s, 2^j, 2^{-j}) \leq 1. \tag{17}$$

We set  $\mathcal{F} = \{(k, s) : k \leq n_1 \vee s \leq m_1\}$ . If  $(k, s) \in \mathcal{F}$ , let  $x_{ks} = 0$ . If  $k > n_1$  and  $s > m_1$ , then there exists  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n_j < k \leq n_{j+1}$  and  $m_j < s \leq m_{j+1}$ . Thus there is  $(x_{ks}) \in A(k, s, 2^j, 2^{-j})$  and

$$0 \leq B(k, s, 2^j, 2^{-j}) < |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q + 2^{-(k+s)} \tag{18}$$

by (15). Also from (14), we have

$$|x_{ks}| \leq \min \{2^{-j}, 2^{-j} |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q\}. \tag{19}$$

Therefore for each  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 r &< \sum_{j=1}^r \left( \sum_{k=n_j+1}^{n_{j+1}} \sum_{s=m_j+1}^{m_{j+1}} B(k, s, 2^j, 2^{-j}) \right) \\
 &< \sum_{k=n_1+1}^{n_{r+1}} \sum_{s=m_1+1}^{m_{r+1}} \{ |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q + 2^{-(k+s)} \} \\
 &< \sum_{k=1}^{n_{r+1}} \sum_{s=1}^{m_{r+1}} |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} 2^{-(k+s)}
 \end{aligned}$$

by using (18). Since  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} 2^{-(k+s)} < \infty$ , we find  $P_g(x) = (g(k, s, x_{ks}))_{k,s=1}^{\infty} \notin \mathcal{L}_q$ . We see by (17) and (19) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |x_{ks}|^p &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=n_j+1}^{n_{j+1}} \sum_{s=m_j+1}^{m_{j+1}} |x_{ks}|^p \right) \\
 &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=n_j+1}^{n_{j+1}-1} \sum_{s=m_j+1}^{m_{j+1}-1} |x_{ks}|^p + |x_{n_{j+1}m_{j+1}}|^p \right) \\
 &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left( 2^{-j} \sum_{k=n_j+1}^{n_{j+1}-1} \sum_{s=m_j+1}^{m_{j+1}-1} |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q + 2^{-j} \right) \\
 &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left( 2^{-j} \sum_{k=n_j+1}^{n_{j+1}-1} \sum_{s=m_j+1}^{m_{j+1}-1} B(k, s, 2^j, 2^{-j}) + 2^{-j} \right) \\
 &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2 \cdot 2^{-j}
 \end{aligned}$$

which means that  $(x_{ks}) \in \mathcal{L}_p$ . But it contradicts that  $P_g : \mathcal{L}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_q$ . So, we see that there exist  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\beta > 0$  such that  $\sum_{k,s=N}^{\infty} B(k, s, \alpha, \beta) < \infty$ .

Let  $\gamma = \min \{ \alpha_0, \beta^{\frac{1}{p}} \}$  and define  $(c_{ks})$  by

$$c_{ks} = \begin{cases} B(k, s, \alpha, \beta), & k, s \geq N \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

It's obvious that  $(c_{ks})_{k,s=1}^{\infty} \in \mathcal{L}_1$ . Also  $[-\gamma, \gamma] \subseteq [-\alpha_0, \alpha_0]$  and  $|t|^p \leq \beta$  for each  $t \in [-\gamma, \gamma]$ . Let  $k, s \geq N$  and  $t \in [-\gamma, \gamma]$ . If  $t \in A(k, s, \alpha, \beta)$ , then  $|g(k, s, t)|^q \leq B(k, s, \alpha, \beta) = c_{ks} \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |t|^p$ . If  $t \notin A(k, s, \alpha, \beta)$ , then  $|t|^p > \alpha^{-1} |g(k, s, t)|^q$  and so we find  $|g(k, s, t)|^q < \alpha |t|^p \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |t|^p$ . Hence the inequality (13) holds.

Conversely, suppose that there is  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0, N \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(c_{ks})_{k,s=1}^{\infty} \in \mathcal{L}_1$  such that

$$|g(k, s, t)|^q \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |t|^p \text{ whenever } |t| \leq \beta$$

for all  $k, s$  with  $\max \{k, s\} \geq N$ . Let  $(x_{ks}) \in \mathcal{L}_p$ . Then there is  $N' > N$  such that  $\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N'} |x_{ks}|^p < \varepsilon < \beta^p$ . Hence for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\max \{k, s\} \geq N'$ , it's obvious that  $|x_{ks}| < \beta$ . Therefore,

$$|g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |x_{ks}|^p$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N'$ . So, we have

$$\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N'} |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q \leq \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N'} c_{ks} + \alpha \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N'} |x_{ks}|^p.$$

Then we obtain that  $\sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q < \infty$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Example 3.3.** Let  $g : \mathbb{N}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$g(k, s, t) = \left( \frac{1}{2^{\frac{k+s}{q}}} + |t|^{\frac{p}{q}} \right) |t|$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  and for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $N = 1, \beta = 2$  and  $|t| \leq 2$ . Then for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |g(k, s, t)|^q &= \left( \frac{1}{2^{\frac{k+s}{q}}} + |t|^{\frac{p}{q}} \right)^q |t|^q \\ &\leq 2^q \max \left\{ \frac{1}{2^{\frac{k+s}{q}-q}}, |t|^{\frac{p}{q}-q} \right\} \cdot |t|^q \\ &\leq 2^{2q} \left( \frac{1}{2^{k+s}} + |t|^p \right) \\ &\leq \frac{4^q}{2^{k+s}} + 4^q |t|^p. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^q}{2^{k+s}} < \infty$ , we put  $c_{ks} = \frac{4^q}{2^{k+s}}$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . If we take  $\alpha = 4^q$ , then we have  $|g(k, s, t)| \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |t|^p$  whenever  $|t| \leq \beta$ . By Theorem 3.2, we find that  $P_g$  acts from  $\mathcal{L}_p$  to  $\mathcal{L}_q$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $X$  be a normed double sequence space containing all finite double sequences and  $Y$  be a normed double sequence space such that  $Y \subseteq M_u$ . Suppose that

- (i)  $P_g : X \rightarrow Y$ ,
  - (ii) there exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $\|e^{mn}\|_X \leq \alpha$  for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,
  - (iii)  $\|\cdot\|_{M_u} \leq \beta \|\cdot\|_Y$  on  $Y$  for some  $\beta > 0$ .
- If  $P_g$  is continuous at  $x$ , then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$|t - x_{ks}| < \delta \text{ implies } |g(k, s, t) - g(k, s, x_{ks})| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* Let any  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $P_g$  is continuous, there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\|z - x\|_X < \delta \text{ implies } \|P_g(z) - P_g(x)\|_Y < \varepsilon \tag{20}$$

for all  $z \in X$ . Let  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|t - x_{ks}| < \frac{\delta}{\alpha}$ . Let  $u = (t - x_{ks}) e^{mn} + x$ , hence  $u \in X, u_{ks} = t$  and from (ii)

$$\|u - x\|_X = |t - x_{ks}| \|e^{mn}\|_X < \delta.$$

Thus, we find  $\|P_g(u) - P_g(x)\|_Y < \frac{\varepsilon}{\beta}$  by (20). Therefore, we obtain

$$|g(k, s, t) - g(k, s, x_{ks})| \leq \|P_g(u) - P_g(x)\|_{M_u} \leq \beta \|P_g(u) - P_g(x)\|_Y < \varepsilon$$

by (iii).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let the superposition operator  $P_g : \mathcal{L}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_q$ . If  $P_g$  is continuous at  $x \in \mathcal{L}_p$  if and only if  $g(k, s, \cdot)$  is continuous at  $x_{ks}$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

*Proof.* Since the conditions in Proposition 3.4 provided, we see that the necessary condition can be showed easily.

Conversely, suppose that  $g(k, s, \cdot)$  is continuous at  $x_{ks}$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . We need to show that  $P_g$  is continuous at  $x \in \mathcal{L}_p$ . Since  $P_g : \mathcal{L}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_q$ , there exist  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0, N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(c_{ks})_{k,s=1}^\infty \in \mathcal{L}_1$  such that

$$|g(k, s, t)|^q \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |t|^p \tag{21}$$

whenever  $|t| \leq \beta$  for all  $k, s$  with  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N_1$ . Let any  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $\mathcal{L}_p \subseteq M_u$ ,

$$p - \lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{s=m}^\infty |x_{ks}|^p + \sum_{k=n}^\infty \sum_{s=1}^{m-1} |x_{ks}|^p + \sum_{k=n}^\infty \sum_{s=m}^\infty |x_{ks}|^p \right] = 0$$

and

$$p - \lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{s=m}^\infty c_{ks} + \sum_{k=n}^\infty \sum_{s=1}^{m-1} c_{ks} + \sum_{k=n}^\infty \sum_{s=m}^\infty c_{ks} \right] = 0$$

respectively, there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $N \geq N_1$  such that

$$|x_{ks}| \leq \beta \text{ for all } k, s \text{ with } \max\{k, s\} \geq N, \tag{22}$$

$$\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |x_{ks}|^p \leq \min \left\{ \left( \frac{\beta}{2} \right)^p, \frac{\varepsilon^q}{\alpha 2^{q+3}}, \frac{1}{2^p} \left( \frac{\varepsilon^q}{\alpha 2^{q+3}} \right) \right\} \tag{23}$$

and

$$\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} c_{ks} \leq \frac{\varepsilon^q}{2^{q+3}}. \tag{24}$$

We write  $|g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |x_{ks}|^p$  for all  $k, s$  with  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$  by using (21) and (22). Since  $g(k, s, \cdot)$  is continuous at  $x_{ks}$  for all  $k, s \in \{1, 2, \dots, N - 1\}$ , there is  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $0 < \delta \leq \min \left\{ \frac{\beta}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\varepsilon^q}{\alpha 2^{q+3}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right\}$  such that

$$|t - x_{ks}| < \delta \text{ implies } |g(k, s, t) - g(k, s, x_{ks})| < \left( \frac{\varepsilon^q}{2(N-1)^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \tag{25}$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $k, s \in \{1, 2, \dots, N - 1\}$ .

Let  $z \in \mathcal{L}_p$  with  $\|z - x\|_p < \delta$ . Then, we see that

$$\| (z_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} - (x_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} \|_p < \delta.$$

Hence we find

$$\begin{aligned} |z_{ks}| &\leq \| (z_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} \|_p \\ &\leq \| (z_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} - (x_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} \|_p + \| (x_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} \|_p \\ &< \delta + \frac{\beta}{2} \leq \beta \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

by using (23), for all  $k, s$  with  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$ . Also, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |z_{ks}|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} &= \|(z_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N}\|_p \\ &\leq \|(z_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} - (x_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N}\|_p + \|(x_{ks})_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N}\|_p \\ &\leq \left( \frac{\varepsilon^q}{\alpha 2^{q+3}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

We write  $|g(k, s, z_{ks})|^q \leq c_{ks} + \alpha |z_{ks}|^p$  for all  $k, s$  with  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$  by using (21) and (26). Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |g(k, s, z_{ks}) - g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q &\leq 2^q \max\{|g(k, s, z_{ks})|^q, |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q\} \\ &\leq 2^q (|g(k, s, z_{ks})|^q + |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q) \\ &\leq 2^q (2c_{ks} + \alpha |z_{ks}|^p + \alpha |x_{ks}|^p). \end{aligned}$$

Then we find

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |g(k, s, z_{ks}) - g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q &\leq 2^{q+1} \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} c_{ks} + 2^q \alpha \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |z_{ks}|^p + 2^q \alpha \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |x_{ks}|^p \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon^q}{2} \end{aligned}$$

by using (23), (24) and (27). We know that  $|z_{ks} - x_{ks}| \leq \|z - x\|_p < \delta$  for all  $k, s \in \{1, 2, \dots, N-1\}$  and so  $|g(k, s, z_{ks}) - g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q \leq \frac{\varepsilon^q}{2(N-1)^2}$  from (25). Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |g(k, s, z_{ks}) - g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q &= \sum_{k,s=1}^{N-1} |g(k, s, z_{ks}) - g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q + \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |g(k, s, z_{ks}) - g(k, s, x_{ks})|^q \\ &< (N-1)^2 \frac{\varepsilon^q}{2(N-1)^2} + \frac{\varepsilon^q}{2} < \varepsilon^q. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

#### 4. Concluding Remarks

The necessary and sufficient conditions for the continuity of the superposition operator  $P_g$  have been formulated, as stated in Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 3.5. For the future, we will formulate the necessary and sufficient conditions for the boundedness of the superposition operator  $P_g$ .

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