



## Further results on $\mathcal{I}$ –deferred statistical convergence

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**Abstract.** For a non-empty set  $X$ , an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  represents a family of subsets of  $X$  that is closed under taking finite unions and subsets of its elements. Considering  $X = \mathbb{N}$ , in the present study, we set forth with the new notion of  $\mathcal{I}$ –deferred statistical limit point,  $\mathcal{I}$ –deferred statistical cluster point and study various properties of the newly introduced notion. For a real valued sequence  $x = (x_n)$ , we prove that every  $\mathcal{I}$ –deferred statistical limit point is an  $\mathcal{I}$ –deferred statistical cluster point. Moreover, the collection of all  $\mathcal{I}$ –deferred statistical cluster points of  $x$  is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . We also introduce the notion of  $\mathcal{I}$ –deferred statistical limit superior and inferior for real valued sequences and prove several interesting properties. In the end, we establish a necessary and sufficient condition under which a  $\mathcal{I}$ –deferred statistically bounded real valued sequence is  $\mathcal{I}$ –deferred statistically convergent.

### 1. Introduction

The notion of statistical convergence was first introduced by Fast [11] and Steinhaus [28] independently in the year 1951. Later on, it was further investigated and studied from the sequence space point of view by Fridy [12, 13], Šalát [22], and many others. For more details on statistical convergence, one may refer [14, 20] where one can find many more references.

In 2016, Küçükaslan and Yilmaztürk [17] introduced the notion of deferred statistical convergence as a generalization of statistical convergence. They used the notion of deferred Cesàro mean [1] to define such concept. Several investigations in this direction have been occurred due to Şengül et al. [27], and many others [7–10].

On the other hand, in 2001, the idea of  $\mathcal{I}$ –convergence was developed by Kostyrko et al. [16] mainly as an extension of statistical convergence. They showed that many other known notions of convergence were a particular type of  $\mathcal{I}$ –convergence by considering particular ideals. Consequently, this direction gradually gets more attention of the researchers and became one of the most active areas of research. Several investigations and extensions of  $\mathcal{I}$ –convergence can be found from the works of Demirci [6], Kostyrko et al. [15], Lahiri and Das [18], Mohiuddine and Hazarika [19], Šalát et al. [23], Tripathy and Hazarika [29–31], and many others.

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Combining the notion of statistical convergence and  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence, in 2011, Das et al. [2] introduced the notion of  $\mathcal{I}$ -statistical convergence. Later on, several investigations in this direction has been occurred due to Debnath and Rakshit [5], Mursaleen et al. [21], and many others. For an extensive view of  $\mathcal{I}$ -statistical convergence, one may refer [3, 4, 24, 25].

Recently, Şengül et al. [26] extended the notion of  $\mathcal{I}$ -statistical convergence to  $\mathcal{I}$ -deferred statistical convergence using deferred density. Motivated by their work, in this paper, we introduce the notion of  $\mathcal{I}$ -deferred statistical limit point, cluster point, limit superior, limit inferior and analyzed various properties of these concepts.

## 2. Definitions and Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** [12] If  $K$  is a subset of the positive integers  $\mathbb{N}$ , then  $K_n$  denotes the set  $\{k \in K : k \leq n\}$ . The natural density of  $K$  is given by

$$d(K) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|K_n|}{n},$$

provided that the limit exists.

**Definition 2.2.** [12] A sequence  $x = (x_n)$  is said to be statistically convergent to  $l$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the set

$$A(\varepsilon) = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : |x_n - l| \geq \varepsilon\}$$

has natural density zero.  $l$  is called the statistical limit of the sequence  $(x_n)$  and symbolically,  $st - \lim x = l$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [17] Let  $p = \{p(n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $q = \{q(n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  denote the sequences of whole numbers satisfying

$$q(n) - p(n) \geq 1 \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q(n) = \infty.$$

A sequence  $x = (x_n)$  is said to be deferred statistically convergent to  $l$  if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k < q(n) : |x_k - l| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| = 0.$$

Symbolically,  $DS_{p,q} \lim x = l$  or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = l (DS_{p,q})$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [16] A family  $\mathcal{I} \subset 2^X$  of subsets of a nonempty set  $X$  is said to be an ideal in  $X$  if and only if (i)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{I}$  (ii)  $A, B \in \mathcal{I}$  implies  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{I}$  (Additive) and (iii)  $A \in \mathcal{I}, B \subset A$  implies  $B \in \mathcal{I}$  (Hereditary).

If  $\forall x \in X, \{x\} \in \mathcal{I}$  then  $\mathcal{I}$  is said to be admissible. Also  $\mathcal{I}$  is said to be non-trivial if  $X \notin \mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathcal{I} \neq \{\emptyset\}$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [16] A family  $\mathcal{F} \subset 2^X$  of subsets of a nonempty set  $X$  is said to be a filter in  $X$  if and only if (i)  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{F}$  (ii)  $M, N \in \mathcal{F}$  implies  $M \cap N \in \mathcal{F}$  and (iii)  $M \in \mathcal{F}, N \supset M$  implies  $N \in \mathcal{F}$ .

If  $\mathcal{I}$  is a proper non-trivial ideal in  $X$ , then

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}) = \{M \subset X : \exists A \in \mathcal{I} \text{ such that } M = X \setminus A\}$$

is a filter in  $X$ . It is called the filter associated with the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [16] A sequence  $x = (x_n)$  is said to be  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $l$  if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the set

$$\{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - l| \geq \varepsilon\}$$

belongs to  $\mathcal{I}$ . The real number  $l$  is called the  $\mathcal{I}$ -limit of the sequence  $x = (x_n)$ . Symbolically,  $\mathcal{I} - \lim x = l$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [2] A sequence  $x = (x_n)$  is said to be  $\mathcal{I}$ –statistically convergent to  $l$  if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0, \delta > 0$ ,

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n : |x_k - l| \geq \varepsilon\}| \geq \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{I}.$$

If a sequence  $x = (x_n)$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ –statistically convergent to  $l$ , then it is denoted by  $\mathcal{I} - st - \lim x = l$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [5] An element  $x_0$  is said to be an  $\mathcal{I}$ –statistical limit point of a sequence  $x = (x_n)$  if there exists  $M = \{m_1 < m_2 < \dots < m_k < \dots\} \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that  $M \notin \mathcal{I}$  and  $st - \lim_{m_k} x_{m_k} = x_0$ .

For a sequence  $x = (x_n)$ , the set of all  $\mathcal{I}$ –statistical limit points is denoted by  $\mathcal{I} - S(\Lambda_x)$ .

**Definition 2.9.** [21] An element  $x_0$  is said to be an  $\mathcal{I}$ –statistical cluster point of a sequence  $x = (x_n)$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n : |x_k - x_0| \geq \varepsilon\}| < \delta \right\} \notin \mathcal{I}.$$

For a sequence  $x = (x_n)$ , the set of all  $\mathcal{I}$ –statistical cluster points is denoted by  $\mathcal{I} - S(\Gamma_x)$ .

**Definition 2.10.** [21] A sequence  $x = (x_n)$  is said to be  $\mathcal{I}$ –statistically bounded ( $\mathcal{I}$ – $st$  bounded), if there exists a number  $B$  such that

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n : |x_k| > B\}| > \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{I}.$$

**Definition 2.11.** [21] Let  $x = (x_n)$  be a real valued sequence. Then  $\mathcal{I}$ –statistical limit superior of  $x$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{I} - st \lim \sup x = \begin{cases} \sup B_x, & \text{if } B_x \neq \emptyset; \\ -\infty, & \text{if } B_x = \emptyset; \end{cases}$$

where  $B_x$  stands for the set

$$\left\{ b \in \mathbb{R} : \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n : x_k > b\}| > \delta \right\} \notin \mathcal{I} \right\}.$$

**Definition 2.12.** [21] Let  $x = (x_n)$  be a real valued sequence. Then  $\mathcal{I}$ –statistical limit inferior of  $x$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{I} - st \lim \inf x = \begin{cases} \inf A_x, & \text{if } A_x \neq \emptyset; \\ +\infty, & \text{if } A_x = \emptyset; \end{cases}$$

where  $A_x$  stands for the set

$$\left\{ a \in \mathbb{R} : \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n : x_k < a\}| > \delta \right\} \notin \mathcal{I} \right\}.$$

**Definition 2.13.** [26] A sequence  $x = (x_n)$  is said to be  $\mathcal{I}$ –deferred statistically convergent (or  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}$  convergent) to  $l$  if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{p(n) - q(n)} |\{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_k - l| \geq \varepsilon\}| \geq \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{I}.$$

Symbolically,  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \lim x = l$ .

### 3. Main Results

The entire study is divided into two subsections. Throughout the subsections  $p = \{p(n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $q = \{q(n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  will be used to denote the sequences of whole numbers satisfying  $q(n) - p(n) \geq 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q(n) = \infty$ . Also  $\mathcal{I}$  stands for non-trivial admissible ideal of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

3.1.  $\mathcal{I}$ -deferred statistical limit points, cluster points

**Definition 3.1.** A real number  $x_0$  is said to be an  $\mathcal{I}$ -deferred statistical limit point of a sequence  $x = (x_n)$  if there exists a set  $M = \{m_1 < m_2 < \dots < m_k < \dots\} \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that  $M \notin \mathcal{I}$  and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{m_k} = x_0 (DS_{p,q})$ .

If we take  $p(n) = 0$  and  $q(n) = n$ , then the above definition is turned to the definition of  $\mathcal{I}$ -statistical limit point [20].

**Definition 3.2.** A real number  $x_0$  is said to be an  $\mathcal{I}$ -deferred statistical cluster point of a sequence  $x = (x_n)$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_k - x_0| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| < \delta \right\} \notin \mathcal{I}.$$

If we take  $p(n) = 0$  and  $q(n) = n$ , then the above definition is turned to the definition of  $\mathcal{I}$ -statistical cluster point [21].

Throughout the paper we will use  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_x)$  and  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Gamma_x)$  to denote the set of all  $\mathcal{I}$ -deferred statistical limit points and  $\mathcal{I}$ -deferred statistical cluster points of a sequence  $x = (x_n)$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** If  $x = (x_n)$  is any sequence such that  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \lim x = x_0$ , then  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_x) = \{x_0\}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \lim x = x_0$ , so for any  $\varepsilon, \delta > 0$ , the set

$$A = \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_k - x_0| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| \geq \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{I}. \tag{1}$$

If possible suppose there exists  $y_0 \in \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_x)$  with  $x_0 \neq y_0$ . Then there exists  $M = \{m_1 < m_2 < \dots < m_k < \dots\} \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that  $M \notin \mathcal{I}$  and for every  $\varepsilon > 0, \delta > 0$ , the set

$$B = \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_{m_k} - y_0| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| \geq \delta \right\}$$

is finite. Since  $\mathcal{I}$  is admissible, so we have  $\mathbb{N} \setminus C \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I})$  where

$$C = \left\{ n \in M : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_k - y_0| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| \geq \delta \right\} \subseteq B.$$

Again from (1) we have,  $\mathbb{N} \setminus D \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I})$  where

$$D = \left\{ n \in M : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_k - x_0| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| \geq \delta \right\} \subseteq A.$$

Clearly,  $(\mathbb{N} \setminus C) \cap (\mathbb{N} \setminus D) \neq \emptyset$  since  $(\mathbb{N} \setminus C) \cap (\mathbb{N} \setminus D) \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I})$ . Choose  $s \in (\mathbb{N} \setminus C) \cap (\mathbb{N} \setminus D)$  and a particular  $\varepsilon > 0$  satisfying  $\varepsilon < |x_0 - y_0|$ . Then the following inequations are true

$$\frac{1}{(q(s) - p(s))} \left| \left\{ p(s) < k \leq q(s) : |x_k - y_0| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} \right| < \delta$$

and

$$\frac{1}{(q(s) - p(s))} \left| \left\{ p(s) < k \leq q(s) : |x_k - x_0| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} \right| < \delta.$$

Now choosing  $\delta$  sufficiently small, we can ensure the existence of an element  $\xi \in \mathbb{N}$  for which the following properties holds good

$$p(s) < \xi < q(s), |x_\xi - y_0| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ and } |x_\xi - x_0| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

But then

$$\varepsilon < |x_0 - y_0| \leq |x_\xi - x_0| + |x_\xi - y_0| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon, \text{ a contradiction.}$$

Hence  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_x) = \{x_0\}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** For any sequence  $x = (x_n)$ , the set  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Gamma_x)$  is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $y_0 \in \overline{\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Gamma_x)}$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Gamma_x) \cap (y_0 - \varepsilon, y_0 + \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset.$$

Let  $z_0 \in \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Gamma_x) \cap (y_0 - \varepsilon, y_0 + \varepsilon)$  and put  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$  in such a manner that

$$(z_0 - \varepsilon_1, z_0 + \varepsilon_1) \subseteq (y_0 - \varepsilon, y_0 + \varepsilon).$$

Then, the following inequation holds:

$$\left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_k - z_0| \geq \varepsilon_1\} \right| \geq \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_k - y_0| \geq \varepsilon_1\} \right|.$$

As a consequence, for any  $\delta > 0$ , the set

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_k - y_0| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| < \delta \right\}$$

is a superset of the set

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_k - z_0| \geq \varepsilon_1\} \right| < \delta \right\}.$$

Now since  $z_0 \in \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Gamma_x)$ , we must have

$$A = \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_k - y_0| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| < \delta \right\} \notin \mathcal{I}.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** For any sequence  $x = (x_n)$ ,  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_x) \subseteq \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Gamma_x)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_x)$ . Then there exists a set  $M = \{m_1 < m_2 < \dots < m_k < \dots\} \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that  $M \notin \mathcal{I}$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_{m_k} - x_0| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| = 0.$$

Therefore for any  $\delta > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\forall n > n_0, \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_{m_k} - x_0| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| < \delta.$$

Let  $A = \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_k - x_0| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| < \delta \right\}$ . Then  $A \supset M \setminus \{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{k_0}\}$  and eventually  $A \notin \mathcal{I}$  since  $\mathcal{I}$  is admissible. Hence  $x_0 \in \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Gamma_x)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $x = (x_n)$  and  $y = (y_n)$  be two sequences such that  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \neq y_n\} \in \mathcal{I}$ . Then,

(i)  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_x) = \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_y)$  and (ii)  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Gamma_x) = \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Gamma_y)$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $x_0 \in \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_x)$ . Then there exists a set  $M = \{m_1 < m_2 < \dots < m_k < \dots\} \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that  $M \notin \mathcal{I}$  and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{m_k} = x_0(DS_{p,q})$ . Put  $N = M \cap \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n = y_n\}$ . Then since  $M \notin \mathcal{I}$ , so we must have  $N \notin \mathcal{I}$ . Suppose  $N = \{n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k < \dots\}$ . Then we must have  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_{n_k} = x_0(DS_{p,q})$  and therefore  $x_0 \in \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_y)$ . Thus the inclusion  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_x) \subseteq \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_y)$  holds. By symmetry, we have  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_y) \subseteq \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_x)$ .

Hence  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_x) = \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Lambda_y)$ .

(ii) Let  $x_0 \in \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}(\Gamma_x)$ . So by definition for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$A = \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_k - x_0| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| < \delta \right\} \notin \mathcal{I}.$$

To complete the proof, it is enough to show that the set  $B \notin \mathcal{I}$  where

$$B = \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |y_k - x_0| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| < \delta \right\}.$$

If possible let  $B \in \mathcal{I}$ . Put  $C = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n = y_n\}$ . Then by additivity of  $\mathcal{I}$ , we have  $(\mathbb{N} \setminus C) \cup B \in \mathcal{I}$ . But this leads us to the contradiction  $A \in \mathcal{I}$  because of the inclusion  $A \subset B \cup (\mathbb{N} \setminus C)$ . Hence we must have  $B \notin \mathcal{I}$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

### 3.2. $\mathcal{I}$ -deferred statistical limit superior, limit inferior

In this subsection we introduce the notion of  $\mathcal{I}$ -deferred statistical limit superior, limit inferior which are natural generalizations of  $\mathcal{I}$ -statistical limit superior, limit inferior introduced by Mursaleen et al. [21].

Throughout this section, for a real sequence  $x = (x_n)$ ,  $A_x$  and  $B_x$  will denote the sets

$$\left\{ a \in \mathbb{R} : \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k < a\} \right| > \delta \right\} \notin \mathcal{I} \right\}$$

and

$$\left\{ b \in \mathbb{R} : \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k > b\} \right| > \delta \right\} \notin \mathcal{I} \right\}$$

respectively.

**Definition 3.7.** Let  $x = (x_n)$  be any real number sequence. Then  $\mathcal{I}$ -deferred statistical limit superior of  $x$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \limsup x = \begin{cases} \sup B_x, & \text{if } B_x \neq \emptyset \\ -\infty, & \text{if } B_x = \emptyset \end{cases}.$$

Also  $\mathcal{I}$ -deferred statistical limit inferior of  $x$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \liminf x = \begin{cases} \inf A_x, & \text{if } A_x \neq \emptyset \\ +\infty, & \text{if } A_x = \emptyset \end{cases}.$$

**Remark 3.8.** If we consider  $p(n) = 0$  and  $q(n) = n$ , then the above definition coincides with the definition of  $\mathcal{I}$ -statistical limit superior and limit inferior respectively introduced in [21].

**Theorem 3.9.** For any real number sequence  $x = (x_n)$ , if  $\alpha = \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \liminf x$  is finite then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k < \alpha + \varepsilon\} \right| > \delta \right\} \notin \mathcal{I}$$

and

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k < \alpha - \varepsilon\} \right| > \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{I}.$$

Similarly, if  $\beta = \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \limsup x$  is finite then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k > \beta - \varepsilon\} \right| > \delta \right\} \notin \mathcal{I}$$

and

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k > \beta + \varepsilon\} \right| > \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{I}.$$

*Proof.* Proof is trivial and therefore is omitted.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10.** For any real number sequence  $x = (x_n)$ ,  $I - DS_{p,q} \liminf x \leq I - DS_{p,q} \limsup x$ .

*Proof.* **Case-I:** If  $I - DS_{p,q} \limsup x = \infty$ , then there is nothing to prove.

**Case-II:** If  $I - DS_{p,q} \limsup x = -\infty$ , then we have  $B_x = \emptyset$ . So for every  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k > b\} \right| > \delta \right\} \in I$$

which immediately implies,

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k > b\} \right| < \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{F}(I).$$

$$\text{i.e., } \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k < b\} \right| > \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{F}(I).$$

In other words,

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k < a\} \right| > \delta \right\} \notin I.$$

Therefore we have  $A_x = \mathbb{R}$  and hence  $I - DS_{p,q} \liminf x = -\infty$ .

**Case-III:** If  $-\infty < I - DS_{p,q} \limsup x < \infty$ , then suppose  $\beta = I - DS_{p,q} \limsup x$  and  $\alpha = I - DS_{p,q} \liminf x$ . Then by Theorem 3.9, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k > \beta + \varepsilon\} \right| > \delta \right\} \in I.$$

Which implies,

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k < \beta + \varepsilon\} \right| > \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{F}(I).$$

$$\text{i.e., } \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k < \beta + \varepsilon\} \right| > \delta \right\} \notin I.$$

So we have  $\beta + \varepsilon \in A_x$ . Now since  $\varepsilon$  was arbitrary and  $\alpha = \inf A_x$ , so we must have  $\alpha < \beta + \varepsilon$ . Hence  $\alpha \leq \beta$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Definition 3.11.** A sequence  $x = (x_n)$  is said to be  $I - DS_{p,q}$  bounded if there exists a number  $B$  such that for every  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_k| > B\} \right| > \delta \right\} \in I.$$

Note that, for  $p(n) = 0$  and  $q(n) = n$ , the above definition turns to the definition of  $I$ -st boundedness [21].

**Remark 3.12.** If a sequence is  $I - DS_{p,q}$  bounded then  $I - DS_{p,q} \liminf x$  and  $I - DS_{p,q} \limsup x$  are finite.

**Theorem 3.13.** An  $I - DS_{p,q}$  bounded sequence is  $I - DS_{p,q}$  convergent iff  $I - DS_{p,q} \liminf x = I - DS_{p,q} \limsup x$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\alpha = I - DS_{p,q} \liminf x$  and  $\beta = I - DS_{p,q} \limsup x$ . Let  $I - DS_{p,q} \lim x = l$ . Then for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : |x_k - l| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| \geq \delta \right\} \in I.$$

$$\text{i.e., } \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k > l + \varepsilon\} \right| \geq \delta \right\} \in I.$$

Which implies  $\beta \leq l$ . Also we have,

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k < l - \varepsilon\} \right| \geq \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{I},$$

which yields  $l \leq \alpha$  and hence we have  $\beta \leq \alpha$ . But by Theorem 3.10, we have  $\beta \geq \alpha$ , so we must have  $\alpha = \beta$  i.e.,  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \liminf x = \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \limsup x$ .

For the converse part, suppose  $\alpha = \beta$  and define  $l = \alpha$ . Now for any  $\varepsilon > 0, \delta > 0$ , from Theorem 3.9, we obtain

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \left\{ p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k > l + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} \right| > \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{I}$$

and

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \left\{ p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k < l - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} \right| > \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{I}.$$

This immediately implies that,  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \lim x = l$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.14.** Suppose  $x = (x_n)$  and  $y = (y_n)$  be two  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q}$  bounded sequences. Then,

- (i)  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \limsup(x + y) \leq \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \limsup x + \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \limsup y$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \liminf(x + y) \geq \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \liminf x + \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \liminf y$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\beta_1 = \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \limsup x$  and  $\beta_2 = \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \limsup y$ . Then for every  $\varepsilon > 0, \delta > 0$ , we have

$$P = \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \left\{ p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k > \beta_1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} \right| > \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{I}$$

and

$$Q = \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \left\{ p(n) < k \leq q(n) : y_k > \beta_2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} \right| > \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{I}.$$

Now as the inclusion

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k + y_k > \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \varepsilon\} \right| > \delta \right\} \subset P \cup Q$$

is true, we must have,

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k + y_k > \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \varepsilon\} \right| > \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{I}.$$

If  $c \in B_{x+y}$ , then

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k + y_k > c\} \right| > \delta \right\} \notin \mathcal{I}.$$

We claim that  $c < \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \varepsilon$ . For if  $c \geq \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \varepsilon$ , then the inclusion

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k + y_k > \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \varepsilon\} \right| > \delta \right\} \\ & \supseteq \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k + y_k > c\} \right| > \delta \right\} \end{aligned}$$

leads us to the contradiction that

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{(q(n) - p(n))} \left| \{p(n) < k \leq q(n) : x_k + y_k > c\} \right| > \delta \right\} \in \mathcal{I}.$$

Hence, we must have  $c < \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \varepsilon$ . As this is true for every  $c \in B_{x+y}$ , so  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \limsup(x + y) = \sup B_{x+y} < \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \varepsilon$ . Now as  $\varepsilon > 0$  was arbitrary, so  $\mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \limsup(x + y) \leq \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \limsup x + \mathcal{I} - DS_{p,q} \limsup y$ .

- (ii) The proof is analogous to that of (i) and so is omitted.  $\square$

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