



# A study on lacunary strong $\hat{E}(r, t)$ -convergence according to $F^k$

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**Abstract.** In this manuscript, by using a double band matrix such as Lucas band matrix, a lacunary sequence and a sequence of modulus functions a new generalization is studied in which the concept of lacunary strong  $\hat{E}(r, t)$ -convergence according to  $F^k$  is introduced. Then this concept is to be base to create the sequence space  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ , where for instance

$$N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k) = \left\{ x = (x_i) : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k (|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) = 0 \text{ for some } s \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$

Furthermore, some inclusion relationships are given on this generalization. Finally, the connections between the sequence spaces  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$  and  $w(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$  are investigated.

## 1. Introduction

Assume that  $\omega$  is the space containing all sequences of real and complex numbers. A linear subspace of  $\omega$  is referred to as a sequence space. The symbols  $c_0$ ,  $c$  and  $\ell_\infty$  represent the sequence spaces of all null, convergent and bounded sequences respectively, normed by  $\|x\|_\infty = \sup_i |x_i|$ . For the first time, the difference sequence spaces were presented by Kizmaz [1] in the form of  $X(\Delta) = \{x \in \omega : x_i - x_{i-1} \in X\}$ ,  $X = \ell_\infty, c, c_0$ . After that, Et and Colak [2] has created a generalization on these sequence spaces such as  $X(\Delta^r) = \{x \in \omega : \Delta^r x \in X\}$ . Kirisci and Basar [3] have recently defined and investigated the difference sequence spaces  $\hat{X} = \{x \in \omega : B(r, t)x \in X\}$ ,  $X = \ell_\infty, c, c_0$ , where  $B(r, t) = (rx_i + tx_{i-1})$ ;  $r, t \neq 0$ . At the same time, some other mathematicians have investigated the difference sequence spaces in their studies.

Consider  $\Psi = (\psi_{mi})$  as an infinite matrix and assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  are two sequence spaces. Then,  $\Psi$  provides a matrix mapping from  $X$  into  $Y$  if, for every  $x = (x_i)$  in  $X$ , there exists the sequence  $\Psi x = (\psi_m(x)) \in Y$ , where

$$\psi_m(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi_{mi} x_i \quad (m \in \mathbb{N}) \tag{1.1}$$

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The set of all matrices  $\Psi$  that have the property  $\Psi : X \rightarrow Y$  is represented by  $(X, Y)$ . For that,  $\Psi \in (X : Y)$  if and only if the right hand of the equality (1.1) mentioned above is convergent for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in X$ . The notion of matrix domain  $X_\Psi$  of  $\Psi$  in  $X$  is expressed by

$$X_\Psi = \{x \in \omega : x_\Psi \in X\} \quad (1.2)$$

that represents a sequence space. In recent years, a few mathematicians have developed certain sequence spaces by use of the matrix domain for an infinite matrix, follow in ([4, 5]).

In 1876, the sequence  $\{L_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  of Lucas numbers 1, 3, 4, 7, 11, 18, ... was introduced by Edouard Lucas which is given by the Fibonacci recurrence relation in the form  $L_i = L_{i-1} + L_{i-2}; i \geq 2$  with different initial conditions  $L_0 = 2$  and  $L_1 = 1$  where  $L_i$  is the  $i$ th term of the sequence  $\{L_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ . Lucas numbers have various formulas and several properties, follow in ([6]).

By using Lucas numbers with two real numbers  $r$  and  $t$  such that  $r, t \neq 0$ , the Lucas band matrix  $\hat{E}(r, t) = (\hat{E}_{im}(r, t))$  has been established as follows:

$$\hat{E}_{im}(r, t) = \begin{cases} t \frac{L_i}{L_{i-1}} & (m = i - 1) \\ r \frac{L_{i-1}}{L_i} & (m = i) \\ 0 & m > i \text{ or } 0 \leq m < i - 1. \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

With the help of (1.3) the  $\hat{E}$ -transform for a sequence  $x = (x_i)$  is formed by

$$\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) = r \frac{L_{i-1}}{L_i} x_i + t \frac{L_i}{L_{i-1}} x_{i-1}, \quad i \geq 1. \quad (1.4)$$

Recently, several mathematicians have used Lucas numbers and Lucas band matrix in constructing some sequence spaces in their studies, follow in ([7, 8, 9]).

A subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  has a natural density  $\delta(E)$  that is given by

$$\delta(E) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k} |E_k|$$

where  $|E_k| = \{i \leq k : i \in E\}$  specifies the number of elements of  $E$  not greater than  $k$ . It's evident that  $\delta(\mathbb{N}) = 1$  and  $\delta(E) = 0$  if  $E$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  that is finite and  $\delta(\mathbb{N} \setminus E) = 1 - \delta(E)$ .

From Freedman [10], the sequence  $\theta = (k_r)$  of non-negative integers is referred to be a lacunary sequence such that  $k_0 = 0$  and  $h_r = k_r - k_{r-1} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . And the periods given by  $\theta$  are identified by  $I_r = (k_{r-1}, k_r]$  and  $\frac{k_r}{k_{r-1}}$  can be recognized by  $q_r$ . These notations are going to be used during the article.

Lacunary sequences have been investigated by several authors in ([11, 12-16]).

The meaning that Orhan and Fridy [17] intended from lacunary statistical convergence is stated in the following expression.

Suppose that  $\theta = (k_r)$  is a given lacunary sequence. A sequence  $(x_i)$  of numbers is referred to be lacunary statistically convergent (or  $S_\theta$ -convergent) to  $\ell$ , if

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} |\{i \in I_r : |x_i - \ell| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0$$

for each given  $\varepsilon > 0$ . In this context, we shall build  $x_i \rightarrow \ell(S_\theta)$  or  $S_\theta - \lim x_i = \ell$ . From the paper entirely, the class of  $S_\theta$ -convergent sequences is identified by  $S_\theta$ , that is

$$S_\theta = \left\{ (x_i) : \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} |\{i \in I_r : |x_i - \ell| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0 \text{ for some } \ell \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$

Lacunary statistically convergence has also been talked in ([12, 13, 17-20]) and studied by many other authors.

According to Freedman [10], the space  $N_\theta$  of lacunary strongly convergent sequences is presented as follows:

$$N_\theta = \left\{ (x_i) : \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} |x_i - \ell| = 0 \text{ for some } \ell \right\}.$$

This space becomes a  $BK$ -space with the norm presented below.

$$\|x\|_\theta = \sup_r \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} |x_i|.$$

The space  $N_\theta^0$  defines the collection of all sequences containing  $\ell = 0$  in the definition of  $N_\theta$ . It becomes also a  $BK$ -space with the presented norm  $\|\cdot\|_\theta$ . After that, Pehlivan and Fisher [14] developed the idea of lacunary strong convergence by the use of a modulus function.

In 1953, Nakano [21] established the concept of the modulus function. We remember that  $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$  is a modulus function such that  $f(x) = 0$  iff  $x = 0$ ,  $f$  is increasing and continuous from  $0^+$ , and  $f(x+y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$  for every  $x, y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ . A modulus can either be bound or unbound. For illustration,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$  is a bounded modulus, but  $f(x) = x^p$ , ( $0 < p \leq 1$ ) is being unbounded. The notion of the modulus function has also been discussed in ([5, 12, 19]).

Since  $|f(c_1) - f(c_2)| \leq f(|c_1 - c_2|)$ , then from the continuity of  $f$  on  $0^+$  it shall be clear that  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ . Additionally, since  $f(x+y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$  for every  $x, y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ , then we can have  $f(mc) \leq mf(c)$  for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and for all  $c \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ .

**Lemma 1.1** For any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the function  $f^k = f \circ f \dots \circ f$  ( $k$  times) is a modulus whenever  $f$  is a modulus function. The notion  $f^k$  has been used in some monographs to create new sequence spaces and established new concepts, follow in ([11, 20]).

**Definition 1.2** [20] Suppose that  $f$  is a modulus function and let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be given as a lacunary sequence. Let  $\ell \in \mathbb{C}$  be a number, then the sequence  $(x_i)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  is referred to be lacunary strongly convergent to  $\ell$  according to  $f^k$  (or  $N_\theta(f^k)$ -strongly convergent), if

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f^k(|x_i - \ell|) = 0.$$

In this manner, it is written as  $x_i \rightarrow \ell(N_\theta(f^k))$  or  $N_\theta(f^k) - \lim x_i = \ell$ . The set of all  $N_\theta(f^k)$ -strongly convergent sequences is identified by  $N_\theta(f^k)$ . That is

$$N_\theta(f^k) = \left\{ (x_i) : \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f^k(|x_i - \ell|) = 0 \text{ for some } \ell \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$

It is clear to see that if  $k = 1$ , then the space  $N_\theta(f^k)$  will become the same as  $N_\theta(f)$  of Pehlivan and Fisher [14]. In the special case of  $\theta = (2^r)$  and  $f(u) = u$ , we see that  $N_\theta(f^k) = |\sigma_1|$ , where  $|\sigma_1| = w$  is the set of strongly Cesaro summable sequences. We use the notation  $(x_i)$  as a sequence of complex numbers throughout the next.

## 2. Main results

In this part of our manuscript, we introduce a concept and several sequence spaces based on the Lucas band matrix  $\hat{E}(r, t)$  and a sequence of modulus functions  $F = (f_i)$ , and study some interesting results through newly sequence spaces. Let the set of all sequences of modulus functions  $F = (f_i)$  be identified by  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \sup_i f_i(u) = 0$ . The sequence of modulus functions determined by  $F$  is indicated by  $F = (f_i) \in \mathcal{F}$ . We let  $F^k = (f_i^k) = \{f_1^k, f_2^k, \dots\}$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ) to be a sequence of composite modulus functions. We use these notations throughout this study.

**Definition 2.1** Assume that  $F = (f_i)$  is a sequence of modulus functions in  $\mathcal{F}$  and let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be given as a lacunary sequence. Let  $s$  be a number in  $\mathbb{C}$ , then the sequence  $(x_i)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  is referred to be lacunary strongly  $\hat{E}(r, t)$ -convergent to  $s$  according to  $F^k$  (or  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ -strongly convergent), if

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k \left( \left| \hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s \right| \right) = 0.$$

In this manner, we refer it to as  $x_i \rightarrow s(N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$  or  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k) - \lim x_i = s$ . The set of all  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ -strongly convergent sequences is identified by  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ . That is

$$N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k) = \left\{ (x_i) : \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k \left( \left| \hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s \right| \right) = 0 \text{ for some } s \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$

The set of all sequences in which  $s = 0$  in the definition of  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$  is identified by  $N_\theta^0(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ . That is

$$N_\theta^0(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k) = \left\{ (x_i) : \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k \left( \left| \hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) \right| \right) = 0 \right\}.$$

Observe that the functions in  $F$  are not necessary to be unbounded modulus in this definition. If we put  $f_i(u) = u$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ , then the  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ -strong convergence is reduced to the  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t))$ -strong convergence and it is so for the  $N_\theta^0(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ -strong convergence. Also, it is clear to see that if  $k = 1$ , then from the spaces  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$  and  $N_\theta^0(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$  we have  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F)$  and  $N_\theta^0(\hat{E}(r, t), F)$ , respectively. As well as if  $f_i(u) = f(u)$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ , then instead of  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$  and  $N_\theta^0(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$  we shall write  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), f^k)$  and  $N_\theta^0(\hat{E}(r, t), f^k)$ , respectively.

**Theorem 2.2** Assume that  $F = (f_i)$  is a sequence of modulus functions in  $\mathcal{F}$ , and let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be given as a lacunary sequence. Then the sets  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$  and  $N_\theta^0(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$  are linear spaces.

**Proof.** Here, we only consider  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ . Suppose  $x_i \rightarrow s_1(N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$  and  $y_i \rightarrow s_2(N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , and let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then there are positive integers  $N_\alpha$  and  $M_\beta$  such that  $|\alpha| \leq N_\alpha$  and  $|\beta| \leq M_\beta$ . Since  $f_i$  is a modulus for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we may have

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k \left( \left| \hat{E}_i(r, t)(\alpha x + \beta y) - (\alpha s_1 + \beta s_2) \right| \right) \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k \left( \left| \alpha \left( \hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s_1 \right) + \beta \left( \hat{E}_i(r, t)(y) - s_2 \right) \right| \right) \\ &\leq \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k \left( |\alpha| \left| \hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s_1 \right| + |\beta| \left| \hat{E}_i(r, t)(y) - s_2 \right| \right) \\ &\leq N_\alpha \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k \left( \left| \hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s_1 \right| \right) + M_\beta \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k \left( \left| \hat{E}_i(r, t)(y) - s_2 \right| \right). \end{aligned}$$

Putting the limits into both given sides as  $r$  tends to  $\infty$ , we then have

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k \left( \left| \hat{E}_i(r, t)(\alpha x + \beta y) - (\alpha s_1 + \beta s_2) \right| \right) = 0.$$

This implies that  $(x_i + y_i) \rightarrow (s_1 + s_2)(N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, the space  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$  is indeed linear.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3** Assume that  $F = (f_i)$  is a sequence of modulus functions in  $\mathcal{F}$ , and let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be given as a lacunary sequence. Then every  $N_\theta^0(F^k)$ -strongly convergent sequence implies  $N_\theta^0(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ -strongly convergent, i.e.,  $N_\theta^0(F^k) \subset N_\theta^0(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ .

**Proof.** From the Lucas sequence, we see that  $(L_{i-1}/L_i) \leq 2$  and  $(L_i/L_{i-1}) \leq 3$  ( $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}$ ). Then by using (1.4), we have

$$\left| \hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) \right| \leq 36 \max\{|r|, |t|\} (|x_i| + |x_{i-1}|).$$

Let  $x = (x_i)$  be an  $N_\theta^0(F^k)$ -strongly convergent sequence. Since  $f_i$  is increasing for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , then we may write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k \left( \left| \hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) \right| \right) &\leq 36 \max\{T_r, T_t\} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k (|x_i| + |x_{i-1}|) \\ &\leq 36 \max\{T_r, T_t\} \left( \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k (|x_i|) + \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k (|x_{i-1}|) \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $T_r$  and  $T_t$  are natural values such that  $|r| \leq T_r$  and  $|t| \leq T_t$ . Thus, we have

$$\frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k \left( \left| \hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) \right| \right) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty.$$

This concludes that  $x \in N_\theta^0(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ . Hence the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.4** Assume that  $F = (f_i)$  is a sequence of modulus functions in  $\mathcal{F}$  and let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be given as a lacunary sequence. We have the results below

- (i) If  $f_i(u) \leq u$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ , then  $N_\theta^0 \subset N_\theta^0(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ .
- (ii) If  $f_i(u) \geq u$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ , then  $N_\theta^0(F^k) \subset N_\theta^0(\hat{E}(r, t))$ .
- (iii) If  $f_i(u) = u$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ , then  $N_\theta^0 \subset N_\theta^0(\hat{E}(r, t))$ .

**Theorem 2.5** Assume that  $F = (f_i)$  is a sequence of modulus functions in  $\mathcal{F}$ , and let the lacunary sequences  $\theta = (k_r)$  and  $\vartheta = (s_r)$  be given such that  $I_r \subseteq J_r$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ell_r}{h_r} = 1$  and  $(x_i) \in \ell_\infty(\hat{E}(r, t))$  then  $N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k) \subset N_\vartheta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ , where

$$\ell_\infty(\hat{E}(r, t)) = \left\{ (x_i) : \sup_i \left| \hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) \right| < \infty \right\}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $(x_i) \in \ell_\infty(\hat{E}(r, t)) \cap N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ . Then  $(\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x))$  is a bounded sequence, so there has some

$H > 0$  such that  $|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s| \leq H$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $I_r \subseteq J_r$  and  $h_r \leq \ell_r$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , we are going to write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\ell_r} \sum_{i \in J_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) &= \frac{1}{\ell_r} \sum_{i \in J_r - I_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) + \frac{1}{\ell_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) \\ &\leq \left(\frac{\ell_r - h_r}{\ell_r}\right) \sup_i f_i^k(H) + \frac{1}{\ell_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) \\ &\leq \left(\frac{\ell_r}{h_r} - 1\right) \sup_i f_i^k(H) + \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|). \end{aligned}$$

Putting the limits into both given sides as  $r$  tends to  $\infty$ , we then have

$$\frac{1}{\ell_r} \sum_{i \in J_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) = 0$$

since  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ell_r}{h_r} = 1$ . Therefore, we obtain that  $(x_i) \in N_{\vartheta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ . Hence the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.6** Assume that  $F = (f_i)$  is given as a sequence of modulus functions in  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $k < n$ . If  $f_i(u) \leq u$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ , then Theorem 2.5, provides the following results:

- (i)  $N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t)) \subset N_{\vartheta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ .
- (ii)  $N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k) \subset N_{\vartheta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^n)$ .

**Corollary 2.7** Assume that  $F = (f_i)$  is given as a sequence of modulus functions in  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $k < n$ . If  $f_i(u) \geq u$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ , then Theorem 2.5, provides the following results:

- (i)  $N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k) \subset N_{\vartheta}(\hat{E}(r, t))$ .
- (ii)  $N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^n) \subset N_{\vartheta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ .

**Theorem 2.8** Assume that  $F = (f_i)$  is a sequence of modulus functions in  $\mathcal{F}$ , and let the lacunary sequences  $\theta = (k_r)$  and  $\vartheta = (s_r)$  be given such that  $I_r \subseteq J_r$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{\ell_r}{h_r} < \infty$ , then  $N_{\vartheta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k) \subset N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(x_i) \in N_{\vartheta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ . Since  $I_r \subseteq J_r$  we may write

$$\frac{1}{\ell_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) \leq \frac{1}{\ell_r} \sum_{i \in J_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|)$$

and then

$$\frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) \leq \frac{\ell_r}{h_r} \frac{1}{\ell_r} \sum_{i \in J_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|).$$

Putting the limits into both given sides as  $r$  tends to  $\infty$ , we then have

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) = 0.$$

Therefore, we obtain that  $(x_i) \in N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ . Hence the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.9** Assume that  $F = (f_i)$  is given as a sequence of modulus functions in  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $k < n$ . If  $f_i(u) \leq u$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ , then Theorem 2.8, provides the following results.

- (i)  $N_{\vartheta}(\hat{E}(r, t)) \subset N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ .
- (ii)  $N_{\vartheta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k) \subset N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^n)$ .

**Corollary 2.10** Assume that  $F = (f_i)$  is given as a sequence of modulus functions in  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $k < n$ . If  $f_i(u) \geq u$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ , then Theorem 2.8, provides the following results.

- (i)  $N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k) \subset N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t))$ .
- (ii)  $N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^n) \subset N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k)$ .

**Theorem 2.11** Assume that  $F = (f_i)$  and  $G = (g_i)$  are two sequences of modulus functions in  $\mathcal{F}$ , and let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be given as a lacunary sequence. If  $\sup_{u,i} \frac{f_i(u)}{g_i(u)} < \infty$ , then  $N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k \circ G) \subset N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^{k+1})$ .

**Proof.** Let  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then there is a natural number  $T_a$  such that  $|a| \leq T_a$ . Now suppose  $0 < \alpha = \sup_{u,i} \frac{f_i(u)}{g_i(u)} < \infty$ , then  $\alpha \geq \frac{f_i(u)}{g_i(u)}$  and so that  $f_i(u) \leq \alpha g_i(u)$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ . Since  $(f_i)$  is increasing for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , then we get

$$f_i^{k+1}(u) \leq f_i^k(\alpha g_i(u)) \leq T_a f_i^k(g_i(u)). \quad (2.1)$$

Now if  $(x_i) \in N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k \circ G)$ , then according to (2.1), we shall possess

$$\frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^{k+1}(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) \leq T_a \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k(g_i(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty.$$

This concludes that  $(x_i) \in N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k \circ G)$  implies  $(x_i) \in N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^{k+1})$ . Hence the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.12** Assume that  $F = (f_i)$  and  $G = (g_i)$  are two sequences of modulus functions in  $\mathcal{F}$ , and let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be given as a lacunary sequence. If  $\inf_{u,i} \frac{f_i(u)}{g_i(u)} > 0$ , then  $N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^{k+1}) \subset N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k \circ G)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $b \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $b \neq 0$ . Then there has a natural value  $T_{b^{-1}}$  such that  $|b^{-1}| \leq T_{b^{-1}}$ . Now suppose  $\beta = \inf_{u,i} \frac{f_i(u)}{g_i(u)} > 0$  then  $\beta \leq \frac{f_i(u)}{g_i(u)}$  and so that  $g_i(u) \leq \frac{1}{\beta} f_i(u)$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ . Since  $(f_i)$  is increasing for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\beta > 0$ , then we get

$$f_i^k(g_i(u)) \leq f_i^k(\beta^{-1} f_i(u)) \leq T_{\beta^{-1}} f_i^{k+1}(u). \quad (2.2)$$

Now let  $(x_i) \in N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^{k+1})$ , then according to (2.2), we shall possess

$$\frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k(g_i(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|)) \leq T_{\beta^{-1}} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^{k+1}(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty.$$

This concludes that  $(x_i) \in N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^{k+1})$  implies  $(x_i) \in N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k \circ G)$ . Hence the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.13** Assume that  $F = (f_i)$  and  $G = (g_i)$  are two sequences of modulus functions in  $\mathcal{F}$ , and let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be given as a lacunary sequence.

- (i) If  $\sup_{u,i} \frac{f_i(u)}{g_i(u)} < \infty$ , then  $N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), G^{k+1}) \subset N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), G^k \circ F)$ .
- (ii) If  $\inf_{u,i} \frac{f_i(u)}{g_i(u)} > 0$ , then  $N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), G^k \circ F) \subset N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), G^{k+1})$ .

**Theorem 2.14** Assume that  $F = (f_i)$  is a sequence of modulus functions in  $\mathcal{F}$  and let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be given as a lacunary sequence. If  $\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_i(u)}{u} > 0$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and there has a natural number  $d$  such that  $f_i(uv) \geq d f_i(u) f_i(v)$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ . Then  $(x_i) \rightarrow s(N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$  implies  $(x_i) \rightarrow s(S_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$ , where

$$S_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k) = \left\{ (x_i) : \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{f_i^k(h_r)} f_i^k \left( \left| \{ i \in I_r : |\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s| \geq \varepsilon \} \right| \right) = 0 \text{ for some } s \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$

**Proof.** Suppose that  $(x_i) \rightarrow s(N_{\theta}(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$ , and  $\varepsilon > 0$  is given. Let  $\Sigma_A$  and  $\Sigma_B$  be defined on  $|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s| \geq \varepsilon$  and  $|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s| < \varepsilon$ , respectively. Then from the definition of modulus functions, we

may write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) &= \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r \setminus A} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) + \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r \setminus B} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r \setminus A} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{h_r} f_r^k \left( \sum_{i \in I_r \setminus A} |\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s| \right) \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{h_r} f_r^k \left( \left| \{i \in I_r : |\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| \varepsilon \right) \\
 &\geq \frac{D}{h_r} f_r^k \left( \left| \{i \in I_r : |\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| \right) f_r^k(\varepsilon),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $D$  is a positive constant. Since  $\left| \{i \in I_r : |\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s| \geq \varepsilon\} \right|$  is a natural value, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) &\geq \frac{D}{h_r} f_r^k \left( \left| \{i \in I_r : |\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| \right) \frac{\inf_r f_r^k(\varepsilon)}{\inf_r f_r^k(1)} \\
 &= \frac{f_r^k \left( \left| \{i \in I_r : |\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| \right)}{f_r^k(h_r)} \frac{f_r^k(h_r) \inf_r f_r^k(\varepsilon)}{h_r \inf_r f_r^k(1)} D.
 \end{aligned}$$

Putting the limits on both sides as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , it concludes that  $x_i \rightarrow s(S_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$ . Hence the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.15** Assume that  $F = (f_i)$  is a sequence of modulus functions in  $\mathcal{F}$  and let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be given as a lacunary sequence.

- (i) If  $\liminf q_r > 1$  then  $x_i \rightarrow s(w(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$  implies  $x_i \rightarrow s(N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$ .
- (ii) If  $\limsup q_r < \infty$ , then  $x_i \rightarrow s(N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$  implies  $x_i \rightarrow s(w(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$ .

**Proof.** (i) Since  $\liminf q_r > 1$  then there is  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$q_r = \frac{k_r}{k_{r-1}} \geq 1 + \delta$$

for sufficiently large  $r$ , then we have that

$$\frac{h_r}{k_r} \geq \frac{\delta}{\delta + 1} \text{ and } \frac{k_r}{h_r} \leq \frac{\delta + 1}{\delta}$$

Now assume that  $x_i \rightarrow s(w(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$ , then we may write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{k_r} \sum_{i=1}^{k_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) &\geq \frac{1}{k_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) \\
 &= \frac{h_r}{k_r} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) \\
 &\geq \frac{\delta + 1}{\delta} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{\delta + 1}{\delta} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{i \in I_r} f_i^k(|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty.$$



This concludes that  $x_i \rightarrow s(N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$ .

(ii) Since  $\limsup q_r < \infty$ , then there has a positive number  $K$ , say  $K = \sup q_r$  so that  $q_r < K$  for every  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume that  $x_i \rightarrow s(N_\theta(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$  and given  $\varepsilon > 0$ . There has  $n_0$  such that for every  $n > n_0$ , we shall have

$$T_n = \frac{1}{h_n} \sum_{i \in I_n} f_i^k (|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) < \varepsilon.$$

Also, a positive number  $S$  can be found such that  $T_n \leq S$  for all  $n$ . Let  $m$  be an arbitrary integer such that  $m \in (k_{r-1}, k_r]$ . Now we may write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m f_i^k (|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) &\leq \frac{1}{k_r} \sum_{i=1}^{k_r} f_i^k (|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k_{r-1}} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{n_0} + \sum_{n=n_0+1}^{k_r} \right) \sum_{i \in I_n} f_i^k (|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) \\ &= \frac{1}{k_{r-1}} \sum_{n=1}^{n_0} \sum_{i \in I_n} f_i^k (|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) + \frac{1}{k_{r-1}} \sum_{n=n_0+1}^{k_r} \sum_{i \in I_n} f_i^k (|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k_{r-1}} \sum_{n=1}^{n_0} \sum_{i \in I_n} f_i^k (|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) + \frac{1}{k_{r-1}} (k_r - k_{n_0}) \varepsilon \\ &= \frac{1}{k_{r-1}} (h_1 T_1 + h_2 T_2 + \cdots + h_{n_0} T_{n_0}) + \frac{1}{k_{r-1}} (k_r - k_{n_0}) \varepsilon \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k_{r-1}} \left( \sup_{i \in [1, n_0]} T_i k_{n_0} \right) + \varepsilon K < \frac{1}{k_{r-1}} K_{n_0} S + \varepsilon K. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m f_i^k (|\hat{E}_i(r, t)(x) - s|) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty.$$

This implies that  $x_i \rightarrow s(w(\hat{E}(r, t), F^k))$ . Hence the proof.  $\square$

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