



## On $I$ -Lacunary Statistical Convergence of Order $\alpha$ of Sequences of Sets

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**Abstract.** The idea of  $I$ -convergence of real sequences was introduced by Kostyrko et al. [Kostyrko, P.; Šalát, T. and Wilczyński, W.  $I$ -convergence, *Real Anal. Exchange* 26(2) (2000/2001), 669-686 ] and also independently by Nuray and Ruckle [Nuray, F. and Ruckle, W. H. *Generalized statistical convergence and convergence free spaces, J. Math. Anal. Appl.* 245(2) (2000), 513–527 ]. In this paper we introduce the concepts of Wijsman  $I$ -lacunary statistical convergence of order  $\alpha$  and Wijsman strongly  $I$ -lacunary statistical convergence of order  $\alpha$ , and investigated between their relationship.

### 1. Introduction

The concept of statistical convergence was introduced by Steinhaus [36] and Fast [15]. Schoenberg [34] established some basic properties of statistical convergence and studied the concept as a summability method. Later on it was further investigated from the sequence space point of view and linked with summability theory by Altın et al. [1], Başarır and Konca [2], Caserta et al. [3], Connor [4], Çakallı [5], Çolak ([8],[9]), Et et al. ([11],[12],[20],[21]), Fridy [17], Gadjiev and Orhan [19], Kolk [22], Mursaleen et al. ([25],[26]), Salat [29], Savaş et al. ([10],[32],[33]) and many others. Nuray and Rhoades [28] extended the notion to statistical convergence of sequences of sets and gave some basic theorems. Ulusu and Nuray [38] defined the Wijsman lacunary statistical convergence of sequence of sets, and considered its relation with Wijsman statistical convergence.

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. Then a family of sets  $I \subseteq 2^X$  (power sets of  $X$ ) is said to be an *ideal* if  $I$  is additive i.e.  $A, B \in I$  implies  $A \cup B \in I$  and hereditary, i.e.  $A \in I, B \subset A$  implies  $B \in I$ .

A non-empty family of sets  $F \subseteq 2^X$  is said to be a *filter* of  $X$  if and only if (i)  $\phi \notin F$ , (ii)  $A, B \in F$  implies  $A \cap B \in F$  and (iii)  $A \in F, A \subset B$  implies  $B \in F$ .

An ideal  $I \subseteq 2^X$  is called *non-trivial* if  $I \neq 2^X$ .

A non-trivial ideal  $I$  is said to be *admissible* if  $I \supset \{\{x\} : x \in X\}$ .

If  $I$  is a non-trivial ideal in  $X (X \neq \phi)$  then the family of sets  $F(I) = \{M \subset X : (\exists A \in I) (M = X \setminus A)\}$  is a filter of  $X$ , called the *filter associated with  $I$* .

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. For any non-empty closed subset  $A_k$  of  $X$ , we say that the sequence  $\{A_k\}$  is bounded if  $\sup_k d(x, A_k) < \infty$  for each  $x \in X$ . In this case we write  $\{A_k\} \in L_\infty$ .

Throughout the paper  $I$  will stand for a non-trivial admissible ideal of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

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The idea of  $I$ -convergence of real sequences was introduced by Kostyrko *et al.* [23] and also independently by Nuray and Ruckle [27] (who called it generalized statistical convergence) as a generalization of statistical convergence. Later on  $I$ -convergence was studied in ([6],[7],[14],[24],[30], [31],[32],[33],[37],[39]).

## 2. Main Results

In this section, we will extend the results of Et and Şengül ([13], [35]) to statistical convergence of set sequences, namely; the relationship between the concepts of Wijsman  $I$ -lacunary statistical convergence of order  $\alpha$  and Wijsman strongly  $I$ -lacunary statistical convergence of order  $\alpha$  are given

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $\theta$  be a lacunary sequence,  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  and  $I \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  be an admissible ideal of subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ . For any non-empty closed subsets  $A, A_k \subset X$ , we say that the sequence  $\{A_k\}$  is Wijsman  $I$ -lacunary statistical convergent to  $A$  of order  $\alpha$  ( or  $S_{\theta}^{\alpha}(I_w)$ -convergent to  $A$  ) if for each  $\varepsilon > 0, \delta > 0$  and  $x \in X$ ,

$$\left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \left| \{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| \geq \delta \right\}$$

belongs to  $I$ . In this case, we write  $A_k \rightarrow A (S_{\theta}^{\alpha}(I_w))$ . For  $\theta = (2^r)$ , we shall write  $S^{\alpha}(I_w)$  instead of  $S_{\theta}^{\alpha}(I_w)$  and in the special case  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\theta = (2^r)$  we shall write  $S(I_w)$  instead of  $S_{\theta}^{\alpha}(I_w)$ .

As an example, consider the following sequence:

$$A_k = \begin{cases} \{3x\}, & k_{r-1} < k < k_{r-1} + \sqrt{h_r} \\ \{0\}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$  be a metric space such that for  $x, y \in X, d(x, y) = |x - y|, A = \{1\}, x > 1$  and  $\alpha = 1$ . Since

$$\frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \left| \{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, 1)| \geq \varepsilon\} \right| \geq \delta$$

belongs to  $I$ , the sequences  $\{A_k\}$  is Wijsman  $I$ -lacunary statistical convergent to  $\{1\}$  of order  $\alpha$ ; that is  $A_k \rightarrow \{1\} (S_{\theta}^{\alpha}(I_w))$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $\theta$  be a lacunary sequence,  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  and  $I \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  be an admissible ideal of subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ . For any non-empty closed subsets  $A, A_k \subset X$ , we say that the sequence  $\{A_k\}$  is said to be Wijsman strongly  $I$ -lacunary statistical convergent to  $A$  of order  $\alpha$  ( or  $N_{\theta}^{\alpha}[I_w]$ -convergent to  $A$  ) if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $x \in X$ ,

$$\left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{k \in I_r} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon \right\}$$

belongs to  $I$ . In this case, we write  $A_k \rightarrow A (N_{\theta}^{\alpha}[I_w])$ . For  $\theta = (2^r)$ , we shall write  $N^{\alpha}[I_w]$  instead of  $N_{\theta}^{\alpha}[I_w]$  and in the special case  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\theta = (2^r)$  we shall write  $N[I_w]$  instead of  $N_{\theta}^{\alpha}[I_w]$ .

As an example, consider the following sequence:

$$A_k = \begin{cases} \left\{ \frac{xk}{2} \right\}, & k_{r-1} < k < k_{r-1} + \sqrt{h_r} \\ \{0\}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$  be a metric space such that for  $x, y \in X, d(x, y) = |x - y|, A = \{1\}, x > 1$  and  $\alpha = 1$ . Since

$$\frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{k \in I_r} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, 1)| \geq \varepsilon,$$

the sequences  $\{A_k\}$  is Wijsman  $I$ -lacunary statistical convergent to  $\{1\}$  of order  $\alpha$ ; that is  $A_k \rightarrow \{1\} (N_{\theta}^{\alpha}[I_w])$ .

**Theorem 2.3.**  $S_\theta^\alpha(I_w) \cap L_\infty$  is a closed subset of  $L_\infty$  for  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ .

*Proof.* Omitted.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $\theta = (k_r)$  be a lacunary sequence and  $A, A_k$  (for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ) be non-empty closed subsets of  $X$ , then

- (i)  $A_k \rightarrow A (N_\theta^\alpha[I_w]) \Rightarrow A_k \rightarrow A (S_\theta^\alpha(I_w))$  and  $N_\theta^\alpha[I_w]$  is a proper subset of  $S_\theta^\alpha(I_w)$ ,
- (ii)  $\{A_k\} \in L_\infty$  and  $A_k \rightarrow A (S_\theta^\alpha(I_w)) \Rightarrow A_k \rightarrow A (N_\theta^\alpha[I_w])$ ,
- (iii)  $S_\theta^\alpha(I_w) \cap L_\infty = N_\theta^\alpha[I_w] \cap L_\infty$ .

*Proof.* (i) The inclusion part of proof is easy. In order to show that the inclusion  $N_\theta^\alpha[I_w] \subseteq S_\theta^\alpha(I_w)$  is proper, let  $\theta$  be given and we define a sequence  $\{A_k\}$  as follows

$$A_k = \begin{cases} \{x^2\}, & k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, [\sqrt{h_r}] \\ \{0\}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} .$$

Let  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$  be a metric space such that for  $x, y \in X, d(x, y) = |x - y|$ . We have for every  $\varepsilon > 0, x > 0$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha \leq 1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, \{0\})| \geq \varepsilon\}| \leq \frac{[\sqrt{h_r}]}{h_r^\alpha},$$

and for any  $\delta > 0$  we get

$$\left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, \{0\})| \geq \varepsilon\}| \geq \delta \right\} \subseteq \left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{[\sqrt{h_r}]}{h_r^\alpha} \geq \delta \right\}.$$

Since the set on the right-hand side is a finite set and so belongs to  $I$ , it follows that for  $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha \leq 1, A_k \rightarrow \{0\} (S_\theta^\alpha(I_w))$ .

On the other hand, for  $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha \leq 1$  and  $x > 0$ ,

$$\frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} \sum_{k \in I_r} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, \{0\})| = \frac{(x^2 - 2x)[\sqrt{h_r}]}{h_r^\alpha} \rightarrow 0$$

and for  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$

$$\frac{(x^2 - 2x)[\sqrt{h_r}]}{h_r^\alpha} \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence we have

$$\left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} \sum_{k \in I_r} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, \{0\})| \geq 0 \right\} = \left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{(x^2 - 2x)[\sqrt{h_r}]}{h_r^\alpha} \geq 0 \right\} = \{a, a + 1, a + 2, \dots\}$$

for some  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  which belongs to  $F(I)$ , since  $I$  is admissible. So  $A_k \not\rightarrow \{0\} (N_\theta^\alpha[I_w])$ .

ii) Suppose that  $\{A_k\} \in L_\infty$  and  $A_k \rightarrow A (S_\theta^\alpha(I_w))$ . Then we can assume that

$$|d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \leq M$$

for each  $x \in X$  and all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} \sum_{k \in I_r} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| &= \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} \sum_{\substack{k \in I_r \\ |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon}} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} \sum_{\substack{k \in I_r \\ |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| < \varepsilon}} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \\ &\leq \frac{M}{h_r^\alpha} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} \sum_{k \in I_r} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq M\delta + \varepsilon \right\} \\ &\subseteq \left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \geq \delta \right\} \in I. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $A_k \rightarrow A (N_\theta^\alpha [I_w])$ .

iii) Follows from (i) and (ii).  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be a lacunary sequence and  $\alpha$  be a fixed real number such that  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . If  $\liminf_r q_r > 1$ , then  $S^\alpha(I_w) \subset S_\theta^\alpha(I_w)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose first that  $\liminf_r q_r > 1$ ; then there exists a  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $q_r \geq 1 + \lambda$  for sufficiently large  $r$ , which implies that

$$\frac{h_r}{k_r} \geq \frac{\lambda}{1 + \lambda} \implies \left(\frac{h_r}{k_r}\right)^\alpha \geq \left(\frac{\lambda}{1 + \lambda}\right)^\alpha \implies \frac{1}{k_r^\alpha} \geq \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{(1 + \lambda)^\alpha} \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha}.$$

If  $A_k \rightarrow A (S^\alpha(I_w))$ , then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , for each  $x \in X$ , and for sufficiently large  $r$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{k_r^\alpha} |\{k \leq k_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| &\geq \frac{1}{k_r^\alpha} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \\ &\geq \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{(1 + \lambda)^\alpha} \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}|. \end{aligned}$$

For  $\delta > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \geq \delta \right\} \\ &\subseteq \left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{k_r^\alpha} |\{k \leq k_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \geq \frac{\delta \lambda^\alpha}{(1 + \lambda)^\alpha} \right\} \in I. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be a lacunary sequence and the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be fixed real numbers such that  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta \leq 1$ , then  $N_\theta^\alpha [I_w] \subseteq N_\theta^\beta [I_w]$  and the inclusion is strict.

*Proof.* The inclusion part of proof is easy. To show that the inclusion is strict define  $\{A_k\}$  such that for  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$ ,  $x > 1$  and  $A = \{0\}$ ,

$$A_k = \begin{cases} \{3x + 5\}, & k_{r-1} < k < k_{r-1} + \sqrt{h_r} \\ \{0\}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Then  $\{A_k\} \in N_\theta^\beta [I_w]$  for  $\frac{1}{2} < \beta \leq 1$  but  $\{A_k\} \notin N_\theta^\alpha [I_w]$  for  $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be a lacunary sequence and the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be fixed real numbers such that  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta \leq 1$ , then  $S_\theta^\alpha(I_w) \subseteq S_\theta^\beta(I_w)$  and the inclusion is strict.

*Proof.* The inclusion part of proof is easy. To show that the inclusion is strict define  $\{A_k\}$  such that for  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$

$$A_k = \begin{cases} (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, x^2 + (y - 1)^2 = k^2, & \text{if } k \text{ is square} \\ \{(0, 0)\}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} .$$

Then  $\{A_k\} \in S_\theta^\beta(I_w)$  for  $\frac{1}{2} < \beta \leq 1$  but  $\{A_k\} \notin S_\theta^\alpha(I_w)$  for  $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.8.** Let the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be fixed real numbers such that  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta \leq 1$ , then  $S^\beta(I_w) \subseteq N^\alpha[I_w]$ .

*Proof.* For any sequence  $\{A_k\}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n^\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^n |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| &\geq \frac{1}{n^\alpha} |\{k \leq n : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \varepsilon \\ &\geq \frac{1}{n^\beta} |\{k \leq n : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{n^\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^n |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \delta \right\} \subseteq \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{n^\beta} |\{k \leq n : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \geq \frac{\delta}{\varepsilon} \right\} \in I.$$

This gives that  $S^\beta(I_w) \subseteq N^\alpha[I_w]$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be a lacunary sequence and  $\alpha$  be a fixed real number such that  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . If  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \inf \frac{h_r^\alpha}{k_r} > 0$  then  $S(I_w) \subseteq S_\theta^\alpha(I_w)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $\theta = (k_r)$  be a lacunary sequence and  $A, A_k$  (for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ) be non-empty closed subsets of  $X$ . If  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \inf \frac{h_r^\alpha}{k_r} > 0$ , then we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \{k \leq k_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\} &\supseteq \{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\} \\ \frac{1}{k_r} |\{k \leq k_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| &\geq \frac{1}{k_r} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \\ &= \frac{h_r^\alpha}{k_r} \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}|. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \geq \delta \right\} \\ &\subseteq \left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{k_r} |\{k \leq k_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \geq \delta \frac{h_r^\alpha}{k_r} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $S(I_w) \subseteq S_\theta^\alpha(I_w)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $A, A_k$  (for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ) be non-empty closed subsets of  $X$ . If  $\theta = (k_r)$  is a lacunary sequence with  $\limsup \frac{(k_j - k_{j-1})^\alpha}{k_{r-1}^\alpha} < \infty$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$ ), then  $A_k \rightarrow A (S_\theta^\alpha(I_w))$  implies  $A_k \rightarrow A (S^\alpha(I_w))$ .

*Proof.* If  $\limsup \frac{(k_j - k_{j-1})^\alpha}{k_{r-1}^\alpha} < \infty$ , then without any loss of generality, we can assume that there exists a  $0 < B_j < \infty$  such that  $\frac{(k_j - k_{j-1})^\alpha}{k_{r-1}^\alpha} < B_j$ , ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$ ) for all  $r \geq 1$ . Suppose that  $A_k \rightarrow A(S_\theta^\alpha(I_w))$  and for  $\varepsilon, \delta, \delta_1 > 0$  define the sets

$$C = \left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| < \delta \right\}$$

and

$$T = \left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{n^\alpha} |\{k \leq n : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| < \delta_1 \right\}.$$

It is obvious from our assumption that  $C \in F(I)$ , the filter associated with the ideal  $I$ . Further observe that

$$A_i = \frac{1}{h_i^\alpha} |\{k \in I_i : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| < \delta$$

for all  $i \in C$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $k_{r-1} < n < k_r$  for some  $r \in C$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n^\alpha} |\{k \leq n : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| &\leq \frac{1}{k_{r-1}^\alpha} |\{k \leq k_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \\ &= \frac{1}{k_{r-1}^\alpha} |\{k \in I_1 : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| + \dots \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{k_{r-1}^\alpha} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \\ &= \frac{k_1^\alpha}{k_{r-1}^\alpha} \frac{1}{h_1^\alpha} |\{k \in I_1 : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \\ &\quad + \frac{(k_2 - k_1)^\alpha}{k_{r-1}^\alpha} \frac{1}{h_2^\alpha} |\{k \in I_2 : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \\ &\quad + \dots + \frac{(k_r - k_{r-1})^\alpha}{k_{r-1}^\alpha} \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \\ &\leq \sup_{i \in C} A_i \cdot \frac{k_1^\alpha + (k_2 - k_1)^\alpha + \dots + (k_r - k_{r-1})^\alpha}{k_{r-1}^\alpha} \\ &\leq \sup_{i \in C} A_i (B_1 + B_2 + \dots + B_r) < \delta \sum_{j=1}^r B_j. \end{aligned}$$

Choosing  $\delta_1 = \frac{\delta}{\sum_{j=1}^r B_j}$  and in view of the fact that  $\cup \{n : k_{r-1} < n < k_r, r \in C\} \subset T$  where  $C \in F(I)$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

In [16], it is defined that the lacunary sequence  $\theta' = (s_r)$  is called a lacunary refinement of the lacunary sequence  $\theta = (k_r)$  if  $(k_r) \subseteq (s_r)$ . In [18], the inclusion relationship between  $S_\theta$  and  $S_{\theta'}$  is studied.

**Theorem 2.11.** Suppose  $\theta' = (s_r)$  is a lacunary refinement of the lacunary sequence  $\theta = (k_r)$ . Let  $I_r = (k_{r-1}, k_r]$  and  $J_r = (s_{r-1}, s_r]$ ,  $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . If there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta \leq 1$ ,

$$\frac{|J_j|^\beta}{|I_j|^\alpha} \geq \varepsilon \text{ for every } J_j \subseteq I_i.$$

Then  $A_k \rightarrow A(S_\theta^\alpha(I_w))$  implies  $A_k \rightarrow A(S_{\theta'}^\beta(I_w))$ , i.e.,  $S_\theta^\alpha(I_w) \subseteq S_{\theta'}^\beta(I_w)$ .

*Proof.* For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and every  $J_j$ , we can find  $I_i$  such that  $J_j \subseteq I_i$ ; then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|J_j|^\beta} \left| \left\{ k \in J_j : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon \right\} \right| &= \left( \frac{|I_i|^\alpha}{|J_j|^\beta} \right) \left( \frac{1}{|I_i|^\alpha} \right) \left| \left\{ k \in J_j : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon \right\} \right| \\ &\leq \left( \frac{|I_i|^\alpha}{|J_j|^\beta} \right) \left( \frac{1}{|I_i|^\alpha} \right) \left| \left\{ k \in I_i : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon \right\} \right| \\ &\leq \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right) \left( \frac{1}{|I_i|^\alpha} \right) \left| \left\{ k \in I_i : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon \right\} \right|, \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{|J_j|^\beta} \left| \left\{ k \in J_j : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon \right\} \right| \geq \delta \right\} \\ &\subseteq \left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \left( \frac{1}{|I_i|^\alpha} \right) \left| \left\{ k \in I_i : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon \right\} \right| \geq \delta \varepsilon \right\} \in I. \end{aligned}$$

The proof completes immediately.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.12.** Suppose  $\theta = (k_r)$  and  $\theta' = (s_r)$  are two lacunary sequences. Let  $I_r = (k_{r-1}, k_r]$ ,  $J_r = (s_{r-1}, s_r]$ ,  $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , and  $I_{ij} = I_i \cap J_j$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . If there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta \leq 1$ ,

$$\frac{|I_{ij}|^\beta}{|I_i|^\alpha} \geq \varepsilon \text{ for every } i, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \text{ provided } I_{ij} \neq \emptyset.$$

Then  $A_k \rightarrow A(S_\theta^\alpha(I_w))$  implies  $A_k \rightarrow A(S_{\theta'}^\beta(I_w))$ , i.e.,  $S_\theta^\alpha(I_w) \subseteq S_{\theta'}^\beta(I_w)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\theta'' = \theta' \cup \theta$ . Then  $\theta''$  is a lacunary refinement of the lacunary sequence  $\theta'$ , also  $\theta$ . Then interval sequence of  $\theta''$  is  $\{I_{ij} = I_i \cap J_j : I_{ij} \neq \emptyset\}$ . From Theorem 2.11, the condition in Theorem 2.12:  $\frac{|I_{ij}|^\beta}{|I_i|^\alpha} \geq \varepsilon$ , for every  $i, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , provided  $I_{ij} \neq \emptyset$  yields that  $A_k \rightarrow A(S_\theta^\alpha(I_w))$  implies  $A_k \rightarrow A(S_{\theta''}^\beta(I_w))$ . Since  $\theta''$  is also a lacunary refinement of the lacunary sequence  $\theta'$ , we have that  $A_k \rightarrow A(S_{\theta''}^\beta(I_w))$  implies  $A_k \rightarrow A(S_{\theta'}^\beta(I_w))$ . The proof follows immediately.  $\square$

Let  $\theta = (k_r)$  and  $\theta' = (s_r)$  be two lacunary sequences such that  $I_r \subset J_r$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be positive real numbers such that  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta \leq 1$ . Now we shall give some general inclusion relations between the sets of  $S_\theta^\alpha(I_w)$ -convergent sequences and  $N_{\theta'}^\beta[I_w]$ -summable sequences for different  $\alpha$ 's and  $\theta$ 's which also include Theorem 2.4, Theorem 2.6, Theorem 2.7 and Theorem 2.8 as a special case.

**Theorem 2.13.** Let  $\theta = (k_r)$  and  $\theta' = (s_r)$  be two lacunary sequences such that  $I_r \subset J_r$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be such that  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta \leq 1$ ,

(i) If

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h_r^\alpha}{\ell_r^\beta} > 0 \tag{1}$$

then  $S_{\theta'}^\beta(I_w) \subseteq S_\theta^\alpha(I_w)$ ,

(ii) If

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ell_r}{h_r^\beta} = 1 \tag{2}$$

then  $S_\theta^\alpha(I_w) \subseteq S_{\theta'}^\beta(I_w)$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $\theta = (k_r)$  be a lacunary sequence and  $A, A_k$  (for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ) be non-empty closed subsets of  $X$ . Suppose that  $I_r \subset J_r$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  and let (1) be satisfied. For given  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have

$$\{k \in J_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\} \supseteq \{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\},$$

and so

$$\frac{1}{\ell_r^\beta} |\{k \in J_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \geq \frac{h_r^\alpha}{\ell_r^\beta} \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}|.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{h_r^\alpha} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \geq \delta \right\} \\ & \subseteq \left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{\ell_r^\beta} |\{k \in J_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \geq \delta \frac{h_r^\alpha}{\ell_r^\beta} \right\} \in I \end{aligned}$$

for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $I_r = (k_{r-1}, k_r]$ ,  $J_r = (s_{r-1}, s_r]$ ,  $h_r = k_r - k_{r-1}$ ,  $\ell_r = s_r - s_{r-1}$ . Now taking the limit as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  in the last inequality and using (1) we get  $S_{\theta'}^\beta(I_w) \subseteq S_\theta^\alpha(I_w)$ .

(ii) Omitted.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.14.** Let  $\theta = (k_r)$  and  $\theta' = (s_r)$  be two lacunary sequences such that  $I_r \subseteq J_r$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be fixed real numbers such that  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta \leq 1$ . Then we have

- (i) If (1) holds then  $N_{\theta'}^\beta[I_w] \subset N_\theta^\alpha[I_w]$ ,
- (ii) If (2) holds and  $\{A_k\} \in L_\infty$  then  $N_\theta^\alpha[I_w] \subset N_{\theta'}^\beta[I_w]$ .

*Proof.* Omitted.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.15.** Let  $\theta = (k_r)$  and  $\theta' = (s_r)$  be two lacunary sequences such that  $I_r \subseteq J_r$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be fixed real numbers such that  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta \leq 1$ . Then

- (i) Let (1) holds, if a sequence is strongly  $N_{\theta'}^\beta[I_w]$ -summable to  $A$ , then it is  $S_\theta^\alpha(I_w)$ -statistically convergent to  $A$ ,
- (ii) Let (2) holds and  $\{A_k\}$  be a bounded sequence, if a sequence is  $S_\theta^\alpha(I_w)$ -statistically convergent to  $A$  then it is strongly  $N_{\theta'}^\beta[I_w]$ -summable to  $A$ .

*Proof.* (i) Omitted.



(ii) Suppose that  $S_{\theta}^{\alpha}(I_w) - \lim A_k = A$  and  $\{A_k\} \in L_{\infty}$ . Then there exists some  $M > 0$  such that  $|d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \leq M$  for all  $k$ , then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  we may write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\ell_r^{\beta}} \sum_{k \in J_r} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| &= \frac{1}{\ell_r^{\beta}} \sum_{k \in J_r - I_r} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| + \frac{1}{\ell_r^{\beta}} \sum_{k \in I_r} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \\ &\leq \left( \frac{\ell_r - h_r}{\ell_r^{\beta}} \right) M + \frac{1}{\ell_r^{\beta}} \sum_{k \in I_r} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \\ &\leq \left( \frac{\ell_r - h_r^{\beta}}{\ell_r^{\beta}} \right) M + \frac{1}{\ell_r^{\beta}} \sum_{k \in I_r} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \\ &\leq \left( \frac{\ell_r}{h_r^{\beta}} - 1 \right) M + \frac{1}{h_r^{\beta}} \sum_{\substack{k \in I_r \\ |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon}} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{h_r^{\beta}} \sum_{\substack{k \in I_r \\ |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| < \varepsilon}} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \\ &\leq \left( \frac{\ell_r}{h_r^{\beta}} - 1 \right) M + \frac{M}{h_r^{\beta}} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| + \frac{\ell_r}{h_r^{\beta}} \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{\ell_r^{\beta}} \sum_{k \in J_r} |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \delta \right\} \\ &\subseteq \left\{ r \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} |\{k \in I_r : |d(x, A_k) - d(x, A)| \geq \varepsilon\}| \geq \frac{\delta}{M} \right\} \in I, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Using (2) we obtain that  $N_{\theta'}^{\beta} [I_w] - \lim A_k = A$ , whenever  $S_{\theta}^{\alpha}(I_w) - \lim A_k = A$ .  $\square$

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