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## TWO THEOREMS ON THE INCLUSIONS OF A CLASS OF SUMMATION METHODS

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In [3], [4], [5] and [6] the author studied a class of summation methods. In the present paper we continue the research of these methods.

The sequence  $\{s_n\}$  is said to be summable to  $s$  by the regular  $S^{\alpha, \beta}$  methods if  $S^{\alpha, \beta} \{s_n\} \rightarrow s$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where

$$S^{\alpha, \beta} \{s_n\} = \left\{ \prod_{v=0}^{n-1} (\alpha + \beta + v) \right\}^{-1} \sum_{v=0}^n \sigma_v^n(x) \beta^v s_v$$

and  $\sigma_v^n(x)$  is the coefficient of  $x^v$  in  $\prod_{v=0}^{n-1} (x + \alpha + v)$ .

These methods have fundamental significance comparable to that of the classical methods of Cesàro, Abel, Euler, Borel and others; and contained as special case Vučković, Karamata-Stirling and Lototsky method.

In [3] the author proved

$$(1) \quad S^{\alpha, \beta} \subset S^{\alpha + \varepsilon, \beta}; \quad \varepsilon > 0, \alpha > -1, \beta > 0, \alpha + \beta \neq 0$$

and in [5]

$$(2) \quad S^{\alpha, \beta} \subset S^{\alpha, \theta \beta}; \quad \alpha \geq 0, \beta > 0, 0 < \theta < 1.$$

After that the author pointed out that (1) and (2) could be superposed to give

$$S^{\alpha, \beta} \subset S^{\alpha + \varepsilon, \theta \beta}; \quad \alpha \geq 0, \beta > 0, \varepsilon > 0, 0 < \theta < 1$$

Here we give first the direct and shorter proof for

**THEOREM 1.** For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$  and each  $\alpha \geq 0$  and  $\beta > 0$  the  $S^{\alpha, \beta}$  summability of a sequence implies its  $S^{\alpha + \varepsilon, \theta\beta}$  summability to the same limit.

As the  $S^{\alpha, \beta}$  methods of summation are defined in terms of a sequence-to-sequence transformation, the author in [4] gave the series-to-series version of the  $S^{\alpha, \beta}$  methods and proved theorem: The  $S^{\alpha, \beta}$  sum of the

series  $\sum_{v=0}^{\infty} u_v$  is

$$(3) \quad S^{\alpha, \beta} \left\{ \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} u_v \right\} = u_0 + \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \prod_{i=0}^v (\alpha + \beta + i) \right\}^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^v \sigma_i^v(\alpha) \beta^{i+1} u_{i+1}$$

if the series on the right is convergent.

Applying (3) to the series  $o + u_0 + u_1 + \dots$  gives the formula

$$S^{\alpha, \beta} \{o + u_0 + u_1 + \dots\} = \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} \beta \left\{ \prod_{i=0}^v (\alpha + \beta + i) \right\}^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^v \sigma_i^v(\alpha) \beta^i u_i$$

which has a more attractive right member than (3). Because of this circumstance, we introduce a class  $S_1^{\alpha, \beta}$ ,  $S_2^{\alpha, \beta}$ ,  $S_3^{\alpha, \beta}$ , ... of methods for evaluation of series which are related to  $S^{\alpha, \beta}$  in the same way that the Borel-Sannia methods  $B_0$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$ , ... are related to the Borel method  $B$ . We will say that the series  $u_0 + u_1 + u_2 + \dots$  is evaluable  $S^{\alpha, \beta}$  to  $s$  if the series  $o + o + \dots + o + u_0 + u_1 + u_2 + \dots$  is evaluable  $S^{\alpha, \beta}$  to  $s$ . We prove also

**THEOREM 2.** For each  $\alpha > -1$ ,  $\beta > 0$  and  $\alpha + \beta \neq 0$

$$S^{\alpha, \beta} \subset S_1^{\alpha, \beta} \subset S_2^{\alpha, \beta} \subset \dots$$

that is, the  $S_r^{\alpha, \beta}$  summability of a series implies its  $S_{r+1}^{\alpha, \beta}$  ( $r=0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) summability to the same limit, but not conversely.