

TRIGONOMETRIC APPROXIMATION IN REFLEXIVE ORLICZ SPACES

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Abstract. The Lipschitz classes $Lip(\alpha, M)$, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ are defined for Orlicz space generated by the Young function M , and the degree of approximation by matrix transforms of $f \in Lip(\alpha, M)$ is estimated by $n^{-\alpha}$.

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1 Introduction and the Main Results

A convex and continuous function $M : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, for which $M(0) = 0$, $M(x) > 0$ for $x > 0$ and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{M(x)}{x} = 0, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M(x)}{x} = \infty$$

is called a Young function. The complementary Young function N of M is defined by

$$N(y) := \max \{xy - M(x) : x \geq 0\}$$

for $y \geq 0$.

Let M be a Young function. We denote by $\tilde{L}_M = \tilde{L}_M([0, 2\pi])$ the set of 2π -periodic measurable functions $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} M(|f(x)|) dx < \infty.$$

The linear span of \tilde{L}_M is denoted by $L_M = L_M([0, 2\pi])$. Equipped with the norm

$$\|f\|_M := \sup \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |f(x)g(x)| dx : \int_0^{2\pi} N(|g(x)|) dx \leq 1 \right\},$$

where N is the complementary function of M , L_M becomes a Banach space, called the Orlicz space generated by M .

The Orlicz spaces are known as the generalization of the Lebesgue spaces; in special case, the Orlicz space generated by the Young function $M_p(x) = x^p/p$, $1 < p < \infty$, is isometrically isomorphic to the Lebesgue space L_p . More general information about Orlicz spaces can be found in [6], [11] and [12].

Let $M^{-1} : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be the inverse of the Young function M and let

$$h(t) := \limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M^{-1}(x)}{M^{-1}(tx)}, \quad t > 0.$$

The numbers α_M and β_M defined by

$$\alpha_M := \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{\log h(t)}{\log t}, \quad \beta_M := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} -\frac{\log h(t)}{\log t}$$

are called the lower and upper Boyd indices of the Orlicz space L_M , respectively. It is known that the Boyd indices satisfy

$$0 \leq \alpha_M \leq \beta_M \leq 1$$

and

$$\alpha_N + \beta_M = 1, \quad \alpha_M + \beta_N = 1.$$

The Orlicz space L_M is reflexive if and only if its Boyd indices are nontrivial, that is $0 < \alpha_M \leq \beta_M < 1$ (see, for example [5]).

If $1 \leq q < 1/\beta_M \leq 1/\alpha_M < p \leq \infty$, then $L_p \subset L_M \subset L_q$, where the inclusions being continuous, and hence the relation $L_\infty \subset L_M \subset L_1$ holds. We refer to [1] and [2] for a complete discussion of Boyd indices properties.

The modulus of continuity of the function $f \in L_M$ is defined by

$$\omega(f, \delta)_M = \sup_{0 < h \leq \delta} \|f(\cdot + h) - f\|_M, \quad \delta > 0.$$

Let $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. The Lipschitz class $\text{Lip}(\alpha, M)$ is defined as

$$\text{Lip}(\alpha, M) = \{f \in L_M : \omega(f, \delta)_M = O(\delta^\alpha), \delta > 0\}.$$

Let $f \in L^1$ has the Fourier series

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx). \quad (1.7)$$

Denote by $S_n(f)(x)$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$ the n th partial sums of the series (1.7) at the point x , that is,

$$S_n(f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n u_k(f)(x),$$

where

$$u_0(f)(x) = \frac{a_0}{2}, \quad u_k(f)(x) = a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots .$$

Let (p_n) be a sequence of positive numbers. The Nörlund means of the series (1.7) with respect to the sequence (p_n) are defined by

$$N_n(f)(x) = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{k=0}^n p_{n-k} S_k(f)(x), \tag{1.8}$$

where $P_n = \sum_{k=0}^n p_k$, and $p_{-1} = P_{-1} := 0$.

If $p_n = 1$ for $n = 0, 1, \dots$, then $N_n(f)(x)$ coincides with the Cesàro means $\sigma_n(f)(x)$, that is

$$N_n(f)(x) = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n S_k(f)(x).$$

The sequence (p_n) is called almost monotone decreasing (increasing) if there exists a constant K , depending only on (p_n) , such that $p_n \leq K p_m$ ($p_m \leq K p_n$) for $n \geq m$.

In the Lebesgue space L_p , the following results are obtained recently.

Theorem A^[3]. *Let $f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, p)$ and (p_n) be a sequence of positive numbers such that $(n+1)p_n = O(P_n)$. If either*

(i) $p > 1, 0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and (p_n) is monotonic

or

(ii) $p = 1, 0 < \alpha < 1$ and (p_n) is non-decreasing,

then

$$\|f - N_n(f)\|_p = O(n^{-\alpha}).$$

Theorem B^[7]. *Let $f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, p)$ and (p_n) be a sequence of positive numbers. If one of the conditions*

(i) $p > 1, 0 < \alpha < 1$ and (p_n) is almost monotone decreasing,

(ii) $p > 1, 0 < \alpha < 1, (p_n)$ is almost monotone increasing and $(n+1)p_n = O(P_n)$,

(iii) $p > 1, \alpha = 1$ and $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k |p_k - p_{k+1}| = O(P_n)$,

(iv) $p > 1, \alpha = 1$ and $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |p_k - p_{k+1}| = O(P_n/n)$,

(v) $p = 1, 0 < \alpha < 1$ and $\sum_{k=-1}^{n-1} |p_k - p_{k+1}| = O(P_n/n)$

maintains, then

$$\|f - N_n(f)\|_p = O(n^{-\alpha}).$$

It is clear that Theorem B is more general than Theorem A.

In the paper [8], the authors extended Theorem A to more general classes of triangular matrix methods.

Let $A = (a_{n,k})$ be an infinite lower triangular regular matrix with nonnegative entries and let $s_n^{(A)}$ ($n = 0, 1, \dots$) denote the row sums of this matrix, that is $s_n^{(A)} = \sum_{k=0}^n a_{n,k}$.

The matrix $A = (a_{n,k})$ is said to have monotone rows if, for each n , $(a_{n,k})$ is either non-increasing or non-decreasing with respect to k , $0 \leq k \leq n$.

For a given infinite lower triangular regular matrix $A = (a_{n,k})$ with nonnegative entries we consider the matrix transform

$$T_n^{(A)}(f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_{n,k} S_k(f)(x). \quad (1.9)$$

Theorem C^[8]. Let $f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, p)$, A has monotone rows and satisfy $|s_n^{(A)} - 1| = O(n^{-\alpha})$.
If one of the conditions

- (i) $p > 1$, $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $(n+1) \max\{a_{n,0}, a_{n,r}\} = O(1)$ where $r = [n/2]$,
- (ii) $p > 1$, $\alpha = 1$ and $(n+1) \max\{a_{n,0}, a_{n,r}\} = O(1)$ where $r = [n/2]$,
- (iii) $p = 1$, $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $(n+1) \max\{a_{n,0}, a_{n,n}\} = O(1)$,

holds, then

$$\|f - T_n^{(A)}(f)\|_p = O(n^{-\alpha}).$$

For a given positive sequence (p_n) , if we consider the lower triangular matrix with entries $a_{n,k} = p_{n-k}/P_n$, then the Nörlund transform (1.8) can be regarded as a matrix transform of the form (1.9). Further, in this case the condition of Theorem A implies that of Theorem C and hence Theorem C is more general than Theorem A (see [8]).

In the present paper we give generalizations of Theorems B and C in reflexive Orlicz spaces.

We say the matrix $A = (a_{n,k})$ has almost monotone increasing (decreasing) rows if there exists a constant K , depending only on A , such that $a_{n,k} \leq K a_{n,m}$ ($a_{n,m} \leq K a_{n,k}$) for each n and $0 \leq k \leq m \leq n$.

Our main results are the following.

Theorem 1. Let L_M be a reflexive Orlicz space, $0 < \alpha < 1$, $f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, M)$ and $A = (a_{n,k})$ be a lower triangular regular matrix with $|s_n^{(A)} - 1| = O(n^{-\alpha})$. If one of the conditions

- (i) A has almost monotone decreasing rows and $(n+1)a_{n,0} = O(1)$,
- (ii) A has almost monotone increasing rows and $(n+1)a_{n,r} = O(1)$ where $r := [n/2]$,

holds, then

$$\|f - T_n^{(A)}(f)\|_M = O(n^{-\alpha}).$$

Theorem 2. Let L_M be a reflexive Orlicz space, $f \in \text{Lip}(1, M)$ and $A = (a_{n,k})$ be a lower triangular regular matrix with $|s_n^{(A)} - 1| = O(n^{-1})$. If one of the conditions

- (i) $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |a_{n,k-1} - a_{n,k}| = O(n^{-1})$,
- (ii) $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k) |a_{n,k-1} - a_{n,k}| = O(1)$,

holds, then

$$\|f - T_n^{(A)}(f)\|_M = O(n^{-1}).$$

Let (p_n) be a sequence of positive numbers, $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $1 < p < \infty$. Consider the lower triangular matrix $A = (a_{n,k})$ with $a_{n,k} = p_{n-k}/P_n$. It is clear that in this case $s_n^{(A)} = 1$.

If (p_n) is almost monotone decreasing, then the Nörlund matrix A has almost monotone increasing rows and

$$(n + 1)a_{n,r} \leq (n + 1)Ka_{n,n} = K(n + 1)\frac{p_0}{P_n} \leq 1,$$

where $r = [n/2]$. Thus, A satisfies the condition (ii) of Theorem 1.

If (p_n) is almost monotone increasing and $(n + 1)p_n = O(P_n)$, then A has almost monotone decreasing rows and

$$(n + 1)a_{n,0} = (n + 1)\frac{p_n}{P_n} = \frac{1}{P_n}O(P_n) = O(1).$$

Thus, A satisfies the condition (i) of Theorem 1.

Hence the part (ii) of Theorem 1 is more general than the part (i) of Theorem B and the part (i) of Theorem 1 is more general than that part (ii) of Theorem B even in the case $M(x) = x^p/p$, $1 < p < \infty$.

Also, it is clear that parts (i) and (ii) of Theorem 1 are more general than corresponding parts of Theorem C.

Now let $p > 1$, $\alpha = 1$ and $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k|p_k - p_{k+1}| = O(P_n)$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n - k)|a_{n,k-1} - a_{n,k}| &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n - k) \left| \frac{p_{n-k+1}}{P_n} - \frac{p_{n-k}}{P_n} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k|p_k - p_{k+1}| = \frac{1}{P_n}O(P_n) = O(1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the Nörlund matrix $A = (p_{n-k}/P_n)$ satisfies the condition (ii) of Theorem 2. Hence, the part (iii) of Theorem B is a special case of the part (ii) of Theorem 2. Similarly, one can easily show that the part (i) of Theorem 2 is more general than the part (iv) of Theorem B even if $M(x) = x^p/p$, $1 < p < \infty$.

2 Auxiliary Results

Lemma 1. *Let L_M be a reflexive Orlicz space and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Then for every $f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, M)$ the estimate*

$$\|f - S_n(f)\|_M = O(n^{-\alpha}), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \tag{2.3}$$

holds.

Proof. Let t_n^* ($n = 0, 1, \dots$) be the trigonometric polynomial of best approximation to $f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha, M)$, i. e.

$$\|f - t_n^*\|_M = \inf \|f - t\|_M,$$

where the infimum is taken over all trigonometric polynomials t of degree at most n .

From Theorem 1' of [10] it can be deduced that

$$\|f - t_n^*\|_M = O(\omega(f, 1/n)_M),$$

and hence

$$\|f - t_n^*\|_M = O(n^{-\alpha}).$$

By the uniform boundedness of the partial sums $S_n(f)$ in the reflexive Orlicz spaces^[13], we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - S_n(f)\|_M &\leq \|f - t_n^*\|_M + \|t_n^* - S_n(f)\|_M = \|f - t_n^*\|_M + \|S_n(t_n^* - f)\|_M \\ &= O(\|f - t_n^*\|_M) = O(n^{-\alpha}). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2. *Let L_M be a reflexive Orlicz space . If $f \in \text{Lip}(1, M)$, then f is absolutely continuous and $f' \in L_M$.*

Proof. Since L_M is reflexive, the Boyd indices satisfy $0 < \alpha_M \leq \beta_M < 1$. If we choose a number q such that $1 < q < 1/\beta_M$, then L_M is continuously embedded in the Lebesgue space L_q . Hence we have

$$\|f(\cdot + h) - f\|_q \leq c \|f(\cdot + h) - f\|_M$$

for every h with $0 < h \leq \delta$, $\delta > 0$. This inequality yields

$$\omega(f, \delta)_q \leq c \omega(f, \delta)_M.$$

Hence, $f \in \text{Lip}(1, M)$ implies $\omega(f, \delta)_q = O(\delta)$, and this implies that f is absolutely continuous and $f' \in L^q$ [4, pp. 51-54].

Since f is absolutely continuous, the relation

$$\frac{f(x + \delta) - f(x)}{\delta} \rightarrow f'(x), \quad \delta \rightarrow 0^+$$

holds almost everywhere. Hence, by Fatou Lemma, for every g with $\int_0^{2\pi} N(|g(x)|) dx \leq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} |f'(x)| |g(x)| dx &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|f(x + \delta) - f(x)|}{\delta} \right) |g(x)| dx \\ &\leq \liminf_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\delta} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(x + \delta) - f(x)| |g(x)| dx \\ &\leq \liminf_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\delta} \|f(\cdot + \delta) - f\|_M \\ &\leq \liminf_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\delta} \omega(f, \delta)_M = \liminf_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{4}{\delta} O(\delta) = O(1), \end{aligned}$$

and this means that $f' \in L_M$.

Lemma 3. Let L_M be a reflexive Orlicz space and $f \in \text{Lip}(1, M)$. Then for $n = 1, 2, \dots$ the estimate

$$\|S_n(f) - \sigma_n(f)\|_M = O(n^{-1}) \tag{2.4}$$

holds.

Proof. By Lemma 2, f is absolutely continuous and $f' \in L_M$. If f has the Fourier series

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} u_k(f)(x),$$

then the Fourier series of the conjugate function \tilde{f}' is

$$\tilde{f}'(x) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k u_k(f)(x).$$

On the other hand,

$$S_n(f)(x) - \sigma_n(f)(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n+1} A_k(f)(x) = \frac{1}{n+1} S_n(\tilde{f}')(x).$$

Considering the boundedness of the partial sums and the conjugation operator in reflexive Orlicz spaces^[13] yield (2.4).

In the classical Lebesgue spaces L^p , $1 < p < \infty$, the analogue of Lemma 3 was proved in [9].

Lemma 4. Let $A = (a_{n,k})$ be an infinite lower triangular matrix and $0 < \alpha < 1$. If one of the conditions

(i) A has almost monotone decreasing rows and $(n+1)a_{n,0} = O(1)$,

(ii) A has almost monotone increasing rows, $(n+1)a_{n,r} = O(1)$ where $r := [n/2]$, and

$|s_n^{(A)} - 1| = O(n^{-\alpha})$,
holds, then

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^{-\alpha} a_{n,k} = O(n^{-\alpha}). \tag{2.5}$$

Proof. (i) Since $\sum_{k=1}^n k^{-\alpha} = O(n^{1-\alpha})$ and $a_{n,k} \leq K a_{n,0}$ for $k = 1, \dots, n$, we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^{-\alpha} a_{n,k} \leq K a_{n,0} \sum_{k=1}^n k^{-\alpha} = O\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) O(n^{1-\alpha}) = O(n^{-\alpha}).$$

(ii) Since $a_{n,k} \leq K a_{n,r}$ for $k = 1, \dots, r$ and $|s_n^{(A)} - 1| = O(n^{-\alpha})$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n k^{-\alpha} a_{n,k} &= \sum_{k=1}^r k^{-\alpha} a_{n,k} + \sum_{k=r+1}^n k^{-\alpha} a_{n,k} \\ &\leq K a_{n,r} \sum_{k=1}^r k^{-\alpha} + (r+1)^{-\alpha} \sum_{k=r+1}^n a_{n,k} \leq K a_{n,r} \sum_{k=1}^n k^{-\alpha} + (r+1)^{-\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^n a_{n,k} \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) O(n^{1-\alpha}) + O(n^{-\alpha}) s_n^{(A)} = O(n^{-\alpha}). \end{aligned}$$

3 Proofs of the Main Results

Proof of Theorem 1. By the definition of $T_n^{(A)}(f)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_n^{(A)}(f)(x) - f(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^n a_{n,k} S_k(f)(x) - f(x) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n a_{n,k} S_k(f)(x) - f(x) + s_n^{(A)} f(x) - s_n^{(A)} f(x) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n a_{n,k} (S_k(f)(x) - f(x)) + \left(s_n^{(A)} - 1\right) f(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by (2.3) and (2.5) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| f - T_n^{(A)}(f) \right\|_M &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} \|S_k(f) - f\|_M + a_{n,0} \|S_0(f) - f\|_M + \left| s_n^{(A)} - 1 \right| \|f\|_M \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} k^{-\alpha} + O\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) + O(n^{-\alpha}) \\ &= O(n^{-\alpha}), \end{aligned}$$

since $\left| s_n^{(A)} - 1 \right| = O(n^{-\alpha})$.

Proof of Theorem 2. By (2.3),

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| f - T_n^{(A)}(f) \right\|_M &\leq \left\| S_n(f) - T_n^{(A)}(f) \right\|_M + \|f - S_n(f)\|_M \\ &= \left\| S_n(f) - T_n^{(A)}(f) \right\|_M + O(n^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have to show that

$$\left\| S_n(f) - T_n^{(A)}(f) \right\|_M = O(n^{-1}). \quad (3.1)$$

Set $A_{n,k} := \sum_{m=k}^n a_{n,m}$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} T_n^{(A)}(f)(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^n a_{n,k} S_k(f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_{n,k} \left(\sum_{m=0}^k u_m(f)(x) \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\sum_{m=k}^n a_{n,m} \right) u_k(f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n A_{n,k} u_k(f)(x). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} S_n(f)(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^n u_k(f)(x) = A_{n,0} \sum_{k=0}^n u_k(f)(x) + (1 - A_{n,0}) \sum_{k=0}^n u_k(f)(x) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n A_{n,0} u_k(f)(x) + \left(1 - s_n^{(A)}\right) S_n(f)(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$T_n^{(A)}(f)(x) - S_n(f)(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n (A_{n,k} - A_{n,0}) u_k(f)(x) + (s_n^{(A)} - 1) S_n(f)(x).$$

By the boundedness of partial sums we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_n(f) - T_n^{(A)}(f)\|_M &\leq \left\| \sum_{k=1}^n (A_{n,k} - A_{n,0}) u_k(f) \right\|_M + |s_n^{(A)} - 1| \|f\|_M \\ &= \left\| \sum_{k=1}^n (A_{n,k} - A_{n,0}) u_k(f) \right\|_M + O(n^{-1}). \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Thus, the problem is reduced to proving that

$$\left\| \sum_{k=1}^n (A_{n,k} - A_{n,0}) u_k(f) \right\|_M = O(n^{-1}). \tag{3.3}$$

If we set

$$b_{n,k} := \frac{A_{n,k} - A_{n,0}}{k}, \quad k = 1, \dots, n,$$

Abel transform yields

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n (A_{n,k} - A_{n,0}) u_k(f) &= \sum_{k=1}^n b_{n,k} k u_k(f) \\ &= b_{n,n} \sum_{m=1}^n m u_m(f) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (b_{n,k} - b_{n,k+1}) \left(\sum_{m=1}^k m u_m(f) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^n (A_{n,k} - A_{n,0}) u_k(f) \right\|_M &\leq |b_{n,n}| \left\| \sum_{m=1}^n m u_m(f) \right\|_M \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |b_{n,k} - b_{n,k+1}| \left(\left\| \sum_{m=1}^k m u_m(f) \right\|_M \right). \end{aligned}$$

Considering (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{m=1}^n m u_m(f) \right\|_M &= (n+1) \|S_n(f) - \sigma_n(f)\|_M \\ &= (n+1) O(n^{-1}) = O(1). \end{aligned}$$

This and the previous inequality yield

$$\left\| \sum_{k=1}^n (A_{n,k} - A_{n,0}) u_k(f) \right\|_M = O(1) |b_{n,n}| + O(1) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |b_{n,k} - b_{n,k+1}|. \tag{3.4}$$

Since $\left|s_n^{(A)} - 1\right| = O(n^{-1})$,

$$\begin{aligned} |b_{n,n}| &= \frac{|A_{n,n} - A_{n,0}|}{n} = \frac{|a_{n,n} - s_n^{(A)}|}{n} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \left(s_n^{(A)} - a_{n,n} \right) \leq \frac{1}{n} s_n^{(A)} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} O(1) = O(n^{-1}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Therefore, it remains to prove that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |b_{n,k} - b_{n,k+1}| = O(n^{-1}). \quad (3.6)$$

A simple calculation yields

$$b_{n,k} - b_{n,k+1} = \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \left\{ (k+1)a_{n,k} - \sum_{m=0}^k a_{n,m} \right\}.$$

(i) Let $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |a_{n,k-1} - a_{n,k}| = O(n^{-1})$.

Let's verify by induction that

$$\left| \sum_{m=0}^k a_{n,m} - (k+1)a_{n,k} \right| \leq \sum_{m=1}^k m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| \quad (3.7)$$

for $k = 1, \dots, n$.

If $k = 1$, then

$$\left| \sum_{m=0}^1 a_{n,m} - 2a_{n,1} \right| = |a_{n,0} - a_{n,1}|,$$

thus (3.7) holds. Now let us assume that (3.7) is true for $k = v$. For $k = v+1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{m=0}^{v+1} a_{n,m} - (v+2)a_{n,v+1} \right| &= \left| \sum_{m=0}^v a_{n,m} - (v+1)a_{n,v+1} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \sum_{m=0}^v a_{n,m} - (v+1)a_{n,v} \right| + |(v+1)a_{n,v} - (v+1)a_{n,v+1}| \\ &\leq \sum_{m=1}^v m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| + (v+1) |a_{n,v} - a_{n,v+1}| \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{v+1} m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}|, \end{aligned}$$

and hence (3.7) holds for $k = 1, \dots, n$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |b_{n,k} - b_{n,k+1}| &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left| \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \left\{ (k+1)a_{n,k} - \sum_{m=0}^k a_{n,m} \right\} \right| \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \left| \sum_{m=0}^k a_{n,m} - (k+1)a_{n,k} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \sum_{m=1}^k m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \\ &\leq \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| \\ &= O(n^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k) |a_{n,k-1} - a_{n,k}| = O(1).$$

By (3.7),

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |b_{n,k} - b_{n,k+1}| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \sum_{m=1}^k m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^r \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \sum_{m=1}^k m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| + \sum_{k=r}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \sum_{m=1}^k m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}|, \end{aligned}$$

where $r := [n/2]$. By Abel transform,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^r \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \sum_{m=1}^k m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^r |a_{n,k-1} - a_{n,k}| \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^r \frac{1}{n-k} (n-k) |a_{n,k-1} - a_{n,k}| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n-r} \sum_{k=1}^r (n-k) |a_{n,k-1} - a_{n,k}| \\ &= \frac{1}{n-r} O(1) = O(n^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=r}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \sum_{m=1}^k m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| \\
& \leq \sum_{k=r}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^r m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| + \sum_{m=r}^k m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| \right\} \\
& = \sum_{k=r}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \sum_{m=1}^r m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| + \sum_{k=r}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \sum_{m=r}^k m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| \\
& = : I_{n1} + I_{n2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\sum_{k=1}^r |a_{n,k-1} - a_{n,k}| = O(n^{-1})$,

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{n1} & \leq \sum_{k=r}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{m=1}^r |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| \\
& = O(n^{-1}) \sum_{k=r}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k+1} \\
& = O(n^{-1}) (n-r) \frac{1}{r+1} \\
& = O(n^{-1}).
\end{aligned}$$

Let's also estimate I_{n2} .

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{n2} & = \sum_{k=r}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \sum_{m=r}^k m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| \\
& \leq \sum_{k=r}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{m=r}^k |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{r+1} \sum_{k=r}^{n-1} \left(\sum_{m=r}^k |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| \right) \\
& \leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=r}^{n-1} \left(\sum_{m=r}^k |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| \right) \\
& = \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=n-r}^{n-1} (n-k) |a_{n,k-1} - a_{n,k}| \\
& \leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k) |a_{n,k-1} - a_{n,k}| \\
& = \frac{2}{n} O(1) = O(n^{-1}).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\sum_{k=r}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \sum_{m=1}^k m |a_{n,m-1} - a_{n,m}| = O(n^{-1}),$$

and hence

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |b_{n,k} - b_{n,k+1}| = O(n^{-1}).$$

Therefore, (3.6) is verified both in cases (i) and (ii). Finally, combining (3.1), (3.2), (3.3), (3.4), (3.5) and (3.6) finishes the proof.

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