

SUMMABILITY WITH A GOVERNOR OF INTEGRAL ORDER¹

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1. Introduction. In this paper the method of summability with a governor, introduced by G. Piranian [5],² is generalized, and the effectiveness of the new methods is compared with that of the Cesàro methods of integral order.

2. Preliminary theorems. We shall consider throughout this paper an arbitrary formal series

$$(A) \quad \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j.$$

Using the notation $s_n = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j$, we consider the standard Toeplitz transformation

$$(1) \quad \sigma_n = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_{nj} s_j.$$

The following theorem is well known.

THEOREM 1 (SILVERMAN-TOEPLITZ [8, 9]). *A necessary and sufficient condition that the transformation (1) be regular is that the following hold:*

$$(\alpha) \quad \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |b_{nj}| < M, \quad M \text{ independent of } n,$$

$$(\beta) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_{nj} = 0 \quad \text{for all } j,$$

$$(\gamma) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_{nj} = 1.$$

Consider now an arbitrary sequence $\{\lambda_n\}$ of nonnegative terms, not all zero, and set $\Lambda_n = \sum_{j=0}^n \lambda_j$. Then $\Lambda_n > 0$ for all sufficiently large n . If, for these n , we let $b_{nj} = \lambda_{n-j} / \Lambda_n$ for $j \leq n$ and $b_{nj} = 0$ for $j > n$, then (1) becomes

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