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## Some sequence spaces which include $c_0$ and c

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**Abstract.** It is first shown that a certain class of regular factorable matrices is equivalent to C, the Cesáro matrix of order one. As a corollary it is shown that the matrix A of [1] is equivalent to C. Then most of the results of [1] and [3] are extended to regular factorable matrices.

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#### 1. Introduction

Let A be an infinite matrix,  $c_0$  and c denote, respectively, the space of null sequences and the space of convergent sequences. Define

$$c_A = \left\{ x : \left\{ \sum_k a_{nk} x_k \right\} \in c \right\},$$
  
$$c_{0_A} = \left\{ x : \left\{ \sum_k a_{nk} x_k \right\} \in c_0 \right\}.$$

Let X and Y be sequence spaces. The notation  $A \in (X : Y)$  will mean that  $A: X \to Y$ .

In a recent paper [1] it was shown that  $c_A$  and  $c_{0_A}$  are isomorphic to c and  $c_0$ , respectively, for a certain matrix A. The  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ -, and  $\gamma$ -duals of  $c_A$  and  $c_{0_A}$  were computed, and necessary and sufficient conditions were obtained for a matrix  $D \in (c_A : \ell_p)$  and  $\in (c_A : c)$ .

Corollary 2.2 of this paper shows that the matrix A of [1] is equivalent to C, the Cesáro matrix of order one.

Then most of the results of [1] and [3] are extended to the larger class of regular factorable matrices.

A discussion of some sequence spaces which include c and  $c_0$  appears in [3].

A lower triangular matrix is called factorable if one can write each

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 $a_{nk} = a_n b_k$ , where  $a_n$  depends only on n and  $b_k$  depends only on k,  $0 \le k \le n$ . A triangle is a lower triangluar matrix with no zeros on the principal diagonal.

A matrix A is called regular if A is limit preserving over c. Define  $t_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_{nk}$ . One of the conditions of regularity is that  $\lim t_n = 1$ . A matrix B is said to be stronger than a matrix A if  $c_A \subset c_B$ . If A and B are triangles, then  $c_A \subset c_B$  iff  $BA^{-1}$  is regular. The symbol e means the sequence of all 1's, and  $e^{(k)}$  denotes the coordinate sequence with a 1 in the k-th position and all other terms zero. Let  $\{w_n\}$  denote any sequence. The notation  $w_n \simeq O(1)$  means that  $w_n = O(1)$  and that  $1/w_n = O(1)$ .

### 2. Matrices equivalent to (C, 1)

**Theorem 2.1** Let A be a regular factorable triangle with nonnegative entries satisfying

$$(n+1)a_n b_n \asymp O(1) \tag{2.1}$$

and  $\{b_n\}$  monotone. Then  $c_A = c_C$ .

Proof. For k < n,

$$(AC^{-1})_{nk} = \sum_{j=k}^{n} a_{nj}c_{jk}^{-1} = a_{nk}c_{kk}^{-1} + a_{n,k+1}c_{k+1,k}^{-1}$$
$$= a_{n}b_{k}(k+1) + a_{n}b_{k+1}(-1)(k+1)$$
$$= (k+1)a_{n}(b_{k} - b_{k+1}).$$
$$(AC^{-1})_{nn} = (n+1)a_{n}b_{n}.$$

Thus, if we define  $B = AC^{-1}$ , then

$$b_{nk} = \begin{cases} (k+1)a_n(b_k - b_{k+1}), & 0 \le k < n, \\ (n+1)a_nb_n, & k = n, \\ 0, & k > n. \end{cases}$$

Case I.  $\{b_n\}$  nonincreasing. Then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} |b_{nk}| = (n+1)a_nb_n + a_n\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1)(b_k - b_{k+1})$$

$$= (n+1)a_nb_n + a_n \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1)b_k - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1)b_{k+1} \right]$$
$$= (n+1)a_nb_n + a_n \left[ b_0 - nb_n + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [(k+1)b_k - kb_k] \right]$$
$$= a_nb_n + a_nb_0 + a_n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} b_k = a_nb_0 + t_n \to 1.$$

Therefore  $||B|| < \infty$ , and the limit of the row sums is one. Also B has zero column limits. Therefore B is regular.

Case II.  $\{b_n\}$  is nondecreasing. Then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} |b_{nk}| = (n+1)a_nb_n + a_n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1)(b_{k+1} - b_k)$$
  
=  $(n+1)a_nb_n + a_n \left[\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1)b_{k+1} - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1)b_k\right]$   
=  $(n+1)a_nb_n + a_nnb_n - a_nb_0 + a_n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (kb_k - (k+1)b_k)$   
=  $O(1) + o(1) - a_n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} b_k \le O(1),$ 

and again  $||B|| < \infty$  and the limit of the row sums of *B* exists. With  $t := \{t_n\}, t = Be = AC^{-1}(e) = Ae$ , so the limit of the row sums of *B* is one. Also *B* has zero column limits. Therefore *B* is regular.

To show that  $B^{-1}$  is regular, it will be sufficient to show that  $||B^{-1}|| < \infty$ . A direct calculation verifies that, for a factorable triangle,

$$a_{nk}^{-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{a_n b_n}, & k = n, \\ -\frac{1}{a_{n-1} b_n}, & k = n-1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Thus, for k < n,

$$(B^{-1})_{nk} = (CA^{-1})_{nk} = \sum_{i=k}^{n} c_{ni}a_{ik}^{-1} = c_{nk}a_{kk}^{-1} + c_{n,k+1}a_{k+1,k}^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{a_k b_k}\right) + \frac{1}{n+1} \left(-\frac{1}{a_k b_{k+1}}\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{(n+1)a_k} \left(\frac{1}{b_k} - \frac{1}{b_{k+1}}\right),$$

and

$$(CA^{-1})_{nn} = \frac{1}{a_n b_n (n+1)}.$$
  
$$\sum_{k=0}^n |b_{nk}^{-1}| = \frac{1}{a_n b_n (n+1)} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(n+1)a_k} \left| \frac{1}{b_k} - \frac{1}{b_{k+1}} \right|.$$

Case I.  $\{b_n\}$  nondecreasing. Then

$$\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{a_k} \left| \frac{1}{b_k} - \frac{1}{b_{k+1}} \right|$$
$$= \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{a_k} \left( \frac{1}{b_k} - \frac{1}{b_{k+1}} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\sum_{j=0}^k b_j}{t_k} \left( \frac{1}{b_k} - \frac{1}{b_{k+1}} \right).$$

Since  $\lim t_n = 1$ ,  $\inf t_k > 0$ . Therefore

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} |b_{nk}^{-1}| = O(1) + \frac{O(1)}{n+1} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{k} b_j}{b_k} - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{k} b_j}{b_{k+1}} \right]$$
$$= O(1) + \frac{O(1)}{n+1} \left[ \frac{b_0}{b_0} - \frac{1}{b_n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} b_j + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{b_k} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{k} b_j - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} b_j \right) \right]$$
$$\le O(1) + o(1) + \frac{O(1)}{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} 1 = O(1).$$

Case II.  $\{b_n\}$  nonincreasing. Then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} |b_{nk}^{-1}| = O(1) + \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{k} b_j}{t_k} \left(\frac{1}{b_{k+1}} - \frac{1}{b_k}\right)$$

$$= O(1) + \frac{O(1)}{n+1} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{k} b_j}{b_{k+1}} - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{k} b_j}{b_k} \right]$$
  
=  $O(1) + \frac{O(1)}{n+1} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{b_j}{b_n} - \frac{b_0}{b_0} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{b_k} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} b_j - \sum_{j=0}^{k} b_j \right) \right]$   
 $\leq O(1) + \frac{O(1)t_n}{(n+1)a_nb_n} = O(1),$ 

and  $||B^{-1}|| < \infty$ .

A weighted mean matrix, denoted by  $(\overline{N}, p)$ , is a lower triangular matrix with entries  $p_k/P_n$ , where  $\{p_k\}$  is a nonnegative sequence with  $p_0 > 0$  and  $P_n := \sum_{k=0}^n p_k$ .

**Corollary 2.1** Let  $A = (\overline{N}, p)$  with  $\{p_n\}$  monotone and satisfying

$$\frac{(n+1)p_n}{P_n} \asymp O(1). \tag{2.2}$$

Then  $(\overline{N}, p)$  and C are equivalent.

*Proof.* Note that (2.2) implies (2.1). The result now follows from Theorem 2.1.  $\hfill \Box$ 

Corollary 2.1 appears in [2].

**Corollary 2.2** Let A be a triangle with entries  $a_{nk} = (1 + r^k)/(n + 1)$ ,  $0 \le k \le n$ , 0 < r < 1. Then A is equivalent to C.

*Proof.* Note that A is a factorable matrix with  $a_n = 1/(n+1)$ ,  $b_k = 1+r^k$ , and  $\{b_k\}$  is monotone decreasing.

$$(n+1)a_nb_n = (n+1)\frac{1+r^n}{(n+1)} \to 1.$$

Therefore A satisfies (2.1), and the result follows from Theorem 2.1.

The matrix A of Corollary 2.2 is the matrix that appears in [1].

#### 3. The sequence spaces $c_A$ and $c_{0_A}$

**Theorem 3.1** Let A be a factorable triangle. Then the sequence spaces  $c_A$  and  $c_{0_A}$  are linearly isomorphic to c and  $c_0$ , respectively.

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*Proof.* From Example 7, page 76 of [5],  $c_A \simeq c$ . We shall now show that  $A: c_{0_A} \to c_0$  is 1-1 and onto. Let  $y \in c_0$ . Consider Ax = y. Solving for x one obtains  $x = A^{-1}y$ . Since A and  $A^{-1}$  are triangles, the associativity of multiplication holds and  $Ax = A(A^{-1}y) = y \in c_0$ . Therefore  $x \in c_{0_A}$  and A is onto. Since A is a triangle, it is clearly 1-1 on any domain.  $\Box$ 

Theorem 2.2 of [1] is the special case of Theorem 3.1 with A as in Corollary 2.2.

For any lower triangular matrix A, and sequence x,  $(Ax)_n := \sum_{k=0}^n a_{nk}x_k$ , and  $\lim_n x := \lim_n (Ax)_n$ , if it exists.

**Theorem 3.2** Let A be a regular factorable matrix satisfying

$$\sup_{n} \frac{1}{b_n} \left| \frac{1}{a_n} - \frac{1}{a_{n-1}} \right| = O(1).$$
(3.1)

Define  $b^{(k)}$  by

$$b_n^{(k)} = \begin{cases} \frac{(-1)^{n-k}}{a_k b_n}, & k \le n \le k+1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then

(a)  $b^{(k)}$  is a basis for  $c_{0_A}$  and, any  $x \in c_{0_A}$ , has the unique representation

$$x = \sum_{k} \lambda_k b^{(k)},$$

where  $\lambda_k := (Ax)_k$ .

(b) The set  $\{e, b^{(k)}\}$  forms a basis for  $c_A$  and each  $x \in c_A$  has the unique representation

$$x = \ell e + \sum_{k} [\lambda_k - \ell] b^{(k)}.$$

*Proof.*  $b^{(k)} \in c_{0_A}$ , since  $Ab^{(k)} = e^{(k)} \in c_0$ . Let  $x \in c_A$ . Define

$$x^{[m]} = \sum_{k=0}^{m} \lambda_k b^{(k)},$$

where  $\lambda_k := (Ax)_k$ . Then

$$Ax^{[m]} = \sum_{k=0}^{m} \lambda_k Ab^{(k)} = \sum_{k=0}^{m} (Ax)_k e^{(k)}.$$

Therefore

$$\{A(x-x^{[m]})\}_i = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \le i \le m, \\ (Ax)_i, & i > m. \end{cases}$$

Since  $x \in c_{0_A}$ ,  $Ax \in c_0$ . Then there exists a positive integer  $m_0$  such that  $m \ge m_0$  implies that  $|(Ax)_n| \le \epsilon/2$ , and, for  $n \ge m_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| x - x^{[m]} \right\|_{c_{0_A}} &= \sup_{n \ge m} \left| (Ax)_m \right| \le \sup_{n \ge m_0} \left| (Ax)_n \right| \\ &\le \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

To show uniqueness, suppose that there exists another representation

$$x = \sum_{k} \mu_k b^{(k)}.$$

Then

$$(Ax)_n = \sum_k \mu_k (Ab^{(k)})_n = \sum_k \mu_k b_n^{(k)} = \mu_n.$$

But  $(Ax)_n = \lambda_n$ . Therefore  $\lambda_n = \mu_n$  and the respresentation is unique. Condition (3.1) guarantees that  $x \in c$ . Since  $b^{(k)} \subset c_0$ ,  $\{e, b^{(k)}\} \subset c_A$ .

Let  $x \in c_A$  and define  $u = x - \ell t$ , where  $t := \{t_n\}, \ell = \lim_A x$ . Then  $\lim_A u = \lim_A x - \ell \lim_A t_n = 0$ , and  $u \in c_{0_A}$ . From (a), u has a unique representation. Thus the stated representation for x is unique.

Theorem 3.1 of [1] is the special case of Theorem 3.2, using the A of Corollary 2.2, since, for that A,  $x_n = 1/(1 + r^n)$ .

#### 4. Duality results

Let X be a sequence space,  $\omega$  the set of all sequences,  $\ell_1$  the space of all absolutely convergent series, cs the space of convergent series, and bs the space of bounded series. Then

$$\begin{split} X^{\alpha} &:= \{ z \in \omega \, | \, \forall x \in X, \, \, zx \in \ell_1 \} \quad (\alpha \text{-dual of } X), \\ X^{\beta} &:= \{ z \in \omega \, | \, \forall x \in X zx \in cs \} \quad (\beta \text{-dual of } X), \\ X^{\gamma} &:= \{ zx \in X \, | \, \forall x \in X, zx \in bs \} \quad (\gamma \text{-dual of } X). \end{split}$$

**Theorem 4.1** Let A be a factorable matrix. The  $\alpha$ -dual of the spaces  $c_{0_A}$  and  $c_A$  is

$$d_1 = \left\{ z \in \omega : \sup_{K \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_n \left| \sum_{k \in K} \frac{(-1)^{n-k} z_n}{a_k b_n} \right| < \infty \right\}.$$

$$(4.1)$$

*Proof.* We shall need the following Lemma from [4].

**Lemma 4.1**  $A \in (c_0 : \ell_1)$  iff

$$\sup_{K\in\mathcal{F}}\sum_{n}\left|\sum_{k\in K}a_{nk}\right|<\infty$$

Let  $z \in \omega$  and define B by

$$b_{nk} = \begin{cases} \frac{(-1)^{n-k} z_n}{a_k b_n}, & n-1 \le k \le n, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, with y := Ax,

$$z_n x_n = z_n \sum_{k=n-1}^n \frac{(-1)^{n-k} y_k}{a_k b_n} = (By)_n.$$

Therefore  $zx \in \ell_1$  whenever  $x \in c_{0_A} \cap c_A$  iff  $By \in \ell_1$  whenever  $y \in c_0$  or c. By Lemma 4.1, the condition becomes (4.1).

The special case of Theorem 4.1 with A as defined in Corollary 2.2 is Theorem 4.3 of [1].

**Theorem 4.2** Let A be a factorable matrix and define  $d_i$ , i = 2, 3, 4, by

$$d_2 = \left\{ z \in \omega : \sum_k \left| \frac{1}{a_k} \Delta\left(\frac{z_k}{b_k}\right) \right| < \infty \right\},\tag{4.2}$$

$$d_3 = \left\{ z \in \omega : \left\{ \frac{z_n}{a_n b_n} \right\} \in \ell_\infty \right\}, \quad and \tag{4.3}$$

$$d_4 = \left\{ z \in \omega : \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{a_k} - \frac{1}{a_{k+1}} \right) \frac{z_k}{b_k} \right\} \in cs \right\}.$$

$$(4.4)$$

Then  $\{c_{0_A}\}^{\beta} = d_2 \cap d_3$  and  $\{c_A\}^{\beta} = d_2 \cap d_4$ .

Proof. Consider

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} z_k x_k = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \left[ \sum_{j=k-1}^{k} \frac{(-1)^{j-k} y_j}{a_j b_k} \right] z_k$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{z_k}{b_k} \left[ -\frac{y_{k-1}}{a_{k-1}} + \frac{y_k}{a_k} \right]$$
$$= -\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{z_k y_{k-1}}{a_{k-1} b_k} + \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{y_k z_k}{a_k b_k}$$
$$= \frac{y_n z_n}{a_n b_n} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \Delta \left( \frac{z_k}{b_k} \right) \frac{y_k}{a_k}$$
$$= (Ty)_n,$$

where

$$t_{nk} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{a_k} \Delta\left(\frac{z_k}{b_k}\right), & 0 \le k < n, \\ \frac{z_n}{a_n b_n}, & k = n, \\ 0, & k > n. \end{cases}$$

Thus  $zx \in cs$  whenever  $x \in c_{0_A}$  iff  $Ty \in c$  whenever  $y \in c_0$ ; i.e., T must have finite norm and column limits.

$$||T||_{\infty} = \sup_{n} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{a_k} \left| \Delta \left( \frac{z_k}{b_k} \right) \right| + \left| \frac{z_n}{a_n b_n} \right| \right] < \infty,$$

which implies  $d_2$  and  $d_3$ . Since the converse is trivial,  $\{c_{0_A}\}^{\beta} = d_2 \cap d_3$ .

The condition  $zx \in cs$  whenever  $x \in c_A$  iff  $Ty \in c$  whenever  $y \in c$ ; i.e., T must satisfy the Silverman-Toeplitz conditions. That T has finite norm implies condition  $d_2$ . Since the sum of the column limits of T must exist we have

$$\sum_{k} \frac{1}{a_k} \Delta\left(\frac{z_k}{b_k}\right) < \infty.$$

But

$$\sum_{k} \frac{1}{a_k} \Delta\left(\frac{z_k}{b_k}\right) = \sum_{k} \frac{1}{a_k} \frac{z_k}{b_k} - \sum_{k} \frac{1}{a_k} \frac{z_{k+1}}{b_{k+1}}$$

$$= \frac{z_0}{a_0 b_0} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a_k} - \frac{1}{a_{k+1}}\right) \frac{z_k}{b_k}.$$

Since the row sums of T exist, condition  $d_4$  satisfied.

Note that conditions  $d_2$  and  $d_4$  imply  $d_3$ . Therefore the converse is true, and  $\{c_A\}^{\beta} = d_2 \cap d_4$ .

Theorem 4.4 of [1] is the special case of Theorem 4.2 with A as in Corollary 2.2.

**Theorem 4.3** Let A be a factorable matrix. Then  $\{c_{0_A}\}^{\gamma} = \{c_A\}^{\gamma} = d_2 \cap d_3$ .

*Proof.* From the proof of Theorem 4.2,  $zx \in bs$  for each  $x \in c_{0_A}$  iff Ty is bounded for each  $y \in c_0$ ; i.e.,  $T: c_0 \to m$ ; i.e., T has finite norm. (See, e.g., [4].)

Also  $zx \in bs$  for each  $x \in c_A$  iff Ty is bounded for each  $y \in c$ ; i.e.,  $T: c \to m$ ; i.e., T has finite norm. (See, e.g., [4].)

The norm of T being finite is equivalent to conditions  $d_2$  and  $d_3$ .  $\Box$ 

# 5. Mappings with domain $c_A$

**Theorem 5.1** Let A be a regular factorable matrix, B an infinite matrix. Then  $B \in (c_A : \ell_p)$  iff (i) For  $1 \le p < \infty$ ,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{n} \left| \sum_{k \in \mathcal{F}} \tilde{a}_{nk} \right|^{p} < \infty,$$
(5.1)

$$\sum_{k} |\tilde{a}_{nk}| < \infty, \tag{5.2}$$

$$\left\{\frac{b_{nk}}{a_k b_k}\right\} \in cs \quad for \ each \quad n.$$
(5.3)

(ii) For  $p = \infty$ , condition (5.3) and

$$\sup_{n} \sum_{k} |\tilde{a}_{nk}| < \infty \tag{5.4}$$

must be satisfied, where  $\tilde{A}$  is as defined in the proof.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $B \in (c_A : \ell_p)$ . Then there exists a positive constant K such that

$$||Bx||_{\ell_p} \le K ||x||_{c_A}, \quad \text{for each} \quad x \in c_A.$$
(5.5)

Inequality (5.5) is also satisfied for any sequence  $x = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{F}} b^{(k)}$  as defined in Theorem 3.2. Thus, for any  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ ,

$$||Bx||_{\ell_p} = \left(\sum_{n} \left|\sum_{k \in \mathcal{F}} \tilde{a}_{nk} x_k\right|^p\right)^{1/p} \le K ||x||_{c_A},$$

and (5.1) is necessary, where  $\mathcal{F}$  denotes the collection of all finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

$$\sum_{k=0}^{m} b_{nk} x_{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{m} b_{nk} \left[ \sum_{j=k-1}^{k} \frac{(-1)^{k-j} y_{j}}{a_{j-1} b_{j}} \right]$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^{m} b_{nk} \left( -\frac{y_{k-1}}{a_{k-1} b_{k}} + \frac{y_{k}}{a_{k} b_{k}} \right)$$
$$= -\sum_{k=0}^{m} \frac{b_{nk} y_{k-1}}{a_{k-1} b_{k}} + \sum_{k=0}^{m} \frac{y_{k} b_{nk}}{a_{k} b_{k}}$$
$$= \frac{y_{m} b_{nm}}{a_{m} b_{m}} + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \Delta_{k} \left( \frac{b_{nk}}{b_{k}} \right) \frac{y_{k}}{a_{k}}$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^{m} \tilde{a}_{nk} y_{k},$$

where

$$\tilde{a}_{nk} = \begin{cases} \Delta_k \left(\frac{b_{nk}}{b_k}\right) \frac{1}{a_k}, & 0 \le k < n, \\ \frac{b_{nn}}{a_n b_n}, & k = n, \\ 0, & k > n. \end{cases}$$

Since B applies to  $c_A$ , the necessity of conditions (5.2) and (5.3) is trivial.

Suppose that conditions (5.1)–(5.3) hold. Let  $x \in c_A$ . Then  $\{b_{nk}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \in \{c_A\}^{\beta}$ . Hence Ax exists. Define  $D = \tilde{A}$ . Since (5.1) is satisfied for D,  $D \in (c : \ell_p)$ .

Note that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{m} b_{nk} x_k = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \Delta_k \left(\frac{b_{nk}}{b_k}\right) \frac{y_k}{a_k} + \frac{b_{mm} y_m}{a_m b_m}.$$
(5.6)

Since conditions (5.3) and (5.4) hold, it follows, as in the proof of Theorem 4.2 that

$$\left\{\frac{b_{mm}}{a_m b_m}\right\}_m \in c_0.$$

Taking the limit of (5.5) as  $m \to \infty$  yields

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{nk} x_k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{a}_{nk} y_k.$$
(5.7)

Thus

$$||Bx||_{\ell_p} = ||Dy||_{\ell_p} < \infty.$$

Therefore 
$$B \in (c_A : \ell_p)$$
.  
Part (ii) is proved in a similar manner.

**Theorem 5.2** Let A be a regular factorable matrix. Then an infinite matrix  $B \in (c_A : c)$  iff (5.3) and (5.4) hold,

$$\lim_{n} \tilde{a}_{nk} = \alpha_k \quad \text{for each} \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \tag{5.8}$$

and

$$\lim_{n} \sum_{k} \tilde{a}_{nk} = \alpha.$$
(5.9)

*Proof.* Suppose that B satisfies (5.3), (5.4), (5.7), and (5.8). Let  $x \in c_A$ . Then y = Ax exists and  $\lim y_n = \ell$  for some number  $\ell$ .

From (5.7) and (5.4),

$$\sum_{j=0}^{k} |\alpha_j| \le \sup_n \sum_j |\tilde{a}_{nj}| < \infty.$$

Therefore  $\{\alpha_k\} \in \ell_1$ . From (5.6),

$$\sum_{k} b_{nk} x_k = \sum_{k} \tilde{a}_{nk} y_k$$

$$=\sum_{k}\tilde{a}_{nk}(y_k-\ell)+\ell\sum_{k}\tilde{a}_{nk}.$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{n} (Bx)_{n} = \sum_{k} \alpha_{k} (y_{k} - \ell) + \ell \alpha,$$

and  $B \in (c_A : c)$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $B \in (c_A : c)$ . Since  $c \subset \ell_{\infty}$ , it follows from Theorem 5.1 that (5.4) and (5.5) hold. Define  $\{x^{(k)}\} \in c_A$  by

$$x_n^{(k)} = \begin{cases} \frac{(-1)^{n-k}}{a_k b_n}, & k \le n \le k+1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $Ax^{(k)} = \{\tilde{a}_{nk}\} \in c$  for each k. Now set x = e in (5.6) to obtain

$$Bx = \left\{ \sum_{k} \tilde{a}_{nk} \right\}_{n} \in c.$$

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