



MATRIX TRANSFORMATIONS AND SEQUENCE SPACES EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we study sequence spaces equations (SSE) with operators, which are determined by an identity whose each term is a sum or a sum of products of sets of the form $\chi_a(T)$ and $\chi_{f(x)}(T)$ where f maps U^+ to itself, χ is either of the symbols s , s^0 , or $s^{(c)}$. Then we solve five (SSE) of the form $\chi_a + \chi'_x = \chi'_b$, where χ, χ' are either $s^0, s^{(c)}$, or s . We apply the previous results to the solvability of the systems $s_a^0 + s_x(\Delta) = s_b, s_x \supset s_b$ and $s_a + s_x^{(c)}(\Delta) = s_b^{(c)}, s_x^{(c)} \supset s_b^{(c)}$. Finally we solve the (SSE) with operators defined by $\chi_a(C(\lambda)D_\tau) + s_x^{(c)}(C(\mu)D_\tau) = s_b^{(c)}$ where χ is either s^0 , or s .

1. INTRODUCTION

In the book entitled *Summability through Functional Analysis* [16] Wilansky introduced sets of the form $a^{-1} * E$ where E is a BK space, and $a = (a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is a nonzero sequence. Recall that $\xi = (\xi_n)_{n \geq 1}$ belongs to $a^{-1} * E$ if $a\xi \in E$. In [5], the sets s_a, s_a^0 and $s_a^{(c)}$ were defined for positive sequences a by $(1/a)^{-1} * \chi$ and $\chi = \ell_\infty, c_0, c$, respectively. In [6, 10] the sum $\chi_a + \chi'_b$ and the product $\chi_a * \chi'_b$ were defined where χ, χ' are any of the symbols s, s^0 , or $s^{(c)}$, among other things characterizations of matrix transformations mapping in the sets $s_a + s_b^0(\Delta^q)$ and $s_a + s_b^{(c)}(\Delta^q)$ were given, where Δ is the operator of the first difference. In [11] de Malafosse and Malkowsky gave among other things properties of the

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matrix of weighted means considered as an operator in the set s_a . In [12] the characterizations of the sets $(s_a(\Delta^q), F)$ can be found where F is any of the sets c_0 , c and ℓ_∞ . We also cite Hardy's results [2] extended by Móricz and Rhoades [14, 15], de Malafosse and Rakočević [9] and formulated as follows, in [2] it is said that a series $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} y_m$ is *summable* $(C, 1)$ if $\varkappa_n = n^{-1} \sum_{m=1}^n s_m \rightarrow l$, where $s_m = \sum_{k=1}^m y_k$, it was shown by Hardy that if a series $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} y_m$ is *summable* $(C, 1)$ then $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (\sum_{i=m}^{\infty} y_i/i)$ is convergent. On the other hand Hardy's *Tauberian* theorem for *Cesàro means* states that if $(y_n)_n \in s_{(1/n)}(\Delta)$, then $n^{-1}s_n \rightarrow l$ implies $y_n \rightarrow l$ for some $l \in \mathbb{C}$. This problem is a consequence of the following one: What are the sequences x such that $c(C_1) \cap s_x(\Delta) \subset c$ where C_1 is the Cesàro operator?

In this paper we extend some results given in [1, 8, 7]. In [1] were given solvability of the equations $s_a + s_x = s_b$ and $s_{\varphi(x)} = s_b$ where φ maps U^+ to itself. In [8] it is shown that the solutions of the equations $\chi_a + s_x^0 = s_b^0$ where χ is any of the symbols s , or $s^{(c)}$ if $a/b \in c_0$ are given by $s_x = s_b$ and if $a/b \notin c_0$ each of these equations has no solution. In this paper for given sequences a and b , we determine the set of all sequences $x \in U^+$ such that for every sequence y , we have $y_n/b_n \rightarrow l$ if and only if there are sequences u and v such that $y = u + v$ and $u_n/a_n \rightarrow 0$, $v_n/x_n \rightarrow l'$ as n tends to infinity for some scalars l, l' . This statement means $s_a^0 + s_x^{(c)} = s_b^{(c)}$. So we are led to deal with special *sequence spaces inclusion equations (SSIE)*, (*resp. sequence spaces equations (SSE)*), which are determined by an inclusion, (*resp. identity*), where each term is a *sum or a sum of products of sets of the form* $\chi_a(T)$ and $\chi_{f(x)}(T)$ where f maps U^+ to itself, χ is any of the symbols s , s^0 , or $s^{(c)}$, x is the unknown and T is a triangle. For instance the solutions of the elementary (SSE) defined by $s_x = s_a$ with $a \in U^+$ are given by $K_1 a_n \leq x_n \leq K_2 a_n$ for some $K_1, K_2 > 0$ and for all n . In [1] we dealt with the equation $s_a + s_x = s_b$ whose the solutions are given by $s_x = s_b$ if $a/b \in c_0$, if $s_a = s_b$ the solutions of this equation are given by $x \in s_a$ and if $a/b \notin \ell_\infty$ this one has no solution. Except for these cases until now we don't know the behaviour of this equation. In [7] are determined the solutions of (SSE) with operators of the form $(\chi_a * \chi_x + \chi_b)(\Delta) = \chi_\eta$ and $[\chi_a * (\chi_x)^2 + \chi_b * \chi_x](\Delta) = \chi_\eta$. and $\chi_a + \chi_x(\Delta) = \chi_x$ where χ is any of the symbols s , or s^0 .

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we recall some definitions and results on sequence spaces and matrix transformations. In Section 3 we recall some properties of the multiplier of two sequence spaces. Then we state some results on the sum and the product of sequence spaces. In section 4 we deal with the solvability of the five (SSE) $s_a^0 + s_x = s_b$, $s_a^{(c)} + s_x^0 = s_b^0$, $s_a + s_x^0 = s_b^0$, $s_a + s_x^{(c)} = s_b^{(c)}$ and $s_a^0 + s_x^{(c)} = s_b^{(c)}$. In Section 5 we deal with the solvability of the system constituted with an (SSE) and an (SSIE) defined by $s_a^0 + s_x(\Delta) = s_b$ and $s_x \supset s_b$. Finally we solve the (SSE) with operators defined by $\chi_a(C(\lambda)D_\tau) + s_x^{(c)}(C(\mu)D_\tau) = s_b^{(c)}$ where χ is either s^0 , or s . These results extend some recent results of Farés and de Malafosse [1] and de Malafosse [6, 10, 7, 8].

2. NOTATIONS AND PRELIMINARY RESULTS.

For a given infinite matrix $\Lambda = (\lambda_{nm})_{n,m \geq 1}$ we define the operators Λ_n for any integer $n \geq 1$, by

$$\Lambda_n(\xi) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{nm} \xi_m$$

where $\xi = (\xi_m)_{m \geq 1}$, and the series are assumed convergent for all n . So we are led to the study of the operator A defined by $\Lambda\xi = (\Lambda_n(\xi))_{n \geq 1}$ mapping between sequence spaces.

A Banach space E of complex sequences with the norm $\|\cdot\|_E$ is a *BK space* if each projection $P_n: E \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with $P_n\xi = \xi_n$ is continuous. A BK space E is said to have *AK* if every sequence $\xi = (\xi_m)_{m \geq 1} \in E$ has a unique representation $\xi = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \xi_n e^{(n)}$ where $e^{(n)}$ is the sequence with 1 in the n -th position and 0 otherwise.

We will denote by s, c_0, c, ℓ_∞ the sets of all sequences, the sets of sequences that converge to zero, that are convergent and that are bounded, respectively. If ξ and η are sequences and E and F are two subsets of s , then we write $\xi\eta = (\xi_n\eta_n)_n$ and

$$M(E, F) = \{\xi = (\xi_n)_{n \geq 1} : \xi\eta \in F \text{ for all } \eta \in E\},$$

$M(E, F)$ is called the *multiplier space of E and F* . We shall use the set $U^+ = \{(u_n)_{n \geq 1} \in s : u_n > 0 \text{ for all } n\}$. Using Wilansky's notations [16], we define for any sequence $a = (a_n)_{n \geq 1} \in U^+$ and for any set of sequences E , the set $(1/a)^{-1} * E = \{(\xi_n)_{n \geq 1} \in s : (\xi_n/a_n)_n \in E\}$. To simplify, we use the diagonal matrix D_a defined by $[D_a]_{nn} = a_n$ for all n and write $D_a * E = (1/a)^{-1} * E$ and define $s_a = D_a * \ell_\infty$, $s_a^0 = D_a * c_0$ and $s_a^{(c)} = D_a * c$, see for instance [4, 6, 5, 13]. Each of the spaces $D_a * \chi$, where $\chi \in \{\ell_\infty, c_0, c\}$, is a BK space normed by $\|\xi\|_{s_a} = \sup_{n \geq 1} (|\xi_n|/a_n)$ and s_a^0 has AK.

Now let $a = (a_n)_{n \geq 1}, b = (b_n)_{n \geq 1} \in U^+$. By $S_{a,b}$ we denote the set of infinite matrices $\Lambda = (\lambda_{nm})_{n,m \geq 1}$ such that $\|\Lambda\|_{S_{a,b}} = \sup_{n \geq 1} [(1/b_n) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_{nm}| a_m] < \infty$. The set $S_{a,b}$ is a Banach space with the norm $\|\cdot\|_{S_{a,b}}$. Let E and F be any subsets of s . When Λ maps E into F we write $\Lambda \in (E, F)$, see [3]. So we have $\Lambda\xi \in F$ for all $\xi \in E$, ($\Lambda\xi \in F$ means that for each $n \geq 1$ the series $\Lambda_n(\xi) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{nm} \xi_m$ is convergent and $(\Lambda_n(\xi))_{n \geq 1} \in F$). It was proved in [11] that $A \in (s_a, s_b)$ if and only if $\Lambda \in S_{a,b}$. So we can write that $(s_a, s_b) = S_{a,b}$.

When $s_a = s_b$ we obtain the *Banach algebra with identity* $S_{a,b} = S_a$ normed by $\|\Lambda\|_{S_a} = \|\Lambda\|_{S_{a,a}}$, see [5]. We also have $\Lambda \in (s_a, s_a)$ if and only if $\Lambda \in S_a$.

If $a = (r^n)_{n \geq 1}$, the sets S_a, s_a, s_a^0 and $s_a^{(c)}$ are denoted by S_r, s_r, s_r^0 and $s_r^{(c)}$, respectively; see [4]. When $r = 1$, we obtain $s_1 = \ell_\infty, s_1^0 = c_0$ and $s_1^{(c)} = c$, and putting $e = (1, 1, \dots)$ we have $S_1 = S_e$. It is well known, see [3] that $(s_1, s_1) = (c_0, s_1) = (c, s_1) = S_1$. We also have $\Lambda \in (c_0, c_0)$ if and only if $\Lambda \in S_1$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{nm} = 0$ for all $m \geq 1$.

In the sequel we will frequently use the fact that $\Lambda \in (\chi_a, \chi'_b)$ if and only if $D_{1/b} \Lambda D_a \in (\chi_e, \chi'_e)$ where χ, χ' are any of the symbols $s^0, s^{(c)}$, or s ; see [11].

For any subset E of s , we put $\Lambda E = \{\eta \in s : \eta = \Lambda\xi \text{ for some } \xi \in E\}$. If F is a subset of s , we write $F(\Lambda) = F_\Lambda = \{\xi \in s : \Lambda\xi \in F\}$.

3. THE MULTIPLIER, THE SUM AND THE PRODUCT OF CERTAIN SETS OF SEQUENCES

3.1. The multiplier of certain sets of sequences. First we need to recall some well known results. By [6, Lemma 3.1, p. 648] and [6, Example 1.28, p. 157], we obtain the next result.

Lemma 3.1. *We have*

- i) $M(c, c_0) = M(\ell_\infty, c) = M(\ell_\infty, c_0) = c_0$ and $M(c, c) = c$;
- ii) $M(\chi, \ell_\infty) = M(c_0, \chi') = \ell_\infty$ for $\chi, \chi' = c_0, c$, or ℓ_∞ .

We deduce from the preceding the next corollary.

Corollary 3.2. (i) $M(s_a^0, \chi'_b) = s_{b/a}$ where χ' is any of the symbols $s^0, s^{(c)}$, or s ;
(ii) $M(\chi_a, s_b) = s_{b/a}$ where χ is any of the symbols $s^{(c)}$, or s ;
(iii) $M(s_a, s_b^{(c)}) = s_{b/a}^0$ and $M(s_a^{(c)}, s_b^{(c)}) = s_{b/a}^{(c)}$.

In the sequel we will use the next lemma.

Lemma 3.3. *Let $a, b \in U^+$. Then*

$$a/b \in M(\chi_1, \chi'_1) \text{ if and only if } \chi_a \subset \chi'_b,$$

where χ, χ' are any of the symbols $s^0, s^{(c)}$, or s .

Proof. The proof comes from the fact that $a/b \in M(\chi_1, \chi'_1)$ is equivalent to $D_{a/b} \in (\chi_1, \chi'_1)$ and to $I \in (D_a * \chi_1, D_b * \chi'_1) = (\chi_a, \chi'_b)$. \square

3.2. Sum and product of sets of the form χ_a , where χ is any of the symbols $s^0, s^{(c)}$, or s . In this section we recall some properties of the *sum* $\chi_a + \chi'_b$ where χ and χ' are any of the symbols $s^0, s^{(c)}$, or s .

3.2.1. Sum $E + F$ of sets of sequences. We can state some results concerning the *sum* of particular interesting sequence spaces.

Let $E, F \subset s$ be two linear spaces. The set $E + F$ is defined by

$$E + F = \{\xi \in s : \xi = u + v \text{ for some } u \in E \text{ and } v \in F\}.$$

It can easily be seen that $E + F = F$ if and only if $E \subset F$. This permits us to show some of the next results that extend some results given in [6].

Theorem 3.4. *Let $a, b \in U^+$.*

- (i) a) $s_a \subset s_b$ if and only if $a/b \in \ell_\infty$;
- b) $s_a = s_b$ if and only if there are $K_1, K_2 > 0$ such that $K_1 \leq b_n/a_n \leq K_2$ for all n ;
- c) $s_a + s_b = s_{a+b} = s_{\max(a,b)}$, where $[\max(a, b)]_n = \max(a_n, b_n)$;
- d) $s_a + s_b = s_a$ if and only if $b/a \in \ell_\infty$.
- (ii) a) $s_a^0 \subset s_b^0$ if and only if $a/b \in \ell_\infty$;
- b) $s_a^0 = s_b^0$ if and only if $s_a = s_b$;
- c) $s_a^0 + s_b^0 = s_{a+b}^0$;
- d) $s_a^0 + s_b^0 = s_a^0$ if and only if $b/a \in \ell_\infty$;
- e) $s_a^{(c)} \subset s_b^{(c)}$ if and only if $a/b \in c$.

f) The condition $a_n/b_n \rightarrow l \neq 0$ for some scalar l , is equivalent to $s_a^{(c)} = s_b^{(c)}$; and if $a_n/b_n \rightarrow l \neq 0$, then $s_a = s_b$, $s_a^0 = s_b^0$ and $s_a^{(c)} = s_b^{(c)}$.

(iii) a) $s_{a+b}^{(c)} \subset s_a^{(c)} + s_b^{(c)}$.

b) The conditions $a_n/b_n \rightarrow L \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{\infty\}$ is equivalent to

$$s_a^{(c)} + s_b^{(c)} = s_{a+b}^{(c)}. \quad (3.1)$$

c) The condition $b/a \in c$ is equivalent to $s_a^{(c)} + s_b^{(c)} = s_{a+b}^{(c)} = s_a^{(c)}$.

Proof. The proof of this theorem was given in [6, 10] except for iii) b). Proof of iii) b). First show $a_n/b_n \rightarrow L \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{\infty\}$ implies (3.1). Let $y \in s_a^{(c)} + s_b^{(c)}$. Then there are φ and $\psi \in c$ such that $y = a\varphi + b\psi$. Then

$$\frac{y}{a+b} = \frac{a}{a+b}\varphi + \frac{b}{a+b}\psi = \frac{\frac{a}{b}}{1 + \frac{a}{b}}\varphi + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{a}{b}}\psi.$$

We have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{a_n}{b_n}}{1 + \frac{a_n}{b_n}} = \begin{cases} \frac{L}{1+L} & \text{if } L < \infty, \\ 1 & \text{if } L = \infty; \end{cases}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{a_n}{b_n}} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1+L} & \text{if } L < \infty, \\ 0 & \text{if } L = \infty. \end{cases}$$

We conclude $s_a^{(c)} + s_b^{(c)} \subset s_{a+b}^{(c)}$.

Now let $y \in s_{a+b}^{(c)}$. Then there is $\zeta \in c$ such that $y/(a+b) = \zeta$, $y = a\zeta + b\zeta$ and $y \in s_a^{(c)} + s_b^{(c)}$. This shows $s_{a+b}^{(c)} \subset s_a^{(c)} + s_b^{(c)}$. We conclude that $a_n/b_n \rightarrow L \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{\infty\}$ implies (3.1).

Conversely, show (3.1) implies $a_n/b_n \rightarrow L$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) for some $L \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{\infty\}$. Put $\nu = a/b$. Since trivially we have $a \in s_a^{(c)} + s_b^{(c)} = s_{a+b}^{(c)}$, then

$$\frac{a}{a+b} = \frac{\nu}{1+\nu} = \tau \in c.$$

Put $L' = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tau_n$. We then have $\nu = \tau(1+\nu)$, $\nu = \tau/(1-\tau)$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu_n = \begin{cases} \frac{L'}{1-L'} & \text{if } L' \neq 1, \\ \infty & \text{if } L' = 1. \end{cases}$$

So we have shown $a_n/b_n \rightarrow L' \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{\infty\}$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$). This concludes the proof. \square

3.2.2. *Product of sets of the form χ_ξ where χ is any of the symbols s^0 , $s^{(c)}$, or s .* In this part we recall some properties of the *product* $E * F$ of particular subsets E and F of s . These results can be found in [4, 6, 12].

For any given sets of sequences E and F , we write

$$E * F = \bigcup_{\xi \in E} D_\xi * F = \{\xi\eta \in s : \xi \in E \text{ and } \eta \in F\}.$$

We immediately have the following results,

Proposition 3.5. *Let $a, b, \gamma \in U^+$. Then*

- (i) $s_a * s_b = s_a * s_b^{(c)} = s_a^{(c)} * s_b = s_{ab}$,
- (ii) $s_a * s_b^0 = s_a^0 * s_b^0 = s_a^{(c)} * s_b^0 = s_{ab}^0$,
- (iii) $s_a^{(c)} * s_b^{(c)} = s_{ab}^{(c)}$,
- (iv) *Let χ be any of the symbols s^0 , $s^{(c)}$, or s . Then the solutions of the (SSE) $\chi_a * s_x^0 = s_\gamma^0$ are determined by $K_1\gamma_n/a_n \leq x_n \leq K_2\gamma_n/a_n$ for all n and for some $K_1, K_2 > 0$.*

4. SOLVABILITY OF FIVE (SSE)

In [1] we saw that we don't know the solvability of $s_a + s_x = s_b$, when $a/b \in \ell_\infty \setminus c_0$ and $s_a \neq s_b$. In this section we consider (SSE) of the form $\chi_a + \chi'_x = \chi'_b$ where χ, χ' are distinct and are either s^0 , $s^{(c)}$, or s . We show that the next five equations $s_a^0 + s_x = s_b$, $s_a^{(c)} + s_x^0 = s_b^0$, $s_a + s_x^0 = s_b^0$, $s_a + s_x^{(c)} = s_b^{(c)}$ and $s_a^0 + s_x^{(c)} = s_b^{(c)}$ can be totally solved. It remains the (SSE) $s_a^{(c)} + s_x = s_b$, that is not solved until now for $a/b \in \ell_\infty \setminus c_0$.

4.1. Solvability of five (SSE) of the form $\chi_a + \chi'_x = \chi'_b$ where χ, χ' are any of the symbols s^0 , $s^{(c)}$, or s . The solvability of the equation $s_a + s_x^{(c)} = s_b^{(c)}$ for $a, b \in U^+$ consists in determining the set of all $x \in U^+$ such that for every $y \in s$ we have $y_n/b_n \rightarrow l$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) if and only if there are two sequences u, v such that $y = u + v$ and

$$\frac{u_n}{a_n} = O(1) \text{ and } \frac{v_n}{x_n} \rightarrow l' \text{ (} n \rightarrow \infty \text{)}.$$

For $\chi, \chi' \in \{s^0, s^{(c)}, s\}$ we put

$$\mathcal{I}(\chi, \chi') = \{x \in U^+ : \chi'_b \subset \chi_a + \chi'_x\},$$

$$\mathcal{I}'(\chi, \chi') = \{x \in U^+ : \chi_a + \chi'_x \subset \chi'_b\},$$

and

$$\mathcal{S}(\chi, \chi') = \{x \in U^+ : \chi_a + \chi'_x = \chi'_b\}.$$

In the following we consider the equivalence relation on U^+ defined by $x\mathcal{R}y$ if $s_x = s_y$ and we denote by $cl(b)$ the equivalence class of $b \in U^+$. Similarly let $cl^{(c)}(b)$ be the equivalence class of b for the equivalence relation \mathcal{R}_c defined on U^+ by $x\mathcal{R}_c y$ if $s_x^{(c)} = s_y^{(c)}$. By Theorem 3.4 ii) f) we have

$$cl^{(c)}(b) = \{x \in U^+ : x_n \sim kb_n \text{ (} n \rightarrow \infty \text{) for some } k > 0\}.$$

In the following we will use the next elementary result, if E , F and G are linear subspaces of s , then $E + F \subset G$ if and only if $E \subset G$ and $F \subset G$. Now state the following.

Theorem 4.1. [8] *Suppose $a/b \in c_0$. Then the solutions of the equation*

$$\chi_a + \chi'_x = \chi'_b$$

where χ is any of the symbols s^0 , $s^{(c)}$, or s , and χ' is any of the symbols s^0 , or s are given by $x \in cl(b)$.

Corollary 4.2. *If $a/b \in c_0$, then $\mathcal{S}_1(\chi, s) = \mathcal{S}_1(\chi, s^0) = cl(b)$ where χ is any of the symbols s^0 , $s^{(c)}$, or s .*

Proposition 4.3. [8] *Let χ , χ' , χ'' be any of the symbols s^0 , $s^{(c)}$, or s . If $a/b \notin M(\chi_1, \chi''_1)$, then the equation*

$$\chi_a + \chi'_x = \chi''_b$$

has no solution.

Now put

$$s_b^* = \{x \in U^+ : x_n \geq Kb_n \text{ for some } K > 0 \text{ and for all } n\},$$

and

$$s_b^{*(c)} = \left\{ x \in U^+ : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{b_n} = l \text{ for some } l \in]0, +\infty[\right\}.$$

Notice that $cl^{(c)}(b) = s_b^{(c)} \setminus s_b^0$. It can easily be seen that

$$s_b^{*(c)} = \left\{ x \in U^+ : s_b^{(c)} \subset s_x^{(c)} \right\}.$$

Indeed $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n/b_n = l \in]0, +\infty[$ means that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n/x_n = 1/l \in [0, +\infty[$ and $b \in s_x^{(c)}$. Since $b/x \in M(c, c) = c$ we have $s_b^{(c)} \subset s_x^{(c)}$.

State the next results.

Theorem 4.4. *Let $a, b \in U^+$. Then*

i) a) *We have*

$$\mathcal{S}(s^0, s) = \begin{cases} cl(b) & \text{if } a/b \in \ell_\infty, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } a/b \notin \ell_\infty; \end{cases}$$

b) $\mathcal{S}(s^{(c)}, s^0) = \mathcal{S}(s, s^0)$ and

$$\mathcal{S}(s, s^0) = \begin{cases} cl(b) & \text{if } a/b \in c_0, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } a/b \notin c_0; \end{cases}$$

ii) a)

$$\mathcal{S}(s^0, s^{(c)}) = \begin{cases} cl^{(c)}(b) & \text{if } a/b \in \ell_\infty, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } a/b \notin \ell_\infty; \end{cases}$$

b)

$$\mathcal{S}(s, s^{(c)}) = \begin{cases} cl^{(c)}(b) & \text{if } a/b \in c_0, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } a/b \notin c_0. \end{cases}$$

Proof. i) a) Show $\mathcal{I}(s^0, s) = s_b^*$ if $a/b \in \ell_\infty$. Let $x \in \mathcal{I}(s^0, s)$. Since $s_b \subset s_a^0 + s_x$ and $b \in s_b$, there are $\varepsilon \in c_0$ and $h \in \ell_\infty$ such that $b = a\varepsilon + xh$. We then have $1 = (a/b)\varepsilon + (x/b)h$ and since $a/b \in \ell_\infty$ we deduce $\varepsilon' = (a/b)\varepsilon \in c_0$. Since $1 - \varepsilon'_n \rightarrow 1$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) we conclude

$$\frac{b}{x} = \frac{h}{1 - \varepsilon'} \in \ell_\infty$$

and $\mathcal{I}(s^0, s) \subset s_b^*$ if $a/b \in \ell_\infty$.

Conversely let $x \in s_b^*$. We then have $s_b \subset s_x$ and trivially $s_b \subset s_x \subset s_a^0 + s_x$, for all $x \in U^+$. So we have shown that if $a/b \in \ell_\infty$, then $\mathcal{I}(s^0, s) = s_b^*$.

Now determine $\mathcal{I}'(s^0, s)$. We see that $x \in \mathcal{I}'(s^0, s)$ is equivalent to $s_a^0 \subset s_b$ and $s_x \subset s_b$. We then have $a/b \in M(c_0, \ell_\infty) = \ell_\infty$ and $x/b \in M(\ell_\infty, \ell_\infty) = \ell_\infty$. So

$$\mathcal{I}'(s^0, s) = \begin{cases} s_b & \text{if } a/b \in \ell_\infty, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } a/b \notin \ell_\infty. \end{cases}$$

We conclude $\mathcal{S}(s^0, s) = \mathcal{I}(s^0, s) \cap \mathcal{I}'(s^0, s) = s_b \cap s_b^* = cl(b)$ if $a/b \in \ell_\infty$ and $\mathcal{S}(s^0, s) = \emptyset$ if $a/b \notin \ell_\infty$. So we have shown i) a).

i) b) Let χ be any of the symbols s^0 , or $s^{(c)}$. By Theorem 4.1, we have $\mathcal{S}(\chi, s^0) = cl(b)$ if $a/b \in c_0$. Then by Proposition 4.3 since we have

$$M(s_1^{(c)}, s_1^0) = M(c, c_0) = c_0 \text{ and } M(s_1, s_1^0) = M(\ell_\infty, c_0) = c_0,$$

we deduce that if $a/b \notin c_0$, then $\mathcal{S}(\chi, s^0) = \emptyset$. This concludes the proof of i).

ii) a) Show $\mathcal{I}(s^0, s^{(c)}) = s_b^{*(c)}$ if $a/b \in \ell_\infty$. Let $x \in \mathcal{I}(s^0, s^{(c)})$. Since $s_b^{(c)} \subset s_a^0 + s_x^{(c)}$ and $b \in s_b^{(c)}$ there are $\varepsilon \in c_0$ and $\varphi \in c$ such that $b = a\varepsilon + x\varphi$. Then we have $1 = (a/b)\varepsilon + (x/b)\varphi$ and since $a/b \in \ell_\infty$ we deduce $\varepsilon' = (a/b)\varepsilon \in c_0$. Since $1 - \varepsilon'_n \rightarrow 1$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) we conclude $b/x = \varphi / (1 - \varepsilon') \in c$. Thus we have proved $\mathcal{I}(s^0, s^{(c)}) \subset s_b^{*(c)}$ if $a/b \in \ell_\infty$.

Conversely let $x \in s_b^{*(c)}$. We then have $s_b^{(c)} \subset s_x^{(c)}$ and trivially $s_b^{(c)} \subset s_x^{(c)} \subset s_a^0 + s_x^{(c)}$, for all $x \in U^+$. So we have shown $s_b^{*(c)} \subset \mathcal{I}(s^0, s^{(c)})$ and we conclude that $\mathcal{I}(s^0, s^{(c)}) = s_b^{*(c)}$ for $a/b \in \ell_\infty$.

Now determine the set $\mathcal{I}'(s^0, s^{(c)})$. We see again that $x \in \mathcal{I}'(s^0, s^{(c)})$ is equivalent to $s_a^0 \subset s_b^{(c)}$ and $s_x^{(c)} \subset s_b^{(c)}$, this means that $a/b \in M(c_0, c) = \ell_\infty$ and $x/b \in M(c, c) = c$. So

$$\mathcal{I}'(s^0, s^{(c)}) = \begin{cases} s_b^{(c)} & \text{if } a/b \in \ell_\infty, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } a/b \notin \ell_\infty. \end{cases}$$

We conclude $\mathcal{S}(s^0, s^{(c)}) = s_b^{*(c)} \cap s_b^{(c)} = cl^{(c)}(b)$ if $a/b \in \ell_\infty$ and $\mathcal{S}(s^0, s^{(c)}) = \emptyset$ if $a/b \notin \ell_\infty$.

ii) b) Show $\mathcal{I}(s, s^{(c)}) = s_b^{*(c)}$ if $a/b \in c_0$. Let $x \in \mathcal{I}(s, s^{(c)})$. Since $s_b \subset s_a + s_x^{(c)}$ and $b \in s_b^{(c)}$ there are $h \in \ell_\infty$ and $\varphi \in c$ such that $b = ah + x\varphi$. We then have $1 = (a/b)h + (x/b)\varphi$ and since $a/b \in c_0$ we deduce $\varepsilon = (a/b)h \in c_0$. Since $1 - \varepsilon_n \rightarrow 1$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) we conclude

$$\frac{b}{x} = \frac{\varphi}{1 - \varepsilon} \in c.$$

This means that $b_n/x_n \rightarrow L$ for some $L \geq 0$ and $x_n/b_n \rightarrow 1/L \in]0, +\infty]$. Thus we have proved that if $a/b \in c_0$, then $\mathcal{I}(s, s^{(c)}) \subset s_b^{*(c)}$.

Conversely let $x \in s_b^{*(c)}$. We then have $s_b^{(c)} \subset s_x^{(c)}$ and trivially $s_b^{(c)} \subset s_x^{(c)} \subset s_a^0 + s_x^{(c)}$, for all $x \in U^+$. So we have $s_b^{*(c)} \subset \mathcal{I}(s, s^{(c)})$ and we conclude that $\mathcal{I}(s, s^{(c)}) = s_b^{*(c)}$ if $a/b \in c_0$.

Now we need to determine $\mathcal{I}'(s, s^{(c)})$. We see that $x \in \mathcal{I}'(s, s^{(c)})$ if and only if $s_a \subset s_b^{(c)}$ and $s_x^{(c)} \subset s_b^{(c)}$, which is equivalent to $a/b \in M(\ell_\infty, c) = c_0$ and $x/b \in M(c, c) = c$. So

$$\mathcal{I}'(s, s^{(c)}) = \begin{cases} s_b^{(c)} & \text{if } a/b \in c_0, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } a/b \notin c_0. \end{cases}$$

We conclude $\mathcal{S}(s, s^{(c)}) = s_b^{*(c)} \cap s_b^{(c)} = cl^{(c)}(b)$ if $a/b \in c_0$. \square

We immediately deduce the next corollary.

Corollary 4.5. *Let $a, b \in U^+$. Then*

- i) a) $\mathcal{S}(s^0, s) = \mathcal{S}(s^{(c)}, s^0) = \mathcal{S}(s, s^0) = cl(b)$ for $a/b \in c_0$;
- b) $\mathcal{S}(s^0, s) = \mathcal{S}(s^{(c)}, s^0) = \mathcal{S}(s, s^0) = \emptyset$ if $a/b \notin \ell_\infty$;
- ii) a) $\mathcal{S}(s, s^{(c)}) = \mathcal{S}(s^0, s^{(c)}) = cl^{(c)}(b)$ for $a/b \in c_0$;
- b) $\mathcal{S}(s, s^{(c)}) = \mathcal{S}(s^0, s^{(c)}) = \emptyset$ if $a/b \notin \ell_\infty$.

Remark 4.6. It can easily be seen that each of the equations $s_a^0 + s_x = s_b$, or $s_a^0 + s_x^{(c)} = s_b^{(c)}$ has a solution if and only if $a/b \in \ell_\infty$, and each of the equations $s_a^{(c)} + s_x^0 = s_b^0$, $s_a + s_x^0 = s_b^0$, or $s_a + s_x^{(c)} = s_b^{(c)}$ has a solution if and only if $a/b \in c_0$.

Remark 4.7. If anyone of the five equations has a solution, then $a/b \in \ell_\infty$.

Illustrate the previous results with the next example, where we put $cl(r_2) = cl((r_2^n)_n)$ and $cl^{(c)}(r_2) = cl^{(c)}((r_2^n)_n)$.

Example 4.8. Let $r_1, r_2 > 0$ and consider the next two statements

P₁: For every $y, z \in s$ the conditions $y_n/r_1^n \rightarrow l_1$ and $z_n/x_n \rightarrow l_2$ imply together $(y_n + z_n)/r_2^n \rightarrow l_3$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) for some scalars l_1, l_2 and l_3 ;

P₂: For every $t \in s$ we have $t_n/r_2^n \rightarrow 0$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) if and only if there are u and $v \in s$ such that $t = u + v$ and $u_n/r_1^n \rightarrow L$ and $v_n/x_n \rightarrow 0$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) for some scalar L .

The set S_1 of all $x \in U^+$ such that P₁ and P₂ hold is determined by the next system

$$s_{r_1}^{(c)} + s_x^{(c)} \subset s_{r_2}^{(c)} \tag{4.1}$$

and

$$s_{r_1}^{(c)} + s_x^0 = s_{r_2}^0. \tag{4.2}$$

It can easily be seen that (4.1) is equivalent to $r_1 \leq r_2$ and $x \in s_{r_2}^{(c)}$ and by Theorem 4.1 i) b) (SSE) (4.2) is equivalent to $x \in cl(r_2)$ if $(r_1/r_2)^n \rightarrow 0$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$), that is for $r_1 < r_2$. We conclude that if $r_1 < r_2$, then the set S_1 is equal to $s_{r_2}^{(c)} \cap cl(r_2) = cl^{(c)}(r_2)$, so $x \in S_1$ if and only if $x_n \sim kr_2^n$ with $k > 0$. If $r_1 \geq r_2$, then $S_1 = \emptyset$.

5. APPLICATION TO SPECIAL (SSE) WITH OPERATORS

In this section we consider two systems of (SSE) with operators defined by $s_a^0 + s_x(\Delta) = s_b$, $s_x \supset s_b$ and $s_a + s_x^{(c)}(\Delta) = s_b^{(c)}$, $s_x^{(c)} \supset s_b^{(c)}$. Then we solve the (SSE) defined by $\chi_a(C(\lambda)D_\tau) + s_x^{(c)}(C(\mu)D_\tau) = s_b^{(c)}$ where χ is either s^0 , or s .

5.1. The sets \widehat{C} and \widehat{C}_1 . In the following we need the next definitions and results. First recall that for any nonzero sequence $\eta = (\eta_n)_{n \geq 1}$, the triangle $C(\eta)$ is defined by

$$[C(\eta)]_{nm} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\eta_n} & \text{if } m \leq n, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It can be shown that the matrix $\Delta(\eta)$ defined by

$$[\Delta(\eta)]_{nm} = \begin{cases} \eta_n & \text{if } m = n, \\ -\eta_{n-1} & \text{if } m = n - 1 \text{ and } n \geq 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

is the inverse of $C(\eta)$, that is $C(\eta)(\Delta(\eta)\xi) = \Delta(\eta)(C(\eta)\xi)$ for all $\xi \in s$. It is well known that $\Delta = \Delta(e) \in (s, s)$ is the operator of first-difference and we have $\Delta\xi_n = \xi_n - \xi_{n-1}$ for all $n \geq 1$ with $\xi_0 = 0$. The inverse $\Delta^{-1} = \Sigma$ is defined by $\Sigma_{nm} = 1$ for $m \leq n$. We also use the sets

$$\widehat{C}_1 = \{a \in U^+ : C(a)a \in \ell_\infty\} \text{ and } \widehat{C} = \{a \in U^+ : C(a)a \in c\}.$$

Note that if $a, b \in \widehat{C}_1$ then the sum $a + b$ and the product ab are in \widehat{C}_1 . It can easily be seen that any sequence of the form $(R^n)_n$ with $R > 1$ belongs to \widehat{C}_1 . It is known that \widehat{C} which is equal to the set $\widehat{\Gamma}$ of all $x \in U^+$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_{n-1}/x_n) < 1$. Here we use the next lemmas which are consequences of [5, Proposition 2.1, p. 1786], and [6] and of the fact that $s_a(\Delta) \subset s_a$ is equivalent to $\Sigma \in (s_a, s_a)$ and $D_{1/a}\Sigma D_a \in S_1$, which in turn is $a \in \widehat{C}_1$.

Lemma 5.1. *Let $a \in U^+$. Then*

- i) The following statements are equivalent*
 - a) $a \in \widehat{C}_1$,*
 - b) $s_a(\Delta) \subset s_a$,*
 - c) $s_a(\Delta) = s_a$.*
- ii) $s_a^{(c)}(\Delta) = s_a^{(c)}$ if and only if $a \in \widehat{\Gamma}$.*

We also have the next elementary result.

Lemma 5.2. *Let $a, b \in U^+$ and assume $s_a = s_b$. Then $a \in \widehat{C}_1$ if and only if $b \in \widehat{C}_1$.*

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$s_x(\Delta) = s_b$, $s_x \supset s_b$ and $s_a + s_x^{(c)}(\Delta) = s_b^{(c)}$, $s_x^{(c)} \supset s_b^{(c)}$. Now consider the next

statement: what are the sequences $x \in U^+$ such that for every $y \in s$ we have $y_n/b_n = O(1)$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) if and only if there are $u, v \in s$ such that $y = u + v$ and

$$\frac{u_n}{a_n} \rightarrow 0, \quad \frac{v_n - v_{n-1}}{x_n} = O(1) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty) \quad \text{and} \quad x_n \geq Kb_n \quad \text{for all } n ?$$

This statement is equivalent to the system

$$s_a^0 + s_x(\Delta) = s_b \quad \text{and} \quad s_x \supset s_b. \quad (5.1)$$

We then have the following.

Proposition 5.3. *Let \mathcal{S}_1 be the set of all $x \in U^+$ such that (5.1) holds. Then*

- i) if $b \notin \widehat{C}_1$ then $\mathcal{S}_1 = \emptyset$;
- ii) if $b \in \widehat{C}_1$ then

$$\mathcal{S}_1 = \begin{cases} cl(b) & \text{if } a/b \in \ell_\infty, \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. i) First show $\mathcal{S}_1 \neq \emptyset$ implies $b \in \widehat{C}_1$. Let $x \in \mathcal{S}_1$. Then by (5.1) we have $s_x(\Delta) \subset s_x$ and $x \in \widehat{C}_1$ by Lemma 5.1. Then

$$s_x = s_x(\Delta) \subset s_a^0 + s_x(\Delta) = s_b \subset s_x$$

and $s_b = s_x$. By Lemma 5.2 we conclude $b \in \widehat{C}_1$. So we have shown i).

- ii) Let $b \in \widehat{C}_1$. Then

$$s_x(\Delta) \subset s_a^0 + s_x(\Delta) = s_b \subset s_x$$

and as we have just seen this implies $x \in \widehat{C}_1$ and $s_x = s_b$. Then by Lemma 5.1 we have $x \in \mathcal{S}_1$ if and only if $s_a^0 + s_x = s_b$ and we conclude by Theorem 4.4 i) a). \square

Now consider the next question. What are the sequences $x \in U^+$ such that for every $y \in s$ we have $y_n/b_n \rightarrow L$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) if and only if there are $u, v \in s$ such that $y = u + v$, and

$$u_n/a_n = O(1), \quad (v_n - v_{n-1})/x_n \rightarrow L' \quad (n \rightarrow \infty) \quad \text{and} \quad x_n/b_n \rightarrow L'' \in]0, \infty],$$

for some scalars L, L' , and L'' ?

The answer to this question is given by the following proposition, which can be shown as in Proposition 5.3.

Proposition 5.4. *Let \mathcal{S} be the set of all $x \in U^+$ such that*

$$s_a + s_x^{(c)}(\Delta) = s_b^{(c)} \quad \text{and} \quad s_x^{(c)} \supset s_b^{(c)}.$$

We have

$$\mathcal{S} = \begin{cases} cl^{(c)}(b) & \text{if } a/b \in c_0 \quad \text{and} \quad b \in \widehat{\Gamma}, \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Example 5.5. Let $r_1, r_2 > 0$. The system $s_{r_1} + s_x^{(c)}(\Delta) = s_{r_2}^{(c)}$ and $r_2^n/x_n \rightarrow l$ for some scalar l , has solutions if and only if $r_1 < r_2$ and $r_2 > 1$, and they are given by $x_n \sim kr_2^n$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) for some $k > 0$.

5.3. On the (SSE) with operators $\chi_a (C(\lambda) D_\tau) + s_x^{(c)} (C(\mu) D_\tau) = s_b^{(c)}$ **where χ is either s^0 , or s .** Here let $\Phi(\chi, s^{(c)})$ be the set of all $x \in U^+$ such that

$$\chi_a (C(\lambda) D_\tau) + s_x^{(c)} (C(\mu) D_\tau) = s_b^{(c)} \text{ where } \chi \text{ is either } s^0, \text{ or } s. \quad (5.2)$$

For $\chi = s^0$ the solvability of (SSE) (5.2) consists in determining all the sequences $x \in U^+$ such that the condition $y_n/b_n \rightarrow l$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) holds if and only if there are $u, v \in s$ such that $y = u + v$ and

$$\frac{\tau_1 u_1 + \cdots + \tau_n u_n}{\lambda_n a_n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } \frac{\tau_1 v_1 + \cdots + \tau_n v_n}{\mu_n x_n} \rightarrow l' \text{ (} n \rightarrow \infty \text{) for all } y \in s,$$

and for some scalars l, l' .

To state the next theorem we need a lemma where we use the set

$$\mathcal{S}'(\chi) = \left\{ x \in U^+ : \chi_{a\lambda} + s_{\mu x}^{(c)} = s_{b\tau}^{(c)} \right\},$$

where χ is either s^0 or s . We have the following.

Lemma 5.6. *We have*

$$\Phi(\chi, s^{(c)}) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{S}'(\chi) & \text{if } b\tau \in \widehat{C}, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } b\tau \notin \widehat{C}_1. \end{cases}$$

where χ is either s^0 , or s .

Proof. Since $C^{-1}(\nu) = \Delta(\nu)$ for any nonzero sequence ν , we have (5.2) equivalent to

$$D_{1/\tau} \Delta(\lambda) \chi_a + D_{1/\tau} \Delta(\mu) s_x^{(c)} = D_{1/\tau} \Delta \chi_{a\lambda} + D_{1/\tau} \Delta s_{\mu x}^{(c)} = s_b^{(c)}$$

and to

$$\chi_{a\lambda} + s_{\mu x}^{(c)} = s_b^{(c)} (D_{1/\tau} \Delta) = s_{b\tau}^{(c)} (\Delta). \quad (5.3)$$

So if $b\tau \in \widehat{C}$, then we have $s_{b\tau}^{(c)} (\Delta) = s_{b\tau}^{(c)}$ and since (5.3) is equivalent to (5.2), we conclude $\Phi(\chi, s^{(c)}) = \mathcal{S}'(\chi)$.

It remains to show that $\Phi(\chi, s^{(c)}) \neq \emptyset$ implies $b\tau \in \widehat{C}_1$. For this let $\xi \in \Phi(\chi, s^{(c)})$, that is $\chi_{a\lambda} + s_{\mu\xi}^{(c)} = s_{b\tau}^{(c)} (\Delta)$. First we have $s_{a\lambda}^0 \subset \chi_{a\lambda} \subset s_{a\lambda}$ and $s_{\mu\xi}^{(c)} \subset s_{\mu\xi}$ which imply together

$$s_{a\lambda+\mu\xi}^0 = s_{a\lambda}^0 + s_{\mu\xi}^0 \subset \chi_{a\lambda} + s_{\mu\xi}^{(c)} \subset s_{a\lambda} + s_{\mu\xi} = s_{a\lambda+\mu\xi}.$$

Then

$$s_{a\lambda+\mu\xi}^0 \subset s_{b\tau}^{(c)} (\Delta) \subset s_{a\lambda+\mu\xi}. \quad (5.4)$$

The first inclusion gives $I \in (s_{a\lambda+\mu\xi}^0, s_{b\tau}^{(c)} (\Delta))$ and $D_{1/b\tau} \Delta D_{a\lambda+\mu\xi} \in (c_0, c)$. Since $(c_0, c) \subset (c_0, s_1) = S_1$ we deduce

$$\frac{a_n \lambda_n + \mu_n \xi_n}{b_n \tau_n} \leq K \text{ for all } n \text{ and for some } K > 0.$$

The second inclusion of (5.4) yields $\Delta^{-1} = \Sigma \in (s_{b\tau}^{(c)}, s_{a\lambda+\mu\xi})$, that is

$$D_{1/(a\lambda+\mu\xi)} \Sigma D_{b\tau} \in (c, \ell_\infty) = S_1$$

and

$$\frac{b_1\tau_1 + \cdots + b_n\tau_n}{a_n\lambda_n + \mu_n\xi_n} \leq K' \text{ for all } n \text{ and for some } K' > 0.$$

We deduce

$$\frac{b_1\tau_1 + \cdots + b_n\tau_n}{b_n\tau_n} = \frac{b_1\tau_1 + \cdots + b_n\tau_n}{a_n\lambda_n + \mu_n\xi_n} \frac{a_n\lambda_n + \mu_n\xi_n}{b_n\tau_n} \leq KK' \text{ for all } n.$$

We conclude $b\tau \in \widehat{C}_1$. This concludes the proof. \square

As a direct consequence of Lemma 5.6 and Theorem 4.4 we obtain the next result.

Theorem 5.7. *Let $a, b, \lambda, \mu, \tau \in U^+$. Then*

- i) a) if $b\tau \notin \widehat{C}_1$ then $\Phi(s^0, s^{(c)}) = \emptyset$;
- b) if $b\tau \in \widehat{C}$ then

$$\Phi(s^0, s^{(c)}) = \begin{cases} cl^{(c)}(b\tau/\mu) & \text{if } a\lambda/b\tau \in c_0, \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- ii) a) if $b\tau \notin \widehat{C}_1$ then $\Phi(s, s^{(c)}) = \emptyset$;
- b) if $b\tau \in \widehat{C}$ then

$$\Phi(s, s^{(c)}) = \begin{cases} cl^{(c)}(b\tau/\mu) & \text{if } a\lambda/b\tau \in \ell_\infty, \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We are led to state the next corollary where the (SSE) is totally solved.

Corollary 5.8. *Let $a, \lambda, \mu \in U^+$ and $R > 0$. Let $\Phi_R(\chi, s^{(c)})$ be the set of the solutions of the equation*

$$\chi_a(C(\lambda)) + s_x^{(c)}(C(\mu)) = s_R^{(c)},$$

where χ is either s^0 , or s . We have

- i) a) if $R \leq 1$ then $\Phi_R(s^0, s^{(c)}) = \emptyset$;
- b) if $R > 1$, then

$$\Phi_R(s^0, s^{(c)}) = \begin{cases} cl^{(c)}((R^n/\mu_n)_n) & \text{if } a_n\lambda_n/R^n \rightarrow 0 \text{ (} n \rightarrow \infty \text{)}, \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- ii) a) if $R \leq 1$ then $\Phi_R(s, s^{(c)}) = \emptyset$;
- b) if $R > 1$, then

$$\Phi_R(s, s^{(c)}) = \begin{cases} cl^{(c)}((R^n/\mu_n)_n) & \text{if } (a_n\lambda_n/R^n)_{n \geq 1} \in s_1, \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. The proof is a direct consequence of Theorem 5.7. Indeed, if $R \leq 1$, then $(R^n)_{n \geq 1} \notin \widehat{C}_1$. Since $\widehat{C} = \widehat{\Gamma}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (R^{n-1}/R^n) = 1/R < 1$ we deduce that if $R > 1$, then $(R^n)_{n \geq 1} \in \widehat{C}$. \square

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