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# Almost lacunary strong (**D**, $\mu$ )- convergence of order $\alpha$

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#### Abstract

In this paper we present a new almost strong sequence space of order  $\alpha$  generated by real matrix *D* and also we examine some properties of this sequence space.

## 1 Introduction and Background

Let *s* denote the set of all real and complex sequences  $\xi = (\xi_k)$ . By  $l_{\infty}$  and *c*, we denote the Banach spaces of bounded and convergent sequences  $\xi = (\xi_k)$  normed by  $||\xi|| = \sup_n |\xi_n|$ , respectively. We now quote the definition of Banach limits.

A Banach limit is a functional (see, Banach [1])  $L: l_{\infty} \to R$  which satisfies the following properties:

- 1.  $L(\xi) \ge 0$  if  $n \ge 0$  (i.e.  $\xi_n \ge 0$  for all n),
- 2. L(e) = 1 where e = (1, 1, ...),
- 3.  $L(S\xi) = L(\xi)$ ,

where *S* denotes the shift operator on  $l_{\infty}$ , that is,  $S : l_{\infty} \to l_{\infty}$  defined by  $S(\xi_n) = \{\xi_{n+1}\}$ . Let *B* be the set of all Banach limits on  $l_{\infty}$ . A sequence  $\xi \in \ell_{\infty}$  is said to be almost convergent if all Banach limits of  $\xi$  coincide. Let  $\hat{c}$  denote the space of almost convergent sequences. Lorentz [5] has shown that

$$\hat{c} = \left\{ \xi \in l_{\infty} : \lim_{m} t_{m,n}(\xi) \text{ exists uniformly in } n \right\}$$

where

$$t_{m,n}(\xi) = \frac{\xi_n + \xi_{n+1} + \xi_{n+2} + \dots + \xi_{n+m}}{m+1}$$

By a lacunary  $\theta = (k_r)$ ; r = 0, 1, 2, ... where  $k_0 = 0$ , we shall mean an increasing sequence of non-negative integers with  $k_r - k_{r-1} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . The intervals determined by  $\theta$  will be denoted by  $I_r = (k_{r-1}, k_r]$  and  $h_r = k_r - k_{r-1}$ . Freedman at al [4] defined the space of lacunary strongly convergent sequences  $N_{\theta}$  as follows:

$$N_{\theta} = \left\{ \xi = (\xi_k) : \lim_{r} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{k \in I_r} |\xi_k - L| = 0, \text{ for some } L \right\}.$$

There is a strong connection between  $N_{\theta}$  and the space *w* of strongly Cesàro summable sequences which is defined by, (see, Maddox [8])

$$w = \left\{ \xi = (\xi_k) : \lim_{n} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n} |\xi_k - L| = 0, \text{ for some } L \right\}.$$

In the special case where  $\theta = (2^r)$ , we have  $N_{\theta} = w$ .

The space  $AC_{\theta}$  of lacunary almost convergent sequences and the space  $|AC_{\theta}|$  of lacunary strongly almost convergent sequences were introduced by Das and Mishra[3] as follows:

$$AC_{\theta} = \left\{ \xi = (\xi_k) : \lim_{r} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{k \in I_r} (\xi_{k+i} - L) = 0, \text{ for some } L \text{ uniformly in } i \right\}.$$

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and

$$|AC_{\theta}| = \left\{ \xi = (\xi_k) : \lim_{r} \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{k \in I_r} |\xi_{k+i} - L| = 0, \text{ for some } L \text{ uniformly in } i \right\}.$$

Note that in the special case where  $\theta = 2^r$ , we have  $AC_{\theta} = \hat{c}$  and  $|AC_{\theta}| = [\hat{c}]$ . which is defined by Maddox [6].

A modulus function  $\psi$  is a function from  $[0, \infty)$  to  $[0, \infty)$  such that

- (i)  $\psi(\xi) = 0$  if and only if  $\xi = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $\psi(\xi + \rho) \le \psi(\xi) + \psi(\rho)$  for all  $\xi, \rho \ge 0$ ,
- (iii)  $\psi$  increasing,
- (iv)  $\psi$  is continuous from the right at zero.

Since  $|\psi(\xi) - \psi(\rho)| \le \psi(|\xi - \rho|)$ , it follows from condition (*iv*) that  $\psi$  is continuous on  $[0, \infty)$ . Ruckle [10] used the idea of a modulus function  $\psi$  to construct a class of FK spaces

$$L(\psi) = \left\{ \xi = (\xi_k) : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \psi(|\xi_k|) < \infty \right\}$$

The space  $L(\psi)$  is closely related to the space  $l_1$  which is an  $L(\psi)$  space with  $\psi(\xi) = \xi$  for all real  $\xi \ge 0$ .

Maddox [7] generalized the well-known spaces  $w_0$ , w and  $w_\infty$  of strongly summable by introducing some properties of the sequence spaces  $w_0(\psi)$ ,  $w(\psi)$  and  $w_\infty(\psi)$  using a modulus  $\psi$ .

In 1999, E. Savas [11] defined the class of sequences which are strongly almost Cesàro summable with respect to modulus as follows:

$$[\hat{c}(\psi,p)] = \left\{ \xi : \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \psi(|\xi_{k+i} - L|)^{p_k} = 0, \text{ for some L, uniformly in } i \right\}$$

and

$$[\hat{c}(\psi,p)]_0 = \left\{ \xi : lim_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \psi(|\xi_{k+i}|)^{p_k} = 0, \text{ uniformly in } i \right\}.$$

where  $p = (p_k)$  is a sequence of strictly positive real numbers and  $\psi$  be a modulus.

By a  $\mu$ -function we understood a continuous non-decreasing function  $\mu(u)$  defined for  $u \ge 0$  and such that  $\mu(0) = 0, \mu(u) > 0$ , for u > 0 and  $\mu(u) \to \infty$  as  $u \to \infty$ , (see, [12], [13]).

On the other hand in [2] a different direction was given to the study of lacunary statistical convergence of order  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha \le 1$  where the notion of lacunary statistical convergence was introduced by replacing  $h_r$  by  $h_r^{\alpha}$  in the denominator in the definition of lacunary statistical convergence.

In the present paper, we introduce and study some properties of the following sequence space of order  $\alpha$  that is defined using the  $\mu$ - function and modulus.

### 2 Main Results

Let  $\mu$  and  $\psi$  be given  $\mu$ -function and modulus function, respectively and  $p = (p_k)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers. Moreover, let  $D = (d_{nk})(n, k = 1, 2, ...)$  be a real matrix, a lacunary sequence  $\theta = (k_r)$  and  $0 < \alpha \le 1$  be given. Then we define the following sequence space,

$$\hat{N}^{\alpha}_{\theta}(D,\mu,\psi,p)_{0} = \left\{ \xi = (\xi_{k}) : \lim_{r} \frac{1}{h_{r}^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_{r}} \psi \left( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \right)^{p_{k}} = 0, \text{ uniformly in } i \right\},$$

where  $h_r^a$  denote the  $\alpha$ th power  $(h_r)^a$  of  $h_r$ , that is  $h^a = (h_r^a) = (h_1^a, h_2^a, h_3^a, ...)$ .

If  $\xi \in \hat{N}^{\alpha}_{\theta}(D, \mu, \psi)_0$ , the sequence  $\xi$  is said to be lacunary strong  $(D, \mu)$ - almost convergent of order  $\alpha$  to zero with respect to a modulus  $\psi$ . When  $\mu(\xi) = \xi$  for all  $\xi$ , we obtain

$$\hat{N}^{\alpha}_{\theta}(D,\psi,p)_{0} = \left\{ \xi = (\xi_{k}) : \lim_{r} \frac{1}{h_{r}} \sum_{n \in I_{r}} \psi(\left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk}(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right|)^{p_{k}} = 0, \text{ uniformly in } i \right\}.$$

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$$\hat{N}_{\theta}^{a}(D,\mu,p)_{0} = \left\{ \xi = (\xi_{k}) : \lim_{r} \frac{1}{h_{r}} \sum_{n \in I_{r}} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right|^{p_{k}} = 0, \text{ uniformly in } i \right\}.$$

If we take  $p_k = p$ , for all k, we have

$$\hat{N}^{\alpha}_{\theta}(D,\mu,\psi)_{0} = \left\{ \xi = (\xi_{k}) : \lim_{r} \frac{1}{h^{\alpha}_{r}} \sum_{n \in I_{r}} f\left( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \right)^{p} = 0, \text{ uniformly in } i \right\}$$

If we take D = I and  $\mu(\xi) = \xi$  respectively, then we have

$$(\hat{N}_{\theta}^{a})_{0} = \left\{ \xi = (\xi_{k}) : \lim_{r} \frac{1}{h_{r}^{a}} \sum_{k \in I_{r}} \psi(|\xi_{k+i}|)^{p_{k}} = 0, \text{ uniformly in } i \right\}.$$

If we define the matrix  $D = (d_{nk})$  as follows:

$$d_{nk} := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, & \text{if } n \ge k, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

then we have,

$$\hat{N}^{\alpha}_{\theta}(C,\mu,\psi)_{0} = \left\{ \xi = (\xi_{k}) : \lim_{r} \frac{1}{h^{\alpha}_{r}} \sum_{n \in I_{r}} \psi \left( \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \right)^{p_{k}} = 0, \text{ uniformly in } i \right\}$$

In the next theorem we establish inclusion relations between  $\hat{w}^{\alpha}(D,\mu,\psi,p)$  and  $\hat{N}^{\alpha}_{\mu}(D,\mu,\psi,p)_0$ . We now have

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\psi$  be a any modulus function and let  $\mu$ -function  $\mu$ ,  $p = (p_k)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers, a real matrix D and the sequence  $\theta$  be given. If

$$\hat{w}^{a}(D,\mu,\psi,p)_{0} = \left\{ \xi = (\xi_{k}) : \lim_{m} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=1}^{m} \psi \left( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \right)^{p_{k}} = 0, \text{ uniformly in } i \right\}.$$

then the following relations are true :

(a) If  $\liminf_r q_r > 1$  then we have  $\hat{w}^{\alpha}(D, \mu, \psi, p)_0 \subseteq \hat{N}^{\alpha}_{\theta}(D, \mu, \psi, p)_0$ ,

(b) If  $\sup_r q_r < \infty$ , then we have  $\hat{N}^{\alpha}_{\theta}(D,\mu,\psi,p)_0 \subseteq \hat{w}^{\alpha}(D,\mu,\psi,p)_0$ ,

(c)  $1 < \liminf_r q_r \le \limsup_r q_r < \infty$ , then we have  $\hat{N}^a_{\theta}(D, \mu, \psi, p)_0 = \hat{w}^a(D, \mu, \psi, p)_0$ .

*Proof.* (a) Let us suppose that  $\xi \in \hat{w}^a(D, \mu, \psi, p)$ . There exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $q_r > 1 + \delta$  for all  $r \ge 1$  and we have  $h_r/k_r \ge \delta/(1+\delta)$  for sufficiently large r. Then, for all i,

$$\frac{1}{k_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n=1}^{k_r} \psi \Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^{p_n} \\ \geq \frac{1}{k_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^{p_n} \\ = \frac{h_r^{\alpha}}{k_r^{\alpha}} \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi \Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^{p_n} \\ \geq \frac{\delta^{\alpha}}{(1+\delta)^{\alpha}} \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi \Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^{p_n} \Big)^{p_n}$$

Hence,  $\xi \in \hat{N}^{a}_{\theta}(D, \mu, \psi, p)_{0}$ . (b) If  $\limsup_{r} q_{r} < \infty$  then there exist M > 0 such that  $q_{r} < M$  for all  $r \ge 1$ . Let  $\xi \in \hat{N}^{a}_{\theta}(D, \mu, \psi, p)_{0}$  and  $\varepsilon$  is an arbitrary positive number, then there exists an index  $j_{0}$  such that for every  $j \ge j_{0}$  and all i,

$$R_j = \frac{1}{h_j^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi \Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^{p_n} < \varepsilon.$$

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Thus, we can also find K > 0 such that  $R_j \le K$  for all j = 1, 2, ... Now let *m* be any integer with  $k_{r-1} \le m \le k_r$ , then we obtain, for all *i* 

$$I = \frac{1}{m^{\alpha}} \sum_{n=1}^{m} \psi \left( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k}|) \right| \right)^{p_{n}} \le \frac{1}{k_{r-1}^{\alpha}} \sum_{n=1}^{k_{r}} \psi \left( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \right)^{p_{n}} = I_{1} + I_{2}$$
$$I_{1} = \frac{1}{k_{r-1}^{\alpha}} \sum_{j=1}^{j_{0}} \sum_{n \in I_{j}} \psi \left( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \right)^{p_{n}}$$

$$I_{2} = \frac{1}{k_{r-1}^{\alpha}} \sum_{j=j_{0+1}}^{m} \sum_{n \in I_{j}} \psi\Big(\left|\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|)\right|\Big)^{p_{n}}$$

It is easy to see that,

where

$$\begin{split} I_{1} &= \frac{1}{k_{r-1}^{\alpha}} \sum_{j=1}^{j_{0}} \sum_{n \in I_{j}} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^{p_{n}} \\ &= \frac{1}{k_{r-1}^{\alpha}} \Big( \sum_{n \in I_{1}} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^{p_{n}} + \ldots + \sum_{n \in I_{j_{0}}} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^{p_{n}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k_{r-1}^{\alpha}} (h_{1}R_{1} + \ldots + h_{j_{0}}R_{j_{0}}), \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k_{r-1}^{\alpha}} j_{0}k_{j_{0}}^{\alpha} sup_{1 \leq i \leq j_{0}}R_{i}, \\ &\leq \frac{j_{0}k_{j_{0}}^{\alpha}}{k_{r-1}^{\alpha}} K. \end{split}$$

Moreover, we have for all i

$$\begin{split} I_{2} &= \frac{1}{k_{r-1}^{\alpha}} \sum_{j=j_{0}+1}^{m} \sum_{n \in I_{j}} \psi \Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^{p_{n}} \\ &= \frac{1}{k_{r-1}^{\alpha}} \sum_{j=j_{0}+1}^{m} \Big( \frac{1}{h_{j}} \sum_{n \in I_{j}} \psi \Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^{p_{n}} h_{j} \\ &\leq \varepsilon \frac{1}{k_{r-1}^{\alpha}} \sum_{j=j_{0}+1}^{m} h_{j}, \\ &\leq \varepsilon \frac{k_{r}^{\alpha}}{k_{r-1}^{\alpha}}, \\ &= \varepsilon q_{r}^{\alpha} < \varepsilon . M. \end{split}$$

Thus  $I \leq \frac{j_o k_{j_o}^a}{k_{r-1}^a} K + \varepsilon . M$ . Finally,  $\xi \in \hat{w}^a(D, \mu, \psi, p)$ . The proof of (*c*) follows from (*a*) and (*b*). This completes the proof.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $0 < \alpha \le \beta \le 1$  and p be a positive real number, then  $\hat{N}^{\alpha}_{\theta}(D, \mu, \psi)_0 \subseteq \hat{N}^{\beta}_{\theta}(D, \mu, \psi)_0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\xi = (\xi_k) \in \hat{N}^{\alpha}_{\theta}(D, \mu, \psi)_0$ . Then given  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $< \alpha \le \beta \le 1$  and a positive real number p, we write

$$\frac{1}{h_r^{\beta}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{n \in I_r} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \psi\Big( \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_{nk} \mu(|\xi_{k+i}|) \right| \Big)^p \le \frac{1}{h_r^{\alpha}} \sum_{k=$$

and we get that  $\hat{N}^{\alpha}_{\theta}(D,\mu,\psi)_0 \subseteq \hat{N}^{\beta}_{\theta}(D,\mu,\psi)_0$ .

The proof of the following result is a consequence of Theorem 2.2.

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $0 < \alpha \le \beta \le 1$  and p be a positive real number. Then

i) If 
$$\alpha = \beta$$
, then  $\hat{N}^{\alpha}_{\theta}(D, \mu, \psi)_0 = \hat{N}^{\beta}_{\theta}(D, \mu, \psi)_0$ .

ii)  $\hat{N}^{\alpha}_{\theta}(D,\mu,\psi)_0 \subseteq \hat{N}_{\theta}(D,\mu,\psi)_0$  for each  $\alpha \in (0,1]$  and 0 .

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