

## A classical approach in the study of the convergence of the Cauchy product of two series using Toeplitz's theorem

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**Abstract.** In this article, we will prove Toeplitz's theorem and some fundamental mathematical results that involve it.

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

**Theorem 1.1** (TOEPLITZ).<sup>2</sup> Let  $\{a_{n,k} : n \in \mathbb{N}^*, 1 \leq k \leq n\}$  be a double sequence of real numbers with the following properties:

(i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n,k} = 0$ , for all positive integers  $k$ ;

(ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} = 1$ ;

(iii) there exists  $c > 0$  such that  $\sum_{k=1}^n |a_{n,k}| < c$ , for all positive integers  $n$ .

Then, for any sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  of real numbers which is convergent, the sequence  $(y_n)_{n \geq 1}$ , defined by  $y_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} x_k$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , is also convergent and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$

*Proof.* Firstly, we consider that the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is constant, i.e there exists  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x_n = \alpha$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Then:

$$y_n = \alpha \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . In virtue of (ii), we get  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \alpha = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ .

Now, we consider  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ . Take an arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then, since the previous assumption, it results that there exists  $n_\varepsilon^1 \in \mathbb{N}^*$  such that for all integers  $n \geq n_\varepsilon^1$  we have  $|x_n| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2c}$ . Furthermore, from (iii) we have

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<sup>2</sup>The proof of this result can be found in [1, pp. 155-156], [5, pp. 12-13], [2, pp. 502-504], or [4, pp. 37-39]. Furthermore, in the proof presented in this article I used informations from <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/2514778/toeplitz-theorem>

$$\sum_{k=n_\varepsilon^1}^n |a_{n,k}| \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |a_{n,k}| < c \quad (1)$$

Since  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is convergent we have that  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is bounded, so there exists  $M > 0$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $|x_n| < M$ . Using the hypothesis (i), we conclude that for all  $k \in \overline{1, n_\varepsilon^1 - 1}$ , we get  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n,k} = 0$ . Consequently, there exists  $n_{\varepsilon,k} \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , with  $k \in \overline{1, n_\varepsilon^1 - 1}$  such that

$$|a_{n,k}| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2M(n_\varepsilon^1 - 1)}, \quad (2)$$

for all integers  $n \geq n_{\varepsilon,k}$ . Summing up the previous inequalities, we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon^1 - 1} |a_{n,k}| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2M} \quad (3)$$

for all integers  $n \geq n_\varepsilon^2 := \max \{n_{\varepsilon,k} : k \in \overline{1, n_\varepsilon^1 - 1}\}$

So, using the previous relations, we have

$$|y_n| \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |a_{n,k}| |x_k| = \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon^1 - 1} |a_{n,k}| |x_k| + \sum_{k=n_\varepsilon^1}^n |a_{n,k}| |x_k| \leq M \frac{\varepsilon}{2M} + c \frac{\varepsilon}{2c} = \varepsilon$$

for all integers  $n \geq n_\varepsilon := \max \{n_\varepsilon^1, n_\varepsilon^2\}$ . Hence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = 0$ .

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a \in \mathbb{R}$ , then the sequence  $(x_n - a)_{n \geq 1}$  converges to 0 and from previous

considerations we obtain that the sequence  $(z_n)_{n \geq 1}$ , defined by  $z_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} (x_n - a)$ , for

each positive integers  $n$ , also converges to 0. Hence,  $y_n = z_n + a \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k}$ , for each positive integers  $n$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = 0 + a \cdot 1 = a$ .  $\square$

**Remark 1.1.** If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ , then the condition (ii) can be discarded.

**Remark 1.2.** If we consider  $a_{n,k} > 0$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and for all  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , then for any sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \infty$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \infty$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  with  $x_n \rightarrow \infty$ . Without loss of generality, we can suppose that all terms of the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  are strictly positive. Taking an arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ , since

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} = 1$  it follows that there exists  $n_\varepsilon^1 \in \mathbb{N}^*$  such that for all integers  $n \geq n_\varepsilon^1$  we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} < \frac{1}{3}$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \infty$  it follows that the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is unbounded. So, there exists  $n_\varepsilon^2 \in \mathbb{N}^*$  such that for all integers  $n \geq n_\varepsilon^2$  we have  $x_n > 3\varepsilon$ .

Denote  $n_\varepsilon^3 := \max \{n_\varepsilon^1, n_\varepsilon^2\}$ . From hypothesis (i) we can deduce

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{n^3} a_{n,k} x_k = 0$$

Therefore, there exists  $n_\varepsilon > n_\varepsilon^3$  thereby

$$\left| \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon^3} a_{n,k} x_k \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

for all integers  $n \geq n_\varepsilon$ . Finally, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} x_k &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon^3} a_{n,k} x_k + \sum_{k=n_\varepsilon^3+1}^n a_{n,k} x_k > -\frac{\varepsilon}{2} + 3\varepsilon \sum_{k=n_\varepsilon^3+1}^n a_{n,k} = \\ &= -\frac{\varepsilon}{2} + 3\varepsilon \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} - \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon^3} a_{n,k} \right) > -\frac{\varepsilon}{2} + 3\varepsilon \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} - \frac{1}{3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all integers  $n \geq n_\varepsilon$ . Using the condition (ii), we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{\varepsilon}{2} + 3\varepsilon \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} - \frac{1}{3} \right) \right] = \frac{3\varepsilon}{2}$$

Consequently, there exists  $k_\varepsilon > n_\varepsilon$  such that

$$\left| -\frac{\varepsilon}{2} + 3\varepsilon \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} - \frac{1}{3} \right) - \frac{3\varepsilon}{2} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

for all integers  $n \geq k_\varepsilon$ , which implies

$$-\frac{\varepsilon}{2} + 3\varepsilon \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} - \frac{1}{3} \right) > \varepsilon$$

for all  $n \geq k_\varepsilon$ . Hence, we get

$$y_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} x_k > \varepsilon$$

for all integers  $n \geq k_\varepsilon$ , from where we deduce  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \infty$ . □

**Remark 1.3.** If we replace the condition (ii) with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} = l \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n =$

$$l \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

## 2 MAIN THEORETICAL RESULTS

**Corollary 2.1** (CESÀRO MEAN CONVERGENCE THEOREM).<sup>3</sup> Let  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of real numbers and  $(\bar{x}_n)_{n \geq 1}$  defined by  $\bar{x}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . If the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is convergent and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $(\bar{x}_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is also convergent and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{x}_n = x$ .

*Proof.* Let us consider the double sequence  $(a_{n,k})_{n,k \geq 1}$  defined by  $a_{n,k} = \frac{1}{n}$ , for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , and  $a_{n,k} = 0$  otherwise, for all positive integers  $n$ . Obviously, for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , we get  $(a_{n,k})_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow 0$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} = 1$ , for all positive integers  $n$ . The conclusion now follows from TOEPLITZ's theorem.  $\square$

**Remark 2.1.** The previous result remains valid even if the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  has an infinite limit.

**Corollary 2.2.**<sup>4</sup> Let  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of positive numbers and  $(\bar{x}_n)_{n \geq 1}$  defined by

$$\bar{x}_n = \frac{n}{\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n}}$$

for all positive integers  $n$ . If  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  has limit, then  $(\bar{x}_n)_{n \geq 1}$  also has limit and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{x}_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ . Let us consider the lower triangular double sequence  $(a_{n,k})_{n,k \geq 1}$  defined by

$$a_{n,k} = \frac{\frac{1}{x_k}}{\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n}}$$

for  $1 \leq k \leq n$  and  $a_{n,k} = 0$ , otherwise, for all positive integers  $n$ . Since  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is convergent we have that  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is bounded, so there exists  $M > 0$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $0 < x_n < M$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n} > \frac{n}{M}$$

for all positive integers  $n$ , which implies  $0 < a_{n,k} < \frac{M}{nx_k}$ , for all positive integers  $n$  and  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M}{nx_k} = 0$  it follows that for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$  we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n,k} = 0$ .

Furthermore, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\frac{1}{x_k}}{\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n}} = 1$$

<sup>3</sup>See [2, pp. 194-195, pp. 198] or [4, pp. 39]

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and for  $c = 2 > 0$  we have  $\sum_{k=1}^n |a_{n,k}| < c$ , for all positive integers  $n$ . Applying Toeplitz's theorem, we get:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{x}_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} x_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

Next, we consider  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \infty$ , which there is equivalent to  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x_n} = 0$ . Then, in virtue of Corollary 2.1, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n}}{n} = 0$$

or equivalent

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n}} = \infty$$

□

**Remark 2.2.** We know the means inequality

$$\frac{n}{\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n}} \leq \sqrt[n]{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n} \leq \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n}$$

for all  $x_n > 0, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Using Corollary 2.1 and Corollary 2.2, we obtain that if  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  has limit, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

**Corollary 2.3.**<sup>5</sup> Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 0}$  and  $(b_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be two sequences of real numbers with the following properties:

$$(i) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$$

$$(ii) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \exists c > 0 \text{ such that } \sum_{k=1}^n |a_k| < c.$$

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_1 b_n + a_2 b_{n-1} + \dots + a_n b_1) = 0$$

*Proof.* Let be the double sequence  $(a_{n,k})_{n,k \geq 1}$  defined by

$$a_{n,k} = a_{n-k+1}$$

for  $1 \leq k \leq n$  and  $a_{n,k} = 0$  otherwise, for all positive integers  $n$ . Then:

$$a_1 b_n + a_2 b_{n-1} + \dots + a_n b_1 = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} b_k$$

The sequence  $(a_{n,k})$  satisfies the first and third conditions of the TOEPLITZ's theorem and, according to Remark 1.1, the second condition can be discarded because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ .

The conclusion now follows from TOEPLITZ's theorem.

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<sup>5</sup>See [2, pp. 505] or [4, pp. 40]

**Corollary 2.4.**<sup>6</sup> Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}, (b_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be sequences convergent to  $a$ , respectively  $b$  ( $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_1 b_n + a_2 b_{n-1} + \dots + a_n b_1}{n} = ab$$

*Proof.* Let be the sequence  $(c_n)_{n \geq 1}$  defined by:

$$c_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_{n-k+1}$$

for all positive integers  $n$ . Firstly, we consider  $b = 0$ . Let be double sequence  $(a_{n,k})_{n,k \geq 1}$  defined by

$$a_{n,k} = \frac{1 + b_{n-k+1}}{n}$$

for  $1 \leq k \leq n$  and  $a_{n,k} = 0$  otherwise, for all positive integers  $n$ . Since  $(b_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is convergent we have that  $(b_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is bounded. Consequently, for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n,k} = 0$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  :

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1 + b_{n-k+1}}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n b_k \quad (4)$$

Therefore, in virtue of Corollary 2.1 , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n b_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0 \quad (5)$$

which implies

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} = 1 \quad (6)$$

Furthermore, there exists a constant  $K > 0$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  we have  $|1 + b_n| < K$ . Then, for all  $n \geq 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |a_{n,k}| = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{|1 + b_{n-k+1}|}{n} < \frac{nK}{n} = K \quad (7)$$

Hence, applying TOEPLITZ's theorem, we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (1 + b_{n-k+1}) a_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} a_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a \quad (8)$$

and using  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k = a$ , we obtain

$$c_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (1 + b_{n-k+1}) a_k - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad (9)$$

Now, considering the general case, we write  $c_n$  as

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<sup>6</sup>See [4, pp. 40-41] or [5, pp. 14]

$$c_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n-k+1} (b_k - b) + b \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k, \forall n \geq 1$$

Therefore, in virtue of previous relations, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n-k+1} (b_k - b) = 0 \quad (10)$$

Furthermore, using  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k = a$ , we obtain:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = 0 + ab = ab$$

and this result is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.1.**<sup>7</sup> Let  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  and  $(y_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be two sequences of real numbers and  $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Then, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , we get:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n x_k y_k = s_n y_{n+1} - \sum_{k=1}^n s_k (y_{k+1} - y_k)$$

*Proof.* Let  $s_0 = 0$ . For each integers  $k \geq 1$  we have  $s_k - s_{k-1} = x_k$ . Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k y_k &= \sum_{k=1}^n (s_k - s_{k-1}) y_k = \\ &= y_1 (s_1 - s_0) + y_2 (s_2 - s_1) + \dots + y_n (s_n - s_{n-1}) = \\ &= s_1 (y_1 - y_2) + \dots + s_{n-1} (y_{n-1} - y_n) + s_n (y_n - y_{n+1}) + s_n y_{n+1} = \\ &= s_n y_{n+1} - \sum_{k=1}^n s_k (y_{k+1} - y_k) \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Corollary 2.5** (KRONECKER).<sup>8</sup> Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  and  $(b_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be two sequences of real numbers such that  $(b_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is an increasing sequence of nonnegative real numbers with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \infty$ .

If the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{b_n} \sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k = 0$$

*Proof.* Using Lemma 2.1, we get

$$\frac{1}{b_n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k = s_n - \frac{1}{b_n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (b_{k+1} - b_k) s_k \quad (11)$$

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<sup>7</sup>See [6, pp. 98]

<sup>8</sup>See [3]

where  $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ , for  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , denotes the sequence of partial sums.

Let us consider the double sequence  $(a_{n,k})_{n,k \geq 1}$  defined by

$$a_{n,k} = \frac{b_{k+1} - b_k}{b_n}$$

for  $1 \leq k \leq n$  and  $a_{n,k} = 0$  otherwise, for all positive integers  $n$ . For all integers  $n \geq 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_{n,k} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{b_{k+1} - b_k}{b_n} = \frac{b_n - b_1}{b_n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 \quad (12)$$

and for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n,k} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_{k+1} - b_k}{b_n} = 0, \quad (13)$$

because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \infty$ . Furthermore, we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |a_{n,k}| = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{b_{k+1} - b_k}{b_n} = \frac{b_n - b_1}{b_n} < 1 \quad (14)$$

Hence, applying TOEPLITZ's theorem, we get:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{b_n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (b_{k+1} - b_k) s_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_{n,k} s_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \quad (15)$$

and using (11), we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{b_n} \sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k = 0$$

□

A result equivalent to the previous one is the following

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  and  $(b_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be two sequences of real numbers such that  $(b_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is an increasing sequence of non-negative real numbers with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \infty$ . If the series*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} \text{ converges, then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{b_n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k = 0.$$

In the following, we will state and demonstrate some results regarding the study of the convergence of the product of numerical series. Firstly, we start with the definition of a fundamental mathematical concept, namely the CAUCHY product of two series. For more details in the study of infinite series, see [3] or [6].

**Definition 2.1** (CAUCHY product of two infinite series). *Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$  be two infinite series. The CAUCHY product of these series is defined by  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z_n$ , where the sequence*

$$(z_n)_{n \geq 0} \text{ is defined by } z_n = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k y_{n-k+1}, \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$



Next, we will state and prove two fundamental results that provide sufficient conditions for the convergence of the CAUCHY product.

**Theorem 2.1** (MERTENS).<sup>9</sup> Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  be two convergent series. Suppose that at least one of the series is absolutely convergent. Then the product in CAUCHY's form,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z_n$ , is convergent and:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z_n = \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n \right) \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n \right)$$

*Proof.* Let  $A$ , respectively  $B$  be the sums of series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ , respectively  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$ . Let us

assume that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$  is absolutely convergent. Then, there exists  $K > 0$  such that:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |y_k| < K, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (16)$$

Also let:

$$A_n = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k, B_n = \sum_{k=1}^n y_k, \text{ and } C_n = \sum_{k=1}^n z_k \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*,$$

be the sequences of partial sums of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$ , respectively  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z_n$ . Ordering the terms of  $(C_n)_{n \geq 1}$  by the  $(y_n)_{n \geq 1}$  terms, we obtain that:

$$C_n = y_1 A_n + y_2 A_{n-1} + \dots + y_n A_1 \quad (17)$$

for all positive integers  $n$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = A$  it follows that there exists a sequence  $(\alpha_n)_{n \geq 1}$  convergent to 0 such that  $A_n + \alpha_n = A, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Consequently, we can rewrite  $C_n$  as:

$$C_n = AB_n - (y_1 \alpha_n + y_2 \alpha_{n-1} + \dots + y_n \alpha_1) \quad (18)$$

for all positive integers  $n$ . From  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$  and condition (16), we can use Corollary 2.3 and get that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (y_1 \alpha_n + y_2 \alpha_{n-1} + \dots + y_n \alpha_1) = 0,$$

which implies  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_n = AB$  and this concludes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2** (ABEL).<sup>10</sup> Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  be two convergent series. Suppose that the product in CAUCHY's form,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z_n$ , is convergent. Then:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z_n = \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n \right) \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n \right).$$

<sup>9</sup>See [3] or [4, pp. 46-47] and for a different approach see [6, pp. 114-116]

<sup>10</sup>See [3] or [4, pp. 47-48]

*Proof.* Let  $A, B$ , respectively  $C$  the sums of series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$ , respectively  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z_n$ . Also let:

$$A_n = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k, B_n = \sum_{k=1}^n y_k, \text{ and } C_n = \sum_{k=1}^n z_k \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

be the sequences of partial sums of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$ , respectively  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z_n$ .

Firstly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n &= \\ &= x_1y_1 + (x_1y_1 + x_1y_2 + x_2y_1) + \dots + \sum_{k=1}^n (x_1y_k + x_2y_{k-1} + \dots + x_ky_1) = \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^i x_jy_{i-j+1} = A_1B_n + A_2B_{n-1} + \dots + A_nB_1 \end{aligned}$$

From Corollary 2.3 we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n C_k = C$  and from Corollary 2.6 we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A_1B_n + A_2B_{n-1} + \dots + A_nB_1}{n} = AB$$

But we also have that

$$C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n = A_1B_n + A_2B_{n-1} + \dots + A_nB_1$$

so  $C = AB$  and this concludes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

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