

The separable case of 5.9 reduces via a result of [DT] to the verification that G is an absolute neighborhood retract; it is, however, unclear whether such a G must be even locally connected in dimension 1.

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Almost everywhere convergence of Laguerre series

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Abstract. Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^+)$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. Denote by c_j the inner product of f and the Laguerre function \mathcal{L}_j^a . We prove that if $\{c_j\}$ satisfies

$$\lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n < j \leq \lambda n} |\Delta^k c_j| j^{k/2-1/4} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad |c_j| j^{k/2-1/4} = o(1) \quad \text{as } j \rightarrow \infty$$

for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$, then the Laguerre series $\sum c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a$ converges to f almost everywhere.

1. Introduction. Let $L_n^a(t)$ denote the n th Laguerre polynomial of order a on \mathbb{R} ,

$$L_n^a(t) = \frac{1}{n!} t^{-a} e^t \frac{d^n}{dt^n} (t^{n+a} e^{-t}), \quad a > -1, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

or, equivalently,

$$L_n^a(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \binom{n+a}{n-k} t^k, \quad a > -1, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

The Laguerre polynomials form a complete orthogonal system in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^+, t^a e^{-t} dt)$ and satisfy the summation formula [13, p. 102]

$$(1) \quad \sum_{k=0}^n L_k^a(t) = L_n^{a+1}(t).$$

It is well known (cf. [9, p. 348]) that

$$|L_n^a(t)| = O(e^{t/2} t^{-a/2-1/4} n^{a/2-1/4}).$$

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Let

$$\mathcal{L}_n^a(t) = \sqrt{\frac{n!}{(n+a)!}} e^{-t/2} t^{a/2} L_n^a(t)$$

be the corresponding Laguerre functions. Then $\{\mathcal{L}_n^a(t)\}_{n=0}^\infty$ is an orthonormal basis in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^+, dt)$; moreover, $|\mathcal{L}_n^a(t)| = O(n^{-1/4} t^{-1/4})$.

The problem of the mean convergence of Laguerre expansions has been studied by many authors in the last four decades. The most celebrated result in this direction was given by Askey and Wainger [1]. They proved that for $a \geq 0$, the partial sums of the Laguerre expansion with respect to the system $\{\mathcal{L}_n^a(t)\}$ of a function $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^+)$ converge to f in the L^p norm if and only if $4/3 < p < 4$. Muckenhoupt [6–8] extended this result to all $a > -1$ and weighted L^p ; he also proved the almost everywhere convergence of Abel’s means for expansion with respect to the system $\{\mathcal{L}_n^a(t)\}$ of a function $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^+, t^a e^{-t} dt)$ for $a > -1$.

Recently, Długośz [4] investigated mean convergence as well as almost everywhere convergence of Riesz summability method for Laguerre series. Her result is

THEOREM 1. *Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \equiv \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$. For $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^+)$ we have*

$$\lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j \leq w} \left(1 - \frac{j}{w}\right)^N c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) = f(t)$$

almost everywhere if $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ and $N \geq 10$, and in L^p norm if $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $N \geq 4$, where $c_j = (f, \mathcal{L}_j^a) = \int_0^\infty f(t) \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) dt$.

The proof of Theorem 1 is based on the fact that the Laguerre functions of an integral order $a = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, appear (nearly) as eigenfunctions of the sublaplacian acting on the space of functions on the Heisenberg group. Later on, basing on Długośz’s idea, Stempak [10–12] not only filled out the gap from $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ to $a \in \mathbb{R}^+$ by using a construction of generalized twisted convolution, but also extended it to the Laguerre systems $\{\tilde{L}_n^a(t)\}_{n=0}^\infty$ and $\{l_n^a(t)\}_{n=0}^\infty$.

For the sake of convenience, we use c_j to denote the inner product of f and \mathcal{L}_j^a ,

$$c_j = (f, \mathcal{L}_j^a) = \int_0^\infty f(t) \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) dt,$$

and

$$\Delta^0 c_j = c_j, \quad \Delta^k c_j = \Delta^{k-1} c_j - \Delta^{k-1} c_{j+1} \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

The purpose of this paper is to establish the following result.

THEOREM 2. *Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^+)$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. If $\{c_j\}$ satisfies*

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n < j \leq \lambda n} |\Delta^k c_j| j^{k/2-1/4} = 0, \\ |c_j| j^{k/2-1/4} = o(1) \quad \text{as } j \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\sum_{j=0}^\infty c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) = f(t)$ almost everywhere.

The approach we use is rather straightforward, and relies only on elementary calculation, which was first given by the first author [2, 3] for trigonometric series. In the next section we review some properties of Cesàro means and Riesz means, and in Section 3 we give the proof of Theorem 2. Finally, we mention that C will be used to denote a constant, $C_{a,\mu,t}$ the constant dependent on a, μ, t , and so on. All of these constants are not necessarily the same at each occurrence.

2. Preliminaries. For $\alpha > -1$, define the n th (C, α) mean of the sequence $\{s_n(t)\}$ by

$$\sigma_n^\alpha(t) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{A_{n-j}^{\alpha-1}}{A_n^\alpha} s_j(t) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{A_{n-j}^\alpha}{A_n^\alpha} c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t),$$

where

$$A_n^\alpha = \binom{n+\alpha}{n} = \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \approx \frac{n^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}$$

and

$$s_n(t) = \sum_{j=0}^n c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t).$$

The sum $\sigma_n^\alpha(t)$ is called the n th Cesàro mean of $\{s_n(t)\}$ of order α . Whenever α is a positive integer, $\sigma_n^\alpha(t)$ can be rewritten as

$$\sigma_n^\alpha(t) = \sum_{j=0}^n \left(1 - \frac{j}{n+1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{j}{n+2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{j}{n+\alpha}\right) c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t).$$

We say that $\sum_{j=0}^\infty c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t)$ is summable (C, α) to $s(t)$ if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_n^\alpha(t) = s(t)$.

For each α and n , σ_n^α can be regarded as a linear operator acting on the sequence $\{s_m(t)\}$. In this sense, we write $\sigma_n^\alpha(\{s_m(t)\})$ instead of $\sigma_n^\alpha(t)$. It is well known that

$$\sigma_n^\alpha(\{\sigma_m^\beta(t)\}) \rightarrow A, \quad \sigma_n^\beta(\{\sigma_m^\alpha(t)\}) \rightarrow A, \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_n^{\alpha+\beta}(t) \rightarrow A$$

are equivalent (cf. [5, Chapter 5]).

The Riesz typical means with respect to \mathcal{L}_j^a of order $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ are defined by

$$R_w^k(t) = \sum_{j \leq w} \left(1 - \frac{j}{w}\right)^k c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t),$$

where $w > 0$. In this notation, the first part of Theorem 1 can be written as

$$(3) \quad \lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} R_w^N(t) = f(t) \quad \text{almost everywhere if } 1 \leq p \leq \infty \text{ and } N \geq 10.$$

It is known that the almost everywhere convergence of the Riesz means of an order $k \geq 0$ is equivalent to the almost everywhere convergence of the Cesàro means of the same order (cf. [5, Chapter 5]). Furthermore, we have the following result.

LEMMA 3. Let $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. If $c_j = o(j^{1/4})$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sigma_n^k(t) - R_n^k(t)) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{R}^+.$$

Proof. Fix $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Since $|\mathcal{L}_j^a(t)| = O(j^{-1/4}t^{-1/4})$, we have $c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) = o(1)$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$. It follows from the definitions of σ_n^k and R_n^k that

$$\begin{aligned} & |\sigma_n^k(t) - R_n^k(t)| \\ & \leq \sum_{j=0}^n \left| \left(\left(1 - \frac{j}{n+1}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{j}{n+k}\right) - \left(1 - \frac{j}{n}\right)^k \right) c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) \right| \\ & \leq \sum_{j=0}^n \left| \left(\left(1 - \frac{j}{n+1}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{j}{n+k-1}\right) - \left(1 - \frac{j}{n}\right)^{k-1} \right) c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) \right| \\ & \quad + \frac{k}{n} \sum_{j=0}^n |c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t)|. \end{aligned}$$

Using induction on k , we get

$$\begin{aligned} |\sigma_n^k(t) - R_n^k(t)| & \leq \left(\frac{k}{n} + \frac{k-1}{n} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n} \right) \sum_{j=0}^n |c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t)| \\ & = \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^n |c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t)| \right) \\ & \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

COROLLARY 4. If $c_j = o(j^{1/4})$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_n^\alpha(\{R_m^\beta(t)\}) = A \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} R_w^{\alpha+\beta}(t) = A$$

are equivalent for all nonnegative integers α, β .

3. Proof of the main result. Throughout this section, we assume $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. For $y > w > 0$,

$$\frac{y^N}{(y-w)^N} \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N = \sum_{s=0}^N \binom{N}{s} \left(\frac{y}{w} - 1\right)^{-s} \left(1 - \frac{j}{w}\right)^s.$$

Multiplying by $c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t)$ on both sides and summing over $0 \leq j \leq w$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{y^N}{(y-w)^N} \sum_{j \leq w} \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) \\ & = \sum_{s=0}^N \binom{N}{s} \left(\frac{y}{w} - 1\right)^{-s} \sum_{j \leq w} \left(1 - \frac{j}{w}\right)^s c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) \\ & = \sum_{s=0}^N \binom{N}{s} \left(\frac{y}{w} - 1\right)^{-s} R_w^s(t) \\ & = \sum_{j \leq w} c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) + \sum_{s=1}^N \binom{N}{s} \left(\frac{y}{w} - 1\right)^{-s} R_w^s(t), \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$(4) \quad \frac{y^N}{(y-w)^N} \left(\sum_{j \leq y} - \sum_{w < j \leq y} \right) \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) = \sum_{j \leq w} c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) + \sum_{s=1}^N \binom{N}{s} \left(\frac{y}{w} - 1\right)^{-s} R_w^s(t).$$

On the other hand, we multiply the equality

$$\frac{y^N}{(y-w)^N} = \sum_{s=0}^N \binom{N}{s} \left(\frac{y}{w} - 1\right)^{-s} = 1 + \sum_{s=1}^N \binom{N}{s} \left(\frac{y}{w} - 1\right)^{-s}$$

by $f(t)$ to obtain

$$(5) \quad \frac{y^N}{(y-w)^N} f(t) = f(t) + \sum_{s=1}^N \binom{N}{s} \left(\frac{y}{w} - 1\right)^{-s} f(t).$$

The equation (4) minus (5) leaves

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{y^N}{(y-w)^N} \left(\{R_y^N(t) - f(t)\} - \sum_{w < j \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) \right) \\ & = \left(\sum_{j \leq w} c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) - f(t) \right) + \left(\sum_{s=1}^N \binom{N}{s} \left(\frac{y}{w} - 1\right)^{-s} \{R_w^s(t) - f(t)\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Let $\lambda > 1$. We set $w = m \in \mathbb{N}$, $y = \lambda m$, and take the operator σ_n^0 on both

sides of the above equality to get

$$(6) \quad \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-1}\right)^N \left[\sigma_n^9(\{R_{\lambda m}^N(t) - f(t)\}) - \sigma_n^9\left(\left\{\sum_{m < j \leq \lambda m} \left(1 - \frac{j}{\lambda m}\right)^N c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t)\right\}\right) \right] \\ = \sigma_n^9(t) - f(t) + \sum_{s=1}^N \binom{N}{s} (\lambda-1)^{-s} \sigma_n^9(\{R_m^s(t) - f(t)\}).$$

Consider $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^+)$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, and $N \geq 10$. By (3),

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \{R_{\lambda m}^N(t) - f(t)\} = 0 \quad \text{almost everywhere,}$$

and hence for almost all $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$,

$$\sigma_n^9(\{R_{\lambda m}^N(t) - f(t)\}) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

For $1 \leq s \leq N$, we have $9 + s \geq 10$. Thus, for almost all $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$, Corollary 4 and (3) yield

$$\sigma_n^9(\{R_m^s(t) - f(t)\}) = \sigma_n^9(\{R_m^s(t)\}) - f(t) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Taking limit superior on both sides of (6), we obtain

LEMMA 5. Let $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^+)$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, and $N \geq 10$. Then, if $c_j = o(j^{1/4})$, for $\lambda > 1$,

$$(7) \quad \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\sigma_n^9(t) - f(t)| \\ = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-1}\right)^N \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \sigma_n^9\left(\left\{\sum_{m < j \leq \lambda m} \left(1 - \frac{j}{\lambda m}\right)^N c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t)\right\}\right) \right|$$

holds almost everywhere.

Next we are going to estimate the right hand side of (7). Set

$$b_j = \sqrt{\frac{j!}{(j+a)!}} c_j.$$

Then, for $y > \omega > 0$,

$$(8) \quad \sum_{\omega < j \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) = e^{-t/2} t^{a/2} \sum_{\omega < j \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N b_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t).$$

Formula (1) and summation by parts yield

$$(9) \quad \sum_{\omega < j \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N b_j \mathcal{L}_j^a \\ = \sum_{\omega < j \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N b_j (L_j^{a+1} - L_{j-1}^{a+1}) \\ = \sum_{\omega < j \leq y} \Delta \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N b_j \right\} L_j^{a+1} + \left(1 - \frac{[y]+1}{y}\right)^N b_{[y]+1} L_{[y]}^{a+1} \\ - \left(1 - \frac{[\omega]+1}{y}\right)^N b_{[\omega]+1} L_{[\omega]}^{a+1} \\ = \sum_{\omega < j \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N \Delta b_j L_j^{a+1} + \sum_{\omega < j \leq y} \Delta \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N b_{j+1} L_j^{a+1} \\ + \left(1 - \frac{[y]+1}{y}\right)^N b_{[y]+1} L_{[y]}^{a+1} - \left(1 - \frac{[\omega]+1}{y}\right)^N b_{[\omega]+1} L_{[\omega]}^{a+1}.$$

Applying the mean value theorem to $f(x) = (1-x)^N$, we obtain

$$\left| \Delta \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N \right| = \left| \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N - \left(1 - \frac{j+1}{y}\right)^N \right| \leq \frac{N}{y}.$$

Plug in (9) and get

$$\left| \sum_{\omega < j \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N b_j \mathcal{L}_j^a \right| \\ \leq \left| \sum_{\omega < j \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N \Delta b_j L_j^{a+1} \right| + \frac{N}{y} \sum_{\omega < j \leq y} |b_{j+1} L_j^{a+1}| \\ + |b_{[y]+1} L_{[y]}^{a+1}| + |b_{[\omega]+1} L_{[\omega]}^{a+1}| \\ \leq \left| \sum_{\omega < j \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N \Delta b_j L_j^{a+1} \right| + (N+2) \max_{[\omega] \leq j \leq [y]} |b_{j+1} L_j^{a+1}|.$$

Replace b_j by $\Delta b_j, \Delta^2 b_j, \dots, \Delta^\mu b_j$, etc. Finally, we get

$$(10) \quad \left| \sum_{\omega < j \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N b_j \mathcal{L}_j^a \right| \leq \left| \sum_{\omega < j \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{j}{y}\right)^N \Delta^\mu b_j L_j^{a+\mu} \right| + \Phi_{\omega,y}(t),$$

where

$$\Phi_{\omega,y}(t) = (N+2) \sum_{i=0}^{\mu-1} \max_{[\omega] \leq j \leq [y]} |\Delta^i b_{j+1} L_j^{a+i+1}(t)|.$$

There exists a constant C , independent of i and j , such that

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta^i b_{j+1} L_j^{a+i+1}(t)| &\leq C \max_{j+1 \leq k \leq i+j+1} |b_k L_j^{a+i+1}(t)| \\ &\leq C_{\mu,t} \max_{j+1 \leq k \leq i+j+1} \sqrt{\frac{k!}{(k+a)!}} |c_k| j^{(a+i+1)/2-1/4} \\ &\leq C_{\mu,t} \max_{j+1 \leq k \leq i+j+1} |c_k| k^{i/2+1/4} \end{aligned}$$

for all $0 \leq i \leq \mu - 1$, which implies

$$(11) \quad |\Phi_{\omega,y}(t)| \leq C_{\mu,t} \max_{k \geq [\omega]+1} (|c_k| k^{\mu/2-1/4}).$$

Leibniz's rule gives

$$\begin{aligned} (12) \quad |\Delta^\mu b_j| &= \left| \Delta^\mu \left(\sqrt{\frac{j!}{(j+a)!}} c_j \right) \right| \\ &\leq \sqrt{\frac{(j+\mu)!}{(j+\mu+a)!}} |\Delta^\mu c_j| \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^{\mu-1} \binom{\mu}{i} \left| \Delta^{\mu-i} \sqrt{\frac{(j+i)!}{(j+i+a)!}} \right| \cdot |\Delta^i c_j|. \end{aligned}$$

Using the inequality $1 - \sqrt{1-y} \leq y$ for $y \in [0, 1]$, we obtain

$$\left| \Delta \left(\sqrt{\frac{j!}{(j+a)!}} \right) \right| = \sqrt{\frac{j!}{(j+a)!}} \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{j+1}{j+a+1}} \right) \leq \sqrt{\frac{j!}{(j+a)!}} \frac{a}{j+a+1},$$

which leads to

$$\begin{aligned} (13) \quad \left| \Delta^k \left(\sqrt{\frac{j!}{(j+a)!}} \right) \right| &\leq C_\mu \sqrt{\frac{j!}{(j+a)!}} \frac{a}{j+a+1} \\ &\leq a C_\mu j^{-a/2-1} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq \mu. \end{aligned}$$

Both inequalities (12) and (13) imply

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta^\mu b_j| &\leq \sqrt{\frac{(j+\mu)!}{(j+\mu+a)!}} |\Delta^\mu c_j| + C_{a,\mu} j^{-a/2-1} \sum_{i=0}^{\mu-1} \binom{\mu}{i} |\Delta^i c_j| \\ &\leq C_{a,\mu} (j^{-a/2} |\Delta^\mu c_j| + j^{-a/2-1} \max_{j \leq k \leq j+\mu-1} |c_k|). \end{aligned}$$

This leads to

$$(14) \quad \left| \sum_{\omega < j \leq \nu} \left(1 - \frac{j}{y} \right)^N \Delta^\mu b_j L_j^{a+\mu}(t) \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \left(\frac{y-\omega}{y} \right)^N \sum_{\omega < j \leq \nu} |\Delta^\mu b_j| \cdot |L_j^{a+\mu}(t)| \\ &\leq C_{a,\mu,t} \left(\frac{y-\omega}{y} \right)^N \\ &\quad \times \left[\sum_{\omega < j \leq \nu} |\Delta^\mu c_j| j^{\mu/2-1/4} + \sum_{\omega < j \leq \nu} j^{-1} \left(\max_{j \leq k \leq j+\mu-1} |c_k| \right) j^{\mu/2-1/4} \right] \\ &\leq C_{a,\mu,t} \left(\frac{y-\omega}{y} \right)^N \\ &\quad \times \left[\sum_{\omega < j \leq \nu} |\Delta^\mu c_j| j^{\mu/2-1/4} + \left(\sum_{\omega < j \leq \nu} j^{-1} \right) \max_{k \geq \omega} (|c_k| k^{\mu/2-1/4}) \right] \\ &\leq C_{a,\mu,t} \left(\frac{y-\omega}{y} \right)^N \\ &\quad \times \left[\sum_{\omega < j \leq \nu} |\Delta^\mu c_j| j^{\mu/2-1/4} + \log \frac{y}{\omega} \cdot \max_{k \geq \omega} (|c_k| k^{\mu/2-1/4}) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (8), (10), (11), and (14) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \sum_{\omega < j \leq \nu} \left(1 - \frac{j}{y} \right)^N c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) \right| \\ &\leq C_{a,\mu,t} \left(\frac{y-\omega}{y} \right)^N \left[\sum_{\omega < j \leq \nu} |\Delta^\mu c_j| j^{\mu/2-1/4} + \log \frac{y}{\omega} \cdot \max_{k \geq [\omega]} (|c_k| k^{\mu/2-1/4}) \right] \\ &\quad + C_{\mu,t} \max_{k \geq [\omega]+1} (|c_k| k^{\mu/2-1/4}). \end{aligned}$$

Let $\omega = m$, $y = \lambda m$, and then take σ_n^α on both sides. Thus we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \sigma_n^\alpha \left(\left\{ \sum_{m < j \leq \lambda m} \left(1 - \frac{j}{\lambda m} \right)^N c_j \mathcal{L}_j^a(t) \right\} \right) \right| \\ &\leq C_{a,\mu,t} \left(\frac{\lambda-1}{\lambda} \right)^N \sigma_n^\alpha \left(\left\{ \sum_{m < j \leq \lambda m} |\Delta^\mu c_j| j^{\mu/2-1/4} \right\} \right) \\ &\quad + C_{a,\mu,t} \left(\frac{\lambda-1}{\lambda} \right)^N \log \lambda \cdot \sigma_n^\alpha \left(\left\{ \max_{k \geq m} (|c_k| k^{\mu/2-1/4}) \right\} \right) \\ &\quad + C_{\mu,t} \sigma_n^\alpha \left(\left\{ \max_{k \geq m+1} (|c_k| k^{\mu/2-1/4}) \right\} \right), \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \sigma_n^\alpha \left(\left\{ \sum_{m < j \leq \lambda m} \left(1 - \frac{j}{\lambda m} \right)^N c_j \mathcal{L}_j^\alpha(t) \right\} \right) \right| \\ & \leq C_{a,\mu,t} \left(\frac{\lambda-1}{\lambda} \right)^N \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{n < j \leq \lambda n} |\Delta^\mu c_j| j^{\mu/2-1/4} \right) \\ & \quad + C_{a,\mu,t} \left(\frac{\lambda-1}{\lambda} \right)^N \log \lambda \cdot \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\max_{k \geq n} |c_k| k^{\mu/2-1/4} \right) \\ & \quad + C_{\mu,t} \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\max_{k \geq n+1} |c_k| k^{\mu/2-1/4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence we have verified the following result.

LEMMA 6. Let $\mu, N \in \mathbb{N}$. If $|c_j| j^{\mu/2-1/4} = o(1)$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$, then

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \sigma_n^\alpha \left(\left\{ \sum_{m < j \leq \lambda m} \left(1 - \frac{j}{\lambda m} \right)^N c_j \mathcal{L}_j^\alpha(t) \right\} \right) \right| \leq C_{a,\mu,t} \left(\frac{\lambda-1}{\lambda} \right)^N \phi_\mu(\lambda),$$

where $t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \alpha > 0, \lambda > 1$, and

$$\phi_\mu(\lambda) = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n < j \leq \lambda n} |\Delta^\mu c_j| j^{\mu/2-1/4}.$$

Proof of Theorem 2. Let $\phi_\mu(\lambda)$ be defined as in Lemma 6. Then condition (2) implies $\lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} \phi_k(\lambda) = 0$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. For $\lambda > 1$, it follows from Lemmas 5 and 6 that for almost all $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\sigma_n^9(t) - f(t)| \\ & = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-1} \right)^{10} \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \sigma_n^9 \left(\left\{ \sum_{m < j \leq \lambda m} \left(1 - \frac{j}{\lambda m} \right)^{10} c_j \mathcal{L}_j^9(t) \right\} \right) \right| \\ & \leq C_{a,k,t} \phi_k(\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Taking $\lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1}$ on both sides, we obtain

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\sigma_n^9(t) - f(t)| \leq C_{a,k,t} \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} \phi_k(\lambda) = 0.$$

Therefore, $\sigma_n^9(t) \rightarrow f(t)$ almost everywhere and hence $R_w^9(t) \rightarrow f(t)$ almost everywhere as $w \rightarrow \infty$.

Adopting the argument before Lemma 5, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\sigma_n^8(t) - f(t)| \\ & = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-1} \right)^9 \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \sigma_n^8 \left(\left\{ \sum_{m < j \leq \lambda m} \left(1 - \frac{j}{\lambda m} \right)^9 c_j \mathcal{L}_j^8(t) \right\} \right) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Combining this with Lemma 6, we conclude that $\sigma_n^8(t) \rightarrow f(t)$ almost everywhere. Consequently, $R_w^8(t) \rightarrow f(t)$ almost everywhere. Repeating the above argument, we see that $R_w^7(t) \rightarrow f(t)$ almost everywhere, $R_w^6(t) \rightarrow f(t)$ almost everywhere, and so on. Finally, we conclude that $\sum_{j=0}^\infty c_j \mathcal{L}_j^\alpha(t) = f(t)$ almost everywhere.

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