



## $\Delta_p^m$ –Statistical Convergence of Order $\alpha$

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**Abstract.** In this work, we generalize the concepts of statistically convergent sequence of order  $\alpha$  and statistical Cauchy sequence of order  $\alpha$  by using the generalized difference operator  $\Delta^m$ . We prove that a sequence is  $\Delta_p^m$ –statistically convergent of order  $\alpha$  if and only if it is  $\Delta_p^m$ –statistically Cauchy of order  $\alpha$ .

### 1. Introduction

Throughout we denote the space of all complex sequences by  $w$  and  $\ell_\infty$ ,  $c$  and  $c_0$  be the linear spaces of bounded, convergent and null sequences  $x = (x_k)$  with complex terms, respectively normed by  $\|x\|_\infty = \sup_k |x_k|$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ , the set of positive integers.

In 1981, the difference sequence spaces  $X(\Delta)$  were introduced by Kızmaz [16] for  $X = \ell_\infty$ ,  $c$  and  $c_0$  and the notion was generalized by Et and Çolak [10]. Out of these, using the generalized difference operator  $\Delta^m$ , Ioan [17] introduced and discussed the concept of  $p$ –convex sequences. Later on, Karakaş and Altın [15] defined and studied some basic topological and algebraic properties of the sequence spaces  $X(\Delta_p^m)$  for  $X = \ell_\infty$ ,  $c$ ,  $c_0$ , where  $p, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\Delta_p x = (px_k - x_{k+1})$ , and  $\Delta_p^m x = (\Delta_p^m x_k) = \sum_{v=0}^m (-1)^v \binom{m}{v} p^{m-v} x_{k+v}$ . In the case  $x \in X(\Delta_p^m)$  (for  $X = \ell_\infty$ ,  $c$  and  $c_0$ ), we call  $\Delta_p^m$ –bounded,  $\Delta_p^m$ –convergent and  $\Delta_p^m$ –zero, respectively. Let  $X$  be any sequence space, if  $x \in X(\Delta^m)$  then there exists one and only one  $y = (y_k) \in X$  such that

$$x_k = \sum_{i=1}^{k-m} (-1)^m \binom{k-i-1}{m-1} y_i = \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^m \binom{k+m-i-1}{m-1} y_{i-m},$$
$$y_{1-m} = y_{2-m} = \dots = y_0 = 0 \tag{1}$$

for sufficiently large  $k$ , for instance  $k > 2m$ . We use this fact to formulate (2), (3) and (4). Recently the difference sequence spaces have been studied by many researchers [1],[2],[8],[15],[19],[26].

The idea of statistical convergence goes back to the first edition of monograph of Zygmund [27]. This notion has firstly been defined for real and complex sequences by Steinhaus [23] and Fast [12]. Schoenberg [21] has defined from a sequence- to- sequence summability method called  $D$ –convergence which, implies

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statistical convergence. Later on, it has been studied by Bhuania *et al.* [3], Connor [4], Çolak [5], Çolak and Altin [6], Et *et al.* [9, 11, 22], Fridy [13], Gadjiev and Orhan [14], Moricz [18], Šalát [20], Tripathy [25], Dutta and Tripathy [7], and many others.

The concept of statistical convergence depends on the density of subsets of the set  $\mathbb{N}$ . The natural density of a subset  $A$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  is defined by  $\delta(A) = \lim_n \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n : k \in A\}|$ , if the limit exists, where  $|\cdot|$  is cardinality of set  $A$ .

A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  of complex numbers is said to be statistically convergent to some number  $L$  if, for every positive number  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\delta(\{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - L| \geq \varepsilon\})$  has natural density zero. The number  $L$  is called the statistical limit of  $(x_k)$  and written as  $S - \lim x_k = L$ . We denote the space of all statistically convergent sequences by  $S$ .

### 2. Some Properties of $\Delta_p^m(X)$

In this section, we give some topological properties of  $\Delta_p^m(X)$  and some inclusion relations.

**Theorem 2.1.** *The sequence spaces  $\ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$ ,  $c(\Delta_p^m)$  and  $c_0(\Delta_p^m)$  are BK-spaces with norm*

$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i| + \|\Delta_p^m x\|_\infty .$$

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 1.1 of Et and Çolak [10].  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a vector space and let  $A \subset X$ . If  $A$  is a convex set, then  $\Delta_p^m(A)$  is a convex set in  $\Delta_p^m(X)$ .*

*Proof.* Can be established using standard techniques, so omitted.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** *The following statements hold:*

- i)  $\ell_\infty \subset \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$  and the inclusion is strict,
- ii)  $c(\Delta_p^m) \subset \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$  and the inclusion is strict,
- iii)  $c(\Delta) \subset c(\Delta_p^m)$  and the inclusion is strict,
- iv) The sequence space  $\ell_\infty(\Delta)$  is different from the sequence space  $\ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$  and  $\ell_\infty(\Delta) \cap \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m) \neq \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* i) Let  $x \in \ell_\infty$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta_p^m x| &= \left| \sum_{v=0}^m (-1)^v \binom{m}{v} p^{m-v} x_{k+v} \right| \\ &\leq \binom{m}{0} p^m |x_k| + \binom{m}{1} p^{m-1} |x_{k+1}| + \binom{m}{2} p^{m-2} |x_{k+2}| + \dots + \binom{m}{m-1} p |x_{k+v}| < M \end{aligned}$$

for some  $M > 0$ ; i.e. ,  $(\Delta_p^m x_k) \in \ell_\infty$  and so  $x \in \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$ . Hence  $\ell_\infty \subset \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$ .

To show that the inclusion is strict, let us consider the sequence  $x = (x_k)$  with  $x_k = p^k - \sum_{i=1}^k p^i$  so that  $\Delta_p^m x = (p(p-1)^{m-1}, p(p-1)^{m-1}, p(p-1)^{m-1}, \dots)$ . Then we obtain  $(\Delta_p^m x_k) \in \ell_\infty$  but  $(x_k) \notin \ell_\infty$ .

ii) Let  $x \in c(\Delta_p^m)$ . Then, we have  $(\Delta_p^m x) \in c \subset \ell_\infty$ , that is,  $x \in \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$ . Therefore,  $c(\Delta_p^m) \subset \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$ . To show that the inclusion is strict, define a sequence  $x = (x_k)$  such that

$$x_k = (0, p, 0, p, 0, \dots),$$

then  $x \in \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m) \setminus c(\Delta_p^m)$ .

iii) If we choose  $(x_k) = (p, 2p, 3p, 4p, \dots)$ , then we obtain  $x \in c(\Delta)$  but  $x \notin c(\Delta_p^m)$ .

iv) If we choose  $(x_k) = (1, 2, 3, \dots)$ , then  $x \in \ell_\infty(\Delta)$ , but  $x \notin \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$ . Let us take the sequence  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $x_k = p^k - \sum_{i=1}^k p^i$ . Then, we get  $x \notin \ell_\infty(\Delta)$  but  $x \in \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$ . Since all constant sequences belong to both  $\ell_\infty(\Delta)$  and  $\ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$ , the spaces  $\ell_\infty(\Delta)$  and  $\ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$  are overlapping.  $\square$

### 3. Main Results

In this section, we introduce and examine the concepts of  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent sequence of order  $\alpha$  and  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically Cauchy sequence of order  $\alpha$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $x = (x_k) \in w$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  be given. The sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent of order  $\alpha$  if there exists a complex number  $L$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^\alpha} \left| \left\{ k \leq n : \left| \Delta_p^m x_k - L \right| \geq \varepsilon \right\} \right| = 0$$

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . In this case we write  $\text{stat}(\alpha) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_p^m x_k \rightarrow L$ . The set of  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent sequences of order  $\alpha$  will be denoted by  $S^\alpha(\Delta_p^m)$ . In case of  $L = 0$ , we shall write  $S_0^\alpha(\Delta_p^m)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . If a sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent of order  $\alpha$ , then  $\text{stat}(\alpha) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_p^m x_k$  is unique.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\text{stat}(\alpha) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_p^m x_k = L_1$  and  $\text{stat}(\alpha) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_p^m x_k = L_2$ . Given  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ , consider the following sets:

$$K_1(\varepsilon) = \left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} : \left| \Delta_p^m x_k - L_1 \right| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\}$$

and

$$K_2(\varepsilon) = \left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} : \left| \Delta_p^m x_k - L_2 \right| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\}.$$

Therefore, we obtain  $\delta^\alpha(K_1(\varepsilon)) = 0$  since  $\text{stat}(\alpha) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_p^m x_k = L_1$  and  $\delta^\alpha(K_2(\varepsilon)) = 0$  since  $\text{stat}(\alpha) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_p^m x_k = L_2$ . Now, let  $K(\varepsilon) = K_1(\varepsilon) \cup K_2(\varepsilon)$ . Thus, we get  $\delta^\alpha(K(\varepsilon)) = 0$  which implies  $\mathbb{N} / \delta^\alpha(K(\varepsilon)) = 0$ . Now let  $K^c(\varepsilon) = \mathbb{N} / K(\varepsilon)$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned} |L_1 - L_2| &\leq \left| L_1 - \Delta_p^m x_k \right| + \left| \Delta_p^m x_k - L_2 \right| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have  $|L_1 - L_2| = 0$ , i.e.  $L_1 = L_2$ .

From Theorem 3.2 we see that the  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistical convergence of order  $\alpha$  is well defined for  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . However, for  $\alpha > 1$  it is not well defined, since  $\text{stat}(\alpha) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_p^m x_k$  is not uniquely defined. To show it, let  $x = (x_k)$  be defined as

$$x_k = \begin{cases} 1, & k = 2n \ (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots) \\ 0, & k \neq 2n \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Then we have

$$\Delta_p x_k = \begin{cases} p, & k = 2n \ (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots) \\ 0, & k \neq 2n \end{cases}$$

for  $m = 1$ . Then both

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \left\{ k \leq n : \left| \Delta_p^m x_k - p \right| \geq \varepsilon \right\} \right| \leq \lim_n \frac{n}{2n^\alpha} = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^\alpha} \left| \left\{ k \leq n : \left| \Delta_p^m x_k - 0 \right| \geq \varepsilon \right\} \right| \leq \lim_n \frac{n}{2n^\alpha} = 0$$

for  $\alpha > 1$ , so that  $x = (x_k)$  is  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent of order  $\alpha$  both to  $p$  and  $0$ .

Since the  $\alpha$ -density of a finite set is zero, every  $\Delta_p^m$ -convergent sequence is  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent of order  $\alpha$ , but the converse is not true in general as can be seen in the following example.

Let  $x = (x_k)$  be defined as

$$x_k = \begin{cases} p, & k = n^2 \ (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Then we obtain

$$\Delta_p x_k = \begin{cases} p^2, & k = n^2 \ (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots) \\ -p, & k + 1 = n^2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

for  $m = 1$ . It is easy to see that  $x = (x_k)$  is  $\Delta_p$ -statistically convergent of order  $\alpha$  for  $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$ , but is not convergent.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta \leq 1$ . Then  $S^\alpha(\Delta_p^m) \subseteq S^\beta(\Delta_p^m)$  and the inclusion is strict for at least those  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for which there is a  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\alpha < \frac{1}{k} < \beta$ .

*Proof.* The inclusion part of proof is trivial. To show the inclusion  $S^\alpha(\Delta_p^m) \subseteq S^\beta(\Delta_p^m)$  is strict choose  $m = 1$  and define a sequence  $x = (x_k)$  by

$$x_k = \begin{cases} p, & k = n^3 \ (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots) \\ 0, & k \neq n^3 \end{cases}$$

Then we have

$$\Delta_p x_k = \begin{cases} p^2, & k = n^3 \ (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots) \\ -p, & k + 1 = n^3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} ..$$

and so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^\beta} \left| \left\{ k \leq n : \left| \Delta_p^m x_k - 0 \right| \geq \varepsilon \right\} \right| \leq \lim_n \frac{2\sqrt[3]{n}}{n^\beta} = 0$$

hence  $\text{stat}(\beta) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_p^m x_k = 0$ , i.e.  $x \in S^\beta(\Delta_p^m)$  for  $\frac{1}{3} < \beta \leq 1$ , but  $x \notin S^\alpha(\Delta_p^m)$  for  $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{1}{3}$  so that the inclusion  $S^\alpha(\Delta_p^m) \subset S^\beta(\Delta_p^m)$  is strict. This holds for  $\frac{1}{3} = \alpha < \beta < \frac{1}{2}$  for example, but there is no a number  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\alpha < \frac{1}{k} < \beta$ . Therefore, the condition  $\alpha < \frac{1}{k} < \beta$  is sufficient but not necessary for strictness of inclusion  $S^\alpha(\Delta_p^m) \subset S^\beta(\Delta_p^m)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.4.** If a sequence is  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent of order  $\alpha$  to  $L$ , for some  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , then it is  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent to  $L$ , that is  $S^\alpha(\Delta_p^m) \subseteq S(\Delta_p^m)$  and inclusion is strict at least for  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$ .

We state the following theorems without proof, since these can be established using standard techniques.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  and  $x = (x_k), y = (y_k)$  be sequences of real numbers. Then

i) If  $\text{stat}(\alpha) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_p^m x_k = L_1$  and  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ , then  $\text{stat}(\alpha) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} c\Delta_p^m x_k = cL_1$ ,

ii) If  $\text{stat}(\alpha) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_p^m x_k = L_1$  and  $\text{stat}(\alpha) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_p^m y_k = L_2$ , then  $\text{stat}(\alpha) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\Delta_p^m x_k + \Delta_p^m y_k) = L_1 + L_2$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $x = (x_k), y = (y_k)$  and  $z = (z_k)$  be real sequences such that  $\Delta_p^m x_k \leq \Delta_p^m y_k \leq \Delta_p^m z_k$ . If  $\text{stat}(\alpha) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_p^m x_k = L = \text{stat}(\alpha) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_p^m z_k$ , then  $\text{stat}(\alpha) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_p^m y_k = L$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  be arbitrary real number, then  $S^\alpha(\Delta_p^m) \cap \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$  is a closed subset of  $\ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** The set  $S^\alpha(\Delta_p^m) \cap \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$  is nowhere dense in  $\ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$ .

*Proof.* Since every closed linear subspace of an arbitrary linear normed space  $E$  different from  $E$  is a nowhere dense set in  $E$ , by Theorem 3.7 we only need to show that  $S^\alpha(\Delta_p^m) \cap \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m) \neq \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$ . For this, choose  $p = 1$  and consider a sequence  $x = (x_k)$  defined by

$$\Delta^m x_k = \begin{cases} \sqrt{k}, & k = n^2 \\ 0, & k \neq n^2 \end{cases} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (2)$$

then  $x \in S^\alpha(\Delta_p^m)$ , but  $x \notin \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$  by (1).  $\square$

**Definition 3.9.** Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  be arbitrary real number and  $q$  be a positive real number. A sequence  $x \in w$  is said to be  $w_q(\Delta_p^m)$ -summable of order  $\alpha$  (or  $w_q^\alpha(\Delta_p^m)$ -summable) if there exists a real number  $L$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^n |\Delta_p^m x_k - L|^q = 0, \text{ where } p, m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

In this case we write  $x_k \rightarrow L(w_q(\Delta_p^m))$ . The set of all  $w_q(\Delta_p^m)$ -summable sequences of order  $\alpha$  to  $L$  will be denoted by  $w_q^\alpha(\Delta_p^m)$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $\alpha_0 \in (0, 1]$  and  $q_0$  be a positive real number. The sequence space  $w_{q_0}^{\alpha_0}(\Delta_p^m)$  is a Banach space for  $1 \leq q_0 < \infty$  normed by

$$\|x\|_2 = \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i| + \sup_n \left( \frac{1}{n^{\alpha_0}} \sum_{k=1}^n |\Delta_p^m x_k|^{q_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{q_0}}$$

and a complete  $q$ -normed space for  $0 < q_0 < 1$  by

$$\|x\|_3 = \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i|^q + \sup_n \frac{1}{n^\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^n |\Delta_p^m x_k|^{q_0}$$

*Proof.* The proof has been omitted.  $\square$

In the next theorem, we give the relationship between  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent of order  $\alpha$  and  $w_q(\Delta_p^m)$ -summable sequences of order  $\alpha$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be fixed real numbers such that  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta \leq 1, p, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $q$  be a positive real number, then  $w_q^\alpha(\Delta_p^m) \subset S^\beta(\Delta_p^m)$  and the inclusion is strict.

*Proof.* The inclusion part of proof is easy. Taking  $p = 1$  we show the strictness of the inclusion  $w_q^\alpha(\Delta_p^m) \subset S^\beta(\Delta_p^m)$  for a special case. For this, choose  $p = 1$  and consider the sequence  $x = (x_k)$  defined by

$$\Delta^m x_k = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } k = n^2 \\ 0, & \text{if } k \neq n^2 \end{cases} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \tag{3}$$

For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  we have

$$\frac{1}{n^\alpha} |\{k \leq n : |\Delta^m x_k - 0| \geq \varepsilon\}| \leq \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^\alpha} = \frac{1}{n^{\alpha-\frac{1}{2}}}$$

so  $x_k \rightarrow 0 (S^\alpha(\Delta^m))$  for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  by (1). On the other hand for  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$  we have

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}-1}{n^\alpha} \leq \frac{1}{n^\alpha} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\Delta^m x_k|^p = \frac{1}{\lambda_n^\alpha} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\Delta^m x_k - 0|^p,$$

and so  $x_k \not\rightarrow 0 (w_q^\alpha(\Delta^m))$  by (1).  $\square$

**Corollary 3.12.** *If a sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is  $w_q(\Delta_p^m)$ -summable of order  $\alpha$  to  $L$ , then it is  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent of order  $\alpha$  to  $L$ .*

Even if  $x = (x_k)$  is a  $\Delta_p^m$ -bounded sequence, the converse of Theorem 3.11 and Corollary 3.12 do not hold, in general. To show this we must find a sequence that is  $\Delta_p^m$ -bounded ( that is  $x \in \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$  ) and  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent of order  $\beta$ , but need not to be  $w_q(\Delta_p^m)$ -summable of order  $\alpha$ , for some real numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta \leq 1$ . For this, choose  $p = 1$  and consider a sequence  $x = (x_k)$  defined by

$$\Delta^m x_k = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}, & k \neq n^3 \\ 0, & k = n^3 \end{cases} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \tag{4}$$

Then  $x \in \ell_\infty(\Delta_p^m)$  and  $x \in S^\alpha(\Delta_p^m)$  for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{3}, 1]$ , but  $x \notin w_q^\alpha(\Delta_p^m)$  for  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  by (1).

**Definition 3.13.** Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ . A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically Cauchy of order  $\alpha$  if for every  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  there exists a number  $N = N(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^\alpha} |\{k \leq n : |\Delta_p^m x_k - \Delta_p^m x_N| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0$$

that is; the set  $|\{k \leq n : |\Delta_p^m x_k - \Delta_p^m x_N| \geq \varepsilon\}|$  has  $\alpha$ -density zero.

We establish the following theorem with help of the method used by Fridy [13] and Tabib [24].

**Theorem 3.14.** *A real sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent of order  $\alpha$  if and only if  $x = (x_k)$  is  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically Cauchy of order  $\alpha$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  be given. Suppose that the sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent of order  $\alpha$  to  $L$ . Then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  the set

$$A(\varepsilon) = \left\{ k \leq n, |\Delta_p^m x_k - L| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\}$$

has  $\alpha$ -density zero. Choose positive integer number  $N$  such that  $|\Delta_p^m x_N - L| \geq \varepsilon$ . Now let us take the sets

$$B_\varepsilon = \left\{ k \leq n, |\Delta_p^m x_k - \Delta_p^m x_N| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\},$$

$$C_\varepsilon = \left\{ k \leq n, |\Delta_p^m x_k - L| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\},$$

$$D_\varepsilon = \left\{ N \leq n, |\Delta_p^m x_N - L| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\}.$$

Then  $B_\varepsilon \subseteq C_\varepsilon \cup D_\varepsilon$  and therefore  $\delta_\alpha(B_\varepsilon) \leq \delta_\alpha(C_\varepsilon) + \delta_\alpha(D_\varepsilon) = 0$ . Hence  $x = (x_k)$  is  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically Cauchy of order  $\alpha$ .

Conversely let  $x = (x_k)$  be a  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically Cauchy sequence of order  $\alpha$ , then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\delta_\alpha \left( \left\{ k \leq n : |\Delta_p^m x_k - L| < \varepsilon \right\} \right) = 1.$$

Hence, we obtain

$$\delta_\alpha \left( \left\{ k \leq n : \Delta_p^m x_k < \Delta_p^m x_{N_0} + \varepsilon \right\} \right) = 1$$

and

$$\delta_\alpha \left( \left\{ k \leq n : \Delta_p^m x_{N_0} - \varepsilon < \Delta_p^m x_k \right\} \right) = 1.$$

We define the following sets:

$$A = \left\{ a \in \mathbb{R} : \delta_\alpha \left( \left\{ k \leq n : \Delta_p^m x_k < a \right\} \right) = 1 \right\},$$

and

$$B = \left\{ b \in \mathbb{R} : \delta_\alpha \left( \left\{ k \leq n : \Delta_p^m x_k > b \right\} \right) = 1 \right\},$$

then  $(\Delta_p^m x_{N_0} + \varepsilon) \in A$  and  $(\Delta_p^m x_{N_0} - \varepsilon) \in B$ . Let  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ , then we have

$$\delta_\alpha \left( \left\{ k \leq n : \Delta_p^m x_k < a \right\} \right) = 1 \text{ and } \delta_\alpha \left( \left\{ k \leq n : \Delta_p^m x_k > b \right\} \right) = 1.$$

Therefore, we get

$$\delta_\alpha \left( \left\{ k \leq n : b < \Delta_p^m x_k < a \right\} \right) = 1.$$

This implies  $b < a$ . We have

$$\Delta_p^m x_{N_0} - \varepsilon \leq \sup B \leq \inf A \leq \Delta_p^m x_{N_0} + \varepsilon.$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  was arbitrary positive number, we get  $\sup B = \inf A$  and  $\sup B = \inf A = L$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and there exists  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$  such that  $L - \varepsilon < b < a < L + \varepsilon$ . The definitions of  $A$  and  $B$  imply

$$\delta_\alpha \left( \left\{ k \leq n : L - \varepsilon < \Delta_p^m x_k < L + \varepsilon \right\} \right) = 1,$$

we obtain

$$\delta_\alpha \left( \left\{ k \leq n : |\Delta_p^m x_k - L| < \varepsilon \right\} \right) = 1 \text{ or } \delta_\alpha \left( \left\{ k \leq n : |\Delta_p^m x_k - L| \geq \varepsilon \right\} \right) = 0.$$

Therefore,  $x = (x_k)$  is  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent of order  $\alpha$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.15.** If  $x = (x_k)$  is a sequence for which there exists a  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent of order  $\alpha$  sequence  $y$  such that  $\Delta_p^m x_k = \Delta_p^m y_k$  for almost all  $k(\alpha)$ . Then,  $x$  is  $\Delta_p^m$ -statistically convergent sequence of order  $\alpha$ .

*Proof.* The proof has been omitted.  $\square$

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