

THE SET OF ALL GENERALIZED LIMITS OF BOUNDED SEQUENCES

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1. Introduction. Let M be the normed linear space whose general element, x , is a bounded sequence

$$\{\xi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

of real numbers, and $\|x\| = \text{l.u.b. } |\xi_n|$. Let T denote the linear operation (of norm 1) defined by $Tx = (\xi_2, \xi_3, \dots, \xi_{n+1}, \dots)$. A *generalized limit* is a linear functional ϕ on M which satisfies the conditions

- (1) $x \geq 0$ (i.e., $\xi_n \geq 0$ for all n) implies $\phi(x) \geq 0$;
- (2) $\phi(Tx) = \phi(x)$ for all $x \in M$;
- (3) $\phi(1, 1, 1, \dots) = 1$.

The set of all generalized limits will be denoted by L . In the presence of (1), condition (3) is equivalent to $\|\phi\| = 1$.

The basic question of existence of generalized limits has been settled in a variety of ways; the standard proof appears in (2, p. 34). This proof, based upon the Hahn-Banach theorem, actually leads to all generalized limits, and this fact was used in (7) to obtain properties of L . In the present paper, attention is focused on another existence proof (5, p. 1010; 8; 10, p. 52) which depends, ultimately, on Tychonoff's theorem. In order to describe this proof, we must summarize some well-known properties of M and of the conjugate space M^* (1; 5).

Only one topology in M^* will be of interest to us, namely, the weak* topology, which is defined as follows: A directed system $\{\phi_\nu\}$ in M^* converges to ϕ if $\phi_\nu(x) \rightarrow \phi(x)$ for each $x \in M$. An essential property of this topology is that the set

$$B^* = \{\phi \mid |\phi(x)| \leq \|x\| \text{ for all } x \in M\}$$

(the unit ball) is compact. B^* is also convex, and we are able to apply the Krein-Milman theorem to its subsets. Thus, if K is a closed convex subset of B^* , and $S (\subset K)$ contains all extreme points of K , then K is the closed convex hull of S , denoted by $\mathfrak{S}(S)$. In particular, if K is not empty, neither is S .

We will denote by Ω' the set of extreme points of B^* that satisfy condition (1), or equivalently, the collection of extreme points of the subset of B^* which is determined by conditions (1) and (3). Since the latter set is closed and convex, it is, in fact, $\mathfrak{S}(\Omega')$. Among the functionals in Ω' are those of the form $\theta_p(x) = \xi_p$ for each fixed natural number p . The collection N of all such

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functionals is a discrete, open, and dense subset of Ω' . Since Ω' happens to be compact (**1**, p. 504), it is the closure of N in M^* , and it is known as the Stone-Čech compactification of N . The set Ω , the complement of N in Ω' , is characterized, as a subset of Ω' , by the fact that each of its elements satisfies the condition

$$(4) \quad \phi(x) \text{ is independent of the value of } \xi_n \text{ for each fixed } n.$$

Its closed convex hull, $\mathfrak{S}(\Omega)$, is the set of all functionals in M^* satisfying conditions (1), (3), and (4). Since (2) obviously implies (4), $L \subset \mathfrak{S}(\Omega)$. It is important to note that L is itself a closed convex set.

The proof of existence of generalized limits that was referred to in the second paragraph goes as follows: Let $\chi \in \Omega$, or, more generally, $\chi \in \mathfrak{S}(\Omega)$; a generalized limit, ψ , is obtained by setting

$$\psi(x) = \chi\left(\left\{n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i\right\}\right)$$

for $x = \{\xi_n\}$ in M . Now, a functional $\chi \in \mathfrak{S}(\Omega)$ has the property that if $y \in M$ is a convergent sequence, then $\chi(y)$ is the ordinary limit of y . If x is a sequence whose arithmetic means, $n^{-1} \sum \xi_i$, converge to σ , say, then $\psi(x) = \sigma$ for every generalized limit ψ which is obtained in this manner. Since it is known that there are some such sequences and some generalized limits which assign to them values different from σ (see Theorem 4), it follows that this procedure does not lead to all generalized limits. It is our intention, therefore, to modify this procedure in such a way as to obtain all generalized limits.

Let T_n be the operator

$$n^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T^i,$$

and let $\theta_1(x) = \xi_1$ for all $x \in M$. Then $\{\theta_1(T_n x)\}$ is the sequence of arithmetic means of x , and the generalized limit obtained above may be defined as $\psi(x) = \chi(\{\theta_1(T_n x)\})$. From this point of view, an obvious way to generate more generalized limits is to replace θ_1 by some other functional. Three observations should be made in this connection.

(a) If θ_1 is replaced by $\theta_p \in N$, nothing new is obtained, because

$$\theta_p(T^i x) = \theta_1(T^{i+p-1} x), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots,$$

so that

$$\chi(\{\theta_p(T_n x)\}) = \chi(\{\theta_1(T_n T^{p-1} x)\}) = \psi(T^{p-1} x) = \psi(x).$$

(b) If ϕ is any functional satisfying conditions (1) and (3), i.e., $\phi \in \mathfrak{S}(\Omega')$, and if $\chi \in \mathfrak{S}(\Omega)$, then

$$(5) \quad \psi(x) = \chi(\{\phi(T_n x)\})$$

does define a generalized limit (Theorem 1).

(c) It is trivial that any generalized limit ψ may be obtained from (5) simply by taking $\phi = \psi$, because $\psi(T_n x) = \psi(x)$ for all n .

The purpose of this paper is to prove that the collection Q of all functionals of the form (5) with χ and ϕ in Ω is sufficient to yield all generalized limits in the sense that $\mathfrak{S}(Q) = L$.

The proof requires a surprising amount of heavy machinery: the representation of M as the space of all continuous functions on Ω' , the representation of an arbitrary continuous linear functional on M as a measure on Ω' , and one of the deep theorems of measure theory, the individual ergodic theorem. A similar (but apparently weaker) result can be obtained by using entirely different techniques. As was stated before, the set N is dense in Ω' , which means that the element $\chi \in \Omega$ is the limit of a directed system

$$\{\theta_{n_\nu}\}$$

of elements of N . In terms of this directed system, (5) becomes

$$\psi(x) = \lim_\nu \phi(T_{n_\nu} x).$$

Since $\chi \in \Omega$, $n_\nu \rightarrow \infty$. Let us consider, now, the set A of all continuous linear functionals of the form

$$(6) \quad \psi(x) = \lim_\nu \phi_\nu(T_{n_\nu} x)$$

where $n_\nu \rightarrow \infty$, $\phi_\nu \in \Omega$ for all ν , and the limit is assumed to exist for all $x \in M$. It will be seen that A is a closed subset of L , and the proposition $\mathfrak{S}(A) = L$ will be proved independently of the obvious fact that $Q \subset A$. I have not been able to determine¹ whether Q is a proper subset of A or whether the closure of Q is all of A .

2. Limit points of sequences in M^* . Since it is convenient to work in the space M^* as much as possible, we introduce the operator T^* on M^* , defined by $T^* \phi(x) = \phi(Tx)$ for all $x \in M$, $\phi \in M^*$. Condition (2) becomes (2*) $T^* \phi = \phi$. In keeping with the notation used above, we have

$$T_n^* = n^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T^{*i}.$$

THEOREM 1. *If*

$$\psi = \lim_\nu T_{n_\nu}^* \phi_\nu,$$

where each ϕ_ν is a positive linear functional of norm 1 (i.e., ϕ_ν satisfies conditions (1) and (3)) and $n_\nu \rightarrow \infty$, then $\psi \in L$.

Proof. It is clear that ψ satisfies conditions (1) and (3). For any $x \in M$,

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$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x - Tx) &= \lim_\nu [T_{n_\nu} * \phi_\nu(x) - T_{n_\nu} * \phi_\nu(Tx)] \\ &= \lim_\nu \phi_\nu \left[n_\nu^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n_\nu-1} (T^i x - T^{i+1} x) \right] \\ &= \lim_\nu \phi_\nu [n_\nu^{-1} (x - T_{n_\nu} x)]. \end{aligned}$$

But

$$|\phi_\nu [n_\nu^{-1} (x - T_{n_\nu} x)]| \leq 2 \|\phi_\nu\| \cdot n_\nu^{-1} \cdot \|x\| \rightarrow 0$$

with ν . Therefore, $\psi(x - Tx) = 0$.

The existence of generalized limits is an immediate consequence of Theorem 1; this is substantially the same proof that was described in the Introduction. Take any $\theta \in N$. Since $\{T_n * \theta\} \subset B^*$ and the latter set is compact, the former set must have limit points all of which are in L , according to Theorem 1. We observe that $\{T_n * \theta\}$ is not a convergent sequence in M^* for any $\theta \in N$, because convergence of $\{T_n * \theta\}$ in M^* implies convergence of the sequence of numbers $\{T_n * \theta(x)\}$ for every $x \in M$. But, if $\theta = \theta_p$, then

$$T_n * \theta_p(x) = \theta_p(T_n x)$$

is the n th arithmetic mean of the sequence $T^{p-1} x$, and it is easy to find an x which will make $\{\theta_p(T_n x)\}$ diverge. What is not so obvious is that if $\omega \in \Omega$, $\{T_n * \omega\}$ need not converge either. Here is an example.

First, construct a sequence $\{\eta_i\}$ whose arithmetic means do not converge. Thus: $\eta_1 = 1$, $\eta_i = 0$ if $2^k \leq i < 2^k + 2^{k-1}$, and $\eta_i = 1$ if

$$2^k + 2^{k-1} \leq i < 2^{k+1}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Next, let

$$\{\theta_{n_k}\} (k = 1, 2, \dots)$$

be a sequence in N such that $n_k - n_{k-1} \geq 2^k$, and let ω be one of its limit points. Define $\xi_n = 0$ if $n = n_k$ for some k or $n < n_1$, and $\xi_n = \eta_i$ if i is the least positive integer such that $n = n_k + i$ for some k . The inequality serves to guarantee that, for each i ,

$$\xi_{n_k+i} = \eta_i$$

for all but a finite number of k 's. Setting $x = \{\xi_n\}$, we have

$$\omega(x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \xi_{n_k}$$

provided the limit exists, and more generally,

$$\omega(T^i x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \xi_{n_k+i}$$

It follows that for each i , $\omega(T^i x) = \eta_i$, and therefore,

$$\left\{ n^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \omega(T^i x) \right\}$$

does not converge. But this implies that $\{T_n * \omega\}$ does not converge in M^* .

The sequence $\{n_k\}$ is an example of a sequence of integers of density 0 in the number theoretic sense. Making use of the obvious one to one correspondence between N and the set of positive integers, we may speak, in the same way, of non-dense subsets of N . It is somewhat surprising, in view of the fact that N is a countable, dense, discrete set in Ω' , that there exist points ω in Ω which are not limit points of any non-dense subset of N . I conjecture that for some such ω the sequence $\{T_n^*\omega\}$ does converge, but I have not been able to prove this. It will be seen in the proof of Theorem 3 that for each $x \in M$ there exists $\omega \in \Omega$ with the property that $\{T_n^*\omega(x)\}$ is a convergent sequence of numbers.

3. Sets that generate L . We have already observed that $L \subset \mathfrak{S}(\Omega)$. Since T_n^* is a continuous mapping and Ω is compact, the set $A_n = T_n^*(\Omega)$ is compact. From the additional fact that T_n^* is linear, it follows that for any set $S \subset B^*$,

$$T_n^*(\mathfrak{S}(S)) = \mathfrak{S}(T_n^*(S)).$$

Since L is elementwise invariant under T_n^* , we have

$$L = T_n^*(L) \subset T_n^*(\mathfrak{S}(\Omega)) = \mathfrak{S}(T_n^*(\Omega)) = \mathfrak{S}(A_n).$$

It follows that

$$L \subset \bigcap_1^\infty \mathfrak{S}(A_n).$$

This conclusion is obtained so easily because the closed convex hull of a set is, in general, very much bigger than the set itself. We would like to have L as the closed convex hull of an intersection rather than the intersection of hulls. It is hopeless, however, to expect that

$$L = \mathfrak{S}\left(\bigcap_1^\infty A_n\right),$$

because $\bigcap A_n$ is empty in the worst possible way; namely, the sets A_n are mutually disjoint. To prove the last statement, fix n , and let $x = \{\xi_i\}$ where $\xi_i = 1$ if i is a multiple of n and $\xi_i = 0$ otherwise. Then for every $\omega \in \Omega'$, $\omega(x)$ is either 0 or 1, there is some integer j' such that $T^{*j'}\omega(x) = 1$, and $T^{*j}\omega(x) = 1$ if $j \equiv j' \pmod{n}$ and $T^{*j}\omega(x) = 0$ if $j \not\equiv j' \pmod{n}$. Consequently, $\phi(x) = 1/n$ for all $\phi \in A_n$, whereas, if $\phi \in A_k$ with $k < n$, then $\phi(x) = 0$ or $1/k$. Thus, $A_k \cap A_n$ is empty for all $k < n$ and for all n .

The operation on the sequence of sets $\{A_n\}$ that does the job we want is the topological limit superior. By definition,

$$\psi \in \limsup A_n$$

if every neighborhood of ψ meets infinitely many of the sets A_n . Equivalently,

$$\limsup A_n = \bigcap_{m=1}^\infty F_m,$$

where F_m is the closure of the set

$$\bigcup_{n=m}^{\infty} A_n.$$

It is clear from the form of the sets A_n that if $\psi \in \limsup A_n$, then there are directed systems

$$\{T_{n_\nu}^*\} \text{ and } \{\omega_\nu\}$$

directed by the same set $\{\nu\}$ and with $\omega_\nu \in \Omega$, such that $n_\nu \rightarrow \infty$ and

$$T_{n_\nu}^* \omega_\nu \rightarrow \psi.$$

Conversely, every cluster point of such a directed system is in $\limsup A_n$. Thus, $\limsup A_n$ is precisely the set A of the introduction. By Theorem 1, $A \subset L$, and since L is compact and convex, we conclude that $\mathfrak{S}(A) \subset L$.

THEOREM 2. $\mathfrak{S}(A) = L$.

Proof. In view of the preceding discussion, we have only to prove that $L \subset \mathfrak{S}(A)$. But this follows easily from Theorem 2 of (4), which asserts that for a sequence $\{\mathfrak{S}(A_n)\}$ of compact convex sets,

$$\limsup \mathfrak{S}(A_n) \subset \mathfrak{S}(\limsup A_n).$$

We have already seen that

$$L \subset \bigcap_1^{\infty} \mathfrak{S}(A_n),$$

which, in turn, is contained in $\limsup \mathfrak{S}(A_n)$.

COROLLARY 1. *All of the extreme points of L are in A .*

Proof. The topological limit superior is always a closed set. According to a theorem of Milman (9; 3, p. 84, prop. 4), all of the extreme points of the closed convex hull of a set are in the closure of that set.

COROLLARY 2.

$$L = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} T_n^*(\mathfrak{S}(\Omega)).$$

This can be proved directly, but at this stage it comes very easily out of a string of inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} T_n^*(L) \subset \bigcap T_n^*(\mathfrak{S}(\Omega)) = \bigcap \mathfrak{S}(A_n) \\ &\subset \limsup \mathfrak{S}(A_n) \subset \mathfrak{S}(\limsup A_n) = L. \end{aligned}$$

We turn now to the development of a sharper result. It is well known that M is isomorphic and isometric (equivalent in Banach's sense) with the space of all continuous functions on the compact set Ω' , the isomorphism taking the element $x \in M$ into the function whose value at $\omega \in \Omega'$ is $\omega(x)$. It is convenient

to identify the two spaces and use the notation $x(\omega)$ to denote $\omega(x)$. To each continuous linear functional ϕ on M , there corresponds **(5)** a unique regular Borel measure m on Ω' with the property

$$\phi(x) = \int_{\Omega'} x(\omega) dm(\omega) \quad \text{for all } x \in M.$$

Conditions (1)–(4) on the functional ϕ may be translated into the following conditions on the measure m : For every Borel set Γ ,

- (1') $m(\Gamma) \geq 0$;
- (2') $m(T^*\Gamma) = m(\Gamma)$;
- (3') $m(\Omega') = 1$;
- (4') $m(N) = 0$.

THEOREM 3. *If Q is the set of all limit points of sequences $\{T_n^*\omega\}$, $\omega \in \Omega$, then $\mathfrak{S}(Q) = L$.*

Proof. We apply here the technique of Milman, as described in **(4)**. Since L is a compact, convex set and $Q \subset L$, it suffices to prove that for every continuous (in the weak* topology) linear functional f on M^* ,

$$\sup_{\psi \in L} f(\psi) = \sup_{\psi \in Q} f(\psi).$$

But every continuous linear functional on M^* comes from an element of M ; that is, given such an f , there exists $x \in M$ such that $f(\phi) = \phi(x)$ for all $\phi \in M^*$. We wish to prove, then, that for all $x \in M$,

$$(7) \quad \sup_{\psi \in L} \psi(x) = \sup_{\psi \in Q} \psi(x).$$

Fix $x \in M$. Since L is compact, there is an element ψ_0 in L such that

$$\psi_0(x) = \sup_{\psi \in L} \psi(x).$$

Let m_0 be the regular Borel measure on Ω' corresponding to the functional ψ_0 . Conditions (1')–(4') are satisfied by m_0 , so that all of the measure is carried by the set Ω : $m_0(\Omega) = 1$. The individual ergodic theorem **(6)** is applicable to this situation, and we conclude that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n x(\omega)$ exists for all ω in an invariant (under T^*) subset Δ of Ω of m_0 -measure 1. If we let $X(\omega)$ denote this limit for $\omega \in \Delta$, and $X(\omega) = 0$ for $\omega \in \Omega - \Delta$, then the ergodic theorem states further that X is a measurable function, invariant under T^* , and

$$(8) \quad \int_{\Omega} X(\omega) dm_0(\omega) = \int_{\Omega} x(\omega) dm_0 = \psi_0(x).$$

For each $\omega \in \Delta$, the set $\{T_n^*\omega\}$ has limit points, and according to Theorem 1, every such limit point is in L . Consequently, there is a ψ in L , which depends upon ω and such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n x(\omega) = \psi(x).$$

Since $\psi(x) \leq \psi_0(x)$ for all $\psi \in L$, we have

$$X(\omega) = \lim T_n x(\omega) \leq \psi_0(x)$$

for all $\omega \in \Delta$. This inequality together with equation (8) and the fact that $m_0(\Delta) = 1$ implies that $X(\omega) = \psi_0(x)$ for almost all $\omega \in \Delta$. In particular, there is at least one ω_0 for which the equality holds, and any limit point χ of $\{T_n^* \omega_0\}$ has the properties:

$$\chi \in Q \text{ and } \chi(x) = \psi_0(x) = \sup_{\psi \in L} \psi(x).$$

This verifies (7) and completes the proof of the theorem (cf. 6a).

4. Almost convergent sequences. Lorentz (7) calls a sequence $x \in M$ *almost convergent* if $\psi(x)$ is independent of $\psi \in L$. By Theorem 3, it is obviously sufficient to require that $\psi(x)$ be constant for $\psi \in Q$. Observing that every $\psi \in Q$ has the form

$$\psi(x) = \lim_{\nu} T_{n_{\nu}} x(\omega), \omega \in \Omega,$$

leads to the following characterization of almost convergent sequences:

LEMMA. *In order that there exist a number σ such that $\psi(x) = \sigma$ for all $\psi \in L$, it is necessary and sufficient that*

$$(9) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n x(\omega) = \sigma$$

for all $\omega \in \Omega'$.

(We write Ω' rather than Ω in order to facilitate the coming discussion. Both are correct.)

The known characterization of almost convergent sequences is the following (7; see also 10, p. 53):

THEOREM 4. *A necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of σ such that $\psi(x) = \sigma$ for all $\psi \in L$ is that*

$$(10) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_{i+k} = \sigma,$$

uniformly in k .

In our notation, (10) takes the form

$$(10') \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n x(k) = \sigma,$$

uniformly in $k (\in N)$. Since N is dense in Ω' and $T_n x$ is a continuous function on Ω' , (10') obviously implies (9). But the converse is also true. For (9) implies weak convergence of the sequence $\{T_n x\}$ in M to the constant σ . By the mean ergodic theorem in Banach space (6), this implies convergence in norm, i.e. uniform convergence on all of Ω' .

5. The maximal generalized limit of a given sequence. If ρ is a functional on M satisfying the two conditions

- (i) $\rho(x + y) \leq \rho(x) + \rho(y)$,
- (ii) $\rho(\lambda x) = \lambda\rho(x)$ for all $x, y \in M$ and $\lambda \geq 0$,

then, according to the Hahn-Banach theorem, there exists a linear functional ϕ such that $\phi(x) \leq \rho(x)$ for all x . The functional τ defined by

$$\tau(x) = \sup_{\psi \in L} \psi(x)$$

satisfies conditions (i) and (ii). Noting that for a linear functional ϕ , $\phi(x) \leq \tau(x)$ for all $x \in M$ implies

$$-\tau(-x) \leq -\phi(-x) = \phi(x) \leq \tau(x),$$

one sees that every such ϕ is actually a generalized limit.

It is clear from the proof of the Hahn-Banach theorem (2, p. 28) that not only is there a linear functional ϕ dominated by ρ , but also, if $x_0 \in M$ is given, ϕ may be chosen so that $\phi(x_0) = \rho(x_0)$. Consequently, if ρ has the property that $\phi \leq \rho$ implies $\phi \in L$, then $\rho(x) \leq \tau(x)$ for all $x \in M$. In Banach's proof of the existence of generalized limits the functional which is used for ρ is

$$\tau'(x) = \inf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \limsup n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_{k+m_i},$$

where the infimum is taken over all possible choices of non-negative integers m_1, \dots, m_n . By what was said earlier, $\tau'(x) \leq \tau(x)$, and it is easy to reverse this inequality to obtain $\tau'(x) = \tau(x)$. All of this has been observed before (7).

Now, let us use Theorem 2 to calculate $\tau(x)$ from the terms of the sequence $\{\xi_n\}$. Since $L = \mathfrak{S}(A)$, where $A = \limsup A_n$, we have

$$\tau(x) = \sup_{\psi \in A} \psi(x).$$

By definition,

$$A = \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} F_m,$$

where F_m is the closure of

$$\bigcup_{n=m}^{\infty} A_n.$$

It is easy to see that

$$\sup_{\phi \in A_n} \phi(x) = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \xi_{k+i},$$

so that

$$\sup_{\phi \in F_m} \phi(x) = \sup_{n \geq m} \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \xi_{k+i}$$

and finally,

$$(11) \quad \sup_{\psi \in A} \psi(x) \leq \inf_m \sup_{n \geq m} \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \xi_{k+i}.$$

We denote the right side of the inequality by $\tau''(x)$:

$$\tau''(x) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \xi_{k+i}.$$

Since F_m is a compact set, the supremum of $\phi(x)$ is attained at some $\phi_m \in F_m$, for each m . The sequence $\{\phi_m\}$ has limit points and every one of these limit points is in A . It follows that the inequality in (11) is actually an equality.

THEOREM 5. *For every $x = \{\xi_n\}$ in M ,*

$$\sup_{\psi \in L} \psi(x) = \tau'(x) = \tau''(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \xi_{k+i}.$$

Everything has already been proved excepting the existence of the last limit, which is obtained by observing that

$$\tau'(x) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \xi_{k+i} \leq \tau''(x).$$

An alternate proof of the equality $\tau' = \tau$ can be given by using the Hahn-Banach argument mentioned earlier; namely, if ϕ is a linear functional such that $\phi(x) \leq \tau''(x)$ for all x , then $\phi \in L$. Consequently, $\tau'' \leq \tau$, and a simple computation shows that $\psi \in L$ implies $\psi \leq \tau''$. The argument based upon Theorem 2, although more complicated than this one, has the advantage that it enables one to discover the form of the functional τ'' . In fact, the equality $\tau' = \tau''$ does not seem to have been noticed before.

It ought to be possible to prove that $\tau' = \tau''$ directly from the expressions for τ' and τ'' in terms of the sequence $\{\xi_n\}$, and this was done by Professor J. H. B. Kemperman. The essential step in his proof (unpublished) is the following inequality: if

$$0 = m_1 \leq m_2 \leq \dots \leq m_n,$$

and p is any positive integer, then

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} p^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^p \xi_{k+i} \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_{k+m_i} + \frac{2\|x\|}{np} (n-1)(m_n - m_1).$$

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