

**Title:** Characterization of the convergence of weighted averages of double sequences of numbers and functions in two variables

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Let  $(p_j \ge 0)$  and  $(q_j \ge 0)$  be two sequences of weights such that

$$P_m := \sum_{k=1}^m p_k \to \infty \text{ as } m \to \infty \text{ and } Q_n := \sum_{k=1}^n q_k \to \infty \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

Weighted averages of a complex-valued double sequence  $(c_{j,k} : (j,k) \in N^2)$  are defined by

$$\sigma_{m,n} := \frac{1}{P_m Q_n} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n p_j \, q_k \, c_{j,k}$$

for large enough m, n where  $P_m \cdot Q_n > 0$ .

Furthermore, let  $p, q: \bar{R}_+ \to \bar{R}_+$  be two weight functions such that

$$P(s) := \int_0^s p(u) \, du \to \infty \text{ as } s \to \infty \quad \text{and} \quad Q(t) := \int_0^t q(u) \, du \to \infty \text{ as } t \to \infty.$$

The weighted averages of a measurable function  $f: \bar{R}^2_+ \to C$  are defined when the product f p q is locally integrable on  $\bar{R}^2_+$  as follows

$$\sigma(s,t) := \frac{1}{P(s) Q(t)} \int_0^s \int_0^t f(u,v) p(u) q(v) \, du dv$$

for large enough s, t where P(s)Q(t) > 0.

Under fairly general conditions imposed on the weights, we give necessary and sufficient conditions in order that the finite limits  $\sigma_{mn} \to L$  as  $m, n \to \infty$  and  $\sigma(s, t) \to L$  as  $s, t \to \infty$  exist, respectively. These characterizations may find applications in Probability.

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