

## ON THE SPACES OF NÖRLUND NULL AND NÖRLUND CONVERGENT SEQUENCES

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**ABSTRACT.** In this article, the sequence spaces  $c_0(N^t)$  and  $c(N^t)$  are introduced as the domain of Nörlund mean  $N^t$  in the spaces  $c_0$  and  $c$  of null and convergent sequences which are isomorphic to the spaces  $c_0$  and  $c$ , respectively, and some inclusion relations are given. Additionally, Schauder basis for the spaces  $c_0(N^t)$  and  $c(N^t)$  are constructed and their alpha-, beta- and gamma-duals are computed. Finally, the classes  $(c(N^t) : \ell_\infty)$ ,  $(c(N^t) : c)$  and  $(c(N^t) : c_0)$  of matrix transformations are characterized.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

We denote the space of all complex valued sequences by  $\omega$ . Each vector subspace of  $\omega$  is called as a *sequence space*, as well. The spaces of all bounded, convergent and null sequences are denoted by  $\ell_\infty$ ,  $c$  and  $c_0$ , respectively. By  $\phi$ , we mean the space of all finitely non-zero sequences. A sequence space  $\mu$  is called an *FK-space* if it is a complete linear metric space with continuous coordinates  $p_n : \mu \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with  $p_n(x) = x_n$  for all  $x = (x_n) \in \mu$  and every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $\mathbb{C}$  denotes the complex field and  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ . A normed *FK-spaces* is called a *BK-space*, that is, a *BK-space* is a Banach space with continuous coordinates, [13, pp. 272-273]. The sequence spaces  $\ell_\infty$ ,  $c$  and  $c_0$  are *BK-spaces* with the usual sup-norm defined by  $\|x\|_\infty = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} |x_k|$ . By  $\ell_1$ ,  $\ell_p$ ,  $cs$ ,  $cs_0$  and  $bs$ , we denote the spaces of all absolutely convergent,  $p$ -absolutely convergent, convergent, convergent to zero and bounded series, respectively; where  $1 < p < \infty$ .

The alpha-dual  $\lambda^\alpha$ , beta-dual  $\lambda^\beta$  and gamma-dual  $\lambda^\gamma$  of a sequence space  $\lambda$  are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^\alpha &:= \{x = (x_k) \in \omega : xy = (x_k y_k) \in \ell_1 \text{ for all } y = (y_k) \in \lambda\}, \\ \lambda^\beta &:= \{x = (x_k) \in \omega : xy = (x_k y_k) \in cs \text{ for all } y = (y_k) \in \lambda\}, \\ \lambda^\gamma &:= \{x = (x_k) \in \omega : xy = (x_k y_k) \in bs \text{ for all } y = (y_k) \in \lambda\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\lambda, \mu$  be any two sequence spaces and  $A = (a_{nk})$  be an infinite matrix of complex numbers  $a_{nk}$ , where  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, we say that  $A$  defines a *matrix transformation* from  $\lambda$  into  $\mu$  and we denote it by writing  $A : \lambda \rightarrow \mu$ , if for every sequence  $x = (x_k) \in \lambda$  the sequence  $Ax = \{(Ax)_n\}$ , the  $A$ -transform of  $x$ , is in  $\mu$ ; where

$$(Ax)_n = \sum_k a_{nk} x_k \tag{1}$$

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provided the series on the right side of (1) converges for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For simplicity in notation, here and in what follows, the summation without limits runs from 0 to  $\infty$ . By  $(\lambda : \mu)$ , we denote the class of all matrices  $A$  such that  $A : \lambda \rightarrow \mu$ . Thus,  $A \in (\lambda : \mu)$  if and only if  $Ax$  exists, i.e.  $A_n x \in \lambda^\beta$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and belongs to  $\mu$  for all  $x \in \lambda$ , where  $A_n$  denotes the sequence in the  $n$ -th row of  $A$ .

If a normed sequence space  $\lambda$  contains a sequence  $(b_n)$  with the following property that for every  $x \in \lambda$  there is a unique sequence of scalars  $(\alpha_n)$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x - (\alpha_0 b_0 + \alpha_1 b_1 + \dots + \alpha_n b_n)\| = 0$$

then  $(b_n)$  is called a Schauder basis for  $\lambda$ . The series  $\sum_k \alpha_k b_k$  which has the sum  $x$  is then called the expansion of  $x$  with respect to  $(b_n)$  and written as  $x = \sum_k \alpha_k b_k$ .

If  $\lambda$  is an  $FK$ -space,  $\phi \subset \lambda$  and  $(e^k)$  is a basis for  $\lambda$  then  $\lambda$  is said to have  $AK$  property, where  $e^k$  is a sequence whose only term in  $k^{th}$  place is 1 the others are zero for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\phi = span\{e^k\}$ . If  $\phi$  is dense in  $\lambda$ , then  $\lambda$  is called  $AD$ -space, thus  $AK$  implies  $AD$ .

Let  $(t_k)$  be a nonnegative real sequence with  $t_0 > 0$  and  $T_n = \sum_{k=0}^n t_k$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, the Nörlund mean with respect to the sequence  $t = (t_k)$  is defined by the matrix  $N^t = (a_{nk}^t)$  as follows

$$a_{nk}^t = \begin{cases} \frac{t_{n-k}}{T_n} & , \quad 0 \leq k \leq n, \\ 0 & , \quad k > n \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

for every  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It is known that the Nörlund matrix  $N^t$  is regular if and only if  $t_n/T_n \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  ([18], Theorem 16, p. 64), and is reduced in the case  $t = e = (1, 1, 1, \dots)$  to the matrix  $C_1$  of arithmetic mean. Additionally, for  $t_n = A_n^{r-1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the method  $N^t$  is reduced to the Cesàro method  $C_r$  of order  $r > -1$ , where

$$A_n^r = \begin{cases} \frac{(r+1)(r+2)\dots(r+n)}{n!} & , \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \\ 1 & , \quad n = 0. \end{cases}$$

Let  $t_0 = D_0 = 1$  and define  $D_n$  for  $n \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  by

$$D_n = \begin{vmatrix} t_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ t_2 & t_1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ t_3 & t_2 & t_1 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ t_{n-1} & t_{n-2} & t_{n-3} & t_{n-4} & \dots & 1 \\ t_n & t_{n-1} & t_{n-2} & t_{n-3} & \dots & t_1 \end{vmatrix}. \tag{3}$$

Then, the inverse matrix  $U^t = (u_{nk}^t)$  of Nörlund matrix  $N^t$  was defined by Mears in [27] for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , as follows;

$$u_{nk}^t = \begin{cases} (-1)^{n-k} D_{n-k} T_k & , \quad 0 \leq k \leq n, \\ 0 & , \quad k > n. \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

Additionally, the inverse of Nörlund matrix and some multiplication theorems for Nörlund mean were studied by Mears [26, 27].

The domain  $\lambda_A$  of an infinite matrix  $A$  in a sequence space  $\lambda$  is defined by

$$\lambda_A = \{x = (x_k) \in \omega : Ax \in \lambda\}$$

which is a sequence space. The domain of Nörlund matrix  $N^t$  in the classical sequence spaces  $\ell_\infty$  and  $\ell_p$  were introduced by Wang [31], where  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . We should note here that as a new

development, the reader may refer to [14] for studying on sequence spaces and related topics in the sense of multiplicative calculus.

The rest of this paper is organized, as follows:

In section 2, we introduce the sequence spaces  $c_0(N^t)$  and  $c(N^t)$ , and give their some algebraic and topological properties. Section 3 is devoted to the determination of the alpha-, beta- and gamma-duals of the spaces  $c_0(N^t)$  and  $c(N^t)$ . In Section 4, the classes  $(c(N^t) : \ell_\infty)$ ,  $(c(N^t) : c)$  and  $(c(N^t) : c_0)$  of matrix transformations are characterized and the characterizations of some other classes are also derived as an application of those main results. In the final section of the paper, we note the significance of the present results in the literature related with the domain of certain triangle matrices on the spaces  $c_0$  and  $c$ , and record some further suggestions.

## 2. THE SEQUENCE SPACES $c_0(N^t)$ AND $c(N^t)$ OF NON-ABSOLUTE TYPE

We introduce the sequence spaces  $c_0(N^t)$  and  $c(N^t)$  as the set of all sequences whose  $N^t$ -transforms are in the spaces of null and convergent sequences, respectively, that is

$$c_0(N^t) := \left\{ x = (x_k) \in \omega : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T_n} \sum_{k=0}^n t_{n-k} x_k = 0 \right\},$$

$$c(N^t) := \left\{ x = (x_k) \in \omega : \exists l \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T_n} \sum_{k=0}^n t_{n-k} x_k = l \right\}.$$

We define the sequence  $y = (y_k)$  by the  $N^t$ -transform of a sequence  $x = (x_k)$ , that is,

$$y_k = (N^t x)_k = \frac{1}{T_k} \sum_{j=0}^k t_{k-j} x_j \quad (5)$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore, by applying  $U^t$  to the sequence  $y$  defined by (5) we obtain that

$$x_k = (U^t y)_k = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{k-j} D_{k-j} T_j y_j \quad (6)$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Throughout the text, we suppose that the terms of the sequences  $x = (x_k)$  and  $y = (y_k)$  are connected with the relation (5).

**Theorem 2.1.** *The sequence spaces  $c_0(N^t)$  and  $c(N^t)$  are the linear spaces with the co-ordinatewise addition and scalar multiplication which are the BK-spaces with the norm  $\|x\|_{c_0(N^t)} = \|x\|_{c(N^t)} = \|N^t x\|_\infty$ .*

*Proof.* The proof of the first part of the theorem is a routine verification and so, we omit the detail.

Since  $c_0$  and  $c$  are the BK-spaces with respect to their usual sup-norm and  $N^t$  is a triangle matrix, Theorem 4.3.2 of Wilansky [32, p. 61] gives the fact that  $c_0(N^t)$  and  $c(N^t)$  are the BK-spaces. This completes the proof.  $\square$

Let  $\lambda$  denotes any of the spaces  $c_0$  or  $c$ . With the notation of (5), since the transformation  $T : \lambda(N^t) \rightarrow \lambda$  defined by  $x \mapsto y = Tx = N^t x$  is a norm preserving linear bijection, we have the following:

**Corollary 2.2.** *The sequence space  $\lambda(N^t)$  is linearly norm isomorphic to the space  $\lambda$ , where  $\lambda \in \{c_0, c\}$ .*

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $N^t$  be a non-Mercerian matrix, i.e.,  $c_{N^t} \neq c$ . Then, the inclusions  $c_0 \subset c_0(N^t)$  and  $c \subset c(N^t)$  strictly hold.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $N^t$  is a non-Mercerian matrix. To show the inclusion relation  $c_0 \subset c_0(N^t)$  holds we take any sequence  $y \in c_0$ . Then, by using the regularity property of  $N^t$  we can easily find that  $N^t y \in c_0$  which means that  $y \in c_0(N^t)$ . That is to say that the inclusion  $c_0 \subset c_0(N^t)$  holds. In the similar way, it is trivial to see that the inclusion  $c \subset c(N^t)$  also holds.

To prove the second part of the theorem, we should show that the sets  $c_0(N^t) - c_0$  and  $c(N^t) - c$  are not empty. For this, consider the sequence  $v = (v_k) = \{(-1)^k\}$  which does not belong to both of the spaces  $c_0$  and  $c$ . Since

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (C_1 v)_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j = 0$$

and Cesàro mean  $C_1$  of order one is a special case of Nörlund mean, we have  $v \in c_0(N^t)$ . Additionally, since  $C_1 v \in c_0$  implies  $C_1 v \in c$ ; we also have  $v \in c(N^t)$ . Hence,  $v \in [c_0(N^t) - c_0] \cap [c(N^t) - c]$ . That is to say that the inclusions  $c_0 \subset c_0(N^t)$  and  $c \subset c(N^t)$  strictly hold.  $\square$

It is known from Theorem 2.3 of Jarrah and Malkowsky [19] that the domain  $\lambda_T$  of an infinite matrix  $T = (t_{nk})$  in a normed sequence space  $\lambda$  has a basis if and only if  $\lambda$  has a basis, if  $T$  is a triangle. As a direct consequence of this fact, we have:

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $\alpha_k = (N^t x)_k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Define the sequence  $\{u^{(n)}\} = \{u_k^{(n)}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  in the space  $c_0(N^t)$  by*

$$u_k^{(n)} = \begin{cases} (-1)^{n-k} D_{n-k} T_k & , \quad 0 \leq k \leq n, \\ 0 & , \quad k > n \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

for every fixed  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- (a) *The sequence  $\{u^{(n)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a basis for the space  $c_0(N^t)$  and any  $x \in c_0(N^t)$  has a unique representation of the form  $x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k u_k^n$ .*
- (b) *The set  $\{e, u^{(n)}\}$  is a basis for the sequence space  $c(N^t)$  and any  $x \in c(N^t)$  has a unique representation of the form  $x = le + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\alpha_k - l) u_k^n$ , where  $l = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k$ .*

### 3. THE ALPHA-, BETA- AND GAMMA-DUALS OF THE SPACES $c_0(N^t)$ AND $c(N^t)$

In this section, the alpha-, beta- and gamma-duals of the spaces  $c_0(N^t)$  and  $c(N^t)$  are determined.

Now, we start with the following lemma which is needed in proving our theorems. Here and after, we denote the collection of all finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  by  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $A = (a_{nk})$  be an infinite matrix over the complex field. Then, the following statements hold:*

- (a)  *$A \in (c_0 : \ell_1) = (c : \ell_1)$  if and only if*

$$\sup_{K \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_n \left| \sum_{k \in K} a_{nk} \right| < \infty. \quad (8)$$

- (b)  *$A \in (c : \ell_\infty)$  if and only if*

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_k |a_{nk}| < \infty. \quad (9)$$

(c)  $A \in (c : c)$  if and only if (9) holds, and

$$\exists a_k \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{nk} = a_k \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (10)$$

$$\exists a \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_k a_{nk} = a. \quad (11)$$

(d)  $A \in (c : c_0)$  if and only if (9) holds, and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{nk} = 0 \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (12)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_k a_{nk} = 0. \quad (13)$$

**Theorem 3.2.** The  $\alpha$ -dual of the spaces  $c_0(N^t)$  and  $c(N^t)$  is the set

$$d_1^t := \left\{ a = (a_k) \in \omega : \sup_{K \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_n \left| \sum_{k \in K} (-1)^{n-k} D_{n-k} T_k a_n \right| < \infty \right\}.$$

*Proof.* Let us define the matrix  $B = (b_{nk}^t)$  with the aid of  $a = (a_k) \in \omega$  by

$$b_{nk}^t = \begin{cases} (-1)^{n-k} D_{n-k} T_k a_n & , \quad 0 \leq k \leq n \\ 0 & , \quad k > n \end{cases}$$

for all  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since the relation (6) holds, we easily obtain that

$$a_n x_n = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} D_{n-k} T_k a_n y_k = (By)_n \quad (14)$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . From (14), we conclude that  $ax = (a_n x_n) \in \ell_1$  whenever  $x \in c_0(N^t)$  or  $\in c(N^t)$  if and only if  $By \in \ell_1$  whenever  $y \in c_0$  or  $\in c$ . Therefore, we derive by Part (a) of Lemma 3.1 that

$$\sup_{K \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_n \left| \sum_{k \in K} (-1)^{n-k} D_{n-k} T_k a_n \right| < \infty$$

which leads to the desired result that  $\{c_0(N^t)\}^\alpha = \{c(N^t)\}^\alpha = d_1^t$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** Define the set  $d_2^t$ , as follows;

$$d_2^t := \left\{ a = (a_k) \in \omega : \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_k \left| \sum_{j=k}^n (-1)^{j-k} D_{j-k} T_k a_j \right| < \infty \right\}.$$

Then,  $\{c_0(N^t)\}^\beta = \{c(N^t)\}^\beta = d_2^t \cap cs$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x = (x_k)$  be in  $c_0(N^t)$  or  $c(N^t)$ . Now, consider the equality

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_k x_k = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=k}^n (-1)^{j-k} a_j D_{j-k} T_k y_k + a_n T_n y_n = (Ey)_n \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (15)$$

where  $E = (e_{nk})$  is defined by

$$e_{nk} = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=k}^n (-1)^{j-k} D_{j-k} T_k a_j & , \quad 0 \leq k \leq n-1, \\ a_n T_n & , \quad k = n, \\ 0 & , \quad k > n \end{cases}$$

for all  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, we observe by taking into the equality (15) that  $ax = (a_k x_k) \in cs$  whenever  $x = (x_k) \in c(N^t)$  if and only if  $Ey \in c$  whenever  $y = (y_k) \in c$ . This is equivalent to the statement that " $a = (a_k) \in \{c(N^t)\}^\beta$  if and only if  $E \in (c : c)$ ". Therefore, we derive

from (15) and Part (c) of Lemma 3.1 that the sequence  $(a_k)$  satisfies the following conditions, respectively,

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_k \left| \sum_{j=k}^n (-1)^{j-k} D_{j-k} T_k a_j \right| < \infty.$$

$(a_k) \in cs.$

This shows that  $\{c(N^t)\}^\beta = d_2^t \cap cs$ , as asserted. □

**Theorem 3.4.** *The  $\gamma$ -dual of the spaces  $c_0(N^t)$  and  $c(N^t)$  is the set  $d_2^t$ .*

*Proof.* This is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.3 with Part (b) of Lemma 3.1 instead of Part (c) of Lemma 3.1. So, we omit the detail. □

#### 4. MATRIX TRANSFORMATIONS RELATED TO THE SEQUENCE SPACE $c(N^t)$

In this section, we characterize some matrix classes from the spaces  $c(N^t)$  into the classical sequence spaces  $\ell_\infty$ ,  $c$  and  $c_0$ . Additionally, we characterize the class of matrix transformations from a given sequence space  $\mu$  to the space  $c(N^t)$ .

Throughout this section, we define the matrices  $F = (f_{nk})$  and  $G = (g_{nk})$  via multiplication of the matrices  $A$  and  $N^t$  by the products  $AN^t$  and  $N^tA$ , respectively, that is

$$f_{nk} := \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} (-1)^{j-k} D_{j-k} T_k a_{nj} \quad \text{and} \quad g_{nk} := \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{t_{n-j}}{T_n} a_{jk}$$

for all  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.**  *$A = (a_{nk}) \in (c(N^t) : \ell_\infty)$  if and only if*

$$A_n \in \{c(N^t)\}^\beta \quad \text{for each } n \in \mathbb{N}, \tag{16}$$

$$F \in (c : \ell_\infty). \tag{17}$$

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A = (a_{nk}) \in (c(N^t) : \ell_\infty)$  and  $x = (x_k) \in c(N^t)$ . Consider the following equality derived from the  $m^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of the series  $\sum_k a_{nk} x_k$ :

$$\sum_{k=0}^m a_{nk} x_k = \sum_{k=0}^m \sum_{j=k}^m (-1)^{j-k} D_{j-k} a_{nj} T_k y_k \tag{18}$$

for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $Ax$  exists and belongs to the space  $\ell_\infty$ , the necessity of the condition (16) is obvious. Therefore, by letting  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in the equality (18) one can see that

$$\sum_k a_{nk} x_k = \sum_k \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} (-1)^{j-k} D_{j-k} T_k a_{nj} y_k \tag{19}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , i.e.,  $Ax = Fy$  which gives that  $Fy \in \ell_\infty$ . That is to say that  $F \in (c : \ell_\infty)$ .

Conversely, let us suppose that the conditions (16) and (17) hold, and take  $x = (x_k) \in c(N^t)$ . Then, (16) implies the existence of  $Ax$  and since the spaces  $c(N^t)$  and  $c$  are isomorphic we have

$y \in c$ . Therefore, (19) gives with (9) with  $f_{nk}$  instead of  $a_{nk}$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Ax\|_\infty &= \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \sum_k a_{nk} x_k \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_k \left| \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} (-1)^{j-k} D_{j-k} T_k a_{nj} y_k \right| \\ &\leq \|y\|_\infty \left[ \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_k \left| \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} (-1)^{j-k} D_{j-k} T_k a_{nj} \right| \right] < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $A \in (c(N^t) : \ell_\infty)$ .

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.**  $A = (a_{nk}) \in (c(N^t) : c)$  if and only if the condition (16) holds, and

$$F \in (c : c). \quad (20)$$

*Proof.* Suppose that the conditions (16) and (20) hold, and take any  $x = (x_k) \in c(N^t)$ . The condition (16) implies the existence of  $A$ -transform of  $x$ . Therefore, one can derive by using the hypothesis (9) with  $f_{nk}$  instead of  $a_{nk}$  that

$$\sum_{k=0}^m |a_k| \leq \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_k |f_{nk}| < \infty$$

for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence,  $(a_k) \in \ell_1$  which implies that  $(a_k y_k) \in \ell_1$ . Then, we derive by letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on (19) with (9) with  $f_{nk}$  instead of  $a_{nk}$  that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (Ax)_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_k f_{nk} y_k = \sum_k a_k y_k. \quad (21)$$

Since  $(a_k y_k) \in \ell_1$ , (21) gives that  $Ax \in c$ , that is,  $A \in (c(N^t) : c)$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $A = (a_{nk}) \in (c(N^t) : c)$  and take  $x \in c(N^t)$ . Since the inclusion relation  $c \subset \ell_\infty$  holds, the necessity of the conditions (16) and (9) with  $f_{nk}$  instead of  $a_{nk}$  follows from Theorem 4.1.

Now, consider the convergent sequences  $u = (u_k) = \left\{ u_k^{(n)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  defined by (7) and  $x = (x_k) = \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{k-j} D_{k-j} T_j \right\}$ . Since  $A$ -transforms of  $u$  and  $x$  exist and belong to the space  $c$  by the hypothesis, one can see that  $Au = \left\{ \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} (-1)^{j-k} D_{j-k} T_k a_{nj} \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in c$  and  $Ax = \left( \sum_k f_{nk} \right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in c$  which shows the necessity of the conditions (9) and (11) with  $f_{nk}$  instead of  $a_{nk}$ , respectively. Hence,  $F \in (c : c)$ .

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.3.**  $A = (a_{nk}) \in (c(N^t) : c_0)$  if and only if (16) holds and (12) and (13) also hold with  $f_{nk}$  instead of  $a_{nk}$ , respectively.

Now, we can give the theorem characterizing the class of matrix transformations from a given sequence space  $\mu$  to the Nörlund space  $c(N^t)$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Suppose that  $\mu$  be any given sequence space. Then,  $A \in (\mu : c(N^t))$  if and only if  $G \in (\mu : c)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x = (x_k) \in \mu$ . Consider the following equality

$$\sum_{j=0}^n \frac{t_{n-j}}{T_n} \sum_{k=0}^m a_{jk} x_k = \sum_{k=0}^m g_{nk} x_k \quad \text{for all } m, n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (22)$$

Then, by letting  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (22) one can see that  $\{N^t(Ax)\}_n = (Gx)_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $Ax \in c(N^t)$ ,  $N^t(Ax) = Gx \in c$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

Let  $0 < r < 1$ ,  $q = (q_k)$  be a sequence of non-negative reals with  $q_0 > 0$  and  $Q_n = \sum_{k=0}^n q_k$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let us define the summation matrix  $S = (s_{nk})$ , the backward difference matrix  $\Delta = (d_{nk})$ , the Riesz matrix  $R^q = (r_{nk}^q)$  with respect to the sequence  $q = (q_k)$ , the matrix  $A^r = (a_{nk}^r)$  and the matrix  $E^r = (e_{nk}^r)$  of Euler mean of order  $r$  by

$$s_{nk} := \begin{cases} 1 & , \quad 0 \leq k \leq n, \\ 0 & , \quad k > n, \end{cases} \quad d_{nk} := \begin{cases} (-1)^{n-k} & , \quad n-1 \leq k \leq n, \\ 0 & , \quad \leq k < n-1 \text{ or } k > n, \end{cases}$$

$$r_{nk}^q = \begin{cases} \frac{q_k}{Q_n} & , \quad 0 \leq k \leq n, \\ 0 & , \quad k > n, \end{cases} \quad a_{nk}^r := \begin{cases} \frac{1+r^k}{n+1} u_k & , \quad 0 \leq k \leq n, \\ 0 & , \quad k > n, \end{cases}$$

$$e_{nk}^r := \begin{cases} \binom{n}{k} (1-r)^{n-k} r^k & , \quad 0 \leq k \leq n, \\ 0 & , \quad k > n, \end{cases}$$

for all  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

By combining Theorems 4.1, 4.2 and Corollary 4.3 with Theorem 4.4, the following results are derived on the characterization of some matrix classes concerning with the space  $c(N^t)$  of Nörlund convergent sequences:

**Corollary 4.5.** *Let  $A = (a_{nk})$  be an infinite matrix over the complex field. Then, the following statements hold:*

- (i)  $A \in (c(N^t) : bs)$  if and only if (16) holds and (17) also holds with  $SF$  instead of  $F$ .
- (ii)  $A \in (c(N^t) : bv_\infty)$  if and only if (16) holds and (17) also holds with  $\Delta F$  instead of  $F$ ; where  $bv_\infty$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $(x_k - x_{k-1}) \in \ell_\infty$ , (cf. Başar and Altay [8]).
- (iii)  $A \in (c(N^t) : X_\infty)$  if and only if (16) holds and (17) also holds with  $C_1 F$  instead of  $F$ ; where  $X_\infty$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $\left(\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{n+1} x_k\right) \in \ell_\infty$ , (cf. Ng and Lee [28]).
- (iv)  $A \in (c(N^t) : r_\infty^q)$  if and only if (16) holds and (17) also holds with  $R^q F$  instead of  $F$ ; where  $r_\infty^q$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $\left(\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{q_k}{Q_n} x_k\right) \in \ell_\infty$ , (cf. Altay and Başar [1]).
- (v)  $A \in (c(N^t) : a_\infty^r)$  if and only if (16) holds and (17) also holds with  $A^r F$  instead of  $F$ ; where  $a_\infty^r$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $\left(\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1+r^k}{1+n} x_k\right) \in \ell_\infty$ , (cf. Aydın and Başar [6]).
- (vi)  $A \in (c(N^t) : e_\infty^r)$  if and only if (16) holds and (17) also holds with  $E^r F$  instead of  $F$ ; where  $e_\infty^r$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $\left\{\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (1-r)^{n-k} r^k x_k\right\} \in \ell_\infty$ , (cf. Altay et al. [2]).



**Corollary 4.6.** *Let  $A = (a_{nk})$  be an infinite matrix over the complex field. Then, the following statements hold:*

- (i)  $A \in (c(N^t) : cs)$  if and only if (16) holds and (20) also holds with  $SF$  instead of  $F$ .
- (ii)  $A \in (c(N^t) : c(\Delta))$  if and only if (16) holds and (20) also holds with  $\Delta F$  instead of  $F$ ; where  $c(\Delta)$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $(x_k - x_{k-1}) \in c$ , (cf. Başar [9]).
- (iii)  $A \in (c(N^t) : \tilde{c})$  if and only if (16) holds and (20) also holds with  $C_1F$  instead of  $F$ ; where  $\tilde{c}$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $\left(\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{n+1}x_k\right) \in c$ , (cf. Şengönül and Başar [30]).
- (iv)  $A \in (c(N^t) : r_c^q)$  if and only if (16) holds and (20) also holds with  $R^qF$  instead of  $F$ ; where  $r_c^q$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $\left(\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{q_k}{Q_n}x_k\right) \in c$ , (cf. Altay and Başar [1]).
- (v)  $A \in (c(N^t) : a_c^r)$  if and only if (16) holds and (20) also holds with  $A^rF$  instead of  $F$ ; where  $a_c^r$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $\left(\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1+r^k}{1+n}x_k\right) \in c$ , (cf. Aydın and Başar [5]).
- (vi)  $A \in (c(N^t) : e_c^r)$  if and only if (16) holds and (20) also holds with  $E^rF$  instead of  $F$ ; where  $e_c^r$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $\left\{\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}(1-r)^{n-k}r^k x_k\right\} \in c$ , (cf. Altay and Başar [4]).

**Corollary 4.7.** *Let  $A = (a_{nk})$  be an infinite matrix over the complex field. Then, the following statements hold:*

- (i)  $A \in (c(N^t) : cs_0)$  if and only if the condition (16) holds and the conditions (11), (12) and (13) also hold with  $(SF)_{nk}$  instead of  $a_{nk}$  for all  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $cs_0$  denotes the space of all series converging to zero.
- (ii)  $A \in (c(N^t) : c_0(\Delta))$  if and only if the condition (16) holds and the conditions (11), (12) and (13) also hold with  $(\Delta F)_{nk}$  instead of  $a_{nk}$  for all  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ; where  $c_0(\Delta)$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $(x_k - x_{k-1}) \in c_0$ , (cf. Başar [9]).
- (iii)  $A \in (c(N^t) : \tilde{c}_0)$  if and only if the condition (16) holds and the conditions (11), (12) and (13) also hold with  $(C_1F)_{nk}$  instead of  $a_{nk}$  for all  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ; where  $\tilde{c}_0$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $\left(\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{n+1}x_k\right) \in c_0$ , (cf. Şengönül and Başar [30]).
- (iv)  $A \in (c(N^t) : r_0^q)$  if and only if the condition (16) holds and the conditions (11), (12) and (13) also hold with  $(R^qF)_{nk}$  instead of  $a_{nk}$  for all  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;  $r_0^q$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $\left(\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{q_k}{Q_n}x_k\right) \in c_0$ , (cf. Altay and Başar [1]).
- (v)  $A \in (c(N^t) : a_0^r)$  if and only if the condition (16) holds and the conditions (11), (12) and (13) also hold with  $(A^rF)_{nk}$  instead of  $a_{nk}$  for all  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ; where  $a_0^r$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $\left(\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1+r^k}{1+n}x_k\right) \in c_0$ , (cf. Aydın and Başar [5]).
- (vi)  $A \in (c(N^t) : e_0^r)$  if and only if the condition (16) holds and the conditions (11), (12) and (13) also hold with  $(E^rF)_{nk}$  instead of  $a_{nk}$  for all  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ; where  $e_0^r$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that  $\left\{\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}(1-r)^{n-k}r^k x_k\right\} \in c_0$ , (cf. Altay and Başar [4]).

5. CONCLUSION

In 1978, the domain of Nörlund matrix  $N^t$  in the classical sequence spaces  $\ell_\infty$  and  $\ell_p$  were introduced by Wang [31], where  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . In 1978, the domain of Cesàro matrix  $C_1$  of order one in the classical sequence spaces  $\ell_\infty$  and  $\ell_p$  were introduced by Ng and Lee [28], where  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Following Ng and Lee [28], Şengönül and Başar [30] have studied the domain of Cesàro matrix  $C_1$  of order one in the classical sequence spaces  $c_0$  and  $c$ . Following Şengönül and Başar [30], to fill up the gap in the existing literature we have worked on the domain of Nörlund matrix  $N^t$  in the classical sequence spaces  $c_0$  and  $c$ .

Although the matrix transformations from the domain of certain triangles in the classical sequence spaces into the classical sequence spaces have been characterized, the matrix transformations from the domain of Nörlund matrix in the spaces of null and convergent sequences into some classical sequence spaces have not been characterized, until now. So, Theorems 4.1, 4.2, 4.4 and Corollary 4.3 have a special importance for this type studies, in future.

To review the concerning literature about the domain of the infinite matrix  $A$  in the sequence spaces  $c_0$  and  $c$ , the following table may be useful:

$A$	$\lambda$	$\lambda_A$	refer to:
$R^t$	$c_0$ and $c$	$r_0^t$ and $r_c^t$	[1]
$C_1$	$c_0$ and $c$	$\tilde{c}_0$ and $\tilde{c}$	[30]
$A^r$	$c_0$ and $c$	$a_0^r$ and $a_c^r$	[5]
$E^r$	$c_0$ and $c$	$e_0^r$ and $e_c^r$	[4]
$\Delta$	$c_0$ and $c$	$c_0(\Delta)$ and $c(\Delta)$	[20]
$\Delta^2$	$c_0$ and $c$	$c_0(\Delta^2)$ and $c(\Delta^2)$	[17]
$u\Delta^2$	$c_0$ and $c$	$c_0(u; \Delta^2)$ and $c(u; \Delta^2)$	[25]
$\Delta^m$	$c_0$ and $c$	$c_0(\Delta^m)$ and $c(\Delta^m)$	[16, 15]
$B(r, s)$	$c_0$ and $c$	$\hat{c}_0$ and $\hat{c}$	[21]
$R^q$	$c_0$ and $c$	$(\overline{N}, q)_0$ and $(\overline{N}, q)$	[23]
$\Delta^{(m)}$	$c_0$ and $c$	$c_0(\Delta^{(m)})$ and $c(\Delta^{(m)})$	[22]
$G(u, v)$	$c_0$ and $c$	$c_0(u, v)$ and $c(u, v)$	[3]
$\Lambda$	$c_0$ and $c$	$c_0^\lambda$ and $c^\lambda$	[24]
$B(r, s, t)$	$c_0$ and $c$	$B(c_0)$ and $B(c)$	[29]
$A_\lambda$	$c_0$ and $c$	$A_\lambda(c_0)$ and $A_\lambda(c)$	[7]
$B(\tilde{r}, \tilde{s})$	$c_0$ and $c$	$\tilde{c}_0$ and $\tilde{c}$	[11]
$\tilde{\Lambda}$	$c_0$ and $c$	$c_0^\lambda(\tilde{B})$ and $c^\lambda(\tilde{B})$	[12]
$\hat{F}$	$c_0$ and $c$	$c_0(\hat{F})$ and $c(\hat{F})$	[10]

Table 1. The domains of some triangle matrices in the spaces  $c_0$  and  $c$ .

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