

# THE VALUE OF BANACH LIMITS ON A CERTAIN SEQUENCE OF ALL RATIONAL NUMBERS IN THE INTERVAL (0, 1)

(Dedicated to the Memory of Professor Joe Diestel)

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## Abstract

In this article, we show that a certain sequence r of all rational numbers in the interval (0, 1):

$$r := \{r(j)\} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots, \frac{1}{\frac{m+1}{m+1}}, \dots, \frac{k}{\frac{m+1}{m+1}}, \dots, \frac{m}{\frac{m+1}{m+1}}, \dots \end{cases} \},$$

where (k, m + 1) = 1, is an almost convergent sequence in  $l^{\infty}$ , and

its value of Banach limits L(r) = 1/2 for all  $L \in (l^{\infty})^*$ .

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Let  $l^{\infty}$  be the Banach space of bounded sequences  $x := \{x(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of real numbers with norm  $||x||_{\infty} = \sup |x(n)|$ . A *Banach limit L* is a linear and bounded functional on  $l^{\infty}$ , which satisfies the three conditions:

(a) if 
$$x := \{x(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in l^{\infty}$$
 and  $x(n) \ge 0, n = 1, 2, ...,$  then  $L(x) \ge 0$ ;

(b) if  $x := \{x(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in l^{\infty}$ , and *T* is the *translation operator*:  $Tx := \{x(2), x(3), ...\}$ , then L(x) = L(Tx);

(c) L(1) = 1, where  $1 := \{1, 1, ...\}$ .

We know [4, p. 310] that there are infinitely many Banach limits in  $(l^{\infty})^*$ , the dual space of  $l^{\infty}$ . Thus, it does not make sense to speak of finding a particular value for Banach limits of a sequence  $x := \{x(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in l^{\infty}$ , because normally the different Banach limits are different functionals. It is, however, interesting that there are some elements in  $l^{\infty}$  for which the values of all Banach limits are the same. For example,  $L(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} x(n)$  for any Banach limit L, if x is an element of c, where c is the Banach space of convergent sequences of real numbers with the superior norm. Furthermore, this phenomenon can happen on some elements of  $l^{\infty} \setminus c$ . Let

$$a := \{1, \underbrace{0, ..., 0}_{(m-1)-\text{times}}, 1, \underbrace{0, ..., 0}_{(m-1)-\text{times}}, 1, ...\}.$$

Property (b) of Banach limits implies that for any Banach limit L,

$$L(a) = L(Ta) = \cdots = L(T^{m-1}a);$$

so by linearity and property (c) of Banach limits, we have that

$$L(a) + L(Ta) + \dots + L(T^{m-1}a) = L(1) = 1.$$

Hence

$$L(a) = L(Ta) = \dots = L(T^{m-1}a) = \frac{1}{m}.$$

Moreover, if

$$b := \{\underbrace{1, ..., 1}_{k - times}, \underbrace{0, ..., 0}_{(m-k) - times}, \underbrace{1, ..., 1}_{k - times}, \underbrace{0, ..., 0}_{(m-k) - times}, ...\}$$

then

$$L(b) = L(a) + L(T^{m-1}a) + \dots + L(T^{m-k+1}a) = \frac{k}{m}$$

In [2], Lorentz called a sequence  $x := \{x(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in l^{\infty}$  almost convergent, if its all Banach limit values L(x) are the same for  $L \in (l^{\infty})^*$ . In this case, we call L(x) the *F*-limit of x. In his paper, Lorentz proved the following main result:

**Theorem 1** (Lorentz [2, Theorem 1]). A sequence  $x := \{x(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in l^{\infty}$ is almost convergent with *F*-limit L(x) if and only if

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=i}^{i+n-1} x(t) = L(x)$$

uniformly in i.

This Lorentz theorem offers a way to find values of Banach limits for almost convergent sequences in  $l^{\infty}$ . Based on Lorentz [2] and Sucheston [4], we give another way [1] to find the value of Banach limits of *x*, when *x* is an almost convergent sequences in  $l^{\infty}$ .

Recalling some concepts, we created in [1].

**Definition 1.** A real number *a* is said to be a *sub-limit* of the sequence  $x := \{x(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in l^{\infty}$ , if there exists a subsequence  $\{x(n_k)\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  of x with

limit *a*. The set of all sub-limits of *x* is denoted by S(x) and the set of all limit points of S(x) is denoted by S'(x).

**Definition 2.** Suppose  $a \in S(x)$  for element  $x := \{x(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in l^{\infty}$ . A subsequence  $\{x(n_k)\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  of x is called an *essential subsequence* of a if it converges to a, and for any subsequence  $\{x(m_t)\}_{t=1}^{\infty}$  of x with limit a, except finite entries, all its entries are entries of  $\{x(n_k)\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ .

**Definition 3.** Let  $x := \{x(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in l^{\infty}$  and let  $\{x(n_k)\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  be a subsequence of x. Define

$$w^{u}(\lbrace x(n_{k})\rbrace) = \limsup_{n \to \infty} \left( \sup_{i} \frac{A(\lbrace k : i \le n_{k} \le i + n - 1\rbrace)}{n} \right)$$

and

$$w_l(\{x(n_k)\}) = \liminf_{n \to \infty} \left( \inf_i \frac{A(\{k : i \le n_k \le i + n - 1\})}{n} \right),$$

where A(E) is the number of elements of set *E*.  $w^{u}(\{x(n_{k})\})$  and  $w_{l}(\{x(n_{k})\})$ are called the *upper weight* and *lower weight* of the subsequence  $\{x(n_{k})\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ , respectively. If  $w^{u}(\{x(n_{k})\}) = w_{l}(\{x(n_{k})\})$ , then the subsequence  $\{x(n_{k})\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is said to be *weightable* and the weight of  $\{x(n_{k})\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is denoted by  $w(\{x(n_{k})\})$ , and

$$w(\{x(n_k)\}) = w^u(\{x(n_k)\}) = w_l(\{x(n_k)\}).$$

We verified [1, Theorem 1] that all essential subsequences of a,  $a \in S(x)$ , have the same upper weight and lower weight, respectively. They are called the *upper weight* and *lower weight* of a, and denoted by  $w^{u}(a)$  and  $w_{l}(a)$ , respectively. The *weight* of a is denoted by w(a), if  $w^{u}(a) = w_{l}(a)$ . We have the following main results.

**Theorem 2** [1, Theorem 4]. Suppose  $x := \{x(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in l^{\infty}$  and the set of all sub-limits of x,  $S(x) = \{a_1, a_2, ..., a_m\}$  is finite, where  $a_i \neq a_j$ , if  $i \neq j$ . If  $w(a_t)$  exists for each t,  $1 \le t \le m$ , then x is almost convergent and for any Banach limit  $L \in (l^{\infty})^*$ ,

$$L(x) = \sum_{t=1}^{m} a_t w(a_t).$$

We see that for almost convergent sequence, the value of Banach limits only dependent on the sub-limit points and their weights. From Theorem 2, we obtain a familiar formula.

Corollary 1 [1, Corollary 2]. For a given positive integer m, let

$$x = \{x_1(1), ..., x_m(1), x_1(2), ..., x_m(2), ..., x_1(n), ..., x_m(n), ...\}$$

where for each t,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_t(n) = a_t$ ,  $1 \le t \le m$ . Then x is almost convergent and for any Banach limit  $L \in (l^{\infty})^*$ ,

$$L(x) = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_m}{m}.$$

We actually proved a more general result as below.

**Theorem 3** [1, Theorem 6]. Suppose  $x := \{x(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in l^{\infty}$  and S(x) is infinite but countable and S'(x), the set of limit points of S(x), is a nonempty finite set. If w(a) exists for all  $a \in S(x)$ , then x is almost convergent and for any Banach limit  $L \in (l^{\infty})^*$ ,

$$L(x) = \sum_{a \in S(x)} aw(a).$$

Natural question can be asked that does there exist an almost convergent sequence  $x \in l^{\infty}$  for which S'(x) is an infinite set? The answer is 'Yes'. We

proved more that S'(x) can be uncountable infinite in next Theorem 4 of this article.

We need some preliminary knowledge. Suppose *m* is a positive integer. We define  $\varphi(m)$  to be the number of integers *k*,  $1 \le k < m$  such that (k, m) = 1, which denotes that *k* and *m* are relative primes. The function  $\varphi$  is called the *Euler phi function* [3, p. 54]. It is well known in number theory that if  $m = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t}$ , where the *p*'s are distinct primes and  $\alpha_i$ ,  $1 \le i \le t$ , are positive integers, then [3, p. 58, Theorem 2.7]

$$\varphi(m) = \prod_{j=1}^{t} (p_j - 1) p_j^{\alpha_j - 1}.$$

We introduce the following lemmas that we were unable to find in the literatures.

Lemma 1. For any positive integer m,

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{(k,m)=1,\,1 \le k < m} k = \frac{1}{2} \varphi(m).$$

**Proof.** Suppose that  $m = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t}$ . Note that there are  $p_1^{\alpha_1-1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} - 1$  numbers containing the factor of  $p_1$  among the set of  $\{1, 2, 3, ..., m-1\}$ :

$$p_1, 2p_1, 3p_1, ..., (p_1^{\alpha_1-1}p_2^{\alpha_2}\cdots p_t^{\alpha_t}-1)p_1,$$

there are  $p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2 - 1} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} - 1$  numbers containing the factor of  $p_2$  among the set of  $\{1, 2, 3, ..., m - 1\}$ :

$$p_2, 2p_2, 3p_2, ..., (p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2 - 1} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} - 1) p_2,$$

..., and there are  $p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t - 1} - 1$  numbers containing the factor of  $p_t$  among the set of  $\{1, 2, 3, ..., m - 1\}$ :

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$$p_t, 2p_t, 3p_t, ..., (p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t - 1} - 1) p_t.$$

The sums of these *t* groups are

$$\frac{1}{2} p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} (p_1^{\alpha_1 - 1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} - 1) = \frac{1}{2} m (p_1^{\alpha_1 - 1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} - 1),$$
  
$$\frac{1}{2} p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} (p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2 - 1} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} - 1) = \frac{1}{2} m (p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2 - 1} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} - 1),$$
  
$$\vdots$$

$$\frac{1}{2} p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} (p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t - 1} - 1) = \frac{1}{2} m (p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t - 1} - 1),$$

respectively.

Similarly, there are  $p_1^{\alpha_1-1}p_2^{\alpha_2-1}\cdots p_t^{\alpha_t}-1$  numbers containing the factor of  $p_1p_2$  among the set of  $\{1, 2, 3, ..., m-1\}$ :

$$p_1p_2, 2p_1p_2, 3p_1p_2, ..., (p_1^{\alpha_1-1}p_2^{\alpha_2-1}\cdots p_t^{\alpha_t}-1)p_1p_2,$$

..., and there are  $p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_{t-1}^{\alpha_{t-1}-1} p_t^{\alpha_t-1} - 1$  numbers containing the factor of  $p_{t-1}p_t$  among the set of  $\{1, 2, 3, ..., m-1\}$ :

$$p_{t-1}p_t, 2p_{t-1}p_t, 3p_{t-1}p_t, ..., (p^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_{t-1}^{\alpha_{t-1}} p_t^{\alpha_t} - 1) p_{t-1}p_t.$$

The sums of these  $\begin{pmatrix} t \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  groups are

$$\frac{1}{2} p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} (p_1^{\alpha_1 - 1} p_2^{\alpha_2 - 1} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} - 1) = \frac{1}{2} m (p_1^{\alpha_1 - 1} p_2^{\alpha_2 - 1} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} - 1),$$
  
:

$$\frac{1}{2} p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} (p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t - 1} - 1) = \frac{1}{2} m (p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_{t-1}^{\alpha_{t-1} - 1} p_t^{\alpha_t - 1} - 1),$$

respectively, and so on.

Finally, there are  $p_1^{\alpha_1-1}p_2^{\alpha_2-1}\cdots p_t^{\alpha_t-1}-1$  numbers containing the factor of  $p_1p_2\cdots p_t$  among the set of  $\{1, 2, 3, ..., m-1\}$ :

$$p_1 p_2 \cdots p_t, 2p_1 p_2 \cdots p_t, \dots, (p_1^{\alpha_1 - 1} p_2^{\alpha_2 - 1} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t - 1} - 1) p_1 p_2 \cdots p_t.$$

The sum of this group is

$$\frac{1}{2} p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} (p_1^{\alpha_1 - 1} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t - 1} - 1) = \frac{1}{2} m (p_1^{\alpha_1 - 1} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t - 1} - 1).$$

Thus,

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{(k,m)=1,1\leq k< m} k \\ &= \frac{m}{2} \left(m-1\right) - \frac{m}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{t} \left( p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}-1} \prod_{i\neq j} p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}} - 1 \right) \\ &+ \frac{m}{2} \sum_{1\leq i< j\leq t} \left( p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}-1} p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}-1} \prod_{k\neq i, j} p_{k}^{\alpha_{k}} - 1 \right) \\ &+ \dots + (-1)^{t-1} \frac{m}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{t} \left( p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}} \prod_{i\neq j} p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}-1} - 1 \right) + (-1)^{t} \frac{m}{2} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{t} p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}-1} - 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{m}{2} \left[ \left( \prod_{j=1}^{t} p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}} - 1 \right) - \sum_{j=1}^{t} \left( p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}-1} \prod_{i\neq j} p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}} - 1 \right) \right. \\ &+ \sum_{1\leq i< j\leq t} \left( p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}-1} p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}-1} \prod_{k\neq i, j} p_{k}^{\alpha_{k}} - 1 \right) \\ &+ \dots + (-1)^{t-1} \sum_{j=1}^{t} \left( p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}} \prod_{i\neq j} p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}-1} - 1 \right) + (-1)^{t} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{t} p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}-1} - 1 \right) \right] \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &= \frac{m}{2} \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{t} p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}} - \sum_{j=1}^{t} p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}-1} \prod_{i \neq j} p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}} \\ &+ \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq t} p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}-1} p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}-1} \prod_{k \neq i, j} p_{k}^{\alpha_{k}} + \cdots \\ &+ (-1)^{t-1} \sum_{j=1}^{t} p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}} \prod_{i \neq j} p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}-1} + (-1)^{t} \prod_{j=1}^{t} p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}-1} - (1-1)^{t} \right] \\ &= \frac{m}{2} \prod_{j=1}^{t} p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}-1} \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{t} p_{j} - \sum_{j=1}^{t} \prod_{i \neq j} p_{i} \\ &+ \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq t} \prod_{k \neq i, j} p_{k} + \cdots + (-1)^{t-1} \sum_{j=1}^{t} p_{j} + (-1)^{t} \right] \\ &= \frac{m}{2} \prod_{j=1}^{t} p_{j}^{\alpha_{j}-1} \prod_{j=1}^{t} (p_{j}-1) = \frac{m}{2} \varphi(m). \end{split}$$

Hence,

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{(k,m)=1, 1 \le k < m} k = \frac{1}{2} \varphi(m). \qquad \Box$$

**Lemma 2.** Suppose that *m* and *l* are positive integers with l > 1. Let  $n = \sum_{j=m+1}^{m+l} \varphi(j)$ . Then

$$\lim_{l \to \infty} \frac{l}{n} = 0.$$

Proof. We know that [3, p. 228, Theorem 6.21]

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m} \varphi(j) = \frac{3m^2}{\pi^2} + O(m \ln m),$$

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where f = O(g) means that there exists a constant c > 0 such that  $|f(x)| \le cg(x)$  for all x in the intersection of domains of f and g. Thus,

$$n = \sum_{j=m+1}^{m+l} \varphi(j) = \frac{3(m+l)^2 - 3m^2}{\pi^2} + O((m+l)\ln(m+l)) - O(m\ln m)$$
$$= \frac{6ml + 3l^2}{\pi^2} + O((m+l)\ln(m+l)) - O(m\ln m),$$

which implies  $n = O(l^2)$ . Hence

$$\lim_{l \to \infty} \frac{l}{n} = 0.$$

Now we back to our goal of the following result.

**Theorem 4.** Define an element of  $l^{\infty}$  as follows:

$$r := \{r(j)\} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots, \frac{1}{m+1}, \dots, \frac{k}{m+1}, \dots, \frac{m}{m+1}, \dots \end{cases}, \\ \frac{1}{1 \text{ st block } 2 \text{ nd block } 3 \text{ rd block }}, \frac{1}{3 \text{ rd block } m \text{ rd block }}, \dots, \frac{1}{m \text{ rd block } m \text{ rd block }}, \dots \end{cases},$$

where (k, m + 1) = 1. Then S'(r) = S(r) = [0, 1] is an uncountable set, and r is an almost convergent sequence in  $l^{\infty}$  and also L(r) = 1/2 for any Banach limit  $L \in (l^{\infty})^*$ .

**Proof.** It is well known that S'(r) = S(r) = [0, 1]. We just verify the remaining parts of the conclusion. For all positive integers *i*, there exists an integer *m* such that

$$\sum_{j=2}^{m} \varphi(j) \le i < \sum_{j=2}^{m+1} \varphi(j).$$

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Let  $i = \sum_{j=2}^{m} \varphi(j) + q$ , where  $0 \le q < \varphi(m+1)$ . For any positive integers *n* and *m*, *m* is determined by *i* above, there is a positive integer *l* such that

$$\sum_{j=2}^{m+l} \varphi(j) \le i + n - 1 < \sum_{j=2}^{m+l+1} \varphi(j).$$

Let  $i + n - 1 = \sum_{j=2}^{m+l} \varphi(j) + s$ , where  $0 \le s < \varphi(m + l + 1)$ . Then

$$n = \sum_{j=2}^{m+l} \varphi(j) + s - i + 1$$
  
=  $\sum_{j=2}^{m+l} \varphi(j) + s - \left(\sum_{j=2}^{m} \varphi(j) + q\right) + 1$   
=  $\sum_{j=m+1}^{m+l} \varphi(j) + s - q + 1$ ,

from which we have

$$\sum_{j=m+2}^{m+l} \varphi(j) = n - (\varphi(m+1) - q) - s - 1.$$

With the help of Lemma 1 and the fact of  $\varphi(m) < m$  for any *m*, we have

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=i}^{i+n-1} r(t)$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\substack{t=\sum_{j=2}^{m+1} \phi(j) \\ t=\sum_{j=2}^{m+1} \phi(j)+1}} r(t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{1}{m+2} \sum_{(k,m+2)=1,1 \le k < m+2} k + \dots + \frac{1}{k+l} \sum_{(k,m+l)=1,1 \le k < m+l} k \right]$$
  
$$= \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \varphi(m+2) + \dots + \frac{1}{2} \varphi(m+l) \right] = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{l=m+2}^{m+l} \varphi(l)$$
  
$$= \frac{n - (\varphi(m+1) - q) - s - 1}{2n}$$
  
$$\ge \frac{1}{2} - \frac{(\varphi(m+1) - q) + \varphi(m+l+1) + 1}{2n}$$
  
$$\ge \frac{1}{2} - \frac{(m+1) + (m+l+1) + 1}{2n}$$
  
$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2m+l+3}{2n} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2m+3}{2n} - \frac{l}{2n},$$

which holds for any positive integers *n* and any fixed positive integer *i*. We know that *m* is fixed when *i* is fixed, so  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{2m+3}{2n} = 0$ . Note that *l* goes to infinity as *n* goes to infinity. By Lemma 2, we have

$$\liminf_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=i}^{i+n-1} r(t) \right) \ge \liminf_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2m+3}{2n} - \frac{l}{2n} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

for all  $i \in N$ .

On the other hand, we have

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=i}^{i+n-1} r(t)$$
  
$$\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\substack{t=\sum_{j=2}^{m} \phi(j)+1}}^{\sum_{j=2}^{m+l+1} \phi(j)} r(t)$$

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$$\begin{split} &= \frac{1}{n} \Biggl[ \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{(k, m+1)=1, 1 \le k < m+1} k + \dots + \frac{1}{k+l+1} \sum_{(k, m+l+1)=1, 1 \le k < m+l+1} k \Biggr] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \Biggl[ \frac{1}{2} \varphi(m+1) + \dots + \frac{1}{2} \varphi(m+l+1) \Biggr] \\ &= \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{t=m+1}^{m+l+1} \varphi(t) = \frac{n + \varphi(m+l+1) + q - s - 1}{2n} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{(\varphi(m+l+1) - s) + q - 1}{2n} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{m+l+1 + m+1 - 1}{2n} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2m+1}{2n} + \frac{l}{2n}, \end{split}$$

which holds for any positive integer *n* and any fixed positive integer *i*. We know that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{2m+1}{2n} = 0$ . Using Lemma 2 again, we have

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=i}^{i+n-1} r(t) \right) \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2m+1}{2n} + \frac{l}{2n} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

for all  $i \in N$ .

Summarizing the discussion above, we obtain that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=i}^{i+n-1} r(t) = \frac{1}{2}$$

for all  $i \in N$ . Thus,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=i}^{i+n-1} r(t) \right) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=i}^{i+n-1} r(t) \right) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Using Lorentz's formula (6) [2, p.169], we have:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=i}^{i+n-1} r(t) \right) \le L(r) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=i}^{i+n-1} r(t) \right)$$

for all Banach limits  $L \in (l^{\infty})^*$ . Hence,  $L(r) = \frac{1}{2}$ , for all  $L \in (l^{\infty})^*$  and r is an almost convergent sequence in  $l^{\infty}$ .

From the argument of Theorem 4, we have a new corollary of Lorentz' theorem as follows:

**Corollary 2.** Suppose  $x := \{x(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in l^{\infty}$ . If the following limits exist with the same value l,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=i}^{i+n-1} x(t) = l$$

for all positive integers  $i \in N$ , then x is an almost convergent sequence in  $l^{\infty}$  and L(x) = l for all Banach limits  $L \in (l^{\infty})^*$ .

**Notice.** Corollary 2 is a complement of Theorem 6 in [1], which helps us in verifying and finding the value of Banach limits for an almost convergent sequence  $x := \{x(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in l^{\infty}$  with S'(x) as an uncountable set.

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