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## On triple difference sequences of real numbers in probabilistic normed spaces

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### Abstract

*In this paper we define concept of triple  $\Delta$ -statistical convergent sequences in probabilistic normed space and give some results. Also we introduce the notions of  $\Delta$ -statistical limit point and  $\Delta$ -statistical cluster point and investigate their different properties.*

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## 1. Introduction

The notion of probabilistic normed space ( $PN$ -space) is a generalization of normed linear space. In an ordinary normed linear space norm of vectors are represented by a positive number. But in a  $PN$ -space, the norm of vectors are represented by probability distribution functions rather than a positive number. The notion of  $PN$ -spaces was first introduced by Serstnev [25] in 1963. For detailed history, development and applications in different subjects of the notion of probabilistic normed spaces, one may refer to Alotaibi [1], Alsina et al ([2], [3]), Constantin et al [5], Esi [6], Karakus [11], Menger [18], Lafuerza et al ([14], [15]), Lafuerza et al [16], Schweizer and Sklar ([23], [24]), Tripathy et al [34].

As a generalization of ordinary convergence for sequences of real numbers, the notion of statistical convergence was first introduced by Fast [9]. After then it was studied by many researchers like Connor [4], Fridy [10], Karakus [11], Karakus and Demirci [12], Salat [20], Tripathy ([26], [27]), Tripathy and Baruah [28], Tripathy et al [29], Tripathy and Dutta [32], Tripathy and Sarma [33]. Statistical convergence has been studied in abstract spaces such as the fuzzy number space by Esi ([6], [8]), Fast [9]), locally convex spaces by Maddox [17]. Karakus [11] introduced the notion of statistical convergence in  $PN$ -spaces and followed by Ideal convergence by Tripathy et al [34], in normed linear spaces by Kolk [13]. Karakus and Demirci [12], studied statistical convergence of double sequences in  $PN$ -spaces. In recent times Esi and Özdemir [7] introduced generalized  $\Delta^m$ -statistical convergence in  $PN$ -spaces for single generalized difference sequences. Also sequences of fuzzy numbers has been studied recently by Tripathy and Borgohain [30] and Tripathy and Debnath [31].

The notion of double sequence was initiated by Priengsheim [19]. In this paper we introduce the concept of statistical convergence of triple difference sequence in probabilistic normed spaces and establish some basic properties in  $PN$ -spaces.

## 2. Definitions and Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** A function  $f : R \rightarrow R_0^+$  is called a *distribution function* if it is non-decreasing and left continuous with  $\inf_{t \in R} f(t) = 0$  and

$$\sup_{t \in R} f(t) = 1.$$

Throughout  $D$  denotes the set of all distribution functions.

**Definition 2.2.** A *triangular norm* or *t-norm* is a binary operation on  $[0, 1]$  which is continuous, commutative, associative, non-decreasing and has 1 as neutral element, i.e., it is the continuous mapping  $*$  :  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that for all  $a, b, c \in [0, 1]$

- 1)  $a * 1 = a$ .
- 2)  $a * b = b * a$ .
- 3)  $c * d \geq a * b$  if  $c \geq a$  and  $d \geq b$ .
- 4)  $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$ .

**Example 2.1.** Consider the  $*$  operation defined by  $a * b = \max\{a + b - 1, 0\}$ . Then  $*$  is a *t-norm*. Similarly one may consider  $a * b = ab$ ,  $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$  on  $[0, 1]$  and verify that these are also *t-norms*.

**Definition 2.3.** A triplet  $(X, N, *)$  is called a *probabilistic normed space* or a *PN-space* if  $X$  is a real vector space,  $N$  is a mapping from  $X$  into  $D$  (for  $x \in X$  the distribution function  $N(x)$  is denoted by  $N_x$  and  $N_x(t)$  is the value of  $N_x$  at  $t \in R$ ) and satisfies the following conditions:

- (PN-1)  $N_x(0) = 0$ ,
- (PN-2)  $N_x(t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$
- (PN-3)  $N_{\alpha x}(t) = N_x(\frac{t}{|\alpha|})$  for all  $\alpha \in R - 0$
- (PN-4)  $N_{x+y}(s + t) \geq N_x(s) * N_y(t)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $s, t \in R_0^+$ .

**Example 2.2.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space and  $\mu \in D$  with  $\mu(0) = 0$  and  $\mu \neq h$ , where

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for all } t \leq 0; \\ 1, & \text{for all } t > 0. \end{cases}$$

Define

$$N_x(t) = \begin{cases} h(t), & \text{for } x = 0; \\ \mu(\frac{t}{\|x\|}), & \text{for } x \neq 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $x \in X, t \in R$ . Then  $(X, N, *)$  is a *PN-space*. We define the functions  $\mu$  and  $\mu'$  on  $R$  by

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } x \leq 0; \\ \frac{x}{1+x}, & \text{for } x > 0. \end{cases}$$

and

$$\mu'(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } x \leq 0; \\ \exp(\frac{-1}{x}), & \text{for } x > 0. \end{cases}$$

Then we obtain the following well known \* norms

$$N_x(t) = \begin{cases} h(t), & \text{for } x = 0; \\ \frac{t}{t+|x|}, & \text{for } x \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

and

$$N'_x(t) = \begin{cases} h(t), & \text{for } x = 0; \\ \exp(\frac{-||x||}{t}), & \text{for } x \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

We recall the concepts of convergence and Cauchy sequences for single sequences in a probabilistic normed space.

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space. Then a sequence  $x = \langle x_k \rangle$  is said to be convergent to  $L \in X$  with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , there exists a positive integer  $k_0$  such that  $N_{x_k-L}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$ , whenever  $k > k_0$ . It is denoted by  $N - \lim x_k = L$  or  $x_k \xrightarrow{N} L$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space. Then a sequences  $x = \langle x_k \rangle$  is said to be Cauchy sequence with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , there exists a positive integer  $k_0$  such that  $N_{x_k-x_l}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$ , whenever  $k, l > k_0$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space. Then a sequences  $x = \langle x_k \rangle$  is said to be bounded in  $X$  if there is  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $N_{x_k}(r) > 1 - \lambda$  where  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , we denote by  $\ell_\infty^N$  the spaces of all bounded sequences in  $PN$ -space.

**Definition 2.7.** A triple sequence  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  has Pringsheim limit  $L$  (denoted by  $P - \lim x = L$ ) provided that given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$

such that  $|x_{nlk} - L| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $n, l, k > n_0$ .

Now we introduce the following notions.

**Definition 2.8.** A subset  $K \in N \times N \times N$  is said to have triple asymptotic density  $\delta_3(K)$  if  $\delta_3(K) = \lim_{n,l,k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{nlk} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^l \sum_{i_3=1}^k \chi_K(i_1, i_2, i_3)$  exists,

where  $\chi_K$  is the characteristic function of  $K$ .

**Definition 2.9.** A real triple sequence  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  is said to be  $\Delta$ -statistically convergent to  $L$ , provided that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ . There exists  $m = m(\varepsilon), p = p(\varepsilon)$  and  $q = q(\varepsilon)$  such that  $\delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : n \leq m, l \leq p, k \leq q, |\Delta x_{nlk} - \Delta x_{mpq}| \geq \varepsilon\}) = 0$ .

**Definition 2.10.** A real triple sequence  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  is said to be  $\Delta$ -statistically Cauchy, provided that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ . There exists  $m = m(\varepsilon), p = p(\varepsilon)$  and  $q = q(\varepsilon)$  such that  $\delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : n \leq m, l \leq p, k \leq q, |\Delta x_{nlk} - \Delta x_{mpq}| \geq \varepsilon\}) = 0$ .

**Definition 2.11** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space. Then a triple sequences  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  is said to be  $\Delta$ -convergent to  $L \in X$  with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$  provided that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , there is a positive integer  $k_0$  such that  $N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$  whenever  $n \geq k_0, l \geq k_0, k \geq k_0$ . In this case we write  $N_{\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = L$ , where  $\Delta x_{nlk} = x_{nlk} - x_{n,l+1,k} - x_{n,l,k+1} + x_{n,l+1,k+1} - x_{n+1,l,k} + x_{n+1,l+1,k} + x_{n+1,l,k+1} - x_{n+1,l+1,k+1}$  and  $\Delta^0 x_{nlk} = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$ .

**Definition 2.12.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a probabilistic normed space. A triple sequence  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  is said to be  $\Delta$ -Cauchy in  $X$  with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , there exists positive integer  $k_0, k_1, k_2$  such that  $N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - \Delta x_{pqr}}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$ , whenever  $n, p \geq k_0, l, q \geq k_1, k, r \geq k_2$ .

**Definition 2.13.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a probabilistic normed space. A triple sequence  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  is said to be  $\Delta$ -statistically convergent to  $L$  in  $X$  with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}) = 0$ . In this case we write  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = L$ .

**Definition 2.14.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a probabilistic normed space. A triple sequence  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  is said to be  $\Delta$ -statistically Cauchy in  $X$  with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , there exist positive integers  $N, M$  and  $P$  such that  $\delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - \Delta x_{pqr}}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}) = 0$  for all  $n, p \geq N, l, q \geq M, k, r \geq P$ .

**Definition 2.15** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a probabilistic normed space. For  $x \in X, t > 0$  and  $0 < r < 1$ , the ball centered at  $x$  with radius  $r$  is defined by  $B(x, r, t) = \{y \in X : N_{x-y}(t) > 1 - r\}$ .

### 3. Main results

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space, then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , the following statements are equivalent.

- (i)  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = L$ .
- (ii)  $\delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}) = 0$ .
- (iii)  $\delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}) = 1$ .
- (iv)  $s_{\Delta}^3 - \lim N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) = 1$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = L$ . Then by definition we have, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , we have  $\delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}) = 0$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}) \\ &= 1 - \delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}) \\ &= 1 \text{ by (ii)}. \end{aligned}$$

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , then we have

$$\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : |N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) - 1| \geq \lambda\} \cup \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\} \cup \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) \geq 1 + \lambda\}.$$

Therefore we have from the finite additivity property of density  

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : |N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) - 1| \geq \lambda\}) \\ &= \delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}) + \delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : \\ & N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) \geq 1 + \lambda\}). \end{aligned}$$

Since,  $\delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}) = 0$  and  $\delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) \geq 1 + \lambda\}) = 0$ .

Hence  $\delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : |N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) - 1| \geq \lambda\}) = 0 \Rightarrow s_{\Delta}^3 - \lim N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) = 1$ .

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) By hypothesis for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , we have  $\delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : |N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) - 1| \geq \lambda\}) = 0$  i.e.,  $\delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}) + \delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) \geq 1 + \lambda\}) = 0$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}) = 0$ , since  $\delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) \geq 1 + \lambda\}) = 0$ .

The following result is on the uniqueness of the limit, if it exists.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space. If a sequence  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  is  $\Delta$ -statistically convergent with respect to the probabilistic norm, then  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk}$  is unique.

**Proof.** Let  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = L_1$  and  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = L_2$ , where  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  is a triple sequence. For a given  $\lambda > 0$  we choose  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$  such that  $(1 - \gamma) \star (1 - \gamma) > 1 - \lambda$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we define the following sets.

$$K_{N,1}(\gamma, \varepsilon) = \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L_1}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \gamma\},$$

$$K_{N,2}(\gamma, \varepsilon) = \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L_2}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \gamma\}.$$

Since  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = L_1$ ,  $\delta_3(\{K_{N,1}(\gamma, \varepsilon)\}) = 0$ , for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Furthermore using  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = L_2$  we get  $\delta_3(\{K_{N,2}(\gamma, \varepsilon)\}) = 0$ , for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Now let  $K_N(\gamma, \varepsilon) = K_{N,1}(\gamma, \varepsilon) \cap K_{N,2}(\gamma, \varepsilon)$ . Then  $\delta_3(\{K_N(\gamma, \varepsilon)\}) = 0$ , which implies that  $\delta_3(\{N^3 - K_N(\gamma, \varepsilon)\}) = 1$ . If  $(n, l, k) \in \{N^3 - K_N(\gamma, \varepsilon)\}$ , then  $N_{L_1-L_2}(\varepsilon) \geq N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L_1}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \star N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L_2}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}) >$

$(1 - \gamma) \star (1 - \gamma) > 1 - \lambda$ . Since  $\lambda > 0$  is arbitrary we get  $N_{L_1 - L_2}(\varepsilon) = 1$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , which yields  $L_1 = L_2$ . Therefore we conclude that  $st_{N\Delta}$ -limit of triple sequence is unique.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space. If  $N_{\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = L$ , then  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = L$ , but not necessarily conversely.

**proof.** By hypothesis  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$ ,  $\Delta$ -converges to  $L$  with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$ . Therefore for every  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a positive integer  $k_0$  such that  $N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$  for all  $n \geq k_0$ ,  $l \geq k_0$ ,  $k \geq k_0$ . Thus the set  $\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}$  has finitely many terms. Since every finite subset of  $N^3$  has density zero, we see that  $\delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}) = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space and  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  be a triple sequence. Then  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = L$  if and only if there exists a subset  $K = \{(n, l, k) : n, l, k = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\} \subset N^3$  such that  $\delta_3(K) = 1$  and  $N_{\Delta} - \lim_{\substack{(n,l,k) \in K \\ n,l,k \rightarrow \infty}} x_{nlk} = L$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = L$ . Now for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $r \in N$ , let

$$(3.1) \quad K(r, \varepsilon) = \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \frac{1}{r}\}.$$

$$M(r, \varepsilon) = \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \frac{1}{r}\}$$

Then  $\delta_3\{K(r, \varepsilon)\} = 0$  and

$$(3.2) \quad M(1, \varepsilon) \supset M(2, \varepsilon) \supset M(3, \varepsilon) \supset \dots \supset M(i, \varepsilon) \supset M(i + 1, \varepsilon) \supset \dots$$

$$(3.3) \quad \delta_3\{M(r, \varepsilon)\} = 1 \text{ for } r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Now we have to show that for  $(n, l, k) \in M(r, \varepsilon)$  the sequence  $x = x_{nlk}$  is  $N_{\Delta}$ -convergent to  $L$ .

Suppose  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  be not  $N_{\Delta}$ -convergent to  $L$ . Therefore there exists  $\gamma > 0$  such that the set  $\{(n, l, k) \in N_3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \gamma\}$  has



infinitely many terms.

Let  $M(\gamma, \varepsilon) = \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \gamma\}$ ,  $\gamma > \frac{1}{r}$ , ( $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ )

Then  $\delta_3\{M(\gamma, \varepsilon)\} = 0$  and by (3.2) we have  $M(r, \varepsilon) \subset M(\gamma, \varepsilon)$ . Hence  $M(r, \varepsilon) = 0$  which contradicts (3.3).

Therefore  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  is  $N_{\Delta}$ -convergent to  $L$ .

Conversely suppose that there exists a subset  $K = \{(n, l, k) : n, l, k = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\} \subset N^3$  such that  $\delta_3(K) = 1$  and  $N_{\Delta} - \lim_{\substack{(n,l,k) \in K \\ n,l,k \rightarrow \infty}} x_{nlk} = L$ .

Then there exists  $k_0 \in N$ , such that for every  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \gamma$  for  $n \geq k_0, l \geq k_0, k \geq k_0$ .

Now,  $M(\gamma, \varepsilon) = \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \gamma\} \subset N^3 - \{(n_{k_0+1}, l_{k_0+1}, k_{k_0+1}), (n_{k_0+2}, l_{k_0+2}, k_{k_0+2}), (n_{k_0+3}, l_{k_0+3}, k_{k_0+3}), \dots\}$ .

Therefore  $\delta_3(M(\gamma, \varepsilon)) \geq 1 - 1 = 0$ .

Hence  $st_{N_{\Delta}} - \lim x_{nlk} = L$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space and  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  be a sequence whose terms are in the vector space  $X$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

(a)  $x$  is  $\Delta$ -statistically Cauchy sequence with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$ .

(b) There exists an increasing index sequence  $K = \{(k_1, k_2, k_3)\}$  of  $N^3$  such that  $\delta_3(K) = 1$  and the subsequence  $\{(x_{k_1, k_2, k_3})\}_{(k_1, k_2, k_3) \in K}$  is a  $\Delta$ -Cauchy sequence with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space. Then

(i) If  $st_{N_{\Delta}} - \lim x_{nlk} = \xi$  and  $st_{N_{\Delta}} - \lim y_{nlk} = \eta$ , then  $st_{N_{\Delta}} - \lim(x_{nlk} + y_{nlk}) = \xi + \eta$ .

(ii) If  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = \xi$  and  $\alpha \in R$ , then  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim \alpha x_{nlk} = \alpha\xi$ .

(iii) If  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = \xi$  and  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim y_{nlk} = \eta$ , then  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim(x_{nlk} - y_{nlk}) = \xi - \eta$ .

**Proof.** (i) Let  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = \xi$  and  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim y_{nlk} = \eta$ . For a given  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  we choose  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$  such that  $(1 - \gamma) \star (1 - \gamma) > 1 - \lambda$ . Then we define the following sets.  $K_{N,1}(\gamma, \varepsilon) = \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - \xi}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \gamma\}$ ,  $K_{N,2}(\gamma, \varepsilon) = \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - \eta}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \gamma\}$ . Since  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = \xi$ ,  $\delta_3\{K_{N,1}(\gamma, \varepsilon)\} = 0$ , for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Further using  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = \xi$  we get  $\delta_3\{K_{N,2}(\gamma, \varepsilon)\} = 0$ , for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

$$\text{Let } K_N(\gamma, \varepsilon) = K_{N,1}(\gamma, \varepsilon) \cap K_{N,2}(\gamma, \varepsilon).$$

Then we observe that  $\delta_3\{K_N(\gamma, \varepsilon)\} = 0$ , which implies that  $\delta_3\{N^3 - K_N(\gamma, \varepsilon)\} = 1$ . If  $(n, l, k) \in \{N^3 - K_N(\gamma, \varepsilon)\}$ , then we have  $N_{(\Delta x_{nlk} - \xi) + (\Delta y_{nlk} - \eta)}(\varepsilon) \geq N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - \xi}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \star N_{\Delta y_{nlk} - \eta}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}) > (1 - \gamma) \star (1 - \gamma) > 1 - \lambda$ .

$$\text{This shows that } \delta_3\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - \xi} + (\Delta y_{nlk} - \eta)}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda = 0.$$

$$\text{Hence } st_{N\Delta} - \lim(x_{nlk} + y_{nlk}) = \xi + \eta.$$

(ii) Let  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = \eta$ ,  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . First we consider the case of  $\alpha = 0$ . In this case,  $N_{0\Delta x_{nlk} - 0\xi}(\varepsilon) = N_0(\varepsilon) = 1 > 1 - \lambda$ .

So we have  $N_{\Delta} - \lim 0x_{nlk} = 0$ . Then from Theorem 3.2 we have  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim 0x_{nlk} = 0$ .

Let  $\alpha \in R(\alpha \neq 0)$ . Since  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = \xi$ , we define the following set

$K_N(\gamma, \varepsilon) = \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - \xi}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \gamma\}$ , then we can say  $\delta_3\{K_N(\gamma, \varepsilon)\} = 0$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . In this case  $\delta_3\{N^3 - K_N(\gamma, \varepsilon)\} = 1$ . If  $(n, l, k) \in N^3 - K_N(\gamma, \varepsilon)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} N_{\alpha\Delta x_{nlk} - \alpha\xi}(\varepsilon) &= N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - \xi}(\frac{\varepsilon}{|\alpha|}) \\ &\geq N_{\Delta x_{nlk} - \xi}(\varepsilon) \star N_0(\frac{\varepsilon}{|\alpha|} - \varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-\xi}(\varepsilon) \star 1 \\
 &= N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-\xi}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda, \alpha \in R(\alpha \neq 0) \\
 \text{This shows that } &\delta_3\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\alpha\Delta x_{nlk}-\alpha\xi}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim \alpha x_{nlk} = \alpha\xi$ .

(iii) From (i) and (ii) by putting  $\alpha = -1$ , one can get (iii).

#### 4. Statistical limit point and statistical cluster point of the class of difference triple sequences with respect to the probabilistic norm

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space. A subset  $Y$  of  $X$  is said to be bounded if for every  $r \in (0, 1)$ , there exists  $t_0 > 0$  such that  $N_x(t_0) > 1 - r$  for all  $x \in Y$ .

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space, then  $L \in X$  is called a  $\Delta$ -limit point of the triple sequence  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$  provided that there is a subsequence of  $x$  that  $\Delta$ -converges to  $L$  with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$ . Let  $\Omega_{N\Delta}(x)$  denote the set of all limit points of the sequence  $x$ . Let  $\{(x_{n(i_1)l(i_2)k(i_3)})\}$  be a subsequence of  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  and  $K = \{(n(i_1), l(i_2), k(i_3)) \in N^3, i_1, i_2, i_3 \in N\}$ , then we abbreviate  $\{(x_{n(i_1)l(i_2)k(i_3)})\}$  by  $\{x\}_K$ , which in case  $\delta_3(K) = 0$ ,  $\{x\}_K$  is called a subsequence of density zero or thin subsequence. On the other hand  $\{x\}_K$  is a non-thin subsequence of  $x$  if  $K$  does not have density zero.

**Definition 4.3.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space. Then  $\xi \in X$  is called a  $\Delta$ -statistical limit point of the triple sequence  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$  provided that there is a non-thin subsequence of  $x$  that  $\Delta$ -converges to  $\xi \in X$  with respect to the probabilistic norm. In this case we say  $\xi$  is an  $st_{N\Delta}$ -limit point of sequence  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$ . Throughout  $\Lambda_{N\Delta}(x)$  denotes the set of all  $st_{N\Delta}$ -limit points of the sequence  $x$ .

**Definition 4.4.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space. Then  $\gamma \in X$  is called a  $\Delta$ -statistical cluster point of the sequence  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$  provided that for  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\lim - \sup \delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-\gamma}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}) > 0$ . In this case we say that  $\gamma \in X$  is an  $st_{N\Delta}$ -cluster point of the sequence  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$ .

Throughout  $\Gamma_{N\Delta}(x)$  denote the set of all  $st_{N\Delta}$ -cluster points of the sequence  $x$ .

**Definition 4.5.** A probabilistic normed space  $(X, N, *)$  is said to be  $\Delta$ -complete if every  $\Delta$ -Cauchy sequence is  $\Delta$ -convergent in  $X$  with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space, then for any sequence  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle \in X$ ,  $\Lambda_{N\Delta}(x) \subset \Gamma_{N\Delta}(x)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\xi \in \Lambda_{N\Delta}(x)$ , then there is a non-thin subsequence  $(x_{n(i_1)l(i_2)k(i_3)})$  of  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  that  $\Delta$ -converges to  $\xi$  with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$ , i.e.  
 $\delta_3\{(n(i_1), l(i_2), k(i_3))) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{n(i_1)l(i_2)k(i_3)}-\xi}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\} = d > 0$ .

Since

$$\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-\xi}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\} \supset \{(n(i_1), l(i_2), k(i_3))) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{n(i_1)l(i_2)k(i_3)}-\xi}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}.$$

For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have  $\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-\xi}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\} \supseteq \{(n(i_1), l(i_2), k(i_3))) \in N^3 : i_1, i_2, i_3 \in N\} - \{(n(i_1), l(i_2), k(i_3))) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{n(i_1)l(i_2)k(i_3)}-\xi}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}$ .

Since  $(x_{n(i_1)l(i_2)k(i_3)})$  is  $\Delta$ -convergent to  $\xi$  with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$ , the set  $\{(n(i_1), l(i_2), k(i_3))) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{n(i_1)l(i_2)k(i_3)}-\xi}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}$  is finite, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup \delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-\xi}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}) \\ & \geq \limsup \delta_3\{(n(i_1), l(i_2), k(i_3))) \in N^3 : i_1, i_2, i_3 \in N\} \\ & - \limsup \delta_3\{(n(i_1), l(i_2), k(i_3))) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{n(i_1)l(i_2)k(i_3)}-\xi}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\limsup \delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-\xi}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}) > 0$ , which implies  $\xi \in \Gamma_{N\Delta}(x)$ .

Thus  $\Lambda_{N\Delta}(x) \subset \Gamma_{N\Delta}(x)$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space. Then for any sequence  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle \in X$ ,  $\Gamma_{N\Delta}(x) \subset \Omega_{N\Delta}(x)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{N\Delta}(x)$ , then  $\delta_3(\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-\gamma}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}) > 0$  for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ . Let  $\{x\}_K$  be a non-thin subsequence of  $x$  such that  $K = \{(n(i_1), l(i_2), k(i_3)) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{n(i_1)l(i_2)k(i_3)}-\gamma}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}$  for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta_3(K) \neq 0$ . Since there are infinitely many elements in  $K$ ,  $\gamma \in \Omega_{N\Delta}(x)$ .

Thus  $\Gamma_{N\Delta}(x) \subset \Omega_{N\Delta}(x)$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space, then for any sequence  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle \in X$ ,  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = L$ , implies  $\Lambda_{N\Delta}(x) = \Gamma_{N\Delta}(x) = \{L\}$ .

**Proof.** First we prove that  $\Lambda_{N\Delta}(x) = \{L\}$ . Suppose that  $\Lambda_{N\Delta}(x) = \{L, M\}$  be such that  $L \neq M$ . In this case, there exist non-thin subsequences  $\{x_{n(i_1)l(i_2)k(i_3)}\}$  and  $\{x_{p(i_1)q(i_2)r(i_3)}\}$  of  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  those  $\Delta$ -converge to  $L$  and  $M$  respectively with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$ . Since  $\{x_{p(i_1)q(i_2)r(i_3)}\}$  is  $\Delta$ -convergent to  $M$  with respect to the probabilistic norm  $N$ , so for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ ,  $K = \{(p(i_1), q(i_2), r(i_3)) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{p(i_1)q(i_2)r(i_3)}-M}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}$  is a finite set and so  $\delta_3(K) = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Then } \{(p(i_1), q(i_2), r(i_3)) \in N^3 : i_1, i_2, i_3 \in N\} \\ & = \{(p(i_1), q(i_2), r(i_3)) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{p(i_1)q(i_2)r(i_3)}-M}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\} \\ & \quad \cup \{(p(i_1), q(i_2), r(i_3)) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{p(i_1)q(i_2)r(i_3)}-M}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}. \end{aligned}$$

Which implies

$$(4.1) \quad \delta_3\{(p(i_1), q(i_2), r(i_3)) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{p(i_1)q(i_2)r(i_3)}-M}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\} \neq 0.$$

Since  $st_{N\Delta} - \lim x_{nlk} = L$ .

$$(4.2) \quad \delta_3\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\} = 0, \text{ for every } \varepsilon > 0.$$

Therefore we can write  $\delta_3\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\} \neq 0$ .

For every  $L \neq M$ , we have

$$\{(p(i_1), q(i_2), r(i_3)) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{p(i_1)q(i_2)r(i_3)}-M}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\} \\ \cap \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\} = \emptyset.$$

Hence  $\{(p(i_1), q(i_2), r(i_3)) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{p(i_1)q(i_2)r(i_3)}-M}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\} \subseteq \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}$ .

Therefore

$$\limsup \delta_3 \{(p(i_1), q(i_2), r(i_3)) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{p(i_1)q(i_2)r(i_3)}-M}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\} \\ \leq \limsup \delta_3 \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\} = 0.$$

This contradicts (4.1).

Hence  $\Lambda_{N\Delta}(x) = \{L\}$ .

Next we show that  $\Gamma_{N\Delta}(x) = \{L\}$ . Suppose that  $\Gamma_{N\Delta}(x) = \{L, Q\}$  such that  $L \neq Q$ . Then

$$(4.3) \quad \limsup \delta_3 \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-Q}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\} \neq 0.$$

Since

$$\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\} \cap \\ \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-Q}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\} = \emptyset \text{ for every } L \neq Q, \text{ so } \{(n, l, k) \in \\ N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\} \supseteq \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-Q}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}.$$

Therefore

$$(4.4) \quad \limsup \delta_3 (\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-L}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda\}) \\ \geq \limsup \delta_3 (\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\Delta x_{nlk}-Q}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}).$$

From (4.3), the right hand side of (4.4) is greater than zero and from (4.2) the left hand side of (4.4) equals zero. This leads to a contradiction.

Hence  $\Gamma_{N\Delta}(x) = \{L\}$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a  $PN$ -space. Then the set  $\Gamma_{N\Delta}$  is closed in  $X$  for each  $x = \langle x_{nlk} \rangle$  of elements of  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $y \in \overline{\Gamma_{N\Delta}(x)}$ . Let  $0 < r < 1$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{N\Delta}(x) \cap B(y, r, t)$  such that  $B(y, r, t) = \{x \in X : N_{y-x}(t) > 1 - r\}$ .

Choose  $\eta > 0$  such that  $B(\gamma, \eta, t) \subset B(y, r, t)$ , then we have

$$\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{y-\Delta x_{nlk}} > 1 - r\} \supset \{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\gamma-\Delta x_{nlk}}(t) > 1 - \eta\}.$$

Since  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{N\Delta}(x)$  so  $\limsup \delta_3\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{\gamma-\Delta x_{nlk}}(t) > 1 - \eta\} > 0$ .

Hence  $\limsup \delta_3\{(n, l, k) \in N^3 : N_{y-\Delta x_{nlk}}(t) > 1 - r\} > 0$ .

Thus  $y \in \Gamma_{N\Delta}(x)$ . This completes the proof.

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