

# On characterization of boundedness of superposition operators on the Maddox space $C_{r0}(p)$ of double sequences

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we discuss a scale of necessary and sufficient conditions for the local boundedness and boundedness of superposition operator  $P_g : C_{r0}(p) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(q)$ , where  $p = (p_{ks})$  and  $q = (q_{ks})$  are bounded double sequences of positive numbers.

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## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  denote the set of positive integers and real numbers, respectively. A real double sequence is a function acting from  $\mathbb{N}^2 = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  and briefly denoted by  $(x_{ks})$ . Let  $\Omega$  denotes the space of all real double sequences with coordinatewise addition and scalar multiplication. Let  $x = (x_{ks}) \in \Omega$  be any sequence. If, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|x_{ks} - l| < \varepsilon$  for all  $k, s \geq n_\varepsilon$ , then real double sequence  $x = (x_{ks})$  is said to be converging to  $l \in \mathbb{R}$  in Pringsheim's sense and denoted by  $p - \lim x_{ks} = l$ . Let the double sequence  $x = (x_{ks})$  converges in Pringsheim's sense and the iterated limits  $\lim_k x_{ks}$  and  $\lim_s x_{ks}$  exist. Then the double sequence  $x = (x_{ks})$  is called *regularly convergent* and denoted by  $r - \lim x_{ks}$ . By  $C_r$ , we denote the space of all regularly convergent double sequences. The Maddox space  $C_{r0}(p)$  is defined by

$$C_{r0}(p) = \{x = (x_{ks}) \in \Omega : r - \lim |x_{ks}|^{p_{ks}} = 0\}$$

where  $p = (p_{ks})$  is a bounded sequence of positive numbers. Also,  $\|\cdot\|_{C_{r0}(p)} : C_{r0}(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined as

$$\|x\|_{C_{r0}(p)} = \sup_{k,s \in \mathbb{N}} |x_{ks}|^{M_1},$$

where  $M_1 = \max \left\{ 1, \sup_{k,s \in \mathbb{N}} p_{ks} \right\}$ . The convergence of the partial sums sequence  $(s_{nm})$ , where  $s_{nm} = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^m x_{ks}$  ( $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ) implies that the double series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} x_{ks}$  is convergent. By  $v$ , we denote convergence notions, i.e., in Pringsheim's sense or regularly convergent. If the partial sums sequence  $(s_{nm})$  is convergent to a real number  $s$  in  $v$ -sense, i.e.

$$v - \lim_{n,m} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^m x_{ks} = s,$$

then the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} x_{ks}$  is called  $\nu$ -convergent and it's denoted by

$$\sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} x_{ks} = s.$$

If the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} x_{ks}$  is  $\nu$ -convergent, then the  $\nu$ -limit of  $(x_{ks})$  equals to zero. The remaining term of the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} x_{ks}$  is defined by

$$R_{nm} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{s=m}^{\infty} x_{ks} + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^{m-1} x_{ks} + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \sum_{s=m}^{\infty} x_{ks}. \quad (1)$$

and briefly denoted by

$$\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} x_{ks}$$

for  $n = m = N$ . It is known that if the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} x_{ks}$  is  $\nu$ -convergent, then the  $\nu$ -limit of the remaining term  $\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} x_{ks}$  is zero.

The double sequence space  $\mathcal{L}_p$  is defined as follows

$$\mathcal{L}_p := \left\{ x = (x_{ks}) \in \Omega : \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |x_{ks}|^p < \infty \right\}$$

and this space is a Banach space with the norm

$$\|x\|_p = \left( \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |x_{ks}|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . The Maddox space  $\mathcal{L}(q)$  of double sequences is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}(q) = \left\{ x = (x_{ks}) \in \Omega : \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |x_{ks}|^{q_{ks}} < \infty \right\},$$

where  $q = (q_{ks})$  is a bounded sequence of positive numbers. Also,  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{L}(q)} : \mathcal{L}(q) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$\|x\|_{\mathcal{L}(q)} = \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |x_{ks}|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}},$$

where  $M_2 = \max \left\{ 1, \sup_{k,s \in \mathbb{N}} q_{ks} \right\}$ . For more details see [1],[2],[3],[7],[9],[12],[18].

Let  $X, Y$  be two double sequence spaces. A superposition operator  $P_g$  on  $X$  is a mapping from  $X$  into  $\Omega$  defined by  $P_g(x) = (g(k,s,x_{ks}))_{k,s=1}^{\infty}$ , where  $g : \mathbb{N}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies condition (1) in below. (1)  $g(k,s,0) = 0$  for all  $k,s \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If  $P_g(x) \in Y$  for all  $x \in X$ , we say that  $P_g$  acts from  $X$  into  $Y$  and write  $P_g : X \rightarrow Y$  [13]. Also, we shall use some of the following conditions:

- (2)  $g(k,s,\cdot)$  is continuous for all  $k,s \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (2')  $g(k,s,\cdot)$  is bounded on every bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  for all positive integers  $k,s$ .

One can easily see that if the function  $g(k, s, \cdot)$  satisfies the property (2), then  $g$  satisfies (2'). Also, if the function  $g(k, s, \cdot)$  is locally bounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $g$  satisfies (2').

Boundedness of the superposition operators on some sequence spaces was studied by Samae [16], Sağır and Güngör [14] and Chew [4], [5], [6], [8], [10], [11], [18]. Sağır and Güngör [15] characterized the superposition operators  $P_g$  on  $C_{r0}(p)$  as follows

**Theorem 1.** Let  $g : \mathbb{N}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies (2'). Then  $P_g : C_{r0}(p) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1$  if and only if there exist  $\alpha > 0$  and  $(c_{ks})_{k,s=1}^\infty \in \mathcal{L}_1$  such that

$$|g(k, s, t)| \leq c_{ks} \text{ whenever } |t| \leq \alpha$$

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

**Theorem 2.** Let  $g : \mathbb{N}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $P_g : C_{r0}(p) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(q)$  if and only if there exist  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} \sup_{|t| \leq \alpha^{\frac{1}{p_{ks}}}} |g(k, s, t)|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} < \infty.$$

## 2 Conclusion

### 2.1 Superposition Operators of $C_{r0}(p)$ into $\mathcal{L}_1$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $P_g : C_{r0}(p) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1$ . Then  $P_g$  is locally bounded on  $C_{r0}(p)$  if and only if  $g$  satisfies (2').

*Proof.* Suppose that  $g$  satisfies (2') and let  $z = (z_{ks}) \in C_{r0}(p)$ . By Theorem 1, there exist  $(c_{ks}) \in \mathcal{L}_1$  and  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$|g(k, s, t)| \leq c_{ks} \tag{2}$$

whenever  $|t| \leq \alpha$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$ . Let  $x = (x_{ks}) \in C_{r0}(p)$  satisfies the following relation;

$$\|z - x\|_{C_{r0}(p)} \leq \frac{\alpha^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}}}{2}.$$

Thus, we have

$$\sup_{k,s \in \mathbb{N}} |z_{ks} - x_{ks}|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \frac{\alpha^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}}}{2}. \tag{3}$$

Since  $r - \lim z_{ks} = 0$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|z_{ks}|^{p_{ks}} \leq \frac{\alpha^{p_{ks}}}{2^{M_1}}$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$ . Hence,

$$\sup_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |z_{ks}|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \frac{\alpha^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}}}{2}. \tag{4}$$

Using the relations (3) and (4), we get

$$|x_{ks}|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \sup_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |x_{ks}|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \sup_{k,s \in \mathbb{N}} |z_{ks} - x_{ks}|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} + \sup_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |z_{ks}|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} < \alpha^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$ . From (1), we have that

$$|g(k, s, x_{ks})| \leq c_{ks}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$ . Therefore,

$$\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |g(k, s, x_{ks})| \leq \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} c_{ks} \leq \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} c_{ks} = \|c_{ks}\|_1. \quad (5)$$

Let  $m_{ks} = \sup_{|t-z_{ks}| \leq \frac{\alpha}{M_1} 2^{p_{ks}}} |g(k, s, t)|$ . Since  $g$  satisfies (2'), we have that  $m_{ks} < \infty$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  and so

$$|g(k, s, x_{ks})| \leq m_{ks} \quad (6)$$

for each  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . By (5) and (6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_g(x)\|_1 &= \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |g(k, s, x_{ks})| = \sum_{k,s=1}^{N-1} |g(k, s, x_{ks})| + \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |g(k, s, x_{ks})| \\ &\leq \sum_{k,s=1}^{N-1} m_{ks} + \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} c_{ks} = \sum_{k,s=1}^{N-1} m_{ks} + \|c_{ks}\|_1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_g(x) - P_g(z)\|_1 &\leq \|P_g(x)\|_1 + \|P_g(z)\|_1 \\ &\leq \|P_g(z)\|_1 + \sum_{k,s=1}^{N-1} m_{ks} + \|c_{ks}\|_1. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\gamma = \|P_g(z)\|_1 + \sum_{k,s=1}^{N-1} m_{ks} + \|c_{ks}\|_1$ , then  $\|P_g(x) - P_g(z)\|_1 \leq \gamma$ . It means that  $P_g$  is locally bounded on  $C_{r_0}(p)$ .

Conversely, let  $P_g$  be locally bounded on  $C_{r_0}(p)$ . It is enough to show that  $g$  is locally bounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $y = (y_{ks})$  be as

$$y_{ks} = \begin{cases} a, & k = n \text{ and } s = m \\ \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{s}, & \text{others} \end{cases}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus  $y = (y_{ks}) \in C_{r_0}(p)$ . By the hypothesis, there exists  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  such that

$$\|P_g(x) - P_g(y)\|_1 \leq \beta \quad (7)$$

whenever  $\|x - y\|_{C_{r_0}(p)} \leq \alpha$ . If we take  $x = (x_{ks})$  such that

$$x_{ks} = \begin{cases} b, & k = n \text{ and } s = m \\ \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{s}, & \text{others} \end{cases}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|b - a| \leq \alpha \frac{M_1}{p_{ks}}$ , we have  $x = (x_{ks}) \in C_{r_0}(p)$ . Thus, we get

$$\|x - y\|_{C_{r_0}(p)} = \sup_{k,s \in \mathbb{N}} |x_{ks} - y_{ks}|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} = |b - a|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \alpha,$$

which means that  $\|P_g(x) - P_g(y)\| \leq \beta$  by (7). Then, we obtain

$$|g(k, s, b) - g(k, s, a)| \leq \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |g(k, s, x_{ks}) - g(k, s, y_{ks})| = \|P_g(x) - P_g(y)\| \leq \beta.$$

Since  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  is arbitrary,  $g(k, s, \cdot)$  is locally bounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 4.** Let  $P_g : C_{r0}(p) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1$ . Then  $P_g$  is bounded on  $C_{r0}(p)$  if and only if for every  $\beta > 0$  there exists a sequence  $c(\beta) = c_{ks}(\beta) \in \mathcal{L}_1$  such that

$$|g(k, s, t)| \leq c_{ks}(\beta)$$

whenever  $|t|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \beta$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that the condition holds. Let  $\beta > 0$  and  $x = (x_{ks}) \in C_{r0}(p)$  such that  $\|x\|_{C_{r0}(p)} \leq \beta$ . Then,  $|x_{ks}|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \beta$  for each  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . By hypothesis, there exists a sequence  $c(\beta) = c_{ks}(\beta) \in \mathcal{L}_1$  such that  $|g(k, s, x_{ks})| \leq c_{ks}(\beta)$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore, we get

$$\|P_g(x)\|_1 = \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |g(k, s, x_{ks})| \leq \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} c_{ks}(\beta) = \|c(\beta)\|_1.$$

Hence,  $P_g$  is bounded on  $C_{r0}(p)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $P_g$  is bounded on  $C_{r0}(p)$ . Let  $\beta > 0$  and let define  $A(\beta)$  and  $c_{ks}(\beta)$  as follows

$$A(\beta) = \left\{ t \in \mathbb{R} : |t|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \beta \right\},$$

and

$$c_{ks}(\beta) = \sup \{ |g(k, s, t)| : t \in A(\beta) \}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore, we have  $|g(k, s, t)| \leq c_{ks}(\beta)$  whenever  $|t|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \beta$ . Since  $g$  satisfies (2'), we get  $0 \leq c_{ks}(\beta) < \infty$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a sequence  $x = (x_{ks}) \in C_{r0}(p)$  with  $|x_{ks}|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \beta$  such that

$$c_{ks}(\beta) < |g(k, s, x_{ks})| + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{k+s}} \tag{8}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . By assumption, there exists  $\alpha(\beta) > 0$  such that  $\sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |g(k, s, x_{ks})| \leq \alpha(\beta)$ . Then, by (2.7) we find

$$\sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} c_{ks}(\beta) < \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |g(k, s, x_{ks})| + \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{k+s}} \leq \alpha(\beta) + \varepsilon.$$

Hence, we obtain  $c(\beta) = c_{ks}(\beta) \in \mathcal{L}_1$ . The proof is completed.

**Example 1.** Let  $g : \mathbb{N}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies

$$g(k, s, t) = \frac{|t|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}}}{4^{k+s}}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  and for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $g$  satisfies (2'),  $P_g$  is locally bounded on  $C_{r0}(p)$  by Theorem 3. Let take  $|t|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \beta$  and  $c_{ks}(\beta) = \frac{\beta}{4^{k+s}}$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, the condition in Theorem 4 holds and so the superposition operator  $P_g$  is bounded on  $C_{r0}(p)$ .

## 2.2 Superposition Operators of $C_{r0}(p)$ into $\mathcal{L}(q)$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $P_g : C_{r0}(p) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(q)$ . Then  $P_g$  is locally bounded on  $C_{r0}(p)$  if and only if  $g$  satisfies (2').

*Proof.* Let  $g$  satisfies (2') and let  $z = (z_{ks}) \in C_{r0}(p)$ . By Theorem 2, there exist  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} \sup_{|t| \leq \alpha \frac{1}{p_{ks}}} |g(k, s, t)|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} < \infty. \quad (9)$$

Let  $x = (x_{ks}) \in C_{r0}(p)$  such that  $\|z - x\|_{C_{r0}(p)} \leq \frac{\alpha \frac{1}{M_1}}{2 \frac{1}{p_{ks}}}$ . Then, we have

$$\sup_{k,s \in \mathbb{N}} |z_{ks} - x_{ks}|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \frac{\alpha \frac{1}{M_1}}{2 \frac{1}{p_{ks}}}. \quad (10)$$

Since  $r - \lim z_{ks} = 0$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|z_{ks}|^{p_{ks}} \leq \frac{\alpha}{2^{p_{ks}}}$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$ . Hence,

$$\sup_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |z_{ks}| \leq \frac{\alpha \frac{1}{p_{ks}}}{2}. \quad (11)$$

Using the relations (9) and (10), we get

$$|x_{ks}| \leq \sup_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |x_{ks}| \leq \sup_{k,s \in \mathbb{N}} |z_{ks} - x_{ks}| + \sup_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |z_{ks}| < \alpha \frac{1}{p_{ks}}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$ . By (8), we have

$$\sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} \leq \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} \sup_{|t| \leq \alpha \frac{1}{p_{ks}}} |g(k, s, t)|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} < \infty \quad (12)$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\max\{k, s\} \geq N$ . Let  $m_{ks} = \sup_{|t - z_{ks}| \leq \frac{\alpha \frac{1}{p_{ks}}}{2}} |g(k, s, t)|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}}$ . Since  $g$  satisfies (2'), we can easily see that

$m_{ks} < \infty$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence, we have

$$|g(k, s, x_{ks})|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} \leq m_{ks} \quad (13)$$

for each  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . By (12) and (13), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_g(x)\|_{\mathcal{L}(q)} &= \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} = \sum_{k,s=1}^{N-1} |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} + \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} \\ &\leq \sum_{k,s=1}^{N-1} m_{ks} + \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} \sup_{|t| \leq \alpha \frac{1}{p_{ks}}} |g(k, s, t)|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $A = \sum_{k,s=1}^{N-1} m_{ks} + \sum_{\max\{k,s\} \geq N} \sup_{|t| \leq \alpha \frac{1}{p_{ks}}} |g(k,s,t)|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} < \infty$ . Then, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_g(x) - P_g(z)\|_{\mathcal{L}(q)} &\leq \|P_g(x)\|_{\mathcal{L}(q)} + \|P_g(z)\|_{\mathcal{L}(q)} \\ &\leq \|P_g(z)\|_{\mathcal{L}(q)} + A. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\gamma = \|P_g(z)\|_{\mathcal{L}(q)} + A$ , then we have  $\|P_g(x) - P_g(z)\|_{\mathcal{L}(q)} \leq \gamma$ . Hence,  $P_g$  is locally bounded on  $C_{r_0}(p)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $P_g$  is locally bounded on  $C_{r_0}(p)$ . To complete the proof, it is sufficient that  $g$  is locally bounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $y = (y_{ks})$  be as follows

$$y_{ks} = \begin{cases} a, & k = n \text{ and } s = m \\ \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{s}, & \text{others} \end{cases}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then, it is clear that  $y = (y_{ks}) \in C_{r_0}(p)$ . By the hypothesis, there exists  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  such that

$$\|P_g(x) - P_g(y)\|_{\mathcal{L}(q)} \leq \beta, \tag{14}$$

whenever  $\|x - y\|_{C_{r_0}(p)} \leq \alpha$ . Let  $x = (x_{ks})$  be as follows

$$y_{ks} = \begin{cases} b, & k = n \text{ and } s = m \\ \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{s}, & \text{others} \end{cases}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|b - a| \leq \alpha \frac{M_1}{p_{ks}}$ . Thus  $x = (x_{ks}) \in C_{r_0}(p)$ . Hence, we get

$$\|x - y\|_{C_{r_0}(p)} = \sup_{k,s \in \mathbb{N}} |x_{ks} - y_{ks}|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} = |b - a|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \alpha.$$

Therefore, by (3.6) we get  $\|P_g(x) - P_g(y)\|_{\mathcal{L}(q)} \leq \beta$ . Then, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |g(k,s,b) - g(k,s,a)|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} &\leq \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |g(k,s,x_{ks}) - g(k,s,y_{ks})|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} \\ &= \|P_g(x) - P_g(y)\|_{\mathcal{L}(q)} \leq \beta. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  is arbitrary,  $g(k,s, \cdot)$  is locally bounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 6.** Let  $P_g : C_{r_0}(p) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(q)$ . Then  $P_g$  is bounded on  $C_{r_0}(p)$  if and only if for every  $\beta > 0$  there exists a sequence  $c(\beta) = c_{ks}(\beta) \in \mathcal{L}$

$$|g(k,s,t)|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} \leq c_{ks}(\beta),$$

whenever  $|t|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \beta$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* Assume that the condition holds. Let  $\beta > 0$  and let  $x = (x_{ks}) \in C_{r_0}(p)$  such that  $\|x\|_{C_{r_0}(p)} \leq \beta$ . Then,  $|x_{ks}|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \beta$  for each  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . By hypothesis, there exists a sequence  $c(\beta) = c_{ks}(\beta) \in \mathcal{L}_1$  such that  $|g(k,s,x_{ks})|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} \leq c_{ks}(\beta)$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore, we have

$$\|P_g(x)\|_{\mathcal{L}(q)} = \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |g(k,s,x_{ks})|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} \leq \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} c_{ks}(\beta) = \|c(\beta)\|_1,$$

which implies that  $P_g$  is bounded on  $C_{r0}(p)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $P_g$  is bounded on  $C_{r0}(p)$ . Let  $\beta > 0$ . Let define  $A(\beta)$  and  $c_{ks}(\beta)$  as follows;

$$A(\beta) = \left\{ t \in \mathbb{R} : |t|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \beta \right\}$$

and

$$c_{ks}(\beta) = \sup \left\{ |g(k, s, t)|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} : t \in A(\beta) \right\}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore, we get  $|g(k, s, t)|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} \leq c_{ks}(\beta)$  whenever  $|t|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \beta$ . Since  $g$  satisfies (2'), it is easy seen that  $0 \leq c_{ks}(\beta) < \infty$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a sequence  $x = (x_{ks}) \in C_{r0}(p)$  with  $|x_{ks}|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \beta$  such that

$$c_{ks}(\beta) < |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{k+s}} \quad (15)$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . By assumption, there exists  $\alpha(\beta) > 0$  such that  $\sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} \leq \alpha(\beta)$ . Then, we have

$$\sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} c_{ks}(\beta) < \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} |g(k, s, x_{ks})|^{\frac{q_{ks}}{M_2}} + \sum_{k,s=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{k+s}} \leq \alpha(\beta) + \varepsilon.$$

Hence, we obtain  $c(\beta) = c_{ks}(\beta) \in \mathcal{L}_1$ . This completes the proof.

**Example 2.** Let  $g : \mathbb{N}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be as follows

$$g(k, s, t) = \left( \frac{|t|^{p_{ks}}}{2^{k+s}} \right)^{\frac{M_2}{q_{ks}}}$$

for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$  and for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $g$  satisfies (2'),  $P_g$  is locally bounded on  $C_{r0}(p)$  by Theorem 5. Let take  $|t|^{\frac{p_{ks}}{M_1}} \leq \beta$  and  $c_{ks}(\beta) = \frac{\beta^{M_1}}{4^{k+s}}$  for all  $k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, the condition in Theorem 6 holds. Hence, the superposition operator  $P_g$  is bounded on  $C_{r0}(p)$ .

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