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BV-solutions of some systems of nonlinear functional equations

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Abstract. In the paper the solutions of bounded variation (BV-solutions) of the systems of functional equations $\varphi_i(x) = h_i(x, \varphi_1[f_{i,1}(x)], \dots, \varphi_m[f_{i,m}(x)])$ and $\varphi_i[f(x)] = g_i(x, \varphi_1(x), \dots, \varphi_m(x)), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, are considered. Under suitable hypotheses about given functions h_i, g_i and $f_{i,j}$ it is proved that he first system has in an interval $\langle a, b \rangle$ a unique BV-solutions and that BV-solution of the second system in an interval $\langle a, b \rangle$ depends on an arbitrary function.

Introduction. In this paper we consider the solutions of bounded variation (BV-solutions) of the systems of functional equations

(1)
$$\varphi_i(x) = h_i(x, \varphi_i[f_{i,1}(x)], \dots, \varphi_m[f_{i,m}(x)]), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

and

(2)
$$\varphi_i[f(x)] = g_i(x, \varphi_1(x), \dots, \varphi_m(x)), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

where φ_i are any unknown functions.

In our previous papers [1], [2] (with J. MATKOWSKI) and [3] we have considered BV-solutions of the single functional equations (linear, nonlinear of first order and nonlinear of higher order). This is the first paper in which the BV-solutions of the systems of functional equations are considered. The special role in our considerations play some Lemmas and Theorems proved by Professor J. MATKOWSKI in his habilitation work [4].

Let (X, d) be a metric space and $I \subset R$ an interval. By P(I) we denote the set of all finite partitions $p : x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_s$ of the

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interval I, where $x_i \in I$, i = 0, 1, ..., s. Similarly as in the papers [2] and [3], for the function $\varphi : I \to M$ we denote by

(3)
$$\operatorname{Var}_{I} \varphi := \sup_{P(I)} \sum_{i=1}^{s} d(\varphi(x_{i}), \varphi(x_{i-1}))$$

By BV(I) we denote the space of all functions $\varphi : I \to X$ such that $\operatorname{Var}_{I} \varphi < \infty$.

Also similarly as in [4] let us define the numbers $c_{i,k}^{(r)}$ as follows:

(4)
$$c_{i,k}^{(r+1)} = \begin{cases} c_{1,1}^{(r)} c_{i+1,k+1}^{(r)} - c_{i+1,1}^{(r)} c_{1,k+1}^{(r)} & \text{for } i = k \\ c_{1,1}^{(r)} c_{i+1,k+1}^{(r)} + c_{i+1,1}^{(r)} c_{1,k+1}^{(r)} & \text{for } i \neq k \end{cases}$$

 $i, k = 1, 2, \dots, m - r - 1; \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, m - 2.$

1. In this section we assume the following hypotheses:

- (i) (X, d) is a complete metric space,
- (ii) $f_{i,k}: \langle a, b \rangle \to \langle a, b \rangle$ are continuous and strictly increasing in $\langle a, b \rangle, \ i, k = 1, 2, \dots, m,$
- (iii) $h_i: \langle a, b \rangle \times X^m \to X, \ i = 1, 2, \dots, m,$
- (iv) There are $H_i \in BV \langle a, b \rangle$ and $\ell_{i,k} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $0 < \ell_{i,k} < 1$, $i, k = 1, 2, \dots, m$, and

(5)
$$d(h_i(x, y_1, \dots, y_m), h_i(\bar{x}, \bar{y} - 1, \dots, \bar{y}_m)) \\ \leq \sum_{k=1}^m \ell_{i,k} d(y_k, \bar{y}_k) + d(H_i(x), H_i(\bar{x})), \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \ (x, y_1, \dots, y_m), (\bar{x}, \bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_m) \in \langle a, b \rangle \times X^m$$

and the numbers

(6)
$$c_{i,k}^{(0)} = \begin{cases} 1 - \ell_{i,k} & \text{for } i = k \\ \ell_{i,k} & \text{for } i \neq k \end{cases}$$
 $i, k = 1, 2, \dots, m$

fulfil the conditions

(7)
$$c_{i,i}^{(r)} > 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m - r; \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1,$$

where $c_{i,k}^{(r)}$ are defined by (4).

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Now we have the following:

Theorem 1. If hypotheses (i)-(iv) are fulfilled then the system of equations (1) has in the interval $\langle a, b \rangle$ a unique solution $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_m)$, such that $\varphi_i \in BV \langle a, b \rangle$, $i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$. This solution is given by the formula $\varphi_i = \lim_{n \to \infty} \varphi_{i,n}$ (uniformly in $\langle a, b \rangle$), where $\varphi_{i,n+1}(x) = h_i(x, \varphi_{1,n}[f_{i,1}(x)], \ldots, \varphi_{m,n}[f_{i,m}(x)]), x \in \langle a, b \rangle, i = 1, 2, \ldots, m,$ $n = 0, 1, \ldots$ and $\varphi_{i,0} \in BV \langle a, b \rangle$ is arbitrarily choosen. Moreover

(8)
$$\operatorname{Var}_{\langle a,b\rangle} \varphi_{i} \leq \frac{\sum_{\substack{k=1\\k\neq i}}^{m} \ell_{i,k} \operatorname{Var}_{\langle a,b\rangle} \varphi_{k} + \operatorname{Var}_{\langle a,b\rangle} H_{i}}{1 - \ell_{i,i}}, \qquad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

PROOF. In view of Lemma 1.1 from [4], there exist the numbers $r_i > 0, i = 1, 2, ..., m$ and t, 0 < t < 1, such that

(9)
$$\sum_{\substack{k=1\\k\neq i}}^{m} \ell_{i,k} r_k \le t r_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Note that for every $\lambda > 0$ the numbers λr_i , i = 1, 2, ..., m, also satisfy (9). It follows that without any loss of generality we can assume that

(10)
$$\operatorname{Var}_{\langle a,b\rangle} H_i \leq (1-t)r_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Now let us define the system of functions spaces

(11)
$$X_i = \left\{ \varphi_i \in BV \langle a, b \rangle : \operatorname{Var}_{\langle a, b \rangle} \varphi_i \le r_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \right\}$$

with the metrics

(12)
$$\varrho_i\left(\bar{\varphi}_i, \bar{\varphi}_i\right) = \sup_{x \in \langle a, b \rangle} d\left(\bar{\varphi}_i(x), \bar{\varphi}_i(x)\right), \quad \bar{\varphi}_i, \bar{\varphi}_i \in X_i,$$
for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$.

Evidently, the space (X_i, ρ_i) is a complete metric space, $i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$.

Let us consider now the system of transformations

$$\Psi_i = T_i[\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_m], \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

where $\Psi_i(x)$ is defined by the formula

$$\Psi_i(x) = h_i \left(x, \varphi_1[f_{i,1}(x)], \dots, \varphi_m[f_{i,m}(x)] \right),$$
$$x \in \langle a, b \rangle, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

We shall show that $T_i: X_1 \times X_2 \times \cdots \times X_m \to X_i, i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$. Let $\varphi_i \in X_i$. We shall show that $\underset{\langle a,b \rangle}{\operatorname{Var}} \Psi_i \leq r_i, i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$. For this purpose, let us take into account the set of all partitions $P\langle a, b \rangle$ of interval $\langle a, b \rangle$ and estimate $\underset{\langle a,b \rangle}{\operatorname{Var}} \Psi_i$.

In virtue of hypotheses (i)–(iv) and inequalities (9) and (10), we have

$$\begin{split} & \bigvee_{\langle a,b \rangle} \Psi_{i} = \sup_{P\langle a,b \rangle} \sum_{j=1}^{s} d(\Psi_{i}(x_{j}), \Psi_{i}(x_{j-1})) \\ &= \sup_{P\langle a,b \rangle} \sum_{j=1}^{s} d\left(h_{i}(x_{j}, \varphi_{1}[f_{i,1}(x_{j})], \dots, \varphi_{m}[f_{i,m}(x_{j})]), \\ &\quad h_{i}(x_{j-1}, \varphi_{1}[f_{i,1}(x_{j-1})], \dots, \varphi_{m}[f_{i,m}(x_{j-1})]) \right) \\ &\leq \sup_{P\langle a,b \rangle} \sum_{j=1}^{s} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{m} \ell_{i,k} d(\varphi_{k}[f_{i,k}(x_{j})], \varphi_{k}[f_{i,k}(x_{j-1})]) \\ &\quad + d(H_{i}(x_{j}), H_{i}(x_{j-1})) \right\} \\ &\leq \sup_{P\langle a,b \rangle} \sum_{j=1}^{s} \sum_{k=1}^{m} \ell_{i,k} d(\varphi_{k}[f_{i,k}(x_{j})], \varphi_{k}[f_{i,k}(x_{j-1})]) \\ &\quad + \sup_{P\langle a,b \rangle} \sum_{j=1}^{s} d(H_{i}(x_{j}), H_{i}(x_{j-1})) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{m} \left\{ \ell_{i,k} \sup_{P\langle a,b \rangle} \sum_{j=1}^{s} d(\varphi_{k}[f_{i,k}(x_{j})], \varphi_{k}[f_{i,k}(x_{j-1})]) \right\} \\ &\quad + \sup_{P\langle a,b \rangle} \sum_{j=1}^{s} d(H_{i}(x_{j}), H_{i}(x_{j-1})) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{m} \ell_{i,k} \bigvee_{\langle f_{i,k}(a), f_{i,k}(b) \rangle} + \bigvee_{\langle a,b \rangle} H_{i} \end{split}$$

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$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^{m} \ell_{i,k} \operatorname{Var}_{\langle a,b \rangle} \varphi_k + \operatorname{Var}_{\langle a,b \rangle} H_i \leq \sum_{k=1}^{m} \ell_{i,k} r_k + (1-t)r_i$$

$$\leq tr_i + (1-t)r_i = r_i.$$

Next, we shall prove that the transformation Ψ_i is a contraction map, $i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$.

Let us take an arbitrary $\bar{\varphi}_i, \bar{\varphi}_i \in X_i$ and, taking into account (ii), (5), (9) and (12), estimate

$$\begin{split} \varrho_i(T_i[\bar{\varphi}_1,\ldots,\bar{\varphi}_m],T_i[\bar{\varphi}_1,\ldots,\bar{\varphi}_m]) &= \varrho_i(\bar{\Psi}_i,\bar{\Psi}_i) \\ &= \sup_{x \in \langle a,b \rangle} d(\bar{\Psi}_i(x),\bar{\Psi}_i(x)) \\ &= \sup_{x \in \langle a,b \rangle} d\Big(h_i(x,\bar{\varphi}_1[f_{i,1}(x)],\ldots,\bar{\varphi}_m[f_{i,m}(x)])), \\ &\quad h_i(x,\bar{\varphi}_i[f_{i,1}(x)],\ldots,\bar{\varphi}_m[f_{i,m}(x)])\Big) \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in \langle a,b \rangle} \sum_{k=1}^m \ell_{i,k} d(\bar{\varphi}_k[f_{i,k}(x)],\bar{\varphi}_k[f_{i,k}(x)]) \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in \langle a,b \rangle} \sum_{k=1}^m \ell_{i,k} d(\bar{\varphi}_k(x),\bar{\varphi}_k(x)) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^m \ell_{i,k} \sup_{x \in \langle a,b \rangle} d(\bar{\varphi}_k(x),\bar{\varphi}_k(x)) = \sum_{k=1}^m \ell_{i,k} \varrho_k(\bar{\varphi}_k,\bar{\varphi}_k). \end{split}$$

Thus, the first statement of the theorem results from Theorem 1.4 in [4].

To prove that the estimation (8) holds let us take the set $P\langle a, b \rangle$ of all partitions of the interval $\langle a, b \rangle$. Using successively (1), (iv) and (ii) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Var}_{\langle a,b\rangle} \varphi_i &= \sup_{P\langle a,b\rangle} \sum_{j=1}^s d(\varphi_i(x_j), \varphi_i(x_{j-1})) \\ &= \sup_{P\langle a,b\rangle} \sum_{j=1}^s d\Big(h_i(x_j, \varphi_1[f_{i,1}(x_j)], \dots, \varphi_m[f_{i,m}(x_j)]), \\ &\quad h_i(x_{j-1}, \varphi_1[f_{i,1}(x_{j-1})], \dots, \varphi_m[f_{i,m}(x_{j-1})])\Big) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\leq \sup_{P\langle a,b\rangle} \sum_{j=1}^{s} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{m} \ell_{i,k} d(\varphi_{k}[f_{i,k}(x_{j})], \varphi_{k}[f_{i,k}(x_{j-1})]) + d(H_{i}(x_{j}), H_{i}(x_{j-1})) \right\}$$

$$\leq \sup_{P\langle a,b\rangle} \sum_{j=1}^{s} \sum_{k=1}^{m} \ell_{i,k} d(\varphi_{k}[f_{i,k}(x_{j})], \varphi_{k}[f_{i,k}(x_{j-1})])$$

$$+ \sup_{P\langle a,b\rangle} \sum_{j=1}^{s} d(H_{i}(x_{j}), H_{i}(x_{j-1}))$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{m} \left\{ \ell_{i,k} \sup_{P\langle a,b\rangle} \sum_{j=1}^{s} d(\varphi_{k}[f_{i,k}(x_{j})], \varphi_{k}[f_{i,k}(x_{j-1})]) \right\}$$

$$+ \sup_{k=1} \sum_{k=1}^{s} d(H_{i}(x_{j}), H_{i}(x_{j-1}))$$

$$+ \sup_{P\langle a,b\rangle} \sum_{j=1}^{m} d(H_i(x_j), H_i(x_{j-1}))$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{m} \ell_{i,k} \operatorname{Var} \varphi_k + \operatorname{Var} \varphi_k + \operatorname{Var} H_i$$
$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^{m} \ell_{i,k} \operatorname{Var} \varphi_k + \operatorname{Var} H_i .$$

This completes the proof of the Theorem 1.

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Remark. If in the hypothesis (iv), instead conditions (7), we assume that the characteristic roots of the matrix $[\ell_{i,k}]$ have absolute values less than 1 then Theorem 1 remain true. It follows from the Lemma 1.2 and Theorem 1.5 in [4].

2. Now let us consider the system (2) and assume the following hypotheses:

- (i) (X, d) is a complete metric space,
- (ii) $f : (a, b) \to (a, b)$ is continuous, strictly increasing in (a, b) and a < f(x) < x for $x \in (a, b)$,
- (iii) $g_i: (a,b) \times X^m \to X, i = 1, 2, \dots, m,$

(iv) There are functions $G_i \in BV(a, b)$ and positive constants $\ell_{i,k}$, i, k = 1, 2, ..., m, such that

$$d(g_i(x, y_1, \dots, y_m), g_i(\bar{x}, \bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_m))$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^m \ell_{i,k} \, d(y_k, \bar{y}_k) + d(G_i(x), G_i(\bar{x})),$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \ (x, y_1, \dots, y_m), (\bar{x}, \bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_m) \in (a, b) \times X^m$$

(v) All the characteristic roots of the matrix $[\ell_{i,k}]$ have absolute values less than 1.

We shall prove the following:

Theorem 2. Let hypotheses (i)–(v) be fulfilled. Then the system of equations (2) has in the interval (a,b) a solution $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_m)$, $\varphi_i \in BV(a,b), i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$, depending on an arbitrary function. More precisely: for any system of functions $\{\varphi_{i,0}\} : \langle f(b), b \rangle \to \mathbb{R}$, such that $\varphi_{i,0} \in BV\langle f(b), b \rangle, i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$, there exists the unique system of functions $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_m), \varphi_i \in BV(a,b)$ satisfying the system of equations (2) in (a,b) and such that $\varphi_i = \varphi_{i,0}$ in the interval $\langle f(b), b \rangle, i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$.

PROOF. Let $I_n = \langle f^{n+1}(b), f^n(b) \rangle$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$, where $f^n(x)$ denotes the *n*-th iterate of the function f(x). In virtue of hypothesis (ii) we have $\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} I_n = (a, b)$. In the interval $I_0 = \langle f(b), b \rangle$ we define an arbitrary system of functions $\{\varphi_{i,0}\}, i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$, fulfilling the conditions of the theorem. Notice, that if $x \in I_1$ then $f^{-1}(x) \in I_0$. So let us define the function $\varphi_{i,1}: I_1 \to \mathbb{R}$ in the following way:

$$\varphi_{i,1}(x) = g_i(f^{-1}(x), \ \varphi_{1,0}[f^{-1}(x)], \dots, \ \varphi_{m,0}[f^{-1}(x)]),$$
$$x \in I_1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

We shall show that $\varphi_{i,1} \in BV(I_1)$. Let $P(I_1)$ be the set of all finite partitions of the interval I_1 . From the hypotheses (iv) and (ii) we get successively

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Var}_{I_{1}} \varphi_{i,1} &= \sup_{P(I_{1})} \sum_{j=1}^{s} d(\varphi_{i,1}(x_{j}), \varphi_{i,1}, (x_{j-1})) \\ &= \sup_{P(I_{1})} \sum_{j=1}^{s} d\left(g_{i}(f^{-1}(x_{j}), \varphi_{1,0}\left[f^{-1}(x_{j})\right], \dots, \varphi_{m,0}\left[f^{-1}(x_{j})\right]), \\ &\quad g_{i}(f^{-1}(x_{j-1}), \varphi_{1,0}\left[f^{-1}(x_{j-1})\right], \dots, \varphi_{m,0}\left[f^{-1}(x_{j-1})\right]\right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\leq \sup_{P(I_{1})} \sum_{j=1}^{s} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{m} \ell_{i,k} d(\varphi_{k,0}[f^{-1}(x_{j})], \varphi_{k,0}[f^{-1}(x_{j-1})] + d\left(G_{i}\left[f^{-1}(x_{j})\right], G_{i}\left[f^{-1}(x_{j-1})\right]\right) \right\}$$

$$\leq \sup_{P(I_{1})} \sum_{j=1}^{s} \sum_{k=1}^{m} \ell_{i,k} d\left(\varphi_{k,0}\left[f^{-1}(x_{j})\right], \varphi_{k,0}\left[f^{-1}(x_{j-1})\right]\right) + \sup_{P(I_{1})} \sum_{j=1}^{s} d\left(G_{i}\left[f^{-1}(x_{j})\right], G_{i}\left[f^{-1}(x_{j-1})\right]\right) \right\}$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^{m} \left\{ \ell_{i,k} \sup_{P(I_{1})} \sum_{j=1}^{s} d\left(\varphi_{k,0}\left[f^{-1}(x_{j})\right], \varphi_{k,0}\left[f^{-1}(x_{j-1})\right]\right) \right\} + \sup_{P(I_{1})} \sum_{j=1}^{s} d\left(G_{i}\left[f^{-1}(x_{j})\right], G_{i}\left[f^{-1}(x_{j-1})\right]\right) \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{m} \ell_{i,k} \bigvee_{\langle f(b),b \rangle} \varphi_{k,0} + \bigvee_{\langle f(b),b \rangle} G_{i} = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \ell_{i,k} \bigvee_{I_{0}} \varphi_{k,0} + \bigvee_{I_{0}} G_{i}.$$

Hence $\varphi_{i,1} \in BV(I_1)$. More generally, let us take the interval I_{n+1} . If $x \in I_{n+1}$ then $f^{-1}(x) \in I_n$. Let us define a function $\varphi_{i,n+1} : I_{n+1} \to \mathbb{R}$ in the following way:

(13)
$$\varphi_{i,n+1}(x) = g_i \left(f^{-1}(x), \varphi_{1,n} \left[f^{-1}(x) \right], \dots, \varphi_{m,n} \left[f^{-1}(x) \right] \right), x \in I_{n+1}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

By similar calculation as above one can prove that $\varphi_{i,n+1} \in BV(I_{n+1})$ and that

(14)
$$\operatorname{Var}_{I_{n+1}} \varphi_{i,n+1} \leq \sum_{k=1}^{m} \ell_{i,k} \operatorname{Var}_{I_n} \varphi_{k,n} + \operatorname{Var}_{I_n} G_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Now we introduce the following notations:

(15)
$$a_{i,k} = \operatorname{Var}_{I_k} \varphi_{i,k} \qquad b_{i,k} = \operatorname{Var}_{I_k} G_i$$

Using these notations we can write the inequality (14) as follows:

(16)
$$a_{i,n+1} \le \sum_{k=1}^{m} \ell_{i,k} a_{k,n} + b_{i,n}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

In the interval (a, b) we define the function $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_m)$ in the following way:

(17)
$$\varphi_i(x) = \begin{cases} \varphi_{i,0}(x) & \text{for } x \in I_0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \\ \varphi_{i,n+1}(x) & \text{for } x \in I_{n+1}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ n = 0, 1, \dots \end{cases}$$

From (13) and (17) it follows that φ satisfies the system of equations (2). The uniqueness of the solution is obvious.

We have to prove that $\varphi_i \in BV(a, b)$, i = 1, 2, ..., m. From (15) and (17) it follows that

$$\begin{split} & \mathop{\mathrm{Var}}_{\langle a,b\rangle} \varphi_i = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \mathop{\mathrm{Var}}_{I_n} \varphi_i = \mathop{\mathrm{Var}}_{I_0} \varphi_i + \sum_{n=1}^\infty \mathop{\mathrm{Var}}_{I_n} \varphi_i \\ & = \mathop{\mathrm{Var}}_{I_0} \varphi_{i,0} + \sum_{n=1}^\infty \mathop{\mathrm{Var}}_{I_n} \varphi_{i,n} = \mathop{\mathrm{Var}}_{I_0} \varphi_{i,0} + \sum_{n=i}^\infty a_{i,n}. \end{split}$$

Since, by hypotheses of the theorem, $\operatorname{Var}_{I_0} \varphi_{i,0}$ is finite, and every component of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{i,n}$ fulfils inequality (16), in view of Lemma 4.1 from the paper [4], this series converges. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

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