



Malmquist-Takenaka functions on local fields

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Abstract. The complex variant of the discrete Malmquist-Takenaka system plays an important role in system identification. We introduce the analogue of these functions on two dyadic local fields using the analogue of the Blaschke-functions on these fields. This results a generalization of the discrete Laguerre system. Properties of these systems, Fourier expansion and summability questions are presented.

1 Introduction

The discrete Laguerre functions and their generalizations, the Malmquist-Takenaka and Kautz systems are often used in control theory to identify the transfer function. Let us recall, that the discrete Laguerre functions $L_n^{(a)}$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$) contain a complex parameter $a \in \mathbb{D} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ and can be expressed by the Blaschke functions

$$B_a(z) := \frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{C}, a \in \mathbb{D}).$$

The discrete Laguerre functions $L_n^{(a)}$ associated to B_a on \mathbb{C} are defined by

$$L_k^{(a)}(z) := m_a(z) B_a^k(z), \text{ where } m_a(z) := \frac{\sqrt{1 - |a|^2}}{1 - \bar{a}z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{C}, k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

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for $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{D}$. The boundary of \mathbb{D} is denoted by $\mathbb{T} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$.

The discrete Malmquist-Takenaka functions $\Psi_n^{(p)}$ on \mathbb{C} are defined by

$$\Psi_0^p(z) := \frac{\sqrt{1 - |\mathbf{a}_0|^2}}{1 - \bar{\mathbf{a}}_0 z}, \quad \Psi_n^{(p)}(z) := \frac{\sqrt{1 - |\mathbf{a}_n|^2}}{1 - \bar{\mathbf{a}}_n z} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} B_{\mathbf{a}_j}(z), \quad (z \in \mathbb{C}, k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

for $(\mathbf{a}_j \in \mathbb{D}, j \in \mathbb{N})$ and $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{a}_0, \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots)$.

The discrete Malmquist-Takenaka system is orthogonal with respect to the scalar product $\langle F, G \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(e^{it}) \overline{G(e^{it})} dt$. Note, that using the same parameters $\mathbf{a}_j = \mathbf{a}$ ($j \in \mathbb{N}$), the $\Psi_n^{(p)}$ functions give the discrete Laguerre system $(L_n^{(\mathbf{a})}, n \in \mathbb{N})$. For more on these systems see [1].

The analogue of the discrete Laguerre function is constructed in [4] as a composition of the corresponding characters and the Blaschke functions, inspired by the fact, that if \mathbf{a} belongs to \mathbb{D} , then $B_{\mathbf{a}}$ is a bijection on \mathbb{T} , and $B_{\mathbf{a}}$ can be written in the form (see [1])

$$B_{\mathbf{a}}(e^{is}) = e^{i\beta_{\mathbf{a}}(s)} (s \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{D}) \quad (1)$$

with some bijection $\beta_{\mathbf{a}} : [-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow [-\pi, \pi]$. Obviously $L_k^{(0)}(z) = z^k$ ($k \in \mathbb{Z}$) coincides with the trigonometric system on \mathbb{T} . Thus the discrete Laguerre system except the factor $m_{\mathbf{a}}$ can be obtained from the trigonometric system by an argument transformation $T(z) = B_{\mathbf{a}}(z)$ ($z \in \mathbb{T}$).

We will construct the analogue of the discrete Malmquist-Takenaka functions starting from the generator system of the characters of the dyadic and 2-adic group and using an argument transformation. This is a UDMD product system, thus also a complete orthonormal system, which gives the discrete Laguerre system for identical parameters $\mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{a}$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$). Fourier expansion with respect these systems and summability questions are examined.

2 The Blaschke functions on the 2-series and on the 2-adic field

We use the basic notations, definitions and the description of the algebraic structure of the handbooks [3] and [2]. Denote by

$$\mathbb{B} := \left\{ \mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{a}^{(j)}, j \in \mathbb{Z}) \mid \mathbf{a}^{(j)} \in \{0, 1\} \text{ and } \lim_{j \rightarrow -\infty} \mathbf{a}^{(j)} = 0 \right\}$$

the set of bytes, and by $\mathbb{A} := \{0, 1\}$ the set of bits. The numbers $\mathbf{a}^{(j)}$ are called the additive digits of $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{B}$. Also use the notion: $\mathbb{P} := \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$. The zero element of \mathbb{B} is $\theta := (\mathbf{x}^{(j)} \in \mathbb{Z})$ where $\mathbf{x}^{(j)} = 0$ for $j \in \mathbb{Z}$, that is, $\theta = (\dots, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$. The order of a byte $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{B}$ is defined in the following way: For $\mathbf{x} \neq \theta$ let $\pi(\mathbf{x}) := n$ if and only if $\mathbf{x}^{(n)} = 1$, and $\mathbf{x}^{(j)} = 0$ for all $j < n$, furthermore set $\pi(\theta) = +\infty$. The norm of a byte \mathbf{x} is introduced by the following rule: $\|\mathbf{x}\| := 2^{-\pi(\mathbf{x})}$ for $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{B} \setminus \{\theta\}$, and $\|\theta\| := 0$.

The sets $I_n(\mathbf{x}) := \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{B} : \mathbf{y}^{(k)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} \text{ for } k < n\}$ are the intervals in \mathbb{B} of rank $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and center $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{B}$. Consider $\mathbb{I}_n := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{B} : \|\mathbf{x}\| \leq 2^{-n}\}$ ($n \in \mathbb{Z}$). $\mathbb{I} := \mathbb{I}_0$ can be identified with the set of sequences $\mathbb{I} = \{\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{a}^{(j)}, j \in \mathbb{N}) \mid \mathbf{a}^{(j)} \in \mathbb{A}\}$ via the map $(\dots, 0, 0, \mathbf{a}^{(0)}, \mathbf{a}^{(1)}, \dots) \rightarrow (\mathbf{a}^{(0)}, \mathbf{a}^{(1)}, \dots)$.

The 2-series (or logical) sum $\mathbf{a} \overset{\circ}{+} \mathbf{b}$ and product $\mathbf{a} \circ \mathbf{b}$ of elements $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{B}$ are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \overset{\circ}{+} \mathbf{b} &:= \left(\mathbf{a}^{(n)} + \mathbf{b}^{(n)} \pmod{2}, n \in \mathbb{Z} \right) \\ \mathbf{a} \circ \mathbf{b} &:= (\mathbf{c}^{(n)}, n \in \mathbb{Z}), \text{ where } \mathbf{c}^{(n)} := \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{a}^{(k)} \mathbf{b}^{(n-k)} \pmod{2} \quad (n \in \mathbb{Z}). \end{aligned}$$

$(\mathbb{B}, \overset{\circ}{+}, \circ)$ is a non-Archimedean normed field, i.e. $\|\mathbf{a} \overset{\circ}{+} \mathbf{b}\| \leq \max\{\|\mathbf{a}\|, \|\mathbf{b}\|\}$, $\|\mathbf{a} \circ \mathbf{b}\| = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|$ ($\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{B}$). The multiplicative identity of \mathbb{B} is the element $\mathbf{e} := (\delta_{n0}, n \in \mathbb{N})$.

The (logical) Blaschke function with parameter $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{I}_1$ is defined in [4] by:

$$B_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}) := \frac{\mathbf{x} \overset{\circ}{+} \mathbf{a}}{\mathbf{e} \overset{\circ}{+} \mathbf{a} \circ \mathbf{x}} \quad (\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{I}).$$

Set $\mathbf{y} = B_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x})$ with $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{I}$, $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{I}_1$. Then we have $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} \overset{\circ}{+} \mathbf{a} \overset{\circ}{+} \mathbf{y} \circ \mathbf{a} \circ \mathbf{x}$ and consequently for the n -th digit of \mathbf{y} we get

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{y}^{(n)} = 0, & \text{for } n < 0, \\ \mathbf{y}^{(n)} = \mathbf{x}^{(n)} + \mathbf{a}^{(n)} + (\mathbf{y} \circ \mathbf{a} \circ \mathbf{x})^{(n)} \pmod{2}, & \text{for } n \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

This is recursion for the bits of $\mathbf{y} = B_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x})$, since to compute $(\mathbf{y} \circ \mathbf{a} \circ \mathbf{x})^{(n)}$ we only need $\mathbf{y}^{(k)}$ -s with $k < n$. The bits $\mathbf{y}^{(n)} = (B_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}))^{(n)}$ can be written in the form

$$\mathbf{y}^{(n)} = \mathbf{x}^{(n)} + \mathbf{a}^{(n)} + f_n(\mathbf{x}^{(0)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(n-1)}) \pmod{2} \quad (2)$$

where the functions $f_n : \mathbb{A}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) depend only on the bits of \mathbf{a} . The definition of the logical Blaschke functions and details about the recursion are considered in [4].

The 2-adic (or arithmetic) sum $\mathbf{a} \dot{+} \mathbf{b}$ of elements $\mathbf{a} = (a^{(n)}, n \in \mathbb{Z})$, $\mathbf{b} = (b^{(n)}, n \in \mathbb{Z}) \in \mathbb{B}$ is defined by $\mathbf{a} \dot{+} \mathbf{b} := (s_n, n \in \mathbb{Z})$, where the bits $q_n, s_n \in \mathbb{A}$ ($n \in \mathbb{Z}$) are obtained recursively as follows: $q_n = s_n = 0$ for $n < m := \min\{\pi(\mathbf{a}), \pi(\mathbf{b})\}$, and

$$a^{(n)} + b^{(n)} + q_{n-1} = 2q_n + s_n \quad \text{for } n \geq m.$$

The 2-adic (or arithmetic) product of $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{B}$ is $\mathbf{a} \bullet \mathbf{b} := (p_n, n \in \mathbb{Z})$, where the sequences $q_n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $p_n \in \mathbb{A}$ ($n \in \mathbb{Z}$) are defined recursively by $q_n = p_n = 0$ ($n < m := \pi(\mathbf{a}) + \pi(\mathbf{b})$) and

$$\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{(j)} b^{(n-j)} + q_{n-1} = 2q_n + p_n \quad (n \geq m).$$

Note, that $\pi(\mathbf{a} \bullet \mathbf{b}) = \pi(\mathbf{a}) + \pi(\mathbf{b})$ and $(\mathbb{B}, \dot{+}, \bullet)$ is a non-Archimedean normed field.

For $x \in \mathbb{I}$ and $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{I}_1$ we have that $e \dot{-} \mathbf{a} \bullet x \neq \theta$, thus $e \dot{-} \mathbf{a} \bullet x$ has a multiplicative inverse in \mathbb{B} . The (arithmetical) Blaschke function with parameter $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{I}_1$ is defined in [4] by:

$$B_{\mathbf{a}}(x) := (x \dot{-} \mathbf{a}) \bullet (e \dot{-} \mathbf{a} \bullet x)^{-1} = \frac{x \dot{-} \mathbf{a}}{e \dot{-} \mathbf{a} \bullet x} \quad (x \in \mathbb{I}). \quad (3)$$

The Blaschke function $B_{\mathbf{a}} : \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$ is a bijection for any $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{I}_1$ on \mathbb{I} and on \mathbb{S}_0 . The maps $B_{\mathbf{a}}$ ($\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{I}_1$) form a commutative group with respect to the function composition. The byte $y = B_{\mathbf{a}}(x)$ can be given in a recursive form (2) like on the logical field. The definition of the arithmetical Blaschke functions and details about the recursion are considered in [4].

Consider the Haar-measure μ on the fields $(\mathbb{B}, \dot{+}, \bullet)$ and $(\mathbb{B}, \dot{+}, \circ)$. More details on the algebraic structure can be found in [3].

In the following we will present UDMD systems, which are considered in [3]. Denote with \mathcal{A} the σ -algebra generated by the intervals $I_n(\mathbf{a})$ ($\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{I}, n \in \mathbb{N}$). Let $\lambda(I_n(\mathbf{a})) := 2^{-n}$ be the measure of $I_n(\mathbf{a})$. Extending this measure to \mathcal{A} we get a probability measure space $(\mathbb{I}, \mathcal{A}, \lambda)$. Let \mathcal{A}_n be the sub- σ -algebra of

\mathcal{A} generated by the intervals $I_n(\mathfrak{a})$ ($\mathfrak{a} \in \mathbb{I}$). Let $L(\mathcal{A}_n)$ denote the set of \mathcal{A}_n -measurable functions on \mathbb{I} . The conditional expectation of an $f \in L^1(\mathbb{I})$ with respect to \mathcal{A}_n is of the form

$$(\mathcal{E}_n f)(x) := \frac{1}{\lambda(I_n(x))} \int_{I_n(x)} f d\lambda.$$

A sequence of functions $(f_n, n \in \mathbb{N})$ is called a dyadic martingale if each f_n is \mathcal{A}_n -measurable and

$$(\mathcal{E}_n f_{n+1}) = f_n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

The sequence of martingale differences of f_n ($n \in \mathbb{N}$) is the sequence

$$\phi_n := f_{n+1} - f_n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

We notice that every dyadic martingale difference sequence has the form $\phi_n = r_n g_n$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$) where $(g_n, n \in \mathbb{N})$ is a sequence of functions such that each g_n is \mathcal{A}_n -measurable and $(r_n, n \in \mathbb{N})$ denotes the Rademacher system on \mathbb{I} :

$$r_n(x) := (-1)^{x^{(n)}} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

The martingale difference sequence $(\phi_n, n \in \mathbb{N})$ is called a unitary dyadic martingale difference sequence or a UDMD sequence if $|\phi_n(x)| = 1$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$). Thus $(\phi_n, n \in \mathbb{N})$ is a UDMD sequence if and only if

$$\phi_n = r_n g_n, \quad g_n \in L(\mathcal{A}_n), \quad |g_n| = 1 \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (4)$$

A system $\psi = (\psi_m, m \in \mathbb{N})$ is said to be a UDMD product system if it is a product system generated by a UDMD system, i.e., there is a UDMD system $(\phi_n, n \in \mathbb{N})$ such that for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$, with binary expansion is given by $m = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} m^{(j)} 2^j$ ($m^{(j)} \in \mathbb{A}, j \in \mathbb{N}$), the function ψ_m satisfies

$$\psi_m = \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi_j^{m^{(j)}} \quad (m \in \mathbb{N}).$$

The author constructed orthonormal systems in this way inspired by martingales in [4, 5].

3 The discrete Malmquist-Takenaka functions on the 2-series and 2-adic field

Let us define the discrete Malmquist-Takenaka functions with parameters $p = (a_0, a_1, \dots)$ ($a_i \in \mathbb{I}_1, i \in \mathbb{N}$) on the 2-series field $(\mathbb{I}, \overset{\circ}{+}, \circ)$ in the following way: the system $(\Psi_k^{(p)}, k \in \mathbb{N})$ is the product system generated by

$$(\Phi_{n, a_n} := r_n \circ B_{a_n}, n \in \mathbb{N}) \quad (5)$$

That is, $\Psi_k^{(p)}(x) = \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} [r_j(B_{a_j}(x))]^{k^{(j)}}$.

Theorem 1 *For every $a_n \in \mathbb{I}_1$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$) the functions $\Phi_{n, a_n}(x) = r_n(B_{a_n}(x))$ ($x \in \mathbb{I}, n \in \mathbb{N}$) form a UDMD system on $(\mathbb{I}, \overset{\circ}{+}, \circ)$.*

Proof. Using recursion form (2) of $y = B_{a_n}(x)$ we get

$$\Phi_{n, a_n}(x) = (-1)^{y^{(n)}} = (-1)^{x^{(n)}} (-1)^{(a_n)^{(n)} + f_n(x^{(0)}, \dots, x^{(n-1)})} = r_n(x) g_n(x)$$

where $g_n(x) := (-1)^{(a_n)^{(n)} + f_n(x^{(0)}, \dots, x^{(n-1)})}$ is \mathcal{A}_n -measurable, $g_n \in L(\mathcal{A}_n)$. Clearly, $|g_n(x)| = 1$ ($x \in \mathbb{I}$), thus $(\Phi_{n, a_n}, n \in \mathbb{N})$ is a UDMD sequence. \square

Corollary 1 *The logical Malmquist-Takenaka system, that is the product system $(\Psi_k^{(p)}, k \in \mathbb{N})$ generated by the system $(\Phi_{n, a_n}, n \in \mathbb{N})$ is a UDMD product system, consequently it is a complete orthonormal system on $(\mathbb{I}, \overset{\circ}{+}, \circ)$.*

We consider $\epsilon(t) := \exp(2\pi i t)$ ($t \in \mathbb{R}$). We will use the functions $(v_{2^n}(x), n \in \mathbb{N})$:

$$v_{2^n}(x) := \epsilon \left(\frac{x^{(n)}}{2} + \frac{x^{(n-1)}}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{x^{(0)}}{2^{n+1}} \right) \quad (x \in \mathbb{I}, n \in \mathbb{N}), \quad (6)$$

known as a generator system of the characters of the group $(\mathbb{I}, \overset{\bullet}{+})$. Let us define the arithmetical Malmquist-Takenaka functions with parameters $p = (a_0, a_1, \dots)$ ($a_n \in \mathbb{I}_1, n \in \mathbb{N}$) on the 2-adic field $(\mathbb{I}, \overset{\bullet}{+}, \bullet)$ in the following way: the system $(\Psi_k^{(p)}, k \in \mathbb{N})$ is now the product system generated by

$$(\Phi_{n, a_n} := v_{2^n} \circ B_{a_n}, n \in \mathbb{N}) \quad (7)$$

That is, $\Psi_n^{(p)}(x) = \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} [v_{2^j}(B_{a_j}(x))]^{n^{(j)}}$. ($x \in (\mathbb{I}, \overset{\bullet}{+}, \bullet)$)

Theorem 2 For every $\mathbf{a}_n \in \mathbb{I}_1$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$) the functions $\Phi_{n, \mathbf{a}_n}(x) = v_{2^n}(B_{\mathbf{a}_n}(x))$ ($x \in \mathbb{I}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$) form a UDMD system on $(\mathbb{I}, \overset{\bullet}{+}, \bullet)$.

The proof is similar like on the 2-series field.

Corollary 2 The arithmetical Malmquist-Takenaka functions, the product system $(\Psi_k^{(p)}, k \in \mathbb{N})$ generated by the system $(\Phi_{n, \mathbf{a}_n}, n \in \mathbb{N})$ is a UDMD product system, consequently it is a complete orthonormal system on $(\mathbb{I}, \overset{\bullet}{+}, \bullet)$.

In the following we consider the corresponding Malmquist-Takenaka-systems on both fields $(\mathbb{I}, \overset{\bullet}{+}, \bullet)$ and $(\mathbb{I}, \overset{\circ}{+}, \circ)$.

4 Summability

The Malmquist-Takenaka-Fourier coefficients of an $f \in L^q(\mathbb{I})$ ($1 \leq q \leq \infty$) are defined by

$$\widehat{f^{(p)}}(n) := \int_{\mathbb{I}} f(x) \Psi_n^{(p)}(x) d\mu(x). \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

The n -th partial sums of the Malmquist-Takenaka-Fourier series $S^{(p)}f$ is now

$$S_n^{(p)}f := \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \widehat{f^{(p)}}(k) \Psi_k^{(p)} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*).$$

Furthermore, the Malmquist-Takenaka-Cesaro (or $(MT - C, 1)$) means of $S^{(p)}f$ are defined by $\sigma_0^{(p)}f := 0$ and

$$\sigma_n^{(p)}f := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n S_k^{(p)}f, \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*)$$

for $p = (\mathbf{a}_0, \mathbf{a}_1, \dots)$ with $\mathbf{a}_n \in \mathbb{I}_1$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$), $f \in L^q(\mathbb{I})$.

Properties of UDMD product systems are valid for the Malmquist-Takenaka system $(\Psi_k^{(p)}, k \in \mathbb{N})$, thus applying the general theorem on convergence presented in [3], holds the following:

Theorem 3 For any $f \in L^q(\mathbb{I})$ ($1 \leq q < \infty$) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|S_{2^n}^{(p)}f - f\|_q &= 0, \quad \text{and} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\sigma_n^{(p)}f - f\|_q &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Moreover, (8) holds for $q = \infty$ when f is continuous on \mathbb{I} .

Clearly, a.e. convergence holds for $S_{2^n}^{(p)}f$ for any integrable f and for $S_m^{(p)}f$, ($m \in \mathbb{P}$) if $f \in L^q(\mathbb{I})$ and $q > 1$. This is a consequence of a general theorem in [3], pp.101-105 or [2]. This holds for $q = 1$ with identical parameters $\mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{I}_1$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$), that is, in the case of the discrete Laguerre system $L_n^{(\mathbf{a})}(x)$. See [4].

We will see in the next proposition, that the Malmquist-Takenaka system is a generalization of the discrete Laguerre system on both fields defined in [4] as follows.

The functions corresponding the trigonometric system mentioned in the Introduction, are the characters of the corresponding groups. Namely, the Walsh-Paley functions ($w_k, k \in \mathbb{N}$) defined by

$$w_k(x) = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} r_n(x)^{k^{(n)}} = (-1)^{\sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} k^{(j)} x^{(j)}} \quad (x \in \mathbb{I}, k = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} k^{(j)} 2^j \in \mathbb{N} (k^{(j)} \in \mathbb{A})), \quad (9)$$

are the characters of $(\mathbb{I}, \overset{\circ}{+})$. In particular, the Walsh-Paley functions form a product system generated by the Rademacher system $(r_n, n \in \mathbb{N})$.

And the functions $(v_k, k \in \mathbb{N})$ are the characters of $(\mathbb{I}, \overset{\bullet}{+})$ defined as the product system generated by the functions $(v_{2^n}(x), n \in \mathbb{N})$ defined in (6).

The discrete Laguerre functions associated to B_a are defined in the following way:

$$L_k^{(\mathbf{a})}(x) := w_k(B_a(x)) \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}, x \in (\mathbb{I}, \overset{\circ}{+}))$$

and

$$L_k^{(\mathbf{a})}(x) := v_k(B_a(x)) \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}, x \in (\mathbb{I}, \overset{\bullet}{+}))$$

for any $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{I}_1$.

Proposition 1 *Using identical parameters $\mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{I}_1$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$) the Malmquist-Takenaka functions $\Psi_n^{(p)}(x)$ give the discrete Laguerre system $L_n^{(\mathbf{a})}(x)$ on both fields $(\mathbb{I}, \overset{\bullet}{+}, \bullet)$ and $(\mathbb{I}, \overset{\circ}{+}, \circ)$.*

Clearly, with the special identical parameters $\mathbf{a}_n = \theta$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$) this method gives the characters of the corresponding field. Thus the Malmquist-Takenaka system is also a generalization of the character system of the corresponding additive group.

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