



## Metrically generalized $\rho$ -almost periodic sequences and applications

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we consider various classes of metrically generalized  $\rho$ -almost periodic sequences. We present several structural results about the introduced classes of generalized  $\rho$ -almost periodic sequences and provide certain applications of our results to the abstract Volterra difference equations.

### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Suppose that  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a complex Banach space. An  $X$ -valued sequence  $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$   $[(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}]$  is said to be (Bohr) almost periodic if and only if, for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a natural number  $K_0(\epsilon)$  such that among any  $K_0(\epsilon)$  consecutive integers in  $\mathbb{Z}$   $[\mathbb{N}]$ , there exists at least one integer  $\tau \in \mathbb{Z}$   $[\tau \in \mathbb{N}]$  such that

$$\|x_{k+\tau} - x_k\| \leq \epsilon, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad [k \in \mathbb{N}].$$

It is well known that the range of any almost periodic  $X$ -valued sequence is relatively compact in  $X$ . The equivalent notion of Bochner almost periodicity of  $X$ -valued sequences is considered in the important research monograph [20] by A. M. Samoilenko and N. A. Perestyuk. We know that a sequence  $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  in  $X$  is almost periodic if and only if there exists an almost periodic function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X$  such that  $x_k = f(k)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Furthermore, for every almost periodic sequence  $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $X$ , there exists a unique almost periodic sequence  $(\tilde{x}_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  in  $X$  such that  $\tilde{x}_k = x_k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . The class of almost periodic sequences appears in the qualitative analysis of solutions for various classes of impulsive Volterra integro-differential equations, Volterra integro-difference equations and ordinary differential equations; cf. also the doctoral dissertation [21] by M. Veselý for some recent results obtained in this direction. For more details about almost periodic functions and their applications, we refer the reader to the research monographs [7, 8, 10, 11, 13–15, 19, 22].

The class of Stepanov almost periodic sequences, introduced by J. Andres and D. Pennequin in [3], reduces to the class of almost periodic sequences, which is not the case for the corresponding classes of functions. This

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is no longer true for the class of equi-Weyl almost periodic sequences, which provides a proper extension of the class of almost periodic sequences; cf. A. Iwanik [12]. The class of Besicovitch almost periodic sequences has been introduced by A. Bellow, V. Losert [5] and further analyzed by V. Bergelson et al. in [6]. In our joint research article with W.-S. Du and D. Velinov [9], we have recently introduced and analyzed the classes of (equi-)Weyl- $p$ -almost periodic sequences, Doss- $p$ -almost periodic sequences and Besicovitch- $p$ -almost periodic sequences with a general exponent  $p \geq 1$ , providing also several new applications to the abstract impulsive Volterra integro-differential inclusions. After that, we have extended these classes of generalized almost periodic sequences in our joint research study [16] with B. Chaouchi, W.-S. Du and D. Velinov.

The main aim of this research study is to continue the investigation raised in [16]. We reconsider and slightly generalize various classes of generalized  $\rho$ -almost periodic sequences examined there by using the concept of metrical generalizations of almost periodicity ([15]). We analyze here the Stepanov, Weyl, Besicovitch and Doss classes of metrically generalized  $\rho$ -almost periodic sequences, providing also certain applications to the abstract Volterra difference equations.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 investigates the metrically generalized  $\rho$ -almost periodic sequences. In Definition 2.1, we introduce the notion of Stepanov- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho, l)$ -almost periodic sequence, (equi-)Weyl- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho)$ -almost periodic sequence and Doss- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho)$ -almost periodic sequence of the form  $F : \Lambda \times X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  and  $(Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$  are complex Banach spaces and  $\emptyset \neq \Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^n$  has certain properties. The class of Besicovitch- $(\mathcal{B}, \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P})$ -almost periodic sequences is introduced in Definition 2.6. We reexamine and slightly generalize several results from [16]; the main structural results of Section 2 are Theorem 2.2, Proposition 2.4 and Proposition 2.5. In Section 3, we present some illustrative applications to the abstract Volterra difference equations.

## 2. Metrically generalized $\rho$ -almost periodic sequences

In this section, we analyze Stepanov, Weyl, Besicovitch and Doss classes of metrically  $\rho$ -almost periodic type sequences of the form  $F : \Lambda \times X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $\emptyset \neq \Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^n$ . We assume henceforth that  $\Lambda = \Lambda_1 \times \Lambda_2 \times \dots \times \Lambda_n$ , where for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}_n$  there exists an integer  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\Lambda_j = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\Lambda_j = \{\dots, a-2, a-1, a\}$  or  $\Lambda_j = \{a, a+1, a+2, \dots\}$ . Define  $\Lambda'' := \{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^n : \mathbf{a} + \Lambda \subseteq \Lambda\}$ . For every integer  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define  $P_l$  to be the set consisting of all closed subrectangles of  $\Lambda$  which contains exactly  $(l+1)^n$  points with all integer coordinates. In the sequel, we will assume that condition [16, (FV)] automatically holds as well as that for each  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $J \in P_l$  we have that  $(P_{l,J}, d_{l,J})$  is a pseudometric space, where  $P_{l,J} \subseteq Y^J$  is closed under the addition and subtraction of functions and  $0 \in P_{l,J}$ . Define  $\|f\|_{l,J} := d_{l,J}(f, 0)$  for all  $f \in P_{l,J}$ . Henceforth,  $\mathcal{B}$  denotes a non-empty collection of subsets of  $X$  such that for each  $x \in X$  there exists  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B$ . By  $L(X, Y)$  we denote the Banach space of all bounded linear operators from  $X$  into  $Y$ ;  $L(X, X) \equiv L(X)$  and  $I$  denotes the identity operator on  $Y$ .

The following notion generalizes the notion introduced recently in [16, Definition 3, Definition 6, Definition 7]:

**Definition 2.1.** Suppose that  $F : \Lambda \times X \rightarrow Y$  is a given sequence,  $\mathbb{F} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $\Lambda' \subseteq \Lambda''$  and  $\rho$  is a binary relation on  $Y$ . Then we say that  $F(\cdot; \cdot)$  is:

- (i) Stepanov- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho, l)$ -almost periodic for some  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  if and only if, for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ , there exists  $L > 0$  such that, for every  $\mathbf{t}_0 \in \Lambda'$ , there exists a point  $\tau \in \Lambda' \cap B(\mathbf{t}_0, L)$  which satisfies that, for every  $J \in P_l$  and for every  $j \in J$ ,  $x \in B$ , there exists  $z_{j,x} \in \rho(F(j; x))$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in B} \mathbb{F}(l) \|F(\cdot + \tau; x) - z_{\cdot, x}\|_{l,J} < \epsilon; \tag{2.1}$$

- (ii) equi-Weyl- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho)$ -almost periodic if and only if, for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ , there exist  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $L > 0$  such that, for every  $\mathbf{t}_0 \in \Lambda'$ , there exists a point  $\tau \in \Lambda' \cap B(\mathbf{t}_0, L)$  which satisfies that, for every  $J \in P_l$  and for every  $j \in J$ ,  $x \in B$ , there exists  $z_{j,x} \in \rho(F(j; x))$  such that (2.1) holds;

- (iii) Weyl- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho)$ -almost periodic if and only if, for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ , there exists  $L > 0$  such that, for every  $\mathbf{t}_0 \in \Lambda'$ , there exists a point  $\tau \in \Lambda' \cap B(\mathbf{t}_0, L)$  which satisfies that there exists an integer  $l_\tau \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for every  $l \geq l_\tau$ ,  $J \in P_l$ ,  $j \in J$  and  $x \in B$ , there exists  $z_{j,x} \in \rho(F(j; x))$  such that (2.1) holds;
- (iv) Doss- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho)$ -almost periodic if and only if, for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ , there exists  $L > 0$  such that, for every  $\mathbf{t}_0 \in \Lambda'$ , there exists a point  $\tau \in \Lambda' \cap B(\mathbf{t}_0, L)$  which satisfies that there exists an increasing sequence  $(l_k)$  of positive integers such that, for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $J \in P_{l_k}$ ,  $j \in J$  and  $x \in B$ , there exists  $z_{j,x} \in \rho(F(j; x))$  such that (2.1) holds with the number  $l$  replaced by the number  $l_k$  therein.

In the sequel, we omit the term “ $\mathcal{B}$ ” for the functions of the form  $F : \Lambda \rightarrow Y$ , the term “ $\Lambda'$ ” if  $\Lambda' = \Lambda$  and the term “ $\rho$ ” if  $\rho = \mathbb{I}$ . We will not consider here the uniformly recurrent analogues of the notion introduced above; cf. also [16, Definition 9, Definition 10]. In Definition 2.1, the natural choice is

$$\|f\|_{l,J} \equiv \left[ \sum_{j \in J} \|f(j)\|^p \nu^p(j) \right]^{1/p}, \quad f \in P_{l,J}, \tag{2.2}$$

for some  $p \in [1, \infty)$  but we can also consider the notion with

$$\|f\|_{l,J} \equiv \sum_{j \in J} \|f(j)\|^p \nu^p(j), \quad f \in P_{l,J}, \tag{2.3}$$

where  $p \in (0, 1)$ ; here,  $\nu : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is an arbitrary weight sequence (in [16], we have always assumed that  $\nu(\cdot) \equiv 1$  and  $p \geq 1$ ). The similar pseudometrics will be used for the Besicovitch- $(\mathcal{B}, \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P})$ -almost periodic sequences introduced in Definition 2.6 below.

The interested reader may try to analyze the uniform convergence (or the convergence in the pseudometric of space  $P_{l,J}$ ) of metrically generalized  $\rho$ -almost periodic sequences. We continue by reexamining two examples from [16]:

- Example.* (i) The sequence  $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , given by  $x_k := 1$  if there exists  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $k = j^3$ , and  $x_k := 0$ , otherwise, is equi-Weyl- $(l^{-\sigma}, p)$ -almost periodic for any  $\sigma > 1/2$  and  $p > 0$ ; cf. (2.2)-(2.3) with  $\nu(\cdot) \equiv 1$  and [16, Remark 2].
- (ii) Let  $l_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a real sequence defined by  $x_k := 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, l_0$ ;  $x_{l_0+2k} := 1$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ) and  $x_{l_0+2k+1} := -1$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ). Then  $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equi-Weyl- $(l^{-\sigma}, \mathcal{P}, -\mathbb{I})$ -almost periodic for any  $\sigma > 0$ , where  $P_{j,l}$  is given by (2.2)-(2.3) with  $\nu(\cdot)$  being an arbitrary non-negative function; cf. also [16, Example 1(ii)].

In [16, Proposition 3], we have shown that the notion of Stepanov- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho, l)$ -almost periodicity is not satisfactory enough because it is in a close connection with the notion of metrical Bohr- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \rho)$ -almost periodicity, where the pseudometric  $\|\cdot\|_{l,J}$  is given by the formula (2.2). A similar statement holds for the corresponding classes of sequences with the exponents  $p \in (0, 1)$ , when the pseudometric  $\|\cdot\|_{l,J}$  is given by the formula (2.3). Furthermore, the statement of [16, Proposition 4] remains true with the general exponents  $p > 0$  but an equi-Weyl- $(\mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P})$ -almost periodic sequence  $F : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow Y$  need not be bounded if the pseudometric is given by the formula (2.2) or (2.3) and there is no constant  $c > 0$  such that  $\nu(\cdot) \geq c$ , which can be approved by a great number of very simple counterexamples.

If  $F : \Lambda \times X \rightarrow Y$  is Stepanov- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho, l)$ -almost periodic for some  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , then it is clear that  $F(\cdot; \cdot)$  is equi-Weyl- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho)$ -almost periodic. Furthermore, it is clear that every equi-Weyl- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho)$ -almost periodic sequence is Weyl- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho)$ -almost periodic as well as that every Weyl- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho)$ -almost periodic sequence is Doss- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho)$ -almost periodic. All these inclusions are strict, as easily approved.

In [16, Theorem 4, Theorem 5], we have considered the extensions of (equi-)Weyl- $p$ -almost periodic type sequences, Doss- $p$ -almost periodic type sequences and Besicovitch- $p$ -almost periodic type sequences, where  $p \geq 1$ ; let us first notice that this statement holds for all exponents  $p > 0$ . Without going into full details, we

want also to note that the argumentation contained in the proof of the above-mentioned Theorem 4 shows that the possible extensions can be considered even if the pseudometric on  $P_{l,J}$  is given by (2.2) or (2.3); for example, we have the following result (see [15, Definition 4.3.6, Definition 6.2.11] for the corresponding notion):

**Theorem 2.2.** *Suppose that  $F : \mathbb{Z} \times X \rightarrow Y$  is a given sequence,  $p > 0$ ,  $\Lambda' \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\rho = T \in L(Y)$ . If  $F(\cdot; \cdot)$  is (equi-)Weyl- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho)$ -almost periodic [Doss- $(\mathcal{B}, \Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, \rho)$ -almost periodic], where  $P_{l,J}$  is given by (2.2) for  $p \geq 1$  and (2.3) for  $0 < p < 1$ , with the function  $\nu : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that there exists a finite real constant  $c > 0$  such that  $\nu(k) \leq c\nu(k + 1)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $\tilde{\nu}(t) := \nu(k)$ , if  $t \in [k, k + 1)$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $P := L^\infty(\mathbb{R} : \mathbb{C})$ ,  $P_{t,l} := L^p_{\tilde{\nu}}([t, t + l] : Y)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $l > 0$ , and  $P_t := L^p_{\tilde{\nu}}([-t, t] : Y)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then there exists a continuous function  $\tilde{F} : \mathbb{R} \times X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $\tilde{F} \in (e-)W_{[0,1], \Lambda', \mathcal{B}}^{(x, \mathbb{F}, T, \mathcal{P}_{t,l}, \mathcal{P})}(\mathbb{R} \times X : Y)$  [ $\tilde{F}(\cdot; \cdot)$  is Doss- $(\mathcal{P}, x, \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{B}, \Lambda', T)$ -almost periodic] and  $\tilde{F}(t; x) = F(t; x)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $x \in X$ .*

*Remark 2.3.* We can also extend the weight sequence  $\nu(\cdot)$  in the following way:  $\tilde{\nu}(t) := \nu(k + 1)$ , if  $t \in (k, k + 1]$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ; then a similar result holds true if we assume that there exists a finite real constant  $c > 0$  such that  $\nu(k) \geq c\nu(k + 1)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

The statement of [16, Proposition 6] can be metrically generalized in the following way (the proof is almost the same and therefore omitted; observe only that the inequality between the means implies that the inequality stated on [16, p. 13, l. 13] holds in the reverse sense for  $p \in (0, 1)$  so that a similar extension cannot be formulated for these values of exponent  $p$ ):

**Proposition 2.4.** *Suppose that  $F : \Lambda \rightarrow Y$  satisfies that  $R(F) \subseteq K$  for some compact convex subset  $K$  of  $Y$ ,  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ ,  $\Lambda' = \Lambda''$  and  $\rho = I$ . Suppose, further, that  $\mathbb{F}(l) \equiv l^{-n/p}$  for all  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $F(\cdot)$  is equi-Weyl- $(\Lambda', \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P})$ -almost periodic, where for each  $l > 0$  and  $J \in P_l$  we have that the pseudometric on  $P_{l,J}$  is given by (2.2) and there exists a bounded sequence  $\varphi : \Lambda'' \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that  $\nu(x + y) \leq \nu(x)\varphi(y)$  for all  $x \in \Lambda$  and  $y \in \Lambda''$ . Then for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exist a Bohr  $\nu$ -almost periodic function  $H : \Lambda \rightarrow Y$  [that is, for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $L > 0$  such that, for every  $\mathbf{t}_0 \in \Lambda''$ , there exists  $\tau \in B(\mathbf{t}_0, l) \cap \Lambda''$  such that  $\|[H(\mathbf{t} + \tau) - H(\mathbf{t})] \cdot \nu(\mathbf{t})\|_Y \leq \epsilon$  for all  $\mathbf{t} \in \Lambda$ ] with values in  $K$  and an integer  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for every  $J \in P_l$ , we have*

$$l^{-n/p} \left[ \sum_{j \in J} \|F(j) - H(j)\|^p \nu^p(j) \right]^{1/p} \leq \epsilon.$$

We will include the main details of the proof of the following extension of [16, Proposition 7]:

**Proposition 2.5.** *Suppose that  $F : \Lambda \rightarrow Y$  is a given sequence,  $p > 0$ ,  $\Lambda' = \Lambda''$  and  $\rho = T \in L(Y)$ . If for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exist a Bohr  $(T, \nu)$ -almost periodic sequence  $H : \Lambda \rightarrow Y$  [that is, for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $L > 0$  such that, for every  $\mathbf{t}_0 \in \Lambda''$ , there exists  $\tau \in B(\mathbf{t}_0, l) \cap \Lambda''$  such that  $\|[H(\mathbf{t} + \tau) - TH(\mathbf{t})] \cdot \nu(\mathbf{t})\|_Y \leq \epsilon$  for all  $\mathbf{t} \in \Lambda$ ] and an integer  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for every  $J \in P_l$ , we have*

$$\mathbb{F}(l) \left[ \sum_{j \in J} \|F(j; x) - H(j; x)\|^p \nu^p(j) \right]^{1/p} \leq \epsilon, \quad \text{if } p \geq 1, \quad \text{resp.}, \tag{2.4}$$

$$\mathbb{F}(l) \sum_{j \in J} \|F(j; x) - H(j; x)\|^p \nu^p(j) \leq \epsilon, \quad \text{if } p \in (0, 1).$$

Suppose, further, that there exists a bounded sequence  $\varphi : \Lambda \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that  $\nu(x + y) \leq \nu(x)\varphi(y)$  for all  $x \in \Lambda$ ,  $y \in \Lambda''$  and

$$\mathbb{F}(l) \left[ \sum_{j \in J} \nu^p(j) \right]^{1/p} \leq \epsilon, \quad \text{if } p \geq 1, \quad \text{resp.}, \tag{2.5}$$

$$\mathbb{F}(l) \sum_{j \in J} \nu^p(j) \leq \epsilon, \text{ if } p \in (0, 1).$$

Then  $F(\cdot)$  is equi-Weyl- $(\mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, T)$ -almost periodic, where the pseudometric on  $P_{l,J}$  is given by (2.2) for  $p \geq 1$ , resp. (2.3) for  $p \in (0, 1)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $L > 0$  and  $\tau \in B(\mathbf{t}_0, l) \cap \Lambda''$  be as in the formulation of proposition. Furthermore, let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given and let an integer  $l > 0$  satisfy the prescribed assumption. Fix  $J \in P_l$ . Using the decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} & \|F(\mathbf{t} + \tau) - TF(\mathbf{t})\|_Y \\ & \leq \|F(\mathbf{t} + \tau) - H(\mathbf{t} + \tau)\|_Y + \|H(\mathbf{t} + \tau) - TH(\mathbf{t})\|_Y \\ & + \|T\| \cdot \|H(\mathbf{t}) - F(\mathbf{t})\|_Y, \mathbf{t} \in \Lambda, \tau \in \Lambda'' \end{aligned}$$

and our assumptions on the sequence  $\nu(\cdot)$ , we get the existence of a finite real constant  $c_p > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \sum_{j \in J} \|F(j + \tau) - F(j)\|^p \nu^p(j) \right]^{1/p} \leq c_p(1 + \|\varphi\|_\infty) \\ & \times \left\{ \left[ \sum_{j \in J} \|F(j + \tau) - H(j + \tau)\|^p \nu^p(j + \tau) \right]^{1/p} + \left[ \sum_{j \in J} \|H(j + \tau) - TH(j)\|^p \nu^p(j) \right]^{1/p} \right. \\ & \left. + \|T\| \cdot \left[ \sum_{j \in J} \|F(j) - H(j)\|^p \nu^p(j) \right]^{1/p} \right\}, \text{ if } p \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Keeping in mind the estimate (2.5), this simply implies the required; similarly we can consider the case  $p \in (0, 1)$ .  $\square$

Suppose now that, for every  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(P_l, d_l)$  is a pseudometric space, where  $P_l \subseteq Y^{[-l, l]^n \cap \Lambda}$  is closed under the addition and subtraction of functions and  $0 \in P_l$ . Define  $\|f\|_l := d_l(f, 0)$  for all  $f \in P_l$ . For the sequel, we need to introduce the following metrical generalization of the notion from [16, Definition 8]:

**Definition 2.6.** Suppose that  $F : \Lambda \times X \rightarrow Y$  is a given sequence and  $\mathbb{F} : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ . Then we say that  $F(\cdot; \cdot)$  is Besicovitch- $(\mathcal{B}, \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P})$ -almost periodic if and only if, for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ , there exists a trigonometric polynomial  $P(\cdot; \cdot)$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in B} \limsup_{l \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{F}(l) \|F(\cdot; x) - P(\cdot; x)\|_l < \epsilon.$$

We will not consider here the completeness of the space of Besicovitch- $(\mathcal{B}, \mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P})$ -almost periodic sequences; cf. [16, Theorem 6] for more details in this direction. See also [16, Corollary 3].

### 3. Applications to the abstract Volterra difference equations

In this section, we will consider certain applications of the metrically generalized  $\rho$ -almost periodic sequences to the abstract Volterra difference equations. We will split the exposition into three separate parts.

#### 1. On the abstract first-order difference equation

$$u(k + 1) = Au(k) + f(k), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}. \tag{3.1}$$

In [4, Section 3], D. Araya, R. Castro and C. Lizama have analyzed the almost automorphic solutions of the first-order linear difference equation (3.1), where  $A \in L(X)$  and  $(f_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an almost automorphic sequence. Some results about the existence and uniqueness of polynomially bounded, metrically Weyl almost automorphic solutions of (3.1) have recently been established in our joint research study [1] with S. Abbas.

For simplicity, we will first assume here that  $A = \lambda I$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $|\lambda| \neq 1$ . Keeping in mind [4, Theorem 3.1], we know that the almost automorphy of sequence  $(f_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  implies the existence of a unique almost automorphic solution  $u(\cdot)$  of (3.1), which is given by

$$u(k) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^k \lambda^{k-m} f(m-1), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}, \tag{3.2}$$

if  $|\lambda| < 1$ , and

$$u(k) = - \sum_{m=k}^{\infty} \lambda^{k-m-1} f(m), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}, \tag{3.3}$$

if  $|\lambda| > 1$ . The uniqueness of polynomially bounded solutions of (3.2) can be trivially proved and the following extension of [16, Theorem 7] can be stated (keeping in mind the prescribed assumption on the weight  $\nu(\cdot)$  and the estimate  $\nu(j) \leq \nu(j-v-1)\psi(v+1)$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $v \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , the proof is almost the same as the proof of the above-mentioned result and therefore omitted):

**Theorem 3.1.** *Suppose that  $\mathbb{F} : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ ,  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ ,  $\rho = T \in L(X)$  and  $f(\cdot)$  is equi-Weyl- $(\mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, T)$ -almost periodic [polynomially bounded Weyl- $(\mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, T)$ -almost periodic; polynomially bounded Doss- $(\mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, T)$ -almost periodic], where for each  $l > 0$  and  $J \in P_l$  the pseudometric on  $P_{l,J}$  is given by (2.2) with the sequence  $\nu : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying that there exist a sequence  $\psi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  and a number  $\sigma > 0$  such that  $\nu(x+y) \leq \nu(x)\psi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\sum_{v=0}^{+\infty} [\psi(v+1)]^p / (1+v^\sigma)^p < +\infty$ . Then a unique (equi-)Weyl- $(\mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, T)$ -almost periodic [polynomially bounded Weyl- $(\mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, T)$ -almost periodic; polynomially bounded Doss- $(\mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, T)$ -almost periodic] solution of (3.1) is given by (3.2) if  $|\lambda| < 1$ , and (3.3) if  $|\lambda| > 1$ .*

The interested reader may try to extend the statements of [16, Theorem 8, Theorem 9] in this direction. For the sake of completeness, we will include the most relevant details of the proof of the following slight extension of [16, Theorem 10], which has been slightly incorrectly formulated since the estimate (3.5) with  $\nu(\cdot) \equiv 1$  has been mistakenly ignored:

**Theorem 3.2.** *Suppose that  $\mathbb{F} : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ ,  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_1 : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  and  $f(\cdot)$  is polynomially bounded Besicovitch- $(\mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P})$ -almost periodic, where for each  $l > 0$  the pseudometric on  $P_l$  is given by*

$$\|f\|_l \equiv \left[ \sum_{j \in [-l, l] \cap \mathbb{Z}} \|f(j)\|^p \nu^p(j) \right]^{1/p}, \quad f \in P_l, \tag{3.4}$$

with the sequence  $\nu : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying that there exist a sequence  $\psi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  and a number  $\sigma > 0$  such that  $\nu(x+y) \leq \nu(x)\psi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\sum_{v=0}^{+\infty} [\psi(v+1)]^p / (1+v^\sigma)^p < +\infty$ . Suppose, further, that for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exist  $l_0 > 0$ ,  $c > 0$  and  $k > 0$  such that, for every  $l \geq l_0$  and  $v \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we have

$$\frac{\mathbb{F}_1(l)}{\mathbb{F}(l+v)} \leq c(1+v)^k.$$

If

$$\limsup_{l \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{F}_1(l) \left[ \sum_{j \in [-l, l] \cap \mathbb{Z}} \nu^p(j) \right]^{1/p} < +\infty, \tag{3.5}$$

then a unique polynomially bounded Besicovitch- $(\mathbb{F}_1, \mathcal{P})$ -almost periodic solution of (3.1) is given by (3.2) if  $|\lambda| < 1$ , and (3.3) if  $|\lambda| > 1$ .

*Proof.* We will consider the case  $|\lambda| < 1$ , only. Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be fixed. Then there exists a trigonometric polynomial  $p(\cdot)$  such that

$$\limsup_{l \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{F}(l) \left[ \sum_{j \in [-l, l] \cap \mathbb{Z}} \|f(j) - p(j)\|^p \right]^{1/p} < \epsilon.$$

The sequence  $j \mapsto u_p(j) \equiv \sum_{v=0}^{+\infty} \lambda^v p(j - v - 1)$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  is almost periodic, as simply approved. Keeping in mind the assumptions on the weight sequence  $\nu(\cdot)$  and the function  $\mathbb{F}_1(\cdot)$ , we can repeat verbatim the argumentation contained in the proof of [16, Theorem 7] in order to see that

$$\limsup_{l \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{F}_1(l) \left[ \sum_{j \in [-l, l] \cap \mathbb{Z}} \|u(j) - u_p(j)\|^p \nu^p(j) \right]^{1/p} < \epsilon. \tag{3.6}$$

Now we can find a trigonometric polynomial  $P(\cdot)$  such that  $\|P_1(j) - u_p(j)\| \leq \epsilon$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Using this estimate, (3.5) and (3.6), we simply get

$$\limsup_{l \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{F}_1(l) \left[ \sum_{j \in [-l, l] \cap \mathbb{Z}} \|u(j) - P(j)\|^p \nu^p(j) \right]^{1/p} < \text{Const.} \cdot \epsilon.$$

□

The existence and uniqueness of metrically generalized  $\rho$ -almost periodic solutions for the difference equation

$$u(k + 1) = A(k)u(k) + f(k), \quad k \geq 0; \quad u(0) = u_0,$$

where  $(A(k))_{k \geq 0}$  is a sequence of closed linear operators obeying certain properties, can be considered similarly as above; cf. also [17, Subsection 3.1] and [18].

**2. On the abstract fractional difference equation**

$$\Delta^\alpha u(k) = Au(k + 1) + f(k), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}. \tag{3.7}$$

Let us recall that E. Alvarez, S. Díaz and C. Lizama have analyzed, in [2], the existence and uniqueness of  $(N, \lambda)$ -periodic solutions of the abstract fractional difference equation (3.7), where  $A$  is a closed linear operator on  $X$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $\Delta^\alpha u(k)$  denotes the Caputo fractional difference operator of order  $\alpha$ . If  $A$  is a closed linear operator on  $X$  such that  $1 \in \rho(A)$ , where  $\rho(A)$  denotes the resolvent set of  $A$ , and  $\|(I - A)^{-1}\| < 1$ , then [2, Theorem 3.4] shows that  $A$  generates a discrete  $(\alpha, \alpha)$ -resolvent sequence  $\{S_{\alpha, \alpha}(v)\}_{v \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  such that  $\sum_{v=0}^{+\infty} \|S_{\alpha, \alpha}(v)\| < +\infty$ . Furthermore, if  $(f_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a bounded sequence, then the function

$$u(k) = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{k-1} S_{\alpha, \alpha}(k - 1 - l)f(l), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \tag{3.8}$$

is a mild solution of (3.7).

In [16, Subsection 4.2], we have particularly considered the existence and uniqueness of equi-Weyl- $(\mathbb{F}, 1, T)$ -almost periodic solutions of (3.7), where  $T \in L(X)$ . Here we will only note that we can similarly analyze the existence and uniqueness of equi-Weyl- $(\mathbb{F}, \mathcal{P}, T)$ -almost periodic solutions of (3.7), where  $T \in L(X)$  and for each  $l > 0$  and  $J \in P_l$  the pseudometric on  $P_{l, J}$  is given by (2.2) with  $p = 1$  and the sequence  $\nu : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying that there exists a bounded sequence  $\psi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  such that  $\nu(x + y) \leq \nu(x)\psi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**3. Some multi-dimensional analogues of (3.1).** In this part, we will only note that the following multi-dimensional linear difference equations

$$u(k_1 + 1, k_2 + 1, \dots, k_n + 1) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n \cdot u(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) + F(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n),$$

$(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ , where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are certain complex numbers satisfying  $\max(|\lambda_1|, |\lambda_2|, \dots, |\lambda_n|) < 1$ , and

$$u(k_1 + 1, \dots, k_n + 1) = \lambda u(k_1, \dots, k_n) + F(k_1, \dots, k_n), \quad (k_1, \dots, k_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n,$$

where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $|\lambda| < 1$ , are considered in [16, Subsection 4.3]. Similar conclusions can be given for the metrically generalized  $\rho$ -almost periodic solutions of these problems. Moreover, the existence and uniqueness of metrically generalized  $\rho$ -almost periodic solutions for the difference equation

$$u(k, m) = A(k, m)u(k - 1, m - 1) + f(k, m), \quad k, m \in \mathbb{N},$$

subjected with the initial conditions

$$u(k, 0) = u_{k,0}; \quad u(0, m) = u_{0,m}, \quad k, m \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

can be considered similarly as in [17, Subsection 3.2]. Details can be left to the interested readers.

Concerning the almost periodic solutions of the abstract impulsive Volterra integro-differential equations, we will only note that an attempt should be made to extend the result of [9, Theorem 8] for metrically (equi-)Weyl- $p$ -almost periodic sequences  $(y_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

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