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# **On Orlicz Difference Sequence Spaces**

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**Abstract:** The main aim of this article is to generalize the famous Orlicz sequence space by using difference operators and a sequence of non-zero scalars and investigate some topological structure relevant to this generalized space.

*Key words:* Difference sequence space, multiplier sequence space, Orlicz function, *AK-BK* space, topological isomorphism and Köthe-Toeplitz dual.

## Orlicz Fark Dizi Uzayları Üzerine

Özet: Bu makalenin amacı, sıfırdan farklı skalerlerden oluşan bir diziyi ve fark operatörlerini kullanarak Orlicz dizi uzaylarını genelleştirmek ve bu yeni tanımladığımız uzayın topolojik yapısını incelemektir.

Anahtar kelimeler: Fark dizi uzayı, çok indisli dizi uzayı, Orlicz fonksiyonu, AK-BK uzayı, toplojik izomorfizm, Köthe-Toeplitz duali.

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#### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper  $w, \ell_{\infty}, \ell_1, c$  and  $c_{\circ}$  denote the spaces of *all*, *bounded*, *absolutely* summable, convergent and null sequences  $x = (x_k)$  with complex terms respectively. The notion of difference sequence space was introduced by Kizmaz [1], who studied the difference sequence spaces  $\ell_{\infty}(\Delta), c(\Delta)$  and  $c_0(\Delta)$ , where

$$Z(\Delta) = \left\{ x = (x_k) \in w : (\Delta x_k) \in Z \right\},\$$

where  $\Delta x = (\Delta x_k) = (x_k - x_{k+1})$  and  $\Delta^0 x_k = x_k$  for all k, for  $Z = \ell_{\infty}$ , c and  $c_0$ .

An Orlicz function  $M:[0,\infty) \to [0,\infty)$  is a function, which is continuous, non-decreasing and convex with M(0) = 0, M(x) > 0, for x > 0 and  $M(x) \to \infty$ , as  $x \to \infty$ .

An Orlicz function *M* can always be represented in the following integral form:

$$M(x) = \int_0^x p(t) dt \, ,$$

where p, known as kernel of M, is right differentiable for  $t \ge 0$ , p(0) = 0, p(t) > 0 for  $t \ge 0$ , p is non-decreasing, and  $p(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

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Consider the kernel p(t) associated with the Orlicz function M(t), and let

$$q(s) = \sup\{t: p(t) \le s\}$$

Then q possesses the same properties as the function p. Suppose now

$$\Phi(x) = \int_{0}^{x} q(s) \, ds$$

Then  $\Phi$  is an Orlicz function. The functions *M* and  $\Phi$  are called mutually complementary Orlicz functions.

Now we state the following well known results which can be found in [2]. Let M and F are mutually complementary Orlicz functions. Then we have (Young's inequality)

(i) For 
$$x, y \ge 0, xy \le M(x) + \Phi(y)$$
 (1)

We also have

(*ii*) For 
$$x \ge 0$$
,  $xp(x) = M(x) + \Phi(p(x))$  (2)

$$(iii) M(\lambda x) < \lambda M(x) \tag{3}$$

for all  $x \ge 0$  and  $\lambda$  with  $0 < \lambda < 1$ .

An Orlicz function *M* is said to satisfy the  $\Delta_2$ -condition for small *x* or at 0 if for each k>0 there exist  $R_k>0$  and  $x_k>0$  such that

$$M(kx) \le R_k M(x)$$

for all  $x \in (0, x_k]$ .

Moreover an Orlicz function *M* is said to satisfy the  $\Delta_2$ -condition if and only if

$$\limsup_{x\to 0} \sup \frac{M(2x)}{M(x)} < \infty \, .$$

Two Orlicz functions  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are said to be equivalent if there are positive constants  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $x_0$  such that

$$M_1(\alpha x) \le M_2(x) \le M_1(\beta x) \tag{4}$$

for all *x* with  $0 \le x \le x_{0}$ .

Lindenstrauss and Tzafriri [3] used the Orlicz function and introduced the sequence space  $\ell_M$  as follows:

$$\ell_{M} = \left\{ \left( x_{k} \right) \in w : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|x_{k}|}{\rho}\right) < \infty, \text{ for some } \rho > 0 \right\}.$$

For more details about Orlicz functions and sequence spaces associated with Orlicz functions one may refer to [2-5].

Let  $\Lambda = (\lambda_k)$  be a sequence of non-zero scalars. Then for a sequence space *E*, the multiplier sequence space  $E(\Lambda)$ , associated with the multiplier sequence  $\Lambda$  is defined as

$$E(\Lambda) = \{ (x_k) \in w : (\lambda_k x_k) \in E \}.$$



The scope for the studies on sequence spaces was extended by using the notion of associated multiplier sequences. Goes and Goes [6] defined the differentiated sequence space dE and integrated sequence space  $\int E$  for a given sequence space E, using the multiplier sequences  $(k^{-1})$  and (k) respectively. A multiplier sequence can be used to accelerate the convergence of the sequences in some spaces. In some sense, it can be viewed as a catalyst, which is used to accelerate the process of chemical reaction. Sometimes the associated multiplier sequence delays the rate of convergence of a sequence. Thus it also covers a larger class of sequences for study. In the present article we shall consider a general multiplier sequence  $\Lambda = (\lambda_k)$  of non-zero scalars.

The notion of duals of sequence spaces was introduced by Köthe and Toeplitz [7]. Later on it was studied by Kizmaz [1], Kamthan [8] and many others.

Let E and F be two sequence spaces. Then the F dual of E is defined as

$$E^{\mathrm{F}} = \{(x_{\mathrm{k}}) \in w : (x_{\mathrm{k}}y_{\mathrm{k}}) \in F \text{ for all}(y_{\mathrm{k}}) \in E \}.$$

For  $F = \ell_1$ , the dual is termed as Köthe-Toeplitz or  $\alpha$ -dual of *E* and denoted by  $E^{\alpha}$ . More precisely, we have the following definition of Köthe Toeplitz dual of *E*:

$$E^{\alpha} = \left\{ a = (a_k) : \sum_k \left| a_k x_k \right| < \infty, \text{ for all } x \in E \right\}.$$

It is known that if X 
i Y, then  $Y^{\alpha} \subset X^{\alpha}$ . If  $E^{FF} = E$ , where  $E^{FF} = (E^F)^F$ , then E is said to be *F*-reflexive or *F*-perfect. In particular, if  $E^{\alpha\alpha} = E$ , then *E* is also said to be a Köthe space.

Let  $\Lambda = (\lambda_k)$  be a sequence of non-zero scalars. Then we define the following spaces.

*Definition 1.1.* Let *M* be any Orlicz function. Then we define

$$\tilde{\ell}_{M}(\Delta, \Lambda) = \left\{ x \in w : \delta_{\Delta}^{\Lambda}(M, x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M(|\Delta\lambda_{k}x_{k}|) < \infty \right\},\$$

where  $\Delta \lambda_k x_k = \lambda_k x_k - \lambda_{k+1} x_{k+1}$  for all  $k \ge 1$ .

We can write  $\tilde{\ell}_M(\Delta^0, \Lambda) = \tilde{\ell}_M(\Lambda)$  and if  $\lambda_k = 1$  for all  $k \ge 1$ , then we write  $\tilde{\ell}_M(\Delta^0, \Lambda) = \tilde{\ell}_M$ .

Similarly we can define  $\tilde{\ell}_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ , where  $\nabla \lambda_k x_k = \lambda_k x_k - \lambda_{k-1} x_{k-1}$  for all  $k \ge 1$ .

Definition 1.2. Let M and  $\Phi$  be mutually complementary functions. Then we define

$$\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda) = \left\{ x \in w : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_k x_k) y_k \text{ converges for all } y \in \tilde{\ell}_{\Phi} \right\}$$

We call this sequence space as Orlicz difference sequence space associated with the multiplier sequence  $\Lambda = (\lambda_k)$ .

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$$\ell_M\left(\Delta^0,\Lambda\right) = \ell_M$$

Similarly we can define  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  where  $\nabla \lambda_k x_k = \lambda_k x_k - \lambda_{k-1} x_{k-1}$  for all  $k \ge 1$ .

One can easily observe in the special case  $M(x) = x^p$  with  $0 \le p \le \infty$  and  $\Lambda = (\lambda_k) = (1, 1, 1, ...) = e$ , the sequence space  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is reduced in the case  $1 \le p < \infty$ to the Banach space  $bv_p$  introduced by Başar and Altay [9] and is reduced in the case 0 to the*p* $-normed complete space <math>bv_p$  introduced by Altay and Başar [10], where  $bv_p$  denotes the space of all sequences  $x = (x_k)$  such that

$$\nabla x = (x_k - x_{k-1}) \in \ell_p.$$

## 2. Main Results

In this section we investigate the main results of this article.

Proposition 2.1. For any Orlicz function M,

(i) 
$$\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda) \subset \ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda),$$
  
(ii)  $\tilde{\ell}_M(\nabla, \Lambda) \subset \ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda).$ 

*Proof.* (i) Let  $x \in \tilde{\ell}_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$ . Then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M(|\Delta \lambda_k x_k|) < \infty$ . Now using (1), we have  $\left|\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_k x_k) y_k\right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| (\Delta \lambda_k x_k) y_k \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M\left( \left| \Delta \lambda_k x_k \right| \right) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \Phi\left( \left| y_k \right| \right) < \infty,$ 

for every  $y = (y_k)$  with  $y \in \tilde{\ell}_{\Phi}$ . Thus  $x \in \ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$ .

(*ii*) Since the proof is similar to the proof of part (*i*), we omit it.

Proposition 2.2. (i) For each 
$$x \in \ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$$
,  $\sup\left\{\left|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_i x_i) y_i\right| : \delta(\Phi, y) \le 1\right\} < \infty$ ,

(*ii*) For each 
$$x \in \ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$$
,  $\sup\left\{\left|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\nabla \lambda_i x_i) y_i\right| : \delta(\Phi, y) \le 1\right\} < \infty$ .

*Proof.* (*i*) Suppose that the result is not true. Then for each  $n \ge 1$ , there exists  $y^n$  with  $\delta(\Phi, y^n) \le 1$  such that

$$\left|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\Delta \lambda_i x_i\right) y_i^n\right| > 2^n.$$

Without loss of generality we may assume that  $(\Delta \lambda_i x_i)$ ,  $y^n \ge 0$ . Now, we can define a sequence  $z = \{z_i\}$  by

$$z_i = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} y_i^n \, .$$



By the convexity of  $\Phi$ ,

$$\Phi\left(\sum_{n=1}^{l} \frac{1}{2^{n}} y_{i}^{n}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\Phi(y_{i}^{1}) + \Phi(\frac{y_{i}^{2}}{2} + \dots + \frac{y_{i}^{l}}{2^{l-1}})\right] \leq \dots \leq \sum_{n=1}^{l} \frac{1}{2^{n}} \Phi(y_{i}^{n})$$

and hence, using the continuity of  $\Phi$ , we have

$$\delta(\Phi, z) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \Phi(z_i) \le \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \Phi(y_i^n) \le \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1.$$

But for every  $l \ge 1$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_i x_i) z_i \ge \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_i x_i) \sum_{n=1}^{l} \frac{1}{2^n} y_i^n = \sum_{n=1}^{l} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_i x_i) \frac{y_i^n}{2^n} \ge l.$$

Hence  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_i x_i) z_i$  diverges and this implies that  $x \notin \ell_M (\Delta, \Lambda)$ . This contradiction leads us to the required result.

(*ii*) Proof is similar to that of part (*i*).

The preceding result encourage us to introduce the following norms  $\|.\|_{M}^{\Delta}$  and  $\|.\|_{M}^{\nabla}$  on  $\ell_{M}(\Delta, \Lambda)$  and  $\ell_{M}(\nabla, \Lambda)$ , respectively.

## Proposition 2.3.

(*i*)  $\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$  is a normed linear space under the norm  $\|.\|_M^{\Delta}$  defined by

$$\|x\|_{M}^{\Delta} = |\lambda_{1}x_{1}| + \sup\left\{\left|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\Delta\lambda_{i}x_{i})y_{i}\right| : \delta(\Phi, y) \le 1\right\}$$
(5)

(*ii*)  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is a normed linear space under the norm  $\|.\|_M^{\nabla}$  defined by

$$\left\|x\right\|_{M}^{\nabla} = \sup\left\{\left|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\nabla \lambda_{i} x_{i}\right) y_{i}\right| : \delta\left(\Phi, y\right) \le 1\right\}.$$
(6)

*Proof.* (*i*) It is easy to verify that  $\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$  is a linear space. Now we show that  $\|\cdot\|_M^{\Delta}$  is a norm on  $\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$ .

If  $x = \theta$ , then obviously  $||x||_M^{\Delta} = 0$ . Conversely assume  $||x||_M^{\Delta} = 0$ . Then using the definition of norm, we have

$$\left|\lambda_{1}x_{1}\right| + \sup\left\{\left|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\Delta\lambda_{i}x_{i}\right)y_{i}\right| : \delta\left(\Phi, y\right) \le 1\right\} = 0.$$
$$\left|\lambda_{1}x_{1}\right| = 0$$

and

This implies

$$\sup\left\{\left|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_i x_i) y_i\right| : \delta(\Phi, y) \le 1\right\} = 0.$$

(7)

This implies that  $\left|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_i x_i) y_i\right| = 0$  for all y such that  $\delta(\Phi, y) \le 1$ . Now considering  $y = \{e_i\}$  if  $\Phi(1) \le 1$  otherwise considering  $y = \{e_i | \phi(1)\}$  so that

$$\Delta \lambda_i x_i = 0 \text{ for all } i \ge 1.$$
(8)

Combining (7) and (8), we have  $x_i = 0$  for all  $i \ge 1$ , since  $(\lambda_k)$  is a sequence of non-zero scalars and thus  $x = \theta$ .

It is easy to show

$$\|\alpha x\|_M^{\Delta} = |\alpha| \|x\|_M^{\Delta} \text{ and } \|x+y\|_M^{\Delta} \le \|x\|_M^{\Delta} + \|x\|_M^{\Delta}.$$

(*ii*) Let  $x = \theta$ , then obviously  $||x||_M^{\nabla} = 0$ . Conversely assume  $||x||_M^{\nabla} = 0$ . Then using the definition of norm, we have

$$\sup\left\{\left|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\nabla \lambda_{i} x_{i}) y_{i}\right| : \delta(\Phi, y) \le 1\right\} = 0.$$
  
This implies  $\left|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\nabla \lambda_{i} x_{i}) y_{i}\right| = 0$  for all y such that  $\delta(\Phi, y) \le 1$ .

Now considering  $y = \{e_i\}$  if  $\Phi(1) \le 1$  otherwise considering  $y = \{e_i | \phi_{(1)}\}$  so that

$$\nabla \lambda_i x_i = 0$$
 for all  $i \ge 1$ .

Taking *i*=1, we have

$$\nabla \lambda_1 x_1 = \lambda_1 x_1 - \lambda_0 x_0 = 0.$$

This implies  $\lambda_1 x_1 = 0$ , by taking  $x_0 = 0$ . Proceeding in this way we have  $\lambda_i x_i = 0$  for all  $i \ge 1$ and so  $x_i = 0$  for all  $i \ge 1$ , since  $(\lambda_k)$  is a sequence of non-zero scalars. Thus  $x = \theta$ . It is easy to show

$$\left\|\alpha x\right\|_{M}^{\nabla} = \left|\alpha\right| \left\|x\right\|_{M}^{\nabla} \text{ and } \left\|x+y\right\|_{M}^{\nabla} \le \left\|x\right\|_{M}^{\nabla} + \left\|x\right\|_{M}^{\nabla}$$

This completes the proof.

*Remark.* 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_k x_k) y_k < \infty$$
 for all  $y \in \tilde{\ell}_{\Phi}$  if and only if  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\nabla \lambda_k x_k) y_k < \infty$  for all  $y \in \tilde{\ell}_{\Phi}$ .

Also it is obvious that the norms  $\|.\|_M^{\Delta}$  and  $\|.\|_M^{\nabla}$  are equivalent.

Proposition 2.4. (i)  $\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$  is a Banach space under the norm  $\|.\|_M^{\Delta}$ , (ii)  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is a Banach space under the norm  $\|.\|_M^{\nabla}$ .

*Proof.* We shall give proof of part (*i*). Proof of part (*ii*) is easy than part (*i*).

Let  $(x^i)$  be any Cauchy sequence in  $\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that



$$\left\|x^{i}-x^{j}\right\|_{M}^{\Delta} < \varepsilon$$

for all  $i, j \ge n_0$ . Using the definition of norm, we get

$$\left|\lambda_{1}(x_{1}^{i}-x_{1}^{j})\right|+\sup\left\{\left|\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left(\Delta\lambda_{k}(x_{k}^{i}-x_{k}^{j})\right)y_{k}\right|:\delta\left(\Phi,y\right)\leq1\right\}<\varepsilon,$$

for all  $i, j \ge n_0$ . This implies that  $|\lambda_1(x_1^i - x_1^j)| < \varepsilon$ , for all  $i, j \ge n_0$ . Thus  $(\lambda_1 x_1^i)$  is a Cauchy sequence in *C* and hence it is a convergent sequence in *C*.

Let

$$\lim_{i \to \infty} \lambda_1 x_1^i = z_1. \tag{9}$$

Again we have

$$\sup\left\{\left|\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_k (x_k^i - x_k^j)) y_k\right| : \delta(\Phi, y) \le 1\right\} < \varepsilon$$

for all  $i, j \ge n_0$  and so

$$\left|\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\Delta \lambda_k (x_k^i - x_k^j)) y_k\right| < \varepsilon$$

for all *y* with  $\delta(\Phi, y) \leq 1$  and  $i, j \geq n_0$ .

Now considering  $y = \{e_i\}$  if  $\Phi(1) \le 1$  otherwise considering  $y = \{e_i \mid \phi(1)\}$  we have  $(\Delta \lambda_k x_k^i)$  is a Cauchy sequence in *C* for all  $k \ge 1$  and hence it is a convergent sequence in *C* for all  $k \ge 1$ .

Let

$$\lim_{i \to \infty} \Delta \lambda_k x_k^i = y_k \tag{10}$$

for all  $k \ge 1$ . Using (9) and (10) we have  $\lim_{k \to \infty} \lambda_k x_k^i$  exists for each  $k \ge 1$  and so  $\lim_{k \to \infty} x_k^i = x_k$ , say exists for each  $k \ge 1$ .

Now

$$\lim_{j\to\infty} \left| \lambda_1 (x_1^i - x_1^j) \right| = \left| \lambda_1 (x_1^i - x_1) \right| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $i \ge n_0$ . Also we can have

$$\sup\left\{\left|\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_k (x_k^i - x_k)) y_k\right| : \delta(\Phi, y) \le 1\right\} < \varepsilon$$

for all  $i \ge n_0$  as  $j \to \infty$ . Thus

$$\left|\lambda_{1}(x_{1}^{i}-x_{1})\right|+\sup\left\{\left|\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left(\Delta\lambda_{k}(x_{k}^{i}-x_{k})\right)y_{k}\right|:\delta\left(\Phi,y\right)\leq1\right\}<2\varepsilon$$

for all  $i \ge n_0$  and as  $j \to \infty$ . It follows that  $(x^i - x) \in \ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$  and  $\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$  is a linear space and hence  $x = (x_k) \in \ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$ .

From above proof we can easily conclude that  $||x^i||_M^{\Delta} \to 0$  implies that  $x_k^i \to 0$  for each  $i \ge 1$ . Hence we have the following Proposition.

*Proposition 2.5.*  $\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$  and  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  are *BK* spaces under the norms defined by (5) and (6), respectively.

Our next aim is to show that  $\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$  and  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  can be made *BK* spaces under different but equivalent norms.

Proposition 2.6.

(*i*)  $\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$  is a normed linear space under the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{(M)}^{\Delta}$  defined by

$$\|x\|_{(M)}^{\Delta} = |\lambda_1 x_1| + \inf\left\{\rho > 0: \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|\Delta\lambda_k x_k|}{\rho}\right) \le 1\right\},\tag{11}$$

(*ii*)  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is a normed linear space under the norm  $\|.\|_{(M)}^{\nabla}$  defined by

$$\|x\|_{(M)}^{\nabla} = \inf\left\{\rho > 0: \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|\nabla\lambda_k x_k|}{\rho}\right) \le 1\right\}.$$
(12)

*Proof.* (i) Clearly  $||x||_{(M)}^{\Delta} = 0$  if  $x = \theta$ . Next suppose  $||x||_{(M)}^{\Delta} = 0$ . Then from (11) we have

$$\lambda_1 x_1 = 0 \text{ and so } \lambda_1 x_1 = 0.$$
 (13)

Again  $\inf \left\{ \rho > 0 : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|\Delta\lambda_k x_k|}{\rho}\right) \le 1 \right\} = 0$ . This implies that for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $\rho_{\varepsilon} (0 < \rho_{\varepsilon} < \varepsilon)$  such that

$$\sup_{k} M\left(\frac{\left|\Delta\lambda_{k}x_{k}\right|}{\rho_{\varepsilon}}\right) \leq 1.$$

This implies that  $M\left(\frac{|\Delta\lambda_k x_k|}{\rho_{\varepsilon}}\right) \le 1$  for all  $k \ge 1$ . Thus  $M\left(\frac{|\Delta\lambda_k x_k|}{\varepsilon}\right) \le M\left(\frac{|\Delta\lambda_k x_k|}{\rho_{\varepsilon}}\right) \le 1$ 

for all  $k \ge 1$ .

Suppose  $\Delta \lambda_{n_i} x_{n_i} \neq 0$ , for some *i*. Let  $\varepsilon \to 0$ , then  $\frac{\left|\Delta \lambda_{n_i} x_{n_i}\right|}{\varepsilon} \to \infty$ . It follows that  $M\left(\frac{\left|\Delta \lambda_{n_i} x_{n_i}\right|}{\varepsilon}\right) \to \infty$  as  $\varepsilon \to 0$  for some  $n_i \in N$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $\Delta \lambda_i x_i = 0$  (14)



for all  $k \ge 1$ . Thus, by (13) and (14), it follows that  $\lambda_k x_k = 0$  for all  $k \ge 1$ . Hence  $x = \theta$ , since  $(\lambda_k)$  is a sequence of non-zero scalars.

Let  $x = (x_k)$  and  $y = (y_k)$  be any two elements of  $\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$ . Then there exist  $\rho_1$ ,  $\rho_2 > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{k} M\left(\frac{|\Delta\lambda_{k}x_{k}|}{\rho_{1}}\right) \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{k} M\left(\frac{|\Delta\lambda_{k}y_{k}|}{\rho_{2}}\right) \leq 1.$$

Let  $\rho = \rho_1 + \rho_2$ . Then by convexity of *M*, we have

$$\sup_{k} M\left(\frac{\left|\Delta\lambda_{k}\left(x_{k}+y_{k}\right)\right|}{\rho}\right) \leq \frac{\rho_{1}}{\rho_{1}+\rho_{2}} \sup_{k} M\left(\frac{\left|\Delta\lambda_{k}x_{k}\right|}{\rho_{1}}\right) + \frac{\rho_{2}}{\rho_{1}+\rho_{2}} \sup_{k} M\left(\frac{\left|\Delta\lambda_{k}y_{k}\right|}{\rho_{2}}\right) \leq 1.$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{split} \|x+y\|_{(M)}^{\Delta} &= \left|\lambda_{1}(x_{1}+y_{1})\right| + \inf\left\{\rho > 0: \sup_{k} M\left(\frac{\left|\Delta\lambda_{k}\left(x_{k}+y_{k}\right)\right|}{\rho}\right) \le 1\right\} \\ &\leq \left|\lambda_{1}x_{1}\right| + \inf\left\{\rho_{1} > 0: \sup_{k} M\left(\frac{\left|\Delta\lambda_{k}x_{k}\right|}{\rho_{1}}\right) \le 1\right\} + \left|\lambda_{1}y_{1}\right| \\ &+ \inf\left\{\rho_{2} > 0: \sup_{k} M\left(\frac{\left|\Delta\lambda_{k}y_{k}\right|}{\rho_{2}}\right) \le 1\right\}. \end{split}$$

This implies  $||x + y||_{(M)}^{\Delta} \le ||x||_{(M)}^{\Delta} + ||x||_{(M)}^{\Delta}$ .

Finally, let v be any scalar. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|vx\|_{(M)}^{\Delta} &= |v\lambda_{1}x_{1}| + \inf\left\{\rho > 0 : \sup_{k} M\left(\frac{|\Delta v\lambda_{k}x_{k}|}{\rho}\right) \le 1\right\} \\ &= |v||\lambda_{1}x_{1}| + \inf\left\{r|v| > 0 : \sup_{k} M\left(\frac{|\Delta\lambda_{k}x_{k}|}{r}\right) \le 1\right\} \\ &= |v|\|x\|_{(M)}^{\Delta} \end{aligned}$$

where  $r = \frac{\rho}{|\nu|}$ . This completes the proof.

(*ii*) Proof is easy than part (*i*).

*Remark.* It is obvious that the norms  $\|.\|_{(M)}^{\Delta}$  and  $\|.\|_{(M)}^{\nabla}$  are equivalent.

*Proposition 2.7.* For  $x \in \ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{\left|\nabla\lambda_{k}x_{k}\right|}{\|x\|_{(M)}^{\Delta^{-1}}}\right) \leq 1$$

Proof. Proof is immediate from (12).

Now we show that the norms  $\|\cdot\|_{(M)}^{\nabla}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{M}^{\nabla}$  are equivalent. To prove this some other results are required. First we prove those results.

Proposition 2.8. Let  $x \in \ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  with  $||x||_M^{\nabla} \le 1$ . Then  $\{p(|\nabla \lambda_n x_n|)\} \in \tilde{\ell}_{\Phi}$  and  $\delta(\Phi, \{p(|\nabla \lambda_n x_n|)\}) \le 1$ .

*Proof.* For any  $z \in \widetilde{\ell}_{\Phi}$  , we may write

$$\left|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\nabla \lambda_i x_i) z_i\right| \leq \begin{cases} \|x\|_M^{\nabla} & \text{if } \delta(\Phi, z) \leq 1\\ \delta(\Phi, z) \|x\|_M^{\nabla} & \text{if } \delta(\Phi, z) > 1 \end{cases}.$$
 (15)

Let now  $x \in \ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  with  $||x||_M^{\nabla} \leq 1$ . Also  $x^{(n)} = (x_1, \dots, x_n, 0, 0, \dots) \in \ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  for  $n \geq 1$ . We observe that

$$\|x\|_{M}^{\nabla} \ge \left|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\nabla \lambda_{i} x_{i}) y_{i}^{(n)}\right| = \left|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\nabla \lambda_{i} x_{i}^{(n)}) y_{i}\right|, \quad n \ge 1$$

for every  $y \in \tilde{\ell}_{\Phi}$  with  $\delta(\Phi, y) \leq 1$  and thus

$$\left\|x^{(n)}\right\|_{M}^{\nabla} \leq \left\|x\right\|_{M}^{\nabla} \leq 1.$$

Since

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \Phi\left(p\left(\left|\nabla \lambda_{i} x_{i}\right|\right)\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \Phi\left(p\left(\left|\nabla \lambda_{i} x_{i}^{(n)}\right|\right)\right).$$

We find that  $\left\{ p\left( \left| \nabla \lambda_i x_i^{(n)} \right| \right) \right\} \in \tilde{\ell}_{\Phi}$  for each  $n \ge 1$ . Let  $l \ge 1$  be an integer such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{l} \Phi\left(p\left(\left|\nabla \lambda_{i} x_{i}\right|\right)\right) > 1.$$

Then  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \Phi\left(p\left(\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}^{(l)}\right|\right)\right) > 1$ . Using (2), we have  $\Phi\left(p\left(\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}^{(l)}\right|\right)\right) < M\left(\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}^{(l)}\right|\right) + \Phi\left(p\left(\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}^{(l)}\right|\right)\right)$  $= \left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}^{l}\right|p\left(\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}^{l}\right|\right)$ 

for all  $i, l \ge 1$ . So by (15), we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \Phi\left(p\left(\left|\nabla \lambda_{i} x_{i}^{(l)}\right|\right)\right) \leq || x^{(l)} ||_{M}^{\nabla} \delta\left(\Phi, \left\{p\left(\left|\nabla \lambda_{i} x_{i}^{l}\right|\right)\right\}\right).$$





This implies that  $||x^{(l)}||_M^{\nabla} > 1$ , a contradiction. This contradiction implies that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{l} \Phi\left(p\left(|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}|\right)\right) \leq 1$$
  
for all  $l \geq 1$ . Hence  $\left\{p\left(|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}|\right)\right\} \in \tilde{\ell}_{\Phi}$  and  $\delta\left(\Phi, \left\{p\left(|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}|\right)\right\}\right) \leq 1$ .

Proposition 2.9. Let  $x \in \ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  with  $||x||_M^{\nabla} \leq 1$ . Then  $x \in \tilde{\ell}_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  and  $\delta_{\nabla}^{\Lambda}(M, x) \leq ||x||_M^{\nabla}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $y = \{p(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|) / \operatorname{sgn}(\nabla \lambda_i x_i)\}$ . Then from Proposition 2.8,  $y \in \tilde{\ell}_{\Phi}$  and  $\delta(\Phi, y) \leq 1$ . By (2), we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M\left(\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}\right|\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M\left(\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}\right|\right) + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \Phi\left(p\left(\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}\right|\right)\right)$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}\right| p\left(\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}\right|\right)$$
$$= \left|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i})y_{i}\right| \leq \left\|x\right\|_{M}^{\nabla}.$$

This implies that  $\delta_{\nabla}^{\Lambda}(M, x) \leq ||x||_{M}^{\nabla}$ .

Proposition 2.10. For  $x \in \ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ , we have  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|\nabla \lambda_k x_k|}{||x||_M^{\nabla}}\right) \le 1$ .

Proof. Proof is immediate from Proposition 2.9.

Theorem 2.11. For  $x \in \ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ ,  $||x||_{(M)}^{\nabla} \leq ||x||_M^{\nabla} \leq 2||x||_{(M)}^{\nabla}$ .

Proof. We have

$$\|x\|_{(M)}^{\nabla} = \inf\left\{\rho > 0: \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|\nabla\lambda_k x_k|}{\rho}\right) \le 1\right\}.$$

Then using Proposition 2.10, we get

$$||x||_{(M)}^{\nabla} \leq ||x||_{M}^{\nabla}.$$

Let us suppose that  $x \in \ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  with  $||x||_{(M)}^{\nabla} \leq 1$ . Then  $x \in \tilde{\ell}_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  and  $\delta_{\nabla}^{\Lambda}(M, x) \leq 1$ . Indeed,

$$\frac{1}{\|x\|_{(M)}^{\nabla}}\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}M\left(\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}\right|\right)\leq\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}M\left(\frac{\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}\right|}{\|x\|_{(M)}^{\nabla}}\right)\leq1,$$

by Proposition 2.7.

Thus  $\frac{x}{\|x\|_{(M)}^{\nabla}} \in \tilde{\ell}_{M}(\nabla, \Lambda)$  with  $\delta\left(M, \frac{x}{\|x\|_{(M)}^{\nabla}}\right) \leq 1$ . We further observe that for an arbitrary  $z \in \tilde{\ell}_{M}(\nabla, \Lambda)$ ,

$$\| z \|_{M}^{\nabla} = \sup \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\nabla \lambda_{i} z_{i}) y_{i} \right| : \delta (\Phi, y) \leq 1 \right\} \leq 1 + \delta_{\nabla}^{\Lambda}(M, z)$$

using (1). Hence taking  $z = \frac{x}{\|x\|_{(M)}^{\nabla}}$ , we have  $\left\|\frac{x}{\|x\|_{(M)}^{\nabla}}\right\|_{M}^{\nabla} \le 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|x|}{\|x\|_{(M)}^{\nabla}}\right) \le 2$ 

by Proposition 2.7. Thus  $||x||_M^{\nabla} \le 2 ||x||_{(M)}^{\nabla}$ . This completes the proof.

Proposition 2.12. For any Orlicz function M,  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda) = \ell'_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ , where  $\ell'_M(\nabla, \Lambda) = \left\{ x \in w : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|\nabla \lambda_k x_k|}{\rho}\right) < \infty, \text{ for some } \rho > 0 \right\}.$ 

Proof. Proof follows from Proposition 2.10.

In view of above Proposition we give the following definition.

Definition 2.13. For any Orlicz function M,

$$h_{M}(\nabla, \Lambda) = \left\{ x \in w : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|\nabla \lambda_{k} x_{k}|}{\rho}\right) < \infty, \text{ for each } \rho > 0 \right\}.$$

Clearly  $h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is a subspace of  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ . Henceforth we shall write ||.|| instead of  $||.||_{(M)}^{\nabla}$  provided it does not lead to any confusion. The topology of  $h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is the one it inherits from ||.||.

*Proposition 2.14.* Let *M* be an Orlicz function. Then  $(h_M(\nabla, \Lambda), \|.\|)$  is an *AK-BK* space.

*Proof.* First we show that  $h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is an *AK* space. Let  $x \in h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ . Then for each  $\varepsilon$ ,  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , we can find an  $n_0$  such that

$$\sum_{i\geq n_0} M\left(\frac{\left|\nabla\lambda_i x_i\right|}{\varepsilon}\right) \leq 1.$$

Hence for  $n \ge n_0$ ,

$$||x-x^{(n)}|| = \inf\left\{\rho > 0: \sum_{i \ge n+1} M\left(\frac{|\nabla\lambda_i x_i|}{\rho}\right) \le 1\right\} \le \inf\left\{\rho > 0: \sum_{i \ge n} M\left(\frac{|\nabla\lambda_i x_i|}{\rho}\right) \le 1\right\} < \varepsilon.$$



Thus we can conclude that  $h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is an AK space.

Next to show  $h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is an *BK* space it is enough to show  $h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is a closed subspace of  $h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ . For this let  $\{x^n\}$  be a sequence in  $h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  such that

$$||x^{n}-x|| \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $x \in h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ . To complete the proof we need to show that  $x \in h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ , i.e.,

$$\sum_{i\geq 1} M\left(\frac{\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}\right|}{\rho}\right) < \infty$$

for every  $\rho > 0$ . To  $\rho > 0$  there corresponds an l such that  $||x^l - x|| \le \frac{\rho}{2}$ . Then using convexity of M,

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i\geq 1} M\left(\frac{\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}\right|}{\rho}\right) &= \sum_{i\geq 1} M\left(\frac{2\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}^{l}\right| - 2\left(\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}^{l}\right| - \left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}\right|\right)}{2\rho}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i\geq 1} M\left(\frac{2\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}^{l}\right|}{\rho}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i\geq 1} M\left(\frac{2\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}(x_{i}^{l} - x_{i})\right|}{\rho}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i\geq 1} M\left(\frac{2\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}^{l}\right|}{\rho}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i\geq 1} M\left(\frac{2\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}(x_{i}^{l} - x_{i})\right|}{\left\|x^{l} - x\right\|}\right) < \infty \end{split}$$

by proposition 2.7. Thus  $x \in h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  and consequently  $h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is a *BK* space.

*Proposition 2.15.* Let *M* be an Orlicz function. If *M* satisfies the  $\Delta_2$ -condition at 0, then  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is an *AK* space.

*Proof.* In fact we shall show that if M satisfies the  $\Delta_2$ -condition at 0, then  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda) = h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  and the result follows. Therefore it is enough to show that  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda) \subset h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ . Let  $x \in \ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ , then  $\rho > 0$ ,

$$\sum_{i\geq 1} M\left(\frac{\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}\right|}{\rho}\right) < \infty$$

This implies that

$$M\left(\frac{\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}\right|}{\rho}\right) \to 0 \text{ as } i \to \infty.$$
(16)

Choose an arbitrary l > 0. If  $\rho \le l$ , then  $\sum_{i\ge l} M\left(\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|}{l}\right) < \infty$ . Let now  $l < \rho$  and put  $k = \frac{\rho}{l}$ .

Since *M* satisfies  $\Delta_2$ -condition at 0, there exist  $R \equiv R_k > 0$  and  $r \equiv r_k > 0$  with  $M(kx) \le RM(x)$  for all  $x \in (0, r]$ . By (16) there exists a positive integer  $n_1$  such that

$$M\left(\frac{\left|\nabla\lambda_{i}x_{i}\right|}{\rho}\right) < \frac{1}{2}rp\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)$$

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for all  $i \ge n_1$ . We claim that  $\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|}{\rho} \le r$  for all  $i \ge n_1$ . Otherwise, we can find  $j > n_1$  with  $\frac{|\nabla \lambda_j x_j|}{\rho} > r$ , and thus

$$M\left(\frac{\left|\nabla\lambda_{j}x_{j}\right|}{\rho}\right) \geq \int_{r/2}^{\frac{\left|\nabla\lambda_{j}x_{j}\right|}{\rho}} p(t) dt > \frac{1}{2} rp\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)$$

Is a contradiction. Hence our claim is true. Then we can find that

$$\sum_{i\geq n_1} M\left(\frac{|\nabla\lambda_i x_i|}{l}\right) \leq \sum_{i\geq n_1} M\left(\frac{|\nabla\lambda_i x_i|}{\rho}\right),$$

and hence

$$\sum_{i\geq 1} M\left(\frac{|\nabla\lambda_i x_i|}{l}\right) < \infty$$

for every l > 0. This completes our proof.

Proposition 2.16. Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be two Orlicz functions. If  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are equivalent then  $\ell_{M_1}(\nabla, \Lambda) = \ell_{M_2}(\nabla, \Lambda)$  and the identity map

$$I: \left(\ell_{M_{1}}(\nabla, \Lambda), \left\|.\right\|_{M_{1}}^{\nabla}\right) \to \left(\ell_{M_{2}}(\nabla, \Lambda), \left\|.\right\|_{M_{2}}^{\nabla}\right)$$

is a topological isomorphism.

*Proof.* Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are equivalent and so satisfy (4). Suppose  $x \in \ell_{M_2}(\nabla, \Lambda)$ , then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_2 \left( \frac{|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|}{\rho} \right) < \infty$$

for some  $\rho > 0$ . Hence for some  $l \ge 1$ ,  $\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|}{l\rho} \le x_0$  for all  $i \ge 1$ . Therefore,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_1\left(\frac{\alpha \left|\nabla \lambda_i x_i\right|}{l\rho}\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_2\left(\frac{\left|\nabla \lambda_i x_i\right|}{\rho}\right) < \infty.$$

Thus  $\ell_{M_2}(\nabla, \Lambda) \subset \ell_{M_1}(\nabla, \Lambda)$ . Similarly  $\ell_{M_1}(\nabla, \Lambda) \subset \ell_{M_2}(\nabla, \Lambda)$ . Let us abbreviate here  $\|\cdot\|_{M_1}^{\nabla}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{M_2}^{\nabla}$  by  $\|\cdot\|_1$  and  $\|\cdot\|_2$ , respectively. For  $x \in \ell_{M_2}(\nabla, \Lambda)$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_2 \left( \frac{\left| \nabla \lambda_i x_i \right|}{\left\| x \right\|_2} \right) \le 1.$$

One can find  $\mu > 1$  with  $\left(\frac{x_0}{2}\right) \mu p_2\left(\frac{x_0}{2}\right) \ge 1$ , where  $p_2$  is the kernel associated with  $M_2$ . Hence

$$M_2\left(\frac{\left|\nabla\lambda_i x_i\right|}{\left\|x\right\|_2}\right) \leq \left(\frac{x_0}{2}\right)\mu p_2\left(\frac{x_0}{2}\right)$$



for all  $i \ge 1$ . This implies that  $\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|}{\mu \|x\|_2} \le x_0$  for all  $i \ge 1$ . Therefore  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_1 \left( \frac{\alpha |\nabla \lambda_i x_i|}{\mu \|x\|_2} \right) < 1$ 

and so  $||x||_1 \le \left(\frac{\mu}{\alpha}\right) ||x||_2$ . Similarly we can show  $||x||_2 \le \beta \gamma ||x||_1$  by choosing  $\gamma$  with  $\gamma \beta > 1$ such that  $\gamma \beta \left(\frac{x_0}{2}\right) p_1 \left(\frac{x_0}{2}\right) \ge 1$ . Thus  $\alpha \mu^{-1} ||x||_1 \le ||x||_2 \le \beta \gamma ||x||_1$  which establishes that *I* is a topological isomorphism.

Proposition 2.17. (i) 
$$\ell_M(\Lambda) \subset \ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$$
,  
(ii)  $\ell_M(\Lambda) \subset \ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$ .

*Proof.* (*i*) Proof follows from the following inequality:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{\left|\nabla\lambda_{i} x_{i}\right|}{2\rho}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{\left|\lambda_{i} x_{i}\right|}{\rho}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{\left|\lambda_{i-1} x_{i-1}\right|}{\rho}\right),$$

(*ii*) Proof is similar to that of part (*i*).

Proposition 2.18. Let *M* be an Orlicz function and *p* the corresponding kernel. If p(x) = 0 for all *x* in  $[0, x_0]$  where  $x_0$  is some positive number, then  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is topologically isomorphic to  $\ell_{\infty}(\nabla, \Lambda)$  and  $h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is topologically isomorphic to  $c_0(\nabla, \Lambda)$ .

*Proof.* Let 
$$p(x) = 0$$
 for all  $x$  in  $[0, x_0]$ . If  $y \in \ell_{\infty}(\nabla, \Lambda)$ , then we can find a  $\rho > 0$  such that  $\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i y_i|}{\rho} \le x_0$  for  $i \ge 1$ , and so  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i y_i|}{\rho}\right) < \infty$ , giving thus  $y \in \ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ . On the other hand let  $y \in \ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ , then  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i y_i|}{\rho}\right) < \infty$ , for some  $\rho > 0$  and so  $|\nabla \lambda_i y_i| < \infty$  for all  $i \ge 1$ , giving thus  $y \in \ell_{\infty}(\nabla, \Lambda)$ . Hence  $y \in \ell_{\infty}(\nabla, \Lambda)$  if and only if  $y \in \ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ . We can easily find an  $x_1$  with  $M(x_1) \ge 1$ . Let  $y \in \ell_{\infty}(\nabla, \Lambda)$  and  $\alpha = ||y||_{\infty} = \sup_i (|\nabla \lambda_i y_i|) > 0$ . (It is easy to show that  $||y||_{\infty} = \sup_i (|\nabla \lambda_i y_i|)$  is a norm on  $\ell_{\infty}(\nabla, \Lambda)$ ). For every  $\varepsilon$ ,  $0 < \varepsilon < \alpha$ , we can determine  $y_i$  with  $|\nabla \lambda_j y_j| > \alpha - \varepsilon$  and so

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i y_i| x_1}{\alpha}\right) \ge M\left(\frac{(\alpha - \varepsilon) x_1}{\alpha}\right).$$

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Since *M* is continuous, we find  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|\nabla\lambda_i y_i| x_1}{\alpha}\right) \ge 1$ , and so  $||y||_{\infty} \le x_1 ||y||$ , for otherwise  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|\nabla\lambda_i y_i|}{||y||}\right) \ge 1$  is a contradiction by Proposition 2.7. Again,  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|\nabla\lambda_i y_i| x_0}{\alpha}\right) = 0$ and it follows that  $||y|| \le \frac{1}{x_0} ||y||_{\infty}$ . Thus the identity map  $I: \left(\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda), \|.\|\right) \to \left(\ell_{\infty}(\nabla, \Lambda), \|.\|\right)$ 

is a topological isomorphism.

For the last part, let  $y \in h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ , then for any  $\varepsilon > 0, |\nabla \lambda_i y_i| \le \varepsilon x_1$ , for all sufficiently large *i*, where  $x_1$  is some positive number with  $p(x_1) > 0$ . Hence  $y \in c_0(\nabla, \Lambda)$ . Next let  $y \in c_0(\nabla, \Lambda)$ . Then for any  $\rho > 0$ ,  $\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i y_i|}{\rho} < \frac{1}{2}x_0$  for all sufficiently large *i*. Thus  $M\left(\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i y_i|}{\rho}\right) < \infty$  for all  $\rho > 0$  and so  $y \in h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ . Hence  $h_M(\nabla, \Lambda) = c_0(\nabla, \Lambda)$  and we are done.

*Corollary 2.19.* Let *M* be an Orlicz function and *p* the corresponding kernel. If p(x) = 0 for all *x* in  $[0, x_0]$  where  $x_0$  is some positive number, then  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is topologically isomorphic to  $\ell_\infty$  and  $h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is topologically isomorphic to  $c_0$ .

*Proof.* Let us define the mapping for  $Z = \ell_{\infty}$ ,  $c_0$  $T: Z(\nabla, \Lambda) \rightarrow Z$ 

by  $Tx = (\nabla \lambda_k x_k)$ , for every  $x \in Z(\nabla, \Lambda)$ . Then clearly *T* is a linear homeomorphism.

Hence the proof follows from Proposition 2.18.

Lemma 2.20. Let *M* be an Orlicz function. Then  $x \in \ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$  implies  $(k^{-1}\lambda_k x_k) \in \ell_{\infty}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$ . Then, one can easily prove that  $(\Delta \lambda_k x_k) \in \ell_{\infty}$  which gives the result  $(k^{-1}\lambda_k x_k) \in \ell_{\infty}$ .

*Proposition 2.21.* Let *M* be an Orlicz function and *p* be the corresponding kernel of *M*. If p(x) = 0 for all x in  $[0, x_0]$ , where  $x_0$  is some positive number, then

(*i*) Köthe-Toeplitz dual of  $\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$  is  $D_1$ , where

$$D_1 = \left\{ (a_k) : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \left| \lambda_k^{-1} a_k \right| < \infty \right\},$$



(*ii*) Köthe-Toeplitz dual of  $D_1$  is  $D_2$ , where

$$D_2 = \left\{ (b_k) : \sup_k k^{-1} \left| \lambda_k b_k \right| < \infty \right\}.$$

*Proof.* (*i*) Let  $a \in D_1$  and  $x \in \ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$ . Then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k x_k| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \left| \lambda_k^{-1} a_k \right| k^{-1} \left| \lambda_k x_k \right| \le \sup_k k^{-1} \left| \lambda_k x_k \right| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \left| \lambda_k^{-1} a_k \right| < \infty.$$

Hence  $a \in \left[\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)\right]^{\alpha}$ . Thus, the inclusion  $D_1 \subset \left[\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)\right]^{\alpha}$  holds.

Conversely suppose that  $a \in \left[\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)\right]^{\alpha}$ . Then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k x_k| < \infty$  for every  $x \in \ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$ . So we can take  $x_k = \lambda_k^{-1}k$  for all  $k \ge 1$ , because then  $(x_k) \in \ell_{\infty}(\Delta, \Lambda)$  and hence  $(x_k) \in \ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$  as shown in Proposition 2.18.

Now  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \left| \lambda_k^{-1} a_k \right| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| a_k x_k \right| < \infty$  and thus  $a \in D_1$ . Hence, the inclusion  $\left[ \ell_M \left( \Delta, \Lambda \right) \right]^{\alpha} \subset D_1$  holds.

(ii) Proof follows by similar arguments used in the prove of case (i).

Proposition 2.22. Let *M* be an Orlicz function and *p* be the corresponding kernel of *M*. If p(x) = 0 for all *x* in [0,  $x_0$ ], where  $x_0$  is some positive number, then Köthe-Toeplitz dual of  $h_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$  is  $D_1$ , where  $D_1$  is defined as in Proposition 2.21.

*Proof.* Let  $a \in D_1$  and  $x \in h_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$ . Then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| a_k x_k \right| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \left| \lambda_k^{-1} a_k \right| k^{-1} \left| \lambda_k x_k \right| \le \sup_k k^{-1} \left| \lambda_k x_k \right| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \left| \lambda_k^{-1} a_k \right| < \infty.$$

Hence  $a \in [h_M(\Delta, \Lambda)]^{\alpha}$ , that is the inclusion  $D_1 \subset [h_M(\Delta, \Lambda)]^{\alpha}$  holds.

Conversely suppose that  $a \in [h_M(\Delta, \Lambda)]^{\alpha}$  and  $a \notin D_1$ . Then there exists a strictly increasing sequence  $(n_i)$  of positive integers such that  $n_1 < n_2 < ...$ , such that

$$\sum_{k=n_{i}+1}^{n_{i+1}} \left| \lambda_{k} \right|^{-1} k \left| a_{k} \right| > i$$

Define  $(x_k)$  by

$$x_k = \begin{cases} 0 & , \quad 1 \le k \le n_1 \\ k \lambda_k^{-1} \operatorname{sgn} a_k / i & , \quad n_i < k \le n_{i+1} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(x_k) \in c_0(\Delta, \Lambda)$  and so by Proposition 2.18,  $(x_k) \in h_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$ . Then we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k x_k| = \sum_{k=n_1+1}^{n_2} |a_k x_k| + \dots + \sum_{k=n_l+1}^{n_{l+1}} |a_k x_k| + \dots$$
$$= \sum_{k=n_1+1}^{n_2} k |\lambda_k^{-1} a_k| + \dots + \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=n_l+1}^{n_{l+1}} k |\lambda_k^{-1} a_k| + \dots > 1 + 1 + \dots = \infty.$$

This contradicts to  $a \ \hat{1} \left[ h_M (\Delta, \Lambda) \right]^{\alpha}$ . Hence  $a \in D_1$ , i.e. the inclusion  $\left[ h_M (\Delta, \Lambda) \right]^{\alpha} \subset D_1$  also holds. This completes the proof.

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