

## On the weak star uniformly rotund points of Orlicz spaces

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### ABSTRACT

We obtain the necessary and sufficient condition of weak star uniformly rotund point in Orlicz spaces.

In this paper,  $X$  denotes a Banach space,  $B(X)$ ,  $S(X)$  denote respectively the unit ball and the unit sphere of  $X$ .  $x \in S(X)$  is said to be a UR (WUR,  $W^*$ UR) point provided that  $x_n \in B(X)$ ,  $\|x_n + x\| \rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow \|x_n - x\| \rightarrow 0$  ( $x_n - x \xrightarrow{w} 0$ ,  $x_n - x \xrightarrow{w^*} 0$ ). Obviously, URP  $\Rightarrow$  WURP  $\Rightarrow$   $W^*$ URP. If all points of  $S(X)$  are  $W^*$ UR points,  $X$  is locally weak star uniformly rotund.

$M(\cdot)$ ,  $N(\cdot)$  denote a pair of complemented  $N$ -functions (see [3]); “ $M \in \Delta_2$ ” (“ $M \in \nabla_2$ ”) means that  $M(\cdot)$  satisfies the  $\nabla_2$ -condition ( $N$  satisfies the  $\nabla_2$ -condition).  $(G, \Sigma, \mu)$  stands for a non-atomic finite measure space;  $L_M(G, \Sigma, \mu)$  expresses the Orlicz space generated by  $M(\cdot)$ :

$$L_M(G, \Sigma, \mu) = \left\{ x(t) : \exists a > 0, R_M\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) = \int_G M\left(\frac{x(t)}{a}\right) d\mu < \infty \right\}$$

with the norm

$$\|x\| = \inf \left\{ a > 0 : R_M\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

For an Orlicz function space  $L_M$  and a sequence space  $l_M$ , a criterion of UR (WUR) point was obtained in recent years [1,2]. Here we give the criterion of  $W^*$ UR point, but the statement and method is different to WURP.

**Theorem 1**

Let  $x \in S(L_M)$ .  $x$  is a  $W^*$ URP if and only if

- (1)  $\exists \tau > 0, R_M(\frac{x}{1-\tau}) < \infty$
- (2)  $\mu\{t \in G : |x(t)| \in \mathbb{R} \setminus S_M\} = 0$
- (3)  $\mu\left\{t \in G : |x(t)| \in \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{b_i\}\right\} = 0$  or  $\mu\left\{t \in G : |x(t)| \in \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{a_i\}\right\} = 0$  and  $M \in \nabla_2$ , where  $S_M$  is the set of all strictly convex points of  $M(\cdot)$ ,  $(a_i, b_i)$  are affine segments of  $M(\cdot)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$

*Proof.* Without loss of generality, we assume  $x(t) \geq 0$ .

Necessity. Suppose that  $R_M(\frac{x}{1-\varepsilon}) = \infty$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Take  $c$  large enough such that  $\mu G_c = \mu\{t \in G : x(t) \leq c\} > 0$ . Define  $x' = -x\chi_{G_c} + x\chi_{G \setminus G_c}$ ; then  $\|x'\| = \|x\| = 1$ , but for all  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$R_M\left(\frac{x+x'}{2(1-\varepsilon)}\right) = \int_{G \setminus G_c} M\left(\frac{x(t)}{1-\varepsilon}\right) d\mu = \infty$$

so  $\|x+x'\| = 2$ . From  $x \neq x'$ , we get a contradiction with the fact that  $x$  is a  $W^*$ UR point, which shows that (1) is true.

Since a  $W^*$ UR point is an extreme point, from [3], we get that (2) is true.

Suppose that there exist affine segments  $[a, b], [c, d]$  of  $M(\cdot)$  such that  $A = \{t : x(t) = a\}, B = \{t : x(t) = d\}$  are sets with positive measure. Take  $E \subset A, F \subset B$  satisfying  $(M(b) - M(a))\mu E = (M(d) - M(c))\mu F$ . Define  $x' = x\chi_{G \setminus (E \cup F)} + b\chi_E + c\chi_F$ , then  $x' \neq x, R_M(x) = R_M(x') = 1$ , and  $R_M(\frac{x+x'}{2}) = \frac{R_M(x)+R_M(x')}{2} = 1$ , which contradicts the fact that  $x$  is a  $W^*$ UR point.

Suppose now that there is an affine segment  $[a, b]$  with positive measure set  $D = \{t : x(t) = b\}$  and  $M \notin \nabla_2$ , i.e. there are  $u_n \nearrow \infty$  such that  $u_1 > b$  and  $M(\frac{u_n}{2}) > (1 - \frac{1}{n})\frac{M(u_n)}{2}$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ). Take subsets  $E_n, D \supset E_1 \supset E_2 \supset \dots$  satisfying

$$M(u_n - b)\mu E_n + M(a)\mu(D \setminus E_n) = M(b)\mu D$$

then  $\mu E_n \rightarrow 0$ . Define  $x_n = x\chi_{G \setminus D} + a\chi_{D \setminus E_n} + (u_n - b)\chi_{E_n}$  so  $R_M(x_n) = R_M(x) = 1$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) and

$$\begin{aligned}
R_M\left(\frac{x_n+x}{2}\right) &= R_M(x\chi_{G \setminus D}) + M\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\mu(D \setminus E_n) + M\left(\frac{u_n}{2}\right)\mu E_n \\
&\geq R_M(x\chi_{G \setminus D}) + \frac{M(a)+M(b)}{2}\mu(D \setminus E_n) + \frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)M(u_n)\mu E_n \\
&\geq \frac{R_M(x\chi_{G \setminus D}) + M(b)\mu(D \setminus E_n)}{2} \\
&\quad + \frac{R_M(x\chi_{G \setminus D}) + M(a)\mu(D \setminus E_n) + (1 - \frac{1}{n})M(u_n - b)\mu E_n}{2} \\
&\longrightarrow R_M(x) = 1.
\end{aligned}$$

From  $\langle x - x_n, \chi_{D \setminus E_1} \rangle = (b - a)\mu(D \setminus E_1) > 0$ , we get a contradiction since  $x$  is a W\*UR point.

*Sufficiency.* Suppose that  $x_n \in B(L_M)$ ,  $\|x_n + x\| \rightarrow 2$ . We will first show that  $R_M(x_n) \rightarrow 1$  and  $R_M(\frac{x_n+x}{2}) \rightarrow 1$ .

Suppose that  $R_M(x_n) \leq 1 - \delta$  for some  $\delta > 0$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ). Take  $\varepsilon$  small enough such that  $\frac{1+\varepsilon}{1-\varepsilon} < \frac{1}{1-\delta}$ . For such  $\varepsilon$ , while  $n$  is large enough we have  $\|(1+\varepsilon)\frac{x_n+x}{2}\| > 1$ , and so  $R_M((1+\varepsilon)\frac{x_n+x}{2}) > 1$ . Hence applying assumption (1) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &< R_M\left((1+\varepsilon)\frac{x_n+x}{2}\right) = R_M\left(\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}x_n + \frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}\frac{1+\varepsilon}{1-\varepsilon}x\right) \\
&\leq \frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}R_M(x_n) + \frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}R_M\left(\frac{1+\varepsilon}{1-\varepsilon}x\right) \leq \frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}(1-\delta) \\
&\quad + \frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}(1+o(\varepsilon))R_M(x).
\end{aligned}$$

If  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,  $1 \leq 1 - \delta/2$ , so we get  $R_M(x_n) \rightarrow 1$ .

Clearly  $\|\frac{x_n+x}{2} + x\| \rightarrow 2$ , so we get similarly  $R_M(\frac{x_n+x}{2}) \rightarrow 1$ .

In the following, we show  $x_n - x \xrightarrow{\text{w}^*} 0$ , and so it is enough to show  $x_n - x \xrightarrow{\mu} 0$ . Denote  $E = \{t \in G : x(t) \in S_M \setminus (\{a_i\} \cup \{b_i\})\}$ . We first show  $x_n - x \xrightarrow{\mu} 0$  on  $E$ . Suppose for a contrary that there exist  $\varepsilon, \sigma > 0$  with  $\mu\{t \in E : |x_n(t) - x(t)| \geq \varepsilon\} \geq \sigma$ . Since

$$1 \geq R_M(x_n) \geq \int_{\{t : |x_n(t)| \geq d\}} M(x_n(t))d\mu \geq M(d)\mu\{|x_n(t)| > d\},$$

we have that for  $d$  large enough  $\mu\{|x_n(t)| > d\} < \sigma/3$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) and  $\mu\{|x(t)| > d\} < \sigma/3$ . Thus  $\mu E_n \geq \sigma/3$ , where

$$E_n = \{t \in E : |x_n(t) - x(t)| \geq \varepsilon, \quad |x_n(t)| \leq d, \quad |x(t)| \leq d\}.$$

Clearly there is  $\delta > 0$  such that for  $t \in E_n$ ,

$$M\left(\frac{x_n(t) + x(t)}{2}\right) \leq (1 - \delta)\frac{M(x_n(t)) + M(x(t))}{2}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leftarrow \frac{R_M(x_n) + R_M(x)}{2} - R_M\left(\frac{x_n + x}{2}\right) \\ &= \int_G \left( \frac{M(x_n(t)) + M(x(t))}{2} - M\left(\frac{x_n(t) + x(t)}{2}\right) \right) d\mu \\ &\geq \int_{E_n} \left( \frac{M(x_n(t)) + M(x(t))}{2} - M\left(\frac{x_n(t) + x(t)}{2}\right) \right) d\mu \\ &\geq \frac{\delta}{2} \int_{E_n} (M(x_n(t)) + M(x(t))) d\mu \geq \frac{\delta}{2} M\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) \frac{\sigma}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

This contradiction shows that  $x_n - x \xrightarrow{\mu} 0$  on  $E$ . Denote

$$\begin{aligned} F_a^+(n) &= \{t \in G: x(t) \in \{a_i\}, x_n(t) \geq x(t)\} \\ F_a^-(n) &= \{t \in G: x(t) \in \{a_i\}, x_n(t) < x(t)\} \\ F_b^+(n) &= \{t \in G: x(t) \in \{b_i\}, x_n(t) \geq x(t) \text{ or } x_n(t) < 0\} \\ F_b^-(n) &= \{t \in G: x(t) \in \{b_i\}, x_n(t) < x(t) \text{ and } x_n(t) \geq 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Analogously as above we have that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu\{t \in F_a^-(n): x_n(t) \leq x(t) - \varepsilon\} &\rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty) \\ \mu\{t \in F_b^+(n): x_n(t) \geq x(t) + \varepsilon\} &\rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty), \end{aligned}$$

whence

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{E \cup F_a^-(n) \cup F_b^+(n)} M(x_n(t)) d\mu \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{E \cup F_a^-(n) \cup F_b^+(n)} M(x(t)) d\mu.$$

Consider the case  $\mu(F_b^+(n) \cup F_b^-(n)) = 0$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ). From

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{E \cup F_a^-(n)} M(x_n(t)) d\mu \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{E \cup F_a^-(n)} M(x(t)) d\mu$$

and  $R_M(x_n) \rightarrow 1 = R_M(x)$ , it follows that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{F_a^+(n)} M(x_n(t)) d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{F_a^+(n)} M(x(t)) d\mu$$

thus

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{F_a^+(n)} (M(x_n(t)) - M(x(t))) d\mu = 0$$

so for any  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\mu\{t \in F_a^+(n) : x_n(t) \geq x(t) + \varepsilon\} \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Combining the above, we have  $x_n - x \xrightarrow{\mu} 0$  on  $E \cup F_a^-(n) \cup F_a^+(n) = G$ .

Consider the case of  $\mu(F_a^+(n) \cup F_a^-(n)) = 0$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) and  $M \in \nabla_2$ . We first prove that  $\limsup_{\mu e \rightarrow 0} \int_e M(x_n(t)) d\mu = 0$ . Suppose that there exist  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $e_n \subset G$  with  $\mu e_n \searrow 0$  such that  $\int_{e_n} M(x_n(t)) d\mu \geq \varepsilon$ .

Take  $c > 0$  small enough,  $M(c)\mu G < \varepsilon/2$ , denote  $e'_n = \{t \in e_n : |x_n(t)| \geq c\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{e'_n} M(x_n(t)) d\mu &= \int_{e_n} M(x_n(t)) d\mu - \int_{e_n \setminus e'_n} M(x_n(t)) d\mu \\ &\geq \varepsilon - M(c)\mu G \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining  $M \in \nabla_2$ , for  $\tau, \delta > 0$ , while  $u \geq c$ ,  $M(\frac{u}{1+\tau}) \leq (1-\delta)\frac{M(u)}{1+\tau}$  whence

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leftarrow R_M\left(\frac{x_n+x}{2}\right) = R_M\left(\frac{x_n+x}{2}\chi_{G \setminus e'_n}\right) + R_M\left(\frac{x_n+x}{2}\chi_{e'_n}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{R_M(x_n\chi_{G \setminus e'_n}) + R_M(x\chi_{G \setminus e'_n})}{2} + \int_{e'_n} M\left(\frac{1+\tau}{2}\frac{x_n(t)}{1+\tau} + \frac{1-\tau}{2}\frac{x(t)}{1-\tau}\right) d\mu \\ &\leq \frac{R_M(x_n\chi_{G \setminus e'_n}) + R_M(x\chi_{G \setminus e'_n})}{2} + \frac{1+\tau}{2} \int_{e'_n} M\left(\frac{x_n(t)}{1+\tau}\right) d\mu \\ &\quad + \frac{1-\tau}{2} \int_{e'_n} M\left(\frac{x(t)}{1-\tau}\right) d\mu \\ &\leq \frac{R_M(x_n\chi_{G \setminus e'_n}) + R_M(x\chi_{G \setminus e'_n})}{2} + \frac{1+\tau}{2} \frac{1-\delta}{1+\tau} \int_{e'_n} M(x_n(t)) d\mu \\ &\quad + \frac{1-\tau}{2} R_M\left(\frac{x}{1-\tau}\chi_{e'_n}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{R_M(x_n\chi_{G \setminus e'_n}) + R_M(x\chi_{G \setminus e'_n})}{2} + \frac{1-\tau}{2} o(\mu e'_n) + \frac{R_M(x_n\chi_{e'_n})}{2} - \frac{\delta\varepsilon}{4} \\ &\leq \frac{R_M(x_n) + R_M(x)}{2} - \frac{\delta\varepsilon}{4} + o(\mu e'). \end{aligned}$$

If  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it gives a contradiction:  $1 \leq 1 - \delta\varepsilon/4$ . So we get

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{E \cup F_b^+(n)} M(x_n(t)) d\mu = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{E \cup F_b^+(n)} M(x(t)) d\mu$$

hence

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{F_b^-(n)} M(x_n(t)) d\mu = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{F_b^-(n)} M(x(t)) d\mu.$$

From  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{F_b^-(n)} (M(x(t)) - M(x_n(t))) d\mu = 0$ , it follows that  $x_n - x \xrightarrow{\mu} 0$  on  $F_b^-(n)$ ,

and consequently  $x_n - x \xrightarrow{\mu} 0$  on  $G$ .  $\square$

By an analogous argumentation, we get the same result for Orlicz sequence spaces.

### Theorem 2

Let  $x \in S(l_M)$ . Then  $x$  is a  $W^*$ URP point if and only if

- (1) there is  $\tau > 0$ ,  $R(\frac{x}{1-\tau}) < \infty$
- (2) if there is “ $i$ ”,  $|x(i)| \in (a, b]$ , then  $M \in \nabla_2$  and there is no “ $j$ ”,  $j \neq i$  with  $|x(j)| \in [c, d]$ , where  $[a, b]$  and  $[c, d]$  are affine segments of  $M(\cdot)$ .

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