

## On Multipliers of Orlicz Spaces

حول مضاعفات فضاءات أورلكس

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### Abstract

Let  $(T, M, \mu)$  be a finite positive measure space,  $X$  a Banach space,  $\phi$  a modulus function and  $f : T \rightarrow X$  a strongly measurable function. The Orlicz space is  $L^\phi(\mu, X) = \left\{ f : \int_T \phi(\|f(t)\|) d\mu(t) < \infty \right\}$ . The space of Bochner  $p$ -integrable functions,

$1 \leq p < \infty$  is  $L^p(\mu, X) = \left\{ f : \int_T \|f(t)\|^p d\mu(t) < \infty \right\}$ . Also,  $L^\infty(\mu, X) = \left\{ f : \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{t \in T} \|f(t)\| < \infty \right\}$ .

When  $X$  is a Banach algebra we show that the multipliers  $M(L^\phi(\mu, X))$  of  $L^\phi(\mu, X)$  is  $L^\infty(\mu, X)$  if  $\phi(a)\phi(b) \leq \phi(ab)$  for all  $a \geq 1$  and  $b \geq 0$ . Also,  $M(L^\phi(\mu, X)) = L^\phi(\mu, X)$  if  $\phi(ab) \leq \phi(a) + \phi(b)$  for all  $a, b$  in  $[0, \infty)$  which generalizes the special case  $X$  being the complex numbers  $\mathbf{C}$ . When  $(T, M, \mu)$  is also non-atomic we show that  $f^2 \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$  for all  $f \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$  iff  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(x^2)}{\phi(x)} < \infty$ .

Moreover,  $M(L^\phi(\mu, X)) = L^\phi(\mu, X)$  iff  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(x^2)}{\phi(x)} < \infty$  when  $X$  is commutative.

This generalizes the special case  $T = [0, 1]$  and  $X = \mathbf{C}$ .

### ملخص

ليكن  $(T, M, \mu)$  فضاءاً قياسياً موجباً ومنتهياً و  $X$  فضاءاً بناخ و  $\phi$  اقتران مطلق القيمة و  $f : T \rightarrow X$  اقتران قياسى بقوة. فان فضاء أورلكس هو  $L^\phi(\mu, X) = \left\{ f : \int_T \phi(\|f(t)\|) d\mu(t) < \infty \right\}$ .

وفضاء بوخنر عندما  $1 \leq p < \infty$  هو  $L^p(\mu, X) = \left\{ f : \int_T \|f(t)\|^p d\mu(t) < \infty \right\}$  أيضا  $L^\infty(\mu, X)$

$\left\{ f : \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{t \in T} \|f(t)\| < \infty \right\}$ . اذا كان  $X$  فضاء بناخ الجبري فسنثبت، ان شاء الله، أن المضاعفات

$M(L^\phi(\mu, X)) \cap L^\phi(\mu, X)$  هي  $L^\infty(\mu, X)$  عندما  $\phi(a)\phi(b) \leq \phi(ab)$  لكل  $a \geq 1$  و

$b \geq 0$ . كذلك  $L^\phi(\mu, X) = M(L^\phi(\mu, X))$  عندما  $\phi(ab) \leq \phi(a) + \phi(b)$  لكل  $a$  و  $b$  في

$[0, \infty)$  مما يعتبر تعميما للحالة الخاصة التي تكون فيها  $X$  هي الاعداد العقدية  $\mathbb{C}$ . عندما يكون

فضاء  $(T, M, \mu)$  غير نووي أيضا سنثبت، ان شاء الله، أن  $f^2 \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$  لكل

$f \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$  اذا وفقط اذا  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(x^2)}{\phi(x)} < \infty$  وكذلك  $M(L^\phi(\mu, X)) = L^\phi(\mu, X)$  اذا وفقط

اذا  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(x^2)}{\phi(x)} < \infty$  عندما يكون  $X$  تبديليا وهذا يعتبر تعميما للحالة الخاصة  $X = \mathbb{C}$  و  $T = [0, 1]$ .

## 1. Introduction

If  $\phi$  is a strictly increasing continuous subadditive function on  $[0, \infty)$  and satisfies  $\phi(x) = 0$  if  $x = 0$ , then we call  $\phi$  a modulus function. Let  $(T, M, \mu)$  be a finite positive measure space, i.e.,  $T$  is a set,  $M$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra and  $\mu$  is a positive measure with  $\mu(T) < \infty$ . If  $X$  is a Banach space, then a function  $s : T \rightarrow X$  is called a simple function if its range contains finitely many distinct points  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and  $E_i = s^{-1}(\{x_i\})$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are measurable sets. Such a function  $s$  can be written as

$s = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \chi_{E_i}$ , where  $\chi_{E_i}$  is the characteristic function of the set  $E_i$  and

$E_i \cap E_j = \Phi$ , for  $i \neq j$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

A function  $f : T \rightarrow X$  is said to be strongly measurable if there exists a sequence  $\{s_n\}$  of simple functions such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|s_n(t) - f(t)\| = 0$  a.e.

The Orlicz space  $L^\phi(\mu, X)$  is the set of all strongly measurable functions  $f$  with

$$\|f\|_\phi = \int_T \phi(\|f(t)\|) d\mu(t) < \infty.$$

If for all  $f, g \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$  we define  $d(f, g) = \|f - g\|_\phi$ , then  $d$  is a metric on  $L^\phi(\mu, X)$  under which it becomes a complete topological vector space [1,p.70]. For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $L^p(\mu, X)$  will denote the Banach space of (equivalence classes of) strongly measurable functions  $f$  such that  $\int_T \|f(t)\|^p d\mu(t) < \infty$ . The norm in  $L^p(\mu, X)$  is given by

$$\|f\|_p = \left( \int_T \|f(t)\|^p d\mu(t) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

The essentially bounded strongly measurable functions  $f$  form the Banach space  $L^\infty(\mu, X)$  with norm given by  $\|f\|_\infty = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{t \in T} \|f(t)\|$ .

If  $\phi$  is the modulus function  $\phi(x) = x^p$ ,  $0 < p \leq 1$ , then  $L^\phi(\mu, X)$  is the space  $L^p(\mu, X)$ . Since [2,p.159], for any modulus function  $\phi$ ,  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(x)}{x} \leq \phi(1)$ ,

it follows that  $L^1(\mu, X) \subseteq L^\phi(\mu, X)$ . When  $X$  is a Banach algebra (see [5]) a multiplier of  $L^\phi(\mu, X)$  is a strongly measurable function  $g: T \rightarrow X$  such that  $gf \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$  for all  $f \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$ . We denote the set of all multipliers of  $L^\phi(\mu, X)$  by  $M(L^\phi(\mu, X))$ . For  $X = \mathbf{C}$ , the complex numbers,  $M(L^\phi(\mu, \mathbf{C})) = M(L^\phi)$  were studied in [2]. In this paper we show that some of the results in [2] still hold for  $M(L^\phi(\mu, X))$ . A measurable

set  $A$  is called an atom if each of its measurable subsets has measure either 0 or  $\mu(A)$ . The measure space  $(T, M, \mu)$  is called non-atomic if it contains no atoms. In [4,p.122] it is shown that if  $(T, M, \mu)$  is a finite non-atomic measure space and  $0 < \theta < \mu(T)$ , then there exists a measurable set  $E$  such that  $\mu(E) = \theta$ . Using this we show that

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(x^2)}{\phi(x)} < \infty \text{ iff } f^2 \in L^\phi(\mu, X) \text{ for all } f \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$$

when  $(T, M, \mu)$  is a finite positive non-atomic measure space. This generalizes the main result in [3] where  $T=[0,1]$  and  $X=\mathbb{C}$ .

## 2. Multipliers of $L^\phi(\mu, X)$

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $X$  be Banach algebra .If  $g \in M(L^1(\mu, X))$ , then  $g \in L^\infty(\mu, X)$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $g \in M(L^1(\mu, X))$ . Let  $f : T \rightarrow X$  be given by  $f(t) = e$  for all  $t \in T$ , where  $e$  is the unit element of  $X$ . Then  $f \in L^1(\mu, X)$  and

$$\int_T \|g(t)\| d\mu(t) = \int_T \|g(t)f(t)\| d\mu(t) = \|gf\|_1 < \infty.$$

Hence,  $g \in L^\infty(\mu, X)$ .

The next results are generalizations of those in [2]. Without loss of generality we can assume that  $\phi$  is an unbounded modulus function and  $\phi(1)=1$ . For if  $\phi$  is bounded, then  $L^\phi(\mu, X)$  is the strongly measurable functions. Also, if  $\phi(1) \neq 1$ , then we can replace  $\phi$  by  $\frac{\phi}{\phi(1)}$ .

**Theorem 2.2** If  $\phi(a)\phi(b) \leq \phi(ab)$  for all  $a \geq 1$  and  $b \geq 0$ , then

$M(L^\phi(\mu, X)) = L^\infty(\mu, X)$ , where  $X$  is a Banach algebra.

**Proof:** Let  $g \in L^\infty(\mu, X)$  and  $f \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$ . Choose a natural number  $n$  such that  $\|g\|_\infty < n$ . Then since  $X$  is a Banach algebra we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|gf\|_\phi &= \int_T \phi(\|g(t)f(t)\|) d\mu(t) \leq \int_T \phi(\|g(t)\| \|f(t)\|) d\mu(t) \\ &\leq \int_T \phi(n \|f(t)\|) d\mu(t) \\ &\leq n \|f\|_\phi < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $L^\infty(\mu, X) \subseteq M(L^\phi(\mu, X))$ . We note that  $M(L^\phi(\mu, X)) \subseteq L^\phi(\mu, X)$  since if  $e$  is the unit element of  $X$  and  $f(t) = e$  for all  $t \in T$ , then  $f \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$  and  $gf = g \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$  for all  $g \in M(L^\phi(\mu, X))$ .

Next, for  $g \in M(L^\phi(\mu, X))$  and  $f \in L^1(\mu, X)$  let  $\tilde{g}(t) = \phi(\|g(t)\|)e$  and  $h(t) = \phi^{-1}(\|f(t)\|)$  for all  $t \in T$ . Then

$$\|h\|_\phi = \int_T \|f(t)\| d\mu(t) = \|f\|_1 < \infty.$$

Thus,  $h \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$  and hence  $gh \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$ . If  $A = \{t: \|g(t)\| > 1\}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{g}f\|_1 &= \int_T \phi(\|g(t)\|) \|f(t)\| d\mu(t) \\ &= \int_T \phi(\|g(t)\|) \|f(t)\| d\mu(t) = \int_T \phi(\|g(t)\|) \phi(\|h(t)\|) d\mu(t) \\ &\leq \int_A \phi(\|g(t)\|) \phi(\|h(t)\|) d\mu(t) + \int_{T \setminus A} \phi(\|g(t)\|) \phi(\|h(t)\|) d\mu(t) \\ &\leq \int_A \phi(\|g(t)\| \|h(t)\|) d\mu(t) + \int_{T \setminus A} \phi(\|h(t)\|) d\mu(t) \\ &\leq \|gh\|_\phi + \|h\|_\phi < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $\tilde{g} = \phi(\|g\|)e$  is a multiplier of  $L^1(\mu, X)$ . Thus  $\tilde{g} \in L^\infty(\mu, X)$  by lemma 2.1. This implies that  $g \in L^\infty(\mu, X)$  and  $M(L^\phi(\mu, X)) \subseteq L^\infty(\mu, X)$ . Therefore,  $M(L^\phi(\mu, X)) = L^\infty(\mu, X)$ .

**Theorem 2.3** If  $\phi(ab) \leq \phi(a) + \phi(b)$  for all  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$ , then  $M(L^\phi(\mu, X)) = L^\phi(\mu, X)$  where  $X$  is a Banach algebra.

**Proof:** As in theorem 2.1 we have  $M(L^\phi(\mu, X)) \subseteq L^\phi(\mu, X)$ . Let  $g \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$ . Then, for all  $f \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$

$$\begin{aligned} \|gf\|_\phi &= \int_T \phi(\|g(t)f(t)\|) d\mu(t) \leq \int_T \phi(\|g(t)\| \|f(t)\|) d\mu(t) \\ &\leq \int_T (\phi(\|g(t)\|) + \phi(\|f(t)\|)) d\mu(t) \\ &= \|g\|_\phi + \|f\|_\phi < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $g \in M(L^\phi(\mu, X))$ . Thus  $L^\phi(\mu, X) = M(L^\phi(\mu, X))$ .

The following is a generalization of the main result in [3] from the Lebesgue measure on  $[0, 1] = T$  and the complex numbers  $\mathbf{C}$  to a non-atomic, finite, and positive measure space.

**Theorem 2.4** Let  $(T, M, \mu)$  be a finite positive, non-atomic measure space, and  $\phi$  be a modulus function. Then

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(x^2)}{\phi(x)} < \infty \text{ iff } f^2 \in L^\phi(\mu, X) \text{ for all } f \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$$

where  $X$  is a Banach algebra.

**Proof:** Suppose  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(x^2)}{\phi(x)} = \infty$ . Then there exists an increasing sequence  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $x_1 > 1$  and  $\frac{\phi(x_n^2)}{\phi(x_n)} > n$  for all  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Since

$(T, M, \mu)$  is a finite non-atomic measure space by lemma 10.12 [4,p.122] there exists a sequence  $\{E_n\}$  of pairwise disjoint measurable sets such that

$$T = \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \text{ and } \mu(E_n) = \frac{\mu(T)}{n^2 \phi(x_n)} \text{ for all } n=1,2,3,\dots$$

Define  $f : T \rightarrow X$  by  $f(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \chi_{E_i}(t) e$  for all  $t \in T$  where  $e$  is the unit element of  $X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\phi} &= \int_T \phi(\|f(t)\|) d\mu(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_n} \phi(\|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \chi_{E_i}(t) e\|) d\mu(t) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_n} \phi(x_n) d\mu(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(x_n) \mu(E_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(T)}{n^2} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f \in L^{\phi}(\mu, X)$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f^2\|_{\phi} &= \int_T \phi(\|f^2(t)\|) d\mu(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_n} \phi(\|\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \chi_{E_i}(t) e\|^2) d\mu(t) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_n} \phi(x_n^2) d\mu(t) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(x_n^2) \mu(E_n) \geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \phi(x_n) \mu(E_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(T)}{n} = \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f^2 \notin L^{\phi}(\mu, X)$ . Therefore, if  $f^2 \in L^{\phi}(\mu, X)$  for all  $f \in L^{\phi}(\mu, X)$ , then

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(x^2)}{\phi(x)} < \infty.$$

Conversely, suppose  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(x^2)}{\phi(x)} < \infty$ . Then there exist constants  $M$  and  $K$  such that

$$\frac{\phi(x^2)}{\phi(x)} < M \text{ for all } x \geq K .$$

Let  $f \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$  and  $A = \{t \in T : \|f(t)\| \leq K\}$ . Then since  $X$  is a Banach algebra

$$\begin{aligned} \|f^2\|_\phi &= \int_T \phi(\|f^2(t)\|) d\mu(t) \leq \int_T \phi(\|f(t)\|^2) d\mu(t) \\ &= \int_A \phi(\|f(t)\|^2) d\mu(t) + \int_{T-A} \phi(\|f(t)\|^2) d\mu(t) \\ &\leq \phi(K^2)\mu(T) + \int_{T-A} M\phi(\|f(t)\|) d\mu(t) \\ &\leq \phi(K^2)\mu(T) + M \|f\|_\phi < \infty . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f^2 \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$  for all  $f \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$ .

**Corollary 2.5** Let  $(T, M, \mu)$  be a non-atomic, finite, positive measure space,  $X$  be a commutative Banach algebra, and  $\phi$  be a modulus function. Then

$$M(L^\phi(\mu, X)) = L^\phi(\mu, X) \text{ iff } \limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(x^2)}{\phi(x)} < \infty$$

**Proof:** Note that  $L^\phi(\mu, X)$  is an algebra iff  $f^2 \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$  for all

$f \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$  follows from  $fg = \frac{1}{2}((f+g)^2 - f^2 - g^2)$  and the corollary follows from theorem 2.4.



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