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## SOME CLASSES OF ALMOST CONVERGENT PARANORMED SEQUENCE SPACES DEFINED BY ORLICZ FUNCTIONS

**Abstract.** In this paper we define  $\ell_\infty(M, p, \phi, q, s)$ ,  $c(M, p, \phi, q, s)$  and  $c_0(M, p, \phi, q, s)$ , the sequence spaces on a seminormed complex linear space, using an Orlicz function. We give various properties and some inclusion relations on this space.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\ell_\infty$  and  $c$  denote the Banach spaces of real bounded and convergent sequences  $x = (x_n)$  respectively, normed by  $\|x\| = \sup_n |x_n|$ .

Let  $\sigma$  be a one-to-one mapping of the set of positive integers into itself such that  $\sigma^k(n) = \sigma(\sigma^{k-1}(n))$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . A continuous linear functional  $\varphi$  on  $\ell_\infty$  is said to be an invariant mean or a  $\sigma$ -mean if and only if

- (i)  $\varphi(x) \geq 0$  when the sequence  $x = (x_n)$  has  $x_n \geq 0$  for all  $n$ ,
- (ii)  $\varphi(e) = 1$ , where  $e = (1, 1, 1, \dots)$  and
- (iii)  $\varphi(\{x_{\sigma(n)}\}) = \varphi(\{x_n\})$  for all  $x \in \ell_\infty$ .

If  $\sigma$  is the translation mapping  $n \rightarrow n + 1$ , a  $\sigma$ -mean is often called a Banach limit [4], and  $V_\sigma$ , the set of  $\sigma$ -convergent sequences, that is, the set of bounded sequences all of whose invariant means are equal, is the set  $\hat{f}$  of almost convergent sequences [11].

If  $x = (x_n)$ , set  $Tx = (Tx_n) = (x_{\sigma(n)})$ . It can be shown (see Schaefer [18]) that

$$(1.1) \quad V_\sigma = \left\{ x = (x_n) : \lim_k t_{kn}(x) = Le \text{ uniformly in } n, L = \sigma - \lim x \right\},$$

where

$$t_{kn}(x) = \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=0}^k T^j x_n.$$

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The special case of (1.1), in which  $\sigma(n) = n + 1$  was given by Lorentz [11].

Subsequently invariant means have been studied by Ahmad and Mursaleen [1], Mursaleen [14], Raimi [17] and many others.

The space

$$BV_\sigma = \left\{ x \in \ell_\infty : \sum_k |\phi_{k,n}(x)| < \infty, \quad \text{uniformly in } n \right\}$$

was defined by Mursaleen [13], where

$$\phi_{k,n}(x) = t_{kn}(x) - t_{k-1,n}(x)$$

assuming that  $t_{kn}(x) = 0$ , for  $k = -1$ .

A straightforward calculation shows that

$$\phi_{k,n}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \sum_{j=1}^k j (x_{\sigma^j(n)} - x_{\sigma^{j-1}(n)}) & (k \geq 1), \\ x_n & (k = 0). \end{cases}$$

Note that for any sequences  $x, y$  and scalar  $\lambda$ , we have

$$\phi_{k,n}(x + y) = \phi_{k,n}(x) + \phi_{k,n}(y) \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_{k,n}(\lambda x) = \lambda \phi_{k,n}(x).$$

An Orlicz function is a function  $M : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , which is continuous, non decreasing and convex with  $M(0) = 0$ ,  $M(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$  and  $M(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  (for detail see Krasnoselskii and Rutickii [9]).

It is well known that if  $M$  is a convex function and  $M(0) = 0$ , then  $M(\lambda x) \leq \lambda M(x)$  for all  $\lambda$  with  $0 < \lambda < 1$ .

Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a finite measure space. We denote by  $E(\mu)$  the space of all (equivalence classes of)  $\Sigma$ -measurable functions  $x$  from  $\Omega$  into  $[0, \infty)$ . Given an Orlicz function  $M$ , we define on  $E(\mu)$  a convex functional  $I_M$  by

$$I_M(x) = \int_{\Omega} M(x(t)) d\mu,$$

and an Orlicz space  $L^M(\mu)$  by  $L^M(\mu) = \{x \in E(\mu) : I_M(\lambda x) < +\infty \text{ for some } \lambda > 0\}$  (for detail see [16], [9]).

Lindenstrauss and Tzafriri [10] used the idea of Orlicz function to construct the sequence space

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

The space  $\ell_M$  is a Banach space with the norm

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

and this space is called an Orlicz sequence space. For  $M(t) = t^p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the space  $\ell_M$  coincides with the classical sequence space  $\ell_p$ .

**DEFINITION 1.1.** Any two Orlicz functions  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are said to be equivalent if there are positive constants  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , and  $x_0$  such that  $M_1(\alpha x) \leq M_2(x) \leq M_1(\beta x)$  for all  $x$  with  $0 \leq x \leq x_0$  (see Kamthan and Gupta [8]).

Later on, different types of sequence spaces were introduced by using an Orlicz function by Mursaleen *et al.* [15], Choudhary and Parashar [5], Et *et al.* [6], Tripathy and Mahanta ([20], [21]), Tripathy and Sarma ([24], [26]), Tripathy and Sen [22], Tripathy and Dutta [25], Tripathy *et al.* [23], Srivastava and Ghosh [19], Khan[7], Altin ([3], [2]) and many others.

A sequence space  $E$  is said to be solid (or normal) if  $(\alpha_k x_k) \in E$  whenever  $(x_k) \in E$  for all sequences  $(\alpha_k)$  of scalars with  $|\alpha_k| \leq 1$ .

It is well known that a sequence space  $E$  is normal implies that  $E$  is monotone (see for instance Kamthan and Gupta [8]).

**DEFINITION 1.2.** Let  $q_1, q_2$  be seminorms on a vector space  $X$ . Then  $q_1$  is said to be stronger than  $q_2$  if whenever  $(x_n)$  is a sequence such that  $q_1(x_n) \rightarrow 0$ , then also  $q_2(x_n) \rightarrow 0$ . If each is stronger than the others,  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are said to be equivalent (one may refer to Wilansky [27]).

**LEMMA 1.3.** Let  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  be seminorms on a linear space  $X$ . Then  $q_1$  is stronger than  $q_2$  if and only if there exists a constant  $T$  such that  $q_2(x) \leq T q_1(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  (see for instance Wilansky [27]).

The following inequalities will be used throughout the paper. Let  $p = (p_k)$  be a bounded sequence of positive real numbers with  $0 < p_k \leq \sup p_k = H$ ,  $D = \max(1, 2^{H-1})$ , then

$$(1.2) \quad |a_k + b_k|^{p_k} \leq D \{|a_k|^{p_k} + |b_k|^{p_k}\},$$

where  $a_k, b_k \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Throughout the article  $p = (p_k)$  will represent a sequence of strictly positive real numbers and  $(X, q)$  a seminormed space over the field  $\mathbb{C}$  of complex numbers with the seminorm  $q$ . The symbol  $\ell_\infty(X)$  denotes the spaces of all bounded sequences defined over  $X$ . We define the following sequence spaces:

$$\ell_\infty(M, p, \phi, q, s) = \left\{ x \in \ell_\infty(X) : \sup_{n,k} k^{-s} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} < \infty \right\},$$

for some  $\rho > 0$ ,  $s \geq 0$

$$c(M, p, \phi, q, s) = \left\{ x \in \ell_\infty(X) : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k^{-s} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x) - \ell}{\rho} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} = 0 \right. \\ \left. \text{uniformly in } n, \text{ for some } \rho > 0, \ell \in X \text{ and } s \geq 0 \right\},$$

$$c_0(M, p, \phi, q, s) = \left\{ x \in \ell_\infty(X) : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k^{-s} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} = 0 \right. \\ \left. \text{uniformly in } n, \text{ for some } \rho > 0, s \geq 0 \right\}.$$

## 2. Main results

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $p = (p_k)$  be a bounded sequence, then  $Z(M, p, \phi, q, s)$  are linear spaces over the set of complex numbers, for  $Z = \ell_\infty, c$  and  $c_0$ .*

**Proof.** We give the proof for  $Z = c_0$  only. The other cases can be treated similarly. Let  $x, y \in c_0(M, p, \phi, q, s)$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ . There exist positive numbers  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  such that

$$k^{-s} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho_1} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty, \text{ uniformly in } n, s \geq 0$$

and

$$k^{-s} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(y)}{\rho_2} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty, \text{ uniformly in } n, s \geq 0.$$

Define  $\rho_3 = \max(2|\alpha|\rho_1, 2|\beta|\rho_2)$ . Since  $M$  is non-decreasing and convex

$$\begin{aligned} k^{-s} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\alpha\phi_{k,n}(x) + \beta\phi_{k,n}(y)}{\rho_3} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} \\ \leq k^{-s} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\alpha\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho_3} \right) + q \left( \frac{\beta\phi_{k,n}(y)}{\rho_3} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} \\ \leq k^{-s} \frac{1}{2^{p_k}} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho_1} \right) + M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(y)}{\rho_2} \right) \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} \\ \leq Dk^{-s} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho_1} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} + Dk^{-s} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(y)}{\rho_2} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} \\ \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty, \text{ uniformly in } n, s \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

This proves that  $c_0(M, p, \phi, q, s)$  is linear. ■

**THEOREM 2.2.** *The spaces  $Z(M, p, \phi, q, s)$  (for  $Z = \ell_\infty, c$  and  $c_0$ ) are paranormed space (not necessarily totally paranormed), paranormed by*

$$g(x) = \inf \left\{ \rho^{p_m/H} : \sup_{k \geq 1} k^{-s} M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho} \right) \right) \leq 1, \rho > 0, \text{ uniformly in } n \right\},$$

where  $H = \max(1, \sup_k p_k)$ .

**Proof.** Clearly  $g(x) = g(-x)$  and  $g(\bar{\theta}) = 0$ , where  $\bar{\theta}$  is the zero sequence of  $X$ . Let  $(x_k), (y_k) \in c_0(M, p, \phi, q, s)$ .

Then there exist  $\rho_1, \rho_2$  such that

$$\sup_{k \geq 1} k^{-s} M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho_1} \right) \right) \leq 1, \quad \text{uniformly in } n$$

and

$$\sup_{k \geq 1} k^{-s} M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(y)}{\rho_2} \right) \right) \leq 1, \quad \text{uniformly in } n.$$

Let  $\rho = \rho_1 + \rho_2$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{k \geq 1} k^{-s} M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x) + \phi_{k,n}(y)}{\rho} \right) \right) &\leq \left( \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_1 + \rho_2} \right) \sup_{k \geq 1} k^{-s} M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho_1} \right) \right) \\ &+ \left( \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1 + \rho_2} \right) \sup_{k \geq 1} k^{-s} M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(y)}{\rho_2} \right) \right) \leq 1, \quad \text{uniformly in } n. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} &g(x + y) \\ &= \inf \left\{ (\rho_1 + \rho_2)^{p_m/H} : \sup_{k \geq 1} k^{-s} M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x) + \phi_{k,n}(y)}{\rho} \right) \right) \leq 1, \rho > 0, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \text{uniformly in } n \right\} \\ &\leq \inf \left\{ (\rho_1)^{p_m/H} : \sup_{k \geq 1} k^{-s} M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho_1} \right) \right) \leq 1, \rho_1 > 0, \text{ uniformly in } n \right\} \\ &\quad + \inf \left\{ (\rho_2)^{p_m/H} : \sup_{k \geq 1} k^{-s} M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(y)}{\rho_2} \right) \right) \leq 1, \rho_2 > 0, \text{ uniformly in } n \right\} \\ &= g(x) + g(y). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $g$  satisfies the triangle inequality.

The continuity of product follows from the following equality:

$$\begin{aligned} &g(\lambda x) \\ &= \inf \left\{ \rho^{p_m/H} : \sup_{k \geq 1} k^{-s} M \left( q \left( \frac{\lambda \phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho} \right) \right) \leq 1, \rho > 0, \text{ uniformly in } n \right\} \\ &= \inf \left\{ (|\lambda|t)^{p_m/H} : \sup_{k \geq 1} k^{-s} M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{t} \right) \right) \leq 1, t > 0, \text{ uniformly in } n \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $t = \rho / |\lambda|$ .

Hence the space  $c_0(M, p, \phi, q, s)$  is a paranormed space, paranormed by  $g$ . The other cases can be proved in a similar way. ■

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be two Orlicz functions. Then*

$$Z(M_1, p, \phi, q, s) \cap Z(M_2, p, \phi, q, s) \subseteq Z(M_1 + M_2, p, \phi, q, s),$$

for  $Z = \ell_\infty, c$  and  $c_0$ .

**Proof.** We prove the result for  $Z = c_0$  and for other spaces it will follow on applying similar arguments. Let  $x \in c_0(M_1, p, \phi, q, s) \cap c_0(M_2, p, \phi, q, s)$ . Then there exist  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k^{-s} \left[ M_1 \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho_1} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} = 0 \text{ uniformly in } n,$$

and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k^{-s} \left[ M_2 \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho_2} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} = 0 \text{ uniformly in } n.$$

Let  $\rho = \max(\rho_1, \rho_2)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} k^{-s} \left[ (M_1 + M_2) \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} &\leq k^{-s} D \left[ M_1 \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho_1} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} \\ &\quad + k^{-s} D \left[ M_2 \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho_2} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} \rightarrow 0 \text{ uniformly in } n. \end{aligned}$$

We have  $x \in c_0(M_1 + M_2, p, \phi, q, s)$ . ■

**THEOREM 2.4.** *Let  $M$  be an Orlicz function then  $c_0(M, p, \phi, q, s) \subset c(M, p, \phi, q, s) \subset \ell_\infty(M, p, \phi, q, s)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $x \in c(M, p, \phi, q, s)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} k^{-s} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} &\leq Dk^{-s} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x) - L}{\rho} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} + Dk^{-s} \left[ M \left( \left( \frac{q(L)}{\rho} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} \\ &\leq Dk^{-s} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x) - L}{\rho} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} + Dk^{-s} \max \left[ 1, \left( M \left( \frac{q(L)}{\rho} \right) \right)^H \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get  $x \in \ell_\infty(M, p, \phi, q, s)$ . The inclusion  $c_0(M, p, \phi, q, s) \subset c(M, p, \phi, q, s)$  is obvious. ■

**THEOREM 2.5.** *For any two sequences  $p = (p_k)$  and  $t = (t_k)$  of positive real numbers and for any two seminorms  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  on  $X$  we have*

$$Z(M, p, \phi, q_1, s) \cap Z(M, t, \phi, q_2, s) \neq \emptyset.$$

**Proof.** The proof follows from the fact that the zero element  $\bar{\theta}$  belongs to each of the classes of sequences involved in the intersection. ■

**THEOREM 2.6.** *Let  $M$  be an Orlicz function,  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  be two seminorms on  $X$ . Then*

- i)  $Z(M, p, \phi, q_1, s) \cap Z(M, p, \phi, q_2, s) \subseteq Z(M, p, \phi, q_1 + q_2, s)$ ,
- ii) if  $q_1$  is stronger than  $q_2$ , then  $Z(M, p, \phi, q_1, s) \subseteq Z(M, p, \phi, q_2, s)$ ,
- iii) if  $q_1 \simeq$  (equivalent to)  $q_2$ , then  $Z(M, p, \phi, q_1, s) = Z(M, p, \phi, q_2, s)$ .

**Proof.** Straightforward and hence omitted. ■

**THEOREM 2.7.** i) Let  $0 < p_k \leq r_k$  and  $(r_k/p_k)$  be bounded. Then

$$Z(M, r, \phi, q, s) \subset Z(M, p, \phi, q, s),$$

- ii)  $s_1 \leq s_2$  implies  $Z(M, p, \phi, q, s_1) \subset Z(M, p, \phi, q, s_2)$ .

**Proof.** i) Let us take  $w_{kn} = k^{-s} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho} \right) \right) \right]^{r_k}$  for all  $k$ . Following the technique applied for establishing Theorem 5 of Maddox [12], we can easily prove the theorem.

ii) Since  $k^{-s_2} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} \leq k^{-s_1} \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k}$  for all  $k$  and  $n$ , so we have  $Z(M, p, \phi, q, s_1) \subset Z(M, p, \phi, q, s_2)$ . ■

**THEOREM 2.8.** *The spaces  $\ell_\infty(M, p, \phi, q, s)$  and  $c_0(M, p, \phi, q, s)$  are solid and as such are monotone, but  $c(M, p, \phi, q, s)$  is not monotone and hence is not solid.*

**Proof.** Let  $(x_k) \in \ell_\infty(M, p, \phi, q, s)$  or  $c_0(M, p, \phi, q, s)$  and  $(\alpha_k)$  be a sequence of scalars such that  $|\alpha_k| \leq 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the result follows from the following inequality:

$$\left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\alpha_k \phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k} \leq \left[ M \left( q \left( \frac{\phi_{k,n}(x)}{\rho} \right) \right) \right]^{p_k}, \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}. \quad \blacksquare$$

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