

## 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, topolojik izomorfizm, Köthe-Toeplitz duali.

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#### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper  $w, \ell_\infty, \ell_1, c$  and  $c_0$  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

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

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

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  $t \geq 0$ ,  $p(0) = 0$ ,  $p(t) > 0$  for  $t > 0$ ,  $p$  is non-decreasing, and  $p(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

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

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

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)

$$(i) \text{ For } x, y \geq 0, xy \leq M(x) + \Phi(y) \tag{1}$$

We also have

$$(ii) \text{ For } x \geq 0, xp(x) = M(x) + \Phi(p(x)) \tag{2}$$

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

for all  $x \geq 0$  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

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

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

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

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{M(2x)}{M(x)} < \infty .$$

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

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

for all  $x$  with  $0 \leq x \leq x_0$ .

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

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

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

$$E^F = \{ (x_k) \in w : (x_k y_k) \in F \text{ for all } (y_k) \in E \}.$$

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  $E$ :

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

It is known that if  $X \dot{\subset} Y$ , 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  $k \geq 1$ .

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

*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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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  $k \geq 1$ .

One can easily observe in the special case  $M(x) = x^p$  with  $0 < p < \infty$  and  $\Lambda = (\lambda_k) = (1, 1, 1, \dots) = e$ , the sequence space  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is reduced in the case  $1 \leq p < \infty$  to the Banach space  $bv_p$  introduced by Bařar and Altay [9] and is reduced in the case  $0 < p < 1$  to the  $p$ -normed complete space  $bv_p$  introduced by Altay and Bařar [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  $M$ ,

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

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

*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

$$\left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_k x_k) y_k \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |(\Delta \lambda_k x_k) y_k| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M(|\Delta \lambda_k x_k|) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \Phi(|y_k|) < \infty,$$

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

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

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

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

Without loss of generality we may assume that  $(\Delta \lambda_i x_i), y_i^n \geq 0$ . 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  $\Phi$ ,

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

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

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

But for every  $l \geq 1$ ,

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

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  $\|\cdot\|_M^{\Delta}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_M^{\nabla}$  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  $\|\cdot\|_M^{\Delta}$  defined by

$$\|x\|_M^{\Delta} = |\lambda_1 x_1| + \sup \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_i x_i) y_i \right| : \delta(\Phi, y) \leq 1 \right\} \tag{5}$$

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

$$\|x\|_M^{\nabla} = \sup \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\nabla \lambda_i x_i) y_i \right| : \delta(\Phi, y) \leq 1 \right\}. \tag{6}$$

*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

$$|\lambda_1 x_1| + \sup \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_i x_i) y_i \right| : \delta(\Phi, y) \leq 1 \right\} = 0.$$

This implies

$$|\lambda_1 x_1| = 0 \tag{7}$$

and

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

This implies that  $\left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_i x_i) y_i \right| = 0$  for all  $y$  such that  $\delta(\Phi, y) \leq 1$ .

Now considering  $y = \{e_i\}$  if  $\Phi(1) \leq 1$  otherwise considering  $y = \{e_i/\Phi(1)\}$  so that

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

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

It is easy to show

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

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

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

This implies  $\left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\nabla \lambda_i x_i) y_i \right| = 0$  for all  $y$  such that  $\delta(\Phi, y) \leq 1$ .

Now considering  $y = \{e_i\}$  if  $\Phi(1) \leq 1$  otherwise considering  $y = \{e_i/\Phi(1)\}$  so that

$$\nabla \lambda_i x_i = 0 \text{ for all } i \geq 1.$$

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  $i \geq 1$  and so  $x_i = 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$ , since  $(\lambda_k)$  is a sequence of non-zero scalars. Thus  $x = \theta$ .

It is easy to show

$$\|\alpha x\|_M^\nabla = |\alpha| \|x\|_M^\nabla \text{ and } \|x + y\|_M^\nabla \leq \|x\|_M^\nabla + \|y\|_M^\nabla.$$

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  $\|\cdot\|_M^\Delta$  and  $\|\cdot\|_M^\nabla$  are equivalent.

*Proposition 2.4.* (i)  $\ell_M(\Delta, \Lambda)$  is a Banach space under the norm  $\|\cdot\|_M^\Delta$ ,

(ii)  $\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is a Banach space under the norm  $\|\cdot\|_M^\nabla$ .

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

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

$$\|x^i - x^j\|_M^\Delta < \varepsilon,$$

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

$$|\lambda_1(x_1^i - x_1^j)| + \sup \left\{ \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_k(x_k^i - x_k^j)) y_k \right| : \delta(\Phi, y) \leq 1 \right\} < \varepsilon,$$

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

Let

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

Again we have

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

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

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

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

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

Let

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

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

Now

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

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

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

for all  $i \geq n_0$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus

$$|\lambda_1(x_1^i - x_1)| + \sup \left\{ \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\Delta \lambda_k(x_k^i - x_k)) y_k \right| : \delta(\Phi, y) \leq 1 \right\} < 2\varepsilon$$

for all  $i \geq n_0$  and as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . 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  $\|x^i\|_M^\Delta \rightarrow 0$  implies that  $x_k^i \rightarrow 0$  for each  $i \geq 1$ . 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\sup_k M \left( \frac{|\Delta \lambda_k x_k|}{\rho_\varepsilon} \right) \leq 1.$$

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

$$M \left( \frac{|\Delta \lambda_k x_k|}{\varepsilon} \right) \leq M \left( \frac{|\Delta \lambda_k x_k|}{\rho_\varepsilon} \right) \leq 1$$

for all  $k \geq 1$ .

Suppose  $\Delta \lambda_{n_i} x_{n_i} \neq 0$ , for some  $i$ . Let  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , then  $\frac{|\Delta \lambda_{n_i} x_{n_i}|}{\varepsilon} \rightarrow \infty$ . It follows that

$M \left( \frac{|\Delta \lambda_{n_i} x_{n_i}|}{\varepsilon} \right) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  for some  $n_i \in N$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore

$$\Delta \lambda_k x_k = 0 \quad (14)$$



for all  $k \geq 1$ . Thus, by (13) and (14), it follows that  $\lambda_k x_k = 0$  for all  $k \geq 1$ . 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

$$\sup_k M\left(\frac{|\Delta \lambda_k (x_k + y_k)|}{\rho}\right) \leq \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_1 + \rho_2} \sup_k M\left(\frac{|\Delta \lambda_k x_k|}{\rho_1}\right) + \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1 + \rho_2} \sup_k M\left(\frac{|\Delta \lambda_k y_k|}{\rho_2}\right) \leq 1.$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + y\|_{(M)}^\Delta &= |\lambda_1(x_1 + y_1)| + \inf \left\{ \rho > 0 : \sup_k M\left(\frac{|\Delta \lambda_k (x_k + y_k)|}{\rho}\right) \leq 1 \right\} \\ &\leq |\lambda_1 x_1| + \inf \left\{ \rho_1 > 0 : \sup_k M\left(\frac{|\Delta \lambda_k x_k|}{\rho_1}\right) \leq 1 \right\} + |\lambda_1 y_1| \\ &\quad + \inf \left\{ \rho_2 > 0 : \sup_k M\left(\frac{|\Delta \lambda_k y_k|}{\rho_2}\right) \leq 1 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

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

Finally, let  $v$  be any scalar. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|vx\|_{(M)}^\Delta &= |v\lambda_1 x_1| + \inf \left\{ \rho > 0 : \sup_k M\left(\frac{|\Delta v\lambda_k x_k|}{\rho}\right) \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= |v| |\lambda_1 x_1| + \inf \left\{ r|v| > 0 : \sup_k M\left(\frac{|\Delta \lambda_k x_k|}{r}\right) \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= |v| \|x\|_{(M)}^\Delta \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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

*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  $\|x\|_M^{\nabla} \leq 1$ . Then  $\{p(|\nabla \lambda_n x_n|)\} \in \tilde{\ell}_{\Phi}$  and  $\delta(\Phi, \{p(|\nabla \lambda_n x_n|)\}) \leq 1$ .

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

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

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

$$\|x\|_M^{\nabla} \geq \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\nabla \lambda_i x_i) y_i^{(n)} \right| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\nabla \lambda_i x_i^{(n)}) y_i \right|, \quad n \geq 1$$

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

$$\|x^{(n)}\|_M^{\nabla} \leq \|x\|_M^{\nabla} \leq 1.$$

Since

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \Phi(p(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|)) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \Phi(p(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i^{(n)}|)).$$

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^l \Phi(p(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|)) > 1.$$

Then  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \Phi(p(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i^{(l)}|)) > 1$ . Using (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(p(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i^{(l)}|)) &< M(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i^{(l)}|) + \Phi(p(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i^{(l)}|)) \\ &= |\nabla \lambda_i x_i^{(l)}| p(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i^{(l)}|) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \Phi(p(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i^{(l)}|)) < \|x^{(l)}\|_M^{\nabla} \delta(\Phi, \{p(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i^{(l)}|)\}).$$

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^l \Phi(p(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|)) \leq 1$$

for all  $l \geq 1$ . Hence  $\{p(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|)\} \in \tilde{\ell}_\Phi$  and  $\delta(\Phi, \{p(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|)\}) \leq 1$ .

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

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^\infty M(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^\infty M(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|) + \sum_{i=1}^\infty \Phi(p(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^\infty |\nabla \lambda_i x_i| p(|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|) \\ &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^\infty (\nabla \lambda_i x_i) y_i \right| \leq \|x\|_M^\nabla. \end{aligned}$$

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

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

*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

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

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,

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

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

$$\left\| \frac{x}{\|x\|_{(M)}^\nabla} \right\|_M^\nabla \leq 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|x|}{\|x\|_{(M)}^\nabla}\right) \leq 2$$

by Proposition 2.7. Thus  $\|x\|_M^\nabla \leq 2\|x\|_{(M)}^\nabla$ . 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  $\|\cdot\|$  instead of  $\|\cdot\|_{(M)}^\nabla$  provided it does not lead to any confusion. The topology of  $h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$  is the one it inherits from  $\|\cdot\|$ .

*Proposition 2.14.* Let  $M$  be an Orlicz function. Then  $(h_M(\nabla, \Lambda), \|\cdot\|)$  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

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

Hence for  $n \geq n_0$ ,

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

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.,

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

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

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

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  $\rho > 0$ ,

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

This implies that

$$M\left(\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|}{\rho}\right) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } i \rightarrow \infty. \tag{16}$$

Choose an arbitrary  $l > 0$ . If  $\rho \leq l$ , then  $\sum_{i \geq 1} M\left(\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|}{l}\right) < \infty$ . 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  $M(kx) \leq RM(x)$  for all  $x \in (0, r]$ . By (16) there exists a positive integer  $n_1$  such that

$$M\left(\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|}{\rho}\right) < \frac{1}{2} r p \left(\frac{r}{2}\right)$$

for all  $i \geq n_1$ . We claim that  $\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|}{\rho} \leq r$  for all  $i \geq n_1$ . Otherwise, we can find  $j > n_1$  with

$$\frac{|\nabla \lambda_j x_j|}{\rho} > r, \text{ and thus}$$

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

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

$$I: \left(\ell_{M_1}(\nabla, \Lambda), \|\cdot\|_{M_1}^\nabla\right) \rightarrow \left(\ell_{M_2}(\nabla, \Lambda), \|\cdot\|_{M_2}^\nabla\right)$$

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  $l \geq 1$ ,  $\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|}{l\rho} \leq x_0$  for all  $i \geq 1$ . Therefore,

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

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  $x \in \ell_{M_2}(\nabla, \Lambda)$ ,

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

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

Hence

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

for all  $i \geq 1$ . This implies that  $\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i x_i|}{\mu \|x\|_2} \leq x_0$  for all  $i \geq 1$ . Therefore

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_1 \left( \frac{\alpha |\nabla \lambda_i x_i|}{\mu \|x\|_2} \right) < 1$$

and so  $\|x\|_1 \leq \left(\frac{\mu}{\alpha}\right) \|x\|_2$ . Similarly we can show  $\|x\|_2 \leq \beta \gamma \|x\|_1$  by choosing  $\gamma$  with  $\gamma \beta > 1$  such that  $\gamma \beta \left(\frac{x_0}{2}\right) p_1 \left(\frac{x_0}{2}\right) \geq 1$ . Thus  $\alpha \mu^{-1} \|x\|_1 \leq \|x\|_2 \leq \beta \gamma \|x\|_1$  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:

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

(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  $\frac{|\nabla \lambda_i y_i|}{\rho} \leq x_0$  for  $i \geq 1$ , 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  $i \geq 1$ , 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  $M(x_1) \geq 1$ . 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  $y_j$  with  $|\nabla \lambda_j y_j| > \alpha - \varepsilon$  and so

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

Since  $M$  is continuous, we find  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|\nabla\lambda_i y_i| x_1}{\alpha}\right) \geq 1$ , and so  $\|y\|_{\infty} \leq x_1 \|y\|$ , for otherwise

$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|\nabla\lambda_i y_i|}{\|y\|}\right) > 1$  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  $\|y\| \leq \frac{1}{x_0} \|y\|_{\infty}$ . Thus the identity map

$$I: (\ell_M(\nabla, \Lambda), \|\cdot\|) \rightarrow (\ell_{\infty}(\nabla, \Lambda), \|\cdot\|)$$

is a topological isomorphism.

For the last part, let  $y \in h_M(\nabla, \Lambda)$ , then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $|\nabla\lambda_i y_i| \leq \varepsilon x_1$ , 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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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  $n_1 < n_2 < \dots$ , such that

$$\sum_{k=n_i+1}^{n_{i+1}} |\lambda_k|^{-1} k |a_k| > i.$$

Define  $(x_k)$  by

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k x_k| &= \sum_{k=n_1+1}^{n_2} |a_k x_k| + \dots + \sum_{k=n_i+1}^{n_{i+1}} |a_k x_k| + \dots \\ &= \sum_{k=n_1+1}^{n_2} k |\lambda_k^{-1} a_k| + \dots + \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=n_i+1}^{n_{i+1}} k |\lambda_k^{-1} a_k| + \dots > 1+1+\dots = \infty. \end{aligned}$$

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

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