

## CESÀRO ORLICZ SEQUENCE SPACES AND THEIR KÖTHE-TOEPLITZ DUALS

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ABSTRACT. The present paper focus on introducing certain classes of Cesàro Orlicz sequences over  $n$ -normed spaces. We study some topological and algebraic properties of these spaces. Further, we examine relevant relations among the classes of these sequences. We show that these spaces are made  $n$ -BK-spaces under certain conditions. Finally, we compute the Köthe-Toeplitz duals of these spaces.

### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Let  $w, \ell_\infty, \ell_p, \ell_1, c$  and  $c_0$  represent the spaces of all, bounded,  $p$ -absolutely summable, absolutely summable, convergent and null sequences  $x = (x_k)$  with complex terms, respectively. The zero element of a normed linear space is denoted by  $\theta$ .

The space of all complex sequences  $\ell_p (0 < p < \infty)$  such that  $\sum_k |x_k|^p < \infty$ , known as the space of  $p$ -absolutely summable sequences. The space  $\ell_p$  for  $p \geq 1$  is complete under the norm defined by  $\|x\| = \left(\sum_k |x_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$  and for

$0 < p < 1$ ,  $\ell_p$  is a complete  $p$ -normed space,  $p$ -normed by  $\|x\| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x_k|^p$ .

A BK-space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space of complex sequences  $x = (x_k)$ , in which the co-ordinate maps are continuous, i.e.,  $|x_k^n - x_k| \rightarrow 0$ , whenever  $\|x^n - x\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $x^n = (x_k^n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (see [33]).

Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space and  $\lambda$  is a scalar-valued sequence space, then the vector-valued sequence space or  $X$ -valued sequence space  $\lambda(X)$  is defined by

$$\lambda(X) = \{(x_k) : x_k \in X \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \|x\| \in \lambda\}.$$

Clearly,  $\lambda(X)$  is a linear space under coordinatewise addition and scalar multiplication over the field of scalars of  $X$ . Similarly, if  $X$  is a Banach space, then  $\ell_p (1 \leq p < \infty)$  is a Banach space with the norm given by

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$$\|x\| = \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|x_k\|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Cesàro sequence spaces  $Ces_p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , were introduced for the first time in 1968 in connection with the problem of finding their duals, which was posed by the Dutch Mathematical Society [1]. Shiue [27] and Leibowitz [14] studied the basic properties of these spaces. In 1974, Jagers [11] found the dual space of  $Ces_p$  [15].

The Cesàro sequence spaces is defined by

$$Ces_p = \left\{ x = (x_k) : \|x\|_p = \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty, 1 \leq p < \infty \right\}$$

and

$$Ces_{\infty} = \left\{ x = (x_k) : \|x\|_{\infty} = \sup_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k| < \infty \right\}.$$

It was observed that  $\ell_p \subset Ces_p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) is strict, although it does not hold for  $p = 1$ . Nag and Lee [22] defined and studied the Cesàro sequence space  $X_p$  of non-absolute type as follows:

$$X_p = \left\{ x = (x_k) : \|x\|_p = \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty, 1 \leq p < \infty \right\}$$

and

$$X_{\infty} = \left\{ x = (x_k) : \|x\|_{\infty} = \sup_n \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right| < \infty \right\}.$$

The inclusion  $Ces_p \subset X_p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$  is strict. Orhan [23] defined and studied the Cesàro difference sequence spaces  $X_p(\Delta)$  and  $X_{\infty}(\Delta)$  by replacing  $x = (x_k)$  with  $\Delta x = (\Delta x_k) = (x_k - x_{k+1})$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  and proved that for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the inclusions  $X_p \subset X_p(\Delta)$  and  $X_{\infty} \subset X_{\infty}(\Delta)$  are strict. In fact, Orhan [23] used  $C_p$  instead of  $X_p(\Delta)$  and  $C_{\infty}$  instead of  $X_{\infty}(\Delta)$ . Further, Orhan [23] also defined and studied the following sequence spaces

$$O_p(\Delta) = \left\{ x = (x_k) : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |\Delta x_k| \right)^p < \infty, 1 \leq p < \infty \right\}$$

and

$$O_{\infty}(\Delta) = \left\{ x = (x_k) : \sup_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |\Delta x_k| < \infty \right\}.$$

He established that for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the inclusions  $O_p(\Delta) \subset X_p(\Delta)$  and  $Ces_p \subset O_p(\Delta)$  are strict.

Mursaleen et al. [19] studied the Cesàro difference sequence spaces which

were defined as

$$X_p(\Delta^2) = \left\{ x = (x_k) : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \Delta^2 x_k \right|^p < \infty, 1 \leq p < \infty \right\}$$

and

$$X_{\infty}(\Delta^2) = \left\{ x = (x_k) : \sup_{n \geq 1} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \Delta^2 x_k \right| < \infty \right\},$$

where  $\Delta^2 x_k = \Delta x_k - \Delta x_{k+1}$ .

For uniformity of the literature, henceforth, we shall write  $C_p$  instead of  $X_p$  and  $C_{\infty}$  instead of  $X_{\infty}$ .

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  $\alpha$ -dual (Köthe-Toeplitz dual) of  $E$  and denoted by  $E^{\alpha}$ . If  $X \subset Y$ , then  $Y^{\alpha} \subset X^{\alpha}$ .

For more details about Cesàro-type summable spaces and Köthe-Toeplitz dual one can refer to ([3], [20], [21], [22], [28], [29], [31], [32]).

The concept of 2-normed spaces was initially developed by Gähler [6] in the mid of 1960's, while that of  $n$ -normed spaces one can see in Misiak [18]. Since then, many others have studied this concept and obtained various results, see Gunawan ([7], [8]) and Gunawan and Mashadi [9]. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $X$  be a linear space over the field of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$  of dimension  $d$ , where  $d \geq n \geq 2$ . A real valued function  $\|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|$  on  $X^n$  satisfying the following four conditions:

- (1)  $\|(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\| = 0$  if and only if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent in  $X$ ,
- (2)  $\|(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\|$  is invariant under permutation,
- (3)  $\|(\alpha x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\| = |\alpha| \|(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\|$  for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , and
- (4)  $\|(x + x', x_2, \dots, x_n)\| \leq \|(x, x_2, \dots, x_n)\| + \|(x', x_2, \dots, x_n)\|$

is called an  $n$ -norm on  $X$  and the pair  $(X, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is called an  $n$ -normed space over the field  $\mathbb{R}$ .

As an example, we may take  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$  being equipped with the  $n$ -norm  $\|(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\|_E =$  the volume of the  $n$ -dimensional parallelepiped spanned by the vectors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  which may be given explicitly by the formula

$$\|(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\|_E = |\det(x_{ij})|,$$

where  $x_i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{in}) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Let  $(X, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  be an  $n$ -normed space of dimension  $d \geq n \geq 2$  and  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  be linearly independent set in  $X$ . Then the following function  $\|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|_{\infty}$  on  $X^{n-1}$  as defined by

$$\|(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})\|_{\infty} = \max\{ \|(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i)\| : i = 1, 2, \dots, n \}$$

is called an  $(n - 1)$ -norm on  $X$  with respect to  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ .

A sequence  $(x_k)$  in an  $n$ -normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is said to *converge* to some  $L \in X$  if

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|(x_k - L, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1})\| = 0 \text{ for every } z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X.$$

A sequence  $(x_k)$  in an  $n$ -normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is said to be *Cauchy* if

$$\lim_{k, p \rightarrow \infty} \|(x_k - x_p, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1})\| = 0 \text{ for every } z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X.$$

If every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges to some  $L \in X$ , then  $X$  is said to be *complete* with respect to the  $n$ -norm. A complete  $n$ -normed space is said to be  *$n$ -Banach space*. For more details about sequence spaces and  $n$ -normed spaces (see [2], [24], [25], [26]) and references therein.

An Orlicz function  $M : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a continuous, non-decreasing and convex such that  $M(0) = 0$ ,  $M(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$  and  $M(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . If convexity of Orlicz function is replaced by  $M(x + y) \leq M(x) + M(y)$ , then this function is called modulus function. Lindenstrauss and Tzafriri [13] used the idea of Orlicz function to define the following sequence space,

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

is known as an Orlicz sequence space. The space  $\ell_M$  is a Banach space with the norm

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

A sequence  $\mathcal{M} = (M_k)$  of Orlicz functions is said to be Musielak-Orlicz function (see [16], [17]). A Musielak-Orlicz function  $\mathcal{M} = (M_k)$  is said to satisfy  $\Delta_2$ -condition if there exist constants  $a, K > 0$  and a sequence  $c = (c_k)_{k=1}^{\infty} \in l_+^1$  (the positive cone of  $l^1$ ) such that the inequality

$$M_k(2u) \leq KM_k(u) + c_k$$

holds for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $u \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , whenever  $M_k(u) \leq a$ .

The notion of difference sequence spaces was introduced by Kizmaz [12], who studied the difference sequence spaces  $\ell_{\infty}(\Delta), c(\Delta)$  and  $c_0(\Delta)$ . The notion was further generalized by Et and Çolak [4] by introducing the spaces  $\ell_{\infty}(\Delta^m), c(\Delta^m)$  and  $c_0(\Delta^m)$ . Let  $n, m$  be non-negative integers, then for  $Z = c, c_0$  and  $\ell_{\infty}$  we have sequence spaces

$$Z(\Delta_n^m) = \{x = (x_k) \in w : (\Delta_n^m x_k) \in Z\},$$

where  $\Delta_n^m x = (\Delta_n^m x_k) = (\Delta_n^{m-1} x_k - \Delta_n^{m-1} x_{k+1})$  and  $\Delta_n^0 = x_k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  which is equivalent to the following binomial representation

$$\Delta_n^m x_k = \sum_{v=0}^m (-1)^v \binom{m}{v} x_{k+nv}.$$

Taking  $n = 1$ , we get the spaces  $\ell_\infty(\Delta^m), c(\Delta^m)$  and  $c_0(\Delta^m)$  studied by Et and Çolak [4]. Taking  $n = m = 1$ , we get the spaces  $\ell_\infty(\Delta), c(\Delta)$  and  $c_0(\Delta)$  introduced and studied by Kizmaz [12].

Let  $(X, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  be an  $n$ -normed real linear space,  $w(n - X)$  denotes  $X$ -valued sequence space. Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M_i)$  be a sequence of Orlicz functions and  $u = (u_k)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers. Then we define the following sequence spaces for every nonzero  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in X$ ;

$$C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) = \left\{ (x_k) \in w(n - X) : \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \left( \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p < \infty, \right. \\ \left. \text{for some } \rho > 0 \right\},$$

$$C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) = \left\{ (x_k) \in w(n - X) : \sup_i M_i \left( \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right) < \infty, \right. \\ \left. \text{for some } \rho > 0 \right\},$$

$$\ell_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) = \left\{ (x_k) \in w(n - X) : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M_k \left( \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p < \infty, \right. \\ \left. \text{for some } \rho > 0 \right\},$$

$$O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) = \left\{ (x_k) \in w(n - X) : \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \left( \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p < \infty, \right. \\ \left. \text{for some } \rho > 0 \right\}$$

and

$$O_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) =$$

$$\left\{ (x_k) \in w(n-X) : \sup_i M_i \left( \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right) < \infty, \right. \\ \left. \text{for some } \rho > 0 \right\}.$$

**Lemma 1.1.** [30] (a) Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then

(i) The space  $C_p$  is a Banach space, normed by

$$\|x\| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i x_k \right|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

(ii) The space  $O_p$  is a Banach space, normed by

$$\|x\| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i |x_k|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

(iii) The space  $\ell_p$  is a Banach space, normed by

$$\|x\| = \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x_k|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

(b) (i) The space  $C_\infty$  is a Banach space, normed by

$$\|x\| = \sup_i \left| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i x_k \right|.$$

(ii) The space  $O_\infty$  is a Banach space, normed by

$$\|x\| = \sup_i \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i |x_k|.$$

**Definition 1.** An  $n$ -BK-space  $(X, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is an  $n$ -Banach space of real sequences  $x = (x_k)$  in which the co-ordinate maps are continuous.

Let us consider a few special cases of the above sequence spaces:

(i) If  $M_i(x) = x$  for all  $i \in N$ , then we have

$$C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) = C_p(u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|), C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \\ = C_\infty(u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|), \ell_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) = \ell_p(u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|), \\ O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) = O_p(u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \text{ and } O_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \\ = O_\infty(u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|).$$

(ii) If  $u = (u_k) = 1$  for all  $k \in N$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) &= C_p(\mathcal{M}, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|), C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \\ &= C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|), \ell_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) = \ell_p(\mathcal{M}, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|), \\ O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) &= O_p(\mathcal{M}, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \text{ and } O_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \\ &= O_\infty(\mathcal{M}, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|). \end{aligned}$$

The following inequality will be used throughout the paper. Let  $p = (p_k)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers with  $0 < p_k \leq \sup_k p_k = H$  and let  $K = \max\{1, 2^{H-1}\}$ . Then for the factorable sequences  $(a_k)$  and  $(b_k)$  in the complex plane, we have

$$(1.1) \quad |a_k + b_k|^{p_k} \leq K(|a_k|^{p_k} + |b_k|^{p_k}).$$

Also  $|a_k|^{p_k} \leq \max\{1, |a|^H\}$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ .

The main purpose of this paper is to introduce and study certain classes of multiplier sequences of Cesàro-type defined by a sequence of Orlicz functions over  $n$ -normed space. We make an effort to study completeness and some interesting inclusion relations between these spaces. Finally, we compute the Köthe-Toeplitz duals of these spaces.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M_i)$  be a sequence of Orlicz functions and  $u = (u_k)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers. Then the classes of sequences  $C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ ,  $C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ ,  $\ell_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ ,  $O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  and  $O_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  are linear spaces over the real field  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

*Proof.* We shall prove the result for the space  $O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  and for the other spaces, it will follow on applying similar arguments.

Suppose  $x = (x_k)$ ,  $y = (y_k) \in O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then there exist positive numbers  $\rho_1, \rho_2$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \left( \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho_1}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p < \infty, \text{ for some } \rho_1 > 0$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \left( \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m y_k}{\rho_2}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p < \infty, \text{ for some } \rho_2 > 0.$$

Let  $\rho_3 = \max(2|\alpha|\rho_1, 2|\beta|\rho_2)$ . Since  $\mathcal{M} = (M_i)$  is a non-decreasing and convex so by using inequality (1.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \left( \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \left\| \frac{\alpha u_k \Delta_n^m x_k + \beta u_k \Delta_n^m y_k}{\rho_3}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p \\
& \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \left( \frac{1}{i} |\alpha| \sum_{k=1}^i \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho_3}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| + |\beta| \sum_{k=1}^i \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m y_k}{\rho_3}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p \\
& \leq K \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \left( \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho_1}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p \\
& + K \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \left( \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m y_k}{\rho_2}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p \\
& < \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\alpha x + \beta y \in O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ . This proves that  $O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is a linear space.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M_i)$  be a sequence of Orlicz functions and  $u = (u_k)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers. Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and the base space  $X$  is an  $n$ -Banach space. Then

(i) The space  $C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is an  $n$ -Banach space,  $n$ -normed by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n\|_{C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m)} = 0 \text{ if } x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n \text{ are linearly dependent and} \\
& = \sum_{k=1}^m \|x_k, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}\| + \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}
\end{aligned}$$

for every  $z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X$  if  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n$  are linearly independent.

(ii) The space  $O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is an  $n$ -Banach space,  $n$ -normed by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n\|_{O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m)} = 0 \text{ if } x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n \text{ are linearly dependent and} \\
& = \sum_{k=1}^m \|x_k, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}\| + \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}
\end{aligned}$$

for every  $z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X$  if  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n$  are linearly independent.

(iii) The space  $\ell_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is an  $n$ -Banach space,  $n$ -normed by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n\|_{\ell_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m)} = 0 \text{ if } x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n \text{ are linearly dependent and} \\
& = \sum_{k=1}^m \|x_k, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}\| + \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M_k \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}
\end{aligned}$$

for every  $z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X$  if  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n$  are linearly independent.

(b) (i) The space  $C_{\infty}(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is an  $n$ -Banach space,  $n$ -normed by



$$\|x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n\|_{C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m)} = 0 \text{ if } x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n \text{ are linearly dependent and}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^m \|x_k, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}\| + \sup_i M_i \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\|,$$

for every  $z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X$  if  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n$  are linearly independent.

(ii) The space  $O_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is an  $n$ -Banach space,  $n$ -normed by

$$\|x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n\|_{O_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m)} = 0 \text{ if } x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n \text{ are linearly dependent and}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^m \|x_k, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}\| + \sup_i M_i \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\|,$$

for every  $z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X$  if  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n$  are linearly independent.

*Proof.* It is easy to show that the spaces  $C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ ,  $O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ ,  $\ell_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ ,  $C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  and  $O_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  are  $n$ -normed spaces under the  $n$ -norm as defined above.

Now, we prove the completeness for the space  $C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  only.

The other parts can be proved in a similar way.

Let  $(x^s)_{s=1}^\infty$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ , where  $x^s = (x_i^s) = (x_1^s, x_2^s, \dots) \in C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  for each  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Then there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that

$$\|x^s - x^t, w^2, \dots, w^n\|_{C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m)} < \epsilon$$

for all  $s, t \geq n_0$  and for every  $w^2, \dots, w^n \in C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^m \|x_k^s - x_k^t, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}\| + \sup_i M_i \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m (x_k^s - x_k^t)}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| < \epsilon$$

for all  $s, t \geq n_0$  and for every  $z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X$ . This implies

$$\sum_{k=1}^m \|x_k^s - x_k^t, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}\| < \epsilon$$

$$\text{and } \sup_i M_i \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m (x_k^s - x_k^t)}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| < \epsilon$$

for all  $s, t \geq n_0$  and for every  $z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X$ . Hence,  $\|x_k^s - x_k^t, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}\| < \epsilon$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and for every  $z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X$ .

Therefore,  $(x_k^s)$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$  in  $X$ , an  $n$ -Banach space.

Hence,  $(x_k^s)$  converges in  $X$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Let  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} x_k^s = x_k$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Next, we have

$$\sup_i M_i \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m (x_k^s - x_k^t)}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| < \epsilon,$$

for all  $s, t \geq n_0$  and for every  $z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X$ . This implies for every  $z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X$

$$M_i \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m (x_k^s - x_k^t)}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| < \epsilon,$$

for all  $s, t \geq n_0$  and  $i \in N$ .

Thus,  $(\Delta_n^m x_k^s)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  which is complete. Hence,  $(\Delta_n^m x_k^s)$  converges for each  $k \in N$ .

Let  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_n^m x_k^s = y_k$  for each  $k \in N$ . Let  $k = 1$ , we have

$$(2.1) \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_n^m x_1^s = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{v=0}^m (-1)^v \binom{m}{v} x_{1+nv} = y_1,$$

we have

$$(2.2) \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} x_k^s = x_k, \text{ for } k = 1 + nv, \text{ for } v = 1, 2, \dots, m-1.$$

Thus, from equation (2.1) and (2.2), we have  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} x_{1+m}^s$  exists. Let  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} x_{1+m}^s = x_{1+m}$ . Proceeding in this way inductively  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} x_k^s = x_k$  exists for each  $k \in N$ .

Now, for every  $z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X$

$$\lim_t \sum_{k=1}^m \|x_k^s - x_k^t, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}\| = \sum_{k=1}^m \|x_k^s - x_k, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}\| < \epsilon,$$

for all  $s \geq n_0$ . Again, using the continuity of  $n$ -norm, we find that for every  $z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X$

$$M_i \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k^s}{\rho} - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k^t}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| < \epsilon,$$

for all  $s \geq n_0$  and  $i \in N$ . Hence, for every  $z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X$

$$\sup_i M_i \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k^s - u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| < \epsilon \text{ for all } s \geq n_0.$$

Thus, for every  $w^2, \dots, w^n \in C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$

$$\|x^s - x, w^2, \dots, w^n\|_{C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m)} < 2\epsilon \text{ for all } s \geq n_0.$$

Hence,  $(x^s - x) \in C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ . Since  $C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is a linear space, so we have for all  $s \geq n_0$ ,  $x = x^s - (x^s - x) \in C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ . Hence,  $C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is complete and as such is an  $n$ -Banach space.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** *The spaces  $C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ ,  $C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ ,  $\ell_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ ,  $O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  and  $O_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  are  $n$ -BK-spaces if the base space  $X$  is an  $n$ -Banach space.*

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M_i)$  be a sequence of Orlicz functions and  $u = (u_k)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers. Then  $Z(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^{m-1}, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \subset Z(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  (in general  $Z(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^i, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \subset Z(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1$ ) for  $Z = C_p, O_p, \ell_p, C_\infty$  and  $O_\infty$ .*

*Proof.* We shall prove the result for the space  $Z = C_p$  only and others can be proved in the similar way.

Let  $x = (x_k) \in C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^{m-1}, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then for every nonzero  $z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X$ ,

$$(2.3) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \left( \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^{m-1} x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p < \infty.$$

Now, we have for every nonzero  $z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \in X$

$$\begin{aligned} M_i \left( \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right) \\ \leq M_i \left( \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^{m-1} x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right) \\ + M_i \left( \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^{m-1} x_{k+1}}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right). \end{aligned}$$

It is known that for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $|a + b|^p \leq 2^p(|a|^p + |b|^p)$ . Hence, for

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \leq p < \infty, M_i \left( \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p \\ \leq 2^p \left\{ M_i \left( \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^{m-1} x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p \right. \\ \left. + M_i \left( \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^{m-1} x_{k+1}}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then for each positive integer  $r$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^r M_i \left( \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p \\ & \leq 2^p \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^r M_i \left( \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^{m-1} x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{i=1}^r M_i \left( \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^{m-1} x_{k+1}}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $r \rightarrow \infty$  and using equation (2.3), we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \left( \left\| \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p < \infty.$$

Thus,  $C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^{m-1}, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \subset C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . The inclusion is strict and it follows from the following example.  $\square$

**Example 2.5.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^3$  be a real linear space. Define  $\|\cdot, \cdot\| : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $\|x, y\| = \max\{|x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1|, |x_2 y_3 - x_3 y_2|, |x_3 y_1 - x_1 y_3|\}$ , where  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3), y = (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Then  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is a 2-normed linear space. Let  $(u_k) = 1$ ,  $(M_i) = I$ , the identity map, for all  $i \in N$ ,  $m = 2$  and  $n = 1$ . Consider the sequence  $x = (x_k) = (k, k, k)$  for all  $k \in N$ . Then  $\Delta^2 x_k = (0, 0, 0)$  for all  $k \in N$ . Hence,  $(x_k) \in C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta^2, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ , we have  $\Delta(x_k) = (-1, -1, -1)$  for all  $k \in N$ . Hence,  $(x_k) \notin C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ . The inclusion is strict.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M_i)$  be a sequence of Orlicz functions and  $u = (u_k)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers. Then

- (a)  $O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \subset C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \subset C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  and the inclusions are strict.  
 (b)  $O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \subset O_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \subset C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  and the inclusions are strict.

*Proof.* The proof is trivial, so we omitted.  $\square$

*Remark.*  $\ell_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \subsetneq O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ .

**Example 2.7.** Let  $p = 1$  and 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  on  $X = \mathbb{R}^3$  in Example (2.5). Let  $m = 2$ ,  $n = 1$ ,  $(u_k) = 1$  and  $(M_i) = I$ . Consider the sequence  $\{x_k\} = \{(1, 1, 1), (0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0), \dots\}$ . Then  $\Delta^2 x_k = (1, 1, 1)$  for  $k = 1$  and  $\Delta^2 x_k = (0, 0, 0)$  for all  $k > 1$ . Then  $(x_k) \in \ell(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta^2, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  but  $(x_k) \notin O(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta^2, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** *If  $1 \leq p < q$ , then*

- (i)  $C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \subset C_q(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ ;
- (ii)  $\ell_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \subset \ell_q(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ ;
- (iii)  $O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \subset O_q(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ .

*Proof.* We prove the result for the space  $O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  only and for the other cases it can be proved in a similar way. Let  $x \in O_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ . Then there exists  $\rho > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \left( \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p < \infty.$$

This implies

$$M_i \left( \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p < 1$$

for sufficiently large values of  $i$ . Since  $(M_i)$  is non-decreasing, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \left( \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^q \\ \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} M_i \left( \frac{1}{i} \sum_{k=1}^i \left\| \frac{u_k \Delta_n^m x_k}{\rho}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} \right\| \right)^p \\ < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $x \in O_q(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ . This completes the proof. □

### 3. Köthe-Toeplitz duals

In order to compute Köthe-Toeplitz dual, we first define the following:

An  $n$ -functional is a real-valued mapping with domain  $A_1 \times \dots \times A_n$ , where  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are linear manifolds of a linear  $n$ -normed space.

Let  $F$  be an  $n$ -functional with domain  $A_1 \times \dots \times A_n$ .  $F$  is called a linear  $n$ -functional whenever for all  ${}^1 a_1, {}^1 a_2, \dots, {}^1 a_n \in A_1, {}^2 a_1, {}^2 a_2, \dots, {}^2 a_n \in A_2$  and  ${}^n a_1, {}^n a_2, \dots, {}^n a_n \in A_n$  and all  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

- (i)  $F({}^1 a_1, {}^1 a_2, \dots, {}^1 a_n, {}^2 a_1, {}^2 a_2, \dots, {}^2 a_n, \dots, {}^n a_1, {}^n a_2, \dots, {}^n a_n) = \sum_{1 \leq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n \leq n} F({}^1 a_{i_1}, {}^2 a_{i_2}, \dots, {}^n a_{i_n})$  and
- (ii)  $\bar{F}(\alpha_1 a_1, \dots, \alpha_n a_n) = \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n F(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ .

Let  $F$  be an  $n$ -functional with domain  $D(F)$ .  $F$  is called bounded if there is a real constant  $K \geq 0$  such that  $|F(a_1, \dots, a_n)| \leq K \|a_1, \dots, a_n\|$  for all  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in D(F)$ . If  $F$  is bounded, we define the norm

$$\|F\| = \text{glb}\{K : |F(a_1, \dots, a_n)| \leq K \|a_1, \dots, a_n\| \text{ for all } (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in D(F)\}.$$

If  $F$  is not bounded, we define  $\|F\| = +\infty$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** [10] *A linear  $n$ -functional  $F$  is continuous if and only if it is bounded.*

**Proposition 3.2.** [10] *Let  $B^*$  be the set of bounded linear  $n$ -functionals with domain  $B_1 \times \dots \times B_n$ . Then  $B^*$  is an  $n$ -Banach space upto linear dependence.*

For any  $n(> 1)$ -normed space  $E$ , we denote by  $E^*$  the continuous dual of  $E$ .

**Definition 2.** Let  $E$  be an  $n$ -normed linear space, normed by  $\|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|_E$ . Then we define the Köthe-Toeplitz dual of the sequence space  $Z(E)$  whose base space is  $E$  as

$[Z(E)]^\alpha = \{(y_k) : y_k \in E^*, k \in N \text{ and } (\|x_k, w_2, \dots, w_n\|_E \|y_k, v_2, \dots, v_n\|_{E^*}) \in \ell_1 \text{ for every}$

$$v_2, \dots, v_n \in E^*, w_2, \dots, w_n \in E, (x_k) \in Z(E)\}.$$

It is easy to check that  $\phi \in X^\alpha$ . If  $X \subset Y$ , then  $Y^\alpha \subset X^\alpha$ . Let us consider  $SC_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) =$

$$\{x = (x_k) : x \in C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|), x_1 = \dots = x_m = 0\}.$$

Then  $SC_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is a subspace of  $C_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . We can have similar subspaces for other spaces as well.

**Lemma 3.3.** [5]  $x \in SC_\infty(\Delta^m)$  implies  $\sup_k k^{-m} |x_k| < \infty$ .

**Lemma 3.4.**  $x \in SC_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  implies  $\sup_k k^{-m} \|x_k, w_2, \dots, w_n\| < \infty$  for every  $w_2, \dots, w_n \in X$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows using similar techniques as applied in the proof of Lemma 3.3. Consider a set

$$\mathcal{U} = \left\{ a = (a_k) : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^m \|a_k, z_2, \dots, z_n\|_{X^*} < \infty, \text{ for every } z_2, \dots, z_n \in X^* \right\}.$$

□

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M_i)$  be a sequence of Orlicz functions and  $u = (u_k)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers. Then the Köthe-Toeplitz duals of the space  $SC_p(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is  $\mathcal{U}$ , that is,  $[SC_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)]^\alpha = \mathcal{U}$ .*

*Proof.* If  $a \in \mathcal{U}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|a_k, z_2, \dots, z_n\|_{X^*} \|x_k, w_2, \dots, w_n\|_X \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^m \|a_k, z_2, \dots, z_n\|_{X^*} (k^{-m} \|x_k, w_2, \dots, w_n\|_X) \end{aligned}$$

$< \infty$ ,

for each  $x \in SC_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  by Lemma 3.4. Hence,  $x \in [SC_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)]^\alpha$ .

Next, let  $a \in [SC_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)]^\alpha$ . Then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|a_k, z_2, \dots, z_n\|_{X^*} \|x_k, w_2, \dots, w_n\|_X < \infty,$$

for each  $x \in SC_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ .

Define the sequence  $x = (x_k)$  by

$$x_k = \begin{cases} 0, & k \leq m, \\ k^m, & k > m \end{cases}$$

and choose  $w_2, \dots, w_n \in X$  such that

$$\|k^m, w_2, \dots, w_n\|_X = k^m \|1, w_2, \dots, w_n\|_X = \begin{cases} 0, & k \leq m \\ k^m, & k > m. \end{cases}$$

Thus, we have  $z_2, \dots, z_n \in X^*$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^m \|a_k, z_2, \dots, z_n\|_{X^*} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|k^m, w_2, \dots, w_n\|_X \|a_k, z_2, \dots, z_n\|_{X^*} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^m \|k^m, w_2, \dots, w_n\|_X \|a_k, z_2, \dots, z_n\|_{X^*} \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|k^m, w_2, \dots, w_n\|_X \|a_k, z_2, \dots, z_n\|_{X^*} \\ &< \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $a \in \mathcal{U}$ . □

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M_i)$  be a sequence of Orlicz functions and  $u = (u_k)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers. Then*

$$[SC_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)]^\alpha = [C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)]^\alpha.$$

*Proof.* Since  $SC_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|) \subset C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ , we have  $[C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)]^\alpha \subset [SC_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)]^\alpha$ .

Let  $a \in [SC_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)]^\alpha$  and  $x \in C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ .

Consider the sequence  $x = (x_k)$  defined by

$$x_k = \begin{cases} x_k, & k \leq m, \\ x'_k, & k > m, \end{cases}$$

where  $x' = (x'_k) \in SC_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ . Then write

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|a_k, z_2, \dots, z_n\|_{X^*} \|x_k, w_2, \dots, w_n\|_X \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^m \|a_k, z_2, \dots, z_n\|_{X^*} \|x_k, w_2, \dots, w_n\|_X \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|a_k, z_2, \dots, z_n\|_{X^*} \|x'_k, w_2, \dots, w_n\|_X \\ &< \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $a \in [C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)]^\alpha$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M_i)$  be a sequence of Orlicz functions and  $u = (u_k)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers. Then*

$$[O_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)]^\alpha = [C_\infty(\mathcal{M}, u, \Delta_n^m, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)]^\alpha.$$

*Proof.* The proof is easy, so omitted.  $\square$

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