

ON LINEAR OPERATORS FROM ORLICZ SPACES INTO LOCALLY CONVEX LINEAR-TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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ABSTRACT. Let Y be a sequentially complete, locally convex linear-topological space, (E, Σ, μ) a non-atomic measure space and φ a real nondecreasing and continuous for $u \geq 0$ function, equal to 0 for $u = 0$. We prove the identity of the class of linear and pseudomodular continuous operators from the Orlicz space $L_{\rho}^{*\varphi}(E, \Sigma, \mu)$ into Y with the class of similar operators from the Orlicz space $L_{\rho}^{*\overline{\varphi}}(E, \Sigma, \mu)$ into Y , where

$$\overline{\varphi}(u) = \int_0^u p(t) dt \quad \text{for } u \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad p(t) = \inf_{t < s} \frac{\varphi(s)}{s} \quad \text{for } t \geq 0.$$

Also, we show that the class of linear and pseudonorm continuous operators from the space of finite elements $L^{\circ\varphi}(E, \Sigma, \mu)$ into Y is the same as from the space $L^{\circ\overline{\varphi}}(E, \Sigma, \mu)$ into Y . The other proof of this fact, using Rademacher functions one can find in [1] (th. 2.2 b). Our result is a little bit more general than the one mentioned above. But first of all, our proof is simple and essentially different from that in [1].

1. THE ORLICZ SPACE

Definition 1.1 A $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function we call a real, nondecreasing and continuous for $u \geq 0$ function, equal to 0 for $u = 0$. A $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function φ is called convex, if it satisfies the Jensen inequality

$$\varphi(\alpha u + \beta v) \leq \alpha \varphi(u) + \beta \varphi(v) \quad \text{for } u, v, \alpha, \beta \geq 0, \text{ where } \alpha + \beta = 1.$$

As usual in the theory of the Orlicz spaces ([2], [3], [4]), a φ -function we call a real, nondecreasing and continuous for $u \geq 0$ function, equal to 0 only for $u = 0$ and tending to ∞ as $u \rightarrow \infty$. In this paper the use of the $\tilde{\varphi}$ -functions instead of the φ -functions simplifies our considerations.

1.2. Let (E, Σ, μ) denote a measure space. Obviously, we assume that the measure μ is σ -finite on E . By $S = S(E, \Sigma, \mu)$ we denote the space of μ -measurable, real or complex-valued functions defined on E . The measure space (E, Σ, μ) we call non-atomic, if for every set $G \in \Sigma$ there exists a set $F \subset G$, $F \in \Sigma$ with $\mu(F) = \frac{1}{2}\mu(G)$. Then we say also that the measure μ and the space S are non-atomic.

1.3. Let φ be a $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function and (E, Σ, μ) a measure space. For $f \in S$ we write

$$\rho_{\varphi}(f) = \int_E \varphi(|f(x)|) d\mu.$$

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In the space S the functional $\rho_\varphi(\cdot)$ is a pseudomodular in the Musielak-Orlicz sense [6].

By $L_\rho^{*\varphi} = L_\rho^{*\varphi}(E, \Sigma, \mu)$ we denote the class of those functions $f \in S$ for which $\rho_\varphi(\lambda f) < \infty$ for some $\lambda = \lambda(f) > 0$ and by $L^{\circ\varphi} = L^{\circ\varphi}(E, \Sigma, \mu)$ the class of those functions $f \in S$ for which $\rho_\varphi(\lambda f) < \infty$ for all $\lambda > 0$. The classes $L_\rho^{*\varphi}$ and $L^{\circ\varphi}$ are linear subspaces of S and $L^{\circ\varphi} \subset L_\rho^{*\varphi}$.

The class $L_\rho^{*\varphi}$ we call the Orlicz space and the class $L^{\circ\varphi}$ the space of finite elements ([2],[3]).

The spaces $L_\rho^{*\varphi}$ and $L^{\circ\varphi}$ we call non-atomic if the measure space (E, Σ, μ) is non atomic.

1.4. In the Orlicz space $L_\rho^{*\varphi}$ the functional $\|\cdot\|_\varphi$ defined by the formula

$$\|f\|_\varphi = \inf \left\{ \varepsilon > 0 : \rho_\varphi\left(\frac{f}{\varepsilon}\right) \leq \varepsilon \right\} \quad (f \in L_\rho^{*\varphi}),$$

is an F -pseudonorm. In the case, when φ is a convex $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function, the formula

$$\|f\|_\varphi^* = \inf \left\{ \varepsilon > 0 : \rho_\varphi\left(\frac{f}{\varepsilon}\right) \leq 1 \right\} \quad (f \in L_\rho^{*\varphi}),$$

determines a B -pseudonorm in $L_\rho^{*\varphi}$ equivalent to $\|\cdot\|_\varphi$, ([2],[3],[6]).

Definition 1.5 We say that the sequence (f_n) in $L_\rho^{*\varphi}$ is pseudonorm convergent to f in $L_\rho^{*\varphi}$, if $\|f_n - f\|_\varphi \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

It is easily verified that the sequence (f_n) in $L_\rho^{*\varphi}$ is pseudonorm convergent to f in $L_\rho^{*\varphi}$ if and only if for any $\lambda > 0$ there holds $\rho_\varphi(\lambda(f_n - f)) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. The space $L^{\circ\varphi}$ is a closed subspace of the Orlicz space $L_\rho^{*\varphi}$ with respect on the pseudonorm convergence. Also, we say that the sequence (f_n) in $L_\rho^{*\varphi}$ is pseudomodular convergent or φ -convergent to $f \in L_\rho^{*\varphi}$, and write $f_n \xrightarrow{\varphi} f$, if $\rho_\varphi(\lambda(f_n - f)) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for some $\lambda > 0$, dependent on (f_n) , ([3]).

1.6. In the case, when φ is a φ -function, the suffix "pseudo" in 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5 we omit, because then we have the classical Orlicz spaces ([2],[3]).

2. CONVEX $\tilde{\varphi}$ -FUNCTIONS $\overline{\varphi}$ AND $\overline{\overline{\varphi}}$ GENERATED BY φ .

2.1. Let φ be a $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function. We define

$$\overline{\varphi}(u) = \int_0^u p(t) dt \quad \text{for } u \geq 0, \text{ where } p(t) = \inf_{t \leq s} \frac{\varphi(s)}{s} \quad \text{for } t \geq 0.$$

Since the function p is non-negative and nondecreasing for $t \geq 0$, so the function $\overline{\varphi}$ is a convex $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function, ([2]). Also, we observe that if φ is such that $\liminf_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi(u)}{u} = 0$, then $\overline{\varphi}(u) = 0$ for $u \geq 0$, and if φ is a φ -function with the property $\liminf_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi(u)}{u} > 0$, then $\overline{\varphi}$ is a convex φ -function.

Further, by Ψ_φ we denote the class of those convex $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function ψ for which the inequality $\psi(u) \leq \varphi(u)$ for $u \geq 0$ holds. The class Ψ_φ is not empty, because the function $\psi_0(u) = 0$ for $u \geq 0$ belongs to Ψ_φ . We define

$$\overline{\overline{\varphi}}(u) = \sup\{\psi(u) : \psi \in \Psi_\varphi\} \quad \text{for } u \geq 0.$$

Obviously, $\overline{\overline{\varphi}}$ is a function satisfying the inequality $0 \leq \overline{\overline{\varphi}}(u) \leq \varphi(u)$ for $u \geq 0$. The function $\overline{\overline{\varphi}}$ is nondecreasing and convex for $u \geq 0$, because it is a supremum of nondecreasing and convex functions for $u \geq 0$. The Jensen inequality for $\overline{\overline{\varphi}}$ guarantees the continuity of $\overline{\overline{\varphi}}$ for $u > 0$ and the inequality $0 \leq \overline{\overline{\varphi}} \leq \varphi$ the continuity of $\overline{\overline{\varphi}}$ for $u = 0$. Hence $\overline{\overline{\varphi}}$ is the greatest convex $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function satisfying the inequality $\overline{\overline{\varphi}}(u) \leq \varphi(u)$ for $u \geq 0$.

Theorem 2.2 *For any $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function φ the following inequality holds*

$$\overline{\varphi}(u) \leq \overline{\overline{\varphi}}(u) \leq \overline{\varphi}(2u) \quad \text{for } u \geq 0.$$

Proof. From the definition of $\overline{\varphi}$ we get for $u > 0$

$$\overline{\varphi}(u) \leq up(u) = u \inf_{u < s} \frac{\varphi(s)}{s} \leq u \frac{\varphi(u)}{u} = \varphi(u).$$

Since $\overline{\varphi}$ is a convex $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function, so it must be $\overline{\varphi}(u) \leq \overline{\overline{\varphi}}(u)$ for $u \geq 0$. On the other hand, from the Jensen inequality for $\overline{\overline{\varphi}}$ and the fact that $\overline{\overline{\varphi}}(0) = 0$ it follows that the quotient $\frac{\overline{\overline{\varphi}}(u)}{u}$ is a nondecreasing function for $u > 0$. Therefore by virtue of the inequality $\overline{\overline{\varphi}} \leq \varphi$ we have for $u > 0$

$$\overline{\overline{\varphi}}(u) = u \frac{\overline{\overline{\varphi}}(u)}{u} = u \inf_{u < s} \frac{\overline{\overline{\varphi}}(s)}{s} \leq u \inf_{u < s} \frac{\varphi(s)}{s} = up(u) \leq \int_u^{2u} p(t) dt \leq \overline{\varphi}(2u).$$

Hence the inequality $\overline{\overline{\varphi}}(u) \leq \overline{\varphi}(2u)$ for $u \geq 0$ is also true. \square

2.3 *If the $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function φ satisfies the condition $\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi(u)}{u} = \infty$ then the following equality holds $\overline{\overline{\varphi}} = (\varphi^*)^*$, where*

$$\varphi^*(v) = \sup\{uv - \varphi(u) : u \geq 0\} \quad \text{for } v \geq 0.$$

This theorem for φ -functions one can find in [4]. Since the proof of our theorem is analogical, we omit it.

2.4 *For arbitrary $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function φ the following equality holds*

$$(*) \quad \overline{\overline{\varphi}}(u) = \inf \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \varphi(u_k) \quad (u \geq 0),$$

where infimum is taken over all convex combinations

$$u = \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k u_k, \quad \text{where } \alpha_k, u_k \geq 0 \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, m \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k = 1.$$

Proof. By $\tilde{\varphi}$ we denote the function defined by the right side of the equality (*). Let us take

$$u = \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k u_k, \quad \text{where } \alpha_k, u_k \geq 0 \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, m \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k = 1.$$

Then by virtue of the inequality $\overline{\varphi} \leq \varphi$ and the convexity of $\overline{\varphi}$ we have

$$\overline{\varphi}(u) \leq \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \overline{\varphi}(u_k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \varphi(u_k).$$

From this we deduce that $\overline{\varphi}(u) \leq \tilde{\varphi}(u)$ dla $u \geq 0$.

On the other hand, from the definition of $\tilde{\varphi}$ we get immediately the inequality $\tilde{\varphi}(u) \leq \varphi(u)$ for $u \geq 0$. We shall show that $\tilde{\varphi}$ is a convex $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function. Let us take arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$, $u', u'', \alpha, \beta \geq 0, \alpha + \beta = 1$. We observe that there exist $\alpha'_k, u'_k \geq 0$, where $k = 1, \dots, m'$, such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{m'} \alpha'_k = 1, \quad u' = \sum_{k=1}^{m'} \alpha'_k u'_k, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{m'} \alpha'_k \varphi(u'_k) \leq \tilde{\varphi}(u') + \varepsilon,$$

and $\alpha''_k, u''_k \geq 0$, where $k = 1, \dots, m''$ such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{m''} \alpha''_k = 1, \quad u'' = \sum_{k=1}^{m''} \alpha''_k u''_k, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{m''} \alpha''_k \varphi(u''_k) \leq \tilde{\varphi}(u'') + \varepsilon.$$

Let us denote $m = m' + m''$, $\alpha_k = \alpha \alpha'_k, u_k = u'_k$ for $k = 1, \dots, m'$ and $\alpha_{m'+k} = \beta \alpha''_k, u_{m'+k} = u''_k$ for $k = 1, \dots, m''$. Since $\alpha_k, u_k \geq 0$ for $k = 1, \dots, m$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k &= \alpha \sum_{k=1}^{m'} \alpha'_k + \beta \sum_{k=1}^{m''} \alpha''_k = 1 \quad \text{and} \\ \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k u_k &= \alpha \sum_{k=1}^{m'} \alpha'_k u'_k + \beta \sum_{k=1}^{m''} \alpha''_k u''_k = \alpha u' + \beta u'', \end{aligned}$$

so we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi}(\alpha u' + \beta u'') &\leq \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \varphi(u_k) = \alpha \sum_{k=1}^{m'} \alpha'_k \varphi(u'_k) + \beta \sum_{k=1}^{m''} \alpha''_k \varphi(u''_k) \\ &\leq \alpha(\tilde{\varphi}(u') + \varepsilon) + \beta(\tilde{\varphi}(u'') + \varepsilon) = \alpha \tilde{\varphi}(u') + \beta \tilde{\varphi}(u'') + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

From this we obtain the Jensen inequality for $\tilde{\varphi}$ and thus the function $\tilde{\varphi}$ is convex for $u \geq 0$. Now, the convexity of $\tilde{\varphi}$ implies the continuity of $\tilde{\varphi}$ for $u > 0$ and the inequality $\overline{\varphi} \leq \tilde{\varphi} \leq \varphi$ the continuity of $\tilde{\varphi}$ for $u = 0$ and $\tilde{\varphi}(0) = 0$. The function $\tilde{\varphi}$ is also nondecreasing for $u \geq 0$, because for $0 \leq u_1 < u_2$ we have

$$\tilde{\varphi}(u_1) = \tilde{\varphi}\left(\frac{u_1}{u_2} u_2 + \left(1 - \frac{u_1}{u_2}\right) 0\right) \leq \frac{u_1}{u_2} \tilde{\varphi}(u_2) \leq \tilde{\varphi}(u_2).$$

Hence $\tilde{\varphi}$ is a convex $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function. This fact and the inequality $\overline{\varphi} \leq \tilde{\varphi} \leq \varphi$ imply finally the equality $\overline{\varphi} = \tilde{\varphi}$. \square

2.5. Remark In 2.4 we may assume that the numbers α_k are of finite binary representation.

Proof. According to the formula 2.4 (*) for arbitrary $u \geq 0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist such $\alpha_k, u_k \geq 0$, where $k = 1, \dots, m$ that

$$\sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k = 1, \quad u = \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k u_k \quad \text{i} \quad \overline{\varphi}(u) \leq \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \varphi(u_k) \leq \overline{\varphi}(u) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

If $m = 1$, then $\alpha_1 = 1$. Therefore let us suppose $m > 1$. Since $\alpha_k \geq 0$ for $k = 1, \dots, m$ and $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_m = 1$, so it must be $\alpha_{k_0} \geq \frac{1}{m}$ for some index k_0 . We may assume that $k_0 = m$. Let M be a positive number such that $u_k \leq M$ and $\varphi(u_k) \leq M$ for $k = 1, \dots, m$. Since the function φ is continuous in the point u_m , so there exists δ satisfying $0 < \delta \leq \varepsilon$ and such that $|\varphi(u_m) - \varphi(v)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$ if $v \geq 0$ and $|u_m - v| \leq \delta$. We choose numbers β_k , $k = 1, \dots, m-1$, of finite binary representation such that $0 \leq \beta_k \leq \alpha_k$ and $\alpha_k - \beta_k \leq \frac{\delta}{2m^2M}$ for $k = 1, \dots, m$. We observe that the number $\beta_m = 1 - (\beta_1 + \dots + \beta_{m-1})$ is of finite binary representation and satisfies the inequalities

$$\frac{1}{m} \leq \alpha_m \leq \beta_m \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_m - \alpha_m = \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} (\alpha_k - \beta_k) \leq \frac{\delta}{2mM}.$$

Let us put $v_k = u_k$ for $k = 1, \dots, m-1$,

$$v_m = \frac{1}{\beta_m} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m-1} (\alpha_k - \beta_k) u_k + \alpha_m u_m \right).$$

We see that $v_k \geq 0$ for $k = 1, \dots, m$, $\sum_{k=1}^m \beta_k v_k = \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k u_k = u$,

$$\begin{aligned} |u_m - v_m| &\leq \frac{1}{\beta_m} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m-1} (\alpha_k - \beta_k) u_k + (\beta_m - \alpha_m) u_m \right) \leq \\ &\leq m \left(m \frac{\delta}{2m^2M} M + \frac{\delta}{2mM} M \right) \leq \delta. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^m \beta_k \varphi(v_k) &\leq \sum_{k=1}^m \beta_k \varphi(v_k) - \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \varphi(u_k) + \overline{\varphi}(u) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ &\leq \beta_m \varphi(v_m) - \alpha_m \varphi(u_m) + \overline{\varphi}(u) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq \beta_m (\varphi(v_m) - \varphi(u_m)) \\ &\quad + (\beta_m - \alpha_m) \varphi(u_m) + \overline{\varphi}(u) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2mM} M + \overline{\varphi}(u) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq \overline{\varphi}(u) + \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

and we see that the remark is true. \square

3. LEMMAS ON SIMPLE FUNCTIONS.

Definition 3.1 A simple function we call a function $g \in S$ of the form

$$(+) \quad g = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \chi_{E_i},$$

where a_i denote numbers and χ_{E_i} characteristic functions of sets $E_i \in \Sigma$ with finite measures. We will assume that the sets E_i are pairwise disjoint.

It is well known that for every function $f \in S$ there exists a sequence of simple functions (g_n) convergent to f everywhere on E and such that

$|g_n(x)| \leq |f(x)|$ and $|f(x) - g_n(x)| \leq |f(x)|$ for $x \in E$ and $n = 1, 2, \dots$. From this fact we get immediately the following lemma.

Lemma 3.2 *For every function $f \in L_{\rho}^{*\varphi}$ with $\rho_{\varphi}(f) < \infty$ there exists a sequence of simple functions (g_n) such that $\rho_{\varphi}(g_n) \leq \rho_{\varphi}(f)$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and $\rho_{\varphi}(f - g_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Moreover, for every function $f \in L^{\circ\varphi}$ there exists a sequence of simple functions (g_n) such that $\|g_n\|_{\varphi} \leq \|f\|_{\varphi}$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and $\|f - g_n\|_{\varphi} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.*

Now we prove our fundamental lemma.

Lemma 3.3 *Let (E, Σ, μ) be a non-atomic measure space, φ a $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function, $\delta > 0$ and g a simple function such that $\rho_{\tilde{\varphi}}(g) \leq \delta$. Then there exist simple functions g_1, \dots, g_{2^k} such that $\rho_{\varphi}(g_l) \leq 2\delta$ for $l = 1, \dots, 2^k$ and*

$$g = \frac{1}{2^k}(g_1 + \dots + g_{2^k}).$$

Proof. Let the simple functions g be of the form 3.1 (+). We denote $u_i = |a_i|$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$. By virtue of 2.4 for every i there exist $u_{i,j} \geq 0$ and $\alpha_{i,j} > 0$, where $j = 1, \dots, m_i$, such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \alpha_{i,j} = 1 \quad u_i = \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \alpha_{i,j} u_{i,j}$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \alpha_{i,j} \varphi(u_{i,j}) \leq \tilde{\varphi}(u_i) + \delta \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu(E_i) \right)^{-1}.$$

On virtue of 2.5 we may assume that the the numbers $\alpha_{i,j}$ are of finite binary representation. Let k be a non-negative integer such that all numbers

$$k_{i,j} = 2^k \alpha_{i,j}, \quad (j = 1, \dots, m_i, i = 1, \dots, n),$$

are positive integers. Next, we denote by $K_{i,j,l}$, where the indices may assume the values $j = 1, \dots, m_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ and $l = 1, \dots, 2^k$, the set of those positive integers $r \leq 2^k$ for which there holds

$$k_{i,j-1,l} < r \leq k_{i,j,l} \quad \text{or} \quad k_{i,j-1,l} < r + 2^k \leq k_{i,j,l},$$

$$\text{where } k_{i,0,l} = l \quad \text{and} \quad k_{i,j,l} = l + \sum_{v=1}^j k_{i,v}.$$

The measure space (E, Σ, μ) is non-atomic, therefore every set E_i may be divided on 2^k pairwise disjoint sets $E_{i,r}$ with measures $\mu(E_{i,r}) = \frac{1}{2^k} \mu(E_i)$ for $r = 1, \dots, 2^k$.

We set

$$g_l = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} u_{i,j} \operatorname{sign} a_i \sum_{r \in K_{i,j,l}} \chi_{E_{i,r}} \quad \text{for } l = 1, \dots, 2^k.$$

The set $K_{i,j,l}$ possesses $k_{i,j}$ elements and therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_\varphi(g_l) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \varphi(u_{i,j}) \sum_{r \in K_{i,j,l}} \mu(E_{i,r}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \varphi(u_{i,j}) k_{i,j} \frac{1}{2^k} \mu(E_i) = \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \alpha_{i,j} \varphi(u_{i,j}) \mu(E_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{\varphi}(u_i) \mu(E_i) + \delta = \rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(g) + \delta \leq 2\delta.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, let us observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2^k} \sum_{l=1}^{2^k} g_l &= \frac{1}{2^k} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} u_{i,j} \operatorname{sign} a_i \sum_{l=1}^{2^k} \sum_{r \in K_{i,j,l}} \chi_{E_{i,r}} = \\
&= \frac{1}{2^k} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} k_{i,j} u_{i,j} \chi_{E_i} \operatorname{sign} a_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \alpha_{i,j} u_{i,j} \chi_{E_i} \operatorname{sign} a_i = \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \chi_{E_i} \operatorname{sign} a_i = g.
\end{aligned}$$

□

3.4 Let $(E, \Sigma, \mu), \varphi, \delta$ be as in 3.3 and let g be a simple function such that $\|g\|_{\overline{\varphi}} \leq \delta$. Then there exist simple functions g_1, \dots, g_{2^k} such that $\|g_l\|_\varphi \leq 2\delta$ for $l = 1, \dots, 2^k$ and $g = \frac{1}{2^k}(g_1 + \dots + g_{2^k})$.

Proof. Let us observe that the inequality $\|g\|_{\overline{\varphi}} \leq \delta$ implies $\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(\frac{g}{\delta}) \leq \delta$.

We apply 3.3 to the simple function $h = \frac{g}{\delta}$. So, there exist simple functions h_1, \dots, h_{2^k} such that

$$\rho_\varphi(h_l) \leq 2\delta \quad \text{for } l = 1, \dots, 2^k \quad \text{and} \quad h = 2^{-k}(h_1 + \dots + h_{2^k}).$$

We set $g_l = \delta h_l$ for $l = 1, \dots, 2^k$ and observe that g_l are simple functions such that $g = 2^{-k}(g_1 + \dots + g_{2^k})$ and $\|g_l\|_\varphi \leq 2\delta$, because $\rho_\varphi(\frac{g_l}{2\delta}) = \rho_\varphi(\frac{h_l}{2}) \leq \rho_\varphi(h_l) \leq 2\delta$. □

4. THE LOCALLY CONVEX SPACES

Definition 4.1 Let X be a linear space over field K real or complex numbers and let τ be a topology in the set X . A space $\langle X, \tau \rangle$ is called a linear-topological space, when the operations $+: X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $\cdot: K \times X \rightarrow X$ are continuous functions from $X \times X$ into X and $K \times X$ into X respectively.

The linear-topological spaces with a topology defined by the metric in linear spaces are normed spaces, countable-normed spaces and F^* -spaces, because we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|(x+y) - (x_0+y_0)| &\leq |x-x_0| + |y-y_0| \quad \text{and} \quad |ax - a_0x_0| \leq \\
&\leq |a(x-x_0)| + |(a-a_0)x_0|,
\end{aligned}$$

and it implies the continuity of the operators $+$ and \cdot .

4.2. A neighbourhood base of the point 0 of linear-topological space has the following properties:

- a) for every $V \in \mathcal{V}_0$ there exists $U \in \mathcal{V}_0$ such that $U + U \subset V$
- b) if $V \in \mathcal{V}_0$, $\alpha \in K$ and $|\alpha| \leq 1$, then $\alpha V \subset V$
- c) if $V \in \mathcal{V}_0$ and $x \in X$, then there exists a number $\alpha_0 > 0$ such that $\alpha_0 x \in V$.

4.3. Let $\langle X, \tau \rangle$ be a linear-topological space and let $x_0 \in X$. If $V \in \mathcal{V}_0$ is a neighbourhood base of the point 0 in the linear-topological space $\langle X, \tau \rangle$ and $x_0 \in X$, then a family \mathcal{V}_{x_0} of the sets of the form $V_{x_0} = V_0 + x_0$, when $V \in \mathcal{V}_0$ is the neighbourhood base of the point x_0 in $\langle X, \tau \rangle$.

4.4. For any subset A of linear-topological space X and any base of the neighbourhood \mathcal{V}_0 of $0 \in X$ the formula $\overline{A} = \bigcap_{V \in \mathcal{V}_0} (A + V)$ defines the closure of the set A .

The proof of this fact one can find in [8].

From 4.4 and the property (1) of base of the neighbourhood of 0 it follows that for every $V \in \mathcal{V}_0$ there exists $U \in \mathcal{V}_0$ such that

$$\overline{U} = \bigcap_{W \in \mathcal{V}_0} (U + W) \subset U + U \subset V.$$

From this it follows that there exists a neighbourhood base of 0 which consists of closed sets.

Definition 4.5 *The set A of the linear space X is called a convex set if from the conditions $x, y \in A, \alpha, \beta \geq 0, \alpha + \beta = 1$ it follows that $\alpha x + \beta y \in A$.*

4.6. If the sets A and B are convex in a linear space over the field K of the real or complex numbers and $a \in K$, then the sets $aA, A + B, A - B$ are convex in X .

Definition 4.7 *The linear-topological space $\langle X, \tau \rangle$ is called a locally convex if there exists a neighbourhood base \mathcal{V}_0 in X of the point 0 which consists of convex sets.*

5. LINEAR OPERATORS FROM THE ORLICZ SPACES INTO LOCALLY CONVEX LINEAR-TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

5.1. In the Orlicz space $L_\rho^{*\varphi}$ and also in its subspace $L^{\circ\varphi}$ we have two types of convergences, one is the pseudonorm convergence and the other the pseudomodular convergence. Therefore let us denote by $\alpha(L^{\circ\varphi}, Y)$ the class of pseudonorm continuous linear operators from $L^{\circ\varphi}$ into Y , where Y is a locally convex linear-topological space and by $\alpha(L_\rho^{*\varphi}, Y)$ the class of pseudomodular continuous linear operators from $L_\rho^{*\varphi}$ into Y . Obviously, the linear operator A from $L^{\circ\varphi}$ into Y is pseudonorm continuous, i.e. belongs to $\alpha(L^{\circ\varphi}, Y)$, if and only if for every $V \in \mathcal{V}_0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that the conditions $f \in L^{\circ\varphi}$ and $\|f\|_\varphi \leq \delta$ imply $A(f) \in V$. Let us observe that the linear operator A from $L_\rho^{*\varphi}$ into Y is pseudomodular continuous, i.e. belongs to $\alpha(L_\rho^{*\varphi}, Y)$, if and only if for every $V \in \mathcal{V}_0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that the conditions $f \in S$ and $\rho_\varphi(f) \leq \delta$ imply $A(f) \in V$.

5.2. Let φ be a $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function and $\overline{\varphi}$ its convex $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function as in 2.1. For these functions the inequality $\overline{\varphi}(u) \leq \varphi(u)$ for $u \geq 0$ holds. Hence we have $\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(f) \leq \rho_{\varphi}(f)$ for $f \in S$ and next the inclusions $L_{\rho}^{*\varphi} \subset L_{\rho}^{*\overline{\varphi}}, L^{\circ\varphi} \subset L^{\circ\overline{\varphi}}$ and the inequality $\|f\|_{\overline{\varphi}} \leq \|f\|_{\varphi}$ for $f \in L_{\rho}^{*\varphi}$.

From this follows immediately

5.3. If $A \in \alpha(L_{\rho}^{*\overline{\varphi}}, Y)$, then the restriction $A|_{L_{\rho}^{*\varphi}}$ belongs to $\alpha(L_{\rho}^{*\varphi}, Y)$ and if $A \in \alpha(L^{\circ\overline{\varphi}}, Y)$, then $A|_{L^{\circ\varphi}} \in \alpha(L^{\circ\varphi}, Y)$.

Now we present two main theorems

Theorem 5.4 *If the Orlicz space $L_{\rho}^{*\varphi}$ is non-atomic, then for every linear operator $A \in \alpha(L_{\rho}^{*\varphi}, Y)$ there exists a linear operator $B \in \alpha(L_{\rho}^{*\overline{\varphi}}, Y)$ such that $A = B|_{L_{\rho}^{*\varphi}}$.*

Proof. On virtue of 4.4 one can assume that in the space Y there exists a neighbourhood base \mathcal{V}_0 of the point 0 which consists of convex and closed sets. Let $A \in \alpha(L_{\rho}^{*\varphi}, Y)$ and let us take $V \in \mathcal{V}_0$. Then there exists $\delta > 0$ such that the conditions $f \in S$ and $\rho_{\varphi}(f) \leq 2\delta$ imply $A(f) \in V$. Let us take an arbitrary simple function g such that $\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(g) \leq \delta$. On virtue of 3.3 there exist simple functions g_1, \dots, g_{2^k} such that $\rho_{\varphi}(g_l) \leq 2\delta$ for $l = 1, \dots, 2^k$ and $g = 2^{-k}(g_1 + \dots + g_{2^k})$. Therefore one can write $A(g_l) \in V$ for $l = 1, \dots, 2^k$ and next on virtue of convexity of the set V there is $A(g) \in V$.

Thus we have proved the following remark:

(R) If $A \in \alpha(L_{\rho}^{*\varphi}, Y)$, then for every $V \in \mathcal{V}_0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that the inequality $\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(g) \leq \delta$ for any simple function g implies $A(g) \in V$.

Now we shall prove the theorem. Let $A \in \alpha(L_{\rho}^{*\varphi}, Y)$. We take an arbitrary $f \in L_{\rho}^{*\overline{\varphi}}$. Then $\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(\lambda f) < \infty$ for some $\lambda > 0$ and on virtue of 3.2 there exists a sequence of simple functions (g_n) such that $\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(\lambda(f - g_n)) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since

$$\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}\left(\frac{1}{2}\lambda(g_n - g_m)\right) \leq \rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(\lambda(f - g_n)) + \rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(\lambda(f - g_m)),$$

so we have $\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}\left(\frac{1}{2}\lambda(g_n - g_m)\right) \rightarrow 0$ as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$. Whence, by virtue of the remark (R), we get

$$A\left(\frac{1}{2}\lambda(g_n - g_m)\right) = \frac{1}{2}\lambda(A(g_n) - A(g_m)) \rightarrow \theta, \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty.$$

This shows that the sequence $(A(g_n))$ satisfies the Cauchy condition. Since Y is a sequentially complete space, then the sequence $(A(g_n))$ is convergent; we denote $B(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(g_n)$.

Further, let (h_n) be an arbitrary sequence of simple functions such that $h_n \xrightarrow{\overline{\varphi}} f$. Then $\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(\lambda_1(f - h_n)) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for some $\lambda_1 > 0$. From this, on virtue of the inequality

$$\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}\left(\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2(g_n - h_n)\right) \leq \rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(\lambda(f - g_n)) + \rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(\lambda_1(f - h_n)),$$

where $\lambda_2 = \inf\{\lambda, \lambda_1\}$, we get $\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}\left(\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2(g_n - h_n)\right) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Whence, in view of the remark (R), it follows that

$$A\left(\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2(g_n - h_n)\right) = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2(A(g_n) - A(h_n)) \rightarrow \theta \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence the sequence $(A(h_n))$ is convergent and

$$B(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(g_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(h_n).$$

This means that the value $B(f)$ is independent on the choice of a sequence of simple functions (h_n) satisfying $h_n \xrightarrow{\overline{\varphi}} f$.

Let us take $f_1, f_2 \in L_{\rho}^{*\overline{\varphi}}$ and numbers a and b . Then from 3.2 it follows the existence of sequences of simple functions $(g_{1,n})$ and $(g_{2,n})$ such that $g_{1,n} \xrightarrow{\overline{\varphi}} f_1$ and $g_{2,n} \xrightarrow{\overline{\varphi}} f_2$. This implies $ag_{1,n} + bg_{2,n} \xrightarrow{\overline{\varphi}} af_1 + bf_2$ and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} B(af_1 + bf_2) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(ag_{1,n} + bg_{2,n}) = a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(g_{1,n}) + b \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(g_{2,n}) = \\ &= aB(f_1) + bB(f_2). \end{aligned}$$

Next, let us take $f \in L_{\rho}^{*\varphi}$. On virtue of 3.2 there exists a sequence of simple functions (g_n) such that $g_n \xrightarrow{\varphi} f$. From 5.2 it follows that the convergence $g_n \xrightarrow{\overline{\varphi}} f$ holds too. Therefore, in this case, we have

$$B(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(g_n) = A(f).$$

Further, let $V \in \mathcal{V}_0, \delta > 0$ be such that the condition $\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(g) \leq \delta$ for simple function g implies $A(g) \in V$ and let $f \in L_{\rho}^{*\overline{\varphi}}$ be such that $\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(f) \leq \delta$. Then, from 3.2 it follows the existence of a sequence of simple functions (g_n) such that $\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(g_n) \leq \rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(f)$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and $\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(f - g_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence there holds $B(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(g_n) \in \overline{V} = V$.

Thus we have proved the existence of a operator $B \in \alpha(L_{\rho}^{*\overline{\varphi}}, Y)$ with the property $B|_{L_{\rho}^{*\varphi}} = A$. Such operator is only one. Namely if B and B_1 are operators with the required properties, then taking an arbitrary $f \in L_{\rho}^{*\overline{\varphi}}$ and more, on virtue of 3.2, a sequence of simple functions (g_n) such that $g_n \xrightarrow{\overline{\varphi}} f$ we see that

$$B(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B(g_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(g_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_1(g_n) = B_1(f).$$

□

5.5 *If the space $L^{\circ\varphi}$ is non-atomic, then for every operator $A \in \alpha(L^{\circ\varphi}, Y)$ there exists a unique operator $B \in \alpha(L^{\circ\overline{\varphi}}, Y)$ such that $A = B|_{L^{\circ\varphi}}$.*

Since the proof is similar to the previous one, we omit it.

5.6. On virtue of 2.2 for the convex $\tilde{\varphi}$ -functions $\overline{\varphi}$ and $\overline{\overline{\varphi}}$ generated by φ the inequality $\overline{\varphi}(u) \leq \overline{\overline{\varphi}}(u) \leq \overline{\varphi}(2u)$ for $u \geq 0$ holds, therefore we may replace in the statements 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 the function $\overline{\overline{\varphi}}$ by the function $\overline{\varphi}$. Moreover, we observe that the results 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 may be formulated in the form announced in the abstract. Namely,

If (E, Σ, μ) is a non-atomic measure space, then

$$\alpha(L_{\rho}^{*\varphi}, Y) = \alpha(L_{\rho}^{*\overline{\varphi}}, Y) \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha(L^{\circ\varphi}, Y) = \alpha(L^{\circ\overline{\varphi}}, Y).$$

The first equality is closely connected with the theorem of W. Orlicz in [7]. The other proof of the second equality one can find in [1] (th. 2.2 b). Our result is a little bit more general than the one mentioned above. But first of all, our proof is essentially different from that in [7].

In the particularity, from our results one can obtain the following theorem with the first part known from [7].

Theorem 5.7 *If the $\tilde{\varphi}$ -function φ is such that $\liminf_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi(u)}{u} = 0$, then only trivial linear operator from the non-atomic Orlicz space $L_\rho^{*\varphi}$ into locally convex space Y is pseudomodular continuous and only trivial linear operator from the non-atomic space of finite elements $L^{\circ\varphi}$ into Y is pseudonorm continuous.*

Proof. In this case we have $\overline{\varphi}(u) = 0$ for $u \geq 0$. This implies $\rho_{\overline{\varphi}}(f) = 0$ for all $f \in S$, and next $L_\rho^{*\overline{\varphi}} = L^{\circ\overline{\varphi}} = S$ and $\|f\|_{\overline{\varphi}} = 0$ for all $f \in S$. Whence we get $\alpha(L_\rho^{*\overline{\varphi}}, Y) = \alpha(L^{\circ\overline{\varphi}}, Y) = \{0\}$, because only the trivial operator satisfies the inequality $A(f) \in V$ for all $f \in S$ and all $V \in \mathcal{V}_0$. Thus, by virtue of 5.6 we obtain $\alpha(L_\rho^{*\varphi}, Y) = \alpha(L^{\circ\varphi}, Y) = \{0\}$.

The other proof of this theorem one can find in [1] (th. 2.2 a). □

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