

SOME PROPERTIES OF ORLICZ-LORENTZ SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we study some fundamental properties of Orlicz-Lorentz spaces defined on \mathbb{R} such as finding their dual spaces, giving best constants for the inequalities between the Orlicz norm and the Luxemburg norm on Orlicz-Lorentz spaces and establishing the Kolmogorov inequality in these spaces.

1. ORLICZ-LORENTZ SPACES

Orlicz-Lorentz spaces as a generalization of Orlicz spaces L_φ and Lorentz spaces Λ_ω have been studied by many authors (we refer to [9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 18, 19] for basic properties of Orlicz-Lorentz spaces as well to the references therein). In this paper we study some fundamental properties of Orlicz-Lorentz spaces defined on the real line $\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$. We first find the dual spaces of $\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$. Note that the dual spaces of Orlicz-Lorentz spaces defined on $(0, +\infty)$ or $(0, 1)$ were studied in [11]. Next we introduce the Orlicz norm on $\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$ which defined by using the $M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$ space and then we give a simple formula to calculate the Orlicz norm directly by φ, ω . On Orlicz spaces, it is known that the Orlicz norm and the Luxemburg norm are equivalent, and it will be shown that the corresponding norms on Orlicz-Lorentz spaces are also equivalent. Moreover, we investigate best constants C_1, C_2 for the inequalities between the Orlicz norm and the Luxemburg norm on Orlicz-Lorentz spaces and we notice that these results for the special case when $\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$ becomes Orlicz spaces will be published in [2]. The dual equality between the Orlicz norm on Orlicz-Lorentz spaces and the norm on $M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$ is also given. Finally, we prove the Kolmogorov inequality in the Orlicz-Lorentz spaces.

Let us first recall some notations of Orlicz-Lorentz spaces:

Let $(\Omega, \mu) := (\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ be a measure space with the complete and σ -finite measure μ , $L^0(\mu)$ be a space of all μ -equivalent classes of Σ -measurable functions on Ω with topology of the convergence in measure on μ -finite sets.

A Banach space $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$ is called the Banach function space on (Ω, μ) if it is a subspace of $L^0(\mu)$, and there exists a function $h \in E$ such that $h > 0$ a.e. on

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Ω and if $f \in L^0(\mu)$, $g \in E$ and $|f| \leq |g|$ a.e. on Ω then $f \in E$ and we have $\|f\|_E \leq \|g\|_E$. Moreover, if the unit ball $B_E = \{f \in E : \|f\|_E \leq 1\}$ is closed on $L^0(\mu)$, then we say that E has the Fatou property. A Banach function space E is said to be symmetric if for every $f \in L^0(\mu)$ and $g \in E$ such that $\mu_f = \mu_g$, then $f \in E$ and $\|f\|_E = \|g\|_E$, where for any $h \in L^0(\mu)$, μ_h denotes the distribution of h , defined by

$$\mu_h(t) = \mu(\{x \in \Omega : |h(x)| > t\}), \quad t \geq 0.$$

Let E be a Banach function space on (Ω, μ) . Then the Köthe dual space E' of E is a Banach function space, which can be identified with the space of all functionals possessing an integral representation, that is,

$$E' = \{g \in L^0(\mu) : \|g\|_{E'} = \sup_{\|f\|_E \leq 1} \int_{\Omega} |fg| d\mu < \infty\}.$$

Given $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ an Orlicz function (i.e., it is a convex function, takes value zero only at zero) and $\omega : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ a weight function (i.e., it is a non-increasing function and locally integrable and $\int_0^{\infty} \omega dx = \infty$). The Orlicz-Lorentz space $\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^{\Omega}$ on (Ω, μ) is the set of all functions $f(x) \in L^0(\mu)$ such that

$$\int_0^{\infty} \varphi(\lambda f^*(x)) \omega(x) dx < \infty$$

for some $\lambda > 0$, where f^* is the non-increasing rearrangement of f defined by

$$f^*(x) = \inf\{\lambda > 0 : \mu_f(\lambda) \leq x\},$$

with $x > 0$ (by convention, $\inf \emptyset = \infty$).

It is easy to check that $\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^{\Omega}$ is a symmetric Banach function space, with the Fatou property, equipped with the Luxemburg norm

$$\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^{\Omega}} = \inf\{\lambda > 0 : \int_0^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{f^*(x)}{\lambda}\right) \omega(x) dx \leq 1\}.$$

Note that: If $\omega \equiv 1$ then $\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^{\Omega}$ is the Orlicz function space L_{φ}^{Ω} ; if $\varphi(t) = t$ then $\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^{\Omega}$ is the Lorentz function space $\Lambda_{\omega}^{\Omega}$.

Recall that φ is an N-function if $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \varphi(t)/t = 0$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi(t)/t = +\infty$; the Orlicz function φ satisfies Δ_2 -condition (we write, $\varphi \in \Delta_2$) if there exists $C > 0$ such that $\varphi(2t) \leq C\varphi(t) \quad \forall t > 0$; the Orlicz function $\varphi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ satisfies the ∇_2 -condition (we write, $\varphi \in \nabla_2$) if there exists a number $l > 1$ such that $\varphi(x) \leq \frac{1}{2l}\varphi(lx) \quad \forall x \geq 0$. We easily have the following remarks:

Remark 1.1.

- (i) If $f(x) \in E'$ and $0 \leq f_n \uparrow |f|$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|f_n\|_{E'} = \|f\|_{E'}$;
- (ii) If $f(x), f_n(x), n = 1, 2, \dots$ are measurable functions satisfying $|f_n| \uparrow |f|$ then $f_n^* \uparrow f^*$;

(iii) If $f(x), g(x)$ are measurable functions then

$$\int_{\Omega} |f(x)g(x)|d\mu \leq \int_0^{+\infty} f^*(x)g^*(x)dx.$$

Remark 1.2. Let φ be an N-function. Then the three following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) $\varphi \in \nabla_2$;
- (ii) There exists $\beta > 1$ such that $x\psi(x) > \beta\varphi(x) \quad \forall x > 0$, where $\psi(x)$ is the left derivative of φ ;
- (iii) There are the numbers $l > 1$ and $\delta_l > 0$ such that $\varphi(lx) \geq (l + \delta_l)\varphi(x) \forall x > 0$.

Denote by φ_* the Young conjugate function of φ , that is

$$\varphi_*(t) = \sup\{st - \varphi(s) | s \geq 0\}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Then we have the following result

Young's inequality. *Let φ be an N-function. Then*

$$xy \leq \varphi(x) + \varphi_*(y) \quad \forall x, y \geq 0$$

and it becomes the equality if and only if $y \in [\psi(x), \eta(x)]$, where ψ, η are the left and the right derivatives of φ .

We define

$$I(f) = \int_0^{\infty} \varphi_*\left(\frac{f^*(x)}{\omega(x)}\right)\omega(x)dx$$

for any $f(x) \in L^0(\mu)$ and

$$M_{\varphi_*, \omega}^{\Omega} = \{f(x) \in L^0(\mu) : I\left(\frac{f}{\lambda}\right) < \infty \text{ with some } \lambda > 0\}.$$

In the space $M_{\varphi_*, \omega}^{\Omega}$ we define a monotone and homogeneous functional

$$\|f\|_{M_{\varphi_*, \omega}^{\Omega}} = \inf\{\lambda > 0 : I\left(\frac{f}{\lambda}\right) \leq 1\}.$$

Put

$$S(t) = \int_0^t \omega(s)ds, \quad t > 0,$$

we call the weight function ω regular if there is a constant $K > 1$ such that $S(2t) \geq KS(t)$ for any $t > 0$. It is easy to prove that ω is regular if and only if there exists $C > 0$ such that $t\omega(t) \leq S(t) \leq Ct\omega(t)$ for any $t > 0$.

Let $f(x), g(x)$ be two positive functions, we write $f \asymp g$ if there exist $C_1, C_2 > 0$ such that $C_1f(x) \leq g(x) \leq C_2f(x)$. Put $I = (0, +\infty)$.

It was proved in [11] that

Theorem A. *Let ω be a weight function and $\varphi(t) = t$ or φ be an N-function. Then the following assertions are true:*

- (i) *If ω is regular, then $(\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^I)' = M_{\varphi_*, \omega}^I$ and $\|\cdot\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^I)'} \asymp \|\cdot\|_{M_{\varphi_*, \omega}^I}$;*

(ii) If $\varphi \in \Delta_2$ and $(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)' = M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I$, then ω is regular.

Theorem A shows the relation between Orlicz-Lorentz spaces and $M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I$, that is, the Köthe dual space of Orlicz-Lorentz space $(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)$ is the $M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I$ with some conditions of φ,ω .

2. MAIN RESULTS

We state the following theorem as an extension of Theorem A

Theorem 2.1. *Let ω be a weight function and $\varphi(t) = t$ or φ be an N -function. Then the following assertions are true*

- (i) *If ω is regular, then $(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})' = M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$ and $\|\cdot\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})'} \simeq \|\cdot\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}$;*
- (ii) *If $\varphi \in \Delta_2$ and $(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})' = M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$, then ω is regular.*

To prove Theorem 2.1, we need the following lemmas.

Lemma 2.2. *Let $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$ or I and $f(x)$ be a measurable function. Then the following are true*

- (i) *$f \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega}$ if and only if $f^* \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I$, and we have $\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega}} = \|f^*\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I}$;*
- (ii) *$f \in M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\Omega}$ if and only if $f^* \in M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I$, and we have $\|f\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\Omega}} = \|f^*\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I}$;*
- (iii) *$f \in (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega})'$ if and only if $f^* \in (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'$, and we have $\|f\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega})'} = \|f^*\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'}$.*

Proof. (i) and (ii) is evident from their definitions. Let us prove (iii). Using (i) and Remark 1.1, we have if $f^*(x) \in (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'$, then $f(x) \in (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega})'$ and

$$\|f\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega})'} \leq \|f^*\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'}$$

Conversely, suppose that $f(x) \in (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega})'$, we have to prove $f^*(x) \in (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'$ and $\|f^*\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'} \leq \|f\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega})'}$. By Remark 1.1, we only prove for $f(x)$ being a nonnegative, simple function on Ω . So $f^*(x)$ is a nonnegative simple function on I , too. For any simple function $g(x) \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I$ satisfying $\|g\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I} \leq 1$, there is a simple function $h(x)$ on Ω such that $h^*(x) = g^*(x)$ and

$$\int_{\Omega} |f(x)h(x)|d\mu = \int_I f^*(x)g^*(x)dx.$$

Hence, $h(x) \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega}$ and $\|h\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega}} \leq 1$, and then

$$\int_I |f^*(x)g(x)|dx \leq \int_I f^*(x)g^*(x)dx = \int_{\Omega} |f(x)h(x)|dx \leq \|f\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega})'}.$$

If $g(x)$ is an arbitrary function in $\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I$ such that $\|g\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I} \leq 1$, there is a sequence $\{g_n(x)\}$ of nonnegative simple functions on I such that $g_n(x) \uparrow |g(x)|$. So $g_n(x) \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I$ and $\|g_n\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I} \leq 1$. By the monotone convergence theorem, we have

$$\int_I |f^*(x)g(x)|dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_I |f^*(x)g_n(x)|dx \leq \|f\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega})'}.$$

Hence, $f^*(x) \in (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'$ and $\|f^*\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'} \leq \|f\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega})'}$. The proof is complete. \square

Lemma 2.3. *Let φ be an Orlicz function, ω be a weight function and suppose that $(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})' = M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$. Then there is a constant $K > 0$ satisfying*

$$\|g\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq K \|g\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})'} \quad \forall g(x) \in (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})'.$$

Proof. This lemma is proved similarly as in the proof of Lemma 2 in [11]. \square

Proof of Theorem 2.1. (i). By the regularity of ω , we have $(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)' = M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I$ and

$$2^{-1} \|f\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'} \leq \|f\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I} \leq 4C \|f\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'}$$

where C is a constant (see Theorem 2 (i) [11]). It follows from Lemma 2.2 that $f(x) \in (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})' \iff f^* \in (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)' = M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I \iff f(x) \in M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$. Therefore, $(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})' = M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$, and

$$\|f\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})'} = \|f^*\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'} \leq 2 \|f^*\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I} = 2 \|f\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}},$$

$$\|f\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} = \|f^*\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I} \leq 4C \|f^*\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'} = 4C \|f\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})'}$$

i.e., $\|\cdot\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})'} \asymp \|\cdot\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}$.

By Theorem 2(ii) [11], we will prove that $(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)' = M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I$. From Young's inequality we have $M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I \subset (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'$, so we only have to prove $(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)' \subset M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I$.

Given $f \in (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'$, there is a sequence $\{f_n\}$ of nonnegative simple functions on I such that $f_n \uparrow |f|$. Hence, $f_n \in (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\|f_n\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'} \uparrow \|f\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'}$. We choose a sequence $\{h_n\}$ of simple functions on \mathbb{R} such that $h_n^* = f_n^*$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus $h_n \in (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})'$ and $\|h_n\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})'} = \|f_n\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'}$. By assumption $(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})' = M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$, we obtain $h_n \in M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$. Lemma 2.2(ii) yields $f_n^* = h_n^* \in M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I$ and $\|f_n^*\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I} = \|h_n^*\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I} = \|h_n\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}$. From Lemma 2.3, there is a constant $K > 0$ such that

$$\|g\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq K \|g\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})'} \quad \forall g \in (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})'.$$

Hence

$$\|f_n^*\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I} = \|h_n\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq K \|h_n\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}})'} = K \|f_n\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'} \leq K \|f\|_{(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)'}$$

So $\sup_{n \geq 1} \|f_n^*\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I} < \infty$. Then it follows from $f_n^* \uparrow f^*$ that $f^* \in M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I$. Therefore, $f \in M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I$. That is $(\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^I)' \subset M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^I$. The proof is complete. \square

Next, we study the norms on Orlicz-Lorentz spaces. We know that $\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega}$ is the Banach space with the Luxemburg norm defined by

$$\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega}} = \inf\{\lambda > 0 : \int_I \varphi\left(\frac{f^*(x)}{\lambda}\right)\omega(x)dx \leq 1\}.$$

On this space we define another norm called the Orlicz norm as follows

$$(1) \quad \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega}}^1 = \sup\left\{\int_{\Omega} |f(x)g(x)|d\mu : \|g\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\Omega}} \leq 1\right\}.$$

Note that if $\omega \equiv 1$ then $\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega}$ is the usual Orlicz function space L_{φ}^{Ω} and the Luxemburg norm, the Orlicz norm on $\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega}$ become respectively the Luxemburg norm, the Orlicz norm on L_{φ}^{Ω} which can be seen in [19].

From the definition of the Orlicz norm, we have

$$\int_{\Omega} |f(x)g(x)|d\mu \leq \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega}}^1 \|g\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\Omega}} \quad \forall f(x) \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\Omega}, g(x) \in M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\Omega}.$$

In the following theorem, we give a formula to compute the Orlicz norm.

Theorem 2.4. *Let φ be an N -function and $f(x) \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$. Then*

$$(2) \quad \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 = \inf\left\{\frac{1}{k}\left(1 + \int_I \varphi(kf^*(x))\omega(x)dx\right) : k > 0\right\}.$$

To obtain Theorem 2.4, the following result is important.

Lemma 2.5. *Let φ be an Orlicz function, ψ be the left derivative of φ and the function $f(x) \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$ satisfy*

$$(3) \quad \int_I \varphi_*(\psi(k_0 f^*(x))\omega(x)dx = 1$$

for some k_0 . Then we have

$$\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 = \int_I f^*(x)\psi(k_0 f^*(x))\omega(x)dx = \frac{1}{k_0}\left(1 + \int_I \varphi(k_0 f^*(x))\omega(x)dx\right).$$

Proof. From (1) and (3), we have

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 &= \sup\left\{\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)g(x)|dx : \|g\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq 1\right\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k_0}\left(1 + \int_I \varphi(k_0 f^*(x))\omega(x)dx\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{k_0}\left(\int_I \varphi_*(\psi(k_0 f^*(x))\omega(x)dx + \int_I \varphi(k_0 f^*(x))\omega(x)dx\right) \\ &= \int_I f^*(x)\psi(k_0 f^*(x))\omega(x)dx. \end{aligned}$$

We define $g(x) = \omega(x)\psi(k_0 f^*(x))$, $x > 0$. Then $\|g\|_{M_{\varphi_*, \omega}^I} \leq 1$. Therefore, it follows from the definition of the Orlicz norm that

$$(5) \quad \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 = \|f^*\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^I}^1 \geq \int_I f^*(x)g(x)dx = \int_I f^*(x)\psi(k_0 f^*(x))\omega(x)dx.$$

From (4) and (5), the proof is complete. \square

Proof of Theorem 2.4. For $k > 0$ and $g(x) \in M_{\varphi_*, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$ satisfying $\|g\|_{M_{\varphi_*, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq 1$, we have

$$\int_I \varphi_*\left(\frac{g^*(x)}{\omega(x)}\right)\omega(x)dx \leq 1.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)g(x)|dx &\leq \int_I f^*(x)g^*(x)dx = \frac{1}{k} \int_I \left(\frac{g^*(x)}{\omega(x)}\right)(k f^*(x))\omega(x)dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k} \left(\int_I \varphi_*\left(\frac{g^*(x)}{\omega(x)}\right)\omega(x)dx + \int_I \varphi(k f^*(x))\omega(x)dx \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + \int_I \varphi(k f^*(x))\omega(x)dx \right). \end{aligned}$$

This inequality implies that

$$(6) \quad \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 \leq \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + \int_I \varphi(k f^*(x))\omega(x)dx \right) : k > 0 \right\}.$$

Next, we will prove the opposite inequality: Let us first suppose that ψ is a continuous function. There exists a sequence $\{f_n(x)\}$ of nonnegative, simple functions such that $f_n(x) \uparrow |f(x)|$ a.e. Hence, $\|f_n\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^1}^1 \uparrow \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^1}^1$, and $f_n^*(x) \uparrow f^*(x)$. We have $m(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : f_n(x) \neq 0\}) < \infty$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and φ_* is a continuous function. So there is a sequence $\{k_n\}$ of positive numbers such that

$$\int_I \varphi_*(\psi(k_n f_n^*(x)))\omega(x)dx = 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Therefore, it follows from Lemma 2.5 that

$$(7) \quad k_n \|f_n\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 = \int_I \varphi(k_n f_n^*(x))\omega(x)dx + 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Because $\{f_n^*(x)\}$ is an increasing sequence of functions and $\{k_n\}$ is a decreasing sequence, there exists the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n = k_*$, and then from (7), we have

$$k_* \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_I \varphi(k_n f_n^*(x))\omega(x)dx + 1 \geq \int_I \varphi(k_* f^*(x))\omega(x)dx + 1.$$

Therefore, $k_* > 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 &\geq \frac{1}{k_*} \left(\int_I \varphi(k_* f^*(x)) \omega(x) dx + 1 \right) \\ &\geq \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + \int_I \varphi(k f^*(x)) \omega(x) dx \right) : k > 0 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

From this and (6), we get

$$\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 = \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + \int_I \varphi(k f^*(x)) \omega(x) dx \right) : k > 0 \right\}.$$

If ψ is not a continuous function, it is known that ψ is left continuous. For all $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$, we approximate ψ by a nondecreasing, continuous ψ_1 such that

$$\varphi((1 - \epsilon)x) \leq \varphi_1(x) \leq \varphi(x) \quad \forall x > 0,$$

where φ_1 is a convex function having ψ_1 as the left derivative. It is easy to prove that φ_1 is an N-function, $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}} = \Lambda_{\varphi_1,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$ and

$$(1 - \epsilon) \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 \leq \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_1,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 \leq \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1.$$

Hence, due to the result proved for continuous functions, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 &\geq \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_1,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 = \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + \int_I \varphi_1(k f^*(x)) \omega(x) dx \right) : k > 0 \right\} \\ &\geq \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + \int_I \varphi((1 - \epsilon)k f^*(x)) \omega(x) dx \right) : k > 0 \right\} \\ &= (1 - \epsilon) \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + \int_I \varphi(k f^*(x)) \omega(x) dx \right) : k > 0 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, we get

$$\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 \geq \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + \int_I \varphi(k f^*(x)) \omega(x) dx \right) : k > 0 \right\}.$$

Combining this equation with (6) we obtain

$$\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 = \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + \int_I \varphi(k f^*(x)) \omega(x) dx \right) : k > 0 \right\}.$$

The proof is complete. □

We will show, in particular, that on Orlicz-Lorentz spaces the Orlicz norm and the Luxemburg norm are equivalent, and satisfy the following inequalities

$$\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 \leq 2 \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \quad \forall f \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}.$$

Moreover, we find the best constants for the inequalities between these norms. Suppose that C_1 is the largest number and C_2 is the smallest number such that

$$(8) \quad C_1 \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}|R}} \leq C_2 \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \quad \forall f \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}.$$

It is well known that the Orlicz norm has the Fatou property, that is, if $0 \leq f_n \leq f \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$, then $\|f_n\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \rightarrow \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}$ whenever $f_n \rightarrow f$ a.e. Hence, condition (8) is equivalent to the following

$$(9) \quad C_1 \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq C_2 \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}$$

for all functions $f(x) \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$ which are nonnegative, simple and satisfying $\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} = 1$. From the above definition, we have $1 \leq C_1 \leq C_2 \leq 2$. Put

$$H(k) = \sup_{t>0} \frac{\varphi(kt)}{\varphi(t)}, \quad D(k) = \inf_{t>0} \frac{\varphi(kt)}{\varphi(t)}.$$

Clearly, the functions $D(k), H(k)$ are increasing, $D(k) \leq H(k) \leq k$ for any $0 \leq k \leq 1$ and $k \leq D(k) \leq H(k)$ for any $k > 1$. From now on, we denote by f^{-1} the inverse function of f .

Theorem 2.6. *Let φ be an Orlicz function. Then*

(i) *If φ is an N-function, we have*

$$(10) \quad C_1 = \inf_{c>0} \frac{1}{c} \varphi_*^{-1}(c) \varphi^{-1}(c) = \inf_{k>0} \frac{1 + D(k)}{k};$$

(ii) *We always have*

$$(11) \quad C_2 \leq \inf_{k>0} \frac{1 + H(k)}{k},$$

and if φ is an N-function then

$$(12) \quad \sup_{c>0} \frac{1}{c} \varphi_*^{-1}(c) \varphi^{-1}(c) \leq C_2.$$

Proof. (i) We have

$$(13) \quad \begin{aligned} \inf_{k>0} \frac{1}{k} (1 + D(k)) &= \inf_{k>0} \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + \inf_{x>0} \frac{\varphi(kx)}{\varphi(x)} \right) = \inf_{k>0} \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + \inf_{c>0} \frac{\varphi(k\varphi^{-1}(c))}{c} \right) \\ &= \inf_{c>0} \frac{1}{c} \inf_{k>0} \frac{\varphi_*(\varphi_*^{-1}(c) + \varphi(k\varphi^{-1}(c)))}{kc} = \inf_{c>0} \frac{1}{c} \varphi^{-1}(c) \varphi_*^{-1}(c). \end{aligned}$$

If $f(x) \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$ is a simple function such that $\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} = 1$, then

$$\int_I \varphi(f^*(x)) \omega(x) dx = 1.$$

Therefore, it follows from Theorem 2.4 that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 &= \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + \int_I \varphi(kf^*(x))\omega(x) dx \right) : k > 0 \right\} \\ &\geq \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + D(k) \int_I \varphi(f^*(x))\omega(x) dx \right) : k > 0 \right\} \geq \inf_{k>0} \frac{1+D(k)}{k}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, due to (9), we have

$$(14) \quad C_1 \geq \inf_{k>0} \frac{1+D(k)}{k}.$$

For any $c > 0$, we choose $t > 0$ such that $\int_0^t \omega(x) dx = 1/c$. We put $f(x) = \chi_{(0,t)}(x)$.

By an immediate computation, we have

$$\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} = \frac{1}{\varphi^{-1}(c)} \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 = \inf_{k>0} \frac{1}{k} (1 + \varphi(k)c) = \frac{1}{c} \varphi_*^{-1}(c).$$

Hence

$$C_1 \leq \frac{\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1}{\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}} = \frac{1}{c} \varphi_*^{-1}(c) \varphi^{-1}(c) \quad \forall c > 0.$$

This implies

$$(15) \quad C_1 \leq \inf_{c>0} \frac{1}{c} \varphi^{-1}(c) \varphi_*^{-1}(c).$$

Combining (13), (14) and (15), we obtain (10).

(ii) Let $f \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$ and $\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 \leq 1$. Then it follows from Theorem 2.4 that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 &\leq \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + \int_I \varphi(kf^*(x))\omega(x) dx \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + H(k) \int_I \varphi(f^*(x))\omega(x) dx \right) \leq \frac{1+H(k)}{k} \quad \forall k > 0, \end{aligned}$$

which gives $C_2 \leq \inf_{k>0} \frac{1+H(k)}{k}$.

Similarly as above for C_1 , we get

$$C_2 \geq \sup_{c>0} \frac{1}{c} \varphi^{-1}(c) \varphi_*^{-1}(c),$$

if φ is an N-function. The proof is complete. \square

Now we find the conditions so that $C_1 = 1$.

Theorem 2.7. *Let φ be an N-function. Then $C_1 > 1$ if and only if $\varphi \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$.*

Proof. Necessity. Assume $C_1 > 1$. We have to prove that $\varphi \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$. Indeed, assume the contrary that $\varphi \notin \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$. Then $\varphi \notin \Delta_2$ or $\varphi \notin \nabla_2$. From Theorem 2.6, we have

$$C_1 = \inf_{t>0} \frac{1 + D(t)}{t}.$$

If $\varphi \notin \Delta_2$, there exists a sequence of positive numbers $\{x_n\}$ such that $\varphi(x_n) \geq n\varphi(x_n/2) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. Fix $t \in (0, 1)$ and choose $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $1/2 \geq t^{n_0}$. Then for all $n > n_0$ we have $\varphi(x_n) \geq n\varphi(x_n/2) \geq n\varphi(t^{n_0}x_n)$. So, it follows from $\varphi(t^{n_0}x_n) \geq (D(t))^{n_0}\varphi(x_n)$ that $1 \geq n(D(t))^{n_0} \forall n > n_0$, and then $D(t) = 0$ for all $t \in (0, 1)$. Hence

$$C_1 \leq \inf_{t \in (0,1)} \frac{1 + D(t)}{t} = \inf_{t \in (0,1)} \frac{1}{t} = 1.$$

Therefore, by $C_1 \geq 1$ we have $C_1 = 1$.

If $\varphi \notin \nabla_2$, it follows from Remark 1.2 that for any $t > 1$, for all $\delta > 0$ there exists $x > 0$ such that

$$\varphi(tx) < (t + \delta)\varphi(x).$$

Therefore,

$$D(t) = \inf_{x>0} \frac{\varphi(tx)}{\varphi(x)} \leq t + \delta.$$

Letting $\delta \rightarrow 0$, we obtain $D(t) = t \forall t > 1$. So we have

$$C_1 \leq \inf_{t>1} \frac{1 + D(t)}{t} = \inf_{t>1} \frac{1 + t}{t} = 1.$$

From this inequality and by $C_1 \geq 1$, we get $C_1 = 1$, which contradicts $C_1 > 1$. So, $\varphi \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$ has been proved.

Sufficiency. Assume $\varphi \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$, we have to show $C_1 > 1$. Indeed, since $\varphi \in \Delta_2$, $D(1/2) > 0$. Since $\varphi \in \nabla_2$, there exists $\beta > 1$ such that

$$\frac{x\psi(x)}{\varphi(x)} > \beta \quad \forall x > 0,$$

where ψ is the left derivative of φ (see (ii) in Remark 1.2). Therefore, for all $t > 1$ we have

$$\ln \frac{\varphi(tx)}{\varphi(x)} = \int_x^{tx} \frac{\psi(y)}{\varphi(y)} dy \geq \int_x^{tx} \frac{\beta}{y} dy = \beta \ln t \quad \forall x > 0.$$

This implies $D(t) \geq t^\beta$. Hence

$$\inf_{t \geq 1} \frac{1 + D(t)}{t} \geq \inf_{t > 1} \frac{1 + t^\beta}{t} > 1.$$

Then it follows from

$$\inf_{1 > t \geq 1/2} \frac{1 + D(t)}{t} \geq \inf_{1 > t \geq 1/2} (1 + D(t)) \geq 1 + D(1/2) > 1$$

and

$$\inf_{1/2 \geq t > 0} \frac{1 + D(t)}{t} \geq 2,$$

that

$$C_1 = \inf_{t > 0} \frac{1 + D(t)}{t} > 1.$$

The proof is complete. \square

We have the following result:

Lemma 2.8. *Let φ be an Orlicz function with continuous left derivative ψ . Put*

$$H(k) = \sup_{x > 0} \frac{\varphi(kx)}{\varphi(x)}, \quad a = \sup_{x > 0} \frac{x\psi(x)}{\varphi(x)}, \quad b = \inf_{x > 0} \frac{x\psi(x)}{\varphi(x)}.$$

Then H has the left derivative and the right derivative at 1 and $H'_+(1) = a$, $H'_-(1) = b$.

Proof. For $k > 1, x > 0$ we have

$$\ln \frac{\varphi(kx)}{\varphi(x)} = \int_x^{kx} \frac{\psi(t)}{\varphi(t)} dt \leq \int_x^{kx} \frac{a}{t} dt = a \ln k.$$

Thus $H(k) \leq k^a$. Hence

$$(16) \quad \limsup_{k \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{H(k) - H(1)}{k - 1} \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{k^a - 1}{k - 1} = a.$$

Otherwise, let $c \in (0, a)$. There exist $x_0 > 0, \delta > 0$ such that

$$\frac{x\psi(x)}{\varphi(x)} > c \quad \forall x \in (x_0, x_0 + \delta).$$

For $k \in (1, 1 + \frac{\delta}{x_0})$, we have $(x_0, kx_0) \subset (x_0, x_0 + \delta)$, and then

$$\ln \frac{\varphi(kx_0)}{\varphi(x_0)} = \int_{x_0}^{kx_0} \frac{\psi(t)}{\varphi(t)} dt \geq \int_{x_0}^{kx_0} \frac{c}{t} dt = c \ln k.$$

This implies that

$$H(k) \geq \frac{\varphi(kx_0)}{\varphi(x_0)} \geq k^c.$$

Hence

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{H(k) - 1}{k - 1} \geq \lim_{k \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{k^c - 1}{k - 1} = c.$$

Letting $c \rightarrow a$ and using (16), we see that H has the right derivative at 1 and $H'_+(1) = a$. Next, we prove that $H'_-(1) = b$. Indeed, for $k < 1$ we have

$$\ln \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varphi(kx)} = \int_{kx}^x \frac{\psi(t)}{\varphi(t)} dt \geq \int_{kx}^x \frac{b}{t} dt = -b \ln k = -\ln k^b \quad \forall x > 0,$$

which gives $H(k) \leq k^b$. Hence

$$(17) \quad \liminf_{k \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1 - H(k)}{1 - k} \geq \lim_{k \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1 - k^b}{1 - k} = b.$$

On the other hand, for $d > b$, there exists $x_0 > 0$ satisfying

$$\frac{x_0 \psi(x_0)}{\varphi(x_0)} < d,$$

and then there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\frac{x\psi(x)}{\varphi(x)} < d \quad \forall x \in (x_0 - \delta, x_0).$$

For $1 - \frac{\delta}{x_0} < k < 1$ we get $(kx_0, x_0) \subset (x_0 - \delta, x_0)$, and then

$$\ln \frac{\varphi(x_0)}{\varphi(kx_0)} = \int_{kx_0}^{x_0} \frac{\psi(t)}{\varphi(t)} dt \leq \int_{kx_0}^{x_0} \frac{d}{t} dt = -\ln k^d.$$

It follows that

$$H(k) \geq \frac{\varphi(kx_0)}{\varphi(x_0)} \geq k^d \quad \forall k \in (1 - \frac{\delta}{x_0}, 1).$$

Therefore,

$$(18) \quad \limsup_{k \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1 - H(k)}{1 - k} \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1 - k^d}{1 - k} = d \quad \forall d > b.$$

Combining (17) and (18), we obtain that H has the left derivative at 1 and $H'_-(1) = b$. The proof is complete. \square

Theorem 2.9. *Let φ be an Orlicz function and its left derivative ψ be continuous. Then $C_2 = 2$ if and only if*

$$(19) \quad \inf_{x>0} \frac{x\psi(x)}{\varphi(x)} \leq 2 \leq \sup_{x>0} \frac{x\psi(x)}{\varphi(x)}.$$

Proof. Necessary. Assume that $C_2 = 2$, we have to show (19). Indeed, put $g(k) = (1 + H(k))/k$. Then $g(1) = 2$ and due to Theorem 2.6, we get $C_2 \leq \inf\{g(k) : k > 0\}$. So, $g(1) = \min\{g(k) : k > 0\}$. Since H has the left derivative and the right derivative at 1, g also has these derivatives at 1. Moreover, it follows from $g(t) \geq g(1) \quad \forall t > 0$ that $g'_+(1) \geq 0 \geq g'_-(1)$. Thus

$$H'_+(1) \geq 2 \geq H'_-(1).$$

From this and using Lemma 2.8, we have (19).

Sufficiency. Assume that (19) is true, we need to prove $C_2 = 2$. Indeed, for all $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$, by the continuity of ψ , there exists $x_0 > 0$ such that

$$\frac{x_0 \psi(x_0)}{\varphi(x_0)} \in (2 - \epsilon, 2 + \epsilon).$$

Put

$$f(x) = x_0 \chi_{(0,t)}(x), \quad g(x) = \psi(x_0) \omega(x) \chi_{(0,t)}(x),$$

where t is chosen such that $\varphi(x_0) \int_0^t \omega(x) dx = 1 - \epsilon$. Hence

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(|f(x)|) \omega(x) dx = 1 - \epsilon$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x)g(x) dx &= \int_0^t x_0 \psi(x_0) \omega(x) dx \\ &= \frac{x_0 \psi(x_0)}{\varphi(x_0)} \int_0^t \varphi(x_0) \omega(x) dx \in ((2 - \epsilon)(1 - \epsilon), (2 + \epsilon)(1 - \epsilon)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$2 - 3\epsilon < \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x)g(x) dx < 2 - \epsilon.$$

Using Young's equality, we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x)g(x) dx = \int_I \varphi(f^*(x)) \omega(x) dx + \int_I \varphi_*\left(\frac{g^*(x)}{\omega(x)}\right) \omega(x) dx.$$

Then it follows from $\int_I \varphi(|f^*(x)|) \omega(x) dx = 1 - \epsilon$ that

$$\int_I \varphi_*\left(\frac{g^*(x)}{\omega(x)}\right) \omega(x) dx \leq 1.$$

So, we obtain

$$\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq 1, \quad \|g\|_{M_{\varphi_*, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x)g(x) dx > 2 - 3\epsilon.$$

Hence

$$C_2 \geq \frac{\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1}{\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}} \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x)g(x) dx > 2 - 3\epsilon.$$

Letting $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ we get $C_2 \geq 2$. So, $C_2 = 2$. The proof is complete. \square

Theorem 2.10. *Let φ be an Orlicz function. For each $g(x) \in M_{\varphi_*, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$, we define*

$$(20) \quad \|g\|_{M_{\varphi_*, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 = \sup \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)g(x)| dx : \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq 1 \right\}.$$

Then we have the following dual equality

$$(21) \quad \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} = \sup \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)g(x)| dx : \|g\|_{M_{\varphi_*, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 \leq 1 \right\}.$$

Proof. From (20), we obtain the following inequality

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)g(x)|dx \leq \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \|g\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}.$$

Therefore,

$$(22) \quad \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \geq \sup\left\{\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)g(x)|dx : \|g\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq 1\right\}.$$

Next, we prove the inverse inequality

$$(23) \quad \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq \sup\left\{\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)g(x)|dx : \|g\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq 1\right\}.$$

We can assume that $\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} = 1$.

If $f(x)$ is a simple function, then for any $\epsilon > 0$ we have

$$\int_I \varphi((1+\epsilon)f^*(x))\omega(x)dx > 1.$$

Put

$$g(x) = \frac{\psi((1+\epsilon)f^*(x))\omega(x)}{1 + \int_I \varphi_*(\psi((1+\epsilon)f^*(x))\omega(x)dx)} \chi_{(0,\infty)}$$

($g(x)$ is well-defined because $\psi(f^*(x))$ is a simple function too, so we have $\int_I \varphi_*(\psi((1+\epsilon)f^*(x))\omega(x)dx < \infty$). Using Young's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|g\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} &= \sup\left\{\int_{\mathbb{R}} |h(x)g(x)|dx : \|h\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}} \leq 1\right\} \\ &\leq \frac{\int_I \psi((1+\epsilon)f^*(x))h^*(x)\omega(x)dx}{1 + \int_I \varphi_*(\psi((1+\epsilon)f^*(x))\omega(x)dx)} \\ &\leq \frac{\int_I \psi((1+\epsilon)f^*(x))h^*(x)\omega(x)dx}{\int_I \varphi(h^*(x))\omega(x)dx + \int_I \varphi_*(\psi((1+\epsilon)f^*(x))\omega(x)dx)} \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup\left\{\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)h(x)|dx : \|h\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 \leq 1\right\} \\
& \geq \int_I f^*(x)g^*(x)dx = \frac{\int_I \psi((1+\epsilon)f^*(x))f^*(x)\omega(x)dx}{1 + \int_I \varphi_*(\psi((1+\epsilon)f^*(x))\omega(x)dx)} \\
& = \frac{1}{1+\epsilon} \frac{\int_I \varphi((1+\epsilon)f^*(x))\omega(x)dx + \int_I \varphi_*(\psi((1+\epsilon)f^*(x))\omega(x)dx)}{1 + \int_I \varphi_*(\psi((1+\epsilon)f^*(x))\omega(x)dx)} \\
& \geq \frac{1}{1+\epsilon} \quad \forall \epsilon > 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\sup\left\{\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)h(x)|dx : \|h\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}^1 \leq 1\right\} \geq 1 = \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}.$$

Therefore, (23) is true for simple functions $f(x)$.

If $f(x)$ is an arbitrary function, then approximating $f(x)$ by a sequence of simple functions we get (23). Combining (22) with (23), we have (21). The proof is complete. \square

3. THE KOLMOGOROV INEQUALITY IN ORLICZ-LORENTZ SPACE

The Landau-Kolmogorov inequality

$$(24) \quad \|f^{(k)}\|_{\infty}^n \leq K(k, n) \|f\|_{\infty}^{n-k} \|f^{(n)}\|_{\infty}^k,$$

where $0 < k < n$, is well known and has many interesting applications and generalizations (see [1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 20, 21, 22, 23]). Its study was initiated by Landau [17] and Hadamard [8] (the case $n = 2$). For functions on the whole real line \mathbb{R} , Kolmogorov [15] succeeded in finding in explicit form the best possible constants $K(k, n) = C_{k,n}$ in (24), and Stein proved in [22] that inequality (24) still holds for L_p -norm, $1 \leq p < \infty$, with these constants (the same situation also happens for an arbitrary Orlicz norm [1]). In this section will prove that the Kolmogorov inequality still holds for the Orlicz norm and the Luxemburg norm in Orlicz-Lorentz spaces. For simplicity of notations, we denote $\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$ by $\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}$, $\|\cdot\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}$ by $\|\cdot\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}}$, $\|\cdot\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}^1}$ by $\|\cdot\|_{\varphi,\omega}$, $M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$ by $M_{\varphi^*,\omega}$ and $\|\cdot\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}^{\mathbb{R}}}$ by $\|\cdot\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}}$. Note that if ω is regular (that is $\int_0^t \omega(s)ds \asymp t\omega(t)$), then $M_{\varphi^*,\omega}$ is a linear space, and $\|\cdot\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}}$ is a quasi-norm. Especially, $\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega} \subset S'(\mathbb{R})$ is the space of all tempered generalized functions this follow from the fact that $\int_0^t \omega(s)ds \asymp t\omega(t)$.

We have the following lemmas:

Lemma 3.1. *Let $f \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}$ and $g \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$. Then $f * g \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}$ and*

$$\|f * g\|_{\varphi,\omega} \leq \|f\|_{\varphi,\omega} \|g\|_1$$

and

$$\|f * g\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}} \leq \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}} \|g\|_1.$$

Lemma 3.2. *Let $n \geq 1$. If $f \in L_{1,loc}(\mathbb{R})$ and its generalized n^{th} derivative $g \in L_{1,loc}(\mathbb{R})$, then f can be redefined on a set of measure zero so that $f^{(n-1)}$ is absolutely continuous and $f^{(n)} = g$ a.e. on \mathbb{R} .*

Now, we state our theorem.

Theorem 3.3. *Let φ be an arbitrary Orlicz function, ω be a weight function, f and its generalized derivative $f^{(n)}$ be in $\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}$. Then $f^{(k)} \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}$ for all $0 < k < n$ and*

$$(25) \quad \|f^{(k)}\|_{\varphi,\omega}^n \leq C_{k,n} \|f\|_{\varphi,\omega}^{n-k} \|f^{(n)}\|_{\varphi,\omega}^k,$$

where $C_{k,n}$ are the best constants defined in the Kolmogorov inequality (for the case $p = \infty$).

Proof. We begin to prove (25) with the assumption that $f^{(k)} \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}$, with $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$. Indeed, fix $0 < k < n$ and let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. We choose a function $v_\epsilon \in M_{\varphi^*,\omega}$, $\|v_\epsilon\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}} \leq 1$ such that

$$(26) \quad \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} f^{(k)}(x) v_\epsilon(x) dx \right| \geq \|f^{(k)}\|_{\varphi,\omega} - \epsilon.$$

Put

$$F_\epsilon(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x+y) v_\epsilon(y) dy.$$

Then $F_\epsilon(x) \in L_\infty(\mathbb{R})$ by the definition of the Orlicz norm, and

$$(27) \quad F_\epsilon^{(r)}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f^{(r)}(x+y) v_\epsilon(y) dy, \quad 0 \leq r \leq n$$

in the distribution sense. Actually, for every function $\psi(x) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ it follows from the assumption and the definition of the Orlicz norm that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle F_\epsilon^{(r)}(x), \psi(x) \rangle &= (-1)^r \langle F_\epsilon(x), \psi^{(r)}(x) \rangle \\
 &= (-1)^r \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x+y)v_\epsilon(y)dy \right) \psi^{(r)}(x)dx \\
 &= (-1)^r \int_{\mathbb{R}} v_\epsilon(y) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x+y)\psi^{(r)}(x)dx \right) dy \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} v_\epsilon(y) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} f^{(r)}(x+y)\psi(x)dx \right) dy \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} f^{(r)}(x+y)v_\epsilon(y)dy \right) \psi(x)dx \\
 &= \left\langle \int_{\mathbb{R}} f^{(r)}(x+y)v_\epsilon(y)dy, \psi(x) \right\rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

So we have proved (27).

Since $\|v_\epsilon\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}} \leq 1$, clearly, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$|F_\epsilon^{(r)}(x)| \leq \|f^{(r)}(x+\cdot)\|_{\varphi,\omega} \|v_\epsilon\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}} \leq \|f^{(r)}\|_{\varphi,\omega}.$$

Now, we prove the continuity of $F_\epsilon^{(r)}$ on \mathbb{R} . Indeed, put $h(x) = f^{(r)}(x)$, $h_t(x) = f^{(r)}(x+t)$, $g(x) = v_\epsilon(x)$. So, to prove the continuity of $F_\epsilon^{(r)}$ on \mathbb{R} we only have to show that

$$(28) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (h_t(x) - h(x))g(x)dx = 0.$$

To do this, it is sufficient to prove for real nonnegative value functions $h(x)$. Since $h \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}$ and $g \in (\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega})'$, we have

$$(29) \quad \int_0^\infty h^*(x)g^*(x)dx < \infty.$$

We first prove (28) whenever $h(x) = \chi_A(x)$ is the characteristic function of the measurable set A , there are two cases, that is

Case 1: $m(A) < +\infty$. We denote $A-t := \{x-t : x \in A\}$, $C_t := A\Delta(A-t)$. Then it follows from $m(A) < \infty$ that $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} m(C_t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} m(A\Delta(A-t)) = 0$. We

have $h^*(x) = \chi_{(0,m(A))}(x)$. From this and (29) we get

$$\int_0^{m(A)} g^*(x) dx < +\infty.$$

Hence, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $\int_0^\delta g^*(x) dx < \epsilon$, and then there is $t_0 > 0$ such that $m(A\Delta(A-t)) < \delta$ for all $|t| < t_0$. Therefore, for $|t| < t_0$:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} (\chi_A(x+t) - \chi_A(x))g(x) dx \right| &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} |(\chi_A(x+t) - \chi_A(x))g(x)| dx \\ &= \int_{C_t} |\chi_{C_t}(x)| \cdot |g(x)| dx \leq \int_0^{m(C_t)} g^*(x) dx < \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (\chi_A(x+t) - \chi_A(x))g(x) dx = 0.$$

Case 2: $m(A) = +\infty$. Then $h^*(x) \equiv 1$ on I . Therefore, from (29), we see that $g^*(x)$ is integrable on I . Thus, $g(x) \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$, and then $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|g - g_{-t}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R})} = 0$.

Therefore, it follows from

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (\chi_A(x+t) - \chi_A(x))g(x) dx &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_A(x)g(x-t) dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_A(x)g(x) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_A(x)(g(x-t) - g(x)) dx \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} |(g(x-t) - g(x))| dx = \|g_{-t} - g\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R})} \end{aligned}$$

that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (\chi_A(x+t) - \chi_A(x))g(x) dx = 0,$$

i.e., (28) is true for $h(x) = \chi_A(x)$ being the characteristic function of the measurable set A .

By the linearity of integral, (28) is true for all simple functions $h(x)$ satisfying the condition of the theorem.

If $h(x)$ is a nonnegative, measurable function, we consider the sequence of functions $\{h_n(x)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ as follows

$$h_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n2^n-1} \frac{k}{2^n} \chi_{A_{n,k}}(x) + n\chi_{A_n}(x),$$

where $A_{n,k} = \{x : \frac{k}{2^n} \leq h(x) < \frac{k+1}{2^n}\}$ and $A_n = \{x : h(x) \geq n\}$. Then it is easy to check that $h_n(x) \uparrow h(x)$ a.e., and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(A_n) = 0$. Given $\epsilon > 0$ and $\delta > 0$. We choose n_0 such that $1/2^n < \epsilon$ and $m(A_n) < \delta$ for all $n \geq n_0$, then $\{x : h(x) - h_n(x) \geq \epsilon\} \subset A_n$. Hence

$$m(\{x : |h(x) - h_n(x)| \geq \epsilon\}) \leq m(A_n) < \delta.$$

That is $h_n \xrightarrow{m} f$. So $(h_n - h)^*(x) \rightarrow 0$. By Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem, we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_I (h_n - h)^*(x) g^*(x) dx = 0.$$

Then it follows from

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} (h(x+t) - h(x)) g(x) dx \right| &= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} (h(x+t) - h_n(x+t)) g(x) dx \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{\mathbb{R}} (h_n(x+t) - h_n(x)) g(x) dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}} (h_n(x) - h(x)) g(x) dx \right| \\ &\leq 2 \int_I (h_n - h)^*(x) g^*(x) dx + \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} (h_n(x+t) - h_n(x)) g(x) dx \right| \end{aligned}$$

that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} (h(x+t) - h(x)) g(x) dx \right| \leq 2 \int_0^{\infty} (h_n - h)^*(x) g^*(x) dx \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Hence

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} (h(x+t) - h(x)) g(x) dx \right| \leq 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\infty} (h_n - h)^*(x) g^*(x) dx = 0.$$

This gives

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (h(x+t) - h(x)) g(x) dx = 0.$$

So, (28) has been proved.

The functions $F_\epsilon^{(r)}$ are continuous and bounded on \mathbb{R} , therefore it follows from the Landau-Kolmogorov inequality and (26)-(27) that

$$(\|f^{(k)}\|_{\varphi,\omega} - \epsilon)^n \leq |F_\epsilon^{(k)}(0)|^n \leq \|F_\epsilon^{(k)}\|_\infty^n \leq C_{k,n} \|F_\epsilon\|_\infty^{n-k} \|F_\epsilon^{(n)}\|_\infty^k.$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_\epsilon\|_\infty &\leq \|f(x+\cdot)\|_{\varphi,\omega} \|v_\epsilon(\cdot)\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}} \leq \|f\|_{\varphi,\omega}, \\ \|F_\epsilon^{(n)}\|_\infty &\leq \|f^{(n)}(x+\cdot)\|_{\varphi,\omega} \|v_\epsilon(\cdot)\|_{M_{\varphi^*,\omega}} \leq \|f^{(n)}\|_{\varphi,\omega}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(\|f^{(k)}\|_{\varphi,\omega} - \epsilon)^n \leq C_{k,n} \|f\|_{\varphi,\omega}^{n-k} \|f^{(n)}\|_{\varphi,\omega}^k.$$

By letting $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, we have (25).

To complete the proof, it remains to show that $f^{(k)} \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}$, with $1 \leq k \leq n-1$ if $f, f^{(n)} \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}$. Indeed, by Lemma 3.2 we can assume that $f, f', \dots, f^{(n-1)}$ are continuous on \mathbb{R} and $f^{(n-1)}$ is absolutely continuous on \mathbb{R} , because $f, f^{(n)} \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}$. Let $\psi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}), \psi \geq 0, \psi(x) = 0$ for $|x| \geq 1$ and $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x)dx = 1$. We put $\psi_\lambda(x) = 1/\lambda\psi(x/\lambda), \lambda > 0$ and $f_\lambda = f * \psi_\lambda$. Then $f_\lambda \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ and $f_\lambda^{(k)} = f * \psi_\lambda^{(k)} = f^{(k)} * \psi_\lambda, k \geq 0$. It follows from Lemma 3.1 that $f_\lambda^{(k)} \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}$. Then by the fact proved above, we obtain

$$\|f_\lambda^{(k)}\|_{\varphi,\omega}^n \leq C_{k,n} \|f_\lambda\|_{\varphi,\omega}^{n-k} \|f_\lambda^{(n)}\|_{\varphi,\omega}^k, \quad 0 < k < n.$$

It follows from the following inequalities

$$\|f_\lambda\|_{\varphi,\omega} \leq \|f\|_{\varphi,\omega} \|\psi_\lambda\|_1 = \|f\|_{\varphi,\omega},$$

$$\|f_\lambda^{(n)}\|_{\varphi,\omega} \leq \|f^{(n)}\|_{\varphi,\omega} \|\psi_\lambda\|_1 = \|f^{(n)}\|_{\varphi,\omega}$$

that the set $\{f_\lambda^{(k)}\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ is bounded in $\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}$ and, by the continuity of $f_\lambda^{(k)}, \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} f_\lambda^{(k)}(x) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} f^{(k)} * \psi_\lambda = f^{(k)}(x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. Indeed, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f_\lambda^{(k)}(x) - f^{(k)}(x)| &= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} (f^{(k)}(x-y) - f^{(k)}(y)) \psi_\lambda(y) dy \right| \\ &\leq \int_{|\lambda| \leq \epsilon} |f^{(k)}(x-y) - f^{(k)}(y)| \psi_\lambda(y) dy \\ &\leq \sup_{|y| \leq \lambda} |f^{(k)}(x-y) - f^{(k)}(y)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow 0^+. \end{aligned}$$

Put $g_\lambda(x) = \inf_{0 < \mu \leq \lambda} |f_\mu^{(k)}(x)|$. Then $g_\lambda \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+$, the set $\{g_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ is bounded in $\Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}$ and $g_\lambda \uparrow |f^{(k)}|$ as $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$. Therefore, $g_\lambda^* \uparrow f^{(k)*}$ as $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$. Choose $M > 0$ such that $\|g_\lambda\| < M$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+$. So,

$$\int_0^\infty \varphi\left(\frac{g_\lambda^*(t)}{M}\right) \omega(t) dt \leq 1 \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

Letting $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$, by the monotone convergence theorem, we get

$$\int_0^\infty \varphi\left(\frac{f^{(k)*}(t)}{M}\right) \omega(t) dt \leq 1.$$

Hence $f^{(k)} \in \Lambda_{\varphi,\omega}$ for $1 \leq k \leq n-1$. The proof is complete. □

From the proof of (28) we have the following result.

Proposition 3.4. *Let f, g be measurable functions satisfying the following condition*

$$\int_0^{\infty} f^*(x)g^*(x)dx < +\infty.$$

Then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (f(x+t) - f(x))g(x)dx = 0.$$

From Proposition 3.4, we have the following:

Corollary 3.5. *Let $f \in \Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}, g \in M_{\varphi^*, \omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$. Then*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (f(x+t) - f(x))g(x)dx = 0.$$

For the Luxemburg norm $\|\cdot\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}}$, the Kolmogorov inequality also holds:

Theorem 3.6. *Let φ be an arbitrary Orlicz function, ω be a weight function, f and its generalized derivative $f^{(n)}$ be in $\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}$. Then $f^{(k)} \in \Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}$ for all $0 < k < n$ and*

$$\|f^{(k)}\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}}^n \leq C_{k,n} \|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}}^{n-k} \|f^{(n)}\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi, \omega}}^k.$$

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