## ASYMPTOTICALLY ISOMETRIC COPIES OF $c_0$ IN MUSIELAK-ORLICZ SPACES

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**Abstract.** Criteria in order that a Musielak-Orlicz function space  $L^{\Phi}$  as well as Musielak-Orlicz sequence space  $l^{\Phi}$  contains an asymptotically isometric copy of  $c_0$  are given. These results extend some results of [Y.A. Cui, H. Hudzik, G. Lewicki, *Order asymptotically isometric copies of*  $c_0$  *in the subspaces of order continuous elements in Orlicz spaces*, Journal of Convex Analysis **21** (2014)] to Musielak-Orlicz spaces.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^+$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  stand for the sets of reals, nonnegative reals and natural numbers, respectively. Let  $(T, \Sigma, \mu)$  be an arbitrary  $\sigma$ -finite and complete measure space that does not reduce to a finite number of atoms only. A mapping  $\Phi: T \times \mathbb{R} \to [0, +\infty]$  is said to be a *Musielak-Orlicz function* if:

- 1. There is a null set  $T_0 \in \Sigma$  such that  $\Phi(t,\cdot)$  is an Orlicz function for any  $t \in T \setminus T_0$ , that is,  $\Phi(t,\cdot)$  is convex, even, vanishing at zero, left continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  and not identically equal to zero.
- 2. For any  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ , the function  $\Phi(\cdot, u)$  is  $\Sigma$ -measurable.

Let  $L^0 = L^0(T, \Sigma, \mu)$  denote the space of all (equivalence classes of)  $\Sigma$ -measurable real functions defined on T. Given any Musielak-Orlicz function  $\Phi$ , we define on  $L^0$  a convex modular  $I_{\Phi}$  by the formula

$$I_{\Phi}(x) = \int_{T} \Phi(t, x(t)) d\mu.$$

The Musielak-Orlicz space  $L^\Phi$  generated by a Musielak-Orlicz function  $\Phi$  is defined by the formula

$$L^{\Phi} = \{ x \in L^0 : I_{\Phi}(\lambda x) < \infty \text{ for some } \lambda > 0 \}.$$

We will considered this space under the Luxemburg norm (see [2,9-12]):

$$||x||_{\Phi} = \inf\{\lambda > 0 : I_{\Phi}(x/\lambda) \le 1\}$$

Let  $\Omega$  denote the nonatomic part of T and  $\mathcal{N}$  denote the purely atomic part of T. Then the measure space  $(T, \Sigma, \mu)$  can be written as the direct sum

$$(\Omega, \Sigma \cap \Omega, \mu/\Omega) \oplus (\mathcal{N}, 2^{\mathcal{N}}, \mu/2^{\mathcal{N}}).$$

In this paper we will consider two separate cases:  $\mu$  nonatomic and  $\mu$  purely atomic with  $\mathcal{N} = \mathbb{N}$ .

In a nonatomic case we say that  $\Phi$  satisfies the growth  $condition \triangle_2$  ( $\Phi \in \triangle_2$  for short) if there exist a null set  $B \in \Sigma \cap \Omega$ , a constant K > 0 and a nonnegative  $\Sigma$ -measurable function h on  $\Omega$  such that  $\int_{\Omega} \Phi(t, h(t)) d\mu < \infty$  and  $\Phi(t, 2u) \leq K\Phi(t, u)$  for all  $t \in \Omega \setminus B$  and  $u \geq h(t)$  (see [2] and [11]).

In the purely atomic case we assume that  $(T, \Sigma, \mu) = (\mathbb{N}, 2^{\mathbb{N}}, \text{card})$  and we will write  $\Phi_n(u)$ ,  $l^{\Phi}$  and  $x_n$  in place of  $\Phi(n, u)$ ,  $L^{\Phi}$  and x(n), respectively. Then  $l^{\Phi}$  is called the Musielak-Orlicz sequence space.

We say that  $\Phi \in \delta_2^0$  if there are K > 0, a > 0 and a sequence  $(c_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  in  $[0, +\infty]$  such that  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} c_n < \infty$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and the inequality

$$\Phi_n(2u) \le K\Phi_n(u) + c_n$$

holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $\Phi_n(u) \leq a$  (see [11]).

Recall that if X is a Banach function lattice and  $x \in X$ , then x is said to be order continuous if  $||x_n|| \to 0$  for any sequence  $(x_n)$  in X such that  $0 \le x_n \le |x|$  and  $x_n \to 0$   $\mu$ -a.e. The subspace of all order continuous elements in X is denoted by  $X_a$ . It is possible that  $X_a = \{0\}$ . This is the case when X is equal to  $L^{\infty}$  or  $L^1 \cap L^{\infty}$  for example. If the measure space  $(T, \Sigma, \mu)$  is purely atomic, then  $(L^{\Phi})_a \neq \{0\}$  for any Musielak-Orlicz function  $\Phi$ . However, if the measure space  $(T, \Sigma, \mu)$  is nonatomic, we have  $(L^{\Phi})_a \neq \{0\}$  if and only if the set  $\{t \in T : \Phi(t, \cdot) \text{ is finitely valued}\}$  has a positive measure, actually  $\sup(L^{\Phi})_a = \{t \in T : \Phi(t, \cdot) \text{ is finitely valued}\}$  in this case. Consequently, if  $\Phi$  does not depend on the parameter t and the measure  $\mu$  is nonatomic, then  $(L^{\Phi})_a \neq \{0\}$  if and only if  $\Phi$  is finitely valued (this is of course the case for Orlicz spaces).

A Banach function lattice X is said to be order continuous  $(X \in OC \text{ for short})$  if  $X_a = X$ . It is well known that order continuity of a Banach function lattice X as well as of an element  $x \in X$  is preserved if we change a norm  $\|\cdot\|$  in X into another one  $\|\cdot\|$  which is equivalent to  $\|\cdot\|$ . It is also well known that  $(L^{\Phi})_a = E^{\Phi}$ , where  $E^{\Phi} = \{x \in L^0 : I_{\Phi}(\lambda x) < \infty \text{ for any } \lambda > 0\}$ , when the measure space is nonatomic and that in the purely atomic case, we have  $(l^{\Phi})_a = h^{\Phi}$ , where

$$h^{\Phi} = \Big\{ x = (x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \colon \forall_{\lambda > 0} \exists_{n_{\lambda} \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{n=n_{\lambda}}^{\infty} \Phi_n(\lambda x_n) < \infty \Big\}.$$

It is also known that  $h^{\Phi}$  is the closure (in the norm topology in  $l^{\Phi}$ ) of the space of all real sequences  $x=(x_n)$  with a finite number of coordinates different from zero. Moreover (see [2] and [11]), for a nonatomic measure, we have  $L^{\Phi}=E^{\Phi}$  if and only if  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$  and for the purely atomic measure the equality  $l^{\Phi}=h^{\Phi}$  holds if and only if  $\Phi \in \delta_2^0$ .

We say that a Banach space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  contains asymptotically isometric copy of  $c_0$  if there exists a sequence  $(\epsilon_n)$  of numbers in (0,1) such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \epsilon_n = 0$  and there exists a linear operator  $P: c_0 \to X$  such that

$$\sup_{n} (1 - \epsilon_n)|x_n| \le ||Px|| \le \sup_{n} |x_n|$$

for every element  $x = (x_n)$  of  $c_0$ .

The notion of asymptotically isometric copy of  $c_0$  was introduced in [6], where it is shown that if a Banach space X contains such a copy, then X fails the fixed-point property for nonexpansive self-mappings on closed bounded convex subsets of X.

## 2. RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1.**  $h^{\Phi}$  equipped with the Luxemburg norm contains an asymptotically isometric copy of  $c_0$  if and only if  $\Phi$  does not satisfy the  $\delta_2^0$  condition.

*Proof.* Let  $\Phi \not \in \delta_2^0$  and for  $\varepsilon > 0, k \in \mathbb{N}, i \in \mathbb{N}$  define the numbers

$$d_i^k = \sup\{\Phi_i((1+\frac{1}{k})x) : \Phi_i(x) \le \frac{1}{2k+1} \text{ and } \Phi_i((1+\varepsilon)x) \ge 2^{k+1}\Phi_i(x)\}.$$

It is known (see [1,4,7,8]) that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} d_i^k = \infty \text{ for every } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Define  $i_1$  as the largest natural number such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{i_1} d_i^1 \le 1,$$

whenever  $d_1^1 \leq 1$  and  $i_1 = 0$  otherwise. Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{i_1+1} d_i^1 > 1.$$

Put  $N_1 = \{1, 2, \dots, i_1 + 1\}$ . Next define  $i_2$  as the largest natural number such that

$$\sum_{i=i_1+2}^{i_2} d_i^2 \le 1,$$

if  $d_{i_1+2}^2 \leq 1$  and  $i_2 = i_1 + 2$  otherwise. Then

$$\sum_{i=i_1+2}^{i_2+1} d_i^2 > 1.$$

Put  $N_2 = \{i_1 + 2, \dots, i_2 + 1\}$ . By induction we can construct the sets

$$N_k = \{i_{k-1} + 2, \dots, i_k, i_k + 1\} \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}, i_0 = -1)$$

such that

$$\sum_{i \in N_k \setminus \{i_k+1\}} d_i^k \le 1 \text{ and } \sum_{i \in N_k} d_i^k > 1.$$

For every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $i \in N_k$  there exist such numbers  $x_i$  that

$$\sum_{i \in N_k} \Phi_i((1 + \frac{1}{k})x_i) > 1, \ \Phi_i(x_i) \le \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \text{ and } \Phi_i((1 + \frac{1}{k})x_i) \ge 2^{k+1}\Phi_i(x_i).$$

Hence

$$\sum_{i \in N_k} \Phi_i(x_i) \le \sum_{i \in N_k \setminus \{i_k + 1\}} \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \Phi_i((1 + \frac{1}{k})x_i) + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \le \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \sum_{i \in N_k \setminus \{i_k + 1\}} d_i^k + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \le \frac{1}{2^k}.$$

Define  $y_k = \sum_{i \in N_k} x_i e_i$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$I_{\Phi}(y_k) = \sum_{i \in N_k} \Phi_i(x_i) \le \frac{1}{2^k},$$

$$I_{\Phi}((1 + \frac{1}{k})y_k) = \sum_{i \in N_k} \Phi((1 + \frac{1}{k})x_i) > 1.$$

for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now define an operator  $P: c_0 \to h^{\Phi}$  by the formula

$$Pu = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k y_k \text{ for } u = (u_k) \in c_0.$$

We will show that P is well defined, i.e.  $Pu \in h^{\Phi}$  for any  $u \in c_0$ . Take any  $\lambda > 0$  and  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\lambda |u_k| \leq 1$  for every  $k \geq l$ . Then

$$I_{\Phi}(\lambda \cdot Pu \cdot \chi_{N_l \cup N_{l+1} \cup \dots}) = I_{\Phi}(\lambda \sum_{k=l}^{\infty} u_k y_k) = \sum_{k=l}^{\infty} I_{\Phi}(\lambda u_k y_k) \le$$
$$\le \sum_{k=l}^{\infty} I_{\Phi}(y_k) \le \sum_{k=l}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} < \infty.$$

Consequently,  $Pu \in h^{\Phi}$ .

Next we will show that  $||Pu|| \le ||u||_{\infty}$ . For any nonzero  $u \in c_0$  we have

$$I_{\Phi}\left(\frac{Pu}{\|u\|_{\infty}}\right) = I_{\Phi}\left(\frac{1}{\|u\|_{\infty}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k y_k\right) \le \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} I_{\Phi}\left(\frac{1}{\|u\|_{\infty}} u_k y_k\right) \le \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} I_{\Phi}\left(y_k\right) \le \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} = 1.$$

Consequently,  $||Pu|| \le ||u||_{\infty}$ .

Finally, we will show that there exists a sequence  $(\varepsilon_n)$  such that

$$\varepsilon_n \downarrow 0$$
 and  $\sup_n (1 - \varepsilon_n) |u_n| \le ||Pu||$ .

Define for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  the number  $\varepsilon_k = \frac{1}{k+1}$ . Observe that  $\frac{1}{1-\varepsilon_k} = 1 + \frac{1}{k}$ . Take any  $\lambda > 1$ . For every nonzero  $u = (u_k) \in c_0$  there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\frac{(1-\varepsilon_m)\lambda|u_m|}{\sup_n(1-\varepsilon_n)|u_n|} \ge 1,$$

equivalently

$$\frac{\lambda |u_m|}{\sup_n (1 - \varepsilon_n) |u_n|} \ge \frac{1}{1 - \varepsilon_m}.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{split} I_{\Phi}\left(\frac{\lambda Pu}{\sup_{n}(1-\varepsilon_{n})|u_{n}|}\right) &= I_{\Phi}\left(\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\lambda u_{k}y_{k}}{\sup_{n}(1-\varepsilon_{n})|u_{n}|}\right) \geq I_{\Phi}\left(\frac{\lambda u_{m}y_{m}}{\sup_{n}(1-\varepsilon_{n})|u_{n}|}\right) \geq \\ &\geq I_{\Phi}\left(\frac{1}{1-\varepsilon_{m}}y_{m}\right) = I_{\Phi}\left(\frac{1}{1-\varepsilon_{m}}\sum_{i\in N_{m}}x_{i}e_{i}\right) = \\ &= \sum_{i\in N_{m}}\Phi_{i}\left(\left(1+\frac{1}{m}\right)x_{i}\right) > 1, \end{split}$$

whence

$$\frac{1}{\lambda}\sup_{n}(1-\varepsilon_n)|u_n| \le ||Pu||$$

and from arbitrariness of  $\lambda > 1$ , we get the thesis. Now assume that  $\Phi \in \delta_2^0$ . Then  $h^{\Phi} = l^{\Phi}$  is the dual space of  $h^{\Psi}$ , where  $\Psi$  is the Orlicz function complementary in the sense of Young to  $\Phi$ . Assume that  $h^{\Phi}$  contains an asymptotically isometric copy of  $c_0$ . Then it contains, as a dual space, an isometric copy of  $l^{\infty}$  (see [5]). But this contradicts the fact that  $h^{\Phi}$  is order continuous.

**Theorem 2.2.** If  $\Phi$  takes only finite values then:  $E^{\Phi}$  contains an asymptotically isometric copy of  $c_0$  if and only if  $\Phi$  does not satisfy the  $\Delta_2$  condition.

*Proof.* If  $\Phi < \infty$  and  $\Phi \notin \Delta_2^0$  then there exist sequences of measurable functions  $(x_n)$  and measurable sets  $(E_n)$  such that:

$$\begin{split} E_m \cap E_n &= \emptyset \text{ for } m \neq n, \\ x_n(t) &< \infty \text{ for every } t \in E_n, n \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \int\limits_{E_n} \Phi(t, x_n(t)) d\mu &= \frac{1}{2^n}, \\ \Phi(t, (1 + \frac{1}{n}) x_n(t)) &\geq 2^{n+2} \Phi(t, x_n(t)) \text{ for every } t \in E_n, n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{split}$$

For details see [2].

Take any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and define for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  the set

$$E_{n,k} = \{t \in E_n : |x_n(t)| < k\} \cap T_k,$$

where  $(T_k)$  is a sequence of measurable sets satisfying:  $T_1 \subset T_2 \subset ..., \bigcup T_{n=1}^{\infty} = T$  and  $\mu(T_k) < \infty$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Such sets exist by the assumption of  $\sigma$ -finiteness of the measure  $\mu$ . Then, we have

$$E_{n,1} \subset E_{n,2} \subset \dots,$$

$$\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_{n,k} = E_n,$$

$$\mu(E_{n,k}) < \infty \text{ for every } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Consequently, we get that  $|x_n|\chi_{E_{n,k}}\uparrow|x_n|\chi_{E_n}$  as  $k\to\infty$ . By the Beppo Levi monotone convergence theorem, we get

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \int_{E_n} \Phi(t, x_n(t) \chi_{E_{n,k}}(t)) d\mu = \int_{E_n} \Phi(t, x_n(t)) d\mu.$$

Now, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we can fix  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\tfrac{1}{2^{n+1}} \leq \int\limits_{E_n} \Phi(t,x_n(t)\chi_{E_{n,k}}(t)) d\mu = \int\limits_{E_{n,k}} \Phi(t,x_n(t)) d\mu \leq \int\limits_{E_n} \Phi(t,x_n(t)) d\mu = \tfrac{1}{2^n}.$$

Let us denote  $E_{n,k}$  by  $F_k$ .

Summarizing, for now we have constructed a sequence of measurable functions  $(x_n)$  and a sequence of measurable sets  $(F_n)$  satisfying the following conditions:

$$\begin{split} F_m \cap F_n &= \emptyset \text{ for } m \neq n, \\ x_n \text{ is bounded on } F_n, \ n \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} &\leq \int\limits_{F_n} \Phi(t, x_n(t)) d\mu \leq \frac{1}{2^n}, \\ \Phi(t, (1+\frac{1}{n})x_n(t)) &\geq 2^{n+2} \Phi(t, x_n(t)) \text{ for every } t \in F_n, \ n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{split}$$

Define an operator  $P: c_0 \to E^{\Phi}$  by the formula

$$Pu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n x_n \chi_{F_n} \text{ for } u = (u_n) \in c_0.$$

We will show that  $I_{\Phi}(\lambda Pu) < \infty$  for any  $u \in c_0$  and  $\lambda > 0$ . Fix any  $u = (u_n) \in c_0$  and take any  $\lambda > 0$ . There exists  $l_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\lambda |u_n| \leq 1$  for every  $n \geq l_0$ . We have

$$\begin{split} I_{\Phi}(\lambda P u) &= \int\limits_{T} \Phi\left(t, \lambda \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_{n} x_{n}(t) \chi_{F_{n}}(t)\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int\limits_{F_{n}} \Phi(t, \lambda u_{n} x_{n}(t)) d\mu = \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{l_{0}-1} \int\limits_{F_{n}} \Phi(t, \lambda u_{n} x_{n}(t)) d\mu + \sum_{n=l_{0}F_{n}}^{\infty} \int\limits_{F_{n}} \Phi(t, x_{n}(t)) d\mu \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{l_{0}-1} \int\limits_{F_{n}} \Phi(t, \lambda u_{n} x_{n}(t)) d\mu + \sum_{n=l_{0}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n}} < \infty, \end{split}$$

since  $\int_{F_n} \Phi(t, \lambda u_n x_n(t)) d\mu$  is finite for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consequently,  $Pu \in E^{\Phi}$ . Next we will show that  $||Pu|| \le ||u||_{\infty}$ . For any nonzero  $u \in c_0$  we have

$$\begin{split} I_{\Phi}\left(\frac{Pu}{\|u\|_{\infty}}\right) &= \int\limits_{T} \Phi\left(t, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\|u\|_{\infty}} u_n x_n(t) \chi_{F_n}(t)\right) d\mu \leq \\ &\leq \int\limits_{T} \Phi\left(t, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n(t) \chi_{F_n}(t)\right) d\mu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int\limits_{F_n} \Phi\left(t, x_n(t)\right) d\mu \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1. \end{split}$$

Consequently,  $||Pu|| \le ||u||_{\infty}$ .

Finally, we will show that there exists a sequence  $(\varepsilon_n)$  such that  $\varepsilon_n \downarrow 0$  and  $\sup_n (1-\varepsilon_n)|u_n| \leq \|Pu\|$  for every  $u \in c_0$ . Define  $\varepsilon_n = \frac{1}{n+1}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and notice that  $\frac{1}{1-\varepsilon_n} = 1 + \frac{1}{n}$   $(n \in \mathbb{N})$ . Fix any nozero  $u \in c_0$  and  $\lambda > 1$ . Since  $1 - \varepsilon_n \to 1$  as  $n \to \infty$ , then there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\frac{\lambda(1-\varepsilon_m)|u_m|}{\sup_n(1-\varepsilon_n)|u_n|} \ge 1$$

and equivalently

$$\frac{\lambda |u_m|}{\sup_n (1-\varepsilon_n)|u_n|} \geq \frac{1}{(1-\varepsilon_m)}.$$

Now we have

$$I_{\Phi}\left(\frac{\lambda Pu}{\sup_{n}(1-\varepsilon_{n})|u_{n}|}\right) = \int_{T} \Phi\left(t, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda u_{n} x_{n}(t) \frac{1}{\sup_{n}(1-\varepsilon_{n})|u_{n}|} \chi_{F_{n}}(t)\right) d\mu \geq$$

$$\geq \int_{T} \Phi\left(t, \lambda u_{m} x_{m}(t) \frac{1}{\sup_{n}(1-\varepsilon_{n})|u_{n}|} \chi_{F_{m}}(t)\right) d\mu =$$

$$= \int_{F_{m}} \Phi\left(t, \lambda u_{m} x_{m}(t) \frac{1}{\sup_{n}(1-\varepsilon_{n})|u_{n}|}\right) d\mu \geq$$

$$\geq \int_{F_{m}} \Phi\left(t, \frac{1}{1-\varepsilon_{m}} x_{m}(t)\right) d\mu = \int_{F_{m}} \Phi\left(t, (1+\frac{1}{m})x_{m}(t)\right) d\mu \geq$$

$$\geq 2^{m+2} \int_{F_{m}} \Phi(t, x_{m}(t)) d\mu \geq 2^{m+2} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{m+1}} = 2 > 1.$$

Consequently,  $\sup_n (1 - \varepsilon_n) |u_n| \le ||Pu||$ .

The proof of the conversion is similar to in the previous theorem.

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