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**SOME GENERALIZED DIFFERENCE SEQUENCE SPACES DEFINED BY  
ORLICZ FUNCTIONS**

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we define the sequence spaces:  $[V, M, p, u, \Delta]$ ,  $[V, M, p, u, \Delta]_0$  and  $[V, M, p, u, \Delta]_\infty$ , where for any sequence  $x = (x_n)$ , the difference sequence  $\Delta x$  is given by  $\Delta x = (\Delta x_n)_{n=1}^\infty = (x_n - x_{n-1})_{n=1}^\infty$ . We also study some properties and theorems of these spaces. These are generalizations of those defined and studied by Savas and Savas [10] and some others before.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $X$  be a linear space. A function  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called paranorm if the following are satisfied :

- (i)  $p(0) \geq 0$
- (ii)  $p(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in X$
- (iii)  $p(x) = p(-x)$  for all  $x \in X$
- (iv)  $p(x + y) \leq p(x) + p(y)$  for all  $x \in X$  ( triangle inequality )
- (v) if  $(\lambda_n)$  is a sequence of scalars with  $\lambda_n \rightarrow \lambda$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) and  $(x_n)$  is a sequence of vectors with  $p(x_n - x) \rightarrow 0$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ), then  $p(\lambda_n x_n - \lambda x) \rightarrow 0$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) ( continuity of multiplication by scalars ).

A paranorm  $p$  for which  $p(x) = 0$  implies  $x = 0$  is called total. It is well known that the metric of any linear metric space is given by some total paranorm (cf.[11]).

Let  $\Lambda = (\lambda_n)$  a nondecreasing sequence of positive reals tending to infinity and  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_{n+1} \leq \lambda_n + 1$ .

The generalized de la Vallée-Poussin means is defined by :

$$t_n(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} x_k,$$

where  $I_n = [n - \lambda_n + 1, n]$ . A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be  $(V, \lambda)$ -summable to a number  $l$  ( see [2] ) if  $t_n(x) \rightarrow l$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We write

$$\begin{aligned} [V, \lambda]_0 &= \{x = (x_k) : \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |x_k| = 0\} \\ [V, \lambda] &= \{x = (x_k) : \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |x_k - le| = 0, \text{ for some } l \in \mathbb{C}\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$[V, \lambda]_\infty = \{x = (x_k) : \sup_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |x_k| < \infty\}.$$

For the set of sequences that are strongly summable to zero, strongly summable and strongly bounded by the de la Vallée-Poussin method. If  $\lambda_n = n$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , then these sets reduce to  $\omega_0, \omega$  and  $\omega_\infty$  introduced and studied by Maddox [4].

Following Lidenstrauss and Tzafiri [3], we recall that an Orlicz function  $M$  is continuous, convex, nondecreasing function defined for  $x \geq 0$  such that  $M(0) = 0$  and  $M(x) \geq 0$  for  $x > 0$  (see [1]).

If convexity of  $M$  is replaced by  $M(x + y) \leq M(x) + M(y)$ , then it is called a modulus function, defined and studied by Nakano [7], Ruckle [9], Maddox [5] and others.

An Orlicz function  $M$  is said to satisfy the  $\Delta_2$ -condition for all values of  $u$ , if there exist a constant  $K > 0$  such that

$$M(2u) \leq KM(u) \quad (u \geq 0).$$

It is easy to see that always  $K > 2$ . The  $\Delta_2$ -condition is equivalent to the satisfaction of the inequality

$$M(lu) \leq KlM(u),$$

for all values of  $u$  and for  $l > 1$ .

Lidenstrauss and Tzafriri used the idea of Orlicz function to construct the Orlicz sequence space :

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

which is a Banach space with the norm :

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

If  $M(x) = x^p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the space  $l_M$  coincide with the classical sequence space  $l_p$ .

Parashar and Choudhary [8] have introduced and examined some properties of four sequence spaces defined by using an Orlicz function  $M$ , which generalized the well-known Orlicz sequence space  $l_M$  and strongly summable sequence spaces  $[C, 1, p]$ ,  $[C, 1, p]_0$  and  $[C, 1, p]_{\infty}$ .

Let  $M$  be an Orlicz function,  $p = (p_k)$  be any sequence of strictly positive real numbers and  $u = (u_k)$  be any sequence such that  $u_k \neq 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ). We define the following sequence spaces :

$$[V, M, p, u, \Delta] = \{x = (x_k) : \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [M\left(\frac{|u_k \Delta x_k - l e|}{\rho}\right)] = 0, \text{ for some } l$$

and  $\rho > 0\}$

$$[V, M, p, u, \Delta]_0 = \{x = (x_k) : \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [M\left(\frac{|u_k \Delta x_k|}{\rho}\right)] = 0, \text{ for some } \rho > 0\}$$

$$[V, M, p, u, \Delta]_{\infty} = \{x = (x_k) : \sup_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [M\left(\frac{|u_k \Delta x_k|}{\rho}\right)] < \infty, \text{ for some } \rho > 0\}.$$

If  $u = e$  and  $\Delta x_k = x_k$  for all  $k$ , then these gives the spaces  $[V, M, p]$ ,  $[V, M, p]_0$  and  $[V, M, p]_{\infty}$  respectively defined and studied by Savas and Savas [10].

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

We prove the following theorems :

**Theorem 2.1.** *For any Orlicz function  $M$  and any sequence  $p = (p_k)$  of strictly positive real numbers,  $[V, M, p, u, \Delta]$ ,  $[V, M, p, u, \Delta]_0$  and  $[V, M, p, u, \Delta]_{\infty}$  are linear spaces over the set of complex numbers.*

*Proof.* We shall prove only for  $[V, M, p, u, \Delta]_0$ . The others can be treated similarly. Let  $x, y \in [V, M, p, u, \Delta]_0$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ . In order to prove the result, we need to find some  $\rho_3 > 0$  such that :

$$\lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [M\left(\frac{|\alpha u_k \Delta x_k + \beta u_k \Delta y_k|}{\rho_3}\right)]^{p_k} = 0.$$

Since  $x, y \in [V, M, p, u, \Delta]_0$ , there exists some positive  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  such that :

$$\lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [M\left(\frac{|u_k \Delta x_k|}{\rho_1}\right)]^{p_k} = 0 \text{ and } \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [M\left(\frac{|u_k \Delta y_k|}{\rho_2}\right)]^{p_k} = 0.$$

Define  $\rho_3 = \max(2|\alpha| \rho_1, 2|\beta| \rho_2)$ . Since  $M$  is nondecreasing and convex,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \left[ M \left( \frac{|\alpha u_k \Delta x_k + \beta u_k \Delta y_k|}{\rho_3} \right) \right]^{p_k} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \left[ M \left( \frac{|\alpha u_k \Delta x_k|}{\rho_3} + \frac{|\beta u_k \Delta y_k|}{\rho_3} \right) \right]^{p_k} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \frac{1}{2^{p_k}} \left[ M \left( \frac{|u_k \Delta x_k|}{\rho_1} \right) + M \left( \frac{|u_k \Delta y_k|}{\rho_2} \right) \right]^{p_k} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \left[ M \left( \frac{|u_k \Delta x_k|}{\rho_1} \right) + M \left( \frac{|u_k \Delta y_k|}{\rho_2} \right) \right]^{p_k} \\ & \leq K \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \left[ M \left( \frac{|u_k \Delta x_k|}{\rho_1} \right) \right]^{p_k} + K \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \left[ M \left( \frac{|u_k \Delta y_k|}{\rho_2} \right) \right]^{p_k} \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $K = \max(1, 2^{H-1})$ ,  $H = \sup p_k$ , so that  $\alpha x + \beta y \in [V, M, p, u, \Delta]_0$ . This completes the proof.

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**Theorem 2.2.** For any Orlicz function  $M$  and a bounded sequence  $p = (p_k)$  of strictly positive real numbers,  $[V, M, p, u, \Delta]_0$  is a total paranormed space with :

$$g(x) = \inf \left\{ \rho^{p_n/H} : \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \left[ M \left( \frac{|x_k|}{\rho} \right) \right]^{p_k} \right)^{1/H} \leq 1, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \right\},$$

where  $H = \max(1, \sup p_k)$ .

*Proof.* Clearly  $g(x) = g(-x)$ . By using Theorem 2.1, for  $\alpha = \beta = 1$ , we get  $g(x+y) \leq g(x) + g(y)$ . Since  $M(0) = 0$ , we get  $\inf \{ \rho^{p_n/H} \} = 0$  for  $x = 0$ . Conversely, suppose  $g(x) = 0$ , then :

$$\inf \left\{ \rho^{p_n/H} : \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \left[ M \left( \frac{|x_k|}{\rho} \right) \right]^{p_k} \right)^{1/H} \leq 1 \right\} = 0.$$

This implies that for a given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $\rho_\epsilon$  ( $0 < \rho_\epsilon < \epsilon$ ) such that :

$$\left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \left[ M \left( \frac{|x_k|}{\rho_\epsilon} \right) \right]^{p_k} \right)^{1/H} \leq 1.$$

Thus,

$$\left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \left[ M \left( \frac{|x_k|}{\epsilon} \right) \right]^{p_k} \right)^{1/H} \leq \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \left[ M \left( \frac{|x_k|}{\rho_\epsilon} \right) \right]^{p_k} \right)^{1/H} \leq 1,$$

for each  $n$ .

Suppose that  $x_{n_m} \neq 0$  for some  $m \in I_n$ , then  $\left( \frac{x_{n_m}}{\epsilon} \right) \rightarrow \infty$ . It follows that :

$$\left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \left[ M \left( \frac{|x_{n_m}|}{\epsilon} \right) \right]^{p_k} \right)^{1/H} \rightarrow \infty$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore  $x_{n_m} = 0$  for all  $m$ . Finally we prove that scalar multiplication is continuous. Let  $\mu$  be any complex number, then by definition,

$$g(\mu x) = \inf \{ \rho^{p_n/H} : (\frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [M(\frac{|\mu x_k|}{\rho})]^{p_k})^{1/H} \leq 1, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \}.$$

Then

$$g(\mu x) = \inf \{ (|\mu| s)^{p_n/H} : (\frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [M(\frac{|x_k|}{s})]^{p_k})^{1/H} \leq 1, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \},$$

where  $s = \rho / |\mu|$ . Since  $|\mu|^{p_n} \leq \max(1, |\mu|^{\sup p_n})$ , we have

$$g(\mu x) \leq (\max(1, |\mu|^{\sup p_n}))^{1/H} \cdot \inf \{ (s)^{p_n/H} : (\frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [M(\frac{|x_k|}{s})]^{p_k})^{1/H} \leq 1, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \}$$

which converges to zero as  $x$  converges to zero in  $[V, M, p, u, \Delta]_0$ .

Now suppose  $\mu_m \rightarrow 0$  and  $x$  is fixed in  $[V, M, p, u, \Delta]_0$ . For arbitrary  $\epsilon > 0$ , let  $N$  be a positive integer such that

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [M(\frac{|x_k|}{\rho})]^{p_k} < (\epsilon/2)^H \text{ for some } \rho > 0 \text{ and all } n > N.$$

This implies that

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [M(\frac{|x_k|}{\rho})]^{p_k} < \epsilon/2 \text{ for some } \rho > 0 \text{ and all } n > N.$$

Let  $0 < |\mu| < 1$ , using convexity of  $M$ , for  $n > N$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [M(\frac{|\mu x_k|}{\rho})]^{p_k} < \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [|\mu| M(\frac{|x_k|}{\rho})]^{p_k} < (\epsilon/2)^H.$$

Since  $M$  is continuous everywhere in  $[0, \infty)$ , then for  $n \leq N$ ,

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [M(\frac{|tx_k|}{\rho})]^{p_k}$$

is continuous at zero. So there exists  $1 > \delta > 0$  such that  $|f(t)| < (\epsilon/2)^H$  for  $0 < t < \delta$ .

Let  $K$  be such that  $|\mu_m| < \delta$  for  $m > K$  and  $n \leq N$ , then

$$(\frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [M(\frac{|\mu_m x_k|}{\rho})]^{p_k})^{1/H} < \epsilon/2.$$

Thus

$$(\frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} [M(\frac{|\mu_m x_k|}{\rho})]^{p_k})^{1/H} < \epsilon,$$

for  $m > K$  and all  $n$ , so that  $g(\mu x) \rightarrow 0$  ( $\mu \rightarrow 0$ ).

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**Theorem 2.3.** For any Orlicz function  $M$  which satisfies the  $\Delta_2$ -condition, we have  $[V, \lambda, u, \Delta] \subseteq [V, M, u, \Delta]$ , where

$$[V, \lambda, u, \Delta] = \{x = (x_k) : \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |u_k \Delta x_k - l e| = 0, \text{ for some } l \in \mathbb{C}\}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $x \in [V, \lambda, u, \Delta]$ . Then

$$T_n = \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |u_k \Delta x_k - le| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ for some } l.$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and choose  $\delta$  with  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $M(t) < \epsilon$  for  $0 \leq t \leq \delta$ . Write  $y_k = |u_k \Delta x_k - le|$  and consider

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} M(|y_k|) = \sum_1 + \sum_2,$$

where the first summation over  $y_k \leq \delta$  and the second over  $y_k > \delta$ . Since  $M$  is continuous,

$$\sum_1 < \lambda_n \epsilon$$

and for  $y_k > \delta$ , we use the fact that  $y_k < y_k/\delta < 1 + y_k/\delta$ . Since  $M$  is nondecreasing and convex, it follows that

$$M(y_k) < M(1 + \delta^{-1}y_k) < \frac{1}{2}M(2) + \frac{1}{2}M(2\delta^{-1}y_k).$$

Since  $M$  satisfies the  $\Delta_2$ -condition, there is a constant  $K > 2$  such that  $M(2\delta^{-1}y_k) \leq \frac{1}{2}K\delta^{-1}y_kM(2)$ , therefor

$$\begin{aligned} M(y_k) &< \frac{1}{2}K\delta^{-1}y_kM(2) + \frac{1}{2}K\delta^{-1}y_kM(2) \\ &= K\delta^{-1}y_kM(2). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\sum_2 M(y_k) \leq K\delta^{-1}M(2)\lambda_n T_n$$

which together with  $\sum_1 \leq \epsilon\lambda_n$  yields  $[V, \lambda, u, \Delta] \subseteq [V, M, u, \Delta]$ . This completes the proof.

The method of the proof of Theorem 2.3 shows that for any Orlicz function  $M$  which satisfies the  $\Delta_2$ -condition, we have  $[V, \lambda, u, \Delta]_0 \subseteq [V, M, u, \Delta]_0$  and  $[V, \lambda, u, \Delta]_\infty \subseteq [V, M, u, \Delta]_\infty$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} [V, \lambda, u, \Delta]_0 &= \{x = (x_k) : \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |u_k \Delta x_k| = 0\}, \\ [V, \lambda, u, \Delta]_\infty &= \{x = (x_k) : \sup_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |u_k \Delta x_k| < \infty\}. \end{aligned}$$

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**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $0 \leq p_k \leq q_k$  and  $(q_k/p_k)$  be bounded. Then  $[V, M, q, u, \Delta] \subset [V, M, p, u, \Delta]$

*Proof.* The proof of Theorem 2.4 used the ideas similar to those used in proving Theorem 7 of Parashar and Choudhary [8].

Mursaleen [6] introduced the concept of statistical convergence as follows :

A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be  $\lambda$ -statistically convergent or  $s_\lambda$ -statistically convergent to  $L$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} |\{k \in I_n : |x_k - L| \geq \epsilon\}| = 0,$$

where the vertical bars indicates the number of elements in the enclosed set. In this case we write  $s_\lambda - \lim x = L$  or  $x_k \rightarrow L$  ( $s_\lambda$ ) and  $s_\lambda = \{x : \exists L \in \mathbb{R}: s_\lambda - \lim x = L\}$ .

In a similar way, we say that a sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be  $(\lambda, u, \Delta)$ -statistically convergent or  $s_\lambda(u, \Delta)$ -statistically convergent to  $L$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} |\{k \in I_n : |u_k \Delta x_k - L| \geq \epsilon\}| = 0,$$

where the vertical bars indicates the number of elements in the enclosed set. In this case we write  $s_\lambda(u, \Delta) - \lim x = L$  or  $u_k \Delta x_k \rightarrow L$  ( $s_\lambda$ ) and  $s_\lambda(u, \Delta) = \{x : \exists L \in \mathbb{R}: s_\lambda - \lim x = L\}$ .

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**Theorem 2.5.** For any Orlicz function  $M$ ,  $[V, M, u, \Delta] \subset s_\lambda(u, \Delta)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in [V, M, u, \Delta]$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} M\left(\frac{|u_k \Delta x_k - le|}{\rho}\right) &\geq \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n, |u_k \Delta x_k - le| \geq \epsilon} M\left(\frac{|u_k \Delta x_k - le|}{\rho}\right) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\lambda_n} M(\epsilon/\rho) \cdot |\{k \in I_n : |u_k \Delta x_k - le| \geq \epsilon\}| \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows that  $x \in s_\lambda(u, \Delta)$ .

To show that  $s_\lambda(u, \Delta)$  strictly contain  $[V, M, u, \Delta]$ , we proceed as in [6]. We define  $x = (x_k)$  by  $(x_k) = k$  if  $n - [\sqrt{\lambda_n}] + 1 \leq k \leq n$  and  $(x_k) = 0$  otherwise. Then  $x \notin l_\infty(u, \Delta)$  and for every  $\epsilon$  ( $0 < \epsilon \leq 1$ ),

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_n} |\{k \in I_n : |u_k \Delta x_k - 0| \geq \epsilon\}| = \frac{[\sqrt{\lambda_n}]}{\lambda_n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

i.e.  $x \rightarrow 0$  ( $s_\lambda(u, \Delta)$ ), where  $[\ ]$  denotes the greatest integer function. On the other hand,

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} M\left(\frac{|u_k \Delta x_k - 0|}{\rho}\right) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

i.e.  $x_k \not\rightarrow 0$   $[V, M, u, \Delta]$ . This completes the proof.

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