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Convolutions, Tensor Products and Multipliers of the Orlicz-Lorentz Spaces*

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Abstract In this paper, the authors first give the properties of the convolutions of Orlicz-Lorentz spaces $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}$ and $\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$ on the locally compact abelian group. Secondly, the authors obtain the concrete representation as function spaces for the tensor products of Orlicz-Lorentz spaces $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}$ and $\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$, and get the space of multipliers from the space $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}$ to the space $M_{\varphi_{2*},w}$. Finally, the authors discuss the homogeneous properties for the Orlicz-Lorentz space $\Lambda^{p,q}_{\varphi,w}$.

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1 Introduction

The convolution operator has been studied for many years. The classical type, called Young inequality, $L^p * L^q \hookrightarrow L^r$ $(1 < p, q, r < \infty)$ is well known. Subsequently, the convolutions of Lorentz spaces $L^{p,q}$ was studied in [1] by O'Neil and [2] by Yap. In [3], Kamińska and Musielak got the sufficient and necessary conditions for embedding $L_{\varphi_1} * L_{\varphi_2} \hookrightarrow L_{\varphi_3}$, $E_{\varphi_1} * E_{\varphi_2} \hookrightarrow L_{\varphi_3}$, $E_{\varphi_1} * E_{\varphi_2} \hookrightarrow L_{\varphi_3}$, and $L_{\varphi_1} * L_{\varphi_2} \hookrightarrow E_{\varphi_3}$, where L_{φ_i} are Orlicz spaces and E_{φ_i} are their subspaces consisting of all order continuous elements, some parts of which generalize the results of Hewitt and Ross [4], Hudzik et al [5], O'Neil [6] and Zelazko [7]. In the present paper, we will obtain the corresponding results on Orlicz-Lorentz spaces $\Lambda_{\varphi,w}$ and use the conclusion of the embedding on Orlicz-Lorentz spaces to get the representation of the tensor products and multipliers on Orlicz-Lorentz spaces.

Let A be a Banach algebra. By a left (right) Banach A-module we mean (see [8]) a Banach space V, which is a left (right) A-module in the algebraic sense, and for which

$$\|av\| \leqslant k\|a\|\|v\|, \quad \forall a \in A,\ v \in V,$$

where k is a constant independent of $a,\ v$.

If V and W are left (right) Banach A-modules, then $\mathrm{Hom}_A(V, W)$ will denote the Banach space of all continuous A-module homomorphisms from V to W with the operator norm. $\mathrm{Hom}_A(V, W)$, as a rule, is called the space of multipliers from V to W.

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The definition of the tensor product of Banach modules can be found in [8–9]. Let A be a Banach algebra, and V and W be left and right Banach A-modules respectively. Suppose that $V \otimes_\gamma W$ denotes the projective tensor product (see [10]) of V and W as Banach spaces (γ is the greatest crossnorm in [11], [12, p. 36]). Let K be the closed linear subspace of $V \otimes_\gamma W$ which is spanned by all the elements of the form

$$av \otimes w - v \otimes aw, \quad a \in A,\ v \in V,\ w \in W.$$

Now the quotient Banach space $V \otimes_\gamma W/K$ is called the A-module tensor product $V \otimes_A W$.

The following isomorphism

$$\mathrm{Hom}_A(V, W^*) \cong (V \otimes_A W)^* \tag{1.1}$$

was proved by Rieffel [8], where the notation W^* is the dual of W. The linear functional on $\mathrm{Hom}_A(V, W^*)$, which corresponds to $t = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} v_i \otimes w_i \in V \otimes_A W$, has value

$$\langle t, T\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle w_i, Tv_i\rangle$$

at $T \in \mathrm{Hom}_A(V, W^*)$. The topology on $\mathrm{Hom}_A(V, W^*)$ defined by the linear functional of this form corresponds to the weak $*$-topology $(V \otimes_A W)^*$, which is called ultraweak $*$-operators topology (see [9, 13]).

In this paper, we get the concrete representation of the tensor products of the Orlicz-Lorentz spaces $\Lambda_{\varphi,w}$ and obtain the multipliers of the Orlicz-Lorentz spaces by (1.1). For more details about tensor products and multipliers, one can also refer to [14–18] and so on.

2 Preliminaries for Orlicz-Lorentz Spaces

Let $\mathcal{M}(G, \mu)$ be the class of all measurable and almost everywhere finite functions on (G, μ). For $f \in \mathcal{M}(G, \mu)$, a non-increasing rearrangement of f, is a non-increasing function f^* on $\mathbf{R}_+ \equiv (0, +\infty)$ which is equimeasurable with $|f|$. The rearrangement f^* is defined by the equality (see [19])

$$f^*(t) = \inf\{s : \lambda_f(s) \le t\}, \quad 0 < t < \infty,$$

where

$$\lambda_f(s) = \mu\{x \in X : |f(x)| > s\}, \quad s \ge 0.$$

We say $\varphi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ is a Young function if φ is non-decreasing and convex with $\varphi(0) = 0$, and $\lim_{x\to\infty} \varphi(x) = \infty$. The Young conjugate φ_* of the Young function φ is defined by

$$\varphi_*(x) = \sup_{y\ge 0}\{xy - \varphi(y)\}, \quad x \ge 0.$$

The Orlicz-Lorentz spaces $\Lambda_{\varphi,w}(G)$ (see [20–21]) associated to the Young function φ and a weight w on $\mathbf{R}_+$ (nonnegative locally integrable functions in $\mathbf{R}_+$), are the set of $f \in \mathcal{M}(G, \mu)$ such that for some $\lambda > 0$, we have $I_{\varphi,w}(\lambda f) < \infty$, where

$$I_{\varphi,w}(f) = \int_0^\infty \varphi(f^*(t))w(t)\mathrm{d}t$$

(we assume that the weight w vanishes in $[\mu(G),\infty)$). Let

$$\|f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,w}(G)}=\inf\Big\{\epsilon>0:\ I_{\varphi,w}\Big(\frac{f}{\epsilon}\Big)\le 1\Big\}.$$

If there is no ambiguity, we indicate $\Lambda_{\varphi,w}(G)=\Lambda_{\varphi,w}$. If $w(t)=1$, then $\Lambda_{\varphi,w}=L^{\varphi}$ is an Orlicz space (see [22–23]); if $\varphi(t)=t^p$ $(1\le p<\infty)$, then $\Lambda_{\varphi,w}=\Lambda^p(w)$ is a Lorentz space (see [24–25]). Additionally, let

$$E_{\varphi,w}=\{f: I_{\varphi,w}(\lambda f)<\infty \text{ for all } \lambda>0\},$$

called the subspace of finite elements of $\Lambda_{\varphi,w}$. If group G is discrete, the notations $l_{\varphi,w}$ and $h_{\varphi,w}$ are used instead of $\Lambda_{\varphi,w}$ and $E_{\varphi,w}$.

Given an arbitrary function $D:[0,\infty)\to[0,\infty)$, we say that D satisfies condition Δ_2 in symbol $G\in\Delta_2$ when

$$\sup_{t>0}\frac{D(2t)}{D(t)}<\infty.$$

A Young function F is said to satisfy Δ' condition in symbol $F\in\Delta'$ if there exists $C>0$ such that

$$F(xy)\le CF(x)F(y),\quad \forall x,y\ge 0.$$

Clearly if $F\in\Delta'$, then $F\in\Delta_2$. By [26, Thm. 3.1], we know that if $\mu(G)=\infty$, $W\in\Delta_2$, $W(\infty)=\infty$ or $\mu(G)<\infty$, then

$$(\Lambda_{\varphi,w})^*=M_{\varphi_*,w}. \tag{2.1}$$

There are many papers devoted to researching Hardy-type inequalities on monotone functions. Let f be a nonnegative function on $\mathbf{R}^+$, the Hardy operator be

$$Sf(x)=\frac{1}{x}\int_0^x f(t)\mathrm{d}t,\quad x\in[0,\infty),$$

and $f\downarrow$ indicate that f is a nonnegative nonincreasing function in $\mathbf{R}_+$. In [27, Thm. 2.3], the author got that if $\varphi\in\Delta'$, then

$$\int_0^\infty \varphi(Sf(x))w(x)\mathrm{d}x\le C\int_0^\infty \varphi(f(x))w(x)\mathrm{d}x,\quad \forall f\downarrow \tag{2.2}$$

if and only if there is a constant $H>0$ such that

$$\int_r^\infty \varphi\Big(\frac{br}{t}\Big)w(t)\mathrm{d}t\le H\varphi(b)\int_0^r w(t)\mathrm{d}t,\quad \forall r>0,\ b>0. \tag{2.3}$$

Obviously, (2.2) implies that $\Lambda_{\varphi,w}$ can be normable if $\varphi\in\Delta'$. If $\varphi=t^p$, then (2.3) implies that $w\in B_p$ (see [28–29]). If w,φ satisfy the inequality (2.2), we say $w\in B_\varphi$, and let

$$B_\varphi(w)=\sup_{f\downarrow}\frac{\displaystyle\int_0^\infty \varphi(Sf(x))w(x)\mathrm{d}x}{\displaystyle\int_0^\infty \varphi(f(x))w(x)\mathrm{d}x}.$$

As usual, $f\approx g$ indicates the existence of a universal constant $B>0$ (independent of all parameters involved) so that $\big(\frac{1}{B}\big)f\le g\le Bf$. In the sequel, C denotes a positive constant which need not be the same at different occurrences. If w is a weight on $\mathbf{R}^+$, we denote $W(t)=\int_0^t w(s)\mathrm{d}s$.

3 Convolutions of Orlicz-Lorentz Spaces

In the rest of this paper, G will be a unimodular locally compact abelian group, with Haar measure μ. Let φ be a Young function. A generalized inverse function $\varphi^{-1}:[0,\infty]\to[0,\infty]$ is defined as

$$\varphi^{-1}(y)=\inf\{x\geq 0,\varphi(x)>y\},\quad \text{where } \inf\emptyset=\infty.$$

It is said in [3] that φ_i $(i=1,2,3)$ satisfy condition $(+)$ for l.a. (s.a.) [a.a] if there exist $k>0$, $\delta>0$, such that

$$kuv\leq\varphi_1(u)\varphi_3^{-1}(\varphi_2(v))+\varphi_2(v)\varphi_3^{-1}(\varphi_1(u)),$$

when $\varphi_1(u)\geq\delta$, $\varphi_2(v)\geq\delta$ ($\varphi_1(u)\leq\delta$ and $\varphi_2(v)\leq\delta$) $[u,v\geq 0]$. It is said that φ_i $(i=1,2,3)$ satisfy condition $(++)$ for l.a. (s.a.) [a.a], if for every $\alpha>0$, there exist $k>0$, $\delta>0$, such that

$$\alpha uv\leq\varphi_1(u)\varphi_3^{-1}(k\varphi_2(v))+\varphi_2(v)\varphi_3^{-1}(k\varphi_1(u)),$$

when $\varphi_1(u)\geq\delta$, $\varphi_2(v)\geq\delta$ ($\varphi_1(u)\leq\delta$ and $\varphi_2(v)\leq\delta$) $[u,v\geq 0]$. [3, Prop. 2] showed that condition $(+)$ for l.a. (s.a.) [a.a] is equivalent to the following one: There exist $l,\delta>0$, such that

$$\varphi_1^{-1}(u)\varphi_2^{-1}(u)\leq lu\varphi_3^{-1}(u),$$

if $u\geq\delta$ ($u\leq\delta$) $[u\geq 0]$.

Since G is a unimodular locally compact group, by virtue of the definition of convolution (see [1]), Hewitt and Ross [4, Ch. 5, Sec. 20] indicated that the operator

$$T(f,g)=f*g$$

satisfies that

$$\|T(f,g)\|_1\leq\|f\|_1\|g\|_1,$$
$$\|T(f,g)\|_\infty\leq\|f\|_1\|g\|_\infty,$$
$$\|T(f,g)\|_\infty\leq\|f\|_\infty\|g\|_1.$$

So such T is a convolution operator. Thus by [1],

$$(f*g)^{**}(t)\leq\int_t^\infty f^{**}(u)g^{**}(u)\mathrm{d}u,\quad t>0. \tag{3.1}$$

Lemma 3.1 *Let $w\in B_{\varphi_i}$ $(i=1,2)$ and $w\geq 1$. Suppose that φ_i $(i=1,2,3)$ satisfy condition $(+)$ for a.a. and $I_{\varphi_1,w}\big(\frac{2\lambda}{k}f\big)\leq\frac{1}{B_{\varphi_1}(w)}$, $I_{\varphi_2,w}(g)\leq\frac{1}{B_{\varphi_2}(w)}$ (or $I_{\varphi_1,w}(f)\leq\frac{1}{B_{\varphi_1}(w)}$, $I_{\varphi_2,w}\big(\frac{2\lambda}{k}g\big)\leq\frac{1}{B_{\varphi_2}(w)}$), where k is the constant from $(+)$, so then $I_{\varphi_3,w}(\lambda f*g)\leq 1$.*

Proof By (3.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned}I_{\varphi_3,w}(\lambda f*g)&=\int_0^\infty\varphi_3(\lambda(f*g)^*(t))w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\&\leq\int_0^\infty\varphi_3\Big(\lambda\int_t^\infty f^{**}(s)g^{**}(s)\mathrm{d}s\Big)w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\&\leq\frac{1}{2}\int_0^\infty\varphi_3\Big(\int_0^\infty k\cdot\frac{2\lambda}{k}f^{**}(s)g^{**}(s)\chi_{(t,\infty)}(s)\mathrm{d}s\Big)w(t)\mathrm{d}t.\end{aligned}$$

Since φ_i $(i=1,2,3)$ satisfy condition $(+)$ for a.a. and $w(s)\geq 1,\ s>0$, the right hand of the last inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{2}\int_0^\infty \varphi_3\Big(\int_0^\infty k\cdot\frac{2\lambda}{k}f^{**}(s)g^{**}(s)\chi_{(t,\infty)}(s)\mathrm{d}s\Big)w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\
&\leq \frac{1}{2}\int_0^\infty \varphi_3\Big(\int_0^\infty \varphi_1\Big(\frac{2\lambda}{k}f^{**}(s)\Big)w(s)\varphi_3^{-1}(\varphi_2(g^{**}(s)\chi_{(t,\infty)}(s)))\mathrm{d}s\Big)w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\
&\quad+\frac{1}{2}\int_0^\infty \varphi_3\Big(\int_0^\infty \varphi_2(g^{**}(s)\chi_{(t,\infty)}(s))w(s)\varphi_3^{-1}\Big(\varphi_1\Big(\frac{2\lambda}{k}f^{**}(s)\Big)\Big)\mathrm{d}s\Big)w(t)\mathrm{d}t. \qquad (3.2)
\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\int_0^\infty \varphi_1\Big(\frac{2\lambda}{k}f^{**}(s)\Big)w(s)\mathrm{d}t\leq\frac{1}{B_{\varphi_1}(w)}\int_0^\infty \varphi_1\Big(\frac{2\lambda}{k}f^{*}(s)\Big)w(s)\mathrm{d}t\leq 1,$$

$$\int_0^\infty \varphi_2(g^{**}(s)\chi_{(t,\infty)}(s))w(s)\mathrm{d}s\leq\frac{1}{B_{\varphi_2}(w)}\int_0^\infty \varphi_2(g^{*}(s))w(s)\mathrm{d}s\leq 1,$$

by Jensen's inequality and $\varphi_3(\varphi_3^{-1}(t))\leq t,\ t>0$, we get that the right part of (3.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq\frac{1}{2}\int_0^\infty\int_0^\infty \varphi_1\Big(\frac{2\lambda}{k}f^{**}(s)\Big)w(s)\varphi_2(g^{**}(s)\chi_{(t,\infty)}(s))w(t)\mathrm{d}s\mathrm{d}t\\
&=\int_0^\infty \varphi_1\Big(\frac{2\lambda}{k}f^{**}(s)\Big)w(s)\mathrm{d}s\int_0^s \varphi_2(g^{**}(s))w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\
&=\int_0^\infty \varphi_1\Big(\frac{2\lambda}{k}f^{**}(s)\Big)w(s)\mathrm{d}s\int_0^\infty \varphi_2(g^{**}(t))w(t)\mathrm{d}t\leq 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Remark 3.1 If $w\geq 1$ is replaced by $w\geq c$ ($c>0$ is a nonnegative constant) in the preceding lemma, then the result also holds.

The next theorems give sufficient conditions for embedding of the spaces $\Lambda_{\varphi_1}(w)*\Lambda_{\varphi_2}(w)$ $(l_{\varphi_1}(w)*l_{\varphi_2}(w))$ into $\Lambda_{\varphi_3}(w)$ $(l_{\varphi_3}(w))$.

Theorem 3.1 (I) *Let G be nondiscrete, $w\in B_{\varphi_i}$ $(i=1,2)$, $w\geq c$ ($c>0$ be a nonnegative constant) and φ_i $(i=1,2,3)$ satisfy condition $(+)$ for l.a. if G is compact and $(+)$ for a.a. if G is noncompact. Then $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}*\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}\hookrightarrow\Lambda_{\varphi_3,w}$. If additionally φ_3 is finite, then $E_{\varphi_1,w}*E_{\varphi_2,w}\hookrightarrow E_{\varphi_3,w}$.*

(II) *Let G be discrete, $w\in B_{\varphi_i}$ $(i=1,2)$, and φ_i satisfy $(+)$ for s.a. Then $l_{\varphi_1,w}*l_{\varphi_2,w}\hookrightarrow l_{\varphi_3,w}$ and $h_{\varphi_1,w}*h_{\varphi_2,w}\hookrightarrow h_{\varphi_3,w}$.*

Proof (I) By [3] it is sufficient to prove only inclusion. Let first G be noncompact and $(+)$ for a.a. Take $f\in\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}$ and $g\in\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$ satisfying $\max(I_{\varphi_1,w}(f),I_{\varphi_2,w}(g))\leq\min\limits_{i=1,2}\big(\frac{1}{B_{\varphi_i}(w)}\big)$. Then applying Lemma 3.1 with $\lambda=\frac{k}{2}$, we obtain $I_{\varphi_3,w}\big(\frac{k}{2}f*g\big)\leq 1$, which means by [3, Thm. 1.2] that $f*g\in\Lambda_{\varphi_3,w}$ and $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}*\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}\hookrightarrow\Lambda_{\varphi_3,w}$. If G is compact and φ_i $(i=1,2,3)$ satisfy condition $(+)$ for l.a., then by [3, Lem. 5] there exist functions $\overline{\varphi}_i$ $(i=1,2,3)$ satisfying $(+)$ for a.a. and equivalent to φ_i for l.a., which implies that $\Lambda_{\varphi_i,w}=\Lambda_{\overline{\varphi}_i,w}$. Thus, the embedding follows in the same way as the above.

To prove the inclusion $E_{\varphi_1,w}*E_{\varphi_2,w}\subset E_{\varphi_3,w}$, take $f\in E_{\varphi_1,w},\ g\in E_{\varphi_2,w}$. Let $\max(I_{\varphi_1,w}(f),$ $I_{\varphi_2,w}(g))\leq\min\big(1,\frac{1}{B_{\varphi_1}(w)},\frac{1}{B_{\varphi_2}(w)}\big)$. For any $\beta>0$, suppose $\lambda=2\beta$. Then by (3.1) it follows

that

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\varphi_3,w}(\beta f * g) &= I_{\varphi_3,w}\Big(\frac{\lambda}{2} f * g\Big) \\ &= \int_0^\infty \varphi_3\Big(\frac{\lambda}{2}(f*g)^*(t)\Big) w(t)\mathrm{d}t \\ &\le \int_0^\infty \varphi_3\Big(\int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda}{2} f^{**}(s) g^{**}(s)\chi_{(t,\infty)}(s)\mathrm{d}s\Big) w(t)\mathrm{d}t. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Since $w \in B_{\varphi_1}$ and $f \in E_{\varphi_1,w}$,

$$\int_0^\infty \varphi_1(\lambda f^{**}(t)) w(t)\mathrm{d}t < \infty.$$

Thus we can choose $t_1 > 0$ such that $\int_{t_1}^\infty \varphi_1\big(\frac{2\lambda}{k} f^{**}(t)\big) w(t)\mathrm{d}t \le 1$. Then the right side of (3.3)

$$\begin{aligned} &\le \frac{1}{2}\int_0^\infty \varphi_3\Big(\int_0^{t_1} \lambda f^{**}(s) g^{**}(s)\chi_{(t,\infty)}(s)\mathrm{d}s\Big) w(t)\mathrm{d}t \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\int_0^\infty \varphi_3\Big(\int_{t_1}^\infty \lambda f^{**}(s) g^{**}(s)\chi_{(t,\infty)}(s)\mathrm{d}s\Big) w(t)\mathrm{d}t \\ &\le \frac{1}{2}\int_0^\infty \varphi_3\Big(\int_0^{t_1} \lambda f^{**}(s) g^{**}(s)\chi_{(t,\infty)}(s)\mathrm{d}s\Big) w(t)\mathrm{d}t + \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Since $f \in E_{\varphi_1,w}$, there exists a constant $u_0 > 0$, such that

$$\int_0^{T_1} \varphi_1\Big(\frac{4\lambda}{k} f^*(s)\Big) w(s)\mathrm{d}s \le \frac{1}{B_{\varphi_1}(w)}, \quad \text{where } T_1 = \mu\{x : |f(x)| \ge u_0\}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^{T_1} \varphi_1\Big(\frac{4\lambda}{k} f^{**}(s)\Big) w(s)\mathrm{d}s \\ &= \int_0^{T_1} \varphi_1\Big(\frac{4\lambda}{k}(f^*(\cdot)\chi_{(0,T_1)}(\cdot))^{**}(s)\Big)\chi_{(0,T_1)}(s) w(s)\mathrm{d}s \\ &\le B_{\varphi_1}(w)\int_0^{T_1} \varphi_1\Big(\frac{4\lambda}{k} f^*(s)\Big) w(s)\mathrm{d}s \le 1. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Now we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^\infty \varphi_3\Big(\int_0^{t_1} \lambda f^{**}(s) g^{**}(s)\chi_{(t,\infty)}(s)\mathrm{d}s\Big) w(t)\mathrm{d}t \\ &= \int_0^{t_1} \varphi_3\Big(\int_t^{t_1} \lambda f^{**}(s) g^{**}(s)\mathrm{d}s\Big) w(t)\mathrm{d}t \\ &\le \frac{1}{2}\int_0^{t_1} \varphi_3\Big(\int_t^{T_1} 2\lambda f^{**}(s) g^{**}(s)\mathrm{d}s\Big) w(t)\mathrm{d}t + \frac{1}{2}\int_0^{t_1} \varphi_3\Big(\int_{T_1}^{t_1} 2\lambda f^{**}(s) g^{**}(s)\mathrm{d}s\Big) w(t)\mathrm{d}t \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{I}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{I}_2. \end{aligned}$$

But since each function in $\Lambda_\varphi(w)$ is locally integrable, we get $f^{**}(T_1) < \infty$, $g^{**}(T_1) < \infty$, and thus

$$\mathrm{I}_2 \le \int_0^{t_1} \varphi_3\Big(2\lambda u_0 \int_{T_1}^{t_1} g^{**}(s)\mathrm{d}s\Big) w(t)\mathrm{d}t = \varphi_3\Big(2\lambda u_0 \int_{T_1}^{t_1} g^{**}(s)\mathrm{d}s\Big) W(t_1) < \infty.$$

On the other hand, in view of the condition (+), (3.5), $I_{\varphi_2,w}(g) \le \min\big(1, \frac{1}{B_{\varphi_2}(w)}\big)$ and Jensen's inequality, we also know

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{I}_1 &= \int_0^{t_1} \varphi_3\Big(\int_0^{T_1} 2\lambda f^{**}(s)g^{**}(s)\chi_{(t,T_1)}(s)\mathrm{d}s\Big)w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\
&\le \frac{1}{2}\int_0^{t_1} \varphi_3\Big(\int_0^{T_1} \varphi_1\Big(\frac{4\lambda}{k}f^{**}(s)\Big)\varphi_3^{-1}(\varphi_2(g^{**}(s)\chi_{(t,T_1)}(s)))\mathrm{d}s\Big)w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2}\int_0^{t_1} \varphi_3\Big(\int_0^{T_1} \varphi_2(g^{**}(s)\chi_{(t,T_1)}(s))\varphi_3^{-1}\Big(\varphi_1\Big(\frac{4\lambda}{k}f^{**}(s)\Big)\Big)\mathrm{d}s\Big)w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\
&\le \int_0^{t_1} \Big(\int_0^{T_1} \varphi_1\Big(\frac{4\lambda}{k}f^{**}(s)\Big)\varphi_2(g^{**}(s)\chi_{(t,T_1)}(s))\mathrm{d}s\Big)w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\
&= \int_0^{T_1} \varphi_1\Big(\frac{4\lambda}{k}f^{**}(s)\Big)\Big(\int_0^{s} \varphi_2(g^{**}(s))w(t)\mathrm{d}t\Big)\mathrm{d}s\\
&\le \int_0^{T_1} \varphi_1\Big(\frac{4\lambda}{k}f^{**}(s)\Big)\mathrm{d}s\Big(\int_0^{\infty} \varphi_2(g^{**}(t))w(t)\mathrm{d}t\Big)\\
&\le 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we see that the right hand of (3.4) is less than infinity, which completes the proof.

(II) For this case, using [3, Lem. 5], we can assume condition (+) for a.a., and get the corresponding embedding by the same arguments as in (I).

Theorem 3.2 *Let G be nondiscrete and φ_i $(i = 1, 2, 3)$ satisfy condition (++) for l.a. if G is compact and (++) for a.a. if G is noncompact. Let $w \in B_{\varphi_i}$, $i = 1, 2$ and $W(t) \ge C_1 t$, $\forall 0 < t < \mu(G)$, where C_1 is a positive constant. If φ_3 is finite, then $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w} * \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w} \hookrightarrow E_{\varphi_3,w}$.*

Proof Suppose that G is compact. Take $f \in \Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}$, $g \in \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$ such that $I_{\varphi_1,w}(f) \le \frac{C_1}{B_{\varphi_1}(w)}$, $I_{\varphi_2,w}(g) \le \frac{C_1}{B_{\varphi_2}(w)}$. Let $G_1 = \{x : \varphi_1(|f(x)|) \ge \delta\}$, $G_2 = \{x : \varphi_2(|g(x)|) \ge \delta\}$, where δ is from the condition (++) and $a = \min(\mu(G_1), \mu(G_2))$. Let $\lambda > 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{\varphi_3,w}(\lambda f * g) &= \int_0^{\mu(G)} \varphi_3(\lambda(f*g)^*(t))w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\
&= \int_0^{\mu(G)} \varphi_3(\lambda(f\chi_{G_1} * g\chi_{G_2} + f\chi_{G\setminus G_1} * g + f\chi_{G_1} * g\chi_{G\setminus G_2})^*(t))w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\
&\le \int_0^{\mu(G)} \varphi_3\Big(\lambda(f\chi_{G_1} * g\chi_{G_2})^*\Big(\frac{t}{3}\Big)\\
&\quad + \lambda(f\chi_{G\setminus G_1} * g)^*\Big(\frac{t}{3}\Big) + \lambda(f\chi_{G_1} * g\chi_{G\setminus G_2})^*\Big(\frac{t}{3}\Big)\Big)w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\
&\le \frac{1}{3}\int_0^{\mu(G)} \varphi_3\Big(3\lambda(f\chi_{G_1} * g\chi_{G_2})^*\Big(\frac{t}{3}\Big)\Big)w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\
&\quad + \frac{1}{3}\int_0^{\mu(G)} \varphi_3\Big(3\lambda(f\chi_{G\setminus G_1} * g)^*\Big(\frac{t}{3}\Big)\Big)w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\
&\quad + \frac{1}{3}\int_0^{\mu(G)} \varphi_3\Big(3\lambda(f\chi_{G_1} * g\chi_{G\setminus G_2})^*\Big(\frac{t}{3}\Big)\Big)w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\
&= \frac{1}{3}\mathrm{I}_1 + \frac{1}{3}\mathrm{I}_2 + \frac{1}{3}\mathrm{I}_3.
\end{aligned}$$

First check I_2 and I_3.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{I}_2 &= 3\int_0^{\mu(G)} \varphi_3(3\lambda(f\chi_{G/G_1} * g\chi_{G_2})^*(s))w(3s)\chi_{(0,\frac{\mu(G)}{3})}(s)\mathrm{d}s\\ &\le 3\int_0^{\mu(G)} \varphi_3\Big(3\lambda\varphi_1^{-1}(\delta)\int_G |g|\Big)w(3s)\chi_{(0,\frac{\mu(G)}{3})}(s)\mathrm{d}s\\ &\le \varphi_3\Big(3\lambda\varphi_1^{-1}(\delta)\int_G |g|\Big)\int_0^{\mu(G)} w(s)\mathrm{d}s < \infty.\end{aligned}$$

Analogously, $\mathrm{I}_3 < \infty$. On the other hand, if $a = 0$, then $\mathrm{I}_1 = 0$; if $a \neq 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{I}_1 &= 3\int_0^{\frac{\mu(G)}{3}} \varphi_3(3\lambda(f\chi_{G_1} * g\chi_{G_2})^*(s))w(3s)\mathrm{d}s\\ &\le 3\int_0^{\frac{\mu(G)}{3}} \varphi_3(3\lambda(f\chi_{G_1} * g\chi_{G_2})^{**}(s))w(3s)\mathrm{d}s\\ &\le 3\int_0^{\frac{\mu(G)}{3}} \varphi_3\Big(3\lambda\int_s^\infty (f\chi_{G_1})^{**}(t)(g\chi_{G_2})^{**}(t)\mathrm{d}t\Big)w(3s)\mathrm{d}s\\ &\le \frac{3}{2}\int_0^a \varphi_3\Big(6\lambda\int_s^a (f\chi_{G_1})^{**}(t)(g\chi_{G_2})^{**}(t)\mathrm{d}t\Big)w(3s)\mathrm{d}s\\ &\quad + \frac{3}{2}\int_0^a \varphi_3\Big(6\lambda\int_a^\infty (f\chi_{G_1})^{**}(t)(g\chi_{G_2})^{**}(t)\mathrm{d}t\Big)w(3s)\mathrm{d}s\\ &\quad + 3\int_a^{\frac{\mu(G)}{3}} \varphi_3\Big(3\lambda\int_s^\infty (f\chi_{G_1})^{**}(t)(g\chi_{G_2})^{**}(t)\mathrm{d}t\Big)w(3s)\mathrm{d}s\\ &= \frac{3}{2}\mathrm{J}_1 + \frac{3}{2}\mathrm{J}_2 + 3\mathrm{J}_3.\end{aligned}$$

But $(f\chi_{G_1})^{**}(t) \le \frac{\int_{G_1}|f|}{t}$, $(g\chi_{G_2})^{**}(t) \le \frac{\int_{G_2}|g|}{t}$, so

$$\int_a^\infty (f\chi_{G_1})^{**}(t)(g\chi_{G_2})^{**}(t)\mathrm{d}t \le \int_a^\infty \frac{1}{t^2}\mathrm{d}t\int_{G_1}|f|\int_{G_2}|g| < \infty.$$

Thus $\mathrm{J}_2 < \infty$, likewise $\mathrm{J}_3 < \infty$.

On the other hand, due to

$$\begin{aligned}&\varphi_1((f\chi_{G_1})^{**}(t)) \ge \varphi_1((f\chi_{G_1})^*(t)) > \delta,\\ &\varphi_2((g\chi_{G_1})^{**}(t)) \ge \varphi_1((g\chi_{G_1})^*(t)) > \delta, \quad \forall t \in [0,a),\end{aligned}$$

by the condition (++) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{J}_1 &\le \int_0^a \varphi_3\Big(6\lambda\int_s^a (f\chi_{G_1})^{**}(t)(g\chi_{G_2})^{**}(t)\mathrm{d}t\Big)w(3s)\mathrm{d}s\\ &\le \frac{1}{2}\int_0^a \varphi_3\Big(\int_s^a \varphi_1((f\chi_{G_1})^{**}(t))\varphi_3^{-1}(K\varphi_2((g\chi_{G_2})^{**}(t)))\mathrm{d}t\Big)w(3s)\mathrm{d}s\\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\int_0^a \varphi_3\Big(\int_s^a \varphi_2((g\chi_{G_2})^{**}(t))\varphi_3^{-1}(K\varphi_1((f\chi_{G_1})^{**}(t)))\mathrm{d}t\Big)w(3s)\mathrm{d}s\\ &= \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{J}_4 + \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{J}_5,\end{aligned}$$

where K is from the condition $(++)$ for $\alpha = 12\lambda$. Since $W(t) \geq C_1 t,\ t \in [0, \mu(G)]$, by Hardy lemma (see [19]) we get

$$\int_s^a \varphi_1((f\chi_{G_1})^{**}(t))\mathrm{d}t \leq \int_0^{\mu(G)} \varphi_1(f^{**}(t))\mathrm{d}t \leq \frac{1}{C_1}\int_0^{\mu(G)} \varphi_1(f^{**}(t))w(t)\mathrm{d}t$$
$$\leq \frac{B_{\varphi_1}(w)}{C_1}\int_0^{\mu(G)} \varphi_1(f^*(t))w(t)\mathrm{d}t \leq 1. \tag{3.6}$$

In the same way, $\int_s^a \varphi_2((g\chi_{G_2})^{**}(t))\mathrm{d}t \leq 1$. Thus, by Jensen's inequality, (3.6), Hardy lemma, and $W \in \Delta_2$,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{J}_4 + \mathrm{J}_5 &\leq K\int_0^a \int_s^a \varphi_1(f^{**}(t))\varphi_2(g^{**}(t))\mathrm{d}t w(3s)\mathrm{d}s\\ &\leq K\int_0^a \varphi_2(g^{**}(s))w(3s)\Big(\int_s^a \varphi_1(f^{**}(t))\mathrm{d}t\Big)\mathrm{d}s\\ &\leq CK < \infty,\end{aligned}$$

which ends the proof.

Lemma 3.2 *Let $W \in \Delta_2$. Then*

(i) *if $w \in L^1(G)$, S is dense in $\Lambda_{\varphi,w}$, where S is the set of the simple functions in G;*

(ii) *if $w \notin L^1(G)$, S_0 is dense in $\Lambda_{\varphi,w}$, where S_0 is the subset of S with support in a set of finite measures.*

Proof Similar to Theorem 2.3.11 and Theorem 2.3.12 of [30].

From now on, let the weight w in $\Lambda_{\varphi,w}$ satisfy $W \in \Delta_2$.

Let $f_s(x) = f(x-s)$. Then we have the following result.

Proposition 3.1 *If φ is finite, then for every $f \in \Lambda_{\varphi,w}$, the mapping $s \to f_s$ of G into $\Lambda_{\varphi,w}$ is continuous.*

Proof By Lemma 3.2, it is sufficient to show that for any simple function f, $s \to f_s$ is continuous. Let $f = \sum\limits_{i=1}^n k_i\chi_{E_i}$, and then $f_s = \sum\limits_{i=1}^n k_i\chi_{E_i+s}$. Now

$$\begin{aligned}I_{\varphi,w}(f_s - f) &= \int_0^\infty \varphi\Big(\Big[\sum_{i=1}^n k_i(\chi_{E_i+s} - \chi_{E_i})\Big]^*(t)\Big)w(t)\mathrm{d}t\\ &\leq \varphi\Big(\max_{1\leq i\leq n} k_i\Big)\Big[W\Big(\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda((E_j+s)\triangle E_j)\Big)\Big] \to 0 \quad (s\to 0),\end{aligned}$$

where $\triangle$ denotes the symmetric difference of sets. Then the following relation

$$I_{\varphi,w}(f_s - f) \to 0 \Leftrightarrow \|f_s - f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,w}} \to 0 \quad (s \to 0)$$

derives the result.

Proposition 3.2 *Let $\varphi,\ \widetilde{\varphi}$ be two Young functions and $\lim\limits_{u\to 0}\frac{\widetilde{\varphi}(u)}{u} > 0$. Let w be a weight on $\mathbf{R}^+$ which satisfies $W(t) \geq Ct,\ C > 0$, $w \in B_\varphi,\ w \in B_{\widetilde{\varphi}}$. Then there is an approximate identity $\{a_\alpha\}$ in $\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}$ such that $\|a_\alpha\|_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}} = 1$ and $f * a_\alpha \to f$ for every $f \in \Lambda_{\varphi,w}$.*

Proof Let $\{U_\alpha\}$ be a decreasing neighborhood system at the origin in G. For each α, there exists a non-negative continuous function a_α with support in U_α such that $\|a_\alpha\|_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}} = 1$. Thus by the Hardy lemma (see [19]), the conditions $W(t) \geq Ct$ and $\lim\limits_{u\to 0} \frac{\widetilde{\varphi}(u)}{u} > 0$, we get $a_\alpha \in L^1(G)$ and $\|a_\alpha\|_{L^1(G)} \leq C$. Let $f \in \Lambda_{\varphi,w}$. Then by the condition $\lim\limits_{u\to 0} \frac{\widetilde{\varphi}(u)}{u} > 0$ again and Theorem 3.1, we get $f * a_\alpha \in \Lambda_{\varphi,w}$ and

$$\begin{aligned}\|f * a_\alpha - f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,w}} &= \Big\| \int_G \big(f_y(\cdot) - f(\cdot)\big) a_\alpha(y) \mathrm{d}\lambda(y) \Big\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,w}} \\ &\leq C \int_G \|f_y - f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,w}} a_\alpha(y) \mathrm{d}\lambda(y) \\ &\leq C \sup_{y\in U_\alpha} \|f_y - f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,w}}.\end{aligned}$$

This shows by Proposition 3.1 that

$$\|f * a_\alpha - f\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi,w}} \to 0,$$

where the limit is taken over the net of α.

4 Tensor Products and Multipliers on Orlicz-Lorentz Spaces

In this section, we let G be a locally compact unimodular group (unless otherwise indicated). Set $\widetilde{f}(x) = f(x^{-1})$. If for two Young functions φ_i $(i = 1, 2)$ and a weight w on $\mathbf{R}^+$ there exists a Young function φ_3 which makes φ_i $(i = 1, 2, 3)$ satisfy condition (+) for l.a., if G is compact and (+) for a.a., if G is noncompact, $w \in B_{\varphi_i}$ $(i = 1, 2)$, and $w \geq c$ ($c > 0$ is a nonnegative constant), then in view of Theorem 3.1 we may define the bounded bilinear map d as

$$d(f, g) = \widetilde{f} * g, \quad f \in \Lambda_{\varphi_1,w},\ g \in \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w},$$

which lifts to a linear map naturally, D, from $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w} \otimes_\gamma \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$ into $\Lambda_{\varphi_3,w}$. In addition, letting $w \in B_{\widetilde{\varphi}}$ and $\lim\limits_{u\to 0} \frac{\widetilde{\varphi}(u)}{u} > 0$, by Theorem 3.1 again, we can get that $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}$, $\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$ can be looked as right $\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}$-modules.

Definition 4.1 *The range of D, with the quotient norm, will be denoted by $A^{\varphi_2}_{\varphi_1}(w)$.*

According to the definition of $V \otimes_\gamma W$, $A^{\varphi_2}_{\varphi_1}(w)$ consists of exactly those functions h, on G at least one expansion of the form $h = \sum\limits_{i=1}^{\infty} \widetilde{f_i} * g_i$, where $f \in \Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}$, $g \in \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$, and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|f_i\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}} \|g\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}} < \infty,$$

and for any $h \in A^{\varphi_2}_{\varphi_1}(w)$, the norm of h is

$$\|h\| = \inf \Big\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|f_i\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}} \|g_i\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}};\ h = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \widetilde{f_i} * g_i,\ f \in \Lambda_{\varphi_1,w},\ g \in \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w} \Big\}.$$

It can be seen that $A^{\varphi_2}_{\varphi_1}(w)$ is a Banach space of functions.

Let K be the closed linear subspace of $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w} \otimes_\gamma \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$ spanned by all elements of the form $(h * f) \otimes g - f \otimes (\widetilde{h} * g)$, where $f \in \Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}$, $g \in \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$ and $h \in \Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}$. Then the $\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}$-module tensor product $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w} \otimes_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}} \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$ is the quotient space $\big(\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w} \otimes_\gamma \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}\big)/K$.

In the next, we need the following conditions for weight w on $\mathbf{R}^+$ and Young functions φ_1, φ_2, $\widetilde{\varphi}$.

(i) $w \geq c$ ($c > 0$ is a nonnegative constant).

(ii) $w \in B_{\varphi_i}$ $(i = 1, 2)$.

(iii) $w \in B_{\widetilde{\varphi}}$ and $\lim\limits_{u \to 0} \frac{\widetilde{\varphi}(u)}{u} > 0$.

(iv) There exists a Young function φ_3 which makes φ_i $(i = 1, 2, 3)$ satisfy condition $(+)$ for l.a., if G is compact and $(+)$ for a.a., if G is noncompact.

(v) $w \in B_{\varphi_{2_*}}$ and $\lim\limits_{u \to 0^+} \frac{(\varphi_{2*})^{-1}(u)}{\varphi_1^{-1}(u)} > 0$.

Remark 4.1 By [6], if

$$E_2 = \Big\{(x, y) : x \geq 0,\ 0 \leq y \leq \frac{\varphi_1^{-1}(x)\varphi_2^{-1}(x)}{x}\Big\}$$

and $\overline{E}_2$ = convex closure of E_2, then $\overline{E}_2 \neq$ first quadrant can deduce (iv).

Theorem 4.1 *Let G be compact, weight w be nonincreasing and Young functions φ_1, φ_2, $\widetilde{\varphi}$ satisfy* (i)–(iv). *Then $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w} \otimes_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}} \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$ is isomorphic to the space $A^{\varphi_2}_{\varphi_1}(w)$.*

Proof It suffices to show that the kernel of D is exactly K. Since

$$D((h * f) \otimes g) = (h * f)\tilde{} * g = \widetilde{f} * (\widetilde{h} * g) = D(f \otimes (\widetilde{h} * g))$$

(d is $\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}$-balanced), the kernel of D contains K.

On the contrary, suppose that t is an element of the kernel of D. Then

$$t = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f_i \otimes g_i \quad \text{with} \ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|f_i\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}} \|g\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}} < \infty$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \widetilde{f_i} * g_i = 0,$$

where the summation converges in $\Lambda_{\varphi_3,w}$. Let $\{\psi_n\}$ be an approximate identity of $\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}$ satisfying the condition in Proposition 3.2. For each n, define $t_n \in \Lambda_{\varphi_1,w} \otimes_\gamma \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$ by

$$t_n = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (f_i * \psi_n) \otimes g_i.$$

Then, from Proposition 3.2, $f_i * \psi_n$ converges to f_i for each i, and by this one can prove that t_n converges to t in $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w} \otimes_\gamma \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$. Now given n, s, and $\epsilon > 0$, choose m_0 such that

$$\Big\| \sum_{i=1}^{m} \widetilde{f_i} * g_i \Big\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_3,w}} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2\|\psi_n\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}}}, \quad \forall m > m_0.$$

Choose $m_1 > m_0$ so that

$$\Big\| t_n - \sum_{i=1}^{m} (f_i * \psi_n) \otimes g_i \Big\| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \quad \forall m > m_1.$$

We observe that the second term on the right side of the following equality

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m}(f_i * \psi_n) \otimes g_i = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \psi_n \otimes (\widetilde{f}_i * g_i) + \sum_{i=1}^{m}[(f_i * \psi_n) \otimes g_i - \psi_n \otimes (\widetilde{f}_i * g_i)]$$

is in K and can be written

$$\Big\| \sum_{i=1}^{m} \psi_n \otimes (\widetilde{f}_i * g_i) \Big\| = \|\psi_n\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}} \Big\| \sum_{i=1}^{m} \widetilde{f}_i * g_i \Big\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}}$$

by the definition of the cross norm. Let $\varphi(y) = \sup\limits_{x\geq 0}[\varphi_2(xy) - \varphi_3(x)]$. Since $\mu(G) < \infty$, $1 \in \Lambda_{\varphi,w}$, similar to proving the theorem of Andô [31, Thm. 4, 6, Thm. 2.3], we easily get

$$\Lambda_{\varphi_3,w} \subset \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \Big\| \sum_{i=1}^{m} \psi_n \otimes (\widetilde{f}_i * g_i) \Big\| &\leq C\|\psi_n\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}} \Big\| \sum_{i=1}^{m} \widetilde{f}_i * g_i \Big\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_3,w}} \\ &\leq C\|\psi_n\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}} \frac{\epsilon}{2\|\psi_n\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}}} = \frac{C\epsilon}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Then the distance from t_n to K is less than $\frac{(1+C)\epsilon}{2}$ for every $\epsilon > 0$, and so $t_n \in K$. For K is closed, $t \in K$.

Lemma 4.1 *Suppose that weight w is on $\mathbf{R}^+$ and Young functions φ_1, φ_2, $\widetilde{\varphi}$ satisfy* (i)–(iii) *and* (v). *Let $\varphi \in C_c(G)$ and define $T_\varphi f = f * \varphi$ for $f \in \Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}$. Then*

$$T_\varphi \in \mathrm{Hom}_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}}(\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}, (\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w})^*).$$

Proof It is obvious that $\varphi \in \Lambda_{\psi,w}$ with ψ a Young function. By [26], since $w \geq c$ ($c > 0$ is a nonnegative constant), there holds

$$(\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w})^* = M_{\varphi_{2*},w}, \tag{4.1}$$

where $\|f\|_{M_{\varphi_{2*},w}} = \|S(f^*)\|_{L_{\varphi_{2*},w}}$, $S(f) = \frac{\int_0^t f(s)\mathrm{d}s}{W(t)}$. In view of $\lim\limits_{u\to 0^+} \frac{(\varphi_{2*})^{-1}(u)}{\varphi_1^{-1}(u)} > 0$ and a simple fact that the function $\frac{u(\varphi_{2*})^{-1}(u)}{\varphi_1^{-1}(u)}$ is increasing, there exists a Young function φ such that

$$\varphi_1^{-1}(u)\varphi^{-1}(u) \leq u(\varphi_2^*)^{-1}(u), \quad \forall u \geq 0,$$

i.e., φ_1, φ, φ_2^* satisfy (+) a.a. So by Theorem 3.1 and (4.1), it follows that if $f \in \Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}$, then

$$f * \varphi \in \Lambda_{\varphi_{2*},w} \subset M_{\varphi_{2*},w} = (\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w})^*,$$

and T_φ is a bounded linear operator from $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}$ to $\big(\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}\big)^*$. On the other hand,

$$T_\varphi(g * f) = (g * f) * \varphi = g * (f * \varphi) = g * T_\varphi f$$

for all $f \in \Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}$ and $g \in \Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}$, which ends the proof.

The above lemma induces the following concept.

Definition 4.2 *A locally compact unimodular group G is said to satisfy the property $P_{\widetilde{\varphi}}^{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}(w)$, if every element of* $\mathrm{Hom}_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}}(\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w},(\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w})^*)$ *can be approximated in the ultraweak $*$-operator topology by operators $T_\varphi,\ \varphi\in C_c(G)$.*

Theorem 4.2 *Let G be a locally compact unimodular group, w be a weight on $\mathbf{R}^+$ and Young functions φ_1, φ_2, $\widetilde{\varphi}$ satisfy* (i)–(v)*. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

(A) *G satisfies the property $P_{\widetilde{\varphi}}^{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}(w)$.*

(B) *The kernel of D is K such that*

$$\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}\otimes_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}}\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}\cong A_{\varphi_1}^{\varphi_2}(w).$$

Proof Suppose that G satisfies the property $P_{\widetilde{\varphi}}^{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}(w)$. Since $K\subset\mathrm{Ker}\ D$, to show that $\mathrm{Ker}\,D=K$, it is enough to show that $\mathrm{Ker}\,D\subset K$. In other words, it suffices to show that by the Banach theorem, any bounded linear functional on $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}\otimes_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}}\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$ which annihilates K also annihilates $\mathrm{Ker}\,D$. By (1.1), we know

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}}(\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w},(\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w})^*)\cong(\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}\otimes_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}}\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w})^*. \tag{4.2}$$

It can be seen from this that if F is a linear functional that annihilates K, there is an operator $T\in\mathrm{Hom}_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}}(\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w},(\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w})^*)$ corresponding to F, such that

$$\langle t,F\rangle=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\langle g_i,Tf_i\rangle \tag{4.3}$$

for all $t\in\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}\otimes_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}}\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$ with expansion

$$t=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}f_i\otimes g_i. \tag{4.4}$$

Suppose that $t\in\mathrm{Ker}\,D$ and has the form (4.4). Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\widetilde{f_i}*g_i=0,$$

the summation converging in the norm of $\Lambda_{\varphi_3,w}$. We will show that $\langle t,F\rangle=0$, or equivalently, by (4.3),

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\langle g_i,Tf_i\rangle=0. \tag{4.5}$$

Since G is assumed to satisfy the property $P_{\widetilde{\varphi}}^{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}(w)$, there is a net $\{\psi_j:j\in I\}$ of $C_c(G)$ such that the operators T_{ψ_j} converge to T in the ultraweak $*$-operator topology. Thus

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\langle g_i,Tf_i\rangle=\lim_{j\in I}\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\langle g_i,T_{\psi_j}f_i\rangle=\lim_{j\in I}\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\langle g_i,f_i*\psi_j\rangle.$$

So, to check (4.5), it is enough to show that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\langle g_i,f_i*\psi_j\rangle=0,\quad\forall j\in I.$$

Since $\psi_j \in C_c(G) \subset (\Lambda_{\varphi_3,w})^*$, we deduce that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\langle g_i, f_i * \psi_j\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\langle \widetilde{f}_i * g_i, \psi_j\rangle = \Big\langle \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \widetilde{f}_i * g_i, \psi_j \Big\rangle = 0.$$

This implies that

$$\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w} \otimes_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}} \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w} \cong A^{\varphi_2}_{\varphi_1}(G,w).$$

Suppose conversely that $\operatorname{Ker} D = K$. To show that the operators of the form T_φ of $\varphi \in C_c(G)$ are dense in

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}}(\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}, (\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w})^*)$$

in the ultraweak $*$-operator topology, we only need to show that the corresponding functionals are dense in $(\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w} \otimes_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}} \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w})^*$ in the weak $*$-topology. Furthermore, it is sufficient to show that if these functionals, say N, are viewed as functionals on $\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w} \otimes_\gamma \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$, then their annihilators $N^\perp = K$. Since

$$\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w} \otimes_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}} \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w} = (\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w} \otimes_\gamma \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w})/K$$

and

$$((\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w} \otimes_\gamma \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w})/K)^* \cong K^\perp$$

(see [32]), we have $N \subset K^\perp$. So $K \subset N^\perp$. Due to the assumption that $\operatorname{Ker} D = K$, we only need to prove that $N^\perp \subset \operatorname{Ker} D$.

Now, let $t \in N^\perp$. Then $\langle t, F\rangle = 0$ for all $F \in N$ and there exist $f_i \in \Lambda_{\varphi_1,w},\ g_i \in \Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}$, so that

$$t = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f_i \otimes g_i, \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|f_i\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}} \|g\|_{\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w}} < \infty.$$

For any $F \in N$, there is an operator $T_\varphi \in \operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}}(\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}, (\Lambda_{\varphi_2,w})^*)$ corresponding to F such that

$$\begin{aligned}\langle t, F\rangle = \langle t, T_\varphi\rangle &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\langle g_i, T_\varphi f_i\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\langle \widetilde{f}_i * g_i, \varphi\rangle = \Big\langle \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \widetilde{f}_i * g_i, \varphi \Big\rangle = 0.\end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$D(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \widetilde{f}_i * g_i = 0,$$

that is, $N^\perp \subset \operatorname{Ker} D$. This proves the theorem.

Then by (4.1)–(4.2), we have the following result.

Corollary 4.1 *Let G be a locally compact unimodular group, w be a weight on $\mathbf{R}^+$, Young functions φ_1, φ_2, $\widetilde{\varphi}$ satisfy* (i)–(v)*, and G satisfy the property $P^{\varphi_1,\varphi_2}_{\widetilde{\varphi}}(w)$. Then*

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda_{\widetilde{\varphi},w}}(\Lambda_{\varphi_1,w}, M_{\varphi_{2*},w}) \cong (A^{\varphi_2}_{\varphi_1}(G,w))^*. \tag{4.6}$$

In the following, we illustrate the convolutions, tensor products, multipliers of Orlicz-Lorentz spaces $\Lambda^{p,q}_{\varphi,w}$. Let $0 < p, q < \infty$, w be a weight on $\mathbf{R}^+$ and φ be a Young function, and define the Orlicz-Lorentz space as $\Lambda^{p,q}_{\varphi,w} = \Lambda_{\varphi_0,w_0}$, where $\varphi_0 = \varphi^q,\ w_0 = W^{\frac{q}{p}-1}w$. Simultaneously, we introduce a modular of $\mathcal{M}(G,\mu)$ as

$$\Theta_{\varphi,w}(f) = \int_0^\infty \varphi(f^{**}(x))w(x)\mathrm{d}x,$$

and the modular space as

$$\Gamma_{\varphi,w} = \{f \in \mathcal{M}(G,\mu) :\ \exists\ \lambda > 0,\ \text{such that } \Theta_{\varphi,w}(\lambda f) < \infty\},$$

which induces

$$\|f\|_{\Gamma_{\varphi,w}} = \inf\Big\{\lambda > 0 : \Theta_{\varphi,w}\Big(\frac{f}{\lambda}\Big) < 1\Big\}.$$

Additionally, let $\Theta^{p,q}_{\varphi,w}(f) = \Theta_{\varphi_0,w_0}(f),\ \Gamma^{p,q}_{\varphi,w} = \Gamma_{\varphi_0,w_0}$, where $\varphi_0 = \varphi^q,\ w_0 = W^{\frac{q}{p}-1}w$.

The next theorem needs a certain generalized Hardy-type inequality (see [33]). In [33, Thm. 1.7], Bloom and Kerman give the sufficient and necessary condition of establishing the weighted integral inequality:

$$\varphi_2^{-1}\Big(\int \varphi_2(w(x)|Tf(x)|)t(x)\mathrm{d}x\Big) \le \varphi_1^{-1}\Big(\int \varphi_1(Cu(x)|f(x)|)v(x)\mathrm{d}x\Big),$$

where φ_1, φ_2 are N-functions (an N-function φ is a continuous Young function such that $\varphi(x) = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$ and $\lim\limits_{x\to 0}\frac{\varphi(x)}{x} = 0$, $\lim\limits_{x\to 0}\frac{\varphi(x)}{x} = +\infty$) and T is a generalized Hardy operator. We need the special form of the above inequality:

$$\int_0^\infty \varphi^s\Big(\Big|\int_0^t f(x)\mathrm{d}x\Big|\Big)\frac{1}{t^{\frac{s}{r}+1}}\mathrm{d}t \le \int_0^\infty \varphi^s(C|f(x)|)\frac{\varphi^s(t)}{t^{\frac{s}{r}+1}}\mathrm{d}t, \tag{4.7}$$

which holds if and only if there exists a positive constant D such that

$$\int_0^x (\varphi^s)_*\Big(\frac{\varphi^s(\lambda)y^{\frac{s}{r}+1}}{D\lambda\varphi^s(y)x^{\frac{s}{r}}}\Big)\frac{\varphi^s(y)}{y^{\frac{s}{r}+1}}\mathrm{d}y \le \varphi^s(\lambda)x^{-\frac{s}{r}}, \quad \forall x, \lambda > 0. \tag{4.8}$$

When $\varphi(t) = t$, (4.7) is a classical Hardy inequality (see [19]) and it is obvious that (4.8) always holds.

Now we have the following theorem.

Theorem 4.3 *Let G be a unimodular locally compact group, T be a convolution operator $k = T(f,g) = f * g$. Suppose that the following conditions hold:* (a_1) $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} > 1$; (a_2) $w \ge c_1 > 0$, *where c_1 is a constant;* (a_3) $\varphi(t) \le c_2 t$, *where c_2 is a constant, $\varphi \in \Delta'$;* (a_4) $\varphi^{q_1},\ \varphi^{q_2}$ *are N-functions. Then there exists a constant C such that*

$$\Theta^{r,s}_{\varphi,w}(k) \le C[\Theta^{p_1,mq_1}_{\varphi,w}(f)]^{\frac{s}{mq_1}}[\Theta^{p_2,mq_2}_{\varphi,w}(g)]^{\frac{s}{mq_2}}, \quad \forall f \in \Gamma^{p_1,q_1}_{\varphi,w},\ g \in \Gamma^{p_2,q_2}_{\varphi,w},$$

where $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = 1 + \frac{1}{r}$, $\frac{s}{q_1} + \frac{s}{q_2} = m$ and $s \ge 1$ is a number such that $\frac{1}{q_1} + \frac{1}{q_2} \ge \frac{1}{s}$ and the inequality (4.8) *holds. In particular, if $f \in \Gamma^{p_1,q_1}_{\varphi,w}$, $g \in \Gamma^{p_2,q_2}_{\varphi,w}$, then $k \in \Gamma^{r,s}_{\varphi,w}$.*

Proof Since (see [1–2])

$$(f * g)^{**}(t) \le \int_t^\infty f^{**}(u)g^{**}(u)\mathrm{d}u,$$

we get

$$\Theta^{r,s}_{\varphi,w}(k) \le \int_0^\infty \varphi^s\Big(\int_x^\infty f^{**}(t)g^{**}(t)\mathrm{d}t\Big)W(x)^{\frac{s}{r}-1}w(x)\mathrm{d}x.$$

For convenience, let $f^{**}g^{**} = h$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta^{r,s}_{\varphi,w}(k) &\le \int_0^\infty \varphi^s\Big(\int_x^\infty h(t)\mathrm{d}t\Big)W(x)^{\frac{s}{r}-1}w(x)\mathrm{d}x\\ &= \int_0^\infty \varphi^s\Big[\int_{W^{-1}(\frac{1}{y})}^\infty h(t)\mathrm{d}t\Big]\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{y^{\frac{s}{r}+1}}\\ &= \int_0^\infty \varphi^s\Big[\int_0^y h\Big(W^{-1}\Big(\frac{1}{u}\Big)\Big)\frac{1}{u^2w\Big(W^{-1}\Big(\frac{1}{u}\Big)\Big)}\mathrm{d}u\Big]\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{y^{\frac{s}{r}+1}}.\end{aligned}$$

And by (4.8) it follows that the right part of the last inequality

$$\begin{aligned}&\int_0^\infty \varphi^s\Big[\int_0^y h\Big(W^{-1}\Big(\frac{1}{u}\Big)\Big)\frac{1}{u^2w\Big(W^{-1}\Big(\frac{1}{u}\Big)\Big)}\mathrm{d}u\Big]\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{y^{\frac{s}{r}+1}}\\ &\le C\int_0^\infty \varphi^s\Big[h\Big(W^{-1}\Big(\frac{1}{y}\Big)\Big)\frac{1}{y^2w\Big(W^{-1}\Big(\frac{1}{y}\Big)\Big)}\Big]\frac{\varphi^s(y)}{y^{\frac{s}{r}+1}}\mathrm{d}y.\end{aligned}$$

Now letting $y = \frac{1}{W(x)}$ and noticing $w(t) \ge c > 0$, $\varphi \in \Delta'$ and $\varphi(t) \le Ct$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta^{r,s}_{\varphi,w}(k) &\le C\int_0^\infty [\varphi(W^2(x)h(x))]^s\frac{\varphi^s\Big(\frac{1}{W(x)}\Big)W(x)^{\frac{s}{r}}w(x)}{W(x)}\mathrm{d}x\\ &\le C\int_0^\infty [\varphi(f^{**}(x))\varphi(g^{**}(x))W(x)^{\frac{1}{r}+1}]^s\frac{w(x)}{W(x)}\mathrm{d}x\\ &= C\int_0^\infty \frac{[W(x)^{\frac{1}{p_1}}\varphi(f^{**}(x))]^s}{W(x)^{\frac{s}{mq_1}}}\frac{[W(x)^{\frac{1}{p_2}}\varphi(g^{**}(x))]^s}{W(x)^{\frac{s}{mq_2}}}w(x)\mathrm{d}x.\end{aligned}$$

By Hölder inequality, it is easy to get that

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta^{r,s}_{\varphi,w}(k) &\le C\Big[\int_0^\infty \frac{[W(x)^{\frac{1}{p_1}}\varphi(f^{**}(x))]^{mq_1}}{W(x)}w(x)\mathrm{d}x\Big]^{\frac{s}{mq_1}}\\ &\quad\cdot\Big[\int_0^\infty \frac{[W(x)^{\frac{1}{p_2}}\varphi(g^{**}(x))]^{mq_2}}{W(x)}w(x)\mathrm{d}x\Big]^{\frac{s}{mq_2}}\\ &= C[\Theta^{p_1,mq_1}_{\varphi,w}(f)]^{\frac{s}{mq_1}}[\Theta^{p_2,mq_2}_{\varphi,w}(g)]^{\frac{s}{mq_2}}.\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we can get that $\Gamma^{p_1,q_1}_{\varphi,w} \subset \Gamma^{p_1,mq_1}_{\varphi,w}$ and $\Gamma^{p_2,q_2}_{\varphi,w} \subset \Gamma^{p_2,mq_2}_{\varphi,w}$ (one can take the same method which is used for the proof of $\Lambda^{r,s_1}_G(w) \subset \Lambda^{r,s_2}_G(w)$ if $s_1 < s_2$ (see [30])). Now the lemma is proved.

Remark 4.2 In view of the above theorem, we obtain

$$\Gamma^{p_1,q_1}_{\varphi,w} * \Gamma^{p_2,q_2}_{\varphi,w} \hookrightarrow \Gamma^{r,s}_{\varphi,w},$$

if $\varphi,\ w,\ p_1,\ p_2,\ q_1,\ q_2,\ r,\ s$ satisfy the conditions in the above theorem. At the same time, if there exists a constant $C_0 > 0$ such that

$$\Theta^{p,q}_{\varphi,w}(f) \le C_0 I^{p,q}_{\varphi,w}(f)$$

for any $0 < p, q < \infty$, where $I^{p,q}_{\varphi,w}(f) = I_{\varphi_0,w_0}(f)$, $\varphi_0 = \varphi^q,\ w_0 = W^{\frac{q}{p}-1}w$ and $I_{\varphi,w}(f)$ is defined in Section 2, then we get

$$\Lambda^{p_1,q_1}_{\varphi,w} * \Lambda^{p_2,q_2}_{\varphi,w} \hookrightarrow \Lambda^{r,s}_{\varphi,w}, \tag{4.9}$$

and $\Lambda^{p,q}_{\varphi,w}$ is $\Lambda_{\varphi,w}$-module. Especially, if $\varphi(t) = t$, $w(t) = 1$, $1 \le p_1, p_2 < \infty,\ 1 < q_1, q_2 < \infty$ (obviously they satisfy the preceding conditions), then (4.9) is

$$L^{p_1,q_1} * L^{p_2,q_2} \hookrightarrow L^{r,s}.$$

Additionally, using (4.9) and the same method in Theorem 4.1, Theorem 4.3 and Corollary 4.1, we can get the representations of the tensor products and multipliers on $\Lambda^{p,q}_{\varphi,w}$, which contain the result of [13].

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