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## k-Rotundity of Quotient Spaces

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we prove that if  $M$  is a closed and proximal subspace of Banach space  $X$ ,  $[x] \in S(X/M)$  and every point on  $[x] \cap S(X)$  is a  $k$ -extreme point of  $B(X)$ , then  $[x]$  is a  $k$ -extreme point of  $B(X/M)$ . Moreover, we get that if  $X$  is  $k$ -rotund Banach space and  $M$  is a closed and proximal subspace of  $X$ , then the quotient space  $X/M$  is also  $k$ -rotund. It is shown that if  $\Phi$  does not satisfy the  $\Delta_2$ -condition, then  $E_\Phi^0$  is not proximal in  $L_\Phi^0$  and the quotient space  $L_\Phi^0/E_\Phi^0$  is not  $k$ -rotund (even if  $L_\Phi^0$  is rotund.)

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### 1 Introduction

In 1960, Singer[1] introduced the  $k$ -rotund Banach spaces. The definition play a important role in approximation, control theory and so on. Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $X^*$  be its dual space. By  $B(X)$  and  $S(X)$  we denote the closed unit ball and the unit sphere of  $X$ , respectively. A point  $x \in S(X)$  is called a  $k$ -extreme point of  $B(X)$  provided that  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{k+1} \subset S(X)$ ,  $x = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_k}{k+1}$  imply that  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{k+1}$  are linearly dependent. Obviously, if every point on  $S(X)$  is a  $k$ -extreme point, then  $X$  is a  $k$ -rotund space.

Let  $M$  be a closed subspace of a Banach space  $X$ . We denote by  $X/M$  the quotient space of  $X$  modulo  $M$ . It is well known that  $X/M$  equipped with the norm  $\|[x]\| = \inf\{\|y\| : y \in [x]\}$ , where  $[x] = \{y \in X : y - x \in M\}$  is also a Banach space. The subspace  $M$  of  $X$  is called proximal in  $X$  if for any  $x \in X$  there is  $y \in X$  such that  $\|[x]\| = \|x - y\|$ .

A mapping  $\Phi : R \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is said to be an Orlicz function if  $\Phi$  vanishes only at zero,  $\Phi$  is even, convex and left continuous on whole nonnegative line  $R^+$ . We define its complementary function  $\Psi : R \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by the

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formula

$$\Psi(x) = \sup\{|x|y - \Phi(y) : y \geq 0\}.$$

Denote by  $p(x)$ ,  $q(x)$  the right derivative of  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$ , respectively.

Let  $(G, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measure space with a  $\sigma$ -finite, nonatomic and complete measure  $\mu$  and  $L^0(\mu)$  be the set of all  $\mu$ -equivalence classes of real and  $\Sigma$ -measurable function defined on  $G$ . For a given Orlicz function  $\Phi$  we define on  $L^0(\mu)$  the convex modular  $I_\Phi$  by

$$I_\Phi(x) = \int_G \Phi(x(t))dt.$$

The linear space  $L_\Phi$  defined by

$$L_\Phi = \{x \in L^0(\mu) : I_\Phi(cx) < \infty, \text{ for some } c > 0 \text{ depending on } x\}$$

is called the Orlicz space generated by  $\Phi$ . We consider  $L_\Phi$  equipped with the Amemiya-Orlicz norm

$$\|x\|^0 = \inf\{\frac{1}{h}(1 + I_\Phi(hx)) : h > 0\}.$$

To simplify the notation we write  $L_\Phi^0$  in place of  $(L_\Phi^0, \|\cdot\|^0)$ . The Luxemburg norm in  $L_\Phi$  is defined by

$$\|x\| = \inf\{\lambda > 0 : I_\Phi(\frac{x}{\lambda}) \leq 1\}.$$

For any  $x$  in  $L_\Phi^0 \setminus \{0\}$ , the set of all numbers  $h > 0$  such that  $\|x\| = \frac{1}{h}(1 + I_\Phi(hx))$  is denoted by  $H(x)$ . It is well known that  $H(x) = [h_x^*, h_x^{**}]$ , where  $h_x^* = \inf\{h > 0 : I_\Psi(p(h|x|)) \geq 1\}$  and  $h_x^{**} = \sup\{h > 0 : I_\Psi(p(h|x|)) \leq 1\}$  if  $h_x^* < \infty$  and  $H(x) = \phi$  if  $h_x^* = \infty$ . It is also known that if  $\Phi$  satisfied the condition :  $\frac{\Phi(u)}{u} \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $u \rightarrow +\infty$ , then  $H(x) \neq \phi$  for any  $x \in L_\Phi \setminus \{0\}$ . ( see [2] ). And if  $\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Phi(u)}{u} = a < \infty$  then  $\|x\|^0 = a \int_G |x(t)| dt$  ( see [3] ).

We say an Orlicz function  $\Phi$  satisfies the  $\Delta_2$ -condition ( $\Phi \in \Delta_2$  for short) if there are  $l \geq 2$  and  $u_0 > 0$  such that  $\Phi(2u) \leq l\Phi(u)$  whenever  $|u| \geq u_0$ . In the sequel  $E_\Phi$  denotes the space of these  $x \in L_\Phi$  that  $I_\Phi(cx) < \infty$  for all  $c > 0$ . We write shortly  $E_\Phi^0$  in place of  $(E_\Phi^0, \|\cdot\|^0)$ . It is well known that  $L_\Phi = E_\Phi$  if and only if  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ .

We say a point  $w$  is a point of strict convexity of  $\Phi$  (we write  $w \in SC(\Phi)$ ) if for every  $u, v \in R$  such that  $u \neq v$  and  $w = \frac{1}{2}(u + v)$  there holds

$$\Phi(\frac{u+v}{2}) < \frac{1}{2}(\Phi(u) + \Phi(v)).$$

## 2 Main Results

**Theorem 2.1** *If  $M$  is a closed and proximal subspace of Banach space  $X$ ,  $[x] \in S(X/M)$  and every point on  $[x] \cap S(X)$  is a  $k$ -extreme point of  $B(X)$ , then  $[x]$  is a  $k$ -extreme point of  $B(X/M)$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose  $[x_1], \dots, [x_{k+1}] \in S(X/M)$ ,  $[x] = \frac{[x_1] + \dots + [x_{k+1}]}{k+1}$ . We have to show that  $\{[x_i]\}_{i=1}^{k+1}$  are linearly dependent. By the proximation of  $M$  in  $X$ , there is  $x'_i \in [x_i]$  such that  $\|x'_i\| = \|[x_i]\| = 1$ . Then

$$[x] = \frac{[x'_1] + \dots + [x'_{k+1}]}{k+1} = \left[ \frac{x'_1 + \dots + x'_{k+1}}{k+1} \right]$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 = \|[x]\| &= \left\| \left[ \frac{x'_1 + \dots + x'_{k+1}}{k+1} \right] \right\| \leq \left\| \frac{x'_1 + \dots + x'_{k+1}}{k+1} \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{\|x'_1\| + \dots + \|x'_{k+1}\|}{k+1} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\left\| \frac{x'_1 + \dots + x'_{k+1}}{k+1} \right\| = 1.$$

This shows

$$\frac{x'_1 + \dots + x'_{k+1}}{k+1} \in [x] \cap S(X).$$

By the assumption,  $\frac{x'_1 + \dots + x'_{k+1}}{k+1}$  is a  $k$ -extreme point of  $B(X)$ . It follows that  $\{x'_i\}_{i=1}^{k+1}$  are linearly dependent. Therefore,  $\{[x_i]\}_{i=1}^{k+1}$  are linearly dependent. The proof is finished.  $\square$

By Theorem 2.1, we may get the following Theorem 2.2 directed.

**Theorem 2.2** *If  $X$  is a  $k$ -rotund Banach space and  $M$  is its closed proximal subspace, then the Banach space  $X/M$  is also  $k$ -rotund.*

**Theorem 2.3** *Let  $\Phi$  is an Orlicz function with  $\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Phi(u)}{u} = \infty$ . Then  $x \in S(L^0_\Phi)$  is a  $k$ -extreme point of  $B(L^0_\Phi)$  if and only if  $x$  is an extreme point, i.e.,  $\mu\{t \in G : hx(t) \notin SC(\Phi)\} = 0$  for any  $h \in H(x)$ .*

**Proof.** We only need to prove necessity. Suppose  $\mu\{t \in G : hx(t) \notin SC(\Phi)\} > 0$ . Since complementary set of  $SC(\Phi)$  is the union of at most countably many open intervals, there exists an interval  $(a, b)$  such that

$$\mu\{t \in G : hx(t) \in (a + \varepsilon, b - \varepsilon)\} > 0 \quad (\varepsilon > 0)$$

and that  $\Phi$  is affine on  $[a, b] : \Phi(u) = Au + B$  for  $u \in [a, b]$ . Divide the set  $G_0 = \{t \in G : hx(t) \in (a + \varepsilon, b - \varepsilon)\}$  into  $k+1$  sets  $G_0^1, \dots, G_0^{k+1}$  with  $\mu(G_0^1) = \dots = \mu(G_0^{k+1})$  and let

$$x_j(t) = x\chi_{G \setminus G_0}(t) + (x + \varepsilon)\chi_{G_0^j}(t) + (x - \frac{\varepsilon}{k})\chi_{G_0 \setminus G_0^j}(t)$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, k+1$ . Then  $x = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{k+1}}{k+1}$  and  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{k+1}$  are linearly independent. Otherwise, we may assume  $x_{k+1}(t) = \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j x_j(t)$ . Then we have

$x(t) = \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j x_j(t)$  when  $t \in G \setminus G_0$  and so  $\sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j = 1$ . Thus we get a contradiction:

$$x(t) + \varepsilon = \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j (x(t) - \frac{\varepsilon}{k}) = x(t) - \frac{\varepsilon}{k},$$

when  $t \in G_0^{k+1}$ . Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{G_0} \Phi(hx_j(t)) dt &= \int_{G_0^j} [A(x(t) + \varepsilon) + B] dt \\ &+ \int_{G_0 \setminus G_0^j} [A(x(t) - \frac{\varepsilon}{k}) + B] dt = \int_{G_0} \Phi(hx(t)) dt \end{aligned}$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, k+1$ , we find

$$\|x_j\|^0 \leq \frac{1}{h} [1 + \int_G \Phi(hx_j(t)) dt] = \frac{1}{h} [1 + \int_G \Phi(hx(t)) dt] = \|x\|^0 = 1.$$

This shows a contradiction to the fact that  $x$  is a  $k$ -extreme point.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4** *Let  $\Phi$  be arbitrary Orlicz function. Then  $L_\Phi^0$  is  $k$ -rotund if and only if  $\Phi$  is strictly convex in the whole line and  $\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Phi(u)}{u} = \infty$ .*

**Proof.** We only need to prove that  $\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Phi(u)}{u} = \infty$ . If  $\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Phi(u)}{u} = a < \infty$ , then there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\|x\|^0 = a \int_G |x(t)| dt$$

whenever  $\mu(\text{supp}(x)) \leq \delta$ . By the continuous of integral, there exist  $G_1, \dots, G_{k+1} \subset \text{supp}(x)$  with  $G_i \cap G_j = \emptyset$  for  $i, j = 1, \dots, k+1$  and  $i \neq j$  such that

$$\int_{G_i} |x(t)| dt = \frac{1}{k+1} \int_G |x(t)| dt$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, k+1$ . Put

$$x_i = a(k+1)x(t)\chi_{G_i}$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, k+1$ . Then

$$\|x_i\|^0 = a(k+1) \int_{G_i} |x(t)| dt = a \int_G |x(t)| dt = 1$$

and

$$\|x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k\|^0 = a(k+1) \int_{\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} G_i} |x(t)| dt = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} a \int_G |x(t)| dt = k+1.$$

It is clear that  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{k+1}$  are linearly independent, a contradiction.  $\square$

**Remark:** If  $\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Phi(u)}{u} < \infty$ , then  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ .

The next theorem shows that the assumption in Theorem 2.2 that  $M$  is proximal is essential in general.

**Theorem 2.5** *If  $\Phi$  is an arbitrary Orlicz function such that  $\Phi \notin \Delta_2$ , then  $E_\Phi^0$  is not proximal in  $L_\Phi^0$  and  $L_\Phi^0/E_\Phi^0$  is not  $k$ -rotund.*

**Proof.** It is well known that the spaces  $L_\Phi/E_\Phi$  and  $L_\Phi^0/E_\Phi^0$  are isometric under the identity operator. Recall that we know that

$$\|x\| < \|x\|^0 \text{ for any } x \in L_\Phi \setminus \{0\}$$

Assuming that  $E_\Phi^0$  is proximal in  $L_\Phi^0$  and taking any  $x \in L_\Phi^0/E_\Phi^0$ , we can find  $y \in E_\Phi^0$  such that  $\|[x]\| = \|x - y\|^0$ . Hence, we get

$$\|x - y\|^0 = \|[x]\| \leq \|x - y\| ,$$

which yields the equality  $\|x - y\|^0 = \|x - y\|$ , contradicting inequality  $\|x - y\|^0 < \|x - y\|$  whence the proof of the fact that  $E_\Phi^0$  is not proximal in  $L_\Phi^0$  will be finished.

Now, we claim the fact that  $L_{\Phi}^0/E_{\Phi}^0$  is not  $k$ -rotund if  $\Phi \notin \Delta_2$  (even if  $\Phi$  is strictly convex). It is well known that if  $\Phi \notin \Delta_2$  then there exist  $\alpha_j \uparrow \infty$  such that  $\Phi(\alpha_1) \geq 1/\mu F$  and

$$\Phi\left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{j}\right)\alpha_j\right) > 2^j \Phi(\alpha_j) \quad (j \in N)$$

where  $F \in \Sigma$  with  $\mu F > 0$  are given previously.. Select a sequence  $\{F_j\}$  of disjoint subsets of  $F$  such that

$$\Phi(\alpha_j)\mu F_j = 2^{-j} \quad (j \in N)$$

and define

$$x(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha_j \chi_{F_j}(t) .$$

Then

$$I_{\Phi}(x) = \int_G \Phi(x(t))dt = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \Phi(\alpha_j)\mu F_j = 1 < +\infty.$$

But for any  $\lambda < 1$ , let  $n_0 \in N$  satisfy  $\frac{1}{\lambda} \geq 1 + 1/n_0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\Phi}\left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right) &= \int_G \Phi\left(\frac{x(t)}{\lambda}\right)dt = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\alpha_j\right)\mu F_j \\ &> \sum_{j=n_0}^{\infty} \Phi\left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{j}\right)\alpha_j\right)\mu F_j > \sum_{j=n_0}^{\infty} 2^j \Phi(\alpha_j)\mu F_j = +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

This shows  $x \in L_{\Phi}^0/E_{\Phi}^0$ .

Let

$$y_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{2^{k+1}} \varepsilon_{i,j} \alpha_j \chi_{F_j}(t) + \sum_{j=2^{k+1}+1}^{2^{k+2}} \varepsilon_{i,j-2^{k+1}} \alpha_j \chi_{F_j}(t) + \cdots .$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, k+1$ , where  $\varepsilon_{i,j} = \pm 1, i = 1, \dots, k+1, j = 1, \dots, 2^{k+1}$ . For convenience, we may assume that  $\varepsilon_{i,1} = 1$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k+1$ . Then  $I_{\Phi}(y_i) = I_{\Phi}(x)$  and so  $y_i \in L_{\Phi}^0/E_{\Phi}^0$ ,

$$\| [y_i] \| = \inf \{ \lambda > 0 : I_{\Phi}\left(\frac{y_i}{\lambda}\right) < \infty \} = 1$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, k + 1$ . Moreover

$$I_{\Phi} \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} y_i}{k+1} \right) \leq \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} I_{\Phi}(y_i) = 1$$

and for any  $\lambda < 1$

$$I_{\Phi} \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} y_i}{\lambda(k+1)} \right) \geq \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \Phi \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} \alpha_{s2^{k+1+1}} \right) \mu F_{s2^{k+1+1}} = +\infty,$$

which shows that

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} [y_i] \right\| = \left\| \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} y_i \right] \right\| = k + 1.$$

It is clear that  $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^{k+1}$  are linearly independent. Next, we will prove that  $\{[y_i]\}_{i=1}^{k+1}$  are also linearly independent. Suppose that  $\{[y_i]\}_{i=1}^{k+1}$  are linearly dependent. Then there exists  $\{l_i\}_{i=1}^{k+1} \subset R$  in which there is at least one element which is nonzero such that

$$l_1[y_1] + l_2[y_2] + \dots + l_{k+1}[y_{k+1}] = E_{\Phi}^0.$$

This shows that  $l_1y_1 + l_2y_2 + \dots + l_{k+1}y_{k+1} \in E_{\Phi}^0$ .

For convenience, we may assume that  $l_1 \neq 0$ . Hence

$$I_{\Phi} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} l_i y_i \right) \geq \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \Phi((l_1 + l_2 + \dots + l_{k+1}) \alpha_{s2^{k+1+1}}) \mu F_{s2^{k+1+1}}.$$

In order to satisfying  $l_1y_1 + l_2y_2 + \dots + l_{k+1}y_{k+1} \in E_{\Phi}^0$ , we have  $\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} l_i = 0$ . Let  $\lambda_0 = \sum_{i=2}^{k+1} l_i - l_1$ . Then  $\lambda_0 \neq 0$ . Take some  $1 \leq j_0 \leq 2^{k+1}$  such that  $\varepsilon_{1,j_0} = -1$ ,  $\varepsilon_{i,j_0} = 1$  for  $i = 2, \dots, k + 1$ . Then

$$I_{\Phi} \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} l_i y_i}{2^{-1} \lambda_0} \right) \geq \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \Phi \left( \frac{\alpha_{s2^{k+1+j_0}}}{2^{-1} \lambda_0} \right) \mu F_{s2^{k+1+j_0}} = +\infty.$$

So  $l_1y_1 + l_2y_2 + \dots + l_{k+1}y_{k+1} \notin E_{\Phi}^0$ . This contradict with  $l_1y_1 + l_2y_2 + \dots + l_{k+1}y_{k+1} \in E_{\Phi}^0$ . Whence  $\{[y_i]\}_{i=1}^{k+1}$  are also linearly independent.

Hence,  $L_{\Phi}^0/E_{\Phi}^0$  is not *k*-rotund. □

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