

P-CONVEXITY OF ORLICZ-BOCHNER SPACES

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ABSTRACT. A characterization of *P*-convexity of arbitrary Banach space is given. Moreover, it is proved that the Orlicz-Bochner function space $L_{\Phi}(\mu, X)$ is *P*-convex if and only if both spaces $L_{\Phi}(\mu)$ and X are *P*-convex. In particular, the Lebesgue-Bochner space $L^p(\mu, X)$ with $1 < p < \infty$ is *P*-convex iff X is *P*-convex.

1. INTRODUCTION

Relationships between various kinds of convexity of Banach spaces and reflexivity have been developed by many authors. D. Giesy [5] and R.C. James [11] raised the question whether Banach spaces which are uniformly non- $l_n^{(1)}$ with some positive integer $n \geq 2$ (such spaces are called *B*-convex) are reflexive. James [11] settled the question affirmatively for $n = 2$ and gave a partial result for $n = 3$. Afterwards, the same author presented in [12] an example of a nonreflexive uniformly non- $l_3^{(1)}$ Banach space. It was natural to ask whether reflexivity is implied by some slightly stronger geometric property. Such a property was introduced by C.A. Kottman [16], and was called *P*-convexity. Namely, a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ is said to be *P*-convex, if there exist $\epsilon > 0$ and $n \in \mathcal{N}$ such that for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in S(X)$

$$\min \{ \|x_i - x_j\|_X : i, j \leq n, i \neq j \} \leq 2 - \epsilon,$$

where $S(X)$ denotes the unit sphere of X .

Kottman proved that every *P*-convex Banach space is reflexive. D. Amir and C. Franchetti [2] showed that in Banach spaces *P*-convexity follows from uniform convexity as well as from uniform smoothness. In Orlicz and Musielak-Orlicz spaces of real functions *P*-convexity is equivalent to reflexivity (see [23], [14], [15] and [24]).

In this paper a characterization of *P*-convexity of an arbitrary Banach space is given. This result enables us to consider *P*-convexity in Orlicz-Bochner spaces $L_{\Phi}(\mu, X)$. One of the fundamental problems in these spaces is the question of whether or not a geometrical property lifts from X to $L_{\Phi}(\mu, X)$. Although the answer to such a question can often be guessed, the proof of such a response is usually nontrivial. Considerations of that type for various kinds of convexity for $L^p(\mu, X)$ were carried out by many authors (see for instance [6], [7], [17], [18], [20], [21], [22]). We show that $L_{\Phi}(\mu, X)$ is *P*-convex iff both $L_{\Phi}(\mu)$ and X are *P*-convex.

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Some similar criteria for B -convexity of Orlicz-Bochner spaces were obtained in [1], [3], [9] and [13].

Denote by \mathcal{N} and \mathcal{R} the sets of natural and real numbers, respectively. Let (T, Σ, μ) be a σ -finite, complete and non-atomic measure space. Denote by L^0 the set of all μ -equivalence classes of real valued measurable functions defined on T .

A convex, even function $\Phi : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is said to be an *Orlicz function* iff Φ vanishes at zero only and $\frac{\Phi(u)}{u} \rightarrow 0$ as $u \rightarrow 0$.

For every Orlicz function Φ we define the *complementary function* $\Phi^* : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by the formula

$$\Phi^*(v) = \sup_{u>0} \{u|v| - \Phi(u)\}$$

for every $v \in \mathcal{R}$.

We say an Orlicz function Φ satisfies the Δ_2 -condition for all u (for large u) if there is a constant $k > 2$ (there are constants $u_0 > 0$ and $k > 2$) such that

$$\Phi(2u) \leq k\Phi(u)$$

for every $u \in \mathcal{R}$ (for every $|u| \geq u_0$), respectively. We write $\Phi \in \overline{\Delta}_2$ ($\Phi \in \Delta_2$) if Φ satisfies the Δ_2 -condition for all u (for large u), respectively.

It is well known that the Δ_2 -condition for all u is equivalent to the following so-called Δ_l -condition:

For every $l > 1$ there exists $k_l > 1$ such that for every $u \in \mathcal{R}$ we have

$$(1) \quad \Phi(lu) \leq k_l \Phi(u).$$

Similarly the Δ_2 -condition for large u is equivalent to the fact that for every $w > 0$ and every $l > 1$ there exists $k_{l,w} > 1$ such that $\Phi(lu) \leq k_{l,w} \Phi(u)$ for all $|u| > w$.

Lemma 1. *For any Orlicz function Φ the following assertions hold true:*

a) *If $\Phi^* \in \overline{\Delta}_2$, then there exist numbers $a \in (0, 1)$ and $\gamma = \gamma(a) \in (0, 1)$ such that*

$$(2) \quad \Phi\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma)(\Phi(u) + \Phi(v))$$

for all u, v satisfying $|\frac{v}{u}| \leq a$.

b) *If $\Phi^* \in \Delta_2$, then for every $w > 0$ there exist numbers $a = a(w) \in (0, 1)$ and $\gamma = \gamma(a(w)) \in (0, 1)$ such that the inequality (2) holds true for all $u \geq w$ and v satisfying $|\frac{v}{u}| \leq a$.*

Proof. a) was proved in [3]. Modifying Lemma 2 in [1] and applying it to our case, we get b). \square

Define

$$I_\Phi(x) = \int_T \Phi(x(t)) d\mu$$

for every $x \in L^0$. Then I_Φ is a convex modular on L^0 . By the *Orlicz space* $L_\Phi(\mu)$ we mean the space

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

equipped with the *Luxemburg norm* defined by

$$\|x\|_L = \inf \left\{ \epsilon > 0 : I_\Phi\left(\frac{x}{\epsilon}\right) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

For more details we refer to [19].

Now let us define the type of spaces that will be considered in this paper. For a real Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$, denote by $M(T, X)$, or simply by $M(X)$, the family of strongly measurable functions $f : T \rightarrow X$, where functions which are equal μ -almost everywhere are identified. A modular on $M(T, X)$ can be defined by the formula

$$\tilde{I}_\Phi(f) = I_\Phi(\|f(\cdot)\|_X)$$

for every $f \in M(T, X)$. Let

$$L_\Phi(\mu, X) = \{f \in M(X) : \|f(\cdot)\|_X \in L_\Phi(\mu)\}.$$

Then $L_\Phi(\mu, X)$, equipped with the norm

$$\|f\| = \|\|f(\cdot)\|_X\|_L,$$

becomes a Banach space, called the *Orlicz-Bochner space*.

2. RESULTS

Lemma 2. *A Banach space X is P -convex iff there exist $n \in \mathcal{N}$ and $\delta > 0$ such that for any elements $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X \setminus \{0\}$, two indices i_0, j_0 can be found such that*

$$\left\| \frac{x_{i_0} - x_{j_0}}{2} \right\|_X \leq \frac{\|x_{i_0}\|_X + \|x_{j_0}\|_X}{2} \left(1 - \frac{2\delta \min\{\|x_{i_0}\|_X, \|x_{j_0}\|_X\}}{\|x_{i_0}\|_X + \|x_{j_0}\|_X} \right).$$

Proof. Suppose X is P -convex. Then there exist $\delta > 0$ and $n \in \mathcal{N}$ such that for any $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X \setminus \{0\}$ natural numbers i_0, j_0 can be found such that

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\| \frac{x_{i_0}}{\|x_{i_0}\|_X} - \frac{x_{j_0}}{\|x_{j_0}\|_X} \right\|_X < 1 - \delta.$$

We can assume without loss of generality that $\|x_{i_0}\|_X \geq \|x_{j_0}\|_X$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \delta &> \frac{1}{2} \left\| \frac{x_{i_0}}{\|x_{i_0}\|_X} - \frac{x_{j_0}}{\|x_{j_0}\|_X} \right\|_X = \left\| \frac{x_{i_0} - x_{j_0}}{2\|x_{j_0}\|_X} + \left(\frac{1}{\|x_{i_0}\|_X} - \frac{1}{\|x_{j_0}\|_X} \right) \frac{x_{i_0}}{2} \right\|_X \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\|x_{j_0}\|_X} \left\| \frac{x_{i_0} - x_{j_0}}{2} \right\|_X - \frac{1}{2} \|x_{i_0}\|_X \left| \frac{1}{\|x_{i_0}\|_X} - \frac{1}{\|x_{j_0}\|_X} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\|x_{j_0}\|_X} \left\| \frac{x_{i_0} - x_{j_0}}{2} \right\|_X &\leq 1 - \delta + \frac{1}{2} \|x_{i_0}\|_X \left| \frac{1}{\|x_{i_0}\|_X} - \frac{1}{\|x_{j_0}\|_X} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \delta + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\|x_{i_0}\|_X}{\|x_{j_0}\|_X} = -\delta + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\|x_{i_0}\|_X}{\|x_{j_0}\|_X} \right) = -\delta + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\|x_{i_0}\|_X + \|x_{j_0}\|_X}{\|x_{j_0}\|_X}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{x_{i_0} - x_{j_0}}{2} \right\|_X &\leq -\delta \|x_{j_0}\|_X + \frac{\|x_{i_0}\|_X + \|x_{j_0}\|_X}{2} \\ &= \frac{\|x_{i_0}\|_X + \|x_{j_0}\|_X}{2} \left(1 - \frac{2\delta \|x_{j_0}\|_X}{\|x_{i_0}\|_X + \|x_{j_0}\|_X} \right), \end{aligned}$$

which finishes the proof of the necessity. The sufficiency follows immediately from the definition of P -convexity. \square

Lemma 3. Let X be a P -convex Banach space and $\Phi \in \overline{\Delta}_2$, $\Phi^* \in \overline{\Delta}_2$. Then there exist $n \in \mathcal{N}$ and $r \in (0, 1)$ such that for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$ we have

$$(3) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n \Phi \left(\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|_X}{2} \right) \leq \frac{r}{n} \binom{n}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \Phi (\|x_j\|_X),$$

where $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$.

Proof. Let n be the natural number from the definition of P -convexity of X . Take $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$. Let k_0 be the index such that $\|x_{k_0}\|_X = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|x_i\|_X$. Choose a number $a \in (0, 1)$ such that condition (2) from Lemma 1 is satisfied. For clarity, we will divide the proof into two parts.

I. Suppose that there exists an index i_1 such that $\|x_{i_1}\|_X / \|x_{k_0}\|_X < a$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi \left(\frac{\|x_{i_1} - x_{k_0}\|_X}{2} \right) &\leq \Phi \left(\frac{\|x_{i_1}\|_X + \|x_{k_0}\|_X}{2} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma) (\Phi (\|x_{i_1}\|_X) + \Phi (\|x_{k_0}\|_X)), \end{aligned}$$

where $0 < \gamma < 1$ and γ depends only on a . Hence, by the convexity of Φ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n \Phi \left(\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|_X}{2} \right) &\leq \frac{(n-1)}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi (\|x_i\|_X) - \frac{\gamma}{2} (\Phi (\|x_{i_1}\|_X) + \Phi (\|x_{k_0}\|_X)) \\ &\leq \frac{n-1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi (\|x_i\|_X) - \frac{\gamma}{2n} (n\Phi (\|x_{k_0}\|_X)) \\ &\leq \frac{n-1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi (\|x_i\|_X) - \frac{\gamma}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi (\|x_i\|_X) \\ &= \frac{n-1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{n(n-1)} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi (\|x_i\|_X). \end{aligned}$$

II. Suppose that for every $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ we have $\|x_i\|_X / \|x_{k_0}\|_X \geq a$. Then $x_i \neq 0$ for every i . Let i_0, j_0 be a pair of indices from Lemma 2. Without loss of generality, it can be assumed that

$$(4) \quad a \leq \frac{\|x_{i_0}\|_X}{\|x_{j_0}\|_X} \leq \frac{1}{a}.$$

Hence

$$\frac{\min \{\|x_{i_0}\|_X, \|x_{j_0}\|_X\}}{\|x_{i_0}\|_X + \|x_{j_0}\|_X} = \left(1 + \frac{\max \{\|x_{i_0}\|_X, \|x_{j_0}\|_X\}}{\min \{\|x_{i_0}\|_X, \|x_{j_0}\|_X\}} \right)^{-1} \geq \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{a}} = \frac{a}{1 + a}.$$

Therefore, using Lemma 2 and inequality (4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{x_{i_0} - x_{j_0}}{2} \right\|_X &\leq \frac{\|x_{i_0}\|_X + \|x_{j_0}\|_X}{2} \left(1 - \frac{2\delta \min \{\|x_{i_0}\|_X, \|x_{j_0}\|_X\}}{\|x_{i_0}\|_X + \|x_{j_0}\|_X} \right) \\ &\leq \left(1 - \frac{2\delta a}{1 + a} \right) \frac{\|x_{i_0}\|_X + \|x_{j_0}\|_X}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by the convexity of Φ , we obtain

$$(5) \quad \Phi \left(\left\| \frac{x_{i_0} - x_{j_0}}{2} \right\|_X \right) \leq \frac{1}{2} (1 - \alpha) (\Phi (\|x_{i_0}\|_X) + \Phi (\|x_{j_0}\|_X)),$$

where $\alpha = \frac{2\delta a}{1+a}$. Putting $l = \frac{1}{a}$ in inequality (1) and denoting $\beta_a = \frac{1}{k_l}$, $v = \frac{1}{a}u$, we get

$$(6) \quad \Phi(av) \geq \beta_a \Phi(v)$$

for every $v \in \mathcal{R}$. Hence, by inequalities (5) and (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n \Phi\left(\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|_X}{2}\right) &\leq \frac{n-1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi(\|x_i\|_X) - \frac{\alpha}{2} (\Phi(\|x_{i_0}\|_X) + \Phi(\|x_{j_0}\|_X)) \\ &\leq \frac{n-1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi(\|x_i\|_X) - \alpha \Phi(a\|x_{k_0}\|_X) \\ &\leq \frac{n-1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi(\|x_i\|_X) - \alpha \beta_a \Phi(\|x_{k_0}\|_X) \\ &= \frac{n-1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi(\|x_i\|_X) - \frac{\alpha \beta_a}{n} (n \Phi(\|x_{k_0}\|_X)) \\ &\leq \frac{n-1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{2\alpha \beta_a}{n(n-1)}\right) \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi(\|x_i\|_X). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, combining the considerations from Parts **I** and **II** and denoting

$$r = \max \left\{ 1 - \frac{2\alpha \beta_a}{n(n-1)}, 1 - \frac{\gamma}{n(n-1)} \right\},$$

we get inequality (3), which finishes the proof.

Lemma 4. *Let X be a P -convex Banach space, $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ and $\Phi^* \in \Delta_2$. Then there exists $n \in \mathcal{N}$ such that for every $w > 0$ there is a number $r = r(w) \in (0, 1)$ such that inequality (3) holds true for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$ satisfying $\sum_{j=1}^n \Phi(\|x_j\|_X) \geq n\Phi(w)$.*

Proof. Let n be the natural number from the definition of P -convexity of X . Fix $w > 0$, and take $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$ satisfying $\sum_{j=1}^n \Phi(\|x_j\|_X) \geq n\Phi(w)$. Let k_0 be the index such that $\|x_{k_0}\|_X = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|x_i\|_X$. Obviously, there exists $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ that satisfies $\|x_i\|_X \geq w$. Hence $\|x_{k_0}\|_X \geq w$. Now, using Lemma 1b) and repeating the same argumentation as in the proof of Lemma 3, we obtain inequality (3) with r depending on w only.

Theorem 1. *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (a) $L_\Phi(\mu, X)$ is P -convex.
- (b) Both X and $L_\Phi(\mu)$ are P -convex.
- (c) X is P -convex, and either $\Phi \in \overline{\Delta}_2$ and $\Phi^* \in \overline{\Delta}_2$ if μ is infinite, or $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ and $\Phi^* \in \Delta_2$ if μ is finite.

Proof. (a) \Rightarrow (b). Since the spaces $L_\Phi(\mu)$ and X are embedded isometrically into $L_\Phi(\mu, X)$ and P -convexity is inherited by subspaces, $L_\Phi(\mu)$ and X are P -convex.

(b) \Rightarrow (c). Every P -convex Banach space is reflexive. Therefore, by the reflexivity of $L_\Phi(\mu)$, we have $\Phi \in \overline{\Delta}_2$ and $\Phi^* \in \overline{\Delta}_2$ if μ is infinite, or $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ and $\Phi^* \in \Delta_2$ if μ is finite.

(c) \Rightarrow (a). Assume that X is P -convex. Consider the following two cases:

I. Suppose (T, Σ, μ) is an infinite measure space, $\Phi \in \overline{\Delta}_2$ and $\Phi^* \in \overline{\Delta}_2$. Take $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \in S(L_\Phi(\mu, X))$. By Lemma 3, there exists $r \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n \Phi \left(\frac{\|f_i(t) - f_j(t)\|_X}{2} \right) \leq \frac{r}{n} \binom{n}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \Phi (\|f_j(t)\|_X)$$

for μ -a.e. $t \in T$. Integrating both sides of this inequality over T , we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n \tilde{I}_\Phi \left(\frac{1}{2} (f_i - f_j) \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n \int_T \Phi \left(\frac{\|f_i(t) - f_j(t)\|_X}{2} \right) dt \leq \binom{n}{2} r.$$

Hence there exist i_0, j_0 such that

$$\tilde{I}_\Phi \left(\frac{1}{2} (f_{i_0} - f_{j_0}) \right) \leq r$$

and consequently, by $\Phi \in \overline{\Delta}_2$,

$$\|f_{i_0} - f_{j_0}\| \leq 2 - \epsilon$$

for some $\epsilon > 0$ depending on r only (see [9]), i.e. $L_\Phi(\mu, X)$ is P -convex.

II. Now let (T, Σ, μ) be a finite measure space, $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ and $\Phi^* \in \Delta_2$. Take $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \in S(L_\Phi(\mu, X))$ and define

$$E = \left\{ t \in T : \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi (\|f_i(t)\|_X) \geq \frac{1}{\mu(T)} \right\}.$$

Since

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{I}_\Phi (f_i \chi_{T \setminus E}) \leq \int_{T \setminus E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \Phi (\|f_i(t)\|_X) \right) d\mu \leq 1,$$

we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{I}_\Phi (f_i \chi_E) \geq n - 1.$$

Putting now $w = \Phi^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n\mu(T)} \right)$, we have $\frac{1}{\mu(T)} = n\Phi(w)$, whence

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \Phi (\|f_i(t)\|_X) \geq n\Phi(w)$$

for μ -a.e. $t \in E$. Applying now Lemma 4 just with this w , we conclude that there exists $r = r(w) \in (0, 1)$ for which

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n \tilde{I}_\Phi \left(\frac{1}{2} (f_i - f_j) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n \tilde{I}_\Phi \left(\frac{1}{2} (f_i - f_j) \chi_{T \setminus E} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n \tilde{I}_\Phi \left(\frac{1}{2} (f_i - f_j) \chi_E \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \binom{n}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{I}_\Phi (f_i \chi_{T \setminus E}) + \frac{r}{n} \binom{n}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{I}_\Phi (f_i \chi_E) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \binom{n}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{I}_\Phi (f_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{I}_\Phi (f_i \chi_E) \right) + \frac{r}{n} \binom{n}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{I}_\Phi (f_i \chi_E) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \binom{n}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1-r}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{I}_{\Phi}(f_i \chi_E) \right) \\
 &\leq \binom{n}{2} \left(1 - \frac{(1-r)(n-1)}{n} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n \tilde{I}_{\Phi} \left(\frac{1}{2} (f_i - f_j) \right) \leq \binom{n}{2} (1-d),$$

where $d = \frac{(1-r)}{2} \in (0, 1)$. Therefore, there are i_0 and j_0 such that $i_0 \neq j_0$ and

$$\tilde{I}_{\Phi} \left(\frac{1}{2} (f_{i_0} - f_{j_0}) \right) \leq (1-d).$$

So, by the Δ_2 -condition for Φ , we have

$$\|f_{i_0} - f_{j_0}\| \leq 2 - \epsilon$$

for some $\epsilon > 0$ depending on w only (see [9]), i.e. $L_{\Phi}(\mu, X)$ is P -convex.

Corollary 1. *The Lebesgue-Bochner space $L^p(\mu, X)$ ($1 < p < \infty$) is P -convex iff X is P -convex.*

Proof. The Lebesgue space $L^p(\mu)$ is an Orlicz space generated by the Orlicz function $\Phi(u) = |u|^p$ satisfying all the assumptions of Theorem 1.

The following characterization of P -convexity proved directly in [23] (by a long proof), is an immediate consequence of Theorem 1.

Corollary 2. *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (a) $L_{\Phi}(\mu)$ is P -convex.
- (b) $L_{\Phi}(\mu)$ is reflexive.
- (c) Either $\Phi \in \overline{\Delta}_2$ and $\Phi^* \in \overline{\Delta}_2$ if μ is infinite, or $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ and $\Phi^* \in \Delta_2$ if μ is finite.

Proof. It is enough to apply Theorem 1 with $X = \mathcal{R}$.

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