

## *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  $(T, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite, complete and non-atomic measure space. Denote by  $L^0$  the set of all  $\mu$ -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  $\Phi$  vanishes at zero only and  $\frac{\Phi(u)}{u} \rightarrow 0$  as  $u \rightarrow 0$ .

For every Orlicz function  $\Phi$  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  $\Phi$  satisfies the  $\Delta_2$ -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  $\Phi$  satisfies the  $\Delta_2$ -condition for all  $u$  (for large  $u$ ), respectively.

It is well known that the  $\Delta_2$ -condition for all  $u$  is equivalent to the following so-called  $\Delta_l$ -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  $\Delta_2$ -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  $\Phi$  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  $I_\Phi$  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  $\mu$ -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  $\gamma$  depends only on  $a$ . Hence, by the convexity of  $\Phi$ , 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  $\Phi$ , 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  $\mu$  is infinite, or  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$  and  $\Phi^* \in \Delta_2$  if  $\mu$  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  $\mu$  is infinite, or  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$  and  $\Phi^* \in \Delta_2$  if  $\mu$  is finite.

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

**I.** Suppose  $(T, \Sigma, \mu)$  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  $\mu$ -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  $(T, \Sigma, \mu)$  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  $\mu$ -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  $\Delta_2$ -condition for  $\Phi$ , 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  $\mu$  is infinite, or  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$  and  $\Phi^* \in \Delta_2$  if  $\mu$  is finite.

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

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