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## Modular approximation in $X_\phi^1$ by a filtered family of sublinear operators and convex operators

**Abstract.** We introduce the notion of boundedness of a filtered family  $(T_v)$  of operators in a space  $X_\phi^1$  of multifunctions. This notion is used to get convergence theorems for families of sublinear operators and families of convex operators.

**1. Introduction.** Let  $L^\phi(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be the Musielak–Orlicz function space generated by a modular  $\varrho(x) = \int_\Omega \phi(t, |x(t)|) d\mu$ . Let  $X$  be the space of all multifunctions  $F$  from  $\Omega$  to  $2^{\mathbf{R}}$  such that  $F(t)$  is nonempty and compact for every  $t \in \Omega$ . Two multifunctions  $F, G \in X$  such that  $F(t) = G(t)$  for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $t \in \Omega$  will be treated as the same element of  $X$ . Let  $F \in X$ . Define

$$\underline{f}(F)(t) = \min_{x \in F(t)} x, \quad \bar{f}(F)(t) = \max_{x \in F(t)} x \quad \text{for } t \in \Omega,$$

$$X_\phi^1 = \{F \in X: F(t) \text{ is convex for every } t \in \Omega \text{ and}$$

$$\underline{f}(F), \bar{f}(F) \in L^\phi(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)\}.$$

**2. A general theorem.** Let  $V$  be an abstract nonempty set and let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a filter of subsets of  $V$ .

**DEFINITION 1.** A function  $g: V \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  tends to zero with respect to  $\mathcal{V}$ , written  $g(v) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{V}} 0$ , if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a set  $V \in \mathcal{V}$  such that  $|g(v)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $v \in V$ .

**DEFINITION 2.** An operator  $A: X_\phi^1 \rightarrow X_\phi^1$  will be called  $q$ -sublinear if for both  $f = \underline{f}$  and  $f = \bar{f}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(A(aF + bG))(t)| &\leq |a \underline{f}(A(F))(t)| + |a \bar{f}(A(F))(t)| \\ &\quad + |b \underline{f}(A(G))(t)| + |b \bar{f}(A(G))(t)| \end{aligned}$$

for all  $F, G \in X_\phi^1$  and  $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$  and every  $t \in \Omega$ .

**DEFINITION 3.** A family  $T = (T_v)_{v \in \mathcal{V}}$  of operators  $T_v: X_\phi^1 \rightarrow X_\phi^1$  will be called  $\mathcal{V}$ -bounded if there exist positive constants  $k_1, \dots, k_8$  and a function  $g: V \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_+$  such that  $g(v) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{V}} 0$  and for all  $F, G \in X_\phi^1$  there is a set  $V_{F,G} \in \mathcal{V}$  for which

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho(a(\underline{f}(T_v(F)) - \underline{f}(T_v(G)))) &\leq k_1 \varrho(ak_2(\underline{f}(F) - \underline{f}(G))) \\ &\quad + k_3 \varrho(ak_4(\bar{f}(F) - \bar{f}(G))) + g(v), \\ \varrho(a(\bar{f}(T_v(F)) - \bar{f}(T_v(G)))) &\leq k_5 \varrho(ak_6(\underline{f}(F) - \underline{f}(G))) \\ &\quad + k_7 \varrho(ak_8(\bar{f}(F) - \bar{f}(G))) + g(v) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $v \in V_{F,G}$  and every  $a > 0$ .

Remark 1. If  $\varrho$  is convex, then  $k_1, k_3, k_5, k_7$  may always be taken to be 1.

DEFINITION 4. Let  $F_v \in X_\varphi^1$  for every  $v \in V$  and let  $F \in X_\varphi^1$ . We write  $F_v \xrightarrow[\varphi, \mathcal{V}]{1} F$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and every  $a > 0$  there exists  $V \in \mathcal{V}$  such that

$$\varrho(a(\underline{f}(F_v) - \underline{f}(F))) < \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \varrho(a(\bar{f}(F_v) - \bar{f}(F))) < \varepsilon$$

for every  $v \in V$ .

DEFINITION 5. Let  $S \subset X_\varphi^1$ . Let

$$S_{\varphi, \mathcal{V}} = \{F \in X_\varphi^1: F_v \xrightarrow[\varphi, \mathcal{V}]{1} F \text{ for some } F_v \in S, v \in \mathcal{V}\}.$$

The set  $S_{\varphi, \mathcal{V}}$  will be called the  $(\varphi, \mathcal{V})$ -closure of  $S$  in  $X_\varphi^1$ .

THEOREM 1. Suppose the family  $T = (T_v)_{v \in V}$  of  $q$ -sublinear operators  $T_v: X_\varphi^1 \rightarrow X_\varphi^1$  is  $\mathcal{V}$ -bounded. Let  $S_0 \subset X_\varphi^1$  and let  $T_v(F) \xrightarrow[\varphi, \mathcal{V}]{1} 0$  for every  $F \in S_0$ . Let  $S$  be the set of all finite linear combinations of elements of  $S_0$ . Then  $T_v(F) \xrightarrow[\varphi, \mathcal{V}]{1} 0$  for every  $F \in S_{\varphi, \mathcal{V}}$ .

Proof. First, note that the assertion holds for all  $F \in S$ , since supposing  $F = c_1 F_1 + \dots + c_n F_n$  with  $F_i \in S_0$  we have, writing  $c = \sum_{i=1}^n |c_i|$ , for  $a > 0$

$$\varrho(a \underline{f}(T_v(F))) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \varrho(2ac \underline{f}(T_v(F_i))) + \sum_{i=1}^n \varrho(2acf(T_v(F_i))) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{V}} 0.$$

Now, let  $a, \varepsilon > 0$  be arbitrary and let  $F \in S_{\varphi, \mathcal{V}}$  be given. Then there exist  $G \in S$  and  $V_1 \in \mathcal{V}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho(2ak_2(\underline{f}(F) - \underline{f}(G))) &< \varepsilon/(4k_1), \quad \varrho(2ak_4(\bar{f}(F) - \bar{f}(G))) < \varepsilon/(4k_3), \\ \varrho(2a \underline{f}(T_v(G))) &< \varepsilon/4, \quad g(v) < \varepsilon/4 \end{aligned}$$

for every  $v \in V_1$ , where we may assume  $k_1, k_3 \geq 1$ . Let  $V_{F,G}$  be chosen for  $(T_v)_{v \in V}$  and  $F, G$  according to the definition of  $\mathcal{V}$ -boundedness. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho(a \underline{f}(T_v(F))) &\leq \varrho(2a(\underline{f}(T_v(F)) - \underline{f}(T_v(G)))) + \varrho(2a \underline{f}(T_v(G))) \\ &\leq k_1 \varrho(2ak_2(\underline{f}(F) - \underline{f}(G))) + k_3 \varrho(2ak_4(\bar{f}(F) - \bar{f}(G))) \\ &\quad + g(v) + \varrho(2a \underline{f}(T_v(G))). \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $V = V_1 \cap V_{F,G}$ , we obtain  $\varrho(a \underline{f}(T_v(F))) < \varepsilon$  for all  $v \in V$ . We prove analogously that there exists  $\underline{V} \in \mathcal{V}$  such that  $\varrho(a \overline{f}(T_v(F))) < \varepsilon$  for every  $v \in \underline{V}$ . Hence  $T_v(F) \xrightarrow[\phi, \mathcal{V}]{1} 0$  because  $V_0 = V \cap \underline{V} \in \mathcal{V}$ .

DEFINITION 6. An operator  $A: X_\phi^1 \rightarrow X_\phi^1$  will be called *m-sublinear* if for all  $F, G \in X_\phi^1$  and  $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \max(|\underline{f}(A(aF + bG))(t)|, |\overline{f}(A(aF + bG))(t)|) \\ & \leq \max(|a \underline{f}(A(F))(t)| + |b \underline{f}(A(G))(t)|, |a \overline{f}(A(F))(t)| + |b \overline{f}(A(G))(t)|). \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 2. Let  $T = (T_v)_{v \in V}$  be a  $\mathcal{V}$ -bounded family of *m-sublinear* operators  $T_v: X_\phi^1 \rightarrow X_\phi^1$ . Let  $S_0 \subset X_\phi^1$  and let  $T_v(F) \xrightarrow[\phi, \mathcal{V}]{1} 0$  for every  $F \in S_0$ . Let  $S$  be the set of all finite linear combinations of elements of  $S_0$ . Then  $T_v(F) \xrightarrow[\phi, \mathcal{V}]{1} 0$  for every  $F \in S_{\phi, \mathcal{V}}$ .

The proof is quite analogous to that of Theorem 1 and we omit it.

DEFINITION 7. An operator  $C: X_\phi^1 \rightarrow X_\phi^1$  will be called *convex* if for both  $\underline{f} = \underline{f}$  and  $\overline{f} = \overline{f}$  we have

$$\underline{f}(C(aF + (1-a)G))(t) \leq a \underline{f}(C(F))(t) + (1-a) \underline{f}(C(G))(t)$$

for all  $F, G \in X_\phi^1$  and  $a \in [0, 1]$  and every  $t \in \Omega$ .

THEOREM 3. Let  $T = (T_v)_{v \in V}$  be a  $\mathcal{V}$ -bounded family of *convex* operators  $T_v: X_\phi^1 \rightarrow X_\phi^1$  such that for every  $F \in X_\phi^1$ ,  $\underline{f}(T_v(F))(t) \geq \underline{f}(F)(t)$  and  $\overline{f}(T_v(F))(t) \geq \overline{f}(F)(t)$  for every  $t \in \Omega$  and every  $v \in V$ . Let  $S_0 \subset X_\phi^1$  and let  $T_v(F) \xrightarrow[\phi, \mathcal{V}]{1} F$  for every  $F \in S_0$ . Let now  $S$  be the set of all finite convex combinations of elements of  $S_0$ . Then  $T_v(F) \xrightarrow[\phi, \mathcal{V}]{1} F$  for every  $F \in S_{\phi, \mathcal{V}}$ .

Proof. First, the assertion holds for all  $F \in S$ , since supposing  $F = c_1 F_1 + \dots + c_n F_n$  with  $F_i \in S_0$ ,  $c_i \geq 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $c_1 + \dots + c_n = 1$  we have for both  $\underline{f} = \underline{f}$  and  $\overline{f} = \overline{f}$

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho(a(\underline{f}(T_v(F)) - \underline{f}(F))) & \leq \varrho\left(a\left(\sum_{i=1}^n c_i(\underline{f}(T_v(F_i)))\right) - \sum_{i=1}^n c_i(\underline{f}(F_i))\right) \\ & = \varrho\left(a\left(\sum_{i=1}^n c_i(\underline{f}(T_v(F_i)) - \underline{f}(F_i))\right)\right) \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \varrho(a(\underline{f}(T_v(F_i)) - \underline{f}(F_i))) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{V}} 0 \end{aligned}$$

for every  $a > 0$ .

The remainder of the proof is quite analogous to that of Theorem 1 from [2] (see also the proof of Theorem 2 from [1]) and we omit it.

**Remark 2.** Let the assumptions of Theorem 3 hold and assume additionally that  $F(t) = -F(t)$  for all  $F \in S_0$  and  $t \in \Omega$ . If, moreover,  $T_v(aF) = aT_v(F)$  for all  $a \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $F \in X_\phi^1$  and  $v \in V$ , then we can take for  $S$  the set of all finite linear combinations of elements of  $S_0$ .

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