

# On the inclusion of some Lorentz spaces

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## Abstract

Let  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measure space. It is well known that  $l^p(X) \subseteq l^q(X)$  whenever  $0 < p \leq q \leq \infty$ . Subramanian [12] characterized all positive measures  $\mu$  on  $(X, \Sigma)$  for which  $L^p(\mu) \subseteq L^q(\mu)$  whenever  $0 < p \leq q \leq \infty$  and Romero [10] completed and improved some results of Subramanian [12]. Miamee [6] considered the more general inclusion  $L^p(\mu) \subseteq L^q(\nu)$  where  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are two measures on  $(X, \Sigma)$ .

Let  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu)$  and  $L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$  be two Lorentz spaces, where  $0 < p_1, p_2 < \infty$  and  $0 < q_1, q_2 \leq \infty$ . In this work we generalized these results to the Lorentz spaces and investigated that under what conditions  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subseteq L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$  for two different measures  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  on  $(X, \Sigma)$ .

## 1. Introduction

Let  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measure space and let  $f$  be a measurable function on  $X$ . For each  $y > 0$  let

$$(1) \quad \lambda_f(y) = \mu\{x \in X : f(x) > y\}.$$

The function  $\lambda_f$  is called the distribution function of  $f$ . The rearrangement of  $f$  is defined by

$$f^*(t) = \inf \{y > 0 : \lambda_f(y) \leq t\} = \sup \{y > 0 : \lambda_f(y) > t\}, \quad t > 0,$$

where  $\inf \phi = +\infty$ . Also the average function of  $f$  is defined by

$$(2) \quad f^{**}(t) = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f^*(s) ds, \quad t > 0.$$

Note that  $\lambda_f(\cdot)$ ,  $f^*(\cdot)$  and  $f^{**}(\cdot)$  are non-increasing and right continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ , [2]. For  $p, q \in (0, \infty)$  we define

$$(3) \quad \|f\|_{p,q}^* = \|f\|_{p,q,\mu}^* = \left( \frac{q}{p} \int_0^\infty [f^*(t)]^q \cdot t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$
$$\|f\|_{p,q} = \|f\|_{p,q,\mu} = \left( \frac{q}{p} \int_0^\infty [f^{**}(t)]^q \cdot t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

If  $0 < p, q = \infty$  we also define

$$(4) \quad \|f\|_{p,\infty}^* = \sup_{t>0} t^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot f^*(t) \text{ and } \|f\|_{p,\infty} = \sup_{t>0} t^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot f^{**}(t).$$

For  $0 < p < \infty$  and  $0 < q \leq \infty$ , the Lorentz space denoted by  $L(p, q)(X, \mu)$  (or shortly  $L(p, q)$ ) is defined to be the vector space of all (equivalence classes of) measurable functions  $f$  on  $X$  such that  $\|f\|_{p,q}^* < \infty$ . We know that  $\|f\|_p = \|f\|_{p,p}^*$  and so  $L^p(\mu) = L(p, p)(X, \mu)$  where  $L^p(\mu)$  is the Lebesgue space. Also  $L(p, q_1) \subset L(p, q_2)$  for  $q_1 \leq q_2$ . In particular

$$L(p, q_1) \subset L^p(\mu) \subset L(p, q_2) \subset L(p, \infty)$$

for  $0 < q_1 \leq p \leq q_2 \leq \infty$  ([2]). It is also known that if  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  then

$$(5) \quad \|f\|_{p,q}^* \leq \|f\|_{p,q} \leq \frac{p}{p-1} \|f\|_{p,q}^*$$

for each  $f \in L(p, q)(X, \mu)$  ([11]). Moreover  $\|f\|_{p,q}^*$  is a complete norm on  $L(p, q)(X, \mu)$ .

**2. Main results**

In this section we will accept that  $(X, \Sigma)$  is a measurable space and all measures are defined on the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\Sigma$ . Also if two measures  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are absolutely continuous with respect to each other (i.e  $\mu \ll \nu$  and  $\nu \ll \mu$ ) then we denote it by the symbol  $\mu \approx \nu$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $0 < p_1, p_2 < \infty$  and  $0 < q_1, q_2 \leq \infty$ . Then the inclusion  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subseteq L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$  holds in the sense of equivalence classes if and only if  $\mu \approx \nu$  and  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subseteq L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$  in the sense of individual functions.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subseteq L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$  holds in the sense of equivalent classes. Let  $f \in L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu)$  be any individual function. This implies  $f \in L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu)$  in the sense of equivalent classes thus  $f \in L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$  in the sense of equivalent classes by the assumption. Hence we have  $f \in L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$  in the sense of individual functions. This shows that

$$L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subseteq L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$$

in the sense of individual functions. Now take any  $E \in \Sigma$  with  $\mu(E) = 0$ . If  $\chi_E$  is the characteristic function of  $E$  then  $\chi_E = 0$   $\mu$ -almost everywhere. Also the rearrangement of  $\chi_E$  is

$$(6) \quad \chi_E^*(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < t < \mu(E), \\ 0, & t \geq \mu(E). \end{cases}$$

If  $p_1, q_1 \in (0, \infty)$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7) \quad \|\chi_E\|_{p_1, q_1}^* &= \left( \frac{q_1}{p_1} \int_0^\infty \left[ t^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \cdot \chi_E^*(t) \right]^{q_1} \cdot \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{q_1}} \\
 &= \left( \frac{q_1}{p_1} \int_0^{\mu(E)} \left[ t^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \cdot \chi_E^*(t) \right]^{q_1} \cdot \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{q_1}} + \left( \frac{q_1}{p_1} \int_{\mu(E)}^\infty \left[ t^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \cdot \chi_E^*(t) \right]^{q_1} \cdot \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{q_1}} \\
 &= \left( \frac{q_1}{p_1} \int_0^{\mu(E)} \left[ t^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \cdot \right]^{q_1} \cdot \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{q_1}} = \left( \frac{q_1}{p_1} \int_0^{\mu(E)} t^{\frac{q_1}{p_1} - 1} \cdot dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q_1}} \\
 &= \left( \mu(E)^{\frac{q_1}{p_1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q_1}} = \mu(E)^{\frac{1}{p_1}} = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Also for the case  $0 < p_1 < \infty$  and  $q_1 = \infty$  we have

$$(8) \quad \|\chi_E\|_{p_1, \infty}^* = \sup_{t > 0} t^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \cdot \chi_E^*(t) = \mu(E) = 0.$$

Then we have  $\chi_E \in L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu)$  for  $0 < p_1 < \infty$  and  $0 < q_1 \leq \infty$ . Thus  $\chi_E$  is in the equivalent classes of  $0 \in L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu)$ . Since the equivalence classes of  $0$  (with respect to  $\mu$ ) is also an element of  $L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$  by the hypothesis, then  $\chi_E$  is in the equivalent classes of  $0 \in L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$  with respect to  $\nu$ . That means  $\nu(E) = 0$ . Thus  $\nu \ll \mu$ . Similarly one can prove that  $\mu \ll \nu$ .

The proof of the other side is clear. □

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $0 < p_1, p_2 < \infty$  and  $0 < q_1, q_2 \leq \infty$ . Then the inclusion*

$$L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subset L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$$

*holds in the sense of equivalence classes if and only if  $\mu \approx \nu$  and there exists  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\|f\|_{p_2 q_2, \nu}^* \leq C \|f\|_{p_1 q_1, \mu}^*$$

*for all  $f \in L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu)$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subseteq L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$  holds in the sense of equivalent classes. Define the unit operator  $I(f) = f$  from  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu)$  into  $L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$ . We shall show that  $I$  is closed. Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu)$  and  $I(f_n) = f_n \rightarrow g$  in  $L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$ . It is known that

$$(9) \quad \|f\|_{p_1, \infty}^* \leq \|f\|_{p_1, q_1}^*$$

and

$$(10) \quad \|f\|_{p_1\infty}^* = \sup_{t>0} t^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \cdot f^*(t) = \sup_{y>0} y (\lambda_f(y))^{\frac{1}{p_1}}.$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Since  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu)$ , there exists  $n_0 \in N$  such that

$$(11) \quad y(\lambda_{f_n-f})^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \leq \|f_n - f\|_{p_1, q_1}^* < \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{p_1}} y$$

for all  $n \geq n_0$ . This implies  $(\lambda_{f_n-f}) < \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Then  $(f_n)$  converges to  $f$  in measure (with respect to  $\mu$ ). Hence there is a subsequence  $(f_{n_i}) \subset (f_n)$  such that  $(f_{n_i})$  pointwise converges to  $f$ ,  $\mu$ -almost everywhere (a.e). Also since  $(f_n)$  converges to  $g$  in  $L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$  then it is easy to prove that  $(f_{n_i})$  converges to  $g$  in  $L(p_2, q_2)(X, \nu)$ . Then  $(f_{n_i})$  converges to  $g$  in measure (with respect to  $\nu$ ). Therefore one can find a subsequence  $(f_{n_{i_k}}) \subset (f_{n_i})$  such that  $(f_{n_{i_k}})$  converges to  $g$  pointwise  $\nu$ -a.e. Let  $M$  be the set of the points such that  $(f_{n_{i_k}})$  doesn't converge to  $g$  pointwise. Hence  $\nu(M) = 0$ . Since by the assumption  $L(p_1, q_1)(G, \mu) \subseteq L(p_2, q_2)(G, \nu)$  in the sense of equivalent classes then  $\mu \approx \nu$  by Lemma 2.1. Thus  $\nu(M) = \mu(M) = 0$ . Hence  $(f_{n_{i_k}})$  converges to the function  $g$  pointwise  $\mu$ -a.e. Finally using the inequality

$$(12) \quad |f(x) - g(x)| \leq |f(x) - f_{n_{i_k}}(x)| + |f_{n_{i_k}}(x) - g(x)|$$

one can prove that  $f = g$   $\mu$ -a.e. Also it is clear that  $f = g$   $\nu$ -a.e. That means the unit function  $I$  is closed. Hence by the closed graph theorem there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$\|f\|_{p_2, q_2, \nu}^* \leq C \cdot \|f\|_{p_1, q_1, \mu}^*$$

for all  $f \in L(p_1, q_1)(G, \mu)$ .

The proof of the other direction is easy.

If  $0 < p_1, p_2 < \infty$  and  $q_1 = q_2 = \infty$  then the proof is clear from (10).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $0 < p < \infty, 0 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $f \in L(p, q)(X, \mu)$  be a real valued measurable function. If there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $\nu(E) \leq M\mu(E)$  for all  $E \in \Sigma$  then we have the inequality*

$$\|f\|_{p, q, \nu}^* \leq M^{\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{p, q, \mu}^*.$$

*Proof.* Since  $f \in L(p, q)(X, \mu)$  is a measurable real valued function then

$$(13) \quad E_y = \{x \in X : f(x) > y\} \in \Sigma$$

for all real number  $y$ . If we set  $k = M\mu$ , it easy to see that  $k$  is a measure. Denote by  $\nu(E_y) = \lambda_f^\nu(y)$  and  $k(E_y) = \lambda_f^k(y)$ . We also denote the rearrangements of  $f$  with respect to the measures  $k$  and  $\nu$  by  $f^{*,k}$  and  $f^{*,\nu}$  respectively. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be such that

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} A &= \{y > 0 : \lambda_f^\nu(y) \leq t\}, \\ B &= \{y > 0 : \lambda_f^k(y) \leq t\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\nu(E_y) \leq M\mu(E_y) = k(E_y)$  we have  $\lambda_f^\nu(y) \leq \lambda_f^k(y)$ . Thus we obtain  $B \subseteq A$  and

$$(15) \quad f^{*,k}(t) = \inf_y B \geq \inf_y A = f^{*,\nu}(t).$$

This implies

$$(16) \quad \left( \frac{q}{p} \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} [f^{*,\nu}(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq \left( \frac{q}{p} \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} [f^{*,k}(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

and

$$\|f\|_{p,q,\nu}^* \leq \|f\|_{p,q,k}^*.$$

Also we write

$$(17) \quad \begin{aligned} \{y > 0 : \lambda_f^k(y) \leq t\} &= \{y > 0 : k(E_y) \leq t\} \\ &= \{y > 0 : M\mu(E_y) \leq t\} = \left\{ y > 0 : \mu(E_y) \leq \frac{t}{M} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(18) \quad f^{*,k}(t) = f^{*,\mu} \left( \frac{t}{M} \right).$$

Combining (15) and (18) we find

$$f^{*,k}(t) = f^{*,\mu} \left( \frac{t}{M} \right) > f^{*,\nu}(t).$$

This implies

$$(19) \quad \begin{aligned} \|f\|_{p,q,k}^* &= \left( \frac{q}{p} \int_0^\infty [f^{*,k}(t)]^q \cdot t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left( \frac{q}{p} \int_0^\infty \left[ f^{*,\mu} \left( \frac{t}{M} \right) \right]^q \cdot t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} = M^{\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{p,q,\mu}^* \end{aligned}$$

for all  $f \in L(p, q)(X, \mu)$ , where  $k = M\mu$ . Consequently we have

$$(20) \quad \|f\|_{p,q,\nu}^* \leq \|f\|_{p,1,k}^* = M^{\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{p,q,\mu}^*.$$

□

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $0 < p < \infty$  and  $0 \leq q \leq \infty$ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $L(p, q)(X, \mu) \subseteq L(p, q)(X, \nu)$ .
- (2)  $\mu \approx \nu$  and there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $\nu(E) \leq M\mu(E)$  for all  $E \in \Sigma$ .
- (3)  $L^1(\mu) \subseteq L^1(\nu)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). By Theorem 2.2, there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$(21) \quad \|f\|_{p,q,\nu}^* \leq C \|f\|_{p,q,\mu}^*$$

for all  $f \in L(p, q)(X, \mu)$ . It follows from (7) in Lemma 2.1, and from (21) that

$$(\nu(E))^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C \cdot (\mu(E))^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

and hence

$$(22) \quad \nu(E) \leq M(\mu(E)),$$

where  $M = C^p$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It is known that the set  $S$  of simple functions are dense in  $L(p, q)(X, \mu)$  ([3]). Define the unit function  $I$  from  $S$  into  $L(p, q)(X, \nu)$ . By Lemma 2.3, we have the inequality

$$(23) \quad \|f\|_{p,q,\nu}^* \leq C \|f\|_{p,q,\mu}^*$$

for all  $f \in S$ . Thus  $I$  is continuous from  $S$  into  $L(p, q)(X, \nu)$ . Then  $I$  is continuously extended to the space  $(L(p, q)(X, \mu))$ . Thus we have

$$\|f\|_{p,q,\nu}^* \leq C \|f\|_{p,q,\mu}^*$$

for all  $f \in L(p, q)(X, \mu)$ . That means  $L(p, q)(X, \mu) \subseteq L(p, q)(X, \nu)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). It is known that  $L^1(\mu) = L(1, 1)(X, \mu)$  and  $L(1, 1)(X, \nu) = L^1(\nu)$ . Take any simple function  $h(x) = \sum_{k=1}^N a_k \cdot \chi_{E_k}(x)$  in  $L^1(\mu)$  with  $E_i$  and  $E_j$  disjoint if  $i \neq j$ . Using (22) we have

$$(24) \quad \begin{aligned} \|h\|_{1,1,\nu}^* &= \|h\|_{L^1(\nu)} = \sum_{k=1}^N |a_k| \nu(E_k) \leq M \sum_{k=1}^N |a_k| \mu(E_k) \\ &= M \cdot \|h\|_{L^1(\mu)} = M \|h\|_{1,1,\mu}^* < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $h$  is a simple function in  $L^1(\nu)$ . Now let any  $f \in L^1(\mu)$  be given. Since the set of simple functions is dense in  $L^1(\mu)$  then there exists a sequence  $(f_n) \subset L^1(\mu)$  of simple functions such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^1(\mu)$ . Since  $(f_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L^1(\mu)$  then  $(f_n)$  is also a Cauchy sequence in  $L^1(\nu)$  from (24) and converges to a function  $g$  in  $L^1(\nu)$ . Using the subsequence argument similar as in the proof of Theorem 2.2. one can show that  $f = g$ . Thus  $f \in L^1(\nu)$  and we have  $L^1(\mu) \subseteq L^1(\nu)$ .

The proof of (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is easy from Theorem 2.2.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $f \in L(p, q)(X, \mu)$  be given. Since  $\chi_{(0,\infty)} \cdot t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} \cdot [f^*(t)]^q \in L^1(\mu)$  and  $L^1(\mu) \subseteq L^1(\nu)$  we have  $\chi_{(0,\infty)} \cdot t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} \cdot [f^*(t)]^q \in L^1(\nu)$ . This implies  $f \in L(p, q)(X, \nu)$  and we have  $L(p, q)(X, \mu) \subseteq L(p, q)(X, \nu)$ .

This completes the proof. □

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $p_1, p_2, q_1, q_2$  be real numbers with  $0 < q_1 \leq p_1 < p_2 \leq q_2 < \infty$ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subseteq L(p_2, q_2)(X, \mu)$ .
- (2) *There exists a constant  $m > 0$  such that  $\mu(E) \geq m$  for every  $\mu$ -non-null set  $E \in \Sigma$ .*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). By Theorem 2.2, there exists  $C > 0$  such that  $\|f\|_{p_2, q_2} \leq C\|f\|_{p_1, q_1}$  for all  $f \in L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu)$ . Let  $E \in \Sigma$  be a  $\mu$ -non-null set and  $\mu(E) < \infty$ . It follows from (7) as in the proof of Lemma 2.2, that

$$(25) \quad (\mu(E))^{\frac{1}{p_2}} \leq C \cdot (\mu(E))^{\frac{1}{p_1}}.$$

Since  $p_1 < p_2$  then  $\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2} > 0$ . Thus we have

$$(26) \quad \frac{1}{C} \leq (\mu(E))^{\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2}} = \mu(E)^{\frac{p_2 - p_1}{p_1 \cdot p_2}}.$$

If we set  $m = C^{\frac{p_1 \cdot p_2}{p_2 - p_1}}$ , we obtain  $\mu(E) \geq m$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $f \in L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu)$ . For every  $n \in N$  we define

$$(27) \quad E_n = \{x \in X : |f(x)| > n\}.$$

Since  $q_1 \leq p_1$  one writes  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subseteq L(p_1, p_1)(X, \mu) = L^{p_1}(\mu)$  and there exists  $K > 0$  such that

$$(28) \quad \|f\|_{p_1} \leq K \cdot \|f\|_{p_1, q_1}$$

for all  $f \in L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu)$ . It follows from (27) that

$$(29) \quad n^{p_1} \cdot \mu(E_n) \leq \int_{E_n} |f|^{p_1} d\mu \leq \int_X |f|^{p_1} d\mu \leq (K\|f\|_{p_1, q_1})^{p_1} < \infty$$

for all  $n \in N$ . By the hypothesis either  $\mu(E_n) = 0$  or  $\mu(E_n) \geq m$ . Since the sequence  $(E_n)$  is a non-increasing and  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = \phi$ , thus  $\mu(E_n) \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore there exists  $n_0 \in N$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq n_0$ ,  $\mu$ -a.e. for all  $x \in X$ . From formula (28) and the inequality

$$(30) \quad \int_X |f|^{p_2} d\mu = \int_X |f|^{p_1} |f|^{p_2 - p_1} d\mu \leq n_0^{p_2 - p_1} \cdot \int_X |f|^{p_1} d\mu$$

we have  $f \in L(p_2, p_2)(X, \mu)$ . This implies  $L(p_1, q_1)(X) \subseteq L(p_2, p_2)(X, \mu)$ . Finally by the assumption  $0 < q_1 \leq p_1 < p_2 \leq q_2 < \infty$  we obtain

$$L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subseteq L(p_1, p_1)(X) \subseteq L(p_2, p_2)(X, \mu) \subseteq L(p_2, q_2)(X, \mu).$$

□

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let assume that  $0 < q_1 \leq q_2 \leq \infty$ .*

(1) *If  $\mu(X) < \infty$  then  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subset L(p_2, q_2)(X, \mu)$  whenever  $0 < p_1 < p_2 < \infty$  if and only if any collection of disjoint measurable sets of positive measure is finite.*

(2) *If  $\mu(X) = \infty$  then  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subset L(p_2, q_2)(X, \mu)$  whenever  $0 < q_1 \leq p_1 < p_2 \leq q_2 < \infty$  if and only if for any sequence  $(E_n)$  disjoint measurable sets of positive measure, the sequence  $(\mu(E_n))$  is bounded away from zero.*

*Proof.* (1) Let  $\mu(X) < \infty$  and  $0 < p_1 < p_2 < \infty$ . It is known that [3],  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subset L(p_2, q_2)(X, \mu)$ . If we get

$$(31) \quad r_1 = \min \{p_1, q_1\}, r_2 = \max \{p_2, q_2\},$$

we obtain  $r_1 \leq p_1 < p_2 \leq r_2$  and  $r_1 \leq q_1 < q_2 \leq r_2$ . Hence we have

$$(32) \quad L(r_1, r_1)(X, \mu) \subset L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subset L(p_2, q_2)(X, \mu) \subset L(r_2, r_2)(X, \mu).$$

Then for given any sequence  $(E_n)$  disjoint measurable sets of positive measure is finite by Proposition in [12]

The proof of the converse is clear again by Proposition in [12].

(2) Suppose  $\mu(X) = \infty$ . If a sequence  $(E_n)$  of disjoint measurable sets such that  $\mu(E_n) > 0$  and the sequence  $(\mu E_n)$  is bounded away from zero then  $L^{p_1}(\mu) \subseteq L^{p_2}(\mu)$  by Proposition in [12]. Thus

$$(33) \quad L^{p_1}(\mu) = L(p_1, p_1)(X, \mu) \subset L(p_2, p_2)(X, \mu) = L^{p_2}(\mu) \subset L(p_2, q_2)(X, \mu).$$

Since  $q_1 \leq p_1 < p_2 \leq q_2$  then we have

$$(34) \quad \begin{aligned} L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subset L(p_1, p_1)(X, \mu) &= L^{p_1}(\mu) \subset L(p_2, p_2)(X, \mu) \\ &= L^{p_2}(X, \mu) \subset L(p_2, q_2)(X, \mu). \end{aligned}$$

Conversely assume that  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subset L(p_2, q_2)(X, \mu)$  and  $(E_n)$  is collection of disjoint measurable sets of positive measure. If one applies the proof technic in (i) of this Proposition shows that the sequence  $(\mu(E_n))$  is bounded away from zero by Proposition in [12].  $\square$

**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  $X$  be a metrisable locally compact abelian group with Haar measure  $\mu$  and  $\mu(X) = \infty$ . If  $0 \leq q_1 \leq p_1 < p_2 \leq q_2 < \infty$  then the inclusion*

$$(35) \quad L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subseteq L(p_2, q_2)(X, \mu)$$

*is not satisfied.*

*Proof.* Let  $d$  be a metric on  $X$  and  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $X$  such that  $d(x_i, x_j) \geq 2r$  for  $i \neq j$ , where  $0 < r < 1$ . Get the open balls  $A_n = x_n + B(0, r^n), n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It is easy to see that  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a disjoint sequence. Since  $X$  is locally compact group then there exists compact subsets  $E_n \subset$



$A_n$  with  $\mu(E_n) < \infty$  for all  $n \in N$ . Thus the sequence  $(E_n)_{n \in N}$  is disjoint. Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = 0$  and  $\mu(E_n) \leq \mu(A_n)$  for all  $n \in N$ , then we obtain  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_n) = 0$ . Hence the inclusion  $L(p_1, q_1)(X, \mu) \subseteq L(p_2, q_2)(X, \mu)$  does not satisfy by Proposition 2.6.  $\square$

**Example:** It is known that the Lebesgue measure of the set of real numbers  $\mu(R) = \infty$ . Define

$$A_n = n + \left( -\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^n} \right)$$

for all  $n \in N$ . The sequence of measurable sets  $(A_n)_{n \in N}$  is disjoint and  $\mu(A_n) = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} > 0$  for all  $n \in N$ . But

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = 0.$$

Hence if we take  $X = R$  with the absolute value metric in the Proposition 2.7 we see that the inclusion (35) is not true.

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