

## Orlicz–Hardy Weak Martingale Spaces for Two-parameter

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we investigate several two-parameter weak Orlicz–Hardy martingale spaces generated by the  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave functions, and establish their atomic decomposition theorems. Using the atomic decomposition, we obtain a sufficient condition for the boundedness of a sublinear operator defined on the two-parameter weak Orlicz–Hardy martingale spaces. Furthermore, the dual spaces of the two-parameter weak Orlicz–Hardy martingale spaces are considered.

### 1. Introduction

The classical martingale theory was systematically studied by Garsia [2], Long [13], Weisz [20] and more. In particular, Weisz [21, 22] established the weak atom decomposition theorems of weak martingale Hardy spaces and obtained some interesting martingale inequalities. The corresponding Banach-valued versions were studied by Hou and Ren [4]. For more information about weak martingale Hardy spaces, we refer the readers to [3, 6, 15].

As an important generalization of Hardy martingale space, the Orlicz–Hardy martingale space has been extensively investigated in the past few years. Liu et al. [11] studied the weak Orlicz spaces associated with convex function  $\Phi$  and discussed their applications in the martingale theory. Miyamoto et al. [18] investigated the martingale Orlicz–Hardy spaces, in which, some martingale inequalities and duality were established by the help of atomic decompositions, and a John–Nirenberg inequality was obtained when the stochastic basis is regular. Recently, Jiao et al. [8] extended the results in [18] to the weak type setting. In addition, one can refer [5, 7, 9, 12, 24] for some recent progress on the weak Orlicz–Hardy martingale spaces.

In this paper, we focus our attention on two-parameter martingale. Recall that multi-parameter martingale was studied in a few papers (see [20] and the references therein).

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Cairoli [1] extended one-parameter Doob's inequality to multi-parameter case. Metraux proved the two-parameter Burkholder–Gundy's inequality in [17]. Very recently, Weisz [23] characterized the dual spaces of the multi-parameter martingale Hardy Lorentz spaces by the help of atomic decomposition and a John–Nirenberg inequality was generalized for these martingale spaces. Lu [14] investigated the two-parameter martingale Orlicz–Hardy spaces, in which some new martingale inequalities and duality of these martingale spaces were established. For multi-parameter martingales, the proofs are not usually the analogues of that of the one-parameter martingales, they demand some new thoughts.

Inspired by [8], it is natural to study the two-parameter weak Orlicz–Hardy martingale spaces. It should be emphasized that  $\Phi$  is essentially a concave function in [8, 14, 18] and  $\Phi$  is assumed to be convex in [11]. But in this paper, we investigate several two-parameter weak Orlicz–Hardy martingale spaces generated by a more extensive class of functions, namely, the  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave function; see its definitions in Section 2.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, some basic concepts and the definition of two-parameter weak Orlicz–Hardy martingale spaces will be introduced. Section 3 is devoted to establishing the atomic decomposition for the two-parameter weak Orlicz–Hardy martingale space  $wH_{\Phi}^s$ ; see Theorem 3.2. In Section 4, as an application, a sufficient condition for a sublinear operator defined on the two-parameter weak Orlicz–Hardy martingale spaces to be bounded is given; see Theorems 4.1 and 4.2. The duality of the two-parameter weak Orlicz–Hardy martingale spaces  $w\mathcal{H}_{\Phi}^s$  is considered in the last Section; see Theorem 5.2.

We conclude this section with some conventions. Throughout the paper,  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  denote the integer set and non-negative integer set, respectively.  $C$  stands for a positive constant, which can vary from line to line. The symbol  $f \approx g$  implies that there exist two positive constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  such that  $C_1g \leq f \leq C_2g$ . We write  $\chi(A)$  for the characteristic function of the set  $A$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we give some basic notions and knowledge that will be used in the sequel.

### 2.1. Weak Orlicz spaces

Let  $\Phi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be an Orlicz function. That is,  $\Phi$  is a non-negative, non-decreasing and continuous function on  $[0, \infty)$  satisfying  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +0} \Phi(t) = \Phi(0) = 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(t) = \infty$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{O}$  the set of all Orlicz functions on  $[0, \infty)$ . In this paper,  $\Phi$  is not generally assumed to be convex, except we mention it especially.

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  be a probability space. For an Orlicz function  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$ , the Orlicz space  $L_{\Phi}(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  (briefly by  $L_{\Phi}$ ) is defined as the collection of all measurable functions  $f$

satisfying  $\|f\|_{L_\Phi} < \infty$ , where

$$\|f\|_{L_\Phi} := \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \int_{\Omega} \Phi \left( \frac{|f|}{\lambda} \right) dP \leq 1 \right\}.$$

It is well known that  $L_\Phi$  equipped with this norm becomes a Banach space when  $\Phi$  is convex. In particular, if  $\Phi(t) = t^p$  ( $0 < p < \infty$ ), then  $L_\Phi$  returns to the usual  $L_p$  space with the norm (or quasi-norm)  $\|\cdot\|_p$ . Moreover, one can easily check that for any measurable set  $F \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $P(F) \neq 0$ , we have

$$\|\chi(F)\|_{L_\Phi} = \frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{P(F)}\right)}.$$

Let  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$ . Then we define the weak Orlicz space  $wL_\Phi$  as the space of all measurable functions  $f$  relative to  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  for which

$$\|f\|_{wL_\Phi} := \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \sup_{t>0} \Phi \left( \frac{t}{\lambda} \right) P(|f| > t) \leq 1 \right\}$$

is finite. By a simple calculation, the following equivalences

$$\|f\|_{wL_\Phi} = \sup_{t>0} t \|\chi(|f| > t)\|_{L_\Phi} \approx \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^k \|\chi(|f| > 2^k)\|_{L_\Phi}$$

hold. Especially, if  $\Phi(t) = t^p$  ( $0 < p < \infty$ ), then  $wL_\Phi$  becomes the usual weak  $L_p$  space  $wL_p$  with the following quasi-norm

$$\|f\|_{wL_p} := \sup_{t>0} t P(|f| > t)^{1/p}.$$

We say that a function  $\Phi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfies the  $\Delta_2$ -condition, written as  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ , if there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that

$$\Phi(2t) \leq C\Phi(t) \quad \text{for any } t > 0.$$

We say that a function  $\Phi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  belongs to  $\Delta_0$ , denoted by  $\Phi \in \Delta_0$ , if

$$\limsup_{c \rightarrow 0} \sup_{t>0} \frac{\Phi(ct)}{\Phi(t)} = 0.$$

For instance, if  $\Phi$  is convex, or  $\Phi(t) = t^p$  ( $0 < p < \infty$ ) then  $\Phi \in \Delta_0$ . Let  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$ . In [10] the authors proved that the weak Orlicz space  $wL_\Phi$  is a complete quasi-normed space when  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$  and  $\Phi \in \Delta_0$ .

Let  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$  and let  $0 < p \leq q < \infty$ . We say that  $\Phi$  is a  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave function if the function  $t \mapsto \Phi(t^{1/p})$ ,  $t > 0$  is convex while the function  $t \mapsto \Phi(t^{1/q})$ ,  $t > 0$  is concave.

The following lemma is used frequently in this paper.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Suppose that  $0 < p \leq q < \infty$  and  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$  is  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave. Then the following statements hold.*

(i) *the functions  $\frac{\Phi(t)}{t^p}$ ,  $\frac{\Phi^{-1}(t)}{t^{1/q}}$  are non-decreasing on  $(0, \infty)$  and the functions  $\frac{\Phi(t)}{t^q}$ ,  $\frac{\Phi^{-1}(t)}{t^{1/p}}$  are non-increasing on  $(0, \infty)$ ;*

(ii) *for  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ , we have*

$$\lambda^q \Phi(t) \leq \Phi(\lambda t) \leq \lambda^p \Phi(t), \quad \lambda^{1/p} \Phi^{-1}(t) \leq \Phi^{-1}(\lambda t) \leq \lambda^{1/q} \Phi^{-1}(t), \quad t \geq 0;$$

*for  $\lambda \geq 1$ , we have*

$$\lambda^p \Phi(t) \leq \Phi(\lambda t) \leq \lambda^q \Phi(t), \quad \lambda^{1/q} \Phi^{-1}(t) \leq \Phi^{-1}(\lambda t) \leq \lambda^{1/p} \Phi^{-1}(t), \quad t \geq 0;$$

(iii)  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$  and  $\Phi \in \Delta_0$ .

*Proof.* (i) Note that the proof of the monotonicity of the functions involved the index  $q$  is similar to the one of the index  $p$ , it suffices to show that the function  $\frac{\Phi(t)}{t^p}$  is non-decreasing while the function  $\frac{\Phi^{-1}(t)}{t^{1/p}}$  is non-increasing. Since  $\Phi$  is  $p$ -convex, that is,  $\Phi(t^{1/p})$  is convex, one can conclude that  $\Phi((\lambda t)^{1/p}) \geq \lambda \Phi(t^{1/p})$  for any  $\lambda \geq 1$ ,  $t > 0$ . Hence,

$$\frac{\Phi((\lambda t)^{1/p})}{\lambda t} \geq \frac{\lambda \Phi(t^{1/p})}{\lambda t} = \frac{\Phi(t^{1/p})}{t},$$

which implies that the function  $\frac{\Phi(t^{1/p})}{t}$  is increasing on  $(0, \infty)$  and it follows immediately that  $\frac{\Phi(t)}{t^p}$  is increasing on  $(0, \infty)$ . Substituting  $\Phi^{-1}(t)$  for  $t$  one can obtain that  $\frac{\Phi^{-1}(t)}{t^{1/p}}$  is decreasing on  $(0, \infty)$ .

(ii) From the monotonicity of the functions in (i) we can get the desired inequalities.

(iii) Let  $\lambda = 2$ . From (ii) we get  $\Phi(2t) \leq 2^q \Phi(t)$ , that is,  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ . Using (ii) again, one can conclude that  $\sup_{t>0} \frac{\Phi(ct)}{\Phi(t)} \leq c^p$  for any  $0 < c < 1$  and thus

$$\limsup_{c \rightarrow 0} \limsup_{t > 0} \frac{\Phi(ct)}{\Phi(t)} = 0,$$

namely,  $\Phi \in \Delta_0$ . □

*Remark 2.2.* Let  $0 < p \leq q < \infty$ . It follows from Lemma 2.1(iii) that the weak Orlicz space  $wL_\Phi$  is a complete quasi-normed space for every  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave function  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $0 < p \leq q < 2$  and let  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$  be  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave. Then  $L_2 \subset L_\Phi \subset wL_\Phi$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f \in L_2$ . Then by Lemma 2.1 we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \Phi\left(\frac{|f|}{\|f\|_2}\right) dP &= \int_{\{|f| \leq \|f\|_2\}} \Phi\left(\frac{|f|}{\|f\|_2}\right) dP + \int_{\{|f| > \|f\|_2\}} \Phi\left(\frac{|f|}{\|f\|_2}\right) dP \\ &\leq \int_{\{|f| \leq \|f\|_2\}} \Phi(1) dP + \int_{\{|f| > \|f\|_2\}} \left(\frac{|f|}{\|f\|_2}\right)^q \Phi(1) dP \\ &\leq \Phi(1) + \frac{\Phi(1)}{\|f\|_2^q} \|f\|_2^q \\ &\leq 2\Phi(1). \end{aligned}$$

Denote  $C_0 = \max\{2\Phi(1), 1\}$ . Then, applying Lemma 2.1 again, we have

$$\int_{\Omega} \Phi\left(\frac{|f|}{C_0^{1/p} \|f\|_2}\right) dP \leq \frac{1}{C_0} \int_{\Omega} \Phi\left(\frac{|f|}{\|f\|_2}\right) dP \leq \frac{2\Phi(1)}{C_0} \leq 1,$$

which implies

$$\|f\|_{L_{\Phi}} \leq C_0 \|f\|_2.$$

Assume that  $f \in L_{\Phi}$ . Then

$$\Phi\left(\frac{t}{\|f\|_{L_{\Phi}}}\right) P(|f| > t) \leq \int_{\{|f| > t\}} \Phi\left(\frac{|f|}{\|f\|_{L_{\Phi}}}\right) dP \leq \int_{\Omega} \Phi\left(\frac{|f|}{\|f\|_{L_{\Phi}}}\right) dP \leq 1,$$

which means  $L_{\Phi} \subset wL_{\Phi}$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$ . A measurable function  $f \in wL_{\Phi}$  is said to have absolutely continuous norm if

$$\lim_{P(A) \rightarrow 0} \|f\chi(A)\|_{wL_{\Phi}} = 0.$$

Denote by  $w\mathcal{L}_{\Phi}$  the set of all  $f \in wL_{\Phi}$  having the absolutely continuous norm. That is,

$$w\mathcal{L}_{\Phi} := \left\{ f \in wL_{\Phi} : \lim_{P(A) \rightarrow 0} \|f\chi(A)\|_{wL_{\Phi}} = 0 \right\}.$$

*Remark 2.5.* (1) It was shown in [10] that not all elements in  $wL_{\Phi}$  have absolutely continuous norm, even if  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$  (see [10, Example 2.5]).

(2) It was also proved in [10, Lemma 2.5] that  $w\mathcal{L}_{\Phi}$  is a closed subspace of  $wL_{\Phi}$  when  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ . Furthermore, one can conclude that  $L_2 \subset L_{\Phi} \subset w\mathcal{L}_{\Phi}$  for every  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave ( $0 < p \leq q < 2$ ) function  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$ . Indeed, it only needs to note the fact that the Orlicz space  $L_{\Phi}$  has absolutely continuous norm when  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$  (see [19]), then the conclusion follows from Lemma 2.1 and Proposition 2.3.

The following proposition is a generalization of Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem in  $wL_{\Phi}$  space. We will apply it to state the convergence in  $wL_{\Phi}$  (see Remark 3.6).

**Proposition 2.6.** [10, Theorem 3.2] *Let  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$  be  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave for  $0 < p \leq q < \infty$ ,  $f_n, f \in wL_{\Phi}$ ,  $g \in w\mathcal{L}_{\Phi}$  and  $|f_n| \leq g$ . If  $f_n$  converges to  $f$  almost everywhere, then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_{wL_{\Phi}} = 0.$$

## 2.2. Two-parameter martingales

Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of all non-negative integers and let  $\mathbb{N}^2$  be its double Descartes product  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ . We denote by  $(n_1, n_2)$  (or simply by  $n$ , if there is no confusion) the non-negative integer pair from  $\mathbb{N}^2$ . The first and the second coordinates of a pair  $n \in \mathbb{N}^2$  are written as  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ , respectively. For  $n = (n_1, n_2)$ , let  $n - 1 := (n_1 - 1, n_2 - 1)$ . The partial ordering on  $\mathbb{N}^2$  is defined as follows: for two arbitrary pairs  $n = (n_1, n_2), m = (m_1, m_2) \in \mathbb{N}^2$  we say that  $n \leq m$  if  $n_1 \leq m_1$  and  $n_2 \leq m_2$ . If  $n \leq m$  and  $n \neq m$  ( $n, m \in \mathbb{N}^2$ ), then we write  $n < m$ . Furthermore, the notation  $n \ll m$  indicates that both  $n_1 < m_1$  and  $n_2 < m_2$  hold. Besides, if  $n \leq m$  (respectively,  $n \ll m$ ) is not true, we denote by  $n \not\leq m$  (respectively,  $n \not\ll m$ ).

Two non-negative integer pairs  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}^2$  are called incomparable if neither  $n \leq m$  nor  $m \leq n$  holds. For two arbitrary sets  $K, L \subset \mathbb{N}^2$  whose elements are incomparable we say that  $K \leq L$  (respectively,  $K \ll L$ ) if, for every  $n \in L$ , there exists  $m \in K$  such that  $m \leq n$  (respectively,  $m \ll n$ ). The infimum of a set  $K \subset \mathbb{N}^2$  is defined as

$$\inf K := \{m \in K : \text{there does not exist any } n \in K \text{ such that } n < m\}.$$

Here, we adopt the convention  $\inf \emptyset = \infty$ . For any two subsets  $K, L \subset \mathbb{N}^2$  we say that  $K \leq L$  (respectively,  $K \ll L$ ) if  $\inf K \leq \inf L$  (respectively,  $\inf K \ll \inf L$ ). In addition, if  $K \leq L$  (respectively,  $K \ll L$ ) is false, we write  $K \not\leq L$  (respectively,  $K \not\ll L$ ).

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  be a probability space and let  $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{F}_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  be an increasing sequence of  $\sigma$ -algebras relative to the partial ordering on  $\mathbb{N}^2$  such that

$$\mathcal{A} = \sigma \left( \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathcal{F}_n \right).$$

The expectation operator and the conditional expectation operator with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_n$  are denoted by  $\mathbb{E}$  and  $\mathbb{E}_n$ , respectively.

A function sequence  $f = (f_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  is called a two-parameter *martingale* with respect to  $(\mathcal{F}_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  if

- (1) for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^2$ ,  $f_n \in L_1$ ;
- (2) for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}^2$ ,  $f_n$  is  $\mathcal{F}_n$  measurable;
- (3) for all  $n \leq m$ ,  $\mathbb{E}_n f_m = f_n$ .

Denote by  $\mathcal{M}$  the set of all martingales  $f = (f_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  relative to  $(\mathcal{F}_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$ .

Let  $0 < p \leq \infty$ . For any two-parameter martingale  $f = (f_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$ , define

$$\|f\|_p := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \|f_n\|_p.$$

If  $\|f\|_p < \infty$ , then  $f$  is said to be an  $L_p$ -bounded martingale.

We say that the stochastic basis  $\mathcal{F}$  is *regular* if there exists a positive number  $R$  such that for all non-negative martingales  $(f_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$ ,

$$f_{n_1, n_2} \leq R f_{n_1-1, n_2}, \quad f_{n_1, n_2} \leq R f_{n_1, n_2-1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^2.$$

The *martingale differences* of a two-parameter martingale  $f = (f_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  are defined by

$$d_n f := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n_1 = 0 \text{ or } n_2 = 0, \\ f_{n_1, n_2} - f_{n_1-1, n_2} - f_{n_1, n_2-1} + f_{n_1-1, n_2-1} & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

It is clear that  $(d_n f, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  is an adapted process such that  $d_n f \in L_1$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}^2$ ) and

$$(2.1) \quad \mathbb{E}_n d_m f = 0, \quad m \not\leq n.$$

Conversely, if  $(d_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  is a sequence of adapted and integrable functions which satisfies the formula above then  $(f_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  is a martingale, where

$$f_n = \sum_{m \leq n} d_m.$$

We say that a function  $\nu$  which maps  $\Omega$  into the set of subspaces of  $\mathbb{N}^2 \cup \{\infty\}$  is a two-parameter *stopping time* with respect to  $(\mathcal{F}_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  if

- (i) for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ , the set  $\nu(\omega)$  consists of incomparable non-negative integer pairs;
- (ii) for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}^2$ ,

$$\{\omega \in \Omega : n \in \nu(\omega)\} =: \{n \in \nu\} \in \mathcal{F}_n.$$

For example, if  $H$  is a Borel set and  $(f_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  is an adapted sequence then it is easy to see that

$$\nu(\omega) := \inf\{n \in \mathbb{N}^2 : f_n(\omega) \in H\}$$

is a stopping time. Moreover, if  $\nu$  is a stopping time then one can conclude that

$$(2.2) \quad \{\nu \not\leq n\} \in \mathcal{F}_{n-1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^2,$$

since

$$\{\nu \ll n\} = \bigcup_{m \leq n-1} \{m \in \nu\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^2.$$

The collection of all stopping times relative to  $(\mathcal{F}_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{T}$ .

Suppose that  $\nu$  is a two-parameter stopping time and  $f = (f_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  is a two-parameter martingale adapted to the same filtration. Then we can define the *stopped martingale*  $f^\nu = (f_n^\nu, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  as

$$f_n^\nu := \sum_{m \leq n} \chi(\nu \not\leq m) d_m f.$$

In fact, one can use (2.1) and (2.2) to verify that the definition above is well defined.

### 2.3. Two-parameter weak Orlicz–Hardy martingale spaces

For  $f \in \mathcal{M}$ , we define the maximal function, the quadratic variation and the conditional quadratic variation of  $f$  by

$$\begin{aligned} M_n(f) &= \sup_{m \leq n} |f_m|, & M(f) &= \sup_{m \in \mathbb{N}^2} |f_m|, \\ S_n(f) &= \left( \sum_{m \leq n} |d_m f|^2 \right)^{1/2}, & S(f) &= \left( \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}^2} |d_m f|^2 \right)^{1/2}, \\ s_n(f) &= \left( \sum_{m \leq n} \mathbb{E}_{m-1} |d_m f|^2 \right)^{1/2}, & s(f) &= \left( \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}_{m-1} |d_m f|^2 \right)^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

respectively.

Further on, for  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$ , we define the two-parameter weak Orlicz–Hardy martingale spaces as

$$\begin{aligned} wH_\Phi &= \{f \in \mathcal{M} : \|f\|_{wH_\Phi} = \|M(f)\|_{wL_\Phi} < \infty\}, \\ wH_\Phi^S &= \{f \in \mathcal{M} : \|f\|_{wH_\Phi^S} = \|S(f)\|_{wL_\Phi} < \infty\}, \\ wH_\Phi^s &= \{f \in \mathcal{M} : \|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s} = \|s(f)\|_{wL_\Phi} < \infty\}. \end{aligned}$$

*Remark 2.7.* If  $\|\cdot\|_{wL_\Phi}$  is replaced by  $\|\cdot\|_{L_\Phi}$  in the definition above, then we obtain the corresponding two-parameter martingale Orlicz–Hardy spaces  $H_\Phi$ ,  $H_\Phi^S$  and  $H_\Phi^s$  defined by Lu [14]. With the purpose of discussing the duality, we define the following martingale space

$$w\mathcal{H}_\Phi^s := \{f \in \mathcal{M} : s(f) \in w\mathcal{L}_\Phi\}.$$

From Remark 2.5 we know that  $w\mathcal{H}_\Phi^s$  is also a closed subspace of  $wH_\Phi^s$ , if  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ . Similarly, if  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ , then  $w\mathcal{H}_\Phi$  and  $w\mathcal{H}_\Phi^S$  are the closed subspaces of  $wH_\Phi$  and  $wH_\Phi^S$ , respectively.

### 3. Atomic decompositions

In order to establish the atomic decomposition of the two-parameter weak Orlicz–Hardy martingale spaces, we recall the definition of  $(\Phi, q)$  atoms first.

**Definition 3.1.** [14, Definition 3.1] Let  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$  and  $q \in (1, \infty]$ . A measurable function  $a \in L_q$  is said to be a  $(\Phi, q)$  atom if there exists a stopping time  $\nu \in \mathcal{T}$  such that

- (i)  $a_n = \mathbb{E}_n a = 0$  if  $\nu \not\ll n$ ,
- (ii)  $\|M(a)\|_q \leq \frac{P(\nu \neq \infty)^{1/q}}{\|\chi(\nu \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Phi}}$ .



**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $0 < p \leq q < 2$  and let  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$  be  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave. If the martingale  $f = (f_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2) \in wH_{\Phi}^s$  then there exist a sequence  $(a^k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  of  $(\Phi, 2)$  atoms with respect to the stopping times  $(\nu_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and a sequence of positive numbers  $(\mu_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \in l_{\infty}$  such that*

$$(3.1) \quad f_n = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k \mathbb{E}_n a^k \quad \text{a.e., } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^2$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k \leq C \|f\|_{wH_{\Phi}^s}.$$

Conversely, if the martingale  $f$  has a decomposition of type (3.1) then  $f \in wH_{\Phi}^s$  and

$$(3.3) \quad \|f\|_{wH_{\Phi}^s} \approx \inf \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k,$$

where the infimum is taken over all decompositions of  $f$  of the form (3.1).

*Proof.* Assume that  $f = (f_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2) \in wH_{\Phi}^s$ . Let

$$F_k = \{s(f) > 2^k\}$$

and consider the following stopping times for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\nu_k = \inf\{n \in \mathbb{N}^2 : \mathbb{E}_n \chi(F_k) > 1/2\}.$$

It is easy to obtain that (see [20, Page 82])

$$f_n = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (f_n^{\nu_{k+1}} - f_n^{\nu_k}) \quad \text{and} \quad f_n^{\nu_{k+1}} - f_n^{\nu_k} = \sum_{m \leq n} d_m f \chi(\nu_k \ll m \not\gg \nu_{k+1})$$

hold. Set

$$\mu_k = 4\sqrt{2} \cdot 2^{k+1} \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_{\Phi}} = \frac{4\sqrt{2} \cdot 2^{k+1}}{\Phi^{-1}(1/P(\nu_k \neq \infty))} \quad \text{and} \quad a_n^k = \frac{f_n^{\nu_{k+1}} - f_n^{\nu_k}}{\mu_k}$$

(set  $a_n^k = 0$  if  $\mu_k = 0$ ). It is clear that for arbitrary fixed  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a^k := (a_n^k, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  is a martingale. Furthermore, we can see that

$$f_n = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k a_n^k \quad \text{a.e.}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^2$ .

Further on let us check that  $a^k$  is a  $(\Phi, 2)$  atom relative to  $\nu_k$ . It's obvious that  $a_n^k = 0$  for each fixed  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  if  $\nu_k \not\ll n$ , which confirms Definition 3.1(i). To see (ii), we should prove that

$$\mathbb{E}[(M(a^k))^2] \leq \frac{P(\nu_k \neq \infty)}{\|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_{\Phi}}^2}.$$

By [20, Proposition 3.4] and the definition of  $a^k$  it suffices to show that

$$\mathbb{E}(f^{\nu_{k+1}} - f^{\nu_k})^2 \leq 2 \cdot (2^{k+1})^2 P(\nu_k \neq \infty).$$

Note that  $L_2$  and  $H_2^s$  are isometric, for the inequality above, we only need to verify that

$$(3.4) \quad \mathbb{E} \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}_{n-1} |d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_k \ll n \not\gg \nu_{k+1}) \right) \leq 2 \cdot (2^{k+1})^2 P(\nu_k \neq \infty).$$

Since  $\{\nu_k \ll n \not\gg \nu_{k+1}\} \in \mathcal{F}_{n-1}$ , we divide the left side of (3.4) into the following two parts:

$$(G) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}_{n-1} |d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_k \ll n \not\gg \nu_{k+1}) \chi(F_{k+1}^c))$$

and

$$(H) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}_{n-1} |d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_k \ll n \not\gg \nu_{k+1}) \chi(F_{k+1})).$$

Consequently,

$$(3.5) \quad \mathbb{E} \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}_{n-1} |d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_k \ll n \not\gg \nu_{k+1}) \right) = (G) + (H).$$

It is easy to check that

$$(3.6) \quad (G) \leq (2^{k+1})^2 P(\nu_k \neq \infty)$$

and

$$(H) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}_{n-1} |d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_k \ll n \not\gg \nu_{k+1}) \mathbb{E}_{n-1} \chi(F_{k+1})).$$

By the definition of  $\nu_{k+1}$  one can conclude that, if  $\nu_{k+1} \not\ll n$ , then  $\mathbb{E}_{n-1} \chi(F_{k+1}) \leq 1/2$ . Hence,

$$(3.7) \quad (H) \leq \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}_{n-1} |d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_k \ll n \not\gg \nu_{k+1}) \right).$$

Combining (3.5), (3.6) and (3.7), we get (3.4). Thus  $a^k$  is truly a  $(\Phi, 2)$  atom relative to  $\nu_k$ . Of course,  $a^k := (a_n^k, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  is  $L_2$ -bounded. Denote its limit still by  $a^k$  then  $a_n^k = \mathbb{E}_n a^k$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}^2$ ). Consequently, (3.1) holds.

Now we verify that (3.2) also holds. By the Chebyshev inequality and [20, Proposition 3.4], we obtain (see Lu [14, Page 40])

$$P(\nu_k \neq \infty) \leq 64P(F_k).$$

Note that  $P(F_k) = P(s(f) > 2^k)$  and  $\Phi$  is non-decreasing, by Lemma 2.1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_k &= 4\sqrt{2} \cdot 2^{k+1} \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Phi} = 4\sqrt{2} \cdot 2^{k+1} \frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}(1/P(\nu_k \neq \infty))} \\
&\leq 4\sqrt{2} \cdot 2^{k+1} \frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}(1/(64P(F_k)))} = 4\sqrt{2} \cdot 2^{k+1} \frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}(1/(64P(s(f) > 2^k)))} \\
&= 4\sqrt{2} \cdot 2^{k+1} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{64P(s(f) > 2^k)}\right)^{1/p}}{\Phi^{-1}(1/(64P(s(f) > 2^k)))} \left(\frac{1}{64P(s(f) > 2^k)}\right)^{-1/p} \\
&\leq 4\sqrt{2} \cdot 2^{k+1} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{P(s(f) > 2^k)}\right)^{1/p}}{\Phi^{-1}(1/(P(s(f) > 2^k)))} \left(\frac{1}{64P(s(f) > 2^k)}\right)^{-1/p} \\
&\leq C2^k \frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}(1/P(s(f) > 2^k))} = C2^k \|\chi(s(f) > 2^k)\|_{L_\Phi} \leq C\|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s}.
\end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum of all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we get (3.2).

To prove the converse part, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.3.** [16, Theorem 10.1] *Let  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi$  be Orlicz functions.*

(1) *If for some  $C > 0$ ,*

$$\varphi_1^{-1}(u)\varphi_2^{-1}(u) \leq C\varphi^{-1}(u) \quad \text{for all } u \geq 0$$

*and  $x \in L_{\varphi_1}, y \in L_{\varphi_2}$ , then the product  $xy \in L_\varphi$  and*

$$\|xy\|_{L_\varphi} \leq 2C\|x\|_{L_{\varphi_1}}\|y\|_{L_{\varphi_2}}.$$

(2) *If for some  $D > 0$ ,*

$$\varphi^{-1}(u) \leq D\varphi_1^{-1}(u)\varphi_2^{-1}(u) \quad \text{for all } u \geq 0$$

*and  $x \in L_\varphi$ , then there are  $x_i \in L_{\varphi_i}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) such that  $x_1x_2 = |x|$  and*

$$\|x_1\|_{L_{\varphi_1}}\|x_2\|_{L_{\varphi_2}} \leq D\|x\|_{L_\varphi}.$$

**Lemma 3.4.** *Suppose that  $0 < p \leq q < 2$  and  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$  is  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave. Let  $1 < L < \infty$ . Then*

$$\mu_k^L \|[s(a^k)]^L\|_{L_\Phi} \leq C2^{kL} \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Phi}.$$

*Proof.* Consider the Orlicz function  $\Psi$  satisfying the condition

$$\Psi^{-1}(u) = u^{-L/2}\Phi^{-1}(u), \quad u > 0.$$

Since  $s(a^k) = 0$  on the set  $\{\nu_k = \infty\}$ , using Lemma 3.3 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_k^L \|[s(a^k)]^L\|_{L_\Phi} &= \mu_k^L \|s(a^k)^L \chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Phi} \leq C \mu_k^L \|s(a^k)^L\|_{2/L} \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Psi} \\
&= C \mu_k^L \|s(a^k)\|_2^L \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Psi} \leq C \mu_k^L \|M(a^k)\|_2^L \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Psi} \\
&\leq C \mu_k^L \left( \frac{\|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_2}{\|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Phi}} \right)^L \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Psi} \\
&= C 2^{kL} \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_2^L \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Psi} \\
&= C 2^{kL} \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{2/L} \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Psi} \leq C 2^{kL} \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Phi}. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

*Remark 3.5.* If we replace the operator  $s$  with  $S$  and  $M$  in Lemma 3.4 respectively, the conclusion also holds.

Now we show the converse part of Theorem 3.2. It needs to prove that if the martingale  $f = (f_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  has a decomposition as (3.1), where  $\{\mu_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $\{a^k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are just the same as the statement in Theorem 3.2, then  $f \in wH_\Phi^s$  and (3.3) holds. Set  $I = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k < \infty$  and for an arbitrary  $k_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , let

$$f = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k a^k = \sum_{k \leq k_0 - 1} \mu_k a^k + \sum_{k \geq k_0} \mu_k a^k =: F_1 + F_2.$$

As  $s$  is sublinear, we get  $s(f) \leq s(F_1) + s(F_2)$  and

$$s(F_1) \leq \sum_{k \leq k_0 - 1} \mu_k s(a^k), \quad s(F_2) \leq \sum_{k \geq k_0} \mu_k s(a^k).$$

We now estimate  $s(F_1)$  and  $s(F_2)$ , respectively. Note that  $s(a^k) = 0$  on the set  $\{\nu_k = \infty\}$ , we have  $\{s(a^k) > 0\} \subset \{\nu_k \neq \infty\}$ . Hence,

$$\{s(F_2) > 2^{k_0}\} \subset \{s(F_2) > 0\} \subset \bigcup_{k=k_0}^{\infty} \{s(a^k) > 0\} \subset \bigcup_{k=k_0}^{\infty} \{\nu_k \neq \infty\}.$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E} \left( \Phi \left( \frac{2^{k_0} \chi(s(F_2) > 2^{k_0})}{I} \right) \right) \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left( \Phi \left( \frac{2^{k_0}}{I} \right) \chi(s(F_2) > 2^{k_0}) \right) \leq \sum_{k \geq k_0} \mathbb{E} \left( \Phi \left( \frac{2^{k_0}}{I} \right) \chi(\nu_k \neq \infty) \right) \\
&= \sum_{k \geq k_0} \mathbb{E} \left( \Phi \left( \frac{2^{k_0} \chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)}{I} \right) \right) \leq \sum_{k \geq k_0} \mathbb{E} \left( \Phi \left( \frac{2^{k_0} \chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)}{C \cdot 2^k \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Phi}} \right) \right) \\
&\leq C^{-p} \sum_{k \geq k_0} 2^{p(k_0 - k)} \mathbb{E} \left( \Phi \left( \frac{\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)}{\|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Phi}} \right) \right) \leq C^{-p} \sum_{k \geq k_0} 2^{p(k_0 - k)} = C,
\end{aligned}$$

where the third “ $\leq$ ” above is due to Lemma 2.1. Thus, by the definition of  $L_\Phi$  norm we obtain

$$2^{k_0} \|\chi(s(F_2) > 2^{k_0})\|_{L_\Phi} = \|2^{k_0} \chi(s(F_2) > 2^{k_0})\|_{L_\Phi} \leq CI.$$

This implies  $\|s(F_2)\|_{wL_\Phi} \leq CI$ .

Set  $1 < L < \infty$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1 - 1/L$ , and denote by  $L'$  the conjugate number of  $L$  such that  $1/L + 1/L' = 1$ . By Hölder’s inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} s(F_1) &\leq \sum_{k \leq k_0-1} \mu_k s(a^k) = \sum_{k \leq k_0-1} 2^{k\lambda} \cdot 2^{-k\lambda} \mu_k s(a^k) \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{k \leq k_0-1} 2^{k\lambda L'} \right)^{1/L'} \left( \sum_{k \leq k_0-1} 2^{-k\lambda L} \mu_k^L (s(a^k))^L \right)^{1/L} \\ &\leq \sum_{k \leq k_0-1} 2^{k\lambda} \left( \sum_{k \leq k_0-1} 2^{-k\lambda L} \mu_k^L (s(a^k))^L \right)^{1/L} \\ &\leq C 2^{k_0\lambda} \left( \sum_{k \leq k_0-1} 2^{-k\lambda L} \mu_k^L (s(a^k))^L \right)^{1/L}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 3.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\chi(s(F_1) > 2^{k_0})\|_{L_\Phi} \\ &\leq \left\| \chi(s(F_1) > 2^{k_0}) \left( \frac{s(F_1)}{2^{k_0}} \right)^L \right\|_{L_\Phi} \leq C 2^{k_0 L(\lambda-1)} \left\| \sum_{k \leq k_0-1} 2^{-k\lambda L} \mu_k^L (s(a^k))^L \right\|_{L_\Phi} \\ &\leq C 2^{k_0 L(\lambda-1)} \sum_{k \leq k_0-1} 2^{-k\lambda L} \mu_k^L \|s(a^k)^L\|_{L_\Phi} \leq C 2^{k_0 L(\lambda-1)} \sum_{k \leq k_0-1} 2^{-k\lambda L} 2^{kL} \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Phi} \\ &= C 2^{k_0 L(\lambda-1)} \sum_{k \leq k_0-1} 2^{kL(1-\lambda)} 2^{-k} \cdot 2^k \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Phi} \\ &\leq I \cdot C 2^{k_0 L(\lambda-1)} \sum_{k \leq k_0-1} 2^{k[L(1-\lambda)-1]} = I \cdot C 2^{-k_0}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus one can conclude that

$$2^{k_0} \|\chi(s(F_1) > 2^{k_0})\|_{L_\Phi} \leq CI,$$

that is,  $\|s(F_1)\|_{wL_\Phi} \leq CI$ . Note the fact that  $\|\cdot\|_{wL_\Phi}$  is a quasi-norm when  $\Phi$  satisfies the condition in Theorem 3.2. So we obtain

$$\|s(f)\|_{wL_\Phi} \leq C(\|s(F_1)\|_{wL_\Phi} + \|s(F_2)\|_{wL_\Phi}) \leq CI.$$

Consequently,  $f \in wH_\Phi^s$  and (3.3) holds. This completes the proof of Theorem 3.2.  $\square$

*Remark 3.6.* If  $f \in w\mathcal{H}_\Phi^s$  in Theorem 3.2, then in addition to (3.1) and (3.2), we have the following convergence result:

the sum  $\sum_{k=i}^j \mu_k a^k$  converges to  $f$  in  $wH_\Phi^s$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty, i \rightarrow -\infty$ .

In fact,

$$f - \sum_{k=i}^j \mu_k a^k = (f - f^{\nu_{j+1}}) + f^{\nu_i}.$$

Note that

$$s^2(f - f^{\nu_{j+1}}) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}_{n-1} |d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_{j+1} \ll n) = s^2(f) - s^2(f^{\nu_{j+1}})$$

and

$$s^2(f^{\nu_i}) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}_{n-1} |d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_i \not\ll n),$$

we obtain

$$s(f - f^{\nu_{j+1}}), s(f^{\nu_i}) \leq s(f) \quad \text{and} \quad s(f - f^{\nu_{j+1}}), s(f^{\nu_i}) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a.e. as } j \rightarrow \infty, i \rightarrow -\infty.$$

From Proposition 2.6 it follows that

$$\|s(f - f^{\nu_{j+1}})\|_{wL_\Phi}, \|s(f^{\nu_i})\|_{wL_\Phi} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } j \rightarrow \infty, i \rightarrow -\infty.$$

Consequently, by the sublinearity of  $s$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| f - \sum_{k=i}^j \mu_k a^k \right\|_{wH_\Phi^s} &= \|s(f - f^{\nu_{j+1}} + f^{\nu_i})\|_{wL_\Phi} \leq \|s(f - f^{\nu_{j+1}}) + s(f^{\nu_i})\|_{wL_\Phi} \\ &\leq C(\|s(f - f^{\nu_{j+1}})\|_{wL_\Phi} + \|s(f^{\nu_i})\|_{wL_\Phi}), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\left\| f - \sum_{k=i}^j \mu_k a^k \right\|_{wH_\Phi^s} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } j \rightarrow \infty, i \rightarrow -\infty.$$

Furthermore, note the facts that  $L_2 = H_2^s \subset H_\Phi^s \subset wH_\Phi^s$  (see Proposition 2.3) and  $a^k = (a_n^k, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  is  $L_2$ -bounded for every  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , thus  $L_2 = H_2^s$  is dense in  $w\mathcal{H}_\Phi^s$ .

*Remark 3.7.* Let  $0 < p \leq q < 2$  and let  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$  be  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave. If the martingale  $f \in \mathcal{M}$  has a decomposition of type (3.1), where  $\{\mu_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $\{a^k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are just the same as the statement in Theorem 3.2, then similar to the proof of the converse part of Theorem 3.2 we can prove that

$$\|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s} \leq C \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|_{wH_\Phi} \leq C \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k.$$

Indeed, we only need to replace the operator  $s$  with operators  $S$  and  $M$  in the proof of the converse part of Theorem 3.2, respectively.

If  $\mathcal{F}$  is regular then the previous theorem can be shown for  $wH_{\Phi}^S$  as well.

**Theorem 3.8.** *Suppose that  $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{F}_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  is regular. Then Theorem 3.2 also holds for  $wH_{\Phi}^S$ .*

*Proof.* For every  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , set

$$F_k = \{S(f) > 2^k\} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu_k = \inf \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N}^2 : \mathbb{E}_n \chi(F_k) > \frac{1}{2R^2} \right\},$$

where  $R$  is the regularity constant. Since  $L_2$  is also isometric to  $H_2^S$ , we only need to modify the inequality (3.4) to the following one:

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} |d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_k \ll n \not\ll \nu_{k+1}) \right) \leq 2 \cdot (2^{k+1})^2 P(\nu_k \neq \infty).$$

Accordingly, we define the formulas (G) and (H) as follows:

$$(G) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}(|d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_k \ll n \not\ll \nu_{k+1}) \chi(S(f) \leq 2^{k+1}))$$

and

$$(H) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}(|d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_k \ll n \not\ll \nu_{k+1}) \chi(S(f) > 2^{k+1})).$$

It follows from the regularity of  $\mathcal{F}$  that  $|d_n f|^2 \leq R^2 \mathbb{E}_{n-1} |d_n f|^2$ , and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (H) &\leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}(R^2 \mathbb{E}_{n-1} |d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_k \ll n \not\ll \nu_{k+1}) \chi(S(f) > 2^{k+1})) \\ &= R^2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}_{n-1} |d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_k \ll n \not\ll \nu_{k+1}) \mathbb{E}_{n-1} \chi(S(f) > 2^{k+1})) \\ &= R^2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}_{n-1} |d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_k \ll n \not\ll \nu_{k+1}) \mathbb{E}_{n-1} \chi(F_{k+1})) \\ &\leq R^2 \frac{1}{2R^2} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}(|d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_k \ll n \not\ll \nu_{k+1})) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} |d_n f|^2 \chi(\nu_k \ll n \not\ll \nu_{k+1}) \right). \end{aligned}$$

The rest of the proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.2, so we omit it.  $\square$

#### 4. Bounded operators on two parameter weak Orlicz–Hardy martingale spaces

As an application, in this section, we first obtain a sufficient condition for a sublinear operator to be bounded from two-parameter weak Orlicz–Hardy martingale space to usual

weak Orlicz space by atomic decomposition. Immediately, some martingale inequalities are deduced by equipping this condition to the sublinear operators  $M$ ,  $S$  and  $s$ , respectively.

Let  $T$  be an operator defined on a martingale space  $X$  and taking values in a measurable function space  $Y$ .  $T$  is said to be sublinear if for any martingale  $f, g \in X$  and complex number  $\lambda$ , the following

$$|T(f + g)| \leq |Tf| + |Tg|, \quad |T(\lambda f)| = |\lambda| |Tf|.$$

hold.

Now we give a theorem below without proof, since the proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.1 in [8].

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $1 \leq r \leq 2$  and  $T: L_r(\Omega) \rightarrow L_r(\Omega)$  be a bounded sublinear operator. If*

$$P(|Ta| > 0) \leq CP(\nu \neq \infty)$$

for all  $(\Phi, 2)$  atoms  $a$ , where  $\nu$  is the corresponding stopping time, then, for every  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave function  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$  with  $0 < p \leq q < r$ ,

$$\|Tf\|_{wL_\Phi} \leq C\|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s}, \quad f \in wH_\Phi^s.$$

The following result follows immediately from Theorem 3.8.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Suppose that  $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{F}_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  is regular. Let  $1 \leq r \leq 2$  and let  $T: L_r(\Omega) \rightarrow L_r(\Omega)$  be a bounded sublinear operator. If*

$$P(|Ta| > 0) \leq CP(\nu \neq \infty)$$

for all  $(\Phi, 2)$  atoms  $a$ , where  $\nu$  is the corresponding stopping time, then, for every  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave function  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$  with  $0 < p \leq q < r$ ,

$$\|Tf\|_{wL_\Phi} \leq C\|f\|_{wH_\Phi^S}, \quad f \in wH_\Phi^S.$$

Next we apply Theorems 4.1 and 4.2 to obtain some martingale inequalities.

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $0 < p \leq q < 2$  and  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$  be a  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave function. Then*

$$(4.1) \quad \|f\|_{wH_\Phi} \leq C\|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s}, \quad \|f\|_{wH_\Phi^S} \leq C\|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s}$$

hold for all  $f \in \mathcal{M}$ , namely,  $wH_\Phi^s \subset wH_\Phi$ ,  $wH_\Phi^s \subset wH_\Phi^S$ . In addition, if  $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{F}_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^2)$  is regular, then

$$(4.2) \quad wH_\Phi^s = wH_\Phi^S \subset wH_\Phi.$$



*Proof.* First we show (4.1). Let  $f \in wH_{\Phi}^s$ . For the first inequality of (4.1), we consider the operator  $T$  in Theorem 4.1 to be the maximal operator  $M$ , that is,  $Tf = Mf$ . Obviously,  $M$  is sublinear and  $\|Mf\|_2 \leq 4\|f\|_2$  (see [20, Proposition 3.4]). If  $a$  is a  $(\Phi, 2)$  atom and  $\nu$  is the stopping time associated with  $a$ , then

$$\{|Ta| > 0\} = \{|Ma| > 0\} \subset \{\nu \neq \infty\}$$

and hence  $P(|Ta| > 0) \leq P(\nu \neq \infty)$ . Since  $q < 2$ , it follows from Theorem 4.1 that

$$\|f\|_{wH_{\Phi}} = \|Tf\|_{wL_{\Phi}} \leq C\|f\|_{wH_{\Phi}^s}.$$

Similarly, considering the operator  $Tf = Sf$  we get the second inequality of (4.1).

Now we check (4.2). Assume that the stochastic basis  $\mathcal{F}$  is regular, and let  $f \in wH_{\Phi}^S$ . Considering the operator  $T$  in Theorem 4.2 to be the conditional quadratic variation operator  $s$ . Then by Theorem 4.2 we obtain the following inequality

$$\|f\|_{wH_{\Phi}^s} \leq C\|f\|_{wH_{\Phi}^S}.$$

Combining with (4.1), one can conclude that (4.2) holds.  $\square$

*Remark 4.4.* It should be noted that Proposition 4.3 can be proved directly with the help of the atomic decomposition theorems in Section 3. Indeed, let  $f \in wH_{\Phi}^s$ . Then by Theorem 3.2 there exists a decomposition such that (3.1) and (3.2) hold. Hence, it follows from Remark 3.7 that

$$C^{-1}\|f\|_{wH_{\Phi}} \leq \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k \leq C\|f\|_{wH_{\Phi}^s} \quad \text{and} \quad C^{-1}\|f\|_{wH_{\Phi}^S} \leq \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k \leq C\|f\|_{wH_{\Phi}^s},$$

which complete (4.1).

On the other hand, assume that the stochastic basis  $\mathcal{F}$  is regular, and let  $f \in wH_{\Phi}^S$ . By Theorem 3.8, there exist a sequence of  $(\Phi, 2)$  atoms  $(a^k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and a sequence of positive numbers of  $(\mu_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \in l_{\infty}$  such that

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k \mathbb{E}_n a^k = f_n \quad \text{a.e.} \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k \leq C\|f\|_{wH_{\Phi}^S}.$$

From the converse part of Theorem 3.2, we conclude that

$$C^{-1}\|f\|_{wH_{\Phi}^s} \leq \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k \leq C\|f\|_{wH_{\Phi}^S}.$$

That is,  $wH_{\Phi}^S \subset wH_{\Phi}^s$ . Combining with (4.1), we obtain (4.2).

5. On the dual spaces of  $w\mathcal{H}_\Phi^s$ 

In this section, we first introduce the two-parameter weak generalized Campanato martingale space  $w\mathcal{L}_{q,\varphi}$ , which is similar to [8, Definition 0.1], then the dual space of the two-parameter weak martingale Orlicz–Hardy space  $w\mathcal{H}_\Phi^s$  is characterized.

**Definition 5.1.** For  $q \in [1, \infty)$  and a function  $\varphi: (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ , let

$$w\mathcal{L}_{q,\varphi} := \left\{ f \in L_q : \|f\|_{w\mathcal{L}_{q,\varphi}} = \int_0^\infty \frac{t_\varphi^q(x)}{x} dx < \infty \right\},$$

where

$$t_\varphi^q(x) := \frac{1}{\varphi(x)} x^{-1/q} \sup_{P(\nu \neq \infty) \leq x} \|f - f^\nu\|_q$$

and  $f^\nu$  is the two-parameter stopped martingale with respect to the stopping time  $\nu$ .

Now we are ready to describe the duality theorem.

**Theorem 5.2.** Let  $0 < p \leq q < 2$  and let  $\Phi \in \mathcal{O}$  be  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave. Then

$$(w\mathcal{H}_\Phi^s)' = w\mathcal{L}_{2,\varphi},$$

where  $\varphi(r) = \frac{1}{r^{\Phi^{-1}(\frac{1}{r})}}$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $g \in w\mathcal{L}_{2,\varphi}$ . Then  $g \in H_2^s$ . Define

$$l_g(f) = \mathbb{E}(fg), \quad f \in H_2^s.$$

Note that  $H_2^s \subset w\mathcal{H}_\Phi^s$ . By Theorem 3.2, there exist a sequence of  $(\Phi, 2)$  atoms  $(a^k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  with respect to the stopping times  $(\nu_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and a sequence of positive numbers  $(\mu_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \in l_\infty$  such that

$$f = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k a^k \quad \text{a.e.}$$

It is easy to check that the last series converges to  $f$  in  $H_2^s$  as well. Therefore,

$$l_g(f) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k \mathbb{E}(a^k g).$$

By Definition 3.1(i) of the atom  $a^k$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}(a^k g) = \mathbb{E}[a^k (g - g^{\nu_k})].$$

Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(a^k g) &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}(d_n a^k d_n g) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}(d_n a^k \chi(\nu_k \ll n) d_n g) \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^2} \mathbb{E}(d_n a^k d_n (g - g^{\nu_k})) = \mathbb{E}[a^k (g - g^{\nu_k})]. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that  $\mu_k = 4\sqrt{2} \cdot 2^{k+1} \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Phi}$ . It follows from the Hölder inequality and Definition 3.1(ii) that

$$\begin{aligned} |l_g(f)| &= \left| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k \mathbb{E}[a^k(g - g^{\nu_k})] \right| \leq \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k \mathbb{E}|a^k(g - g^{\nu_k})| \\ &\leq \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k \|a^k\|_2 \|g - g^{\nu_k}\|_2 \leq \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k \|M(a^k)\|_2 \|g - g^{\nu_k}\|_2 \\ &\leq C \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^k \|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Phi} \cdot \frac{P(\nu_k \neq \infty)^{1/2}}{\|\chi(\nu_k \neq \infty)\|_{L_\Phi}} \cdot \|g - g^{\nu_k}\|_2 \\ &\leq C \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^k P(\nu_k \neq \infty)^{1/2} \|g - g^{\nu_k}\|_2. \end{aligned}$$

Note the facts that  $P(\nu_k \neq \infty) \leq 64P(F_k) = 64P(s(f) > 2^k)$  and  $\Phi\left(\frac{2^k}{\|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s}}\right)P(s(f) > 2^k) \leq 1$ . It follows from Lemma 2.1 that

$$P(\nu_k \neq \infty) \leq \frac{64}{\Phi\left(\frac{2^k}{\|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s}}\right)} \leq \frac{1}{\Phi(64^{-1/p} \cdot \frac{2^k}{\|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s}})}.$$

Denote  $c_k = \frac{1}{\Phi(64^{-1/p} \cdot \frac{2^k}{\|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s}})}$ . Then  $P(\nu_k \neq \infty) \leq c_k$  and

$$\begin{aligned} |l_g(f)| &\leq C \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^k c_k^{1/2} \|g - g^{\nu_k}\|_2 \leq C \|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 64^{-1/p} \cdot \frac{2^k}{\|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s}} c_k^{1/2} \|g - g^{\nu_k}\|_2 \\ &= C \|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{c_k}\right) c_k^{1/2} \|g - g^{\nu_k}\|_2 \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{\varphi(c_k)} c_k^{-1/2} \sup_{P(\nu \neq \infty) \leq c_k} \|g - g^\nu\|_2 = C \|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} t_\varphi^2(c_k). \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 2.1 once more, we obtain

$$\frac{c_{k+1}}{c_k} = \frac{\Phi(64^{-1/p} \cdot \frac{2^k}{\|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s}})}{\Phi(64^{-1/p} \cdot \frac{2^{k+1}}{\|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s}})} \leq \left(\frac{2^k}{2^{k+1}}\right)^p = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^p.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} t_\varphi^2(c_k) &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{t_\varphi^2(c_k)(c_k - c_{k+1})}{c_k - c_{k+1}} \leq \frac{1}{1 - (1/2)^p} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{t_\varphi^2(c_k)(c_k - c_{k+1})}{c_k} \\ &\leq C \int_0^\infty \frac{t_\varphi^2(x)}{x} dx = C \|g\|_{wL_{2,\varphi}}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$|l_g(f)| \leq C \|f\|_{wH_\Phi^s} \|g\|_{wL_{2,\varphi}},$$

that is,  $l_g$  is a continuous linear functional on  $H_2^s$ . Since  $H_2^s$  is dense in  $w\mathcal{H}_\Phi^s$  (see Remark 3.6),  $l_g$  can be uniquely extended to a continuous linear functional on  $w\mathcal{H}_\Phi^s$ .

For the converse part, let  $l \in (w\mathcal{H}_\Phi^s)'$ . Since  $H_2^s \subset w\mathcal{H}_\Phi^s$ , we have  $l \in (H_2^s)'$  which implies that there exists  $g \in H_2^s$  such that

$$l(f) = \mathbb{E}(fg), \quad f \in H_2^s.$$

Suppose that  $\nu_k$  are the stopping times such that  $P(\nu_k \neq \infty) \leq 2^{-k}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let

$$a^k = \frac{\Phi^{-1}(2^k)(g - g^{\nu_k})}{(2^k)^{1/2} \|s(g - g^{\nu_k})\|_2}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Obviously,  $a_n^k = 0$  on the set  $\{\nu_k \not\leq n\}$  for each fixed  $k$ . For any given  $y > 0$ , we can find  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfying  $2^{m-1} \leq y < 2^m$  and  $|m| \leq N$ . Now let us define the martingales  $f^N$ ,  $g^N$  and  $h^N$  by

$$f^N = \sum_{k=-N}^N a^k, \quad g^N = \sum_{k=-N}^{m-1} a^k, \quad h^N = \sum_{k=m}^N a^k,$$

respectively. Since  $\Phi$  is  $p$ -convex and  $q$ -concave for  $0 < p \leq q < 2$ , one can conclude that  $\Phi(t+s) \leq 4(\Phi(t) + \Phi(s))$  for any  $t, s \geq 0$ . In fact, by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\Phi(t+s) \leq \Phi(2 \max\{t, s\}) \leq 2^q \Phi(\max\{t, s\}) \leq 4(\Phi(t) + \Phi(s)).$$

Then, by the sublinearity of  $s$ , we get

$$\Phi(s(f^N)) \leq \Phi(s(g^N) + s(h^N)) \leq 4(\Phi(s(g^N)) + \Phi(s(h^N))).$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} P(\Phi(s(f^N)) > 8y) &\leq P(\Phi(s(g^N)) + \Phi(s(h^N)) > 2y) \\ &\leq P(\Phi(s(g^N)) > y) + P(\Phi(s(h^N)) > y), \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$P(s(f^N) > \Phi^{-1}(8y)) \leq P(s(g^N) > \Phi^{-1}(y)) + P(s(h^N) > \Phi^{-1}(y)).$$

Since

$$\|s(g^N)\|_2 \leq \sum_{k=-N}^{m-1} \|s(a^k)\|_2 \leq \sum_{k=-N}^{m-1} (2^{-k})^{1/2} \Phi^{-1}(2^k),$$

then by Lemma 2.1 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &P(s(g^N) > \Phi^{-1}(y)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(\Phi^{-1}(y))^2} \|s(g^N)\|_2^2 \leq \left( \sum_{k=-N}^{m-1} \frac{(2^{-k})^{1/2} \Phi^{-1}(2^k)}{\Phi^{-1}(y)} \right)^2 \leq \left( \sum_{k=-N}^{m-1} (2^{-k})^{1/2} \left( \frac{2^k}{y} \right)^{1/q} \right)^2 \\ &\leq y^{-2/q} \left( \sum_{k=-N}^{m-1} (2^{1/q-1/2})^k \right)^2 \leq y^{-2/q} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{m-1} (2^{1/q-1/2})^k \right)^2 \leq C_1 y^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality above follows from  $q < 2$ . Taking  $C'_1 = 2 \max\{C_1, 1\}$ . Then

$$\Phi \left( \frac{\Phi^{-1}(y)}{(C'_1)^{1/p}} \right) P(s(g^N) > \Phi^{-1}(y)) \leq \frac{1}{C'_1} y P(s(g^N) > \Phi^{-1}(y)) \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Recall that  $a_n^k = 0$  on the set  $\{\nu_k \not\ll n\}$  and  $P(\nu_k \neq \infty) \leq 2^{-k}$ , we have

$$P(s(h^N) > \Phi^{-1}(y)) \leq \sum_{k=m}^N P(\nu_k \neq \infty) \leq \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} 2^{-k} = 2^{1-m} \leq 2y^{-1}$$

and

$$\Phi \left( \frac{\Phi^{-1}(y)}{4^{1/p}} \right) P(s(h^N) > \Phi^{-1}(y)) \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Taking  $C = 8^{1/p} \max\{(C'_1)^{1/p}, 4^{1/p}\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi \left( \frac{\Phi^{-1}(8y)}{C} \right) P(s(f^N) > \Phi^{-1}(8y)) \\ & \leq \Phi \left( \frac{\Phi^{-1}(8y)}{C} \right) P(s(g^N) > \Phi^{-1}(y)) + \Phi \left( \frac{\Phi^{-1}(8y)}{C} \right) P(s(h^N) > \Phi^{-1}(y)) \\ & \leq \Phi \left( \frac{8^{1/p} \Phi^{-1}(y)}{8^{1/p} (C'_1)^{1/p}} \right) P(s(g^N) > \Phi^{-1}(y)) + \Phi \left( \frac{8^{1/p} \Phi^{-1}(y)}{8^{1/p} 4^{1/p}} \right) P(s(h^N) > \Phi^{-1}(y)) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1, \end{aligned}$$

which means  $\|f^N\|_{wH_{\Phi}^s} \leq C$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} l(f^N) &= \mathbb{E}(f^N g) = \sum_{k=-N}^N \mathbb{E}(a^k g) = \sum_{k=-N}^N \mathbb{E}[a^k (g - g^{\nu_k})] = \sum_{k=-N}^N \frac{\Phi^{-1}(2^k) \|g - g^{\nu_k}\|_2^2}{(2^k)^{1/2} \|s(g - g^{\nu_k})\|_2} \\ &= \sum_{k=-N}^N \frac{\Phi^{-1}(2^k)}{(2^k)^{1/2}} \|g - g^{\nu_k}\|_2 = \sum_{k=-N}^N \frac{1}{\varphi(2^{-k})} (2^k)^{1/2} \|g - g^{\nu_k}\|_2, \end{aligned}$$

we get

$$\sum_{k=-N}^N \frac{1}{\varphi(2^{-k})} (2^{-k})^{-1/2} \|g - g^{\nu_k}\|_2 = l(f^N) \leq C \|l\|.$$

Let  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , while taking the supremum over all of such stopping times satisfying  $P(\nu_k \neq \infty) \leq 2^{-k}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we can immediately conclude that

$$\|g\|_{w\mathcal{L}_{2,\varphi}} = \int_0^\infty \frac{t_\varphi^2(x)}{x} dx \leq C \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} t_\varphi^2(2^{-k}) \leq C \|l\|.$$

The proof is finished.  $\square$

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