

# Fractional integrals and their commutators on martingale Orlicz spaces

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## 1 Introduction

This is an announcement of [2].

It is well known as the Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev theorem that the fractional integral operators  $I_\alpha$  on the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is bounded from  $L_p$  to  $L_q$  for  $1 < p < q < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < n$  and  $-n/p + \alpha = -n/q$ . For any BMO function  $b$ , Chanillo [4] proved the same boundedness of the commutator  $[b, I_\alpha]$ . Paluszyński [19] proved that, for any  $\beta$ -Lipschitz function  $b$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ , the commutator  $[b, I_\alpha]$  is bounded from  $L_p$  to  $L_q$  for  $-n/p + \alpha + \beta = -n/q$  and from  $L_p$  to the Triebel-Lizorkin space  $\dot{F}_{p,\infty}^\beta$ .

In martingale theory, based on the result by Watari [23, Theorem 1.1], Chao and Ombe [5] proved the boundedness of the fractional integrals for  $H_p$ ,  $L_p$ , BMO and Lipschitz spaces of the dyadic martingales. These fractional integrals were defined for more general martingales in [14, 20] and studied in [6, 15, 16]. In this paper we investigate the fractional integrals on martingale Orlicz spaces.

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space and let  $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a nondecreasing sequence of sub- $\sigma$ -algebras of  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $\mathcal{F} = \sigma(\bigcup_n \mathcal{F}_n)$ . We suppose that every  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}_n$  is generated by countable atoms, where  $B \in \mathcal{F}_n$  is called an atom (more precisely a  $(\mathcal{F}_n, P)$ -atom), if any  $A \subset B$  with  $A \in \mathcal{F}_n$  satisfies  $P(A) = P(B)$  or  $P(A) = 0$ . Denote by  $A(\mathcal{F}_n)$  the set of all atoms in  $\mathcal{F}_n$ . The

expectation operator and the conditional expectation operators relative to  $\mathcal{F}_n$  are denoted by  $E$  and  $E_n$ , respectively.

We say a sequence  $(f_n)_{n \geq 0}$  in  $L_1$  is a martingale relative to  $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  if it is adapted to  $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and satisfies  $E_n[f_m] = f_n$  for every  $n \leq m$ . It is known as the Doob theorem that, if  $p \in (1, \infty)$ , then any  $L_p$ -bounded martingale converges in  $L_p$ . Moreover, if  $p \in [1, \infty)$ , then, for any  $f \in L_p$ , its corresponding martingale  $(f_n)_{n \geq 0}$  with  $f_n = E_n f$  is an  $L_p$ -bounded martingale and converges to  $f$  in  $L_p$  (see for example [17]). For this reason a function  $f \in L_1$  and the corresponding martingale  $(f_n)_{n \geq 0}$  will be denoted by the same symbol  $f$ .

We first recall the definition of generalized fractional integrals of martingales.

**Definition 1.1** ([16]). Let  $(\gamma_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be a non-increasing sequence of non-negative bounded functions adapted to  $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ . For a martingale  $(f_n)_{n \geq 0}$ , its generalized fractional integral  $I_\gamma f = ((I_\gamma f)_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is defined as a martingale by

$$(I_\gamma f)_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \gamma_{k-1} (f_k - f_{k-1})$$

with convention  $\gamma_{-1} = \gamma_0$  and  $f_{-1} = 0$ .

Our definition of  $I_\gamma$  is based on the notion of martingale transform in the sense of Burkholder [3]. For quasi-normed spaces  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  of functions, we denote by  $B(M_1, M_2)$  the set of all bounded martingale transforms from  $M_1$  to  $M_2$ , that is,  $I_\gamma \in B(M_1, M_2)$  means that

$$\sup_{n \geq 0} \|(I_\gamma f)_n\|_{M_2} \leq C \sup_{n \geq 0} \|f_n\|_{M_1},$$

for all  $M_1$ -bounded martingales  $f = (f_n)_{n \geq 0}$ .

Let

$$\beta_n = \sum_{B \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{F}_n)} P(B) \chi_B, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (1.1)$$

For  $\alpha > 0$ , let  $\gamma_n = \beta_n^\alpha$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . Then  $I_\gamma f$  is the fractional integral of  $f$  introduced in [14].

In this paper we prove  $I_\gamma \in B(L_\Phi, L_\Psi)$  for the Orlicz spaces  $L_\Phi$  and  $L_\Psi$  under suitable conditions. Moreover, we consider the commutator  $[b, I_\gamma]$  generated by a function  $b$ . For  $f \in L_\infty$ , which is regarded as an  $L_\infty$ -bounded martingale  $f = (f_n)_{n \geq 0}$  with  $f_n = E_n f$ ,  $((I_\gamma f)_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is also an  $L_\infty$ -bounded martingale. We denote by  $I_\gamma f$  the limit function, that is,  $I_\gamma f = ((I_\gamma f)_n)_{n \geq 0}$ . In this case the commutator  $[b, I_\gamma]f = bI_\gamma f - I_\gamma(bf)$  is well-defined for all  $b \in L_\infty$ . In this paper we prove that, for functions  $b$  in Campanato spaces and  $f \in L_\Phi$ ,  $[b, I_\gamma]f$  is well-defined and bounded from  $L_\Phi$  to  $L_\Psi$  under suitable conditions.

The definition of the Campanato space is the following:

**Definition 1.2.** For  $p \in [1, \infty)$  and  $\psi : (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ , let

$$\mathcal{L}_{p,\psi}^- = \{f \in L_p : \|f\|_{\mathcal{L}_{p,\psi}^-} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{L}_{p,\psi}^-} = \sup_{n \geq 0} \sup_{B \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{F}_n)} \frac{1}{\psi(P(B))} \left( \frac{1}{P(B)} \int_B |f - E_{n-1}f|^p dP \right)^{1/p}.$$

We say that a function  $\theta : (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  satisfies the doubling condition if there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that, for all  $r, s \in (0, 1]$ ,

$$\frac{1}{C} \leq \frac{\theta(r)}{\theta(s)} \leq C, \quad \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{r}{s} \leq 2. \quad (1.2)$$

We say that  $\theta$  is almost increasing (resp. almost decreasing) if there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that, for all  $r, s \in (0, 1]$ ,

$$\theta(r) \leq C\theta(s) \quad (\text{resp. } \theta(s) \leq C\theta(r)), \quad \text{if } r < s. \quad (1.3)$$

The stochastic basis  $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is said to be regular, if there exists a constant  $R \geq 2$  such that

$$f_n \leq Rf_{n-1} \quad (1.4)$$

holds for all  $n \geq 1$  and all nonnegative martingales  $(f_n)_{n \geq 0}$ .

It is known by [12, Theorem 2.9] that, if  $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is regular and  $\psi$  is almost increasing, then

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{L}_{1,\psi}^-} \leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{L}_{p,\psi}^-} \leq C_p \|f\|_{\mathcal{L}_{1,\psi}^-}. \quad (1.5)$$

## 2 Orlicz spaces

First we define a set  $\bar{\Phi}$  of increasing functions  $\Phi : [0, \infty] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  and give some properties of functions in  $\bar{\Phi}$ .

For an increasing function  $\Phi : [0, \infty] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ , let

$$a(\Phi) = \sup\{t \geq 0 : \Phi(t) = 0\}, \quad b(\Phi) = \inf\{t \geq 0 : \Phi(t) = \infty\},$$

with convention  $\sup \emptyset = 0$  and  $\inf \emptyset = \infty$ . Then  $0 \leq a(\Phi) \leq b(\Phi) \leq \infty$ . Let  $\bar{\Phi}$  be the set of all increasing functions  $\Phi : [0, \infty] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  such that

$$0 \leq a(\Phi) < \infty, \quad 0 < b(\Phi) \leq \infty, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +0} \Phi(t) = \Phi(0) = 0, \quad (2.2)$$

$$\Phi \text{ is left continuous on } [0, b(\Phi)), \quad (2.3)$$

$$\text{if } b(\Phi) = \infty, \text{ then } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(t) = \Phi(\infty) = \infty, \quad (2.4)$$

$$\text{if } b(\Phi) < \infty, \text{ then } \lim_{t \rightarrow b(\Phi)-0} \Phi(t) = \Phi(b(\Phi)) (\leq \infty). \quad (2.5)$$

In what follows, if an increasing and left continuous function  $\Phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfies (2.2) and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(t) = \infty$ , then we always regard that  $\Phi(\infty) = \infty$  and that  $\Phi \in \bar{\Phi}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A function  $\Phi \in \bar{\Phi}$  is called a Young function (or sometimes also called an Orlicz function) if  $\Phi$  is convex on  $[0, b(\Phi))$ .

By the convexity, any Young function  $\Phi$  is continuous on  $[0, b(\Phi))$  and strictly increasing on  $[a(\Phi), b(\Phi)]$ . Hence  $\Phi$  is bijective from  $[a(\Phi), b(\Phi)]$  to  $[0, \Phi(b(\Phi))]$ . Moreover,  $\Phi$  is absolutely continuous on any closed subinterval in  $[0, b(\Phi))$ . That is, its derivative  $\Phi'$  exists a.e. and

$$\Phi(t) = \int_0^t \Phi'(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, b(\Phi)). \quad (2.6)$$

For  $\Phi, \Psi \in \bar{\Phi}$ , we write  $\Phi \approx \Psi$  if there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that

$$\Phi(C^{-1}t) \leq \Psi(t) \leq \Phi(Ct) \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \infty].$$

**Definition 2.2.** (i) Let  $\Phi_Y$  be the set of all Young functions.

(ii) Let  $\bar{\Phi}_Y$  be the set of all  $\Phi \in \bar{\Phi}$  such that  $\Phi \approx \Psi$  for some  $\Psi \in \Phi_Y$ .

(iii) Let  $\mathcal{Y}$  be the set of all  $\Phi \in \Phi_Y$  such that  $a(\Phi) = 0$  and  $b(\Phi) = \infty$ .

For  $\Phi \in \bar{\Phi}$ , we recall the generalized inverse of  $\Phi$  in the sense of O'Neil [18, Definition 1.2].

**Definition 2.3.** For  $\Phi \in \bar{\Phi}$  and  $u \in [0, \infty]$ , let

$$\Phi^{-1}(u) = \begin{cases} \inf\{t \geq 0 : \Phi(t) > u\}, & u \in [0, \infty), \\ \infty, & u = \infty. \end{cases} \quad (2.7)$$

Let  $\Phi \in \bar{\Phi}$ . Then  $\Phi^{-1}$  is finite, increasing and right continuous on  $[0, \infty)$  and positive on  $(0, \infty)$ . If  $\Phi$  is bijective from  $[0, \infty]$  to itself, then  $\Phi^{-1}$  is the usual inverse function of  $\Phi$ . Moreover, we have the following proposition, which is a generalization of Property 1.3 in [18].

**Proposition 2.1** ([22]). *Let  $\Phi \in \bar{\Phi}$ . Then*

$$\Phi(\Phi^{-1}(u)) \leq u \leq \Phi^{-1}(\Phi(u)) \quad \text{for all } u \in [0, \infty]. \quad (2.8)$$

For functions  $P, Q : [0, \infty] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ , we write  $P \sim Q$  if there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that

$$C^{-1}P(t) \leq Q(t) \leq CP(t) \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \infty].$$

Then, for  $\Phi, \Psi \in \bar{\Phi}$ ,

$$\Phi \approx \Psi \Leftrightarrow \Phi^{-1} \sim \Psi^{-1}. \quad (2.9)$$

For a Young function  $\Phi$ , its complementary function is defined by

$$\tilde{\Phi}(t) = \begin{cases} \sup\{tu - \Phi(u) : u \in [0, \infty)\}, & t \in [0, \infty), \\ \infty, & t = \infty. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\tilde{\Phi}$  is also a Young function, and  $(\Phi, \tilde{\Phi})$  is called a complementary pair. For example,  $\Phi(t) = t$ , then

$$\tilde{\Phi}(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \in [0, 1], \\ \infty, & t \in (1, \infty]. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.4.** For a function  $\Phi \in \bar{\Phi}_Y$ , let

$$\begin{aligned} L_\Phi &= \{f \in L^0 : E[\Phi(\epsilon|f|)] < \infty \text{ for some } \epsilon > 0\}, \\ \|f\|_{L_\Phi} &= \inf \{\lambda > 0 : E[\Phi(|f|/\lambda)] \leq 1\}, \\ \text{w}L_\Phi &= \left\{ f \in L^0 : \sup_{t \in (0, \infty)} \Phi(t)P(\epsilon f, t) < \infty \text{ for some } \epsilon > 0 \right\}, \\ \|f\|_{\text{w}L_\Phi} &= \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \sup_{t \in (0, \infty)} \Phi(t)P(f/\lambda, t) \leq 1 \right\}, \\ &\text{where } P(f, t) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega : |f(\omega)| > t\}). \end{aligned}$$

*Remark 2.1.* It is known that

$$\sup_{t \in (0, \infty)} \Phi(t)P(f, t) = \sup_{t \in (0, \infty)} t P(\Phi(|f|), t), \quad (2.10)$$

see [7, Proposition 4.2] for example.

Let  $(\Phi, \tilde{\Phi})$  be a complementary pair of functions in  $\bar{\Phi}_Y$ . Then it is known that

$$t \leq \Phi^{-1}(t)\tilde{\Phi}^{-1}(t) \leq 2t, \quad t \in [0, \infty]. \quad (2.11)$$

It is also known that

$$E[|fg|] \leq 2\|f\|_{L_\Phi}\|g\|_{L_{\tilde{\Phi}}}. \quad (2.12)$$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $\Phi \in \bar{\Phi}_Y$ . Then, for all  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ , its characteristic function  $\chi_A$  is in  $\text{w}L_\Phi$  and

$$\|\chi_A\|_{L_\Phi} = \|\chi_A\|_{\text{w}L_\Phi} = \frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}(1/P(A))}. \quad (2.13)$$

**Definition 2.5.** (i) A function  $\Phi \in \bar{\Phi}$  is said to satisfy the  $\Delta_2$ -condition, denote  $\Phi \in \bar{\Delta}_2$ , if there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\Phi(2t) \leq C\Phi(t) \quad \text{for all } t > 0. \quad (2.14)$$

(ii) A function  $\Phi \in \bar{\Phi}$  is said to satisfy the  $\nabla_2$ -condition, denote  $\Phi \in \bar{\nabla}_2$ , if there exists a constant  $k > 1$  such that

$$\Phi(t) \leq \frac{1}{2k} \Phi(kt) \quad \text{for all } t > 0. \quad (2.15)$$

(iii) Let  $\Delta_2 = \Phi_Y \cap \bar{\Delta}_2$  and  $\nabla_2 = \Phi_Y \cap \bar{\nabla}_2$ .

*Remark 2.2.* (i)  $\Delta_2 \subset \mathcal{Y}$  and  $\bar{\nabla}_2 \subset \bar{\Phi}_Y$  ([10, Lemma 1.2.3]).

(ii) Let  $\Phi \in \bar{\Phi}_Y$ . Then  $\Phi \in \bar{\Delta}_2$  if and only if  $\Phi \approx \Psi$  for some  $\Psi \in \Delta_2$ , and,  $\Phi \in \bar{\nabla}_2$  if and only if  $\Phi \approx \Psi$  for some  $\Psi \in \nabla_2$ .

(iii) Let  $\Phi \in \Phi_Y$ . Then  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$  if and only if the set of simple functions is dense in  $L_\Phi$ .

(iv) Let  $\Phi \in \Phi_Y$ . Then  $\Phi^{-1}$  satisfies the doubling condition by its concavity, that is,

$$\Phi^{-1}(u) \leq \Phi^{-1}(2u) \leq 2\Phi^{-1}(u) \quad \text{for all } u \in [0, \infty].$$

(v) If  $\Phi \in \bar{\nabla}_2$ , then there exists  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\Phi((\cdot)^\theta) \in \bar{\nabla}_2$  ([22, Lemma 4.5]).

### 3 Main results

We denote by  $\mathcal{M}_{L_\Phi}$  the set of all  $L_\Phi$  bounded martingales  $f = (f_n)_{n \geq 0}$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\Phi, \Psi \in \bar{\Phi}_Y$ . Assume that  $u \mapsto \Psi^{-1}(u)/\Phi^{-1}(u)$  is almost decreasing and that there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that, for all  $n \geq 0$ ,*

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (\gamma_{k-1} - \gamma_k) \Phi^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\beta_k} \right) + \gamma_n \Phi^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\beta_n} \right) \leq C \Psi^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\beta_n} \right). \quad (3.1)$$

*Then, for any positive constant  $C_\Phi$ , there exists a positive constant  $C'_\Phi$  such that, for all  $f \in \mathcal{M}_{L_\Phi}$  with  $f \not\equiv 0$ ,*

$$\Psi \left( \frac{M(I_\gamma f)}{C'_\Phi \sup_{n \geq 0} \|f_n\|_{L_\Phi}} \right) \leq \Phi \left( \frac{Mf}{C_\Phi \sup_{n \geq 0} \|f_n\|_{L_\Phi}} \right). \quad (3.2)$$

*Consequently,  $I_\gamma \in B(L_\Phi, wL_\Psi)$ . Moreover, if  $\Phi \in \nabla_2$ , then  $I_\gamma \in B(L_\Phi, L_\Psi)$ .*

Next, for a function  $\rho : (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  such that

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\rho(t)}{t} dt < \infty, \quad (3.3)$$

let

$$\gamma_n = \int_0^{\beta_n} \frac{\rho(t)}{t} dt, \quad \beta_n = \sum_{B \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{F}_n)} P(B) \chi_B, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (3.4)$$

In this case we denote  $I_\gamma$  by  $I_\rho$ , namely, for a martingale  $f = (f_n)_{n \geq 0}$ ,

$$I_\rho f = ((I_\rho f)_n)_{n \geq 0}, \quad (I_\rho f)_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \left( \int_0^{\beta_{k-1}} \frac{\rho(t)}{t} dt \right) (f_k - f_{k-1}). \quad (3.5)$$

If  $\rho(t) = \alpha t^\alpha$  and  $\alpha > 0$ , then  $\int_0^{\beta_{k-1}} \frac{\rho(t)}{t} dt = (\beta_{k-1})^\alpha$  and  $I_\rho$  is the fractional integrals introduced by [14] as a generalization of  $I_\alpha$  on dyadic martingales investigated in [5].

If  $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is regular, that is, there exists  $R \geq 2$  such that

$$E_n f \leq R E_{n-1} f \quad (3.6)$$

for all non-negative integrable function  $f$ , then the inequality  $\beta_n \leq \beta_{n-1} \leq R\beta_n$  holds, see [14, Lemma 3.1]. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^n (\gamma_{k-1} - \gamma_k) \Phi^{-1}(1/\beta_k) &= \sum_{k=1}^n \Phi^{-1}(1/\beta_k) \int_{\beta_k}^{\beta_{k-1}} \frac{\rho(t)}{t} dt \\ &\sim \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{\beta_k}^{\beta_{k-1}} \frac{\Phi^{-1}(1/t) \rho(t)}{t} dt \\ &= \int_{\beta_n}^{\beta_0} \frac{\Phi^{-1}(1/t) \rho(t)}{t} dt. \end{aligned}$$

That is, (3.1) is equivalent to

$$\int_0^{\beta_n} \frac{\rho(t)}{t} dt \Phi^{-1}(1/\beta_n) + \int_{\beta_n}^{\beta_0} \frac{\rho(t) \Phi^{-1}(1/t)}{t} dt \leq C \Psi^{-1}(1/\beta_n) \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0. \quad (3.7)$$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be regular, and let  $\Phi, \Psi \in \bar{\Phi}_Y$ . Assume that  $u \mapsto \Psi^{-1}(u)/\Phi^{-1}(u)$  is almost decreasing and that there exists a positive constant  $A$  such that, for all  $r \in (0, 1]$ ,*

$$\int_0^r \frac{\rho(t)}{t} dt \Phi^{-1}(1/r) + \int_r^1 \frac{\rho(t) \Phi^{-1}(1/t)}{t} dt \leq A \Psi^{-1}(1/r). \quad (3.8)$$

Then, for any positive constant  $C_\Phi$ , there exists a positive constant  $C_1$  such that, for all  $f \in \mathcal{M}_{L_\Phi}$  with  $f \not\equiv 0$ ,

$$\Psi \left( \frac{M(I_\rho f)}{C'_\Phi \sup_{n \geq 0} \|f_n\|_{L_\Phi}} \right) \leq \Phi \left( \frac{Mf}{C_\Phi \sup_{n \geq 0} \|f_n\|_{L_\Phi}} \right). \quad (3.9)$$

Consequently,  $I_\rho \in B(L_\Phi, wL_\Psi)$ . Moreover, if  $\Phi \in \nabla_2$ , then  $I_\rho \in B(L_\Phi, L_\Psi)$ .

For a sequence  $\gamma = (\gamma_n)_{n \geq 0}$  of positive measurable functions, let

$$M_\gamma f = \sup_{n \geq 0} \gamma_n |E_n f|, \quad f \in L_1. \quad (3.10)$$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\Phi, \Psi \in \bar{\Phi}_Y$ . Assume that  $u \mapsto \Psi^{-1}(u)/\Phi^{-1}(u)$  is almost decreasing and that there exists a positive constant  $A$  such that, for all  $n \geq 0$ ,*

$$\gamma_n \Phi^{-1}(1/\beta_n) \leq A \Psi^{-1}(1/\beta_n). \quad (3.11)$$

*Then, for any positive constant  $C_\Phi$ , there exists a positive constant  $C'_\Phi$  such that, for all  $f \in L_\Phi$  with  $f \not\equiv 0$ ,*

$$\Psi \left( \frac{M_\gamma f}{C'_\Phi \|f\|_{L_\Phi}} \right) \leq \Phi \left( \frac{Mf}{C_\Phi \|f\|_{L_\Phi}} \right). \quad (3.12)$$

*Consequently,  $M_\gamma$  is bounded from  $L_\Phi$  to  $wL_\Psi$ . Moreover, if  $\Phi \in \bar{\nabla}_2$ , then  $M_\gamma$  is bounded from  $L_\Phi$  to  $L_\Psi$ .*

For the commutator  $[b, I_\rho]f = bI_\rho f - I_\rho(bf)$ , we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $\psi : (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ , and let  $\Phi, \Psi \in \bar{\Phi}_Y$ .*

- (i) *Assume that  $\psi$  is almost increasing and that there exists a positive constant  $A$  and a function  $\Theta \in \bar{\nabla}_2$  such that, for all  $n \geq 0$ ,*

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (\gamma_{k-1} - \gamma_k) \Phi^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\beta_k} \right) + \gamma_n \Phi^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\beta_n} \right) \leq A \Theta^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\beta_n} \right), \quad (3.13)$$

$$\psi(\beta_n) \Theta^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\beta_n} \right) \leq A \Psi^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\beta_n} \right), \quad (3.14)$$

$$\psi(\beta_n) \gamma_{n-1} \Phi^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\beta_n} \right) \leq A \Psi^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\beta_n} \right). \quad (3.15)$$

*If  $\Phi, \Psi \in \bar{\Delta}_2 \cap \bar{\nabla}_2$ , then there exist constants  $\nu \in (1, \infty)$  and  $C \in (0, \infty)$  such that, for all  $b \in \mathcal{L}_{\nu, \psi}^-$  and all  $f \in L_\Phi$ ,*

$$\|[b, I_\gamma]f\|_{L_\Psi} \leq C \|b\|_{\mathcal{L}_{\nu, \psi}^-} \|f\|_{L_\Phi}. \quad (3.16)$$

*Moreover, if  $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be regular, then, for all  $b \in \mathcal{L}_{1, \psi}^-$  and all  $f \in L_\Phi$ ,*

$$\|[b, I_\gamma]f\|_{L_\Psi} \leq C \|b\|_{\mathcal{L}_{1, \psi}^-} \|f\|_{L_\Phi}, \quad (3.17)$$

*without the assumption (3.15).*



- (ii) Conversely, let  $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be regular and  $\alpha > 0$ . Assume that  $\psi$  satisfies the doubling condition and that there exists a positive constant  $A$  such that, for all  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$\Psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_n}\right) \leq A\beta_n^\alpha \psi(\beta_n) \Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_n}\right). \quad (3.18)$$

Assume also that

$$\|b\|_{\mathcal{L}_{1,\psi}^-} = \sup_{B \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{F}_0)} \frac{1}{\psi(B)P(B)} \int_B |b| dP < \infty. \quad (3.19)$$

If  $[b, I_\alpha]$  is bounded from  $L_\Phi$  to  $L_\Psi$  with operator norm  $\|[b, I_\alpha]\|_{L_\Phi \rightarrow L_\Psi}$ , then  $b$  is in  $\mathcal{L}_{1,\psi}^-$  and there exists a positive constant  $C$ , independently  $b$ , such that

$$\|b\|_{\mathcal{L}_{1,\psi}^-} \leq C \left( \|[b, I_\alpha]\|_{L_\Phi \rightarrow L_\Psi} + \|b\|_{\mathcal{L}_{1,\psi}^-} \right).$$

For an almost increasing function  $\psi : (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ , we define the sharp maximal function  $M_\psi^\sharp$  by

$$M_\psi^\sharp f = \sup_{n \geq 0} \psi(\beta_n)^{-1} E_n |f - E_{n-1}f|, \quad f \in L_1, \quad (3.20)$$

with the convention  $E_{-1}f = 0$ . If  $\psi \equiv 1$  we denote  $M_\psi^\sharp$  by  $M^\sharp$ , that is,

$$M^\sharp f = \sup_{n \geq 0} E_n |f - E_{n-1}f|. \quad (3.21)$$

Then we define the Triebel-Lizorkin-Orlicz space as follows.

**Definition 3.1.** For  $\Phi \in \bar{\Phi}$  and  $\psi : (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ , let

$$F_{L_\Phi}^\psi = \{f \in L_1 : \|f\|_{F_{L_\Phi}^\psi} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{F_{L_\Phi}^\psi} = \|M_\psi^\sharp f\|_{L_\Phi}.$$

We can extend Theorem 3.4 to Triebel-Lizorkin-Orlicz spaces

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