

## EMBEDDINGS BETWEEN DISCRETE WEIGHTED LEBESGUE SPACES WITH VARIABLE EXPONENTS

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*Abstract.* Given mappings  $p, q, v, w : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  we can consider discrete weighted Lebesgue spaces  $\ell^{\{p_n\}}(v_n)$  and  $\ell^{\{q_n\}}(w_n)$  with variable exponents. The necessary and sufficient condition to the  $p, q, v, w$  for the embedding  $\ell^{\{p_n\}}(v_n) \hookrightarrow \ell^{\{q_n\}}(w_n)$  is given.

### 1. Introduction

The generalized Lebesgue space  $\ell^{\{p_n\}}, L^{p(x)}$  and the corresponding Sobolev space  $W^{1,p(x)}$  have attracted more and more interest in recent years. We refer to [9] for the establishment of the fundamental properties of these spaces, to [4] for some properties of the norm on  $L^{p(x)}$ , to [6] and [16] for the density of smooth functions in  $W^{1,p(x)}$  and to [7] for inequalities of Sobolev type. Further motivation for the study of these spaces is provided in [14, 15] by means of mathematical models of electrorheological fluids which involve nonlinear systems of partial differential equations with coefficients of variable rate of growth.

A crucial difference between  $L^{p(x)}$  and the classical Lebesgue spaces is that  $L^{p(x)}$  is not, in general, invariant under translation.

The boundedness of Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator plays a very important role in study of spaces  $L^{p(x)}$ . The basic result was done by L. Diening in [2]. Further results are obtained in [1], [3], [8], [10], [12] and [13].

Consider a discrete analogue  $\ell^{\{p_n\}}$  of  $L^{p(x)}$ . In [5] it is proved that under certain assumptions on  $p : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the norms of shift operators given by

$$S_k a = \{(S_k a)_n\}, (S_k a)_n = a_{n-k}, a = \{a_n\},$$

are uniformly bounded on  $\ell^{\{p_n\}}$ .

In [11] a necessary and sufficient condition to exponent  $p, q : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is found to guarantee that the norms in spaces  $\ell^{\{p_n\}}$  and  $\ell^{\{q_n\}}$  are equivalent. Moreover, the norms of  $S_k$  are uniformly bounded on  $\ell^{\{p_n\}}$  for a bounded  $p$  if and only if there exists

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a real number  $r$ ,  $1 \leq r < \infty$ , such that the norms in  $\ell^{\{p_n\}}$  and the classical space  $\ell^r$  are equivalent.

This paper generalizes results from [11]. Given  $p, q, v, w : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  consider weighted discrete Lebesgue spaces  $\ell^{\{p_n\}}(v_n), \ell^{\{q_n\}}(w_n)$ . We find a necessary and sufficient condition to  $p, q, v, w$  to guarantee the embedding  $\ell^{\{p_n\}}(v_n) \hookrightarrow \ell^{\{q_n\}}(w_n)$ .

### 2. Preliminaries

Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  denote the set of all integers and let  $\mathcal{M}$  denote the set of all mappings  $a : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Given  $p \in \mathcal{M}$  denote by  $p^* = \sup\{p_n; n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and set

$$\mathcal{B} = \{p \in \mathcal{M}; 1 \leq p_n \leq p^* < \infty\},$$

$$\mathcal{W} = \{v \in \mathcal{M}; 0 < v_n\}.$$

Given  $p \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $v \in \mathcal{W}$  define for  $a \in \mathcal{M}$  a norm

$$\|a\|_{\ell^{\{p_n\}}(v_n)} := \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0; \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \frac{|a_n|}{\lambda} \right)^{p_n} v_n \leq 1 \right\}$$

and the discrete weighted Lebesgue space  $\ell^{\{p_n\}}(v_n)$  as a set of all  $a \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\|a\|_{\ell^{\{p_n\}}(v_n)} < \infty$ .

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $p, q \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $v, w \in \mathcal{W}$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\ell^{\{p_n\}}(v_n) \hookrightarrow \ell^{\{q_n\}}(w_n)$ ;
- (ii) *the implication*

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |a_n|^{p_n} v_n \leq 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |a_n|^{q_n} w_n < \infty$$

*holds.*

*Proof.* This lemma is proved in [11] for non-weighted case. It is not difficult to rewrite this proof for weights to obtain our lemma.

### 3. Key assertions

Set  $\mathcal{W}_0 = \{a \in \mathcal{M}; a_n \geq 0\}$ .

LEMMA 3.1. *Let  $v, w \in \mathcal{W}$ ,  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{W}_0$ . Assume  $\sup\{v_n^{-1-\varepsilon_n} w_n, n \in \mathbb{Z}\} < \infty$ . Then the implication*

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n v_n \leq 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{1+\varepsilon_n} w_n < \infty$$

*holds for all  $a \in \mathcal{W}_0$ .*

*Proof.* Assume  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n v_n \leq 1$ . Then  $a_n \leq v_n^{-1}$  and so,

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{1+\varepsilon_n} w_n = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n v_n a_n^{\varepsilon_n} w_n v_n^{-1} \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n v_n w_n v_n^{-1-\varepsilon_n} \leq \sup v_n^{-1-\varepsilon_n} w_n < \infty,$$

which finishes the proof.

LEMMA 3.2. *Let  $v, w \in \mathcal{W}$ ,  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{W}_0$  and let there exists a positive number  $\varepsilon^*$  such that  $\varepsilon_n \leq \varepsilon^*$ . Assume that  $v_n^{-1-\varepsilon_n} w_n$  is unbounded. Then there is a sequence  $a \in \mathcal{W}_0$ , such that*

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n v_n \leq 1 \text{ and } \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{1+\varepsilon_n} w_n = \infty.$$

*Proof.* Since  $\{v_n^{-1-\varepsilon_n} w_n\}$  is unbounded we can take an infinite set  $\mathbb{S} = \{n_1, n_2, \dots\}$  of integers such that

$$v_{n_k}^{-1-\varepsilon_{n_k}} w_{n_k} \geq 2^{k(1+\varepsilon^*)}.$$

Set

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \notin \mathbb{S} \\ 2^{-k} v_{n_k}^{-1} & \text{if } n = n_k. \end{cases}$$

Clearly,

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n v_n = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{S}} a_n v_n = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} v_{n_k}^{-1} v_{n_k} = 1$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{1+\varepsilon_n} w_n &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{S}} a_n^{1+\varepsilon_n} w_n = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(2^{-k} v_{n_k}^{-1}\right)^{1+\varepsilon_{n_k}} w_{n_k} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k(1+\varepsilon_{n_k})} v_{n_k}^{-1-\varepsilon_{n_k}} w_{n_k} \geq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k(1+\varepsilon^*)} 2^{k(1+\varepsilon^*)} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 1 = \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the proof follows.

LEMMA 3.3. *Let  $v, w, \varepsilon \in \mathcal{W}$ ,  $\varepsilon_n \leq 1$ . Assume that there is a positive number  $c$  such that*

$$K := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(\frac{w_n}{v_n} c\right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} v_n < \infty. \tag{3.1}$$

*Then the implication*

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n v_n \leq 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{1-\varepsilon_n} w_n < \infty$$

*holds for all  $a \in \mathcal{W}_0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $c$  satisfies (3.1) and assume  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n v_n \leq 1$ . Set

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_1 &= \left\{n \in \mathbb{Z}; a_n > \left(\frac{w_n}{v_n} c\right)^{1/\varepsilon_n}\right\} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 &= \left\{n \in \mathbb{Z}; a_n \leq \left(\frac{w_n}{v_n} c\right)^{1/\varepsilon_n}\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathbb{Z}_1, \mathbb{Z}_2$  are pairwise disjoint and  $\mathbb{Z}_1 \cup \mathbb{Z}_2 = \mathbb{Z}$ , we can write

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{1-\varepsilon_n} w_n = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_1} a_n^{1-\varepsilon_n} w_n + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_2} a_n^{1-\varepsilon_n} w_n = I_1 + I_2.$$

Clearly,

$$I_1 = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_1} a_n a_n^{-\varepsilon_n} w_n \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_1} a_n \left( \frac{v_n}{w_n c} \right) w_n = \frac{1}{c} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_1} a_n v_n \leq \frac{1}{c}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_2} a_n^{1-\varepsilon_n} w_n \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_2} \left( \frac{w_n}{v_n} c \right)^{\frac{1-\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_n}} w_n \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_2} \left( \frac{w_n}{v_n} c \right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} \left( \frac{v_n}{w_n} c \right) w_n = \frac{1}{c} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_2} \left( \frac{w_n}{v_n} c \right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} v_n < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

which proves the lemma.

LEMMA 3.4. *Let  $v, w, \varepsilon \in \mathcal{W}$ ,  $\varepsilon_n < 1$ . Assume that*

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \frac{w_n}{v_n} c \right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} v_n = \infty \quad (3.2)$$

*holds for each positive  $c$ . Then there is a sequence  $a \in \mathcal{W}_0$ , such that*

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n v_n \leq 1 \text{ and } \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{1-\varepsilon_n} w_n = \infty.$$

*Proof.* Set  $N_0 = -1$ . We will construct sequences  $\{N_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ ,  $N_k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\{c_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ ,  $c_k > 0$ , satisfying for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$0 < c_k \leq \frac{1}{2^k} \text{ and } \sum_{N_{k-1} < |n| \leq N_k} \left( \frac{w_n}{v_n} c_k \right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} v_n = 1. \quad (3.3)$$

According to (3.2) we can find  $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\sum_{|n| \leq N_1} \left( \frac{w_n}{v_n} \frac{1}{2} \right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} v_n \geq 1.$$

Then there exists a number  $0 < c_1 \leq \frac{1}{2}$  such that

$$\sum_{|n| \leq N_1} \left( \frac{w_n}{v_n} c_1 \right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} v_n = \sum_{N_0 < |n| \leq N_1} \left( \frac{w_n}{v_n} c_1 \right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} v_n = 1.$$

Assume that we have constructed positive integers  $N_1 < N_2 < \dots < N_k$  and real numbers  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  such that

$$0 < c_r \leq \frac{1}{2^r} \text{ and } \sum_{N_{r-1} < |n| \leq N_r} \left( \frac{w_n}{v_n} c_r \right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} v_n = 1$$

for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

According to (3.2), we can find  $N_{k+1}$  such that

$$\sum_{N_k < |n| \leq N_{k+1}} \left( \frac{W_n}{v_n} \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} \geq 1.$$

Then we can take  $c_{k+1}$  such that

$$0 < c_{k+1} \leq \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \text{ and } \sum_{N_k < |n| \leq N_{k+1}} \left( \frac{W_n}{v_n} c_{k+1} \right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} = 1,$$

which proves (3.3).

Define  $a \in \mathcal{W}_0$  by

$$a_n = \left( c_k^{1/\varepsilon_n} \right)^{1/(1-\varepsilon_n)} \left( \frac{W_n}{v_n} \right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} \text{ if } N_{k-1} < |n| \leq N_k.$$

Using (3.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{1-\varepsilon_n} W_n &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{N_{k-1} < |n| \leq N_k} c_k^{1/\varepsilon_n} \left( \frac{W_n}{v_n} \right)^{(1-\varepsilon_n)/\varepsilon_n} W_n \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{N_{k-1} < |n| \leq N_k} \left( \frac{W_n}{v_n} c_k \right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} v_n \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 1 = \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Let us estimate  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n v_n$ . Since  $c_k \leq 1$  and  $1 - \varepsilon_n^2 < 1$  we obtain

$$\left( c_k^{1/\varepsilon_n} \right)^{1/(1-\varepsilon_n)} \leq \left( c_k^{1/\varepsilon_n} \right)^{1+\varepsilon_n},$$

which implies with (3.3)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n v_n &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{N_{k-1} < |n| \leq N_k} \left( c_k^{1/\varepsilon_n} \right)^{1/(1-\varepsilon_n)} \left( \frac{W_n}{v_n} \right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} v_n \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{N_{k-1} < |n| \leq N_k} \left( c_k^{1/\varepsilon_n} \right)^{1+\varepsilon_n} \left( \frac{W_n}{v_n} \right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} v_n \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \sum_{N_{k-1} < |n| \leq N_k} \left( \frac{W_n}{v_n} c_k \right)^{1/\varepsilon_n} v_n \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

and the lemma is proved.

#### 4. Embedding

Let  $p, q \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $v, w \in \mathcal{W}$ . Denote  $\mathcal{A} = \{n; p_n > q_n\}$ ,  $\mathcal{B} = \{n; p_n \leq q_n\}$ .

LEMMA 4.1. *Let  $p, q, v, w$  satisfy*

$$\inf_{c>0} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{A}} \left( \frac{w_n}{v_n} c \right)^{\frac{p_n}{p_n - q_n}} v_n + \sup_{n \in \mathcal{B}} v_n^{-\frac{q_n}{p_n}} w_n < \infty. \quad (4.1)$$

Then the implication

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{p_n} v_n \leq 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{q_n} w_n < \infty$$

holds for all  $a \in \mathcal{W}_0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{p_n} v_n \leq 1$ . Set  $b_n = a_n^{p_n}$  and  $\varepsilon_n = \frac{p_n - q_n}{p_n}$ .

Thus,  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} b_n v_n \leq 1$ . Moreover,

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{q_n} w_n = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{A}} a_n^{q_n} w_n + \sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}} a_n^{q_n} w_n = I_1 + I_2.$$

Estimate  $I_1$ . Since  $\varepsilon_n \in (0, 1)$  for  $n \in \mathcal{A}$  we have by (4.1) for some  $c > 0$

$$\sum_{n \in \mathcal{A}} \left( \frac{w_n}{v_n} c \right)^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon_n}} v_n = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{A}} \left( \frac{w_n}{v_n} c \right)^{\frac{p_n}{p_n - q_n}} v_n < \infty$$

and by Lemma 3.3 we obtain

$$I_1 = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{A}} a_n^{q_n} w_n = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{A}} b_n^{1 - \varepsilon_n} w_n < \infty.$$

Estimate  $I_2$ . We have by (4.1)

$$\sup_{n \in \mathcal{B}} v_n^{-1 - \varepsilon_n} w_n = \sup_{n \in \mathcal{B}} v_n^{-\frac{q_n}{p_n}} w_n < \infty.$$

and since  $\varepsilon_n \leq 0$  for  $n \in \mathcal{B}$  we obtain by Lemma 3.1

$$I_2 = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}} a_n^{q_n} w_n = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}} b_n^{1 - \varepsilon_n} w_n < \infty,$$

which finishes the proof.

LEMMA 4.2. *Let  $p, q, v, w$  do not satisfy (4.1). Then there exists  $a \in \mathcal{W}_0$  such that*

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{p_n} v_n \leq 1 \quad \wedge \quad \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{q_n} w_n = \infty.$$

*Proof.* Since (4.1) is not satisfied then either

$$\inf_{c>0} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{A}} \left( \frac{W_n}{v_n} c \right)^{\frac{p_n}{p_n - q_n}} v_n = \infty \tag{4.2}$$

or

$$\sup_{n \in \mathcal{B}} v_n^{-\frac{q_n}{p_n}} w_n = \infty. \tag{4.3}$$

Assume first (4.2). Denote  $\varepsilon_n = \frac{p_n - q_n}{p_n}$ . By Lemma 3.4 there exists a sequence  $b_n$  such that

$$\sum_{n \in \mathcal{A}} b_n v_n \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n \in \mathcal{A}} b_n^{1 - \varepsilon_n} w_n = \infty. \tag{4.4}$$

Set

$$a_n = \begin{cases} b_n^{\frac{1}{p_n}} & \text{if } n \in \mathcal{A}; \\ 0 & \text{if } n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \mathcal{A}. \end{cases}$$

Thus,

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{p_n} v_n = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{A}} b_n v_n \leq 1$$

and

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{q_n} w_n = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{A}} b_n^{1 - \varepsilon_n} w_n = \infty.$$

Assume now (4.3). Denote  $\varepsilon_n = \frac{q_n - p_n}{p_n}$ . Since

$$\sup_{n \in \mathcal{B}} v_n^{-\frac{q_n}{p_n}} w_n = \sup_{n \in \mathcal{B}} v_n^{-1 - \varepsilon_n} w_n = \infty$$

there exists by Lemma 3.2 a sequence  $b_n$  such that

$$\sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}} b_n v_n \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}} b_n^{1 + \varepsilon_n} w_n = \infty.$$

Set

$$a_n = \begin{cases} b_n^{\frac{1}{p_n}} & \text{if } n \in \mathcal{B}; \\ 0 & \text{if } n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \mathcal{B}. \end{cases}$$

Thus,

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{p_n} v_n = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}} b_n v_n \leq 1$$

and

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{q_n} w_n = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}} b_n^{1 + \varepsilon_n} w_n = \infty,$$

which proves the lemma.

The following theorem is an immediate consequence of Lemmas 2.1, 4.1 and 4.2.

**THEOREM 4.3.** *The embedding  $\ell^{p_n}(v_n) \hookrightarrow \ell^{q_n}(w_n)$  holds if and only if  $p, q, v, w$  satisfy (4.1).*

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