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1. The purpose of this paper is to prove the following results:

THEOREM 1. Let

$$\widetilde{f}(x) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{f(x+t) - f(x-t)}{2 \tan(1/2)t} dt = \lim_{\varepsilon \to +0} \left\{ -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\varepsilon}^{\pi} \right\}.$$

The mapping  $f \rightarrow \tilde{f}$  is a bounded mapping of an Orlicz space into itself if and only if the space is reflexive.

Beginning with the classical result by M. Riesz for the  $L_p$  spaces [6; vol. I, p. 253] several authors have proved this theorem in one direction or the other for various special classes of Orlicz spaces. We mention in particular the papers by J. Lamperti [2] and S. Lozinski [4] and the results given in A. Zygmund's book [6; vol. II, pp. 116–118]. In our proof we use inequalities and techniques due to S. Lozinski [3, 4] to show that boundedness of the mapping implies that the space is reflexive. We use the theorem of Marcinkiewicz on the interpolation of operations [6; vol. II, p. 116] to prove that reflexivity implies the boundedness of  $f \rightarrow \tilde{f}$ . Our results are more general than Lozinski's results since we use the definition of an Orlicz space given by A. C. Zaanen [5] which includes, for example, the space  $L_1$ .

Section 2 contains preliminary material about Orlicz spaces. In 33 we prove that boundedness implies reflexivity and in 34 we prove the converse.

2. Let  $v = \varphi(u)$  be a nondecreasing real valued function defined for  $u \ge 0$ . Assume that  $\varphi(0) = 0$ , that  $\varphi$  is left continuous and that  $\varphi$  does not vanish identically. Let  $u = \psi(v)$  be the left continuous inverse of  $\varphi$ . If  $\lim_{u\to\infty} \varphi(u) = l$  is finite then  $\psi(v) = \infty$  for v > l; otherwise  $\psi(v)$  is finite for all  $v \ge 0$ . The complementary Young's functions  $\varphi$  and  $\Psi$  are defined by

$$arPsi(u)=\int_{0}^{u}arphi(t)dt\;,\qquad arPsi(v)=\int_{0}^{v}\psi(s)ds\;.$$

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If  $\lim_{u\to\infty}\varphi(u) = \infty$  this internal is  $0 \leq v < \infty$ . If  $\lim_{u\to\infty}\varphi(u) = l$  is finite we say that  $\Psi$  jumps to infinity at v = l.

The Orlicz space  $L_{\varphi} = L_{\varphi}(0, 2\pi)$  consists, by definition, of all measurable complex functions f defined on the unit circle for which  $||f||_{\varphi} = \sup \int_{0}^{2\pi} |f(t)g(t)| dt < \infty$ , where the supremum is taken over all functions g with  $\int_{0}^{2\pi} \Psi |g(t)| dt \leq 1$ . The space  $L_{\Psi}$  is defined by interchanging  $\varphi$  and  $\Psi$ . The Orlicz space  $L_{M_{\varphi}}$  is defined to be the set of all measurable complex functions f for which

$$||f||_{\mathtt{M}^{g}} = \sup \int_{0}^{2\pi} |f(t)g(t)| \, dt < \infty$$
 ,

where the supremum is taken over all g with  $||g||_{\Psi} \leq 1$ .  $L_{M\Psi}$  is similarly defined. The spaces  $L_{\varphi}$ ,  $L_{\Psi}$ ,  $L_{M\varphi}$  and  $L_{M\Psi}$  are all Banach spaces with their respective norms when functions equal almost everywhere are identified. The spaces  $L_{\varphi}$  and  $L_{M\varphi}$  consist of the same functions and  $||f||_{M\varphi} \leq ||f||_{\varphi} \leq 2||f||_{M\varphi}$ . The same is true replacing  $\varphi$  by  $\Psi$ . The space  $L_{\varphi}$  is reflexive with dual space  $L_{M\Psi}$  if and only if both  $\varphi$  and  $\Psi$ satisfy the  $\mathcal{A}_{z}$ -condition.

3. In this section we will show that if  $f \to \tilde{f}$  is bounded then  $L_{\varphi}$  is reflexive. Let  $S_n(f)$  denote the *n*th partial sum of the Fourier series of f and write  $D_n(t) = \sin [n + (1/2)]t/2 \sin (1/2)t$ . If  $||\tilde{f}||_{\varphi} \leq C||f||_{\varphi}$  for all  $f \in L_{\varphi}$  then it follows [6; vol. I, p. 266] that  $||S_n(f)||_{\varphi} \leq A||f||_{\varphi}$  for all  $f \in L_{\varphi}$  and all n, where A is a positive constant independent of n and f. Thus, the following result is ostensibly more general than the corresponding part of Theorem 1.

THEOREM 2. If  $||S_n(f)||_{\sigma} \leq A||f||_{\sigma}$  for all  $f \in L_{\sigma}$  and all n then  $L_{\sigma}$  is reflexive.

The proof of Theorem 2 uses the following two lemmas given by

S. Lozinski in [3]. Lozinski proved these lemmas under more restrictive conditions on  $\varphi$  than we have assumed. Nevertheless, Lozinski's proofs remain valid for the functions as we have defined them.

LEMMA 1.  $(\varphi(u)/250) \log (n/u\varphi(u)) \leq || D_n ||_{\mathfrak{o}} \text{ for } u\varphi(u) \geq 1.$ 

LEMMA 2. If  $||S_n(f)||_{\sigma} \leq A||f||_{\sigma}$  for all  $f \in L_{\sigma}$  and all n then  $||D_n||_{\sigma} \leq 2\pi A (n + \varphi(u))/u$  for  $0 < u < \infty$ .

*Proof of Theorem* 2. Our proof is a variation of the one given by Lozinski in [4]. From Lemmas 1 and 2 we have

(1) 
$$\varphi(v) \log \frac{n}{v\varphi(v)} \leq k \frac{n + \varphi(u)}{u}$$

for  $v\varphi(v) \ge 1$  and  $0 < u < \infty$ .  $k = 2\pi A/250$ . Our immediate aim is to show that for all sufficiently large  $\lambda > 1$ 

(2) 
$$\log\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}\right) \leq 2k \frac{\varphi(v)}{\varphi\left(\frac{v}{\lambda}\right)}$$

for  $v \ge v_0$ , where  $v_0$  depends upon  $\lambda$ .

For any

$$\lambda>$$
 1,  $arPhi(u)=\int_{_{0}}^{u}arphi(t)dt>\int_{_{u/\lambda}}^{u}arPhi(t)dt$ 

and hence

$$\varPhi(u) > \left(u - \frac{u}{\lambda}\right) \varphi\left(\frac{u}{\lambda}\right) = (\lambda - 1) \frac{u}{\lambda} \varphi\left(\frac{u}{\lambda}\right).$$

Thus

(3) 
$$\log \frac{(\lambda-1)n}{\varPhi(v)} < \log \frac{n}{\frac{v}{\lambda} \varphi(\frac{v}{\lambda})}.$$

By combining (3) and (1) we see that

(4) 
$$\varphi\left(\frac{v}{\lambda}\right)\log\frac{(\lambda-1)n}{\varphi(v)} \leq k\frac{n+\varphi(v)}{v}$$

whenever  $(v|\lambda) \varphi(v|\lambda) \ge 1$ . Let  $n = [\varphi(v)]$  = greatest integer in  $\varphi(v)$ . Then (4) becomes

(5) 
$$\varphi\left(\frac{v}{\lambda}\right)\log\left\{(\lambda-1)\frac{[\varPhi(v)]}{\varPhi(v)}\right\} \leq k\frac{[\varPhi(v)]+\varPhi(v)}{v} \leq 2k\frac{\varPhi(v)}{v}.$$

For every sufficiently large  $\lambda$  there exist a  $v_0 \ge 0$  such that for  $v \ge v_0$ 

(6) 
$$1 < \frac{\lambda}{2} \leq (\lambda - 1) \frac{[\varphi(v)]}{\varphi(v)}$$

and

(7) 
$$\frac{v}{\lambda}\varphi\left(\frac{v}{\lambda}\right) \ge 1$$
.

Using (5), (6) and the fact that  $\varphi(v) \leq v\varphi(v)$  we get inequality (2) for  $v \geq v_0$ . Since  $\lambda$  can be arbitrarily large (2) implies that  $\lim_{u\to\infty}\varphi(u) = \infty$  and hence that  $\Psi$  does not jump to infinity. We next show that  $\Psi$  satisfies the  $\varDelta_2$ -condition.

Let  $\lambda$  be large but fixed and write  $l = (1/2k) \log (\lambda/2)$ . Then (2) states that

(8) 
$$l\varphi\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}\right) \leq \varphi(t)$$

for  $t \ge v_0$ . This implies, on taking inverses, that there is a number  $s_0$  such that for  $s \ge s_0$ 

(9) 
$$\psi(s) \leq \lambda \psi\left(\frac{s}{l}\right).$$

Thus

$$\int_{s_0}^v \psi(s) ds \leq \lambda \int_{s_0}^v \psi\Big(rac{s}{l}\Big) ds = \lambda l \int_{s_0/l}^{v/l} \psi(s) ds$$

or

(10) 
$$\Psi(v) - \Psi(s_0) \leq \lambda l \left[ \Psi\left(\frac{v}{l}\right) - \Psi\left(\frac{s_0}{l}\right) \right].$$

This shows that for sufficiently large v

(11) 
$$\Psi(lv) \leq 2\lambda l\Psi(v)$$

and hence proves that  $\Psi$  satisfies the  $\varDelta_2$ -condition.

If  $||S_n(f)||_{\varphi} \leq A||f||_{\varphi}$  for all  $f \in L_{\varphi}$  then it follows that  $||S_n(g)||_{\mathcal{M}^{\varphi}} \leq A||g||_{\mathcal{M}^{\varphi}}$  for all  $g \in L_{\mathcal{M}^{\varphi}}$  or, equivalently, that  $||S_n(g)||_{\varphi} \leq 2A||g||_{\varphi}$  for all  $g \in L_{\varphi}$ . Since we have shown that  $\Psi$  does not jump to  $\infty$  we can interchange the rôle of  $\varphi$  and  $\Psi$  in the above argument to show that  $\varphi$  satisfies the  $\mathcal{A}_2$ -condition. This proves that  $L_{\varphi}$  is reflexive and completes the proof of Theorem 2.

4. In this section we prove a general result about reflexive Orlicz

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spaces which combined with the classical results of M. Riesz [6; vol. I, p. 253 and p. 266] yields the unproved half of Theorem 1 as well as the converse of Theorem 2.

THEOREM 3. Suppose that T is a bounded linear operator on  $L_p$  into  $L_p$  for  $1 . Then if <math>L_{\phi}$  is reflexive T is defined and bounded on  $L_{\phi}$  into  $L_{\phi}$ .

*Proof.* The proof consists of showing that  $\Phi$  can be replaced by an equivalent function  $\Phi_1(\Phi \sim \Phi_1)$  such that  $\Phi_1$  satisfies the conditions of the Marcinkiewicz theorem on the interpolation of operations i.e. such that

(12) 
$$\int_{u}^{\infty} \frac{\varPhi_{1}(t)}{t^{\beta+1}} dt = O\left\{\frac{\varPhi_{1}(u)}{u^{\beta}}\right\}$$

and

(13) 
$$\int_{1}^{u} \frac{\Phi_{1}(t)}{t^{\alpha+1}} dt = O\left\{\frac{\Phi_{1}(u)}{u^{\alpha}}\right\}$$

for  $u \to \infty$ , where  $1 < \alpha < \beta < \infty$ .

The assumption that  $L_{\varphi}$  is reflexive implies that  $\lim_{u\to\infty} \varphi(u) = \infty$ and hence that  $\lim_{u\to\infty} \varphi(u)/u = \infty$ . By [1; p. 16]  $\varphi$  is equal for sufficiently large values of u to a function M of the form  $M(u) = \int_{0}^{u} p(t) dt$  where p is a nondecreasing right continuous function with  $\lim_{u\to0} p(u) = 0$  and  $\lim_{u\to\infty} p(u) = \infty$ . Clearly  $\varphi \sim M$ .

By [1; p. 46] the function  $M_1$  defined by  $M_1(u) = \int_0^w (M(t)/t) dt$  is equivalent to M and hence to  $\varphi$ . The derivative of  $M_1$  is continuous and strictly increasing.

Since  $L_{\varphi}$  is reflexive both  $\varphi$  and  $\Psi$  satisfy the  $\Delta_2$ -condition. Thus both  $M_1$  and its conjugate Young's function  $N_1$  satisfy the  $\Delta_2$ -condition [1; p. 23]. According to [1; pp. 26-27] this implies the existence of numbers a, b, and  $u_0 \ge 0$  with  $1 < a < b < \infty$  such that

$$1 < a < \frac{uM_1'(u)}{M_1(u)} < b$$

for all  $u \ge u_0$ . If we define  $\varphi_1$  by

$$arPsi_{1}(u) = egin{cases} rac{M_{1}(u_{0})}{u_{0}^{a}} \, u^{a} \, ext{ for } u \leq u_{0} \ M_{1}(u) & ext{ for } u \geq u_{0} \end{cases}$$

we obtain a function  $\Phi_1 \sim \Phi$  such that

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(14) 
$$1 < a \leq \frac{u\varphi_{i}(u)}{\varphi_{i}(u)} \leq b$$

for all  $u \ge 0$ .

We next show that  $\Phi_1$  satisfies (12) and (13) for suitably chosen  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . In particular choose  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $1 < \alpha < a \leq b < \beta < \infty$ . This is clearly possible. In what follows all of the integrals will exist as finite numbers because of (14).

Integration by parts shows that

(15) 
$$\int_{u}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi_{1}(t)}{t^{\beta}} dt = \beta \int_{u}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi_{1}(t)}{t^{\beta+1}} dt - \frac{\varphi_{1}(u)}{u^{\beta}}$$

and

(16) 
$$\int_0^u \frac{\varphi_1(t)}{t^{\alpha}} dt = \alpha \int_0^u \frac{\varphi_1(t)}{t^{\alpha+1}} dt + \frac{\varphi_1(u)}{u^{\alpha}} dt$$

From (14) we obtain

(17) 
$$\int_{u}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi_{1}(t)}{t^{\beta}} dt \leq b \int_{u}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi_{1}(t)}{t^{\beta+1}} dt$$

and

(18) 
$$\int_0^u \frac{\varphi_1(t)}{t^{\alpha}} dt \ge a \int_0^u \frac{\varphi_1(t)}{t^{\alpha+1}} dt .$$

Combining (15) with (17) and (16) with (18) shows that

(19) 
$$\int_{u}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi_{1}(t)}{t^{\beta+1}} dt \leq \frac{1}{\beta-b} \left\{ \frac{\varphi_{1}(u)}{u^{\beta}} \right\}$$

and

(20) 
$$\int_0^u \frac{\varPhi_1(t)}{t^{\alpha+1}} dt \leq \frac{1}{a-\alpha} \left\{ \frac{\varPhi_1(u)}{u^{\alpha}} \right\}.$$

This shows that  $\varphi_1$  satisfies (12) and (13). Thus by the Marcinkiewicz theorem and Theorem 10.14 of [6; vol I, p. 174] there exists a constant  $K_1$  such that  $||Tf||_{\varphi_1} \leq K_1 ||f||_{\varphi_1}$  for all  $f \in L_{\varphi_1}$ . Since  $\varphi \sim \varphi_1$  there is a constant K such that  $||Tf||_{\varphi} \leq K ||f||_{\varphi}$  for all  $f \in L_{\varphi}$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 3.

Statements of the standard corollaries of Theorem 1 can be found in [2].

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