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# *Dedication*

*To :*

*My Parents*

*Sister*

*and Brother .*

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# Abstract

We give a general treatment of the union problem for not necessarily perfect or weakly perfect ,measurable spaces. We introduce variable exponent Lebesgue spaces on metric measure spaces and consider a central tool in geometric analysis and the Hardy –Littlewood maximal operator. We study relatively compact sets in variable Lebesgue spaces. The full characterization of such sets is given in the case of variable Lebesgue space on metric measure spaces .

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# Chapter 1

## *Perfect measurable spaces*

We focused on the following (measurable) union problem: let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of a space  $X$  and  $X_i \in \mathcal{A} (i \in I)$ . What conditions on  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $X_i (i \in I)$ . Guarantee the existence of a subfamily  $X_i (i \in I)$  whose union is not measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$ , i.e. does not belong to  $\mathcal{A}$ ? Usually it is assumed that the family  $X_i (i \in I)$  is point-finite, i.e.  $\{i \in I : x \in X_i\}$  is finite for all  $x \in X$ , and that the  $X_i$  are small, i.e. belong to some  $\sigma$ -ideal.

### **Section(1.1) Perfect and Weekly Perfect Measurable Space with Example :**

During the recent years a good deal of attention was focused on the following (measurable) union problem: let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of a space  $X$  and  $X_i \in \mathcal{A} (i \in I)$ . What conditions on  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $X_i (i \in I)$ . guarantee the existence of a subfamily  $X_i (i \in I)$  whose union is not measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$ , i.e. does not belong to  $\mathcal{A}$ ? Usually it is assumed that the family  $X_i (i \in I)$  is point-finite, i.e.  $\{i \in I : x \in X_i\}$  is finite for all  $x \in X$ , and that the  $X_i$  are small, i.e. belong to some  $\sigma$ -ideal. The main goal of the present chapter is to give a general treatment of the union problem which yields most of the results in the literature as special cases.

Our own work received impetus from an unpublished result of R. Solovay, which is as follows:

**Theorem (1.1.1) [1] :** Let  $X_i (i \in I)$  be a disjoint partition of the interval  $[0, 1]$  where each  $X_i$  has Lebesgue measure zero. Then there is some  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $\bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\}$  is not Lebesgue measurable.

**Theorem(1.1.2) [1] :** Let  $f: [0,1] \rightarrow X$  be Lebesgue measurable, where  $X$  is a metric space. Then there is a closed separable  $Y \subseteq X$  such that  $f^{-1}(Y)$  has Lebesgue measure one.

Theorem(1.1.2) can also be restated as follows. Letting  $\mu$  denote the Lebesgue measure on  $[0,1]$ , we can define a Borel measure  $\nu$  on  $X$  by setting

$$\nu(B) = \mu(f^{-1}(B))$$

For  $B \subseteq X$ ,  $B$  Borel. theorem(1.1.2) is then equivalent to: there is a closed separable  $Y$  such that  $\nu(Y) = 1$ .

Another equivalent result is the following generalised Lusin theorem (In the mathematical field of real analysis, Lusin's theorem (or Luzin's theorem named for Nikolai Luzin), states that every measurable function is a continuous function on nearly all its domain. In the informal formulation of J.E. Littlewood, "every measurable function is nearly continuous" [5].

**Theorem (1.1.3) [1]:** Under the assumptions of theorem(1.1.2), there is a compact  $K \subseteq [0,1]$  such that  $\mu(K) > 0$  and  $f \setminus K$  is continuous. Theorem(1.1.3) is well known when  $X$  is separable, being only a slight extension of the classical Lusin's theorem. To pinpoint further the nature of the above results it is necessary to comment on their relationship to the problem of the existence of real-valued measurable r.v.m. cardinals. This was pointed out by Kuratowski. In outline, supposing that theorem(1.1.1) is false, one defines a measure  $\nu$  on  $\mathcal{P}(I)$  by setting

$$\nu(J) = \mu(\bigcup\{X_i : i \in J\}) \quad (J \subseteq I).$$

Then  $\nu$  is a countably additive diffuse probability measure on  $\mathcal{P}(I)$ , and the existence of a real-valued measurable cardinal follows.

Thus the importance of Theorem (1.1.1.) lies in eliminating the assumption that there is no r.v.m. cardinal. This situation is fairly typical. the following result of Marczewski and Sikorski.

**Theorem(1.1.4) [1] :** Suppose that there is no r.v.m. cardinal. Let  $X$  be a metric space and  $\mu$  a Borel probability measure on  $X$ . Then there is a closed separable subspace  $Y$  such that  $\mu(Y) = 1$ . theorem(1.1.4) also easily implies Theorems(1.1.2) and (1.1.3). (in the absence of r.v.m. cardinals), The main part of the proof of Theorem (1.1.4) is the construction of a covering of a set of positive measure by disjoint measure zero sets, there by creating the situation described at the outset.

**Theorem(1.1.5) [1]:** Let  $X$  be a metacompact space and,  $\mu$  a regular Borel probability measure on  $X$ . Then either there is a closed Lindelöf subspace  $Y$  such that  $\mu(Y) = 1$ , or  $X$  has a discrete subspace whose cardinality is real-valued measurable.

Once again, in the proof one considers a covering of a set of positive measure by open null sets. Exploiting the metacompactness one refines this covering to a point-finite one. Then, after further work, one succeeds in disjointizing the sets.

Thus, while studying measures on topological spaces it usually suffices to work with disjoint families. However, point-finite coverings enter naturally and it is not always obvious how to accomplish an adequate disjointization. In an abstract situation, this constitutes a much more difficult problem than the disjoint case. Another interesting point is that if the disjointization is not possible, the connection with r.v.m. cardinals is no longer clear. Unlike Theorem(1.1.1), it is clear that the assumption that there is no r.v.m. cardinal cannot be omitted in



Theorems(1.1.4) and (1.1.5) , (just consider a discrete space  $X$  of r.v.m. cardinality). A moment of reflection, however, shows that Theorem(1.1.2) partially restores the validity of Theorem(1.1.4), without assuming the non-existence of r.v.m. A more general result is due to Koumoullis and Pachl.

**Theorem(1.1.6) [1] :** Let  $X$  be a metric space and  $\mu$  a perfect probability Borel measure on  $X$ . Then either  $\mu$  is a Radon measure (that is, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a compact subset  $K$  with  $\mu(K) > 1 - \varepsilon$ ), or there is a closed discrete subset  $Y$  whose cardinal  $|Y|$  is  $\{0,1\}$ -measurable. Perfect measures were introduced by Gnedenko and Kolmogorov. Theorem(1.1.6) implies Lusin's Theorem for perfect measures on metric spaces and mappings into metric spaces with cardinality  $<$  the least measurable cardinal. For Radon measure spaces and mappings into any metric space, Lusin's Theorem was obtained by Fremlin. To generalize theorem(1.1.6) to developable spaces. The key to theorem(1.1.6) is the realization that Theorem(1.1.1) above remains valid for any perfect measure if  $|I| < \text{the least}(\{0,1\})$ -measurable cardinal. An important advantage associated with the setting of perfect measures is that the cardinality restrictions are much less severe (the least measurable cardinal as opposed to  $2^{x_0}$  which is at least implicit in Theorems (1.1.1),(1.1.2),(1.1.3). Having realized the significance of the union problem in measure theory it is natural to inquire what happens for other  $\sigma$ -algebras and ideals. For example, what happens when  $\mathcal{A}$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra of sets with the property of Baire and  $X_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) are meager? Recall that a subset  $S$  of a topological space has the property of Baire if  $S$  can be expressed as  $S = S_0 \Delta S_1$  where  $S_0$  is open and  $S_1$  is meager. Bukovsky proved:

**Theorem (1.1.7) [1] :** Let  $X_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) be a disjoint partition of the interval  $[0, 1]$  into meager sets. Then there is some  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $\bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\}$  does not have the property of Baire. Another interesting result of this type was recently obtained by Louveau and Simpson. To describe their result, let  $\mathbb{N}$  denote the space of natural numbers with the discrete topology. Then  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$  traditionally denotes the space of non-empty closed subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  with the Vietoris topology. Louveau and Simpson consider the subspace  $\Omega$  of  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$  consisting of the infinite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  and obtain the analogue of Theorem (1.1.7) for  $\Omega$ . Actually, in their result  $X_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) is point-finite. But Fremlin shows that in general if Theorem (1.1.7) holds for some space  $X$ , then it also holds when  $X_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) is a point-finite covering of  $X$ . The space  $\Omega$  has recently come into prominence due to the work of Ellentuck who showed that  $\Omega$  plays an important role in generalizing Ramsey's Theorem. Such generalizations of Ramsey's Theorem have recently found applications in Banach space theory. Our results on measurable spaces generalize both theorem(1.1.7). as well as the Louveau-Simpson result. The analogue of theorem(1.1.7) holds for other spaces (developable, Tech-complete and  $K$ -analytic). All results discussed so far were connected either with measure or category. A general theorem which includes both of these as special cases is due to Brzuchowski et al. In order to be able to state their result we need a definition. An ideal  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ , where  $X$  is a topological space, is said to have a Borel base if every set in  $\mathcal{P}$  is a subset of a Borel set belonging to  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**Theorem(1.1.8)[1] :** Let  $X$  be a Polish space (that is, a complete separable metric space) and  $\mathcal{P}$  be a  $\sigma$ -ideal with a Borel base. Let  $X_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) be a point-finite covering of  $X$  by sets from  $\mathcal{P}$ . Then there is some  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $\bigcup\{X_i : i \in I\}$  does not differ from a Borel set by a set from  $\mathcal{P}$ . theorem(1.1.8) was obtained by Prikry for the case of measure and category for all separable (not necessarily complete) metric spaces. These results are presented here. They are not covered by the general theory of perfect measurable spaces whereas Theorem (1.1.8) above is.

For a set  $I$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(I)$  denotes the power set of  $I$  and  $\aleph_I$  denotes the cardinal of  $I$  is the cardinal of the continuum.

All topological spaces  $X$  are assumed to be at least Hausdorff.  $\mathfrak{B}(X)$  denotes the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ , i.e., the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the closed sets in  $X$ . we also consider the Baire  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{B}_a(X)$  which is generated by the zero sets of continuous functions.

As usual, if  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a measurable space and  $Y$  is a topological space,  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable if for all open  $U \subseteq Y$  (equivalently, for all Borel  $U \subseteq Y$ ),  $f^{-1}(U) \in \mathcal{A}$ . Most of the subsequent discussion evolves around a triple  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  where  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a measurable space and  $\mathcal{p}$  is an ideal of subsets of  $X$  (i.e.  $\mathcal{p}$  is closed under taking subsets and finite unions). Usually, we assume that  $\mathcal{p}$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal (i.e.  $\mathcal{p}$  is closed under enumerable unions). In this case, if we set

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{p}} = \{A \Delta Y : A \in \mathcal{A}, Y \in \mathcal{p}\}$$

then  $(X, \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{p}})$  is a measurable space. We say that a family  $\mathcal{y} \subseteq \mathcal{p}(X)$  is a base for  $\mathcal{p}$  if every set in  $\mathcal{p}$  is contained in a set in  $\mathcal{y} \cap \mathcal{p}$ . If there is a base  $\mathcal{y} \subseteq \mathcal{p}$  we say that  $\mathcal{p}$  has an  $\mathcal{A}$ -base.

**Definition(1.1.9)[1]:**  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is a perfect (resp. weakly perfect) measurable space if whenever  $f: X \rightarrow R$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable there is an analytic  $A \subseteq f(X)$  such that  $X - f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{p}$  (resp.  $f^{-1}(A) \notin \mathcal{p}$ ). In addition,  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is weakly perfect if  $X \in \mathcal{p}$ .

Essentially the same concept of perfect measurable spaces was introduced independently by Fremlin who used the term ‘semi-perfect’. Our results on these spaces were obtained in 1981 while the first author was visiting the University of Minnesota. Clearly, if  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is perfect, then it is weakly perfect. Note that in the above definition  $f^{-1}(A)$  does not necessarily belong to  $\mathcal{A}$  (i.e. might be non-measurable). However, in most applications,  $f^{-1}(A)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}$  or at least to  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{p}}$ . This is true if  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under the Suslin operation, or if  $\mathcal{p}$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal with an  $\mathcal{A}$ -base and  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is perfect.

The seminal instance of perfect measurable spaces is connected with the concept of perfect measures. Here we shall give a well known equivalent definitions : a probability measure space

$(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is perfect if for every  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  there is a Borel subset  $B$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $B \subseteq f(X)$  and  $\mu(f^{-1}(B)) = 1$ . The class of perfect measures includes Borel probability measures on separable complete metric spaces, or more generally Radon probability measures. This follows easily from Lusin's Theorem. Moreover, the completion of a perfect measure space is perfect, as is every  $\{0,1\}$ -valued probability measure. It is easy to see that iff  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is a probability measure space, it is perfect iff  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is perfect where  $\mathcal{p}$  is the ideal of  $\mu$ -measure zero sets. One direction follows from every Borel set being analytic and the other direction from every analytic set universally measurable.

We can define  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  to be weakly perfect if the corresponding  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is weakly perfect. For a probability Borel measure  $\mu$  on a separable metric space we have that  $\mu$  is perfect iff  $\mu$  is Radon and that  $\mu$  is weakly perfect iff there is a compact set of positive measure. Both of these results follow from the proof of Lemma (1.1.19).

The  $\sigma$ -algebra of sets with the property of Baire and the corresponding ideal — that of meager sets — also provide examples of perfect (resp. weakly perfect) measurable spaces, which we shall call perfect (resp. weakly perfect) category spaces. If the underlying space  $X$  is a complete separable metric space, then we have an example of a perfect category space. This can be seen by using the theorem that if  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has the property of Baire, then there is a dense  $G_\delta$  — set  $G$  such that  $f \restriction G$  is continuous.

If  $X$  is an analytic separable metric space, then  $(X, \mathcal{B}(X), \{\emptyset\})$  is perfect, and thus  $(X, \mathcal{B}(X), \mathcal{p})$ , for an arbitrary  $\mathcal{p}$  is likewise perfect. More generally,  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \{\emptyset\})$  clearly is perfect iff  $f(X)$  is analytic for every  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  These are exactly the smooth spaces of Falkner. If  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is perfect and  $\mathcal{p}$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal with an  $\mathcal{A}$ -base, then  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is perfect, and similarly for 'weakly perfect'. Hence in particular, if  $X$  is an analytic separable metric space and  $\mathcal{p}$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal with a Borel base, then  $(X, \mathcal{B}(X), \mathcal{p})$  is perfect.

**Theorem(1.1.10) [1] :** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  be a perfect (resp. weakly perfect) measurable space and  $X_i (i \in I)$  be a point-finite covering of  $X$ . set

$$\mathcal{A}' = \{J \subseteq I: \{X_i : i \in J\} \in \mathcal{A}\},$$

$$\mathcal{p}' = \{J \subseteq I: \{X_i : i \in J\} \in \mathcal{p}\}.$$

This theorem is relatively easy to prove if  $X_i : i \in I$  are disjoint. Then  $\mathcal{A}'$  is automatically a  $\sigma$ -algebra. In general  $\mathcal{A}'$  is not a  $\sigma$ -algebra; but it is always closed under enumerable unions. Our proof shows that in general the 'paved' space  $(I, \mathcal{A}', \mathcal{p}')$  is perfect (resp. weakly perfect).

**Proof :** Let  $f: I \rightarrow (0,1)$  be  $\mathcal{A}'$ -measurable. We shall show that there is an analytic  $A' \subseteq f(I)$  such that  $I - f^{-1}(A') \in \mathcal{p}$  (resp.  $f^{-1}(A') \notin \mathcal{p}$ ).

Let  $g: X \rightarrow [0,1]^{\mathbb{N}}$  be the associated many-valued function. Then  $g$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable by Lemma(1.1.17). Since  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is perfect (resp. weakly perfect), there is, by Lemma(1.1.18), an analytic  $A \subseteq G(X)$  such that  $X - g^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{p}$  (resp.  $g^{-1}(A) \notin \mathcal{p}$ ). Hence all  $\pi_k(A)$  are analytic subsets of  $[0,1]$  and so is  $\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \pi_k(A)$ .

Moreover, setting

$$A' = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \pi_k(A) - \{1\},$$

We have that  $A'$  is analytic and  $A' \subseteq f(I)$ .

We claim that  $X_i \cap g^{-1}(A) = \emptyset$  for all  $i \in I - f^{-1}(A')$ . Indeed, if  $x \in X_i \cap g^{-1}(A)$  then, by the definition of  $g$ , we have  $f(i) = \pi_k(g(x))$  for some  $k$  and  $f(i) \neq 1$ . Since  $g(x) \in A$ ,  $f(i) \in \pi_k(A) - \{1\} \subseteq A'$ .

If  $X - g^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{p}$ , then by the claim

$$\bigcup \{X_i : i \in I - f^{-1}(A')\} \in \mathcal{p},$$

that is,  $I - f^{-1}(A') \in \mathcal{p}'$ . Similarly  $g^{-1}(A) \notin \mathcal{p}'$ . This completes the proof. For the proof of Theorem(1.1.11) we need to analyze perfect and weakly perfect spaces of the form  $(X, \mathcal{p}(X), \mathcal{p})$ .

**Theorem(1.1.11) [1] :** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space and  $\mathcal{p}$  a  $\sigma$ -ideal on  $X$ . Let  $X_i : i \in I$  be a point-finite covering of  $X$ . Also suppose that one of the conditions (a), (b) below holds:

(a)  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is perfect,  $|I| < \text{the least measurable cardinal}$  and there is no  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $|J| \leq x_0$  and  $X - \bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\} \in \mathcal{p}$ .

(b)  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is weakly perfect,  $|I| \leq c$  and  $X_i \in \mathcal{p}$  for all  $i \in I$  and  $x \notin \mathcal{p}$ . then there is some  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $\bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\} \notin \mathcal{A}$ . Moreover, if  $\mathcal{A}$ -base, then there is some  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $\bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\} \notin \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{p}}$ .

**Proof :** We start by proving the first conclusion of theorem(1.1.11). We define a  $\sigma$ -ideal  $\mathcal{p}'$  on  $I$  as in the statement of theorem (1.1.10). Supposing that case (a) is false it follows from theorem(1.1.10) that  $(I, \mathcal{p}(1), \mathcal{p}')$  is perfect. Applying Lemma(1.1.20) for the partition of  $I$  into singletons, we conclude that  $1 - J \in \mathcal{p}'$  for some at most enumerable  $J$ . Hence it easily follows that  $X - \bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\} \in \mathcal{p}$ , a contradiction. The proof of case (b) follows similarly by contradiction applying Lemma(1.1.21).

The second conclusion follows from the first and Lemma(1.1.22). concluding the proof of Theorem(1.1.11).

**Theorem(1.1.12) [1] :** Let  $(Y_\alpha, \mathcal{A}_\alpha), (\alpha \in K)$ , be measurable spaces, where  $K$  is arbitrary, and  $|Y_\alpha| < \kappa$  the least measurable cardinal. Set

$$X = \prod_{\alpha \in K} Y_\alpha$$

And let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the usual product  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{p}$  is any  $\sigma$ -ideal such that  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is perfect and  $X_i : i \in I$  a point-finite covering of  $X$  such that there is no  $J \subseteq I$  with  $|J| \leq \kappa_0$  and  $X - \bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\} \in \mathcal{p}$ . Then there is some  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $\bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\} \notin \mathcal{A}$ . Moreover, if  $\mathcal{p}$  has an  $\mathcal{A}$ -base, then there is some  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $\bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\} \notin \mathcal{A}_\mathcal{p}$ .

**Proof:** As in Theorem (1.1.11) the second conclusion follows from the first and Lemma(1.1.22) So we shall prove only the first conclusion. Suppose that this is false. We proceed as in the proof of Lemma(1.1.20)(a)  $\rightarrow$  (c). So we can assume that  $X_i \in \mathcal{A}$  for all  $i \in I$  and that  $X \notin \mathcal{p}$ . Then we define

$$\mathcal{p}' = \{J \subseteq I : \bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\} \in \mathcal{p}\}$$

So that  $(1, \mathcal{p}(1), \mathcal{p}')$  is perfect and  $\mathcal{p}'$  is  $\omega_1$ -saturate Theorem(1.1.10) and Lemma(1.1.19)). Again by Ulam's Theorem, either there exists some  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $\mathcal{p}' \cap \mathcal{p}(1)$  is a proper maximal ideal on  $J$ , or there exists a partition of  $I$  into  $\leq \kappa$  sets in  $\mathcal{p}'$ . By Theorem (1.1.11) the second alternative in Ulam's Theorem cannot occur.

Now if  $J$  is as in the first alternative, let  $\lambda$  be the additivity degree of  $\mathcal{p}' \cap \mathcal{p}(J)$ . then  $\lambda$  is a measurable cardinal and there are disjoint sets  $I_\alpha \in \mathcal{p}' \cap \mathcal{p}(J)$  ( $\alpha \in \lambda$ ) such that

$$J = \bigcup \{I_\alpha : \alpha \in \lambda\}.$$

We consider the family

$$X'_\alpha = \bigcup \{X_i : i \in I_\alpha\} (\alpha \in \lambda).$$

This is a point-finite family of sets from  $\mathcal{p}$ , the union of every subfamily of  $X_\alpha$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}$  and

$$(X_1 = \bigcup \{X'_\alpha : \alpha \in \lambda\}) \notin \mathcal{p}.$$

Now we can extend the perfect space

$$(X_1, \mathcal{p}(X_1) \cap \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p} \cap \mathcal{p}(X_1))$$

Back to  $X$ , putting  $X - X_1$  to a new ideal, the resulting space being perfect. This means that we can assume that  $I = \lambda$  and  $\mathcal{p}'$  is  $\lambda$ complete.

Now we set  $Z_\xi = \bigcup_{\eta \leq \xi} X_\eta$  ( $\xi \in \lambda$ ). Since  $\mathcal{p}'$  is  $\lambda$ complete  $Z_\xi \notin \mathcal{p}$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is a product  $\sigma$ -algebra and  $Z_\xi \in \mathcal{A}$ , we can pick an enumerable  $E_\xi \subseteq \lambda$  such that

$$Z_\xi = C_\xi \times \prod \{Y_\alpha : \alpha \in \lambda - E_\xi\}$$

And

$$C_\xi = \prod \{Y_\alpha : \alpha \in E_\xi\}$$

for every  $\xi \in \lambda$ .

By the  $\Delta$ -system of Erdos and Rado. There is some  $E \subseteq \lambda$  and  $J \subseteq \lambda$  such that  $|J| = \lambda$  and for all  $\xi$  and  $\eta \in J$ , if  $\xi \neq \eta$  then  $E_\xi \cap E_\eta = E$ . Pick  $t_\xi \in C_\xi$  for  $\xi \in J$ . Since  $|\prod \{Y_\alpha : \alpha \in E\}| < \text{the least measurable cardinal}$ , there is some  $k \subseteq J$  and  $t \in \prod \{Y_\alpha : \alpha \in E\}$  such that  $|K| = \lambda$  and  $t_\xi \setminus E = t$  for  $\xi \in K$ . It is now easy to find an  $x \in X$  such that  $x \setminus E_\xi = t_\xi$  for all  $\xi \in K$ . Hence  $x \in Z_\xi$  for all  $\xi \in K$ , contradicting the point-finiteness and the proof is complete.

**Theorem(1.1.13) [1] :** If  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is a perfect measurable space and  $X_i : (i \in I)$  is a point-finite covering of  $X$  such that  $X_i \notin \mathcal{p}$  and  $\bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\} \in \mathcal{A}$  for all  $J \subseteq I$ , then  $I$  is at most enumerable. We also have useful characterizations of perfect and weakly perfect measurable spaces (Theorems (1.1.14) and (1.1.15)).

**Proof:** Define

$$\mathcal{p}' = \{J \subseteq I : \bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\} \in \mathcal{p}\}.$$

By Theorem(1.1.10),  $(1, \mathcal{p}(X), \mathcal{p}')$  is perfect and Lemma(1.1.19) implies that  $\mathcal{p}'$  is  $\omega_1$ -saturated. Since  $\{i\} \notin \mathcal{p}'$  for every  $i \in I$ , it follows that  $I$  is at most enumerable.

**Theorem(1.1.14)[1] :** For a triple  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  the following are equivalent:

(a)  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is perfect.

(b) For every countably generated  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}' \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  there is some  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and an analytic set  $A \subseteq f(X)$  such that

(i)  $\mathcal{A}' \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ , and (ii)  $X - f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{P}$ .

(c) For every Suslin scheme  $A(s) \in \mathcal{A}$  where  $s$  ranges over finite sequences from  $\mathbb{N}$ , there is an analytic  $C \subseteq \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that

(i)  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A(\sigma \setminus n) \neq \emptyset$  for  $\sigma \in C$ , and (ii)  $\bigcup_{\sigma \notin C} \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A(\sigma \setminus n) \in \mathcal{P}$ .

(d) This is the same as (c), but in addition,  $A(s)$  are decreasing and disjoint in the sense that if  $\sigma, \tau \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $\sigma \neq \tau$ , then

$$\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A(\sigma \setminus n) \cap \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A(\tau \setminus n) = \emptyset.$$

**Proof :** (a)  $\rightarrow$  (b). Let  $\mathcal{A}' \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  be a countably generated  $\sigma$ -algebra. Then there is some  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}' = f^{-1}(\mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable and there is an analytic  $A \subseteq f(X)$  such that  $X - f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{P}$ .

(b)  $\rightarrow$  (c). Let  $\mathcal{A}'$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated all the  $A(s)$ . Let  $f$  and  $A$  now be as in (b). It suffices to show that

$$C = \{\sigma \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} : \bigcap_n A(\sigma \setminus n) \cap f^{-1}(A) \neq \emptyset\}$$

is analytic.

Let  $g: \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow A$  be continuous and onto.

Pick  $B(s) \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $A(s) = f^{-1}(B(s))$ . We show that

$$C = \left\{ \sigma \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} : \bigcap_n g^{-1}(B(\sigma \setminus n)) \neq \emptyset \right\}.$$

First, if  $\tau \in \bigcap_n g^{-1}(B(\sigma \setminus n))$ , then  $g(\tau) \in \bigcap_n B(\sigma \setminus n)$ . Since  $g(\tau) \in A \subset f(X)$ , there is an  $x \in X$  such that  $g(\tau) = f(x)$ . Hence

$$(*)x \in \bigcap_n A(\sigma \setminus n) \cap f^{-1}(A)$$

Secondly, if  $(*)$  holds, then  $f(x) \in A = \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}})$ . Hence  $f(x) = \mathcal{G}(\tau)$  for some  $\tau$ .

Since  $x \in \bigcap_n f^{-1}(B(\sigma \setminus n))$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{G}(\tau) = f(x) \cap \bigcap_n B(\sigma \setminus n)$ , so

$$\tau \in \bigcap_n \mathcal{G}^{-1}(B(\sigma \setminus n)).$$

Hence it now follows that  $C$  is the projection onto the second coordinate of the Borel set

$$\bigcap_n \bigcup_{|s|=n} \mathcal{G}^{-1}(B(s)) \times I(s),$$

Where  $I(s) = \{\sigma \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} \mid \sigma \text{ extends } s\}$ .

$(c) \rightarrow (d)$  is trivial.

$(d) \rightarrow (a)$ . Let  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  be  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable. We shall show that there is an analytic  $C \subseteq f(X)$  such that  $X - f^{-1}(C) \in \mathcal{p}$ . This suffices because  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  is Borel isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $A(s) = f^{-1}(I(s))$  where  $I(s)$  is as above. The Suslin scheme  $A(s)$  is decreasing and disjoint. Let  $C$  be as guaranteed by (d). Then  $C$  works.

The proof of Theorem(1.1.15) is similar to that of Theorem(1.1.14).

**Theorem(1.1.15)[1]** : For a triple  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$ , where  $\mathcal{p}$  is a proper ideal on  $X$  the following are equivalent:

(a)  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is weakly perfect.

(b) This is the same as in Theorem (1.1.14)(b), except that (ii) becomes  $f^{-1}(A) \notin \mathcal{p}$ .

(c) The same as in Theorem(1.1.14)(c), except that (ii) becomes  $\bigcup_{\sigma \notin C} \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A(\sigma \setminus n) \notin \mathcal{p}$ .

(d) The same as (c) with  $A(s)$  decreasing and disjoint.

We shall now prove Theorems (1.1.10)–(1.1.15). For the proof of Theorem(1.1.10), we need the following definition and Lemmas(1.1.17) and (1.1.18); we also assume that  $\mathcal{p}$  is a proper ideal (i. e.  $X \notin \mathcal{p}$ ), the other case being trivial.



**Definition(1.1.16) [1] :** Let  $X = \cup \{X_i : i \in I\}$ , where the family  $\{X_i\}$  is point-finite. Also let  $f: I \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ . Then the associated many-valued function  $g$  is defined as follows:

For each  $x \in X$ , let  $F_x = \{i \in I : x \in X_i\}$  (hence enumerate  $F_x$  is finite). Let  $\langle r_0, r_1, \dots, r_k \rangle$  enumerate  $\{f(i) : i \in F_x\}$  in increasing order. We set  $g(x) = \langle r_0, r_1, \dots, r_k, 1, 1, \dots \rangle \in [0,1]^\mathbb{N}$ . thus  $g: X \rightarrow [0,1]^\mathbb{N}$

**Lemma(1.1.17) [1] :** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space and  $X_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) a point-finite covering of  $X$  set

$$\mathcal{A}' = \{J \subseteq I : \cup \{X_i : i \in J\} \in \mathcal{A}\}.$$

Let  $f: I \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  be  $\mathcal{A}'$ -measurable and  $g: X \rightarrow [0,1]^\mathbb{N}$  be the associated many-valued function. Then  $g$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable.

**Proof:**  $\Pi_k : [0,1]^\mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0,1]$  be the  $K$ -th projection. It clearly suffices to show that for all  $K$ ,  $\mathcal{g}_k = \Pi_k \circ g$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable, that is,  $\mathcal{g}_k^{-1}([0, r]) \in \mathcal{A}$  for every  $r \in [0,1]$ . We prove this by induction on  $k$ .

We have  $\mathcal{g}_0(x) < r$  iff  $x \in X_i$  for some  $i \in I$  such that  $f(i) < r$  iff  $x \in \cup \{X_i : f(i) < r\}$ . Since  $f$  is  $\mathcal{A}'$ -measurable,  $f^{-1}([0, r]) \in \mathcal{A}'$ . Hence  $\cup \{X_i : f(i) < r\} \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{g}_0$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable. For the induction step suppose that  $\mathcal{g}_i$  ( $j \leq k$ ) are  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable. For every open  $U \subseteq [0,1]$  set

$$C_U = \cup \{X_i : f(i) \in U\}.$$

As in the preceding step we conclude that  $C_U \in \mathcal{A}$ . In particular, for open intervals  $(s, r)$ ,  $C_{(s,r)} \in \mathcal{A}$ . We now have  $\mathcal{g}_{k+1}(x) < r$  iff

$$\exists s < r (s \in Q \wedge \mathcal{g}_k(x) \in C_{(s,r)}),$$

Where  $Q$  is the set of rational numbers. Hence

$$\mathcal{g}_{k+1}^{-1}([0, r]) = \bigcup_{s < r} (\mathcal{g}_k^{-1}([0, s]) \cap C_{(s,r)})$$

And we are done.

**Lemma(1.1.18)[1] :** The following are equivalent:

(a)  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is perfect (resp. weakly perfect).

(b) If  $Y$  is a separable metric space and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable, then there is an analytic  $A \subseteq f(X)$  such that  $X - f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{p}$  (resp.  $f^{-1}(A) \notin \mathcal{p}$ ).

**Proof:** (b) implies (a) is trivial. The other direction follows easily from the following well known fact .

If  $Y$  is a separable metric space, then there is a one-to-one function  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f^{-1}: f(Y) \rightarrow Y$  is continuous and for every open  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $F_0$  in  $Y$ .

**Lemma(1.1.19) [1] :**  $(X, \mathcal{p}(X), \mathcal{p})$  is perfect, then  $\mathcal{p}$  is  $\omega_1$ -saturated (i.e. there is no uncountable disjoint family of sets not belonging to  $\mathcal{p}$ ).

**Proof:** Let  $X_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) be a disjoint family of sets not belonging to  $\mathcal{p}$  and assume that  $|I| \leq c$ . It suffices to show that  $|I| \leq x_0$ . Let  $Z$  be a totally imperfect (i.e. containing no nonempty perfect set) subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $|Z| = c$ . By a well known theorem, every analytic subset of  $Z$  is at most enumerable. Now consider a function  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $f(X) \subseteq Z$ ,  $f \restriction X_i$  constant and  $f(X_i) \neq f(X_j)$  for every  $i$  and  $j \in I, i \neq j$ . Since  $(X, \mathcal{p}(X), \mathcal{p})$  is perfect and  $f$  is trivially  $\mathcal{p}(X)$ -measurable, there is an analytic  $A \subseteq f(X)$  such that  $X - f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{p}$ . Thus  $|A| \leq x_0$  and  $X_i \subseteq f^{-1}(A)$ . Thus  $|I| \leq x_0$  as required.

**Lemma(1.1.20) [1] :** The following are equivalent if  $\mathcal{p}$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal on  $X$ :

(a)  $(X, \mathcal{p}(X), \mathcal{p})$  is perfect.

(b) For every partition of  $X, X_i (i \in I)$  where  $|I| \leq c$ , there is an at most enumerable  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $X - \bigcup \{X_i: i \in J\} \in \mathcal{p}$ .

(c) The same as (b) except that  $|I| < \text{the least measurable cardinal}$ .

**Proof:** (a)  $\rightarrow$  (b). As in the previous lemma we consider a totally imperfect set  $Z$  of real numbers and a function  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $f(X) \subseteq Z$ ,  $f \restriction X_i$  constant and  $f(X_i) \neq f(X_j)$  for every  $i$  and  $j \in I, i \neq j$ . Since  $(X, \mathcal{p}(X), \mathcal{p})$  is perfect, there is an analytic  $A \subseteq f(X)$  such that  $X - f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{p}$ . Then  $|A| \leq x_0$  and setting

$$J = \{i \in I: f(X_i) \subseteq A\}$$

We have  $|J| \leq x_0$  and  $X - \bigcup \{X_i: i \in J\} \in \mathcal{p}$ .

(b)  $\rightarrow$  (a). For every function  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we apply (b) for the partition  $\{f^{-1}(\{y\}): y \in f(X)\}$ . Thus there is an at most enumerable, hence also analytic,  $A \subseteq f(X)$  such that  $X - f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{p}$ .

(c)  $\rightarrow$  (a) is trivial. So it remains to show (a)  $\rightarrow$  (c). Assume that  $(X, \mathcal{p}(X), \mathcal{p})$  is perfect and let  $X_i (i \in I)$  be a partition of  $X$ , where  $|I| < \text{the least measurable cardinal}$ . By Lemma (1.1.2.11),  $\mathcal{p}$  is  $\omega_1$ -saturated, so  $J = \{i \in I: X_i \notin \mathcal{p}\}$  is at most enumerable.

We claim that

$$X_1 = X - \cup \{X_i: i \in J\} \in \mathcal{p}.$$

Suppose that the claim is false and consider the perfect space

$$(X_1, \mathcal{p}(X_1), \mathcal{p} \cap \mathcal{p}(X_1)),$$

where  $\mathcal{p} \cap \mathcal{p}(X_1)$  is a proper ideal on  $X_1$ . This space can be ‘extended’ back to  $X$  by putting  $X - X_1$  into the new proper ideal on  $X$ , the resulting space being perfect. So we can assume that  $J = \emptyset$ , i.e.,  $X_i \in \mathcal{p}$  for all  $i \in I$ , and that  $X \notin \mathcal{p}$ .

Define

$$\mathcal{p}' = \{J \subseteq I: \cup \{X_i: i \in J\} \in \mathcal{p}\}.$$

By Theorem (1.1.10),  $(I, \mathcal{p}(1), \mathcal{p}')$  is perfect and Lemma (1.1.19) implies that  $\mathcal{p}'$  is  $w_1$ -saturated. Moreover, we have  $\{i\} \in \mathcal{p}'$  for all  $i \in I$  and  $I \notin \mathcal{p}'$ . either there exists some  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $\mathcal{p}' \cap \mathcal{p}(J)$  is a proper maximal  $\sigma$ -ideal on  $J$ , or there exists a partition of  $I$  into  $\leq c$  sets in  $\mathcal{p}'$ . If  $J$  is as in the first alternative of Ulam’s Theorem, let  $\lambda$  be the additivity degree of the ideal  $\mathcal{p}' \cap \mathcal{p}(J)$ , i.e., the least cardinal such that there are sets  $I_\alpha \in \mathcal{p}' \cap \mathcal{p}(J) (\alpha \in \lambda)$  with  $J = \cup \{I_\alpha: \alpha \in \lambda\}$ . It is known that  $\lambda$  is a measurable cardinal, which is a contradiction since  $\lambda \leq |J| \leq |I|$ . If the second alternative occurs we come again to a contradiction because  $(I, \mathcal{p}(1), \mathcal{p}')$  is perfect and we already know that (a)  $\rightarrow$  (b). This completes the proof of Lemma(1.1.20).

**Lemma(1.1.21) [1] :** The following are equivalent if  $\mathcal{p}$  is a proper  $\sigma$ -ideal on  $X$ :

(a)  $(X, \mathcal{p}(X), \mathcal{p})$  is weakly perfect.

(b) For every partition of  $X, X_i (i \in I)$  where  $|I| \leq c$ , there is an at most enumerable  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $\cup \{X_i: i \in J\} \notin \mathcal{p}$ .

The proof is similar as that of Lemma(1.1.20), (a)  $\leftrightarrow$  (b).

**Lemma(1.1.22)[1] :** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  be perfect (resp. weakly perfect), where  $\mathcal{p}$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal with an  $\mathcal{A}$ -base. Then  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is perfect (resp. weakly perfect).

**Proof:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{p}}$ -measurable. Lemma(1.1.2.14) clearly follows if we can find an  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable  $g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\{x: f(x) \neq g(x)\} \in \mathcal{p}$ . To find such a  $g$  we proceed as follows. Let  $U_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  be an open base for  $\mathbb{R}$ . Since  $f$  is  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{p}}$ -measurable and  $\mathcal{p}$  has an  $\mathcal{A}$ -base we can pick an  $S_n \in \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{p}$  such that  $f^{-1}(U_n) \cap (X - S_n) \in \mathcal{A}$ . It now suffices to set

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & \text{if } x \notin S \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in S \end{cases}$$

**Theorem(1.1.23) [1] :** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space,  $\mathcal{p}$  a  $\sigma$ -ideal on  $X$  with an  $\mathcal{A}$ -base and a  $Y$  metric space. Assume that  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  is perfect and  $|Y| < \aleph_1$  the least measurable cardinal. Then if  $F: X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Y)$  is  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{p}}$ -measurable, there is a separable  $Y^{\sim} \subseteq Y$  such that  $X - \{x: F(x) \subseteq Y^{\sim}\} \in \mathcal{p}$  and  $F$  admits an  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{p}}$ -measurable selection.

**Some Example (1.1.24)[1] :**

The results of the previous section deal with arbitrary perfect and weakly perfect measurable spaces. Here we study such space when the underlying space  $X$  is a topological space; the  $\sigma$ -algebra is usually the family  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  of Borel sets. We find conditions on  $X$  so that for an ideal  $\mathcal{p}$  on  $X$ ,  $(X, \mathcal{B}(X), \mathcal{p})$  is perfect or weakly perfect. When this is done, the results of the previous section apply and yield more concrete results, where the notions of perfect and weakly perfect measurable spaces are at least implicit.

**Theorem(1.1.25)[1] :** Let  $X$  be a metric, or more generally a developable space with  $|X| < \aleph_1$  the least measurable cardinal and let  $\mathcal{p}$  a  $\sigma$ -ideal on  $X$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{B}(X), \mathcal{p})$  is perfect iff there is an analytic  $A \subseteq X$  such that  $X - A \in \mathcal{p}$ .

**Proof:** First suppose that there is an analytic  $A$  such that  $X - A \in \mathcal{p}$ . Then if  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ -measurable it is easily seen that  $f|_A$  is analytic and the result follows.

To prove the opposite direction, we shall consider the metric case separately since this is the most interesting case and the proof is simpler. Thus suppose that  $X$  is metric and also separable at first. Let  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be as in the proof of Lemma(1.1.18). Hence there is an analytic  $A' \subseteq f(X)$  such that  $X - f^{-1}(A') \in \mathcal{p}$ . It suffices to set  $A = f^{-1}(A')$ .

We shall now reduce the general metric case to the separable one. We set

$$\mathcal{u} = \{U \subseteq X: U \text{ is open and } U \in \mathcal{p}\}.$$

Set  $Y \cup u$ . we shall show that  $Y \in \mathcal{p}$ . Suppose not. By Stone's theorem, we can pick a  $\sigma$ -disjoint open refinement  $\mathcal{v} = \bigcup \{\mathcal{v}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of  $u$ , where each family  $\mathcal{v}_n$  is disjoint. We can now pick  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $Y_n = \bigcup \mathcal{v}_n \notin \mathcal{p}$ . Let  $\mathcal{v}_n = \{U_i : i \in I\}$  be a one-to-one indexing of sets from  $\mathcal{v}_n$  usual, we set

$$\mathcal{p}' = \{J \subseteq I : \{U_i : i \in J\} \in \mathcal{p}\}.$$

Clearly  $(1, \mathcal{p}(1), \mathcal{p}')$  is perfect and all singletons belong to  $\mathcal{p}'$  while  $I \notin \mathcal{p}'$  and  $|I| < \kappa$  the least measurable cardinal. This contradicts Lemma (1.1.20). Hence  $Y \in \mathcal{p}$ . set  $F = X - Y$ .  $F$  is closed, hence in  $\mathfrak{B}(X)$  and thus we can suppose without loss of generality that  $X = F$ . Hence if  $\emptyset \neq U \subseteq X$  and  $U$  is open then  $U \notin \mathcal{p}$ .

Let  $U_i (i \in I)$  be a family of non-empty disjoint open subsets. Then if  $\mathcal{p}'$  is defined as above, we have  $\mathcal{p}' = \{\emptyset\}$ . Hence  $(1, \mathcal{p}(1), \{\emptyset\})$  is perfect, and thus by Lemma (1.1.19),  $|I| \leq \kappa_0$ .

This completes the proof of Theorem (1.1.26) when  $X$  is metric.

Consider a Hausdorff space  $X$  is developable if there is a sequence  $\mathcal{U}_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  of open covers such that for every  $x \in X$  the family

$$\mathcal{U} = \{U \in \mathcal{U}_n : x \in U\} (n \in \mathbb{N}),$$

is neighbourhood basis at  $x$ .

Fix a sequence  $\mathcal{U}_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  as above. we can pick  $\mathcal{F}_n$  a closed  $\sigma$ -discrete refinement of  $\mathcal{U}_n$ . The union of an arbitrary subfamily of  $\mathcal{F}_n$  is an  $F_\sigma$ , hence Borel. By using Lemma (1.1.20) similarly as in the proof of the metric case we can find  $\mathcal{B}_n \subseteq \mathcal{F}_n$  such that  $|\mathcal{B}_n| \leq \kappa_0$  and  $X - \bigcup \mathcal{B}_n \in \mathcal{p}$ . Let  $\mathcal{V}_n \subseteq \mathcal{U}_n$  be at most enumerable and such that for every  $E \in \mathcal{B}_n$  there is some  $U \in \mathcal{V}_n$  containing  $E$ . Set

$$Y = \bigcap (\bigcup \mathcal{V}_n).$$

Clearly  $X - Y \in \mathcal{p}$ . Moreover,  $Y$  is second countable since

$$\bigcup_n \{U \cap Y : U \in \mathcal{V}_n\}$$

is an open base for  $Y$ , by the definition of developability. Since  $Y \in \mathfrak{B}(X)$  and  $X - Y \in \mathcal{p}$ , we have a reduction of the general case to the second countable case. This is handled similarly as the separable metric case. This is because every second countable Hausdorff space is Borel isomorphic to a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  by an open mapping onto its range.

**Theorem(1.1.26) [1] :** Let  $X$  be a developable space with  $|X| \leq c$  and  $\mathcal{p}$  be a proper  $\sigma$ -ideal on  $X$ . Then  $(X, \mathfrak{B}(X), \mathcal{p})$  is weakly perfect iff there is an analytic  $A \subseteq X$  such that  $A \notin \mathcal{p}$ .

**Proof:** If there is an analytic  $A \subseteq X$  such that  $A \notin \mathcal{p}$ , the result follows as in the previous theorem. The opposite direction follows from Lemma (1.1.18) and Lemma(1.1.27), concluding the poof of Theorem (1.1.26).

**Lemma(1.1.27) [1] :** Let  $X$  be a developable space with  $|X| \leq c$  Then there is a Borel measurable function  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that:

- (a) for every second countable  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $f \restriction Y: Y \rightarrow f(Y)$  a Borel isomorphism; and
- (b) for every analytic  $A \subseteq f(X)$ ,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is analytic.

**Proof:** We claim that there are partitions  $\mathcal{b}_n$ , ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ), such that:

- (i) the union of every subfamily of  $\mathcal{b}_n$  is a Borel set (actually an  $F_\sigma$ -set);
- (ii) every open set in  $X$  is the union of some members of  $\bigcup \{ \mathcal{b}_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \}$ ;
- (iii) for every  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is second countable iff

$$|\{E \in \mathcal{b}_n : E \cap Y \neq \emptyset\}| \leq x_0$$

for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

To see this, let  $\mathcal{F}_n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) be as in proof of Theorem(1.1.25) Then

$$\mathcal{F}_n = \bigcup \{ \mathcal{F}_{n,m} : m \in \mathbb{N} \},$$

Where each  $\mathcal{F}_{n,m}$  is a discrete family of closed sets. Now we set

$$\mathcal{b}_{n,m} = \mathcal{F}_{n,m} \cup \{X - \bigcup \mathcal{F}_{n,m}\}$$

and rearrange  $\mathcal{b}_{n,m}$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ) as  $\mathcal{b}_n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ). It is easy to see that (i)-(iii) hold. The metric case is simple for: we consider a  $\sigma$ -discrete base  $\mathcal{V} = \bigcup \{ \mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \}$  and set

$$\mathcal{b}_n = \mathcal{V}_n \cup \{X - \bigcup \mathcal{V}_n\}.$$

Now we proceed as follows. We choose a totally imperfect set of reals  $Z$  with  $|Z| = c$ . Since  $|\mathcal{B}_n| \leq c$ , there is  $f_n: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f_n(X) \subseteq Z$ ,  $f_n \setminus E$  is constant and  $f_n(E) \neq f_n(E')$  for every  $E$  and  $E' \in \mathcal{B}_n$ ,  $E \neq E'$ . Define  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$  by

$$f(x) = \langle f_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle.$$

Then  $f$  is Borel measurable by (i). Since  $X$  is Hausdorff, (ii) implies that  $\bigcup \{\mathcal{B}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  separates points and so  $f$  is one-to-one.

By the definition off, it is easy to see that for every  $E \in \bigcup \{\mathcal{B}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  there is a closed  $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that  $E = f^{-1}(F)$ . Now, if  $Y \subseteq X$  is second countable, then by (iii)

$$|\{E \in \mathcal{B}_n : E \cap Y \neq \emptyset\}| \leq x_0$$

For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  so by (ii) every relatively open set in  $Y$  has the form  $Y \cap f^{-1}(C)$  for some  $F_\sigma$  set  $C$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . This shows that  $f \setminus Y$  is a Borel isomorphism, concluding the proof of (a).

To prove (b) Let  $A$  be an analytic subset of  $f(X)$  and let  $\pi_n: \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  denote the  $n$ -th projection. Then  $\pi_n(A) \subseteq Z$  is analytic and by the choice of  $Z$  it follows that  $\pi_n(A)$  is at most enumerable. So we have

$$|\{E \in \mathcal{B}_n : E \cap f^{-1}(A) \neq \emptyset\}| \leq x_0$$

For every  $n$  and, by (iii),  $f^{-1}(A)$  is second countable. Now (a) implies that  $f^{-1}(A)$  is Borel isomorphic to  $A$  and so (b) follows.

**Remarks(1.1.28) [1] :** The proof of Lemma(1.1.25) actually shows that for every second countable  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $f \setminus Y$  is a Borel isomorphism. in the sense that both functions  $f \setminus Y$  and  $(f \setminus Y)^{-1}$  map open sets to  $F_\sigma$  sets.

The cardinality restrictions in Theorems(1.1.25) and (1.1.26) are necessary. Counter-examples are those mentioned after the statement of Theorem(1.1.11) where  $X$  is considered as a discrete metric space. However, for the special case of Theorem (1.1.25) when  $\mathcal{p} = \{\emptyset\}$ , or more generally, if the union of any discrete (equivalently,  $\sigma$ -discrete) family of closed sets from  $\mathcal{p}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{p}$ , no restriction on  $X$  is necessary. We indicate the necessary modification in the proof of Theorem(1.1.26) for developable  $X$  Since  $\mathcal{F}_n$  is  $\sigma$ -discrete,

$$\bigcup \{F \in \mathcal{F}_n : F \in \mathcal{p}\} \in \mathcal{p}.$$

Set  $\mathcal{B}_n = \{F \in \mathcal{F}_n : F \notin \mathcal{p}\}$ . Then

$$X - \bigcup \mathcal{A}_n \in \mathcal{P},$$

And using Lemma(1.1.19)  $|\mathcal{A}_n| \leq \kappa_0$ . The rest is as above.

**Corollary(1.1.29)[1]:** Let  $X$  be a developable space. Then  $(X, \mathfrak{B}(X), \{\emptyset\})$  is perfect  $((X, \mathfrak{B}(X))$  is smooth" in Falkner's terminology) iff  $X$  is analytic.

**Corollary(1.1.30) [1]:** Let  $X$  be perfect (resp. weakly perfect) and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable, where  $Y$  is developable and  $|Y| < \text{the least measurable cardinal}$  (resp.  $|Y| \leq c$ ). Then there is an analytic  $A \subseteq Y$  such that  $X - f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{P}$  (resp.  $f^{-1}(A) \notin \mathcal{P}$  if  $\mathcal{P}$  is a proper ideal)

**Proof :** Set  $Z \in \mathcal{P}'$  iff  $f^{-1}(Z) \in \mathcal{P}$ . Then  $(Y, \mathfrak{B}(Y), \mathcal{P}')$  is perfect (resp. weakly perfect). Hence the result follows from Theorems (1.1.25) and (1.1.26)

For measure and category spaces we have:

**Corollary(1.1.31) [1] :** Let  $X$  be a developable space with  $|X| < \text{the least measurable cardinal}$  (resp.  $|X| \leq c$ ). A probability Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $X$  is perfect (resp. weakly perfect) iff  $\mu$  is a Radon measure (resp. there is a compact subset of  $X$  with positive  $\mu$ -measure).

**Proof:** If  $A \subseteq X$  is analytic, then  $A$  is measurable with respect to any Borel measure on  $X$  and every Borel measure on  $A$  is a Radon measure.

Hence the result follows from Theorems (1.1.25) and (1.1.26).

**Corollary (1.1.32)[1] :** Let  $X$  be a complete metric space with  $|X| < \text{the least measurable cardinal}$  (resp.  $|X| \leq c$ ) and let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote the ideal of meager sets in  $X$ . Then  $(X, \mathfrak{B}(X), \mathcal{P})$  is perfect (resp. weakly perfect) iff  $X$  is separable (resp. there exists a nonempty open separable subset of  $X$ ).

**Proof:** Assume that  $(X, \mathfrak{B}(X), \mathcal{P})$  is perfect and  $|X| < \text{the least measurable cardinal}$ . By Theorem (1.1.25) there is an analytic  $A \subseteq X$  such that  $X - A$  is meager. Then  $X - \bar{A}$  is open meager, hence  $\bar{A} = X$ . Since  $A$  is separable, so is  $X$ . The converse is obvious since  $X$  is now assumed to be a Polish space (In the mathematical discipline of general topology, a Polish space is separable completely metrizable topological space; that is, a space homeomorphic to a complete metric space that has a countable dense subset. Polish spaces are mostly studied today because they are the primary setting for descriptive set theory, including the study of Borel equivalence relations. Polish spaces are also a convenient setting for more advanced measure theory, in particular in probability theory) [6].



Now assume that  $(X, \mathfrak{B}(X), \mathcal{p})$  is weakly perfect and  $|X| \leq c$ . By Theorem(1.1.26) there is an analytic set  $A \subseteq X$  of the second category. Since  $A$  is separable, the interior of  $A$  is a nonempty open separable set. Again the converse is obvious since any nonempty open separable set in  $X$  is a Polish space. We shall now present several results concerning perfect measurable spaces when the underlying space  $X$  is  $K$ -analytic.

**Lemma(1.1.33) [1] :** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\mathcal{p}$  a proper ideal on  $X$ . Then  $(X, \mathfrak{B}_a(X), \mathcal{p})$  is perfect (resp. weakly perfect) iff for every continuous  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $Y$  is separable metric, there is an analytic  $A \subseteq f(X)$  such that  $X - f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{p}$  (resp.  $f^{-1}(A) \notin \mathcal{p}$ ).

**Proof:** The implication from left to right follows by Lemma(1.1.18). In the opposite direction it suffices to show that (b) of Theorem(1.1.14) (resp. (1.1.15)) holds. Let  $A_n \in \mathfrak{B}_n(X)$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) and  $\mathcal{A}'$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the sets  $A_n$ . For every  $n$ , let  $f_n: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$  be a continuous function such that  $A_n = f_n^{-1}(B_n)$  for some  $B_n \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}})$ . Define

$$f: X \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}})^{\mathbb{N}}$$

By

$$f(x) = \langle f_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$$

Then  $f$  is continuous and by our assumption there is an analytic  $A \subseteq f(X)$  such that  $X - f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{p}$ , (resp.  $f^{-1}(A) \notin \mathcal{p}$ ) Moreover, we have

$$\mathcal{A}' \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathfrak{B}((\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}})^{\mathbb{N}})).$$

Since  $(\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}})^{\mathbb{N}}$  is Borel isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$ , we have (b) of Theorem(1.1.14) (resp. (1.1.15)). We recall that a Hausdorff space  $X$  is  $K$ -analytic, if there is an upper semicontinuous  $f$  from  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  into the family of compact subsets of  $X$  such that

$$X = \bigcup \{f(\sigma) : \sigma \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}\}.$$

**Lemma(1.1.34)[1] :** If  $X$  is  $K$ -analytic, then  $(X, \mathfrak{B}_a(X))$  is smooth, hence  $(X, \mathfrak{B}_a(X), \mathcal{p})$  is perfect for every ideal  $\mathcal{p}$ .

**Theorem(1.1.35)[1] :** Let  $X$  be a  $K$ -analytic regular space and  $\mathcal{p}$  the ideal of meager sets. Then  $(X, \mathfrak{B}(X), \mathcal{p})$  is perfect iff  $X$  has a closed comeager c.c.c. subset.

Recall that a space  $Y$  is c.c.c. if every disjoint family of open sets in  $Y$  is at most enumerable.

**Proof:** Suppose  $(X, \mathfrak{B}(X), \mathcal{p})$  is isperfect. Set

$$\mathcal{U} = \{U \subseteq X : U \text{ open and meager}\}, \quad V = \bigcup \mathcal{U}$$

By Banach's category theorem,  $V$  is meager. Set  $Y = X - V$ . Then if  $\emptyset \neq U \subseteq Y$ , and  $U$  is relative open,  $U \in \mathcal{p}$ . Hence by Theorem(1.1.13) (or an easy argument using Lemma(1.1.19)),  $Y$  is c.c.c.

Now for the converse let  $Y$  be closed, c.c.c. and comeager. It suffices to show that  $(X, \mathfrak{B}(X), \mathcal{p}')$ , where  $\mathcal{p}' = \mathcal{p} \cap \mathcal{p}(Y)$ , is perfect.  $Y$  is  $K$ -analytic as a closed subspace of a  $K$ -analytic space. Hence by Lemma (1.1.35),  $(Y, \mathfrak{B}_a(Y), \mathcal{p})$  is perfect. Thus by Lemma(1.1.22) it suffices to show that  $\mathfrak{B}(Y)$  is included in the  $\mathcal{p}'$ -completion of  $\mathfrak{B}_a(Y)$ .

Let  $G$  be an open subset of  $Y$ . Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a maximal family of non-empty pair-wise disjoint cozero subsets of  $G$ . Then  $\mathcal{V}$  is at most enumerable and thus  $V = \bigcup \mathcal{V} \in \mathfrak{B}_a(X)$  and is dense in  $G$  by the complete regularity. Hence  $G - V \in \mathcal{p}'$  and the proof is complete.

**Corollary(1.1.36) [1] :** Let  $X$  be either (i) a regular  $K$ -analytic Baire space or (ii) a Cech-complete space. Then  $(X, \mathfrak{B}(X), \mathcal{p})$  where  $\mathcal{p}$  is the ideal of meager sets, is perfect iff  $X$  is c.c.c.

**Proof:** First note that a Cech-complete space is also a Baire space. As in Theorem(1.1.42) this fact alone suffices to show that if  $(X, \mathfrak{B}(X), \mathcal{p})$  is perfect, then  $X$  is c.c.c.

For the opposite direction first suppose (i). Then  $X$  is a closed comeager c.c.c. subset of itself. Hence the result follows from Theorem(1.1.36).

Now suppose (ii), i.e.,  $X$  is a  $G_\delta$ -subset of  $\beta X$ , the Stone-Tech compactification of  $X$ . Let  $\mathcal{p}'$  be the ideal of meager subsets of  $\beta X$ . By Theorem(1.1.36),

$$(\beta X, \mathfrak{B}(\beta X), \mathcal{p}')$$

is perfect. Hence since  $X \in \mathfrak{B}(\beta X)$ ,  $(X, \mathfrak{B}(X), \mathcal{p}' \cap \mathcal{p}(X))$  is perfect. But since  $X$  is comeager in  $\beta X$ ,  $\mathcal{p}' \cap \mathcal{p}(X) = \mathcal{p}$ .

The next two corollaries follow directly from Theorem(1.1.11) (resp. Theorem(1.1.13) and Lemma(1.1.34)).

**Corollary(1.1.37) [1] :** Let  $X$  be a  $K$ -analytic space and  $\mathcal{p}$  a proper  $\sigma$ -ideal on  $X$  with a Baire base. Let  $X_i (i \in I)$  be a point-finite covering of  $X$  by sets from  $\mathcal{p}$ , where  $|I| < \aleph_1$  the least measurable cardinal. Then there is some  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $\bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\}$  does not differ from a Baire set by a set from  $\mathcal{p}$ .

**Corollary(1.1.38) [1] :** Let  $X$  be a  $K$ -analytic space and  $X_i (i \in I)$  be a point-finite covering of  $X$  by nonempty sets such that  $\bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\} \in \mathfrak{B}_a(X)$  for all  $J \subseteq I$ . Then  $I$  is at most enumerable.

**Lemma(1.1.39) [1] :** Ellentuck A set  $P \subseteq \Omega$  is completely Ramsey iff  $P$  has the property of Baire.

Ellentuck also proves that every meager set in  $\Omega$  is nowhere dense. Thus  $\Omega$  is a Baire space.

**Theorem(1.1.40)[1]:** If  $\mathcal{p}$  is the ideal of meager sets in  $\Omega$ , then  $(\Omega, \mathfrak{B}(\Omega), \mathcal{p})$  is weakly perfect.

**Proof:** Let  $f: \Omega \rightarrow (0,1)$  be a Borel measurable function. Let  $n_0 = 0$  and  $A_0 = \mathbb{N}$ . Suppos we have defined  $n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{k-1}$  in  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_{k-1}$  infinite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ . Then we choose  $A_k \in \Omega(A_{k-1})$  such that  $\{n_{k-1}\} \subset A_k$  and for all  $s \subseteq \{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_k\}$

$$(*) \quad \text{diameter of } f(\Omega(s, A_k)) < 1/2^k.$$

We can do this by considering a finite partition  $\{T_1, \dots, T_m\}$  of  $(0,1)$  to intervals of length  $< 1/2^k$ . Then Lemma(1.1.39) implies that each  $f^{-1}(T_i) (i = 1 \dots m)$  is completely Ramsey and  $A_k$  is found easily by applying the Ramsey property finitely many times. Now we set  $n_k = \min A_k$ .

By the above construction

$$n_0 < n_1 < \dots < n_k < \dots,$$

$$A_0 \supset A_1 \supset \dots \supset A_k \supset \dots$$

And  $n_j \in A_k$  for all  $j \geq k$ . Let  $A = \{n_0, n_1, \dots\}$  Since  $\Omega(A) \notin \mathcal{p}$  it suffices to show that  $f(\Omega(A))$  is analytic.

Let  $Z = \Omega(A)$  endowed with the relative topology from  $\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , where  $\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  has the usual product topology. Observe that  $Z$  is  $G_\delta$  in  $\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , so  $Z \times (0,1)$  is a Polish space. If we show that the graph of  $f \restriction Z, G_r(f \restriction Z)$ , is closed in  $Z \times (0,1)$ , then  $f(\Omega(A))$  being the projection

$G_r(f \setminus Z)$  to  $(0,1)$ , of must be analytic. To do this, let  $\{X_i\}$  be a sequence in  $Z$  with  $X_l \rightarrow X \in Z$  and  $f(X_l) \rightarrow t \in (0,1)$ . It suffices to show that  $t = f(X)$ .  $X$  is of the form

$$X = \{n_{k_0} < n_{k_1} < \dots\} \subseteq A.$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and choose  $l_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$1/2^{k_{l_0}} < \varepsilon/2 \quad \text{and} \quad |f(X_l) - t| < \varepsilon/2 \quad \text{for all } l \geq l_0.$$

Since  $X_l \rightarrow X$  there is some  $l \geq l_0$  such that

$$s = \{n_{k_0}, n_{k_l}, \dots, n_{k_{l_0-1}}\}$$

is the set of the first  $l_0$  elements of  $X_l$ . Then  $X$  and  $X_l$  belong to  $\Omega(s, A_{k_{l_0}})$  so (\*) implies that  $|f(X_l) - f(X)| < 1/2^{k_{l_0}}$ . Thus we have

$$|f(X) - t| \leq |f(X) - f(X_l)| + |f(X_l) - t| < \varepsilon.$$

Therefore  $t = f(X)$ .

**Corollary(1.1.41) [1]** : If  $X_i (i \in I)$  is a point-finite covering of  $\Omega$  by meager sets, then there is some  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $\bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\}$  does not have the property of Baire, hence is not Ramsey.

## Section (1.2) Related Results :

In this section we prove a result on the union problem for not necessarily perfect, or weakly perfect, measurable spaces (Theorem 1.2.1). We assume instead that  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  satisfies a countability condition and has a Fubini-type property defined below. We also relate the union problem to the rectangle problem Theorem (1.2.5).

First we need some notation. If  $\mathcal{b}$  is a family of subsets of  $X$ , define  $\mathcal{b}_\alpha (\alpha < \omega_1)$  as follows:  $\mathcal{b}_0 = \mathcal{b}$ ; for  $\alpha$  odd (resp. even) let  $\mathcal{b}_\alpha$  be the family of intersections (resp. unions) of at most enumerable subfamilies of  $\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \mathcal{b}_\beta$  for each  $Z \subseteq X \times X$  and  $x \in X$ , let  $Z_x$  (resp.  $Z^x$ ) be the vertical (resp. horizontal) section at  $x$  of  $Z$ . As usual,  $\pi_i : X \times X \rightarrow X (i = 1, 2)$  denote the first and second projection.

**Definition(1.2.1) [1]** : A triple  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  has the weak Fubini property if for every  $Z$  in the product  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A}$  with  $Z_x \in \mathcal{p}$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\pi_2(Z) \notin \mathcal{p}$ , there exists some  $y \in \pi_2(Z)$  such that  $Z^y \in \mathcal{p}$ .

**Theorem(1.2.2.) [1] :** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space and  $\mathcal{p}$  a proper  $\sigma$ -ideal on  $X$ . Assume that :

(a) there exists  $\mathcal{b} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  with  $|\mathcal{b}| \leq x_0$  and some  $0 < \alpha < \omega_1$  such that  $\mathcal{b}_\alpha$  is a base for  $\mathcal{p}$ ; and

(b)  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{p})$  satisfies the weak Fubini property.

Then for every point-finite covering  $X_i (i \in I)$  of  $X$  with  $X_i \in \mathcal{p}$  there is some  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $\bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\} \notin \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{p}}$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that the theorem is false and let  $X_\xi (\xi \in K)$  be a counter example to the theorem. Let  $\rho$  be minimal such that

$$\tilde{X} = \bigcup \{X_\xi : \xi \in \rho\} \notin \mathcal{p}.$$

Then

$$(\tilde{X}, \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{p}} \cap \tilde{X}, \mathcal{p} \cap \tilde{X})$$

Satisfies (a) and (b) and

$$\bigcup \{X_\xi : \xi \in T\} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{p}} \cap \tilde{X}$$

For all  $T \subseteq \rho$ . Thus without loss of generality we assume that  $\rho = K$ , so that  $\tilde{X} = X$  and

$$\bigcup \{X_\xi : \xi \in \tau\} \in \mathcal{p}$$

For all  $\tau < K$ . Obviously, we can also assume that  $X \in \mathcal{b}$  and  $\mathcal{b}$  is closed under finite unions and finite intersections; so each  $\mathcal{b}_\beta (\beta < \omega_1)$  has the same properties.

For every  $\xi \in K$ , let

$$Y_\xi = \bigcup_{\eta < \xi} X_\eta$$

And, by (b), choose  $C_\xi \in \mathcal{b}_\alpha \cap \mathcal{p}$  such that  $Y_\xi \subseteq C_\xi$ . We set

$$Z = \bigcup_{\xi \in K} (X_\xi \times C_\xi)$$

And claim that

$$Z \in (\mathcal{A}_p \times \mathcal{C})_\alpha$$

Where

$$\mathcal{A}_p \times \mathcal{C} = \{A \times C : A \in \mathcal{A}_p, C \in \mathcal{C}\}.$$

The claim is proved by induction on  $\alpha$ .

If  $\alpha = 1$  we set

$$A_C = \bigcup \{X_\xi : C \subseteq C_\xi\} \in \mathcal{A}_p$$

for every  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then we have

$$Z = \bigcup \{A_C \times C : C \in \mathcal{C}\} \in (\mathcal{A}_p \times \mathcal{C})_\alpha.$$

Now assume that  $1 < \alpha < \omega_1$  and the claim is true for every  $\beta, 0 < \beta < \alpha$ .

**Case 1:**  $\alpha$  is even. We fix a sequence  $\gamma_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  of ordinals less than  $\alpha$  as follows: if  $\alpha$  is limit, then  $\sup\{\gamma_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \alpha$  and if  $\alpha$  is nonlimit, say  $\alpha = \alpha_0 + 1$ , then  $\gamma_n = \alpha_0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

By our assumption on  $\mathcal{C}$ , for every  $\xi \in K$  there is a decreasing sequence  $C_{\xi,n} (n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that  $C_{\xi,n} \in \mathcal{C}_{\gamma_n}$  and,

$$C_\xi = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{\xi,n}.$$

Then

$$Z = \bigcup_{\xi \in K} (X_\xi \times \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{\xi,n}) = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \bigcup_{\xi \in K} (X_\xi \times C_{\xi,n}),$$

Where the last equality is proved as follows: if  $(x, y)$  belongs to the right side, then there are  $\xi_n \in K (n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that  $x \in X_{\xi_n}$  and  $y \in C_{\xi_n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $X_\xi (\xi \in K)$  is point-finite  $M \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  and some  $\xi \in K$  such that  $\xi_n = \xi$  for all  $n \in M$ . Hence  $(x, y) \in X_\xi \times C_{\xi_n}$  for  $n \in M$ . But  $C_{\xi_n}$  is decreasing  $(x, y) \in X_\xi \times C_{\xi_n}$  for  $n$ . The other direction is obvious. By the induction hypothesis, it follows that  $Z \in (\mathcal{A}_p \times \mathcal{B})_\alpha$ .

Case 2:  $\alpha$  is odd.

We have  $\alpha = \alpha_0 + 1$ . Let  $C_{\xi_n} (n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence in  $\mathcal{B}_{\alpha_0}$  such that

$$C_\xi = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{\xi_n}$$

Then

$$Z = \bigcup_{\xi \in K} (X_\xi \times \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{\xi_n}) = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \bigcup_{\xi \in K} (X_\xi \times C_{\xi_n}) \in (\mathcal{A}_p \times \mathcal{B})_\alpha.$$

Thus the proof of the claim is complete.

Now if  $x \in X$  and

$$\{\xi \in K : x \in X_\xi\} = \{\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_l\},$$

Then it is easy to see that

$$Z_x = \bigcup_{j=0}^l C_{\xi_j}.$$

Thus  $Z_x \in \mathcal{P}$  for every  $x \in X$ .

Since  $\pi_2(Z) = X \notin \mathcal{P}$ , by (b) there is some  $y \in X$  such that  $Z^y \in \mathcal{P}$ . Let  $\eta \in K$  with  $y \in X_\eta$ . For every  $\xi > \eta$  we have  $y \in Y_\xi \subseteq C_\xi$ , hence  $X_\xi \times \{y\} \subseteq X_\xi \times C_\xi$ .

Therefore

$$\bigcup_{\xi > \eta} X_\xi \times \{y\} \subseteq Z,$$

i.e.,  $\bigcup_{\xi > \eta} X_\xi \subseteq Z^\gamma$ , Since  $\bigcup_{\xi \leq \eta} X_\xi \in \mathcal{p}$ , this contradicts the fact that  $Z^\gamma \in \mathcal{p}$ , and completes the proof of the theorem.

**Corollary(1.2.3) [1] :** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a probability measure space, where  $\mathcal{A}$  is countably generated. Then for every point-finite covering  $X_i (i \in I)$  of  $X$  with  $\mu^*(X_i) = 0$ , there is some  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $\bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\}$  is not  $\mu$ -measurable.

**Proof:** We apply Theorem (1.2.2.), when  $\mathcal{p} = \{A \subseteq X : \mu^*(A) = 0\}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $\mu$ -measurable sets. Since condition (b) of Theorem(1.2.2.) is trivially a special case of Fubini's Theorem, it suffices to verify condition (a).

Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is countably generated, there is  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mathcal{A} = f^{-1}(\mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ . Let  $f(\mu)$  be the image measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f(\mu)(B) = \mu(f^{-1}(B))$$

for every  $B \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R})$  and let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a countable base for the topology of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Since  $f(\mu)$  is regular  $\mathcal{V}_2$  is a base for the ideal of  $f(\mu)$ -measure zero sets. Thus, if we set  $\mathcal{b} = f^{-1}(\mathcal{V})$ , then  $\mathcal{b}_2$  is a base for  $\mathcal{p}$ .

**Corollary(1.2.4) [1] :** Let  $X$  be a separable metric space, which is not meager in itself. Then for every point-finite covering  $X_i (i \in I)$  of  $X$  with each  $X_i$  meager, there is some  $J \subseteq I$  such that  $\bigcup \{X_i : i \in J\}$  does not have the property of Baire.

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{A} = \mathfrak{B}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{p}$  be the ideal of meager sets in  $X$ , so that  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{p}}$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra of sets with the property of Baire. Condition (b) of Theorem(1.2.2) follows from Kuratowski-Ulam Theorem, the category analogue of Fubini's Theorem. Moreover, using the fact that every meager set is included in an  $F_\sigma$  meager set and that  $X$  is second countable, we conclude that condition (a) holds. Thus the result follows from Theorem(1.2.2).

**Theorem(1.2.5) [1] :** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space and  $\mathcal{b}$  a point-finite covering of  $X$  such that  $|\mathcal{b}|$  has the rectangle property. Then the following are equivalent:

- (a) There exists  $\mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mathcal{b}$  such that  $\bigcup \mathfrak{B} \notin \mathcal{A}$ .
- (b) There exists  $\mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mathcal{b}_d$  such that  $\bigcup \mathfrak{B} \notin \mathcal{A}$ .

Moreover, if  $|\mathcal{b}|$  does not have the rectangle property the result fails.



For a family of sets  $\mathcal{A}$  let  $\mathcal{A}_u$  be the family of all unions of elements from  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra of sets generated by  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then we have the following lemma which immediately implies Theorem(1.2.5) .

**Lemma(1.2.6) [1] :** (a) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a point-finite covering of a set  $X$  such that  $K = |\mathcal{A}|$  has the rectangle property. Then

$$(*) \quad \sigma(\mathcal{A}_{du}) = \sigma(\mathcal{A}_d).$$

(b) if  $K$  is a cardinal without the rectangle property, then there is a point-finite covering  $\mathcal{A}$  of a set  $X$  such that  $|X| = |\mathcal{A}| = K$  and  $(*)$  fails.

**Proof:** (a) Clearly,  $\sigma(\mathcal{A}_{du}) \supseteq \sigma(\mathcal{A}_d)$ , so it suffices to show that

$$\sigma(\mathcal{A}_{du}) \supseteq \sigma(\mathcal{A}_d) \text{ Let}$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \{A_\xi : \xi \in K\}$$

And define

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{S \in \mathcal{P}(K \times K) : \bigcup_{(\xi, \eta) \in S} (A_\xi \cap A_\eta) \in \sigma(\mathcal{A}_{du})\}.$$

We claim that  $\mathcal{Y}$  has the following properties:

- (i) If  $S_1$  and  $S_2 \in \mathcal{P}(K)$ , then  $S_1 \times S_2 \in \mathcal{Y}$ .
- (ii) If  $S_i \in \mathcal{Y} (i \in \mathbb{N})$ , then  $\bigcup_i S_i \in \mathcal{Y}$ .
- (iii) If  $S_i \in \mathcal{Y}$  and  $S_i \supseteq S_{i+1} (i \in \mathbb{N})$ , then  $\bigcap_i S_i \in \mathcal{Y}$ .

To prove (i)-(iii), it is enough to observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup_{(\xi, \eta) \in S_1 \times S_2} (A_\xi \cap A_\eta) &= \left( \bigcup_{\xi \in S_1} A_\xi \right) \cap \left( \bigcup_{\eta \in S_2} A_\eta \right), \\ \bigcup_{(\xi, \eta) \in \bigcup_i S_i} (A_\xi \cap A_\eta) &= \bigcup_i \bigcup_{(\xi, \eta) \in S_i} (A_\xi \cap A_\eta), \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\bigcup_{(\xi, \eta) \in \bigcap_i S_i} (A_\xi \cap A_\eta) = \bigcap_i \bigcap_{(\xi, \eta) \in S_i} (A_\xi \cap A_\eta)$$

Where  $S_i$  are as in (i), (ii) and (iii), respectively. We prove only the inclusion ' $\supseteq$ ' in the last equation; the rest is verified directly without using the point-finiteness.

Let

$$x = \bigcap_i \bigcup_{(\xi, \eta) \in S_i} (A_\xi \cap A_\eta).$$

Choose  $(\xi_i, \eta_i) \in S_i$  such that  $x \in A_{\xi_i} \cap A_{\eta_i}$ . By the point-finiteness of  $\mathcal{A}$  the same  $(\xi_i, \eta_i)$  occurs infinitely often and since  $S_i$  is decreasing, there is  $(\xi, \eta) \in \bigcap_i S_i$  such that  $x \in A_\xi \cap A_\eta$ . Hence

$$x \in \bigcup_{(\xi, \eta) \in \bigcap_i S_i} (A_\xi \cap A_\eta).$$

Now, since the family of finite unions of rectangles is an algebra, it follows (i)-(iii) that  $\mathcal{Y}$  contains the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by rectangles. But  $K$  has the rectangle property, so  $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{P}(K \times K)$ . Thus we have proved that

$$\bigcup_{(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)} (A_{\xi_1} \cap A_{\xi_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{\xi_n}) \in \sigma(\mathcal{A}_u)$$

Holds for every  $S \subseteq K^n$  when  $n = 2$ . By the comments before Theorem(1.2.5) this is proved similarly for every finite  $n > 2$ , while the case  $n < 2$  is trivial.

Finally, observe that an arbitrary member of  $\mathcal{A}_{du}$  has the form

$$\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \bigcup_{(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \in S_n} (A_{\xi_1} \cap A_{\xi_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{\xi_n}),$$

Where  $S_n \subseteq K^n$ . Hence, by the above, it belongs to  $\sigma(\mathcal{A}_u)$ .

(b) Let  $X = K \times K$  and

$$\mathcal{b} = \{\{\xi\} \times K : \xi \in K\} \cup \{K \times \{\eta\} : \eta \in K\}$$

Then,  $|X| = |\mathcal{b}| = K$  and  $\mathcal{b}$  is point-finite. (In fact, every subfamily of  $\mathcal{b}$  with nonempty intersection has cardinal  $\leq 2$ .) Moreover,  $\sigma(\mathcal{b}_{du}) = \mathcal{P}(K \times K)$  and  $\sigma(\mathcal{b}_u)$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the rectangles in  $K \times K$ . Since  $K$  does not have the rectangle property,  $\sigma(\mathcal{b}_u) \neq \sigma(\mathcal{b}_{du})$ .

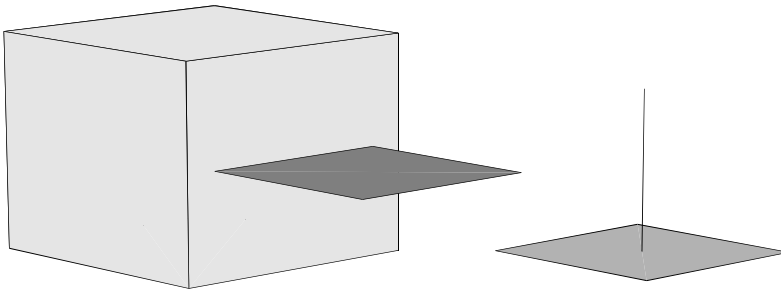
# Chapter 2

## *Metric Space and Variable Exponent Lebesgue Spaces*

We show that the maximal operator is bounded provided the variable exponent satisfies a log  $H^1$  type estimate. This condition is known to be essentially sharp in real Euclidean space, however, we show that this is not so in metric spaces .

### **Section(2.1) Metric Measure and Variable Exponent Lebesgue Spaces:**

Lebesgue and Sobolev spaces defined on metric spaces are to-date well understood. These are function spaces in which we replace the Euclidean space from classical analysis by a metric space equipped with a measure (satisfying some conditions). Such spaces are natural abstractions in many situations - consider for instance a plate joined to a block, or a rod joined to a plate (Figure 1). Neither of these domains can be adequately analyzed in Euclidean space, since the joined plate or rod has measure zero.



**Figure 1.** Some metric spaces

In classical Lebesgue and Sobolev theory many properties depend crucially on the dimension of the underlying Euclidean space. Examples include the boundedness of convolution with a Riesz kernel and the Sobolev embedding. In general, metric measure spaces do not have a dimension which could reasonably take the place of the Euclidean dimension in these cases. This problem has been “dealt with” by considering spaces with a doubling measure. However, this really gives only a lower dimension; i.e.,  $\mu(B(x,r)) \geq Cr^Q$ . Moreover, this dimension is the

same in every part of the space, which does not correspond to the geometry of the domain. To tackle this problem we propose that analysis on metric measure spaces should be done in Lebesgue spaces where the exponent is allowed to vary, to reflect the non-homogeneity of the underlying space. Then perhaps a local uniformness condition of the kind  $\mu(B(x,r)) \approx r^{q(x)}$  will suffice for many properties. Note that this condition is satisfied in the spaces shown in Figure 1.

Variable exponent Lebesgue spaces on Euclidean spaces have attracted a steadily increasing interest over the last couple of years, but the variable exponent framework has not yet been applied to the metric measure space setting (after the completion of this chapter T. Futamura, Y. Mizuta and T. Shimomura have written a couple of papers on related questions. Variable exponent spaces have been independently discovered by several investigators. These investigations were motivated by differential equations with non-standard coercivity conditions, arising for instance from modeling certain fluids. For some of the latest advances.

In this article we initiate the investigation of variable exponent Lebesgue spaces on metric spaces by considering the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator  $M$  (In mathematics, the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator  $M$  is a significant non-linear operator used in real analysis and harmonic analysis. It takes a locally integrable function  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and returns another function  $Mf$  that, at each point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , gives the maximum centered at that point. more precisely,

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{|B(x,r)|} \int_{B(x,r)} |f(y)| dy$$

Where  $B(x,r)$  of ball of radius  $r$  centered at  $x$ , and  $|E|$  denotes the  $d$ -dimensional Lebesgue measure of  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ .

The averages are jointly continuous in the  $x$  and  $r$ , therefore the maximal function  $Mf$ , being the supremum over  $r > 0$ , is measurable. it is not obvious that  $Mf$  is finite almost everywhere[7]. It has proved to be a very useful tool in geometric analysis both in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and in metric measure spaces. One central question is whether  $M$  maps  $L^p$  to  $L^p$ . In metric spaces with a doubling measure everything works as in the classical case; i.e.,  $L^p$  maps to itself provided  $p > 1$ . In variable exponent Lebesgue spaces on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  the situation is a bit more precarious:  $L^{p(\cdot)}$  maps to  $L^{p(\cdot)}$  only when  $p(\cdot)$  is sufficiently regular. Due to the efforts of L. Pick & M. Růžička, L. Diening, A. Nekvinda, and D. Cruz-Uribe, A. Fiorenze & C. Neugebauer, the essentially sharp condition on  $p(\cdot)$  is known.

We will show in this section that the condition from the Euclidean setting is sufficient but not necessary in metric measure spaces. For the first of these results we adapt a method of L. we show that a so-called weak type estimate of the maximal operator holds irrespective of the variation of the exponent. This result and its proof are similar to their analogues in Euclidean

spaces. D. Cruz-Uribe, A. Fiorenze and C. Neugebauer and A. Nekvinda have given a condition for when the maximal operator is bounded on Lebesgue spaces defined on the whole of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Unfortunately, we are not able to generalize these global results.

A *metric measure space* we mean a triple  $(X, d, \mu)$ , where  $X$  is a set,  $d$  is a metric on  $X$  and  $\mu$  is a non-negative Borel regular outer measure on  $X$  which is finite in every bounded set. For simplicity, we often write  $X$  instead of  $(X, d, \mu)$ . For  $x \in X$  and  $r \geq 0$  we denote by  $B(x, r)$  the open ball centered at  $x$  with radius  $r$ . We use the convention that  $C$  denotes a constant whose value can change even between different occurrences in a chain of inequalities.

A metric measure space  $X$  or a measure  $\mu$  is said to be *doubling* if there is a constant  $C \geq 1$  such that

$$\mu(B(x, 2r)) \leq C\mu(B(x, r)) \quad (1)$$

For every open ball  $B(x, r) \subset X$ . The constant  $C$  in (1) is called the *doubling constant* of  $\mu$ . By the doubling property, if  $B(y, R)$  is an open ball in  $X$ ,  $x \in B(y, R)$  and  $0 < r \leq R < \infty$ , then

$$\frac{\mu(B(x, r))}{\mu(B(y, R))} \geq C_Q \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^Q \quad (2)$$

For some  $C_Q$  and  $Q$  depending only on the doubling constant. For example, in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the Lebesgue measure (2) holds with  $Q$  equal to the dimension  $n$ .

We say that the measure  $\mu$  is *lower Ahlfors  $Q$ -regular* if there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that  $\mu(B) \geq C \text{diam}(B)^Q$  for every ball  $B \subset X$  with  $\text{diam } B \leq 2 \text{diam } X$ . We say that  $\mu$  is *upper Ahlfors  $q$ -regular* if there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that  $\mu(B) \leq C \text{diam}(B)^q$  for every ball  $B \subset X$  with  $\text{diam } B \leq 2 \text{diam } X$ . The measure  $\mu$  is *Ahlfors  $Q$ -regular* if it is upper and lower Ahlfors  $Q$ -regular; i.e., if  $\mu(B) \approx \text{diam}(B)^Q$  for every ball  $B \subset X$  with  $\text{diam } B \leq 2 \text{diam } X$ .

**Lemma(2.1.1) [2] :** *If  $X$  is a bounded doubling metric measure space, so that  $\mu(X) < \infty$  and  $\text{diam}(X) < \infty$ , then it is lower Ahlfors  $Q$ -regular.*

**Proof:** By property (2) we obtain for every  $x \in X$  and  $0 < r < \text{diam}(X)$

$$\mu(B(x, r)) \geq C_Q \frac{\mu(X)}{\text{diam}(X)^Q} r^Q = C_Q \mu(X)^{\frac{Q-1}{Q}} r^Q.$$

We call a measurable function  $p: X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  a *variable exponent*. For  $A \subset X$

We define  $p_A^+ = \text{ess sup}_{x \in A} p(x)$  and  $p_A^- = \text{ess inf}_{x \in A} p(x)$ ; we use the abbreviations  $p^+ = p_X^+$  and  $p^- = p_X^-$ . For a  $\mu$ -measurable function  $u: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we define the *modular*

$$\mathcal{Q}_{p(\cdot)}(u) = \int_X |u(y)|^{p(y)} d\mu(y) \quad .$$

and the *norm*

$$\|u\|_{p(\cdot)} = \inf\{\lambda > 0: \mathcal{Q}_{p(\cdot)}(u/\lambda) \leq 1\}.$$

Sometimes we use the notation  $\|u\|_{p(\cdot), X}$  when we also want to indicate in what metric space the norm is taken. The *variable exponent Lebesgue spaces on  $X$* ,  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X, d, \mu)$ , consists of those  $\mu$ -measurable functions  $u: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for which there exists  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $\mathcal{Q}_{p(\cdot)}(\lambda u) < \infty$ . This space is an Orlicz-Museliak space.

It is easy to see that  $\|\cdot\|_{p(\cdot)}$  is a norm. if  $\|f\|_{p(\cdot)} \leq 1$ , then  $\mathcal{Q}_{p(\cdot)}(f) \leq \|f\|_{p(\cdot)}$ . Moreover, if  $p^+ < \infty$ , then  $\mathcal{Q}_{p(\cdot)}(f_i) \rightarrow 0$  if and only if  $\|f_n\|_{p(\cdot)} \rightarrow 0$ . Hölder's inequality (i.e.,  $\|fg\|_1 \leq C\|f\|_{p(\cdot)}\|g\|_{p'(\cdot)}$ ) holds also in variable exponent Lebesgue spaces, the proof being as in the Euclidean setting.

**Lemma(2.1.2) [2] :** *The space  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  is a Banach space.*

**Proof:** Let  $(f_i)$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$ . Then there is a subsequence, denoted again by  $(f_i)$ , such that

$$\|f_{i+1} - f_i\|_{p(x)} < 2^{-i} \quad (3)$$

We set

$$g_k \sum_{i=1}^k |f_{i+1} - f_i| \quad \text{and} \quad g = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |f_{i+1} - f_i|.$$

By (3) and the triangle inequality, we obtain  $\|g_k\|_{p(\cdot)} < 1$  for every  $k$ . Fatou's Lemma applied to  $(g_k^{p(\cdot)})$  gives

$$\int_X \liminf g_k(x) d\mu(x) \leq \liminf \int_X g_k(x)^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \leq \|g_k\|_{p(\cdot)} < 1.$$

In particular  $g(x) < \infty$  almost everywhere, so that

$$f = f_1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (f_{i+1} - f_i)$$

exists almost everywhere, and  $f(x) = \lim f_i(x)$  almost everywhere. Now we need to prove that  $f$  is the  $L^{p(\cdot)}$ -limit of  $(f_i)$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . There exists  $N$  such that  $\|f_i - f_j\|_{p(\cdot)} < \varepsilon$  for  $i, j > N$ . For every  $m > N$ , Fatou's Lemma implies that

$$\int_X \|f - f_m\|_{p(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)} d\mu \leq \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} \int_X \|f_i - f_m\|_{p(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)} d\mu \leq \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|f_i - f_m\|_{p(\cdot)} \leq \varepsilon$$

and hence  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  and  $\|f - f_m\|_{p(\cdot)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

In the next theorem we use the method of Kováčik and Rákosník to show that continuous functions are dense in variable exponent Lebesgue space.

**Theorem(2.1.3)[2]:** *Let  $X$  be a locally compact doubling space and let  $p^+ < \infty$ . Then continuous functions with compact support are dense in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$ .*

**Proof :** Let  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  and define

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} f(x); & \text{if } |f(x)| \leq n \text{ and } x \in B(0, n), \\ n \operatorname{sign} f(x), & \text{if } |f(x)| > n \text{ and } x \in B(0, n), \\ 0, & \text{else where.} \end{cases}$$

Then each  $f_n$  is bounded and has a bounded support. By the Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem  $\rho_{p(\cdot)}(f - f_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and therefore also  $\|f_n - f\|_{p(\cdot)} \rightarrow 0$ . This shows that the set of bounded functions with bounded support is dense in  $L^{p(\cdot)}$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and choose a bounded function  $g \in L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  with bounded support such that

$$\|f - g\|_{p(\cdot)} < \epsilon \quad (4)$$

By Luzin's theorem there exists a continuous function  $h$  with compact support in  $X$  and an open set  $U$  such that

$$\mu(U) < \min \left\{ 1, \left( \frac{\epsilon}{2\|g\|_\infty} \right)^{p^+} \right\},$$

$g(x) = h(x)$  in  $X \setminus U$ , and  $\sup_{X \setminus U} |h(x)| = \sup_{X \setminus U} |g(x)| \leq \|g\|_\infty$ . Hence,

$$\rho_{p(\cdot)}((g - h)/\epsilon) \leq \max \left\{ 1, (2\|g\|_\infty/\epsilon)^{p^+} \right\} \mu(U) \leq 1$$



which implies  $\|g - h\|_{p(\cdot)} \leq \epsilon$ . Together with (4) this gives

$$\|f' - h\|_{p(\cdot)} \leq 2\epsilon.$$

The following condition has emerged as the right one to guarantee regularity of variable exponent Lebesgue spaces in the Euclidean setting. We say that  $p$  is *log- $H^\circ$ older continuous* if

$$|p(x) - p(y)| \leq \frac{C}{-\log d(x, y)}, \quad (5)$$

When  $d(x, y) \leq 1/2$ . This condition has also been called Dini-Lipschitz, weak Lipschitz and  $0-H^\circ$ older. Since it is the limiting case of  $\alpha-H^\circ$ older continuity, we think that the term log- $H^\circ$ older is the most descriptive one. The following lemma illustrates the geometrical significance of log- $H^\circ$ older continuous exponents.

**Lemma(2.1.4) [2] :** Assume that  $p^+ < \infty$  and define two conditions:

- (i)  $p$  is log- $H^\circ$ older continuous;
- (ii) for all balls  $B \subset X$  we have  $\mu(B)^{p_B^- - p_B^+} \leq C$ .

If  $\mu$  is lower Ahlfors  $Q$ -regular, then (i) implies (ii). If  $\mu$  is upper Ahlfors  $q$ -regular, then (ii) implies (i).

**Proof :** Suppose first that  $\mu$  is lower Ahlfors  $Q$ -regular and that (i) holds.

Since  $p_B^- - p_B^+ \leq 0$ , it suffices to check (ii) for balls  $B$  with radius  $r$  less than  $\frac{1}{2}$ . By (5) we obtain

$$\mu(B)^{p_B^- - p_B^+} \leq (Cr^Q)^{p_B^- - p_B^+} \leq (Cr)^{\frac{-QC}{\log[1/2r]}} \leq C.$$

Suppose then that (ii) holds and that  $\mu$  is upper Ahlfors  $q$ -regular. Let  $x, y \in X$  be points with  $d(x, y) \leq 1/2$  and denote  $B = B(x, 2d(x, y))$ . Using the Ahlfors regularity for the first inequality and condition (ii) for the third inequality we find that

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, y)^{-|p(x) - p(y)|} &= (d(x, y)^q)^{\frac{-|p(x) - p(y)|}{q}} \leq (C\mu(B))^{\frac{-|p(x) - p(y)|}{q}} \\ &\leq C \max \{1, \mu(B)^{p_B^- - p_B^+}\}^{1/q} \leq C, \end{aligned}$$

so  $p$  is log- $H^\circ$ older continuous.

## Section(2.2) Strong and Weak Types Estimate with Lebesgue Points :

In this section we derive a weak type inequality of the norm of the maximal operator. This result is obtained by adapting the method used by Cruz-Uribe, Fiorenze & Neugebauer. Their result is stated assuming that the inverse of the variable exponent belongs to a reverse Hölder class. Instead of this assumption we will assume that  $p^+ < \infty$ . This stronger assumption is motivated by the fact that almost nothing is known of the properties of variable exponent Lebesgue or Sobolev spaces when  $p^+ = \infty$ . Also our assumption allows us to simplify and shorten their proof.

For every locally integrable function on  $X$  we set

$$\mathcal{M}_{B(x,r)}f = \int_{B(x,r)} |f(y)| d\mu(y)$$

and

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{r>0} \mathcal{M}_{B(x,r)}f.$$

The operator  $M$  is called the *Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator*. If  $X$  is doubling, then for every  $t > 0$  and  $f \in L^1(X)$  we have the *weak type estimate*

$$\mu(\{x \in X : Mf(x) > t\}) \leq \frac{C_1}{t} \int_X |f| d\mu, \quad (6)$$

and for every  $f \in L^q(X)$ ,  $1 < q \leq \infty$ , the *strong type estimate*

$$\|Mf\|_{qX} \leq C_q \|f\|_{qX}.$$

The constants  $C_1$  and  $C_q$  depend only on  $q$  and the doubling constant.

Our first goal is to generalize the latter result to variable exponent Lebesgue spaces, adapting the method of L. The following lemma is a streamlined version .

**Lemma(2.2.1)[2] :** *Suppose that  $X$  is a bounded doubling space and that  $p$  is logHölder continuous with  $p^+ < \infty$ . Let  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$  be such that*

$$(1 + \mu(X)) \|f\|_{p(\cdot)} \leq 1.$$

*Then for every  $x \in X$  we have*

$$[\mathcal{M}f(x)]^{p(x)} \leq C(\mathcal{M}(f^p)(x) + 1).$$

**Proof :** Fix  $x \in X$  and let  $B$  be a ball centered at  $x$ . we have  $\|f\|_{p_B^-} \leq (1 + \mu(X)) \|f\|_{p(\cdot)} \leq 1$ . Using Hölder's inequality for the fixed exponent  $p_B^-$ ,  $\|f\|_{p_B^-} \leq 1$  . and lemma (2.1.1) and (2.13) we find that

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{M}_B f)^{p(x)} &\leq \left( \int_B |f(y)|^{p_B^-} d\mu(y) \right)^{p(x)/p_B^-} = \mu(B)^{-p(x)/p_B^-} \|f\|_{p_B^-}^{p(x)} \\ &\leq \mu(B)^{-p(x)/p_B^-} \|f(y)\|_{p_B^-}^{p_B^-} = \mu(B)^{(p_B^- - p(x))/p_B^-} \int_B |f(y)|^{p_B^-} d\mu(y) \\ &\leq C \int_B |f(y)|^{p(y)} + 1 d\mu(y) \leq C(\mathcal{M}_B(f^p) + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Since the constant does not depend on the ball  $B$ , the result follows by taking the supremum over  $B$ .

**Theorem(2.2.2) [2] :** *Let  $X$  be a bounded doubling space. Suppose that  $p$  is log-Hölder continuous with  $1 < p^- \leq p^+ < \infty$ . Then*

$$\|\mathcal{M}f\|_{p(\cdot)} \leq C\|f\|_{p(\cdot)}. \quad (7)$$

**Proof :** Define  $q(x) = p(x)/p^-$  for  $x \in X$ . Since (7) is homogeneous, it suffices to assume that  $\|f\|_{p(\cdot)} \leq 1/(1+\mu(X))^2$  and prove that  $\|\mathcal{M}f\|_{p(\cdot)} \leq C$ . Since  $q$  is smaller than  $p$ , we find that

$$(1 + \mu(X)) \|f\|_{q(\cdot)} \leq (1 + \mu(X))^2 \|f\|_{p(\cdot)} \leq 1.$$

Thus  $f$  satisfies the assumptions of Lemma (2.2.1.) (with  $p$  replaced by  $q$ ), and so

$$[\mathcal{M}f(x)]^{q(x)} \leq C(\mathcal{M}(f^q)(x) + 1)$$

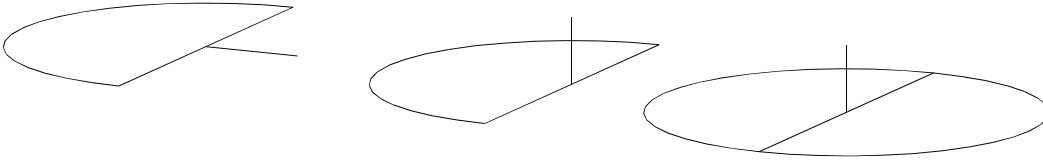
for every  $x \in X$ . Since  $p^- > 1$ ,  $\mathcal{M}: L^{p^-} \rightarrow L^{p^-}$  is a bounded operator, and we get

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{p(\cdot)}(\mathcal{M}f) &= \|(\mathcal{M}f)^{q(\cdot)}\|_{p^-}^{p^-} \leq C \left( \|\mathcal{M}(f^q)\|_{p^-} + \|1\|_{p^-} \right)^{p^-} \\ &\leq C \left( \|f^q\|_{p^-} + \mu(X)^{1/p^-} \right)^{p^-} \leq C. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $p^+ < \infty$ , this implies that  $\|\mathcal{M}f\|_{p(\cdot)} \leq C$ , which proves the claim.

An example by L. Pick and M. Růžička showed that log-Hölder continuity of the exponent is essentially the optimal condition for when the maximal operator is bounded on variable exponent Lebesgue spaces defined on Euclidean spaces. The next example features a metric space of the kind considered in the introduction. It shows that in metric spaces the maximal function can be bounded even though the variable exponent is not log-Hölder continuous. In particular, this example implies that there is still work to be done on this question in metric spaces.

**Example(2.2.3)[2]:** Let  $X_1 = \{(x, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq x < 1/4\}$  and  $X_2 = \{(x, y) \in B(0, 1/2) : x < 0\}$  and define  $(X, \mu) = (X_1, m_1) \cup (X_2, m_2)$ , where  $m_i$  denotes the  $i$ -dimension Lebesgue measure. The space  $X$  is shown left most in Figure 2.



**Figure 2.** The space  $X$  and some variants

**Remark(2.2.4) [2] :** The space  $X$  in the previous example is essentially the same as the right-hand-side space in Figure 1, since  $X$  is mapped by a bilipshcitz mapping to the space in the middle of Figure 2 and can then be extended to the third space in Figure 2 by reflection. In particular, the maximal operator is bounded for exactly the same exponents in all these cases.

**Theorem(2.2.5)[2] :** Let  $X$  and  $\mu$  be as in Example (2.2.3). We set the exponent  $p$  equal to  $s$  on  $X_1$  and to  $t$  on  $X_2$  ( $s, t > 1$ ). Consider the boundedness of the maximal operator from  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  to itself:

- (i) if  $t \geq 2$ , then  $M$  is bounded if and only if  $s \geq t$ ;
- (ii) if  $t < 2$  and  $s < t/(2 - t)$ , then  $M$  is bounded;
- (iii) if  $t < 2$  and  $s > t/(2 - t)$ , then  $M$  is not bounded.

**Proof :** Take  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ . For the ball  $B \subset X$  we find that  $M_B f$  equals

$$\frac{1}{m_1(B \cap X_1) + m_2(B \cap X_2)} \left( \int_{B \cap X_1} |f(y)| dm_1(y) + \int_{B \cap X_2} |f(y)| dm_2(y) \right).$$

We suppose first that  $s \geq t$  and either  $t \geq 2$  or  $s < t/(2 - t)$  and show that the maximal operator is bounded. If we denote  $f_1 = f\chi_{X_1}$  and  $f_2 = f\chi_{X_2}$  ( $\chi_S$  denotes the characteristic function of the set  $S$ ), then we see that

$$\|Mf\|_{p(\cdot)} \leq \|Mf_1\|_{s,X_1} + \|Mf_2\|_{s,X_1} + \|Mf\|_{s,X_2} \quad .$$

Since  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(X) \subset L^t(X)$ , classical Lebesgue theory in metric spaces tells us that the third term in the last expression is bounded by  $C\|f\|_{p(\cdot),X}$ . Since the first term lives only in  $X_1$  and  $f_1 \in L^s(X)$ , we get an upper bound for it in terms of  $\|f_1\|_{s,X_1}$ . Therefore we have shown that

$$\|Mf\|_{p(\cdot)} \leq C(\|f_1\|_{s,X_1} + \|f\|_{p(\cdot),X}) + \|Mf_2\|_{s,X_1}$$

And all that remains is to show is that  $\|Mf_2\|_{s,X_1} \leq C\|f_2\|_{t,X_2}$ .

The idea of the proof is that the only really important part of the norm is the origin and its surroundings. Therefore we can make estimates when calculating the norms that have an effect only far from the origin, without this having a large effect on the result.

In what follows we will denote by  $B(r)$  a ball centered at the origin with radius  $r > 0$ . For a ball  $B$  centered on  $X_1$  and intersecting  $X_2$ , let  $B'$  be the ball such that  $B \cap \{(0,y): y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a diametrical chord. Then for  $x \in X_1$  and a ball  $B$  centered at  $x$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_B f_2 &= \int_B |f_2| d\mu \leq \frac{1}{\mu(B)} \int_{B'} |f_2| d\mu \leq \frac{1}{\mu(B \cap X_1)} \int_{B' \cap X_2} |f_2| dm_2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\min\{|x| + r, 1/4\}} \int_{B' \cap X_2} |f_2| dm_2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $r$  is the radius of  $B'$ . Therefore:

$$\mathcal{M}f_2(x) \leq \frac{1}{\min\{|x| + r(x), 1/4\}} \int_{B(r(x)) \cap X_2} |f_2| dm_2$$

For some suitable function  $r: X_1 \rightarrow [0, 1/2)$ . For those  $x \in X_1$  with  $|x| + r(x) > 1/4$  this means that

$$\mathcal{M}f_2(x) \leq 4 \int |f_2| dm_2 \leq C\|f_2\|_{t,X_2},$$

So we need not worry about these points. For the other points we calculate

$$\|\mathcal{M}f_2\|_{s,X_1} \leq \left( \int_0^{1/4} \left( \frac{1}{|x| + r(x)} \int_{B(r(x)) \cap X_2} |f_2| dm_2 \right)^s dx \right)^{1/s} \quad (8)$$

By Hölder's inequality we have

$$\int_{B(r) \cap X_2} |f_2| dm_2 \leq \|f_2\|_{t, B(r) \cap X_2} \|1\|_{t', B(r) \cap X_2} \leq C r^{2(1-1/t)} \|f_2\|_{t, X_2}.$$

Using this in (8) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{M}f_2\|_{s, X_1} &\leq \left( \int_0^{1/4} \left( \frac{Cr(x)^{2(1-1/t)}}{|x|+r(x)} \|f_2\|_{t, X_2} \right)^s dx \right)^{1/s} \\ &\quad - C \left( \int_0^{1/4} \left( \frac{r(x)^{2(1-1/t)}}{|x|+r(x)} \right)^s dx \right)^{1/s} \|f_2\|_{t, X_2}. \end{aligned}$$

By considering the partial derivative with respect to  $r$ , we see that

$$\frac{r^a}{|x|+r} \leq \begin{cases} \frac{a^a}{(1-a)^{a-1}} x^{1-2/t} & \text{if } a < 1 \\ \frac{1}{1+x} & \text{if } a \geq 1 \end{cases},$$

Where  $a = 2(1 - 1/t)$ . Using this in our previous estimate gives  $\|\mathcal{M}f_2\|_{s, X_1} \leq \|f_2\|_{t, X_2}$  if either  $a \geq 1$  (that is  $t \geq 2$ ), or  $a < 1$  and

$$\int_0^{1/4} x^{(1-2/t)s} dx < \infty$$

This integral is finite provided  $(1 - 2/t)s > -1$ ; i.e.,  $s < t/(2 - t)$ , which concludes the proof of (ii) and sufficiency in (i).

If  $t > s$ , it is easy to see that the maximal operator is not bounded (consider the function defined as  $|x|^{-2/(s+t)}$  on  $X_1$  and 0 on  $X_2$ ). This completes the proof of (i).

To prove (iii) we will construct a function  $g \in L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  for which  $\mathcal{M}g \notin L^s(X_1)$  for fixed  $t < 2$  and  $s > t/(2 - t)$ . It turns out that

$$g(x) = (|x| \log(1/|x|))^{-2/t} \chi_{X_2}$$

does the trick. We show that  $g \in L^t(X_2)$ :

$$\|g\|_{t, X_2}^t = \int_0^{1/2} r (r \log(1/r))^{-2} dr = \int_0^{1/2} r^{-1} \log^{-2}(1/r) dr = \frac{1}{\log 2}.$$

For  $x \in X_1$  we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
Mg(x) &\geq \int_{B(x, 2|x|)} |g(y)| d\mu(y) \geq \frac{1}{3|x| + \pi(2|x|)^2} \int_{B(0, |x|)} g(y) dm_2(y) \\
&= \frac{1}{3 + 4\pi|x|} \int_0^{|x|} rg(r) dr \geq \frac{1}{3 + \pi} \int_0^{|x|} r^{1-2/t} \log^{-2/t} \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) dr.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $r \rightarrow r^{1-2/t} \log^{-2/t}(1/r)$ , is convex, we find, by Jensen's inequality, that

$$\int_0^{2y} r^{1-2/t} \log^{-2/t} \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) dr \geq y^{1-2/t} \log^{-2/t} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)$$

Using this in the previous estimate gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\|Mg\|_{s, X_1}^s &= \int_0^{1/4} (Mg(x))^s dx \\
&\geq \frac{1}{(3 + \pi)^s} \int_0^{1/4} (x/2)^{-(2-t)s/t} \log^{-2s/t} \left(\frac{2}{x}\right) dx
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $(2-t)s/t > 1$ , this integral is divergent,  $Mg \notin L^s(X_1)$ , which was to be shown.

**Lemma(2.2.6) [2] :** *Let  $X$  be a doubling space and assume that  $p^+ < \infty$ . Let also  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  and  $t > 0$ . Suppose that  $B$  is a ball such that*

$$\int_B \frac{|f(y)|}{t} d\mu(y) > \mu(B)$$

*Then there exists a constant  $C$  depending only on  $p$  such that*

$$\mu(B) \leq C \int_B \left( \frac{|f(y)|}{t} \right)^{p(y)} d\mu(y)$$

**Proof :** We choose a sequence of simple functions  $(s_n)$  with  $s_n \geq p^-_B$  such that the sequence  $(s_n(x))$  increases monotonically to  $p(x)$  on  $B$ . Then for each  $n$ ,

$$s_n(x) \sum_{j=1}^{k_n} \propto n, jx A_{n,j}(x),$$

where the sets  $A_{n,1}, \dots, A_{n,k_n}$  are disjoint and  $\cup_j A_{n,j} = B$ .

Using Hölder's and Young's inequalities we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{A_{n,j}} \frac{|f(y)|}{t} d\mu(y) &\leq \left( \int_{A_{n,j}} \left( \frac{|f(y)|}{t} \right)^{\alpha_{n,j}} d\mu(y) \right)^{1/\alpha_{n,j}} \mu(A_{n,j})^{1/\alpha'_{n,j}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\alpha_{n,j}} \int_{A_{n,j}} \left( \frac{|f(y)|}{t} \right)^{\alpha_{n,j}} d\mu(y) + \frac{\mu(A_{n,j})}{\alpha'_{n,j}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{p_B^-} \int_{A_{n,j}} \left( \frac{|f(y)|}{t} \right)^{s_n(y)} d\mu(y) + \frac{\mu(A_{n,j})}{(p_B^+)'}. \end{aligned}$$

Adding the inequalities from 1 to  $k_n$  gives

$$\int_B \frac{|f(y)|}{t} d\mu(y) \leq \frac{1}{p_B^-} \int_B \left( \frac{|f(y)|}{t} \right)^{s_n(y)} d\mu(y) + \frac{\mu(B)}{(p_B^+)'}$$

This inequality holds for all  $n$ , hence the monotone convergence theorem implies that

$$\mu(B) < \int_B \frac{|f(y)|}{t} d\mu(y) \leq \frac{1}{p_B^-} \int_B \left( \frac{|f(y)|}{t} \right)^{p(y)} d\mu(y) + \frac{\mu(B)}{(p_B^+)'}$$

Since  $p^+ < \infty$ , it follows that  $(p_B^+)' > 1$ , so we are done.

**Theorem(2.2.7) [2] :** *Let  $X$  be a doubling space and assume that  $p^+ < \infty$ . Then for all  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  and  $t > 0$*

$$\mu(\{x \in X : \mathcal{M}f(x) > t\}) \leq C \int_X \left( \frac{|f(y)|}{t} \right)^{p(y)} d\mu(y) \quad (9)$$

**Proof :** Let  $n > 0$  and define

$$\mathcal{M}_n f(x) = \sup_{r \leq n} \int_{B(x,r)} |f(y)| d\mu(y).$$



Then the sequence  $(\mathcal{M}_n f(x))$  is increasing and converges to  $Mf(x)$  for every  $x \in X$ . By the monotone convergence theorem, we find for each  $t > 0$  that

$$\mu(\{x \in X: Mf(x) > t\}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\{x \in X: \mathcal{M}_n f(x) > t\}),$$

and therefore it suffices to prove (9) for  $M_n$  with constant independent of  $n$ .

Let  $t > 0$  and denote  $E_n = \{x \in X: M_n f(x) > t\}$ . Then for each  $x \in E_n$  there is a ball  $B_x = B(x, r_x)$  such that

$$\int_{B_x} |f(y)| d\mu(y) > t.$$

By the standard covering theorem we find a disjoint family  $\mathcal{F}$  of balls  $B_x$  with

$$E_n \subset \sum_{B \in \mathcal{F}} \mu(B)$$

Using the doubling property and Lemma (9) this implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(E_n) &\leq \sum_{B \in \mathcal{F}} \mu(5B) \leq C \sum_{B \in \mathcal{F}} \mu(B) \\ &\leq C \sum_{B \in \mathcal{F}} \int_B \left( \frac{|f(y)|}{t} \right)^{p(y)} d\mu(y) \leq C \int_X \left( \frac{|f(y)|}{t} \right)^{p(y)} d\mu(y), \end{aligned}$$

where the constant  $C$  depends on  $p^+$  and the doubling constant.

A standard application of the weak type estimate is the Lebesgue point theorem. We show that this method also work in our case, provided we know that continuous functions are dense in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$ . The theorem generalizes to metric measure spaces.

**Theorem(2.2.8) [2] :** *Let  $X$  be a locally compact doubling space and assume that  $p^+ < \infty$ . Then for every  $u \in L_{loc}^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  and almost every  $x \in X$*

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{B(x,r)} |u(y) - u(x)|^{p(y)} d\mu(y) = 0$$

**Proof:** We may assume that  $u \in L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$ . Otherwise we can study a function  $u\chi_{B_r}$ , where  $\chi_{B_r}$  is the characteristic function of a ball with radius  $r > 0$ , and the theorem follows by the subadditivity of the measure. We define

$$Lu(x) = \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{B(x,r)} |u(y) - u(x)|^{p(y)} d\mu(y)$$

For  $x \in X$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Lu(x) &\leq 2^{p^+} \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{B(x,r)} |u(y)|^{p(y)} d\mu(y) \\ &\quad + 2^{p^+} \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{B(x,r)} |u(x)|^{p(y)} d\mu(y) \\ &\leq 2^{p^+} M u^{p(\cdot)}(x) + 2^{p^+} \max\{|u(x)|, |u(x)|^{p^+}\} \end{aligned}$$

We easily see that  $L(u_1+u_2)(x) \leq 2^{p^+}Lu_1(x)+2^{p^+}Lu_2(x)$ . Let  $v$  be continuous and note that  $L$  is identically zero. This yields

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\{x \in X : Lu(x) > t\}) &= \mu(\{x \in X : L(u-v)(x) > t\}) \\ &\leq \mu\left(\left\{x \in X : \mathcal{M}(u-v)^{p(\cdot)}(x) > \frac{t}{2^{p^++1}}\right\}\right) \\ &\quad + \mu\left(\left\{x \in X : |u(x) - v(x)| > \min\left\{\frac{t}{2^{p^++1}}, \frac{t^{1/p^+}}{2^{1+1/p^+}}\right\}\right\}\right) \end{aligned}$$

We use the weak type estimate (6) for  $(u-v)^{p(\cdot)} \in L^1(X)$  or Theorem(2.2.7) to get

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\{x \in X : Lu(x) > t\}) &\leq C(t) \int_X |u(y) - v(y)|^{p(y)} d\mu(y) \\ &\quad + \mu(\{x \in X : |u(x) - v(x)| > C(t)\}) \end{aligned}$$

Since continuous functions are dense in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  by theorem (2.1.3) and since convergence in norm implies convergence in measure, we can choose  $v \in L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  to make the right-hand-side of the previous inequality arbitrarily small. Since the left-hand-side does not depend on  $v$ , it follows that it has to equal zero for every  $t > 0$ . Therefore, by the subadditivity of  $\mu$ ,

$$\mu(\{x \in X : Lu(x) > 0\}) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(\{x \in X : Lu(x) > 1/i\}) = 0$$

So  $Lu(x) = 0$  almost everywhere.

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## Chapter 3

### *Variable exponent Lebesgue space and Interpolation theorem*

When Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator is bounded on  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  space we prove  $[L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n), BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)]_\theta = L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  where  $q(\cdot) = p(\cdot)/(1 - \theta)$  and  $[L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n), H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)]_\theta = L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  where  $1/q(\cdot) = \theta + (1 - \theta)/p(\cdot)$ .

#### 2. Section(3.1) The Characterizations of variable exponent Lebesgue spaces :

3. The Lebesgue spaces  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with variable exponent and the corresponding variable Sobolev spaces  $W^{k,p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  are of interest for their applications to modelling problems in physics, and to the study of variational integrals and partial differential equations with nonstandard growth condition.

Given a measurable function  $(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ ,  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denotes the set of measurable functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that for some  $\lambda > 0$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda} \right)^{p(x)} dx < \infty$$

This set becomes a Banach function space when equipped with the norm

$$\|f\|_{p(\cdot)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0; \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda} \right)^{p(x)} dx \leq 1 \right\}$$

There is interesting whether it is possible to transfer complex and real interpolation results to variable exponent Lebesgue spaces. It was shown that Riesz–Thorin theorem (In mathematics , Riesz–Thorin theorem , ofent referred to as the Riesz–Thorin interpolation theorem or the Riesz–Thorin convexity theorem is a result a bout interpolation of operators. it is named after marcel Riesz and his student G.O Lof Thorin.

The theorem bounds the norms of linear maps acting between  $L^p$  spaces. Its usefulness stems from the fact that some of these spaces have rather simpler structure than others. Usually that refers to  $L^2$  which is a Hilbert space, or to  $L^1$  and  $L^\infty$ . Therefore one may prove theorems about the more complicated cases by proving the theorem in two simple cases and then using the Riesz–Thorin theorem to pass from the simple cases to the complicated cases [8].

is valid on  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  spaces, i.e. a linear operator  $T$  which is bounded from  $L^{p_j(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  to  $L^{p_j(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ ,  $j = 0, 1$ , is also bounded from  $L^{p_\theta(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  to  $L^{p_\theta(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . Here  $p_\theta(\cdot)$  is defined in the usual way,  $1/p_\theta(\cdot) = (1 - \theta)/p_0(\cdot) + \theta/p_1(\cdot)$ .  $[L^{p_0(\cdot)}(\Omega), L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)]_\theta \approx L^{p_\theta(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ ,  $1 < (p_j)_- \leq (p_j)_+ < \infty$  (below we will denote  $p_- = \text{ess inf } p(\cdot)$  and  $p_+ = \text{ess sup } p(\cdot)$ ), where  $[A_1, A_2]_\theta$  denotes the complex interpolation space of the Banach spaces  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ .

Recall that  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denotes the space of functions of bounded mean oscillation with the seminorm

$$\|f\|_{BMO} = \sup_Q \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y) - f_Q| dy,$$

Where  $f_Q = \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q f(x) dx$  and supremum is taken over all cubes in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Among the various equivalent characterizations of the Hardy space  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  one of the simplest is using a maximal function. Fix a function  $\phi \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $\int \phi(x) dx = 1$  and define the maximal function of a distribution  $f \in S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  by

$$M_\phi f(x) = \sup_{t>0} |f * \phi_t(x)|, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Then  $f \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if  $M_\phi f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and one can set

$$\|f\|_{H^1} = \|M_\phi f\|_1.$$

In this chapter we study complex interpolation spaces  $[L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n), BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)]_\theta$  and  $[L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n), H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)]_\theta$  when Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator is bounded on  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We follow the approach of Frazier and Jawerth which takes advantage of the fact that, unlike

distribution spaces  $F^{\alpha}_{p,q}$  the sequence spaces  $\dot{f}^{\alpha}_{p,q}$  are quasi-Banach lattices. Hence, by computing Calderon spaces we can deduce complex interpolation results for  $F^{\alpha}_{p,q}$  spaces.

Let  $B(x, r)$  denote the open ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of radius  $r$  and center  $x$ . By  $|B(x, r)|$  we denote

dimensional Lebesgue measure of  $B(x, r)$ . The Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator  $M$  is defined on locally integrable function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by the formula

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{|B(x, r)|} \int_{B(x, r)} |f(y)| dy.$$

By  $p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denote the class of all exponents  $p(\cdot)$  with property  $1 < a \leq p(t) \leq b < \infty; t \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and define  $B(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to be the set of exponents  $P(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $M$  is bounded on  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Below by  $p'(\cdot)$  we denote the conjugate exponent of  $p(\cdot)$  ( $1/p(t) + 1/p'(t) = 1, t \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ).

In harmonic analysis a fundamental operator is the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator  $M$ . In many applications a crucial step has been to show that operator  $M$  is bounded on a variable  $L^p$  space. Note that many classical operators in harmonic analysis such as singular integrals, commutators and fractional integrals are bounded on the variable Lebesgue space  $L^{p(\cdot)}$  whenever the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator is bounded on  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Conditions for the boundedness of the maximal and singular operators on spaces  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Theorem(3.1.1) [3]:** Let  $p(\cdot) \in B(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $0 < \theta < 1$ . Then

$$[L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n), BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)]_{\theta} = L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n), \text{ where } q(\cdot) = \frac{p(\cdot)}{1-\theta}, \quad (1)$$

$$[L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n), H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)]_{\theta} = L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n), \text{ where } 1/q(\cdot) = \theta + (1 - \theta)/p(\cdot). \quad (2)$$

For the case  $p(\cdot) = \text{const}$ , this is the classical result of Fefferman and Stein. Later several authors have extended Fefferman–Stein’s complex interpolation result in the sense of replacing  $L^p$  on left side by  $L^\infty$  or  $BMO$  for different approaches to this result).

**Proof :** We can obtain results regarding complex interpolation from Theorem (3.2.1) Let  $[X_0, X_1]_{\theta}$  denote the space obtained from  $X_0$  and  $X_1$  by the complex interpolation method. Suppose  $X_0$  and  $X_1$  are Banach lattices on a measure space  $\Omega$ , and let  $X = X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^{\theta}$  for some

$\theta \in (0, 1)$  show that  $[X_0, X_1]_{\theta} = X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^{\theta}$  under the hypothesis that  $X$  has Fatou property. Note that  $L^{p(\cdot)}$ , if  $p(\cdot) \in L^\infty$  satisfies the above property by the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem. Hence, we obtain

$$[f_{p(\cdot), 2}^0, f_{\infty, 2}^0]_{\theta} = f_{q(\cdot), 2}^0.$$

Applying Theorem (3.1. 3) we obtain (31.1).

**Corollary(3.1.2)[3]:** Let  $p(.) \in B(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$  and  $q(.) = \frac{p(.)}{1-\theta}$ . Then there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$\|f\|_{q(.)} \leq C \|f\|_{p(.)}^{1-\theta} \|f\|_{BMO}^{\theta} \quad (3)$$

Holds for all  $f \in L^{p(.)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Note that in case  $P(.) \equiv \text{const}$  ( 3) was shown by Chen and Zhu by using the John–Nirenberg type inequality .

To prove (3.1.2), we first observe that  $(L^{p(.)}(\mathbb{R}^n))^* = (L^{p'(.)}(\mathbb{R}^n))' = L^{p'(.')}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and consequently

$$(f_{p(.),2}^0)^* = (f_{p(.),2}^0)' = f_{p'(.),2}^0$$

Note also that  $(f_{1,2}^0)^* = (f_{1,2}^0)' = f_{\infty,2}^0$  and  $f_{\infty,2}^0 = (f_{\infty,2}^0)' (f_{1,2}^0)$  is order continuous Banach lattices ) .

According to (13) we can write

$$\begin{aligned} ((f_{p'(.),2}^0)^{1-\theta} (f_{\infty,2}^0)^{\theta})' &= ((f_{p'(.),2}^0)')^{1-\theta} ((f_{\infty,2}^0)')^{\theta} \\ &= (f_{p(.),2}^0)^{1-\theta} (f_{1,2}^0)^{\theta} = [f_{p(.),2}^0, f_{1,2}^0]_{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

Applying Theorems (3.2.1), (3.1.3) and (3.1.1) we can write  $L^{q'(.')}(\mathbb{R}^n)' = [L^{p(.)}(\mathbb{R}^n), H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)]_{\theta}$

Where  $1/q'(.') = (1 - \theta)/p'(.)$  and consequently  $L^{q(.')}(\mathbb{R}^n) = [L^{p(.)}(\mathbb{R}^n), H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)]_{\theta}$  where  $1/q(.) = (1 - \theta)/p(.)$  .

Let  $f \in L^{p(.)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $s = \{(S_{\varphi})_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ . From (12) and (14) we obtain

$$\|s\|_{f_{q(.),2}^0} = \|s^{1-\theta} s^{\theta}\|_{f_{q(.),2}^0} \leq C \|s\|_{f_{p(.),2}^0}^{1-\theta} \|s\|_{f_{\infty,2}^0}^{\theta}$$

This completes the proof of (3) .

Many function spaces arising in harmonic analysis admit decompositions into simpler building blocks, often called atoms or molecules, that have some additional desirable properties.

One of the possible directions, where decomposition techniques are very useful, is the study of a large class of general Triebel–Lizorkin spaces  $F_{p,q}^\alpha$  (homogeneous) and  $F_{p,q}^\alpha$  (inhomogeneous),  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $0 < p, q \leq \infty$  which includes many well-known classical function spaces. In particular,  $L^p \approx F_{p,2}^\alpha \approx F_{p,2}^\alpha$  when  $1 < p < \infty$  (here  $\approx$  means that the (quasi)-norms are equivalent) and  $F_{p,2}^\alpha \approx H^p$  when  $0 < p \leq 1$ . The atomic and molecular decomposition results for homogeneous Triebel–Lizorkin spaces were first obtained by Frazier and Jawerth.

For  $v \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ , let  $Q_{vk}$  be the dyadic cube  $2^{-v} [0,1]^n + k$ . Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the collection of dyadic cubes in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For a cube  $Q$  let  $x_Q$  denote the “lower left corner”.

The set  $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denotes the usual Schwartz space of rapidly decreasing complex-valued functions and  $S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denotes the dual space of tempered distributions. We denote the Fourier transform of  $\varphi$  by  $\widehat{\varphi}$ . Let functions  $\varphi, \psi \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfy the following conditions:

$$\text{supp } \widehat{\varphi}, \widehat{\psi} \subset \left\{ \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{1}{2} \leq |\xi| \leq 2 \right\}, \quad (4)$$

$$\text{and } |\widehat{\psi}(\xi)|, |\widehat{\varphi}(\xi)| \geq c > 0 \quad \text{when} \quad \frac{3}{5} \leq |\xi| \leq \frac{5}{3}, \quad (5)$$

$$\sum_{v \in \mathbb{Z}} \widehat{\varphi}(2^{-v}\xi) \widehat{\psi}(2^{-v}\xi) = 1 \quad \text{if } \xi \neq 0. \quad (6)$$

Here  $\tilde{\varphi}(x) = \overline{\varphi(-x)}$ . we set  $\varphi_v(x) = 2^{vn} \varphi(2^v x)$  and  $\psi_v(x) = 2^{vn} \psi(2^v x)$ ,  $v \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\varphi_Q(x) = |Q|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \varphi_v(x - x_Q) \text{ if } Q = Q_{vk}, \text{ and similarly } \psi_Q.$$

For  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  satisfying (4) - (6) the  $\varphi$  - transform  $S_\varphi$  is the map taking each  $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^n) / P$  (the space of tempered distributions modulo polynomials) to the sequence  $S_\varphi f = \{(S_\varphi f)_Q\}_{Q \in D}$  defined by  $(S_\varphi f)_Q = \langle f, \varphi_Q \rangle$  for  $Q$  dyadic. Here  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the usual inner product on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{C})$ . The inverse of  $\varphi$ -transform  $T_\psi$  is the map taking a sequence  $s = \{s_Q\}_{Q \in D}$  to  $T_\psi s = \sum_{Q \in D} s_Q \psi_Q$ .

The starting point in the theory of discrete  $\varphi$  -transforms of Frazier and Jawerth is the representation formula for tempered distributions: If  $f \in S'(\mathbb{R}^n)/P$ , then

$$f(x) = \sum_{Q \in D} \langle f, \varphi_Q \rangle \varphi_Q(x),$$

Where the convergence of the above series, as well as the equality, is in  $S'(\mathbb{R}^n)/P$ .

Motivated by the classical definition of homogeneous Triebel–Lizorkin spaces, Frazier, Jawerth and Weiss we define variable discrete homogeneous Triebel–Lizorkin spaces  $f_{p(\cdot),2}^0$  as follows: for  $P(\cdot) \in p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  let  $f_{p(\cdot),2}^0$  be the collection of all complex-valued sequences  $s = \{s_Q\}_{Q \in D}$  such that

$$\|s\|_{f_{p(\cdot),2}^0} = \left\| \left( \sum_{Q \in D} (|s_Q| \hat{\chi}_Q)^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{P(\cdot)} < \infty,$$

Where  $\tilde{\chi}_Q = |Q|^{-1/2} \chi_Q$  is the  $L^2$ -normalized characteristic function of  $Q$ .

**Theorem (3.1.3) [3]:** Suppose  $P(\cdot) \in B(\mathbb{R}^n)$  The operators  $S_\varphi : L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow f_{p(\cdot),2}^0$  and  $T_\psi : f_{p(\cdot),2}^0 \rightarrow L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  are bounded. Furthermore,  $T_\psi \circ S_\varphi$  is the identity on. In particular

$$\|f\|_{p(\cdot)} \approx \|S_\varphi : f\|_{f_{p(\cdot),2}^0}.$$

The above norm estimate is consequence of the extrapolation theorem given by Cruz-Uribe, Fiorenza, Martell and Perez and the weighted norm inequalities for



$$Wf(x) = \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|\langle f, \varphi_Q \rangle| \tilde{\chi}_Q)^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

function, given by Frazier and Jawerth. We describe these results.

Under a weight we mean a non-negative, locally integrable function  $w$ . When  $1 < p < \infty$ , we say  $w \in A_p$  if for every cube  $Q$ .

$$\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q w(x) dx \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q w(x)^{1-p'} dx \right)^{p-1} \leq C < \infty.$$

By  $A_{p,w}$  we denote the infimum over the constants on the right-hand side of the last inequality. By  $\mathcal{F}$  we will denote a family of ordered pairs of non-negative, measurable functions  $(f,g)$ . We say that an inequality

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x)^{p_0} w(x) dx \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g(x)^{p_0} w(x) dx \quad (0 < p_0 < \infty) \quad (7)$$

holds for any  $(f,g) \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $w \in A_q$  (for some  $q$ ,  $1 < q < \infty$ ) if it holds for any pair in  $\mathcal{F}$  such that the left-hand side is finite, and the constant  $C$  depends only on  $p_0$  and on the constant  $A_{q,w}$ .

**Proof :** From the assumption  $P(\cdot) \in B(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we get that there exists  $1 < p_1 < p_-$  with  $(p(\cdot)/p_1)' \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . An application of Theorem (3.1.4) and (3.1.7) with the pairs  $(Wf, |f|)$  gives the norm estimate  $\|S_\varphi f\|_{f_0 p(\cdot), 2} \leq C \|f\|_{p(\cdot)}$  provided  $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Note that  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is dense in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and consequently this inequality is also valid for all  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Analogously we obtain opposite direction inequality.

The extrapolation theorem given by Cruz-Uribe, Fiorenza, Martell and Perez, implies among other things the Fefferman–Stein vector-valued inequality for variable exponent Lebesgue spaces.

**Theorem(3.1.4) [3]:** *Given a family  $\mathcal{F}$ , assume that (7) holds for some  $1 < p_0 < \infty$ , for every weight  $w \in A_{p_0}$  and for all  $(f,g) \in \mathcal{F}$ . Let  $P(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be such that there exists  $1 < p_1 < p_-$ , with  $(p(\cdot)/p_1)' \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then*

$$\|f\|_{p(\cdot)} \leq C \|g\|_{p(\cdot)}$$

for all  $(f, g) \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Let  $w$  be a non-negative function satisfying “doubling condition”  $w(2Q) \leq Cw(Q)$ , where, for a measurable set.  $E$   $w(E) = \int_E w(x) dx$  The discrete Triebel–Lizorkin weighted sequence space  $f_{p(\cdot),2}^0(w)$  is defined as the collection of all complex-valued sequences  $s$  such that

$$\|s\|_{f_{p(\cdot),2}^0(w)} = \left\| \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_Q)^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L^p(w)} < \infty$$

Where  $L^p(w)$  is weighted Lebesgue space.

**Theorem(3.1.5) [3]:** Suppose  $p \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $w \in A_p$ . The operators  $S_\phi: L^p(w) \rightarrow f_{p(\cdot),2}^0$  and  $T_\psi: f_{p(\cdot),2}^0 \rightarrow L^p(w)$  are bounded. Furthermore,  $T_\psi \circ S_\phi$  is the identity on  $L^p(w)$ . In

particular

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p w(x) dx \approx \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \mathcal{W} f(x)^p w(x) dx. \quad (8)$$

**Theorem(3.1.6)[3]:** Let  $p(\cdot) \in B(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $1 < q < \infty$ . Then

$$\| \|Mf_i\|_{l^q} \|_{p(\cdot)} \leq C \| \|f_i\|_{l^q} \|_{p(\cdot)}.$$

**Theorem(3.1.7) [3]:** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in B(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Suppose that for each dyadic cube  $Q$ ,  $E_Q \subseteq Q$  is a measurable set with  $|E_Q|/|Q| \geq \varepsilon$ . Then

$$\| \{s_Q\}_Q \|_{f_{p(\cdot),2}^0} \approx \left\| \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q})^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{p(\cdot)}, \quad (9)$$

Where  $\tilde{\chi}_{E_Q} = |E_Q|^{-1/2} \chi_{E_Q}$

**Proof:** Since  $\tilde{\chi}_{E_Q} \leq \varepsilon^{-1/2} \tilde{\chi}_Q$ , one direction is trivial. For the other, note that for all  $A > 0$ ,  $X_Q \leq \varepsilon^{-1/A} \left( M(X_{E_Q}^A) \right)^{1/A}$ , where  $M$  denotes the Hardy–Littlewood operator. Select  $A$  such that  $p/A, 2/A > 1$ . Note that  $\|f\|_{p(\cdot)} = \|f^A\|_{p(\cdot)/A}^{1/A}$  and by theorem(3.1.6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \{s_Q\}_Q \right\|_{\dot{f}_{p(\cdot),2}^0} &\leq \varepsilon^{-1/A} \left\| \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (M(|s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q})^A)^{2/A} \right)^{A/2} \right\|_{p(\cdot)/A}^{1/A} \\ &\leq C \varepsilon^{-1/A} \left\| \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q})^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{p(\cdot)}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary(3.1.8) [3] :** Let ,  $p(\cdot) \in B(\mathbb{R}^n)$  . Then  $s = \{s_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \in \dot{f}_{p(\cdot),2}^0$  if and only if for each  $Q$  dyadic there is a subset  $E_Q \subset Q$  with  $|E_Q|/|Q| > 1/2$  ( or any other fixed number  $0 < s < 1$  ) such that

$$\left\| \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q})^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{p(\cdot)} < \infty$$

For space  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we have the following identification  $\|f\|_{BMO} \approx \|S_\varphi f\|_{\dot{f}_{\infty,2}^0}$  where discrete Triebel–Lizorkin sequence space  $\dot{f}_{\infty,2}^0$  is defined as the collection of all complex valued sequences such that

$$\|s\|$$

Note also that  $\dot{f}_{\infty,2}^0 = \left\{ \{s_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} : \frac{1}{p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q})^2 \right)^{1/2} dx < \infty \right\}$  only if for each  $Q$  there is a subset  $E_Q \subset Q$  with  $|E_Q|/|Q| > 1/2$  (or any other fixed number  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ ) such that

$$\left\| \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q})^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L^\infty} < +\infty \quad (10)$$

Moreover, the infimum of this expression over all such collections  $\{E_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$  is equivalent to  $\|s\|_{\dot{f}_{\infty,2}^0}$ .

For Hardy space  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we have the following identification  $\|f\|_{H^1} \approx \|S_\varphi f\|_{\dot{f}_{1,2}^0}$ ,

where  $s$  is defined as the collection of all complex-valued sequences  $s = \{s_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$  such that

$$\|s\|_{\dot{f}_{1,2}^0} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_Q(x))^2 \right)^{1/2} dx < \infty$$

### Section(3.2) Calderon- Product and Interpolation Property :

Let  $(\Omega, \mu)$  be a complete  $\sigma$ -finite measure space. By  $S$  we denote the collection of all realvalued measurable functions on  $\Omega$ . A Banach subspace  $X$  in  $S$  is said to be Banach lattices on  $(\Omega, \mu)$  if:

- (1) the norm  $\|f\|_X$  is defined for every measurable function  $f$  and  $f \in X$  if and only if
- (2)  $\|f\|_X < \infty$ ,  $\|f\|_X = 0$  if and if  $f = 0$  a.e;
- (3) if  $0 \leq f \leq g$  a.e ,then  $\|f\|_E \leq \|g\|_E$  ;
- (4) if  $0 \leq f_n \uparrow f$  a.e., then  $\|f_n\|_X \uparrow \|f\|_X$  (Fatou property).

A Banach lattice modelled on the discrete set is called a Banach sequence lattice (below we assume that  $\text{supp} X = \Omega$ ).

If  $X$  is a Banach lattice on  $\Omega$ , then the Köthe dual  $X'$  of  $X$  is a Banach lattice which can be identified with the space of all functionals possessing an integral representation. That is,  $X'$

$$= \left\{ f \in S; \sup_{\|g\|_X \leq 1} \int_{\Omega} |fg| d\mu < \infty \right\}$$

The space  $X'$  is a Banach lattice on  $\Omega$  and a closed normed subspace of conjugate space  $X^*$ .

Recall that  $X$  is order continuous if for any  $f \in X$  and  $|f_n| \rightarrow 0$  a.e.,  $\|f_n\|_X \rightarrow 0$ .

Note that if  $X$  is order continuous then  $E^* = E'$  and  $E = (E^*)'$ .

Suppose that  $X_0$  and  $X_1$  are Banach lattices on  $\Omega$ . If  $0 < \theta < 1$ , the Calderon product  $X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^\theta$  of  $X_0$  and  $X_1$  is defined to be the set of  $\mu$ -measurable functions  $f$  on  $\Omega$  such that there exist

$v \in X_0$  with  $\|v\|_{X_0} \leq 1$ ,  $w \in X_1$ , with  $\|w\|_{X_1} \leq 1$  and  $\lambda > 0$  such that

$$|f(x)| \leq \lambda |v(x)|^{1-\theta} |w(x)|^\theta \quad \text{for } \mu \text{ a.e. } x. \quad (11)$$

We set

$$\|u\|_{X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^\theta} = \inf \{ \lambda > 0 : (11) \text{ hold with } \|v\|_{X_0} \leq 1 \text{ and } \|w\|_{X_1} \leq 1 \}$$

In the sequel we will need the following obvious inequality: if  $f \in X_0$  and  $g \in X_1$  then

$$\|f^{1-\theta} g^\theta\|_{X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^\theta} \leq \|f\|_{X_0}^{1-\theta} \|g\|_{X_1}^\theta \quad (12)$$

Indeed if  $\|f\|_{X_0} \|g\|_{X_1} \neq 0$  then for  $u = f / \|f\|_{X_0}$  and  $v = g / \|g\|_{X_1}$  we have  $\|u\|_{X_0} = \|v\|_{X_1} = 1$  and  $|f|^{1-\theta} |g|^\theta = \|f\|_{X_0}^{1-\theta} \|g\|_{X_1}^\theta |u|^{1-\theta} |v|^\theta =$

We will use further also the well-known fact that

$$(X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^\theta)' = (X_0')^{1-\theta} (X_1')^\theta \quad (13)$$

4. **Theorem (3.2.1) [3]:** Let  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$  and  $q(\cdot) = \frac{p(\cdot)}{1-\theta}$ . Then

$$(f_{p(\cdot),2}^0)^{1-\theta} (f_{\infty,2}^0)^\theta = f_{q(\cdot),2}^0 \quad (14)$$

**Proof:** Let  $X_0 = \dot{f}_{p(\cdot),2}^0$  and  $X_1 = \dot{f}_{\infty,2}^0$ . Suppose  $s \in X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^\theta$  and  $\|s\|_{X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^\theta} =$

1. Then, there exist sequences  $r = \{r_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$  and  $t = \{t_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$  such that

$$\|r\|_{X_0} \leq 1, \|t\|_{X_1} \leq 1, |s_Q| \leq 2 |r_Q|^{1-\theta} |t_Q|^\theta \text{ for all } Q \in \mathcal{D}.$$

Let  $\varepsilon = 3/4$ , then there exist sets  $E_Q \subset Q$  for each dyadic cube  $Q$  such that  $|E_Q|/|Q| > 3/4$  and

$$\|r\|_{X_0} \approx \left\| \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|r_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q})^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{p(\cdot)} \quad (15)$$

$$\|t\|_{X_1} \approx \left\| \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|t_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q})^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L^\infty} \quad (16)$$

Applying Hölder's inequality with conjugate exponents  $1/(1-\theta)$  and  $1/\theta$  we obtain

$$\left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q})^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq 2 \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|r_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q})^2 \right)^{(1-\theta)/2} \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|t_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q})^2 \right)^{\theta/2};$$

Eqs. (15) and (16) give

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q}(x))^2 \right)^{q(x)/2} dx \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|r_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q}(x))^2 \right)^{(1-\theta)q(x)/2} dx \leq C.$$

According to Theorem (3.1.7) we have  $\|s\|_{\dot{f}_{q(\cdot),2}^0} \leq C$  and consequently

$$(\dot{f}_{p(\cdot),2}^0)^{1-\theta} (\dot{f}_{\infty,2}^0)^\theta \subset \dot{f}_{q(\cdot),2}^0.$$

Suppose  $s = f_{q(\cdot),2}^0$ . For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , define

$$\Omega_k = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_Q(x))^2 \right)^{1/2} > 2^k \right\},$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_k = \{ Q \in \mathcal{D} : |Q \cap \Omega_k| \geq |Q|/2 \text{ and } |Q \cap \Omega_{k+1}| < |Q|/2 \}.$$

Note that if  $Q \notin \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{Q}_k$  then  $s_Q = 0$ , then we set and in this case set  $r_Q = t_Q = 0$ . Other wise, if  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  then we set

$$r_Q = |s_Q|/A_Q \text{ and } t_Q = |s_Q|/B_Q$$

where  $A_Q = 2^{k(1-1/(1-\theta))} = 2^{k\delta}$ ,  $B_Q = 2^k$ . A direct calculation shows that  $|s_Q| = |r_Q|^{1-\theta} |t_Q|^\theta$ .

In addition, we claim that  $\|r\|_{X_0}, \|x_1\| \leq C$  To prove  $\|X\|_{X_0} \leq C$  inequality we use Theorem (3.1.7) with  $E_Q = Q \cap \Omega_k$ ,  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|r_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q}(x))^2 \right)^{\rho(x)/2} dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}_k} (2^{-k\delta} |s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q}(x))^2 \right)^{\rho(x)/2} dx \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi_{\Omega_k} \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}_k} (2^{-k\delta} |s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q}(x))^2 \right)^{\rho(x)/2} dx \end{aligned}$$

Here, (we used that  $\delta < 0$  and

$$2^{-k\delta} \chi_{\Omega_k} \leq \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_Q)^2 \right)^{-\delta/2}.$$

To prove  $\|t\|_{X_1} \leq C$  inequality we use similar argument as above by redefining  $E_Q = Q \cap (\Omega_{K-1})^c$ ,  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|t\|_{X_1} &\leq C \left\| \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}_k} (2^{-k} |s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q})^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L^\infty} \\
&\leq C \left\| \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi_{(\Omega_{k+1})^c} \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}_k} (2^{-k} |s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q})^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L^\infty} \\
&\leq C \left\| \left( \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} (|s_Q| \tilde{\chi}_{E_Q})^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L^\infty} \leq
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have  $s \in X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^\theta$ .

## Chapter 4

### *Relatively compact sets*

This chapter contains a detailed discussion of relatively compact sets in variable Lebesgue space on the Euclidean space. Moreover, some applications of the theorems are given.

#### **Section (4.1) Precompactness in $L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \varrho, \mu)$ :**

Variable exponent Lebesgue and Sobolev spaces are natural extension of classical constant exponent  $L^p$ -spaces. Such kind of theory finds many applications for example in nonlinear elastic mechanics, electrorheological fluids or image restoration .

During the last decade Lebesgue and Sobolev spaces with variable exponent have been intensively studied ; for instance the following Surveying . In particular, the Sobolev



inequalities have been shown for variable exponent spaces on Euclidean spaces and on Riemannian manifolds. Moreover, the other type of spaces with variable exponent has been considered, e.g. Hardy, Campanato, Besov .

Recently , the theory of variable exponent spaces has been extended on metric measure spaces.

In this article we investigate relatively compact (precompact) sets in variable Lebesgue space. In classical  $L^p$ -spaces relatively compact sets are characterized by the celebrated Riesz–Kolmogorov theorem .

The aim of this paper is to give a characterization of precompact sets in variable Lebesgue space on metric measure spaces.

Moreover, we discuss with details the case of relatively compact sets in variable Lebesgue space on the Euclidean space.

Let us mention some generalizations of the Riesz–Kolmogorov theorem . For instance , contain a characterizations of precompact sets in  $L^p(X, \varrho, \mu)$ , where  $(X, \varrho, \mu)$  is a metric measure space . Weil showed the compactness theorem in  $L^p(G)$ , where  $G$  is a locally compact group. He formulated Kolmogorov theorem for  $p=2$  in terms of the Fourier transform.

We introduce the required norms, function spaces and recall standard results from the theory of variable exponent spaces. We also recall basic facts about metric measure spaces there. Characterization of relatively compact sets in variable Lebesgue space on metric measure spaces . Moreover, this chapter contains the characterization of strong convergence in variable Lebesgue spaces. we discuss the case of the Euclidean space, In particular we construct examples and counter examples.

We recall some notation and basic facts about variable exponent Lebesgue spaces. Most of the properties of these spaces can be found in the book of Cruz-Uribe and Fiorenza and in the monograph of Diening, Harjulehto, Hästö and Růžička.

Let  $(\Omega, \mu)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite ,complete measure space. By a variable exponent we shall mean a bounded measurable function  $p: \Omega \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ . The set of variable exponents on  $\Omega$  we denote by  $P(\Omega)$  . For  $U \subset \Omega$ , we put

$$p^+(U) = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in U} p(x) , \quad p^-(U) = \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in U} p(x) .$$

If  $U = \Omega$ , we shall write  $p^+, p^-$ . In this chapter we assume that variable exponent functions are bounded, i.e.  $p^+ < \infty$ .

The variable exponent Lebesgue space  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  consists of those  $\mu$ -measurable functions  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for which semimodular

$$\rho_{p(\cdot)}(f) = \int_{\Omega} |f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x)$$

is finite. This is a Banach space with respect to the following Luxemburg norm

$$\|f\|_{p(\cdot)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \rho_{p(\cdot)} \left( \frac{f}{\lambda} \right) \leq 1 \right\},$$

Where  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . Variable Lebesgue space is a special case of the Musielak–Orlicz spaces. If the variable exponent  $p$  is constant, then  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  is an ordinary Lebesgue space. Moreover, the Hölder inequality

$$\|fg\|_{L^r(\Omega)} \leq 2\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)}\|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)}$$

holds, where as usual,  $\frac{1}{p(x)} + \frac{1}{p'(x)} = 1$ . If  $p^- > 1$ , then the dual space to  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  is  $L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . Moreover  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  is reflexive.

It is needed to pass between norm and semimodular very often. In general there are no functional relation ship between norm and modular but we do have the following useful result.

**Proposition (4.1.1) [4]:** let  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}$ . then

$$(i) \text{ if } \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq 1 \text{ then } \rho_{p(\cdot)}(f) \leq \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)};$$

$$(ii) \text{ if } \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} > 1 \text{ then } \rho_{p(\cdot)}(f) \geq \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)};$$

$$(iii) \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq \rho_{p(\cdot)}(f) + 1.$$

Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a metric space,  $\Omega \subset X$ . We say that a function  $p: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is locally log-Hölder continuous on  $\Omega$ , if

$$\exists c_1 > 0 \quad \forall_{x,y \in \Omega} \quad |p(x) - p(y)| \leq \frac{c_1}{\log\left(e + \frac{1}{\varrho(x,y)}\right)} \quad .$$

Moreover, we say that exponent  $p$  satisfies log-Hölder decay condition at infinity with base point  $x_0 \in X$  if

$$\exists p_\infty \in \mathbb{R} \quad \exists c_1 > 0 \quad \forall_{x \in \Omega} \quad |p(x) - p_\infty| \leq \frac{c_2}{\log(e + \varrho(x, x_0))} \quad .$$

We will say that  $p$  is globally log-Hölder continuous on  $\Omega$  if it is locally log-Hölder continuous on  $\Omega$  and satisfies log-Hölder decay condition at infinity. Then the constant

$$C_{\log}(p) := \max\{C_1, C_2\}$$

Will be called log-Hölder constant related to exponent  $p$ . Subsequently, we define the set of log-Hölder continuous exponents

$$\mathcal{P}_{\log}(\Omega) = \{p \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega); p \text{ is globally log - Hölder continuous}\} \quad .$$

**Lemma (4.1.2.) [4]:** *If  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n, p \in \mathcal{P}_{\log}(\Omega)$ , then there exists an exponent  $q \in \mathcal{P}_{\log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , which is an extension of  $p$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and satisfies  $p_- = p_-$  and  $p_+ = p_+$ . If  $\Omega$  is unbounded then also  $p_\infty = p_\infty$ .*

Let  $(X, \varrho, \mu)$  be a metric measure space equipped with a metric  $\varrho$  and the Borel regular measure  $\mu$ . We assume throughout the chapter that the measure of every open nonempty set is positive and that the measure of every bounded set is finite. Additionally, we assume that the measure  $\mu$  satisfies a doubling condition. It means that, there exists a constant  $C_\mu > 0$  such that for every ball  $B(x, r)$ ,

$$\mu(B(x, 2r)) \leq C_\mu \mu(B(x, r)).$$

It is well known that the doubling condition implies that, there exists a positive constant  $D$  satisfying

$$\frac{\mu(B(x_2, r_2))}{\mu(B(x_1, r_1))} \leq D \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)^s \quad \text{where} \quad s = \log_2 C_\mu \quad ,$$

For all balls  $B(x_2, r_2)$  and  $B(x_1, r_1)$  with  $r_2 \geq r_1 > 0$  and  $x_1 \in B(x_2, r_2)$ . It follows from the above inequality that if  $X$  is bounded, then there exists  $b > 0$  such that the following inequality holds for  $r \leq \text{diam } X$

$$\mu(B(x, r)) \geq br^s. \quad (1)$$

On the other hand, if the metric measure space equipped with a doubling measure is not bounded, then inequality (1) does not necessarily hold.

Let  $\alpha > 0$ . We say that a measure  $\mu$  is lower Ahlfors  $\alpha$ -regular if there exists a constant  $c$  such that

$$cr^\alpha \leq \mu(B(x, r))$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all positive  $r$ . A measure  $\mu$  is upper Ahlfors  $\alpha$ -regular if there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$\mu(B(x, r)) \leq Cr^\alpha$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all positive  $r$ . We shall call a measure  $\mu$  Ahlfors  $\alpha$ -regular if it is lower and upper Ahlfors  $\alpha$ -regular.

It easily follows that an Ahlfors  $\alpha$ -regular measure is doubling, but the opposite does not hold.

We are now in apposition to recall the notion of the Hajlasz–Sobolev space with variable exponent.

**Definition(4.1.3) [4] :** Let  $(X, \varrho, \mu)$  be a metric measure space. We define the set of weak gradient of a function  $u: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as

$$D(u) := \{g \geq 0 : |u(x) - u(y)| \leq \varrho(x, y)(g(x) + g(y)) \text{ for almost all } x, y \in X\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{P}(X, \mu)$ ,  $1 \leq \mathcal{P}- \leq \mathcal{P}+ < \infty$ . We say that the function  $u$  belongs to the hajlasz – sobolev  $M^{1, \mathcal{P}(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$  if  $u \in L^{\mathcal{P}(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$  and  $D(u) \cap L^{\mathcal{P}(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \neq \emptyset$ .  $M^{1, \mathcal{P}(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$  is a Banach space with the norm defined as follows

$$\|u\|_{M^{1, \mathcal{P}(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} = \|u\|_{L^{\mathcal{P}(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} + \inf_{g \in D(u)} \|g\|_{L^{\mathcal{P}(\cdot)}(X, \mu)}.$$

If  $f$  is locally integrable and  $A$  is a measurable set then by  $(f)_A$  we denote the integral average of the function  $f$  over the set  $A$ , that is

$$\int_A f d\mu = \frac{1}{\mu(A)} \int_A f d\mu$$

In this chapter we study relatively compact sets in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ , where  $(X, \mu)$  is a metric space equipped with doubling measure. We start our discussion with the presentation of a Vitali convergence type theorem.

**Theorem(4.1.4) [4]:** Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a measure space and let  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{P}(X, \mu)$ ,  $1 \leq \mathcal{P}^- \leq \mathcal{P}^+ < \infty$ . Assume that  $f_n, f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$

(i)  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in measure ;

(ii) family  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is  $p(\cdot)$  – equi – integrable, i.e.  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists \delta > 0 \quad \forall A \subset X \quad \mu(A) < \delta \Rightarrow \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_A |f_n(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) < \varepsilon$ ;

(iii) family  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  decays uniformly at infinity, i.e.  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists C_0 \subset X \quad \mu(C_0) < \infty \Rightarrow \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{X \setminus C_0} |f_n(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) < \varepsilon$ ;

**Proof:** We first show sufficiency of conditions (i) – (iii). By the Riesz Theorem  $\{f_n\}$  has a subsequence convergent almost everywhere in  $(X, \mu)$  to  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$  (we will use the notation  $\{f_n\}$  for this subsequence). We fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and let  $C_0 \subset X$ ,  $\delta > 0$  be taken from the assumptions. Then, there exists  $C \subset X$  of finite measure such that

$$\int_{X \setminus C} |f_n(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) < \varepsilon.$$

We put  $C = C_0 \cup C'$ . Since  $\mu(C) < \infty$ , then by the Egorov Theorem we can choose  $E \subset C$  such that  $\mu(C \setminus E) < \delta$  and  $f_n \rightrightarrows f$  on  $E$  for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where by  $\rightrightarrows$  we denote Uniform

convergence. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X |f_n(x) - f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) &= \int_{C \setminus E} |f_n(x) - f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) + \\ &+ \int_E |f_n(x) - f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) + \int_{X \setminus C} |f_n(x) - f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) = I_1 + I_2 + I_3. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (ii) and the Fatou Lemma that

$$I_1 = \int_{C \setminus E} |f_n(x) - f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \leq$$

$$2^{p+1} \left( \int_{C \setminus E} |f_n(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) + \int_{C \setminus E} |f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \right) \leq$$

$$2^{p+1} \left( \varepsilon + \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C \setminus E} |f_n(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \right) < 2^{p+1} \varepsilon \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

We conclude from  $f_n \rightrightarrows f$  on  $E$  for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  that also  $|f_n(\cdot) - f(\cdot)|^{p(\cdot)} \rightrightarrows 0$  on  $E$  for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore,  $I_2 < \varepsilon$  for sufficiently large  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover, we get

$$I_3 = \int_{X \setminus C_0} |f_n(x) - f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \leq$$

$$2^{p+1} \left( \int_{X \setminus C_0} |f_n(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) + \int_{X \setminus C_0} |f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \right) < 2^{p+1} \varepsilon$$

Finally, we get

$$\int_X |f_n(x) - f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) < 2^{p+1} \varepsilon + 1 \varepsilon$$

Now, let us assume that  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ . We shall show that conditions (i)–(iii) are satisfied.

(i) However, for the convenience of the reader we give the direct proof. First we show the  $L^{p(\cdot)}$  version of the Chebyshev inequality, which will be also used in the proof of the main result of this section.

**Lemma (4.1.5) [4]:** for any  $\lambda > 0$  and  $g \in L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$  we have

$$\mu(\{x \in X : |g(x)| \geq \lambda\}) \leq \begin{cases} \int_X \frac{|g(x)|^{p(x)}}{\lambda^{p+}} d\mu(x), & \text{if } 0 < \lambda < 1 \\ \int_X \frac{|g(x)|^{p(x)}}{\lambda^{p-}} d\mu(x), & \text{if } \lambda \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

**Proof :** we have

$$\mu(\{x \in X : |g(x)| \geq \lambda\}) = \int_{\{x \in X : \frac{|g(x)|}{\lambda} \geq 1\}} d\mu(x) \leq \int_X \frac{|g(x)|^{p(x)}}{\lambda^{p(x)}} d\mu(x) .$$

Simple estimates complete the proof.

By Lemma (4.1.5) for any fixed  $\varepsilon > 0$  we conclude

$$\mu(\{x \in X : |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \varepsilon\}) \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{p_+}} \int_X |f_n(x) - f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

Therefore  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure.

(ii) We fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f$  in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ , then there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\int_X |f_n(x) - f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{p_+}} \quad (2)$$

$X$

for any  $n \geq N$ . From now on we shall use the notation  $f_0 = f$ . We fix  $\delta_i > 0$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$  for which

$$\forall i=0, 1, \dots, N-1 \quad \forall A \subset X, \mu(A) < \delta_i \quad \int_A |f_i(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{p_+}} \quad (3)$$

$A$

Then for  $\delta = \min \{ \delta_i : i = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \}$ ,  $n < N$  and  $A \subset X$  satisfying  $\mu(A) < \delta$  we have

$$\int_A |f_n(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) < \varepsilon,$$

while for  $n \geq N$  it follows from (2) and (3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_A |f_n(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) &\leq 2^{p_+-1} \int_A |f_n(x) - f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) + \int_A |f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \leq \\ &2^{p_+-1} \int_X |f_n(x) - f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) + \int_A |f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) < 2^{p_+-1} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{p_+}} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{p_+}} \right) = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are  $p(\cdot)$ -equi-integrable.

(iii) We fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that (2) is satisfied for  $n \geq N$ . Let  $C_i \subset X$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$ , be the sets of finite measure for which

$$\forall_{i=1,2,\dots,N-1}, \int_{X/C_i} |f_i(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{p_+}}.$$

For  $C = \bigcup_{i=1}^{N-1} C_i$  and any  $n < N$  we obtain

$$\int_{X/C} |f_i(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \leq \int_{X/C_n} |f_n(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) < \varepsilon,$$

while for  $n \geq N$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{X/C} |f_n(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) &\leq 2^{p_+ - 1} \left( \int_X |f_n(x) - f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) + \int_{X/C_0} |f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \right) \\ &< 2^{p_+ - 1} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{p_+}} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{p_+}} \right) = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

Before the presentation of the main result of this section we recall the following maximal function theorem.

**Theorem(4.1.6) [4]:** *Let  $(X, \varrho, \mu)$  be a metric measure space with doubling measure, and  $p \in \mathcal{P}_{\log}(X, \mu)$  and  $p_- > 1$ . Then*

$$\|M(f)\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} \leq \frac{C_{p_-}}{p_- - 1} \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)},$$

Where constant  $C$  depends on  $\mu(B(x_0, 1))$ ,  $C_\mu$  – doubling constant to  $f$  measure  $\mu$  and  $C_{\log}(p)$  –log-Hölder constant of  $p$ .



The above result will play an important role in the proof of the following characterization of relatively compact sets in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \varrho, \mu)$ .

**Theorem(4.1.7) [4]:** *Let  $(X, \varrho, \mu)$  be a metric measure space equipped with doubling measure,  $p \in \mathcal{P}_{log}(X, \mu)$ ,  $1 < p_- \leq p_+ < \infty$ . Assume that*

$$\forall r > 0 \quad h(r) := \inf \{ \mu(B(x, r)) : x \in X \} > 0.$$

*Then the family  $\mathcal{F} \subset L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$  is precompact in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$  if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (i)  $\mathcal{F}$  is bounded in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ , i. e.  $\exists M > 0 \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F} \quad \int_X |f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \leq M$ ;
- (ii)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists r_0 > 0 \quad \forall 0 < r < r_0 \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F} \quad \int_X |f(x) - (f)_{B(x, r)}|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) < \varepsilon$ ;
- (iii)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists R > 0 \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F} \quad \int_{X/B(x_0, R)} |f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) < \varepsilon$  for some  $x_0 \in X$ .

## Section(4.2) Precompactness in $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $\mathcal{P}^{pn}$ with Applications to Hajlasz–Sobolev spaces :

In this section we study relatively compact sets in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We shall give two different characterizations of precompactness. Uptonow, the only known characterization of precompact sets in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  for a bounded set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  was given in the chapter of Rafeiro and Bandaliev. As a simple corollary from Theorem (4.1.7) we get

**Theorem(4.2.1) [4]:** *Let  $\mathcal{F} \subset L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and assume that  $p \in \mathcal{P}_{log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$   $1 < p_- \leq p_+ < \infty$ . We denote*

$$f_h(x) := (f)_{B(x, h)} = \int_{B(x, h)} f(y) dy ,$$

*then the family  $\mathcal{F}$  is precompact in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if and only if the following conditions are satisfied*

- (i)  $\mathcal{F}$  is bounded;
- (ii)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists \delta > 0 \quad \forall |h| < \delta \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f_h(x) - f(x)|^{p(x)} < \varepsilon$ ;
- (iii)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists R > 0 \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n/B(0, R)} |f(x)|^{p(x)} dx < \varepsilon$ .

Now, we generalize the above result on any  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Corollary(4.2.2.) [4]:** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be any measurable set,  $\mathcal{F} \subset L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$   $p \in \mathcal{P}_{\log}(\Omega)$   $1 < p_- \leq p_+ < \infty$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}} = \{\tilde{f} = f\chi_\Omega : f \in \mathcal{F}\}$ . Let  $\tilde{p}$  be the log-Hölder continuous extension of  $p$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , existing by virtue of Lemma (4.1.7). Then the family  $\mathcal{F}$  is precompact in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  if and only if the following conditions are satisfied

- (i)  $\mathcal{F}$  is bounded;
- (ii)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists \delta > 0 \quad \forall |h| < \delta \quad \forall \tilde{f} \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\tilde{f}_h(x) - \tilde{f}(x)|^{\tilde{p}(x)} dx < \varepsilon$ ;
- (iii)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists R > 0 \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F} \quad \int_{\Omega/B(0,R)} |f(x)|^{p(x)} dx < \varepsilon$ .

**Proof:** First we note that it is obvious that  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}} \subset L^{\tilde{p}(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . By theorem (4.2.1) the family  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  is precompact in  $L^{\tilde{p}(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We will show that  $\mathcal{F}$  is precompact in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . We fix any sequence  $\{f_n\} \subset \mathcal{F}$ . Then  $\{\tilde{f}_n\}$  has a subsequence  $\{\tilde{f}_{nk}\}$  convergent in  $L^{\tilde{p}(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to some  $\tilde{f} \in L^{\tilde{p}(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Hence, we get  $\chi_\Omega$

$$\int_{\Omega} |f_{nk}(x) - \tilde{f}_{\chi_\Omega}(x)|^{p(x)} dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\tilde{f}_{nk}(x) - \tilde{f}(x)|^{\tilde{p}(x)} dx \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Thus,  $f_{nk} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{f}_{\chi_\Omega}$  in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , so the family  $\mathcal{F}$  is precompact in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ .

Now, let us assume that  $\mathcal{F}$  is precompact in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . Then also  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  is precompact in  $L^{\tilde{p}(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Indeed, for any  $\{\tilde{f}_n\} \subset \tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  and subsequence  $\{f_{nk}\} \subset \{f_n\}$  convergent in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  to some  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , we obtain

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\tilde{f}_{nk}(x) - f_{\chi_\Omega}(x)|^{\tilde{p}(x)} dx = \int_{\Omega} |f_{nk}(x) - f(x)|^{p(x)} dx \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

Hence, it follows from theorem (4.2.1) that  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  satisfies conditions (i)–(iii). We see that  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies these conditions and the proof is finished.

It is well known that in the case of classical Lebesgue spaces the condition (ii) from theorem (4.2.1) can be replaced by the following one

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x+h) - f(x)|^{p(x)} dx \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

So, it is natural to ask the question about similar conditions in the case of variable Lebesgue spaces. We show the following sufficient conditions for precompactness in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Theorem(4.2.3) [4]:** Let  $\mathcal{F} \subset L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and assume that  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n), p_+ < \infty$ . If the following conditions are satisfied

(i)  $\mathcal{F}$  is bounded;

(ii)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists \delta > 0 \quad \forall |h| < \delta \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x+h) - f(x)|^{p(x)} dx < \varepsilon$

(iii)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists R > 0 \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(0,R)} |f(x)|^{p(x)} dx < \varepsilon$ .

Then the family  $\mathcal{F}$  is precompact in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Proof :** Let us fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let  $\delta > 0$  and  $R > 0$  be taken from conditions (ii) and (iii). We can find a  $\delta$ -covering of a ball  $B(0,R)$  consisting of separated cubes  $\{Q_i\}_{i=1,\dots,N}$ . Next, let us define an operator

$$P: L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow w := \text{span} \{\chi_{Q_i}: i = 1, \dots, N\} \subset L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

as follows:

$$Pf(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N \chi_{Q_i}(x) \int_{Q_i} f(y) dy.$$

We easily obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x) - P(f)(x)|^{p(x)} dx &= \\ \int_{\substack{\mathbb{R}^n \\ \cup_{i=1}^N Q_i}} |f(x) - P(f)(x)|^{p(x)} dx &+ \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{Q_i} |f(x) - p(f)(x)|^{p(x)} dx \leq \\ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(0,R)} |f(x)|^{p(x)} dx &+ \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{Q_i} |f(x) - p(x)|^{p(x)} dx = I_1 + I_2 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from condition (iii) that  $I_1 < \varepsilon$ . Let us consider  $I_2$ . We use the notation  $\mu_Q = |Q| = \delta^n$ . By the Jensen inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned}
I_2 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{Q_i} |f(x)| p^{(x)} dx = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{Q_i} f(x) - \frac{1}{\mu Q} \int_{Q_i} f(y) dy \, dx = \\
&\sum_{i=1}^N \int_{Q_i} \frac{1}{\mu Q} \int_{Q_i} (f(x) - f(y)) dy \, p^{(x)} dx \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\mu Q} \int_{Q_i} \int_{Q_i} |f(x) - f(y)| p^{(x)} dy dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Next, we change the variables of integration by  $y = x + z$ . Since  $x, y \in Q_i$  then  $z$  is contained in the cube  $2Q$  with side length equals to  $2\delta$  and center in the origin of the coordinate system. By the Fubini theorem and using condition (ii), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
I_2 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\mu Q} \int_{Q_i} \int_{2Q} |f(x) - f(x+z)| P^{(x)} dz dx \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\mu Q} \int_{2Q} \int_{Q_i} |f(x) - f(x+z)| P^{(x)} dx dz \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\mu Q} \int_{2Q} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x) - f(x+z)| P^{(x)} dx dz \leq \frac{1}{\mu Q} 2^n \mu Q^\varepsilon = 2^n \varepsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have established the inequality  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x) - P(f)(x)|^{p^{(x)}} dx < (2^n + 1) \varepsilon$ .

**Lemma(4.2.4) [4]:** Let  $(X, d_X)$  be a metric space. Assume that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist  $\delta > 0$ , metric space  $(W, d_W)$  and function  $\Phi: X \rightarrow W$  satisfying

(a)  $\Phi[X]$  is totally bounded;

(b)  $x, y \in X$  and  $d_W(\Phi(x), \Phi(y)) < \delta$  then  $d_X(x, y) < \varepsilon$ .

Then the space  $X$  is totally bounded.

We show that  $P$  is the map that satisfies the assumptions of Lemma(4.2.4).

(a) Using the Hölder inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |P(f)(x)|^{P(x)} dx = \\
& \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^N XQ_i(x) \frac{1}{\mu Q} \int_{Q_i} f(y) dy \right|^{P(x)} dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^N XQ_i(x) \frac{2}{\mu Q} \|f\|_{L^{P(\cdot)}(Q_i)} \|1\|_{L^{P'(\cdot)}(Q_i)} \right|^{P(x)} dx \\
& \leq \int_{\cup_{i=1}^N Q_i} \left| \frac{2}{\mu Q} \|f\|_{L^{P(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sum_{i=1}^N (1 + \mu Q) \right|^{P(x)} dx \\
& \leq \int_{\cup_{i=1}^N Q_i} \left| \frac{2N}{\mu Q} \|f\|_{L^{P(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sum_{i=1}^N (1 + \mu Q) + 1 \right|^{P^+} dx \\
& = \left| \frac{2N}{\mu Q} \|f\|_{L^{P(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sum_{i=1}^N (1 + \mu Q) + 1 \right|^{P^+} N_{\mu Q}
\end{aligned}$$

Boundedness of  $\mathcal{F}$  implies boundedness of the image  $P[\mathcal{F}]$ . Moreover, since the space  $W$  is finite dimensional, then  $P[\mathcal{F}]$  is also totally bounded.

(b) Let  $\|P(f) - P(g)\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} < \varepsilon$ . Then, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|f - g\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \|f - P(f)\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \|P(f) - P(g)\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \|P(g) - g\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
& < 2((2^n + 1)\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{p^+} + \varepsilon}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it follows from Lemma (4.2.4) that  $\mathcal{F}$  is precompact in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Corollary(4.2.5) [4]:** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a measurable set  $\mathcal{F} \subset L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  and Let  $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}$  be family of functions from  $\mathcal{F}$  extended by 0 outside  $\Omega$ , i.e.  $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}} = \{\tilde{f} = f_{\chi\Omega} : f \in \mathcal{F}\}$ . Assume that  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p_+ < \infty$  and put  $\tilde{p}(x) = p(x) + p_{-\chi\mathbb{R}^n/\Omega}(x)$ . If the following conditions are satisfied

(i)  $\mathcal{F}$  is bounded;

$$(ii) \quad \forall_{\varepsilon>0} \quad \exists_{\delta>0} \quad \forall_{|h|<\delta} \quad \forall_{\tilde{f} \in \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\tilde{f}(x+h) - \tilde{f}(x)|^{\tilde{p}(x)} dx < \varepsilon$$

$$(iii) \quad \forall_{\varepsilon>0} \quad \exists_{R>0} \quad \forall_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \quad \int_{\Omega/B(0,R)} |f(x)|^{p(x)} dx < \varepsilon.$$

Then the family  $\mathcal{F}$  is precompact in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ .

**Proof:** It is obvious that  $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}} \subset L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Moreover, the family  $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}$  is bounded in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Condition (ii) for  $\mathcal{F}$  is straight forward. It follows from (iii) that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(O,R)} |\widetilde{f}(x)| p^{(x)} dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(O,R)} |\widetilde{f}(x)| p^{(x)} dx < \varepsilon$$

For sufficiently large  $R > 0$  and any  $\widetilde{f} \in \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}$ . By virtue of Theorem (4.2. 3) the family  $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}$  is precompact in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We shall show that also  $\mathcal{F}$  is precompact in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . For this purpose let us fix  $\{f_n\} \subset \mathcal{F}$  and let  $\{\widetilde{f}_{nk}\} \subset \{\widetilde{f}_n\}$  be a subsequence convergent to some  $\widetilde{f} \in L^{\widetilde{p}(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  in  $L^{\widetilde{p}(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The subsequence  $\widetilde{f}_{nk}$  can be chosen to converge point wise almost everywhere, and so  $\widetilde{f}$  is equal to 0 a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega$ . Therefore, we easily note that

$$\int_{\Omega} |f_{nk}(x) - \widetilde{f}(x)|_{\chi_{\Omega}}^{p(x)} dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\widetilde{f}_{nk}(x+h) - \widetilde{f}(x)|^{\widetilde{p}(x)} dx \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Hence,  $f_{nk} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0$   $\widetilde{f}_{\chi_{\Omega}}$  in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  and the proof is complete.

**Example (4.2.6) [4]:** Let  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $0 < A < B < \infty$ . We consider the following family of functions

$$\mathcal{F} = \{f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} : A \leq \lambda \leq B\}.$$

We show that the family satisfies the assumptions of Theorem (4.2.3) for any bounded variable exponent  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ . Let  $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $\widetilde{p}$  be the extensions of the family  $\mathcal{F}$  and exponent  $p$  defined in Corollary (4.2.5).

(i) Boundedness of  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} (\lambda^{-\lambda}) p^{(x)} dx &= \int_{\{x>0:\lambda e^{-\lambda x} \leq 1\}} (\lambda^{-\lambda}) p^{(x)} dx + \int_{\{x>0:\lambda e^{-\lambda x} \leq 1\}} (\lambda^{-\lambda}) p^{(x)} dx \leq \\ &\int_0^{\infty} (\lambda^{-\lambda}) p^{-} dx + \int_0^{\infty} (\lambda^{-\lambda}) p^{+} dx = \frac{\lambda^{p^{-}-1}}{p^{-}} + \frac{\lambda^{p^{+}-1}}{p^{+}} \leq \frac{B^{p^{-}-1}}{p^{-}} + \frac{B^{p^{+}-1}}{p^{+}} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Uniform decay of translations: We fix  $h$  satisfying  $|e^{-\lambda h} - 1| < 1$  for all  $A < \lambda < B$ . For such  $h$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\tilde{f}(x+h) - \tilde{f}(x)|^{\tilde{p}^{(x)}} dx &= \int_{\{x < 0: x+h \geq 0\}} |f(x+h) - f(x)|^{p^{(x)}} dx + \\ &\int_{\{x \geq 0: x+h < 0\}} |f(x)|^{p^{(x)}} dx + \int_{\{x < 0: x+h \geq 0\}} |f(x+h)|^{\tilde{p}^{(x)}} dx = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \end{aligned}$$

Where  $I_2 = 0$  for  $h < 0$ ,  $I_3 = 0$  for  $h > 0$ . Finally, direct calculations show that

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_{\max\{0, h\}}^{\infty} |f(x+h) - f(x)|^{p^{(x)}} dx \leq \\ &|e^{-\lambda} - 1|^{p^-} \int_{\max\{0, h\}}^{\infty} (\lambda^{-\lambda})^{p^{(x)}} dx \leq |e^{-\lambda} - 1|^{p^-} \int_0^{\infty} (\lambda^{-\lambda x})^{p^{(x)}} dx \leq \\ &|e^{-\lambda} - 1|^{p^-} \left( \int_{\{x > 0: e^{-\lambda x} \leq 1\}}^{\infty} (\lambda^{-\lambda})^{p^{(x)}} dx + \int_{\{x > 0: e^{-\lambda x} \leq 1\}}^{\infty} (\lambda^{-\lambda x})^{p^{(x)}} dx \right) \\ &|e^{-\lambda} - 1|^{p^-} \left( \int_0^{\infty} (\lambda^{-\lambda x})^{p^-} dx + \int_0^{\infty} (\lambda^{-\lambda x})^{p^+} dx \right) \leq \\ &|e^{-\lambda} - 1|^{p^-} \left( \frac{\lambda^{p^-}}{p^-} + \frac{\lambda^{p^+}}{p^+} \right) \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0 \\ I_2 &= \int_0^{-h} |f(x)|^{p^{(x)}} dx = \int_0^{-h} (\lambda^{-\lambda x})^{p^{(x)}} dx \leq \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^{-h} (\lambda^{-\lambda x})^{p^+} dx + \int_0^{-h} (\lambda^{-\lambda x})^{p^-} dx = \\
& \frac{\lambda^{p^+ - 1}}{p^+} (1 - e^{\lambda p^+}) + \frac{\lambda^{p^- - 1}}{p^-} (1 - e^{\lambda p^-}). \\
I_3 \int_{-h}^0 |f(x+h)|^{p^-} dx &= \int_{-h}^0 (\lambda e^{-\lambda(x+h)})^{p^-} dx =
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\lambda^{p^- - 1}}{p^-} e^{-\lambda h p^-} (e^{\lambda h p^-} - 1) \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0^+} 0.$$

(iii) Uniform decay at infinity: For fixed  $R > 0$  we have

$$\int_R^\infty (\lambda e^{-\lambda})^{p(x)} dx = \int_{\{x \geq R: \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \leq 1\}} (\lambda e^{-\lambda})^{p(x)} dx + \int_{\{x \geq R: \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \geq 1\}} (\lambda e^{-\lambda})^{p(x)} dx \leq$$

$$\int_R^\infty (\lambda e^{-\lambda})^{p^-} dx + \int_R^\infty (\lambda e^{-\lambda})^{p^+} dx + dx = \frac{\lambda^{p^- - 1}}{p^-} e^{-\lambda p^- R} + \frac{\lambda^{p^+ - 1}}{p^+} e^{-\lambda p^+ R}$$



**Example (4.2.7) [4]:** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mu(\Omega) < \infty$ ,  $p, q \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  and  $p(x) \leq q(x)$  almost everywhere in  $\Omega$ . Fix  $s \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  satisfying  $\frac{1}{q(x)} + \frac{1}{s(x)} = \frac{1}{p(x)}$  almost everywhere in  $\Omega$ . The Hölder inequality and Proposition (4.1.1) (iii) imply that

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq 2\|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \|1\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq 2(1 + \mu(\Omega))\|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)}.$$

Let  $f$  be a bounded function with a compact support and  $p_+ < \infty$ . Then, there exists a compact set  $k \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\text{supp}(f(\cdot + h)) \subset k$  for all  $0 < h < 1$ . We extend  $f$  by 0 on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega$  and we conclude

$$\|f(\cdot + h) - f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega \cup k)} \leq 2(1 + \mu(\Omega \cup k))\|f(\cdot + h)\|_{L^{p_+}(\Omega \cup k)} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0.$$

Therefore, bounded functions with compact support satisfy  $f(\cdot + h) \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} f$  in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , provided  $p_+ < \infty$ .

We shall show a characterization of relatively compact sets  $\ell^{\{p_n\}}$  in with  $p_+ < \infty$ , which is an extension of the Fréchet theorem.

**Theorem (4.2.8)[4]:** Let  $\mathcal{A} \subset \ell^{\{p_n\}}$ ,  $p_+ < \infty$ . Then, the set  $\mathcal{A} = \{a^i\}_{i \in I}$  is precompact in  $\ell^{\{p_n\}}$  if and only if the following conditions are satisfied

(i)  $\mathcal{A}$  is bounded, i.e.  $\exists M > 0 \forall a^i \in \mathcal{A} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n^i|^{p_n} \leq M$ ;

(ii)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists K \in \mathbb{N} \forall a^i \in \mathcal{A} \sum_{n=K+1}^{\infty} |a_n^i|^{p_n} < \varepsilon$ .

**Proof:** Assume first that conditions (i) – (ii) are satisfied. Let us fix any  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We choose  $K \in \mathbb{N}$  from condition (ii) for  $\frac{\varepsilon}{2^{p_++1}}$ . We define an operator which is a projection of an element  $a^i \in \mathcal{A}$  on its first  $K$  coordinates, i.e.

We note that boundedness of  $\mathcal{A}$  implies boundedness of  $P[\mathcal{A}]$ . Moreover,  $P[\mathcal{A}]$  is totally bounded since  $P[\mathcal{A}] \subset \mathbb{R}^K$ . It follows from condition (ii) that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n^i|^{p_n} = \sum_{n=1}^K |a_n^i|^{p_n} + \sum_{n=K+1}^{\infty} |a_n^i|^{p_n} < \sum_{n=1}^K |p(Q_i)|^{p_n} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{p_++1}}.$$

for  $Q^i, b^i \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfying  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |p(a^i)_n - p(b^i)_n|^{p_n} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n^i - b_n^i|^{p_n} = \sum_{n=1}^K |p(a^i)_n - p(b^i)_n|^{p_n} + \sum_{n=K+1}^{\infty} |a_n^i - b_n^i|^{p_n} \leq$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |p(a^i)_n - p(b^i)_n|^{p_n} + 2^{p_+ - 1} \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} (|a_n^i|^{p_n} + |b_n^i|^{p_n}) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

By virtue of Lemma (4.2.4),  $\mathcal{A}$  is totally bounded and therefore precompact.

It remains to proof the converse. Assume that the family  $\mathcal{F}$  is relatively compact. We shall show that conditions (i) and (ii) are satisfied.

(i) It is obvious.

(ii) We fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and we choose  $\{a^1, a^2, \dots, a^m\} \subset \mathcal{A}$  — an  $\frac{\varepsilon}{2^{p_+}}$  — net in  $\mathcal{A}$ . For any  $j = 1, \dots, m$  we choose  $k_j \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfy

$$\sum_{n=k_j+1}^{\infty} |a_n^j|^{p_n} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{p_+}}. \text{ Let } k = \max\{k_j : j = 1, \dots, m\}.$$

For any fixed  $a^0 \in \mathcal{A}$  there exists  $a^i$  from the net such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n^0 - a_n^i|^{p_n} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{p_+}}. \text{ then we have}$$

and the proof is complete.

In this section we apply Theorem (4.1.7) to prove compact embedding of Hajlasz–Sobolev space  $M^{1,p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$  into  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ .

**Theorem (4.2.9) [4]:** *Let  $(X, \varrho, \mu)$  be a compact metric space with doubling measure and let  $p \in \mathcal{P}_{\log}(X, \mu)$  satisfy  $1 < p_- \leq p_+ < \infty$ . Then*

$$M^{1,p(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \hookrightarrow L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu).$$

Let us mention that the above theorem is a very special case of the much more general result. Nevertheless, the following proof is straight forward.

**Proof:** We shall show that any sequence  $\{f_n\} \subset M^{1,p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$  for which

$$\exists_{M>0} \forall_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|f_n\|_{M^{1,p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} < M$$

Has a subsequence converging strongly in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ . Let  $\{g_n\}$  be a sequence of weak gradients corresponding to  $\{f_n\}$  satisfying

$$\forall_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|f_n\|_{M^{1,p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} \leq \|f_n\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} + \|f_n\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} < M$$

We apply theorem(4.1.7). Boundedness of  $\{f_n\}$  in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$  is straightforward from the definition of the norm in  $M^{1,p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$  Compactness of  $X$  implies condition (iii) of theorem (4.1.7). It remains to prove

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_X |f_n(x) - (f_n)_{B(x,r)}|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) = 0 \text{ uniformly with respect } n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (4)$$

Since  $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|f_n\|_{M^{1,p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} \leq M$  then in particular  $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|g_n\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} \leq M$

And from Theorem (4.1.7) we obtain

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|M(g_n)\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} \leq \frac{C_{p-}}{p_- - 1} \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|g_n\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} \leq \frac{C_{p-}}{p_- - 1} M.$$

Instead of  $\{f_n\}$  and  $\{g_n\}$  we consider functions  $u_n = \frac{(p_- - 1)f_n}{C_{p-M}}$  and its weak gradients  $w_n = \frac{(p_- - 1)g_n}{C_{p-M}}$ . Then  $\|w_n\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} \leq 1$  and  $\|M(w_n)\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} \leq 1$  It suffices to prove (4) for  $\{u_n\}$  For  $0 < r < 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X |u_n(x) - (u_n)_{B(x,r)}|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) &\leq \int_X \left| \frac{1}{\mu(B(x,r))} \int_{B(x,r)} |u_n(x) - u_n(y)| d\mu(y) \right|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \leq \\ &\int_X \left| \frac{r}{\mu(B(x,r))} \int_{B(x,r)} |\omega_n(x) - \omega_n(y)| d\mu(y) \right|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \leq \\ &\int_X \left| r \left( |\omega_n(x)| + \frac{1}{\mu(B(x,r))} \int_{B(x,r)} |\omega_n(y)| d\mu(y) \right) \right|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \leq \\ &2^{p_- + 1} r^{p_-} \left( \int_X |\omega_n(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) + \int_X \left| \frac{1}{\mu(B(x,r))} \int_{B(x,r)} |\omega_n(y)| d\mu(y) \right|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \right) \leq \end{aligned}$$

$$2^{p^+ - 1} r^{p^-} \left( \int_X |\omega_n(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) + \int_X |\mathcal{M}(\omega_n)(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \right)$$

Since  $\|w_n\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \leq 1$  and  $\|M(w_n)\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \leq 1$ , then from Proposition (4.1.1) (i) and theorem (4.1.6) we get

$$\int_X |u_n(x) - (u_n)_{B(x,r)}|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) \leq$$

$$2^{p^+ - 1} r^{p^-} (\|w_n\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(X,\mu)} + \|M(w_n)\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(X,\mu)} \leq 2^{p^+} r^{p^-} .$$

Therefore, theorem (4.1.7) completes the proof.

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