

GENERALIZED HÖLDER'S INEQUALITY IN ORLICZ SPACES

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ABSTRACT. Orlicz spaces are generalizations of Lebesgue spaces. The sufficient and necessary conditions for generalized Hölder's inequality in Lebesgue spaces and in weak Lebesgue spaces are well known. The aim of this paper is to present sufficient and necessary conditions for generalized Hölder's inequality in Orlicz spaces and in weak Orlicz spaces, which are obtained through estimates for characteristic functions of balls in \mathbb{R}^n .

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Orlicz spaces are generalizations of Lebesgue spaces which were introduced by Z.W. Birnbaum and W. Orlicz in 1931 [11]. Let us first recall the definition of Young function, Orlicz spaces, and weak Orlicz spaces. A function $\Phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called a *Young function* if Φ is convex, left-continuous, $\Phi(0) = 0$, and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(t) = \infty$.

Let Φ be a Young function, we define the *Orlicz space* $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to be the set of measurable functions $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(a|f(x)|) dx < \infty$$

for some $a > 0$. The Orlicz space $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is a Banach space with respect to the norm

$$\|f\|_{L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)} := \inf \left\{ b > 0 : \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi \left(\frac{|f(x)|}{b} \right) dx \leq 1 \right\}$$

(see [5, 7]). Note that, if we take an arbitrary $f \in L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then there exists $b > 0$ such that $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi \left(\frac{|f(x)|}{b} \right) dx \leq 1$. If $\Phi(t) := t^p$ for some $1 \leq p < \infty$ then $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n) = L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Thus, the Orlicz space $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ can be viewed as a generalization of Lebesgue space $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

On the other hand, for Φ is a Young function, the *weak Orlicz space* $wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is the set of measurable functions $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\|f\|_{wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)} := \inf \left\{ b > 0 : \sup_{t>0} \Phi(t) \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{|f(x)|}{b} > t \right\} \right| \leq 1 \right\} < \infty.$$

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Remark. Note that $\|\cdot\|_{wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ defines a quasi-norm in $wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$, and that $(wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n), \|\cdot\|_{wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)})$ forms a quasi-Banach space (see [1, 3]).

The relation between Orlicz spaces and weak Orlicz spaces is clear, as presented in the following theorem.

Theorem 1.1. [3] *Let Φ be a Young function. Then $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with*

$$\|f\|_{wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \|f\|_{L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)},$$

for every $f \in L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

The study of Orlicz spaces and weak Orlicz spaces were widely investigated during last decades, see [4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12]. In 1965, O'Neil [12] obtained sufficient and necessary conditions for the Hölder's inequality in Orlicz spaces, as in the following theorem.

Theorem 1.2. *Let Φ_i be Young functions and $\Phi_i^{-1}(s) = \inf\{r \geq 0 : \Phi_i(r) > s\}$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

(1) *There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for all $t \geq 0$ we have*

$$\Phi_1^{-1}(t)\Phi_2^{-1}(t) \leq C\Phi_3^{-1}(t).$$

(2) *There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for all $s, t \geq 0$,*

$$\Phi_3\left(\frac{st}{C}\right) \leq \Phi_1(s) + \Phi_2(t).$$

(3) *There exists a constant $M > 0$ such that*

$$\|fg\|_{L_{\Phi_3}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq M\|f\|_{L_{\Phi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)}\|g\|_{L_{\Phi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

for every $f \in L_{\Phi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $g \in L_{\Phi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

(4) *For every $f \in L_{\Phi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $g \in L_{\Phi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then $fg \in L_{\Phi_3}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*

In 2016, Masta *et al.* [10] obtained sufficient and necessary conditions for the generalized Hölder's inequality in Lebesgue spaces. Related result about sufficient and necessary conditions for the generalized Hölder's inequality can be found in [2].

Motivated by these results, we are interested in studying the sufficient and necessary conditions for the generalized Hölder's inequality in Orlicz spaces and extend the results to weak Orlicz spaces.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. The main results are presented in Sections 2. In Section 2, we state the sufficient and necessary conditions for generalized Hölder's inequality in Orlicz spaces as Theorem 2.1. An analogous result for the weak Orlicz spaces is stated as Theorem 2.6.

To prove our results, we pay attention to the characteristic functions of balls in \mathbb{R}^n and the following lemmas.

Lemma 1.3. [5] *Let Φ be a Young function and $f \in L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$. If $0 < \|f\|_{L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)} < \infty$, then $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi\left(\frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|_{L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right) dx \leq 1$. Furthermore, $\|f\|_{L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq 1$ if and only if $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(|f(x)|) dx \leq 1$.*

Lemma 1.4. [9] *Let Φ be a Young function. If $\Phi^{-1}(s) := \inf\{r \geq 0 : \Phi(r) > s\}$, then we have the following properties:*

- (1) $\Phi^{-1}(0) = 0$.
- (2) $\Phi^{-1}(s_1) \leq \Phi^{-1}(s_2)$ for $s_1 \leq s_2$.
- (3) $\Phi(\Phi^{-1}(s)) \leq s \leq \Phi^{-1}(\Phi(s))$ for $0 \leq s < \infty$.

Lemma 1.5. [3, 9] *Let Φ be a Young function, $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and $r > 0$. Then*

$$\|\chi_{B(a,r)}\|_{L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|B(a,r)|}\right)},$$

where $|B(a,r)|$ denotes the volume of open ball $B(a,r)$.

2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The following theorem presents sufficient and necessary conditions for generalized Hölder's inequality in Orlicz spaces.

Theorem 2.1. *Let $m \geq 2$. If Φ and Φ_i are Young functions for $i = 1, \dots, m$, then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\prod_{i=1}^m \Phi_i^{-1}(t) \leq C\Phi^{-1}(t)$$

for every $t \geq 0$.

- (2) *There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for all $t_i \geq 0$, $i = 1, \dots, m$,*

$$\Phi\left(\frac{\prod_{i=1}^m t_i}{C}\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \Phi_i(t_i).$$

- (3) *There exists a constant $M > 0$ such that*

$$\left\| \prod_{i=1}^m f_i \right\|_{L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq M \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{L_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)},$$

for every $f_i \in L_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $i = 1, \dots, m$.

- (4) *For every $f_i \in L_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then $\prod_{i=1}^m f_i \in L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*

Proof. ((1) \Rightarrow (2)) Suppose that (1) hold. Since Φ is a Young function and using Lemma 1.4 we have

$$t_i \leq \Phi_i^{-1}\left(\Phi_i(t_i)\right) \leq \Phi_i^{-1}\left(\sum_{i=1}^m \Phi_i(t_i)\right)$$

for $i = 1, \dots, m$. Hence

$$\prod_{i=1}^m t_i \leq \prod_{i=1}^m \Phi_i^{-1}\left(\sum_{i=1}^m \Phi_i(t_i)\right) \leq C\Phi^{-1}\left(\sum_{i=1}^m \Phi_i(t_i)\right).$$

Because Φ is increasing and by Lemma 1.4 (3), we have

$$\Phi\left(\frac{1}{C} \prod_{i=1}^m t_i\right) \leq \Phi\left(\Phi^{-1}\left(\sum_{i=1}^m \Phi_i(t_i)\right)\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \Phi_i(t_i).$$

((2) \Rightarrow (3)). Suppose that (2) hold. Let f_i be an element of $L_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. By Lemma 1.3, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi_i\left(\frac{|f_i(x)|}{\|f_i\|_{L_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right) dx \leq 1,$$

for every $i = 1, \dots, m$. On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{mC} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{|f_i(x)|}{\|f_i\|_{L_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right) dx &\leq \frac{1}{m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{C} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{|f_i(x)|}{\|f_i\|_{L_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right) dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi_i\left(\frac{|f_i(x)|}{\|f_i\|_{L_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right) dx \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

By definition of $\|\cdot\|_{L_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$, we conclude that

$$\left\| \prod_{i=1}^m f_i \right\|_{L_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq mC \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{L_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

((3) \Leftrightarrow (4)). Next, it is easy to prove that (3) implies (4). Now, suppose that (4) holds, then there exists $\alpha > 0$ such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi\left(\frac{\prod_{i=1}^m |f_i(x)|}{\alpha}\right) dx \leq 1.$$

By setting $M := \frac{\alpha}{\prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{L_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} > 0$, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi\left(\frac{\prod_{i=1}^m |f_i(x)|}{M \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{L_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi\left(\frac{\prod_{i=1}^m |f_i(x)|}{\alpha}\right) dx \leq 1.$$

By definition of Orlicz-norm we have $\left\| \prod_{i=1}^m f_i \right\|_{L_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq M \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{L_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$.

((3) \Rightarrow (1)). Suppose that (3) holds. Take an arbitrary open ball $B_0 := B(0, r_0)$ for $r_0 > 0$. Observe that $\|\chi_{B_0}\|_{L_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \left\| \prod_{i=1}^m \chi_{B_0} \right\|_{L_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$. By using Lemma 1.5 we have

$$\frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|B_0|}\right)} = \|\chi_{B_0}\|_{L_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq M \prod_{i=1}^m \|\chi_{B_0}\|_{L_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = M \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\Phi_i^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|B_0|}\right)}$$

for every open ball $B_0 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Since $r_0 > 0$ is arbitrary, we get

$$\prod_{i=1}^m \Phi_i^{-1}(t) \leq C \Phi^{-1}(t)$$

for every $t \geq 0$. □

Remark. For $m = 2$ Theorem 2.1 reduces to Theorem 1.2. Note that, for $m = 1$ Theorem 2.1 may be viewed as inclusion properties of Orlicz spaces in [8, 9].

Corollary 2.2. *Let $m \geq 2$. If $1 \leq p, p_i < \infty$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$, then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) $\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{p_i} = \frac{1}{p}$.
- (2) $\left\| \prod_{i=1}^m f_i \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{L^{p_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$, for every $f_i \in L^{p_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $i = 1, \dots, m$.
- (3) For every $f_i \in L^{p_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then $\prod_{i=1}^m f_i \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof. The proof that (1) and (2) are equivalent can be found in [2]. Next, by setting $\Phi(t) := t^p$ and $\Phi_i(t) := t^{p_i}$ for $1 \leq p, p_i < \infty$ in the Theorem 2.1, we have (2) and (3) are equivalent. \square

For weak Orlicz spaces, we also have the sufficient and necessary conditions for generalized Hölder's inequality. To prove the result, we use the following lemmas.

Lemma 2.3. *If $f \in wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then*

$$\sup_{t>0} \Phi(t) \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|_{wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \epsilon} > t \right\} \right| \leq 1$$

for every $\epsilon > 0$.

Proof. Let $f \in wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Take an arbitrary $\epsilon > 0$, then there exists $b_\epsilon > 0$ such that $b_\epsilon \leq \|f\|_{wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \epsilon$ and

$$\sup_{t>0} \Phi(t) \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{|f(x)|}{b_\epsilon} > t \right\} \right| \leq 1.$$

Since $\frac{|f(x)|}{b_\epsilon} \geq \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|_{wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \epsilon}$, we have

$$\Phi(t) \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|_{wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \epsilon} > t \right\} \right| \leq \Phi(t) \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{|f(x)|}{b_\epsilon} > t \right\} \right| \leq 1$$

for every $t > 0$.

By taking supremum over $t > 0$, we conclude that

$$\sup_{t>0} \Phi(t) \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|_{wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \epsilon} > t \right\} \right| \leq 1$$

for every $\epsilon > 0$. \square

Lemma 2.4. [3, 9] *Let Φ be a Young function, $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and $r > 0$. Then*

$$\|\chi_{B(a,r)}\|_{wL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|B(a,r)|}\right)},$$

where $|B(a,r)|$ denotes the volume of $B(a,r)$.

Lemma 2.5. *If $f \in wL_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then there exists $\alpha > 0$ such that*

$$\sup_{t>0} \Phi(t) \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{|f(x)|}{\alpha} > t \right\} \right| \leq 1.$$

We leave the proof of Lemma 2.5 to the reader. Finally, we come to the generalized Hölder's inequality in weak Orlicz spaces as follows.

Theorem 2.6. *Let $m \geq 2$. If Φ and Φ_i are Young functions for $i = 1, \dots, m$, then the following statements are equivalent:*

(1) *There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\prod_{i=1}^m \Phi_i^{-1}(t) \leq C\Phi^{-1}(t)$$

for every $t \geq 0$.

(2) *There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for all $t_i \geq 0$,*

$$\Phi \left(\frac{\prod_{i=1}^m t_i}{C} \right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \Phi_i(t_i).$$

(3) *There exists a constant $M > 0$ such that*

$$\left\| \prod_{i=1}^m f_i \right\|_{wL_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq M \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)},$$

for every $f_i \in wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $i = 1, \dots, m$.

(4) *For every $f_i \in wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then $\prod_{i=1}^m f_i \in wL_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*

Proof. As before, we have that (1) and (2) are equivalent. We shall prove that (2) implies (3) and (3) implies (1). Suppose that (2) hold. Let $f_i \in wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\Phi_i(t) \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{|f_i(x)|}{\|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \frac{\|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{k}} > t \right\} \right| \leq 1,$$

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

$$\text{Define } A_{\Phi}(t) := \Phi(t) \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m |f_i(x)|}{mC \prod_{i=1}^m (1 + \frac{1}{k}) \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} > t \right\} \right|.$$

Next by setting $t_0 := \frac{tmC \prod_{i=1}^m (1 + \frac{1}{k}) \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\prod_{i=1}^m |f_i(x)|}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\Phi}(t) &= \Phi \left(\frac{\prod_{i=1}^m (t_0)^{\frac{1}{m}} |f_i(x)|}{mC \prod_{i=1}^m (1 + \frac{1}{k}) \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right) |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : 1 > t_0\}| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m} \Phi \left(\frac{\prod_{i=1}^m (t_0)^{\frac{1}{m}} |f_i(x)|}{C \prod_{i=1}^m (1 + \frac{1}{k}) \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right) |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : 1 > t_0\}| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \Phi_i \left(\frac{(t_0)^{\frac{1}{m}} |f_i(x)|}{(1 + \frac{1}{k}) \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right) \right) |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : 1 > t_0\}|. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_i \left(\frac{(t_0)^{\frac{1}{m}} |f_i(x)|}{(1 + \frac{1}{k}) \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right) |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : 1 > t_0\}| \\ &= \Phi_i(t_i) \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \left(\frac{|f_i(x)|}{(1 + \frac{1}{k}) \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right)^m > t_i^m \right\} \right| \\ &= \Phi_i(t_i) \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{|f_i(x)|}{(1 + \frac{1}{k}) \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} > t_i \right\} \right| \\ &\leq 1, \end{aligned}$$

where $t_i := \frac{t_0^{\frac{1}{m}} |f_i(x)|}{(1 + \frac{1}{k}) \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$.

This show that

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\Phi}(t) &= \Phi \left(\frac{\prod_{i=1}^m (t_0)^{\frac{1}{m}} |f_i(x)|}{mC \prod_{i=1}^m (1 + \frac{1}{k}) \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right) |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : 1 > t_0\}| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m} \Phi \left(\frac{\prod_{i=1}^m (t_0)^{\frac{1}{m}} |f_i(x)|}{C \prod_{i=1}^m (1 + \frac{1}{k}) \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right) |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : 1 > t_0\}| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \Phi_i \left(\frac{(t_0)^{\frac{1}{m}} |f_i(x)|}{(1 + \frac{1}{k}) \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right) \right) |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : 1 > t_0\}| \\ &\leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since $t > 0$ is an arbitrary positive real number, we get

$$\sup_{t>0} \Phi(t) \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m |f_i(x)|}{mC \prod_{i=1}^m (1 + \frac{1}{k}) \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} > t \right\} \right| \leq 1.$$

By definition of $\|\cdot\|_{wL_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$, we have

$$\left\| \prod_{i=1}^m f_i \right\|_{wL_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq mC(1 + \frac{1}{k})^m \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

For $k \rightarrow \infty$, we have $(1 + \frac{1}{k})^m \rightarrow 1$. Hence we conclude that

$$\left\| \prod_{i=1}^m f_i \right\|_{wL_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq mC \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

((3) \Leftrightarrow (4)). Next, it is easy to see that (3) implies (4). Now, suppose that (4) holds, by using Lemma 2.5, there exists $\alpha > 0$ such that

$$\sup_{t>0} \Phi(t) \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m |f_i(x)|}{\alpha} > t \right\} \right| \leq 1.$$

By setting $M := \frac{\alpha}{\prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} > 0$, we have

$$\sup_{t>0} \Phi(t) \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m |f_i(x)|}{M \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} > t \right\} \right| = \sup_{t>0} \Phi(t) \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m |f_i(x)|}{\alpha} > t \right\} \right| \leq 1.$$

By definition of $\|\cdot\|_{wL_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$, we have $\left\| \prod_{i=1}^m f_i \right\|_{wL_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq M \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$.

Thus (2) implies (3).

Suppose now that (3) holds. Take an arbitrary open ball $B_0 := B(0, r_0)$ for $r_0 > 0$. Observe that $\|\chi_{B_0}\|_{wL_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \left\| \prod_{i=1}^m \chi_{B_0} \right\|_{wL_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$. By using

Lemma 2.4, we have

$$\frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|B_0|}\right)} = \|\chi_{B_0}\|_{wL_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq M \prod_{i=1}^m \|\chi_{B_0}\|_{wL_{\Phi_i}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = M \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\Phi_i^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|B_0|}\right)}$$

for every open ball $B_0 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Since $r_0 > 0$ is arbitrary, we get

$$\prod_{i=1}^m \Phi_i^{-1}(t) \leq M\Phi^{-1}(t)$$

for every $t \geq 0$. Hence (3) implies (1), and we are done. \square

Corollary 2.7. *Let $m \geq 2$. If $1 \leq p, p_i < \infty$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$, then the following statements are equivalent:*

(1) $\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{p_i} = \frac{1}{p}$.

- (2) $\left\| \prod_{i=1}^m f_i \right\|_{wLP(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{wLP^i(\mathbb{R}^n)}$, for every $f_i \in wLP^i(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $i = 1, \dots, m$.
- (3) For every $f_i \in wLP^i(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then $\prod_{i=1}^m f_i \in wLP(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof. The proof that (1) and (2) can be found in [2]. Next, by setting $\Phi(t) = t^p$ and $\Phi_i(t) = t^{p_i}$ for $1 \leq p, p_i < \infty$ in the Theorem 2.6, we have (2) and (3) are equivalent. \square

3. CONCLUDING REMARKS

We have shown sufficient and necessary conditions for the generalized Hölder's inequality in Orlicz spaces and in weak Orlicz spaces. From Theorems 2.1 and 2.6, we see that both generalized Hölder's inequality in Orlicz spaces and in weak Orlicz spaces are equivalent to the same condition, namely $\prod_{i=1}^m \Phi_i^{-1}(t) \leq C\Phi^{-1}(t)$.

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