

The inclusion theorems for variable exponent Lorentz spaces

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Abstract: Let (X, Σ, μ) and (X, Σ, ν) be measure spaces. Assume that $L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ and $L^{p_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \nu)$ are two variable exponent Lorentz spaces where $p, q \in P_0([0, l])$. In this paper we investigated the existence of the inclusion $L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \nu)$ under what conditions for two measures μ and ν on (X, Σ) .

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1. Introduction

Let (X, Σ, μ) be a measure space. The distribution function of f is defined by

$$\lambda_f(y) = \mu(\{x \in X : |f(x)| > y\}) = \int_{\{x \in X : |f(x)| > y\}} d\mu(x) \quad [4, 6].$$

The rearrangement function of f is defined by

$$f^*(t) = \inf \{y > 0 : \lambda_f(y) \leq t\} = \sup \{y > 0 : \lambda_f(y) > t\}, t \geq 0 \quad [4, 6].$$

Moreover, the average function of f^* is given by

$$f^{**}(t) = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f^*(s) ds.$$

Let $0 < l \leq \infty$. We put

$$p_- = \inf_{x \in [0, l]} p(x), \quad p^+ = \sup_{x \in [0, l]} p(x).$$

In this paper, we shall also use the notation

$$P_a = \{p : a < p_- \leq p^+ < \infty\}, \quad a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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The set $IP([0, \infty])$ is the family of $p \in L^\infty([0, \infty])$ such that there exist the limits $p(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} p(x)$, $p(\infty) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} p(x)$ and we have

$$|p(x) - p(0)| \leq \frac{C}{\ln \frac{1}{|x|}}, \quad |x| \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad (C > 0)$$

and

$$|p(x) - p(\infty)| \leq \frac{C}{\ln(e + |x|)}, \quad |x| > 2 \quad (C > 0). \tag{1.1}$$

We also denote $IP_a([0, l]) = IP([0, l]) \cap P_a([0, l])$. If $l = \infty$, it is enough that the inequality (1.1) is satisfied [4].

Let $\Omega \subset X$. We denote $l = \mu(\Omega)$. Assume that $p, q \in P_0([0, l])$. The variable exponent Lorentz spaces $L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(\Omega, \mu)$ are defined as the set of all (equivalence classes) measurable functions f on X such that $J_{p,q}(f) < \infty$, where

$$J_{p,q}(f) = \int_0^l t^{\frac{q(t)}{p(t)} - 1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt. \tag{1.2}$$

We use the notation

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(\Omega, \mu)}^1 = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : J_{p,q}\left(\frac{f}{\lambda}\right) \leq 1 \right\} \quad [2].$$

Let $p \in IP_0([0, l])$ and $q \in IP_1([0, l])$. If $l = \infty$, then the equality (1.2) is equivalent to the following sum:

$$\int_0^1 t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)} - 1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt + \int_1^\infty t^{\frac{q(\infty)}{p(\infty)} - 1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt \quad [2].$$

If $l < \infty$, then the equality (1.2) is equivalent to the integral $\int_0^l t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)} - 1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt$ [4]. The space $L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(\Omega, \mu)$ is a normed vector space with norm

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(\Omega, \mu)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : J_{p,q}\left(\frac{f}{\lambda}\right) \leq 1 \right\}$$

such that $J_{p,q}(f) = \int_0^l t^{\frac{q(t)}{p(t)} - 1} (f^{**}(t))^{q(t)} dt$ [4].

For $0 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$, the inclusion $l^p(X) \subset l^q(X)$ is known. In [13], the inclusion $L^p(\mu) \subset L^q(\mu)$ was characterized by all positive measures whenever $0 < p \leq q \leq \infty$. Then Romero [10] improved some results of [13]. Lastly, the more general inclusion $L^p(\mu) \subset L^q(\nu)$ was considered by [8], where μ and ν are two measures on (X, Σ) . Moreover, in [5], Gürkanlı considered inclusion theorems of Lorentz spaces. Embeddings for discrete weighted Lebesgue spaces with variable exponents were studied by Nekvinda [9]. In [1], the inclusion $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mu) \subset L^{q(\cdot)}(\nu)$ was considered by Aydın and Gürkanlı. In [2], Bandaliev considered embeddings between

variable exponent Lebesgue spaces with different measures. Also in this area, Diening et al. studied Lebesgue and Sobolev spaces with variable exponent [3]. Now, in the present paper, we investigate the existence of the inclusion $L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)$ under what conditions.

2. Main results

Let (X,Σ,μ) be a measure space. If two measures μ and ν are absolutely continuous with respect to each other ($\mu \ll \nu$ and $\nu \ll \mu$) then we denote this by $\mu \approx \nu$ [11].

Lemma 1 *The inclusion $L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)$ holds in the sense of equivalence classes if and only if $\mu \approx \nu$ and $L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)$ in the sense of individual functions.*

Proof Assume that $L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)$ holds in the sense of equivalence classes. Let $f \in L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\mu)$ be any individual function. That means $f \in L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\mu)$ in the sense of equivalence classes. Therefore, we have $f \in L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)$ in the sense of equivalence classes from the assumption. Thus we obtain $f \in L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)$ in the sense of individual functions. Therefore, we find the inclusion $L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)$ in the sense of individual functions. Let $E \in S$ with $\mu(E) = 0$. Then since $\chi_E = 0$ μ -almost everywhere (a.e), we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_{p_1,q_1}(\chi_E) &= \int_0^l t^{\frac{q_1(t)}{p_1(t)}-1} (\chi_E^*(t))^{q_1(t)} dt = \int_0^l t^{\frac{q_1(t)}{p_1(t)}-1} (\chi_{[0,\mu(E)]}(t))^{q_1(t)} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\mu(E)} t^{\frac{q_1(t)}{p_1(t)}-1} dt = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and we write $\chi_E \in L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\mu)$. Therefore, χ_E is in the equivalence classes of $0 \in L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\mu)$. Moreover, the equivalence classes of 0 (with respect to μ) are also an element of $L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)$. Thus χ_E is in the equivalence classes of $0 \in L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)$ with respect to ν . This implies $\nu(E) = 0$. Therefore, $\nu \ll \mu$. Similarly, $\mu \ll \nu$ is proved. The proof of the other side is clear.

Throughout, we assume that $p, q \in P_0([0, l])$ unless the contrary is stated. □

Lemma 2 a) *Let $\mu(X) = \infty$, $p, q \in IP_1([0, \infty])$, $q(\infty) > p(\infty)$ and $q(0) < p(0)$. If $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ convergences to f in $L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X,\mu)$ then $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ convergences to f in measure.*

b) *Let $\mu(X) < \infty$ and $p, q \in IP_1([0, \infty])$. If $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ convergences to f in $L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X,\mu)$ then $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ convergences to f in measure.*

Proof a) Assume that $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ convergences to f in $L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X,\mu)$. Then we write

$$J_{p,q}(f_n - f) \cong \int_0^1 t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} (f_n - f)^*(t)^{q(t)} dt + \int_1^\infty t^{\frac{q(\infty)}{p(\infty)}-1} (f_n - f)^*(t)^{q(t)} dt \rightarrow 0$$

for $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since $q(\infty) > p(\infty)$ and $q(0) < p(0)$, we have

$$\int_0^\infty (f_n - f)^*(t)^{q(t)} dt \leq J_{p,q}(f_n - f) \rightarrow 0.$$

for $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then $(f_n - f)^*$ converges to 0 in $L^{q(\cdot)}([0, \infty])$. Thus we find that $(f_n - f)^*$ converges to 0 in measure (with respect to measure on $[0, \infty]$) by [7]. Furthermore, since

$$\lambda_{(f_n - f)^*}(\varepsilon) = \mu(\{t : (f_n - f)^*(t) > \varepsilon\}) = \mu(\{x : (f_n - f)(x) > \varepsilon\}) = \lambda_{(f_n - f)}(\varepsilon) \quad [6]$$

for all $\varepsilon > 0$, f_n converges to f in measure.

b) Assume that $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to f in $L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Then since $l = \mu(X) < \infty$,

$$J_{p,q}(f_n - f) \cong \int_0^l t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)} - 1} (f_n - f)^*(t)^{q(t)} dt \rightarrow 0 \quad (2.1)$$

holds for $n \rightarrow \infty$. In addition, $L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ is a Banach function space [4] and we have

$$\int_X (f_n - f)(x) dx \leq C_X \|f_n - f\|_{L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)}. \quad (2.2)$$

Therefore by using (2.1) and (2.2), we obtain $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to f in $L^1(X)$. Thus f_n converges to f in measure. \square

Theorem 1 a) Let $p_i, q_i \in IP_1([0, \infty])$, $(i = 1, 2)$, $\mu(X) = \infty$, $q_i(\infty) > p_i(\infty)$, and $q_i(0) < p_i(0)$, $(i = 1, 2)$. Then the inclusion

$$L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \nu)$$

holds in the sense of equivalence classes if and only if $\mu \approx \nu$ and there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$\|f\|_{L^{p_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \nu)}^1 \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu)}^1$$

for all $f \in L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$.

b) Let $p_i, q_i \in IP_1([0, l])$, $(i = 1, 2)$ and $l = \mu(X) < \infty$. Then the inclusion

$$L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \nu)$$

holds in the sense of equivalence classes if and only if $\mu \approx \nu$ and there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$\|f\|_{L^{p_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \nu)}^1 \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu)}^1$$

for all $f \in L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$.

Proof a) Suppose that $L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)$ holds in the sense of equivalence classes. We define the unit operator $I(f) = f$ from $L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\mu)$ into $L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)$. Now we show that I is closed. Let $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence such that $f_n \rightarrow f$ in $L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\mu)$ and $I(f_n) = f_n \rightarrow g$ in $L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)$. Thus, by Lemma 2, $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to f in measure (with respect to μ). Hence there exists subsequence $(f_{n_i})_{n_i \in \mathbb{N}} \subset (f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $(f_{n_i})_{n_i \in \mathbb{N}}$ pointwise converges to f , μ -almost everywhere (a.e.). Moreover, since $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to g in $L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)$, it is easy to show that $(f_{n_i})_{n_i \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to g in $L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)$. Then $(f_{n_i})_{n_i \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to g in measure (with respect to ν). Thus we find a subsequence $(f_{n_{i_k}})_{n_{i_k} \in \mathbb{N}} \subset (f_{n_i})_{n_i \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $(f_{n_{i_k}})_{n_{i_k} \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to g pointwise ν -a.e. Let M be a set of the points such that $(f_{n_{i_k}})_{n_{i_k} \in \mathbb{N}}$ does not convergence to g pointwise. Hence $\nu(M) = 0$. From the assumption $L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)$ in the sense of equivalence classes and so we write $\mu \approx \nu$ by Lemma 1. Thus $\nu(M) = \mu(M) = 0$. Hence $(f_{n_{i_k}})_{n_{i_k} \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to g pointwise μ -a.e. Consequently using the following inequality

$$|f(x) - g(x)| \leq |f(x) - f_{n_{i_k}}(x)| + |f_{n_{i_k}}(x) - g(x)|,$$

we have $f = g$ μ -a.e. and $f = g$ ν -a.e. That means I is closed. By the closed graph theorem, there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$\|f\|_{L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)}^1 \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\mu)}^1.$$

The proof of the other direction is easy.

In this Theorem, (b) can be proved easily by using the technique of the proof in (a). □

Lemma 3 a) If $\nu(E) \leq \mu(E)$ for all $E \in \Sigma$, then the inequality

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X,\nu)}^1 \leq \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X,\mu)}^1$$

holds for all $f \in L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X,\mu)$.

b) Let $p \in IP_0([0, l])$, $1 \leq q < \infty$. If there exists $M > 0$ such that $\nu(E) \leq M\mu(E)$ for all $E \in \Sigma$, then the inequality

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot),q}(X,\nu)}^1 \leq M \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot),q}(X,\mu)}^1$$

holds for all $f \in L^{p(\cdot),q}(X,\mu)$.

Proof a) Let $\nu(E) \leq \mu(E)$ for all $E \in \Sigma$. From [5], we have $f^{*,\nu}(t) \leq f^{*,\mu}(t)$ ($f^{*,\nu}$ and $f^{*,\mu}$ are the rearrangements of f with respect to the measures ν and μ respectively) for all $t \geq 0$. This implies

$$\int_0^l t^{\frac{q(t)}{p(t)}-1} (f^{*,\nu})(t)^{q(t)} dt \leq \int_0^l t^{\frac{q(t)}{p(t)}-1} (f^{*,\mu})(t)^{q(t)} dt.$$

where $l = \mu(X)$. Thus we have

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X,\nu)}^1 \leq \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X,\mu)}^1.$$

b) Let $l = \mu(X) = \infty$. Assume that there exists $M > 0$ such that $\nu(E) \leq M\mu(E)$ for all $E \in \Sigma$. If we take $k = M\mu$, then k is a measure. Then it is known that $f^{*,k}(t) = f^{*,\mu}\left(\frac{t}{M}\right) \geq f^{*,\nu}(t)$ by [5]. Therefore, if we set $\frac{t}{M} = u$, then

$$\begin{aligned} J_{p,q}^\nu(f) &= \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p(t)}-1} f^{*,\nu}(t)^q dt \leq J_{p,q}^k(f) = \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p(t)}-1} f^{*,k}(t)^q dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p(t)}-1} f^{*,\mu}\left(\frac{t}{M}\right)^q dt \\ &\cong \int_0^1 t^{\frac{q}{p(t)}-1} f^{*,\mu}\left(\frac{t}{M}\right)^q dt + \int_1^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p(t)}-1} f^{*,\mu}\left(\frac{t}{M}\right)^q dt \\ &= M^{\frac{q}{p(0)}} \int_0^1 u^{\frac{q}{p(0)}-1} f^{*,\mu}(u)^q du + M^{\frac{q}{p(\infty)}} \int_1^\infty u^{\frac{q}{p(\infty)}-1} f^{*,\mu}(u)^q du \\ &\lesssim M_0 \int_0^\infty u^{\frac{q}{p(t)}-1} f^{*,\mu}(u)^q du = M_0 J_{p,q}^\mu(f) \end{aligned}$$

where $M_0 = \max\left\{M^{\frac{q}{p(0)}}, M^{\frac{q}{p(\infty)}}\right\}$. Thus we have $\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot),q}(X,\nu)}^1 \leq M \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot),q}(X,\mu)}^1$.

Similarly the Lemma is proved for $l = \mu(X) < \infty$. □

Lemma 4 Let $p, q \in IP_1([0, l])$, and $l = \mu(X) < \infty$.

a) If $\mu \approx \nu$ and there exists $M > 0$ such that $\nu(E) \leq M\mu(E)$ for all $E \in \Sigma$ then the inclusion $L^1(X, \mu) \subset L^1(X, \nu)$ holds.

b) If the inclusion $L^1(X, \mu) \subset L^1(X, \nu)$ holds then the inclusion $L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X, \nu)$ holds.

Proof **a)** It is known by [5].

b) Take any $f \in L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ is given. Since $\chi_{[0,\infty]} t^{\frac{q(t)}{p(t)}-1} f^*(t)^{q(t)} \in L^1(\mu)$ and $L^1(\mu) \subset L^1(\nu)$. Thus we obtain $\chi_{[0,\infty]} t^{\frac{q(t)}{p(t)}-1} f^*(t)^{q(t)} \in L^1(\nu)$. That means $f \in L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X, \nu)$. □

Theorem 2 Let $p, q \in IP_1([0, l])$ and $l = \mu(X) < \infty$. Then the inclusion $L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X, \nu)$ holds if and only if $\mu \approx \nu$ and there exists $M > 0$ such that $\nu(E) \leq M\mu(E)$ for all $E \in \Sigma$.

Proof \implies By Theorem 1, there exists $M > 0$ such that

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X,\nu)}^1 \leq M \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X,\mu)}^1 \tag{2.3}$$

for all $f \in L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Moreover,

$$J_{p,q}^\nu(f) \cong \int_0^l t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} ((\chi_E)^{*,\nu}(t))^{q(t)} dt = \int_0^{\nu(E)} t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} dt = \frac{p(0)}{q(0)} \nu(E)^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}}$$

holds. Similarly, we have

$$J_{p,q}^\mu(f) \cong \frac{p(0)}{q(0)} \mu(E)^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}}.$$

Therefore, we write

$$\|\chi_E\|_{L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X,\nu)}^1 \cong \frac{p(0)}{q(0)} \nu(E)^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}} \tag{2.4}$$

and

$$\|\chi_E\|_{L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X,\mu)}^1 \cong \frac{p(0)}{q(0)} \mu(E)^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}}. \tag{2.5}$$

Thus, from (2.3), (2.4), and (2.5), we have

$$\nu(E) \leq M\mu(E).$$

⇐ From Lemma 4, the proof is clear. □

Theorem 3 Let $p_i, q_i \in IP_1([0, l])$, $(i = 1, 2)$, $l = \mu(X) < \infty$, and $q_1(0)p_2(0) > q_2(0)p_1(0)$. If $L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ then there exists a constant $m \geq 0$ such that $\mu(E) \geq m$ for every μ -nonnull set $E \in \Sigma$.

Proof By Theorem 1, there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$\|f\|_{L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\mu)}^1 \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\mu)}^1$$

for all $f \in L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Let $E \in \Sigma$ be a μ -nonnull set. Since $\mu(E) < \infty$, we have

$$J_{p_1,q_1}(\chi_E) \cong \int_0^l t^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}-1} (\chi_E^*(t))^{q_1(t)} dt = \int_0^{\mu(E)} t^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}-1} dt = \frac{p_1(0)}{q_1(0)} \mu(E)^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}}.$$

and so $\|\chi_E\|_{L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X,\nu)}^1 \cong \frac{p_1(0)}{q_1(0)} \mu(E)^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}}$ holds. Similarly, we have $\|\chi_E\|_{L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X,\nu)}^1 \cong \frac{p_2(0)}{q_2(0)} \mu(E)^{\frac{q_2(0)}{p_2(0)}}$.

Then we write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_2(0)}{q_2(0)} \mu(E)^{\frac{q_2(0)}{p_2(0)}} &\leq C \frac{p_1(0)}{q_1(0)} \mu(E)^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}} \\ \frac{1}{C} \frac{q_1(0)p_2(0)}{p_1(0)q_2(0)} &\leq \mu(E)^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)} - \frac{q_2(0)}{p_2(0)}}. \end{aligned}$$

If we set $m = \left(\frac{1}{C} \frac{q_1(0)p_2(0)}{p_1(0)q_2(0)}\right)^{\frac{p_1(0)p_2(0)}{q_1(0)p_2(0) - q_2(0)p_1(0)}}$, we obtain $\mu(E) \geq m$ for every μ -nonnull set $E \in \Sigma$. □

Theorem 4 Let $p, q \in IP_1([0, l])$ and $l = \mu(X) < \infty$.

a) If $q_2(\cdot) \leq q_1(\cdot)$, $q_1(0) \leq p_1(0)$, and $q_2(0) \geq p_2(0)$ then the inclusion

$$L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$$

holds.

b) If $q(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot)$ and $q(0) = p(0)$, then the inclusion

$$L^{p(\cdot), p(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$$

holds.

c) If $p(\cdot) \leq q(\cdot)$ and $q(0) = p(0)$, then the inclusion

$$L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{p(\cdot), p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$$

holds.

d) If $q(0) \geq p(0)$ then the inclusion

$$L^{q(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$$

holds.

e) If $q(0) \leq p(0)$, then the inclusion

$$L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{q(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$$

holds.

Proof a) Take any $f \in L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Then we have

$$\infty > J_{p_1, q_1}(f) \cong \int_0^l t^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)} - 1} (f^*(t))^{q_1(t)} dt \geq l^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)} - 1} \int_0^l (f^*(t))^{q_1(t)} dt.$$

Therefore, we obtain $f^* \in L^{q_1(\cdot)}([0, l])$. Moreover, since $q_2(\cdot) \leq q_1(\cdot)$, we write $L^{q_1(\cdot)}([0, l]) \subset L^{q_2(\cdot)}([0, l])$ from [7]. That means $f^* \in L^{q_2(\cdot)}([0, l])$. From this result, we have

$$J_{p_2, q_2}(f) \cong \int_0^l t^{\frac{q_2(0)}{p_2(0)} - 1} (f^*(t))^{q_2(t)} dt \leq l^{\frac{q_2(0)}{p_2(0)} - 1} \int_0^l (f^*(t))^{q_2(t)} dt < \infty.$$

Thus we find that $f \in L^{p_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$.

b) Take any $f \in L^{p(\cdot), p(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. That means $f^* \in L^{p(\cdot)}([0, l])$. Again since $q(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot)$, we know that $L^{p(\cdot)}([0, l]) \subset L^{q(\cdot)}([0, l])$ from [7]. Therefore, we have

$$J_{p, q}(f) \cong \int_0^l t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)} - 1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt = \int_0^l (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt < \infty.$$

Thus we obtain $f \in L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$.

c) This hypothesis is proved easily using the technique in (b).

d) Take any $f \in L^{q(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Assume that $l = \mu(X) \geq 1$. Then since $J_{q,q}(f) \cong \int_0^l (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt < \infty$, and since $q(0) \geq p(0)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_{p,q}(f) &\cong \int_0^1 t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt + \int_1^l t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt + l^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} \int_1^l (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $f \in L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Now let $l < 1$ and so we have

$$J_{p,q}(f) \cong \int_0^l t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt < \int_0^l (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt < \infty.$$

Thus similarly $f \in L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$.

e) Take any $f \in L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Assume that $l = \mu(X) \geq 1$. Then since $J_{p,q}(f) \cong \int_0^l t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt < \infty$, we have

$$\int_0^1 t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt \leq J_{p,q}(f) < \infty$$

and

$$\int_1^l t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt \leq J_{p,q}(f) < \infty.$$

In addition, since $q(0) \leq p(0)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_{q,q}(f) &\cong \int_0^l (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt \leq \int_0^1 t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt + \int_1^l t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} t^{-\left(\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1\right)} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt + l^{-\left(\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1\right)} \int_1^l t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $f \in L^{q(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Now let $l < 1$ and we have

$$J_{q,q}(f) \cong \int_0^l (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt < \int_0^l t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt < \infty.$$

Thus similarly $f \in L^{q(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. □

Theorem 5 *If $\mu(X) < \infty$, $1 \leq q_2(\cdot) \leq q_1(\cdot)$, $\frac{1}{p_1(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{q_2(\cdot)} = 1$ and $\frac{1}{p_2(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{q_1(\cdot)} = 1$ then the inclusion*

$$L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$$

holds.

Proof Take any $f \in L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} t^{\left(\frac{1}{p_2(t)} - \frac{1}{q_2(t)}\right)} f^*(t) &= t^{\left(\frac{1}{p_2(t)} - \frac{1}{q_2(t)}\right)} f^*(t) t t^{-1} \\ &= t^{\left(\frac{1}{p_2(t)} - \frac{1}{q_2(t)}\right)} f^*(t) t^{\left(\frac{1}{p_1(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{q_2(\cdot)}\right)} t^{-\left(\frac{1}{p_2(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{q_1(\cdot)}\right)} = t^{\left(\frac{1}{p_1(\cdot)} - \frac{1}{q_1(\cdot)}\right)} f^*(t). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, write $t^{\left(\frac{1}{p_2(t)} - \frac{1}{q_2(t)}\right)} f^*(t) \in L^{q_1(\cdot)}([0, l]) \subset L^{q_2(\cdot)}([0, l])$. That means $f \in L^{p_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. □

Theorem 6 *Let $p_i, q_i \in IP_1([0, l])$, $(i = 1, 2)$, $\mu(X) < \infty$, $q_2(\cdot) \geq q_1(\cdot)$, $q_2(0) \geq p_2(0)$, and $q_1(0) \leq p_1(0)$. If there exists a constant $m > 0$ such that $\mu(E) \geq m$ for every μ -nonnull set $E \in \Sigma$ then the inclusion*

$$L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$$

holds.

Proof Take any $f \in L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Define that the set $E_n = \{x \in X : |f(x)| > n\}$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $q_1(0) \leq p_1(0)$, we write $L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{q_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ from Theorem 4. Therefore, there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$\|f\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu)}^1 \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu)}^1 \tag{2.6}$$

for all $f \in L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. On the other hand, since $|f(x)| > n > 1$ for all $x \in E_n$, we have $|f^*(t)| > 1$ for all $t \in [0, \mu(E_n)]$. Thus if we set $\frac{t}{2} = u$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} n^{q_1-} \mu(E_n) &\leq \int_{E_n} |f|^{q_1-} d\mu = \int_X |f \chi_{E_n}|^{q_1-} d\mu = \int_0^\infty |(f \chi_{E_n})^*|(t)^{q_1-} dt \\ &\leq \int_0^\infty |f^*|\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^{q_1-} \chi_{[0, \mu(E_n)]}\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) dt = 2 \int_0^\infty |f^*|(u)^{q_1-} \chi_{[0, \mu(E_n)]}(u) du \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\mu(E_n)} |f^*|(u)^{q_1-} du \leq 2 \int_0^{\mu(E_n)} |f^*|(u)^{q_1(u)} du \leq 2 \int_0^l |f^*|(u)^{q_1(u)} du \end{aligned}$$

for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then using the inequality (2.6), we obtain

$$n^{q_1-} \mu(E_n) \leq 2C \int_0^l t^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}-1} |f^*|(u)^{q_1(u)} du < \infty \tag{2.7}$$

for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By the hypothesis, either $\mu(E_n) = 0$ or $\mu(E_n) \geq m$. Since the sequence (E_n) is nonincreasing and $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = \emptyset$, we have $\mu(E_n) \rightarrow 0$. Thus there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|f(x)| \leq n_0$, $\mu - a.e.$ for all $x \in X$, and so we write $|f^*(t)| \leq n_0$, $\mu - a.e.$ for all $t \in [0, l]$. Therefore, we have

$$\int_0^l |f^*(t)|^{q_2(t)} dt = \int_0^l |f^*(t)|^{q_2(t)-q_1(t)} |f^*(t)|^{q_1(t)} dt \leq \int_0^l n_0^{q_2(t)-q_1(t)} |f^*(t)|^{q_1(t)} dt.$$

Therefore, we write

$$\int_0^l |f^*(t)|^{q_2(t)} dt < n_0^{q_2^+ - q_1^-} \int_0^l |f^*(t)|^{q_1(t)} dt < \infty. \tag{2.8}$$

Thus we have $f \in L^{q_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. That means $L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{q_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Similarly, using the inequalities (2.8), we write $L^{q_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{q_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Lastly using $q_2(0) \geq p_2(0)$, we obtain

$$L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{q_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{q_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$$

from Theorem 2.4. □

Lemma 5 Hölder inequality for variable exponent Lorentz spaces:

Let $1 \leq q(\cdot) \leq q^+ < \infty$, $\frac{1}{p(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{p'(\cdot)} = 1$, and $\frac{1}{q(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{q'(\cdot)} = 1$. If $f \in L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ and $g \in L^{p'(\cdot), q'(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ then $fg \in L^1(X, \mu)$ and there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$\int_X |f(x)g(x)| d\mu(x) \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} \|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot), q'(\cdot)}(X, \mu)}.$$

Proof Let $f \in L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ and $g \in L^{p'(\cdot), q'(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Then we set $\frac{t}{2} = u$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X |f(x)g(x)| d\mu(x) &= \int_0^\infty |(fg)^*(t)| dt \leq \int_0^\infty f^*\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) g^*\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) dt \\ &= 2 \int_0^\infty f^*(u) g^*(u) dt = 2 \int_0^\infty t^{1-1} f^*(u) g^*(u) dt = 2 \int_0^\infty t^{\left(\frac{1}{p(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{p'(\cdot)}\right)} t^{-\left(\frac{1}{q(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{q'(\cdot)}\right)} f^*(u) g^*(u) dt. \\ &= 2 \int_0^\infty t^{\left(\frac{1}{p(\cdot)} - \frac{1}{q(\cdot)}\right)} f^*(u) t^{\left(\frac{1}{p'(\cdot)} - \frac{1}{q'(\cdot)}\right)} g^*(u) dt \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, by using the Hölder inequality for variable exponent Lebesgue spaces in [7, 12], the inequalities $f^* \leq f^{**}$ and $g^* \leq g^{**}$, there exists $C_1 > 0$ such that

$$\int_X |f(x)g(x)| d\mu(x) \leq 2 \int_0^\infty t^{\left(\frac{1}{p(\cdot)} - \frac{1}{q(\cdot)}\right)} f^*(u) t^{\left(\frac{1}{p'(\cdot)} - \frac{1}{q'(\cdot)}\right)} g^*(u) dt$$

$$\leq 2C_1 \left\| t^{\left(\frac{1}{p(t)} - \frac{1}{q(t)}\right)} f^* \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}([0, \infty))} \left\| t^{\left(\frac{1}{p'(t)} - \frac{1}{q'(t)}\right)} g^* \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}([0, \infty))} = C \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} \|h\|_{L^{p'(\cdot), q'(\cdot)}(X, \mu)}$$

where $C = 2C_1$. □

Theorem 7 a) Let $1 \leq q(\cdot) \leq q^+ < \infty$. If $\frac{1}{p(t)} + \frac{1}{p'(t)} = 1$ and $\frac{1}{q(t)} + \frac{1}{q'(t)} = 1$ then the inclusion

$$L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \cdot L^{p'(\cdot), q'(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^1(X, \mu)$$

holds.

b) Let $p \in IP_0([0, l]), q \in IP_1([0, l]), q(t) = \begin{cases} c, & x \in \Omega \\ d, & x \notin \Omega \end{cases}$, and $c, d \geq 1$ such that $\Omega \subset [0, \infty)$. If $q(0) > p(0)$ and $q(\infty) \geq p(\infty)$ then

$$L^1(X, \mu) \subset L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \cdot L^{p'(\cdot), q'(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$$

holds such that $X = [0, \infty]$ and $\mu(x) = dx$.

Proof a) Let $f \in L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ and $h \in L^{p'(\cdot), q'(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. From Lemma 5, there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$\int_X |f(x)h(x)| d\mu(x) \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)} \|h\|_{L^{p'(\cdot), q'(\cdot)}(X, \mu)}.$$

Thus we obtain $f \cdot h \in L^1(X, \mu)$. That means $L^{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \cdot L^{p'(\cdot), q'(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^1(X, \mu)$.

b) Take any $g \in L^1(X, \mu)$. Define that

$$A_1 = \{x : 0 < |g(x)| < \infty\},$$

$$A_2 = \{x : |g(x)| = 0\},$$

and

$$(A_1 \cup A_2)^c = \{x : |g(x)| = \infty\}$$

such that $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup (A_1 \cup A_2)^c = [0, \infty]$. Now define that the functions

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} |g(x)|, & x \in A_1 \\ 0, & x \in A_2 \\ \infty, & x \in (A_1 \cup A_2)^c \end{cases}$$

and

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|g(x)|}{|g(x)|^{q(x)}}, & x \in A_1 \\ 0, & x \in A_2 \\ \infty, & x \in (A_1 \cup A_2)^c \end{cases}.$$

We also have $|g| = |fh|$. Since $g \in L^1(X, \mu)$, we know that $|g(x)| < \infty$ (a.e.). Thus we have $\mu((A_1 \cup A_2)^c) = 0$.

On the other hand, we have

$$J_{p,q}(f) \cong \int_0^1 t^{\frac{q(0)}{p(0)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt + \int_1^\infty t^{\frac{q(\infty)}{p(\infty)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \int_0^1 (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt + \int_1^\infty (f^*(t))^{q(t)} dt \\ &= \int_\Omega \left(g^*(t)^{\frac{1}{c}}\right)^c dt + \int_{\mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \Omega} \left(g^*(t)^{\frac{1}{d}}\right)^d dt \\ &= \int_X (g(x))^{q(x)} dx < \infty \end{aligned}$$

and similarly $J_{p',q'}(h) < \infty$. Thus we obtain $f \in L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ and $h \in L^{p'(\cdot),q'(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Therefore, from the inequality $|g| = |fh|$, we find that $g \in L^{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \cdot L^{p'(\cdot),q'(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Thus the proof is completed. \square

Theorem 8 Let $p_i \in IP_0([0, l])$, $q_i \in IP_1([0, l])$, $(i = 1, 2)$, $l = \mu(X) < \infty$. If $L^{p_1(\cdot),q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu) \subset L^{p_2(\cdot),q_2(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$ such that $q_{2-} < q_1^+ \frac{p_1(0)q_2(0)}{q_1(0)p_2(0)}$ then any collection of disjoint measurable sets of positive measure is a finite element.

Proof Assume that (E_n) is a sequence of disjoint measurable sets such that $\mu(E_n) \neq 0$ for infinite one n . Thus, since $\bigcup_{n=1}^\infty E_n \subset X$, we have $\mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^\infty E_n\right) < \infty$. Therefore, we write $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \mu(E_n) < \infty$. That means $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_n) = 0$. Then there exists subsequence $(E_{n_k})_{n_k}$ such that $E = \bigcup_{k=1}^\infty E_{n_k}$, $E_{n_k} \cap E_{n_j} = \emptyset$ ($k \neq j$), $\mu(E) < \infty$, and $\mu(E_{n_k}) = 2^{-k} q_1^+ \frac{p_1(0)}{q_1(0)} \mu(E)$ for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Define that

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty (2^k k^{-2}) \chi_{E_{n_k}}(x).$$

Then since $2q_1^+ > 1$

$$\begin{aligned} J_{p_1,q_1}(f) &\cong \int_0^{\mu(E)} t^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q_1(t)} dt = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \int_0^{\mu(E_{n_i})} t^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q_1(t)} dt \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^\infty \int_0^{\mu(E_{n_i})} t^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}-1} \left(\left(\sum_{k=1}^\infty (2^k k^{-2}) \chi_{E_{n_k}} \right)^*(t) \right)^{q_1(t)} dt \\ &\leq \int_0^{\mu(E_{n_1})} t^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}-1} 2^{q_1^+} dt + \int_0^{\mu(E_{n_2})} (2^2 2^{-2})^{q_1^+} t^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}-1} dt + \int_0^{\mu(E_{n_3})} (2^3 3^{-2})^{q_1^+} t^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}-1} dt + \dots \\ &\quad + \int_0^{\mu(E_{n_m})} (2^m m^{-2})^{q_1^+} t^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}-1} dt + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{p_1(0)}{q_1(0)} \left\{ 2^{q_1^+} \mu(E_{n_1})^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}} + (2^2 2^{-2})^{q_1^+} \mu(E_{n_2})^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}} + (2^3 3^{-2})^{q_1^+} \mu(E_{n_3})^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}} \right\} \\
 &\quad + \frac{p_1(0)}{q_1(0)} \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} (2^k k^{-2})^{q_1^+} \mu(E_{n_k})^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}} \\
 &= \frac{p_1(0)}{q_1(0)} \left\{ 2^{q_1^+} \mu(E_{n_1})^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}} + \mu(E_{n_2})^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}} + \left(\frac{8}{9}\right)^{q_1^+} \mu(E_{n_3})^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}} \right\} \\
 &\quad + \frac{p_1(0)}{q_1(0)} \mu(E)^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}} \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} (2^k k^{-2})^{q_1^+} 2^{-kq_1^+} \mu(E)^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}} \\
 &= \frac{p_1(0)}{q_1(0)} \left\{ 2^{q_1^+} \mu(E_{n_1})^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}} + \mu(E_{n_2})^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}} + \left(\frac{8}{9}\right)^{q_1^+} \mu(E_{n_3})^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}} \right\} \\
 &\quad + \frac{p_1(0)}{q_1(0)} \mu(E)^{\frac{q_1(0)}{p_1(0)}} \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} k^{-2q_1^+} < \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

holds. Thus, we have $f \in L^{p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. On the other hand, we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_{p_2, q_2}(f) &\cong \int_0^{\mu(E)} t^{\frac{q_2(0)}{p_2(0)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q_2(t)} dt = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\mu(E_{n_k})} t^{\frac{q_2(0)}{p_2(0)}-1} (f^*(t))^{q_2(t)} dt \\
 &\geq \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \int_0^{\mu(E_{n_k})} t^{\frac{q_2(0)}{p_2(0)}-1} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2^k k^{-2}) \chi_{E_{n_k}} \right)^*(t)^{q_2(t)} dt \\
 &= \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \int_0^{\mu(E_{n_k})} t^{\frac{q_2(0)}{p_2(0)}-1} (2^k k^{-2})^{q_2(t)} dt, \quad (2^k k^{-2} > 1 \text{ for } k \geq 4) \\
 &\geq \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \int_0^{\mu(E_{n_k})} t^{\frac{q_2(0)}{p_2(0)}-1} (2^k k^{-2})^{q_2^-} dt = \frac{p_2(0)}{q_2(0)} \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} (2^k k^{-2})^{q_2^-} \mu(E_{n_k})^{\frac{q_2(0)}{p_2(0)}} \\
 &= \frac{p_2(0)}{q_2(0)} \mu(E)^{\frac{q_2(0)}{p_2(0)}} \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} (2^k k^{-2})^{q_2^-} 2^{-kq_1^+} \left(\frac{p_1(0)q_2(0)}{q_1(0)p_2(0)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{p_2(0)}{q_2(0)} \mu(E)^{\frac{q_2(0)}{p_2(0)}} \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} k^{-2q_2-} 2^k \left((q_2^-) - q_1^+ \left(\frac{p_1(0)q_2(0)}{q_1(0)p_2(0)} \right) \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

If we say that $b_k = k^{-2q_2-} 2^k \left((q_2^-) - q_1^+ \left(\frac{p_1(0)q_2(0)}{q_1(0)p_2(0)} \right) \right)$, then we have $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} b_k = 0$. Thus, we find that $f \notin L^{p_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. However, from the assumption, we must obtain $f \in L^{p_2(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(X, \mu)$. Therefore, we find that any collection of disjoint measurable sets of positive measure is a finite element. \square

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