

# Composition Operators on Weighted Orlicz Sequence Spaces

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we study the boundedness of composition operators between any two weighted Orlicz sequence spaces

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a Young function, that is, a nondecreasing continuous convex function for which  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x) = \infty$ . Let  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite and purely atomic measure space, that is

$$X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n,$$

where  $A_n$  are atoms with the measure  $\mu(A_n) = a_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $w = \{w_n\}$  be a weight in  $X$  i.e positive and summable real valued sequence. Then the *weighted Orlicz sequence space*  $l_w^\phi(\{a_n\})$  is defined as the space of all real sequences  $\mathbf{f} = \{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  such that  $I_{\phi,w}(\lambda \mathbf{f}, \{a_n\}) < \infty$  for some  $\lambda > 0$ , where

$$I_{\phi,w}(\mathbf{f}, \{a_n\}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(|f_n|) w_n a_n.$$

This space is a Banach space with the norm

$$\|\mathbf{f}\|_{\phi,w,\{a_n\}} = \inf\{\lambda > 0 \mid I_{\phi,w}(\mathbf{f}/\lambda, \{a_n\}) \leq 1\}.$$

Throughout the paper, we assume  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  to be a  $\sigma$ -finite and purely atomic measure space with atoms  $\{A_n\}$  of measure  $\mu(A_n) = a_n > 0$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\tau : X \rightarrow X$  to be a measurable non-singular transformation such that  $\tau(X) = X$  and  $b_n := \mu(\tau^{-1}(A_n))/\mu(A_n)$ .

Composition operators on Orlicz spaces have also been studied in [3], [4], [5],[9] and [17]. The techniques used in this paper essentially depend on the conditions of embedding of one Orlicz space into another (see, [13, Page 48] and [19] for details).

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## 2 Boundedness of Composition Operators

In this section, we study the boundedness of composition operators on weighted Orlicz sequence spaces.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $w_1 = \{w_{1,n}\}$  and  $w_2 = \{w_{2,n}\}$  be weights in  $X$ . Then the composition operator  $C_\tau : l_{w_1}^{\phi_1}(\{a_n\}) \rightarrow l_{w_2}^{\phi_2}(\{a_n\})$  is bounded if and only if there exist  $a, b, \delta > 0$  and a sequence  $\{c_n\}$  of nonnegative integers in  $l^1$  such that  $\phi_1(u)w_{1,n}a_n < \delta$  implies*

$$\phi_2(au)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \leq b\phi_1(u)w_{1,n}a_n + c_n$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and all  $u \geq 0$ .

We divide the proof in two parts, the sufficient part and the necessary part. The proof of the necessary part is as under:

*Proof.* Suppose that the given condition holds. Let  $f = \{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in l_{w_1}^{\phi_1}(\{a_n\}) \setminus \{0\}$ , then  $I_{\phi_1, w_1} \left( \frac{f}{\|f\|_{\phi_1, w_1, \{a_n\}}}, \{a_n\} \right) \leq 1$ . Let  $M \geq 1$  be a real number satisfying  $M(b + \|c\|_1) \geq 1$ , where  $\|c\|_1 = \sum_{n=1}^\infty c_n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\phi_2, w_2} \left( \frac{C_\tau f}{(M(b + \|c\|_1)\|f\|_{\phi_1, w_1, \{a_n\}})/a}, \{a_n\} \right) &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty \phi_2 \left( \frac{a|C_\tau f_n|}{M(b + \|c\|_1)\|f\|_{\phi_1, w_1, \{a_n\}}} \right) w_{2,n}a_n \\ &\leq \frac{1}{M(b + \|c\|_1)} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \phi_2 \left( \frac{a|f_{\tau(n)}|}{\|f\|_{\phi_1, w_1, \{a_n\}}} \right) w_{2,n}a_n \\ &= \frac{1}{M(b + \|c\|_1)} \sum_{n \in \tau(X)} \phi_2 \left( \frac{a|f_n|}{\|f\|_{\phi_1, w_1, \{a_n\}}} \right) w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}\mu(\tau^{-1}(A_n)) \\ &= \frac{1}{M(b + \|c\|_1)} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \phi_2 \left( \frac{a|f_n|}{\|f\|_{\phi_1, w_1, \{a_n\}}} \right) w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \\ &\leq \frac{1}{M(b + \|c\|_1)} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left( b \phi_1 \left( \frac{|f_n|}{\|f\|_{\phi_1, w_1, \{a_n\}}} \right) w_{1,n}a_n + c_n \right) \\ &\leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\|C_\tau f\|_{\phi_2, \{a_n\}} \leq \frac{M}{a}(b + \|c\|_1)\|f\|_{\phi_1, w_1, \{a_n\}}$ . This shows that  $C_\tau$  is bounded. □

**Definition 2.2.** Let us consider the sequences  $z = \{z_n\}$ , of real numbers. For  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta > 0$ , define

$$X_\alpha^0 = \{z \mid \text{there exists } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } \sum_{n=k}^\infty \phi_1(\alpha|z_n|)w_{1,n}a_n < \infty\},$$

$$Y_\beta^0 = \{z \mid \text{there exists } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \phi_2(\beta|z_n|)w_{2,n}a_n < \infty\}$$

and  $F_n(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$

$$= \sup\{\phi_2(\beta|y|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \mid \phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n < \min(\delta, \gamma^{-1}\phi_2(\beta|y|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n)\}.$$

If there is no  $y$  for which  $\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n < \min(\delta, \gamma^{-1}\phi_2(\beta|y|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n)$ , then we put  $F_n(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta) = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** (i) If  $0 < \alpha' < \alpha''$ , then  $X_{\alpha''}^0 \subset X_{\alpha'}^0$ . Moreover,  $\bigcap_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}^0 \neq \emptyset$ .

(ii)  $F_n(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$  is nonincreasing with respect to  $\alpha, \gamma$  and nondecreasing with respect to  $\beta, \delta$ .

(iii) If  $\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n < \delta$ , then

$$\phi_2(\beta|y|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \leq \gamma\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n + F_n(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta).$$

*Proof.* (i) Let  $z = \{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in X_{\alpha''}^0$ . Then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \phi_1(\alpha''|z_n|)w_{1,n}a_n < \infty.$$

Since  $\alpha' < \alpha''$ , it follows that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\phi_1(\alpha'|z_n|)w_{1,n}a_n \leq \phi_1(\alpha''|z_n|)w_{1,n}a_n$$

which implies

$$\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \phi_1(\alpha'|z_n|)w_{1,n}a_n \leq \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \phi_1(\alpha''|z_n|)w_{1,n}a_n < \infty.$$

Thus  $z = \{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in X_{\alpha'}^0$ .

(ii) Follows from the definition of  $F_n(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$ .

(iii) Let us suppose that  $\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n < \delta$ . If

$$\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n < \min(\delta, \gamma^{-1}\phi_2(\beta|y|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n),$$

then  $y \in E_n(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$ . Thus,

$$\phi_2(\beta|y|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \leq F_n(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta).$$

Since  $\gamma\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n \geq 0$ , it follows that

$$\phi_2(\beta|y|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \leq \gamma\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n + F_n(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta).$$

If

$$\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n \not< \min(\delta, \gamma^{-1}\phi_2(\beta|y|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n),$$

then

$$\gamma^{-1}\phi_2(\beta|y|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \leq \phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n,$$

which implies that

$$\phi_2(\beta|y|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \leq \gamma\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n.$$

Again, since  $F_n(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta) \geq 0$ , we obtain

$$\phi_2(\beta|y|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \leq \gamma\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n + F_n(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta).$$

□

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two nonempty sets of positive numbers. If

$$C_\tau \left( \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} X_\alpha^0 \right) \subset \bigcup_{\beta \in B} Y_\beta^0,$$

then there exist  $\alpha \in A, \beta \in B, \gamma > 0, \delta > 0$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} F_n(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta) < \infty.$$

*Proof.* Suppose the theorem is not true. Choose  $\alpha_k \in A$  and  $\beta \in B, k = 1, 2, \dots$ , such that for all  $\alpha \in A$  there is a  $k'$  with  $\alpha_k \geq \alpha$  for all  $k > k'$ , and for all  $\beta \in B$  there is a  $k''$  with  $\beta_k \leq \beta$  for all  $k > k''$ . Put

$$d(n, k) = F_n(\alpha_k, \beta_k, k, k^{-2}).$$

Then  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} d(n, k) = \infty$  for all  $k$  and  $m$ . Let  $n_1, n_2, \dots$  be an increasing sequence of indices that partitions the set of natural numbers into segments  $N_1 = \{1, 2, \dots, n_1\}, N_k = \{n_{k-1} + 1, \dots, n_k\}, k = 2, 3, \dots$ , such that

$$\sum_{m \in N_k} d(n, k) > \frac{1}{k} \tag{2.1}$$

$$\sum_{m \in N_k \setminus \{n_k\}} d(n, k) \leq \frac{1}{k}, \tag{2.2}$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , where we put  $\sum_{n \in \emptyset} d(n, k) = 0$ . Write

$$N_k^+ = \{n \in N_k \mid d(n, k) > 0\}.$$

By the definition of  $F_n$  and  $d(n, k)$  and the inequality (2.1), for every  $n \in N_k^+$ , there exists  $z_n$  with the property that

$$\phi_1(\alpha_k|z_n|)w_{1,n}a_n < \min(k^{-2}, k^{-1}\phi_2(\beta_k|z_n|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n)$$

such that

$$\sum_{n \in N_k^+} \phi_2(\beta |z_n|) w_{2, \tau^{-1}(n)} a_n b_n > \frac{1}{k}. \tag{2.3}$$

By the definitions of  $F_n$  and  $d(n, k)$  and the inequality (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in N_k^+} \phi_1(\alpha_k |z_n|) w_{1, n} a_n &< \sum_{n \in N_k^+ \setminus \{n_k\}} \frac{1}{k} \phi_2(\beta |z_n|) w_{2, \tau^{-1}(n)} a_n b_n + \frac{1}{k^2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k} \sum_{n \in N_k^+ \setminus \{n_k\}} d(n, k) + \frac{1}{k^2} \\ &\leq \frac{2}{k^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

Thus, for each  $n \in N_k^+$ , there exists  $z_n \in \mathbb{R}$  such that (2.3) and (2.4) hold. For  $n \in N_k \setminus N_k^+$ , choose  $z_n \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\sum_{n \in N_k \setminus N_k^+} \phi_1(\alpha |z_n|) w_{1, n} a_n < \infty$ . Let  $z = \{z_n\}$ . We now take an arbitrary  $\alpha \in A$  and choose  $k'$  so large that for all  $k \geq k'$ , we have  $\alpha_k \geq k$ . Then by using (2.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=n_{k'-1}+1}^{\infty} \phi_1(\alpha |z_n|) w_{1, n} a_n &= \sum_{k=k'}^{\infty} \sum_{n \in N_k} \phi_1(\alpha |z_n|) w_{1, n} a_n \\ &\leq \sum_{k=k'}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{n \in N_k} \phi_1(\alpha_k |z_n|) w_{1, n} a_n + \sum_{n \in N_k \setminus N_k^+} \phi_1(\alpha |z_n|) w_{1, n} a_n \right] \\ &< \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $z \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} X_\alpha^0$ . On the other hand, for any arbitrary  $\beta \in B$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , choose  $k''$  large enough that for all  $k \geq k''$ , we have  $\beta \geq \beta_k$  and  $n_{k-1} + 1 \geq m$ . By change of variable in the second step below and then readjusting the variable, and using (2.3) in the last step, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \phi_2(\beta |C_\tau(z_n)|) w_{2, n} a_n &= \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \phi_2(\beta |z_{\tau(n)}|) w_{2, n} a_n \\ &= \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \phi_2(\beta |z_n|) w_{2, \tau^{-1}(n)} \mu(\tau^{-1}(A_n)) \\ &= \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \phi_2(\beta |z_n|) w_{2, \tau^{-1}(n)} a_n b_n \\ &\geq \sum_{k=k'}^{\infty} \sum_{n \in N_k^+} \phi_2(\beta_k |z_n|) w_{2, \tau^{-1}(n)} a_n b_n \\ &= \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $C_\tau(z) \notin \bigcup_{\beta \in B} Y_\beta^0$ , which is a contradiction. □

**Corollary 2.5.** (i) If  $C_\tau(\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} X_\alpha^0) \subset \bigcup_{\beta \in B} Y_\beta^0$ , then there exist  $\alpha \in A, \beta \in B, \gamma > 0, \delta > 0$

and a sequence  $\{c_n\}$  of nonnegative integers such that  $\sum_{n=m}^\infty c_n < \infty$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and that  $\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n < \delta$  implies

$$\phi_2(\beta|y|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \leq \gamma\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n + c_n,$$

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

(ii) Suppose there exist  $\alpha \in A, \beta \in B, \gamma > 0, \delta > 0$  and a sequence  $\{c_n\}$  of nonnegative integers such that  $\sum_{n=m}^\infty c_n < \infty$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and that  $\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n < \delta$  implies

$$\phi_2(\beta|y|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \leq \gamma\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n + c_n,$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $C_\tau(X_\alpha^0) \subset Y_\beta^0$ .

(iii) If  $C_\tau(\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} X_\alpha^0) \subset \bigcup_{\beta \in B} Y_\beta^0$ , then there exist  $\alpha \in A$  and  $\beta \in B$  such that  $C_\tau(X_\alpha^0) \subset Y_\beta^0$ .

(iv)  $C_\tau(X_\alpha^0) \subset Y_\beta^0$  if and only if there exist  $\gamma > 0, \delta > 0$  and a sequence  $\{c_n\}$  of nonnegative integers such that  $\sum_{n=m}^\infty c_n < \infty$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and that  $\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n < \delta$  implies

$$\phi_2(\beta|y|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \leq \gamma\phi_1(\alpha|y|)w_{1,n}a_n + c_n,$$

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

(v) Let  $X_\alpha = \{z \mid \sum_{n=1}^\infty \phi_1(\alpha|z_n|)w_{1,n}a_n < \infty\}$ . If  $C_\tau(X_\alpha) \subset \bigcup_{\beta \in B} Y_\beta^0$ , then there exists  $\beta \in B$  such that  $C_\tau(X_\alpha) \subset Y_\beta^0$ . In particular, if  $C_\tau(X_\alpha) \subset Y_\beta^0$ , then  $C_\tau(X_\alpha^0) \subset Y_\beta^0$ .

*Proof.* (i) Follows from Theorem 2.4 and Corollary 2.3(iii) with  $F_n(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta) = c_n$ .

(ii) Let  $z = \{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in X_\alpha^0$ . Then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\sum_{n=k}^\infty \phi_1(\alpha|z_n|)w_{1,n}a_n < \infty$$

where we suppose  $k \geq m$  and  $\phi_1(\alpha|z_n|)w_{1,n}a_n < \delta$  for  $n \geq k$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=k}^\infty \phi_2(\beta|C_\tau(z_n)|)w_{2,n}a_n &= \sum_{n=k}^\infty \phi_2(\beta|z_{\tau(n)}|)w_{2,n}a_n \\ &= \sum_{n=k}^\infty \phi_2(\beta|z_n|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}\mu(\tau^{-1}(A_n)) \\ &= \sum_{n=k}^\infty \phi_2(\beta|z_n|)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \\ &\leq \gamma \sum_{n=k}^\infty \phi_1(\alpha|z_n|)w_{1,n}a_n + \sum_{n=k}^\infty c_n \\ &< \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $C_\tau(z) \in Y_\beta^0$  and hence  $C_\tau(X_\alpha^0) \subset Y_\beta^0$ .

(iii) Follows from (i) and Theorem 2.3(iii) with  $F_n(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta) = c_n$ .

(iv) The direct part follows from (i) and the converse part from (ii).

(v) Suppose  $C_\tau(X_\alpha) \subset \bigcup_{\beta \in B} Y_\beta^0$ . Let  $z \in X_\alpha^0$ . Then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \phi_1(\alpha|z_n|)w_{1,n}a_n < \infty.$$

We put  $\bar{z}_n = \bar{y}_n$  for  $n < k$  and  $\bar{z}_n = z_n$  for  $n \geq k$ , where  $\bar{y}_n$  is the sequence given by Definition 2.2. Then  $\bar{z} = \{\bar{z}_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in X_\alpha$ . Thus, by our supposition  $C_\tau(\bar{z}) \in \bigcup_{\beta \in B} Y_\beta^0$ ,

so there exists  $\bar{\beta} \in B$  such that  $C_\tau(\bar{z}) \in Y_{\bar{\beta}}^0$ . It then follows that  $C_\tau(z) \in Y_{\bar{\beta}}^0$  which implies that  $C_\tau(z) \in \bigcup_{\beta \in B} Y_\beta^0$ . Therefore  $C_\tau(X_\alpha^0) \subset \bigcup_{\beta \in B} Y_\beta^0$ . Finally, using (iii), there exists  $\beta \in B$  such that  $C_\tau(X_\alpha^0) \subset Y_\beta^0$ . □

We now prove the sufficient part of Theorem 2.1.

**Theorem 2.6.** *If a composition operator  $C_\tau : l_{w_1}^{\phi_1}(\{a_n\}) \longrightarrow l_{w_2}^{\phi_2}(\{a_n\})$  is bounded, then there exist  $a, b, \delta > 0$  and a sequence  $\{c_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of nonnegative integers in  $l^1$  such that  $\phi_1(u)w_{1,n}a_n < \delta$  implies*

$$\phi_2(au)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \leq b\phi_1(u)w_{1,n}a_n + c_n,$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and all  $u \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* Observe that  $\bigcup_{\alpha > 0} X_\alpha^0 = l^{\phi_1}(\{a_n\})$  and  $\bigcup_{\beta > 0} Y_\beta^0 = l^{\phi_2}(\{a_n\})$ . Suppose  $C_\tau : l^{\phi_1}(\{a_n\}) \longrightarrow l^{\phi_2}(\{a_n\})$  is bounded. Then, by Corollary 2.5, we see that for each  $\alpha > 0$ , there exist  $\beta, \gamma, \delta > 0$  and a sequence  $\{c_n\}$  of nonnegative integers such that  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} c_n < \infty$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and that  $\phi_1(\alpha u)w_{1,n}a_n < \delta$  implies

$$\phi_2(\beta u)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \leq \gamma\phi_1(\alpha u)w_{1,n}a_n + c_n,$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and all  $u \geq 0$ .

Putting  $\alpha u = v, \beta/\alpha = a$  and  $\gamma = b$ , the above condition can be rewritten as  $\phi_1(v)w_{1,n}a_n < \delta$  implies

$$\phi_2(av)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n \leq b\phi_1(v)w_{1,n}a_n + c_n,$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and all  $v \geq 0$ .

For  $n < m$ , we take  $c_n = \max[\sup_{v \in S} (\phi_2(av)w_{2,\tau^{-1}(n)}a_nb_n - b\phi_1(v)w_{1,n}a_n), 0]$ , where  $S$  is the compact set of all  $v \geq 0$  such that  $\phi_1(v)w_{1,n}a_n < \delta$ . Thus,  $\{c_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in l^1$ , which yields the desired result. □

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