VON NEUMANN CONSTANT FOR WEAK ORLICZ SPACES AND WEAK LEBESGUE SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we give some estimates for lower bound of von Neumann-Jordan constant for weak Orlicz spaces and weak Lebesgue spaces. As an application, we prove that the von Neumann-Jordan constant for the weak Lebesgue space wL^p tends to 2 as p tends to infinity. Our proof uses the refinement of the positive constant in the triangle inequality in wL^p .

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1. Introduction

Let X be a Banach space. The von Neumann-Jordan constant for X (see [1, 3]) is defined by

(1)
$$C_{NJ}(X) := \sup \left\{ \frac{\|f - g\|_X^2 + \|f + g\|_X^2}{2(\|f\|_X^2 + \|g\|_X^2)} : f, g \in X \setminus \{0\} \right\}.$$

It follows from the triangle inequality and also arithmetic and quadratic mean inequality that $C_{NJ}(X) \leq 2$. In addition, by taking f = g in the definition above, we have $C_{NJ}(X) \geq 1$. Moreover, this inequality becomes an equality when X is a Hilbert spaces, In particular, $C_{NJ}(L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)) = 1$. For general $p \in [1, \infty]$, it is known that $C_{NJ}(L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)) = \max\left\{2^{\frac{2}{p}-1}, 2^{1-\frac{2}{p}}\right\}$ for finite p and $C_{NJ}(L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)) = 2$.

The study of von Neumann-Jordan of Lebesgue spaces can be generalized to Orlicz spaces. Let us recall the definition of these spaces (see [5]). Let $\Phi:[0,\infty)\to[0,\infty)$ be any N-function, namely Φ is convex, $\Phi(0)=0$, $\lim_{t\to 0}\frac{\Phi(t)}{t}=0$, and $\lim_{t\to \infty}\frac{\phi(t)}{t}=\infty$. The Orlicz space $L^\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is defined to be the set of all measurable functions f on \mathbb{R}^n for which

$$||f||_{L^{\Phi}} := \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi\left(\frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda}\right) dx \le 1 \right\} < \infty.$$

For $\Phi(t) = t^p$, where $1 \leq p < \infty$, we have $L^{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n) = L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Some results on von Neumann-Jordan constant of Orlicz spaces can be seen in [7]. One of the results in this book is

$$C_{NJ}(L^{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)) \ge \max \left\{ \frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}_{\Phi}}, 2\bar{\beta}_{\Phi}^2 \right\},$$

where $\bar{\alpha}_{\Phi}$ and $\bar{\beta}_{\Phi}$ are defined by $\bar{\alpha}_{\Phi} := \inf_{t>0} \frac{\Phi^{-1}(t)}{\Phi^{-1}(2t)}$ and $\bar{\beta}_{\Phi} = \sup_{t>0} \frac{\Phi^{-1}(t)}{\Phi^{-1}(2t)}$. In this paper, we investigate the von Neumann-Jordan constant for weak Orlicz spaces and weak Lebesgue spaces. Recall that The weak Orlicz space $wL^{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is defined to be the set of measurable functions f on \mathbb{R}^n such that

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

Note that, $L^{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subseteq wL^{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $||f||_{wL^{\Phi}} = \sup_{t>0} ||t\chi_{\{|f|>t\}}||_{L^{\Phi}}$. Meanwhile, the weak Lebesgue space $wL^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, is defined to be the collection of measurable functions f on \mathbb{R}^n for which

$$||f||_{wL^p} = \sup_{\gamma > 0} \gamma (\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f(x)| > \gamma\})^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty.$$

If $\Phi(t) := t^p$ for some $1 \leq p < \infty$, then $wL_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n) = wL^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Thus, $L_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ can be view as a generalization of the weak Lebesgue space $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Note that

$$||f||_{wL_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)} := \sup_{t>0} ||t| \chi_{\{|f|>t\}}||_{L_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

For a quasi-Banach space X, the von Neumann-Jordan constant $C_{NJ}(X)$ is defined by

(2)
$$C_{NJ}(X) := \sup \left\{ \frac{||f+g||_X^2 + ||f-g||_X^2}{2C_X^2(||f||_X^2 + ||g||_X^2)} : f, g \in X, \text{ not both zero} \right\}$$

where

$$C_X = \sup \left\{ \frac{||f+g||_X}{||f||_X + ||g||_X} : f, g \in X, (f,g) \neq (0,0) \right\}.$$

See [6] for some related results. Observe that, if X is a Banach space, then $C_X = 1$, so that we can recover (1) from (2). One of our main results is the following lower bound of von Neumann-Jordan constant of weak Orlicz spaces.

Theorem 1.1. Let Φ be any N-function and write $C_{\Phi} := C_{wL^{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$. Then

(3)
$$\max\left(\frac{1}{2C_{\Phi}^2\bar{\alpha}_{\Phi}^2}, \frac{2\bar{\beta}_{\Phi}^2}{C_{\Phi}^2}\right) \le C_{NJ}(wL^{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n))$$

As a consequence of Theorem 1.1, we obtain a lower bound for von Neumann-Jordan constant of weak Lebesgue spaces and the asymptotic value of these constants as $p \to \infty$.

Theorem 1.2. If $1 \le p < \infty$, then

(4)
$$\max\left(\frac{2^{\frac{2}{p}}-1}{C_p^2}, \frac{2^{1-\frac{2}{p}}}{C_p^2}\right) \le C_{NJ}(wL^p(\mathbb{R}^n)) \le 2,$$

where $2^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C_p \leq \min\left\{2, \frac{p}{p-1}\right\}$. In particular, $\lim_{p \to \infty} C_{NJ}(wL^p(\mathbb{R}^n)) = 2$.

2. Preliminaries

Note that, the weak Orlicz space $wL^{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ always contains the characteristic function on set of finite measure.

Lemma 2.1. [4] Let E be a measurable set of \mathbb{R}^n and $0 < |E| < \infty$. Then

$$||\chi_E||_{wL^{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|E|}\right)}$$

Lemma 2.2. Let $1 \le p < \infty$ and define

$$C_p = \sup_{(f,g)\neq(0,0)} \frac{||f+g||_{wL^p}}{||f||_{wL^p} + ||g||_{wL^p}}.$$

Then

$$2^{\frac{1}{p}} \le C_p \le 2.$$

Proof. Observe that, for every t > 0, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f(x) + g(x)| > t\}| &\leq |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f(x)| > \frac{t}{2}\}| + |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |g(x)| > t\}| \\ &= \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^{-p} ||f||_{wL^p}^p + \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^{-p} ||g||_{wL^p}^p \\ &= t^{-p} 2^p (||f||_{wL^p}^p + ||g||_{wL^p}^p) \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by t^p and taking the p-th root, we obtain

$$t|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f(x) + g(x)| > t\}|^{1/p} \le 2(||f||_{wL^p}^p + ||g||_{wL^p}^p)^{1/p}$$

$$\le 2(||f||_{wL^p} + ||g||_{wL^p})$$

By taking the supremum over t > 0, we get

(5)
$$||f+g||_{wL^p} \le 2(||f||_{wL^p} + ||g||_{wL^p})$$

Let
$$f(x) = x^{-\frac{1}{p}} \chi_{(0,1)}$$
 and $g(x) = (1-x)^{-\frac{1}{p}} \chi_{(0,1)}$. Then $||f||_{wL_p} = ||g||_{wL^p} = 1$.

Let h(x) = f(x) + g(x). Therefore we get,

$$|h(a)|\{x: |h(x) > h(a)\}|^{\frac{1}{p}} = \left(a^{-\frac{1}{p}} + (1-a)^{-\frac{1}{p}}\right)(2a)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$
$$= 2^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(1 + \left(\frac{a}{1-a}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}\right).$$

By taking the supremum over a, we have $||f+g||_{wL^p}=2^{\frac{1}{p}}.2=2^{1+\frac{1}{p}}.$ This implies

(6)
$$C_p \ge \frac{||f+g||_{wL^p}}{||f||_{wL^p} + ||g||_{wL^p}} = \frac{2^{1+\frac{1}{p}}}{2} = 2^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Combining (5) and (6), we get $2^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C_p \leq 2$.

Proposition 2.3. [2] Let 1 and define

$$||f||_{wL^p}^* = \sup_{|E| \subset \mathbb{R}^n} |E|^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)| \ dx \right).$$

Then we have

$$||f||_{wL^p}^* \le \frac{p}{p-1}||f||_{wL^p}.$$

Proof. Let $0 < |E| < \infty$.

$$\begin{split} \int_{E} |f(x)| \ dx &= \int_{E} \int_{0}^{|f(x)|} dt \ dx \\ &= \int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{\{x \in E: |f(x)| > t\}} dx \ dt \\ &= \int_{0}^{R} \{x \in E: |f(x)| > t\} \ dt + \int_{R}^{\infty} \{x \in E: |f(x)| > t\} \ dt \\ &\leq \int_{0}^{R} |E| \ dt + \int_{R}^{\infty} t^{-p} ||f||_{wL^{p}}^{p} \ dt \\ &= R|E| + \frac{1}{p-1} R^{-p+1} ||f||_{wL^{p}}^{p} \end{split}$$

Let $g(R) = R|E| + \frac{1}{p-1}R^{-p+1}||f||_{wL^p}^p$. We have $g'(R) = |E| + \frac{1-p}{p-1}R^{-p}||f||_{wL^p}^p$. So $g'(R) = 0 \Leftrightarrow R^{-p}||f||_{wL^p}^p = |E| \text{ or } R = \frac{||f||_{wL^p}^p}{|E|^{1/p}}$.

$$g(R) = \frac{||f||_{wL^p}^p}{|E|^{1/p}} |E| + \frac{1}{p-1} \left(\frac{||f||_{wL^p}^p}{|E|^{1/p}} \right)^{1-p} ||f||_{wL^p}$$

$$= ||f||_{wL^p} |E|^{1-\frac{1}{p}} + \frac{1}{p-1} ||f||_{wL^p} |E|^{1-\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$= \left(1 + \frac{1}{p-1} ||f||_{wL^p} |E|^{1-\frac{1}{p}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{p}{p-1} ||f||_{wL^p} |E|^{1-\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Therefore, we get

$$|E|^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \int_{E} |f(x)| \ dx \le \frac{p}{p-1} ||f||_{wL^{p}}.$$

By taking the supremum over E we conclude that

$$||f||_{wL^p}^* \le \frac{p}{p-1}||f||_{wL^p}.$$

Proposition 2.4. [2] Let p > 1. Then we have

$$||f||_{wL^p} \leq ||f||_{wL^p}^*$$
.

Proof. Define $E = \{|f(x)| > t\}$. Note that for every t > 0

$$|E| \le t^{-p}||f||_{wL^p} < \infty.$$

Therefore,

(7)
$$|E|^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \int_{E} |f(x)| \ dx \le ||f||_{wL^{p}}^{*}.$$

On the other hand

$$|E|^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \int_{E} |f(x)| \ dx = |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n} : |f(x)| > t\}|^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \left(\int_{\{x : |f(x)| > t\}} |f(x)| \ dx \right)$$

$$= |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n} : |f(x)| > t\}|^{\frac{1}{p}-1} t |\{x : |f(x)| > t\}|$$

$$\geq t |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n} : |f(x)| > t\}|^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$(8)$$

Combining (7) and (8), we get

$$t|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f(x)| > t\}|^{\frac{1}{p}} \le ||f||_{wL^p}^*.$$

Since t > 0 is arbitrary, we conclude that

$$(9) ||f||_{wL^p} \le ||f||_{wL^p}^*.$$

Proposition 2.5. Let p > 1. Define

$$C_p = \sup_{(f,g)\neq(0,0)} \frac{||f+g||_{wL^p}}{||f||_{wL^p} + ||g||_{wL^p}}.$$

Then

(10)
$$2^{\frac{1}{p}} \le C_p \le \min\left\{2, \frac{p}{p-1}\right\}.$$

Proof. From (9) and normability of weak L^p we have

$$||f+g||_{wL^{p}} \leq ||f+g||_{wL^{p}}^{*}$$

$$\leq ||f||_{wL^{p}}^{*} + ||g||_{wL^{p}}^{*}$$

$$\leq \left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)||f||_{wL^{p}} + \left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)||g||_{wL^{p}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)\left(||f||_{wL^{p}} + ||g||_{wL^{p}}\right).$$
(11)

Combining (5) and (11), we conclude that

(12)
$$C_p = \sup_{(f,g)\neq(0,0)} \frac{||f+g||_{wL^p}}{||f||_{wL^p} + ||g||_{wL^p}} \le \min\left\{2, \frac{p}{p-1}\right\}.$$

By (6) and (12), we conclude that
$$2^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C_p \leq \min\left\{2, \frac{p}{p-1}\right\}$$
.

3. Proofs of Main Results

We first prove Theorem 1.1.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. According to the definition of $\bar{\alpha}_{\Phi}$, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $t_0 > 0$ such that

(13)
$$\frac{\Phi^{-1}(t_0)}{\Phi^{-1}(2t_0)} < \bar{\alpha}_{\Phi} + \epsilon.$$

Define $r_0 := (2t_0|B(0,1))^{-1/n}$ and choose $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $B(x_1, r_0)$ and $B(x_1, r_0)$ are disjoint. For i = 1, 2, set $f_i := \Phi^{-1}(2t_0)\chi_{B(x_i, r_0)}$. Then, by Lemma 2.1, we have

(14)
$$||f_i||_{wL^{\phi}} = \Phi^{-1}(2t_0)||B(x_i, r_0)||_{wL^{\Phi}} = \frac{\Phi^{-1}(2t_0)}{\Phi^{-1}(1/|B(x_i, r_0)|)} = 1.$$

Since $B(x_1, r_0)$ and $B(x_1, r_0)$ are disjoint, we have

(15)
$$||f_{1} + f_{2}||_{wL^{\Phi}} = \Phi^{-1}(2t_{0})||\chi_{B(x_{1},r_{0})} + \chi_{B(x_{2},r_{0})}||_{wL^{\Phi}}$$

$$= \Phi^{-1}(2t_{0})||\chi_{B(x_{1},r_{0})\cup B(x_{2},r_{0})}||_{wL^{\Phi}}$$

$$= \frac{\Phi^{-1}(2t_{0})}{\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2|B(x_{1},r_{0})|}\right)} = \frac{\Phi^{-1}(2t_{0})}{\Phi^{-1}(t_{0})} > \frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}_{\Phi} + \varepsilon}.$$

Similarly,

$$||f_1 - f_2||_{wL^{\Phi}} > \frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}_{\Phi} + \varepsilon}.$$

Combining (14)–(16), we get

$$C_{NJ}(wL^{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)) \ge \frac{||f_1 + f_2||_{wL^{\Phi}}^2 + ||f_1 - f_2||_{wL^{\Phi}}^2}{2C_{\Phi}^2(||f_1||_{wL^{\Phi}}^2 + ||f_2||_{wL^{\Phi}}^2)} \ge \frac{1}{2C_{\Phi}^2(\bar{\alpha}_{\Phi} + \epsilon)^2}$$

Since $\epsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, we conclude that

(17)
$$C_{NJ}(wL^{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)) \ge \frac{1}{2C_{\Phi}^2\bar{\alpha}_{\Phi}^2}.$$

Similarly, by definition of $\bar{\beta}_{\Phi}$, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $u_0 > 0$ such that

(18)
$$\frac{\Phi^{-1}(u_0)}{\Phi^{-1}(2u_0)} > \bar{\beta}_{\Phi} - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

Set $v_0 := (2u_0|B(0,1)|)^{-1/n}$. Define $g_1 := \Phi^{-1}(u_0)(\chi_{B(y_1,v_0)} + \chi_{B(y_2,v_0)})$ and $g_2 := \Phi^{-1}(u_0)(\chi_{B(y_1,v_0)} - \chi_{B(y_2,v_0)})$, where $B(y_1,v_0)$ and $B(y_2,v_0)$ are disjoint.

Observe that, by Lemma 2.1, we have

(19)
$$||g_1||_{wL^{\phi}} = \Phi^{-1}(u_0) ||\chi_{B(y_1,v_0) \cup B(y_2,v_0)}||_{wL^{\Phi}}$$

$$= \frac{\Phi^{-1}(u_0)}{\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|B(y_1,v_0) \cup B(y_2,v_0)|}\right)} = \frac{\Phi^{-1}(u_0)}{\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2|B(y_1,v_0)|}\right)} = 1.$$

By a similar argument, we have $||g_2||_{wL^{\Phi}} = 1$,

$$||g_1 + g_2||_{wL^{\Phi}} = 2\Phi^{-1}(u_0)||\chi_{B(y_1,v_0)}||_{wL^{\Phi}} = \frac{2\Phi^{-1}(u_0)}{\Phi^{-1}(2u_0)} > 2\bar{\beta} - \varepsilon$$

and

$$||g_1 - g_2||_{wL^{\Phi}} > 2\bar{\beta} - \varepsilon$$

$$||f_i||_{wL^{\Phi}} = \Phi^{-1}(u_0)||\chi_{B(y_i,v_0)}||_{wL^{\Phi}} = \frac{\Phi^{-1}(u_0)}{\Phi^{-1}(|B(y_i,v_0)|^{-1})} = 1.$$

These estimates yield

$$C_{NJ}(wL^{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)) \ge \frac{||g_1 + g_2||_{wL^{\Phi}}^2 + ||g_1 - g_2||_{wL^{\Phi}}^2}{2C_{\Phi}^2(||g_1||_{wL^{\Phi}}^2 + ||g_2||_{wL^{\Phi}}^2)} > \frac{(2\bar{\beta}_{\Phi} - \varepsilon)^2}{C_{\Phi}^2}$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, we have

(20)
$$C_{NJ}(wL^{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)) \ge \frac{2\bar{\beta}_{\Phi}^2}{C_{\Phi}^2}$$

Thus, (3) follows from (17) and (20).

We are now ready to prove Theorem 1.2.

Proof of Theorem 1.2. We first prove the lower bound in the inequality (4). Let $\phi(u) = u^p$. So that

$$\bar{\alpha}_{\Phi} = \inf_{u>0} \frac{\Phi^{-1}(u)}{\Phi^{-1}(2u)} = \inf_{u>0} \frac{u^{\frac{1}{p}}}{(2u)^{\frac{1}{p}}} = 2^{-\frac{1}{p}}$$

and

$$\bar{\beta}_{\Phi} = \sup_{u>0} \frac{\Phi^{-1}(u)}{\Phi^{-1}(2u)} = \sup_{u>0} \frac{u^{\frac{1}{p}}}{(2u)^{\frac{1}{p}}} = 2^{-\frac{1}{p}}.$$

For $\phi(u) = u^p$, we have $wL^{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n) = wL^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. By (3) we get

(21)
$$C_{NJ}(wL^p(\mathbb{R}^n)) \ge \max\left(\frac{2^{\frac{2}{p}} - 1}{C_p^2}, \frac{2^{1 - \frac{2}{p}}}{C_p^2}\right).$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} ||f+g||_{wL^p}^2 + ||f-g||_{wL^p}^2 &\leq 2(C_p[||f||_{wL^p}^2 + ||g||_{wL^p}^2])^2 \\ &= 2C_p^2(||f||_{wL^p}^2 + ||g||_{wL^p}^2)^2 \\ &\leq 4C_p^2(||f||_{wL^p}^2 + ||g||_{wL^p}^2), \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by definition of $C_{N,I}(wL^p(\mathbb{R}^n))$ we get

(22)
$$C_{NJ}(wL^p(\mathbb{R}^n)) \le 2.$$

We combine the inequalities (21) and (22) to obtain

$$\max\left(\frac{2^{\frac{2}{p}}-1}{C_p^2}, \frac{2^{1-\frac{2}{p}}}{C_p^2}\right) \le C_{NJ}(wL^p) \le 2.$$

We now prove the second part of Theorem 1.2.

From (10), we have

$$C_p = 1, p = 1$$

$$\sqrt{2} \le C_p \le 2, p \in (1, 2]$$

$$2^{\frac{1}{p}} \le C_p \le \frac{p}{p-1}, p > 2.$$

Therefore, by (21), for p = 1 we get

$$C_{NJ}((\mathbb{R}^n)) \ge \max\left\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{8}\right\} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

For 1 we have

$$C_{NJ}(wL^p(\mathbb{R}^n)) \ge \frac{2^{\frac{2}{p}-1}}{C_p^2} \in \left[2^{\frac{2}{p}-3}, \frac{1}{2}\right]$$

and for p > 2 we have

(23)
$$C_{NJ}((\mathbb{R}^n)) \ge \frac{2^{1-\frac{2}{p}}}{C_p^2} \in \left[\frac{2^{1-\frac{2}{p}}}{\left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^2}, 2^{1-\frac{4}{p}}\right]$$

Finally, for large p, we get

$$\lim_{p \to \infty} C_{NJ}(wL^p(\mathbb{R}^n)) = 2.$$

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