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ON SOME SEMINORMED SEQUENCE SPACES DEFINED BY A MODULUS FUNCTION

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Abstract. In this paper we define the space $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s)$ on a seminormed complex linear space, by using modulus function. We give various properties and some inclusion relations on this space. Furthermore, we construct the sequence space $BV_{\sigma}(p, f^k, q, s)$ and we give properties and some inclusion relations on this space.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let ℓ_{∞} and c denote the Banach spaces of real bounded and convergent sequences $x = (x_n)$ normed by $||x|| = \sup_n |x_n|$, respectively.

Let σ be a one to one mapping of the set of positive integers into itself such that $\sigma^m(n) = \sigma(\sigma^{m-1}(n)), m = 1, 2, ...$ A continuous linear functional φ on ℓ_{∞} is said to be an invariant mean or a σ -mean if and only if

- i) $\varphi(x) \ge 0$ when the sequence $x = (x_n)$ has $x_n \ge 0$ for all n,
- ii) $\varphi(e) = 1$ where e = (1, 1, 1, ...) and

iii)
$$\varphi\left(\left\{x_{\sigma(n)}\right\}\right) = \varphi\left(\left\{x_n\right\}\right)$$
 for all $x \in \ell_{\infty}$.

If σ is the translation mapping $n \to n+1$, a σ -mean is often called a Banach limit [2], and V_{σ} , the set of σ -convergent sequences, that is, the set of bounded sequences all of whose invariant means are equal, is the set \hat{f} of almost convergent sequences [6].

If $x = (x_n)$, set $Tx = (Tx_n) = (x_{\sigma(n)})$. It can be shown (see Schaefer [13]) that

$$V_{\sigma} = \left\{ x = (x_n) : \lim_{m} t_{mn} \left(x \right) = Le \text{ uniformly in } n, \ L = \sigma - \lim x \right\},$$
(1.1)

where

$$t_{mn}(x) = \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{j=0}^{m} T^j x_n.$$

The special case of (1.1), in which $\sigma(n) = n + 1$ was given by Lorentz [6].

Subsequently invariant means have been studied by Ahmad and Mursaleen[1], Mursaleen [9], Raimi [11] and many others.

The space

$$BV_{\sigma} = \left\{ x \in \ell_{\infty} : \sum_{m} |\phi_{m,n}(x)| < \infty, \quad \text{uniformly in } n \right\}$$

were defined by Mursaleen [8], where

$$\phi_{m,n}\left(x\right) = t_{mn}\left(x\right) - t_{m-1,n}\left(x\right)$$

assuming that $t_{mn}(x) = 0$, for m = -1.

A straightforward calculation shows that

$$\phi_{m,n}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{m(m+1)} \sum_{j=1}^{m} j \left(x_{\sigma^{j}(n)} - x_{\sigma^{j-1}(n)} \right) & (m \ge 1) \\ x_{n}, & (m = 0) \end{cases}$$

Note that for any sequences x, y and scalar λ , we have

 $\phi_{m,n}(x+y) = \phi_{m,n}(x) + \phi_{m,n}(y)$ and $\phi_{m,n}(\lambda x) = \lambda \phi_{m,n}(x)$.

The notion of a modulus function was introduced by Nakano [10] in 1953. We recall that a modulus f is a function from $[0, \infty)$ to $[0, \infty)$ such that (i) f(x) = 0

if and only if x = 0, (ii) $f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$, for all $x \geq 0$, $y \geq 0$, (iii) f is increasing, (iv) f is continuous from the right at 0.

Since $|f(x) - f(y)| \le f(|x - y|)$, it follows from condition (iv) that f is continuous on $[0, \infty)$. Furthermore, we have $f(nx) \le nf(x)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, from condition (ii) and so

$$f(x) = f\left(nx\frac{1}{n}\right) \le nf\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \text{ hence}$$
$$\frac{1}{n}f(x) \le f\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

A modulus may be bounded or unbounded. For example, $f(x) = x^p$, $(0 is unbounded and <math>f(x) = \frac{x}{1+x}$ is bounded. Maddox [7] and Ruckle [12] used a modulus function to construct some sequence spaces.

After then some sequence spaces, defined by a modulus function, were introduced and studied by Bhardwaj [3], Connor [5], Waszak [14], and many others.

Proposition 1.1. Let f be a modulus and $0 < \delta < 1$. Then for $n \in N$ and $t \in [0, \infty)$

$$f^{n-1}(t) > \delta \Rightarrow f^{n-1}(t) \le \frac{2f(1)}{\delta} \{ f^{n-1}(t) \}$$
 [4].

Definition 1.2. Let q_1 , q_2 be seminorms on a vector space X. Then q_1 is said to be stronger than q_2 if whenever (x_m) is a sequence such that $q_1(x_m) \to 0$, than also $q_2(x_m) \to 0$. If each is stronger than the others q_1 and q_2 are said to be equivalent (one may refer to Wilansky [15]).

Lemma 1.3. Let q_1 and q_2 be seminorms on a linear space X. Then q_1 is stronger than q_2 if and only if there exists a constant M such that $q_2(x) \leq Mq_1(x)$ for all $x \in X$ (see for instance Wilansky [15]).

A sequence space E is said to be solid (or normal) if $(\alpha_m x_m) \in E$ whenever $(x_m) \in E$ for all sequences (α_m) of scalars with $|\alpha_m| \leq 1$.

It is well known that a sequence space E is normal implies that E is monotone.

Lemma 1.4. If f is a modulus then f^k is also modulus for each k = 1, 2, ..., where $f^k = f \circ f \circ ... \circ f$ (k times). Let $p = (p_m)$ be a sequence of strictly positive real numbers and X be a seminormed space over the field \mathbb{C} of complex numbers with the seminorm q. We define the sequence space as follows:

$$BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s) = \left\{ x = (x_m) \in X : \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f\left(q\left(\phi_{m, n}\left(x\right)\right) \right) \right]^{p_m} < \infty, \quad s \ge 0, \quad \text{uniformly in } n \right\},\$$

where f is a modulus function.

We get the following sequence spaces from $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s)$ by choosing some of the special p, f, and s:

For
$$f(x) = x$$
 we get
 $BV_{\sigma}(p,q,s) = \left\{ x = (x_m) \in X : \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[\left(q\left(\phi_{m,n}\left(x\right)\right) \right) \right]^{p_m} < \infty, \quad s \ge 0, \quad \text{uniformly in } n \right\},$

for $p_m = 1$, for all m, we get

$$BV_{\sigma}(f,q,s) = \left\{ x = (x_m) \in X : \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f\left(q\left(\phi_{m,n}\left(x\right)\right)\right) \right] < \infty, \quad s \ge 0, \quad \text{uniformly in } n \right\},\$$

for s = 0 we get

$$BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q) = \left\{ x = (x_m) \in X : \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[f\left(q\left(\phi_{m,n}\left(x\right)\right)\right) \right]^{p_m} < \infty, \quad \text{uniformly in } n \right\},\$$

for f(x) = x and s = 0 we get

$$BV_{\sigma}(p,q) = \left\{ x = (x_m) \in X : \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(q\left(\phi_{m,n}\left(x\right)\right) \right) \right]^{p_m} < \infty, \quad \text{uniformly in } n \right\},$$

for $p_m = 1$, for all m, and s = 0 we get

$$BV_{\sigma}(f,q) = \left\{ x = (x_m) \in X : \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[f\left(q\left(\phi_{m,n}\left(x\right)\right)\right) \right] < \infty, \quad \text{uniformly in } n \right\},$$

for f(x) = x, $p_m = 1$, for all m, and s = 0 we have

$$BV_{\sigma}(q) = \left\{ x = (x_m) \in X : \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} q(\phi_{m,n}(x)) < \infty, \text{ uniformly in } n \right\},\$$

The following inequalities will be used throughout the paper. Let $p = (p_m)$ be a bounded sequence of strictly positive real numbers with $0 < p_m \leq \sup p_m = H$, $C = \max(1, 2^{H-1})$, then

$$|a_m + b_m|^{p_m} \le C\{|a_m|^{p_m} + |b_m|^{p_m}\}, \qquad (1.2)$$

where $a_m, b_m \in \mathbb{C}$ and

$$\sum_{m=1}^{n} (a_m + b_m)^i \le \sum_{m=1}^{n} a_m^i + \sum_{m=1}^{n} b_m^i$$
(1.3)

where $a_1, a_2, ..., a_n \ge 0, b_1, b_2, ..., b_n \ge 0$ and $0 < i \le 1$.

2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section we will prove the general results of this paper on the sequence space $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s)$, those characterize the structure of this space.

Theorem 2.1. The sequence space $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s)$ is a linear space over the field C of complex numbers.

Proof. Let $x, y \in BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s)$ and $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{C}$. Then there exist integers M_{λ} and N_{λ} such that $|\lambda| \leq M_{\lambda}$ and $|\mu| \leq N_{\mu}$. Since f is subadditive, q is a seminorm

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f\left(q\left(\lambda\phi_{m,n}\left(x\right) + \mu\phi_{m,n}\left(y\right)\right) \right) \right]^{p_{m}} \\ \leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f\left(|\lambda| q\left(\phi_{m,n}\left(x\right)\right)\right) + f\left(|\mu| q\left(\phi_{m,n}\left(y\right)\right)\right) \right]^{p_{m}} \\ \leq C\left(M_{\lambda}\right)^{H} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f\left(q\left(\phi_{m,n}\left(x\right)\right)\right) \right]^{p_{m}} + C\left(N_{\mu}\right)^{H} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f\left(q\left(\phi_{m,n}\left(y\right)\right)\right) \right]^{p_{m}} \\ < \infty.$$

This proves that $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s)$ is a linear space.

Theorem 2.2. $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s)$ is a paranormed (need not be total paranormed) space with

$$g(x) = \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f(q(\phi_{m,n}(x))) \right]^{p_m} \right)^{\frac{1}{M}},$$

where $M = \max(1, \sup p_m)$, $H = \sup_m p_m < \infty$.

Proof. It is clear that $g(\bar{\theta}) = 0$ and g(x) = g(-x), for all $x \in BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s)$, where $\bar{\theta} = (\theta, \theta, ...)$. It also follows from (1.2), Minkowski's inequality and definition of f that g is subadditive and

$$g(\lambda x) \leq K_{\lambda}^{H/M}g(x),$$

where K_{λ} is an integer such that $|\lambda| < K_{\lambda}$. Therefore the function $(\lambda, x) \to \lambda x$ is continuous at $\lambda = 0$, $x = \overline{\theta}$ and that when λ is fixed, the function $x \to \lambda x$ is continuous at $x = \overline{\theta}$. If x is fixed and $\varepsilon > 0$, we can choose m_0 such that

$$\sum_{m=m_0}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f\left(q\left(\phi_{m,n}\left(x\right)\right) \right) \right]^{p_m} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

and $\delta > 0$, so that $|\lambda| < \delta$ and definition of f gives

$$\sum_{m=1}^{m_0} m^{-s} \left[f\left(q\left(\lambda \phi_{m,n}\left(x\right)\right) \right) \right]^{p_m} = \sum_{m=1}^{m_0} m^{-s} \left[f\left(|\lambda| q\left(\phi_{m,n}\left(x\right)\right) \right) \right]^{p_m} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Therefore $|\lambda| < \min(1, \delta)$ implies that $g(\lambda x) < \varepsilon$. Thus the function $(\lambda, x) \to \lambda x$ is continuous at $\lambda = 0$ and $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s)$ is a paranormed space.

Theorem 2.3. Let f, f_1, f_2 be modulus functions q, q_1, q_2 seminorms and $s, s_1, s_2 \ge 0$. Then

- i) If s > 1 then $BV_{\sigma}(p, f_1, q, s) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(p, f \circ f_1, q, s)$,
- *ii)* $BV_{\sigma}(p, f_1, q, s) \cap BV_{\sigma}(p, f_2, q, s) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(p, f_1 + f_2, q, s),$
- *iii)* $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q_1, s) \cap BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q_2, s) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q_1 + q_2, s)$,
- iv) If q_1 is stronger than q_2 then $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q_1, s) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q_2, s)$,
- v) If $s_1 \leq s_2$ then $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s_1) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s_2)$.

Proof. (i) Since f is continuous at 0 from right, for $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $0 < \delta < 1$ such that $0 \le c \le \delta$ implies $f(c) < \varepsilon$. If we define

$$I_{1} = \{ m \in \mathbb{N} : f_{1} (q (\phi_{m,n} (x))) \leq \delta \}$$
$$I_{2} = \{ m \in \mathbb{N} : f_{1} (q (\phi_{m,n} (x))) > \delta \},\$$

then, when $f_1(q(\phi_{m,n}(x))) > \delta$ we get

$$f(f_1(q(\phi_{m,n}(x)))) \le \{2f(1)/\delta\} f_1(q(\phi_{m,n}(x))).$$

Hence for $x \in BV_{\sigma}(p, f_1, q, s)$ and s > 1

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f \circ f_1 \left(q \left(\phi_{m,n} \left(x \right) \right) \right) \right]^{p_m} \\ = \sum_{m \in I_1} m^{-s} \left[f \circ f_1 \left(q \left(\phi_{m,n} \left(x \right) \right) \right) \right]^{p_m} + \sum_{m \in I_2} m^{-s} \left[f \circ f_1 \left(q \left(\phi_{m,n} \left(x \right) \right) \right) \right]^{p_m} \\ \le \sum_{m \in I_1} m^{-s} \left[\varepsilon \right]^{p_m} + \sum_{m \in I_2} m^{-s} \left[\left\{ 2f \left(1 \right) / \delta \right\} f_1 \left(q \left(\phi_{m,n} \left(x \right) \right) \right) \right]^{p_m} \\ \le \max \left(\varepsilon^h, \varepsilon^H \right) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \\ + \max \left(\left\{ 2f \left(1 \right) / \delta \right\}^h, \left\{ 2f \left(1 \right) / \delta \right\}^H \right) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f_1 \left(q \left(\phi_{m,n} \left(x \right) \right) \right) \right]^{p_m} \\ < \infty.$$

(Where $0 < h = \inf p_m \le p_m \le H = \sup_m p_m < \infty$).

(ii) The proof follows from the following inequality

 $m^{-s} \left[\left(f_1 + f_2 \right) \left(q \left(\phi_{m,n} \left(x \right) \right) \right) \right]^{p_m} \le C m^{-s} \left[f_1 \left(q \left(\phi_{m,n} \left(x \right) \right) \right) \right]^{p_m} + C m^{-s} \left[f_2 \left(q \left(\phi_{m,n} \left(x \right) \right) \right) \right]^{p_m} .$

(iii), (iv) and (v) follow easily.

Corollary 2.4. Let f be a modulus function, then we have

- i) If s > 1, $BV_{\sigma}(p,q,s) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(p,f,q,s)$,
- *ii)* If $q_1 \cong$ (equivalent to) q_2 , then $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q_1, s) = BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q_2, s)$,
- *iii)* $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s)$,
- *iv*) $BV_{\sigma}(p,q) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(p,q,s)$,
- $v) BV_{\sigma}(f,q) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(f,q,s).$

The proof is straightforward.

Theorem 2.5. Suppose that $0 < p_m \le t_m < \infty$ for each $m \in N$. Then

- i) $BV_{\sigma}(f, p, q) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(f, t, q)$,
- *ii)* $BV_{\sigma}(f,q) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(f,q,s)$.

Proof. (i) Let $x \in BV_{\sigma}(f, p, q)$. This implies that

$$\left[f\left(q\left(\phi_{i,n}\left(x\right)\right)\right)\right]^{p_{m}} \leq 1$$

for sufficiently large values of i, say $i \ge m_0$ for some fixed $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$. Since f is non decreasing, we have

$$\sum_{m=m_0}^{\infty} \left[f\left(q\left(\phi_{m,n}\left(x\right)\right) \right) \right]^{t_m} \le \sum_{m=m_0}^{\infty} \left[f\left(q\left(\phi_{m,n}\left(x\right)\right) \right) \right]^{p_m} < \infty.$$

Hence $x \in BV_{\sigma}(f, t, q)$.

The proof of (ii) is trivial.

The following result is a consequence of the above result.

Corollary 2.6. (i) If $0 < p_m \leq 1$ for each m, then $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(f, q)$. (ii) If $p_m \geq 1$ for all m, then $BV_{\sigma}(f, q) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q)$.

Theorem 2.7. The sequence space $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s)$ is solid. Let $x \in BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s)$ i.e

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f\left(q\left(\phi_{k,n}\left(x\right)\right) \right) \right]^{p_{m}} < \infty.$$

Let (α_m) be sequence of scalars such that $|\alpha_m| \leq 1$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Then the result follows from the following inequality

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f\left(q\left(\alpha_{m} \phi_{k,n}\left(x\right)\right) \right) \right]^{p_{k}} \leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f\left(q\left(\phi_{k,n}\left(x\right)\right) \right) \right]^{p_{m}}$$

Corollary 2.8. The sequence space $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s)$ is monotone.

Proposition 2.9. For any two sequences $p = (p_k)$ and $t = (t_k)$ of positive real numbers and any two seminorms q_1 and q_2 we have $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q_1, r) \cap$ $BV_{\sigma}(t, f, q_1, s) \neq \phi$ for all r > 0, s > 0.

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If we replace f^k by f in the definition of $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s)$ from Lemma (1.4), then we have

$$BV_{\sigma}\left(p, f^{k}, q, s\right) = \left\{x = (x_{k}) \in \ell_{\infty} : \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f^{k}\left(q\left(\phi_{m, n}\left(x\right)\right)\right)\right]^{p_{m}} < \infty, \quad s \ge 0 \text{ uniformly in } n\right\}.$$

The all results obtained for $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s)$ also hold for $BV_{\sigma}(p, f^k, q, s)$.

Theorem 3.1. If s > 1 and $k_1 < k_2$ then

$$BV_{\sigma}\left(p, f^{k_1}, q, s\right) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}\left(p, f^{k_2}, q, s\right).$$

Proof. The proof can be proved by using mathematical induction. Let $k_2 - k_1 = r$. So $r \ge 1$. Now we show that the assertion is true for r = 1. That is,

$$BV_{\sigma}\left(p, f^{k_1}, q, s\right) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}\left(p, f^{k_1+1}, q, s\right).$$

By the continuity of f, for $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $0 < \delta < 1$ such that $0 \le c \le \delta$ implies $f(c) < \varepsilon$. Let

$$I_{1} = \{ m \in \mathbb{N} : f^{k_{1}} (q (\phi_{m,n} (x))) \leq \delta \},$$
$$I_{2} = \{ m \in \mathbb{N} : f^{k_{1}} (q (\phi_{m,n} (x))) > \delta \}.$$

Hence for $x \in BV_{\sigma}(p, f^{k_1}, q, s)$ and s > 1,

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f^{k_1+1} \left(q \left(\phi_{m,n} \left(x \right) \right) \right) \right]^{p_m} \\ = \sum_{m \in I_1} m^{-s} \left[f \left(f^{k_1} \left(q \left(\phi_{m,n} \left(x \right) \right) \right) \right) \right]^{p_m} + \sum_{m \in I_2} m^{-s} \left[f \left(f^{k_1} \left(q \left(\phi_{m,n} \left(x \right) \right) \right) \right) \right]^{p_m} \\ \le \sum_{m \in I_1} m^{-s} \left[\varepsilon \right]^{p_m} + \sum_{m \in I_2} m^{-s} \left[\left\{ 2f \left(1 \right) / \delta \right\} f^{k_1} \left(q \left(\phi_{m,n} \left(x \right) \right) \right) \right]^{p_m} \\ \le \max \left(\varepsilon^h, \varepsilon^H \right) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} + \max \left(a^1, a^2 \right) \cdot \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-s} \left[f^{k_1} \left(q \left(\phi_{m,n} \left(x \right) \right) \right) \right]^{p_m}$$

where $a^1 = \{2f(1)/\delta\}^h$, $a^2 = \{2f(1)/\delta\}^H$. Thus $x \in BV_{\sigma}(p, f^{k_1+1}, q, s)$. Now assume that the assertion is true for any r, that is

$$BV_{\sigma}\left(p, f^{k_1}, q, s\right) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}\left(p, f^{k_1+r}, q, s\right).$$
(3.1)

We show that it is also true for r + 1, that is,

$$BV_{\sigma}\left(p, f^{k_1}, q, s\right) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}\left(p, f^{k_1+r+1}, q, s\right).$$

But from (3.1) it suffices to show that

$$BV_{\sigma}\left(p, f^{k_1+r}, q, s\right) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}\left(p, f^{k_1+r+1}, q, s\right).$$

This can be easily done as in the proof for r = 1.

(Where $0 < h = \inf p_m \le p_m \le H = \sup_m p_m < \infty$).

Corollary 3.2. Let s > 1 and $k \in N$, then

- i) $BV_{\sigma}(p, f, q, s) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(p, f^k, q, s)$,
- *ii)* $BV_{\sigma}\left(p,q,s\right)\subseteq BV_{\sigma}\left(p,f^{k},q,s\right)$.

Theorem 3.3. Let $k_1, k_2 \in N$ and $k_1 < k_2$, then

- i) If f(c) < c for all $c \in [0,\infty)$, then $BV_{\sigma}(p,q,s) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(p,f^{k_1},q,s) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(p,f^{k_2},q,s)$
- ii) If $f(c) \ge c$ for all $c \in [0, \infty)$, then $BV_{\sigma}(p, f^{k_2}, q, s) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(p, f^{k_1}, q, s) \subseteq BV_{\sigma}(p, q, s)$.

Proof. Since f(c) < c and f is increasing we have

$$f^{k_2}(c) \le f^{k_2-1}(c) \le \ldots \le f^{k_1}(c) \le \ldots \le f(c) < c.$$

Thus for each m and $p_m > 0$, the proof follows from

$$m^{-s} \left[f^{k_2} q(\phi_{m,n}(x)) \right]^{p_m} \leq m^{-s} \left[f^{k_2 - 1} q(\phi_{m,n}(x)) \right]^{p_m} \leq \dots \leq m^{-s} \left[f^{k_1} q(\phi_{m,n}(x)) \right]^{p_m} \leq \dots \leq m^{-s} \left[f(q(\phi_{m,n}(x))) \right]^{p_m} < m^{-s} q(\phi_{m,n}(x))^{p_m}.$$

(ii) Omitted.

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