

## ON THE FUNCTIONS OF BOUNDED $\kappa\phi$ -VARIATIONS(I)

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ABSTRACT. For some  $\phi$ -sequences  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  and  $\phi_3$ , and  $\kappa$ -function  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2$  and  $\kappa_3$  with  $\kappa_1^{-1}(x)\kappa_2^{-1}(x) \geq \kappa_3^{-1}(x)$  for  $x \geq 0$ , the Luxemburg norm is lower semi-continuous on  $\kappa\phi BV_0$ , and some specialized equivalent conditions are considered.

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### 1. Introductions and preliminaries

In defining a function of bounded variation on the closed interval  $I_a^b = [a, b]$  we considered the supremum of  $\sum |f(I_n)|$  for every collection  $\{I_n\}$  of nonoverlapping subintervals of  $I_a^b$  such that  $I_a^b = \bigcup I_n$ , where  $I_n = [x_n, y_n], f(I_n) = f(y_n) - f(x_n)$ .

A function  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $I_a^b$  if  $V_a^b(f) = \sup \left( \sum |f(I_n)| \right)$  is finite, that is, if there exists a positive constant  $c$  such that, for every collection  $\{I_n\}$  of subintervals of  $I_a^b$  with  $I_a^b = \bigcup I_n, \sum |f(I_n)| \leq c$ .

The introduction of the  $\kappa$ -function  $\kappa$  can be viewed as a rescaling of length of subintervals in  $I_a^b$  such that the length of  $I_a^b$  is 1 if  $\kappa(1) = 1$ . From now on we are requiring that  $\kappa$  has the following properties on a closed interval  $I_0^1$ :

- (a)  $\kappa$  is continuous with  $\kappa(0) = 0$  and  $\kappa(1) = 1$ ,
- (b)  $\kappa$  is concave and strictly increasing, and
- (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (\kappa(x)/x) = \infty$ . [1]

Note that, for  $\kappa$ -functions  $\kappa_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$ , the product  $\kappa_1\kappa_2$  and the composite  $\kappa_1 \circ \kappa_2$  are  $\kappa$ -functions and

$$\frac{1}{\kappa(x_1) + \kappa(x_2)} \leq \frac{1}{\kappa(x_1 + x_2)} \leq \frac{1}{\kappa(x_1)} + \frac{1}{\kappa(x_2)} \quad (1)$$

for  $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$ .

We shall say that  $\kappa_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$  satisfy the  $\Delta_\kappa$ -condition (briefly  $\kappa_i \in \Delta_\kappa (i = 1, 2, 3)$ ) if  $\kappa$ -functions  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2$  and  $\kappa_3$  satisfy  $\kappa_1^{-1}(x)\kappa_2^{-1}(x) \geq \kappa_3^{-1}(x)$  for  $x \geq 0$ . [6]

Let  $\phi = \{\phi_n\}$  be a sequences of convex functions such that  $\phi_n : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty), \phi_n(0) = 0, \phi_n(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$ . We say that  $\phi$  is a  $\phi$ -sequence if  $\phi_{n+1}(x) \leq \phi_n(x)$  for  $x \geq 0$  and  $\sum \phi_n(x) = \infty$  for all  $x > 0$ . [8] Note that, for  $x_1, x_2 \in I_a^b, \phi(x_1) + \phi(x_2) \leq \phi(x_1 + x_2)$  and  $\phi^{-1}(x_1 + x_2) \leq \phi^{-1}(x_1) + \phi^{-1}(x_2)$

For  $\phi$ -sequences  $\phi_1 = \{\phi_{1n}\}$  and  $\phi_2 = \{\phi_{2n}\}$ , if there exist two positive constants  $C$  and  $T$  such that

$$\phi_{1n}(t) \leq \phi_{2n}(Ct) \tag{2}$$

for  $t \geq T$  and any  $n$ ; we write  $\phi_1 \prec \phi_2$ , i.e.,  $\phi_2$  dominate  $\phi_1$  near infinity. Here if  $T = 0$  and  $\phi_1 \prec \phi_2$ , then  $\phi_2$  dominate  $\phi_1$  globally.

If  $\phi_1 \prec \phi_2$  and  $\phi_2 \prec \phi_1$  hold simultaneously we shall say that  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are equivalent. Note that, for a  $\phi$ -sequence  $\phi = \{\phi_n\}$ , the function  $\phi(t) = \{\phi_n(t)\}$  and  $\phi_1(t) = \{\phi_{1n}(t)\} = \{\phi_n(kt)\}$  for  $k > 0$  are equivalent.

A  $\phi$ -sequence  $\phi = \{\phi_n\}$  is said to satisfy the  $\Delta_2$ -condition (the  $\Delta_2$ -condition globally) denoted  $\phi \in \Delta_2$  ( $\phi \in \Delta_2$  globally) if, for  $x \geq x_0 \geq 0 (x_0 = 0)$ ,

$$\phi_n(2x) \leq C\phi_n(x) \tag{3}$$

for any  $n$  and some absolute constant  $C$ , respectively.

For given  $I_n$  in  $I_a^b$ , for the simplicity of notations let  $I_{n,a}^b = |I_n| / |I_a^b|$ .

For a  $\kappa$ -function  $\kappa$  and  $\phi$ -sequence  $\phi$ , a function  $f$  is said to be of bounded variation, of bounded  $\kappa$ -variation, of bounded  $\phi$ -variation and of bounded  $\kappa\phi$ -variation on  $I_a^b$  if the total variation:

$$\begin{aligned} V(f) &= V(f : a, b) = \sup \left\{ \sum (|f(I_n)|) \right\}, \\ \kappa V(f) &= \kappa V(f : a, b) = \sup \left\{ \sum (|f(I_n)|) / \sum \kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|) \right\}, \\ V_\phi(f) &= V_\phi(f : a, b) = \sup \left\{ \sum \phi_n(|f(I_n)|) \right\}, \\ \kappa V_\phi(f) &= \kappa V_\phi(f : a, b) = \sup \left\{ \sum \phi_n(|f(I_n)|) / \sum \kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

are respectively finite, where  $I_n = [x_n, y_n], |I_n| = y_n - x_n$  and  $I_a^b = \bigcup I_n$ . The supremum may be taken either over all partitions of  $I_a^b$  or over all collections of nonoverlapping subintervals of  $I_a^b$  [7, 8, 9].

We denote by  $BV, \kappa BV, \phi BV$  and  $\kappa\phi BV$  the collection of all bounded, bounded  $\kappa$ -variation, bounded  $\phi$ -variation and bounded  $\kappa\phi$ -variation on  $I_a^b$ , respectively. Also denote by  $\kappa BV_0, \phi BV_0$  and  $\kappa\phi BV_0$  the collection of all bounded, bounded  $\kappa$ -variation, bounded  $\phi$ -variation and bounded  $\kappa\phi$ -variation on  $I_a^b$  and  $f(a) = 0$ . (resp.). [3, 4, 5, 6, 8]

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa BV^* &= \left\{ f \mid f \text{ is of bounded } \kappa\text{-variation} \right\}, \\ \phi BV^* &= \left\{ f \mid f \text{ is of bounded } \phi\text{-variation} \right\}, \\ \kappa\phi BV^* &= \left\{ f \mid f \text{ is of bounded } \kappa\phi\text{-variation} \right\} [1, 2, 8]. \end{aligned}$$

The space  $\kappa\phi BV$  is a Banach space with the norm  $\|f(a)\| + \|f - f(a)\|$ .

A function  $f$  is said to  $\kappa\phi$ -decreasing,  $\kappa$ -decreasing and  $\phi$ -decreasing on  $I_a^b$  if there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that  $\phi_n(|f(I)|) \leq C\kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|)$ ,  $|f(I)| \leq C\kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|)$  and  $\phi_n(|f(I)|) \leq C(|I_{n,a}^b|)$  for any interval  $I \subset I_a^b$ , respectively.

Just as every decreasing function is of bounded variation, we have every  $\kappa$ -decreasing function is of bounded  $\kappa$ -variation. If a function  $f$  is  $\kappa\phi$ -decreasing on  $I_a^b$ , then  $f$  is of bounded  $\kappa\phi$ -variation and, for any  $a \leq x_0 < b$  and  $a < y_0 \leq b$ ,  $f(x_0^+)$  and  $f(y_0^+)$  exist. If a function  $f$  is  $\kappa\phi$ -decreasing on  $I_a^b$ ,  $f$  is of bounded  $\kappa\phi$ -variation. [2]

### 2. Some properties of the space $\kappa\phi BV$

For any  $\kappa$ -function  $\kappa$  and  $\phi$ -sequence  $\phi = \{\phi_n\}$ , the spaces  $\phi BV_0$  and  $\kappa\phi BV_0$  are linear over  $I_a^b$ , but  $\phi BV_0^*$  and  $\kappa\phi BV_0^*$  are not, in general.

**Theorem 1.** For any  $\kappa$ -function  $\kappa$  and any  $\phi$ -sequence  $\phi = \{\phi_n\}$ ,  $\phi BV_0^*$  and  $\kappa\phi BV_0^*$  are linear spaces over  $I_a^b$  iff  $\phi = \{\phi_n\} \in \Delta_2$  globally.

*Proof.* Firstly suppose that  $\phi = \{\phi_n\} \in \Delta_2$  globally. There exists an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $r \leq 2^n$  for nonnegative  $r$ . The monotonicity of  $\phi$ -sequences  $\phi = \{\phi_n\}$  together with the repeated use of the  $\Delta_2$ -condition globally imply

$$\phi_n(|rf(I_n)|) \leq \phi_n(2^n |f(I_n)|) \leq k^n \phi_n(|f(I_n)|),$$

which implies that if  $f \in \phi BV^*$ , then  $cf \in \phi BV^*$  for any  $c > 0$ .

Note that  $\phi_1 BV^* \subset \phi_2 BV^*$  if and only if there exists a constant  $C$  such that  $\phi_{2n}(t) \leq C\phi_{1n}(t)$ . Here let  $\phi_{1n}(t) = \phi_n(t)$ ,  $\phi_{2n}(t) = \phi_n(rt)$  and  $C = k^n$ . If  $f \in \phi BV^*$ , then by  $\phi = \{\phi_n\} \in \Delta_2$  globally, we have

$$\sum \phi_n(|2f(I_n)|) \leq C \sum \phi_n(|f(I_n)|) < \infty,$$

which implies that  $2f \in \phi BV^*$ .

Since  $\phi = \{\phi_n\}$  is a  $\phi$ -sequences, for  $f_1, f_2 \in \phi_1 BV^*$  we have:

$$\sum \phi_n(|(f_1 + f_2)(I_n)|) \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum \left\{ \phi_n(|2f_1(I_n)|) + \phi_n(|2f_2(I_n)|) \right\} \leq \infty,$$

which implies that  $f_1 + f_2 \in \phi_1 BV^*$ , hence  $\phi BV^*$  is a linear set.

Conversely suppose that  $\phi BV^*$  is a linear spaces. Then for  $f \in \phi BV^*$  also  $2f \in \phi BV^*$  which means that  $\phi BV^* \subset \phi_2 BV^*$  with  $\phi_2(t) = \phi(2t)$ . Hence by

the above mentioned note, it follows that there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that  $\phi_2(t) = \phi(2t) \leq C\phi(t)$ , i.e.,  $\phi = \{\phi_n\} \in \Delta_2$  globally.

By the similar way as the above, we may be able to prove that  $\kappa\phi BV_0^*$  is a linear space over  $I_a^b$  if and only if  $\phi = \{\phi_n\} \in \Delta_2$  globally.

Let us consider  $\kappa V_\phi(cf)$  as a function of variable  $c$ . If  $\phi = \{\phi_n\}$  is a sequence of increasing convex function,  $\phi_n(0) = 0, x \geq 0$ , we have  $\phi_n(cx) \leq c\phi_n(x)$  for  $0 \leq c \leq 1$ , and  $\phi_n(cx) \geq c\phi_n(x)$  for  $c > 1$ . Let  $\kappa V_\phi(f) < \infty$  and let  $0 < c \leq 1$ . Then  $\kappa V_\phi(cf) \leq c\kappa V_\phi(f) \rightarrow 0$  as  $c \rightarrow 0$ . With this in mind, we define norms as follow [8]:

- (a) For  $f \in \kappa BV_0$ , let  $\|f\|_\kappa = \kappa V_a^b(f)$ ,
- (b) For  $f \in \phi BV_0$ , let  $\|f\|_\phi = \inf\{c > 0 \mid V_\phi(\frac{f}{c}) \leq 1\}$ , (4)
- (c) For  $f \in \kappa\phi BV_0$ , let  $\|f\|_{\kappa\phi} = \inf\{c > 0 \mid \kappa V_\phi(\frac{f}{c}) \leq 1\}$ .

**Theorem 2.** For a  $\kappa$ -function  $\kappa$  and  $\phi$ -sequences  $\phi_i = \{\phi_{in}\}(i = 1, 2)$ , then the followings are equivalent;

- (i)  $\kappa\phi_1 BV_0 \subset \kappa\phi_2 BV_0$ ;
- (ii)  $\phi_{2n} \prec \phi_{1n}$  globally; (5)
- (iii) there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$\|f\|_{\kappa\phi_2} \leq C \|f\|_{\kappa\phi_1}.$$

*Proof.* Clearly that (i) is equivalent to (iii) is trivial. If  $\phi_{2n} \prec \phi_{1n}$  globally, then there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $\phi_{2n}(t) \leq \phi_{1n}(ct)$  for any  $t \geq 0$ . Let  $f \in \kappa\phi_1 BV_0$ . Then there exists a  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $\alpha f \in \kappa\phi_1 BV_0$ . By (4), we have  $\phi_{2n}(\frac{\alpha}{c} |f(I_n)|) = \phi_{1n}(\alpha |f(I_n)|)$  and, consequently

$$\frac{\sum \phi_{2n}(\frac{\alpha}{c} |f(I_n)|)}{\sum \kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|)} = \frac{\sum \phi_{1n}(\alpha |f(I_n)|)}{\sum \kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|)} < \infty,$$

that is,  $\frac{\alpha}{c} f \in \kappa\phi_2 BV_0$ , which means that  $f \in \kappa\phi_2 BV_0$ , which implies that  $\kappa\phi_1 BV_0 \subset \kappa\phi_2 BV_0$  if  $\phi_{2n} \prec \phi_{1n}$  globally.

Let us suppose that condition (4) is not satisfied. Then there exists a strictly increasing sequence  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  such that  $0 < t_1 < t_2 < t_3 < \dots$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \infty$  and  $\phi_{2n}(t_n) > \phi_{1n}(2^n n t_n)$ , for any  $n \in N$ . By the definition of  $\phi$ -sequences, we have:

$$\phi_{1n}(n t_n) = \phi_{1n}\left(\frac{1}{2^n} 2^n n t_n\right) \leq \frac{1}{2^n} \phi_{1n}(2^n n t_n),$$

which implies that

$$\phi_{2n}(t_n) > \phi_{1n}(2^n n t_n) > 2^n \phi_{1n}(n t_n).$$

Let us choose a sequence of disjoint nonoverlapping subintervals  $I_n$  in  $I_a^b$ ,  $n \in N$  such that

$$|I_n| = \frac{b-a}{2^n} \frac{\phi_{1n}(t_1)}{\phi_{1n}(nt_n)};$$

this is possible since  $\sum |I_n| < \sum \frac{b-a}{2^n} = b-a$ . The function  $f$  defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} nt_n, & \text{if } x \in I_n, n \in N \\ 0, & \text{otherwise in } I_a^b \end{cases}$$

is an element of the  $\kappa\phi_1BV_0$ ;

$$\frac{\sum \phi_{1n}(|f(I_n)|)}{\sum \kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|)} = \frac{\sum \phi_{1n}(nt_n) |I_n|}{\sum \kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|)} = \sum \frac{1}{2^n} \phi_{1n}(t_1) |I_a^b| < \infty.$$

On the other hand,  $f$  is not an element of the space  $\kappa\phi_2BV_0$ ; for an arbitrary  $\alpha$  with  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  we have that  $\alpha f \in \kappa\phi_2BV_0$  because it suffices to show an  $m \in N$  such that  $\alpha > \frac{1}{m}$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sum_{n=1} \phi_{2n}(\alpha |f(I_n)|)}{\sum \kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|)} &= \frac{\sum_{n=1} \phi_{2n}(\alpha nt_n) |I_n|}{\sum \kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|)} \\ &\geq \frac{\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \phi_{2n}(t_n) |I_n|}{\sum \kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|)} \\ &> \frac{\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} 2^n \phi_{1n}(nt_n) |I_n|}{\sum \kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} 2^n \phi_{1n}(t_1) |I_a^b|}{\sum \kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|)} = \infty \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, condition (4) is necessary for the inclusion  $\kappa\phi_1BV_0 \subset \kappa\phi_2BV_0$  and the theorem is proved.

**Lemma 1.** [4] *For any  $\kappa$ -function  $\kappa$  and any  $\phi$ -sequence  $\phi = \{\phi_n\}$ , we have;*

- (a)  $\kappa V_\phi(f/|||f|||_{\kappa\phi}) \leq 1,$
- (b) *if  $|||f|||_{\kappa\phi} \leq 1,$  then  $\kappa V_\phi(f) \leq |||f|||_{\kappa\phi},$*  (6)
- (c) *if  $|||f|||_{\kappa\phi} \geq 1,$  then  $\kappa V_\phi(f) \geq |||f|||_{\kappa\phi}.$*

*Proof.* (a) Take  $k > ||| f |||_{\kappa\phi}$ . Then for any finite collection  $I = \{I_n\}$ , we have;

$$\frac{\sum \phi_n(|f(I_n)|/k)}{\sum \kappa(I_{n,a}^b)} \leq \kappa V_\phi\left(\frac{f}{k}\right) \leq 1.$$

Hence, by Fatou’s lemma we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa V_\phi\left(\frac{f}{||| f |||_{\kappa\phi}}\right) &= \sup \left\{ \frac{\sum \phi_n(\lim_{k \rightarrow ||| f |||_{\kappa\phi}} |f(I_n)/k|)}{\sum \kappa(I_{n,a}^b)} \right\} \\ &= \sup_{k \rightarrow ||| f |||_{\kappa\phi}} \lim \left\{ \frac{\sum \phi_n(|f(I_n)|/k)}{\sum \kappa(I_{n,a}^b)} \right\} \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

(b) For any finite collection  $I = \{I_n\}$ , since  $||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} \leq 1$  and  $\phi_n(\alpha t) \leq \alpha \phi_n(t)$  for  $\alpha \in I_0^1$ , letting  $\alpha = ||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} \leq 1$  and  $t = \frac{|f(I_n)|}{||| f |||_{\kappa\phi}}$ , then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sum \phi_n(|f(I_n)|)}{\sum \kappa(I_{n,a}^b)} &\leq ||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} \frac{\sum \phi_n(|f(I_n)|/||| f |||_{\kappa\phi})}{\sum \kappa(I_{n,a}^b)} \\ &\leq ||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} \kappa V_\phi\left(\frac{f}{||| f |||_{\kappa\phi}}\right) \leq ||| f |||_{\kappa\phi}. \end{aligned}$$

(c) Since  $||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} \geq 1$  and  $\phi_n(\beta t) \geq \beta \phi_n(t)$  for  $\beta > 1$ , letting  $\beta = ||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} - \varepsilon$  and  $t = \frac{|f(I_n)|}{||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} - \varepsilon}$  for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sum \phi_n(|f(I_n)|)}{\sum \kappa(I_{n,a}^b)} &\geq (||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} - \varepsilon) \frac{\sum \phi_n(|f(I_n)|/(||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} - \varepsilon))}{\sum \kappa(I_{n,a}^b)} \\ &\geq (||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} - \varepsilon) \kappa V_\phi\left(\frac{|f(I_n)|}{||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} - \varepsilon}\right) \geq ||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} - \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

where the latter inequality follows from the definition of the Luxemburg norm. Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary the assertion (c) is proved, which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.** [3] *If a function  $f$  is  $\kappa\phi$ -decreasing on  $I_a^b$ , then for any  $a \leq x_0 < b$  and  $a < y_0 \leq b$ ,  $f(x_0^+)$  and  $f(y_0^-)$  exist.*

**Corollary 1.** *If a function  $f$  is  $\kappa$ -decreasing,  $\phi$ -decreasing or  $\kappa\phi$ -decreasing on  $I_a^b$ , then  $f$  is of bounded  $\kappa$ -variation, bounded  $\phi$ -variation or bounded  $\kappa\phi$ -variation on  $I_a^b$ , respectively.*

**Corollary 2.** [3] *If a function  $f$  is  $\kappa\phi$ -decreasing on  $I_a^b$ , then*

- (i)  $f$  is a continuous function on  $I_a^b$ ;
- (ii)  $f$  is of bounded  $\kappa\phi$ -variation on  $I_a^b$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a \leq x \leq x_0 < y \leq b$ . Then  $\phi_1(|f(I_{x_0}^x)|) \leq \kappa(|I_{x_0}^x|/|I_a^b|)$  and  $\phi_1(|f(I_{x_0}^y)|) \leq \kappa(|I_{x_0}^y|/|I_a^b|)$ . Letting  $x \rightarrow x_0$  and  $y \rightarrow x_0$ , show  $\phi_1(|f(x^+) - f(x_0)|) \leq 0$  and  $\phi_1(|f(x_-) - f(x_0)|) \leq 0$ . By the above lemma,  $f(x_0^+) = f(x_0) = f(x_{0-})$ , and by the definition of  $\kappa\phi$ -decreasing function,  $f$  is of bounded  $\kappa\phi$ -variation on  $I_a^b$ .

**Theorem 3.** *If a function  $f$  is  $\kappa$ -decreasing or  $\phi$ -decreasing on  $I_a^b$ , then*

- (i)  $f$  is bounded on  $I_a^b$ ,
- (ii)  $f$  is of bounded  $\kappa\phi$ -variation on  $I_a^b$ ,
- (iii)  ${}_{\kappa}V_{\phi}(f) \leq V_{\phi}(f)$  on  $I_a^b$ .

*Proof.* If  $f$  is of bounded  $\kappa$ -variation on  $I_a^b$ , then there is a positive constant  $C$  such that, for any  $I = \{I_n\}$ ,  $\sum |f(I_n)| \leq C \sum \kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|)$ .

If  $\phi = \{\phi_n\}$  is a  $\phi$ -sequence, then for any  $M$ , there is a positive  $k$  such that  $\phi_1(k) = M$  and  $\phi_n(x) \leq Mx$  for all  $x \leq k$ .

Now if  $f$  is of bounded  $\kappa$ -variation on  $I_a^b$ , then  $f$  is bounded, i.e.,  $|f(x)| \leq M/2$ . So,

$$\sum \phi_n(f(I_n)) \leq \sum M |f(x)| \leq CM \sum \kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|),$$

Hence  $f$  is of bounded  $\kappa\phi$ -variation.

For any  $x$ ,  $a \leq x \leq b$ , consider  $\{I_n\} = \{I_1, I_2\} = \{I_a^x, I_x^b\}$ , then

$$\frac{\phi_1(|f(I_a^x)|)}{\kappa(|I_a^x|/|I_a^b|) + \kappa(|I_x^b|/|I_a^b|)} \leq \frac{\phi_1(|f(I_a^x)|) + \phi_2(|f(I_x^b)|)}{\kappa(|I_a^x|/|I_a^b|) + \kappa(|I_x^b|/|I_a^b|)} \leq \kappa V_{\phi}(f),$$

thus  $\phi_1(|f(I_a^x)|) \leq 2\kappa V_{\phi}(f)$ . Since  $\phi_1(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $f$  is bounded.

If  $f$  is of bounded  $\phi$ -variation on  $I_a^b$ , then there exists a positive constant  $M$  such that, for any  $I = \{I_n\}$ ,

$$\sum \phi_n(|f(I_n)|) \leq M = M\kappa(1) \leq M \sum \kappa(|I_{n,a}^b|),$$

which implies that  $f$  is of bounded  $\kappa\phi$ -variation and  ${}_{\kappa}V_{\phi}(f) \leq V_{\phi}(f)$ .

**Lemma 3.** *For  $f \in \phi BV_0$ , letting*

$$\|f\|_{\phi} = \inf_{k>0} \frac{1}{k} \left\{ 1 + \sum_n \phi_n(k |f(I_n)|) \right\}, \tag{7}$$

then

$$|||f|||_{\phi} \leq \|f\|_{\phi} \leq 2|||f|||_{\phi},$$

that is, the norms  $|||\cdot|||_{\phi}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{\phi}$  are equivalent.

*Proof.* If we let  $k$  tend to  $\|f\|_{\phi}$  in  $\sum_n \phi_n\left(\frac{1}{k} |f(I_n)|\right) \leq 1$ , then we obtain, by Fatou's lemma and (6) lemma 1,  $\sum_n \phi_n\left(\frac{1}{\|f\|_{\phi}} |f(I_n)|\right) \leq 1$ , which implies that  $|||f|||_{\phi} \leq \|f\|_{\phi}$ .

Let  $w = \frac{f}{\|f\|_\phi}$ . Then since  $\sum_n \phi_n \left( \frac{|f(I_n)|}{\|f\|_\phi} \right) \leq 1$ , we have  $\|w\|_\phi \leq \sum_n \phi_n(|w(I_n)|) + 1 \leq 2$ , which implies that  $\|f\|_\phi \leq 2\|f\|_\phi$ . Hence the assertion holds.

**Theorem 4.**  $(\kappa\phi BV_0, \|\cdot\|_{\kappa\phi})$  is a normed linear spaces when equivalent functions are identified. Moreover,

$$\|f\|_{\kappa\phi} \leq 1 \text{ if and only if } \kappa V_\phi(f) \leq \|f\|_{\kappa\phi}$$

*Proof.* Since  $\phi_n$  is increasing for each  $n$ ,  $\kappa V_\phi(f/t_2) \leq \kappa V_\phi(f/t_1)$  if  $t_1 \leq t_2$ .

Thus  $\kappa V_\phi(f/\|f\|_{\kappa\phi}) \leq 1$ , we have;  $\{t \mid \kappa V_\phi(f/t) \leq 1\} = [\|f\|_{\kappa\phi}, \infty)$ . Clearly  $\|0\|_{\kappa\phi} = 0$ .

If  $f \neq 0$ , let  $x \in I_a^b$  be such that  $f(x) \neq 0$ , then, by  $V_\phi(f) = \phi_1(|f(I_a^b)|)$ , for suitable  $I = \{I_n\}$  we have;

$$\kappa V_\phi\left(\frac{f}{t}\right) = \sup \frac{\phi_1(|f(I_a^b)/t|)}{\sum \kappa(I_{n,a}^b)} = \frac{\phi_1(|f(I_n)/t|)}{\sum \kappa(I_{n,a}^b)} \rightarrow \infty$$

as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . Thus there is  $t > 0$  such that  $\kappa V_\phi(f/t) > 1$ , which implies that  $\|f\|_{\kappa\phi} \neq 0$ .

For  $c \neq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|cf\|_{\kappa\phi} &= \inf \{t > 0 \mid \kappa V_\phi(cf/t) \leq 1\} \\ &= |c| \inf \{s > 0 \mid \kappa V_\phi(f/s) \leq 1\} = |c| \|f\|_{\kappa\phi}. \end{aligned}$$

Now for  $f_1, f_2 \in \kappa\phi BV_0$ , let  $a_i > \|f_i\|_{\kappa\phi}, i = 1, 2$ . Then  $0 < a_i < \infty$ , and let  $b = a_1 + a_2 > 0$ . Since  $f_1 + f_2 \in \kappa\phi BV_0$ ,  $\|f_1 + f_2\|_{\kappa\phi} < \infty$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum \phi_n \left( \frac{|(f_1 + f_2)(I_n)|}{b} \right) \\ &\leq \sum \phi_n \left( \frac{a_1 |f_1(I_n)|}{b a_1} + \frac{a_2 |f_2(I_n)|}{b a_2} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{a_1}{b} \sum \phi_n \left( \frac{|f_1(I_n)|}{a_1} \right) + \frac{a_2}{b} \sum \phi_n \left( \frac{|f_2(I_n)|}{a_2} \right) \\ &\leq \sum \kappa(I_{n,a}^b). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $a_i \rightarrow \|f_i\|_{\kappa\phi}, i = 1, 2$ . Then  $\|f_1 + f_2\|_{\kappa\phi} \leq \|f_1\|_{\kappa\phi} + \|f_2\|_{\kappa\phi}$ .

For the last part, let  $a = \|f\|_{\kappa\phi}, f \in \kappa\phi BV_0$  and  $a > 0$ , since  $a = 0$  is the trivial case. Then by definition,  $f/a \in \kappa\phi BV_0$ . If  $a \leq 1$ , then

$$\kappa V_\phi(f) \leq \kappa V_\phi(f/a) \leq 1 \tag{8}$$

so that  $\|cf\|_{\kappa\phi} \leq 1$  implies the left side of (8) is bounded by 1. On the other hand, if  $f \in \kappa\phi BV_0$  then  $\|f\|_{\kappa\phi} \leq 1$  hold. Note that if  $a > 1$ , then



$\kappa V_\phi(f/a) \leq 1$  but  $\kappa V_\phi(f) = \infty$  is possible. Thus only  $0 \leq a \leq 1$  is relevant here, which completes the proof.

**Corollary 3.**  $(\kappa\phi BV_0, ||| f |||_{\kappa\phi})$ ,  $(\kappa BV_0, ||| f |||_\kappa)$ , and  $(\phi BV_0, ||| f |||_\phi)$  are respectively Banach space.

*Proof.* Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions in  $\kappa\phi BV_0$  such that  $||| f - g |||_{\kappa\phi} \leq \varepsilon$ . Then  $||| f - g |||_{\kappa\phi} \leq 1$ , so, by part (b) of the Lemma 1,

$$\kappa V_\phi((f - g)/\varepsilon) \leq ||| f - g |||_{\kappa\phi} \leq 1.$$

Now for  $x \in I_a^b$  and  $I = \{I_a^x, I_x^b\}$ , we have;

$$\phi_1\left(\left|\frac{f(x) - g(x)}{\varepsilon}\right|\right) \leq \kappa V_\phi\left(\frac{f - g}{\varepsilon}\right) \left(\kappa\left(\frac{|I_a^x|}{|I_a^b|}\right) + \kappa\left(\frac{|I_x^b|}{|I_a^b|}\right)\right) \leq 2,$$

that is,  $|f(x) - g(x)| \leq \varepsilon \phi_1^{-1}(2)$ .

Using this, we see that if  $\{f_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in this Luxemburg norm  $||| \cdot |||_{\kappa\phi}$ , it is also a Cauchy sequence in the supremum norm, so that there exists a function  $f$  such that  $f_n$  converges to  $f$  uniformly. Hence there exists an  $n_0 = n_0(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for every  $n > n_0$  and  $m > n_0$ ,  $||| f_n - f_m |||_{\kappa\phi} \leq \varepsilon$ .

Since  $f_n(a) = 0$ , we have  $f(a) = 0$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let  $I = \{I_n\}$  be a finite collection of nonoverlapping subintervals of  $I_a^b$ . Then, by Fatou's lemma, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k \phi_k(|(f_n - f)(I_k)|/\varepsilon) &= \sum_k \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \phi_k(|(f_n - f)(I_k)|/\varepsilon) \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_k \phi_k(|(f_n - f)(I_k)|/\varepsilon) \leq \sum_k \kappa(|I_{k,a}^b|), \end{aligned}$$

which means that  $\kappa V_\phi((f_n - f)/\varepsilon) \leq 1$ . Hence  $||| f_n - f ||| < \varepsilon$  for sufficiently large  $n$  and  $f \in \kappa\phi BV_0$ , i.e.,  $f_n$  and  $f_n - f \in \kappa\phi BV_0$  and, consequently, also  $f = f_n - (f_n - f) \in \kappa\phi BV_0$ , which implies that

$$\lim_n ||| f_n - f |||_{\kappa\phi} = 0,$$

which completes the proof.

**Theorem 5.** If the functions  $f(|f| \geq a > 0)$  and  $g$  are in  $\kappa\phi BV_0$  on  $I_a^b$ , then the function  $\frac{1}{f}$  and the product  $h = fg$  are in  $\kappa\phi BV_0$ .

*Proof.* For some positive constant  $c$  the function  $cf$  is of bounded  $\kappa\phi$ -variation for any closed interval  $I = \{I_n\} = \{I_{x_{n-1}}^{x_n}\}$ . Hence we have;

$$\sum \phi_n\left(\left|\frac{ca^2}{f}(I_n)\right|\right) = \sum \phi_n\left(ca^2 \left|\frac{f(I_n)}{f(x_n)f(x_{n-1})}\right|\right) \leq \sum \phi_n(|cf(I_n)|),$$

that is, the function  $ca^2/f$  is in  $\kappa\phi BV_0^*$ , which implies that the function  $1/f$  is in  $\kappa\phi BV_0$ .

To prove the second part, let the functions  $f(|f| \geq a > 0)$  and  $g$  be in  $\kappa\phi BV_0$ . Then there are some positive constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that functions  $c_1f$  and  $c_2g$  are of bounded  $\kappa\phi$ -variation and  $\kappa V_\phi(f) < \infty, \kappa V_\phi(g) < \infty$ .

So, since  $\phi_n(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $\phi_1(|f(I_x^y)|) \leq \kappa V_\phi(f)$  and  $\phi_1(|g(I_x^y)|) \leq \kappa V_\phi(g)$ , that is,  $f$  and  $g$  are bounded.

Let  $a > |||f|||_{\kappa\phi}$  and  $b > |||g|||_{\kappa\phi}$ . Then  $0 < a < \infty$  and  $0 < b < \infty$ , and let  $k = a + b > 0$  and  $c = \min\{a, b\}$ . For any closed interval  $I = \{I_n\} = \{I_{x_{n-1}}^{x_n}\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_n \phi_n \left( \frac{c}{k} | (fg)(I_n) | \right) &= \sum_n \phi_n \left( \frac{c}{k} | f(x_n)g(x_n) - f(x_{n-1})g(x_{n-1}) | \right) \\ &\leq \sum_n \phi_n \left( \frac{c}{k} | f(I_n)g(x_n) | + \frac{c}{k} | f(x_{n-1})g(I_n) | \right) \\ &\leq \sum_n \phi_n \left( \frac{a}{k} | bf(I_n) | + \frac{b}{k} | ag(I_n) | \right) \\ &\leq \sum_n \phi_n \left( \frac{b}{k} | af(I_n) | + \frac{a}{k} | bg(I_n) | \right) \\ &\leq \frac{b}{k} \sum_n \phi_n (|af(I_n)|) + \frac{a}{k} \sum_n \phi_n (|bg(I_n)|) < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $\frac{c}{k}fg$  is in  $\kappa\phi BV_0^*$ . Thus the product  $fg$  is in  $\kappa\phi BV_0$ .

Note that if  $\varepsilon < 1$  and  $|||f_n - f|||_{\kappa\phi} < \varepsilon$ , then  $\kappa V_\phi(f_n - f) < \varepsilon$ , that is, if  $\varepsilon < 1$  and  $|||(f_n - f)/\varepsilon|||_{\kappa\phi} < 1$ , then  $\kappa V_\phi((f_n - f)/\varepsilon) \leq 1$ .

Since convergence in norm implies uniform convergence, the continuous functions form a closed subset of  $\kappa\phi BV_0$  and so  $\kappa\phi BV_0 \cap C$  is itself a Banach space. Also note that  $\kappa\phi BV$  is a Banach space with norm  $|||f|||_{\kappa\phi} + |f(a)|$ .

**Theorem 6.** For a  $\phi$ -sequences  $\phi = \{\phi_n\}$  and a  $\kappa$ -function  $\kappa$ , if  $\phi = \{\phi_n\} \in \Delta_2(\text{globally})$ , then  $\kappa\phi BV_0^* = \kappa\phi BV_0$  and  $\phi BV_0^* = \phi BV_0$  (resp.).

*Proof.* For a  $\phi$ -sequences  $\phi = \{\phi_n\}$  and a  $\kappa$ -function  $\kappa$ ,  $\phi BV_0^* \subset \phi BV_0$  and  $\kappa\phi BV_0^* \subset \kappa\phi BV_0$ , in general.

To show that  $\phi BV_0^* \supset \phi BV_0$ , let  $f \in \phi BV_0$  and  $|||f|||_\phi \neq 0$ . Then  $\sum \phi_n(|f(I_n)| / |||f|||_\phi) \leq 1$  implies  $g = f / |||f|||_\phi \in \phi BV_0^*$ . If  $\phi = \{\phi_n\} \in \Delta_2(\text{globally})$ , then  $\phi BV_0^*$  is a linear spaces, which implies that  $|||f|||_\phi g = f \in \phi BV_0^*$  and hence  $\phi BV_0 \subset \phi BV_0^*$ .

To show that  $\kappa\phi BV_0^* \supset \kappa\phi BV_0$ . let  $f \in \kappa\phi BV_0$  and  $|||f|||_{\kappa\phi} \neq 0$ . Then

$$\sum \phi_n (|f(I_n)| / |||f|||_{\kappa\phi}) / \sum \kappa(|I_n| / <I_a^b|) \leq 1$$

implies  $g = f / |||f|||_{\kappa\phi} \in \kappa\phi BV_0^*$ . If  $\phi = \{\phi_n\} \in \Delta_2(\text{globally})$ , then  $\kappa\phi BV_0^*$  is a linear spaces, which implies that  $|||f|||_{\kappa\phi} g = f \in \kappa\phi BV_0^*$  and hence  $\kappa\phi BV_0 \subset \kappa\phi BV_0^*$ .

By the similar way as the above, also we have  $\phi BV_0^* = \phi BV_0$ , which completes the proof.

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $\{f_n\} \in \kappa\phi BV_0$  be a sequence such that  $f_n$  converges to  $f$  almost everywhere. with  $f \in \kappa\phi BV_0$ , and  $\phi_n(x) = 0$  iff  $x = 0$ . Then*

$$||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} ||| f_n |||_{\kappa\phi},$$

that is, the Luxemburg norm is lower semi-continuous on  $\kappa\phi BV_0$ .

*Proof.* If  $f = 0$  a.e. on  $I_a^b$ , the result is trivial. So we may assume that  $f \neq 0$  a.e. on  $I_a^b$ .

Thus  $||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} > 0$  so that  $||| f_n |||_{\kappa\phi} > 0$  for all sufficiently large  $n$ .

If  $k_0 = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} ||| f_n |||_{\kappa\phi} = \infty$ , the result is again true. We may suppose that  $0 \leq k_0 < \infty$ . But  $k_0$  implies that there exists a subsequence  $\{f_{n_i}\}$  such that  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} ||| f_{n_i} |||_{\kappa\phi} = 0$ . Consequently from some  $i_0$ , using the convexity of  $\phi = \{\phi_n\}$ , we have;  $||| f_{n_i} |||_{\kappa\phi} \leq 1, i \geq i_0$  and

$$\frac{1}{||| f_{n_i} |||_{\kappa\phi}} \sum \phi_n(| f_{n_i}(I_n) |) \leq \sum \phi_n \left( \frac{| f_{n_i}(I_n) |}{||| f_{n_i} |||_{\kappa\phi}} \right) \leq \sum \kappa(| I_{n,a}^b |).$$

Hence

$$\sum \phi_n(| f_{n_i}(I_n) |) / \sum \kappa(| I_{n,a}^b |) \leq ||| f_{n_i} |||_{\kappa\phi} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } i \rightarrow \infty.$$

Since  $| f_{n_i} | \rightarrow | f |$  a.e., by Fatou's lemma and the fact that  $\phi_n(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \frac{\sum \phi_n(| f(I_n) |)}{\sum \kappa(| I_{n,a}^b |)} &= \frac{\sum \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \phi_n(| f(I_{n_i}) |)}{\sum \kappa(| I_{n,a}^b |)} \\ &\leq \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum \phi_n(| f_{n_i}(I_n) |)}{\sum \kappa(| I_{n,a}^b |)} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction, which implies that  $k_0 \neq 0$ , that is,  $0 < k_0 < \infty$ . Finally let  $0 < k_0 < t$  be arbitrary. Then  $k_0 < k_i < t$  for some  $i$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sum \phi_n(| f(I_n) | / t)}{\sum \kappa(| I_{n,a}^b |)} &= \frac{\sum \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \phi_n(| f(I_{n_i}) | / t)}{\sum \kappa(| I_{n,a}^b |)} \\ &\leq \frac{\liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} \sum \phi_n(| f(I_{n_i}) | / t)}{\sum \kappa(| I_{n,a}^b |)} \\ &\leq \frac{\liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} \sum \phi_n(| f(I_{n_i}) | / k_i)}{\sum \kappa(| I_{n,a}^b |)} \leq 1. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

But then the definition of  $||| \cdot |||_{\kappa\phi}$  and (9) imply that  $||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} \leq t$ . Since  $t > k_0$  is arbitrary, we get

$$||| f |||_{\kappa\phi} \leq k_0 = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} ||| f_n |||_{\kappa\phi},$$

so that the Luxemburg norm  $||| \cdot |||_{\kappa\phi}$  is lower semi-continuous, which completes the proof.

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