

## STRONG $n$ -CONVEX $n$ -NORMED SPACES

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### Abstract

The concept of a  $n$ -skalar product on a vector space of dimension greater than  $n - 1$  and  $n$ -norm, introduced by A. Misiak ([6]), is a multidimensional analog of the scalar product and the norm. In [6] and [5] are proved the basic properties of a  $n$ -preHilbert and  $n$ -normed space. In this work we will give a generalisation and some properties of a strong 2-convex 2-normed spaces which was treat in [2] and [3].

Let  $n$  be a natural member,  $L$  a real vector space such that  $\dim L \geq n$  and  $(\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet)$  be a real function on  $L^{n+1}$  such that

i)  $(a, a | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \geq 0$ , for each  $a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in L$  and  $(a, a | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = 0$  if and only if  $a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  are lineary dependent;

ii)  $(a, b | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = (\varphi(a), \varphi(b) | \pi(x_1), \dots, \pi(x_{n-1}))$ , for each  $a, b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in L$  and for every bejections  $\pi: \{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\} \rightarrow \{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$  and  $\varphi: \{a, b\} \rightarrow \{a, b\}$ ;

iii)  $(a, a | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) = (x_1, x_1 | a, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})$ , for every  $a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in L$ ;

iv)  $(\alpha a, b | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = \alpha(a, b | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ , for every  $a, b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in L$  and for every  $\alpha \in R$ ; and

v)  $(a+a_1, b | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = (a, b | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) + (a_1, b | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ , for every  $a, b, a_1, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in L$ .

We call function  $(\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet)$   $n$ -skalar product and we call  $(L, (\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet))$   $n$ -preHilbert space.

Let  $L$  be a real vector space of dimension greater of  $n-1$  and  $\|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|$  is a real function on  $L^n$  with the following conditions:

- i)  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| \geq 0$ ,  $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$ , and  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| = 0$  if and only if the set  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is linearly depend;
- ii)  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| = \|\pi(x_1), \dots, \pi(x_n)\|$ , for every  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and every bejection  $\pi: \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \rightarrow \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ ;
- iii)  $\|\alpha x_1, \dots, x_n\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|$ , for every  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$  and every  $\alpha \in R$ ,
- iv)  $\|x_1+x'_1, \dots, x_n\| \leq \|x_1, \dots, x_n\| + \|x'_1, \dots, x_n\|$ , for every  $x_1, \dots, x_n, x'_1 \in L$ .

We call the function  $\|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|$  a  $n$ -norm of  $L$ , and we call  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  a  $n$ -normed space.

### 1. $n$ -vectors

In [6] are introduced the concept of a  $n$ -vector and are proved some properties of  $n$ -vectors. Let  $n$  be natural number and  $L$  be a real vector space of dimension greater or equal to  $n$ . We denote by  $N'_L$  the family of all formal notations:

$$\sum_{i=1}^k x_1^{(i)} \times x_2^{(i)} \times x_3^{(i)} \times \dots \times x_n^{(i)}, \quad x_j^{(i)} \in L, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, k; \quad j=1, 2, \dots, n.$$

We define equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $N'_L$  with:

$$\sum_{i=1}^k x_1^{(i)} \times x_2^{(i)} \times x_3^{(i)} \times \dots \times x_n^{(i)} \sim \sum_{i=1}^t y_1^{(i)} \times y_2^{(i)} \times y_3^{(i)} \times \dots \times y_n^{(i)}$$

if and only if for every linear functionals  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  on  $L$  it is true

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \begin{vmatrix} f_1(x_1^{(i)}) & f_1(x_2^{(i)}) & \dots & f_1(x_n^{(i)}) \\ f_2(x_1^{(i)}) & f_2(x_2^{(i)}) & \dots & f_2(x_n^{(i)}) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ f_n(x_1^{(i)}) & f_n(x_2^{(i)}) & \dots & f_n(x_n^{(i)}) \end{vmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^t \begin{vmatrix} f_1(y_1^{(i)}) & f_1(y_2^{(i)}) & \dots & f_1(y_n^{(i)}) \\ f_2(y_1^{(i)}) & f_2(y_2^{(i)}) & \dots & f_2(y_n^{(i)}) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ f_n(y_1^{(i)}) & f_n(y_2^{(i)}) & \dots & f_n(y_n^{(i)}) \end{vmatrix}.$$

We denote with  $N_L$  the factor space  $N'_L / \sim$ . The elements of  $N_L$  are called  $n$ -vectors on  $L$  ([6]). The elements of  $N'_L$  which belongs to one  $n$ -vector a called *represents of the  $n$ -vector*. The  $n$ -vector whose represent is

$$\sum_{i=1}^k x_1^{(i)} \times x_2^{(i)} \times x_3^{(i)} \times \dots \times x_n^{(i)}$$

we denote with

$$N \left( \sum_{i=1}^k x_1^{(i)} \times x_2^{(i)} \times x_3^{(i)} \times \dots \times x_n^{(i)} \right).$$

We say that the  $n$ -vector is *simple* if it has a represent of a from  $x_1 \times \dots \times x_n$ . The theorem 10 in [6] implies: if  $\dim L \leq n + 1$ , than each  $n$ -vector is simple. The space  $N_L$  of  $n$ -vectors on  $L$  is real vector space with the operations defined by

$$\alpha N \left( \sum_{i=1}^k x_1^{(i)} \times x_2^{(i)} \times x_3^{(i)} \times \dots \times x_n^{(i)} \right) = N \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha x_1^{(i)} \times x_2^{(i)} \times x_3^{(i)} \times \dots \times x_n^{(i)} \right)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} N \left( \sum_{i=1}^k x_1^{(i)} \times x_2^{(i)} \times \dots \times x_n^{(i)} \right) + N \left( \sum_{i=1}^m x_1^{(i+k)} \times x_2^{(i+k)} \times \dots \times x_n^{(i+k)} \right) = \\ = N \left( \sum_{i=1}^{k+m} x_1^{(i)} \times x_2^{(i)} \times \dots \times x_n^{(i)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

In  $N_L$  the null vector represents has a form  $x_1 \times x_2 \times x_3 \times \dots \times x_n$  where  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in L$  are lineary depend vectors. Hence, the null vector on the space  $N_L$  is simple.

If  $\|\bullet\|$  is a norm on  $N_L$ , then

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| = \|N(x_1 \times \dots \times x_n)\|$$

define a  $n$ -norm  $\|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|$  on  $L$  ([6] theorem 15). If  $n = 2$ , there is an example in [7], p. 52, which show that for every  $n$ -norm  $\|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|$  on  $L$ , there is no a norm  $\|\bullet\|$  on  $N_L$  which satisfy

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| = \|N(x_1 \times \dots \times x_n)\|.$$

If all  $n$ -vectors are simple, e.t. if  $\dim L \leq n + 1$ , then for every  $n$ -norm on  $L$  there is a norm on  $N_L$  which satisfy  $\|N(x_1 \times \dots \times x_n)\| = \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|$ , for every  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$ . ([6] theorem 19). If  $(\bullet, \bullet)$  is a scalar product on  $N_L$ , then  $(a, b | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = (N(a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), N(b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}))$  is a  $n$ -scalar product  $(\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet)$  on  $L$  ([6] theorem 11). If  $\dim L \leq n + 1$ , then on every  $n$ -scalar product  $(\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet)$  on  $L$  correspond a scalar product on  $N_L$  defined with

$$(N(a \times x_1 \times \dots \times x_{n-1}), N(b \times x_1 \times \dots \times x_{n-1})) = (a, b | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}),$$

for every  $a, b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in L$  ([6] theorem 14).

## 2. $n$ -linear mappings

**Definition 1.** Let  $X_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $Y$  are real vectors spaces. We call a  $n$ -linear operator  $A: X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow Y$  every function  $A(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $x_i \in X_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  which is linear in each own argument. If  $Y$  is a set of real numbers, then  $n$ -linear operator we call a  $n$ -linear functional.

It is easy to see that the operator (functional)  $A$  is a  $n$ -linear if and only if

$$i) A(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n) = \sum_{z_i \in \{x_i, y_i\}, i=1, \dots, n} A(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n),$$

and

ii)  $A(\alpha_1 x_1, \alpha_2 x_2, \dots, \alpha_n x_n) = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_n A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , for every  $\alpha_i \in R$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Let  $X$  be a vector space. We denote with  $T_{L,X}$  the family of all mappings  $T: L^n \rightarrow X$  such that for every  $T$  there is a linear mapping  $f: N_L \rightarrow X$  which satisfy

$$f(N(x_1 \times \dots \times x_n)) = T(x_1, \dots, x_n), \quad \text{for every } x_1, \dots, x_n \in L.$$

It is clear that the mapping  $f$  is well defined.

**Theorem 1.**  $T \in T_{L,X}$  if and only if  $T$  is  $n$ -linear and  $T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$ , for every linear dependent vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$ .

**Proof.** Let  $T \in T_{L,X}$ . Since  $f$  is linear and the space  $N_L$  has the properties  $N(x_1 \times \dots \times x_n) = \pm N(\pi(x_1) \times \dots \times \pi(x_n))$ , for every bejection  $\pi: \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \rightarrow \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  and

$$\alpha N(x_1 \times x_2 \times \dots \times x_n) + \beta N(y_1 \times x_2 \times \dots \times x_n) = N((\alpha x_1 + \beta y_1) \times x_2 \times \dots \times x_n),$$

we conclude that  $T$  is  $n$ -linear. But, since for the linear dependent vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$  it is true  $N(x_1 \times \dots \times x_n) = 0$ , we get

$$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(N(x_1 \times \dots \times x_n)) = f(0) = 0.$$

Conversly, let  $T$  is a  $n$ -linear and for every linear dependent vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$  it is true that  $T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$ . If

$$N = N \left( \sum_{i=1}^m x_1^{(i)} \times \dots \times x_n^{(i)} \right) \in N_L,$$

we define

$$f(N) = \sum_{i=1}^m T(x_1^{(i)}, \dots, x_n^{(i)}).$$

Using the characterisation of the  $n$ -vectors, given in [6], it is easy to see that  $f(N)$  is independent of the choice of the represent of  $N$ . If

$N_1 = N \left( \sum_{i=1}^m x_1^{(i)} \times \dots \times x_n^{(i)} \right), N_2 = N \left( \sum_{j=1}^k y_1^{(j)} \times \dots \times y_n^{(j)} \right)$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in R$   
we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha N_1 + \beta N_2) &= f \left( N \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha x_1^{(i)} \times \dots \times x_n^{(i)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \beta y_1^{(j)} \times \dots \times y_n^{(j)} \right) \right) = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m T \left( \alpha x_1^{(i)}, \dots, x_n^{(i)} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^k T \left( \beta y_1^{(j)}, \dots, y_n^{(j)} \right) = \\ &= \alpha \sum_{i=1}^m T \left( x_1^{(i)}, \dots, x_n^{(i)} \right) + \beta \sum_{j=1}^k T \left( y_1^{(j)}, \dots, y_n^{(j)} \right) = \\ &= \alpha f(N_1) + \beta f(N_2), \end{aligned}$$

which means that  $f$  is linear. It means  $T \in T_{L,X}$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $T \in T_{L,X}$  and  $T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$  for every linear independent vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$ .

a) If  $\|\bullet\|$  is norm on  $X$ , then  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| = \|T(x_1, \dots, x_n)\|$  define a  $n$ -norm on  $L$ .

b) If  $(\bullet, \bullet)$  is a scalar product on  $X$  then

$$(a, b | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = (T(a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), T(b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}))$$

is a  $n$ -scalar product on  $L$ .

**Proof.** Let  $T \in T_{L,X}$ ,  $T(x_1, \dots, x_n) \neq 0$  for every linear independent vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$ .

a) If  $\|\bullet\|$  is a norm on  $X$ , then

i)  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| = \|T(x_1, \dots, x_n)\| \geq 0$  for every  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$  and  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| = 0$  if and only if  $\|T(x_1, \dots, x_n)\| = 0$  if and only if  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent vectors.

ii) For every bijection  $\pi: \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \rightarrow \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  it is true

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1, \dots, x_n\| &= \|T(x_1, \dots, x_n)\| = \|f(N(x_1 \times \dots \times x_n))\| = \\ &= \|f(\pm N(\pi(x_1) \times \dots, \times \pi(x_n)))\| = \\ &= \|f(N(\pi(x_1) \times \dots, \times \pi(x_n)))\| = \\ &= \|T(\pi(x_1), \dots, \pi(x_n))\| = \|\pi(x_1), \dots, \pi(x_n)\|. \end{aligned}$$

iii) For every  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$  and each  $\alpha \in R$  it is true

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha x_1, \dots, x_n\| &= \|T(\alpha x_1, \dots, x_n)\| = \|\alpha T(x_1, \dots, x_n)\| = \\ &= |\alpha| \cdot \|T(x_1, \dots, x_n)\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|. \end{aligned}$$

iv) For every  $x'_1, x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$  it is true

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1 + x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\| &= \|T(x_1 + x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\| = \\ &= \|T(x_1, \dots, x_n) + T(x'_1, \dots, x_n)\| \leq \\ &\leq \|T(x_1, \dots, x_n)\| + \|T(x'_1, \dots, x_n)\| = \\ &= \|x_1, \dots, x_n\| + \|x'_1, \dots, x_n\|. \end{aligned}$$

b) If  $(\bullet, \bullet)$  is a scalar product on  $X$ , then

i) For every  $a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in L$  it is true

$$(a, a | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = (T(a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), T(a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) \geq 0$$

and  $(a, a | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = 0$  if and only if  $T(a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = 0$  e.t. if and only  $a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  are lineary dependent vectors.

ii) For every bejections  $\pi: \{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\} \rightarrow \{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$  and  $\varphi: \{a, b\} \rightarrow \{a, b\}$  it is true

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) &= (T(a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), T(b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) = \\ &= (T(\varphi(a), x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), T(\varphi(b), x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) = \\ &= (f(N(\varphi(a) \times x_1 \times \dots \times x_{n-1})), f(N(\varphi(b) \times x_1 \times \dots \times x_{n-1}))) = \\ &= (f(\pm N(\varphi(a) \times \pi(x_1) \times \dots \times \pi(x_{n-1}))), f(\pm N(\varphi(b) \times \pi(x_1) \times \dots \times \pi(x_{n-1})))) = \\ &= (T(\varphi(a), \pi(x_1), \dots, \pi(x_{n-1})), T(\varphi(b), \pi(x_1), \dots, \pi(x_{n-1}))) = \\ &= (\varphi(a), \varphi(b) | \pi(x_1), \dots, \pi(x_{n-1})). \end{aligned}$$

iii) For every  $a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in L$  it is true

$$\begin{aligned} (a, a | x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) &= (T(a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), T(a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) = \\ &= (f(N(a \times x_1 \times \dots \times x_{n-1})), f(N(a \times x_1 \times \dots \times x_{n-1}))) = \\ &= (f(N(x'_1 \times a \times \dots \times x_{n-1})), f(N(x_1 \times a \times \dots \times x_{n-1}))) = \\ &= (T(x_1, a, \dots, x_{n-1}), T(x_1, a, \dots, x_{n-1})) = \\ &= (x_1, x_1 | a, \dots, x_{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

iv) For every  $a, b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in L$  and each  $\alpha \in R$  it is true

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha a, b \mid x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) &= (T(\alpha a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), T(b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) = \\ &= (\alpha T(a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), T(b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) = \\ &= \alpha (T(a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), T(b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) = \\ &= \alpha (a, b \mid x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

v) For every  $a, a_1, b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in L$  it is true

$$\begin{aligned} (a + a_1, b \mid x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) &= \\ &= (T(a + a_1, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), T(b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) = \\ &= (T(a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) + T(a_1, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), T(b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) = \\ &= (T(a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), T(b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) + \\ &\quad + (T(a_1, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), T(b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) = \\ &= (a, b \mid x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) + (a_1, b \mid x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.** Let  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  be a  $n$ -normed space. We say that the  $n$ -functional  $f$  with domain  $D(f) \subset L^n$  is bounded, if there exist a real constant  $k \geq 0$  such that

$$|f|(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq k \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|, \text{ for each } (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in D(f).$$

If  $f$  is a bounded  $n$ -functional, we define a norm of  $f$ , denoting by  $\|f\|$ , with

$$\|f\| = \inf \{k: |f|(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq k \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|, \forall (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in D(f)\}.$$

If  $f$  is not a bounded  $n$ -functional, we put  $\|f\| = +\infty$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $(L, (\|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|))$  be a  $n$ -normed space and let  $f$  is a bounded  $n$ -functional with domain  $D(f) \subset L^n$ . If  $x_i = \lambda x_j$ , for  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $i \neq j$ , and  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in D(f)$ , then

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_n) = 0.$$

**Proof.** Since  $f$  is a bounded  $n$ -functional with domain  $D(f)$ , there is a real constant  $k \geq 0$ , such that for each  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in D(f)$  it is true

$$\begin{aligned} |f|(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &\leq k \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\| = \\ &= k \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, \lambda x_j, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_n\| = 0, \end{aligned}$$

which means  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_n) = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  be a  $n$ -normed space with dimension equal or smaller than  $n + 1$  and  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| > 0$ . Then there exist a bounded  $n$ -linear functional  $F$  on  $L^n$  such that  $\|F\| = 1$  and  $F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\dim L \leq n + 1$  there is a norm  $\|\bullet\|$  on  $N_L$  such that

$$\|y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\| = \|N(y_1 \times y_2 \times \dots \times y_n)\|, \text{ for every } y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \in L.$$

If we put  $N' = N(x_1 \times x_2 \times \dots \times x_n)$  and use the Han-Banach theorem on the space  $(N_L, \|\bullet\|)$  we get a bounded linear functional  $f$  on  $N_L$  such that  $\|f\| = 1$  and  $f(N') = \|N'\|$ . If we define

$$F(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = f(N(y_1 \times y_2 \times \dots \times y_n)), \text{ for every } y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \in L$$

then  $F$  is a  $n$ -linear functional on  $L^n$  with the searching properties.

### 3. Strong $n$ -convex $n$ -normed space

**Definition 3.** We call a  $n$ -normed space  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  a strong  $n$ -convex if for every vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_{n+1} \in L$  which satisfy the conditions

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\| = \frac{1}{n+1} \|x_1+x_{n+1}, x_2+x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n+x_{n+1}\| = 1,$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$  it is true  $x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ .

**Theorem 4.** The following statements are equivalents:

i)  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is strong  $n$ -convex.

ii) If  $\|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\| = 1$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n + 1$  and there is a non-zero bounded  $n$ -linear functional  $F$  on

$$\underbrace{P(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \times \dots \times P(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})}_n$$

such that

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n+1}) = \|F\|, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n + 1.$$

then  $x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ .



iii) If

$$\|x_1 + x_{n+1}, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\|$$

and

$$\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\| \neq 0,$$

then there are positive real numbers  $\alpha_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  such that

$$x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i.$$

**Proof.** i)  $\Rightarrow$  ii). Let  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  be a strong  $n$ -convex,

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\| = 1, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$$

and there is a non-zero bounded  $n$ -linear functional  $F$  on

$$\underbrace{P(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \times \dots \times P(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})}_n$$

such that

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n+1}) = \|F\|, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} n+1 &= \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\| \geq \\ &\geq \|x_1 + x_{n+1}, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| \geq \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\|F\|} F(x_1 + x_{n+1}, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}) = \\ &= \frac{1}{\|F\|} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} F(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}) = n+1 \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\| = \frac{1}{n+1} \|x_1 + x_{n+1}, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| = 1,$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$ . Because  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong  $n$ -convex we

$$\text{have } x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i.$$

ii)  $\Rightarrow$  iii). Suppose that the condition ii) is true and that

$$\|x_1+x_{n+1}, x_2+x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n+x_{n+1}\| = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\|,$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\| \neq 0.$$

According to theorem 3, there is a bounded  $n$ -linear functional  $F$  on  $\underbrace{P(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \times \dots \times P(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})}_n$  such that  $\|F\| = 1$  and

$$F(x_1+x_{n+1}, x_2+x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n+x_{n+1}) = \|x_1+x_{n+1}, x_2+x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n+x_{n+1}\|.$$

Since  $\|F\| = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\| &\geq \\ &\geq \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} F(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}) = \\ &= F(x_1 + x_{n+1}, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}) = \\ &= \|x_1 + x_{n+1}, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\| \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $F(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n+1}) = \|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n+1}\|$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$ . Let

$$t = \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n+1}\| \right)^{-1/n},$$

$$\beta_i = \|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n+1}\| t, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1.$$

Then

$$\|\beta_1 x_1, \dots, \beta_{i-1} x_{i-1}, \beta_{i+1} x_{i+1}, \dots, \beta_{n+1} x_{n+1}\| = 1, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$$

and

$$F(\beta_1 x_1, \dots, \beta_{i-1} x_{i-1}, \beta_{i+1} x_{i+1}, \dots, \beta_{n+1} x_{n+1}) = 1 = \|F\|, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1.$$

It follows from ii) that  $\beta_{n+1}x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i x_i$  and if we put  $\alpha_i = \frac{\beta_i}{\beta_{n+1}}$ ,

$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we get  $x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i$ .

iii)  $\Rightarrow$  i). Assume that the condition iii) is true and that

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| = \frac{1}{n+1} \|x_1 + x_{n+1}, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| = 1,$$

for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n+1$ . Then, there exists positive real numbers  $\alpha_i, i=1, 2, \dots, n$

such that  $x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i$ . Since  $\|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\| = 1$ , for

$i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$  we get  $\alpha_i = 1$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  e.t.  $x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ ,

which means that  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong  $n$ -convex space.

In the next two theorems we will view the connection between the strong convex and  $n$ -strong convex  $n$ -normed spaces. If  $a, b$  are linearly independent vectors, then with  $P(a, b)$  we will denote the space generated by the vectors  $a$  and  $b$ . Similarly, if  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  are linearly independent vectors,  $P(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$  means the subspace generated by this vectors. We call the  $n$ -normed vector space  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  strong convex if

$$\|a + b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\| = \|a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\| + \|b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|,$$

$$\|a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\| = \|b, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\| = 1$$

and

$$P(a, b) \cap P(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = \{0\}$$

implies  $a = b$ .

**Theorem 5.** If  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong convex space, then it is a strong  $n$ -convex space.

**Proof.** Suppose that the vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_{n+1} \in L$  satisfy the conditions

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\| = \frac{1}{n+1} \|x_1 + x_{n+1}, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| = 1,$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
n+1 &= \|x_1 + x_{n+1}, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| \leq \\
&\leq \|x_1, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| + \\
&\quad + \|x_{n+1}, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| = \\
&= 1 + \|x_1, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| \leq \\
&\leq 1 + \|x_1, x_2, x_3 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| + \\
&\quad + \|x_1, x_{n+1}, x_3 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| = \\
&= 2 + \|x_1, x_2, x_3 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| \leq \dots \leq \\
&\leq n-1 + \|x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n + x_{n+1}\|
\end{aligned}$$

which means that  $2 \leq \|x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n + x_{n+1}\|$ . For the other side, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n + x_{n+1}\| &\leq \|x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n\| + \\
&+ \|x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}\| = 2.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\|x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n + x_{n+1}\| = 2$$

and

$$\|x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n\| = \|x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}\| = 1.$$

Since  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong convex and  $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$  we have

$$P(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \cap P(x_n, x_{n+1}) \neq \{0\},$$

which means that there exists real numbers  $\alpha_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i x_i = \alpha_n x_n + \alpha_{n+1} x_{n+1}. \quad (1)$$

If  $\alpha_k = 0$ , for some  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$ , then

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\| = 0,$$

which is impossible. Hence,  $\alpha_k \neq 0$ , for every  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$ . Now, from (1) we have

$$x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i x_i, \text{ where } \beta_n = -\frac{\alpha_n}{\alpha_{n+1}} \text{ and } \beta_i = -\frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_{n+1}}, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

If we substitute  $x_{n+1}$  in

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\| = \frac{1}{n+1} \|x_1+x_{n+1}, x_2+x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n+x_{n+1}\| = 1,$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  then by the properties of the  $n$ -norm, we get

$$1 = |\beta_i| \cdot \|x_1-x_n, \dots, x_{n-1}-x_n, x_n\| = \frac{\left|1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i\right|}{n+1} \|x_1-x_n, \dots, x_{n-1}-x_n, x_n\|$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and since

$$1 = \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n\| = \|x_1-x_n, \dots, x_{n-1}-x_n, x_n\|$$

we have

$$|\beta_i| = 1, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad \text{and} \quad \left|1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i\right| = n+1. \quad (2)$$

From (2) we have  $\beta_i = 1$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , e.t.  $x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ , which means that  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong  $n$ -convex.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  be a  $n$ -normed space and  $(L_1, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong  $n$ -convex  $n$ -normed space. If  $f: L \rightarrow L_1$  is a linear mapping such that

$$\|f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)\|' = \|x_1, \dots, x_n\| \quad \text{for every } x_1, \dots, x_n \in L,$$

then  $f$  is injection and  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong  $n$ -convex. If  $(L_1, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is also strong convex, then  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong convex space.

**Proof.** For every  $x_1 \neq 0$  there exist  $x_2, \dots, x_n \in L$  such that the set  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  is linearly independent. Hence,  $\|f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)\|' = \|x_1, \dots, x_n\| \neq 0$  e.t.  $f(x_i) \neq 0$ . Since  $f$  is a linear mapping, this means that  $f$  is a injection.

Suppose that the  $x_1, \dots, x_{n+1} \in L$  satisfies the conditions:

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{i+1}\| = \frac{1}{n+1} \|x_1+x_{n+1}, x_2+x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n+x_{n+1}\| = 1,$$

for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n+1$ . Then, for  $i=1, \dots, n+1$ , the vectors  $f(x_1), \dots, f(x_{n+1}) \in L_1$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x_1), \dots, f(x_{i-1}), f(x_{i+1}), \dots, f(x_n), f(x_{n+1})\|' = \\ & = \frac{1}{n+1} \|f(x_1) + f(x_{n+1}), \dots, f(x_n) + f(x_{n+1})\|' = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $L_1$  is a strong  $n$ -convex space and  $f$  is a linear mapping, we have

$$f(x_{n+1}) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right).$$

But,  $f$  is a injection and so  $x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ , which means that  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong  $n$ -convex space.

Suppose that

$$P(a, b) \cap P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1} = \{0\}),$$

$$\|a, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}\| = \|b, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}\| = 1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\|a+b, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}\| = \|a, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}\| + \|b, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}\|.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(a) + f(b), f(x_1), \dots, f(x_{n-1})\|' = \\ & = \|f(a), f(x_1), \dots, f(x_{n-1})\|' + \|f(b), f(x_1), \dots, f(x_{n-1})\|' \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|f(a), f(x_1), \dots, f(x_{n-1})\|' = \|f(b), f(x_1), \dots, f(x_{n-1})\|' = 1.$$

If  $y \in P(f(a), f(b)) \cap P(f(x_1), \dots, f(x_{n-1}))$ , then there exists  $\lambda, \mu, \alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, n-1$  such that  $y = \lambda f(a) + \mu f(b) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i f(x_i)$ .

Hence,  $f(\lambda a + \mu b) = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i x_i\right)$  and since  $f$  is a injection it follows

that  $\lambda a + \mu b = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i x_i$ . Since,  $P(a, b) \cap P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) = \{0\}$ , we

have

$$\lambda a + \mu b = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i x_i = 0, \quad \text{e.t.} \quad y = f(0) = 0.$$

This implies that

$$P(f(a), f(b)) \cap P(f(x_1), \dots, f(x_{n-1})) = \{0\}$$

and because  $L_1$  is a strong convex space, we have  $f(a) = f(b)$ . But  $f$  is a injection and so  $a = b$ , which means that  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong convex space.

In the end of this part we will give one more condition for a strong convexity. First, we will view one property of the normed spaces.

**Definition 4.** The normed space  $(X, \|\bullet\|)$  has the property  $C_n$  if

$$\|x_1\| = \dots = \|x_{n+1}\| = \frac{1}{n+1} \|x_1 + \dots + x_{n+1}\| = 1$$

implies that the vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}$  are colinear.

**Lemma 2.** If the normed space  $(X, \|\bullet\|)$  is a strong convex, then for every  $n \in N$  it has property  $C_n$ .

**Proof** Let  $n \in N$ . We have

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n}(x_2 + \dots + x_{n+1}) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=2}^{n+1} \|x_i\| = 1.$$

On the other side

$$1 = \frac{1}{n+1} \|x_1 + \dots + x_{n+1}\| \leq \frac{1}{n+1} \left( \|x_1\| + n \left\| \frac{1}{n}(x_2 + \dots + x_{n+1}) \right\| \right)$$

which means

$$n+1 \leq \|x_1\| + n \left\| \frac{1}{n}(x_2 + \dots + x_{n+1}) \right\| \quad \text{e.t.} \quad 1 \leq \left\| \frac{1}{n}(x_2 + \dots + x_{n+1}) \right\|.$$

Hence

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n}(x_2 + \dots + x_{n+1}) \right\| = 1.$$

Since  $(X, \|\bullet\|)$  is a strong convex,

$$\|x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{n+1}\| = n+1 = \|x_2 + \dots + x_{n+1}\| + \|x_1\|, \\ x_1 \neq 0, \quad x_2 + \dots + x_{n+1} \neq 0$$

implies  $x_2 + \dots + x_{n+1} = \alpha x_1$ , for some  $\alpha > 0$ . But,

$$n+1 = \|x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{n+1}\| = \|x_1 + \alpha x_1\| = (1+\alpha)\|x_1\| = 1+\alpha, \quad \text{e.t.} \quad \alpha = n,$$

and so  $x_1 = \frac{1}{n}(x_2 + \dots + x_{n+1})$ . In the same way can be proved that each of the vectors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}$  is an arithmetical mean of the rest  $n$  vectors, which implies

$$x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_{n+1},$$

and this means, that for every  $n \in N$  the space  $(X, \|\bullet\|)$  has the property  $C_n$ .

**Note.** It is easy to prove that the normed space  $(X, \|\bullet\|)$  with the property  $C_1$  is a strong convex space. But, for  $n = 2$  there is an example in [4] of a normed space with the property  $C_2$ , but the space is not a strong convex.

**Theorem 7.** Let  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  be a  $n$ -normed space and  $(X, \|\bullet\|)$  is a normed space with property  $C_n$ . If there is a mapping  $T \in T_{L,X}$  such that

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| = \|T(x_1, \dots, x_n)\|, \quad \text{for every } x_1, \dots, x_n \in L,$$

then  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong  $n$ -convex space.

**Proof.** Suppose that the vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_{n+1} \in L$  satisfy the conditions

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\| = \frac{1}{n+1} \|x_1+x_{n+1}, x_2+x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n+x_{n+1}\| = 1,$$

if  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$ . Then, for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$  it is true

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \|T(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{n+1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)\| = \\ &= \|T(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1})\| = \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \|T(x_1 + x_{n+1}, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1})\| = \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} T(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{n+1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since the normed space  $(X, \|\bullet\|)$  has the property  $C_n$ , the vectors

$$T(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$$

are colinear.

If  $T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = T(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})$ , then

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x_{n+1}\| = \|T(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x_{n+1})\| =$$

$$= \|T(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) - T(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})\| = 0$$

and

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n\| = 1$$

implies



$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i x_i.$$

For every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$  it is true

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\| = \\ &= \left\| x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, x_n - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \alpha_j x_j \right\| = \\ &= |\alpha_i| \|x_1, \dots, x_n\| = |\alpha_i| \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \frac{1}{n+1} \|x_1 + x_{n+1}, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| = \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \|x_1 - x_n, x_2 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, x_n + x_{n+1}\| = \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left\| x_1 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, 2x_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i x_i \right\| = \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left\| x_1 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, x_n \left( 2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i \right) \right\| = \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left| 2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i \right| \|x_1 - x_n, \dots, x_{n-1} - x_n, x_n\| = \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left| 2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i \right| \|x_1, \dots, x_n\| = \frac{1}{n+1} \left| 2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i \right|. \end{aligned}$$

From  $|\alpha_i| = 1$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$  and  $\left| 2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i \right| = n+1$ , it follows

that  $\alpha_i = -1$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$  which means that  $x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ , e.t.

$(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong  $n$ -convex.

Suppose that there is no two points which are identical, e.t. that

$$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i T(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{n+1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n).$$

So

$$T(x_1 - \alpha_1 x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n - \alpha_n x_{n+1}) = 0,$$

and hence

$$\|x_1 - \alpha_1 x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n - \alpha_n x_{n+1}\| = \|T(x_1 - \alpha_1 x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n - \alpha_n x_{n+1})\| = 0$$

which implies that there exists real numbers  $\beta_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  not all equal to zero and such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i x_i = x_{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \beta_i.$$

It is clear that,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \beta_i \neq 0$  and if we put  $\gamma_i = \frac{\beta_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \beta_i}$  we get

$$x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i x_i. \text{ As in the previous case can be proved that } \gamma_i = 1,$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  e.t.  $x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ , which means that  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a

strong  $n$ -convex.

#### 4. Algebraic and $n$ -norm middle points

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in L$ . Denote with  $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  the subspace generated by the vectors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

**Definition 5.** Suppose that  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a  $n$ -normed space. The point  $a \in L$  we call algebraic middle point of the points  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \in L$  if  $a = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k x_i$ . The point  $a \in L$  we call  $n$ -normed middle point of the  $n+1$  linearly independent vectors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1} \in L$  if

$$\|x_1^{-a}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{-a}, x_{i+1}^{-a}, \dots, x_{n+1}^{-a}\| = \frac{1}{n+1} \|x_1 - x_{n+1}, x_2 - x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n - x_{n+1}\|,$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$ .

**Theorem 8.** If  $a \in L$  is a algebraic middle point of  $n+1$  lineary independent vectors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1} \in L$ , then it is a  $n$ -norm middle point of this vectors.

**Proof.** If  $a = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i$ , then for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n, n+1$  it is true that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_1^{-a}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{-a}, x_{i+1}^{-a}, \dots, x_{n-1}^{-a}, x_n^{-a}, x_{n+1}^{-a}\| = \\ & = \left\| x_1^{-\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} x_j}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{-\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} x_j}, x_{i+1}^{-\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} x_j}, \dots, x_n^{-\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} x_j}, x_{n+1}^{-\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} x_j} \right\| = \\ & = \frac{1}{(n+1)^n} \left\| (n+1)x_1^{-\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} x_j}, \dots, (n+1)x_{i-1}^{-\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} x_j}, (n+1)x_{i+1}^{-\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} x_j}, \dots, (n+1)x_n^{-\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} x_j}, (n+1)x_{n+1}^{-\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} x_j} \right\| = \\ & = \frac{1}{(n+1)^n} \left\| (n+1)(x_1 - x_{n+1}), \dots, (n+1)(x_{i-1} - x_{n+1}), (n+1)(x_{i+1} - x_{n+1}), \dots, (n+1)(x_n - x_{n+1}), n x_{n+1}^{-\sum_{j=1}^n x_j} \right\| = \\ & = \frac{1}{n+1} \left\| x_1 - x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{i-1} - x_{n+1}, x_{i+1} - x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n - x_{n+1}, n x_{n+1} - \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \right\| = \\ & = \frac{1}{n+1} \left\| x_1 - x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{i-1} - x_{n+1}, x_{i+1} - x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n - x_{n+1}, x_{n+1} - x_i \right\| = \\ & = \frac{1}{n+1} \left\| x_1 - x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{i-1} - x_{n+1}, x_i - x_{n+1}, x_{i+1} - x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n - x_{n+1} \right\|, \end{aligned}$$

which means that  $a$  is a  $n$ -norm middle point of the vectors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1} \in L$ .

**Theorem 9.** If  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong  $n$ -convex space, then every  $n$ -norm middle point of  $n+1$  lineary independent vectors is an algebraic middle point of this vectors.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong  $n$ -convex space and that  $a$  is a  $n$ -norm middle point lineary independent vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}$ .

If we put

$$\begin{aligned} t^n &= \|x_1 - a, \dots, x_{i-1} - a, x_{i+1} - a, \dots, x_{n+1} - a\| = \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \|x_1 - x_{n+1}, x_2 - x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n - x_{n+1}\|, \end{aligned}$$

then since  $x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}$  are linearly independent vectors, we have  $t \neq 0$ , and hence

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \left\| \frac{x_1 - a}{t}, \dots, \frac{x_{i-1} - a}{t}, \frac{x_{i+1} - a}{t}, \dots, \frac{a - x_{n+1}}{t} \right\| = \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left\| \frac{x_1 - x_{n+1}}{t}, \frac{x_2 - x_{n+1}}{t}, \dots, \frac{x_n - x_{n+1}}{t} \right\| = \\ &= \left\| \frac{x_1 - a}{t} + \frac{a - x_{n+1}}{t}, \frac{x_2 - a}{t} + \frac{a - x_{n+1}}{t}, \dots, \frac{x_n - a}{t} + \frac{a - x_{n+1}}{t} \right\|, \end{aligned}$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$ .

But since  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong  $n$ -convex space, we have

$$\frac{a - x_{n+1}}{t} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i - a}{t}, \quad \text{e.t.} \quad a = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i.$$

**Theorem 10.** The  $n$ -normed space  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong  $n$ -convex if and only if for every  $n+1$  linearly independent vectors the algebraic and  $n$ -norm middle point are identical.

**Proof.** If  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong  $n$ -convex space, then the theorems 3 and 4 implies that the algebraic and  $n$ -norm middle points of arbitrary  $n+1$  linearly independent vectors are identical.

Suppose that in  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  algebraic and  $n$ -norm middle points of arbitrary  $n+1$  linearly independent vectors are identical. From

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n+1}\| = \frac{1}{n+1} \|x_1 + x_{n+1}, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| = 1,$$

if  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$  it follows that

$$\|x_1 - 0, \dots, x_{i-1} - 0, x_{n+1} - 0, \dots, x_{n+1} - 0\| = \frac{1}{n+1} \|x_1 + x_{n+1}, x_2 + x_{n+1}, \dots, x_n + x_{n+1}\| = 1,$$

if  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$  which means that 0 is a  $n$ -norm middle point of the vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_n, -x_{n+1}$ . Hence, 0 is an algebraic middle point of the vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_n, -x_{n+1}$ , which means

$$0 = \frac{1}{n+1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - x_{n+1} \right), \quad \text{e.t.} \quad x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i,$$

and so  $(L, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is a strong  $n$ -convex space.

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## СТРОГО $n$ -КОНВЕКСНИ $n$ -НОРМИРАНИ ПРОСТОРИ

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### Резиме

Концептот за  $n$  скаларен производ на векторски простор со димензија поголема од  $n - 1$  и  $n$ -норма, воведен од A. Misiak ([6]) е повеќедимензионална аналогија на концептот за скаларен производ и норма. Во [6] и [5] се докажани основните својства на  $n$ -пред-хилбертов и  $n$ -нормиран простор. Во оваа работа е дадена генерализација на поимот строго 2-конвексен 2-нормиран простор, разгледуван во [2] и [3] и се докажани низа својства на строго  $n$ -конвексните  $n$ -нормирани простори.

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