

## Bounded Linear 2-functionals in Linear 2-normed Space

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### Abstract

In this paper, we introduce the linear 2-normed spaces with examples and then we present some of their properties. Next we describe the bounded linear 2-functionals in linear 2-normed spaces. Finally, we claim that the space of these functional is a Banach space.

### 1. Introduction

We already know that the basic properties of bounded linear functionals in normed linear spaces and the set of these functionals is a Banach Space. In 1964, S. Gähler introduced the concepts of linear 2-normed spaces and their topological structures. In 2004, Z. Lewandowska established some properties of 2- linear operators on 2- normed sets. In this paper, we described some properties of bounded linear 2-functionals in linear 2-normed spaces and also proved that the set of bounded linear 2-functionals is a Banach Space.

### 2. Linear 2-normed space

#### 2.1 Definition

Let  $X$  be a real linear space of dimension greater than 1 and  $\|.,.\|$  be a real valued function on  $X \times X$  satisfying the following conditions:

(2N<sub>1</sub>)  $\|x, y\| = 0$  if and only if  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent,

(2N<sub>2</sub>)  $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$ ,

(2N<sub>3</sub>)  $\|\alpha x, y\| = |\alpha| \|x, y\|$ ,

(2N<sub>4</sub>)  $\|x, y + z\| \leq \|x, y\| + \|x, z\|$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $\alpha \in R$ .

$\|.,.\|$  is called a **2-norm** on  $X$  and  $(X, \|.,.\|)$  is called a **linear 2-normed space**.

Then we have the following basic properties of 2- norm.

#### 2.2 Theorem

Let  $(X, \|.,.\|)$  be a linear 2-normed space. For all  $x, y, z \in X$  and for every real  $\alpha$ , then

(i)  $\|x, y\| \geq 0$

(ii)  $\|x, y + \alpha x\| = \|x, y\|$

(iii)  $\|x - z, x - y\| = \|x - z, y - z\|$ .

(iv)  $\|x + z, y + z\| \leq \|x, y\| + \|y, z\| + \|z, x\|$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

#### 2.3 Example

Let  $X = R \times R \times R$  with 2-norm defined as follows:

Let  $\|x, y\| = |b_1 c_2 - b_2 c_1| + |a_1 c_2 - a_2 c_1| + |a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1|$  for  $x = (a_1, b_1, c_1)$  and

$y = (a_2, b_2, c_2)$  in  $X$ . Let vector addition and scalar multiplication be defined componentwise. Then the 2-norm properties are satisfied.

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**2.4 Example**

Let  $(X, \| \cdot \|)$  be a real normed vector space. Then  $(X, \| \cdot, \cdot \|)$  is not a 2-normed space with the 2-norm defined by the formula  $\|x, y\| = \|x\| \cdot \|y\|$  for each  $x, y \in X$ .

For let  $x \neq 0, y = kx$  and  $k \neq 0$ . Then  $\|x, y\| = \|x, kx\| = \|x\| \|kx\| = |k| \|x\|^2 > 0$ .

**2.5 Example**

Let  $E^3$  denote Euclidean 3-dimensional linear space. Let  $x = ai + bj + ck$  and  $y = di + ej + fk$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} \|x, y\| &= |x \times y| = \text{abs} \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{vmatrix} \\ &= |(bf - ce)i + (cd - af)j + (ae - db)k| \\ &= [(bf - ce)^2 + (cd - af)^2 + (ae - db)^2]^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

From the vector analysis, it is clear that  $\| \cdot, \cdot \|$  is a 2-norm.

**2.6 Theorem**

Let  $(X, \| \cdot, \cdot \|)$  be a 2-normed space. For  $a = \alpha_1 e_1 + \alpha_2 e_2$  and  $b = \beta_1 e_1 + \beta_2 e_2$ . with basis  $\{e_1, e_2\}$ , we have  $\|a, b\| = |\alpha_1 \beta_2 - \beta_1 \alpha_2| \|e_1, e_2\|$ .

**2.7 Theorem**

Consider the norm  $\| \cdot \|$  defined on a linear 2-normed space  $(X, \| \cdot, \cdot \|)$  by the function  $\|a\| = \|a, y\| + \|a, z\|$ , for any fixed  $y, z \in X$  and  $\|y, z\| \neq 0$ .

Then the function  $\| \cdot \|$  is a norm on  $X$ .

**Proof.**

(i)  $\|a\| \geq 0$ .

If  $\|a\| = 0$ , then  $\|a, y\| = 0$  and  $\|a, z\| = 0$ .

Under the assumption that  $a \neq 0$ , this implies that  $a = \alpha y$  and  $a = \beta z$  with  $\alpha \neq 0$  and  $\beta \neq 0$ , which contradicts the linear independence of  $y$  and  $z$ .

Thus  $\|a\| = 0$  implies that  $a = 0$ .

(ii)  $\|a + b\| = \|a + b, y\| + \|a + b, z\| \leq \|a, y\| + \|b, y\| + \|a, z\| + \|b, z\| = \|a\| + \|b\|$ .

(iii)  $\|\alpha a\| = \|\alpha a, y\| + \|\alpha a, z\| = |\alpha|(\|a, y\| + \|a, z\|) = |\alpha| \|a\|$ .

**3. Bounded Linear 2-Functionals**

**3.1 Definition**

A **2-functional** is a real valued mapping with domain  $A \times C$ , where  $A$  and  $C$  are linear subspace of a linear 2-normed space.

### 3.2 Definition

Let  $F$  be a 2-functional with domain  $A \times C$ , where  $A$  and  $C$  are linear subspaces of a linear 2-normed space. Then  $F$  is called a **linear 2-functional** (or **bilinear 2-functional**) if

$$(1) F(a + c, b + d) = F(a, b) + F(a, d) + F(c, b) + F(c, d).$$

$$(2) F(\alpha a, \beta b) = \alpha\beta F(a, b) \text{ for } \alpha, \beta \text{ in the underlying field.}$$

### 3.3 Definition

Let  $F$  be a 2-functional with domain  $D(F)$ .  $F$  is said to be **bounded** if there is a real constant  $K \geq 0$  such that  $|F(a, b)| \leq K \|a, b\|$  for all  $(a, b) \in D(F)$ .

If  $F$  is bounded, define the norm of  $F$ ,  $\|F\|$  by  $\|F\| = \text{glb} \{K : |F(a, b)| \leq K \|a, b\| \text{ for all } (a, b) \in D(F)\}$ . If  $F$  is not bounded, define  $\|F\| = +\infty$ .

### 3.4 Example

Let  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a linear 2-normed space with basis  $\{e_1, e_2\}$ .

Define  $F(a, b) = \alpha_1\beta_2 - \alpha_2\beta_1$  where  $a = \alpha_1e_1 + \alpha_2e_2$  and  $b = \beta_1e_1 + \beta_2e_2$ .

Let  $c = \mu_1e_1 + \mu_2e_2$  and  $d = \delta_1e_1 + \delta_2e_2$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(a + c, b + d) &= (\alpha_1 + \mu_1)(\beta_2 + \delta_2) - (\alpha_2 + \mu_2)(\beta_1 + \delta_1) \\ &= \alpha_1\beta_2 + \alpha_1\delta_2 + \mu_1\beta_2 + \mu_1\delta_2 - \alpha_2\beta_1 - \alpha_2\delta_1 - \mu_2\beta_1 - \mu_2\delta_1 \\ &= (\alpha_1\beta_2 - \alpha_2\beta_1) + (\alpha_1\delta_2 - \alpha_2\delta_1) - (\mu_2\beta_1 - \mu_1\beta_2) + (\mu_1\delta_2 - \mu_2\delta_1) \\ &= F(a, b) + F(a, d) + F(c, b) + F(c, d). \end{aligned}$$

$$F(\alpha a, \beta b) = \alpha\alpha_1\beta\beta_2 - \alpha\alpha_2\beta\beta_1 = \alpha\beta(\alpha_1\beta_2 - \alpha_2\beta_1) = \alpha\beta F(a, b)$$

$$\text{and } |F(a, b)| = |\alpha_1\beta_2 - \alpha_2\beta_1| = \frac{1}{\|e_1, e_2\|} \|a, b\|.$$

Therefore,  $F$  is a bounded linear 2-functional.

### 3.5 Example

Let  $(E^3, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be the 2-normed space define in example (2.5). Define  $F(x, y) = (x|y)$  where  $(\cdot | \cdot)$  is the dot product of vector analysis. Then  $F$  is an unbounded linear 2-functional.

Define  $G(x, y) = (|x|^2|y|^2 - |(x|y)|^2)^{1/2}$ , where  $|a|$  denotes the length of  $a$ . Then  $G$  is a bounded 2-functional since  $|x|^2|y|^2 - |(x|y)|^2 = |x \times y|^2$ .

### 3.6 Lemma.

If  $F$  is a bounded linear 2-functional, and  $a$  and  $b$  are linearly dependent with  $(a, b) \in D(F)$  then  $F(a, b) = 0$ .

**Proof.** Since  $F$  is bounded,  $|F(a, b)| \leq \|F\| \|a, b\|$  for all  $(a, b) \in D(F)$ .

Since  $a$  and  $b$  are linearly dependent,  $\|a, b\| = 0$ .

Therefore we have  $|F(a, b)| \leq \|F\| \cdot 0 = 0$ .

### 3.7 Theorem

Let  $F$  be a bounded linear 2-functional with domain  $D(F)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|F\| &= \sup\{|F(x, y)|: \|x, y\| = 1, (x, y) \in D(F)\} \\ &= \sup\left\{\frac{|F(x, y)|}{\|x, y\|}: \|x, y\| \neq 0, (x, y) \in D(F)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Let  $A = \sup\{|F(x, y)|: \|x, y\| = 1, (x, y) \in D(F)\}$

Then we have  $|F(x, y)| \leq \|F\| \|x, y\|$  for all  $(x, y) \in D(F)$ .

Hence  $A \leq \|F\|$ . Assume that  $\|x, y\| \neq 0$ . Since  $\left\|\frac{x}{\|x, y\|}, y\right\| = 1, \left|F\left(\frac{x}{\|x, y\|}, y\right)\right| \leq A$ .

Therefore,  $|F(x, y)| \leq A \|x, y\|$  for  $(x, y) \in D(F)$  with  $\|x, y\| \neq 0$ .

If  $\|x, y\| = 0$ , then  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent. By lemma(3.6),  $F(x, y) = 0$ .

Thus,  $|F(x, y)| \leq A \|x, y\|$  for all  $(x, y) \in D(F)$  and hence we have  $\|F\| \leq A$ .

Let  $C = \sup\left\{\frac{|F(x, y)|}{\|x, y\|}: \|x, y\| \neq 0, (x, y) \in D(F)\right\}$

By the definition of  $\|F\|$ , we have  $|F(x, y)|/\|x, y\| \leq \|F\|$  for all  $(x, y) \in D(F)$  with  $\|x, y\| \neq 0$ . So we have  $C \leq \|F\|$ .

$|F(x, y)| \leq C \|x, y\|$  for all  $x, y \in D(F)$ , be lemma (3.6) and the definition of  $C$ .

Hence we have  $\|F\| \leq C$ .

### 3.8 Definition

A 2-functional  $F$  is said to be **continuous at  $(a, b)$**  if given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|F(a, b) - F(c, d)| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $\|a - c, b\| < \delta$  and  $\|c, b - d\| < \delta$  or

$\|a - c, d\| < \delta$  and  $\|a, b - d\| < \delta$ .  $F$  is **continuous** if it is continuous at each point of its domain.

### 3.9 Theorem

The 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  is a continuous 2-functional.

**Proof.** By the property  $(N_4)$  of the 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|a, b\| &= \|a - c + c, b\| \leq \|a - c, b\| + \|c, b\| = \|a - c, b\| + \|c, (b - d) + d\| \\ &\leq \|a - c, b\| + \|c, b - d\| + \|c, d\|, \text{it follows that } \|a, b\| - \|c, d\| \leq \|a - c, b\| + \|c, b - d\|. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have  $\|c, d\| = \|c, (d - b) + b\| \leq \|c, d - b\| + \|c, b\|$

$$= \|c, d - b\| + \|(c - a) + a, b\| \leq \|c, d - b\| + \|c - a, b\| + \|a, b\|,$$

it follows that  $\|c, d\| - \|a, b\| \leq \|a - c, b\| + \|c, b - d\|$ .

Thus, we have  $|\|a, b\| - \|c, d\|| \leq \|c, b - d\| + \|a - c, b\|$

Therefore, the 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  is a continuous 2-functional.

### 3.10 Theorem

If a linear 2-functional  $F$  is continuous at  $(0,0)$ , then it is continuous at each point in its domain  $D(F)$ .

**Proof.** Note that if  $F$  is linear, then  $F(0,0) = 0$ .

Since  $F$  is continuous at  $(0,0)$ , given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|F(c, d)| < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$  whenever  $\|c, d\| < \delta$ .

Let  $(a, b) \in D(F)$ . Then we have  $|F(a, b) - F(x, y)| = |F(a, b) - F(x, b) + F(x, b) - F(x, y)|$

$$\leq |F(a, b) - F(x, b)| + |F(x, b) - F(x, y)|$$

$$= |F(a - x, b)| + |F(x, b - y)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

wherever  $\|a - x, b\| < \delta$  and  $\|x, b - y\| < \delta$ . Hence  $F$  is continuous at  $(a, b)$ .

### 3.11 Theorem

A linear 2-functional  $F$  is continuous if and only if it is bounded.

**Proof.** Assume that  $F$  is continuous.

There exist a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|F(a, b)| < 1$  whenever  $\|a, b\| < \delta$  for  $(a, b) \in D(F)$ .

For  $(c, d) \in D(F)$  with  $c$  and  $d$  being linearly independent, consider  $((c/\|c, d\|)(\delta/2), d)$ .

Then we have  $\left\| \frac{c}{\|c, d\|} \frac{\delta}{2}, d \right\| = \frac{1}{\|c, d\|} \frac{\delta}{2} \|c, d\| = \frac{\delta}{2}$ .

Hence we have  $F((c/\|c, d\|)(\delta/2), d) < 1$ , that is,  $|F(c, d)| < \left(\frac{2}{\delta}\right) \|c, d\|$ .

There exists a  $\delta_n > 0$  such that  $|F(a, b)| < \frac{1}{n}$  whenever  $\|a, b\| < \delta_n$ .

If  $c$  and  $d$  are linearly dependent,  $\|c, d\| = 0 < \delta_n$  and hence  $|F(c, d)| = 0$ .

Therefore,  $F$  is bounded.

Conversely, assume that  $F$  is bounded.

There is a  $K \geq 0$  such that  $|F(x, y)| \leq K\|x, y\|$  for all  $(x, y) \in D(F)$ .

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let  $\delta = \varepsilon/(K + 1)$ .

Then we have  $|F(x, y)| \leq K\|(x, y)\| < K \frac{\varepsilon}{K+1}$  whenever  $\|x, y\| < \delta$ .

Hence  $F$  is continuous at  $(0,0)$  and so  $F$  continuous by theorem (3.10).

### 3.12 Definition

Let  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a 2-normed space and  $X^*$  be the set of bounded linear 2-functionals with domain  $X \times X$ . Let  $F, G \in X^*$ . Define

- (1)  $F = G$  if  $F(a, b) = G(a, b)$ ,
- (2)  $(F + G)(a, b) = F(a, b) + G(a, b)$ ,
- (3)  $(\alpha F)(a, b) = \alpha F(a, b)$  for all  $(a, b) \in X \times X$

By using definition (3.3) and (3.12) we have the following theorem .

**3.13 Theorem**

$(X^*, \| \cdot \|)$  is a Banach space.

**Proof.** For  $F, G \in X^*$ ,  $(a, b), (c, d) \in X \times X$  and  $\alpha \in K$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (F + G)(a + c, b + d) &= F(a + c, b + d) + G(a + c, b + d) \\ &= F(a, b) + F(a, d) + F(c, b) + F(c, d) + G(a, b) + G(a, d) \\ &\quad + G(c, b) + G(c, d) \\ &= (F(a, b) + G(a, b)) + (F(a, d) + G(a, d)) + (F(c, b) + G(c, b)) \\ &\quad + (F(c, d) + G(c, d)) \\ &= (F + G)(a, b) + (F + G)(a, d) + (F + G)(c, b) + (F + G)(c, d). \\ (F + G)(\alpha a, \beta b) &= F(\alpha a, \beta b) + G(\alpha a, \beta b) = \alpha \beta F(a, b) + \alpha \beta G(a, b) \\ &= \alpha \beta (F(a, b) + G(a, b)) = \alpha \beta (F + G)(a, b). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |(F + G)(a, b)| &= |F(a, b) + G(a, b)| \leq |F(a, b)| + |G(a, b)| \leq \|F\| \|a, b\| + \|G\| \|a, b\| \\ &= (\|F\| + \|G\|) \|a, b\| \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $F + G \in X^*$  and  $\|F + G\| \leq \|F\| + \|G\|$ .

Similarly,  $\alpha F \in X^*$ . Hence,  $X^*$  is a linear space.

$\| \cdot \|$  defines a norm on  $X^*$ , since we have

- (1) If  $\|F\| = 0$ , then  $F = 0$ . If  $F = 0$ , then  $\|F\| = 0$
- (2)  $\|\alpha F\| = |\alpha| \|F\|$ ,
- (3)  $\|F + G\| \leq \|F\| + \|G\|$  by the above argument.

Assume that  $\{F_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X^*$ . Then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is an integer  $N$  such that  $\|F_m - F_n\| < \varepsilon$  for  $n, m > N$ .

Thus, from  $|F_n(a, b) - F_m(a, b)| \leq \|F_n - F_m\| \|a, b\|$ , it follows that  $\{F_n(a, b)\}$  is a real Cauchy sequence for all  $(a, b) \in X \times X$ .

Define  $F(a, b) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(a, b)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(a + c, b + d) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(a + c, b + d) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [F_n(a, b) + F_n(a, d) + F_n(c, b) + F_n(c, d)] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(a, b) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(a, d) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(c, b) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(c, d) \\ &= F(a, b) + F(a, d) + F(c, b) + F(c, d). \end{aligned}$$

$$F(\alpha a, \beta b) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(\alpha a, \beta b) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n \alpha \beta F_n(a, b) = \alpha \beta \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(a, b) = \alpha \beta F(a, b).$$

Therefore,  $F$  is a linear 2-functional. Since we have  $|\|F_n\| - \|F_m\|| \leq \|F_n - F_m\|$ ,

it follows that  $\{\|F_n\|\}$  is a real Cauchy sequence.

Therefore, there is a real constant  $K$  such that  $\|F_n\| \leq K$  for all  $n$ .  $F \in X^*$  since we have

$$|F(a, b)| = \left| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(a, b) \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |F_n(a, b)| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|F_n\| \|a, b\| \leq K \|a, b\|.$$

Suppose  $\|a, b\| \neq 0$ .

For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is an integer  $N$  such that  $\|F_m - F_n\| < \varepsilon$  for  $n, m > N$  and so we have  $|F_m(a, b) - F_n(a, b)| \leq \|F_m - F_n\| \|a, b\| \leq \|a, b\| \varepsilon$  for all  $n, m > N$ .

Since  $F(a, b) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(a, b)$ , there is an  $M = M(a, b) > N$  such that

$|F_M(a, b) - F(a, b)| < \varepsilon \|a, b\|$ . Therefore we have

$|F_n(a, b) - F(a, b)| \leq |F_n(a, b) - F_M(a, b)| + |F_M(a, b) - F(a, b)| \leq \varepsilon \|a, b\| + \varepsilon \|a, b\| = 2 \|a, b\| \varepsilon$  for  $n > N$ . If  $\|a, b\| = 0$ , then  $F_n(a, b) = 0 = F(a, b)$  and so we have

$|F_n(a, b) - F(a, b)| \leq 2\varepsilon \|a, b\|$ .

Both cases yield that  $|F_n(a, b) - F(a, b)| \leq 2\varepsilon \|a, b\|$  for all  $n > N$ , which means that  $\|F_n - F\| \leq 2\varepsilon$  for  $n > N$ . Therefore  $(X^*, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space.

#### 4. Conclusion

I have presented some properties of the bounded linear 2-functionals in linear 2-normed spaces and related results to normed spaces and Banach spaces. One can also study Cauchy sequence, convergent sequence and completeness in linear 2-normed spaces.

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