

# Some Results on b-Orthogonality in 2-Normed Linear Spaces

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## Abstract

We shall consider b-orthogonality in the 2-normed linear spaces, and shall give some results in this filed. Also, we shall give some characterizations about 2-normed in approximation theory.

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## 1 Introduction

The concept of linear 2-normed spaces has been investigated by S. Gähler and has been developed extensively in different subjects by many authors (see [1-6]).

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

- a)  $\|x, y\| = 0$  if and only if  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent vectors.
- b)  $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .
- c)  $\|\lambda x, y\| = |\lambda| \|x, y\|$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$  and all  $x, y \in X$ .
- d)  $\|x + y, z\| \leq \|x, z\| + \|y, z\|$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Then  $\|.,.\|$  is called a 2-norm on  $X$  and  $(X, \|.,.\|)$  is called a linear 2-normed space. Some of the basic properties of 2-norms, that they are non-negative and  $\|x, y + \alpha x\| = \|x, y\|$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$ .

Every 2-normed space is a locally convex topological vector space. In fact for a fixed  $b \in X$ ,  $p_b(x) = \|x, b\|$ ,  $x \in X$ , is a seminorm and the family  $P = \{p_b : b \in X\}$  of seminorms generates a locally convex topology on  $X$ .

Let  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a 2-normed space and let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be two subspaces of  $X$ . A map  $f : W_1 \times W_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is called a bilinear 2-functional on  $W_1 \times W_2$  whenever for all  $x_1, x_2 \in W_1, y_1, y_2 \in W_2$  and all  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbf{R}$ ;

- (i)  $f(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2) = f(x_1, y_1) + f(x_1, y_2) + f(x_2, y_1) + f(x_2, y_2)$ ,
- (ii)  $f(\lambda_1 x_1, \lambda_2 y_1) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 f(x_1, y_1)$ .

A bilinear 2-functional  $f : W_1 \times W_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is called bounded if there exists a non-negative real number  $M$  (called a Lipschitz constant for  $f$ ) such that  $|f(x, y)| \leq M\|x, y\|$  for all  $x \in W_1$  and all  $y \in W_2$ . Also, the norm of a bilinear 2-functional  $f$  is defined by

$$\|f\| = \inf\{M \geq 0 : M \text{ is a Lipschitz constant for } f\}.$$

It is known that ([4])

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\| &= \sup\{|f(x, y)| : (x, y) \in W_1 \times W_2, \|x, y\| \leq 1\} \\ &= \sup\{|f(x, y)| : (x, y) \in W_1 \times W_2, \|x, y\| = 1\} \\ &= \sup\{|f(x, y)|/\|x, y\| : (x, y) \in W_1 \times W_2, \|x, y\| > 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

For a 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  and  $0 \neq b \in X$ , we denote by  $X_b^*$  the Banach space of all bounded bilinear 2-functionals on  $X \times \langle b \rangle$ , where  $\langle b \rangle$  be the subspace of  $X$  generated by  $b$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a 2-normed space,  $x, y \in X$ . If there exists  $b \in X$  such that  $\|x, b\| \neq 0$  and  $\|x, b\| \leq \|x + \alpha y, b\|$  for all scalar  $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then  $x$  is  $b$ -orthogonal to  $y$  and denoted by  $x \perp^b y$ .

If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subsets of  $X$ , if there exists  $b \in X$  such that for all  $y_1 \in W_1, y_2 \in W_2, y_1 \perp^b y_2$ , then we say that  $W_1 \perp^b W_2$ .

Let  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a 2-normed space,  $W$  be a linear subspace of  $X$  and  $b \in X$ .  $w_0 \in W$  is  $b$ -best approximation for  $x \in X$ , if  $x - w_0 \perp^b W$ . The set of all  $b$ -best approximations of  $x$  in  $W$  is denoted by  $P_W^b(x)$ . Also  $W$  is called  $b$ -proximal if for every  $x \in X \setminus (W + \langle b \rangle)$ , there exists  $w_0 \in W$  such that  $w_0 \in P_W^b(x)$ . (see [10])

The following basic lemma is important in the proof of main results.

**Proposition 1.2 (3)** Let  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a 2-normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$ ,  $b \in X$  and let  $\langle b \rangle$  be the subspace of  $X$  generated by  $b$ . If  $x_0 \in X$  is such that

$$\delta = \inf\{\|x_0 - w, b\| : w \in W\} > 0,$$

then there exists a bounded bilinear functional  $F : X \times \langle b \rangle \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that  $F|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $F(x_0, b) = 1$  and  $\|F\| = \frac{1}{\delta}$ .

## 2 Main results

In this section we shall obtain characterization of  $b$ -orthogonality in 2-normed spaces.

Let  $X$  be a 2-normed linear space. For  $F \subseteq X$ , put

$$M_F^b = \{f \in X_b^* : \|f\| = 1, f(x, b) = \|x, b\|, \forall x \in F\}.$$

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a 2-normed linear space,  $b \in X$ ,  $y \in X$  and  $x \in X \setminus (\langle b \rangle)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- 1)  $x \perp^b y$ .
- 2) There exists  $f \in M_x^b$  such that  $f(y, b) = 0$ .

**Proof.** 2)  $\longrightarrow$  1). First suppose there exists  $f \in M_x^b$  such that  $f(y, b) = 0$ . Then

$$\|x, b\| = f(x, b) = f(x + \alpha y, b) \leq \|f\| \|x + \alpha y, b\| = \|x + \alpha y, b\|.$$

Therefore  $x \perp^b y$ .

1)  $\longrightarrow$  2). Suppose  $x \perp^b y$  and  $W = \langle y \rangle$  is the subspace of  $X$  generated by  $y$ . Then

$$\inf\{\|x - \alpha y, b\| : \alpha y \in W\} \geq \|x, b\| > 0.$$

From Proposition 1.2, there exists  $g \in X_b^*$  such that  $g(y, b) = 0$ ,  $g(x, b) = 1$  and  $\|g\| = \frac{1}{\delta}$ . Put  $f = \delta g$ , then  $f(y, b) = 0$ ,  $f(x, b) = \|x, b\|$  and  $\|f\| = 1$ . ■

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a 2-normed linear space. Let  $W$  be a linear subspace of  $X$ ,  $b \in X$  and  $F \subseteq X \setminus (W + \langle b \rangle)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- 1)  $F \perp^b W$ .
- 2) There exists  $f \in M_F^b$  such that  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ .

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a 2-normed linear space. Let  $W$  be a linear subspace of  $X$  and  $b \in X \setminus W$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- 1)  $W \perp^b x$ .
- 2) For all  $g \in W$  there exists  $f \in M_g^b$  such that  $f(x, b) = 0$ .

Let  $X$  be a 2-normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$  and  $b \in X \setminus W$ . put

$$\check{W}_b = \{x \in X : W \perp^b x\}.$$

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $X$  be a 2-normed linear space. Let  $W$  be a linear subspace of  $X$ ,  $b \in X \setminus W$ . If  $\check{W}_b$  is a subspace. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- 1)  $W \perp^b F$ .
- 2) For all  $w \in W$ , there exists  $f \in M_w^b$  such that  $f|_{F \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ .

**Proof.** 2)  $\longrightarrow$  1). Since for all  $w \in W$ ,  $w \perp^b \check{W}_b$ , Therefore  $0 \in P_{\check{W}_b}^b(w)$ . From Theorem 2.1, there exists  $f \in M_w^b$  such that  $f|_{\check{W}_b \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ . Since  $F \subseteq \check{W}_b$ , it follows that  $f|_{F \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ .

2)  $\longrightarrow$  1). Suppose for all  $w \in W$ , there exists  $f \in M_w^b$  such that  $f|_{F \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ . For each  $w \in W$  and each  $x \in F$ , we have

$$\|w, b\| = f(w, b) = f(w + \alpha x, b) \leq \|f\| \|w + \alpha x, b\| = \|w + \alpha x, b\|,$$

for all scalar  $\alpha$ . Therefore  $W \perp^b F$ . ■

**Example 2.5.** Let  $X = \mathbf{R}^3$ ,  $W = \{(0, x, x) : x \in \mathbf{R}\}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \| (x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3) \| \\ &= \max\{|x_1y_2 - x_2y_1| + |x_1y_3 - x_3y_1|, |x_1y_2 - x_2y_1| + |x_2y_3 - x_3y_2|\}, \end{aligned}$$

For all  $(x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in X$ . Then  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  is a 2-norm on  $X$ . If  $x = (1, 0, 1)$  and  $b = (2, 2, 0)$ , It is clear that  $x \perp^b W$ .

At first we state the following lemma of Hahn- Banach which is needed in the proof of the main results.

A mapping  $p : X \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , where  $X$  is a vector space, is called a sublinear mapping if it satisfies the following two properties:

- a.  $p(x + y) \leq p(x) + p(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ; and
- b.  $p(\alpha x) = \alpha p(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** Let  $p$  be a sublinear mapping on a vector space  $X$ , and let  $Y$  be a vector subspace of  $X$ . If  $f$  is a linear functional on  $M$  such that;

$$f(x) \leq p(x) \quad (x \in M).$$

Then  $f$  can be extended to a linear functional  $g$  on all of  $X$  satisfying

$$g(x) \leq p(x) \quad (x \in X).$$

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $X$  be a 2-normed linear space,  $b \in X$  and  $x, y \in X \setminus \langle b \rangle$ . Then there exists a number  $a$  such that  $x \perp^b ax + y$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $M = \langle x \rangle$  linear subspace of  $X$  spanned by  $x$ . Define  $f_b : M \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}$  by  $f_b(\alpha x) = \alpha \|x, b\|$ . Since  $p_b(x) = \|x, b\|$  is a sublinear and  $f_b(z) \leq p_b(z)$ . From Lemma 2.6, there is a linear functional  $\Lambda_b : X \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that  $\Lambda_b(x) = p_b(x)$  and for all  $z \in X$ ,  $\Lambda_b(z) \leq \|z, b\|$ . By definition of bilinear 2-functional  $\|\Lambda_b\| = 1$ . For  $y$  define  $a = -\frac{\Lambda_b(y)}{\Lambda_b(x)}$ , therefore  $\Lambda_b(ax + y) = 0$  and  $x \perp^b ax + y$ . ■

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $X$  be a 2-normed linear space,  $b \in X$  and  $x, y \in X \setminus \langle b \rangle$ . Then there exists a number  $a$  such that  $ax + y \perp^b x$ .*

**Proof.** By definition,  $ax + y \perp^b x$  if and only if  $\|ax + y + kx, b\| \geq \|ax + y, b\|$  for all  $k$ , or if and only if  $\|ax + y\|$  is the smallest value of  $\|kx + y, b\|$ . Since  $\|kx + y, b\|$  is continuous in  $k$ , it must take on its minimum. This number  $a$  is a value of  $k$  for which  $\|kx + y, b\|$  takes on its absolute minimum. ■

**Definition 2.9.** *Let  $X$  be a 2-normed linear space. We say that  $X$  is a 2-smooth if for any  $x \neq 0$  and every  $b \in X$  such that  $\|x, b\| \neq 0$ , there is a unique linear functional  $\Lambda_b$  such that*

$$\Lambda_b(x) = \|x, b\|, \quad \|\Lambda_b\| = 1$$

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $X$  be a 2-normed linear space. The space  $X$  is 2-smooth if and only if for all  $x, y \in X$  and every  $b \in X$  such that  $\|x, b\| \neq 0$ , there is a unique number  $a$  such that  $x \perp^b ax + y$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose  $X$  is a 2-smooth, that is, for  $x \in X$  and every  $b \in X$  such that  $\|x, b\| \neq 0$ , there is a unique linear functional  $f_b$  with  $\|f_b\| = 1$  and  $f_b(x) = \|x, b\|$ . If for  $x, y \in X$  and numbers  $a, c$ ,  $x \perp^b ax + y$  and  $x \perp^b cx + y$ , from Lemma 2.7, there are linear functionals  $f_b, g_b$  such that  $f_b(x) = g_b(x) = \|x, b\|$ ,  $\|f_b\| = \|g_b\| = 1$  and  $f_b(ax + y) = g_b(cx + y) = 0$ . Since  $f_b = g_b$  therefore  $a = c$ .

Conversely, suppose for all  $x, y \in X$ , there is a unique number  $a$  such that  $x \perp^b ax + y$ . Suppose for  $x \in X$  and  $b \in X$  such that  $\|x, b\| \neq 0$ , there are linear functionals  $f_b$  and  $g_b$  such that  $\|f_b\| = 1$ ,  $\|g_b\| = 1$ ,  $f_b(x) = \|x, b\|$ ,  $g_b(x) = \|x, b\|$ . If for some  $y \in X$ ,  $f_b(y) \neq g_b(y)$ . Put  $a = -\frac{f_b(y)}{\|x, b\|}$  and  $c = -\frac{g_b(y)}{\|x, b\|}$ , From Theorem 2.7,  $x \perp^b ax + y$  and  $x \perp^b cx + y$ . this is a contradict. Therefore  $X$  is 2-smooth. ■

**Definition 2.11.** *Let  $X$  be a 2-normed linear space,  $x, y, b \in X$  and  $\|x, b\| \neq 0$ . The orthogonality is called additivity, if  $x \perp^b y$  and  $x \perp^b z$ , then  $x \perp^b y + z$ .*

**Theorem 2.12.** *Let  $X$  be a 2-normed linear space,  $b \in X$  and  $x, y \in X \setminus \langle b \rangle$ . The orthogonality is additive if and only if for all  $x, y \in X$  and every  $b \in X$  such that  $\|x, b\| \neq 0$ , there is a unique number  $a$  such that  $x \perp^b ax + y$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose for all  $x, y \in X$ , and every  $b \in X$  such that  $\|x, b\| \neq 0$ , there is a unique number  $a$  such that  $x \perp^b ax + y$ . From Theorem 2.10,  $X$  is 2-smooth. If  $x \perp^b y$  and  $x \perp^b z$ , there is a unique linear functional  $f_b$  such that  $f_b(x) = \|x, b\|$  and  $\|f_b\| = 1$ . Consider the hyperplane

$$H_b = \{u \in X : f_b(u) = 0\}.$$

It is clear that  $y, z \in H_b$  and  $H_b$  is a subspace. Therefore  $y + z \in H_b$  and  $x \perp^b y + z$ .

Conversely, suppose orthogonality is additive and  $x \perp^b ax + y$  and  $x \perp^b cx + y$ . Then  $x \perp^b - (cx + y)$  and additivity gives  $x \perp^b (a - c)x$ . But this means that  $\|x + k(a - c)x\| \geq \|x\|$ , which is true for all  $k$  only if  $a = c$ . Therefore there is a unique number  $a$  such that  $x \perp^b ax + y$ . ■

Let  $X$  be a linear space of dimension greater than 1 over the field  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{R}$  of real numbers or the field  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{C}$  of complex numbers. Suppose that  $(., .|.)$  is a  $\mathbf{K}$ -valued function defined on  $X \times X \times X$  satisfying the following conditions:

- a)  $(x, x|z) \geq 0$  and  $(x, x|z) = 0$  if and only if  $x$  and  $z$  are linearly dependent;
- b)  $(x, x|z) = \overline{(z, z|x)}$ ;
- c)  $(y, x|z) = \overline{(x, y|z)}$ ;
- d)  $(\alpha x, y|z) = \alpha(x, y|z)$  for any scalar  $\alpha \in \mathbf{K}$ ;
- e)  $(x + x', y|z) = (x, y|z) + (x', y|z)$ .

$(., .|.)$  is called a 2-inner product on  $X$  and  $(X, (., .|.))$  is called a 2-inner product space. Some basic properties of 2-inner products  $(., .|.)$  can be immediately obtained in [1-3].

Let  $(X, (., .|.))$  be a 2-inner product space. We can define a 2-norm on  $X \times X$  by

$$\|x, y\| = \sqrt{(x, x|y)}.$$

**Lemma 2.13.** *Let  $(X, (., .|.))$  be a 2-inner product space,  $b \in X$  and  $x, y \in X \setminus \langle b \rangle$ . Then*

$$x \perp^b y \Leftrightarrow (x, y|b) = 0.$$

**Proof.** If  $x \perp^b y$  and  $(x, y|b) \neq 0$ , we define  $\alpha = -\frac{(x, y|b)}{(y, y|b)}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + \alpha y, b\|^2 &= (x + \alpha y, x + \alpha y|b) \\ &= (x, x + \alpha y|b) + \alpha(x, x + \alpha y|b) \\ &= \overline{(x + \alpha y, y|b)} + \overline{(x + \alpha y, y|b)} \\ &= \overline{(x, x|b) + \alpha(y, x|b)} + \overline{\alpha(x, y|b) + \alpha\bar{\alpha}(y, y|b)} \\ &= (x, x|b) + \bar{\alpha}(x, y|b) + \alpha\overline{(x, y|b)} + |\alpha|^2(x, y|b) \\ &= \|x, b\|^2 - \frac{|(x, y|b)|^2}{\|x, b\|^2} \\ &< \|x, b\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $x$  is not  $b$ -orthogonal to  $y$ . Therefore  $(x, y|b) = 0$ .

Conversely,  $(x, y|b) = 0$ , then for any scalar  $\alpha$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + \alpha y, b\|^2 &= (x + \alpha y, x + \alpha y|b) \\ &= \|x, b\|^2 + |\alpha|^2\|y, b\|^2 \\ &\geq \|x, b\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\|x, b\| \leq \|x + \alpha y, b\|$ . ■

Let  $(X, (\cdot, \cdot|))$  be a 2-inner product space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$  and  $b \in X$ . Put

$$W_b^\perp = \{x \in X : (x, g|b) = 0, \forall g \in G\}.$$

**Corollary 2.14.** *Let  $(X, (\cdot, \cdot|))$  be a 2-inner product space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$  and  $b \in X$ . Then*

$$W_b^\perp = \check{W}_b.$$

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