

Best simultaneous approximation in linear 2-normed spaces¹

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Abstract

In this paper we established some of the results of the best simultaneous approximation in the context of linear 2-normed space.

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1 Introduction

The problem of simultaneous approximation has been studied by several authors. Diaz and McLaughlin [1,2] and Dunham [4] have considered the simultaneous approximation of two real-valued functions defined on $[a, b]$. Several results of best simultaneous approximation in the context of normed linear space were obtained by Goel, et al. [8,9]. Subsequently, Elumalai S. and coworkers have developed best approximation theory with respect to 2-norm to a considerable extent [5,6,7]. The main aim of this paper is to

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drive existence and uniqueness of the best simultaneous approximation in the context of linear 2-normed space. Section 2 provides some definitions that are used in the sequel. Some main results of the set of best simultaneous approximation are established in Section 3.

2 Preliminaries

Definition 2.1. Let X be a linear space over \mathbb{R} with dimension $X > 1$ and let $\|\cdot, \cdot\| : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a mapping with the following properties:

- (i) $\|x, y\| > 0$ and $\|x, y\| = 0$ if and only if x and y are linearly dependent,
- (ii) $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$,
- (iii) $\|\lambda x, y\| = |\lambda| \|x, y\|$,
- (iv) $\|x + y, z\| = \|x, z\| + \|y, z\|$, for all $x, y, z \in X$ and λ a scalar.

Then the mapping $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$ is called a 2-norm and the pair $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is called a linear 2-normed space.

Definition 2.2. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in a linear 2-normed space X is called a convergent sequence if there is an $x \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x, z\| = 0$ for all $z \in X$.

Definition 2.3. A linear 2-normed space $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is said to be strictly convex if $\|a + b, c\| = \|a, c\| + \|b, c\|$, $\|a, c\| = \|b, c\| = 1$ and $c \in X \setminus V(a, b)$, where $V(a, b)$ is the subspace of X generated by a and b , which implies that $a = b$.

A linear 2-normed space $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is said to be strictly convex if and only if $\|x, z\| = \|y, z\| = 1$, $x \neq y$ and $z \in X \setminus V(x, y)$ implies that $\|\frac{x+y}{2}, z\| < 1$.

Definition 2.4. A linear 2-normed space $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is said to be uniformly convex if for any sequences $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ and $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ in X , $\|x_n, z\| \leq 1$, $\|y_n, z\| \leq 1$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\frac{x_n + y_n}{2}, z\| = 1$ and $V(c) \cap \{\cap_{n=1}^{\infty} V(x_n, y_n)\} = \{0\}$ implies that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y_n, z\| = 0$.

Example 2.1. Let $X = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ with 2-norm defined as $x = (a_1, b_1, c_1), y = (a_2, b_2, c_2)$

$$\|x, y\| = \sqrt{(b_1c_2 - b_2c_1)^2 + (a_1c_2 - a_2c_1)^2 + (a_1b_2 - a_2b_1)^2}.$$

Then $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is both strictly convex and uniformly convex.

Definition 2.5. Let $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ be a linear 2-normed space. Let F be any bounded subset of X and K be a subset of X . An element $k^* \in K$ is said to be a best simultaneous approximation to the set F , if

$$d(F, K)_z = \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k^*, z\|, z \in X \setminus V(f, k^*).$$

Where

$$d(F, K)_z = \inf_{k \in K} \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k, z\|, z \in X \setminus V(f, k).$$

Definition 2.6. A 2-functional is a real-valued mapping defined on $A \times M$, where A and M are linear subspaces of a linear 2-normed space $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$.

Definition 2.7. A 2-functional f is said to be continuous at (x, y) if for a given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$|f(x, y) - f(z, s)| < \varepsilon$ whenever $\|x - z, y\| < \delta$ and $\|z, y - s\| < \delta$ or $\|x - z, s\| < \delta$ and $\|x, y - s\| < \delta$. Then f is said to be continuous at each point of this domain.

3 Main Results

Lemma 3.1. Let $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ be a linear 2-normed space, let $K \subset X$ and F be a bounded subset of X . Then $\Phi(k, z) = \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k, z\|, z \in X \setminus V(f, k)$ is a continuous functional on X .

Proof. For any $f \in F$ and $k, k' \in X$, we have

$$\|f - k, z\| \leq \|f - k', z\| + \|k - k', z\|, z \in X \setminus V(f, k, k').$$

Then

$$\sup_{f \in F} \|f - k, z\| \leq \sup_{f \in F} (\|f - k', z\| + \|k - k', z\|).$$

Now, if

$$\|k - k', z\| < \epsilon, \text{ then } \Phi(k, z) \leq \Phi(k', z) + \epsilon.$$

By interchanging k and k' , we obtain

$$\Phi(k', z) \leq \Phi(k, z) + \epsilon.$$

Thus

$$|\Phi(k, z) - \Phi(k', z)| < \epsilon,$$

which completes the proof.

Lemma 3.2. *Let $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ be a linear 2-normed space. Let K be a finite dimensional subspace of X . Then there exists a best simultaneous approximation $k^* \in K$ to any given compact subset $F \subset X$.*

Proof. Since F is compact, there exists a finite constant M such that $\|f, b\| \leq M$, for all $f \in F$ and $b \in X$

Now we define the subset S of K as $S \equiv S(0, 2M)$. Then

$$\inf_{k \in S} \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k, b\| = \inf_{k \in K} \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k, b\|, \quad b \in X \setminus V(f, k) \leq M.$$

Since S is compact, the continuous functional $\Phi(k, b)$ attains its minimum over S for some $k^* \in K$. Which is the best simultaneous approximation to F .

Lemma 3.3. *Let $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ be a linear 2-normed space and let K be a convex subset of X and $F \subset X$. If $k_1, k_2 \in K$ are two best simultaneous approximations to F by elements of K . Then $\bar{k} = \lambda k_1 + (1 - \lambda)k_2$, $(0 \leq \lambda \leq 1)$ is also a best simultaneous approximation to F .*

Proof. For $z \in X \setminus V(f, \bar{k})$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sup_{f \in F} \|f - \bar{k}, z\| &= \sup_{f \in F} \|f - (\lambda k_1 + (1 - \lambda)k_2), z\| \\
 &= \sup_{f \in F} \|\lambda(f - k_1) + (1 - \lambda)(f - k_2), z\| \\
 (1) \quad &\leq \sup_{f \in F} (\lambda \|f - k_1, z\| + (1 - \lambda) \|f - k_2, z\|) \\
 &\leq \lambda \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k_1, z\| + (1 - \lambda) \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k_2, z\| \\
 &= \lambda d(F, K)_z + (1 - \lambda) d(F, K)_z \\
 &= d(F, K)_z.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(F, K)_z &= \inf_{k \in K} \sup_{f \in F} \|f - \bar{k}, z\| \\
 (2) \quad &\leq \sup_{f \in F} \|f - \bar{k}, z\|
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(3) \quad d(F, K)_z = \sup_{f \in F} \|f - \bar{k}, z\|$$

Which proves the result.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ be a strictly convex linear 2-normed space. Let K be a finite dimensional subspace of X . Then there exists one and only one best simultaneous approximation from the elements of K to any given compact subset $F \subset X$.*

Proof. The existence of a best simultaneous approximation follows from the Lemma 3.2.

Suppose k_1 and k_2 ($k_1 \neq k_2$) are best simultaneous approximations to F . Then for $z \in X \setminus U(f, k_1, k_2)$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \inf_{k \in K} \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k, z\| &= \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k_1, z\| \\
 (4) \quad &= \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k_2, z\| \\
 &= d.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then by Lemma 3.3, $\frac{k_1+k_2}{2}$ is also the best simultaneous approximation, i.e.,

$$(5) \quad \sup_{f \in F} \|f - \frac{k_1+k_2}{2}, z\| = d.$$

Since F is compact there exists an f_0 such that

$$(6) \quad \sup_{f \in F} \|f - \frac{k_1+k_2}{2}, z\| = \|f_0 - \frac{k_1+k_2}{2}, z\| = d.$$

From (4), $\|f_0 - k_1, z\| \leq d$ and $\|f_0 - k_2, z\| \leq d$

Then by strict convexity, we have

$$\|f_0 - k_1 + f_0 - k_2, z\| < 2d.$$

That is

$$\|f_0 - \frac{k_1+k_2}{2}, z\| < d.$$

which is a contradiction to (6).

Theorem 3.2. *Let K be a closed and convex subset of a uniformly convex 2-Banach space X . Then for any compact subset $F \subset X$, there exists a unique best approximation to F from the elements of K .*

Proof. Let

$$(7) \quad d = \inf_{k \in F} \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k, z\|, z \in X \setminus V(f, k)$$

and $\{k_n\}$ be any sequence of elements in K such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k_n, z\| = d.$$

Also, let

$$d_m = \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k_m, z\|, m \geq 1, \text{ and } z \in X \setminus V(f, k_m).$$

Then $d_m \geq d$, which implies that

$$(8) \quad \frac{\|f - k_m, z\|}{d_m} \leq 1, \text{ for } f \in F.$$

Now, we consider

$$(9) \quad \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{k_m}{d_m} + \frac{k_n}{d_n} \right] = \frac{(d_n k_m + k_n d_m)(d_m + d_n)}{(d_m + d_n)2d_m d_n}$$

and let $y_{m,n} = \frac{d_n k_m + d_m k_n}{d_m + d_n}$. Then since K is a convex, $y_{m,n} \in K$. Hence

$$\sup_{f \in F} \|f - y_{m,n}, z\| \geq d$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{f \in F} &= \left\| \frac{d_m + d_n}{2d_m d_n} \cdot f - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{k_m}{d_m} + \frac{k_n}{d_n} \right\}, z \right\| \\ &= \sup_{f \in F} \|f - y_{m,n}, z\| \cdot \left(\frac{d_m + d_n}{2d_m d_n} \right) \geq d \cdot \left(\frac{d_m + d_n}{2d_m d_n} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since F is a compact subset of X , there exists an $f \in F$ such that

$$\left\| \frac{f - k_m}{d_m} + \frac{f - k_n}{d_n}, z \right\| \geq d \cdot \frac{(d_m + d_n)}{d_m d_n}.$$

By (8) and the uniform convexity of the 2-norm it follows that for a given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an N such that

$$\left\| \frac{f - k_m}{d_m} - \frac{f - k_n}{d_n}, z \right\| < \epsilon$$

for $m, n > N$ and $z \in X \setminus V(f, k_n)$.

Since $d_m \rightarrow d$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$ we can easily see that the sequence $\{k_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence, hence it converges to some $k \in K \subset X$ as K is closed. This provides that K is a best simultaneous approximation.

Assume that there exists two best simultaneous approximations k_1 and k_2 . Then there exists sequences $\{k_n\}$ and $\{k_m\}$ such that $k_n \rightarrow k_1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and $k_m \rightarrow k_2$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$.

Again,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k_n, z\| = d = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k_m, z\|.$$

This implies that

$$\sup_{f \in F} \|f - k_1, z\| = \sup_{f \in F} \|f - k_2, z\|$$

$$k_1 = k_2.$$

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