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# A new 2-inner product on the space of $p$ -summable sequences



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**Abstract** In this paper, we wish to define a 2-inner product, non-standard, possibly with weights, on  $\ell^p$ . For this purpose, we aim to obtain a different 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|_{2,v,w}$ , which is not equivalent to the usual 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|_p$  on  $\ell^p$  (except with the condition  $p = 2$ ), satisfying the parallelogram law. We discuss the properties of the induced 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|_{2,v,w}$  and its relationships with the usual 2-norm on  $\ell^p$ . We also find that the 2-inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{v,w}$  is actually defined on a larger space.

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## 1. Introduction

By  $\ell^p = \ell^p(\mathbb{R})$  we denote the space of all  $p$ -summable sequences of real numbers. For  $p \neq 2$ ,  $(\ell^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$  is not an inner product space, since the usual norm  $\|x\|_p = (\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x_k|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$  on  $\ell^p$  does not satisfy the parallelogram law. One alternative is to define

a semi-inner product on  $\ell^p$  as in [1], but having a semi-inner product is not as nice as having an inner product.

In [2], Gunawan defined a usual 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|_p$  on the space of  $p$ -summable sequences of real numbers. The usual 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|_p$  also is not a 2-inner product with  $p \neq 2$  because it does not satisfy the parallelogram law.

In this paper, we eventually wish to define a 2-inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{v,w}$ , non-standard, possibly with weights, on  $\ell^p$ , so that orthogonality and many other notions on this space can be defined. For this purpose, we aim to obtain a different 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|_{2,v,w}$ , which is not equivalent to the usual 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|_p$  on  $\ell^p$  (except with the condition  $p = 2$ ), not only satisfies the parallelogram law, but also it is non-standard. For  $p > 2$ , we also obtain a result which describes how the weighted 2-inner product space is associated to the weights. We discuss the properties of the induced 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|_{2,v,w}$  and its relationships with

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### 2. Definitions and preliminaries

Let  $X$  be a real vector space of dimension  $d \geq 2$ . The real-valued function  $\langle \cdot, \cdot | \cdot \rangle$  which satisfies the following properties on  $X^3$  is called 2-inner product on  $X$ , and the pair  $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot | \cdot \rangle)$  is called a 2-inner product space:

1.  $\langle x, x | z \rangle \geq 0$ ;  $\langle x, x | z \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $x$  and  $z$  are linearly dependent,
2.  $\langle x, y | z \rangle = \langle y, x | z \rangle$ ,
3.  $\langle x, x | z \rangle = \langle z, z | x \rangle$ ,
4.  $\langle \alpha x, y | z \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y | z \rangle$ , for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
5.  $\langle x_1 + x_2, y | z \rangle = \langle x_1, y | z \rangle + \langle x_2, y | z \rangle$ .

The function  $\| \cdot, \cdot \| : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , which follows four properties, is called a 2-norm and the pair  $(X, \| \cdot, \cdot \|)$  is called a 2-normed space:

1.  $\|x, z\| = 0$  if and only if  $x$  and  $z$  are linearly dependent,
2.  $\|x, z\| = \|z, x\|$ , for  $x, z \in X$ ,
3.  $\|\alpha x, z\| = |\alpha| \|x, z\|$ , for  $x, z \in X$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
4.  $\|x + y, z\| \leq \|x, z\| + \|y, z\|$ , for  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A sequence  $(x^{(n)})$  in a linear 2-normed space  $(X, \| \cdot, \cdot \|)$  is called a Cauchy sequence, if for every  $y$  in  $X$ ,  $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \|x^{(n)} - x^{(m)}, y\| = 0$ , [3].

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\{a_1, a_2\}$  be a linearly independent set on a 2-normed space  $(X, \| \cdot, \cdot \|)$ . A sequence  $(x^{(n)})$  in  $X$  is called a Cauchy sequence with respect to the set  $\{a_1, a_2\}$  if  $\|x^{(n)} - x^{(m)}, a_1\| \rightarrow 0$  and  $\|x^{(n)} - x^{(m)}, a_2\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ , [4].

**Definition 2.3.** A sequence  $(x^{(n)})$  in a linear 2-normed space  $(X, \| \cdot, \cdot \|)$  is called a convergent sequence, if there is an  $x$  in  $X$  such that for every  $y$  in  $X$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x^{(n)} - x, y\| = 0$ , [4].

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $\{a_1, a_2\}$  be a linearly independent set on a 2-normed space  $(X, \| \cdot, \cdot \|)$ . A sequence  $(x^{(n)})$  in  $X$  is called a convergent sequence with respect to the set  $\{a_1, a_2\}$  if there exists an  $x \in X$  such that  $\|x^{(n)} - x, a_1\| \rightarrow 0$  and  $\|x^{(n)} - x, a_2\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Definitions 2.1 and 2.3 are clearly stronger than Definitions 2.2 and 2.4. But in some cases, like in finite dimensional case and the standard case the respective two definitions are equivalent, which is not clear in the infinite dimensional case. But from the results in [5], we understand that the respective two definitions are still equivalent in the spaces  $\ell^p$  and  $L^p$  (the space of  $p$ -integrable functions).

As we work with sequence spaces of real numbers, we will use the sum notation  $\sum_k$  instead of  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}$ , for brevity. Throughout the paper we will use the following inequalities, (see, [6]):

$$\sum_k |a_k + b_k|^p \leq \sum_k |a_k|^p + \sum_k |b_k|^p \quad (0 < p \leq 1). \quad (2.1)$$

$$\left( \sum_{k=1}^n |a_k| \right)^p \leq n^{p-1} \sum_{k=1}^n |a_k|^p \quad (p \geq 1). \quad (2.2)$$

Note: The inequality (2.2) is a case of Hölder's inequality in the finite dimensional.

### 3. Main results

In this section, we begin with observation on  $\ell^p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . It is well known that there exists  $x \in \ell^q$  but  $x \in \ell^p$  while  $1 \leq p < q \leq \infty$ . As sets, we have  $\ell^p \subseteq \ell^q$  and the inclusion is strict. So, for  $1 \leq p < q$ ,  $\ell^p$  can actually be considered as a subspace of  $\ell^q$ . For  $q = 2$ , we know that the norm  $\| \cdot \|_2$  satisfies the parallelogram law. Then we can equip  $\ell^p$ ,  $1 \leq p < 2$ , with  $\| \cdot \|_2$ , so that  $\ell^p$  became an inner product space with the inner product

$$\langle x, y \rangle := \sum_k x_k y_k.$$

Similarly, we realize that  $\ell^p$  is a subspace of  $(\ell^2, \| \cdot \|_2)$ . Here,  $\ell^p$  can be equipped with the 2-inner product

$$\langle x, y | z \rangle := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1} \sum_{k_2} \begin{vmatrix} x_{k_1} & x_{k_2} \\ z_{k_1} & z_{k_2} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} y_{k_1} & y_{k_2} \\ z_{k_1} & z_{k_2} \end{vmatrix}$$

and the 2-norm

$$\|x, z\|_2 := \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1} \sum_{k_2} \begin{vmatrix} x_{k_1} & x_{k_2} \\ z_{k_1} & z_{k_2} \end{vmatrix}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

We can check that the 2-norm  $\| \cdot, \cdot \|_2$  satisfies the parallelogram law:

$$\|x + y, z\|_2^2 + \|x - y, z\|_2^2 = 2\|x, z\|_2^2 + 2\|y, z\|_2^2$$

for every  $x, y, z \in \ell^p$ .

Next, we work on  $\ell^p$ ,  $2 < p < \infty$ . We note that the space  $\ell^p$  is now larger than  $\ell^2$ . Consequently, the usual 2-inner product and 2-norm on  $\ell^2$  are not used for all sequences in  $\ell^p$ . Here, we present a new definition of 2-inner product and 2-norm on  $\ell^p$ , which satisfies the parallelogram law, using weights.

For arbitrary  $v = (v_k) \in \ell^p$ ,  $v_k > 0 (\forall k \in \mathbb{N})$ , set of  $\ell_v^2$  is defined by

$$\ell_v^2 := \left\{ x = (x_k) : \sum_k v_k^{p-2} x_k^2 < \infty, v = (v_k) \in \ell^p, v_k > 0 (\forall k \in \mathbb{N}) \right\}.$$

As set, we observe  $\ell^p \subset \ell_v^2$  and the inclusion is strict. It is also known that  $v$  is not unique. Thus we have  $V_p$ , the collection of all sequences  $v = (v_k) \in \ell^p$  where  $v_k > 0$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $v, w$  be in  $V_p$ , then  $v$  and  $w$  are equivalent, write  $v \sim w$ , if and only if there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\frac{1}{C} v_k \leq w_k \leq C v_k$$

for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $v \sim w$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} v_{k_1} & w_{k_1} \\ v_{k_2} & w_{k_2} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$  if  $k_1 \neq k_2$ . Next we define the mapping which maps every triple of sequences  $x = (x_k)$ ,  $y = (y_k)$  and  $z = (z_k)$  from  $\ell^p$  to

$$\langle x, y | z \rangle_{v,w} := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1} \sum_{k_2} \begin{vmatrix} v_{k_1} & w_{k_1} \\ v_{k_2} & w_{k_2} \end{vmatrix}^{p-2} \begin{vmatrix} x_{k_1} & z_{k_1} \\ x_{k_2} & z_{k_2} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} y_{k_1} & y_{k_2} \\ z_{k_1} & z_{k_2} \end{vmatrix} \quad (3.1)$$

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