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# Fuzzy Strong $n$ -Inner Product Space

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## Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to introduce the notion of fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product space as a generalization of fuzzy  $n$ -inner product space. Ascending family of strong  $\alpha$ - $n$ -inner products corresponding to fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product is introduced and we provide some results on it.

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## 1. Introduction

Significant contribution in the theory of 2-inner product space and  $n$ -inner product space has been made by eminent researchers in [3, 4, 5, 6, and 7]. Recently, Vijayabalaji and Thillaigovindan have introduced the notion of fuzzy  $n$ -inner product space in [9]. In this paper as a natural generalization of fuzzy  $n$ -inner product space we introduce the notion of fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product space. Vijayabalaji and Thillaigovindan raised a problem of constructing  $\alpha$ - $n$ -inner product space Studied in [9] and answer to this problem is provided in this paper by constructing  $\alpha$ -strong  $n$ -inner product space.

Analogue of  $\alpha$ - $n$ -inner product space in [9] we introduce the notion of  $\alpha$ -strong  $n$ -inner product space. We then interrelate  $\alpha$ -strong  $n$ -inner product space and  $\alpha$ - $n$ -normed linear space.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we recall some concepts which will be needed in the sequel.

### Definition 2.1 [2]

Let  $n$  be a natural number greater than 1 and  $X$  be a real linear space of dimension greater than or equal to  $n$  and let  $(\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet)$  be a real valued function on  $\underbrace{X \times X \dots \times X}_{(n+1)\text{times}} = X^{n+1}$  satisfying the following conditions :

- (1) (i)  $(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n) \geq 0$ ,  
 (ii)  $(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0$  if and only if  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent,
- (2)  $(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n) = (y, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ,
- (3)  $(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$ ,
- (4)  $(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n) = (x_2, x_2 | x, x_3, \dots, x_n)$ ,
- (5)  $(ax, x | x_2, \dots, x_n) = a(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ,
- (6)  $(x + x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n) = (x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n) + (x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n)$

Then  $(\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet)$  is called an  $n$ -inner product on  $X$  and  $(X, (\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet))$  is called an  $n$ -inner product space.

### Definition 2.2 [8]

Let  $n$  be a natural number greater than 1 and  $X$  be a real linear space of dimension greater than or equal to  $n$ . A real valued function  $\|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|$  on  $\underbrace{X \times X \dots \times X}_{n\text{times}} = X^n$  satisfying the following conditions

- (1)  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\| = 0$  if and only if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent,
- (2)  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|$  is invariant under any permutation,
- (3)  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, ax_n\| = |a| \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|$ , for any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  (real),
- (4)  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, y + z\| \leq \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, y\| + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, z\|$ ,

is called an  $n$ -norm on  $X$  and the pair  $(X, \|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is called an  $n$ -normed linear Space.

**Remark 2.3 [8]**

In the above definition if we replace (3) by,

$$(3)' \quad \|x_1, x_2, \dots, \alpha x_n\| = |\alpha|^p \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|, \text{ for any } \alpha \in R(\text{real}) \text{ and } 0 \leq p \leq 1,$$

then  $(X, \|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is called as quasi n-normed linear space.

**Remark 2.4 [3]**

If an n-inner product space  $(X, (\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet))$  is given then  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\| = \sqrt{(x_1, x_1 | x_2, \dots, x_n)}$  defines an n-norm on  $X$ . Further the following extension of Cauchy-Buniakowski inequality is also true  $|(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)| \leq \sqrt{(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)} \sqrt{(y, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)}$ .

**Definition 2.5 [8]**

Let  $X$  be a linear space over a real field  $F$ . A fuzzy subset  $N$  of  $X^n \times R$  ( $R$ -set of real numbers) is called a fuzzy n-norm on  $X$  if and only if:

- (N1) For all  $t \in R$  with  $t \leq 0$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ .
- (N2) For all  $t \in R$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent.
- (N3)  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .
- (N4) For all  $t \in R$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n, t) = N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|c|})$ , if  $c \neq 0, c \in F$  (field).
- (N5) For all  $s, t \in R$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x_n', s+t) \geq \min\{N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n', t)\}$ .
- (N6)  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $t \in R$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$ .

Then  $(X, N)$  is called a fuzzy n-normed linear space or in short f-n-NLS.

**Remark 2.6 [8]**

In the above definition if we replace (N4) by,

- (N4)' For all  $t \in R$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n, t) = N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|c|^p})$ , if  $c \neq 0, c \in F$  (field),  $0 \leq p \leq 1$ . Then  $(X, N)$  is called a fuzzy quasi n-normed linear space or in short f-q-n-NLS.

**Theorem 2.7 [8]**

Let  $(X, N)$  be a f-n-NLS. Assume the condition that

- (N\*)  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) > 0$  for all  $t > 0$  implies  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent. Define

$\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha = \inf \{ t : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha \}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Then  $\{\|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|_\alpha : \alpha \in (0, 1)\}$  is an ascending family of n-norms on  $X$ . We call these n-norms as  $\alpha$ -n-norms on  $X$  corresponding to the fuzzy n-norm on  $X$ .

### Definition 2.8 [9]

Let  $X$  be a linear space over a real field  $F$ . A fuzzy subset

$J : X^{n+1} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  ( $\mathbb{R}$ -set of real numbers) is called a fuzzy n-m on  $X$  if and only if:

- (1) For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t \leq 0$ ,  $J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ .
- (2) For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent.
- (3) For all  $t > 0$ ,  $J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(y, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$ .
- (4)  $J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ .
- (5) For all  $t > 0$ ,  $J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(x_2, x_2 | x, \dots, x_n, t)$
- (6) For all  $t > 0$ ,  $J(ax, bx | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|ab|})$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  (real).
- (7) For all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $J(x + x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t + s) \geq \min \{ J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t), J(x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \}$ .
- (8) For all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $s > 0, t > 0$ ,  $J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, \sqrt{ts}) \geq \min \{ J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t), J(y, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \}$ ,
- (9)  $J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$ .

Then  $(X, J)$  is called a fuzzy n-inner product space or in short f-n-IPS.

### 3. Fuzzy strong n-inner product space

By generalizing Definition 2.8 we obtain the new notion of fuzzy strong n-inner product space as follows.

#### Definition 3.1

Let  $X$  be a linear space over a real field  $F$ . A fuzzy subset  $J : X^{n+1} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  ( $\mathbb{R}$ -set of real numbers) is called a fuzzy strong n-inner product on  $X$  if and only if:

- (1) For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t \leq 0$ ,  $J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ .
- (2) For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent.
- (3) For all  $t > 0$ ,  $J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(y, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$ .

- (4)  $J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ .
- (5) For all  $t > 0$ ,  $J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(x_2, x_2 | x, \dots, x_n, t)$
- (6) For all  $t > 0$ ,  $J(ax, bx | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|ab|})$ ,  $a, b \in R$  (real).
- (7) For all  $s, t \in R$ ,  $J(x + x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t + s) = \min \{ J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t), J(x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \}$ .
- (8) For all  $s, t \in R$  with  $s > 0, t > 0$ ,  $J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, \sqrt{ts}) = \min \{ J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t), J(y, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \}$ ,
- (9)  $J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $t \in R$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$ .

Then  $(X, J)$  is called a fuzzy strong n-inner product space or in short f-ST-n-IPS.

### Example 3.2

Let  $(X, (\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet))$  be an n-inner product space. Define

$$J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t + |(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)|}, & \text{when } t > 0, t \in R, (x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n) \in X^{n+1} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, J)$  is a f-ST-n-IPS.

### Proof

As given in [9].

### 4. Strong $\alpha$ - n-inner product space

Analogue of ascending family of quasi -n-norms corresponding to the fuzzy quasi n-norm that was introduced in [9], we now introduce the new notion of strong -n-inner product corresponding to fuzzy strong n-inner product in the following theorem.

### Theorem 4.1

Let  $(X, J)$  be a f-ST-n-IPS. Assume the condition that

- (10)  $J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) > 0$  implies  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent.

Define  $(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha = \inf \{ t : J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha \}$   $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

Then  $\{ (\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet)_\alpha : \alpha \in (0,1) \}$ , is an ascending family of strong n-inner products on X.

We call these n-inner products as strong  $\alpha$ -n-inner product on X corresponding to the fuzzy strong n-inner product on X.

### Proof

(1) (i) Clearly  $(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha \geq 0$ ,

(ii)  $(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \inf \{ t : J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha \} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{For all } t \in R, t > 0, J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha > 0, \alpha \in (0,1).$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{By (10) } x, x_2, \dots, x_n \text{ are linearly dependent.}$$

Conversely assume that  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent.

$$\Rightarrow \text{By (2) } J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1 \text{ for all } t > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{For all } \alpha \in (0,1) \inf \{ t : J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha \} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha = 0.$$

(2) As  $J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$  it follows that

$(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha$  is invariant under any permutation.

(3) For all  $c \in F$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & (cx, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha \\ &= \inf \{ s : J(cx, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha \} \\ &= \inf \left\{ s : J\left(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{s}{|c|}\right) \geq \alpha \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $t = \frac{s}{|c|}$  then,

$$\begin{aligned} & (cx, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha \\ &= \inf \{ |c|t : J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha \} \\ &= |c| \inf \{ t : J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha \} \\ &= |c| (x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (4) (x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha + (x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha \\ &= \inf \{ t : J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha \} + \inf \{ t : J(x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \inf \{ t+s : J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha, J(x', x | x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \geq \alpha \} \\
&= \inf \{ t+s : J(x+x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t+s) \geq \alpha \} \\
&= \inf \{ r : J(x+x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n, r) \geq \alpha \}, r = t+s \\
&= (x+x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(x+x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha = (x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha + (x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha$ .

Thus  $\{ (\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet)_\alpha : \alpha \in (0,1) \}$ , is a strong n-inner product on X.

Let  $0 < \alpha_1 < \alpha_2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_{\alpha_1} &= \inf \{ t : J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha_1 \} \\
(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_{\alpha_2} &= \inf \{ t : J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha_2 \}.
\end{aligned}$$

As  $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow \{ t : J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha_2 \} \subset \{ t : J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha_1 \} \\
&\Rightarrow \inf \{ t : J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha_2 \} \geq \inf \{ t : J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha_1 \} \\
&\Rightarrow (x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_{\alpha_2} \geq (x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_{\alpha_1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\{ (\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet)_\alpha : \alpha \in (0,1) \}$ , is an ascending family of strong n-inner products corresponding to the fuzzy strong n-inner product on X.

Inspired by the theory of  $\alpha$ -n-normed linear space that was introduced in [8], we now inter-relate -n-norm and strong  $\alpha$ -n-inner product in the following theorem.

Further we prove the Cauchy-Buniakowski inequality for strong  $\alpha$ -n-inner product space in the following theorem.

#### Theorem 4.2

Let  $\{X, (\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet)\}$ , be a strong  $\alpha$ -n-inner product space. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (1)  $\|x, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha = (x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha^{\frac{1}{2}}$  defines an  $\alpha$ -n-norm on X.
- (2)  $|(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha| \leq (x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha^{\frac{1}{2}} (y, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha^{\frac{1}{2}}$

**Proof**

$$(1) \Rightarrow (2)$$

Assume (1) is true. We have to prove (2).

If  $y = 0$ , then equality holds in (2). Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \|x - \lambda y, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^2 \\ &= (x - \lambda y, x - \lambda y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha \\ &= (x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha - \bar{\lambda}(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha - \lambda(y, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha + \lambda \bar{\lambda}(y, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } \lambda = \frac{(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha}{(y, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 0 &\leq \|x, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^2 - \frac{|(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha|^2}{\|y, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^2} - \frac{|(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha|^2}{\|y, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^2} - \frac{|(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha|^2}{\|y, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{|(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha|^2}{\|y, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^4} \|y, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \|x, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^2 - \frac{|(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha|^2}{\|y, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^2 \|y, y_2, \dots, y_n\|_\alpha^2 \geq |(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha| \leq (x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow (1)$$

(i) Clearly

$$\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x_1, x_1 | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \text{ are linearly dependent.}$$

(ii) As  $(x_1, x_1 | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  it follows

$$\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \text{ is invariant under any permutation of } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n.$$

$$(iii) \quad \|cx_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha$$

$$= (cx_1, cx_1 | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha$$

$$= \overline{c}c(x_1, x_1 | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha$$

$$= |c|^2 (x_1, x_1 | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha.$$

Taking square root,

$$\Rightarrow \|cx_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha = |c| \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha.$$

$$(iv) \|x + y, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^2$$

$$= (x + y, x + y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha$$

$$= (x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha + (x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha + (y, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha + (y, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha$$

$$= (x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha + (x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha + 2 \operatorname{re} (x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha$$

$$\leq \|x, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^2 + \|y, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^2 + 2 \|x, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \|y, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha$$

$$\leq \{ \|x, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha + \|y, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x + y, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq \|x, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha + \|y, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha.$$

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