

Best Approximation in Real Linear 2-Normed Spaces

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Abstract: This paper delineates existence, characterizations and strong unicity of best uniform approximations in real linear 2-normed spaces.

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I. Introduction

The concepts of linear 2-normed spaces were initially introduced by Gähler [5] in 1964. Since then many researchers (see also [2,4]) have studied the geometric structure of 2-normed spaces and obtained various results. This paper mainly deals with existence, characterizations and unicity of best uniform approximation with respect to 2-norm. Section 2 provides some important definitions and results that are used in the sequel. Some main results of the set of best uniform approximation in the context of linear 2-normed spaces are established in Section 3.

II. Preliminaries

Definition 2.1. Let X be a linear space over real numbers with dimension greater than one and let $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$ be a real-valued function on $X \times X$ satisfying the following properties for all x, y, z in X .

(i) $\|x, y\| = 0$ if and only if x and y are linearly dependent,

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

(iii) $\|\alpha x, y\| = |\alpha| \|x, y\|$, where α is a real number,

(iv) $\|x, y+z\| \leq \|x, y\| + \|x, z\|$.

Then $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$ is called a 2-norm and the linear space X equipped with 2-norm is called a linear 2-normed space. It is clear that 2-norm is non-negative.

Example 2.2. Let $X = \mathbb{R}^3$ with usual component wise vector additions and scalar multiplications. For $x = (a_1, b_1, c_1)$ and $y = (a_2, b_2, c_2)$ in X , define

$$\|x, y\| = \max\{|a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1|, |b_1 c_2 - b_2 c_1|, |a_1 c_2 - a_2 c_1|\}.$$

Then clearly $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$ is a 2-norm on X .

Definition 2.3. Let G be a subset of a real linear 2-normed space X and $x \in X$. Then $g_0 \in G$ is said to be a best approximation to x from the elements of G if

$$\|x - g_0, z\| = \inf_{z \in X \setminus V(G)} \|x - g, z\|,$$

$g \in G$

where $V(x, G)$ is the subspace generated by x and G .

The set of all elements of best approximation to $x \in X$ from G with respect to the set Z is denoted by $PG, Z(x)$.

Definition 2.4. A linear 2-normed space $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is said to be strictly convex if

$$\|a + b, c\| = \|a, c\| + \|b, c\|, \quad \|a, c\| = \|b, c\| = 1 \text{ and } c \notin V(a, b) \Rightarrow a = b.$$

or

A linear 2-normed space $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is said to be strictly convex if and only if

$$\|x, z\| = \|y, z\| = 1, x \neq y \text{ and } z \in X \setminus V(x, y) \Rightarrow \left\| \frac{1}{2}(x + y), z \right\| < 1$$

Example 2.5. Let $X = \mathbb{R}^3$ with 2-norm defined as follows: For $x = (a_1, b_1, c_1)$ and $y = (a_2, b_2, c_2)$ in X , let

$$\|x, y\| = \{(a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1)^2 + (b_1 c_2 - b_2 c_1)^2 + (a_1 c_2 - a_2 c_1)^2\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Then the space $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is strictly convex linear 2-normed space.

Definition 2.6. For all functions $h \in C([a, b] \times [c, d])$

$$\|h\|_{\infty} = \{\sup |h(t, t')| : t \in [a, b], t' \in [c, d]\}.$$

The set of extreme points of a function $h \in C([a, b] \times [c, d])$ is defined by $E(h) = \{x \in [a, b], y \in [c, d] : |h(x, y)| = \|h\|_{\infty}\}$. Best approximation with respect to this norm is called best uniform approximation.

Definition 2.7. Let G be a subspace of $C([a, b] \times [c, d]) = \{f: [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$

A function $g_0 \in G$ is called a strongly unique best uniform approximation of

$f \in C([a, b] \times [c, d])$ if there exists a constant $k_f > 0$ such that for all $g \in G$,

$$\|f - g\|_{\infty} \geq \|f - g_0\|_{\infty} + k_f \|g - g_0\|_{\infty}.$$

Example 2.8. Consider the space $G = \text{span}\{g_1\}$ of $C([-1, 1] \times [-1, 1])$, where $g_1(t, t^*) = t \in [-1, 1]$ and $f \in (C[-1, 1] \times [-1, 1])$. Then $(0, 1)$ is the best approximation of $[1, 1]$.

Definition 2.9. Let G be a subset of $C([a, b] \times [c, d])$ and let $f \in C([a, b] \times [c, d])$ have a unique best uniform approximation $g_0 \in G$. Then the projection $P_G : C([a, b] \times [c, d]) \rightarrow \text{POW}(G)$ is called

Lipchitz-continuous at f if there exists a const $k_f > 0$ such that for all $\bar{f} \in C([a, b] \times [c, d])$ and all $g\bar{f} \in P_G(\bar{f})$, $\|g\bar{f} - g_f\|_{\infty} \leq k_f \|f - \bar{f}\|_{\infty}$.

III. Main Results

Theorem 3.1. Let G be a finite-dimensional subspace of a real linear 2-normed space X . Then for every $x \in X$, there exists a best approximation from G . **Proof.** Let

$$x \in X.$$

Then by the definition of the infimum there exists a sequence $\{g_n\} \in G$ such that

$$\|x - g_n, z\| \rightarrow \inf_{g \in G} \|x - g, z\|.$$

This implies that there exists a constant $k > 0$ such that for all n ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_n, z\| - \|x, z\| &\leq \|x - g_n, z\| \leq \inf_{g \in G} \|x - g, z\| + k \\ &\leq \|x, z\| + k. \end{aligned}$$

Hence for all n , $\|g_n, z\| \leq \|x, z\| + k$.

$\Rightarrow \{g_n\}$ is bounded sequence. Then there exists a subsequence $\{g_{n_k}\}$ of $\{g_n\}$ converging to $g_0 \in G$.

$$\therefore \|x - g_0, z\| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x - g_{n_k}\| = \inf_{g \in G} \|x - g, z\|, z \in X \setminus V(x, G)$$

$\Rightarrow g_0 \in P_{G,Z}(x)$, which completes the proof.

Theorem 3.2. Let G be a finite –dimensional subspace of a strictly convex linear 2- normed space X . Then for every $x \in X$,there exists a unique best approximation from G .

Proof. Let $x \in X$.Since G is a finite-dimensional, by Theorem 3.1 there exists an element $g_0 \in G$

Such that , $g_0 \in P_{G,Z}(x)$, $z \in X \setminus V(x, G)$.

Now we show that , $P_{G,Z}(x) = \{g_0\}$. For that first we prove that $P_{G,Z}(x)$ is convex. Let $g_1, g_2 \in P_{G,Z}(x)$ and $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - (\alpha g_1 + (1 - \alpha)g_2), z\| &= \| \alpha(x - g_1) + (1 - \alpha)(x - g_2), z \| \\ &\leq \alpha \|x - g_1, z\| + (1 - \alpha) \|x - g_2, z\| \\ &= \alpha \inf_{g \in G} \|x - g, z\| + (1 - \alpha) \inf_{g \in G} \|x - g, z\| \\ &= \inf_{g \in G} \|x - g, z\| \\ &\leq \|x - g, z\|, \text{ for all } g \in G. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\alpha g_1 + (1 - \alpha)g_2 \in G$, $\alpha g_1 + (1 - \alpha)g_2 \in P_{G,Z}(x)$. We shall suppose that $g^* \in P_{G,Z}(x)$. Then $\frac{1}{2}(g_0 + g^*) \in P_{G,Z}(x)$, which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{2} \{ (x - g_0) + (x - g^*) \}, z \right\| &= \left\| x - \frac{1}{2} (g_0 - g^*), z \right\| \\ &= \inf_{g \in G} \|x - g, z\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\|x - g_0, z\| = \|x - g^*, z\| = \inf_{g \in G} \|x - g, z\|$ and X is strictly convex, we

obtain

$$x - g_0 = x - g^* \Rightarrow g_0 = g^* . \text{ This proves that } P_{G,Z}(x) = \{g_0\} .$$

Theorem 3.3. Let G be a finite-dimensional subspace of a real linear 2-normed space X with the property that every function with domain $X \times X$ has a unique best approximation from G . Then for all $f_1, f_2 \in X \times X$,

$$\left| \inf_{g \in G} \|f_1 - g, z\| - \inf_{g \in G} \|f_2 - g, z\| \right| \leq \|f_1 - f_2, z\|, z \in X \setminus G \text{ and } P_G : X \times X \rightarrow G \text{ is continuous. } \mathbf{Proof.}$$

Suppose that P_G is not continuous. Then there exists an element $f \in X \times X$

and a sequence $\{f_n\} \in X \times X$ such that $\{f_n \times g_n\}$.

$P_{G,Z}(f_n)$ does not converge to $P_G(f)$. Since G is finite dimensional, there exists a subsequence $\{f_{n_k}\}$ of $\{f_n\}$ such that $P_{G,Z}(f_{n_k}) \rightarrow g_0 \in G$, $g_0 \neq P_G(f)$ and we shall show that the mapping

$$f \rightarrow \inf_{g \in G} \|f - g, z\| \text{ is continuous } (f \in X \times X)$$

Let $f_1, f_2 \in X \times X$.Then there exists a $g_2 \in G$ such that

$$\|f_2 - g_2, z\| = \inf \|f_2 - g, z\|$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \inf_{g \in G} \|f_1 - g, z\| \leq \|f_1 - g_2, z\| \\ &\leq \|f_1 - f_2, z\| + \|f_2 - g_2, z\| \\ &= \|f_1 - f_2, z\| + \inf_{g \in G} \|f_2 - g, z\| \\ &\Rightarrow \inf_{g \in G} \|f_1 - g, z\| - \inf_{g \in G} \|f_2 - g, z\| \leq \|f_1 - f_2, z\|, z \in X \setminus G. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\left| \inf_{g \in G} \|f_1 - g, z\| - \inf_{g \in G} \|f_2 - g, z\| \right| \leq \|f_1 - f_2, z\|, z \in X \setminus G$$

By continuity it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f_{n_k} - P_G(f_{n_k}), z\| = \inf_{g \in G} \|f_{n_k} - g, z\| \\ &\rightarrow \inf_{g \in G} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|f_{n_k} - g, z\| \\ &= \inf_{g \in G} \|f - g, z\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|f_{n_k} - P_G(f_{n_k}), z\| \rightarrow \|f - g_0, z\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (f_{n_k} - P_G(f_{n_k})), z\| = \|f - P_G(f), z\|$$

$\Rightarrow g_0$ and $P_G(f)$ are two distinct best approximation of f and G which contradicts the uniqueness of best approximation.

Therefore $P_G : X \times X \rightarrow G$ is continuous.

A 2-functional is a real valued mapping with domain $A \times C$ with A and C are linear manifolds of a 2-normed space X .

A linear 2-functional is 2-functional such that

$$(i) F(a+c, b+d) = F(a, b) + F(a, d) + F(c, b) + F(c, d)$$

$$(ii) F(\alpha a, \beta b) = \alpha \beta F(a, b).$$

F is called a bounded 2-functional if there is a real constant $k \geq 0$ such that $|F(a, b)| \leq k \|a, b\|$ for all a, b in the domain of F and

$$\begin{aligned} \|F\| &= \inf \{k : |f(a, b)| \leq k \|a, b\|, (a, b \in D(F))\} \\ &= \sup \{f(a, b) : \|a, b\| = 1, (a, b \in D(F))\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sup \left\{ \frac{|f(a,b)|}{\|a,b\|} : \|a,b\| \neq 0, (a,b) \in D(F) \right\}$$

Theorem 3.4. Let G be a subspace of $C([a, b] \times [a, b])$, $f \in C([a, b] \times [a, b])$ and $g_0 \in G$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i) The function g_0 is a best uniform approximation of f from G . (ii) For every function $g \in G$, \min

$$t, t^* \in E(f - g_0) (f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*)) (g(t, t^*)) \leq 0$$

Proof. (ii) \Rightarrow (i). Suppose that (ii) holds and let $g \in G$. Then by (ii) there exist the points $t, t^* \in E(f - g_0)$ such that

$$(f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*))(g(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*)) \leq 0. \text{ Then we have}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - g\|_{\infty} &\geq |f(t, t^*) - g(t, t^*)| \\ &= |f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*) + g_0(t, t^*) - g(t, t^*)| \\ &= |f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*)| + |g_0(t, t^*) - g(t, t^*)| \\ &\geq \|f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*)\|_{\infty} \end{aligned}$$

which shows that (i) holds.

(i) \Rightarrow (ii). Suppose that (i) holds and assume that (ii) fails. Then there exists a function $g_1 \in G$ such that for all $t, t^* \in E(f - g_0)$, $(f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*))g_1(t, t^*) > 0$. Since $E(f - g_0)$ is compact, there exists a real number $c > 0$ such that for all $t, t^* \in E(f - g_0)$

$$(f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*))g_1(t, t^*) > c. \tag{1}$$

Further, there exists an open neighborhood U of $E(f - g_0)$ such that for all

$$t, t^* \in U, \text{ and } c(f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*))g_1(t, t^*) > 2c \tag{2}$$

$$|f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*)| \geq 2 \|f - g_0\|_{\infty} \tag{3}$$

Since $[a, b] \times [a, b] \setminus U$ is compact, there exists a real number $d > 0$ such that for all

$$t, t^* \in [a, b] \times [a, b] \setminus U,$$

$$|f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*)| < \|f - g_0\|_{\infty} - d \tag{4}$$

Now we shall assume that

$$\|g_1\|_{\infty} \leq \min \{d, \|f - g_0\|_{\infty}\}. \tag{5}$$

Let $g_2 = g_0 + g_1$. Then by (4) and (5) for all $t, t^* \in [a, b] \times [a, b] \setminus U$,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(t, t^*) - g_2(t, t^*)| &= |(f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*)) - g_1(t, t^*)| \\ &\leq |f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*)| + |g_1(t, t^*)| \\ &\leq \|f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*)\|_{\infty} - d + \|g_1(t, t^*)\| \\ &\leq \|f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*)\|_{\infty}. \end{aligned}$$

For all $t \in U$, by (2), (3) and (5),

$$\begin{aligned} |f(t, t^*) - g_2(t, t^*)| &= |(f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*)) - g_1(t, t^*)| \\ &\leq |f(t, t^*) - g_0(t, t^*)| - |g_1(t, t^*)| \\ &\leq \|f - g_0\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|f - g_2\|_\infty \leq \|f - g_0\|_\infty$$

$\Rightarrow g_0$ is not the best uniform approximation of f which is a contradiction. Hence the proof.

Theorem 3.5. Let G be a subset of $C([a, b] \times [c, d])$ and f has a strongly unique best uniform approximation from G , then

$P_G : C([a, b] \times [c, d]) \rightarrow \text{POW}(G)$ is Lipschitz-continuous at f .

Proof. Let $f \in X = C([a, b] \times [c, d])$ have a strongly unique best uniform approximation $g_f \in G$. Then there exists $k_f > 0$ such that for all $g \in G$,

$$\|f - g\|_\infty \geq \|f - g_f\|_\infty + k_f \|g - g_f\|_\infty.$$

Then for all

$\tilde{f} \in X$ and for all $g_{\tilde{f}} \in P_G(\tilde{f})$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We obtain } k_f \|g_f - g_{\tilde{f}}\|_\infty &\leq \|f - g_{\tilde{f}}\|_\infty - \|f - g_f\|_\infty \\ &\leq \|f - \tilde{f}\|_\infty + \|\tilde{f} - g_{\tilde{f}}\|_\infty - \|f - g_f\|_\infty \\ &\leq \|f - \tilde{f}\|_\infty + \|f - \tilde{f}\|_\infty = 2\|f - \tilde{f}\|_\infty. \Rightarrow L_f = \frac{2}{k_f} \text{ is the desired constant.} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.6. Let G be a finite dimensional subspace of $X = C([a, b] \times [c, d])$, $f \in X \setminus G$ and $g_0 \in G$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i) The function g_0 is a strongly unique best uniform approximation of f from G .

(ii) For every nontrivial function $g \in G$,

$$\min_{x, y \in E(f - g_0)} (f(x, y) - g_0(x, y))g(x, y) < 0$$

(iii) There exists a constant $k_f > 0$ such that for every function $g \in G$,

$$\min_{x, y \in E(f - g_0)} (f(x, y) - g_0(x, y))g(x, y) \leq -k_f \|f - g_0\|_\infty \|g\|_\infty.$$

Proof. (iii) \Rightarrow (i). We shall suppose that (iii) holds and let $g \in G$. Then by (iii) there exist the points $x, y \in E(f - g_0)$ such that

$$(f(x, y) - g_0(x, y))(g(x, y) - g_0(x, y)) \leq -k_f \|f - g_0\|_\infty \|g - g_0\|_\infty. \text{ This implies that}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - g\|_\infty &\geq |f(x, y) - g(x, y)| \\ &= |f(x, y) - g_0(x, y) - (g(x, y) - g_0(x, y))| \\ &= |f(x, y) - g_0(x, y)| + |g(x, y) - g_0(x, y)| \geq \|f - g_0\|_\infty + \frac{k_f \|f - g_0\|_\infty \|g - g_0\|_\infty}{|f(x, y) - g_0(x, y)|} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \| f - g_0 \|_\infty + k_f \| g - g_0 \|_\infty.$$

(i) \Rightarrow (iii). Suppose that (iii) fails, i.e. there exists a function $g_1 \in G$ such that for all $x, y \in E(f - g_0)$,

$$(f(x, y) - g_0(x, y))g_1(x, y) > -k_f \| f - g_0 \|_\infty \| g_1 \|_\infty.$$

Since $E(f - g_0)$ is compact, there exists an open neighborhood U of $E(f - g_0)$ such that for all $x, y \in U$

$$(f(x, y) - g_0(x, y))g_1(x, y) > -k_f \| f - g_0 \|_\infty \| g_1 \|_\infty$$

and

$$|f(x, y) - g_0(x, y)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \| f - g_0 \|_\infty. \quad (6)$$

Further, we can choose U sufficiently small such that for all $x, y \in U$ with $(f(x, y) - g_0(x, y))g_1(x, y) < 0$

$$|g_1(x, y)| < k_f \| g_1 \|_\infty. \quad (7)$$

Since $[a, b] \times [c, d] \setminus U$ is compact, there exists a real

number $c > 0$ such that for all $x, y \in [a, b] \times [c, d] \setminus U$,

$$|f(x, y) - g_0(x, y)| \leq \| f - g_0 \|_\infty - c. \quad (8)$$

We may assume that without loss of generality

$$\| g_1 \|_\infty \leq \min \left\{ c, \frac{1}{2} \| f - g_0 \|_\infty \right\} \quad (9)$$

Let $g_2 = g_0 + g_1$. Then by (8) and (9) for all $x, y \in [a, b] \times [c, d] \setminus U$,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x, y) - g_2(x, y)| &= |f(x, y) - g_0(x, y) - g_1(x, y)| \\ &\leq \| f - g_0 \|_\infty - c + \| g_1 \|_\infty \\ &\leq \| f - g_0 \|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Again, by (6) and (7), for all $x, y \in U$ with $(f(x, y) - g_0(x, y))g_1(x, y) < 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x, y) - g_2(x, y)| &= |(f(x, y) - g_0(x, y)) - g_1(x, y)| \\ &= |f(x, y) - g_0(x, y)| + |g_1(x, y)| \\ &\leq \| f - g_0 \|_\infty + k_f \| g_1 \|_\infty \\ &= \| f - g_0 \|_\infty + k_f \| g_2 - g_0 \|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

By (6) and (9) for all $x, y \in U$ with $(f(x, y) - g_0(x, y))g_1(x, y) \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x, y) - g_2(x, y)| &= |(f(x, y) - g_0(x, y)) - g_1(x, y)| \\ &= |f(x, y) - g_0(x, y)| - |g_1(x, y)| \\ &\leq \| f - g_0 \|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \| f - g_2 \|_\infty < \| f - g_0 \|_\infty + k_f \| g_2 - g_0 \|_\infty,$$

\Rightarrow (i) fails. (ii) \Rightarrow (iii) suppose that (ii) holds.

Let $F: \{g \in G : \|g\|_\infty = 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the mapping, defined by

$$F(g) = \min_{x,y \in E(f-g_0)} \frac{(f(x,y) - g_0(x,y))g(x,y)}{\|f - g_0\|_\infty}$$

Since G is finite dimensional, the set $\{g \in G : \|g\|_\infty = 1\}$ is compact. Therefore, since by (ii) $F(g) < 0$ for all $\{g \in G : \|g\|_\infty = 1\}$, there exists a constant $k_f > 0$

Such that $F\left(\frac{g}{\|g\|_\infty}\right) \leq -k_f$ for all $g \in G$, which proves (iii)

\therefore (iii) \Rightarrow (ii) is obvious

Hence the proof of the theorem is complete.

Theorem 3.7. Let G be a finite dimensional subspace of a real 2-Hilbert space X . Then for every $x \in X$, there exists a unique best approximation from G .

Proof. Let $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ be a 2-Hilbert space and let G be a finite dimensional subspace of X .

Let $x, y \in X$ and $x \neq y$ then by parallelogram law

$$\|x+y, z\|^2 + \|x-y, z\|^2 = 2(\|x, z\|^2 + \|y, z\|^2). \tag{10}$$

Let $\|x, z\| = \|y, z\| = 1$.

Then by (10) $\|x+y, z\|^2 = 4\|x-y, z\|^2 < 4$

$$\Rightarrow \left\| \frac{x+y}{2}, z \right\|^2 < 1$$

$\Rightarrow X$ is strictly convex. Therefore, by Theorem 3.2 there exists a unique best approximation to $x \in X \setminus G$ from G .

Theorem 3.8. Let G be a subspace of a real 2-Hilbert space X , $x \in X \setminus G$ and $g_0 \in G$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i) The element g_0 is a best approximation of x from G . (ii) For all $g \in G$, $(x - g_0, g/z) = 0 \quad z \in X \setminus V(x, G)$.

Proof. (ii) \Rightarrow (i). Suppose that (ii) holds and let $g \in G$. Then by (ii) $\|x - g, z\|^2 - \|x - g_0, z\|^2$

$$= (x - g, x - g/z) - (x - g_0, x - g_0/z)$$

$$= (x, x/z) + (g, g/z) - 2(x, g/z) - (x - x/z) - (g_0, g_0/z) + 2(x, g_0/z)$$

$$\geq 0$$

$$= (g - g_0, g - g_0/z) + 2(x - g_0, g_0 - g/z) \geq 0$$

$$= \|g - g_0, z\|^2 \geq 0$$

That is $\|x - g, z\| \geq \|x - g_0, z\|$ which proves (i)

(i) \Rightarrow (ii). Suppose that (ii) fails, i.e., there exists a function $g' \in G$ such that $(x - g_0, g') \neq 0$.

$$\left\| x - \left(g_0 + \frac{(x - g_0, g' / z)}{(g', g' / z)} g' / z \right) \right\|^2$$

$$= \|x - g_0 / z\|^2 - \frac{(x - g_0, g' / z)^2}{(g', g' / z)}$$

$< \|x - g_0 / z\|^2$ Which implies that g_0 is not a best approximation of x .

Hence the proof.

Corollary 3.9. Let $G = \text{span}(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)$ be an n -dimensional subspace of a real 2-Hilbert space X , $x \in X \setminus G$ and $g_0 =$

statements are equivalent: $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i \in G$. Then the following

- (i) The element g_0 is a best approximation of x from G .
- (ii) The coefficients a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n satisfy the following system of linear equations

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i (g_i, g_j / z) = (x, g_j / z), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Proof. The condition $(f - g_0, g / z) = 0$ in Theorem 3.8 is equivalent to $(f - g_0, g / z) = 0, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Since $g_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i$, $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i (g_i, g_j / z) = (f, g_j / z)$ is equivalent to $(f - g_0, g_j) = 0, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

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