



## On Vector Valued Periodic Distributions

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### Abstract

In this paper we consider vector valued ( $X$ -valued with  $X$  a Banach space) distributions on the euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , extending the  $T$ -periodicity, and the  $T$ -periodic transform with  $T = (T_1, \dots, T_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d, T_i > 0$  from the scalar case to the Banach space valued case.

Besides immediate basic properties of these concepts, a realization of the space of  $X$ -valued  $T$ -periodic distributions, up to a topological isomorphism, as the space of all bounded linear operators from the space of  $T$ -periodic test functions to the Banach space  $X$  is given.

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### 1. Introduction

It is well known the part played by the concept of "periodicity" in the mathematical description of the state of a "phenomenon" with some rhythmic evolutions, appearing in different particular sciences.

But in spite of fact that mathematical models are often well described in terms of vector valued periodic functions, there are many situations in which the ordinary concept of function is not satisfactory. Such situations are mainly determined by the absence of derivability of such functions, especially when the evolutions of the phenomena to be modeled must satisfy a law expressed by a differential equation. Such difficulties are well overcome in the more general setting of distributions, or, if we wish to describe a class of larger and more complex situations, of vector valued distributions.

It is the aim of this paper to enlarge the domains (the possibilities) of application of vector valued periodic functions, extending some important results on scalar periodic distributions to the vector valued case.

Let us mention that there is a very rich literature regarding distributions and even their periodicity in the scalar case (see (Schwartz, 1950), (Zemanian, 1965), (Kecs, 1978)), as well as the new developments connected especially to the theory of topological linear spaces, including some general aspects from the

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vector valued case (see (Schwartz, 1953a), (Schwartz, 1953b), (Gaşpar & Gaşpar, 2009), (Schwartz, 1957)), which we shall use elsewhere.

The content of the paper runs as follows.

In Section 2 we recall and complete some necessary basic results on the spaces of test functions and of locally  $r$ -summable functions on the euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with respect to the Lebesgue measure  $m_d(\cdot)$ , the  $T$ -periodicity with respect to a general period  $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $T_i > 0$ , the  $T$ -periodic transform taking a special place.

The Section 3 is devoted to the main results of the note.

Considering the class of  $X$ -valued  $T$ -periodic distributions as a subspace of the space of all  $X$ -valued distributions ( $X$  a Banach space), which is invariant to the multiplication operator with  $T$ -periodic test functions (Proposition 3.2) and to derivation (Proposition 3.3), the  $T$ -periodic transform is extended from the space of compactly supported test functions to the space of compactly supported  $X$ -valued distributions (Theorem 3.1).

It is also proved that the space of  $X$ -valued  $T$ -periodic distributions is isomorphic as linear topological space to the space of all bounded linear operators from space of  $T$ -periodic test functions on  $X$  (Theorem 3.2 and Theorem 3.3).

## 2. Periodic functions

In this section we define the  $T$ -periodicity for test and locally summable scalar functions, as well as the  $T$ -periodic transform on the space of scalar test functions.

**Definition 2.1.** (see (Zemanian, 1965), chap. 11, § 2, p. 314) An ordinary function  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is said to be periodic if there exists  $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $T_i > 0$ , such that  $(L_T f)(t) = f(t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , where  $L_\tau$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}^d$  means the translation operator on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .  $T$  is called a period of  $f$ . The set of all periods of  $f$  is  $kT$  ( $kT = (k_1 T_1, \dots, k_d T_d)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ ). The "smallest" period is called the fundamental period of  $f$ .

We will denote by  $[0, T]$  the  $d$ -dimensional "parallelepiped"  $[0, T_1] \times [0, T_2] \times \dots \times [0, T_d]$ ,  $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $T_i > 0$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** (see (Zemanian, 1965), chap. 11, § 2, p. 314) A function  $\theta : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  will be called  $T$ -periodic test function, if it is periodic of period  $T$  and infinitely smooth. The space of all such  $T$ -periodic test functions will be denoted by  $\mathcal{D}_T(\mathbb{R}^d)$  or  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$ .

Let us recall the basic well known spaces of test functions used in distributions theory (see (Gaşpar & Gaşpar, 2009), (Schwartz, 1950)):  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $\mathcal{B}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $\mathcal{O}_M(\mathbb{R}^d)$  which we shall briefly denote  $\mathcal{D}_d$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_d$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_d$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_d$ ,  $\mathcal{B}'_d$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{d,M}$ . We also denote the Lebesgue spaces  $L^r_d$  of  $r$ -summable complex functions on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with respect to the Lebesgue measure  $m_d$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and  $L^r_{d,loc}$  of locally  $r$ -summable complex valued functions on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , while  $L^r_{d,T}$  means the set of all elements from  $L^r_{d,loc}$ , which are  $T$ -periodic, where  $1 \leq r \leq \infty$ . For the space of all complex functions from  $\mathcal{E}_d$  which together with all derivatives are in  $L^r_d$  we use the notation  $\mathcal{D}_{d,L^r}$   $1 \leq r \leq \infty$  and  $\mathcal{B}_d = \mathcal{D}_{d,L^\infty}$  (see (Schwartz, 1950), p. 55). For  $r = 1$  we obtain the space of summable test functions  $\mathcal{D}_{d,L^1}$ .

These spaces satisfy the inclusions (with continuous embeddings):

$$\mathcal{D}_d \subset \mathcal{S}_d \subset \mathcal{D}_{d,L^1} \subset \mathcal{D}_{d,L^r} \subset \mathcal{B}'_d \subset \mathcal{B}_d \subset \mathcal{O}_{d,M} \subset \mathcal{E}_d \quad (2.1)$$

(see (Schwartz, 1950))

*Remark.*  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$  is a linear space and following inclusions hold

$$\mathcal{D}_{d,T} \subset \mathcal{B}_d \subset \mathcal{O}_{d,M} \subset \mathcal{E}_d. \tag{2.2}$$

The space  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$  will be endowed with the topology induced from  $\mathcal{B}_d$ , i.e. a sequence  $\{\theta_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  from  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$  converges to zero, if the sequences of all derivatives  $\{D^\alpha \theta_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  ( $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d$ ) converge uniformly to zero.

**Definition 2.3.** The  $T$ -periodic transform on  $\mathcal{D}_d$  denoted by  $\varpi_T$  (for  $T=(1,\dots,1)$  see (Schwartz, 1950), p. 85) is the  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$ -valued operator on  $\mathcal{D}_d$  defined by

$$(\varpi_T \varphi)(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \varphi(t - nT) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} (L_{nT} \varphi)(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_d. \tag{2.3}$$

A function  $\xi$  from  $\mathcal{D}_d$  is called a  $T$ -unitary function, or a  $T$ -partition of unity (see (Kecs, 1978), chap. 3, § 2, p. 133 and (Zemanian, 1965), chap. 11, § 2, p. 315), if  $\varpi_T \xi = 1$ . The space of all such functions  $\xi$  will be denoted by  $\mathcal{U}_T(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , or  $\mathcal{U}_{d,T}$ .

*Remark.*  $\varpi_T$  is a continuous linear operator from  $\mathcal{D}_d$  onto  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$ .

Indeed, it is easy to see that  $\varpi_T$  is linear in  $\varphi$  and, if  $\varphi_j$  converges to zero ( $j \rightarrow \infty$ ) in  $\mathcal{D}_d$ , then  $\varpi_T \varphi_j$  converges to zero in  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$ . Moreover  $\varpi_T$  is an onto mapping, since for any  $\theta \in \mathcal{D}_{d,T}$  and a fixed  $\xi \in \mathcal{U}_{d,T}$ , we have  $\xi \theta \in \mathcal{D}_d$  and  $\varpi_T(\xi \theta) = \theta$ . In this context it is obvious that the mapping

$$\mathcal{D}_{d,T} \ni \theta \mapsto \xi \theta \in \mathcal{D}_d, \tag{2.4}$$

is a linear continuous "inverse" of  $\varpi_T$ .

*Remark.* For each  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_d$  the sum  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} (L_{nT} \varphi)(t)$  is finite and because  $L_T(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} (L_{nT} \varphi)) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} (L_{nT} \varphi)$ , it defines a function from  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$ .

*Remark.*  $\varpi_T$  can be extended in a natural way to the space  $\mathcal{D}_{d,L^1}$  (compare with (Schwartz, 1950), p. 86).

*Remark.* It is immediately seen that

$$\mathcal{D}_d = \mathcal{U}_{d,T} \mathcal{D}_{d,T}, \tag{2.5}$$

holds.

Let us mention that this  $T$ -periodic transform on the space of test functions is used in the study of scalar periodic distributions by extending this transform from test functions to distributions. Namely such a  $T$ -periodic transform is extended to the space of compactly supported distributions,  $\mathcal{E}'_d$  (see (Kecs, 1978), p. 138) and to the space  $\mathcal{D}'_{d,L^1}$  of summable distributions (see (Schwartz, 1950), p. 86). We try to do that for the case of vector valued distributions in the next Section.

### 3. $T$ -periodic transform of $X$ -valued distributions

At the beginning let us recall some general facts.

**Definition 3.1.** (see (Schwartz, 1957), chap. II, § 2) Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Any linear and continuous operator  $U : \mathcal{D}_d \rightarrow X$  is an  $X$ -valued distribution on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . The set of all  $X$ -valued distributions on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  will be denoted by  $\mathcal{D}'_d(X)$ .

Analogously, we can introduce the spaces  $\mathcal{S}'_d(X)$  of  $X$ -valued tempered distributions,  $\mathcal{E}'_d(X)$  of  $X$ -valued "compactly" supported distributions and  $\mathcal{B}'_d(X)$  of  $X$ -valued bounded distributions.

*Remark.*  $\mathcal{D}'_d(X) = \mathcal{D}'_d \varepsilon X$ ,  $\mathcal{S}'_d(X) = \mathcal{S}'_d \varepsilon X$ ,  $\mathcal{E}'_d(X) = \mathcal{E}'_d \varepsilon X$ ,  $\mathcal{B}'_d(X) = \mathcal{B}'_d \varepsilon X$ , where by  $\varepsilon$  we have denoted the  $\varepsilon$ -product (see (Schwartz, 1957), chap. I, § 2).

Considering also  $X$ -valued test functions and the corresponding spaces the following inclusions hold with continuous embeddings:

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc} \mathcal{D}_d(X) & \subset & \mathcal{S}_d(X) & \subset & \mathcal{D}_{d,L^1}(X) & \subset & \mathcal{D}_{d,L^r}(X) & \subset & \mathcal{B}_d(X) & \subset & \mathcal{O}_{d,M}(X) & \subset & \mathcal{E}_d(X) \\ \cap & & \cap & & \cap & & \cap & & \cap & & \cap & & \cap \\ \mathcal{E}'_d(X) & \subset & \mathcal{O}'_{d,c}(X) & \subset & \mathcal{D}'_{d,L^1}(X) & \subset & \mathcal{D}'_{d,L^r}(X) & \subset & \mathcal{B}'_d(X) & \subset & \mathcal{S}'_d(X) & \subset & \mathcal{D}'_d(X), \end{array} \quad (3.1)$$

(see (Schwartz, 1950), (Popa, 2007)).

Analogously to the Lebesgue type spaces  $L^r_d$ ,  $L^r_{d,loc}$ ,  $L^r_{d,T}$  of complex valued functions, we associate in an obvious way the corresponding spaces  $L^r_d(X)$ ,  $L^r_{d,loc}(X)$ ,  $L^r_{d,T}(X)$  ( $1 \leq r \leq \infty$ ) of  $X$ -valued functions.

Let us consider now  $F \in L^1_{d,loc}(X)$ . The operator  $U_F$  defined by

$$U_F(\varphi) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi(t)F(t)dt, \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_d \quad (3.2)$$

is clearly linear and continuous on  $\mathcal{D}_d$ , hence  $U_F \in \mathcal{D}'_d(X)$ .

Identifying  $F$  with  $U_F$ , the following continuous embeddings holds

$$L^r_d(X) \subseteq L^r_{d,loc}(X) \subseteq L^1_{d,loc}(X) \subseteq \mathcal{D}'_d(X). \quad (3.3)$$

For any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_d$  we recall the definition of the following operators on the spaces of  $X$ -valued distributions defined with the help of corresponding operators on the spaces of test functions:

- The translations  $(L_\tau U)(\varphi) := U(L_{-\tau}\varphi)$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ;
- Multiplications with functions  $(M_\psi U)(\varphi) := U(M_\psi\varphi)$ ,  $\psi \in \mathcal{E}_d$ ;
- The derivation  $(D^\alpha U)(\varphi) := (-1)^{|\alpha|}U(D^\alpha\varphi)$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ ,  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_d$ .

Now we try to extend to the vector valued case and  $d > 1$  some results regarding the scalar periodic distributions treated in (Schwartz, 1950), (Zemanian, 1965), (Kecs, 1978).

**Definition 3.2.** A vector valued distribution  $U \in \mathcal{D}'_d(X)$  is said to be  $T$ -periodic, where  $T = (T_1, \dots, T_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $T_i > 0$ , when  $L_T U = U$ .  $T$  is called a period of  $U$ . The set of all periods of the distribution  $U$  is  $kT$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ . The "smallest" period is called the fundamental period of  $U$  (see (Zemanian, 1965) for  $d = 1$ )

By  $\mathcal{D}'_T(\mathbb{R}^d, X)$ , or  $\mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$ , we shall denote the space of all such  $X$ -valued  $T$ -periodic distributions having the same period  $T \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $T_i > 0$  ( $T$  - fixed).

In the next Theorem we extend the  $T$ -periodic transform from the space of compactly supported test functions, to the space of compactly supported  $X$ -valued distributions.

**Theorem 3.1.** If  $V \in \mathcal{E}'_d(X)$ , then  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} L_{nT} V$  defines an  $X$ -valued  $T$ -periodic distribution  $U$ .

Conversely, any  $X$ -valued  $T$ -periodic distribution  $U \in \mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$  can be written as follows

$$U = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} L_{nT} V, \quad (3.4)$$

where  $V \in \mathcal{E}'_d(X)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $X$  is a Banach space,  $\mathcal{E}'_d(X)$  consists just of the compactly supported  $X$ -valued distributions (see (Schwartz, 1957), p. 62), hence the sum  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mathbf{L}_{nT} V$  contains a finite nonzero terms. Denoting by  $U$  this  $X$ -valued distribution, we successively have

$$\mathbf{L}_T U = L_T \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mathbf{L}_{nT} V = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mathbf{L}_T (\mathbf{L}_{nT} V) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mathbf{L}_{kT} V = U,$$

i.e.  $U \in \mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$ .

Conversely, let us consider  $U \in \mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$  an  $X$ -valued  $T$ -periodic distribution and  $\xi \in \mathcal{U}_{d,T}$ . Now the  $X$ -valued distribution  $V = \mathbf{M}_\xi U$  (which is obvious from  $\mathcal{E}'_d(X)$ ) satisfies

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mathbf{L}_{nT} V = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mathbf{L}_{nT} (\xi U) = U.$$

□

From Theorem 3.1 it results that the operator  $\varpi_T$  defined by  $U = \varpi_T V$  given by (3.4) is an onto mapping from  $\mathcal{E}'_d(X)$  onto  $\mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$ . It will be called the  $T$ -periodic transform on  $X$ -valued distributions.

*Remark.* It is a simple matter to observe that an analog of (2.5) also holds:

$$\mathcal{E}'_d(X) = \mathcal{U}_{d,T} \mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X). \tag{3.5}$$

*Remark.* When  $V \in \mathcal{D}'_{d,L^r}(X)$ , then is not difficult to see that  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mathbf{L}_{nT} V$  also makes sense, meaning that  $\varpi_T$  can be naturally extended to  $\mathcal{D}'_{d,L^1}(X)$ .

*Remark.* Regarding the mapping  $\varpi_T$ , from the successive equalities

$$(\varpi_T V)(\varphi) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} (\mathbf{L}_{nT} V)(\varphi) = V\left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} L_{-nT} \varphi\right) = V(\varpi_T \varphi), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_d,$$

we see that  $\varpi_T$  is the restrictions to  $\mathcal{E}'_d(X)$  of the "adjoint" operator  $\varpi'_T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{B}'_d(X), \mathcal{D}'_d(X))$ .

This transformation enables us to identify, up to an isomorphism, the space of  $X$ -valued  $T$ -periodic distributions on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with the "dual" of  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$ , i.e. with the space  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{D}_{d,T}, X)$  of all bounded linear operators from  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$  to  $X$ . Indeed now we can prove

**Theorem 3.2.** (a) For each  $U \in \mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$ , the operator  $U_T$  defined by

$$U_T(\theta) := (U, \xi \theta), \quad \theta \in \mathcal{D}_{d,T}, \tag{3.6}$$

is correctly defined, being independent of the choice of  $\xi \in \mathcal{U}_{d,T}$ .

(b)  $U_T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{D}_{d,T}, X)$ .

*Proof.* (a) For any  $U \in \mathcal{D}'_d(X)$  we have that  $\eta U \in \mathcal{E}'_d(X)$ ,  $\eta \in \mathcal{U}_{d,T}$ , where  $\eta U(\varphi) = U(\eta \varphi)$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_d$ . Also, because

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} (\mathbf{L}_{nT} \eta U)(\varphi) = U\left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} L_{nT} \eta\right)(\varphi) = U(\varphi), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_d,$$

we have

$$U = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} L_{nT} \eta U.$$

For any  $\xi$  and  $\eta \in \mathcal{U}_{d,T}$ , assuming that  $U$  is  $T$ -periodic, we can write  $U = L_{nT} U$  and for any  $\theta \in \mathcal{D}_{d,T}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (U, \xi \theta) &= \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} L_{nT} \eta U, \xi \theta \right) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} (U L_{nT} \eta \xi, \theta) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} (L_{nT} \eta U, \xi \theta) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} (\eta U, L_{-nT} \xi \theta) \\ &= (U, \eta \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} L_{-nT} \xi \right) \theta) = (U, \eta \theta), \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{U}_{d,T}$  and  $\theta \in \mathcal{D}_{d,T}$ .

(b) We show that  $U_T$  from (3.6) is a linear and continuous operator between  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$  and  $X$ , i.e.  $U_T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{D}_{d,T}, X)$ .

For linearity, let us consider the functions  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathcal{D}_{d,T}$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} U_T(\alpha \theta_1 + \beta \theta_2) &= (U, \xi(\alpha \theta_1 + \beta \theta_2)) = \\ &= \alpha (U, \xi \theta_1) + \beta (U, \xi \theta_2) = \alpha U_T(\theta_1) + \beta U_T(\theta_2). \end{aligned}$$

For continuity of  $U_T$  we consider the sequence  $\{\theta_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  converging to 0 in  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$ . Because, in this case,  $\xi \theta_k \rightarrow 0$ , ( $k \rightarrow \infty$ ) in  $\mathcal{D}_d$  it results

$$U_T(\theta_k) = (U, \xi \theta_k) \rightarrow 0, \quad (k \rightarrow \infty).$$

□

In this way  $\mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$  is linearly continuously embedded in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{D}_{d,T}, X)$ .

Before proving that  $U \mapsto U_T$  is a toplinear isomorphism let us put in evidence the embedding of vector valued  $T$ -periodic summable functions in  $\mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *If  $U_F$  is a distribution corresponding to the locally integrable  $X$ -valued  $T$ -periodic function  $F$ , then  $(U_F)_T$  from (3.2) will be expressed by the integral on a parallelepiped of the form*

$$[a, a + T] = [a_1, a_1 + T_1] \times [a_2, a_2 + T_2] \times \dots \times [a_d, a_d + T_d], \quad a \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

*Proof.* Let  $F \in L^1_T(\mathbb{R}^d, X) \subset L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^d, X)$ . Then for the distribution  $U_F \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^d, X)$  from (3.2) and  $\theta \in \mathcal{D}_{d,T}$ ,  $\xi \in \mathcal{U}_{d,T}$ ,  $a, T \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $T_i > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (U_F)_T(\theta) &= (U_F, \xi \theta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} F(t) \xi(t) \theta(t) dt = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \int_{[a+nT, a+nT+T]} F(t) \xi(t) \theta(t) dt = \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \int_{[a, a+T]} F(t+nT) \xi(t+nT) \theta(t+nT) dt = \int_{[a, a+T]} F(t) \theta(t) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \xi(t+nT) dt = \int_{[a, a+T]} F(t) \theta(t) dt, \end{aligned}$$

because  $F$  and  $\theta$  are  $T$ -periodic, and  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \xi(t+nT) = 1$ . □

*Remark.* The map  $L_T^1(X) \subset L_{loc}^1(X) \ni F \mapsto U_F \in \mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$  being linear and injective, the space  $L_T^1(X)$  is linear continuous embedded in  $\mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$  through  $F \equiv U_F$ , where (compare with (3.2) and (3.3))

$$(U_F)_T(\theta) = \int_{[0,T)} F(t)\theta(t)dt, \quad \theta \in \mathcal{D}_{d,T}. \tag{3.7}$$

**Proposition 3.2.** *The multiplication of a vector valued  $T$ -periodic distribution  $U \in \mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$  with a  $T$ -periodic test function  $\psi \in \mathcal{D}_{d,T}$  is also a vector valued  $T$ -periodic distribution, i.e.*

$$\mathbf{M}_\psi U \in \mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X).$$

*Proof.* We consider the vector valued periodic distribution  $U \in \mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$  and the periodic test function  $\psi \in \mathcal{D}_{d,T}$ .

We show that  $\mathbf{M}_\psi U \in \mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$ . Because  $(\mathbf{M}_\psi U)(\varphi) = U(\varphi\psi)$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_d$  is easy to see that  $\mathbf{M}_\psi U$  is linear and continuous as operator from  $\mathcal{D}_d$  to  $X$ . It remains to show that  $\mathbf{M}_\psi U$  is an  $X$ -valued periodic distribution of period  $T$ . Applying  $L_T U = U$  and  $L_T \psi = \psi$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (L_T \psi U)(\varphi) &= (\psi U)(L_{-T}\varphi) = U(\psi L_{-T}\varphi) = U(L_{-T}(\psi L_T \varphi)) = \\ &= L_T U((L_T \psi)\varphi) = U(\varphi\psi) = (\psi U)(\varphi), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_d. \end{aligned}$$

□

*Remark.*  $\mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X) = \mathcal{D}'_{d,T} \varepsilon X$ .

Indeed,  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$  have the topology  $\gamma$ , i.e.  $((\mathcal{D}_{d,T})'_c)' = \mathcal{D}_{d,T}$ , where  $(\mathcal{D}_{d,T})'_c$  is the dual of  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$  endowed with the uniform convergence topology on the absolutely convex and compact sets from  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$ , and

$$(\mathcal{D}_{d,T}(X))'_c \approx \mathcal{L}_c(\mathcal{D}_{d,T}, X) \approx \mathcal{L}_\varepsilon(X'_c, (\mathcal{D}_{d,T})'_c) \approx (\mathcal{D}_{d,T})'_c \widehat{\otimes}_\varepsilon X$$

(compare with (Schwartz, 1953a), (Schwartz, 1953b) and (Schwartz, 1957))

**Proposition 3.3.** *The subspace  $\mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$  of  $\mathcal{D}'_d(X)$  is invariant to the derivation operators  $\mathbf{D}^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d$ .*

*Proof.* We successively have

$$\begin{aligned} U \in \mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X) &\Rightarrow L_T U = U \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow (\mathbf{D}^\alpha U)(\varphi) &= (-1)^{|\alpha|} U(\mathbf{D}^\alpha \varphi) = (-1)^{|\alpha|} (L_T U)(\mathbf{D}^\alpha \varphi) = (-1)^{|\alpha|} U(L_{-T} \mathbf{D}^\alpha \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(L_T \mathbf{D}^\alpha U)(\varphi) = (\mathbf{D}^\alpha U)(L_{-T}\varphi) = (-1)^{|\alpha|} U(\mathbf{D}^\alpha L_{-T}\varphi),$$

respectively.

Because  $L_{-T} \mathbf{D}^\alpha \varphi = \mathbf{D}^\alpha L_{-T} \varphi$  it follows that  $L_T(\mathbf{D}^\alpha U) = \mathbf{D}^\alpha U$ . □

Finally we shall prove that the map constructed in Theorem 3.2,

$$\mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X) \ni U \mapsto U_T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{D}_{d,T}, X) \tag{3.8}$$

is a toplinear isomorphism.

By applying the properties of the  $T$ -periodic transform  $\varpi_T$  on  $\mathcal{D}_d$ , because of (3.6), for any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_d$ , we have  $(U, \varphi) = U_T(\varpi_T \varphi) = (\varpi'_T U_T)(\varphi)$ , i.e.

$$U = \varpi'_T U_T. \quad (3.9)$$

Therefore, for each  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  and every  $\theta \in \mathcal{D}_{d,T}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda_1 U_1 + \lambda_2 U_2)_T(\theta) &= (\lambda_1 U_1 + \lambda_2 U_2)(\xi\theta) = \\ &= \lambda_1 U_1(\xi\theta) + \lambda_2 U_2(\xi\theta) = (\lambda_1(U_1)_T + \lambda_2(U_2)_T)(\theta). \end{aligned}$$

The injectivity results from the successive implications

$$U_T = 0 \Rightarrow \varpi'_T U_T = 0 \Rightarrow U = 0.$$

For continuity we have that

$$\begin{aligned} U_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}'_{d,T}} 0 \Rightarrow U_n(\varphi) \longrightarrow 0, \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_d \Rightarrow \varpi'_T(U_n)_T(\theta_\varphi) \longrightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \\ (U_n)_T(\varpi_T \varphi) \longrightarrow 0, \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_d \Rightarrow (U_n)_T(\theta) \longrightarrow 0, \theta \in \mathcal{D}_{d,T} \Rightarrow (U_n)_T \xrightarrow{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{D}_{d,T}, X)} 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let us consider an element  $V$  from  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{D}_{d,T}, X)$  and define  $U$  by  $U(\varphi) = V(\varpi_T \varphi)$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_d$ . So  $U$  is an  $X$ -valued  $T$ -periodic distribution from  $\mathcal{D}'_d(X)$ , i.e.  $U \in \mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$ . Indeed  $U$  satisfies  $L_T U = U$ , because, from

$$\varpi_T(L_{-T}\varphi) = \varpi_T(\varphi), \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_d,$$

we have:

$$(L_T U)(\varphi) = U(L_{-T}\varphi) = V(\varpi_T \varphi) = U(\varphi), \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_d.$$

Hence we have constructed just the inverse of (3.8), which is easy to see that it is also continuous. Thus we obtain

**Theorem 3.3.** *The mapping (3.8) is a toplinear isomorphism from  $\mathcal{D}'_{d,T}(X)$  onto  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{D}_{d,T}, X)$ .*

*Proof.* It only remains to prove that  $\{(U_k)_T\}_{k=1}^\infty$  converges in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{D}_{d,T}, X)$  to zero then  $\{(U_k)\}_{k=1}^\infty$  converges in  $\mathcal{D}'_d(X)$  to zero. Indeed, for  $\xi$  in  $\mathcal{U}_{d,T}$  and  $\theta$  in  $\mathcal{D}_{d,T}$ , we have

$$(U_k)_T(\theta) = (U_k, \xi\theta) \rightarrow 0, (k \rightarrow \infty),$$

which means  $U_k \rightarrow 0$  ( $k \rightarrow \infty$ ) in  $\mathcal{D}'_d(X)$ . □

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## The Reduced Differential Transform Method for the Exact Solutions of Advection, Burgers and Coupled Burgers Equations

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### Abstract

Reduced differential transform method (RDTM) is employed to obtain the solution of simple homogeneous advection, Burgers and coupled Burgers equations exactly. The RDTM produces a solution with few and easy computation. The method is simple, accurate and efficient.

**Keywords:** Reduced differential transform method, advection equation, Burgers and coupled Burgers equations.

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### 1. Introduction

The concept of differential transform method has been introduced to solve linear and non linear initial value problems in electric circuit analysis, It was first introduced by (Zhou, 1986). Burgers equation generally appears in fluid mechanics. This equation incorporates both convection and diffusion in fluid dynamics, and is used to describe the structure of shock waves. Coupled Burgers equation is a simple model of sedimentation or evaluation of scaled volume concentrations of two kinds of particles in fluid suspensions or colloids under the effect of gravity. Researchers have used other methods such as tanh method, HAM, VIM in (Hassan, 2009), (Alomari *et al.*, 2008) and (Abdou & Soliman, 2005) respectively. In this letter, RDTM is used to obtain the exact solution of simple homogeneous advection equation, Burgers equation and coupled Burgers equation.

### 2. Analysis of the method

The basic definitions of reduced differential transform method are introduced as follows:

**Definition 2.1.** If the function  $u(x, t)$  is analytic and differentiated continuously with respect to time  $t$  and space  $X$  in the domain of interest, then let

$$U_k(x) = \frac{1}{k!} \left[ \frac{\partial^k}{\partial t^k} u(x, t) \right]_{t=0} \quad (2.1)$$

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where the  $t$ -dimensional spectrum function  $U_k(x)$  is the transformed function.

**Definition 2.2.** The differential inverse transform of  $U_k(x)$  is defined as follows

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} U_k(x)t^k. \tag{2.2}$$

The fundamental mathematical operations performed by RDTM as given by (Keskin & c, 2010a) and (Keskin & c, 2010b) are provided in Table1:

Table 1  
The fundamental mathematical operations performed by RDTM.

Functional form	Transformed form
$u(x, t)$	$U_k(x) = \frac{1}{k!} [\frac{\partial^k}{\partial t^k} u(x, t)]_{t=0}$
$w(x, t) = u(x, t) \pm v(x, t)$	$W_k(x) = U_k(x) \pm V_k(x)$
$w(x, t) = \alpha u(x, t)$	$W_k = \alpha U_k(x)$ $\alpha$ is a constant
$w(x, t) = x^m t^n$	$W_k = x^m \delta(k - n), \delta(k) = \begin{cases} 1, & k = 0 \\ 0 & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$
$w(x, t) = x^m t^n u(x, t)$	$W_k(x) = x^m U_{k-n}(x)$
$w(x, t) = u(x, t)v(x, t)$	$W_k(x) = \sum_{r=0}^k V_r U_{k-r}(x) = \sum_{r=0}^k U_r V_{k-r}(x)$
$w(x, t) = \frac{\partial^r}{\partial t^r} u(x, t)$	$W_k(x) = (k + 1) \dots (k + r) U_{k+r}(x)$
$w(x, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(x, t)$	$W_k(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} U_k(x)$
$w(x, t) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u(x, t)$	$W_k(x) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} U_k(x)$

### 3. Applications

**Example1:** Consider the homogeneous advection equation given by (Alomari *et al.*, 2008) as,

$$u_t + uu_x = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = -x. \tag{3.1}$$

Here  $u_t = -uu_x$ . Now taking the reduced differential transform of 3.1 we have

$$(k + 1)U_{k+1} = - \sum_{r=0}^k U_r \frac{\partial}{\partial x} U_{k-r}, \tag{3.2}$$

with  $U_0(x) = -x$  we can then obtain  $U_k(x)$  values successively as  $U_1(x) = U_2(x) = U_3(x) = \dots = U_k(x) = -x$ .

Using the differential inverse transform 2.2 we have:

$$u(x, t) = -x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n \tag{3.3}$$

equation 3.3 is a Taylor series that converges to

$$u(x, t) = \frac{x}{t - 1} \tag{3.4}$$

under  $|t| < 1$  which is the exact solution.

**Example2:** Consider the one dimensional Burgers equation given by (Alomari *et al.*, 2008), that has the form

$$u_t + uu_x - \nu u_{xx} = 0 \quad (3.5)$$

subject to the boundary condition

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{\alpha + \beta + (\beta - \alpha)e^\gamma}{1 + e^\gamma}, \quad (3.6)$$

where  $\gamma = \alpha(\frac{x}{\nu})$  and the parameters  $\alpha, \beta, \nu$  are arbitrary constants.

Taking the reduced differential transform of 3.5 we have

$$(k + 1)U_{k+1}(x) = - \sum_{r=0}^k U_r(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} U_{k-r}(x) + \nu \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} U_k(x) \quad (3.7)$$

$U_0 = \frac{\alpha + \beta + (\beta - \alpha)e^\gamma}{1 + e^\gamma}$  we then obtain  $U_k(x)$  values successively as

$$U_1 = -U_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} U_0 + \nu \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} U_0(x)$$

$$= \frac{1\alpha^2\beta e^\gamma}{\nu(1 + e^\gamma)^2}$$

$$U_2 = -\frac{1}{2}(U_0(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} U_1(x) + U_1(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} U_0(x) + \nu \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} U_1(x))$$

$$= \frac{\alpha^3\beta^2(e^\gamma - 1)e^\gamma}{\nu^2(1 + e^\gamma)^3}$$

$$U_3 = \frac{\alpha^4\beta^3 e^\gamma(1 - 4e^\gamma - e^{2\gamma})}{3\nu^3(1 + e^\gamma)^4}$$

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Using the differential inverse transform 2.2 we have:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{\alpha + \beta + (\beta - \alpha)e^\gamma}{1 + e^\gamma} + \frac{1\alpha^2\beta e^\gamma}{\nu(1 + e^\gamma)^2}t + \frac{\alpha^3\beta^2(e^\gamma - 1)e^\gamma}{\nu^2(1 + e^\gamma)^3}t^2 + \frac{\alpha^4\beta^3 e^\gamma(1 - 4e^\gamma - e^{2\gamma})}{3\nu^3(1 + e^\gamma)^4}t^3 + \dots \quad (3.8)$$

which in its closed form gives

$$u(x, t) = \frac{\alpha + \beta + (\beta - \alpha)e^{\frac{\alpha}{\nu}(x-\beta t)}}{1 + e^{\frac{\alpha}{\nu}(x-\beta t)}}. \quad (3.9)$$

**Example3:** Consider the following system of coupled Burgers equation given in (Alomari *et al.*, 2008) as

$$u_t - uu_{xx} - 2uu_x + (uv)_x = 0, \quad (3.10)$$

$$v_t - v_{xx} - 2vv_x + (uv)_x = 0, \quad (3.11)$$

subject to the initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = \sin(x), \quad v(x, 0) = \sin(x). \quad (3.12)$$

Taking the reduced differential differential transform of 3.10 and 3.11, we have

$$(k + 1)U_{k+1}(x) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} U_k(x) + 2 \sum_{r=0}^k U_r(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} U_{k-r} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sum_{r=0}^k U_r V_{k-r}, \tag{3.13}$$

$$(k + 1)V_{k+1}(x) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} V_k(x) + 2 \sum_{r=0}^k V_r(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} V_{k-r} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sum_{r=0}^k U_r V_{k-r}. \tag{3.14}$$

Using equation 3.13 and 3.14 with

$$U_0 = V_0 = \sin(x)$$

we recursively obtain

$$U_1 = V_1 = -\sin(x),$$

$$U_2 = V_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sin(x),$$

$$U_3 = V_3 = -\frac{1}{6} \sin(x),$$

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Using the differential inverse transform 2.2 we have

$$u(x, t) = \sin(x) - \sin(x)t + \frac{1}{2!} \sin(x)t^2 - \frac{1}{3!} \sin(x)t^3 + \dots, \tag{3.15}$$

$$v(x, t) = \sin(x) - \sin(x)t + \frac{1}{2!} \sin(x)t^2 - \frac{1}{3!} \sin(x)t^3 + \dots, \tag{3.16}$$

which is

$$u(x, t) = \sin(x) \left( 1 - t + \frac{t^2}{2!} - \frac{t^3}{3!} + \dots \right), \tag{3.17}$$

$$v(x, t) = \sin(x) \left( 1 - t + \frac{t^2}{2!} - \frac{t^3}{3!} + \dots \right), \tag{3.18}$$

and finally in its closed form gives

$$u(x, t) = e^{-t} \sin(x) \tag{3.19}$$

and

$$v(x, t) = e^{-t} \sin(x), \tag{3.20}$$

which are the exact solution of the coupled Burgers equation.

#### 4. Conclusion

Exact solutions of simple homogeneous advection equation, Burgers equation and Coupled Burgers equation were presented via the reduced differential transform method (RDTM). The method is applied in a direct way without any linearization or discretization. The computational size of this method is small compared with those of DTM, HAM, HPM and Adomian decomposition method. Hence, this method is a powerful and an efficient technique in finding the exact solutions for wide classes of problems, also the speed of the convergence is very fast.

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## $\mathcal{I}$ -limit Points in Random 2-normed Spaces

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### Abstract

In this article we introduce the notion  $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster points, and investigate the relation between  $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster points and limit points of sequences in the topology induced by random 2-normed spaces and prove some important results.

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### 1. Introduction

Probabilistic metric (PM) spaces were first introduced by Menger (Menger, 1942) as a generalization of ordinary metric spaces and further studied by Schweizer and Sklar (Schweizer & Sklar, 1960, 1983). The idea of Menger was to use distribution function instead of non-negative real numbers as values of the metric. In this theory, the notion of distance has a probabilistic nature. Namely, the distance between two points  $x$  and  $y$  is represented by a distribution function  $F_{xy}$ ; and for  $t > 0$ , the value  $F_{xy}(t)$  is interpreted as the probability that the distance from  $x$  to  $y$  is less than  $t$ . After that it was developed by many authors. Using this concept, Šerstnev (Šerstnev, 1962) introduced the concept of probabilistic normed space. It provides an important method of generalizing the deterministic results of linear normed spaces. It has also very useful applications in various fields, e.g., continuity properties (Alsina *et al.*, 1997), topological spaces (Frank, 1971), linear operators (Golet, 2005), study of boundedness (Guillén *et al.*, 1999), convergence of random variables (Guillén & Sempi, 2003), statistical and ideal convergence of probabilistic normed space or 2-normed space (Karakus, 2007), (Mohiuddine & Savaş, 2012), (Mursaleen, 2010), (Mursaleen & Mohiuddine, 2010), (Mursaleen & Mohiuddine, 2012), (Mursaleen & Alotaibi, 2011), (Rahmat & Harikrishnan, 2009), (Tripathy *et al.*, 2012) etc.

The concept of 2-normed spaces was initially introduced by Gähler (Gähler, 1963), (Gähler, 1964) in the 1960's. Since then, many researchers have studied these subjects and obtained various results (Gunawan & Mashadi, 2001), (Gürdal & Pehlivan, 2004), (Gürdal, 2006), (Gürdal & Açıık, 2008), (Gürdal *et al.*, 2009), (Savaş, 2011), (Siddiqi, 1980), (Şahiner *et al.*, 2007).

P. Kostyrko *et al.* (cf. (Kostyrko *et al.*, 2000); a similar concept was invented in (Katětov, 1968)) introduced the concept of  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence of sequences in a metric space and studied some properties of such

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convergence. Note that  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence is an interesting generalization of statistical convergence. The notion of statistical convergence of sequences of real numbers was introduced by H. Fast in (Fast, 1951) and H. Steinhaus in (Steinhaus, 1951).

There are many pioneering works in the theory of  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence. The aim of this work is to introduce and investigate the relation between  $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster points and ordinary limit points of sequence in random 2-normed spaces.

## 2. Definitions and Notations

First we recall some of the basic concepts, which will be used in this paper.

**Definition 2.1.** ((Freedman & Sember, 1981), (Fast, 1951)) A subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  is said to have density  $\delta(E)$  if  $\delta(E) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \chi_E(k)$  exists. A number sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is said to be statistically convergent to  $L$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\delta(\{n \in \mathbb{N} : |x_n - L| \geq \varepsilon\}) = 0$ . If  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is statistically convergent to  $L$  we write  $\text{st-lim } x_n = L$ , which is necessarily unique.

**Definition 2.2.** ((Kelley, 1955), (Kostyrko et al., 2000)) A family  $\mathcal{I} \subset 2^Y$  of subsets of a nonempty set  $Y$  is said to be an ideal in  $Y$  if (i)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{I}$ ; (ii)  $A, B \in \mathcal{I}$  imply  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{I}$ ; (iii)  $A \in \mathcal{I}$ ,  $B \subset A$  imply  $B \in \mathcal{I}$ . A non-trivial ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  in  $Y$  is called an admissible ideal if it is different from  $P(\mathbb{N})$  and it contains all singletons, i.e.,  $\{x\} \in \mathcal{I}$  for each  $x \in Y$ .

Let  $\mathcal{I} \subset P(Y)$  be a non-trivial ideal. A class  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}) = \{M \subset Y : \exists A \in \mathcal{I} : M = Y \setminus A\}$  is a filter on  $Y$ , called the filter associated with the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** ((Kostyrko et al., 2000), (Kostyrko et al., 2005)) Let  $\mathcal{I} \subset 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  be a nontrivial ideal in  $\mathbb{N}$ . Then a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $X$  is said to be  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $L \in X$ , if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  the set  $A(\varepsilon) = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : \|x_n - L\| \geq \varepsilon\}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{I}$ .

**Definition 2.4.** ((Gähler, 1963) (Gähler, 1964)) Let  $X$  be a real vector space of dimension  $d$ , where  $2 \leq d < \infty$ . A 2-norm on  $X$  is a function  $\|\cdot, \cdot\| : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which satisfies (i)  $\|x, y\| = 0$  if and only if  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent; (ii)  $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$ ; (iii)  $\|\alpha x, y\| = |\alpha| \|x, y\|$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ; (iv)  $\|x, y + z\| \leq \|x, y\| + \|x, z\|$ . The pair  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is then called a 2-normed space.

As an example of a 2-normed space we may take  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$  being equipped with the 2-norm  $\|x, y\| :=$  the area of the parallelogram spanned by the vectors  $x$  and  $y$ , which may be given explicitly by the formula

$$\|x, y\| = |x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1|, \quad x = (x_1, x_2), \quad y = (y_1, y_2).$$

Observe that in any 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  we have  $\|x, y\| \geq 0$  and  $\|x, y + \alpha x\| = \|x, y\|$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Also, if  $x, y$  and  $z$  are linearly dependent, then  $\|x, y + z\| = \|x, y\| + \|x, z\|$  or  $\|x, y - z\| = \|x, y\| + \|x, z\|$ . Given a 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ , one can derive a topology for it via the following definition of the limit of a sequence: a sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  is said to be convergent to  $x$  in  $X$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x, y\| = 0$  for every  $y \in X$ .

All the concepts listed below are studied in depth in the fundamental book by Schweizer and Sklar (Schweizer & Sklar, 1983).

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the set of real numbers,  $\mathbb{R}_+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq 0\}$  and  $S = [0, 1]$  the closed unit interval. A mapping  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S$  is called a distribution function if it is nondecreasing and left continuous with  $\inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} f(t) = 0$  and  $\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} f(t) = 1$ .



We denote the set of all distribution functions by  $D^+$  such that  $f(0) = 0$ . If  $a \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , then  $H_a \in D^+$ , where

$$H_a(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } t > a, \\ 0, & \text{if } t \leq a. \end{cases}$$

It is obvious that  $H_0 \geq f$  for all  $f \in D^+$ .

**Definition 2.6.** A triangular norm ( $t$ -norm) is a continuous mapping  $*$  :  $S \times S \rightarrow S$  such that  $(S, *)$  is an abelian monoid with unit one and  $c * d \leq a * b$  if  $c \leq a$  and  $d \leq b$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in S$ . A triangle function  $\tau$  is a binary operation on  $D^+$  which is commutative, associative and  $\tau(f, H_0) = f$  for every  $f \in D^+$ .

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $X$  be a linear space of dimension greater than one,  $\tau$  is a triangle, and  $F : X \times X \rightarrow D^+$ . Then  $F$  is called a probabilistic 2-norm and  $(X, F, \tau)$  a probabilistic 2-normed space if the following conditions are satisfied:

(2.2.1)  $F(x, y; t) = H_0(t)$  if  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent, where  $F(x, y; t)$  denotes the value of  $F(x, y)$  at  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

(2.2.2)  $F(x, y; t) \neq H_0(t)$  if  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly independent,

(2.2.3)  $F(x, y; t) = F(y, x; t)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

(2.2.4)  $F(\alpha x, y; t) = F(x, y; \frac{t}{|\alpha|})$  for every  $t > 0, \alpha \neq 0$  and  $x, y \in X$ ,

(2.2.5)  $F(x + y, z; t) \geq \tau(F(x, z; t), F(y, z; t))$  whenever  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t > 0$ ,

If (2.2.5) is replaced by

(2.2.5)'  $F(x + y, z; t_1 + t_2) \geq F(x, z; t_1) * F(y, z; t_2)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ;

then  $(X, F, *)$  is called a random 2-normed space (for short, RTN space).

*Remark.* Note that every 2-norm space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  can be made a random 2-normed space in a natural way, by setting

(i)  $F(x, y; t) = H_0(t - \|x, y\|)$ , for every  $x, y \in X, t > 0$  and  $a * b = \min\{a, b\}, a, b \in S$ ;

(ii)  $F(x, y; t) = \frac{t}{t + \|x, y\|}$  for every  $x, y \in X, t > 0$  and  $a * b = ab$  for  $a, b \in S$ .

Let  $(X, F, *)$  be an RTN space. Since  $*$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm, the system of  $(\varepsilon, \lambda)$ -neighborhoods of  $\theta$  (the null vector in  $X$ )

$$\{\mathcal{N}_\theta(\varepsilon, \lambda) : \varepsilon > 0, \lambda \in (0, 1)\},$$

where

$$\mathcal{N}_\theta(\varepsilon, \lambda) = \{x \in X : F_x(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}.$$

determines a first countable Hausdorff topology on  $X$ , called the  $F$ -topology. Thus, the  $F$ -topology can be completely specified by means of  $F$ -convergence of sequences. It is clear that  $x - y \in \mathcal{N}_\theta$  means  $y \in \mathcal{N}_x$  and vice versa.

A sequence  $x = (x_n)$  in  $X$  is said to be  $F$ -convergence to  $L \in X$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0, \lambda \in (0, 1)$  and for each nonzero  $z \in X$  there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that

$$x_n, z - L \in \mathcal{N}_\theta(\varepsilon, \lambda) \text{ for each } n \geq N$$

or equivalently,

$$x_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon, \lambda) \text{ for each } n \geq N.$$

In this case we write  $F\text{-}\lim x_n, z = L$ .

### 3. The Relation Between $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster Points and Ordinary Limit Points in Random 2-Normed Spaces

It is known (see (Fridy, 1993)) that statistical cluster  $\Gamma_x$  and statistical limit points set  $\Lambda_x$  of a given sequence  $(x_n)$  are not altered by changing the values of a subsequence the index set of which has density zero. Moreover, there is a strong connection between statistical cluster points and ordinary limit points of a given sequence. We will prove that these facts are satisfied for  $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster and  $\mathcal{I}$ -limit point sets of a given sequences in the topology induced by random 2-normed spaces

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X, F, *)$  be an RTN space,  $\mathcal{I}$  be an admissible ideal and  $x = (x_n) \in X$ .

(i) An element  $L \in X$  is said to be an  $\mathcal{I}$ -limit point of the sequence  $x$  with respect to the random 2-norm  $F$  (or  $\mathcal{I}_F^2(x)$ -limit point) if there is a set  $M = \{n_1 < n_2 < \dots\} \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that  $M \notin \mathcal{I}$  and  $F\text{-}\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k}, z = L$  for each nonzero  $z$  in  $X$ . The set of all  $\mathcal{I}_F^2$ -limit points of  $x$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(x))$ .

(ii) An element  $L \in X$  is said to be an  $\mathcal{I}$ -cluster point of  $x$  with respect to the random 2-norm  $F$  (or  $\mathcal{I}_F^2$ -cluster point) if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  and nonzero  $z$  in  $X$

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon, \lambda)\} \notin \mathcal{I}.$$

The set of all  $\mathcal{I}_F^2$ -cluster points of  $x$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $(X, F, *)$  be an RTN space and  $\mathcal{I}$  be an admissible ideal. Then for each sequence  $x = (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $X$  we have  $\mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(x)) \subset \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$  and the set  $\mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$  is a closed set.

*Proof.* Let  $L \in \mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(x))$ . Then there exists a set  $M = \{n_1 < n_2 < \dots\} \notin \mathcal{I}$  such that

$$F\text{-}\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k}, z = L \quad (3.1)$$

for each nonzero  $z$  in  $X$ . According to 3.1, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  and nonzero  $z$  in  $X$  there exists a positive integer  $k_0$  such that for  $k > k_0$  we have  $x_{n_k}, z \in \mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon, \lambda)$ . Hence

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon, \lambda)\} \supset M \setminus \{n_1, \dots, n_{k_0}\}$$

and so

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon, \lambda)\} \notin \mathcal{I},$$

which means that  $L \in \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$ .

Let  $y \in \overline{\mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))}$ . Take  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ . There exists  $L \in \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x)) \cap \mathcal{N}_\theta(y, \varepsilon, \lambda)$ . Choose  $\eta > 0$  such that  $\mathcal{N}_\theta(L, \eta, \lambda) \subset \mathcal{N}_\theta(y, \varepsilon, \lambda)$ . We obviously have

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} : y - x_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_\theta(\varepsilon, \lambda)\} \supset \{n \in \mathbb{N} : L - x_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_\theta(\eta, \lambda)\}.$$

Hence  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : y - x_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_\theta(\varepsilon, \lambda)\} \notin \mathcal{I}$  and  $y \in \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$ . □

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X, F, *)$  be an RTN space,  $\mathcal{I}$  be an admissible ideal and  $x = (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $X$ .

If  $K = \{k_1 < k_2 < \dots\} \in \mathcal{I}$ , then the subsequence  $x_K = (x_k)_{k \in K}$  in  $X$  is called  $\mathcal{I}_F^2$ -thin subsequence of the sequence  $x$  in  $X$ .

If  $M = \{m_1 < m_2 < \dots\} \notin \mathcal{I}$ , then the subsequence  $x_M = (x_m)_{m \in M}$  in  $X$  is called  $\mathcal{I}_F^2$ -nonthin subsequence of the sequence  $x$  in  $X$ .

It is clear that if  $L$  is a  $\mathcal{I}_F^2$ -limit point of  $x \in X$ , then there is a  $\mathcal{I}_F^2$ -nonthin subsequence  $x_M$  that convergent to  $L$  with respect to the random 2-norm  $F$ .

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $(X, F, *)$  be an RTN space and  $x = (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in X$ . An element  $L \in X$  is said to be limit point of the sequence  $x = (x_n)$  with respect to the random 2-norm  $F$  if there is subsequence of the sequence  $x$  which converges to  $L$  with respect to the random 2-norm  $F$ . By  $L_F^2(x)$ , we denote the set of all limit points of the sequence  $x = (x_n)$  with respect to the random 2-norm  $F$ .

It is obvious  $\mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(x)) \subseteq L_F^2(x)$ ,  $\mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x)) \subseteq L_F^2(x)$ : Take  $L \in \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$ , then  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon, \lambda)\} \notin \mathcal{I}$  for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  and nonzero  $z$  in  $X$ . If  $L \notin L_F^2(x)$ , then there is  $\varepsilon' > 0$  such that  $\mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon', \lambda)$  contains only a finite number of elements of  $x$  in  $X$ . Then  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon', \lambda)\} \in \mathcal{I}$ , but it contradicts to  $L \in \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$ . Hence  $x \in \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$ . Thus  $x \in L_F^2(x)$ , and so  $\mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x)) \subseteq L_F^2(x)$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $(X, F, *)$  be an RTN space and  $\mathcal{I}$  be an admissible ideal. For a sequence  $x = (x_n) \in X$ , if  $x$  is  $\mathcal{I}_F$ -convergent with respect to the random 2-norm  $F$ , then  $\mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(x))$  and  $\mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$  are both equal to the singleton set  $\{\mathcal{I}_F\text{-lim } x_n, z\}$  for each nonzero  $z$  in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{I}_F\text{-lim}_n x_n, z = L$ . Show that  $L \in \mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(x))$ . By definition of  $\mathcal{I}_F$ -convergence we have

$$A(\varepsilon, \lambda) = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n, z \notin \mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon, \lambda)\} \in \mathcal{I}$$

for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ . Since  $\mathcal{I}$  is an admissible ideal we can choose the set  $M = \{n_1 < n_2 < \dots\} \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n_k \notin A(\frac{1}{k}, \lambda)$  and  $x_{n_k}, z \in \mathcal{N}_L(\frac{1}{k}, \lambda)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . That is  $F\text{-lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k}, z = L$ . Suppose  $M \in \mathcal{I}$ . Since  $M \subset \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_L(1, \lambda)\}$ ,

$$(\mathbb{N} \setminus M) \cap \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_L(1, \lambda)\} = \emptyset,$$

but  $\mathbb{N} \setminus M \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I})$  and

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_L(1, \lambda)\} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}).$$

This contradiction gives  $M \notin \mathcal{I}$ . Hence we get  $M = \{n_1 < n_2 < \dots\} \subset \mathbb{N}$  and  $M \notin \mathcal{I}$  such that  $F\text{-lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k}, z = L$ , i.e.,  $L \in \mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(x))$ . Since  $\mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(x)) \subset \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$ ,  $\xi \in \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$ .

Now we suppose there is  $\eta \in \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$  such that  $\eta \neq L$ . It is clear that

$$A = \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n, z \notin \mathcal{N}_L\left(\frac{|\eta - L|}{2}, \lambda\right) \right\} \in \mathcal{I}$$

and

$$B = \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_L\left(\frac{|\eta - L|}{2}, \lambda\right) \right\} \notin \mathcal{I}$$

for  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  and each nonzero  $z \in X$ . We have  $B \subset A \in \mathcal{I}$ . This contradiction shows  $\mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x)) = \{L\}$ . Hence from inclusion  $\mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(x)) \subset \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x)) = \{L\}$ , we have  $\mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(x)) = \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x)) = L$ . The lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $(X, F, *)$  be an RTN space,  $\mathcal{I}$  be an admissible ideal and  $x = (x_n), y = (y_n)$  are sequences in  $X$  such that

$$M = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \neq y_n\} \in \mathcal{I}.$$

Then  $\mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(x)) = \mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(y))$  and  $\mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x)) = \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(y))$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \neq y_n\} \in \mathcal{I}$ . If  $L \in \mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(x))$ , then there is a set  $K = \{n_1 < n_2 < \dots\} \notin \mathcal{I}$  such that  $F\text{-}\lim_k x_{n_k}, z = L$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_{n_k}, z \notin \mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  for  $k > N$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ . Since  $K_1 = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \in K \wedge x_n \neq y_n\} \subset M \in \mathcal{I}$ ,

$$K_2 = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \in K \wedge x_n = y_n\} \notin \mathcal{I}.$$

Indeed, if  $K_2 \in \mathcal{I}$ , then  $K = K_1 \cup K_2 \in \mathcal{I}$ , but  $K \notin \mathcal{I}$ . Hence the sequence  $y_{K_2} = (y_n)_{n \in K_2}$  is an  $\mathcal{I}_F^2$ -nonthin subsequence of  $y = (y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $y_{K_2}$  convergent to  $L$  with respect to the random 2-norm  $F$ . This implies that  $L \in \mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(y))$ . Similarly we can show that  $\mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(y)) \subset \mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(x))$ . Hence  $\mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(y)) = \mathcal{I}(\Lambda_F^2(x))$ . Now let  $L \in \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$ . Then

$$B_1 = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon, \lambda)\} \notin \mathcal{I}$$

for each  $\varepsilon > 0, \lambda \in (0, 1)$  and nonzero  $z \in X$  and

$$B_2 = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \in B_1 \wedge x_n = y_n\} \notin \mathcal{I}.$$

Therefore,  $B_2 \subset \{n \in \mathbb{N} : y_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon, \lambda)\}$ . It shows that  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : y_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon, \lambda)\} \notin \mathcal{I}$ , i.e.,  $L \in \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(y))$ . The theorem is proved.  $\square$

The next theorem proves a strong connection between  $\mathcal{I}_F^2$ -cluster and limit points of a given sequence with respect to the random 2-norm  $F$ .

**Definition 3.4.** (Kostyrko et al., 2000) An admissible ideal  $\mathcal{I} \subset P(\mathbb{N})$  is said to satisfy the property (AP) if for every sequence  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of pairwise disjoint sets of  $\mathcal{I}$  there are sets  $B_n \subset \mathbb{N}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that the symmetric difference  $A_n \Delta B_n$  is a finite set for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n \in \mathcal{I}$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(X, F, *)$  be an RTN space and  $\mathcal{I}$  be an admissible ideal with property (AP) and  $x = (x_n)$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then there is a sequence  $y = (y_n) \in X$  such that  $L_F^2(y) = \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$  and  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \neq y_n\} \in \mathcal{I}$ .

*Proof.* If  $\mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x)) = L_F^2(x)$ , then  $y = x$  and this case is trivial. Let  $\mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$  be a proper subset of  $L_F^2(x)$ . Then  $L_F^2(x) \setminus \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x)) \neq \emptyset$  for each  $L \in L_F^2(x) \setminus \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$ . There is an  $\mathcal{I}_F^2$ -thin subsequence  $(x_{j_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $x$  such that  $\lim_k x_{j_k}, z = L$ , i.e., given  $\varepsilon > 0, \lambda \in (0, 1)$  there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that  $x_{j_k}, z \notin \mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  for  $k > N$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ . Hence there exists an  $\mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  such that  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_{j_k}, z \in \mathcal{N}_L(\varepsilon, \lambda)\} \in \mathcal{I}$  for each  $\varepsilon > 0, \lambda \in (0, 1)$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ .

It is obvious that the collection of all  $\mathcal{N}_L$ 's is an open cover of  $L_F^2(x) \setminus \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$ . So by Covering Theorem there is a countable and mutually disjoint subcover  $\{\mathcal{N}_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$  such that each  $\mathcal{N}_j$  contains an  $\mathcal{I}_F^2$ -thin subsequence of  $(x_n) \in X$ .

Now let

$$A_j = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n, z \in \mathcal{N}_j = \mathcal{N}_j(\delta, \lambda), j \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

for each  $\delta > 0, \lambda \in (0, 1)$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ . It is clear that  $A_j \in \mathcal{I} (j = 1, 2, \dots)$  and  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ . Then by (AP) property of  $\mathcal{I}$  there is a countable collection  $\{B_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$  of subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  such that  $B = \cup_{j=1}^\infty B_j \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $A_j \setminus B$  is a finite set for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $M = \mathbb{N} \setminus B = \{m_1 < m_2 < \dots\} \subset \mathbb{N}$ . Now the sequence  $y = (y_k) \in X$  is defined by  $y_k = x_{m_k}$  if  $k \in B$  and  $y_k = x_k$  if  $k \in M$ . Obviously,  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k \neq y_k\} \subset B \in \mathcal{I}$ , and so by Theorem 3.2,  $\mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(y)) = \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$ . Since  $A_j \setminus B$  is a finite set, the sequence  $y_B = (y_k)_{k \in B}$  has no limit point with respect to the random 2-norm  $F$  that is not also an  $\mathcal{I}_F^2$ -limit point of  $y$ , i.e.,  $L_F^2(y) = \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(y))$ . Therefore, we have proved  $L_F^2(y) = \mathcal{I}(\Gamma_F^2(x))$ .  $\square$

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## On $\lambda$ -Zweier Convergent Sequence Spaces

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### Abstract

In this paper we introduce a new concept of  $\lambda$ -Zweier convergence and  $\lambda$ -statistical Zweier convergence and give some relations between these two kinds of convergence.

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### 1. Preliminaries

We write  $\omega$  for the set of all complex sequences  $x = (x_k)_{k=0}^{\infty}$  and  $l_{\infty}$ ,  $c$  and  $c_0$  for the sets of all bounded, convergent sequences and null sequences, respectively.

A sequence space  $X$  with linear topology is called a K-space if each of the maps  $P_i : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined by  $P_i(x) = x_i$  is continuous for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ .

A Fréchet space is a complete linear metric space, or equivalently, a complete totally paranormed space. In other words a locally convex space is called a Fréchet space if it is metrizable paranormed space and the Fréchet space is complete.

K-space  $X$  is called an FK-space if  $X$  is complete linear metric space. In other words we say that  $X$  is an FK-space if  $X$  is Fréchet space with continuous coordinate projection, we mean if  $x^{(n)} \rightarrow x$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) in the metric of  $X$  then  $x_k^{(n)} \rightarrow x_k$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . That is, for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the linear functional  $P_k(x) = x_k$  is such that  $P_k$  is continuous on  $X$ , i.e.  $X$  is K-space. Note that  $\omega$  is a locally convex FK space with its usual metric. A BK-space is a normed FK-space (Choudhry & Nanda, 1989).

Let  $A = (a_{nk})_{n,k=0}^{\infty}$  be an infinite matrix of complex numbers and  $x \in \omega$ . We write

$$A_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk}x_k \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

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$$A(x) = (A_n(x))_{n=0}^{\infty}.$$

For any subset  $X$  of  $\omega$ , the set

$$X_A = \{x = (x_k) \in \omega : A(x) \in X\}$$

is called the matrix domain of  $A$  in  $X$ .

Let  $\lambda = (\lambda_n)$  be a non decreasing sequence of positive reals tending to infinity and  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_{n+1} \leq \lambda_n + 1$ . The generalized de la Vallee - Poussin means is defined by

$$t_n(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} x_k,$$

where  $I_n = [n - \lambda_n + 1, n]$ .

A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be  $(V, \lambda)$ -summable to a number  $l$  if  $t_n(x) \rightarrow l$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (Leindler, 1965). We write

$$[V, \lambda]^0 = \{x = (x_k) \in \omega : \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |x_k| = 0\},$$

$$[V, \lambda] = \{x = (x_k) \in \omega : \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |x_k - l| = 0, \text{ for some } l \in \mathbb{C}\},$$

$$[V, \lambda]^\infty = \{x = (x_k) \in \omega : \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |x_k| < \infty\}.$$

For the sets of sequences that are strongly summable to zero, strongly summable and strongly bounded by the de la Valle- Poussin method. In the special case when  $\lambda_n = n$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  the sets  $[V, \lambda]^0$ ,  $[V, \lambda]$  and  $[V, \lambda]^\infty$  reduce the sets  $w_0$ ,  $w$  and  $w_\infty$  introduced and studied by Maddox (Maddox, 1986).

In (Sengönül, 2007), Sengönül introduced  $Z$  and  $Z_0$  spaces as the set of all sequences such that  $\mathcal{F}$ -transforms of them are in the spaces  $c$  and  $c_0$ , respectively, i.e.

$$Z = \{x = (x_k) \in \omega : \mathcal{F} \in c\},$$

$$Z_0 = \{x = (x_k) \in \omega : \mathcal{F} \in c_0\},$$

where  $\mathcal{F} = (z_{nk})$ ,  $(n, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$  denotes by the matrix

$$z_{nk} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & k \leq n \leq k + 1, \quad (n, k \in \mathbb{N}) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This matrix is called Zweier matrix.

The concept of statistical convergence was first introduced by Fast (Fast, 1951) and further studied by Salat in (Salat, 1980), Fridy in (Fridy, 1985), Connor in (Connor, 1988), Kolk in (Kolk, 1996), (Kolk, 1993), M. K. Khan and C. Orhan in (Khan & Orhan, 2007), Fridy and Orhan in (Fridy & Orhan, 1997), (Fridy & Orhan, 1993) and many others. Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of natural numbers and  $E \subset \mathbb{N}$ . Then the natural density of  $E$  is denoted by

$$\delta(E) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} |\{k \leq n : k \in E\}|,$$

where the vertical bars denote the cardinality of the enclosed set.

The sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be statistically convergent to the number  $l$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , the set  $\{k : |x_k - l| \geq \epsilon\}$  has natural density 0, and we write  $l = \text{st} - \lim x$ . We shall also write  $S$  to denote the set of all statistically convergent sequences.



## 2. Main Results

We introduce the sequence spaces  $[V, \lambda]^0[Z]$ ,  $[V, \lambda][Z]$  and  $[V, \lambda]^\infty[Z]$  as the set of all sequences such that Z-transforms of them are in the  $[V, \lambda]^0$ ,  $[V, \lambda]$  and  $[V, \lambda]^\infty$  respectively i.e

$$[V, \lambda]^0[Z] = \{x = (x_k) \in \omega : \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1})| = 0\},$$

$$[V, \lambda][Z] = \{x = (x_k) \in \omega : \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1}) - l| = 0, \text{ for some } l \in \mathbb{C}\},$$

$$[V, \lambda]^\infty[Z] = \{x = (x_k) \in \omega : \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1})| < \infty\},$$

The  $\mathfrak{L} = (z_{nk})_{n,k \geq 0}$  matrix is well known as a regular matrix (Boos, 2000). Define the sequence  $y$  which will be frequently used, as  $\mathfrak{L}$  - transform of the sequence  $x$  i.e.,

$$y_k = \frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1}), \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}). \tag{2.1}$$

**Theorem 2.1.** *The sets  $[V, \lambda]^0[Z]$ ,  $[V, \lambda][Z]$  and  $[V, \lambda]^\infty[Z]$  are the linear spaces with the coordinatwise addition and scalar multiplication with the norm*

$$\|x\|_{[V, \lambda]^0[Z]} = \|x\|_{[V, \lambda][Z]} = \|x\|_{[V, \lambda]^\infty[Z]} = \|\mathfrak{L}x\|_\lambda.$$

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x, y \in [V, \lambda]^0[Z]$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  are complex numbers. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\frac{1}{2}[\alpha(x_k + x_{k-1}) + \beta(y_k + y_{k-1})]| &\leq \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} (|\frac{1}{2}\alpha(x_k + x_{k-1})| + |\frac{1}{2}\beta(y_k + y_{k-1})|) \\ &= \lim_n \frac{\alpha}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} (|\frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1})|) + \lim_n \frac{\beta}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} (|\frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1})|) = 0, \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore , since for any subset  $X$  of  $\omega$  , the set

$$X_A = \{x = (x_k) \in \omega : A(x) \in X\} \quad (\text{is called matrix domian of A in X}),$$

holds and  $[V, \lambda]^0$ ,  $[V, \lambda]$  are *BK*-spaces with respect to the norm defined by

$$\|x\|_{[V, \lambda]} = \sup_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |x_k|$$

and the matrix  $\mathfrak{L} = (z_{nk})$  is normal, that is  $z_{nk} \neq 0$ , for  $0 \leq k \leq n$  and  $z_{nk} = 0$  for  $k > n$  for all  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$  and also by Theorem 4.3.2 of Wilansky (Wilansky, 1984) gives the fact that the spaces  $[V, \lambda]^0[Z]$  and  $[V, \lambda][Z]$  are *BK* spaces. □

**Theorem 2.2.** *The sequence spaces  $[V, \lambda]^0[Z]$ ,  $[V, \lambda][Z]$  and  $[V, \lambda]^\infty[Z]$  are linearly isomorphic to the spaces  $[V, \lambda]^0$ ,  $[V, \lambda]$  and  $[V, \lambda]^\infty$  respectively.*

*Proof.* We want to show the existence of the linear bijection between the spaces  $[V, \lambda]^0[Z]$  and  $[V, \lambda]^0$ . Consider the transformation  $\mathfrak{L}$  defined by (1), from  $[V, \lambda]^0[Z]$  to  $[V, \lambda]^0$  by

$$\mathfrak{L} : [V, \lambda]^0[Z] \rightarrow [V, \lambda]^0$$

$$x \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}x = y, \quad y = (y_k), \quad y_k = \frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1}), \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}).$$

The linearity of  $\mathfrak{L}$  is clear. Further it is trivial that  $x = 0$  when  $\mathfrak{L}x = 0$  and hence  $\mathfrak{L}$  is injective. Let  $y \in [V, \lambda]^0$  and define the sequence  $x = (x_k)$  by

$$x_k = 2 \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^{k-i} y_i \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_{[V, \lambda]^0[Z]} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \left| \frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1}) \right| \\ \|x\|_{[V, \lambda]^0[Z]} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \left| \frac{1}{2} \left( 2 \sum_{k=0}^i (-1)^{k-i} y_i + 2 \sum_{k=0}^i (-1)^{(k-1)-i} y_i \right) \right| \\ \|x\|_{[V, \lambda]^0[Z]} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |y_i|. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $x \in [V, \lambda]^0[Z]$ . Also

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_{[V, \lambda]^0[Z]} &= \sup_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \left| \frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1}) \right| \\ \|x\|_{[V, \lambda]^0[Z]} &= \sup_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} \left| \frac{1}{2} \left( 2 \sum_{k=0}^i (-1)^{i-k} y_k + 2 \sum_{k=0}^i (-1)^{i-k-1} y_k \right) \right| \\ \|x\|_{[V, \lambda]^0[Z]} &= \sup_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |y_k| = \|y\|_{[V, \lambda]^0}^0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have that  $x \in [V, \lambda]^0[Z]$  and consequently  $\mathfrak{L}$  is surjective. Hence  $\mathfrak{L}$  is linear bijection which therefore says us that the spaces  $[V, \lambda]^0[Z]$  and  $[V, \lambda]^0$  are linearly isomorphic. It is clear here that if the spaces  $[V, \lambda]^0[Z]$  and  $[V, \lambda]^0$  replaced by the spaces  $[V, \lambda][Z]$  and  $[V, \lambda]$  or  $[V, \lambda]^\infty[Z]$  and  $[V, \lambda]^\infty$ , respectively. Then

$$[V, \lambda][Z] \cong [V, \lambda]^\infty[Z] \quad \text{or} \quad [V, \lambda]^\infty[Z] \cong [V, \lambda]^\infty.$$

This completes the proof. □

A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be  $\lambda$ -statistical Zweir convergent to a number  $l$  if for  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$R_\lambda[Z] = \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in I_n} |\mathfrak{L}M_\lambda(\epsilon)| = 0 \right\},$$

where

$$\mathfrak{L}M_\lambda(\epsilon) = \{[n - \lambda_n + 1, n] : \left| \frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1}) - l \right| \geq \epsilon\}.$$

Let

$$[n - \lambda_n + 1, n]^* = \{[n - \lambda_n + 1, n] : |\frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1}) - l| \geq \epsilon\} = CM_\lambda(\epsilon)$$

and

$$[n - \lambda_n + 1, n]** = \{[n - \lambda_n + 1, n] : |\frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1}) - l| < \epsilon\}.$$

**Theorem 2.3.** *If  $x_k \rightarrow l[V, \lambda][Z] \implies x_k \rightarrow l(R_\lambda[Z])$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $x_k \rightarrow l[V, \lambda][Z]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in [n - \lambda_n + 1, n]} |\frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1}) - l| \\ & \geq \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in [n - \lambda_n + 1, n]^*} |\frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1}) - l| \\ & \geq \frac{1}{\lambda_n} |\mathfrak{E}M_\lambda(\epsilon)|. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $x_k \rightarrow l(R_\lambda[Z])$ . □

**Theorem 2.4.** *If  $x \in [V, \lambda]^\infty[Z]$  and  $x_k \rightarrow l[V, \lambda][Z] \implies x_k \rightarrow l(R_\lambda[Z])$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x \in [V, \lambda]^\infty[Z]$  and  $x_k \rightarrow l[V, \lambda][Z]$ . Since  $\sup_k |\frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1}) - l| < \infty$ , there exists a constant  $T > 0$  such that  $|\frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1}) - l| < T$  for all  $k$ . Then we have, for every  $\epsilon > 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in [n - \lambda_n + 1, n]} |\frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1}) - l| \\ & = \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in [n - \lambda_n + 1, n]^*} |\frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1}) - l| \\ & + \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \sum_{k \in [n - \lambda_n + 1, n]**} |\frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_{k-1}) - l| \\ & \leq \frac{T}{\lambda_n} |\mathfrak{E}M_\lambda(\epsilon)| + \epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

taking limit as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Thus  $x_k \rightarrow l([V, \lambda]^\infty[Z])$ . □

**Theorem 2.5.** *If  $x \in [V, \lambda]^\infty[Z]$  then  $[V, \lambda][Z] = R_\lambda[Z]$ .*

*Proof.* Proof follows from Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 2.4. □

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## On $H$ -Dichotomy for Skew-Evolution Semiflows in Banach Spaces

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### Abstract

The aim of this paper is to define and characterize a particular case of dichotomy for skew-evolution semiflows, called the  $H$ -dichotomy, as a useful tool in describing the behaviors for the solutions of evolution equations that describe phenomena from engineering or economics. The paper emphasizes also other asymptotic properties, as  $\omega$ -growth and  $\omega$ -decay,  $H$ -stability and  $H$ -instability, as well as the classic concept of exponential dichotomy.

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### 1. Preliminaries

The study of the behaviors of the solutions of evolution equations by means of associated operator families has allowed to obtain answers to some previously open problems by involving techniques of functional analysis and operator theory.

In the qualitative theory of evolution equations, the exponential dichotomy is one of the most important asymptotic properties, and in the last years it was treated from various perspectives.

The notion of exponential dichotomy for linear differential equations was introduced by O. Perron in 1930. The classic paper (Perron, 1930) of Perron served as a starting point for many works on the stability theory. The property of exponential dichotomy for linear differential equations has gained prominence since the appearance of two fundamental monographs due to J.L. Daleckii and M.G. Krein (see (Daleckii & Krein, 1974)) and J.L. Massera and J.J. Schäffer (see (Massera & Schäffer, 1966)).

Diverse and important concepts of dichotomy for linear skew-product semiflows were studied by C. Chicone and Y. Latushkin in (Chicone & Latushkin, 1999), S.N. Chow and H. Leiva in (Chow & Leiva, 1995), R.J. Sacker and G.R. Sell in (Sacker & Sell, 1994) as well as G.R. Sell and Y. You in (Sell & You, 2002).

The exponential stability and exponential instability for nonautonomous differential equations are studied by L. Barreira and C. Valls in (Barreira & Valls, 2008), and, in particular, for linear skew-product semiflows, by M. Megan, A.L. Sasu and B. Sasu in (Megan *et al.*, 2004).

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We have reconsidered the definitions of asymptotic properties by means of skew-evolution semiflow on a Banach space, introduced in (Megan & Stoica, 2008a), as an important tool in the stability theory and as a natural generalization for semigroups of operators, evolution operators and skew-product semiflows.

A skew-evolution semiflow depends on three variables  $t$ ,  $t_0$  and  $x$ , while the classic concept of cocycle depends only on  $t$  and  $x$ , thus justifying a further study of asymptotic behaviors for skew-evolution semiflows in a more general case, the nonuniform setting (relative to the third variable).

The notion of linear skew-evolution semiflow arises naturally when considering the linearization along an invariant manifold of a dynamical system generated by a nonlinear differential equation. The notion has proved itself of interest in the development of the stability theory, in a uniform as well as in a nonuniform setting, being already adopted by some researchers, as, for example, P. Viet Hai in (Viet Hai, 2010) and A.J.G. Bento and C.M. Silva in (Bento & Silva, 2012). Some results concerning the asymptotic properties for skew-evolution semiflows were published in (Megan & Stoica, 2008b), (Megan & Stoica, 2010), (Stoica & Megan, 2010) and (Stoica, 2010).

In what follows, we will consider a more general case for asymptotic behaviors that does not involve necessarily exponentials, but, instead, properly defined functions, which allows a non restrained approach. The aim of this paper is to define and characterize a more general case of dichotomy for skew-evolution semiflows, called the  $H$ -dichotomy, as a tool in the study the behaviors for the solutions of differential equations that describe processes from engineering, physics or economics, and to emphasize connections with the classic concept.

The motivation for the approach of the  $H$ -dichotomy is due to the fact that the characterizations in this case do not impose restrictions neither on the matrix  $A$ , which defines the system of differential equations, nor on the solutions, such as bounded growth or decay.

## 2. Notations. Definitions

Let us denote by  $X$  a metric space, by  $V$  a Banach space, by  $V^*$  its dual, and by  $\mathcal{B}(V)$  the space of all bounded linear operators from  $V$  into itself. We consider the set  $T = \{(t, t_0) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2, t \geq t_0\}$ . Let  $I$  be the identity operator on  $V$ . We denote  $Y = X \times V$  and  $Y_x = \{x\} \times V$ , where  $x \in X$ .

Let us define the sets

$$\mathcal{H} = \{H : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^* \mid H \text{ continuous}\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{F} = \{f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \mid \exists \mu \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } f(t) = e^{\mu t}, \forall t \geq 0\}$$

with the subsets  $\mathcal{F}_+$  and  $\mathcal{F}_-$  for positive, respectively negative values of  $\mu$ .

We will denote by  $\mathcal{K}$  the set of all continuous functions  $h : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  such that, for all  $H \in \mathcal{H}$ , there exist a function  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  and a constant  $k > 0$  with the properties

$$h(s) \leq kf(t-s)H(t), \text{ and } h(2t)h(2s) \leq H(t+s), \forall t, s \geq 0.$$

*Remark.* As we can consider  $h(t) = f(t) = e^{\nu t}$  and  $H(t) = e^{2\nu t}$ ,  $\nu > 0$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , it follows that the set  $\mathcal{K}$  is not empty.

**Definition 2.1.** The mapping  $C : T \times Y \rightarrow Y$  defined by the relation

$$C(t, s, x, v) = (\varphi(t, s, x), \Phi(t, s, x)v),$$

where  $\varphi : T \times X \rightarrow X$  has the properties

- (s<sub>1</sub>)  $\varphi(t, t, x) = x, \forall (t, x) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times X;$
- (s<sub>2</sub>)  $\varphi(t, s, \varphi(s, t_0, x)) = \varphi(t, t_0, x), \forall (t, s, t_0) \in T, x \in X$

and  $\Phi : T \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(V)$  satisfy

- (c<sub>1</sub>)  $\Phi(t, t, x) = I, \forall (t, x) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times X;$
- (c<sub>2</sub>)  $\Phi(t, s, \varphi(s, t_0, x))\Phi(s, t_0, x) = \Phi(t, t_0, x), \forall (t, s, t_0) \in T, x \in X,$

is called *skew-evolution semiflow* on  $Y$ .

*Remark.*  $\varphi$  is called *evolution semiflow* and  $\Phi$  *evolution cocycle* over the evolution semiflow  $\varphi$ .

*Remark.* If  $C = (\varphi, \Phi)$  denotes a skew-evolution semiflow and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  a parameter, then  $C_\alpha = (\varphi, \Phi_\alpha)$ , where

$$\Phi_\alpha : T \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(V), \Phi_\alpha(t, t_0, x) = e^{\alpha(t-t_0)}\Phi(t, t_0, x), \tag{2.1}$$

is the  $\alpha$ -shifted skew-evolution semiflow.

**Example 2.1.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}_+$ . The mapping  $\varphi : T \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, \varphi(t, s, x) = t - s + x$  is an evolution semiflow on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . For every evolution operator  $E : T \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(V)$  we obtain that

$$\Phi_E : T \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(V), \Phi_E(t, s, x) = E(t - s + x, x)$$

is an evolution cocycle on  $V$  over the evolution semiflow  $\varphi$ . Hence, an evolution operator on  $V$  is generating a skew-evolution semiflow on  $Y$ .

**Example 2.2.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a decreasing function. We denote by  $X$  the closure in  $C$ , the set of all continuous functions  $x : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , of the set  $\{f_t, t \in \mathbb{R}_+\}$ , where  $f_t(\tau) = f(t + \tau), \forall \tau \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . The mapping  $\varphi_0 : \mathbb{R}_+ \times X \rightarrow X, \varphi_0(t, x) = x_t$ , where  $x_t(\tau) = x(t + \tau), \forall \tau \geq 0$ , is a semiflow on  $X$ . Let  $V = \mathcal{L}^2(0, 1)$  be a separable Hilbert space with the orthonormal basis  $\{e_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  defined by  $e_0 = 1$  and  $e_n(y) = \sqrt{2} \cos n\pi y$ , where  $y \in (0, 1)$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let us consider the Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{v}(t) = A(\varphi_0(t, x))v(t), & t > 0 \\ v(0) = v_0. \end{cases} \tag{2.2}$$

where  $A : X \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(V)$  is a continuous mapping. We consider a  $C_0$ -semigroup  $S$  given by the relation

$$S(t)v = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-n^2\pi^2 t} \langle v, e_n \rangle e_n,$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the scalar product in  $V$ . The mapping

$$\Phi_0 : \mathbb{R}_+ \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(V), \Phi_0(t, x)v = S\left(\int_0^t x(s)ds\right)v$$

is a cocycle over the semiflow  $\varphi_0$  and  $C_0 = (\varphi_0, \Phi_0)$  is a linear skew-product semiflow on  $Y$ . Also, for all  $v_0 \in D(A)$ , we have that  $v(t) = \Phi_0(t, x)v_0, t \geq 0$ , is a strong solution of system (2.2). Then the mapping

$$C : T \times Y \rightarrow Y, C(t, s, x, v) = (\varphi(t, s, x), \Phi(t, s, x)v),$$

where

$$\varphi(t, s, x) = \varphi_0(t - s, x) \text{ and } \Phi(t, s, x) = \Phi_0(t - s, x), \forall (t, s, x) \in T \times X$$

is a skew-evolution semiflow on  $Y$ . Hence, the skew-evolution semiflows are generalizations of skew-product semiflows.

Other examples of skew-evolution semiflows are given in (Stoica & Megan, 2010).

**Definition 2.2.**  $C = (\varphi, \Phi)$  has  $\omega$ -growth if there exists a nondecreasing function  $\omega : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  with the property  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \omega(t) = \infty$  such that:

$$\|\Phi(t, t_0, x)v\| \leq \omega(t - s) \|\Phi(s, t_0, x)v\|,$$

for all  $(t, s), (s, t_0) \in T$  and all  $(x, v) \in Y$ .

*Remark.* If  $C$  has  $\omega$ -growth, then the  $-\alpha$ -shifted skew-evolution semiflow  $C_{-\alpha} = (\varphi, \Phi_{-\alpha})$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , has also  $\omega$ -growth.

*Remark.* The property of  $\omega$ -growth is equivalent with the property of exponential growth (see (Stoica, 2010)).

**Definition 2.3.**  $C = (\varphi, \Phi)$  has  $\omega$ -decay if there exists a nondecreasing function  $\omega : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  with the property  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \omega(t) = \infty$  such that:

$$\|\Phi(s, t_0, x)v\| \leq \omega(t - s) \|\Phi(t, t_0, x)v\|,$$

for all  $(t, s), (s, t_0) \in T$  and all  $(x, v) \in Y$ .

*Remark.* If  $C$  has  $\omega$ -decay, then the  $\alpha$ -shifted skew-evolution semiflow  $C_\alpha = (\varphi, \Phi_\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , has also  $\omega$ -decay.

*Remark.* The property of  $\omega$ -decay is equivalent with the property of exponential decay (see (Stoica, 2010)).

### 3. Concepts of dichotomy

**Definition 3.1.** A continuous mapping  $P : Y \rightarrow Y$  defined by

$$P(x, v) = (x, P(x)v), \quad \forall (x, v) \in Y, \tag{3.1}$$

where  $P(x)$  is a linear projection on  $Y_x$ , is called *projector* on  $Y$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A projector  $P$  on  $Y$  is called *invariant* relative to a skew-evolution semiflow  $C = (\varphi, \Phi)$  if following relation holds:

$$P(\varphi(t, s, x))\Phi(t, s, x) = \Phi(t, s, x)P(x), \tag{3.2}$$

for all  $(t, s) \in T$  and all  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 3.3.** Two projectors  $P$  and  $Q$ , defined by (3.1), are said to be *compatible* with a skew-evolution semiflow  $C = (\varphi, \Phi)$  if:

- ( $t_1$ ) each of the projectors is invariant on  $Y$ , as in (3.2);
- ( $t_2$ )  $\forall x \in X$ , the projections  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  verify the relations

$$P(x) + Q(x) = I \text{ and } P(x)Q(x) = 0.$$



**Definition 3.4.**  $C = (\varphi, \Phi)$  is exponentially dichotomic relative to the compatible projectors  $P$  and  $Q$  if there exist  $\alpha > 0$  and two nondecreasing mappings  $N_1, N_2 : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  such that:

$$(ed_1) \quad e^{\alpha(t-s)} \|\Phi_P(t, t_0, x)v\| \leq N_1(s) \|\Phi_P(s, t_0, x)v\|; \quad (3.3)$$

$$(ed_2) \quad e^{\alpha(t-s)} \|\Phi_Q(s, t_0, x)v\| \leq N_2(t) \|\Phi_Q(t, t_0, x)v\|, \quad (3.4)$$

for all  $(t, s), (s, t_0) \in T$  and all  $(x, v) \in Y$ .

*Remark.* In Definition 3.4, relation (3.3) is the definition for the exponential stability and relation (3.4) for the exponential instability.

A more general concept of dichotomy is given by

**Definition 3.5.**  $C = (\varphi, \Phi)$  is  $H$ -dichotomic relative to the compatible projectors  $P$  and  $Q$  if there exist two nondecreasing mappings  $N_1, N_2 : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  such that:

$$(Hed_1) \quad H(t) \|\Phi_P(t, t_0, x)v\| \leq N_1(t_0) \|P(x)v\|; \quad (3.5)$$

$$(Hed_2) \quad H(s) \|\Phi_Q(s, t_0, x)v\| \leq N_2(t) \|\Phi_Q(t, t_0, x)v\|, \quad (3.6)$$

for all  $(t, s), (s, t_0) \in T$ , all  $(x, v) \in Y$  and all  $H \in \mathcal{H}$ .

*Remark.* For  $H(t) = e^{\nu t}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ ,  $\nu > 0$  the exponential dichotomy for skew-evolution semiflows is obtained.

**Example 3.1.** Let us consider the system of differential equations

$$\begin{cases} \dot{u} = (-2t \sin t - 3)u \\ \dot{w} = (t \cos t + 2)w \end{cases}$$

Let  $X = \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  with the norm  $\|(v_1, v_2)\| = |v_1| + |v_2|$ ,  $v = (v_1, v_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Then the mapping  $\varphi : T \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  defined by

$$\varphi(t, s, x) = x_{t-s}$$

is an evolution semiflow and the mapping  $\Phi : T \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(t, s, x)(v_1, v_2) &= (U(t, s)v_1, W(t, s)v_2) = \\ &= (e^{2t \cos t - 2s \cos s - 2 \sin t + 2 \sin s - 3t + 3s} v_1, e^{t \sin t - s \sin s + \cos t - \cos s + 2t - 2s} v_2), \end{aligned}$$

where  $U(t, s) = u(t)u^{-1}(s)$ ,  $W(t, s) = w(t)w^{-1}(s)$ ,  $(t, s) \in T$ , and  $u(t)$ ,  $w(t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , are the solutions of the given differential equations, is an evolution cocycle. We obtain that the skew-evolution semiflow  $C = (\varphi, \Phi)$  is  $H$ -dichotomic relative to the compatible projectors  $P, Q : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , defined by  $P(x, v) = (v_1, 0)$  and  $Q(x, v) = (0, v_2)$ , where  $v = (v_1, v_2)$ , with

$$H(u) = e^u, \quad N_1(s) = e^{5s+4} \quad \text{and} \quad N_2(s) = e^{-t+2}.$$

In what follows, if  $P$  is a given projector, we will denote for every  $(t, s, x) \in T \times X$

$$\Phi_P(t, s, x) = \Phi(t, s, x)P(x) \text{ and } C_P = (\varphi, \Phi_P).$$

We remark that

(i)  $\Phi_P(t, t, x) = P(x)$ , for all  $(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times X$ ;

(ii)  $\Phi_P(t, s, \varphi(s, t_0, x))\Phi_P(s, t_0, x) = \Phi_P(t, t_0, x)$ , for all  $(t, s), (s, t_0) \in T, x \in X$ .

The following result is an integral characterization for the concept of  $H$ -dichotomy.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $P, Q : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(V)$  be two projectors compatible with  $C = (\varphi, \Phi)$  with the property that  $C_P$  has  $\omega$ -growth and  $C_Q$  has  $\omega$ -decay. Let  $H \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $h \in \mathcal{K}$ . Then  $C$  is  $H$ -dichotomic if and only if there exist two mappings  $M_1, M_2 : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^*$  such that:*

(i)

$$\int_{t_0}^t h(\tau) \|\Phi_P(t, \tau, x)^* v^*\| d\tau \leq M_1(t_0)H(t) \|P(x)v^*\|, \quad (3.7)$$

(ii)

$$h(t_0) \int_0^t \frac{1}{H(\tau)} \|\Phi_Q(\tau, t_0, x)v\| d\tau \leq M_2(t) \|\Phi_Q(t, t_0, x)v\|, \quad (3.8)$$

for all  $(t, s), (s, t_0) \in T$  and all  $(x, v) \in Y, v^* \in V^*$  with  $\|v^*\| \leq 1$ .

*Proof. Necessity.* (i) As the skew-evolution semiflow  $C$  is  $H$ -dichotomic, it implies that the relation (3.5) of Definition 3.5 holds. There exist a function  $f \in \mathcal{F}_-$  and a constant  $k > 0$  such that

$$h(s) \leq kf(t-s)H(t), \quad \forall (t, s) \in T.$$

Let us denote  $f(t) = e^{-\nu t}, \nu > 0$ . We obtain the inequalities

$$\|\Phi_P(t, t_0, x)v\| \leq \frac{N_1(t)}{H(t)} \|\Phi_P(s, t_0, x)v\| \leq k \frac{N_1(s)}{h(s)} e^{-\nu(t-s)} \|\Phi_P(s, t_0, x)v\|,$$

for all  $(t, s), (s, t_0) \in T$  and all  $(x, v) \in Y$ . Further we have

$$\int_{t_0}^t h(\tau) \|\Phi_P(t, \tau, x)^* v^*\| d\tau \leq kH(t) \int_{t_0}^t h(\tau) e^{-\nu(t-\tau)} \|\Phi_P(t, \tau, x)^* v^*\| d\tau \leq M_1(t_0)H(t) \|P(x)v^*\|,$$

where we have denoted  $M_1(t) = k\nu^{-1}N_1(t), t \geq 0$ .

(ii) We have that the relation (3.6) of Definition 3.5 takes place. There exist a function  $f \in \mathcal{F}_-$  and a constant  $k > 0$  such that

$$h(t_0) \leq kf(s-t_0)H(s), \quad \forall (s, t_0) \in T.$$

Let us consider  $f(t) = e^{-\nu t}, \nu > 0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi_Q(s, t_0, x)v\| &\leq \frac{N_2(t)}{H(s)} \|\Phi_Q(t, t_0, x)v\| \leq k \frac{N_2(t)}{h(t_0)} e^{-\nu(s-t_0)} \|\Phi_Q(t, t_0, x)v\| \leq \\ &\leq k \frac{N_2(t)}{h(t_0)} e^{\nu t} e^{-\nu(s-t_0)} e^{-\nu(2s-t_0)} \|\Phi_Q(t, t_0, x)v\| \leq kN_2(t) e^{\nu t} e^{-\nu(t-s)} \|\Phi_Q(t, t_0, x)v\|, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(t, s), (s, t_0) \in T$  and all  $(x, v) \in Y$ . Further we have

$$h(t_0) \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{H(\tau)} \|\Phi_Q(t, t_0, x)v\| d\tau \leq kM \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\nu(\tau-t_0)} e^{\delta(t-\tau)} \|\Phi_Q(t, t_0, x)v\| d\tau \leq M_2(t) \|P(x)v\|,$$

where we have denoted  $M_2(t) = \frac{kM}{\nu + \delta} e^{(\nu+\delta)t}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , and where we have defined in Definition 2.3 the function  $\omega(t) = Me^{\delta t}$ ,  $M \geq 1$  and  $\delta > 0$ .

*Sufficiency.* (i) We suppose that relation (3.7) takes place. Let us first consider the case  $t \in [t_0, t_0 + 1)$ . We have, as  $0 \leq t - t_0 < 1$ ,

$$\|\Phi_P(t, t_0, x)v\| \leq Me^{\alpha+\delta} e^{-\alpha(t-t_0)} \|P(x)v\|,$$

for all  $(x, v) \in Y$ , where we have considered in Definition 2.2 the function  $\omega(t) = Me^{\delta t}$ ,  $M \geq 1$  and  $\delta > 0$ .

On the second hand, we consider the case  $t \geq t_0 + 1$  and  $s \in [t_0, t_0 + 1]$ . As  $H \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $h \in \mathcal{K}$ , there exists a constant  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $h(s) \geq e^{-\alpha(t-s)}H(t)$ , for all  $(t, s \in T)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-(\alpha+\delta)} \left| \langle v^*, e^{\alpha(t-t_0)} \Phi_P(t, t_0, x)v \rangle \right| &\leq e^{-(\alpha+\delta)(\tau-t_0)} \left| \langle v^*, e^{\alpha(t-t_0)} \Phi_P(t, t_0, x)v \rangle \right| = \\ &= e^{-(\alpha+\delta)(\tau-t_0)} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+1} \left| \langle \Phi_P(t, \tau, \varphi(\tau, t_0, x))^* v^*, e^{\alpha(t-t_0)} \Phi_P(\tau, t_0, x)v \rangle \right| d\tau \leq \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^{t_0+1} e^{\alpha(t-\tau)} \|\Phi_P(t, \tau, \varphi(\tau, t_0, x))^* v^*\| e^{-\delta(\tau-t_0)} \|\Phi_P(\tau, t_0, x)v\| d\tau \leq \\ &\leq M \|P(x)v\| \int_{t_0}^t e^{\alpha(t-\tau)} \|\Phi_P(t, \tau, \varphi(\tau, t_0, x))^* v^*\| d\tau \leq \\ &\leq MM_1(t_0) \|P(x)v\| \|P(x)v^*\|. \end{aligned}$$

By taking supremum relative to  $\|v^*\| \leq 1$  it follows that

$$\|\Phi_P(t, t_0, x)v\| \leq Me^{\alpha+\delta} M_1(t_0) e^{-\alpha(t-t_0)} \|P(x)v\|$$

Thus, we obtain

$$\|\Phi_P(t, t_0, x)v\| \leq Me^{\alpha+\delta} [M_1(t_0) + 1] e^{-\alpha(t-t_0)} \|P(x)v\|,$$

for all  $(t, t_0) \in T$  and  $(x, v) \in Y$ . Let us now define  $H(t) = e^{\alpha t}$  and  $N_1(t_0) = Me^{\alpha+\delta} [M_1(t_0) + 1] e^{\alpha t_0}$ . We obtain thus relation (3.5).

(ii) For  $H \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $h \in \mathcal{K}$ , there exists a constant  $\beta > 0$  such that  $h(s) \leq e^{-\beta(t-s)}H(t)$ ,  $\forall (t, s) \in T$ . Let us denote

$$K = \int_0^1 e^{-\beta\tau} \omega(\tau) d\tau,$$

where the function  $\omega$  is given by Definition 2.3. We have

$$\begin{aligned} K \|Q(x)v\| &= \int_{t_0}^{t_0+1} e^{-\beta(\tau-t_0)} \omega(\tau - t_0) \|\Phi_Q(t_0, t_0, x)v\| d\tau \leq \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^{t_0+1} e^{-\beta(\tau-t_0)} \|\Phi_Q(\tau, t_0, x)v\| d\tau \leq M_2(t) e^{\beta(t-t_0)} \|\Phi_Q(t, t_0, x)v\|, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(t, t_0) \in T$  and all  $(x, v) \in Y$ . This relation implies

$$\|\Phi_Q(s, t_0, x)v\| \leq \frac{1}{K} M_2(t) e^{\beta(t-s)} \|\Phi_Q(t, t_0, x)v\|,$$

for all  $(t, s), (s, t_0) \in T$  and all  $(x, v) \in Y$ . Let us define  $H(s) = e^{\beta s}$  and  $N_2(t) = \frac{1}{K} M_2(t) e^{\beta t}$ . Relation (3.6) is thus obtained. □

*Remark.* In Definition 3.5, relation (3.5) gives the definition for the  $H$ -stability and relation (3.6) for the  $H$ -instability, characterized, respectively, by the relations (3.7) and (3.8) of Theorem 3.2.

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## On Multiset Topologies

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### Abstract

In this paper an attempt is made to extend the concept of topological spaces in the context of multisets (mset, for short). The paper begins with basic definitions and operations on multisets. The mset space  $[X]^w$  is the collection of multisets whose elements are from  $X$  such that no element in the multiset occurs more than finite number ( $w$ ) of times. Different types of collections of multisets such as power multisets, power whole multisets and power full multisets which are subsets of the multiset space and operations under such collections are defined. The notion of  $M$ -topological space and the concept of open multisets are introduced. More precisely, an  $M$ -topology is defined as a set of multisets as points. Furthermore the notions of basis, sub basis, closed sets, closure and interior in topological spaces are extended to  $M$ -topological spaces and many related theorems have been proved. The paper concludes with the definition of continuous multiset functions and related properties, in particular the comparison of discrete topology and discrete  $M$ -topology are established.

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### 1. Introduction

The notion of a multiset (bag) is well established both in mathematics and computer science (Clements, 1988; Conder *et al.*, 2007; Galton, 2003; Singh *et al.*, 2011; Skowron, 1988; Šlapal, 1993). In mathematics, a multiset is considered to be the generalization of a set. In classical set theory, a set is a well-defined collection of distinct objects. If repeated occurrences of any object is allowed in a set, then a mathematical structure, that is known as multiset (mset, for short), is obtained (Singh, 1994; Singh *et al.*, 2007; Singh & Singh, 2003; Wildberger, 2003). In various counting arguments it is convenient to distinguish between a set like  $\{a, b, c\}$  and a collection like  $\{a, a, a, b, c, c\}$ . The latter, if viewed as a set, will be identical to the former. However, it has some of its elements purposely listed several times. We formalize it by defining a multiset as a collection of elements, each considered with certain multiplicity. For the sake of convenience a multiset is written as  $\{k_1/x_1, k_2/x_2, \dots, k_n/x_n\}$  in which the element  $x_i$  occurs  $k_i$  times. We observe that each multiplicity  $k_i$  is a positive integer.

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Classical set theory states that a given element can appear only once in a set, it assumes that all mathematical objects occur without repetition. Thus there is only one number four, one field of complex numbers, etc. So, the only possible relation between two mathematical objects is either they are equal or they are different. The situation in science and in ordinary life is not like this. In the physical world it is observed that there is enormous repetition. For instance, there are many hydrogen atoms, many water molecules, many strands of DNA, etc. Coins of the same denomination and year, electrons or grains of sand appear similar, despite being obviously separate. This leads to three possible relations between any two physical objects; they are different, they are the same but separate or they coincide and are identical. For the sake of definiteness we say that two physical objects are the same or equal, if they are indistinguishable, but possibly separate, and identical if they physically coincide.

Topology, as a branch of mathematics, can be formally defined as the study of qualitative properties of certain objects called topological spaces that are invariant under certain kinds of transformations called continuous maps (Galton, 2003; Skowron, 1988; Šlapal, 1993). There are many occasions, however, when one encounters collections of non-distinct objects. In such situations the term ‘multiset’ is used instead of ‘set’. In this paper topologies on multisets are provided and they can be useful for measuring the similarities and dissimilarities between the universes of the objects which are multisets. Moreover, topologies on multisets can be associated to IC-bags or  $n^k$ -bags introduced by K. Chakrabarty (Chakrabarty, 2000; Chakrabarty & Despi, 2007) with the help of rough set theory. The association of rough set theory and topologies on multisets through bags with interval counts (Chakrabarty & Despi, 2007) can be used to develop theoretical study of covering based rough sets with respect to universe as multisets.

The mset space  $[X]^w$  is the collection of finite msets whose elements are from  $X$  such that no member of an element of  $[X]^w$  occurs more than finite number ( $w$ ) of times. i.e., every msets in the collection  $[X]^w$  are finite cardinality with each element having multiplicity atmost  $w$ . Different types of collections of msets such as power msets, power whole msets and power full msets which are subsets of the mset space and operations under such collections of msets are defined. The notion of  $M$ -topological space and the concept of open multisets are introduced. More precisely, a multiset topology is defined as a set of multisets as points. The notion of basis, sub basis, closed sets, closure and interior in topological spaces are extended to  $M$ -topological spaces and many related theorems have been proved. The paper concludes with the definition of continuous mset functions and related properties.

## 2. Preliminaries and Basic Definitions

In this section some basic definitions, results and notations as introduced by V. G. Cerf et al. (Gostelow et al., 1972) in 1972, J. L. Peterson (Peterson, 1976) in 1976, R. R. Yager (Yager, 1987, 1986) in 1986, W. D. Blizard (Blizard, 1989a, 1990, 1989b, 1991) in 1989, K. Chakrabarty et al. (Chakrabarty & Despi, 2007; Chakrabarty et al., 1999b,a; Chakrabarty & Despi, 2007) in 1999, S. P. Jena et al. (Jena et al., 2001) in 2001 and the authors concepts in (Girish & John, 2009a, 2012, 2009b; Girish & Jacob, 2011; Girish & John, 2011) are presented.

**Definition 2.1.** (Girish & John, 2012) An mset  $M$  drawn from the set  $X$  is represented by a function Count  $M$  or  $C_M$  defined as  $C_M : X \rightarrow N$  where  $N$  represents the set of non negative integers.

Here  $C_M(x)$  is the number of occurrences of the element  $x$  in the mset  $M$ . We present the mset  $M$  drawn from the set  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  as  $M = \{m_1/x_1, m_2/x_2, \dots, m_n/x_n\}$  where  $m_i$  is the number of occurrences of the element  $x_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  in the mset  $M$ . However those elements which are not included in the mset  $M$  have zero count.

**Example 2.1.** (Girish & John, 2012) Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  be any set. Then  $M = \{2/a, 4/b, 5/d, 1/e\}$  is an mset drawn from  $X$ . Clearly, a set is a special case of an mset.

Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two msets drawn from a set  $X$ . Then, the following are defined in (Girish & John, 2012):

- (i)  $M = N$  if  $C_M(x) = C_N(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- (ii)  $M \subseteq N$  if  $C_M(x) \leq C_N(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- (iii)  $P = M \cup N$  if  $C_P(x) = \text{Max}\{C_M(x), C_N(x)\}$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- (iv)  $P = M \cap N$  if  $C_P(x) = \text{Min}\{C_M(x), C_N(x)\}$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- (v)  $P = M \oplus N$  if  $C_P(x) = C_M(x) + C_N(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- (vi)  $P = M \ominus N$  if  $C_P(x) = \text{Max}\{C_M(x) - C_N(x), 0\}$  for all  $x \in X$  where  $\oplus$  and  $\ominus$  represents mset addition and mset subtraction respectively.

Let  $M$  be an mset drawn from a set  $X$ . The support set of  $M$  denoted by  $M^*$  is a subset of  $X$  and  $M^* = \{x \in X : C_M(x) > 0\}$ . i.e.,  $M^*$  is an ordinary set.  $M^*$  is also called root set.

An mset  $M$  is said to be an empty mset if for all  $x \in X, C_M(x) = 0$ .

The cardinality of an mset  $M$  drawn from a set  $X$  is denoted by  $\text{Card}(M)$  or  $|M|$  and is given by  $\text{Card} M = \sum_{x \in X} C_M(x)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** (Girish & John, 2012) A domain  $X$ , is defined as a set of elements from which msets are constructed. The mset space  $[X]^w$  is the set of all msets whose elements are in  $X$  such that no element in the mset occurs more than  $w$  times.

The set  $[X]^\infty$  is the set of all msets over a domain  $X$  such that there is no limit on the number of occurrences of an element in an mset.

If  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$  then  $[X]^w = \{m_1/x_1, m_2/x_2, \dots, m_k/x_k : \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k; m_i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, w\}\}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** (Girish & John, 2012) Let  $X$  be a support set and  $[X]^w$  be the mset space defined over  $X$ . Then for any mset  $M \in [X]^w$ , the complement  $M^c$  of  $M$  in  $[X]^w$  is an element of  $[X]^w$  such that  $C_{M^c}(x) = w - C_M(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**Remark 2.1.** Using Definition 2.3, the mset sum can be modified as follows:

$$C_{M_1 \oplus M_2}(x) = \min\{w, C_{M_1}(x) + C_{M_2}(x)\} \text{ for all } x \in X.$$

**Notation 2.1.** (Girish & John, 2012) Let  $M$  be an mset from  $X$  with  $x$  appearing  $n$  times in  $M$ . It is denoted by  $x \in^n M$ .  $M = \{k_1/x_1, k_2/x_2, \dots, k_n/x_n\}$  where  $M$  is an mset with  $x_1$  appearing  $k_1$  times,  $x_2$  appearing  $k_2$  times and so on.  $[M]_x$  denotes that the element  $x$  belongs to the mset  $M$  and  $|[M]_x|$  denotes the cardinality of an element  $x$  in  $M$ .

A new notation can be introduced for the purpose of defining Cartesian product, Relation and its domain and co-domain. The entry of the form  $(m/x, n/y)/k$  denotes that  $x$  is repeated  $m$ -times,  $y$  is repeated  $n$ -times and the pair  $(x, y)$  is repeated  $k$  times. The counts of the members of the domain and co-domain vary in relation to the counts of the  $x$  co-ordinate and  $y$  co-ordinate in  $(m/x, n/y)/k$ . For this purpose we introduce the notation  $C_1(x, y)$  and  $C_2(x, y)$ .  $C_1(x, y)$  denotes the count of the first co-ordinate in the ordered pair  $(x, y)$  and  $C_2(x, y)$  denotes the count of the second co-ordinate in the ordered pair  $(x, y)$ .

Throughout this paper  $M$  stands for a multiset drawn from the multiset space  $[X]^w$ . We can define the following types of subsets of  $M$  and collection of subsets from the mset space  $[X]^w$ .



**Definition 2.4.** (Girish & John, 2012) (Whole subset) A subset  $N$  of  $M$  is a whole subset of  $M$  with each element in  $N$  having full multiplicity as in  $M$ . i.e.,  $C_N(x) = C_M(x)$  for every  $x$  in  $N$ .

**Definition 2.5.** (Girish & John, 2012) (Partial Whole subset) A subset  $N$  of  $M$  is a partial whole subset of  $M$  with at least one element in  $N$  having full multiplicity as in  $M$ . i.e.,  $C_N(x) = C_M(x)$  for some  $x$  in  $N$ .

**Definition 2.6.** (Girish & John, 2012) (Full subset) A subset  $N$  of  $M$  is a full subset of  $M$  if each element in  $M$  is an element in  $N$  with the same or lesser multiplicity as in  $M$ . i.e.,  $M^* = N^*$  with  $C_N(x) \leq C_M(x)$  for every  $x$  in  $N$ .

**Note 2.1.** (Girish & John, 2012) Empty set  $\emptyset$  is a whole subset of every mset but it is neither a full subset nor a partial whole subset of any nonempty mset  $M$ .

**Example 2.2.** (Girish & John, 2012) Let  $M = \{2/x, 3/y, 5/z\}$  be an mset. Following are the some of the subsets of  $M$  which are whole subsets, partial whole subsets and full subsets.

- (a) A subset  $\{2/x, 3/y\}$  is a whole subset and partial whole subset of  $M$  but it is not full subset of  $M$ .
- (b) A subset  $\{1/x, 3/y, 2/z\}$  is a partial whole subset and full subset of  $M$  but it is not a whole subset of  $M$ .
- (c) A subset  $\{1/x, 3/y\}$  is partial whole subset of  $M$  which is neither whole subset nor full subset of  $M$ .

**Definition 2.7.** (Girish & John, 2012) (Power Whole Mset) Let  $M \in [X]^w$  be an mset. The power whole mset of  $M$  denoted by  $PW(M)$  is defined as the set of all whole subsets of  $M$ . i. e., for constructing power whole subsets of  $M$ , every element of  $M$  with its full multiplicity behaves like an element in a classical set. The cardinality of  $PW(M)$  is  $2^n$  where  $n$  is the cardinality of the support set (root set) of  $M$ .

**Definition 2.8.** (Girish & John, 2012) (Power Full Mset) Let  $M \in [X]^w$  be an mset. Then the power full mset of  $M$ ,  $PF(M)$ , is defined as the set of all full subsets of  $M$ . The cardinality of  $PF(M)$  is the product of the counts of the elements in  $M$ .

**Note 2.2.**  $PW(M)$  and  $PF(M)$  are ordinary sets whose elements are msets.

If  $M$  is an ordinary set with  $n$  distinct elements, then the power set  $P(M)$  of  $M$  contains exactly  $2^n$  elements. If  $M$  is a multiset with  $n$  elements (repetitions counted), then the power set  $P(M)$  contains strictly less than  $2^n$  elements because singleton subsets do not repeat in  $P(M)$ . In the classical set theory, Cantor’s power set theorem fails for msets. It is possible to formulate the following reasonable definition of a power mset of  $M$  for finite mset  $M$  that preserves Cantor’s power set theorem.

**Definition 2.9.** (Girish & John, 2012) (Power Mset) Let  $M \in [X]^w$  be an mset. The power mset  $P(M)$  of  $M$  is the set of all sub msets of  $M$ . We have  $N \in P(M)$  if and only if  $N \subseteq M$ . If  $N = \Phi$ , then  $N \in {}^1 P(M)$ ; and if  $N = \Phi$ , then  $N \in {}^k P(M)$  where  $k = \prod_z \binom{[M]_z}{[N]_z}$ , the product  $\prod_z$  is taken over by distinct elements of  $z$  of the mset  $N$  and  $[M]_z = m$  iff  $z \in^m M$ ,  $[N]_z = n$  iff  $z \in^n N$ , then

$$\binom{[M]_z}{[N]_z} = \binom{m}{n} = \frac{m!}{n!(m-n)!}$$

The power set of an mset is the support set of the power mset and is denoted by  $P^*(M)$ . The following theorem shows the cardinality of the power set of an mset.



**Theorem 2.1** (23). Let  $P(M)$  be a power mset drawn from the mset  $M = \{m_1/x_1, m_2/x_2, \dots, m_n/x_n\}$  and  $P^*(M)$  be the power set of an mset  $M$ . Then  $\text{Card}(P^*(M)) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + m_i)$ .

**Example 2.3.** (Girish & John, 2012) Let  $M = \{2/x, 3/y\}$  be an mset.

The collection  $PW(M) = \{\{2/x\}, \{3/y\}, M, \emptyset\}$  is a power whole subset of  $M$ .

The collection  $PF(M) = \{\{2/x, 1/y\}, \{2/x, 2/y\}, \{2/x, 3/y\}, \{1/x, 1/y\}, \{1/x, 2/y\}, \{1/x, 3/y\}\}$  is a power full subset of  $M$ .

The collection  $P(M) = \{3/\{2/x, 1/y\}, 3/\{2/x, 2/y\}, 6/\{1/x, 1/y\}, 6/\{1/x, 2/y\}, 2/\{1/x, 3/y\}, 1/\{2/x, 1/\{3/y\}, 2/\{1/x\}, 3/\{1/y\}, 3/\{2/y\}, M, \emptyset\}$  is the power mset of  $M$ .

The collection  $P^*(M) = \{\{2/x, 1/y\}, \{2/x, 2/y\}, \{1/x, 1/y\}, \{1/x, 2/y\}, \{1/x, 3/y\}, \{2/x\}, \{3/y\}, \{1/x\}, \{1/y\}, \{2/y\}, M, \emptyset\}$  is the support set of  $P(M)$ .

**Note 2.3.** Power mset is an mset but its support set is an ordinary set whose elements are msets.

**Definition 2.10.** (Girish & John, 2012) The maximum mset is defined as  $Z$  where  $C_Z(x) = \text{Max} \{C_M(x) : x \in^k M, M \in [X]^w \text{ and } k \leq w\}$ .

**Operations under collection of msets.** (Girish & John, 2012) Let  $[X]^w$  be an mset space and  $\{M_1, M_2, \dots\}$  be a collection of msets drawn from  $[X]^w$ . Then the following operations are possible under an arbitrary collection of msets.

(i) The union

$$\prod_{i \in I} M_i = \{C_{M_i}(x)/x : C_{M_i}(x) = \max\{C_{M_i}(x) : x \in X\}\}.$$

(ii) The intersection

$$\cap_{i \in I} M_i = \{C_{\cap M_i}(x)/x : C_{\cap M_i}(x) = \min\{C_{M_i}(x) : x \in X\}\}.$$

(iii) The mset addition

$$\oplus_{i \in I} M_i = \{C_{\oplus M_i}(x)/x : C_{\oplus M_i}(x) = \sum_{i \in I} C_{M_i}(x), x \in X\}.$$

(iv) The mset complement

$$M^c = Z \ominus M = \{C_{M^c}(x)/x : C_{M^c}(x) = C_Z(x) - C_M(x), x \in X\}.$$

**Remark 2.2.** Every nonempty set of real numbers that has an upper bound has a supremum and that have a lower bound has an infimum. Thus, the arbitrary union and arbitrary intersection defined in 2.20 are closed under the collection  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$ , because the collection  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$  drawn from  $[X]^m$  contains elements with finite cardinality and multiplicity of each element  $x_i$  in  $M_i$  is always less than or equal to  $m$ .

**Definition 2.11.** (Girish & John, 2012) Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be two msets drawn from a set  $X$ , then the Cartesian product of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  is defined as  $M_1 \times M_2 = \{(m/x, n/y)/mn : x \in^m M_1, y \in^n M_2\}$ .

We can define the Cartesian product of three or more nonempty msets by generalizing the definition of the Cartesian product of two msets.

**Definition 2.12.** (Girish & John, 2012) A sub mset  $R$  of  $M \times M$  is said to be an mset relation on  $M$  if every member  $(m/x, n/y)$  of  $R$  has a count, product of  $C_1(x, y)$  and  $C_2(x, y)$ . We denote  $m/x$  related to  $n/y$  by  $m/x R n/y$ .

The Domain and Range of the mset relation  $R$  on  $M$  is defined as follows:

$$\text{Dom } R = \{x \in^r M : \exists y \in^s M \text{ such that } r/xRs/y\} \text{ where } C_{\text{Dom}R}(x) = \sup\{C_1(x, y) : x \in^r M\}.$$

$$\text{Ran } R = \{y \in^s M : \exists x \in^r M \text{ such that } r/xRs/y\} \text{ where } C_{\text{Ran}R}(y) = \sup\{C_2(x, y) : y \in^s M\}.$$

**Example 2.4.** (Girish & John, 2012) Let  $M = \{8/x, 11/y, 15/z\}$  be an mset. Then  $R = \{(2/x, 4/y)/8, (5/x, 3/x)/15, (7/x, 11/z)/77, (8/y, 6/x)/48, (11/y, 13/z)/143, (7/z, 7/z)/49, (12/z, 10/y)/120, (14/z, 5/x)/70\}$  is an mset relation defined on  $M$ . Here  $\text{Dom } R = \{7/x, 11/y, 14/z\}$  and  $\text{Ran } R = \{6/x, 10/y, 13/z\}$ . Also  $S = \{(2/x, 4/y)/5, (5/x, 3/x)/10, (7/x, 11/z)/77, (8/y, 6/x)/48, (11/y, 13/z)/143, (7/z, 7/z)/49, (12/z, 10/y)/120, (14/z, 5/x)/70\}$  is a subset of  $M \times M$  but  $S$  is not an mset relation on  $M$  because  $C_S((x, y)) = 5 \neq 2 \times 4$  and  $C_S((x, x)) = 10 \neq 5 \times 3$ , i.e., count of some elements in  $S$  is not a product of  $C_1(x, y)$  and  $C_2(x, y)$ .

**Definition 2.13.** (Girish & John, 2012)

- (i) An mset relation  $R$  on an mset  $M$  is reflexive if  $m/xRm/x$  for all  $m/x$  in  $M$ .
- (ii) An mset relation  $R$  on an mset  $M$  is symmetric if  $m/xRn/y$  implies  $n/yRm/x$ .
- (iii) An mset relation  $R$  on an mset  $M$  is transitive if  $m/xRn/y, n/yRk/z$  then  $m/xRk/z$ .

An mset relation  $R$  on an mset  $M$  is called an equivalence mset relation if it is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

**Example 2.5.** (Girish & John, 2012) Let  $M = \{3/x, 5/y, 3/z, 7/r\}$  be an mset. Then the mset relation given by  $R = \{(3/x, 3/x)/9, (3/z, 3/z)/9, (3/x, 7/r)/21, (7/r, 3/x)/21, (5/y, 5/y)/25, (3/z, 3/z)/9, (7/r, 7/r)/49, (3/z, 3/x)/9, (3/z, 7/r)/21, (7/r, 3/z)/21\}$  is an equivalence mset relation.

**Definition 2.14.** (Girish & John, 2012) An mset relation  $f$  is called an mset function if for every element  $m/x$  in  $\text{Dom } f$ , there is exactly one  $n/y$  in  $\text{Ran } f$  such that  $(m/x, n/y)$  is in  $f$  with the pair occurring as the product of  $C_1(x, y)$  and  $C_2(x, y)$ .

For functions between arbitrary msets it is essential that images of indistinguishable elements of the domain must be indistinguishable elements of the range but the images of the distinct elements of the domain need not be distinct elements of the range.

**Example 2.6.** (Girish & John, 2012) Let  $M_1 = \{8/x, 6/y\}$  and  $M_2 = \{3/a, 7/b\}$  be two msets. Then an mset function from  $M_1$  to  $M_2$  may be defined as  $f = \{(8/x, 3/a)/24, (6/y, 7/b)/42\}$ .

### 3. Multiset Topology

This section gives the basic definitions and examples introduced in (Girish & John, 2012).

**Definition 3.1.** (Girish & John, 2012) Let  $M \in [X]^w$  and  $\tau \subseteq P^*(M)$ . Then  $\tau$  is called a multiset topology of  $M$  if  $\tau$  satisfies the following properties.

1. The mset  $M$  and the empty mset  $\emptyset$  are in  $\tau$ .
2. The mset union of the elements of any sub collection of  $\tau$  is in  $\tau$ .
3. The mset intersection of the elements of any finite sub collection of  $\tau$  is in  $\tau$ .

Mathematically a multiset topological space is an ordered pair  $(M, \tau)$  consisting of an mset  $M \in [X]^w$  and a multiset topology  $\tau \subseteq P^*(M)$  on  $M$ . Note that  $\tau$  is an ordinary set whose elements are mssets. Multiset Topology is abbreviated as an  $M$ -topology.

General topology is defined as a set of sets but multiset topology is defined as a set of multisets. Moreover in general topology  $\tau$  is a subset of the power set but in  $M$ -topology  $\tau$  is a subset of support set of the power mset. If  $M$  is an  $M$ -topological space with  $M$ -topology  $\tau$ , we say that a subset  $U$  of  $M$  is an open mset of  $M$  if  $U$  belongs to the collection  $\tau$ . Using this terminology, one can say that an  $M$ -topological space is an mset  $M$  together with a collection of subsets of  $M$ , called open mssets, such that  $\emptyset$  and  $M$  are both open and the arbitrary mset unions and finite mset intersections of open mssets are open.

**Example 3.1.** (Girish & John, 2012) Let  $M$  be any mset in  $[X]^w$ . The collection  $P^*(M)$ , the support set of the power mset of  $M$  is an  $M$ -topology on  $M$  and is called the discrete  $M$ -topology.

In general topology, discrete topology is the power set but in  $M$ -topology, discrete  $M$ -topology is the support set of the power mset.

**Example 3.2.** (Girish & John, 2012) The collection consisting of  $M$  and  $\emptyset$  only, is an  $M$ -topology called indiscrete  $M$ -topology, or trivial  $M$ -topology.

**Example 3.3.** (Girish & John, 2012) If  $M$  is any mset in  $[X]^w$ , then the collection  $PW(M)$  is an  $M$ -topology on  $M$ .

**Example 3.4.** (Girish & John, 2012) The collection  $PF(M)$  is not an  $M$ -topology on  $M$ , because  $\emptyset$  does not belong to  $PF(M)$ , but  $PF(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$  is an  $M$ -topology on  $M$ .

**Example 3.5.** (Girish & John, 2012) The collection  $\tau$  of partial whole subsets of  $M$  is not an  $M$ -topology. Let  $M = \{2/x, 3/y\}$ . Then  $A = \{2/x, 1/y\}$  and  $B = \{1/x, 3/y\}$  are partial whole subsets of  $M$ . Now  $A \cap B = \{1/x, 1/y\}$ , but it is not a partial whole subset of  $M$ . Thus  $\tau$  is not closed under finite intersection.

#### 4. $M$ -Basis and Sub $M$ -Basis

**Definition 4.1.** (Girish & John, 2012) If  $M$  is an mset, then the  $M$ -basis for an  $M$ -topology on  $M$  in  $[X]^w$  is a collection  $\mathcal{B}$  of subsets of  $M$  (called  $M$  basis elements) such that

1. For each  $x \in^m M$ , for some  $m > 0$ , there is at least one  $M$ -basis element  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  containing  $m/x$ . i.e., for each indistinguishable element in  $M$ , there is at least one  $M$ -basis element in  $\mathcal{B}$  having that element with same multiplicity as in  $M$ .
2. If  $m/x$  belongs to the intersection of two  $M$ -basis elements  $M$  and  $N$ , then there exists an  $M$ -basis element  $P$  containing  $m/x$  such that  $P \subseteq M \cap N$  with  $C_P(x) = C_M \cap N(x)$  and  $C_P(y) \leq C_{M \cap N}(y)$  for all  $y \neq x$ .

**Remark 4.1.** (Girish & John, 2012) If a collection  $\mathcal{B}$  satisfies the conditions of  $M$ -basis, then the  $M$ -topology  $\tau$  generated by  $\mathcal{B}$  can be defined as follows. A subset  $U$  of  $M$  is said to be an open mset in  $M$  (i.e., to be an element of  $\tau$ ) if for each  $x \in^k U$ , there is an  $M$ -Basis element  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in^k B$  and  $C_B(y) \leq C_U(y)$  for all  $y \neq x$ .

Note that each  $M$ -basis element is itself an element of  $\tau$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** The collection  $\tau$  generated by an  $M$ -basis  $\mathcal{B}$  is an  $M$ -topology on  $M$  in  $[X]^w$ .

*Proof.* 1. Clearly  $\emptyset$  and  $M$  are in  $\tau$ .

2. Let  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$  be an indexed family of elements of  $\tau$ . Then  $*$  =  $\prod_{\alpha \in J} U_\alpha$  belongs to  $\tau$ . For, given  $x \in^m \mathcal{U}$ ,  $m = \max_\alpha \{C_{U_\alpha}(x)\}$ , there is an index  $\alpha$  such that  $U_\alpha$  containing  $m/x$ . Since  $U_\alpha$  is an open mset, there is an  $M$ -basis element  $B$  containing  $m/x$  such that  $B \subseteq U_\alpha$ . Then  $x \in^m B$  and  $B \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ , so that  $\mathcal{U}$  is an open mset, by definition.
3. If  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are two elements of  $\tau$ , to prove  $U_1 \cap U_2$  belongs to  $\tau$ . Given  $x \in^k U_1 \cap U_2$ ,  $k = \min\{C_{U_1}(x), C_{U_2}(x)\}$ . By definition of  $M$ -basis, there exists an element  $B_1$  containing  $k/x$ , such that  $B_1 \subseteq U_1$  and another  $M$ -basis element  $B_2$  containing  $k/x$  such that  $B_2 \subseteq U_2$ . The second condition for an  $M$ -basis enables us to choose an  $M$ -basis element  $B_3$  containing  $k/x$  such that  $B_3 \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$ . Then  $x \in^k B_3$  and  $B_3 \subseteq U_1 \cap U_2$ , so  $U_1 \cap U_2$  belongs to  $\tau$ , by definition.

Finally, by induction it follows that any finite intersection  $U_1 \cap U_2 \cap \dots \cap U_k$  of elements of  $\tau$  is in  $\tau$ . This fact is trivial for  $k = 1$  and to be proved for  $k = n$ . Now  $U_1 \cap U_2 \cap \dots \cap U_n = (U_1 \cap U_2 \cap \dots \cap U_{n-1}) \cap U_n$ . By hypothesis,  $U_1 \cap U_2 \cap \dots \cap U_{n-1}$  belongs to  $\tau$  and by the result proved above, the intersection of  $U_1 \cap U_2 \cap \dots \cap U_{n-1}$  and  $U_n$  also belongs to  $\tau$ . Thus the collection of open msets generated by an  $M$ -basis  $\mathcal{B}$  is, in fact, an  $M$ -topology.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $M$  be an mset in  $[X]^w$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be an  $M$ -basis for an  $M$ -topology  $\tau$  on  $M$ . Then  $\tau$  equals the collection of all mset unions of elements of the  $M$ -basis  $\mathcal{B}$ .

*Proof.* Given a collection of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ , which are also elements of  $\tau$ , because  $\tau$  is an  $M$ -topology, their union is in  $\tau$ . Conversely, given  $U \in \tau$ , for each  $m/x$  in  $U$ , there is an element  $B$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  containing  $m/x$ , denoted by  $B_{m/x}$ , such that  $B_{m/x} \subseteq U$ . Then  $U = \cup B_{m/x}$ , so  $U$  equals a union of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.3.** Let  $M \in [X]^w$  be an  $M$ -topological space. Suppose  $\mathcal{M}$  is a collection of open msets of  $M$  such that for each open mset  $U$  of  $M$  and each element  $m/x$  in  $U$ , there is an element  $N$  of  $\mathcal{M}$  containing  $m/x$  such that  $C_N(x) \leq C_U(x)$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is an  $M$ -basis for the  $M$ -topology of  $M$ .

*Proof.* Given  $x \in^m M$ , since  $M$  itself is an open mset, by hypothesis there is an element  $N$  of  $\mathcal{M}$  containing  $m/x$  such that  $N \subseteq M$ . To check the second condition, let  $m/x$  be in  $N_1 \cap N_2$ ,  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are elements of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Since  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are open msets, so is its intersection  $N_1 \cap N_2$ . Therefore, by hypothesis there exists an element  $N_3$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  containing  $m/x$  such that  $N_3 \subseteq N_1 \cap N_2$ . Hence the collection  $\mathcal{M}$  is an  $M$ -basis.

Let  $\tau$  be the collection of open msets of  $M$ . Then the  $M$ -topology  $\tau'$  generated by  $\mathcal{M}$  equals the  $M$ -topology  $\tau$ . If  $U$  belongs to  $\tau$  and  $x \in^m U$ , then by hypothesis there is an element  $N$  of  $\mathcal{M}$  containing  $m/x$  such that  $N \subseteq U$ . By definition, it follows that  $U$  belongs to the  $M$ -topology  $\tau'$ . Conversely, if  $W$  belongs to the  $M$ -topology  $\tau'$ , then  $W$  equals a union of elements of  $\mathcal{M}$ , by theorem 4.4. Since each element  $M$  belongs to  $\tau$  and  $\tau$  is an  $M$ -topology,  $W$  also belongs to  $\tau$ . Thus the  $M$ -topology generated by the  $M$ -basis and  $M$ -topology on  $M$  are the same.  $\square$

**Definition 4.2.** Suppose  $\tau$  and  $\tau'$  are two  $M$ -topologies on a given mset  $M$  in  $[X]^w$ . If  $\tau' \subset \tau$ , then we say that  $\tau'$  is finer than  $\tau$  or  $\tau$  is coarser than  $\tau'$ . If  $\tau' \subset \tau$ , then  $\tau'$  is strictly finer than  $\tau$  or  $\tau$  is strictly coarser than  $\tau'$ . Thus  $\tau$  is comparable with  $\tau'$  if either  $\tau' \supseteq \tau$  or  $\tau \supseteq \tau'$ .

The next theorem gives a criterion for determining whether an  $M$ -topology on  $M$  is finer than another in terms of  $M$ -basis.

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}'$  are  $M$ -basis for the  $M$ -topologies  $\tau$  and  $\tau'$  on  $M$  in  $[X]^w$  respectively. Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $\tau'$  is finer than  $\tau$ .

2. For each  $x \in^m M$  and each  $M$ -basis element  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  containing  $m/x$ , there is an  $M$ -basis element  $B' \in \mathcal{B}'$  containing  $m/x$  such that  $C_{B'}(x) \leq C_B(x)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Given an element  $m/x$  in  $M$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  containing  $m/x$ ,  $B$  belongs to  $\tau$  by definition and  $\tau \subseteq \tau'$  by (1). Therefore  $B \in \tau'$ . Since  $\tau'$  is generated by  $\mathcal{B}'$ , there is an  $M$ -basis element  $B' \in \mathcal{B}'$  containing  $m/x$  such that  $C_{B'}(x) \leq C_B(x)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Given an element  $U$  of  $\tau$ , we show that  $U \in \tau'$ . Let  $x \in^m U$ , since  $\mathcal{B}$  generates  $\tau$ , there is an  $M$ -basis element  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  containing  $m/x$  such that  $B \subseteq U$ . From (2), there exists an  $M$ -basis element  $B' \in \mathcal{B}'$  containing  $m/x$  such that  $B' \subseteq B$ . Then  $B' \subseteq U$  and  $U \in \tau'$ .  $\square$

**Example 4.1.** The collection  $\{m/x : x \in^m M\}$  is an  $M$ -basis for the  $M$ -topology  $PW(M)$ .

In general topology  $\{x : x \in X\}$  is a basis for the discrete topology, but in the case of  $M$ -topology the collection  $\{m/x : x \in^m M\}$  is not an  $M$ -basis for the discrete  $M$ -topology.

**Definition 4.3.** Let  $(M, \tau)$  be an  $M$ -topological space and  $N$  is a subset of  $M$ . The collection  $\tau_N = \{U' = N \cap U : U \in \tau\}$  is an  $M$ -topology on  $N$ , called the subspace  $M$ -topology. With this  $M$ -topology,  $N$  is called a subspace of  $M$  and its open msets consisting of all mset intersections of open msets of  $M$  with  $N$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** If  $\mathcal{B}$  is an  $M$ -basis for the  $M$ -topology of  $M$  in  $[X]^w$ , then the collection  $\mathcal{B}_N = \{B \cap N : B \in \mathcal{B}\}$  is an  $M$ -basis for the subspace  $M$ -topology on a subset  $N$  of  $M$ .

*Proof.* Given  $U$  open in  $M$  and  $y \in^m U \cap N$ , we can choose an element  $B$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $y \in^m B \subseteq U$ . Then,  $y \in^m B \cap N \subseteq U \cap N$ . It follows from Lemma 4.5 that  $\mathcal{B}_N$  is an  $M$ -basis for the subspace  $M$ -topology on  $N$ .  $\square$

**Example 4.2.** Let  $M = \{3/a, 4/b, 2/c, 5/d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, M, \{2/c\}, \{2/a\}, \{3/a, 2/b\}, \{2/a, 3/d\}, \{2/a, 2/c\}, \{3/a, 3/b, 3/d\}, \{3/a, 4/b, 2/c\}, \{2/a, 2/c, 3/d\}\}$  is an  $M$ -topology on  $M$ . If  $N = \{2/a, 2/b, 3/d\} \subseteq M$ , then  $\tau' = \{\emptyset, \{2/a, 2/b, 3/d\}, \{2/a\}, \{2/a, 2/b\}, \{2/a, 3/d\}\}$  is an  $M$ -topology on  $N$  and it is the subspace  $M$ -topology on  $N$ .

**Definition 4.4.** A sub collection  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $\tau$  on  $M$  is called a sub  $M$ -basis for  $\tau$ , if the collection of all finite mset intersections of elements of  $\mathcal{P}$  is an  $M$ -basis for  $\tau$ . The  $M$ -topology generated by the sub  $M$ -basis  $\mathcal{P}$  is defined to be the collection  $\tau$  of mset union of all finite mset intersections of elements of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**Note 4.1.** The empty mset intersection of the members of sub  $M$ -basis is the universal mset.

**Theorem 4.6.** Let  $(M, \tau)$  be an  $M$ -topological space and  $\mathcal{P}$  be a collection of subsets of  $M$ . Then  $\mathcal{P}$  is a sub  $M$ -basis for  $\tau$  if and only if  $\mathcal{P}$  generates  $\tau$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the family of finite intersections of members of  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  be a sub  $M$ -basis for  $\tau$ . It can be shown that  $\tau$  is the smallest  $M$ -topology on  $M$  containing  $\mathcal{P}$ . Since  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \tau, \subseteq \tau$ . Suppose  $\tau^*$  is some other  $M$ -topology on  $M$  such that  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \tau^*$ . We have to show that  $\tau \subseteq \tau^*$ . Since  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \tau^*$ ,  $\tau^*$  contains all finite intersections of members of  $\mathcal{P}$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \tau^*$ . Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is an  $M$ -basis, each member of  $\tau$  can be written as the union of some members of  $\mathcal{B}$  and it follows that  $\tau \subseteq \tau^*$ .

Conversely suppose  $\tau$  is the smallest  $M$ -topology containing  $\mathcal{P}$ . We have to show that  $\mathcal{P}$  is a sub  $M$ -basis for  $\tau$ . i.e.,  $\mathcal{B}$  is an  $M$ -basis for  $\tau$ . Suppose there is an  $M$ -topology  $\tau^*$  on  $M$  such that  $\mathcal{B}$  is an  $M$ -basis for  $\tau^*$ . Then every member of  $\tau^*$  can be expressed as a union of the sub family of  $\mathcal{B}$  and so it is in  $\tau$  since  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \tau$ . This means  $\tau^* \subseteq \tau$  and consequently  $\tau^* = \tau$ . Since  $\tau$  is the smallest  $M$ -topology containing  $\mathcal{P}$ , it can be shown that  $\mathcal{B}$  is an  $M$ -basis for  $\tau$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  is a sub  $M$ -basis for  $\tau$ .  $\square$

**Example 4.3.** Let  $M = \{3/a, 5/b, 4/c\}$ . If the collection  $\mathcal{P} = \{\{3/a, 5/b\}, \{5/b, 4/c\}\}$  is a sub  $M$ -basis, then the collection  $\mathcal{B} = \{\{5/b\}, \{3/a, 5/b\}, \{5/b, 4/c\}\}$  is the corresponding  $M$ -basis and  $\tau = \{M, \emptyset, \{5/b\}, \{3/a, 5/b\}, \{5/b, 4/c\}\}$  is the  $M$ -topology generated by the  $M$ -basis.

If we assume the empty mset intersection of the members of sub  $M$ -basis is the universal mset, then we can give the following example.

**Example 4.4.** Let  $M = \{3/a, 4/b, 2/c, 5/d\}$ . If the collection  $\mathcal{P} = \{\{3/a, 3/b\}, \{4/d\}, \{2/a\}\}$  is a sub  $M$ -basis, then the collection  $\mathcal{B} = \{\{3/a, 3/b\}, \{4/d\}, \{2/a\}, \emptyset, M\}$  is the corresponding  $M$ -basis and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, M, \{2/a\}, \{4/d\}, \{3/a, 3/b\}, \{2/a, 4/d\}, \{3/a, 3/b, 4/d\}\}$  is the  $M$ -topology generated by the  $M$ -basis.

### 5. Closed Multisets

**Definition 5.1.** A sub mset  $N$  of an  $M$ -topological space  $M$  in  $[X]^w$  is said to be closed if the mset  $M \ominus N$  is open.

In discrete  $M$ -topology every mset is an open mset as well as a closed mset. In the  $M$ -topology  $PF(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$ , every mset is an open mset as well as a closed mset.

**Theorem 5.1.** Let  $(M, \tau)$  be an  $M$ -topological space. Then the following conditions hold:

1. The mset  $M$  and the empty mset  $\emptyset$  are closed multisets.
2. Arbitrary mset intersection of closed multisets is a closed mset.
3. Finite mset union of closed multisets is a closed mset.

*Proof.* 1.  $\emptyset$  and  $M$  are closed multisets because they are the complements of the open multisets  $M$  and  $\emptyset$  respectively.

2. Given a collection of closed multisets  $\{N_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_{M \ominus \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} N_\alpha}(x) &= C_M(x) - \min_{\alpha \in J} \{C_{N_\alpha}(x)\} = \max_{\alpha \in J} \{C_M(x) - C_{N_\alpha}(x)\} \\ &= C_{N_\alpha(M \ominus N_\alpha)}(x) \end{aligned}$$

From this

$$M \ominus \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} N_\alpha = \text{cap}_\alpha(M \ominus N_\alpha)$$

By definition the multisets  $M \ominus N_\alpha$ 's are open. Since the arbitrary union of open multisets are open,  $M \ominus \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} N_\alpha$  is an open mset and therefore  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} N_\alpha$  is a closed mset.

3. Similarly, if  $N_i$  is closed, for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , consider

$$C_{M \ominus \prod_i N_i}(x) = C_M(x) - \max_i \{C_{N_i}(x)\} = \min_i \{C_M(x) - C_{N_i}(x)\} = C_{N_i(M \ominus N_i)}(x).$$

Thus

$$M \ominus \prod_{i=1}^n N_i = \bigcap_{i=1}^n (M \ominus N_i).$$

Since finite mset intersections of open multisets are open,  $\prod_{i=1}^n N_i$  is a closed mset. □



**Theorem 5.2.** Let  $N$  be a subspace of an  $M$ -topological space  $M$  in  $[X]^w$ . Then an mset  $A$  is a closed mset in  $N$  if and only if it equals the intersection of a closed mset of  $M$  with  $N$ .

*Proof.* Assume  $A = C \cap N$  where  $C$  is a closed mset in  $M$ . By the definition of subspace  $M$ -topology,  $M \ominus C$  is an open mset in  $M$ , so that  $(M \ominus C) \cap N$  is an open mset in  $N$ . But  $(M \ominus C) \cap N = N \ominus A$ . Hence  $N \ominus A$  is an open mset in  $N$ , so that  $A$  is a closed mset in  $N$ . Conversely, assume that  $A$  is closed mset in  $N$ . Then  $N \ominus A$  is open mset in  $N$ , so that by definition it equals the intersection of an open mset  $U$  of  $M$  with  $N$ . The mset  $M \ominus U$  is a closed mset in  $M$  and  $A = N \cap (M \ominus U)$ , so that  $A$  equals the intersection of the closed mset of  $M$  with  $N$ , as desired.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.3.** Let  $N$  be a subspace of an  $M$ -topological space  $M$  in  $[X]^w$ . If  $A$  is a closed mset in  $N$  and  $N$  is a closed mset in  $M$ , then  $A$  is a closed mset in  $M$ .

*Proof.* Proof directly follows from Theorem 5.3.  $\square$

## 6. Closure, Interior and Limit Point

**Definition 6.1.** Given a subset  $A$  of an  $M$ -topological space  $M$  in  $[X]^w$ , the interior of  $A$  is defined as the mset union of all open msets contained in  $A$  and is denoted by  $\text{Int}(A)$ .

$$\text{i.e., } \text{Int}(A) = \cup\{G \subseteq M : G \text{ is an open mset and } G \subseteq A\} \text{ and } C_{\text{Int}(A)}(x) = \max\{C_G(x) : G \subseteq A\}.$$

**Definition 6.2.** Given a subset  $A$  of an  $M$ -topological space  $M$  in  $[X]^w$ , the closure of  $A$  is defined as the mset intersection of all closed msets containing  $A$  and is denoted by  $\text{Cl}(A)$ .

$$\text{i.e., } \text{Cl}(A) = \cap\{K \subseteq M : K \text{ is a closed mset and } A \subseteq K\} \text{ and } C_{\text{Cl}(A)}(x) = \min\{C_K(x) : A \subseteq K\}.$$

**Definition 6.3.** Let  $(M, \tau)$  be an  $M$ -topological space, let  $x \in^k M$  and  $N \subseteq M$ . Then  $N$  is said to be a neighborhood of  $k/x$  if there is an open mset  $V$  in  $\tau$  such that  $x \in^k V$  and  $C_V(y) \leq C_N(y)$  for all  $y \neq x$ .

i.e., a neighborhood of  $k/x$  in  $M$  means any open mset containing  $k/x$ . Here  $k/x$  is said to be an interior point of  $N$ .

**Definition 6.4.** Let  $A$  be a subset of the  $M$ -topological space  $M$  in  $[X]^w$ . If  $k/x$  is an element of  $M$ , then  $k/x$  is a limit point of an mset  $A$  when every neighborhood of  $k/x$  intersects  $A$  in some point (point with non zero multiplicity) other than  $k/x$  itself.  $A'$  denotes the mset of all limit points of  $A$ .

**Theorem 6.1.** Let  $N$  be a subspace of an  $M$ -topological space  $M$  in  $[X]^w$  and  $A$  be a subset of an mset  $N$  and  $\text{Cl}(A)$  denote the closure of an mset  $A$  in  $M$ . Then the closure of an mset  $A$  in  $N$  equals  $\text{Cl}(A) \cap N$ .

*Proof.* Let  $B$  denote the closure of an mset  $A$  in  $N$ . If mset  $\text{Cl}(A)$  is a closed mset in  $M$ , then by Theorem 5.3  $\text{Cl}(A) \cap N$  is a closed mset in  $N$ . Since  $\text{Cl}(A) \cap N$  contains  $A$ , and since by definition,  $B$  equals the intersection of all closed subsets of  $N$  containing  $A$ , we get  $B \subseteq \text{Cl}(A) \cap N$ .

On the other hand,  $B$  is a closed mset in  $N$ . Hence by Theorem 4.4.3,  $B = C \cap N$  for some mset  $C$ , a closed mset in  $M$ . Then  $C$  is a closed mset of  $M$  containing  $A$ , because  $\text{Cl}(A)$  is the intersection of all such closed msets. We conclude that  $\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq C$ . Therefore  $\text{Cl}(A) \cap N \subseteq C \cap N = B$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 6.2.** Let  $(M, \tau)$  be an  $M$ -topological space,  $x \in^k M$  and  $A \subseteq M$ , then

1.  $x \in^k \text{cl}(A)$  if and only if every open mset  $U$  containing  $k/x$  intersects  $A$ .
2. If the  $M$ -topology  $(M, \tau)$  is given by an  $M$ -basis  $\mathcal{B}$ , then,  $x \in^k \text{Cl}(A)$  if and only if every  $M$ -basis element  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  containing  $k/x$  intersects  $A$ .

*Proof.* 1. If  $k/x$  is not in  $\text{Cl}(A)$ , then the mset  $U = M \ominus \text{Cl}(A)$  is an open mset containing  $k/x$  that does not intersect  $A$ . Conversely, if there exists an open mset  $U$  containing  $k/x$  which does not intersect  $A$ , then the mset  $M \ominus U$  is a closed mset containing  $A$ . By the definition of the closure  $\text{Cl}(A)$ , the mset  $M \ominus U$  must contain  $\text{Cl}(A)$ . Therefore  $k/x$  cannot be in  $\text{Cl}(A)$ .

2. If every open mset containing  $k/x$  intersects  $A$ , so does every  $M$ -basis element  $B$  containing  $k/x$ , because  $B$  is an open mset.

Conversely, if every  $M$ -basis element containing  $k/x$  intersects  $A$ , so does every open mset  $U$  containing  $k/x$ , because  $U$  contains an  $M$ -basis element that contains  $k/x$ . □

**Theorem 6.3.** *A subset of an  $M$ -topological space is an open mset if and only if it is a neighborhood of each of its elements with some multiplicity.*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be an  $M$ -topological space and  $N \subseteq M$ . First suppose  $N$  is an open mset. Then clearly  $N$  is a neighborhood of each of its points with some multiplicity. Conversely suppose  $N$  is a neighborhood of each of its points, then for each  $k/x$  in  $N$ , there is an open mset  $V_{k/x}$  such that  $x \in^k V_{k/x}$  and  $V_{k/x} \subseteq N$ . Clearly,

$$N = \prod_{x \in^k N} V_{k/x}, \quad k = \max\{C_{V_{k/x}(x)}\}.$$

Since each  $V_{k/x}$  is an open mset so is  $N$ . □

**Theorem 6.4.** *Let  $A$  be a subset of the  $M$ -topological space  $M$  and  $A'$  be the mset of all limit points of  $A$ . Then  $C_{\text{Cl}(A)}(x) = \max\{C_A(x), C_{A'}(x)\}$ .*

*Proof.* If  $k/x$  is in  $A'$ , then every neighborhood of  $k/x$  intersects  $A$ . Therefore, by Theorem 4.5.6  $k/x$  belongs to  $\text{Cl}(A)$ . Hence  $A' \subseteq \text{Cl}(A)$ . Since by definition  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(A)$ , it follows that  $A \cup A' = \text{Cl}(A)$ .

Conversely suppose  $k/x$  is a point of  $\text{Cl}(A)$ , then  $x \in^k A \cup A'$ . If  $k/x$  is in  $A$ , it is clear that  $x \in^k A \cup A'$ . Suppose  $k/x$  does not belong to  $A$ , since  $x \in^k \text{Cl}(A)$ , we know that every neighborhood  $U$  of  $k/x$  intersects  $A$ . Thus the mset  $U$  must intersect  $A$  in a point different from  $k/x$ . Hence  $x \in^k A'$  and  $x \in^k A \cup A'$ . □

**Corollary 6.5.** *A subset of an  $M$ -topological space is a closed mset if and only if it contains all its limit points.*

*Proof.* The mset  $A$  is a closed mset:

- if and only if  $A = \text{Cl}(A)$ ,
- if and only if  $A = A \cup A'$ ,
- if and only if  $A' \subseteq A$ .

□

**Theorem 6.6.** *If  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of the  $M$ -topological space  $M$  in  $[X]^w$ , then the following properties hold:*

1. *If  $C_A(x) \leq C_B(x)$ , then  $C_{A'}(x) \leq C_{B'}(x)$ .*
2. *If  $C_A(x) \leq C_B(x)$ , then  $C_{\text{Int}(A)}(x) \leq C_{\text{Int}(B)}(x)$ .*
3. *If  $C_A(x) \leq C_B(x)$ , then  $C_{\text{Cl}(A)}(x) \leq C_{\text{Cl}(B)}(x)$ .*



4.  $C_{Int(A \cap B)}(x) = \min\{C_{Int(A)}(x), C_{Int(B)}(x)\}$ .
5.  $C_{Cl(A \cup B)}(x) = \max\{C_{Cl(A)}(x), C_{Cl(B)}(x)\}$ .

*Proof.* 1.  $x \in^k A'$  if and only if  $(N \ominus \{k/x\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ , for all open mset  $N$  containing  $k/x$ . Since  $B \supseteq A$ ,  $(N \ominus \{k/x\}) \cap B \supseteq (N \ominus \{k/x\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . So  $x \in^k A'$  implies  $x \in^k B'$ . Thus  $A' \subseteq B'$  and  $C_{A'}(x) \leq C_{B'}(x)$ .

2. We have  $C_{Int(A)}(x) \leq C_A(x)$  and  $C_{Int(B)}(x) \leq C_B(x)$ . Since  $A \subseteq B$  and  $C_A(x) \leq C_B(x)$ , we get  $C_{Int(A)}(x) \leq C_B(x)$  and  $Int(A) \subseteq B$ . Thus  $Int(A)$  is an open mset contained in  $B$ , but  $Int(B)$  is the largest open mset contained in  $B$ . Hence  $C_{Int(A)}(x) \leq C_{Int(B)}(x)$  and  $Int(A) \subseteq Int(B)$ .

3. We have

$$\begin{aligned} C_{Cl(A)}(x) &= \max\{C_A(x), C_{A'}(x)\}, \text{ from Theorem 6.8} \\ &\leq \max\{C_B(x), C_{B'}(x)\}, \text{ by (1)} \\ &= C_{Cl(B)}(x) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $Cl(A) \subseteq Cl(B)$ .

4. We have  $C_{Int(A \cap B)}(x) \leq C_{Int(A)}(x)$  and  $C_{Int(A \cap B)}(x) \leq C_{Int(B)}(x)$ .  
Therefore  $C_{textInt(A \cap B)}(x) \leq \min\{C_{Int(A)}(x), C_{Int(B)}(x)\}$ . Thus

$$Int(A \cap B) \subseteq Int(A) \cap Int(B) \tag{i}$$

Also  $C_{Int(A)}(x) \leq C_A(x)$  and  $C_{Int(B)}(x) \leq C_B(x)$ .

Therefore  $\min\{C_{Int(A)}(x), C_{Int(B)}(x)\} \leq \min\{C_A(x), C_B(x)\}$ .

Thus  $Int(A) \cap Int(B) \subseteq A \cap B$ , but  $Int(A \cap B)$  is the largest open mset contained in  $A \cap B$ , i.e.,  $C_{Int(A \cap B)}(x)$  is that largest integer which is less than or equal to  $C_{A \cap B}(x)$ .

Therefore  $\min\{C_{Int(A)}(x), C_{Int(B)}(x)\} \leq C_{Int(A \cap B)}(x)$ . Thus

$$Int(A) \cap Int(B) \subseteq Int(A \cap B) \tag{ii}$$

From (i) and (ii) it follows that  $Int(A \cap B) = Int(A) \cap Int(B)$ .

5. We have  $C_{Cl(A)}(x) \leq C_{Cl(A \cup B)}(x)$  and  $C_{Cl(B)}(x) \leq C_{Cl(A \cup B)}(x)$ . Therefore

$$\max\{C_{Cl(A)}(x), C_{Cl(B)}(x)\} \leq C_{Cl(A \cup B)}(x) \tag{i}$$

But  $C_A(x) \leq C_{Cl(A)}(x)$  and  $C_B(x) \leq C_{Cl(B)}(x)$ .

Therefore  $\max\{C_A(x), C_B(x)\} \leq \max\{C_{Cl(A)}(x), C_{Cl(B)}(x)\}$ . Hence

$$C_{Cl(A \cup B)}(x) \leq \max\{C_{Cl(A)}(x), C_{Cl(B)}(x)\} \tag{ii}$$

From (i) and (ii) it follows that  $C_{Cl(A \cup B)}(x) = \max\{C_{Cl(A)}(x), C_{Cl(B)}(x)\}$ .

Thus  $Cl(A \cup B) = Cl(A) \cup Cl(B)$ . □

## 7. Continuous Multiset Functions

**Definition 7.1.** Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two  $M$ -topological spaces. The mset function  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is said to be continuous if for each open subset  $V$  of  $N$ , the mset  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an open subset of  $M$ , where  $f^{-1}(V)$  is the mset of all points  $m/x$  in  $M$  for which  $f(m/x) \in^n V$  for some  $n$ .

**Example 7.1.** Let  $M = \{5/a, 4/b, 4/c, 3/d\}$  and  $N = \{7/x, 5/y, 6/z, 4/w\}$  be two msets,  $\tau = \{M, \emptyset, \{5/a, \{5/a, 4/b\}, \{5/a, 4/b, 4/c\}\}$  and  $\tau' = \{N, \emptyset, \{7/x\}, \{5/y\}, \{7/x, 5/y\}, \{5/y, 6/z, 4/w\}\}$  be two  $M$ -topologies on  $M$  and  $N$  respectively.

Consider the mset functions  $f : M \rightarrow N$  and  $g : M \rightarrow N$  are given by

$$f = \{(5/a, 5/y)/25, (4/b, 6/z)/24, (4/c, 4/w)/16, (3/d, 6/z)/18\},$$

$$g = \{(5/a, 7/x)/35, (4/b, 7/x)/28, (4/c, 6/z)/24, (3/d, 4/w)/12\}.$$

The mset function  $f$  is continuous since the inverse of each member of the  $M$ -topology  $\tau'$  on  $N$  is a member of the  $M$ -topology  $\tau$  on  $M$ . The mset function  $g$  is not continuous since  $\{5/y, 6/z, 4/w\} \in \tau'$ , i.e., an open mset of  $N$ , but its inverse image  $g^{-1}(\{5/y, 6/z, 4/w\}) = \{4/c, 3/d\}$  is not an open subset of  $M$ , because the mset  $\{4/c, 3/d\}$  does not belong to  $\tau$ .

**Example 7.2.** Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be an mset function and  $\tau = P^*(M)$ , the support set of the power mset of  $M$ , the  $M$ -topology on  $M$ . Then every mset function  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is continuous for any  $M$ -topology on  $N$ .

**Example 7.3.** Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be an mset function and  $\tau' = PF(N) \cup \{\emptyset\}$  be an  $M$ -topology on  $N$ , then every mset function  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is continuous for any  $M$ -topology  $\tau$  on  $M$ , because open msets in  $\tau'$  are subsets of  $N$  whose support set is  $N^*$ . Let  $H$  and  $\emptyset$  be open in  $\tau'$ , then  $f^{-1}(H) = M$  and  $f^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $f$  is continuous for any  $\tau$ .

**Theorem 7.1.** Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two  $M$ -topological spaces and  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be an mset function. Then the following are equivalent:

1. The mset function  $f$  is continuous,
2. For every subset  $A$  of  $M$ ,  $C_{f(Cl(A))}(x) \leq C_{Cl(f(A))}(x)$ ,
3. For every closed mset  $B$  of  $N$ , the mset  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a closed mset in  $M$ ,
4. For each  $x \in^k M$  and each neighborhood  $V$  of  $f(k/x)$ , there is a neighborhood  $U$  of  $k/x$  such that  $C_{f(U)}(x) \leq C_V(x)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Assume that the mset function  $f$  is continuous. Let  $A$  be a subset of  $M$ . We show that if  $x \in^k Cl(A)$ , then  $f(k/x) \in^r Cl(f(A))$  for some  $r$ . If  $V$  is a neighborhood of  $f(k/x)$ , then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an open mset of  $M$  containing  $k/x$  which intersects  $A$  in some point  $n/y$ . Then  $V$  intersects  $f(A)$  in the point  $f(n/y)$  and  $f(k/x) \in^r Cl(f(A))$  for some  $r$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $B$  be a closed mset in  $N$  and let  $A = f^{-1}(B)$ . We wish to prove that  $A$  is a closed mset in  $M$ ; we show that  $Cl(A) = A$ . We have  $f(A) = f(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq B$ . Therefore, if  $x \in^k Cl(A)$ , then  $f(k/x) \in^r f(Cl(A)) \subseteq Cl(f(A)) \subseteq Cl(B) = B$ . So that  $x \in^k f^{-1}(B) = A$ . Thus  $Cl(A) \subseteq A$ , so that  $Cl(A) = A$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $V$  be an open mset of  $N$ . Set  $B = N \ominus V$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(N) \ominus f^{-1}(V) = M \ominus f^{-1}(V)$ . Now since  $B$  is a closed mset of  $N$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a closed mset in  $M$  by hypothesis so that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an open mset in  $M$ .

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Let  $x \in^k M$  and let  $V$  be a neighborhood of  $f(k/x)$ . Then the mset  $U = f^{-1}(V)$  is a neighborhood of  $k/x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $V$  be an open mset of  $N$  and  $k/x$  be a point of  $f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $f(k/x) \in^r V$  for some  $r$ , so by hypothesis there is a neighborhood  $U_x$  of  $k/x$  such that  $f(U_x) \subseteq V$ . Then  $U_x \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . It follows that  $f^{-1}(V)$  can be written as the union of the open msets  $U_x$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an open mset of  $M$  and  $f$  is continuous. □

**Theorem 7.2.** *If  $M, N$  and  $P$  are  $M$ -topological spaces and  $f : M \rightarrow N$  and  $g : N \rightarrow P$  are continuous mset functions, then its composition  $g \circ f : M \rightarrow P$  is a continuous mset function.*

*Proof.* If  $H$  is an open mset in  $P$ , then  $g^{-1}(H)$  is an open mset in  $N$  by continuity of  $g$ . Now again by continuity of  $f$ ,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(H)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(H)$  is an open mset in  $M$ . Thus  $g \circ f$  is a continuous mset function.  $\square$

**Remark 7.1.** 1. In general topology, discrete topology is the set of all subsets of  $X$  and clearly it contains  $2^n$  elements where  $n$  is the cardinality of  $X$ . But in an  $M$ -topology, discrete  $M$ -topology  $P^*(M)$  is the support set of the power mset of  $M$  in  $[X]^w$  and it contains  $\prod_{i=1}^n (1 + m_i) < 2^n$  elements where  $m_i$  is the occurrence of an element  $x_i$  in the mset  $M$  and  $n$  is the cardinality of the mset  $M$ .

2. In general topology any function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous if  $X$  has the discrete topology and  $Y$  has any topology. But in the case of  $M$ -topological spaces, every mset function  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is continuous whenever  $M$ -topology of  $M$  in  $[X]^w$  contains  $\prod_{i=1}^n (1 + m_i) < 2^n$  elements and for any  $M$ -topology of  $N$  in  $[X]^w$  where  $m_i$  is the occurrence of an element  $x_i$  in the multiset  $M$  and  $n$  is the cardinality of the multiset  $M$ .

## 8. Conclusion and Future Work

In this paper the authors focus on topology of multisets. This work extends the theory of general topology on general sets to multisets. It begins with a brief survey of the notion of msets introduced by Yager, different types of collections of msets and operations under such collections. It also gives the definition of mset relation and mset function introduced by the authors. After presenting the preliminaries and basic definitions the authors introduced the notion of  $M$ -topological space. Basis, sub basis, closure, interior and limit points of multisets are defined and some of the existing theorems are proved in the context of multisets. Finally the authors have established the relationship between continuous function and discrete topology in the context of  $M$ -topological space.

The concept of topological structures and their generalizations is one of the most powerful notions in branches of science such as chemistry, physics and information systems. In most applications the topology is employed out of a need to handle the qualitative information. In any information system, some situations may occur, where the respective counts of objects in the universe of discourse are not single. In such situations we have to deal with collections of information in which duplicates are significant. In such cases multisets play an important role in processing the information. The information system dealing with multisets is said to be an information multisystem. Thus, information multisystems are more compact when compared to the original information system. In fact, topological structures on multisets are generalized methods for measuring the similarity and dissimilarity between the objects in multisets as universes. The theoretical study of general topology on general sets in the context of multisets can be a very useful theory for analyzing an information multisystem.

Most of the theoretical concepts of multisets come from combinatorics. Combinatorial topology is the branch of topology that deals with the properties of geometric figures by considering the figures as being composed of elementary geometric figures. The combinatorial method is used not only to construct complicated figures from simple ones but also to deduce the properties of the complicated from the simple. In combinatorial topology it is remarkable that the only machinery to make deductions is the elementary process of counting. In such situations we may deal with collections of elements with duplicates. The theory of  $M$ -topology may be useful for studying combinatorial topology with collections of elements with duplicates.

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## GPS Satellite Range and Relative Velocity Computation

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### Abstract

In this work the estimation of a Global Positioning System satellite orbit is considered. The range and relative velocity of the satellite is computed in the observer's local reference frame (topocentric system of coordinates) by including the Earth gravitational perturbations (up to  $J_3$  term) and the solar radiation pressure. Gauss perturbation equations are used to obtain the orbital elements as a function of time, from which the position vector is derived.

*Keywords:* GPS Satellite, Gauss Equations, Solar Radiation Pressure, Range.

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### 1. Introduction

Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites are used in a variety of applications such as wireless locations, navigation, GPS/INS integrations, as well in attitude and orbit estimation (Mikhailov & Vasilév, 2011). GPS satellite orbits are at an altitude of 25,000 km, with eccentricity ranging from 0.001 to 0.02, and inclined at  $55^\circ$ . At such high altitude the atmospheric drag can be disregarded and the dominant forces affecting the orbital motion are the gravitational and the Solar Radiation Pressure (SRP). Reference (Stelian, 2007) has used fourth-order Runge-Kutta algorithm to numerically integrate the GPS satellite perturbed orbit showing that the most dominant orbital perturbation is the Earth oblateness, namely the so called  $J_2$  term of the Earth gravitational potential.

In this work the  $J_2$  and  $J_3$  orbital gravitational perturbations are considered as well as the solar radiation pressure. Gaussian planetary differential equations are integrated to quantify the effects of the perturbations in the orbital elements. The time-varying orbital elements are obtained by rewriting the Gaussian planetary equations in the orbital coordinate system. Then, from the ephemerides the GPS satellite position and velocity can be evaluated at any time and in any reference coordinate system. In particular, position and velocity vectors can be computed in a ground station reference frame, from where the satellite is observed. This transformation implies the evaluation of the geodetic latitude to consider the Earth an oblate spheroid. The GPS satellite position and velocity are then evaluated in the Earth-Centered-Inertial (ECI) reference

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frame and then transformed into the topo-centric ground station coordinate system. The final purpose of this study is to quantify the variation in the GPS satellite range (as seen by an observer in the ground station) due to the  $J_2$  and  $J_3$  orbital gravitational and solar pressure perturbations.

## 2. Coordinate system used

To quantify the range rate effect due to orbital perturbation in the ground reference frame, four coordinates systems are adopted. There are shown in figure 1.

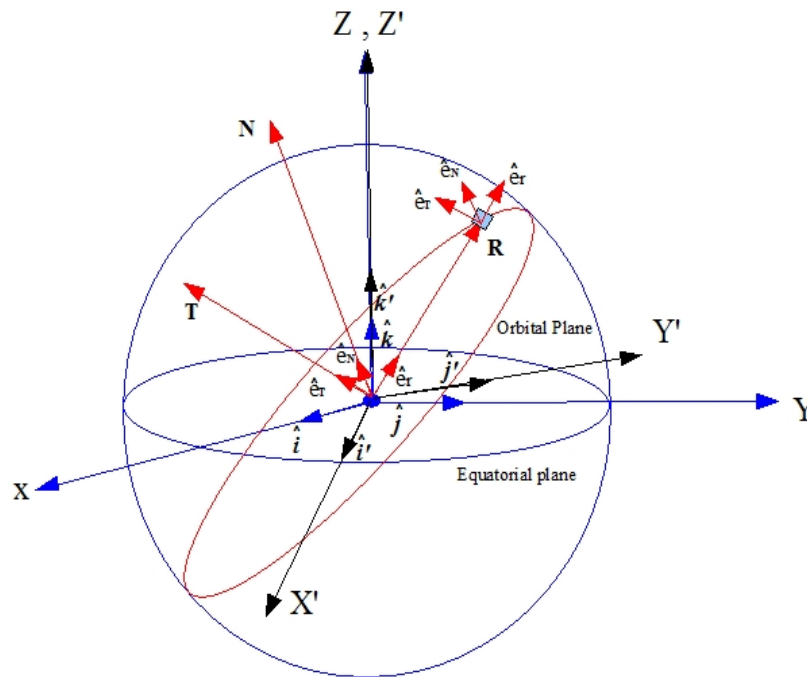


Figure 1. Coordinate systems.

(i) The Earth Centered Inertial *ECI* coordinate system  $OXYZ$ . In this system the  $X$ -axis is directed toward the vernal Equinox, the  $Y$ -axis is in the equatorial plane and normal to the  $X$ -axis, and the  $Z$ -axis is directed along the rotation axis of the Earth (i.e. normal to the equatorial plane). The unit vectors  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  are taken in the directions of the  $X$ -axis,  $Y$ -axis and  $Z$ -axis respectively. (ii) The Earth Centered Earth Fixed *ECEF* coordinate system  $OXYZ$ . In this system the  $X$ -axis is directed toward Greenwich, the  $Y$ -axis is in the equatorial plane and normal to the  $X$ -axis, and the  $Z$ -axis is directed along the rotation axis of the Earth. The unit vectors  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  are taken in the directions of the  $X$ -axis,  $Y$ -axis and  $Z$ -axis respectively. (iii) The Orbital Coordinate *ORTN* coordinate system. In this system the  $R$ -axis is directed along the radius vector of the satellite, the  $T$ -axis is in the local orbital plane and normal to the  $R$ -axis, and the  $N$ -axis is normal to the orbital plane. The unit vectors  $\hat{e}_R, \hat{e}_T, \hat{e}_N$  are taken in the directions of the  $R$ -axis,  $T$ -axis and  $N$ -axis respectively. (iv) The Topocentric Horizon (SEZ) coordinate system. In this system the fundamental plane is the observer's horizon plane, the positive  $x$ -axis is directed in the south direction, the  $y$ -axis is directed toward the East and  $z$ -axis is directed toward the observer's zenith.

### 3. Earth’s oblateness

Earth is an oblate spheroid. A truncated gravitational potential up  $J_3$  is given by:

$$U_g = -\frac{\mu R_\oplus^2}{r^3} \left[ J_2 \left( 1 - \frac{3}{2} \sin^2 \phi \right) + J_3 \frac{R_\oplus}{r} (5 \sin^3 \phi - 3 \sin \phi) \right], \tag{3.1}$$

where  $\mu$  is the gravitational constant and  $\phi$  is the angle between the Earth’s spin axis and satellite radius.

The gradient of this potential gives the perturbing gravitational force in ECI (see (Schaub & Junkins, 2009))

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_g = & -\frac{3}{2} J_2 \left( \frac{\mu}{r^3} \right) \left( \frac{R_\oplus}{r} \right) \begin{Bmatrix} (1 - 5 \sin^2 \phi)x \\ (1 - 5 \sin^2 \phi)y \\ (3 - 5 \sin^2 \phi)z \end{Bmatrix} + \\ & -\frac{1}{2} J_3 \left( \frac{\mu}{r^3} \right) \left( \frac{R_\oplus}{r} \right)^3 \begin{Bmatrix} 5(7 \sin^3 \phi - 3 \sin \phi)x \\ 5(7 \sin^3 \phi - 3 \sin \phi)y \\ (-105 \sin^4 \phi + 30 \sin^2 \phi - 3)z \end{Bmatrix} \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

and this force is expressed in the orbital frame as

$$\mathbf{F}_g = F_R \hat{\mathbf{e}}_R + F_T \hat{\mathbf{e}}_T + F_N \hat{\mathbf{e}}_N, \tag{3.3}$$

where, by setting  $S_\bullet = \sin(\bullet)$ , and  $C_\bullet = \cos(\bullet)$ , and  $\theta = \omega + f$ , the expressions of  $F_R$ ,  $F_T$ , and  $F_N$  are

$$\begin{aligned} F_R = & -3\mu \frac{R_\oplus^2}{r^4} \left[ \frac{J_2}{2} (1 - 3S_i^2 S_\theta^2) + J_3 \frac{R_\oplus}{r} (-15S_i S_\theta - 3S_i^2 S_\theta^2 + 40S_i^3 S_\theta^3 + 30S_i^4 S_\theta^4 - 70S_i^5 S_\theta^5) \right] \\ F_T = & -3\mu \frac{R_\oplus^2}{r^4} \left\{ J_2 S_i^2 S_\theta C_\theta + J_3 \frac{R_\oplus}{r} \left[ 5S_i (C_i^2 + S_i^2 S_\theta^2) (-3 + 7S_i^2 S_\theta^2) - S_i^2 C_\theta^2 (3 - 30S_i^2 S_\theta^2 + 35S_i^4 S_\theta^4) \right] \right\} \\ F_N = & -3\mu \frac{R_\oplus^2}{r^4} \left\{ J_2 S_i S_\theta C_i + J_3 \frac{R_\oplus}{r} \left[ S_i^2 (-15S_i^3 S_\theta^3) + C_i^2 (-3 + 30S_i^2 S_\theta^2 - 35S_i^4 S_\theta^4) \right] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $i$  is the orbit inclination,  $\omega$  the argument of perigee,  $f$  the true anomaly, and  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_R$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_T$ , and  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_N$  are the unit-vectors of the orbital reference frame axes.

### 4. Solar radiation pressure

A simplified expression for SRP acceleration vector was given in (Schaub & Junkins, 2009) by

$$\mathbf{a} = -C_R P_\odot S m \frac{\mathbf{r}_{s\odot}}{r_{s\odot}^3} = a_x \hat{\mathbf{i}} + a_y \hat{\mathbf{j}} + a_z \hat{\mathbf{k}},$$

where  $P_\odot \approx 4.56 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ Nm}^{-2}$  is the solar radiation pressure coefficient,  $S$  is the surface area, and  $m$  the satellite mass,  $\mathbf{r}_{s\odot} = \mathbf{r}_\odot - \mathbf{r}$  is the position vector of the Sun with respect to the satellite, and  $C_R$  is the radiation pressure coefficient, which is a function of the reflectivity coefficient,  $\epsilon$ . The reflectivity coefficient becomes  $\epsilon = 0$  when the satellite surface absorbs all the solar radiation while it becomes  $\epsilon = 1$  when it reflects all the solar radiation.

Using a pseudo potential function, The acceleration components of the SRP can be expressed in the ECI frame as

$$\begin{Bmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \\ a_z \end{Bmatrix} = -\frac{C_R P_\odot S}{m r_{s\odot}} \begin{Bmatrix} x_\odot - x \\ y_\odot - y \\ z_\odot - z \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{Bmatrix} x_\odot \\ y_\odot \\ z_\odot \end{Bmatrix} = r_{s\odot} \begin{Bmatrix} \cos \lambda_\odot \\ \sin \lambda_\odot \cos \varepsilon \\ \sin \lambda_\odot \sin \varepsilon \end{Bmatrix}, \tag{4.1}$$



where  $\lambda_{\odot}$  is the sun ecliptic longitude and  $\varepsilon$  is the obliquity of the ecliptic.

Equations (4.1) are transformed to orbital coordinate system using the transformation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_R \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_T \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_N \end{bmatrix}^T = R_{313} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{j}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{k}} \end{bmatrix}^T,$$

where  $R_{313}$  is the transformation matrix that can be expressed by the “3-1-3” Euler sequence

$$R_{313} = R_3(\omega + f) R_1(i) R_2(\Omega).$$

So that the SRP force can be expressed as three components in the directions of  $(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_R, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_T, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_N)$  coordinate system as  $a_R, a_T, a_N$ .

## 5. Perturbed motion

In case of unperturbed motion, the angles  $\omega$ ,  $\Omega$ , and  $i$  are constant. These angles are used in the transformation equations between coordinate systems and also can be used to determine the position and velocity of the satellite at any given time. The orbit of the satellite undergoes perturbations from several environmental forces resulting in changes in the elements of the orbits.

The rates of change of the orbital elements  $(a, e, i, \omega, \Omega, M)$  due to a perturbing force

$$\mathbf{F} = F_R \hat{\mathbf{e}}_R + F_T \hat{\mathbf{e}}_T + F_N \hat{\mathbf{e}}_N \quad (5.1)$$

are given in (Guochang, 2008) and called Gaussian planetary equations. These equations are:

$$\frac{da}{dt} = \frac{2}{n\sqrt{1-e^2}} [e \cos f F_R + (1 + e \cos f) F_T] \quad (5.2)$$

$$\frac{de}{dt} = \frac{\sqrt{1-e^2}}{na} [\sin f F_R + (\cos E + \cos f) F_T] \quad (5.3)$$

$$\frac{di}{dt} = \frac{(1 - e \cos E) \cos(\omega + f)}{na\sqrt{1-e^2}} F_N \quad (5.4)$$

$$\frac{d\Omega}{dt} = \frac{(1 - e \cos E) \sin(\omega + f)}{na\sqrt{1-e^2} \sin i} F_N \quad (5.5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\omega}{dt} &= \frac{\sqrt{1-e^2}}{nae} \left( -\cos f F_R + \sin f \frac{2 + e \cos f}{1 + e \cos f} F_T \right) - \cos i \frac{d\Omega}{dt} \\ \frac{dM}{dt} &= n - \frac{1-e^2}{nae} \left[ -\left( \cos f - \frac{2e}{1 + e \cos f} \right) F_R + \sin f \frac{2 + e \cos f}{1 + e \cos f} F_T \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $a$  is the semi-major axis,  $e$  is the eccentricity of the orbit,  $n$  is the mean motion,  $E$  is the eccentric anomaly, and  $M$  is the mean anomaly. We solve this system of differential equations to get the elements  $(a, e, i, \Omega, \omega, M)$  as functions of time. Having these elements one can find the position and velocity at any time. The angles  $(i, \Omega, \omega)$  are needed for the transformations between coordinate systems. We need to compute the radius vector  $\mathbf{r}$  in the ECI reference frame.



## 6. Position vector of the ground station

### 6.1. Position of the ground station in ECI frame

Assuming the Earth is an oblate spheroid, the position vector of the station in the *ECI* frame has the components :

$$\begin{aligned} R_i &= (N + H) \cos \lambda_E \cos \theta, \\ R_j &= (N + H) \cos \lambda_E \sin \theta, \\ R_k &= (N(1 - e_E^2) + H) \sin \lambda_E, \end{aligned}$$

where  $N = \frac{a_E}{\sqrt{1 - e_E^2 \sin^2 \lambda_E}}$ , is the Earth's mean radius,  $\lambda_E$  is the geodetic longitude of the station and  $H$  is the height of the station.

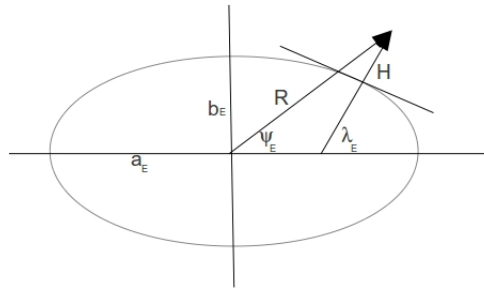


Figure 2. Ground Station Geodetic Coordinates.

Earth rotates around the  $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ -axis with angular velocity  $\omega_{\oplus} = 7.2921158553 \cdot 10^{-5}$  rad/s. The angle  $\theta$  between the  $\hat{\mathbf{i}}$ -axis and the  $\hat{\mathbf{i}}'$ -axis is a function of time and is related to  $\omega_{\oplus}$  by

$$\alpha(t) = \alpha_0 + \omega_{\oplus}(t - t_0).$$

The angle  $\alpha$ , called *Greenwich hour angle*, is the right ascension of the Greenwich meridian.

### 6.2. Satellite range

The range of the satellite is given by

$$\boldsymbol{\rho} = \mathbf{r}_{sat} - \mathbf{R}_{station}.$$

We have described both  $\mathbf{r}_{sat}$  and  $\mathbf{R}_{station}$  in the *ECI* frame. Now we need to have an expression of this range as seen in the observer's Topocentric Horizon coordinate system (local, on the Earth surface). In this reference frame the fundamental plane is the observer's horizon plane, the positive  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ -axis is taken in the South direction, the  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ -axis is pointing toward the East, and  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ -axis pointing toward the observer's Zenith. The frame is referred to as *SEZ* frame.

The transformation of the range vector from the *ECI* frame to the *SEZ* frame is done using the transformation equation

$$\boldsymbol{\rho}_{SEZ} = A_{tp} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{ECI}$$

where the transformation matrix is given as

$$A_{IP} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \psi_E \cos \theta & \sin \psi_E \sin \theta & -\cos \psi_E \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ \cos \psi_E \cos \theta & \cos \psi_E \sin \theta & \sin \psi_E \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\psi_E$  is the angle between the radius vector of the station and the semi-major axis of the spheroidal Earth. The magnitude of the range is given by

$$\rho = \sqrt{\rho_S^2 + \rho_E^2 + \rho_Z^2}.$$

The time derivative of the range gives the relative velocity magnitude of the satellite with respect to the station in the observer's local frame ( $SEZ$  frame). We have from the above equation

$$v_R = \dot{\rho} = \frac{1}{\rho}(\rho_S \dot{\rho}_S + \rho_E \dot{\rho}_E + \rho_Z \dot{\rho}_Z).$$

## 7. Numerical example

Considering a GPS satellite with initial values  $a = 26,550$  km,  $e = 0.02$ ,  $i = 55^\circ$ ,  $s/m = 0.02$  m<sup>2</sup>/kg,  $\Omega = 0^\circ$ ,  $\omega = 0^\circ$ , and  $M = 0^\circ$ . The period of this GPS Satellite is 12 hours and data are computed for 4 days. Figures 3 through 8 show the perturbation in the elements of the orbit. Figure 9 shows the change in range as seen from the ECI coordinate system and Figure 10 shows the change in range as seen from the topo-centric coordinate system.

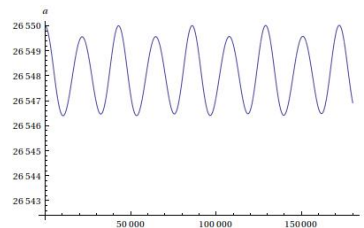


Figure 3. Perturbation in the semi major axis of a GPS satellite.

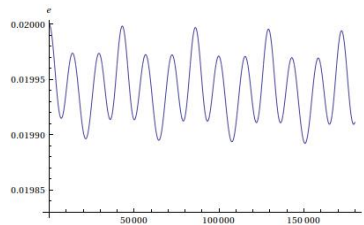


Figure 4. Perturbation in the eccentricity of a GPS satellite.

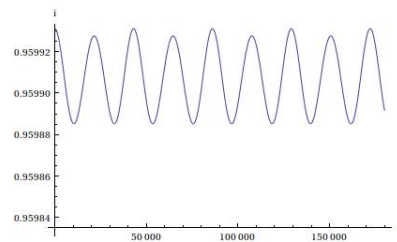


Figure 5. Perturbation in the inclination of a GPS satellite.

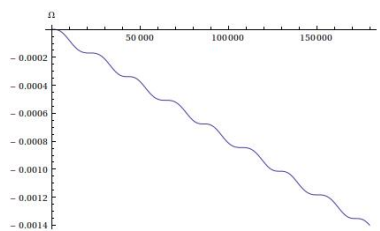


Figure 6. Perturbation in the longitude of ascending node of a GPS satellite.

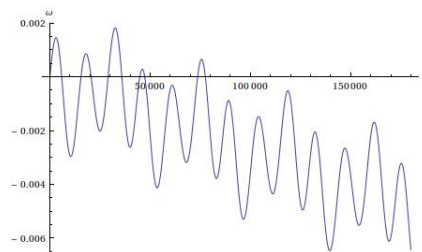


Figure 7. Perturbation in the argument of perigee of a GPS satellite.

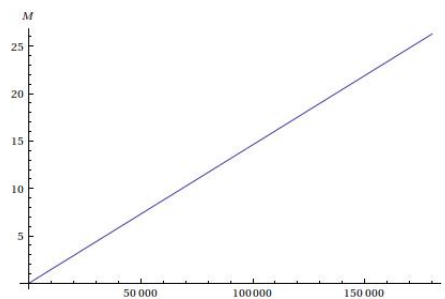


Figure 8. Perturbation in the mean anomaly of a GPS satellite.

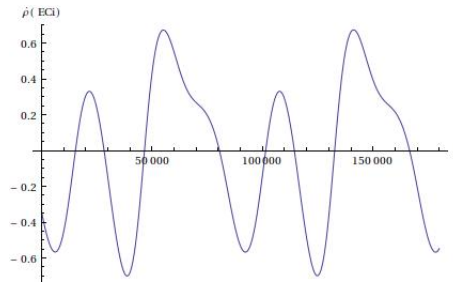


Figure 9. Change in the range as it is seen from the ECI coordinate system.

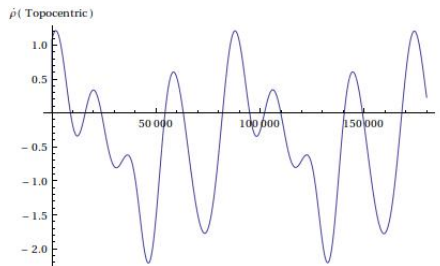


Figure 10. Change in the range as it is seen from the topocentric coordinate system.

## 8. Conclusion

In this paper we have computed the range and the change in range (relative velocity) of a GPS satellite as seen by an observer in the ground station. The relative motion of the satellite with respect to the ground station is affected by the rotation of the Earth and by the perturbation of the satellite. The GPS satellite's motion was under the effect of the perturbation of the oblateness of the Earth up to  $J_3$  and the perturbation of the Solar Radiation Pressure force.

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## **$A_\sigma$ -Double Sequence Spaces and Double Statistical Convergence in 2-Normed Spaces Defined by Orlicz Functions**

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### **Abstract**

The main aim of this paper is to introduce a new class of sequence spaces which arise from the notion of invariant means, de la Valee-Pousin means and double lacunary sequence with respect to an Orlicz function in 2-normed space. Some properties of the resulting sequence space were also examined. Further we study the concept of uniformly  $(\bar{\lambda}, \sigma)$ -statistical convergence and establish natural characterization for the underline sequence spaces.

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### **1. Introduction**

Let  $l_\infty$  and  $c$  denote the Banach spaces of bounded and convergent sequences  $x = (x_i)$ , with complex terms respectively, normed by  $\|x\|_\infty = \sup_i |x_i|$ , where  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\sigma$  be an injection of the set of positive integers  $\mathbb{N}$  into itself having no finite orbits that is to say, if and only if, for all  $i = 0, j = 0, \sigma^j(i) \neq i$  and  $T$  be the operator defined on  $l_\infty$  by  $(T(x_i)_{i=1}^\infty) = (x_{\sigma(i)})_{i=1}^\infty$ .

A continuous linear functional  $\phi$  on  $l_\infty$  is said to be an invariant mean or  $\sigma$ -mean if and only if

1.  $\phi(x) \geq 0$ , when the sequence  $x = (x_i)$  has  $x_i \geq 0$  for all  $i$ ,
2.  $\phi(e) = 1$ , where  $e = \{1, 1, 1, \dots\}$  and
3.  $\phi(x_{\sigma(i)}) = \phi(x)$  for all  $x \in l_\infty$ .

The space  $[V_\sigma]$  of strongly  $\sigma$ -convergent sequence was introduced by Mursaleen in (Mursaleen, 1983). A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be strongly  $\sigma$ -convergent if there exists a number  $L$  such that

$$\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k |x_{\sigma^j(m)} - L| \rightarrow 0$$

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as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  uniformly in  $m$ . If we take  $\sigma(m) = m + 1$  then  $[V_\sigma] = [\hat{c}]$ , which was defined by Maddox in (Maddox, 1967).

If  $x = (x_i)$  write  $Tx = (Tx_i) = (x_{\sigma(i)})$ . It can be shown that

$$V_\sigma = \left\{ x = (x_i) : \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} t_{m,i}(x) = L \text{ uniformly in } i, L = \sigma - \lim x \right\} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $m \geq 0, i > 0$ .

$$t_{m,i}(x) = \frac{x_i + x_{\sigma(i)} + \dots + x_{\sigma^m(i)}}{m+1} \text{ and } t_{-1,i} = 0, \quad (1.2)$$

where,  $\sigma^m(i)$  denote the  $m$ th iterate of  $\sigma(i)$  at  $i$ . In the case  $\sigma$  is the translation mapping,  $\sigma(i) = i + 1$  is often called a Banach limit and  $V_\sigma$ , the set of bounded sequences of all whose invariant means are equal, is the set of almost convergent sequence (see (Móricz & Rhoades, 1988)). Subsequently invariant means have been studied by Ahmad and Mursaleen in (Ahmad & Mursaleen, 1988), (Raimi, 1963) and many others.

The concept of 2-normed spaces was initially introduced by (Gähler, 1963) in the mid of 1960's. Since then, many researchers have studied this concept and obtained various results, see for instance (Gähler, 1965, 1964; Gunawan & Mashadi, 2001).

Let  $X$  be a real vector space of dimension  $d$ , where  $2 \leq d < \infty$ . A 2-norm on  $X$  is a function  $\|.,.\| : X \times X \rightarrow R$  which satisfies the following four conditions (Khan & Tabassum, 2011b, 2010):

- (i)  $\|x_1, x_2\| = 0$  if and only if  $x_1, x_2$  are linearly dependent;
- (ii)  $\|x_1, x_2\| = \|x_2, x_1\|$ ;
- (iii)  $\|\alpha x_1, x_2\| = \alpha \|x_1, x_2\|$ , for any  $\alpha \in R$ ;
- (iv)  $\|x + x', x_2\| \leq \|x, x_2\| + \|x', x_2\|$ .

The pair  $(X, \|.,.\|)$  is then called a 2-normed space.

**Example 1.1.** A standard example of a 2-normed space is  $R^2$  equipped with the following 2-norm:  $\|x, y\| :=$  the area of the triangle having vertices  $0, x, y$ .

**Example 1.2.** Let  $Y$  be a space of all bounded real-valued functions on  $R$ . For  $f, g$  in  $Y$ , define  $\|f, g\| = 0$  if  $f, g$  are linearly dependent,  $\|f, g\| = \sup_{t \in R} |f(t).g(t)|$ , if  $f, g$  are linearly independent. Then  $\|.,.\|$  is a 2-norm on  $Y$ .

An Orlicz Function is a function  $M : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  which is continuous, nondecreasing and convex with  $M(0) = 0, M(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$  and  $M(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

An Orlicz function  $M$  satisfies the  $\Delta_2$  - condition ( $M \in \Delta_2$  for short) if there exist constant  $K \geq 2$  and  $u_0 > 0$  such that  $M(2u) \leq KM(u)$  whenever  $|u| \leq u_0$ .

An Orlicz function  $M$  can always be represented in the integral form  $M(x) = \int_0^x q(t)dt$ , where  $q$  known as the kernel of  $M$ , is right differentiable for  $t \geq 0, q(t) > 0$  for  $t > 0, q$  is non-decreasing and  $q(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

Note that an Orlicz function satisfies the inequality

$$M(\lambda x) \leq \lambda M(x) \text{ for all } \lambda \text{ with } 0 < \lambda < 1,$$

since  $M$  is convex and  $M(0) = 0$ .

Lindesstrauss and Tzafriri in (Lindenstrauss & Tzafriri, 1971) used the idea of Orlicz sequence space;

$$l_M := \left\{ x \in w : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|x_k|}{\rho}\right) < \infty, \text{ for some } \rho > 0 \right\},$$

which is Banach space with the norm

$$\|x\|_M = \inf \left\{ \rho > 0 : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M\left(\frac{|x_k|}{\rho}\right) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

The space  $l_M$  is closely related to the space  $l_p$ , which is an Orlicz sequence space with  $M(x) = x^p$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

Throughout  $x = (x_{jk})$  is a double sequence that is a double infinite array of elements  $x_{jk}$ , for  $j, k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Double sequence have been studied by Vakeel A. Khan and S. Tabassum in (Khan, 2010; Khan & Tabassum, 2012, 2011b,a, 2010) and many others.

The following inequality will be used throughout

$$|x_{jk} + y_{jk}|^{p_{jk}} \leq D(|x_{jk}|^{p_{jk}} + |y_{jk}|^{p_{jk}}), \tag{1.3}$$

where  $x_{jk}$  and  $y_{jk}$  are complex numbers,  $D = \max(1, 2^{H-1})$  and  $H = \sup_{j,k} p_{jk} < \infty$ .

**Definition 1.1.** A double sequence  $x = (x_{jk})$  has Pringsheim limit  $L$  (denoted by  $P - \lim x = L$ ) provided that given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|x_{jk} - L| < \epsilon$  whenever  $j, k > N$ . We shall describe such an  $x$  more briefly as  $P - convergent$ .

**Definition 1.2.** (Savaş & Patterson, 2007) The four dimensional matrix  $A = (a_{m,n,j,k})$  is said to be RH-regular if it maps every bounded P-convergent sequences into a P-convergent sequence with the same P-limit.

**Theorem 1.3.** (Savaş & Patterson, 2007) The four dimensional matrix  $A = (a_{m,n,j,k})$  is said to be RH-regular if and only if

- (i)  $P - \lim_{m,n} a_{m,n,j,k} = 0$  for each  $j, k$ ;
- (ii)  $P - \lim_{m,n} \sum_{j,k=1}^{\infty} a_{m,n,j,k} = 1$ ;
- (iii)  $P - \lim_{m,n} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |a_{m,n,j,k}| = 0$ ; for each  $k$ ;
- (iv)  $P - \lim_{m,n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_{m,n,j,k}| = 0$ ; for each  $j$ ;
- (v)  $\sum_{j,k=1}^{\infty} |a_{m,n,j,k}|$  is P-convergent and
- (vi) there exist positive numbers  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $\sum_{j,k>B} |a_{m,n,j,k}| < A$ .

## 2. Main Results

Let  $M$  be an Orlicz function  $P = (p_{jk})$  be any factorable double sequence of strictly positive real numbers. Let  $A = (a_{m,n,j,k})$  be a non negative RH-regular summability matrix method,  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be 2-norm space,  $\sigma$  be an injection of the set of positive integers  $\mathbb{N}$  into itself and  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ . We define the following double sequence spaces:

$${}_2W_o(A_\sigma, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|) = \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : P - \lim_{m,n} \sum_{j,k=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,j,k} \left[ M\left(\frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho}\right) \right]^{p_{jk}} = 0, \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{uniformly in } p, q, \text{ for some } \rho > 0 \text{ and } z \in X \} \\ {}_2W(A_\sigma, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|) &= \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : P - \lim_{m,n} \sum_{j,k=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,j,k} \left[ M \left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\|}{\rho} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} = 0, \right. \\ & \left. \text{uniformly in } p, q, \text{ for some } \rho > 0, L > 0 \text{ and } z \in X \} \\ {}_2W_\infty(A_\sigma, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|) &= \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : \sup_{m,n} \sum_{j,k=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,j,k} \left[ M \left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)}, z\|}{\rho} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} < \infty, \right. \\ & \left. \text{uniformly in } p, q, \text{ for some } \rho > 0 \text{ and } z \in X \} \end{aligned}$$

Let us consider a few special cases of above definitions:

(i) In particular, when  $\sigma(p, q) = (p + 1, q + 1)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2W_o(A, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|) &= \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : P - \lim_{m,n} \sum_{j,k=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,j,k} \left[ M \left( \frac{\|x_{j+p, k+q}, z\|}{\rho} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} = 0, \right. \\ & \left. \text{uniformly in } p, q, \text{ for some } \rho > 0 \text{ and } z \in X \} \\ {}_2W(A, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|) &= \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : P - \lim_{m,n} \sum_{j,k=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,j,k} \left[ M \left( \frac{\|x_{j+p, k+q} - L, z\|}{\rho} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} = 0, \right. \\ & \left. \text{uniformly in } p, q, \text{ for some } \rho > 0, L > 0 \text{ and } z \in X \} \\ {}_2W_\infty(A, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|) &= \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : \sup_{m,n} \sum_{j,k=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,j,k} \left[ M \left( \frac{\|x_{j+p, k+q}, z\|}{\rho} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} < \infty, \right. \\ & \left. \text{uniformly in } p, q, \text{ for some } \rho > 0 \text{ and } z \in X \} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) If  $M(x) = x$  then we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2W_o(A_\sigma, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|) &= \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : P - \lim_{m,n} \sum_{j,k=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,j,k} \|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)}, z\|^{p_{jk}} = 0, \right. \\ & \left. \text{uniformly in } p, q, \text{ and } z \in X \} \\ {}_2W(A_\sigma, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|) &= \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : P - \lim_{m,n} \sum_{j,k=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,j,k} \|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\|^{p_{jk}} = 0, \right. \\ & \left. \text{uniformly in } p, q \text{ and } L > 0, z \in X \} \end{aligned}$$



$${}_2W_\infty(A_\sigma, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|) = \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : \sup_{m,n,j,k} \sum_{j,k=0}^\infty a_{m,n,j,k} \|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)}, z\|^{p_{jk}} < \infty, \right. \\ \left. \text{uniformly in } p, q, \text{ and } z \in X \right\}$$

(iii) If  $p_{jk} = 1$  for all  $(j, k)$ , we have

$${}_2W_o(A_\sigma, M, \|\cdot, \cdot\|) = \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : P - \lim_{m,n} \sum_{j,k=0}^\infty a_{m,n,j,k} \left[ M \left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)}, z\|}{\rho} \right) \right] = 0, \right. \\ \left. \text{uniformly in } p, q, \text{ for some } \rho > 0 \text{ and } z \in X \right\}$$

$${}_2W(A_\sigma, M, \|\cdot, \cdot\|) = \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : P - \lim_{m,n} \sum_{j,k=0}^\infty a_{m,n,j,k} \left[ M \left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\|}{\rho} \right) \right] = 0, \right. \\ \left. \text{uniformly in } p, q, \text{ for some } \rho > 0, L > 0 \text{ and } z \in X \right\}$$

$${}_2W_\infty(A_\sigma, M, \|\cdot, \cdot\|) = \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : \sup_{m,n,j,k} \sum_{j,k=0}^\infty a_{m,n,j,k} \left[ M \left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)}, z\|}{\rho} \right) \right] < \infty, \right. \\ \left. \text{uniformly in } p, q, \text{ for some } \rho > 0 \text{ and } z \in X \right\}.$$

**Definition 2.1.** (Savaş & Patterson, 2008) A bounded double sequence  $x = (x_{jk})$  of real number is said to be  $(\bar{\lambda}, \sigma)$ -convergent to  $L$  provided that

$$P - \lim_{r,s} T_{r,s}^{p,q} = L \text{ uniformly in } (p, q),$$

where

$$T_{p,q}^{r,s} = \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_{r,s}} \sum_{(j,k) \in I_{r,s}^-} x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)}.$$

In this case we write  $(\bar{\lambda}, \sigma) - \lim x = L$ .

One can see that in contrast to the case for single sequences, a  $P$ -convergent sequences need not be  $(\bar{\lambda}, \sigma)$ -convergent. But it is easy to see that every bounded  $P$ -convergent double sequence is  $(\bar{\lambda}, \sigma)$ -convergent. In addition, if we let  $\sigma(p) = p+1, \sigma(q) = q+1$ , and  $\bar{\lambda}_{r,s} = rs$  in the above definition then  $(\bar{\lambda}, \sigma)$ -convergence reduces to almost  $P$ -convergence which was defined by Moricz and Rhoades in (Móricz & Rhoades, 1988).

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\lambda = (\lambda_r)$  and  $\mu = (\mu_s)$  be two non decreasing sequences of positive real numbers both of which tends to  $\infty$  as  $r, s$  approach  $\infty$ , respectively. Also let  $\lambda_{r+1} \leq \lambda_r + 1, \lambda_1 = 0$  and  $\mu_{s+1} \leq \mu_s + 1, \mu_1 = 0$ . We write the generalized double de la Valee-Pousin mean by

$$t_{r,s}(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda_r \mu_s} \sum_{j \in I_r} \sum_{k \in I_s} x_{j,k},$$

where  $I_r = [r - \lambda_r + 1, r]$  and  $I_s = [s - \mu_s + 1, s]$ .

We shall denote  $\lambda_r \mu_s$  by  $\bar{\lambda} r s$  and  $(j \in I_r, k \in I_s)$  by  $(j, k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}$ . Let  $M$  be an Orlicz function,  $x_{jk}$  be double sequence space and  $p = (p_{jk})$  be any factorable double sequence of strictly positive real numbers. Let  $\lambda = (\lambda_r)$  and  $\mu = (\mu_s)$  be the same as defined above and  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be 2-norm space. If we take

$$a_{r,s,j,k} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda} r s} & \text{if } (j, k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We have

$$[{}_2V_{\sigma, \bar{\lambda}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|}_o] = \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : P - \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda} r s} \sum_{(j,k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}} \left[ M \left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} = 0, \right. \\ \left. \text{uniformly in } p, q, \text{ for some } \rho > 0 \text{ and } z \in X \right\}$$

$$[{}_2V_{\sigma, \bar{\lambda}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|}] = \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : P - \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda} r s} \sum_{(j,k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}} \left[ M \left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\|}{\rho} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} = 0, \right. \\ \left. \text{uniformly in } p, q, \text{ for some } \rho > 0, L > 0 \text{ and } z \in X \right\}$$

$$[{}_2V_{\sigma, \bar{\lambda}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|}_\infty] = \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : \sup_{r,s,p,q} \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda} r s} \sum_{(j,k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}} \left[ M \left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} < \infty, \right. \\ \left. \text{for some } \rho > 0 \text{ and } z \in X \right\}.$$

**Definition 2.3.** The double lacunary sequence was defined by E. Savaş and R. F. Patterson (Savaş & Patterson, 1994) as follows:

The double sequence  $\theta_{r,s} = \{(k_r, l_s)\}$  is called double lacunary if there exist two increasing sequence of integers such that

$$k_0 = 0, h_r = k_r - k_{r-1} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$l_0 = 0, \bar{h}_s = l_s - l_{s-1} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } s \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Notations :**  $k_{r,s} = k_r l_s$ ,  $h_{r,s} = h_r \bar{h}_s$ .

The following intervals are determined by  $\theta$  :

$$I_r = \{(k_r) : k_{r-1} < k < k_r\}, I_s = \{(l) : l_{s-1} < l < l_s\},$$

$$I_{r,s} = \{(k, l) : k_{r-1} < k < k_r \text{ and } l_{s-1} < l < l_s\},$$

$q_r = \frac{k_r}{k_{r-1}}$ ,  $\bar{q}_s = \frac{l_s}{l_{s-1}}$  and  $q_{r,s} = q_r \bar{q}_s$ . We will denote the set of all double lacunary sequences by  $N_{\theta_{r,s}}$ . The space of double lacunary strongly convergent sequence is defined as follows

$$N_{\theta_{r,s}} = \left\{ x = (x_{k,l}) : \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{h_{r,s}} \sum_{(k,l) \in I_{r,s}} |x_{k,l} - L| = 0 \text{ for some } L \right\}$$

see (Savaş & Patterson, 1994).

If we take

$$a_{r,s,j,k} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\bar{h}_{rs}} & \text{if } (j, k) \in I_{r,s}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We have

$$[{}_2W_{\sigma, \theta, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|}_o] = \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : P - \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{\bar{h}_{rs}} \sum_{(j,k) \in I_{r,s}} \left[ M\left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} = 0, \right.$$

uniformly in  $p, q$ , for some  $\rho > 0$  and  $z \in X$  }

$$[{}_2W_{\sigma, \theta, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|}] = \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : P - \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{\bar{h}_{rs}} \sum_{(j,k) \in I_{r,s}} \left[ M\left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\|}{\rho} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} = 0, \right.$$

uniformly in  $p, q$ , for some  $\rho > 0, L > 0$  and  $z \in X$  }

$$[{}_2W_{\sigma, M, \theta, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|}_o] = \left\{ x = (x_{jk}) : \sup_{r,s,p,q} \frac{1}{\bar{h}_{rs}} \sum_{(j,k) \in I_{r,s}} \left[ M\left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} < \infty, \right.$$

for some  $\rho > 0$  and  $z \in X$  }.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $P = p_{jk}$  be bounded. Then  ${}_2W(A_{\sigma}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ ,  ${}_2W_o(A_{\sigma}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  and  ${}_2W_{\infty}(A_{\sigma}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  are linear spaces over the set of complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $P = p_{jk}$  be bounded. Then  $[{}_2V_{\sigma}, \bar{\lambda}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_o]$ ,  $[{}_2V_{\sigma}, \bar{\lambda}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|]$  and  $[{}_2V_{\sigma}, \bar{\lambda}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_{\infty}]$  are linear spaces over the set of complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x = (x_{jk})$  and  $y = (y_{jk}) \in [{}_2V_{\sigma}, \bar{\lambda}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_o]$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  then there exist two positive numbers  $\rho_1, \rho_2$  such that

$$P - \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_{rs}} \sum_{(j,k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}} \left[ M\left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho_1} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} = 0,$$

$$P - \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_{rs}} \sum_{(j,k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}} \left[ M\left( \frac{\|y_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho_2} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} = 0,$$

uniformly in  $(p, q)$ . Let  $\rho_3 = \max\{2|\alpha|\rho_1, 2|\beta|\rho_2\}$ . Since  $M$  is non-decreasing and convex, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_{rs}} \sum_{(j,k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}} \left[ M\left( \frac{\|\alpha x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} + \beta y_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho_3} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} &= \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_{rs}} \sum_{(j,k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}} \left[ M\left( \frac{\|\alpha x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho_3} + \frac{\|\beta y_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho_3} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_{rs}} \sum_{(j,k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}} \frac{1}{2^{p_{jk}}} \left[ M\left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho_1} \right) + M\left( \frac{\|y_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho_2} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_{rs}} \sum_{(j,k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}} \left[ M\left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho_1} \right) + M\left( \frac{\|y_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho_2} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq D \frac{1}{\lambda r s} \sum_{(j,k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}} \left[ M \left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho_1} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} + D \frac{1}{\lambda r s} \sum_{(j,k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}} \left[ M \left( \frac{\|y_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|}{\rho_2} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}}.$$

(From equation (1.1).)

Now since the last inequality tends to zero as  $(r, s)$  approaches in Pringsheim sense, uniformly in  $(p, q)$ ,  $[_2V_{\sigma}, \bar{\lambda}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_o]$  is linear. The proof of others follow in similar manner.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $P = p_{jk}$  be bounded. Then  $[_2W_{\sigma}, \theta, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_o]$ ,  $[_2W_{\sigma}, \theta, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|]$  and  $[_2W_{\sigma}, \theta, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|]_{\infty}$  are linear spaces over the set of complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $A$  be non negative RH regular summability matrix method and  $M$  be an Orlicz function which satisfies  $\Delta_2$  condition. Then  $[_2W_o(A_{\sigma}, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)] \subset [_2W_o(A_{\sigma}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)]$ ,  $[_2W(A_{\sigma}, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)] \subset [_2W(A_{\sigma}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)]$  and  $[_2W(A_{\sigma}, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)_{\infty}] \subset [_2W(A_{\sigma}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)_{\infty}]$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x = (x_{jk}) \in [_2W(A_{\sigma}, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)]$ , then

$$P - \lim_{m,n} \sum_{j,k=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,j,k} \|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|^{p_{jk}} \rightarrow 0, \quad (2.1)$$

as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  uniformly in  $(p, q)$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and choose  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $M(t) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  for  $0 \leq t \leq \delta$ . Write  $y_{jk} = \|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q), z}\|$  and consider

$$\sum_{j,k=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,j,k} [M(y_{jk})]^{p_{jk}} = \sum_1 a_{m,n,j,k} [M(y_{jk})]^{p_{jk}} + \sum_2 a_{m,n,j,k} [M(y_{jk})]^{p_{jk}}.$$

Where the first summation is over  $y_{jk} \leq \delta$  and the second summation is over  $y_{jk} > \delta$ . Since  $M$  is continuous, we have

$$\sum_1 a_{m,n,j,k} [M(y_{jk})]^{p_{jk}} \leq \epsilon^H \sum_{j,k=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,j,k}.$$

For  $y_{jk} > \delta$ , we use the fact that

$$y_{jk} < \frac{y_{jk}}{\delta} \leq 1 + \left( \frac{y_{jk}}{\delta} \right).$$

Since  $M$  is non decreasing and convex, it follows that

$$M(y_{jk}) < M(1 + \delta^{-1} y_{jk}) = M\left(\frac{2}{2} + \frac{2}{2} \delta^{-1} y_{jk}\right) < \frac{1}{2} M(2) + \frac{1}{2} M(2\delta^{-1} y_{jk}).$$

Since  $M$  satisfies  $\Delta_2$ -condition, there is a constant  $K > 2$  such that

$$M(2\delta^{-1} y_{jk}) \leq \frac{1}{2} K \delta^{-1} y_{jk} M(2).$$

Hence

$$\sum_2 [M(y_{jk})]^{p_{jk}} < \max(1, (K\delta^{-1} M(2))) \sum_{j,k=0}^{\infty} [M(y_{jk})]^{p_{jk}}.$$

Thus we have

$$\sum_{(j,k=0)}^{\infty} [M(y_{jk})]^{p_{jk}} < \max(1, \epsilon^H) \sum_{j,k=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,j,k} + \max(1, (K\delta^{-1} M(2))) \sum_{j,k=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n,j,k} [M(y_{jk})]^{p_{jk}}.$$

Thus (2.1) and R-H Regularity of  $A$  grants us  $[_2W(A_{\sigma}, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)] \subset [_2W(A_{\sigma}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)]$ . Similarly we can prove the other two inclusion relations.  $\square$

### 3. Double Statistical Convergence

The concept of statistical convergence was first introduced by Fast in (Fast, 1951) and also independently by Buck (Buck, 1953) and Schoenberg (Schoenberg, 1959) for real and complex sequences. Further this concept was studied by Šalát (Tibor, 1980), Fridy in (Fridy, 1985) and many others.

Statistical convergence is a generalization of the usual notion of convergence that parallels the usual theory of convergence. A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is called statistically convergent to  $L$  if

$$\lim_n \frac{1}{n} |k : |x_k - L| \geq \epsilon, k \leq n| = 0,$$

where the vertical bars indicate the number of elements in the enclosed set. In this case we write  $st_1 - \lim x = L$  or  $x_k \rightarrow L(st_1)$ .

The following definition was presented by Mursaleen in (Mursaleen, 2000). A sequence  $x$  is said to be  $\lambda$ -statistical convergent to  $L$ , if for  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} |k \in I_n : |x_k - L| \geq \epsilon, k \leq n| = 0,$$

where the vertical bars indicate the number of elements in the enclosed set and  $I_n = [n - \lambda_n + 1, n]$ . In this case we write  $S_\lambda - \lim x = L$  or  $x_k \rightarrow L(S_\lambda)$ .

Savaş (Savaş, 2000) presented and studied the concepts of uniformly  $\lambda$ -statistical convergence as follows: A sequence  $x$  is said to uniformly  $\lambda$ -statistical convergent to  $L$ , if for  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \max_m |k \in I_n : |x_{k+m} - L| \geq \epsilon| = 0.$$

In this case we write  $S_\lambda - \lim x = L$  or  $x_k \rightarrow L(\lambda)$ .

A double sequence  $(x_{jk})$  is called statistically convergent to  $L$  if

$$\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{mn} |(j, k) : |x_{jk} - L| \geq \epsilon, j \leq m, k \leq n| = 0,$$

where the vertical bars indicate the number of elements in the set.(see[10])

**Definition 3.1.** (Savaş & Patterson, 2008) A double sequence  $x = (x_{jk})$  is said to be uniformly  $(\bar{\lambda}, \sigma)$ -statistical convergent to  $L$ , provided that for every  $\epsilon > 0$

$$P - \lim_{r,s} \frac{1}{\lambda_{rs}} \max_{p,q} |\{(j, k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s} : |x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L| \geq \epsilon\}| = 0.$$

In this case we write  ${}_2S_{(\bar{\lambda}, \sigma)} - \lim x = L$  or  $x_{jk} \rightarrow L({}_2S_{(\bar{\lambda}, \sigma)})$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $M$  be an Orlicz Function and  $0 < h = \inf p_{jk} \leq p_{jk} \leq \sup p_{jk} = H < \infty$  then

$$[{}_2V_\sigma, \bar{\lambda}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|] \subset {}_2S_{(\bar{\lambda}, \sigma)}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $x = (x_{jk}) \in [{}_2V_\sigma, \bar{\lambda}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|]$ . Then there exists  $\rho > 0$  such that

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_{rs}} \sum_{(j,k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}} \left[ M \left( \frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\|}{\rho} \right) \right]^{p_{jk}} = 0,$$

as  $r, s \rightarrow \infty$  in the Pringsheim sense uniformly in  $(p, q)$ .

If  $\epsilon > 0$  and let  $\epsilon_1 = \frac{\epsilon}{\rho}$ , then we obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}rs} \sum_{(j,k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}} \left[ M\left(\frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\|}{\rho}\right) \right]^{p_{jk}} &= \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}rs} \sum_1 \left[ M\left(\frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\|}{\rho}\right) \right]^{p_{jk}} \\ &+ \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}rs} \sum_2 \left[ M\left(\frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\|}{\rho}\right) \right]^{p_{jk}} \end{aligned}$$

Where the first summation is over  $\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\| \geq \epsilon$  and the second summation is over  $\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\| < \epsilon$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}rs} \sum_1 \left[ M\left(\frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\|}{\rho}\right) \right]^{p_{jk}} \geq \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}rs} \sum_1 [M(\epsilon_1)]^{p_{jk}} \geq \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}rs} \sum_1 \min\{[M(\epsilon_1)]^{p_{jk}}, [M(\epsilon_1)]^H\} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}rs} |\{(j, k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s} : \|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\| \geq \epsilon\}| \min\{[M(\epsilon_1)]^h, [M(\epsilon_1)]^H\}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $x \in {}_2S_{(\bar{\lambda}, \sigma)}$ . □

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $M$  be a bounded Orlicz function and  $0 < h = \inf p_{jk} \leq p_{jk} \leq \sup p_{jk} = H < \infty$  then

$${}_2S_{(\bar{\lambda}, \sigma)} \subset [{}_2V_{\sigma}, \bar{\lambda}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|]$$

*Proof.* Since  $M$  is bounded there exists an integer  $K$  such that  $M(x) < K$  for  $x > 0$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}rs} \sum_{(j,k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s}} \left[ M\left(\frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\|}{\rho}\right) \right]^{p_{jk}} &= \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}rs} \sum_1 \left[ M\left(\frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\|}{\rho}\right) \right]^{p_{jk}} \\ &+ \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}rs} \sum_2 \left[ M\left(\frac{\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\|}{\rho}\right) \right]^{p_{jk}}. \end{aligned}$$

Where the first summation is over  $\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\| \geq \epsilon$  and the second summation is over  $\|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\| < \epsilon \leq \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}rs} \sum_1 \max\{K^h, K^H\} + \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}rs} \sum_2 \left[ M\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\rho}\right) \right]^{p_{jk}}$

$$\leq \max\{K^h, K^H\} \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}rs} |\{(j, k) \in \bar{I}_{r,s} : \|x_{\sigma^j(p), \sigma^k(q)} - L, z\| \geq \epsilon\}| + \max\left\{\left[M\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\rho}\right)\right]^h, \left[M\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\rho}\right)\right]^H\right\}.$$

Hence  $x \in [{}_2V_{\sigma}, \bar{\lambda}, M, p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|]$ . □

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# On Some Generalized I-Convergent Sequence Spaces Defined by a Modulus Function

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## Abstract

In this article we introduce the sequence spaces  $c_0^I(f, p)$ ,  $c^I(f, p)$  and  $l_\infty^I(f, p)$  for a modulus function  $f$ ,  $p = (p_k)$  is a sequence of positive reals and study some of the properties of these spaces.

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## 1. Introduction

Throughout the article  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\omega$  denotes the set of natural, real, complex numbers and the class of all sequences respectively.

The notion of the statistical convergence was introduced by H. Fast ([Fast, 1951](#)). Later on it was studied by J. A. Fridy ([Fridy, 1985, 1993](#)) from the sequence space point of view and linked it with the summability theory.

The notion of I-convergence is a generalization of the statistical convergence. At the initial stage it was studied by Kostyrko, Šalát and Wilczyński ([P. Kostyrko & Wilczyński, 2000](#)). Later on it was studied by Šalát, Tripathy and Ziman ([T. Šalát & Ziman, 2004, 2005](#)), Esi and Ozdemir ([Esi & Ozdemir, 2012](#)), Hazarika and Esi ([Esi & Hazarika, 2012](#)) and Demirci ([Demirci, 2001](#)).

Here we give some preliminaries about the notion of I-convergence.

Let  $N$  be a non empty set. Then a family of sets  $I \subseteq 2^N$  (power set of  $N$ ) is said to be an ideal if  $I$  is additive i.e  $A, B \in I \Rightarrow A \cup B \in I$  and hereditary i.e  $A \in I, B \subseteq A \Rightarrow B \in I$ .

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A non-empty family of sets  $\mathfrak{I}(I) \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  is said to be filter on  $\mathbb{N}$  if and only if  $\Phi \notin \mathfrak{I}(I)$ , for  $A, B \in \mathfrak{I}(I)$  we have  $A \cap B \in \mathfrak{I}(I)$  and for each  $A \in \mathfrak{I}(I)$  and  $A \subseteq B$  implies  $B \in \mathfrak{I}(I)$ .

An Ideal  $I \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  is called non-trivial if  $I \neq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ .

A non-trivial ideal  $I \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  is called admissible if  $\{x : \{x\} \in I\} \subseteq I$ .

A non-trivial ideal  $I$  is maximal if there cannot exist any non-trivial ideal  $J \neq I$  containing  $I$  as a subset. For each ideal  $I$ , there is a filter  $\mathfrak{I}(I)$  corresponding to  $I$ , i.e  $\mathfrak{I}(I) = \{K \subseteq \mathbb{N} : K^c \in I\}$ , where  $K^c = \mathbb{N} - K$ .

**Definition 1.1.** A sequence  $(x_k) \in \omega$  is said to be  $I$ -convergent to a number  $L$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - L| \geq \epsilon\} \in I$ . In this case we write  $I\text{-lim } x_k = L$ .

The space  $c^I$  of all  $I$ -convergent sequences to  $L$  is given by

$$c^I = \{(x_k) \in \omega : \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - L| \geq \epsilon\} \in I, \text{ for some } L \in \mathbb{C}\}.$$

**Definition 1.2.** A sequence  $(x_k) \in \omega$  is said to be  $I$ -null if  $L = 0$ . In this case we write  $I\text{-lim } x_k = 0$ .

**Definition 1.3.** A sequence  $(x_k) \in \omega$  is said to be  $I$ -cauchy if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a number  $m = m(\epsilon)$  such that  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - x_m| \geq \epsilon\} \in I$ .

**Definition 1.4.** A sequence  $(x_k) \in \omega$  is said to be  $I$ -bounded if there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k| > M\} \in I$ .

**Definition 1.5.** Let  $(x_k), (y_k)$  be two sequences. We say that  $(x_k) = (y_k)$  for almost all  $k$  relative to  $I$  (a.a.k.r.I), if  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k \neq y_k\} \in I$ .

**Definition 1.6.** For any set  $E$  of sequences the space of multipliers of  $E$ , denoted by  $M(E)$  is given by

$$M(E) = \{a \in \omega : ax \in E \text{ for all } x \in E\} \text{ (see (Simons, 1965))}.$$

**Definition 1.7.** A map  $\tilde{h}$  defined on a domain  $D \subset X$  i.e  $\tilde{h} : D \subset X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to satisfy Lipschitz condition if  $|\tilde{h}(x) - \tilde{h}(y)| \leq K|x - y|$  where  $K$  is known as the Lipschitz constant. The class of  $K$ -Lipschitz functions defined on  $D$  is denoted by  $\tilde{h} \in (D, K)$ . (Tripathy & Hazarika, 2011).

**Definition 1.8.** A convergence field of  $I$ -convergence is a set

$$F(I) = \{x = (x_k) \in l_\infty : \text{there exists } I\text{-lim } x \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

The convergence field  $F(I)$  is a closed linear subspace of  $l_\infty$  with respect to the supremum norm,  $F(I) = l_\infty \cap c^I$  (See (T. Šalát & Ziman, 2005)).

Define a function  $\tilde{h} : F(I) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\tilde{h}(x) = I\text{-lim } x$ , for all  $x \in F(I)$ , then the function  $\tilde{h} : F(I) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a Lipschitz function (c.f (Dems, 2005; T. Šalát & Ziman, 2004; Gurdal, 2004; Tripathy & Hazarika, 2009, 2011; Khan, 2005; Khan & Ebadullah, 2011b,a, 2012; Vakeel. A. Khan & Ahmad, 2012)).

**Definition 1.9.** The concept of paranorm is closely related to linear metric spaces. It is a generalization of that of absolute value.

Let  $X$  be a linear space. A function  $g : X \rightarrow R$  is called paranorm, if for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

(P1)  $g(x) = 0$  if  $x = \theta$ ,

(P2)  $g(-x) = g(x)$ ,

(P3)  $g(x + y) \leq g(x) + g(y)$ ,

(P4) If  $(\lambda_n)$  is a sequence of scalars with  $\lambda_n \rightarrow \lambda$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) and  $x_n, a \in X$  with  $x_n \rightarrow a$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ), in the sense that  $g(x_n - a) \rightarrow 0$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ), in the sense that  $g(\lambda_n x_n - \lambda a) \rightarrow 0$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ).

A paranorm  $g$  for which  $g(x) = 0$  implies  $x = \theta$  is called a total paranorm on  $X$ , and the pair  $(X, g)$  is called a totally paranormed space. See (Maddox, 1969).

The idea of modulus was structured in 1953 by Nakano. See (Nakano, 1953).

A function  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called a modulus if:

- (1)  $f(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ ,
- (2)  $f(t+u) \leq f(t) + f(u)$  for all  $t, u \geq 0$ ,
- (3)  $f$  is increasing, and
- (4)  $f$  is continuous from the right at zero.

Ruckle [17-19] used the idea of a modulus function  $f$  to construct the sequence space:

$$X(f) = \{x = (x_k) : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(|x_k|) < \infty\}.$$

This space is an FK space, and Ruckle [19 - 21] proved that that the intersection of all such  $X(f)$  spaces is  $\phi$ , the space of all finite sequences.

The space  $X(f)$  is closely related to the space  $l_1$  which is an  $X(f)$  space with  $f(x) = x$  for all real  $x \geq 0$ . Thus Ruckle [19- 21] proved that, for any modulus  $f$ ,

$$X(f) \subset l_1 \text{ and } X(f)^\alpha = l_\infty$$

where

$$X(f)^\alpha = \{y = (y_k) \in \omega : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(|y_k x_k|) < \infty\}.$$

The space  $X(f)$  is a Banach space with respect to the norm

$$\|x\| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(|x_k|) < \infty. \text{ (See [17-19]).}$$

Spaces of the type  $X(f)$  are a special case of the spaces structured by B. Gramsch in (Gramsch, n.d.). From the point of view of local convexity, spaces of the type  $X(f)$  are quite pathological. Symmetric sequence spaces, which are locally convex have been frequently studied by D. J. H

Garling (Garling, 1966, 1968), G. Köthe (Köthe, 1970) and W. H. Ruckle ((Ruckle, 1968), (Ruckle, 1967), (Ruckle, 1973)).

The following subspaces of  $\omega$  were first introduced and discussed by Maddox ((Maddox, 1986), (Maddox, 1969)):

$$l(p) = \{x \in \omega : \sum_k |x_k|^{p_k} < \infty\},$$

$$l_\infty(p) = \{x \in \omega : \sup_k |x_k|^{p_k} < \infty\},$$

$$c(p) = \{x \in \omega : \lim_k |x_k - l|^{p_k} = 0, \text{ for some } l \in \mathbb{C}\},$$

$$c_0(p) = \{x \in \omega : \lim_k |x_k|^{p_k} = 0\},$$

where  $p = (p_k)$  is a sequence of strictly positive real numbers.

After then Lascarides ((Lascarides, 1971, 1983)) defined the following sequence spaces:

$$l_\infty\{p\} = \{x \in \omega : \text{there exists } r > 0 \text{ such that } \sup_k |x_k r|^{p_k} t_k < \infty\},$$

$$c_0\{p\} = \{x \in \omega : \text{there exists } r > 0 \text{ such that } \lim_k |x_k r|^{p_k} t_k = 0\},$$

$$l\{p\} = \{x \in \omega : \text{there exists } r > 0 \text{ such that } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x_k r|^{p_k} t_k < \infty\},$$

where  $t_k = p_k^{-1}$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We need the following lemmas in order to establish some results of this article.

**Lemma 1.1.** Let  $h = \inf_k p_k$  and  $H = \sup_k p_k$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent. (See (Lascarides, 1983)).

- (a)  $H < \infty$  and  $h > 0$ ,
- (b)  $c_0(p) = c_0$  or  $l_\infty(p) = l_\infty$ ,
- (c)  $l_\infty\{p\} = l_\infty(p)$ ,
- (d)  $c_0\{p\} = c_0(p)$ ,
- (e)  $l\{p\} = l(p)$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** Let  $K \in \mathfrak{L}(I)$  and  $M \subseteq N$ . If  $M \notin I$ , then  $M \cap K \notin I$ . (See (T. Šalát & Ziman, 2004), (Tripathy & Hazarika, 2011)).

**Lemma 1.3.** If  $I \subset 2^N$  and  $M \subseteq N$ . If  $M \notin I$ , then  $M \cap K \notin I$ . (See (T. Šalát & Ziman, 2004), (Tripathy & Hazarika, 2011)).

Throughout the article  $l_\infty, c^I, c_0^I, m^I$  and  $m_0^I$  represent the bounded, I-convergent, I-null, bounded I-convergent and bounded I-null sequence spaces respectively.

**In this article we introduce the following classes of sequence spaces.**

$$c^I(f, p) = \{(x_k) \in \omega : f(|x_k - L|^{p_k}) \geq \epsilon \text{ for some } L \in I\},$$

$$c_0^I(f, p) = \{(x_k) \in \omega : f(|x_k|^{p_k}) \geq \epsilon\} \in I,$$

$$l_\infty^I(f, p) = \{(x_k) \in \omega : \sup_k f(|x_k|^{p_k}) < \infty\} \in I.$$

Also we write

$$m^I(f, p) = c^I(f, p) \cap l_\infty(f, p)$$

and

$$m_0^I(f, p) = c_0^I(f, p) \cap l_\infty(f, p).$$

**2. Main Results**

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $(p_k) \in l_\infty$ . Then  $c^I(f, p), c_0^I(f, p), m^I(f, p)$  and  $m_0^I(f, p)$  are linear spaces.*

*Proof.* Let  $(x_k), (y_k) \in c^I(f, p)$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  be two scalars. Then for a given  $\epsilon > 0$  we have:

$$\left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} : f(|x_k - L_1|^{p_k}) \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2M_1}, \text{ for some } L_1 \in \mathbb{C} \right\} \in I$$

$$\left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} : f(|y_k - L_2|^{p_k}) \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2M_2}, \text{ for some } L_2 \in \mathbb{C} \right\} \in I$$

where

$$M_1 = D \cdot \max\{1, \sup_k |\alpha|^{p_k}\}$$

$$M_2 = D \cdot \max\{1, \sup_k |\beta|^{p_k}\},$$

and

$$D = \max\{1, 2^{H-1}\} \text{ where } H = \sup_k p_k \geq 0.$$

Let

$$A_1 = \left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} : f(|x_k - L_1|^{p_k}) < \frac{\epsilon}{2M_1}, \text{ for some } L_1 \in \mathbb{C} \right\} \in I,$$

$$A_2 = \left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} : f(|y_k - L_2|^{p_k}) < \frac{\epsilon}{2M_2}, \text{ for some } L_2 \in \mathbb{C} \right\} \in I$$

be such that  $A_1^c, A_2^c \in I$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 &= \{k \in \mathbb{N} : f(|(\alpha x_k + \beta y_k) - f(\alpha L_1 + \beta L_2)|^{p_k}) < \epsilon\} \\ &\supseteq \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |\alpha|^{p_k} f(|x_k - L_1|^{p_k}) < \frac{\epsilon}{2M_1} |\alpha|^{p_k} .D\} \\ &\cap \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |\beta|^{p_k} f(|y_k - L_2|^{p_k}) < \frac{\epsilon}{2M_2} |\beta|^{p_k} .D\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $A_3^c = A_1^c \cap A_2^c \in I$ . Hence  $(\alpha x_k + \beta y_k) \in c^I(f, p)$ . Therefore  $c^I(f, p)$  is a linear space. The rest of the result follows similarly.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $(p_k) \in l_\infty$ . Then  $m^I(f, p)$  and  $m_0^I(f, p)$  are paranormed spaces, paranormed by  $g(x_k) = \sup_k f(|x_k|^{p_k/M})$  where  $M = \max\{1, \sup_k p_k\}$

*Proof.* Let  $x = (x_k), y = (y_k) \in m^I(f, p)$ .

(1) Clearly,  $g(x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ .

(2)  $g(x) = g(-x)$  is obvious.

(3) Since  $\frac{p_k}{M} \leq 1$  and  $M > 1$ , using Minkowski's inequality and the definition of  $f$  we have:

$$\sup_k f(|x_k + y_k|^{p_k/M}) \leq \sup_k f(|x_k|^{p_k/M}) + \sup_k f(|y_k|^{p_k/M}).$$

(4) Now for any complex  $\lambda$  we have  $(\lambda_k)$  such that  $\lambda_k \rightarrow \lambda, (k \rightarrow \infty)$ .

Let  $x_k \in m^I(f, p)$  such that  $f(|x_k - L|^{p_k}) \geq \epsilon$ .

Therefore,  $g(x_k - L) = \sup_k f(|x_k - L|^{p_k/M}) \leq \sup_k f(|x_k|^{p_k/M}) + \sup_k f(|L|^{p_k/M})$ .

Hence  $g(\lambda_n x_k - \lambda L) \leq g(\lambda_n x_k) + g(\lambda L) = \lambda_n g(x_k) + \lambda g(L)$  as  $(k \rightarrow \infty)$ .

Hence  $m^I(f, p)$  is a paranormed space.

The rest of the result follows similarly.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** A sequence  $x = (x_k) \in m^I(f, p)$   $I$ -converges if and only if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $N_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\{k \in \mathbb{N} : f(|x_k - x_{N_\epsilon}|^{p_k}) < \epsilon\} \in m^I(f, p). \quad (2.1)$$

*Proof.* Suppose that  $L = I - \lim x$ . Then

$$B_\epsilon = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - L|^{p_k} < \frac{\epsilon}{2}\} \in m^I(f, p). \text{ For all } \epsilon > 0.$$

Fix an  $N_\epsilon \in B_\epsilon$ . Then we have

$$|x_{N_\epsilon} - x_k|^{p_k} \leq |x_{N_\epsilon} - L|^{p_k} + |L - x_k|^{p_k} < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon,$$

which holds for all  $k \in B_\epsilon$ .

Hence  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} : f(|x_k - x_{N_\epsilon}|^{p_k}) < \epsilon\} \in m^I(f, p)$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} : f(|x_k - x_{N_\epsilon}|^{p_k}) < \epsilon\} \in m^I(f, p)$ . That is  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} : (|x_k - x_{N_\epsilon}|^{p_k}) < \epsilon\} \in m^I(f, p)$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then the set  $C_\epsilon = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k \in [x_{N_\epsilon} - \epsilon, x_{N_\epsilon} + \epsilon]\} \in m^I(f, p)$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$ .

Let  $J_\epsilon = [x_{N_\epsilon} - \epsilon, x_{N_\epsilon} + \epsilon]$ . If we fix an  $\epsilon > 0$  then we have  $C_\epsilon \in m^I(f, p)$  as well as  $C_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \in m^I(f, p)$ . Hence  $C_\epsilon \cap C_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \in m^I(f, p)$ . This implies that

$$J = J_\epsilon \cap J_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \neq \phi$$

that is

$$\{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k \in J\} \in m^I(f, p)$$

that is

$$\text{diam}J \leq \text{diam}J_\epsilon$$

where the diam of J denotes the length of interval J.

In this way, by induction we get the sequence of closed intervals

$$J_\epsilon = I_0 \supseteq I_1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq I_k \supseteq \dots$$

with the property that  $\text{diam}I_k \leq \frac{1}{2}\text{diam}I_{k-1}$  for  $(k = 2, 3, 4, \dots)$  and  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k \in I_k\} \in m^I(f, p)$  for  $(k=1,2,3,4,\dots)$ .

Then there exists a  $\xi \in \cap I_k$  where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\xi = I - \lim x$ . So that  $f(\xi) = I - \lim f(x)$ , that is  $L = I - \lim f(x)$ . □

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $H = \sup_k p_k < \infty$  and  $I$  an admissible ideal. Then the following are equivalent.

- (a)  $(x_k) \in c^I(f, p)$ ;
- (b) there exists  $(y_k) \in c(f, p)$  such that  $x_k = y_k$ , for a.a.k.r.I;
- (c) there exists  $(y_k) \in c(f, p)$  and  $(x_k) \in c_0^I(f, p)$  such that  $x_k = y_k + z_k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} : f(|y_k - L|^{p_k}) \geq \epsilon\} \in I$ ;
- (d) there exists a subset  $K = \{k_1 < k_2, \dots\}$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  such that  $K \in \mathfrak{I}(I)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(|x_{k_n} - L|^{p_{k_n}}) = 0$ .

*Proof.* (a) implies (b). Let  $(x_k) \in c^I(f, p)$ . Then there exists  $L \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$\{k \in \mathbb{N} : f(|x_k - L|^{p_k}) \geq \epsilon\} \in I.$$

Let  $(m_t)$  be an increasing sequence with  $m_t \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\{k \leq m_t : f(|x_k - L|^{p_k}) \geq \epsilon\} \in I.$$

Define a sequence  $(y_k)$  as

$$y_k = x_k, \text{ for all } k \leq m_1.$$

For  $m_t < k \leq m_{t+1}, t \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$y_k = \begin{cases} x_k, & \text{if } |x_k - L|^{p_k} < t^{-1}, \\ L, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(y_k) \in c(f, p)$  and form the following inclusion

$$\{k \leq m_t : x_k \neq y_k\} \subseteq \{k \leq m_t : f(|x_k - L|^{p_k}) \geq \epsilon\} \in I.$$

We get  $x_k = y_k$ , for a.a.k.r.I.

(b) implies (c). For  $(x_k) \in c^I(f, p)$ . Then there exists  $(y_k) \in c(f, p)$  such that  $x_k = y_k$ , for a.a.k.r.I. Let  $K = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k \neq y_k\}$ , then  $k \in I$ .

Define a sequence  $(z_k)$  as

$$z_k = \begin{cases} x_k - y_k, & \text{if } k \in K, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $z_k \in c_0^I(f, p)$  and  $y_k \in c(f, p)$ .

(c) implies (d). Let  $P_1 = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : f(|x_k|^{p_k}) \geq \epsilon\} \in I$  and

$$K = P_1^c = \{k_1 < k_2 < k_3 < \dots\} \in \mathfrak{I}(I).$$

Then we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(|x_{k_n} - L|^{p_{k_n}}) = 0$ .

(d) implies (a). Let  $K = \{k_1 < k_2 < k_3 < \dots\} \in \mathfrak{I}(I)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(|x_{k_n} - L|^{p_{k_n}}) = 0$ .

Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , and Lemma 1.10, we have

$$\{k \in \mathbb{N} : f(|x_k - L|^{p_k}) \geq \epsilon\} \subseteq K^c \cup \{k \in K : f(|x_k - L|^{p_k}) \geq \epsilon\}.$$

Thus  $(x_k) \in c^I(f, p)$ . □

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $(p_k)$  and  $(q_k)$  be two sequences of positive real numbers. Then  $m_0^I(f, p) \supseteq m_0^I(f, q)$  if and only if  $\liminf_{k \in K} \frac{p_k}{q_k} > 0$ , where  $K^c \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  such that  $K \in I$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\liminf_{k \in K} \frac{p_k}{q_k} > 0$ . and  $(x_k) \in m_0^I(f, q)$ . Then there exists  $\beta > 0$  such that  $p_k > \beta q_k$ , for all sufficiently large  $k \in K$ . Since  $(x_k) \in m_0^I(f, q)$ , for a given  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have

$$B_0 = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : f(|x_k|^{q_k}) \geq \epsilon\} \in I.$$

Let  $G_0 = K^c \cup B_0$  Then  $G_0 \in I$ . Then for all sufficiently large  $k \in G_0$ ,

$$\{k \in \mathbb{N} : f(|x_k|^{p_k}) \geq \epsilon\} \subseteq \{k \in \mathbb{N} : f(|x_k|^{\beta q_k}) \geq \epsilon\} \in I.$$

Therefore  $(x_k) \in m_0^I(f, p)$ . □

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $(p_k)$  and  $(q_k)$  be two sequences of positive real numbers. Then  $m_0^I(f, q) \supseteq m_0^I(f, p)$  if and only if  $\liminf_{k \in K} \frac{q_k}{p_k} > 0$ , where  $K^c \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  such that  $K \in I$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows similarly as the proof of Theorem 2.5. □

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $(p_k)$  and  $(q_k)$  be two sequences of positive real numbers. Then  $m_0^I(f, q) = m_0^I(f, p)$  if and only if  $\liminf_{k \in K} \frac{p_k}{q_k} > 0$ , and  $\liminf_{k \in K} \frac{q_k}{p_k} > 0$ , where  $K \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  such that  $K^c \in I$ .

*Proof.* On combining Theorem 2.5 and 2.6 we get the required result. □

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $h = \inf_k p_k$  and  $H = \sup_k p_k$ . Then the following results are equivalent.

(a)  $H < \infty$  and  $h > 0$ .

(b)  $c_0^I(f, p) = c_0^I$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $H < \infty$  and  $h > 0$ , then the inequalities  $\min\{1, s^h\} \leq s^{p_k} \leq \max\{1, s^H\}$  hold for any  $s > 0$  and for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore the equivalent of (a) and (b) is obvious.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $f$  be a modulus function. Then  $c_0^I(f, p) \subset c^I(f, p) \subset l_\infty^I(f, p)$  and the inclusions are proper.

*Proof.* Let  $(x_k) \in c^I(f, p)$ . Then there exists  $L \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $I - \lim f(|x_k - L|^{p_k}) = 0$ . We have  $f(|x_k|^{p_k}) \leq \frac{1}{2}f(|x_k - L|^{p_k}) + \frac{1}{2}f(|L|^{p_k})$ . Taking supremum over  $k$  both sides we get  $(x_k) \in l_\infty^I(f, p)$  and the inclusion  $c_0^I(f, p) \subset c^I(f, p)$  is obvious. Hence  $c_0^I(f, p) \subset c^I(f, p) \subset l_\infty^I(f, p)$  and the inclusions are proper.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.10.** If  $H = \sup_k p_k < \infty$ , then for any modulus  $f$ , we have  $l_\infty^I \subset M(m^I(f, p))$ , where the inclusion may be proper.

*Proof.* Let  $a \in l_\infty^I$ . This implies that  $\sup_k |a_k| < 1 + K$  for some  $K > 0$  and all  $k$ . Therefore  $x \in m^I(f, p)$  implies  $\sup_k f(|a_k x_k|^{p_k}) \leq (1 + K)^H \sup_k f(|x_k|^{p_k}) < \infty$ . which gives  $l_\infty^I \subset M(m^I(f, p))$ .

To show that the inclusion may be proper, consider the case when  $p_k = \frac{1}{k}$  for all  $k$ . Take  $a_k = k$  for all  $k$ . Therefore  $x \in m^I(f, p)$  implies  $\sup_k f(|a_k x_k|^{p_k}) \leq \sup_k f(|k|^{1/k}) \sup_k f(|x_k|^{p_k}) < \infty$ . Thus in this case  $a = (a_k) \in M(m^I(f, p))$  while  $a \notin l_\infty^I$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.11.** The function  $\bar{h} : m^I(f, p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the Lipschitz function, where  $m^I(f, p) = c^I(f, p) \cap l_\infty^I(f, p)$ , and hence uniformly continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in m^I(f, p), x \neq y$ . Then the sets

$$A_x = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - \bar{h}(x)|^{p_k} \geq \|x - y\|\} \in I,$$

$$A_y = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |y_k - \bar{h}(y)|^{p_k} \geq \|x - y\|\} \in I.$$

Here  $\|x - y\| = \sup_k f(|x_k - y_k|^{p_k/M})$  where  $M = \max\{1, \sup_k p_k\}$

Thus the sets,

$$B_x = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - \bar{h}(x)|^{p_k} < \|x - y\|\} \in m^I(f, p),$$

$$B_y = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |y_k - \bar{h}(y)|^{p_k} < \|x - y\|\} \in m^I(f, p).$$

Hence also  $B = B_x \cap B_y \in m^I(f, p)$ , so that  $B \neq \phi$ .

Now taking  $k$  in  $B$ ,

$$|\bar{h}(x) - \bar{h}(y)|^{p_k} \leq |\bar{h}(x) - x_k|^{p_k} + |x_k - y_k|^{p_k} + |y_k - \bar{h}(y)|^{p_k} \leq 3\|x - y\|.$$

Thus  $\bar{h}$  is a Lipschitz function. For  $m_0^I(f, p)$  the result can be proved similarly.  $\square$



**Theorem 2.12.** If  $x, y \in m^l(f, p)$ , then  $(x, y) \in m^l(f, p)$  and  $\bar{h}(xy) = \bar{h}(x)\bar{h}(y)$ .

*Proof.* For  $\epsilon > 0$

$$B_x = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - \bar{h}(x)|^{p_k} < \epsilon\} \in m^l(f, p),$$

$$B_y = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |y_k - \bar{h}(y)|^{p_k} < \epsilon\} \in m^l(f, p).$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} |x_k y_k - \bar{h}(x)\bar{h}(y)|^{p_k} &= |x_k y_k - x_k \bar{h}(y) + x_k \bar{h}(y) - \bar{h}(x)\bar{h}(y)|^{p_k} \\ &\leq |x_k|^{p_k} |y_k - \bar{h}(y)|^{p_k} + |\bar{h}(y)|^{p_k} |x_k - \bar{h}(x)|^{p_k}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

As  $m^l(f, p) \subseteq l_\infty(f, p)$ , there exists an  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|x_k|^{p_k} < M$  and  $|\bar{h}(y)|^{p_k} < M$ .

Using (2.2) we get

$$|x_k y_k - \bar{h}(x)\bar{h}(y)|^{p_k} \leq M\epsilon + M\epsilon = 2M\epsilon,$$

for all  $k \in B_x \cap B_y \in m^l(f, p)$ . Hence  $(x, y) \in m^l(f, p)$  and  $\bar{h}(xy) = \bar{h}(x)\bar{h}(y)$ . For  $m_0^l(f, p)$  the result can be proved similarly.  $\square$

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# A Variant of Classical Von Kármán Flow for a Second Grade Fluid due to a Rotating Disk

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## Abstract

An attempt is made to examine the classical Von Kármán flow problem for a second grade fluid by using a generalized non-similarity transformation. This approach is different from that of Von Kármán's evolution of the flow in such a way that the physical quantities are allowed to develop non-axisymmetrically. The three-dimensional equations of motion for the second grade fluid are treated analytically yielding the derivation of the exact solutions for the velocity components. The physical interpretation of the velocity components, vorticity components, shear stresses and boundary layer thickness are also presented.

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## 1. Introduction

The theoretical study of the flow near a rotating disk of infinite extent can be traced back to Von Kármán's similarity analysis. That is why the flow is widely known as Von Kármán flow. He assumed that the flow possessed axial symmetry, and introduced a similarity transformation which reduced the Navier-Stokes equation into a system of coupled nonlinear ordinary differential equations. These equations have been used as a test problem for numerical methods, and in the study of matched asymptotic expansions. This problem has received considerable attention over the years and different extensions of Von Kármán's swirling flow problem have been made to address various applications, see for instance (Benton, 1966; Kuiken, 1971; Riley, 1964; Sahoo, 2009; Ariel, 2003). However, the possibility of an exact solution for the flow due to a rotating

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disk in a fluid which is at infinity and is rotating rigidly has been implied by Berker (Berker, 1982). Parter and Rajagopal (Parter & Rajagopal, 1984) have established the existence of solutions which do not possess axial symmetry, to the Navier-Stokes equations for the problem governing the flow of two infinite disks rotating about a common axis. Based on that work, Huilgol and Rajagopal (Huilgol & Rajagopal, 1987) have shown that in the case of certain non-Newtonian fluid models, solutions that lack axisymmetry are possible. Recently, Turkyilmazoglu (Turkyilmazoglu, 2009) has obtained exact solutions to the Navier-Stokes equations for the swirling flow problem in such a way that the physical quantities are allowed to develop non-axisymmetrically over a rotating disk.

It is a well-known fact that the Navier-Stokes equations seem to be a weak model for a class of real fluids, called non-Newtonian fluids. During the last few decades, considerable efforts have been devoted to the study of flow of non-Newtonian fluids because of their technological applications. A vast amount of literature is now available for the flow problems associated with non-Newtonian fluids in a variety of situations. One important and simple model of non-Newtonian fluids for which one can reasonably hope to obtain analytical solutions is the second grade fluid. Keeping this in mind, the aim of this work is to extend the analysis of (Turkyilmazoglu, 2009) for a second grade fluid. Undoubtedly, the equations of motion for a second grade fluid are more complicated with highly non-linear terms which make the question of well-posedness extremely difficult to address. Here, it is shown that by using a generalized transformation, the governing equations for the second grade fluid are transformed into a well posed second order system of ODEs whose exact solution is straightforward. In solving this problem we have relaxed the axisymmetric condition of the traditional Von Kármán flow. This analysis is important, not only from a mathematical point of view, but mainly as an essential test for the underlying physical model. The practical applications that can be envisaged for this problem are in the design of thrust bearings, radial diffusers etc., used in the defence industry for instance. We note that a similar problem of a Jeffrey Fluid, has been addressed by (Siddiqui et al., 2013).

The following structure is pursued in the rest of the paper. In section two mathematical formulation of the problem is given. Section three concerns with the flow analysis and section four contains some concluding remarks.

## 2. Formulation of the problem

Consider the three dimensional flow of an incompressible second grade fluid due to an infinite disk which rotates in the plane  $z = 0$  about its axis of rotation  $z$  with a constant angular velocity  $\Omega$ . In cylindrical coordinates  $(r, \theta, z)$  which rotates with the disk, the governing equations of motion of the second grade fluid are the laws of conservation of mass and momentum which are

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = 0, \tag{2.1}$$

$$\rho \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt} = -\nabla P + \nabla \cdot \sigma, \tag{2.2}$$

where  $\mathbf{V} = (u, v, w)$  is the velocity vector,  $\frac{d}{dt}$  is the material time derivative,  $\rho$  is the fluid density and  $P$  is the pressure. For the second grade fluid the extra stress tensor  $\sigma$  is given by (Ariel, 1997)

$$\sigma = \mu \mathbf{A}_1 + \alpha_1 \mathbf{A}_2 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{A}_1^2, \tag{2.3}$$

in which  $\mu$  is the dynamic viscosity,  $\alpha_i (i = 1, 2)$  are material constants satisfying  $\alpha_1 \geq 0$ , and  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 0$ , and  $\mathbf{A}_1$  and  $\mathbf{A}_2$  are the kinematic tensors defined through

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \nabla \mathbf{V} + (\nabla \mathbf{V})^T, \quad \mathbf{A}_2 = \frac{d\mathbf{A}_1}{dt} + \mathbf{A}_1 (\nabla \mathbf{V}) + (\nabla \mathbf{V})^T \mathbf{A}_1, \tag{2.4}$$

where the superscript  $T$  is the transpose of the matrix. In the present analysis the flow is assumed to take place in the semi-infinite space  $z \geq 0$ . Boundary conditions accompanying (2.1)-(2.2) are such that the fluid adheres to the wall at  $z = 0$  with a given axial velocity and the velocities are bounded at far distances from the disk.

The flow in this analysis is such that the physical quantities are allowed to develop non-axisymmetrically and we assume that there is no flow along the normal, thus the velocity field can be taken in the form

$$\mathbf{V} = [u(r, \theta, z), v(r, \theta, z), 0] \tag{2.5}$$

We introduce the following dimensionless variables:

$$r^* = \frac{r}{L}, z^* = \frac{z}{L}, u^* = \frac{u}{U}, v^* = \frac{v}{U}, P^* = \frac{P}{\rho U^2}, \sigma_{ij} = \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{\frac{\mu U}{L}}, i, j = r, \theta, z, \tag{2.6}$$

where  $L$  is the length scale and  $U = L\Omega$ . Hence, the dimensionless form of the continuity and the equations of motion, after dropping the \*s are given by

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} + \frac{u}{r} = 0, \tag{2.7}$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{v}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v^2}{r} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left[ \frac{\partial \sigma_{rr}}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \sigma_{r\theta}}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{rz}}{\partial z} + \frac{\sigma_{rr} - \sigma_{\theta\theta}}{r} \right] \tag{2.8}$$

$$u \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{v}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} + \frac{uv}{r} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left[ \frac{\partial \sigma_{r\theta}}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \sigma_{\theta\theta}}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{\theta z}}{\partial z} + \frac{2\sigma_{\theta\theta}}{r} \right] \tag{2.9}$$

$$0 = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left[ \frac{\partial \sigma_{rz}}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \sigma_{\theta z}}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zz}}{\partial z} + \frac{\sigma_{rz}}{r} \right] \tag{2.10}$$

In equations (2.7)-(2.10),  $\sigma_{rr}, \sigma_{r\theta}, \sigma_{rz}, \sigma_{\theta z}, \sigma_{\theta\theta}$  and  $\sigma_{zz}$ , are the components of the stress tensor  $\sigma$  in (2.3), and are given by

$$c\sigma_{rr} = 2\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + 2\lambda_1 \left\{ \left( u \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{v}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \left( \frac{v}{r} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right) \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v}{r} \right) + 2 \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right)^2 \right\} \\ + \lambda_2 \left\{ 4 \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v}{r} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right\}, \tag{2.11}$$

$$c\sigma_{r\theta} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v}{r} + \lambda_1 \left\{ \left( u \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{v}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v}{r} \right) + 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \left( \frac{v}{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right) \right\} \\ + \lambda_2 \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \right\}, \tag{2.12}$$

$$c\sigma_{rz} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \lambda_1 \left\{ \left( u \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{v}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + 3 \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \left( 2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{2v}{r} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \lambda_2 \left\{ 2 \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v}{r} \right) \right\} \right\}, \quad (2.13)$$

$$c\sigma_{\theta z} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \lambda_1 \left\{ \left( u \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{v}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v}{r} \right) - 3 \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right\} \\ + \lambda_2 \left\{ \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v}{r} \right) - 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right\}, \quad (2.14)$$

$$c\sigma_{\theta\theta} = -2 \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \lambda_1 \left\{ 4 \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right)^2 + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v}{r} \right) - 2 \left( u \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{v}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) \right\} \\ + \lambda_2 \left\{ 4 \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v}{r} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right\}, \quad (2.15)$$

$$\sigma_{zz} = (2\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \left( \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right), \quad (2.16)$$

where  $\lambda_1 = \frac{\alpha_1 U_c}{\mu L}$  and  $\lambda_2 = \frac{\alpha_2 U_c}{\mu L}$  are the material parameters of the second grade fluid.

### 3. Flow analysis

In this section we restrict ourselves to the stationary mean flow relative to the rotating disk. Within this view, via a coordinate transformation  $\zeta = \sqrt{\frac{\text{Re}}{2}}z$ , we assume a solution of the form (Turkyilmazoglu, 2009)

$$u = aF(\theta, \zeta), \quad v = r + aW(\theta, \zeta), \quad w = 0, \quad P = \frac{r^2}{2} - ra \cos(\theta - \sigma) + a^2 p(\zeta), \quad (3.1)$$

such that, non-axisymmetric and periodic solutions with respect to  $\theta$  of  $F$  and  $W$  are determined here, subjected to the pressure field given by (3.1). The parameters  $a$  and  $\sigma$  correspond to the polar representation of a fixed point on the disk surface and  $p(\zeta)$  is some function of  $\zeta$ .

The transformations (2.7)-(2.10) along with (2.11)-(2.16), satisfy the continuity equation directly, and for the momentum equations, the periodicity assumption of  $F$  and  $W$  with respect to  $\theta$ , gives the set of ordinary differential equations

$$F_{\zeta\zeta} + \lambda_1 W_{\zeta\zeta} + 2W = -2 \cos(\theta - \sigma), \quad (3.2)$$

$$W_{\zeta\zeta} - \lambda_1 F_{\zeta\zeta} - 2F = 2 \sin(\theta - \sigma), \tag{3.3}$$

$$p(\zeta) = \frac{(2\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}{2}(F_{\zeta}^2 + W_{\zeta}^2) + K, \tag{3.4}$$

where the constant  $K$  is determined from the pressure prescribed at the disk surface. The boundary conditions for the problem reduce to

$$F = 0, \quad W = 0 \text{ at } \zeta = 0, \quad F, W \text{ bounded, as } \zeta \rightarrow \infty. \tag{3.5}$$

Introducing a new function of the form  $V = F + iW$ , transforms the pair of equations (3.2)-(3.3) into a single complex differential equation with real variables

$$(1 - i\lambda_1)V_{\zeta\zeta} - 2iV = -2((\cos(\theta - \sigma) - i \sin(\theta - \sigma))), \tag{3.6}$$

whose solution is bounded with respect to  $\zeta$  and can be immediately expressed as

$$V = Ce^{m\zeta} - i(\cos((\theta - \sigma) - i \sin(\theta - \sigma))), \tag{3.7}$$

where,  $C$  is a complex integration constant depending on  $\theta$  and is determined by using the no-slip condition on the wall and the constant  $m = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{1+\lambda_1^2}}(i - \lambda_1)$ . Equating real and imaginary parts of the solution given in (3.7),  $F$  and  $W$  are found to be

$$F(\zeta, \theta) = f(\zeta) \cos(\theta - \sigma) + g(\zeta) \sin(\theta - \sigma), \tag{3.8}$$

$$W(\zeta, \theta) = -f(\zeta) \sin(\theta - \sigma) + g(\zeta) \cos(\theta - \sigma), \tag{3.9}$$

where

$$f(\zeta) = \sin(d_2\zeta)e^{-d_1\zeta}, \quad g(\zeta) = -1 + \cos(d_2\zeta)e^{-d_1\zeta}, \tag{3.10}$$

and where

$$d_1 = \sqrt{\frac{(-\lambda_1 + \sqrt{(1 + \lambda_1^2)})}{(1 + \lambda_1^2)}}, \quad d_2 = \sqrt{\frac{(\lambda_1 + \sqrt{(1 + \lambda_1^2)})}{(1 + \lambda_1^2)}}. \tag{3.11}$$

As  $\zeta \rightarrow \infty$  we note from (3.10), that the velocities far away from the disk turn out to be  $u = -a \sin(\theta - \sigma)$ ,  $v = r - a \cos(\theta - \sigma)$  different from the no-slip velocities. In order to see the effects of the material parameter of the second grade fluid on the flow, graphs of  $f$  and  $-g$  are plotted for various values of  $\lambda_1$  in Figure 1. These graphs clearly indicate that the flow exhibits a boundary layer like behavior near the disk. It is also seen that when  $\lambda_1$  increases, the oscillatory behavior of the flow becomes more prominent and can be seen up to a considerable distance from the disk. It should be noted that when  $\lambda_1 = 0$ , our results are in agreement with those of (Turkyilmazoglu, 2009) without suction and injection. Moreover, (3.10) shows that the velocity distribution is in the form of an Ekman spiral representing the flow over a disk in a rotating system similar to (Siddiqui et al., 2013).

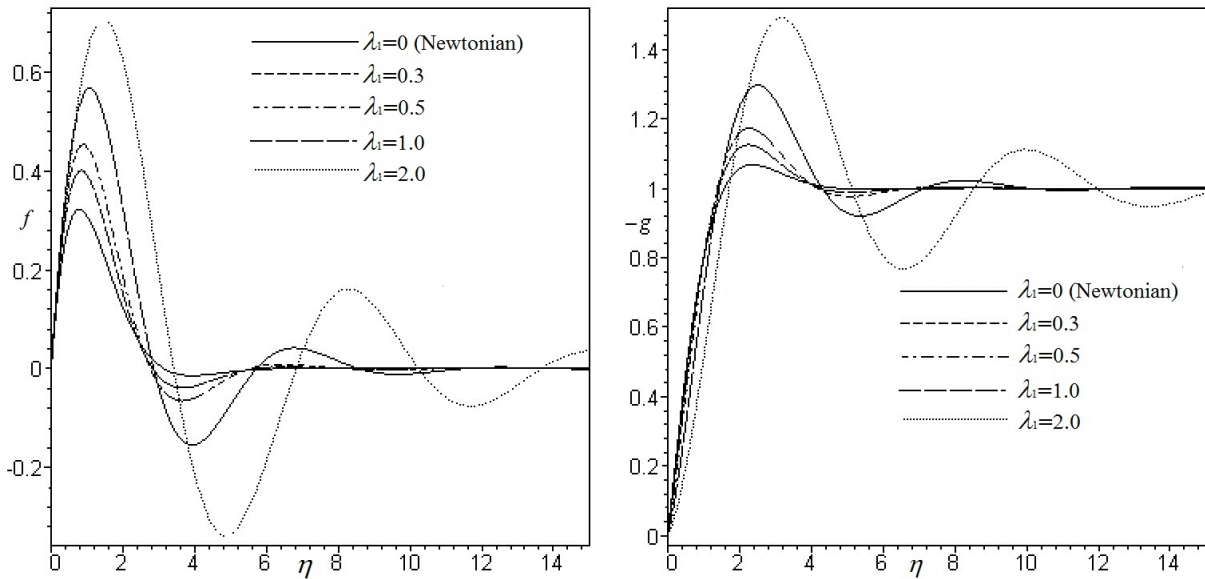


Figure 1. Variation of  $f$  and  $-g$  with  $\eta$  for different values of  $\lambda_1$ .

The effects of viscosity in the fluid adjacent to the disk tends to develop some tangential shear stress which opposes the rotation of the disk. There is also a surface shear stress in the radial direction. The dimensionless expressions for the tangential and radial stresses are given as

$$\sigma_{\theta z} = a \left[ W_\zeta - \lambda_1 F_\zeta \right]_{\zeta=0} = a \sqrt{\frac{\text{Re}}{2}} [(-d_2 + \lambda_1 d_1) \cos(\theta - \sigma) - (d_1 + \lambda_1 d_2) \sin(\theta - \sigma)], \quad (3.12)$$

$$\sigma_{rz} = a \left[ F_\zeta + \lambda_1 W_\zeta \right]_{\zeta=0} = -a \sqrt{\frac{\text{Re}}{2}} [(-d_2 + \lambda_1 d_1) \sin(\theta - \sigma) + (d_1 + \lambda_1 d_2) \cos(\theta - \sigma)]. \quad (3.13)$$

In the particular case when  $\theta = \sigma$ , we obtain  $\sigma_{\theta z} = a \sqrt{\frac{\text{Re}}{2}} (-d_2 + \lambda_1 d_1)$  and  $\sigma_{rz} = -a \sqrt{\frac{\text{Re}}{2}} (d_1 + \lambda_1 d_2)$ . Moreover, when  $\sigma = 0$ , the results obtained point out the fact that maximum resistance due to viscosity of the fluid will take place at the locations  $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{-d_2 + \lambda_1 d_1}{d_1 + \lambda_1 d_2} \right)$  and  $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{-d_2 + \lambda_1 d_1}{d_1 + \lambda_1 d_2} \right) + \pi$  for the tangential stress and at the locations  $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{d_1 + \lambda_1 d_2}{d_2 - \lambda_1 d_1} \right)$  and  $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{d_1 + \lambda_1 d_2}{d_2 - \lambda_1 d_1} \right) + \pi$  for the radial stress. From the above equations one can easily find out the locations at which the minimum and maximum skin friction occurs against the flow.

The fluid dynamic thickness in radial and tangential directions are evaluated as

$$\delta_r = \int_0^\infty f(\zeta) d\zeta = \frac{d_2}{d_1^2 + d_2^2}, \quad \delta_\theta = \int_0^\infty (1 + g(\zeta)) d\zeta = \frac{d_1}{d_1^2 + d_2^2}. \quad (3.14)$$

Hence, an increase in  $\lambda_1$  results in an increase in the boundary layer thickness, this is clearly because as  $\lambda_1$  increases  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  decrease and tend to zero.

The vorticity components  $(\omega_r, \omega_\theta, \omega_z) = \nabla \times \mathbf{V}$  that exists within the fluid can be found out exactly with the help of equations (3.8)-(3.10), which are respectively

$$\omega_r = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = -a \sqrt{\frac{\text{Re}}{2}} W_\zeta, \quad \omega_\theta = \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = a \sqrt{\frac{\text{Re}}{2}} F_\zeta, \quad \omega_z = 2 \quad (3.15)$$



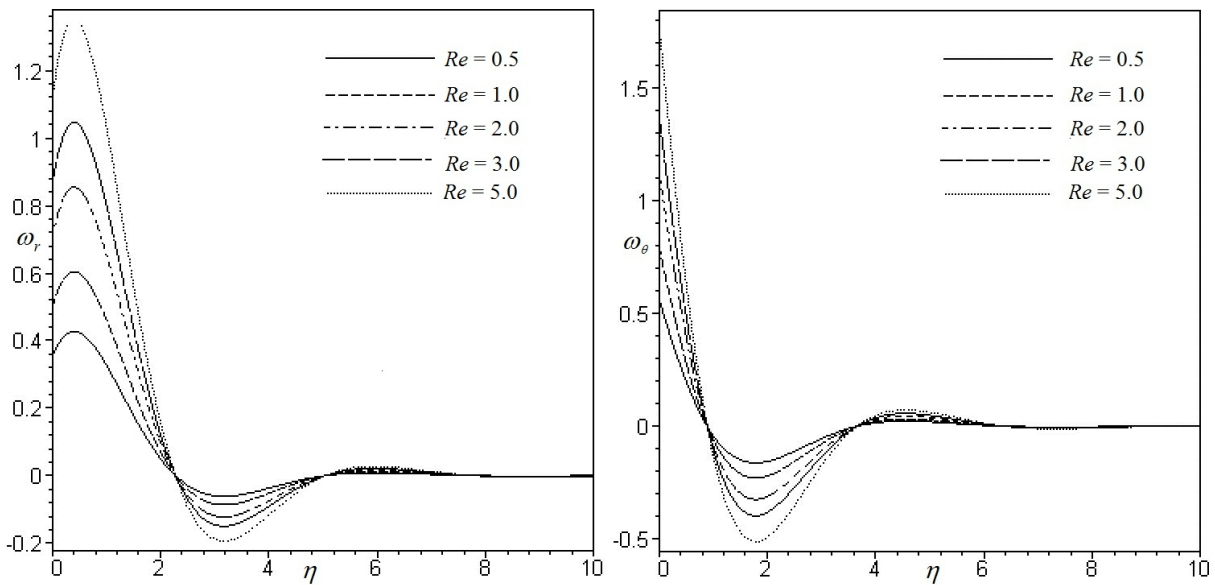


Figure 2. Variation of  $\omega_r$  and  $\omega_\theta$  with  $\eta$  for different values of  $Re$  keeping  $\lambda_1 = 0.5$ .

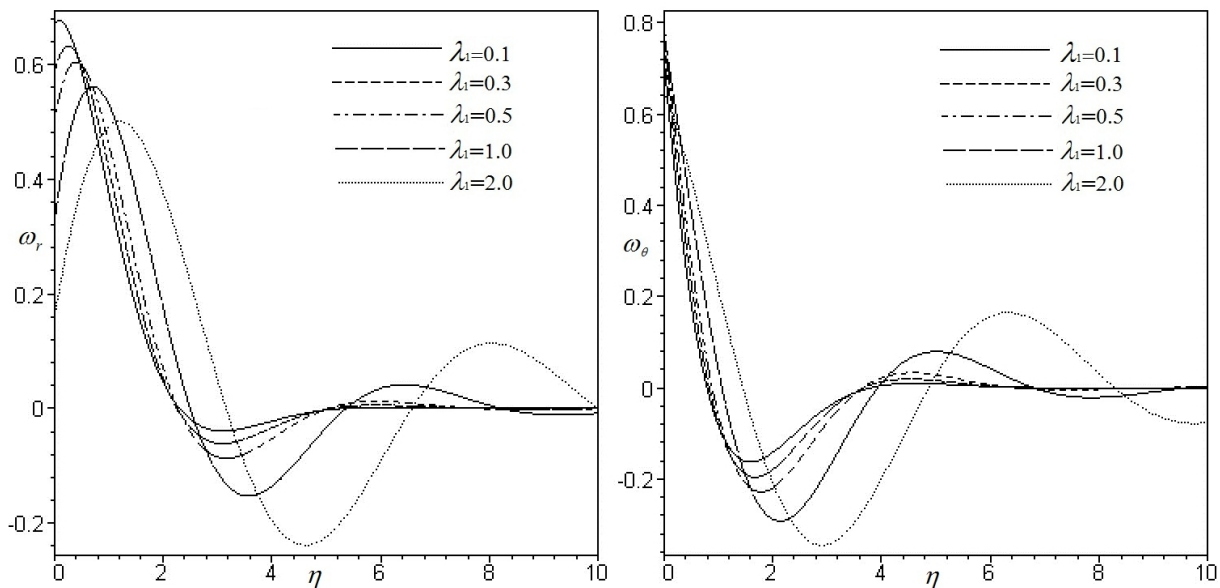


Figure 3. Variation of  $\omega_r$  and  $\omega_\theta$  with  $\eta$  for different values of  $\lambda_1$  when  $Re = 1$ .

In order to get the nature of the vorticity near the disk the expressions for  $\omega_r$  and  $\omega_\theta$  are plotted for different values of  $Re$  and  $\lambda_1$  when  $\sigma = \theta$ . It is observed from Figure 2 that both the components increase near the disk with increasing values of  $Re$  and show oscillatory behavior before approaching the asymptotic limits. Figure 3 is to demonstrate the effects of  $\lambda_1$  on  $\omega_r$  and  $\omega_\theta$ . It is noted that  $\omega_r$  decreases whereas  $\omega_\theta$  increases near the disk with increasing values of  $\lambda_1$ . However, a large gradient is observed for  $\omega_r$  near the wall. Actually, these vorticity components are responsible for driving the motion of fluid flow considered in the current study.

#### 4. Concluding remarks

In this article, an exact solution for three-dimensional equations governing the incompressible second grade fluid flow over a single rotating disk has been obtained in such a way that the physical quantities are allowed to develop non-axisymmetrically within a no-normal flow assumption. We have worked through cylindrical coordinates which rotate with the disk, whose polar representation is  $(a, \sigma)$ . The particular case  $a = 0$  is associated with the rigid body rotation. The non-zero choice of  $a$  has enabled us to achieve the solutions bounded away from the disk. These results point out that a boundary layer structure develops near the surface of the disk whose far away behavior is distinct from the near wall solutions. It is observed that increases in  $\lambda_1$  cause an increase in the boundary layer thickness. There is no effect of the material parameter  $\lambda_2$  on the velocity field since both the disk and the fluid rotate with the same speed. We also note that this technique can also be applied to other non-Newtonian fluid flow problems successfully.

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# A Simplified Architecture of Type-2 TSK Fuzzy Logic Controller for Fuzzy Model of Double Inverted Pendulums

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## Abstract

This paper proposes a novel inference mechanism for an interval type-2 Takagi-Sugeno-Kang fuzzy logic control system (IT2 TSK FLCS). This paper focuses on control applications for case both plant and controller use A2-C0 TSK models. The defuzzified output of the T2FLS is then obtained by averaging the defuzzified outputs of the resultant four embedded T1FLSs in order to reduce the computational burden of T2 TSK FS. A simplified T2 TSK FS based on a hybrid structure of four type-1 fuzzy systems (T1 TSK FS). A simulation example is presented to show the effectiveness of this method.

*Keywords:* Fuzzy control systems, simplified type-2 fuzzy logic system, double inverted pendulums.

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## 1. Introduction

Fuzzy systems of Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) models (Takagi & Sugeno, 1985) have become an effective method to represent nonlinear system by fuzzy sets and fuzzy reasoning. In (Echanobe *et al.*, 2005) presented some important aspects concerning the analysis and implementation of a piecewise linear (PWL) fuzzy model with universal approximation capability. Reference (Sadighi & Jong Kim, 2010) presented a combination of a Sugeno fuzzy model and neural networks. In (Guechi *et al.*, 2010) presented a new technique for tracking-error model-based Parallel Distributed Compensation (PDC) control and stabilizing controller by solved by LMI conditions for the tracking-error model.

A new stability analysis method for nonlinear processes with T-S fuzzy logic controllers (FLCs) without process linearization and without using the quadratic Lyapunov functions in the derivation and proof of the stability conditions was designed in (Tomescu *et al.*, 2007). In (Precup *et al.*, 2009) studied a new framework for the design of generic two-degree-of-freedom (2-DOF), linear and fuzzy, controllers dedicated to a class of integral processes specific to servo systems.

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Fuzzy systems first introduced by Zadeh. The membership degree of Type-1 fuzzy set is crisp value but it is T1FS in the Type-2 fuzzy sets (Mendel, 2001; Wu & Mendel, 2001; Mendel, 2007). Researchers have shown that T1FLS have difficulty in modeling and minimizing the effect of uncertainties (Zadeh, 1975).

In (Biglarbegian et al., 2010), the WuMendel uncertainty bounds (WM UBs) to design stable interval type-2 TSK fuzzy logic control systems (IT2 TSK FLCs). Proposed Inference Methods for IT2 TSK FLCs in (Mohammad, 2010). In (Ren et al., 2011) showed IT2 TSK FLSs analyzes the sensibility of the outputs of a type-2 TSK fuzzy system, and discusses the approximation capacities of type-2 TSK FLS and its type-1 counterpart. In (Wu & Tan, 2004) the study is conducted by utilizing a type-2 FLC, evolved by a genetic algorithm(GA), to control a liquid-level process. The proposed algorithm of interval type-2 TSK FLS has been used in fuzzy modeling and uncertainty prediction in high precision manufacturing (Ren et al., 2009).

In this paper, Proposed the new inference mechanisms. we reduced the computational burden of T2 TSK FS. A simplified T2 TSK FS have a hybrid structure of four type-1 fuzzy systems (T1 TSK FS). The final output of the T2 TSK FLS is then obtained by averaging the defuzzified outputs of each T1 TSK FLC. The rest of the chapter is organized as follows: Section II, we present an overview of dynamic Takagi Sugeno systems. In this section, deals with analytical design of Type-2 TSK fuzzy control and introduces the proposed simplified implementation of T2 TSK FLS using four embedded T1FSs. Some simulations are executed to verify the validity of the proposed approach in Section III. Section IV concludes the paper.

## 2. Takagi-sugeno fuzzy model

A dynamic T-S fuzzy model is described by a set of fuzzy IF THEN rules with fuzzy sets in the antecedents and dynamic linear time-invariant systems in the consequents. A generic T-S plant rule can be written as follows (Dorato et al., 1995; Khaber et al., 2006):

$$i^{th} \text{ Plant Rule : IF } x_1(t) \text{ is } M_{i1} \dots, x_n(t) \text{ is } M_{in} \text{ THEN } \dot{x} = A_i x + B_i u,$$

where  $x_{n \times 1}$  is the state vector,  $r$  is the number of rules,  $M_{ij}$  are input fuzzy sets,  $u_{m \times 1}$  is the input and  $A_{n \times n}$ ,  $B_{n \times m}$  are state matrix and input matrix respectively. Using singleton fuzzifier, max-product inference and center average defuzzifier, we can write the aggregated fuzzy model as:

$$\dot{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^r \omega_i(x)(A_i x + B_i u)}{\sum_{i=1}^r \omega_i(x)}, \quad (2.1)$$

with the term  $\omega_i$  is defined by:

$$\omega_i(x) = \prod_{j=1}^n \mu_{ij}(x_j), \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\mu_{ij}$  is the membership function of the  $j$ th fuzzy set in the  $i$ th rule. Defining the coefficients  $\alpha_i$  as:

$$\alpha_i = \frac{\omega_i}{\sum_{i=1}^r \omega_i} \tag{2.3}$$

we can write (2.1) as:

$$\dot{x} = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i(x)(A_i x + B_i u) \quad i = 1, \dots, r, \tag{2.4}$$

where  $\alpha_i > 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i(x) = 1$ .

Using the same method for generating T-S fuzzy rules for the controller, we have:

*i*<sup>th</sup> controllerRule :

$$IF x_1(t) \text{ is } M_1^i \text{ and } \dots x_n(t) \text{ is } M_n^i \text{ then } u(t) = -K_i x(t), \quad i = 1, \dots, r,$$

The over all controllers would be

$$u = - \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i(x) K_i x. \tag{2.5}$$

Replacing (2.5) in (2.4), we obtain the following equation for the closed loop system:

$$\dot{x} = \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r \alpha_i(x) \alpha_j(x) (A_i x + B_i u) x. \tag{2.6}$$

### 3. IT2 TSK FLSs

This chapter first presents the design of IT2 TSK FLSs for modeling and control applications. Second, WM UBs are introduced and third, a new inference engines for IT2 TSK FLSs are introduced. The general structure of an interval A2-C0 TSK model for a system is as follows (Mohammad, 2010):

$$If \ x_1 \text{ is } \tilde{F}_1^i \text{ and } x_2 \text{ is } \tilde{F}_2^i \text{ and } \dots x_n \text{ is } \tilde{F}_n^i, \text{ Then } y_i = a_0^i x_1 + a_0^i x_2 + \dots + a_n^i x_n \tag{3.1}$$

where  $\tilde{F}_j^i, i = 1, \dots, M$  represents the IT2 FS of input state  $j$  in rule  $i, x_1, \dots, x_n$  are states,  $a_0^i, \dots, a_n^i$  are the coefficients of the output function for rule  $i$  (and hence are crisp numbers, i.e., type-0 FSs),  $y_i$  is the output of the  $i$ <sup>th</sup> rule, and  $M$  is the number of rules. The above rules allow us to model the uncertainties encountered in the antecedents.

In an IT2 TSK A2-C0 model,  $\bar{f}^i(x)$  and  $\underline{f}^i(x)$ , lower and upper firing strengths of the  $i$ <sup>th</sup> rule, respectively, are given by

$$\bar{f}^i(x^*) = \bar{\mu}_{\tilde{F}_1^i}(x_1) \star \dots \star \bar{\mu}_{\tilde{F}_n^i}(x_n), \tag{3.2}$$

$$\underline{f}^i(x^*) = \bar{f}_1^i(x_1) \star \dots \star \bar{f}_n^i(x_n), \tag{3.3}$$

where  $\underline{\mu}_{\bar{F}_j^i}$  and  $\bar{\mu}_{\bar{F}_j^i}$  represent the  $j^{th}$  ( $j = 1 \dots M$ ) lower and upper MFs of rule  $i$ , and "★" is a t-norm operator. State vector is defined as

$$x = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]^T \tag{3.4}$$

The final output of the IT2 TSK A2-C0 is given as:

$$Y_{TSK/A2-C0} = [y_l, y_r] = \int_{f^1 \in [\underline{f}^1, \bar{f}^1]} \dots \int_{f^M \in [\underline{f}^M, \bar{f}^M]} \frac{1}{\frac{\sum_{k=1}^M f^i(x)y_i}{\sum_{k=1}^M f^i(x)}}, \tag{3.5}$$

where  $y_i$  is given by the consequent part of (3.1).  $Y_{TSK/A2-C0}$  is an interval T1 set and only depends on its left and right end-points  $y_l, y_r$ , which can be computed using the iterative KM algorithms. Therefore, the final output is given as The final output of the IT2 TSK A2-C0 is given as:

$$Y_{output}(x) = \frac{y_r(x) + y_l(x)}{2}. \tag{3.6}$$

KM Algorithm (Mohammad, 2010):

The KM algorithm presents iterative procedures to compute  $y_l, y_r$  in as follows:

Set  $y^i = y_l^i$  (or  $y_r^i$ ) for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ;

Arrange  $y^i$  in ascending order;

Set  $f^i = \frac{f^i + \bar{f}^i}{2}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ;

$$y' = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N y^i f^i}{\sum_{i=1}^N f^i};$$

Do

$$y'' = y';$$

Find  $k \in [1, N - 1]$  such that  $y^k \leq y' \leq y^{k+1}$ ;

Set  $f^i = \bar{f}^i$  (or  $f^i$ ) for  $i \leq k$ ;

Set  $f^i = \underline{f}^i$  (or  $\bar{f}^i$ ) for  $i \geq k + 1$  ;

$$y' = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N y^i f^i}{\sum_{i=1}^N f^i};$$

While  $y' \neq y''$

$$y_l \text{ (or } y_r) = y'.$$

It has been proven that this iterative procedure can converge in at most N iterations (Mohammad, 2010).

#### 4. A simplified implementation of T2 TSK FS

As shown in the Figure 1, each T2MF can represents by two T1MFs, upper MF and lower MF. Therefore, each one of two neighbor T2MFs intersects each other in four points and object to get four MFs, upper MF, lower MF, left MF and right MF showing in Figure 2 (Hameed et al., 2011). Thus four T1 TSK Fuzzy controller supplanted are used discretely. The MFs in each controller supplanted by upper MF, lower MF, left MF and right MF, and will create upper fuzzy controller (UFC), lower fuzzy controller (LFC), left fuzzy controller (LEFTFC) and right fuzzy controller (RFC) respectively.

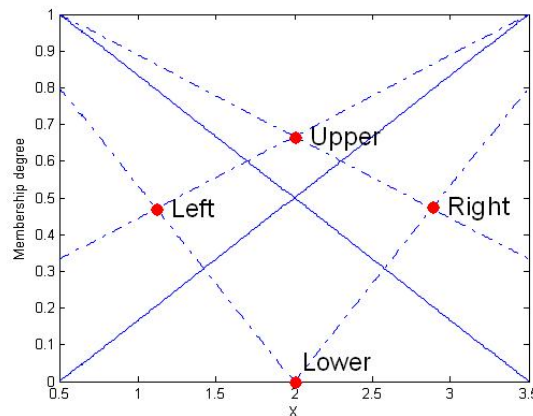


Figure 1. Illustration of decomposing T2MFs into 4 T1MFs.

The defuzzified output of the T2FLS is then obtained by averaging the defuzzified outputs of the resultant four embedded T1FLSs, as shown in Figure 3.

$$Y(x) = \frac{1}{4}y_{upper}(x) + \frac{1}{4}y_{lower}(x) + \frac{1}{4}y_{left}(x) + \frac{1}{4}y_{right}(x). \tag{4.1}$$

#### 5. Simulation

A two-inverted pendulum system is shown in Figure 4. It consists of two cart-pole inverted pendulums. The inverted pendulums are linked by a spring in the middle. The carts will move to and from during the operation. The control objective is to balance the inverted pendulums vertically despite the movings of the spring and carts by applying forces to the tips of the pendulums. Referring to Figure 4,  $M$  and  $m$  are the masses of the carts and the pendulums, respectively,  $m=10$  kg and  $M=100$  kg.  $L=1$  m is the length of the pendulums. The spring has a stiffness constant  $k=1N/m$ .  $y_1(t) = \sin(2t)$  and  $y_2(t) = L + \sin(3t)$  are the trajectories of the moving carts.  $u_1(t)$  and  $u_2(t)$  are the forces applied to the pendulums.  $\theta_1(t)$  and  $\theta_2(t)$  are the angular displacements of the pendulums measured from the vertical. The dynamic equation of the two-inverted pendulum system can be written as follows (Lam et al., 2000):

$$\dot{X} = A(x(t))x(t) + Bu(t) \tag{5.1}$$

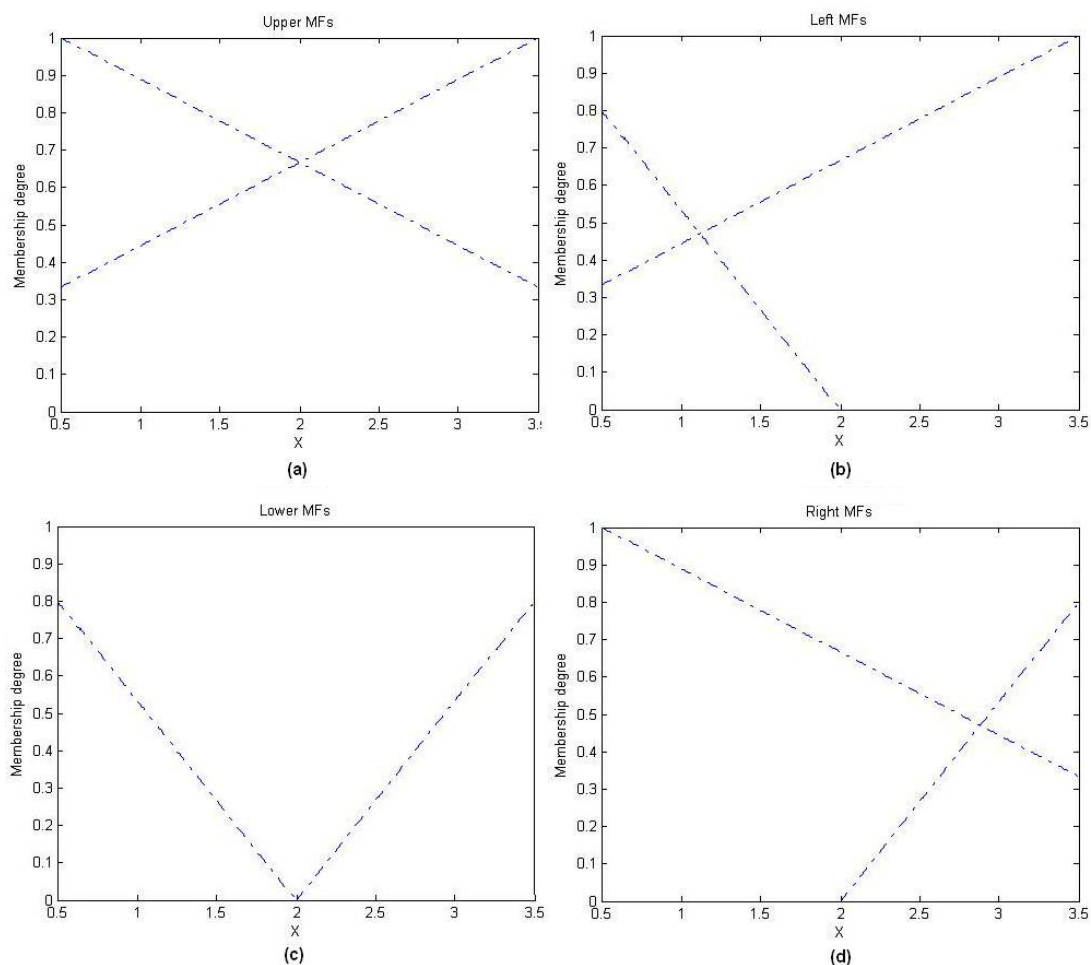


Figure 2: (a) Membership functions of upper intersection points. (b) Membership functions of left intersection points. (c) Membership functions of lower intersection points, and (d) Membership functions of right intersection points.

Where

$$X(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \\ x_4(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1(t) \\ \dot{\theta}_1(t) \\ \theta_2(t) \\ \dot{\theta}_2(t) \end{bmatrix}, x_1 \in [x_{1min} x_{1max}] = \left[-\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\pi}{2}\right], x_3 \in [x_{3min} x_{3max}] = \left[-\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\pi}{2}\right],$$

$$A(x(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ f_1(x_1(t)) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & f_2(x_3(t)) & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } u(t) = \begin{bmatrix} u_1(t) \\ u_2(t) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$f_1(t) = \frac{2}{L} - \frac{m}{M} \sin(x_1(t)) x_1(t), f_2(t) = \frac{2}{L} - \frac{m}{M} \sin(x_3(t)) x_3(t) \text{ and } \lambda = \frac{2}{mL^2}.$$



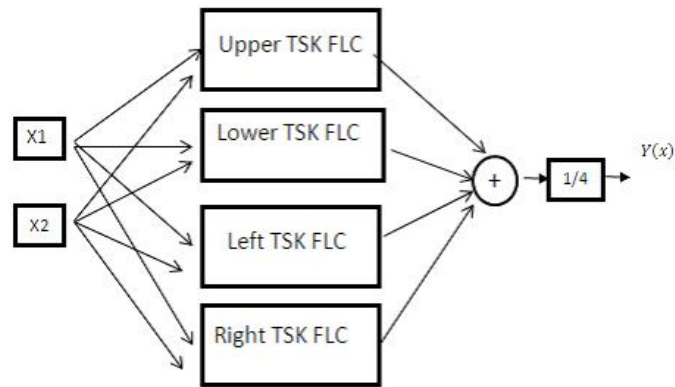


Figure 3. Simplified type-2 TSK fuzzy Logic Controller.

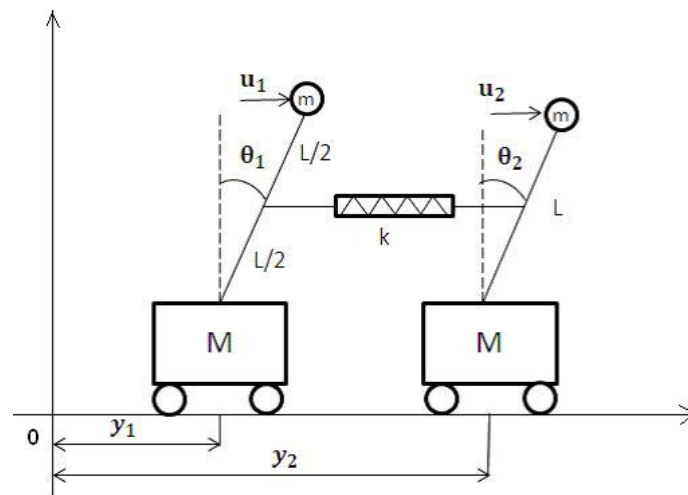


Figure 4. Two-inverted pendulum system.

A four-rule TS-fuzzy plant model is used to represent the two inverted pendulum system. The  $i$ -th rule of the TS-fuzzy plant model is given by

$$\text{Rule } i = \text{IF } f_1(x_1(t)) \text{ is } M_{i1} \text{ and } f_2(x_3(t)) \text{ is } M_{i2} \text{ then } \dot{X} = A_i x(t) + Bu(t), \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \quad (5.2)$$

where  $M_i$  is a fuzzy term of rule  $i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Then, the system dynamics is described by

$$\dot{X} = \sum_{i=1}^4 w_i [A_i x(t) + Bu(t)], \quad (5.3)$$

where

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ f_{1min} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & f_{2min} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ f_{1min} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & f_{2max} & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ f_{1max} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & f_{2min} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ f_{1max} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & f_{2max} & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$w_i = \frac{\mu_{M_1^i}(f_1(x_1(t))) \times \mu_{M_2^i}(f_2(x_3(t)))}{\sum_{i=1}^4 (\mu_{M_1^i}(f_1(x_1(t))) \times \mu_{M_2^i}(f_2(x_3(t))))},$$

$$\mu_{M_1^\beta}(f_1(x_1(t))) = \frac{-f_1(x_1(t)) + f_{1max}}{f_{1max} - f_{1min}} \text{ for } \beta = 1, 2 \text{ and } \mu_{M_1^\delta}(f_1(x_1(t))) = 1 - \mu_{M_1^1}(f_1(x_1(t))) \text{ for } \delta = 3, 4$$

$$\mu_{M_1^\varepsilon}(f_2(x_3(t))) = \frac{-f_2(x_3(t)) + f_{2max}}{f_{2max} - f_{2min}} \text{ for } \varepsilon = 1, 3 \text{ and } \mu_{M_1^0}(f_2(x_3(t))) = 1 - \mu_{M_1^1}(f_2(x_3(t))) \text{ for } \delta = 2, 4$$

$$f_{1max} = \frac{2}{L} + x_{1max} \text{ and } f_{1min} = \frac{2}{L} + x_{1min}, f_{2max} = f_{1max} \text{ and } f_{2min} = f_{1min}.$$

Figure 5 shows a controller in which the inputs are the states  $x(k)$  and the output is  $u(k)$ . For this system, the general  $i$ -th rule has the following form:

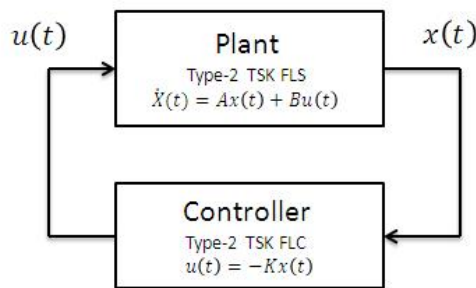


Figure 5. Closed-loop T2 TSK fuzzy control system.

To compare the performance of the IT2 TS FLC with the T1 controller, the model of the plant is kept as a T1 TS and only the controller is replaced with an IT2 TS model. To make a fair comparison, the parameters of the plants and controllers are kept unchanged for four control systems, and only the MFs for the IT2 controller are designed. MFs for this Example showed Figures 1 and 2. In this paper, the simplified Type 2 TSK Fuzzy controller of scaling factors are tuned by trial-and-error approach. A four-rule fuzzy controller is designed as following equation (Lam et al., 2000).

$$\text{Rule } i = \text{If } x_1(t) \text{ is } \tilde{M}_1^i \text{ and } x_3(t) \text{ is } \tilde{M}_2^i \text{ then } u(t) = G_j x(t) \text{ } j = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

The feedback gains for each fuzzy controller are then chosen as:

$$G_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -116.6410 & -119.7827 & -95.0589 & -39.6463 \\ -79.0293 & -40.024 & -260.5216 & -180.2173 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$G_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -116.6410 & -119.7827 & -95.0589 & -39.6463 \\ -97.0293 & -40.024 & -260.5216 & -180.2173 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$G_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -179.4729 & -119.7827 & -95.0589 & -39.6463 \\ -97.0293 & -40.024 & -260.5216 & -180.2173 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$G_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -179.4729 & -119.7827 & -95.0589 & -39.6463 \\ -97.0293 & -40.024 & -323.3534 & -180.2173 \end{bmatrix}$$

The zero-input responses of the system under the initial conditions:

$$x(0) (rad) = \left[ \frac{88\pi}{180} 0 - \frac{88\pi}{180} 0 \right].$$

The responses for T1 TSK Fuzzy and simplified T2 TSK Fuzzy controllers are shown in Figures 6-7 comparison between the two types of TSK FLCs have done. The reciprocal of the Root squared error (RMSE) of the response showed in Table I.

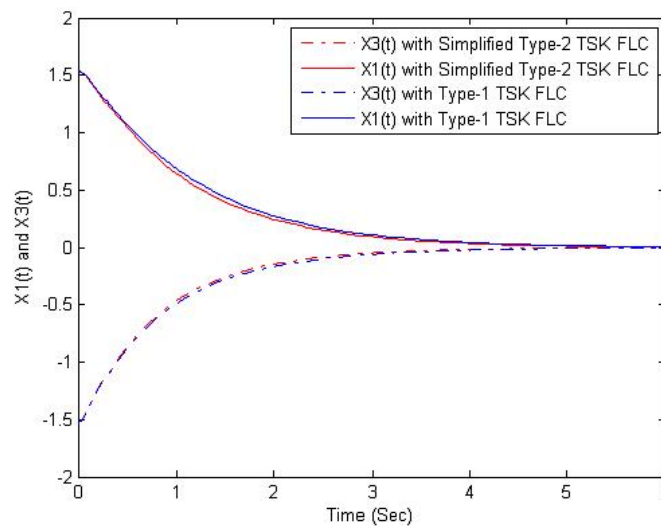


Figure 6: Responses of (solid line) and (dotted line) of the two-inverted pendulum system under T1 TSK FLC and Simplified T2 TSK FLC with M = 100 kg.

Table 1  
RMSE of the responses

RMSE	X1(t)	X2(t)	X3(t)	X4(t)
T1 TSK FLC	6.8299	3.8769	6.3953	5.1933
T2 TSK FLC	6.7483	4.0474	6.3542	5.3271

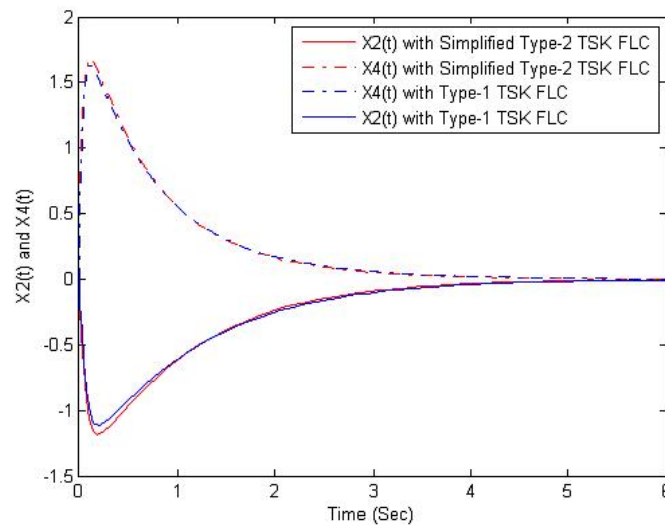


Figure 7: Responses of (solid line) and (dotted line) of the two-inverted pendulum system under T1 TSK FLC and Simplified T2 TSK FLC with  $M = 100$  kg.

## 6. Conclusion

The nonlinear, T1, and IT2 controllers are capable of stabilizing the system. With attention to table. 1 in before section, value RMSE reduced in the  $X1(t)$  and  $X3(t)$  in the T2 TSK FLC with respect to T1 TSK FLC. Therefore output system is robustness. In this case study, it is shown that the proposed IT2 TSK FLC is capable of stabilizing the coupled two inverted pendulum while achieving a better performance compared to its T1 TSK FLC

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## Second Order $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ –Invexity Frameworks and $\epsilon$ –Efficiency Conditions for Multiobjective Fractional Programming

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### Abstract

A generalized framework for a class of second order  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ –invexities is developed, and then some parametric sufficient efficiency conditions for multiobjective fractional programming problems are established. The obtained results generalize and unify a wider range of investigations in the literature on applications to other results on multiobjective fractional programming.

**Keywords:** Generalized invexity, multiobjective fractional programming,  $\epsilon$ – efficient solutions, parametric sufficient  $\epsilon$ – efficiency conditions.

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### 1. Introduction

Zalmai and Zhang (see (Zalmai & Zhang, 2007a)) have established a set of necessary efficiency conditions and a fairly large number of global nonparametric sufficient efficiency results under various frameworks for generalized  $(\eta, \rho)$ –invexity for semi-infinite discrete minimax fractional programming problems. Recently, Verma (see (Verma, 2013)) developed a general framework for a class of  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ –invex functions to examine some parametric sufficient efficiency conditions for multiobjective fractional programming problems for weakly  $\epsilon$ –efficient solutions. On the other hand, the work of Kim, Kim and Lee (see (Kim *et al.*, 2011)) extends the results of Kim and Lee (see (Kim & Lee, 2013)) on  $\epsilon$ –optimality theorems for a convex multiobjective optimization problem to a multiobjective fractional optimization problem, while this has been followed by other research advances. They also applied the generalized Abadie constraint qualification to the context of the optimal solvability of a semi-infinite discrete minimax fractional programming problems.

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Based on the recent advances in the study of  $\epsilon$ -optimality and weak  $\epsilon$ -optimality conditions for multiobjective fractional programming problems, we first generalize the  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -invexities to second order  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -invexities, and we introduce some parametric sufficient efficiency conditions for multiobjective fractional programming to achieve  $\epsilon$ -efficient solutions to multiobjective fractional programming problems. The results established in this communication, not only generalize the results on weak  $\epsilon$ -efficiency conditions for multiobjective fractional programming problems, but also generalize the second order invexity results in general setting. The notion of the second order  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -invexities encompass most of the existing notions of the generalized invexities (see (Ben-Israel & Mond, 1986), (Caiping & Xinmin, 2009), (Hanson, 1981) (Jeyakumar, 1985), (Liu, 1999), (Mangasarian, 1975), (Mishra, 1997), (Mishra, 2000), (Mishra & Rueda, 2000), (Mishra & Rueda, 2006), (Mond & Weir, 1981-1983), (Mond & Zhang, 1995), (Mond & Zhang, 1998), (Patel, 1997), (Srivastava & Bhatia, 2006), (Srivastava & Govil, 2000), (Suneja *et al.*, 2003), (Vartak & Gupta, 1987), (Yang, 1995), (Yang, 2009), (Yang & Hou, 2001), (Yang *et al.*, 2004a), (Yang *et al.*, 2003), (Yang *et al.*, 2005), (Yang *et al.*, 2008), (Yang *et al.*, 2004b), (Yokoyama, 1996), (Zalmi, 2007), (Zalmi, 2007), (Zhang & Mond, 1996), (Zhang & Mond, 1997)). There exists a vast literature on higher order generalized invexity and duality models in mathematical programming. For more details, we refer the reader (see (Verma, 2012), (Verma, 2013), (Zalmi, 2012), (Zalmi & Zhang, 2007b), (Zeidler, 1985)).

We consider under the general framework of  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -invexities of functions, the following multiobjective fractional programming problem:

(P)

$$\text{Minimize } \left( \frac{f_1(x)}{g_1(x)}, \frac{f_2(x)}{g_2(x)}, \dots, \frac{f_p(x)}{g_p(x)} \right)$$

subject to  $x \in Q = \{x \in X : H_j(x) \leq 0, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}\}$ ,

where  $X$  is an open convex subset of  $\mathfrak{R}^n$  ( $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space),  $f_i$  and  $g_i$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  and  $H_j$  for  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  are real-valued functions defined on  $X$  such that  $f_i(x) \geq 0$ ,  $g_i(x) > 0$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  and for all  $x \in Q$ . Here  $Q$  denotes the feasible set of (P).

Next, we observe that problem (P) is equivalent to the nonfractional programming problem:

(P $\lambda$ )

$$\text{Minimize } (f_1(x) - \lambda_1 g_1(x), \dots, f_p(x) - \lambda_p g_p(x))$$

subject to  $x \in Q$  with

$$\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_p) = \left( \frac{f_1(x^*)}{g_1(x^*)}, \frac{f_2(x^*)}{g_2(x^*)}, \dots, \frac{f_p(x^*)}{g_p(x^*)} \right),$$

where  $x^*$  is an efficient solution to (P).

General Mathematical programming problems serve a significant useful purpose, especially in terms of applications to game theory, statistical analysis, engineering design (including design of control systems, design of earthquakes-resistant structures, digital filters, and electronic circuits), random graphs, boundary value problems, wavelet analysis, environmental protection planning,

decision and management sciences, optimal control problems, continuum mechanics, robotics, and others.

## 2. Generalized second order invexities

In this section, we develop some concepts and notations for the problem on hand. Let  $X$  be an open convex subset of  $\mathfrak{R}^n$  ( $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space). Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denote the inner product, and let  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  be a function. Suppose that  $f$  is a real-valued twice continuously differentiable function defined on  $X$ , and that  $\nabla f(y)$  and  $\nabla^2 f(y)$  denote, respectively, the gradient and hessian of  $f$  at  $y$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A twice differentiable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is said to be  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -invex at  $x^*$  of second order if there exist a superlinear function  $\Phi : \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ , a sublinear function  $\Psi : \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  and a function  $\eta : \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{R}^n$ ,

$$\Phi(f(x) - f(x^*)) \geq \langle \nabla f(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 f(x^*)z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2.$$

**Definition 2.2.** A twice differentiable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is said to be  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invex at  $x^*$  of second order if there exist a superlinear function  $\Phi : \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ , a sublinear function  $\Psi : \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  and a function  $\eta : \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{R}^n$ ,

$$\langle \nabla f(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 f(x^*)z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \Phi(f(x) - f(x^*)) \geq 0.$$

**Definition 2.3.** A twice differentiable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is said to be strictly  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invex at  $x^*$  of second order if there exists a function  $\eta : \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{R}^n$ ,

$$\langle \nabla f(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 f(x^*)z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \Phi(f(x) - f(x^*)) > 0.$$

**Definition 2.4.** A twice differentiable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is said to be prestrictly  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invex at  $x^*$  of second order if there exists a function  $\eta : \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{R}^n$ ,

$$\langle \nabla f(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 f(x^*)z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 > 0 \Rightarrow \Phi(f(x) - f(x^*)) \geq 0.$$

**Definition 2.5.** A twice differentiable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is said to be  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invex at  $x^*$  of second order if there exists a function  $\eta : \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{R}^n$ ,

$$\Psi(f(x) - f(x^*)) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \langle \nabla f(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 f(x^*)z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 \leq 0.$$



**Definition 2.6.** A twice differentiable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is said to be strictly  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invx at  $x^*$  of second order if there exists a function  $\eta : \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{R}^n$ ,

$$\Psi(f(x) - f(x^*)) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \langle \nabla f(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 f(x^*)z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^r < 0.$$

**Definition 2.7.** A twice differentiable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is said to be prestrictly  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invx at  $x^*$  of second order if there exists a function  $\eta : \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{R}^n$ ,

$$\Psi(f(x) - f(x^*)) < 0 \Rightarrow \langle \nabla f(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 f(x^*)z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^r \leq 0.$$

We observe that the second order generalized  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -invexities can be specialized to second order  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -invexities.

**Definition 2.8.** A twice differentiable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is said to be  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invx at  $x^*$  of second order if there exist a function  $\eta : \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{R}^n$

$$\langle \nabla f(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 f(x^*)z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) - f(x^*) \geq 0.$$

**Definition 2.9.** A twice differentiable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is said to be strictly  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invx at  $x^*$  of second order if there exists a function  $\eta : \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{R}^n$

$$\langle \nabla f(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 f(x^*)z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) - f(x^*) > 0.$$

**Definition 2.10.** A twice differentiable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is said to be prestrictly  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invx at  $x^*$  of second order if there exists a function  $\eta : \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{R}^n$

$$\langle \nabla f(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 f(x^*)z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 > 0 \Rightarrow f(x) - f(x^*) \geq 0.$$

**Definition 2.11.** A twice differentiable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is said to be  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invx at  $x^*$  of second order if there exists a function  $\eta : \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{R}^n$

$$f(x) - f(x^*) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \langle \nabla f(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 f(x^*)z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 \leq 0.$$

**Definition 2.12.** A twice differentiable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is said to be strictly  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invx at  $x^*$  of second if there exists a function  $\eta : \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{R}^n$

$$f(x) - f(x^*) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \langle \nabla f(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 f(x^*)z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 < 0.$$

**Definition 2.13.** A twice differentiable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is said to be prestrictly  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invex at  $x^*$  of second order if there exists a function  $\eta : \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^n$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{R}^n$

$$f(x) - f(x^*) < 0 \Rightarrow \langle \nabla f(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 f(x^*)z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 \leq 0.$$

### 3. The $\epsilon$ -Solvability Conditions

Now we consider the  $\epsilon$ -solvability conditions for (P) and (P $\lambda$ ) problems motivated by the publications (see (Kim *et al.*, 2011)), where they have investigated the  $\epsilon$ -efficiency as well as the weak  $\epsilon$ -efficiency conditions for multiobjective fractional programming problems under constraint qualifications. Based on these developments in the literature, first we introduce a second order generalization of  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -invexities to the existing notion of  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -invexities, and then using the parametric approach, we develop some parametric sufficient  $\epsilon$ -efficiency conditions for multiobjective fractional programming problem (P) under this framework. We need to recall some auxiliary results crucial to the problem on hand.

**Definition 3.1.** A point  $x^* \in Q$  is an  $\epsilon$ -efficient solution to (P) if there does not exist an  $x \in Q$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f_i(x)}{g_i(x)} &\leq \frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, p, \\ \frac{f_j(x)}{g_j(x)} &< \frac{f_j(x^*)}{g_j(x^*)} - \epsilon_j, \text{ some } j \in \{1, \dots, p\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\epsilon_i = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_p)$  is with  $\epsilon_i \geq 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p$ .

For  $\epsilon = 0$ , Definition 3.1 reduces to the case that  $x^* \in Q$  is an efficient solution to (P).

**Definition 3.2.** A point  $x^* \in Q$  is an efficient solution to (P) if there exists no  $x \in Q$  such that

$$\frac{f_i(x)}{g_i(x)} \leq \frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, p.$$

Next to this context, we have the following auxiliary problem:

(P $\bar{\lambda}$ )

$$\text{minimize}_{x \in Q} (f_1(x) - \bar{\lambda}_1 g_1(x), \dots, f_p(x) - \bar{\lambda}_p g_p(x)),$$

subject to  $x \in Q$ ,

where  $\bar{\lambda}_i$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  are parameters,  $\epsilon_i^* = \epsilon_i g_i(x^*)$  and  $\bar{\lambda}_i = \frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i$ .

Next, we introduce the  $\epsilon^*$ -solvability conditions for (P $\bar{\lambda}$ ) problem.

**Definition 3.3.** A point  $x^* \in Q$  is an  $\epsilon^*$ -efficient solution to (P $\bar{\lambda}$ ) if there does not exist an  $x \in Q$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(x) - \bar{\lambda}_i g_i(x) &\leq f_i(x^*) - \bar{\lambda}_i g_i(x^*) - \epsilon_i^* \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, p, \\ f_j(x) - \bar{\lambda}_j g_j(x) &< f_j(x^*) - \bar{\lambda}_j g_j(x^*) - \epsilon_j^*, \text{ some } j \in \{1, \dots, p\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\lambda}_i = \frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i$ , and  $\epsilon_i^* = \epsilon_i g_i(x^*)$  with  $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_p)$ ,  $\epsilon_i \geq 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p$ .

For  $\epsilon = 0$ , it reduces to the case that  $x^*$  is an efficient solution to (P) if there exists no  $x \in Q$  such that

$$\left(\frac{f_1(x)}{g_1(x)}, \frac{f_2(x)}{g_2(x)}, \dots, \frac{f_p(x)}{g_p(x)}\right) \leq \left(\frac{f_1(x^*)}{g_1(x^*)}, \frac{f_2(x^*)}{g_2(x^*)}, \dots, \frac{f_p(x^*)}{g_p(x^*)}\right).$$

**Lemma 3.1.** (Kim et al., 2011) Let  $x^* \in Q$ . Suppose that  $f_i(x^*) \geq \epsilon_i g_i(x^*)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $x^*$  is an  $\epsilon$ -efficient solution to (P).
- (ii)  $x^*$  is an  $\epsilon^*$ -efficient solution to  $(P\bar{\lambda})$ , where

$$\bar{\lambda} = \left(\frac{f_1(x^*)}{g_1(x^*)} - \epsilon_1, \dots, \frac{f_p(x^*)}{g_p(x^*)} - \epsilon_p\right)$$

$$\text{and } \epsilon^* = (\epsilon_1 g_1(x^*), \dots, \epsilon_p g_p(x^*)).$$

**Lemma 3.2.** (Kim et al., 2011) Let  $x^* \in Q$ . Suppose that  $f_i(x^*) \geq \epsilon_i g_i(x^*)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $x^*$  is an  $\epsilon$ -efficient solution to (P).
- (ii) There exists  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_p) \in \mathfrak{R}_+^p \setminus \{0\}$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^p c_i [f_i(x) - \left(\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i\right) g_i(x)] \geq 0 = \sum_{i=1}^p c_i [f_i(x^*) - \left(\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i\right) g_i(x^*)] - \sum_{i=1}^p c_i \epsilon_i g_i(x^*),$$

for any  $x \in Q$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $x^* \in Q$ . Suppose that  $f_i(x^*) \geq \epsilon_i g_i(x^*)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $x^*$  is an  $\epsilon^*$ -efficient solution to  $(P\bar{\lambda})$ .
- (ii) There exists  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_p) \in \mathfrak{R}_+^p \setminus \{0\}$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^p c_i [f_i(x) - \left(\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i\right) g_i(x)] \geq 0 = \sum_{i=1}^p c_i [f_i(x^*) - \left(\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i\right) g_i(x^*)] - \sum_{i=1}^p c_i \epsilon_i g_i(x^*),$$

for any  $x \in Q$ .

#### 4. Auxiliary results on Parametric sufficiency conditions

This section deals with some auxiliary parametric sufficient  $\epsilon$ -efficiency conditions for problem (P) under the generalized frameworks for generalized invexity. We start with real-valued functions  $E_i(\cdot, x^*, u^*)$  and  $B_j(\cdot, v)$  defined by

$$E_i(x, x^*, u^*) = u_i [f_i(x) - \left(\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i\right) g_i(x)], \quad i \in \{1, \dots, p\},$$

and

$$B_j(\cdot, v) = v_j H_j(x), \quad j = 1, \dots, m.$$

Verma (see (Verma, 2013)) recently established the following result based on parametric sufficient weak  $\epsilon$ -efficiency conditions for problem (P) under the generalized  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$  frameworks for generalized invexities. These results are significant to developing our main results on hand.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $x^* \in Q$ . Let  $f_i, g_i$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  with  $f_i(x^*) \geq \epsilon_i g_i(x^*)$ ,  $g_i(x^*) > 0$  and  $H_j$  for  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  be differentiable at  $x^* \in Q$ , and let there exist  $u^* \in U = \{u \in \mathfrak{R}^p : u > 0, \sum_{i=1}^p u_i = 1\}$  and  $v^* \in \mathfrak{R}_+^m$  such that*

$$\langle \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla g_i(x^*)] + \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \nabla H_j(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle \geq 0, \quad (4.1)$$

and

$$v_j^* H_j(x^*) = 0, \quad j \in \{1, \dots, m\}. \quad (4.2)$$

Suppose, in addition, that any one of the following assumptions holds (for  $\rho(x, x^*) \geq 0$ ) :

- (i)  $E_i(\cdot; x^*, u^*) \forall i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  are  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invex at  $x^*$ , and  $B_j(\cdot, v^*) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  are  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invex at  $x^*$ .
- (ii)  $E_i(\cdot; x^*, u^*) \forall i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  are prestrictly  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invex at  $x^*$ , and  $B_j(\cdot, v^*) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  are strictly  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invex at  $x^*$ .
- (iii)  $E_i(\cdot; x^*, u^*) \forall i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  are prestrictly  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invex at  $x^*$ , and  $B_j(\cdot, v^*) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  are strictly  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invex at  $x^*$ .
- (iv) For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ ,  $f_i$  is  $(\rho_1, \eta, \theta)$ -invex and  $-g_i$  is  $(\rho_2, \eta, \theta)$ -invex at  $x^*$ .  $H_j(\cdot, v^*) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  is  $(\rho_3, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invex at  $x^*$ , and  $\sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \rho_3 + \rho^* \geq 0$  for  $\rho^* = \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* (\rho_1 + \phi(x^*) \rho_2)$  and for  $\phi(x^*) = \frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i$ .

Then  $x^*$  is a weakly  $\epsilon$ -efficient solution to (P).

Next, we recall the following result (see (Verma & Zalmai, 2012)) that is crucial to developing the results for the next section based on second Order  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -invexities.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $x^* \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $\lambda^* = \max_{1 \leq i \leq p} f_i(x^*)/g_i(x^*)$ , for each  $i \in p$ , let  $f_i$  and  $g_i$  be twice continuously differentiable at  $x^*$ , for each  $j \in \underline{q}$ , let the function  $z \rightarrow G_j(z, t)$  be twice continuously differentiable at  $x^*$  for all  $t \in T_j$ , and for each  $k \in \underline{r}$ , let the function  $z \rightarrow H_k(z, s)$  be twice continuously differentiable at  $x^*$  for all  $s \in S_k$ . If  $x^*$  is an optimal solution of (P), if the second order generalized Abadie constraint qualification holds at  $x^*$ , and if for any critical direction  $y$ , the set cone*

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(\nabla G_j(x^*, t), \langle y, \nabla^2 G_j(x^*, t)y \rangle) : t \in \hat{T}_j(x^*), j \in \underline{q}\} \\ + & \text{span}\{(\nabla H_k(x^*, s), \langle y, \nabla^2 H_k(x^*, s)y \rangle) : s \in S_k, k \in \underline{r}\}, \\ & \text{where } \hat{T}_j(x^*) \equiv \{t \in T_j : G_j(x^*, t) = 0\}, \end{aligned}$$

is closed, then there exist  $u^* \in U \equiv \{u \in \mathbb{R}^p : u \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^p u_i = 1\}$  and integers  $\nu_0^*$  and  $\nu^*$ , with  $0 \leq \nu_0^* \leq \nu^* \leq n + 1$ , such that there exist  $\nu_0^*$  indices  $j_m$ , with  $1 \leq j_m \leq q$ , together with  $\nu_0^*$  points  $t^m \in \hat{T}_{j_m}(x^*)$ ,  $m \in \underline{\nu_0^*}$ ,  $\nu^* - \nu_0^*$  indices  $k_m$ , with  $1 \leq k_m \leq r$ , together with  $\nu^* - \nu_0^*$  points  $s^m \in S_{k_m}$  for  $m \in \underline{\nu^*} \setminus \underline{\nu_0^*}$ , and  $\nu^*$  real numbers  $\nu_m^*$ , with  $\nu_m^* > 0$  for  $m \in \underline{\nu_0^*}$ , with the property that

$$\sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla f_i(x^*) - \lambda^* (\nabla g_i(x^*))] + \sum_{m=1}^{\nu_0^*} \nu_m^* [\nabla G_{j_m}(x^*, t^m)] + \sum_{m=\nu_0^*+1}^{\nu^*} \nu_m^* \nabla H_k(x^*, s^m) = 0, \quad (4.3)$$

$$\langle y, \left[ \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla^2 f_i(x^*) - \lambda^* \nabla^2 g_i(x^*)] + \sum_{m=1}^{\nu_0^*} \nu_m^* \nabla^2 G_{j_m}(x^*, t^m) + \sum_{m=\nu_0^*+1}^{\nu^*} \nu_m^* \nabla^2 H_k(x^*, s^m) \right] y \rangle \geq 0, \quad (4.4)$$

where  $\hat{T}_{j_m}(x^*) = \{t \in T_{j_m} : G_{j_m}(x^*, t) = 0\}$ ,  $U = \{u \in \mathbb{R}^p : u \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^p u_i = 1\}$ , and  $\underline{\nu^*} \setminus \underline{\nu_0^*}$  is the complement of the set  $\underline{\nu_0^*}$  relative to the set  $\underline{\nu^*}$ .

### 5. Second Order $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -invexities

This section deals with some parametric sufficient  $\epsilon$ - efficiency conditions for problem (P) under the generalized frameworks of  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -invexities for generalized invex functions. We start with real-valued functions  $E_i(\cdot, x^*, u^*)$  and  $B_j(\cdot, \nu)$  defined by

$$E_i(x, x^*, u^*) = u_i [f_i(x) - \left( \frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i \right) g_i(x)], \quad i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$$

and

$$B_j(\cdot, \nu) = \nu_j H_j(x), \quad j = 1, \dots, m.$$

**Theorem 5.1.** Let  $x^* \in Q$ . Let  $f_i, g_i$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  with  $f_i(x^*) \geq \epsilon_i g_i(x^*)$ ,  $g_i(x^*) > 0$  and  $H_j$  for  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  be twice continuously differentiable at  $x^* \in Q$ , and let there exist  $u^* \in U = \{u \in \mathbb{R}^p : u > 0, \sum_{i=1}^p u_i = 1\}$ ,  $\nu^* \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$  and  $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla f_i(x^*) - \left( \frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i \right) \nabla g_i(x^*)] + \sum_{j=1}^m \nu_j^* \nabla H_j(x^*) = 0, \quad (5.1)$$

$$\langle z, \left[ \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla^2 f_i(x^*) - \left( \frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i \right) \nabla^2 g_i(x^*)] + \sum_{j=1}^m \nu_j^* \nabla^2 H_j(x^*) \right] z \rangle \geq 0, \quad (5.2)$$

and

$$\nu_j^* H_j(x^*) = 0, \quad j \in \{1, \dots, m\}. \quad (5.3)$$

Suppose, in addition, that any one of the following assumptions holds (for  $\rho(x, x^*) \geq 0$ ):

- (i)  $E_i(\cdot, x^*, u^*) \forall i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  are  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invex at  $x^*$ , and  $B_j(\cdot, \nu^*) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  are  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invex at  $x^*$  for  $\Phi(a) \geq 0 \Rightarrow a \geq 0$  and  $b \leq 0 \Rightarrow \Psi(b) \leq 0$ .

- (ii)  $E_i(\cdot; x^*, u^*) \forall i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  are prestrictly  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invex at  $x^*$ , and  $B_j(\cdot, v^*) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  are strictly  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invex at  $x^*$  for  $\Phi(a) \geq 0 \Rightarrow a \geq 0$  and  $b \leq 0 \Rightarrow \Psi(b) \leq 0$ .
- (iii)  $E_i(\cdot; x^*, u^*) \forall i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  are strictly  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invex at  $x^*$ , and  $B_j(\cdot, v^*) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  are strictly  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invex at  $x^*$  for  $\Phi(a) \geq 0 \Rightarrow a \geq 0$  and  $b \leq 0 \Rightarrow \Psi(b) \leq 0$ .
- (iv) For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ ,  $f_i$  is  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho_1, \eta)$ -invex and  $-g_i$  is  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho_2, \eta)$ -invex at  $x^*$ .  $H_j(\cdot, v^*) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  is  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho_3, \eta)$ -quasi-invex at  $x^*$ ,  $\Phi(a) \geq 0 \Rightarrow a \geq 0$  and  $b \leq 0 \Rightarrow \Psi(b) \leq 0$ , and  $\sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \rho_3 + \rho^* \geq 0$  for  $\rho^* = \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* (\rho_1 + \phi(x^*) \rho_2)$  and for  $\phi(x^*) = \frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i$ .

Then  $x^*$  is an  $\epsilon$ -efficient solution to (P).

*Proof.* If (i) holds, and if  $x \in Q$ , then it follows from (5.1) and (5.2) that

$$\langle \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla g_i(x^*)], \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \langle \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \nabla H_j(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle = 0 \forall x \in Q, \quad (5.4)$$

$$\langle z, [\sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla^2 f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla^2 g_i(x^*)] + \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \nabla^2 H_j(x^*)] z \rangle \geq 0. \quad (5.5)$$

Since  $v^* \geq 0$ ,  $x \in Q$  and (5.3) holds, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* H_j(x) \leq 0 = \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* H_j(x^*),$$

and in light of the  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invexity of  $B_j(\cdot, v^*)$  at  $x^*$ , and assumptions on  $\Psi$ , we find

$$\Psi(\sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* H_j(x) - \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* H_j(x^*)) \leq 0,$$

which results in

$$\langle \nabla H_j(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 H_j(x^*) z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 \leq 0. \quad (5.6)$$

It follows from (5.3), (5.4), (5.5) and (5.6) that

$$\langle \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla g_i(x^*)], \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla^2 f_i(x^*) z - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla^2 g_i(x^*) z] \rangle \geq \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2. \quad (5.7)$$

As a result, since  $\rho(x, x^*) \geq 0$ , applying the  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ - pseudo-invexity at  $x^*$  to (5.7) and assumptions on  $\Phi$ , we have

$$\Phi(\sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) g_i(x)] - \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) g_i(x^*)]) \geq 0,$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i)g_i(x)] \geq \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i)g_i(x^*)] \\ & \geq \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i)g_i(x^*)] - \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* \epsilon_i g_i(x^*) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i)g_i(x)] \geq 0. \tag{5.8}$$

Since  $u_i^* > 0$  for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ , we conclude that there does not exist an  $x \in Q$  such that

$$\frac{f_i(x)}{g_i(x)} - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \leq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, p,$$

and

$$\frac{f_j(x)}{g_j(x)} - (\frac{f_j(x^*)}{g_j(x^*)} - \epsilon_j) < 0, \text{ some } j \in \{1, \dots, p\}.$$

Hence,  $x^*$  is an  $\epsilon$ -efficient solution to (P).

Next, if (ii) holds, and if  $x \in Q$ , then it follows from (5.1) and (5.2) that

$$\langle \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla g_i(x^*)], \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \langle \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \nabla H_j(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle = 0 \quad \forall x \in Q, \tag{5.9}$$

$$\langle z, [\sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla^2 f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla^2 g_i(x^*)] + \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \nabla^2 H_j(x^*)] z \rangle \geq 0. \tag{5.10}$$

Since  $v^* \geq 0$ ,  $x \in Q$  and (5.3) holds, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* H_j(x) \leq 0 = \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* H_j(x^*),$$

and in light of the strict  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invexity of  $B_j(\cdot, v^*)$  at  $x^*$ , and assumptions on  $\Psi$ , we find

$$\Psi(\sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* H_j(x) - \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* H_j(x^*)) \leq 0,$$

which results in

$$\langle \nabla H_j(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 H_j(x^*) z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 < 0. \tag{5.11}$$

It follows from (5.3), (5.9), (5.10) and (5.11) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla g_i(x^*)], \eta(x, x^*) \rangle \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla^2 f_i(x^*) z - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla^2 g_i(x^*) z] \rangle \\ & > \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{5.12}$$

As a result, since  $\rho(x, x^*) \geq 0$ , applying the prestrict  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invexity at  $x^*$  to (5.12) and assumptions on  $\Phi$ , we have

$$\Phi\left(\sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) g_i(x)] - \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) g_i(x^*)]\right) \geq 0,$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) g_i(x)] \geq \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) g_i(x^*)] \\ & \geq \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) g_i(x^*)] - \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* \epsilon_i g_i(x^*) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) g_i(x)] \geq 0. \tag{5.13}$$

Since  $u_i^* > 0$  for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ , we conclude that there does not exist an  $x \in Q$  such that

$$\frac{f_i(x)}{g_i(x)} - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \leq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, p,$$

and

$$\frac{f_j(x)}{g_j(x)} - (\frac{f_j(x^*)}{g_j(x^*)} - \epsilon_j) < 0, \text{ some } j \in \{1, \dots, p\}.$$

Hence,  $x^*$  is an  $\epsilon$ -efficient solution to (P).

The proofs applying (iii) is similar to that of (ii), so we just need to include the proof using (iv) as follows: since  $x \in Q$ , it follows that  $H_j(x) \leq H_j(x^*)$ , which implies  $\Psi(H_j(x) - H_j(x^*)) \leq 0$ .

Then applying the  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho_3, \eta)$ -quasi-invexity of  $H_j$  at  $x^*$  and  $v^* \in R_+^m$ , we have

$$\langle \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \nabla H_j(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \nabla^2 H_j(x^*) z \rangle \leq -\sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \rho_3 \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2.$$

Since  $u^* \geq 0$  and  $f_i(x^*) \geq \epsilon_i g_i(x^*)$ , it follows from  $(\Phi, \Psi, \rho_3, \eta)$ -invexity assumptions that



$$\begin{aligned}
& \Phi\left(\sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x) - \left(\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i\right)g_i(x)]\right) \\
&= \Phi\left(\sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* \left\{ [f_i(x) - f_i(x^*)] - \left(\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i\right)[g_i(x) - g_i(x^*)] + \epsilon_i g_i(x^*) \right\}\right) \\
&\geq \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* \left\{ \langle \nabla f_i(x^*) - \left(\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i\right) \nabla g_i(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle \right\} \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla^2 f_i(x^*)z - \left(\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i\right) \nabla^2 g_i(x^*)z] \rangle \\
&+ \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\rho_1 + \phi(x^*)\rho_2] \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* \epsilon_i g_i(x^*) \\
&\geq -\left[ \langle \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \nabla H_j(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \nabla^2 H_j(x^*)z \rangle \right] \\
&+ \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\rho_1 + \phi(x^*)\rho_2] \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* \epsilon_i g_i(x^*) \\
&\geq (\sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \rho_3 + \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\rho_1 + \phi(x^*)\rho_2]) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* \epsilon_i g_i(x^*) \\
&= (\sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \rho_3 + \rho^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* \epsilon_i g_i(x^*) \\
&\geq (\sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \rho_3 + \rho^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\phi(x^*) = \frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i$  and  $\rho^* = \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* (\rho_1 + \phi(x^*)\rho_2)$ . □

We note that Theorem 5.1 can be specialized to the context of second order  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ - invexities as follows:

**Theorem 5.2.** Let  $x^* \in Q$ . Let  $f_i, g_i$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  with  $f_i(x^*) \geq \epsilon_i g_i(x^*)$ ,  $g_i(x^*) > 0$  and  $H_j$  for  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  be twice continuously differentiable at  $x^* \in Q$ , and let there exist  $u^* \in U = \{u \in \mathfrak{R}^p : u > 0, \sum_{i=1}^p u_i = 1\}$  and  $v^* \in \mathfrak{R}_+^m$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla f_i(x^*) - \left(\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i\right) \nabla g_i(x^*)] + \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \nabla H_j(x^*) = 0 \quad (5.14)$$

$$\left\langle z, \left[ \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla^2 f_i(x^*) - \left(\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i\right) \nabla^2 g_i(x^*)] + \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \nabla^2 H_j(x^*) \right] z \right\rangle \geq 0, \quad (5.15)$$

and

$$v_j^* H_j(x^*) = 0, \quad j \in \{1, \dots, m\}. \quad (5.16)$$

Suppose, in addition, that any one of the following assumptions holds (for  $\rho(x, x^*) \geq 0$ ):

- (i)  $E_i(\cdot; x^*, u^*) \forall i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  are  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invex at  $x^*$ , and  $B_j(\cdot, v^*) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  are  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invex at  $x^*$ .
- (ii)  $E_i(\cdot; x^*, u^*) \forall i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  are prestrictly  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invex at  $x^*$ , and  $B_j(\cdot, v^*) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  are strictly  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invex at  $x^*$ .
- (iii)  $E_i(\cdot; x^*, u^*) \forall i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  are strictly  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invex at  $x^*$ , and  $B_j(\cdot, v^*) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  are strictly  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invex at  $x^*$ .
- (iv) For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ ,  $f_i$  is  $(\rho_1, \eta, \theta)$ -invex and  $-g_i$  is  $(\rho_2, \eta, \theta)$ -invex at  $x^*$ .  $H_j(\cdot, v^*) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  is  $(\rho_3, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invex at  $x^*$ , and  $\sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \rho_3 + \rho^* \geq 0$  for  $\rho^* = \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* (\rho_1 + \phi(x^*) \rho_2)$  and for  $\phi(x^*) = \frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i$ .

Then  $x^*$  is an  $\epsilon$ -efficient solution to (P).

*Proof.* If (i) holds, and if  $x \in Q$ , then it follows from (5.1) and (5.2) that

$$\langle \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla g_i(x^*)], \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \langle \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \nabla H_j(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle = 0 \forall x \in Q, \tag{5.17}$$

$$\left\langle z, \left[ \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla^2 f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla^2 g_i(x^*)] + \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \nabla^2 H_j(x^*) \right] z \right\rangle \geq 0. \tag{5.18}$$

Since  $v^* \geq 0$ ,  $x \in Q$  and (5.3) holds, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* H_j(x) \leq 0 = \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* H_j(x^*),$$

and in light of the  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invexity of  $B_j(\cdot, v^*)$  at  $x^*$ , we have

$$\langle \nabla H_j(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 H_j(x^*) z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 \leq 0. \tag{5.19}$$

It follows from (5.19) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla g_i(x^*)], \eta(x, x^*) \rangle \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left\langle z, \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla^2 f_i(x^*) z - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla^2 g_i(x^*) z] \right\rangle \\ & \geq \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{5.20}$$

As a result, since  $\rho(x, x^*) \geq 0$ , applying the  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ - pseudo-invexity at  $x^*$  to (5.20), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) g_i(x)] \geq \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) g_i(x^*)] \\ & \geq \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) g_i(x^*)] - \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* \epsilon_i g_i(x^*) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i)g_i(x)] \geq 0. \tag{5.21}$$

Since  $u_i^* > 0$  for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ , we conclude that there does not exist an  $x \in Q$  such that

$$\frac{f_i(x)}{g_i(x)} - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \leq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, p,$$

and

$$\frac{f_j(x)}{g_j(x)} - (\frac{f_j(x^*)}{g_j(x^*)} - \epsilon_j) < 0, \text{ some } j \in \{1, \dots, p\}.$$

Hence,  $x^*$  is an  $\epsilon$ -efficient solution to (P).

Next, if (ii) holds, and if  $x \in Q$ , then it follows from (5.1) and (5.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla g_i(x^*)], \eta(x, x^*) \rangle \\ & + \langle \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \nabla H_j(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle = 0 \quad \forall x \in Q, \end{aligned} \tag{5.22}$$

$$\left\langle z, \left[ \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla^2 f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla^2 g_i(x^*)] + \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* \nabla^2 H_j(x^*) \right] z \right\rangle \geq 0. \tag{5.23}$$

Since  $v^* \geq 0$ ,  $x \in Q$  and (5.3) holds, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* H_j(x) \leq 0 = \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^* H_j(x^*),$$

and in light of the strict  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -quasi-invexity of  $B_j(\cdot, v^*)$  at  $x^*$ , we find

$$\langle \nabla H_j(x^*), \eta(x, x^*) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle z, \nabla^2 H_j(x^*) z \rangle + \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2 < 0. \tag{5.24}$$

It follows from (5.23) and (5.24) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla g_i(x^*)], \eta(x, x^*) \rangle \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left\langle z, \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [\nabla^2 f_i(x^*) z - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \nabla^2 g_i(x^*) z] \right\rangle > \rho(x, x^*) \|\theta(x, x^*)\|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{5.25}$$

As a result, since  $\rho(x, x^*) \geq 0$ , applying the prestrict  $(\rho, \eta, \theta)$ -pseudo-invexity at  $x^*$  to (5.25), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i)g_i(x)] \geq \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i)g_i(x^*)] \\ & \geq \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x^*) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i)g_i(x^*)] - \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* \epsilon_i g_i(x^*) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^p u_i^* [f_i(x) - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i)g_i(x)] \geq 0. \quad (5.26)$$

Since  $u_i^* > 0$  for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ , we conclude that there does not exist an  $x \in Q$  such that

$$\frac{f_i(x)}{g_i(x)} - (\frac{f_i(x^*)}{g_i(x^*)} - \epsilon_i) \leq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, p,$$

and

$$\frac{f_j(x)}{g_j(x)} - (\frac{f_j(x^*)}{g_j(x^*)} - \epsilon_j) < 0, \text{ some } j \in \{1, \dots, p\}.$$

Hence,  $x^*$  is an  $\epsilon$ -efficient solution to (P). □

## 6. Concluding Remarks

We observe that the obtained results in this communication can be generalized to the case of multiobjective fractional subset programming with generalized invex functions, for instance based on the work of Mishra et al. (see (Mishra et al., 2010)) and Verma (see (Verma, 2013))) to the case of the  $\epsilon$ -efficiency and weak  $\epsilon$ -efficiency conditions to the context of minimax fractional programming problems involving n-set functions.

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## Refined Estimates for the Equivalence Between Ditzian-Totik Moduli of Smoothness and $K$ -Functionals

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### Abstract

The aim of this note is to study the magnitude of the constants in the equivalence between the first and second order Ditzian-Totik moduli of smoothness and related  $K$ -functionals. Applications to some classic approximation operators are given.

**Keywords:** Ditzian-Totik moduli of smoothness,  $K$ -functional, smooth functions, constants in the equivalence.  
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### 1. Introduction and main results

Ditzian-Totik moduli of smoothness have become a standard tool in approximation theory. This is true in particular for second order moduli which play a crucial role in approximation by positive linear operators. For their properties and many applications see (Z. Ditzian, 1987). For  $f \in C[0, 1]$  the second order Ditzian-Totik modulus is defined by

$$\omega_2^\varphi(f, h) = \sup\{|\Delta_{\rho\varphi(x)}^2 f(x)|, x \pm \rho\varphi(x) \in [0, 1], 0 < \rho \leq h.\} \quad (1.1)$$

Here  $\varphi(x) = \sqrt{x(1-x)}$ , and  $\Delta_\eta^2 f(y) = f(y-\eta) - 2f(y) + f(y+\eta)$  if  $\eta > 0$  and  $y \pm \eta \in [0, 1]$  and as 0 otherwise. In the sequel we will use the following notation:

$$AC_{loc}[0, 1] := \{h : h \text{ is absolutely continuous in } [a, b] \text{ for every } 0 < a < b < 1\};$$

$$W_{2,\infty}^\varphi[0, 1] := \{g : g' \in AC_{loc}[0, 1] \text{ and } \|\varphi^2 g''\|_\infty < \infty\}.$$

The related  $K$ -functional  $K_2^\varphi(f, h^2)$  is given by

$$K_2^\varphi(f, h^2) := \inf_g \{\|f - g\|_\infty + h^2 \|\varphi^2 g''\|_\infty\}. \quad (1.2)$$

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Here the infimum is taken over all  $f \in W_{2,\infty}^\varphi[0, 1]$ . The definitions of the second order Ditzian-Totik modulus of smoothness and related  $K$ -functional can be generalized in a natural way for all  $r \geq 1$ . The equivalence between these two constructive characteristics is well-known (see Theorem 6.2 in (DeVore & Lorentz, 1993)). We cite it here as

**Theorem A** *There are constants  $c_1, c_2 > 0$ , which depend only on  $r$ , such that for all  $f \in C[0, 1]$*

$$c_1 \omega_r^\varphi(f, h) \leq K_r^\varphi(f, h^r) \leq c_2 \omega_r^\varphi(f, h), \quad 0 < h \leq (2r)^{-1}. \quad (1.3)$$

In many problems in approximation theory it is a difficult task to prove direct or inverse estimates directly in terms of the Ditzian-Totik moduli of smoothness. Instead of this, the  $K$ -functionals have become a powerful tool to establish such statements. However, the main disadvantage of the latter, is the fact, that practically it is impossible to calculate the value of the  $K$ -functional for a given function  $f$ . Therefore, the usual way is first to prove direct or inverse estimates in terms of the  $K$ -functional, and after this using Theorem A to reformulate the results in terms of the moduli of smoothness. This explains how important is to have a good information about the magnitude of the constants  $c_1, c_2$ . To the best of our knowledge the problem to find the best possible values of  $c_2$  and  $c_1$  (in the sense  $c_2$ -minimal and  $c_1$ -maximal in (1.3)) is still not solved. Hardly anything appears to be known about the explicit description of the size of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  for  $r = 1, 2$  and about their asymptotic dependence on  $r$  for  $r > 2$ . The first attempt in this direction is Theorem 3.5 in (Gonska & Tachev, 2003) which we cite here as

**Theorem B** *For  $m \geq 2$ ,  $h \in \left[ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{md(m)}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{(m-1)d(m-1)} \right]$  the following inequalities hold for any  $f \in C[0, 1]$ :*

$$\frac{1}{16} \omega_2^\varphi(f, h) \leq K_2^\varphi(f, h^2) \leq c_2(m) \omega_2^\varphi(f, h),$$

where

$$c_2(m) := 1 + \left( \frac{m}{m-1} \right)^2 \frac{48}{d^2(m-1)},$$

and the sequence  $d(m)$  is defined as

$$d(m) = \frac{\sqrt{m^4 + m^2 + 1} - 1}{\sqrt{m^4 + m^2 + 1} + m^2}, \quad d(m) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}, \quad m \rightarrow \infty.$$

It is clear that  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} c_2(m) = 193$ . If we restrict our attention to values  $h \leq 1$ , as a corollary from Theorem B we get

$$\frac{1}{16} \omega_2^\varphi(f, h) \leq K_2^\varphi(f, h^2) \leq 404 \cdot \omega_2^\varphi(f, h). \quad (1.4)$$

The difficulties in the proof of Theorem B are connected with the construction of an appropriate auxiliary function  $g$  in the definition of  $K_2^\varphi$ . Actually we apply a "smoothing" technique to the linear interpolant on certain places near the points of interpolation to obtain an appropriate quadratic  $C^1$ -spline based upon the knot sequence. This method was developed in (Gonska & Kovacheva, 1994; Gonska & Tachev, 2003; H. Gonska, 2002) and further refined in (Gavrea, 2002). In this



note we essentially improve the value of the constant 404 in (1.4). Our main result states the following:

**Theorem 1** *The following inequalities hold for any  $f \in C[0, 1]$ ,  $h \in (0, 1]$ :*

$$\frac{1}{16} \omega_2^\varphi(f, h) \leq K_2^\varphi(f, h^2) \leq (5 + 2\sqrt{2}) \cdot \omega_2^\varphi(f, h). \quad (1.5)$$

In Section 2 we give the proof of Theorem 1. In Section 3 we apply Theorem 1 to obtain quantitative estimates in terms of second order Ditzian-Totik modulus of smoothness for approximation by genuine Bernstein-Durrmeyer operator, considered in (P. E. Parvanov, 1994) and also for pointwise estimates, established in (Felten, 1998). In the last section we consider the case  $r = 1$ , which is closely related to piecewise linear interpolation at specific knot sequence.

## 2. Proof of Theorem 1

To obtain as small as possible value of the constant  $c_2$  in (1.3) we need an appropriate auxiliary function  $g$  in the definition of the  $K$ -functional. We use the construction, developed by Gavrea in (Gavrea, 2002) and based on the ideas from (Gonska & Kovacheva, 1994; Gonska & Tachev, 2003). Let  $m$  be fixed natural number,  $m \geq 1$ . The partition  $\Delta_m$  of the interval  $[0, 1]$  is given by

$$\Delta_m : 0 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{2m+2} = 1,$$

where

$$x_k = \sin^2 \frac{k\pi}{4(m+1)}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, 2m+2. \quad (2.1)$$

We denote by  $S_m(f)$  a piecewise linear interpolant with interpolation knots—the points  $x_k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 2m+2$ . Each point  $(x_k, S_m(f, x_k))$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, 2m+1$  we associate with two other points  $(a_k, S_m(f, a_k))$ ,  $(b_k, S_m(f, b_k))$  such that

$$a_1 = \frac{x_1}{2}, \quad b_1 - x_1 = x_1 - a_1,$$

and

$$a_k = \frac{x_k + x_{k-1}}{2}, \quad b_k - x_k = x_k - a_k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, 2m+1.$$

The function  $g$  is defined as follows:

For  $x \in [0, a_1] \cup [b_{2m+1}, 1]$  we set  $g(x) = S_m(f, x)$ .

For  $x \in [a_k, b_k]$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, 2m+1$ ,  $g(x)$  is the 2nd degree Bernstein polynomial over the interval  $[a_k, b_k]$ , determined by the ordinates  $S_m(f, a_k)$ ,  $f(x_k)$ ,  $S_m(f, b_k)$ .

For  $x \in [b_k, a_{k+1}]$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, 2m$  we set  $g(x) = S_m(f, x)$ . Thus  $g(x)$  is uniquely determined by the interpolation conditions and is  $C^1$ -continuous. For this function the following two crucial estimates are proved in Theorem 6 in (Gavrea, 2002):

$$\|f - g\|_\infty \leq \omega_2^\varphi \left( f, \sin \frac{\pi}{2(m+1)} \right), \quad (2.2)$$

$$\|\varphi^2 g''\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{4(m+1)}} \cdot \omega_2^\varphi\left(f, \sin \frac{\pi}{2(m+1)}\right). \tag{2.3}$$

For any positive number  $h \in (0, 1]$  there exists a natural number  $m \geq 1$ , such that

$$h \in \left[ \sin \frac{\pi}{2(m+1)}, \sin \frac{\pi}{2m} \right].$$

Hence (2.2) and (2.3) imply

$$\|f - g\|_\infty \leq \omega_2^\varphi(f, h), \tag{2.4}$$

$$h^2 \|\varphi^2 g''\|_\infty \leq \frac{\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2m}}{\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{4(m+1)}} \cdot \omega_2^\varphi(f, h). \tag{2.5}$$

It is easy to verify that the sequence

$$c(m) := \frac{\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2m}}{\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{4(m+1)}}$$

is monotone decreasing, i.e.  $c(m) \leq c(1) = 4 + 2\sqrt{2}$ . Consequently the right-hand side of (1.5) is proved. Lastly we point out that the constant  $\frac{1}{16}$  in (1.5) could be derived from Theorem 6.1 in (DeVore & Lorentz, 1993). Thus the proof of Theorem 1 is completed.

### 3. Applications

**1. The genuine Bernstein-Durrmeyer operator.** As first application of Theorem 1 let us consider the so-called genuine Bernstein-Durrmeyer operator, introduced by Goodman and Sharma in (Goodman & Sharma, 1991) and given by

$$U_n(f, x) = f(0)p_{n,0}(x) + f(1)p_{n,n}(x) + (n-1) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} p_{n,k}(x) \int_0^1 p_{n-2,k-1}(t) f(t) dt,$$

where  $p_{n,k}(x) = \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k}$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, n$ , are the fundamental Bernstein polynomials. Parvanov and Popov proved in (P. E. Parvanov, 1994) in an elementary and very elegant manner a direct and a strong converse inequality of type A, thus completely characterizing the approximation speed of the operators. The main result in (P. E. Parvanov, 1994) states the following:

For any  $f \in C[0, 1]$  we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \|U_n f - f\|_\infty \leq K_2^\varphi\left(f, \frac{1}{2n}\right) \leq (4 + \sqrt{2}) \|U_n f - f\|_\infty. \tag{3.1}$$

As a corollary from Theorem 1 and (3.1) we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2(5 + 2\sqrt{2})} \|U_n f - f\|_\infty \leq \omega_2^\varphi\left(f, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}}\right) \leq 16(4 + \sqrt{2}) \|U_n f - f\|_\infty. \tag{3.2}$$

**2. The Bernstein operator** The classical Bernstein operator  $B_n(f, x)$  for a given function  $f \in C[0, 1]$  is defined by

$$B_n(f, x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) p_{n,k}(x).$$

Let  $\Phi : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$ ,  $\Phi \neq 0$  be a function such that  $\Phi^2$  is concave. Then the pointwise approximation

$$|B_n(f, x) - f(x)| \leq 2K_2^\varphi \left( f, n^{-1} \frac{\varphi^2(x)}{\Phi^2(x)} \right), \quad x \in [0, 1], \quad (3.3)$$

holds true for all  $f \in C[0, 1]$ ,  $n \in N$ . This result was proved by Felten in (Felten, 1998). As a straightforward corollary from Theorem 1 we get

$$|B_n(f, x) - f(x)| \leq 2(5 + 2\sqrt{2})\omega_2^\varphi \left( f, n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\varphi(x)}{\Phi(x)} \right), \quad x \in [0, 1]. \quad (3.4)$$

#### 4. The case $r = 1$

In this section we consider the interval  $[-1, 1]$  instead of  $[0, 1]$ . After a linear transformation it is clear that each estimate in one of these two cases can be obtained from the other. The weight function over  $[-1, 1]$  is now  $\varphi(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$ . Let  $\Delta_n : -1 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = 1$  be a partition of the interval  $[-1, 1]$  such that the inequalities

$$c_3(x_{k+1} - x_k) \leq \frac{\varphi(x)}{n} \leq c_4(x_{k+1} - x_k) \quad (4.1)$$

are satisfied for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n - 2$ ,  $x \in [x_k, x_{k+1}]$ , and also

$$c_3(x + 1) \leq \frac{\varphi(x)}{n} \leq c_4(x + 1), \quad x \in [x_0, x_1],$$

$$c_3(1 - x) \leq \frac{\varphi(x)}{n} \leq c_4(1 - x), \quad x \in [x_{n-1}, x_n],$$

where  $c_i$ ,  $i = 3, 4$  are absolute positive constants independent of  $n$ . The function  $g$  in the definition of  $K_1^\varphi$  we define as the linear interpolant of  $f \in C[-1, 1]$  with knots  $\{x_k\}$ . For  $x \in [x_k, x_{k+1}]$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n - 2$ , from the properties of linear interpolation it follows that

$$|g(x) - f(x)| \leq \omega_1(f, x_{k+1} - x_k) = \sup\{|f(x + \frac{h}{2}) - f(x - \frac{h}{2})|, x, x \pm \frac{h}{2} \in [x_k, x_{k+1}]\} \leq \omega_1^\varphi(f, \frac{1}{c_3 n}). \quad (4.2)$$

Let  $x \in [-1, x_1]$ . The case  $x \in [x_{n-1}, 1]$  is analogous. Obviously

$$|g(x) - f(x)| \leq \sup\left\{|f(x + \frac{h}{2}) - f(x - \frac{h}{2})|, x, x \pm \frac{h}{2} \in [-1, x_1]\right\}.$$

The inequality  $x - \frac{h}{2} \geq -1$  yields  $h \leq 2(x + 1) \leq \frac{2}{c_3} \frac{\varphi(x)}{n}$ , which follows from (4.1). To summarize we proved

$$\|f - g\|_\infty \leq \omega_1^\varphi(f, \frac{2}{c_3 n}). \quad (4.3)$$

Next we evaluate the second term in the definition of the  $K$ -functional.

For  $x \in [x_k, x_{k+1}]$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n - 2$ , it is easy to verify that

$$\frac{1}{n} |\varphi(x)g'(x)| = \frac{\varphi(x)}{n(x_{k+1} - x_k)} |f(x_k) - f(x_{k+1})|.$$

Using (4.1) and (4.2) we get

$$\frac{1}{n} \|\varphi g'\|_{L_\infty[x_1, x_{n-1}]} \leq c_4 \omega_1^\varphi\left(f, \frac{1}{c_3 n}\right).$$

It remains to consider  $x \in [-1, x_1]$ . In this case we observe that

$$\frac{\varphi(x)}{n} \leq c_4(x + 1).$$

Therefore for  $x \in [-1, x_1]$  we have

$$\frac{1}{n} |\varphi(x)g'(x)| \leq c_4 \omega_1^\varphi\left(f, \frac{2}{c_3 n}\right).$$

Finally we arrive at

$$\frac{1}{n} \|\varphi g'\| \leq c_4 \omega_1^\varphi\left(f, \frac{2}{c_3 n}\right). \tag{4.4}$$

For every  $0 < t < 1$  there exists  $n \geq 2$  such that

$$\frac{2}{c_3 n} < t < \frac{2}{c_3(n - 1)}.$$

Combining (4.3) and (4.4) we get

$$K_1^\varphi(f, t) \leq \left[1 + \frac{2c_4}{c_3} \left(\frac{n}{n - 1}\right)\right] \omega_1^\varphi(f, t). \tag{4.5}$$

It is clear that the condition number  $\frac{c_4}{c_3}$  of our system of knots determines the value of the constant in front of the modulus. By the previous considerations we have shown the validity of

**Theorem 2.** For  $f \in C[-1, 1]$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $t \leq \frac{1}{2}$  we have

$$\frac{1}{8} \omega_1^\varphi(f, t) \leq K_1^\varphi(f, t) \leq c_2(n) \omega_1^\varphi(f, t), \tag{4.6}$$

where

$$c_2(n) = \left[1 + \frac{2c_4}{c_3} \left(\frac{n}{n - 1}\right)\right].$$

**Remark 1.** The constant  $\frac{1}{8}$  in the left side of (4.6) follows easily if we verify the computations made in Theorem 6.1 in Chapter 6 in (DeVore & Lorentz, 1993).

**Remark 2.** If we strictly follow the construction in the proof of Theorem 2, it is possible to improve the value of  $c_2(n)$ , i.e. to obtain the value of the latter as small as possible. In order to do this, we would find an optimal set of knots, satisfying (4.1) with a condition number as small as possible. In this case we formulate the following

**Open problem.** Find the optimal set  $\{x_k\}$  satisfying (4.1) in the sense that the condition number  $\frac{c_4}{c_3}$  is minimal.

Here we give two examples of knots.

*Example A.* In this example we choose  $\{x_k\}$  to be the well-known zeros of the Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind

$$x_k = \cos \theta_k, \theta_k := \frac{(2k-1)\pi}{2n}, k = 1, \dots, n, x_{n+1} := -1, x_0 := 1.$$

Following (7.7-7.8) in Chapter 8 in [1] we get  $c_3 = \frac{1}{3\pi}$ ,  $c_4 = 3\pi$ . The condition number is  $9\pi^2$ .

*Example B.* Here we choose the extremal points of the Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind

$$x_k = \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{n}\right), k = 0, \dots, n.$$

This is the same set of interpolation knots, considered in Section 2 for the interval  $[0, 1]$ . In this case we compute  $c_3 = \frac{1}{2\pi}$ ,  $c_4 = 2\pi$ . The condition number is  $4\pi^2$ -better as in Example A.

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# Guidelines for Improvement Information Processes in Commerce by Implementing the Link Between a Web Application and Cash Registers

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## Abstract

The main task of the article is clarifying the content of different types of costs (which are associated with providing information about business processes) and on this basis an identification of opportunities for their reduction may be found. In this regard, this paper examines business processes in retail in rendering account of sales. A special place in the article is devoted to the analysis of existing models of information technology systems in commercial enterprises. The important question for the adaptation of web applications in commercial enterprises has been developed. Factors contributing adaptation of Web applications in business practices are taken in account. Factors hindering their adaptation (such as the relationship of a web application with cash registers a problem that is not widely discussed) are also reviewed. A discussion of various options for improving both the technological model of the information system in enterprises and specific guidelines for the quantification of the proposed approaches to reduce costs is made.

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## 1. Introduction

Reducing the cost of providing information for business processes can be made after a thorough analysis of the performed information processing. The study of information processes is performed in order to reduce the cost of hardware and software. An especially acute problem is the problem for measuring the cost of hardware and software (for purchase, maintenance and power supply). Under current conditions, operating costs of buying and maintaining hardware and software are distinct from an accounting point of view, but they are not subject of extensive study by a managerial perspective. This feature prevents their full, thorough and objective study to find

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specific ways for their reduction.

Rationalization of IT processes as an indirect effect gives rise to conditions for reducing managerial costs. Even though the cost of computer hardware and software declines steadily, companies do not report cost reductions. The article gives specific suggestions for reducing the cost of buying and maintaining hardware and software systems in commercial enterprises. Despite the fact that the costs of buying and maintaining hardware and software systems in commercial enterprises have relatively small share of total expenditures, these costs are subject to monitoring by managers. The article discusses concrete opportunities to reduce these costs in implementing the managerial processes. Several approaches for cost reduction are discussed. Options for rationalization of communication processes are considered.

At this stage, information systems used for sales in stores (known as POS systems) are generally associated with a cash register or a fiscal printer. The Bulgarian market offers a wide variety of both: (1) cash registers and fiscal printers and (2) software to track sales. It should be noted that some software products to track sales technologically implement the connection with a cash register. In the rest of software products for tracking sold goods the sales registering process is done twice at a computer and at a cash register. It is obvious that connecting an electronic cash register (ECR) with fiscal memory (or a fiscal printer) to a computer is not an easy task. There are examples of software companies where programmers applying for jobs are not approved because they do not know how to connect software to record sales with an ECR or a fiscal printer.

The *purpose* of this article is to improve the existing technology model of an information system for recording sales in retail outlets in order to reduce the cost of hardware and software. To achieve the objective we have to solve the following *tasks*: (1) to examine the current technological models, (2) to make a proposal for improvement, (3) to demonstrate the need to connect a web application with cash registers (4) to explore existing ICT and (5) to develop a specific program to connect a web application with cash registers. The *subject* of this study is information technology for development of web applications. The *objects* of this study are communication technologies (both low and high level) for communication between software (both desktop application and web application) and cash registers.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 expresses an analysis of existing technologies for providing information for retail business. Two existing technology models of information systems in retail are described. Section 3 presents several guidelines for improving the model of information support of commercial processes. Subsection 3.1 contains a new (enhanced) model the second technology model is further developed. Thin clients are used instead of desktop computers. The adoption of the enhanced model and the link between a desktop application and cash registers are described in subsection 3.2. Software aspects for the implementation the link between a web application and fiscal printers are illustrates in subsection 3.3. The conclusions are outlined in Section 4.

## 2. Analysis of existing technologies for providing information for retail business

Commercial processes are widely known both at home and abroad. The need for rapid recording of sales leads to adaptation of sales software systems. In the course of time many experts have studied the business processes. They have offered a variety of improvements. The use of barcodes for automatic identification of goods and materials is a nice example. Sales are registered in a database. Nowadays analogues of barcodes and databases are not found.

In the early 90-ies of XX century, some software companies connect their automated information system (AIS) with a cash register. The technological achievement is significant and it is appreciated by retailers. For software developers (Application Software Providers ASP) the implementation of such a system leads to realization a significant revenue for a short period of time (having in mind that the software market does not offer similar products). Normally other software vendors also try to enter the market as an attempt to connect their AIS with a fiscal printer (FP). The available technical documentation offered 20 years ago by producers of fiscal printers (and ECRs) in Bulgaria is clear that a FP is connected to COM port via RS-232. Most modern laptops do not have a COM port.

Unfortunately manufacturers of FPs for a long period of time do not offer the communication protocol extremely necessary to developers of application software to connect their AIS with FPs. Users of specialized software fall into a situation where they have to enter one and the same data in two places in their AIS and on their ECR. Such duplicate data entry takes considerable time and it is a prerequisite for admission of technical errors. There are two possibilities to users of POS systems: (1) to ask the software vendor to enhance his software system so that it connects with a FP or (2) to change the POS system with another POS system offered by another software provider (ASP). Examples from both directions may be given.

There are two recognized process models of software systems for recording sales in retail outlets. It is typical for *the first technology model* of retail that sales are recorded in a cash register and in a local database. A cash receipt is printed. At the end of the day records from local databases are merged on the server database (Figure 1).

The mentioned approach guarantees quick registering of sales. *The first technology model of a software system for recording sales* in cash desks zone is adopted in many enterprises in Bulgaria. We have to highlight that each POS terminal consists of a computer with an installed operating system, a database management system (DMBS), a local database (for registering sales at each cash desk) and a software module which transfers sales transactions from local databases to the server database offline. The first technology model is characterized with high performance and reliability of the software system for registering sales transactions. The high speed of the software is due to the fact the software system is undependable from the local area network (LAN). A significant drawback is the operability of the transmission of data and up to date information on the server. Because data is transferred offline (not online), operational managers do not have updated information about sales. If a manager wants to obtain information online, he cannot obtain it. Such organization of work is suitable for small and medium-sized shops.

To overcome the shortcomings of the first technology model a number of companies apply a different technological model for recording sales that we would conditionally call *second technology model* (Figure 2).



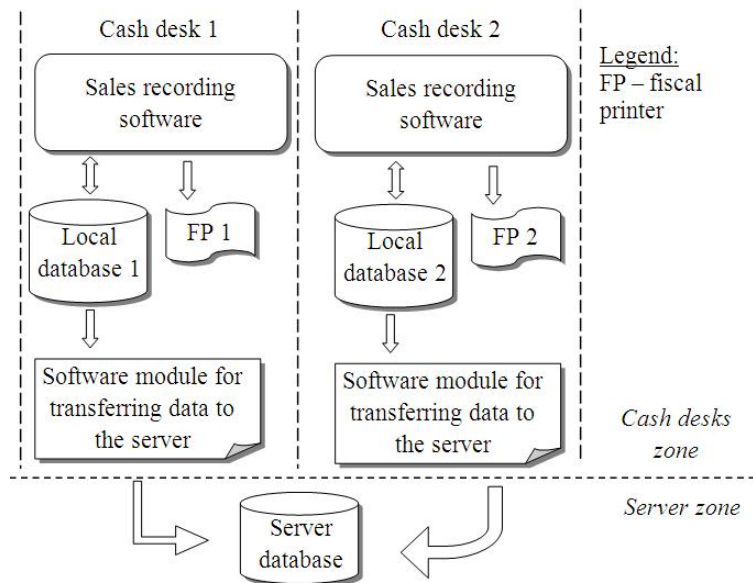


Figure 1. First technology model of a software system for recording sales in cash desks zone.

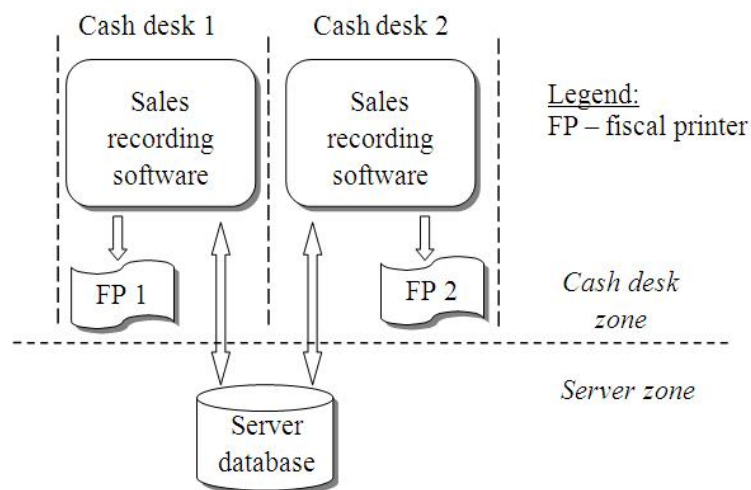


Figure 2. Second technology model of a software system for recording sales in cash desks zone.

In the second approach, data is maintained in a centralized database, which improves the operability of data. In this case, the manager receives updated information about sales. A significant advantage of the second approach is the absence of the need for: (1) the use of a local database and (2) transfer of sales transactions made at the end of the day to the server database.

It should be noted that the second technology model uses a server database. There is no need to install client side DBMS on local workstations. At each cash desk there is a computer with an installed operating system and application software that communicates with the server database (it derives price and the name of a specific item by its barcode and it records sale transactions in

the database). The second technology model is a typical example of an online recording system of sales working in client-server mode.

For its reliability of great importance is the availability of secure network connection between the server (which stores the database) and separate workstations. The cost of implementing the second technology model (which is popular in business practice) requires fewer resources than the first one. Several saving of costs are achieved. As an example we mention costs for licenses of DBMS on individual client machines and the cost of software which periodically transfers the data from different workstations to the server. At the first glance, the second model has no disadvantages. That is why it is widely spread in practice. However, our research continues to seek improvements in the development of the second model. Later in the text we provide guidelines for improvement the model of information support of commercial processes.

### 3. Guidelines for improving the model of information support of commercial processes

#### 3.1. The use of thin clients

The current status of information systems used in retail outlets is an adequate implication of the second approach. Despite many years of experience of the application of information systems in retail, we can seek guidelines to improve existing technological models. Some possibilities for cost reduction can be found in the following areas: reducing the cost of application software, system software, hardware and power supply. Further, the text puts forward concrete proposals to enhance the second model, in which some costs for both hardware and software may be saved.

It makes an impression that a centralized database (located on the server) is maintain in both approaches. As noted, an analogue of the centralized database cannot be recommended. In terms of software, desktop applications are mostly used in Bulgaria. It is typical for them that they are installed on each workstation. This feature requires the use of a personal computer on every work place. In order to reduce the cost of electricity it is possible to use *thin clients*.

Using thin client does not allow the installation of desktop applications. To be able to use software system for recording sales on hardware devices such as thin clients, there should be a change in the application software to shift from desktop applications to Web app to record sales. In this case, the technological model for recording of sales is as follows (Figure 3).

*The recommended third technological model* for sales recording is used in some European retail shops, but it is not popular in Bulgaria. The use of an intranet software system for recording sales allows the work of web applications within a corporate local area network. The application software is installed only on a server. It is accessible to workstations through a web browser.

*The third technology model is done to reduce costs* in the following areas: (1) energy (one thin client spends significantly less electricity than a desktop computer), (2) cost of installation and maintenance of a license for application software on each workstation (application software (software product for recording sales) only be installed on server) and (3) the maintenance costs of hardware thin clients have significantly fewer parts than a desktop computer hence their tendency to damage is lower than a personal computer. Indirectly labor costs are reduced because fewer people are needed to maintain the hardware and software in the third model.

*In terms of costs, the application of the represented third technology model leads to cost savings for hardware, software and power supply.* Hardware savings are in the following areas. In

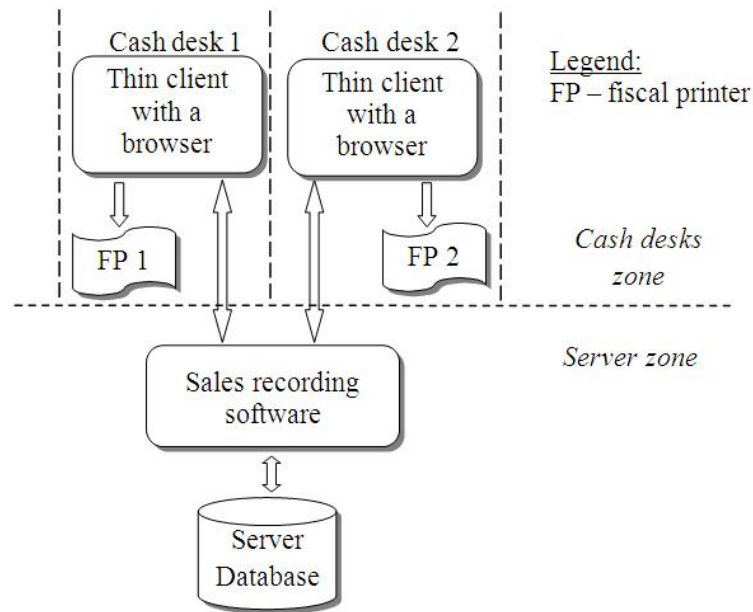


Figure 3. Third (enhanced) technology model of a software system for recording sales in cash desks zone.

the first and second model each workstation computer is configured with a hard disk, a central processing unit (CPU), RAM memory, a monitor, a keyboard and a mouse. The third approach suggests the installation of a thin client (which does not have a hard disk drive) and it is much more compact than a desktop computer. Furthermore, the thin client consumes significantly less power than a standard computer. In terms of software, the time for installation of application software is saved, because it is only installed on the server.

In all three approaches (three technological models) sales data are recorded in a database and a cash register receipt is printed. For the end user the technological model of the information system for recording of sales remains hidden, but the manager is interested in the costs and reliability of the software system.

### 3.2. Adoption of the enhanced model. The use of middle tier software for implementation the link between desktop applications and cash registers

Elaboration of the software, so that it is connected with a FP (fiscal printer) is not an easy task. When ASP do not provide specification of FPs, including protocol for communication and describing how to send commands to the FP, the form and content of the response, received from the FP, it is a difficult task to write sales software working with a FP. In this case, developers use a specialized software system that communicates with a FP. To monitor the communication between the PC and a FP specialized software may be used called sniffer to eavesdrop the communication between two devices.

When using a software system to record sales, it sends commands to the FP and the program sniffer captures packets from the computer to the FP and packets from the FP to the computer. Using software from the class of sniffers is considered as a hacking technique, but it can be used to

establish communication between the operating system and the FP, in case there is no documentation for FPs.

Observations in business practices indicate that some of the POS systems for recording sales in Bulgaria are connected to fiscal printers (FP). Some software systems are not connected with FPs. In 2012 the situation on the FP market changed. Many businesses need to use a new type of FPs directly connected to the NRA (National Revenue Agency) by GPRS (because the taken by the Government of Bulgaria legislative initiative aimed at displaying the light of the informal sector). This situation has led to an increase in sales of FPs, but also an increase in competition both on the FP market and the software market.

In response to increasing competition some companies, selling cash registers, have published on their website the communication protocol for communication between software for registering sales and a cash register (or fiscal printer). In this case, software developers can download the specification, inspect it and test the connection (communication) with FP on COM port. For testing of the software it is recommended to use a non-fiscal printer.

The new situation provides tremendous opportunities for software providers (ASP) to extend the functionality of their software. It should be noted that a number of other AIS are built to input data and then a cash receipt is issued (as an example we note the payment of interest and fees on credit institutions). A wide range of software vendors can extend the functionality offered by their software so that they connect with a FP. The initiative for further developing the software can be both from the software vendor and from the end customer (the user of the software product). To connect sales recording software with a FP, developers can implement two approaches.

*First*, communicating directly to a COM port by sending hexadecimal commands directly to the FP ([www.daisy.bg](http://www.daisy.bg), 2013a), ([www.datecs.bg](http://www.datecs.bg), 2013a), ([www.tremol.bg](http://www.tremol.bg), 2013a). The FP returns response: (1) with a successfully executed command or (2) an error code. In this case, the AIS should use a pointer to a COM port that is in standby mode to receive messages from the cash register. After sending the command from the AIS to the FP, the AIS should wait for 100 ms, to get an answer from the FP. In the *first approach* programmer sends "low" level commands from the AIS to the FP. To record a sale at one cash register, a series of hexadecimal commands should be sent. The reply by the FP has to be read.

The specification of some FPs describes the communication between a FP and a PC. The format of the messages between the Host (PC) and Slave (FP), between Slave and Host is given. A description of various types of commands, error codes and status flags for FP are also given. Because the format and content of commands is rather complex, we do not include an example. It has to be marked that only a high qualified programmer can make the communication between Host and Slave. He will write the software for communication between the sales software and the FP. He has to be very familiar with COM port communication. From his side it is required considerable effort and energy to connect the POS system to record sales with a FP, which means that the cost of the software system (Total Cost of Ownership TCO) is increased.

*Second*, by using intermediate software (middle-tier software), developed by the FP provider and available for: (1) downloading from the company's website (selling FPs) and (2) free to use ([www.daisy.bg](http://www.daisy.bg), 2013b), ([www.datecs.bg](http://www.datecs.bg), 2013b), ([www.tremol.bg](http://www.tremol.bg), 2013b), ([www.orgtechnica.bg](http://www.orgtechnica.bg), 2013). The middle-tier software stands between software for recording sales and the FP. In the second approach, the sales recording software prepares a text file with the sale and the software

copies the text file to the folder where the middleware software is installed. It stays resident in RAM on the workstation. Every 100 ms it inspects for a text file with a sale. If a text file is found the middle tier software prints the sale the middle tier software sends the sale to the FP. After sending sales to the FP, the sales recording software deletes the text file.

The second approach is much easier to implement from the programmer's perspective. A programmer sends a set of commands as a text file. It is structured very similarly to the sale. After that the file is printed. Individual lines in the text file are filled with, items, quantities and prices. It is possible to generate a cash receipt for a sale by departments. In the second approach, the work to print a cash receipt to a FP is significantly easier than the first approach. The cost of developing the software for the second approach is lower than the first approach.

Writing the program logic in the second approach is "high" level. The number of lines of code (LOC) that must be written to communicate with FP is significantly less than the number of LOC for communication with the application of the first approach. The fewer lines of code to write, the likelihood of errors is less and less time to implement fixes (design, programming, debugging, testing and deployment) is shorter.

Most of the software products offered on the Bulgarian market which can communicate with a FP are typically desktop applications (Graphic User Interface - GUI applications). Despite the serious boom in the development of Internet technology, leading to the development of a number of web-based applications, a majority of the POS systems continue to be GUI applications. Most of the web-based e-commerce solutions do not offer a traditional connection with a cash register. If necessary to update the software (replacing EXE file on the server), the application software (installed on POS terminals) must be closed on all workstations. It means stopping work with the sales software system.

For now we can say that single software companies attempt to connect their web-based applications for tracking sales with FPs. The reason is quite simple. To print a cash receipt, desktop applications generate a text file (the second approach) or they communicate directly with the COM port (the first approach) on the local machine that is running a GUI application to track sales.

### *3.3. Linking a web application for registering sales with fiscal printers. Software aspects for the implementation the link*

Proposals for improvement (third (advanced) technology model) can be adjusted in business practices. There is a problem with the communication of web application for reporting sales with cash registers.

Web applications are server applications. Web applications are run on a server. Web applications have access to hardware resources of the server. They do not have access to hardware resources on the client machines (workstations). Web applications have access to each user session. *The problem is how to create a text file on the workstation by the web application or how the web application communicates with a COM port on the client machine.* Most of the integrated development environments (IDEs) do not allow web applications (1) to generate a text file on the client machine and (2) cannot communicate with a COM port on the client machine.

As we know, web applications can be created through a number of IDEs. For this study we should seek an appropriate IDE for developing web applications that allows the generation of a text file on a client machine or sending commands from a server to the COM port (again on



the client machine). Previous experience in web applications allows us to choose the IntraWeb technology (or VCL for the web developed by Atozed software ([www.atozedsoftware.com](http://www.atozedsoftware.com), 2013) and Embarcadero technologies ([www.embarcadero.com](http://www.embarcadero.com), 2013)) for developing web applications. *Web applications created by IntraWeb technology can generate a text file on the client machine.* The paper shows how a web application for recording of sales (installed on the server) can generate cash receipt on a FP connected to the client machine. The approach is new, innovative and it is still not popular in Bulgarian business practices. Its implementation will lead to a significant multiplier effect. In order to clarify our proposal, the third technology model of the software system for recording sales is further developed.

Suppose that at a POS terminal sales web-based application is used. By pressing a button (or link) "Save sale and print a cash receipt", the sale shall be recorded in a sales database (DB) by sending an INSERT request to the DB) and a cash receipt is printed. Saving data in a DB through a web form is described in most textbooks on development of web applications. That is why we will not present the information process on generating SQL clauses and sending them to the database. More interesting is to show how to connect a web application with FPs.

When entering sales in a web form, they are recorded in a tabular form and they can be seen on the screen of a workstation. The data from the tabular part of the document (of the sale) can be saved in a special type of variable: a list of strings (*TStringList*). When using the method *SaveToFile* the list of strings is stored on the server, which is not a suitable option in our case. Here most developers give up their assignment or leave the software company, because they do not know how to save a list of strings (containing information about a sale) on the client machine.

If a desktop application (running in client-server mode) is used, the *SaveToFile* method writes on the client machine. It means that there is no problem: (1) a sale to be recorded in the server database and (2) a text file may be generated on the client machine and it can be passed to the middleware software. And it prints a cash receipt on the FP, which is connected to the client machine.

Quite differently information processes are carried out in web application. As noted, web apps are server applications. It means that they are executed on the server. There is not a problem with writing to a server database. Web applications for recording sales are server applications. In this case, data is recorded on the server. *A significant problem remains how to generate a text file on the client machine from a web application.* If the web application calls the method *SaveToFile* for an object of type *TStringList*, strings (contained in the object type *TStringList*) are recorded on the server. This approach is working very embarrassing because a web application can write to a text file on the server. The web app can be associated with only one cash register and not at a cash desk, but in a separate room where the server is located. This approach is extremely uncomfortable and it is not applied in business practice. Therefore the research has to be continued in order to find a solution of the marked problem how to generate a text file on the client machine from a web application installed on a server.

Most software products for recording sales are desktop applications (GUI). Software applications from the class of web applications built to record sales in Bulgaria are not connected to FPs so far. Therefore, to solve the problem posed in this work, we suggest a specific approach for connecting a web application with FPs. To realize the information link (between the web application (which is located on the server) and FPs, which are at workstations) the web application

for reporting sales has to generate a text file on the client machine. The technological solution (offered in this work) was developed in IDE Delphi using the technology Intraweb. A temporary file (with a unique name for the session) is generated on the server. Then the file is sent to the client machine. On closing the web application, all temporary files are deleted.

In the procedure that saves web form data in the database, the following variables are declared (Listing 1).

Listing 1. Declaration of variables.

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aRow: Integer;
f: TextFile;
Line, File_Name : String;
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The source code is as follows (Listing 2).

Listing 2: Source code in Delphi for generating a text file from the web application and sending it to the client machine.

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// The name of the file is the session number + 'txt' extension.
// The file is saved on the server in a folder where the web
// application is started.
File_Name := ExtractFilePath( ParamStr( 0 ) ) + WebApplication.AppID + '.txt';
// The temporary file is deleted.
DeleteFile( File_Name );
// Assigning the pointer F to the name of the file, stored
// in the File_Name variable.
AssignFile( F, File_Name );
// The file is created and opened for appending data.
Rewrite( F );
// The sale is written in the text file on the server.
for aRow := 0 to ClientSideDataset.Data.Count - 1 do
  Begin // a cycle by rows of the table in the web form
    // a sale by department
    Line := 'E,1,-----,--,--;;%.2f;;1;1;%d;0;0;';
    // Writing the sum of tax group (department) in the sales row
    // Line := Format( Line, [ Sum, Departament_sale ] );
    // Writing one row in the text file
    WriteLn( F, Line );
  End; // for
// End of the fiscal receipt (cash receipt)
Line := 'T,1,-----,--,--;';
// Writing a marker for the end of the cash receipt in the text file
WriteLn( F, Line );
// Closing the file
CloseFile( F );
// Sending the file from the server to the workstation
WebApplication.SendFile( File_Name, '', '' );
// Deleting the temporary file on the server
DeleteFile( File_Name );
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#### 4. Conclusion

This work proposes an advanced technology model of a software system for recording sales in retail outlets. The problem for connecting a web application with cash registers is solved. The proposed innovative approaches have significant multiplier effects because several costs are reduced energy costs, computer hardware and software costs. Preconditions for software enhancements of wide range of web applications are created. A new functionality of Web applications (to connect a web based system with fiscal printers) may be added.

Increasing the effectiveness of commercial enterprises depends not only on good managerial and logistics practice, but also on the costs for computer hardware and software. With the implementation of the proposed advanced technology model of companys information system a serious problem occurs how to connect a web app with cash registers. Because last literature sources do not provide a technological solution to the problem, the solution is given in this work. A "white spot" in the field of informatics is enlightened. Specific attention is given to the source software code in Pascal language (Delphi), describing how to connect a web application with cash registers.

As a result, the study concludes that many costs can be reduced. In particular it comes to energy, hardware and software costs. An argument proposal to streamline the existing process models of an information system in stores is made.

The most important factor in reducing the cost of adopting new technology models is the cost of providing information for commercial business processes. The proposed technology model and a software solution enable to make guidelines that can be perceived by businesses to streamline IT processes and reduce a number of expenses.

The result of the study showed that in times of crisis managers can find ways to reduce costs. Therefore, in parallel with the proposal to improve the technological model of an information system in the trading business a proposal for communication between a web application and cash registers is formulated and thoroughly described. The proposals for improvement do not cover all possible ways to reduce the cost of providing information for commercial processes. In the future it is necessary to explore new approaches to reduce costs and streamline IT processes. A new research should be made to look for other ways to reduce costs and other ways to improve the implementation of information process and in terms of the managerial process. These approaches (which we do have not covered in this work) may be the subject of a further systematic and thorough study.

The adaptation of the proposals in business practice makes the processes for maintenance of software systems simpler and easier. The ideas formulated and grounded in this paper may have broader continuity not only because of their innovativeness but mostly because of cost savings. As a guideline for future development of this work we may note the improvement of managerial processes in adaptation of new technological models of software systems in the trading business.

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# Mean-Variance Portfolio Selection with Inflation Hedging Strategy: a Case of a Defined Contributory Pension Scheme

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## Abstract

In this paper, we consider a mean-variance portfolio selection problem with inflation hedging strategy for a defined contributory pension scheme. We establish the optimal wealth which involves a cash account and two risky assets for the pension plan member (PPM). The efficient frontier is obtained for the three asset classes which gives the PPM the opportunity to decide his or her own risk and wealth. It was found that inflation-linked bond is a suitable asset for hedging inflation risks in an investment portfolio.

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## 1. Introduction

A mean-variance optimization is a quantitative method that is adopted by fund managers, consultants and investment advisors to construct portfolios for the investors. When the market is less volatile, mean-variance model seems to be a better and more reasonable way of determining portfolio selection problem. One of the aims of mean-variance optimization is to find portfolio that optimally diversify risk without reducing the expected return and to enhance portfolio construction strategy. This method is based on the pioneering work of Markowitz (Markowitz, 1952, 1959). The optimal investment allocation strategy can be found by solving a mean and variance optimization problem.

There are extensive literature that exist on the area of accumulation phase of a DC pension plan and optimal investment strategies. For some of the literature, see for instance, (Cairns *et al.*,

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2006), (Di Giacinto *et al.*, 2011), (Haberman & Vigna, 2002), (Vigna, 2010), (Gao, 2008), (Nkeki, 2011), (Nkeki & Nwozo, 2012).

In the context of DC pension plans, the problem of finding the optimal investment strategy involving a riskiness asset and two distinct risky assets, and inflation hedging strategy under mean-variance efficient approach has not been reported in published articles. Bjarne Højgaard and Elena Vigna (Højgaard & Vigna, 2007) and Vigna (Vigna, 2010) assumed a constant flow of contributions into the pension scheme. This paper follows the same assumption.

In the literature, the problem of determining the minimum variance on trading strategy in continuous-time framework has been studied by Richardson (Richardson, 1989) via the Martingale approach. (Li & Ng, 2000) solved a mean-variance optimization problem in a discrete-time multi-period framework. (Zhou & Li, 2000) considered a mean-variance in a continuous-time framework. They shown the possibility of transforming the difficult problem of mean-variance optimization problem into a tractable one, by embedding the original problem into a stochastic linear-quadratic control problem, that can be solved using standard methods. These approaches have been extended and used by many in the financial literature, see for instance, Vigna (2010), (Bielecki *et al.*, 2005), (Højgaard & Vigna, 2007), (Chiu & Li, 2006), (Josa-Fombellida & Rincn-Zapatero, 2008). In this paper, we study a mean-variance approach (MVA) to portfolio selection problem with inflation protection strategy in accumulation phase of a DC pension scheme. Our result shows that inflation-linked bond can be used to hedge inflation risk that is associated with the PPM's wealth. We found that our optimal portfolio is efficient in the mean-variance approach.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we present the financial market model problem. In section 3, we present the optimal portfolio and optimal expected terminal wealth of the PPM. The efficient frontier is presented in section 4. In section 5, some numerical examples were presented. Finally, section 6 concludes the paper.

## 2. The Problem

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P})$  be a probability space. Let  $\mathbf{F}(\mathcal{F}) = \{\mathcal{F}_t : t \in [0, T]\}$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma(S(s), I(s) : s \leq t)$ , where  $S(t)$  is stock price process at time  $s \leq t$ ,  $I(t)$  is the inflation index at time  $s \leq t$ . The Brownian motions  $W(t) = (W^I(t), W^S(t))'$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq T$  is a 2-dimensional process, defined on a given filtered probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{F}(\mathcal{F}), \mathbf{P})$ , where  $\mathbf{P}$  is the real world probability measure and  $\sigma^S$  and  $\sigma_I$  are the volatility vectors of stock and volatility of the inflation-linked bond with respect to changes in  $W^S(t)$  and  $W^I(t)$ , respectively.  $\mu$  is the appreciation rate for stock. Moreover,  $\sigma^S$  and  $\sigma_I$  are the volatilities for the stock and inflation-linked bond respectively, referred to as the coefficients of the market and are progressively measurable with respect to the filtration  $\mathcal{F}$ .

We assume that the investor faces a market that is characterized by a risk-free asset (cash account) and two risky assets, all of whom are tradeable. In this paper, we allow the stock price to be correlated to inflation. The dynamics of the underlying assets are given by (2.1) to (2.3)

$$dC(t) = rC(t)dt, C(0) = 1 \quad (2.1)$$

$$dS(t) = \mu S(t)dt + \sigma_1^S S(t)dW^I(t) + \sigma_2^S S(t)dW^S(t), S(0) = s_0 > 0 \quad (2.2)$$

$$dF(t, I(t)) = (r + \sigma_1 \theta^I)F(t, I(t))dt + \sigma_I F(t, I(t))dW(t), F(0) = F_0 > 0 \quad (2.3)$$

where,  $r$  is the nominal interest rate,  $\theta^I$  is the price of inflation risk,  $C(t)$  is the price process of the cash account at time  $t$ ,  $S(t)$  is stock price process at time  $t$ ,  $I(t)$  is the inflation index at time  $t$  and has the dynamics:  $dI(t) = E(q)I(t)dt + \sigma_I I(t)dW(t)$ , where  $E(q)$  is the expected rate of inflation, which is the difference between nominal interest rate,  $r$  and real interest rate  $R$  (i.e.  $E(q) = r - R$ ).  $F(t, I(t))$  is the inflation-indexed bond price process at time  $t$  and  $\sigma_I = (\sigma_1, 0)$ .

Then, the volatility matrix

$$\Sigma := \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ \sigma_1^S & \sigma_2^S \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.4}$$

corresponding to the two risky assets and satisfies  $\det(\Sigma) = \sigma_1 \sigma_2^S \neq 0$ . Therefore, the market is complete and there exists a unique market price  $\theta$  satisfying

$$\theta := \begin{pmatrix} \theta^I \\ \theta^S \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \theta^I \\ \frac{\mu - r - \theta^I \sigma_1^S}{\sigma_2^S} \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.5}$$

where  $\theta^S$  is the market price of stock risks and  $\theta^I$  is the market price of inflation risks (MPIR).

### 3. The Wealth Process

Let  $X(t)$  be the wealth process at time  $t$ , where  $\Delta(t) = (\Delta^I(t), \Delta^S(t))$  is the portfolio process at time  $t$  and  $\Delta^I(t)$  is the proportion of wealth invested in the inflation-linked bond at time  $t$  and  $\Delta^S(t)$  is the proportion of wealth invested in stock at time  $t$ . Then,  $\Delta_0(t) = 1 - \Delta^I(t) - \Delta^S(t)$  is the proportion of wealth invested in cash account at time  $t$ . Let  $c$  be the contribution rate of PPM.

**Definition 3.1.** The portfolio process  $\Delta$  is said to be self-financing if the corresponding wealth process  $X(t)$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} dX(t) &= \Delta^S(t)X(t)\frac{dS(t)}{S(t)} + \Delta^I(t)X(t)\frac{dF(t, I(t))}{F(t, I(t))} + (1 - \Delta^S(t) - \Delta^I(t))X(t)\frac{dC(t)}{C(t)} + cdt, \\ X(0) &= x_0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

(3.1) can be re-written in compact form as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} dX(t) &= (X(t)(r + \Delta(t)A) + c)dt + X(t)(\Sigma\Delta'(t))'dW(t), \\ X(0) &= x_0, \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

where,  $A = (\sigma_1 \theta^I, \mu - r)'$  and  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ \sigma_1^S & \sigma_2^S \end{pmatrix}$ . The amount  $x_0$  is the initial fund paid in by the PPM. This amount can be null, if the PPM has just joined the pension scheme without any transfer fund. The PPM enters the plan at initial time, 0 and contributes for  $T$  years, thereafter he or she retires and withdraws all his or her entitlement (or converts it into annuity). The aim of the PPM is pursued the two conflicting objectives of maximum expected terminal wealth together with minimum variance of the terminal wealth. PPM seeks to minimize the vector

$$[-E(X(T)), Var(X(T))].$$

**Definition 3.2.** (Højgaard & Vigna, 2007) The mean-variance optimization problem is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Minimize}(\Psi_1(\Delta(\cdot)); \Psi_2(\Delta(\cdot))) \equiv (-E(X(T)), \text{Var}(X(T))) \\ & \text{subject to } \begin{cases} \Delta(\cdot) \text{ admissible} \\ X(\cdot), \Delta(\cdot) \text{ satisfy (3.2).} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

An admissible strategy  $\Delta^*(\cdot)$  is called an efficient strategy if there exists no admissible strategy  $\Delta(\cdot)$  such that

$$\Psi_1(\Delta(\cdot)) \leq \Psi_1(\Delta^*(\cdot)), \Psi_2(\Delta(\cdot)) \leq \Psi_2(\Delta^*(\cdot)) \tag{3.4}$$

and at least one of the inequalities holds strictly. In this case, the point  $(\Psi_1(\Delta(\cdot)), \Psi_2(\Delta(\cdot))) \in \mathbf{R}^2$  is called an efficient point and the set of all efficient points is called the efficient frontier.

Højgaard and Vigna (Højgaard & Vigna, 2007) established that solving (3.3) will address the following problem

$$\min_{\Delta(\cdot)} [-E(X(T)) + \delta \text{Var}(X(T))], \tag{3.5}$$

where  $\delta > 0$ . (3.5) is not easy to tackle with standard stochastic control techniques, see (Højgaard & Vigna, 2007). Zhou and Li (Zhou & Li, 2000) and Li and Ng (Li & Ng, 2000) shown that it is possible to transform (3.5) into a tractable one. They were able to show that (3.5) is equivalent to the following problem

$$\min_{\Delta(\cdot)} E[\delta X(T)^2 + \omega X(T)], \tag{3.6}$$

which is a linear-quadratic control problem. Zhou and Li (Zhou & Li, 2000) and Li and Ng (Li & Ng, 2000) further show that if  $\Delta(\cdot)$  is a solution of (3.5), then it is a solution of (3.6) with

$$\omega^* = 1 + 2\delta E(X^*(T)). \tag{3.7}$$

Our aim now is to solve

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Minimize}(\Psi(\Delta(\cdot)), \delta, \omega) \equiv E[\delta X(T)^2 + \omega X(T)] \\ & \text{subject to } \begin{cases} \Delta(\cdot) \text{ admissible} \\ X(\cdot), \Delta(\cdot) \text{ satisfy (3.2)} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

### 3.1. Optimal Portfolio Process

We now follow the approach presented by Zhou and Li (Zhou & Li, 2000) and Højgaard and Vigna (Højgaard & Vigna, 2007). Let  $\eta = \frac{\omega^*}{2\delta}$  and  $\Phi(t) = X(t) - \eta$ . It therefore resulted that our problem is equivalent to solving

$$\min_{\Delta(\cdot)} E \left[ \frac{1}{2} \delta \Phi(T)^2 \right] = \min_{\Delta(\cdot)} \Psi(\Delta(\cdot); \delta), \tag{3.9}$$

where  $\Phi(t)$  satisfies the stochastic differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} d\Phi(t) &= ((\Phi(t) + \eta)(\Delta(t)A + r) + c)dt + (\Phi(t) + \eta)(\Sigma\Delta'(t))'dW(t), \\ \Phi(0) &= x_0 - \eta. \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

We now adopt the dynamic programming approach to solve the standard stochastic optimal control problem (3.9) and (3.10). Let define the value function

$$U(t, \Phi) = \inf_{\Delta(\cdot)} E_{t, \Phi} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \delta \Phi(T)^2 \right] = \min_{\Delta(\cdot)} \Psi(\Delta(\cdot); \delta). \tag{3.11}$$

Then  $U$  which is assume to be a convex utility function of  $\Phi$ , satisfies the Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellmann (HJB) equation

$$\inf_{\Delta \in \mathbf{R}} \left\{ U_t + ((\Phi + \eta)(\Delta(t)A + r) + c)U_\Phi + \frac{1}{2}(\Phi + \eta)^2 \Sigma \Delta(t) \Sigma' \Delta'(t) U_{\Phi\Phi} \right\} = 0, \tag{3.12}$$

$$U(T, \Phi) = \frac{1}{2} \delta \Phi^2.$$

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the Hamiltonian such that

$$\mathcal{H} = ((\Phi + \eta)(\Delta(t)A + r) + c)U_\Phi + \frac{1}{2}(\Phi + \eta)^2 \Sigma \Delta(t) \Sigma' \Delta'(t) U_{\Phi\Phi}. \tag{3.13}$$

Then,

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \Delta(t)} = (\Phi + \eta)A U_\Phi + (\Phi + \eta)^2 \Sigma \Sigma' \Delta'(t) U_{\Phi\Phi} = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\Delta^*(t) = -\frac{(\Sigma \Sigma')^{-1} A U_\Phi}{(\Phi + \eta) U_{\Phi\Phi}}. \tag{3.14}$$

Substituting (3.14) into (3.12), we obtain the following non-linear partial differential equation for the value function

$$U_t + (r(\Phi + \eta) + c)U_\Phi - \frac{1}{2} M \frac{U_\Phi^2}{U_{\Phi\Phi}} = 0, \tag{3.15}$$

where,  $M = [(\Sigma \Sigma')^{-1} A]' A$ . Let assume the solution of the form, see Højgaard and Vigna (2007) and Vigna (2010),

$$U(t, \Phi) = P(t)\Phi^2 + Q(t)\Phi + R(t). \tag{3.16}$$

Finding the partial derivatives of  $U$  in (3.16) with respect to  $U_t$ ,  $U_\Phi$  and  $U_{\Phi\Phi}$  and then substitute into (3.15), we have the following system of ordinary differential equations (ODEs):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P'(t) + (2r - M)P(t) &= 0 \\ Q'(t) + 2(r\eta + c)P(t) + (r - M)Q(t) &= 0 \\ R'(t) + (r + r\eta + c)Q(t) - \frac{1}{4} M \frac{Q(t)^2}{P(t)} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{3.17}$$

with boundary conditions

$$P(T) = \frac{1}{2} \delta, Q(T) = 0, R(T) = 0.$$

Solving the system of ODEs (3.17) using the boundary conditions  $P(T) = \frac{1}{2} \delta, Q(T) = 0, R(T) = 0$ , we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P(t) &= \frac{\delta}{2} \exp[(2r + M)(T - t)] \\ Q(t) &= \frac{\delta(c+r\eta)}{2M+r} \exp[-(M - r)(T - t)] (\exp[(2M + r)(T - t)] - 1) \\ R(t) &= \int_t^T \left( (r + r\eta + c)Q(s) - \frac{1}{4} M \frac{Q(s)^2}{P(s)} \right) ds \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{3.18}$$

Hence, replacing the partial derivatives of  $U$  in (3.14), the optimal fraction of portfolio to be invested in the two risky assets at time  $t$ , becomes

$$\Delta'^*(t) = -\frac{(\Sigma\Sigma')^{-1}A}{\Phi + \eta}G_{\Delta}(t), \tag{3.19}$$

where,

$$G_{\Delta}(t) = \Phi + \eta - \frac{\eta(2M + r) - (r\eta + c)(1 - \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{2M + r}.$$

Now, replacing  $\Phi + \eta$  with  $x$  in (3.19), we have

$$\Delta'^*(t) = -\frac{(\Sigma\Sigma')^{-1}A}{x} \left[ x - \frac{\eta(2M + r) - (r\eta + c)(1 - \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{2M + r} \right] \tag{3.20}$$

Simplifying (3.20), we have

$$\Delta'^*(t) = -\frac{(\Sigma\Sigma')^{-1}A}{x}\bar{G}(t), \tag{3.21}$$

where,

$$\bar{G}(t) = x - \frac{\eta(2M + \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{(2M + r)} + \frac{c(1 - \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{2M + r}.$$

### 3.2. Expected Optimal Wealth

In this subsection, we determine the expected wealth that will accrued to the PPM at the final time horizon. We also consider in this subsection, the second moment of the expected final wealth of the PPM. These will enable us to established the efficient frontier in the next section.

Substituting (3.20) into (3.2), we have that the evolution of wealth of the PPM under optimal control  $X^*(t)$  is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} dX^*(t) = & \{(r - M)X^*(t) + \frac{\eta M(2M - \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{2M + r} \\ & + \frac{cM(1 - \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{2M + r} + c\}dt - \Sigma^{-1}A\{X^*(t) \\ & - \frac{\eta(2M + \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{2M + r} + \frac{c(1 - \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{2M + r}\}dW(t). \end{aligned} \tag{3.22}$$

Then, applying Itô lemma to (3.22), we obtain the SDE that satisfies the evolution of  $X^{*2}(t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} dX^{*2}(t) = & \{(2r - M)X^{*2}(t) + 2cX^*(t) + M[\frac{\eta(2M + \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{2M + r} \\ & + \frac{c(1 - \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{2M + r}]^2\}dt - 2\Sigma^{-1}A\{X^{*2}(t) \\ & - \frac{\eta X^*(t)(2M - \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{2M + r} \\ & + \frac{cX^*(t)(1 - \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{2M + r}\}dW(t) \end{aligned} \tag{3.23}$$

Taking the mathematical expectation on both sides of (3.22) and (3.23), we have the following expected value of the optimal wealth and the expected value of its square:

$$\begin{aligned}
 dE(X^*(t)) &= E[(r - M)X^*(t) + \frac{\eta M(2M - \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{2M + r} \\
 &+ \frac{cM(1 - \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{2M + r} + c]dt, \\
 E(X(0)) &= x_0.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.24}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 dE(X^{*2}(t)) &= E[(2r - M)X^{*2}(t) + 2cX^*(t) \\
 &+ M \left( \frac{\eta(2M + \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{2M + r} + \frac{c(1 - \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)])}{2M + r} \right)^2]dt, \\
 E(X^{*2}(t)) &= x_0^2.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.25}$$

Solving (3.24) and (3.25), we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X^*(t)) &= x_0 \exp[-(M - r)t] + \frac{2M^2\eta}{(M - r)(2M + r)}(1 + \exp[-(M - r)t]) \\
 &+ \frac{c}{3(2M + r)} \exp[-2Mt - r(T - t)](\exp[-Mt] - \exp[2Mt]) \\
 &+ \frac{c(3M + r)}{(M - r)(2M + r)}(1 - \exp[-(M - r)t]) \\
 &- \frac{\eta \exp[-Mt - r(T - t)]}{3(2M + r)}(\exp[-3M(T - t)] - \exp[-2MT]),
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.26}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X^{*2}(t)) &= x_0^2 \exp[-(M - 2r)t] + \frac{c^2 \exp[-2r(T - t) - M(4T + t)](\exp[5Mt] - 1)}{5(2M + r)^2} \\
 &+ \frac{2c^2(3M + r) \exp[-(M - r)t]}{r(M - r)(2M + r)} - \frac{\eta^2 \exp[-2r(T - t) - M(4T + t)]}{5(2M + r)^2} \\
 &+ \frac{12cM^2\eta}{(2M + r)^2(M^2 - 3Mr + 2r^2)} - \frac{c^2(4M + r)(3M + 2r) \exp[-Mt + 2rt]}{r(M - 2r)(2M + r)^2} + D_1(t) \\
 &+ \frac{c^2(13M^2 + 9Mr + 2r^2)}{(2M + r)^2(M^2 - 3Mr + 2r^2)} + D_2(t) - \frac{2c\eta}{5(2M + r)^2} \\
 &(\exp[-2r(T - t) - M(4T + t)] - \exp[-2(2M + r)(T - t)]) \\
 &- \frac{2c\eta \exp[-(2MT + Mt) - r(T - t)]}{r(6M + 3r)} - \frac{2c\eta(M(5 + 6M) + r) \exp[-(2M + r)(T - t)]}{3(3M - r)(2M + r)^2} \\
 &+ \frac{4c(M(M + r + Mr))\eta \exp[-(M - r)t - r(T - t) - 2MT]}{r(3M - r)(2M + r)^2} + \\
 &\frac{2cx_0}{r} \exp[-(M - r)t](1 - \exp[rt]) \\
 &- \frac{2c\eta \exp[-(M - r)t]}{r(r^2 + Mr - 2M^2)} - \frac{4M^2\eta}{(M - 2r)(2M + r)^2} \left( M\eta + \frac{2c(M + r)}{r} \right) \exp[-(M - 2r)t]
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.27}$$



where,

$$D_1(t) = \frac{2c^2 \exp[-r(T-t) - M(2T+t)]}{3r(3M-r)(2M+r)^2} \quad (3.28)$$

$$\times (6M^2 + Mr(1 + 5 \exp[3Mt]) - r^2(1 - \exp[3Mt]) - 6M(M-r) \exp[rt]),$$

$$D_2(t) = -\frac{4M^2\eta^2 \exp[-r(T-t) - M(2T+t)](\exp[3Mt] - \exp[rt])}{(3M-r)(2M+r)^2} \quad (3.29)$$

$$+ \frac{\eta^2(\exp[-2(2M+r)(T-t)] + \frac{20M^3}{M-2r})}{5(2M+r)^2}$$

At terminal time, that is, at  $t = T$ , we have:

$$E(X^*(T)) = x_0 \exp[-(M-r)T] + \frac{2M^2\eta}{(M-r)(2M+r)}(1 + \exp[-(M-r)T])$$

$$+ \frac{c}{3(2M+r)}(\exp[-3MT] - 1) + \frac{c(3M+r)}{(M-r)(2M+r)}(1 - \exp[-(M-r)T]) \quad (3.30)$$

$$- \frac{\eta \exp[-MT]}{3(2M+r)}(1 - \exp[-2MT]),$$

$$E(X^{*2}(T)) = x_0^2 \exp[-(M-2r)T] + \frac{4M^3\eta^2}{(M-2r)(2M+r)^2}(1 - \exp[-(M-2r)T])$$

$$+ \frac{(\eta+c)^2}{5(2M+r)^2}(1 - \exp[-5MT]) - \frac{4M^2\eta^2}{(3M-r)(2M+r)^2}(1 - \exp[-3MT+rT])$$

$$- \left( \frac{c^2(4M+r)(3M+2r)}{r(M-2r)(2M+r)^2} + \frac{8cM^2\eta(M+r)}{r(M-2r)(2M+r)^2} \right) \exp[-(M-2r)T]$$

$$- \frac{2c}{r} \left( x_0(1 + \exp[rT]) + \frac{\eta}{r^2 + Mr - 2M^2} - \frac{c(3M+r)}{r(M-r)(2M+r)} \right) \exp[-(M-r)T] \quad (3.31)$$

$$+ \frac{4c^2M^2 \exp[-3MT](1 - (1 - \frac{r}{M} + \frac{r\eta}{c}) \exp[rT])}{r(3M-r)(2M+r)^2} + \frac{12\eta M^2 c}{(2M+r)^2}$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{(M-r)(M-2r)} - \frac{1}{3(3M-r)} \right) + \frac{c^2(13M^2 + 9Mr + 2r^2)}{(M-r)(M-2r)(2M+r)^2}$$

$$+ \frac{2c(c(M-r) \exp[-3MT] + 5M(c-\eta) + r(c-\eta))}{3(3M-r)(2M+r)^2}$$

$$- \frac{2c\eta \exp[-3MT]}{2M+r} \left( \frac{1}{3r} - \frac{2M}{(3M-r)(2M+r)} \left( \frac{M}{r} + 1 \right) \exp[rT] \right).$$

Since  $\eta = \frac{\omega^*}{2\delta}$  and  $\omega^*$  is as defined in (3.7), we have that

$$\eta = \frac{3(M-r)(2M+r)}{3(M-r)(2M+r) - 6M^2(1 + \exp[-(M-r)T]) + (M+r) \exp[-MT](1 - \exp[-2MT])}$$

$$\times \left( \frac{1}{2\delta} + x_0 \exp[-(M-r)T] + \frac{c(\exp[-3MT] - 1)}{3(2M+r)} + \frac{c(3M+r)(1 - \exp[-(M-r)T])}{(M-r)(2M+r)} \right). \quad (3.32)$$

Observe that  $\eta$  is a decreasing function of  $\delta$ . Therefore, the expected optimal terminal wealth of the PPM can be re-express in terms of  $\delta$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X^*(T)) = & \\
 & \times \left( 1 + \frac{6M^2(1 + \exp[-(M - 2r)T]) - (M - r) \exp[-MT](1 - \exp[-2MT])}{3(M - r)(2M + r) - 6M^2(1 + \exp[-(M - r)T]) + (M + r) \exp[-MT](1 - \exp[-2MT])} \right) \\
 & \times \left( x_0 \exp[-(M - r)T] + \frac{c(\exp[-3MT] - 1)}{3(2M + r)} + \frac{c(3M + r)(1 - \exp[-(M - r)T])}{(M - r)(2M + r)} \right) \\
 & + \frac{6M^2(1 + \exp[-(M - 2r)T]) - (M - r) \exp[-MT](1 - \exp[-2MT])}{2\delta(3(M - r)(2M + r) - 6M^2(1 + \exp[-(M - r)T]) + (M + r) \exp[-MT](1 - \exp[-2MT]))} \quad (3.33)
 \end{aligned}$$

Observe that the expected optimal terminal wealth for the PPM is the sum of the wealth that invested would get for investing the whole portfolio always in both the riskless and the risky assets plus a term,

$$\frac{6M^2(1 + \exp[-(M - 2r)T]) - (M - r) \exp[-MT](1 - \exp[-2MT])}{2\delta(3(M - r)(2M + r) - 6M^2(1 + \exp[-(M - r)T]) + (M + r) \exp[-MT](1 - \exp[-2MT]))}.$$

This term depends both on the goodness of the risky assets with respect to the riskless asset and on the weight given to the minimization of the variance. Hence, the higher the value of  $M$  (which is the Sharpe ratio of the risky assets, stock and inflation-linked bond), the higher the expected optimal terminal wealth, everything else being equal. The higher the parameter given to the minimization of the variance of the terminal wealth,  $\delta$ , the lower its mean.

#### 4. The Efficient Frontier

We now establish the efficient frontier for the three classes of assets in the investment portfolio. From (3.30), we have that

$$E(X^*(T)) = x_0 \exp[-(M - r)T] + \lambda, \quad (4.1)$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda = & \frac{2M^2\eta}{(M - r)(2M + r)}(1 + \exp[-(M - r)T]) \\
 & + \frac{c}{3(2M + r)}(\exp[-3MT] - 1) + \frac{c(3M + r)}{(M - r)(2M + r)}(1 - \exp[-(M - r)T]) \\
 & - \frac{\eta \exp[-MT]}{3(2M + r)}(1 - \exp[-2MT]). \quad (4.2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X^{*2}(T)) = x_0^2 \exp[-(M - 2r)T] + \psi, \quad (4.3)$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi = & \frac{4M^3\eta^2}{(M-2r)(2M+r)^2}(1-\exp[-(M-2r)T]) \\
 & + \frac{(\eta+c)^2}{5(2M+r)^2}(1-\exp[-5MT]) - \frac{4M^2\eta^2}{(3M-r)(2M+r)^2}(1-\exp[-3MT+rT]) \\
 & - \left( \frac{c^2(4M+r)(3M+2r)}{r(M-2r)(2M+r)^2} + \frac{8cM^2\eta(M+r)}{r(M-2r)(2M+r)^2} \right) \exp[-(M-2r)T] \\
 & - \frac{2c}{r} \left( x_0(1+\exp[rT]) + \frac{\eta}{r^2+Mr-2M^2} - \frac{c(3M+r)}{r(M-r)(2M+r)} \right) \exp[-(M-r)T] \\
 & + \frac{4c^2M^2 \exp[-3MT](1-(1-\frac{r}{M}+\frac{m}{c})\exp[rT])}{r(3M-r)(2M+r)^2} + \frac{12\eta M^2 c}{(2M+r)^2} \\
 & \times \left( \frac{1}{(M-r)(M-2r)} - \frac{1}{3(3M-r)} \right) + \frac{c^2(13M^2+9Mr+2r^2)}{(M-r)(M-2r)(2M+r)^2} \\
 & + \frac{2c(c(M-r)\exp[-3MT]+5M(c-\eta)+r(c-\eta))}{3(3M-r)(2M+r)^2} \\
 & - \frac{2c\eta \exp[-3MT]}{2M+r} \left( \frac{1}{3r} - \frac{2M}{(3M-r)(2M+r)} \left( \frac{M}{r} + 1 \right) \exp[rT] \right). \tag{4.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(X^*(T)) &= x_0^2 \exp[-(M-2r)T] + \psi - (E(X^*(T)))^2 \\
 &= x_0^2 \exp[rT] \exp[-(M-r)T] + \psi - (E(X^*(T)))^2 \\
 &= x_0 \exp[rT](E(X^*(T)) - \lambda) + \psi - (E(X^*(T)))^2 \\
 &= x_0 \exp[rT]E(X^*(T) - \lambda x_0 \exp[rT] + \psi - (E(X^*(T))))^2 \\
 &= E(X^*(T))(x_0 \exp[rT] - x_0 \exp[-(M-r)T] - \lambda) + \psi - \lambda x_0 \exp[rT] \\
 &= E(X^*(T))(x_0 \exp[rT](1 - \exp[-MT]) - \lambda) + \psi - \lambda x_0 \exp[rT].
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$E(X^*(T)) = \frac{\lambda x_0 \exp[rT] - \psi}{x_0 \exp[rT](1 - \exp[-MT]) - \lambda} + \frac{\sigma^2(X^*(T))}{x_0 \exp[rT](1 - \exp[-MT]) - \lambda}. \tag{4.5}$$

This show that the expected terminal wealth of the PPM is a function of its variance. The efficient frontier in the mean-variance diagram is a straight line with gradient  $\frac{1}{x_0 \exp[rT](1-\exp[-MT])-\lambda}$  which measures the rate at which the terminal wealth will increase or decrease as the variance increases by one unit. If  $x_0 \exp[rT](1 - \exp[-MT]) < \lambda$ , we have a negative gradient. If  $x_0 \exp[rT](1 - \exp[-MT]) > \lambda$ , we have a positive gradient. If  $x_0 \exp[rT](1 - \exp[-MT]) = \lambda$ , we have an infinite gradient. Note that if the gradient is negative, it implies that the mean will increase as the variance decreases. If the gradient is positive, it implies that the mean will increase as the variance increases. If the gradient is infinite, we have that the mean will tends to negative infinity. Observe that if the PPM entered the scheme with no initial endowment, then (4.5) will become

$$E(X^*(T)) = \frac{\bar{\psi}}{\lambda} - \frac{\sigma^2(X^*(T))}{\lambda}. \tag{4.6}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\psi} = & \frac{4M^3\eta^2}{(M-2r)(2M+r)^2}(1 - \exp[-(M-2r)T]) \\
 & + \frac{(\eta+c)^2}{5(2M+r)^2}(1 - \exp[-5MT]) - \frac{4M^2\eta^2}{(3M-r)(2M+r)^2}(1 - \exp[-3MT+rT]) \\
 & - \left( \frac{c^2(4M+r)(3M+2r)}{r(M-2r)(2M+r)^2} + \frac{8cM^2\eta(M+r)}{r(M-2r)(2M+r)^2} \right) \exp[-(M-2r)T] \\
 & - \frac{2c}{r} \left( \frac{\eta}{r^2+Mr-2M^2} - \frac{c(3M+r)}{r(M-r)(2M+r)} \right) \exp[-(M-r)T] \\
 & + \frac{4c^2M^2 \exp[-3MT](1 - (1 - \frac{r}{M} + \frac{r\eta}{c}) \exp[rT])}{r(3M-r)(2M+r)^2} + \frac{12\eta M^2 c}{(2M+r)^2} \\
 & \times \left( \frac{1}{(M-r)(M-2r)} - \frac{1}{3(3M-r)} \right) + \frac{c^2(13M^2+9Mr+2r^2)}{(M-r)(M-2r)(2M+r)^2} \\
 & + \frac{2c(c(M-r) \exp[-3MT] + 5M(c-\eta) + r(c-\eta))}{3(3M-r)(2M+r)^2} \\
 & - \frac{2c\eta \exp[-3MT]}{2M+r} \left( \frac{1}{3r} - \frac{2M}{(3M-r)(2M+r)} \left( \frac{M}{r} + 1 \right) \exp[rT] \right). \tag{4.7}
 \end{aligned}$$

In this case, the gradient of the mean-variance portfolio selection becomes  $-\frac{1}{\lambda}$  and the intercept is  $\frac{\bar{\psi}}{\lambda}$ .

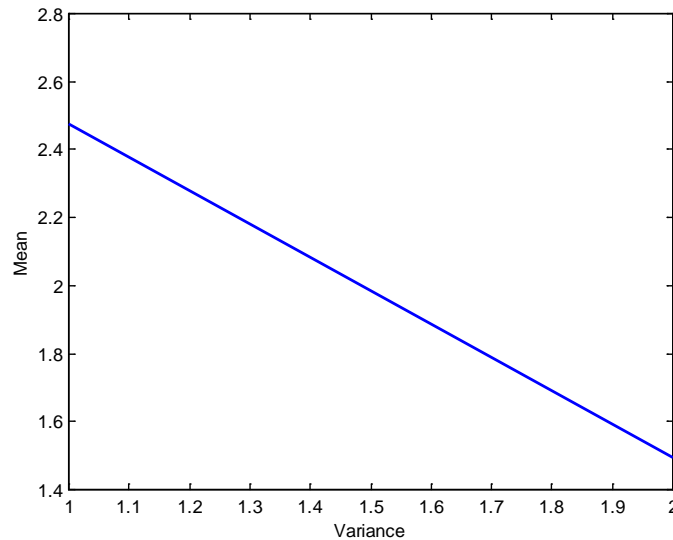


Figure 1: Efficient Frontier. We take  $x_0 = 1$ ,  $\delta = 0.05$ ,  $T = 5$ ,  $\mu = 0.092$ ,  $\sigma_1 = 0.35$ ,  $\sigma_1^S = 0.38$ ,  $\sigma_2^S = 0.45$ ,  $\theta^l = 0.30$ ,  $r = 0.04$ ,  $c = 0.07$ , and  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

Figure 1 shows the efficient frontier of portfolios in the mean-variance plan and reports the points  $(\sigma^2(X^*(T)), E(X^*(T)))$  for each strategy under consideration. Observe that figure 1 has

negative gradient of  $-0.979322$  and intercept of  $3.45372$ . Observe that the higher the variance, the lower the mean and vice versa. But, with that presents of inflation-linked bond as one of the risky assets, the variance could be minimized.

### 5. Numerical Example

Suppose a market involve a cash account with nominal annual interest rate  $4\%$ , an inflation-linked bond with a nominal annual appreciation rate  $r + \sigma_I \theta^I$ , where  $r = 4\%$  is the nominal annual interest rate,  $\sigma_I = 35\%$  is the inflation volatility and  $\theta^I = 30\%$  is the market price of inflation risks, and a stock with a nominal annual appreciation rate  $9.2\%$  and a standard deviations arising from inflation and stock market  $38\%$  and  $45\%$  respectively. Suppose also that the following parameters (which have been defined earlier) take the values as follows:  $c = 0.07$  million,  $x_0 = 1$  million,  $\delta = 0.05$  and  $T = 5$  (years), we have the following results.

A PPM who contributes a constant flow of  $0.07$  million and have initial wealth  $x_0 = 1$  million in the pension scheme and wishes to obtain an expected wealth between  $0 - 2.5$  million has a portfolio value in inflation-linked bond as obtain in figure 2 and stock as obtain in figure 3 for 5 year period. Under the same strategy but for a period of 30 years, we have the results for inflation-linked bond and stock in figure 4 and 5, respectively.

In particular, at the initial time  $t = 0$ ,  $\Delta^S(0, x_0) = 0.280635$  million and  $\Delta^I(0, x_0) = -1.60143$  million. These imply that the inflation-linked bond needs to be shorten for an amount  $1.60143$  million and then invest into cash account which is already having an amount  $0.617935$  million together with the initial endowment  $1$  million. It implies that at  $t = 0$ , a total of  $3.219365$  million should be invested in cash account.

We take  $x_0 = 1$ ,  $\delta = 0.05$ ,  $T = 5$ ,  $\mu = 0.092$ ,  $\sigma_1 = 0.35$ ,  $\sigma_1^S = 0.38$ ,  $\sigma_2^S = 0.45$ ,  $\theta^I = 0.30$ ,  $r = 0.04$ ,  $c = 0.07$ ,  $\alpha = 0.05$  and  $X^* = 2.5$ .

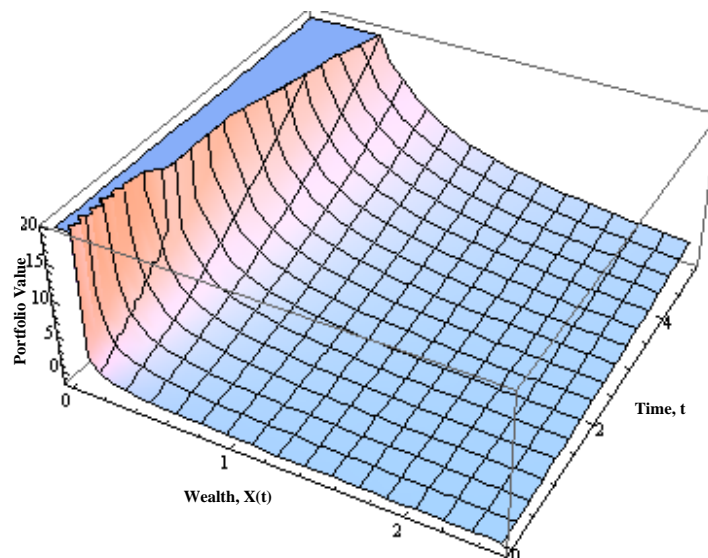


Figure 2: Portfolio Value in Inflation-linked Bond. We take  $x_0 = 1$ ,  $\delta = 0.05$ ,  $T = 5$ ,  $\mu = 0.092$ ,  $\sigma_1 = 0.35$ ,  $\sigma_1^S = 0.38$ ,  $\sigma_2^S = 0.45$ ,  $\theta^I = 0.30$ ,  $r = 0.04$ ,  $c = 0.07$ ,  $\alpha = 0.05$  and  $X^* = 2.5$ .

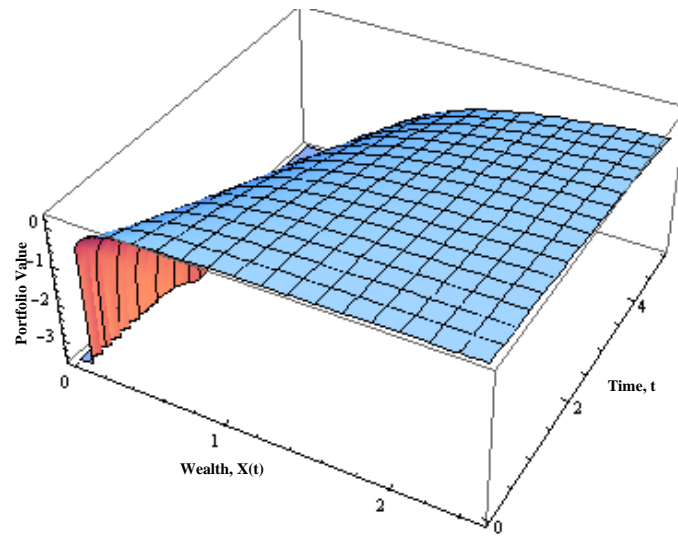


Figure 3: Portfolio Value in Stock. We take  $x_0 = 1, \delta = 0.05, T = 5, \mu = 0.092, \sigma_1 = 0.35, \sigma_1^S = 0.38, \sigma_2^S = 0.45, \theta^I = 0.30, r = 0.04, c = 0.07, \alpha = 0.05$  and  $X^* = 2.5$ .

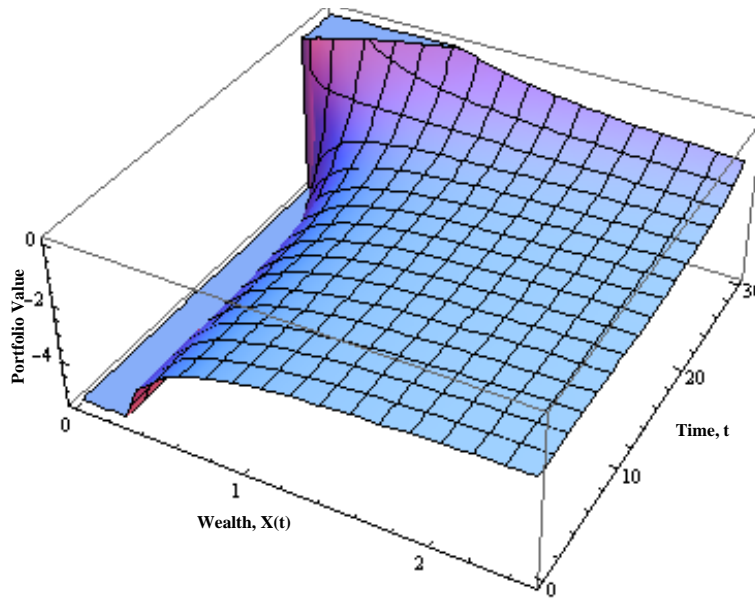


Figure 4: Portfolio Value in Inflation-linked Bond. We take  $x_0 = 1, \delta = 0.05, T = 30, \mu = 0.092, \sigma_1 = 0.35, \sigma_1^S = 0.38, \sigma_2^S = 0.45, \theta^I = 0.30, r = 0.04, c = 0.07, \alpha = 0.05$  and  $X^* = 2.5$ .

**Table 1: EPMV at Different Value of  $c$**

$c$	$\Delta^{I^*}(T)$	$\Delta^{S^*}(T)$	$E(X^*(T))$	$Var(X^*(T))$
0.07	2.11382	-0.370427	2.24252	1.23677
0.10	2.16595	-0.379561	2.40778	1.17607
0.18	2.30494	-0.403918	2.84850	1.02772
0.50	2.86089	-0.501344	4.61135	0.63131
1.00	3.72958	-0.653573	7.36580	0.64283

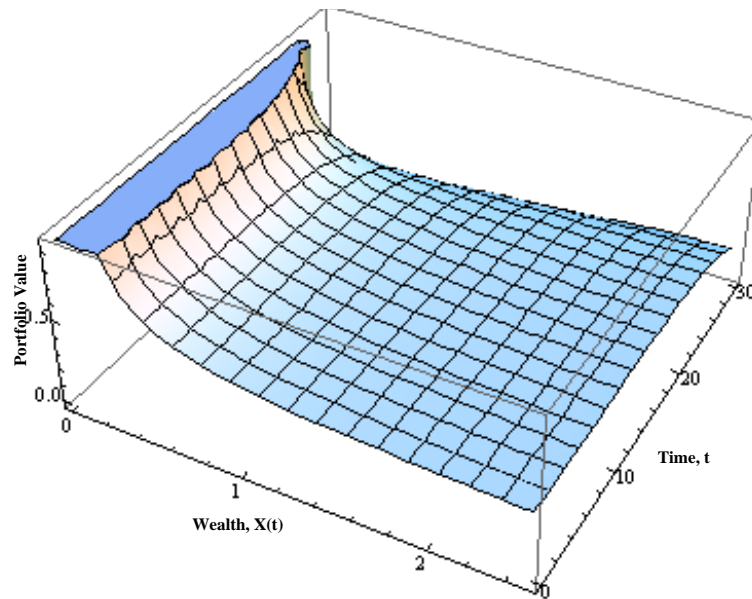


Figure 5: Portfolio Value in Stock. We take  $x_0 = 1$ ,  $\delta = 0.05$ ,  $T = 30$ ,  $\mu = 0.092$ ,  $\sigma_1 = 0.35$ ,  $\sigma_1^S = 0.38$ ,  $\sigma_2^S = 0.45$ ,  $\theta^I = 0.30$ ,  $r = 0.04$ ,  $c = 0.07$ ,  $\alpha = 0.05$  and  $X^* = 2.5$ .

where, EPMV stands for Expected Portfolio, Mean and Variance

**Table 2: EPMV at Different Value of  $\theta^I$**

$\theta^I$	$\Delta^{I^*}(T)$	$\Delta^{S^*}(T)$	$E(X^*(T))$	$Var(X^*(T))$
-0.40	1.04336	-0.62614	-0.73204	1.92241
-0.30	-0.0528	0.036369	0.63063	1.46643
-0.20	-0.7444	0.672109	2.08936	1.05585
-0.10	-0.1036	0.218662	1.95446	0.44016
0.12	-18.9559	-0.69169	-1.8832	161.417
0.20	-0.56135	0.052899	1.57551	0.00502
0.30	2.11382	-0.370427	2.24252	1.23677
0.40	0.36761	-0.081166	0.84008	1.92241

**Table 3: EPMV at Different Value of  $x_0$**

$x_0$	$\Delta^{I^*}(T)$	$\Delta^{S^*}(T)$	$E(X^*(T))$	$Var(X^*(T))$
1.00	2.11382	-0.370427	2.24252	1.236770
2.00	2.36116	-0.413770	3.02677	0.839136
2.24	2.42114	-0.424282	3.21697	0.823284
2.25	2.42299	-0.424606	3.22284	0.823295
3.00	2.60849	-0.457113	3.81103	0.976339

**Table 4: EPMV at Different Value of  $\delta$** 

$\delta$	$\Delta^I(T)$	$\Delta^S(T)$	$E(X^*(T))$	$Var(X^*(T))$
5.00000	-1.34329	0.235398	1.1806	0.253598
0.50000	-1.02901	0.180323	1.27714	0.155583
0.05000	2.11382	-0.370427	2.24252	1.23677
0.00500	33.5421	-5.87793	11.8963	218.182
0.00050	347.825	-60.953	108.434	23001
0.00005	3490.66	-611.704	1073.81	2312170

### 5.1. Discussion of the Results in the Tables

From table 1, observe that as the contributions of the PPM increases, the portfolio value in inflation-linked bond increases while the portfolio value in stock decreases. Observe also that as the contributions increases, the expected terminal wealth increases and the variance decreases, which is an interesting result since the aim of an investor is to maximize wealth and minimize risks. The reason for this, is that the inflation risks in the investment profile have been hedged by the inflation-linked bond. This shows that inflation risks on the contributions of the PPM can be hedged by the inflation-linked bond. We conclude that the higher the contributions of the PPM, the higher the expected wealth and vice versa, which is an expected result. The expected optimal wealth (as in above) can be actualized only when the entire portfolio is invested in inflation-linked bond.

From table 2, we found that, when the market price of inflation risks,  $\theta^I$ , is -0.40, the portfolio value in inflation-linked bond,  $\Delta^I(T)$  at  $T = 5$ , is 1.04336 million and stock,  $\Delta^S(T)$  is -0.62614 million. This means that the portfolio value in stock should be shorten by an amount 0.62614 million and invest it in inflation-linked bond. Observe also that when  $\theta^I = -0.40$ , the expected wealth is -0.73204 million and variance 1.92241 million. This shows negative expected wealth with high variance. Similar interpretation go to when  $\theta^I = -0.30, -0.20$ , and -0.10. Observe that at  $\theta^I = 0.12$ ,  $\Delta^I(T) = -18.9559$  million and  $\Delta^S(T) = -0.69169$  million. This implies that that the entire portfolio values of the PPM should remain only in cash account. This is because the risks associated with the portfolio in stock and inflation-linked bond are very high. At  $\theta^I = 0.20$ ,  $\Delta^I(T) = -0.56135$  million and  $\Delta^S(t) = 0.052899$  with expected wealth of 1.57551 million and variance of 0.00502. This means that the entire portfolio should remain in stock and cash account. Observe also that the PPM will have a higher expected wealth at  $\theta^I = 0.30$ . This occur when the entire portfolio is invested in inflation-linked bond.

From table 3, observe that the higher the initial endowment of the PPM, the higher the portfolio value in inflation-linked bond and the expected wealth, the lower the variance, which is an interesting result since the aim of an investor is to minimize risks and maximize wealth. The reason for the gradual reduction of the variance is because the inflation risks on the initial endowment has been hedged due to the presents of an inflation-linked bond in the investment profile. We therefore conclude that inflation-linked bond is an "inflation risks fighter".

From table 4, observe that the higher the weight given to the minimization of the variance, the lower the portfolio value in stock and inflation-linked bond, and vice versa, which is an expected result. Therefore, it is optimal to invest the entire portfolio into cash account when  $\delta = +\infty$ . We



found that the lower the value of  $\delta$ , higher the portfolio value in inflation-linked bond and expected wealth. This also lead to high variance.

## 6. Conclusion

In this paper, we have considered a mean-variance portfolio selection problem in the accumulation phase of a defined contribution pension scheme. The optimal portfolio and optimal expected terminal wealth for the pension plan member (PPM) were established. The efficient frontier was obtained for the three assets class. It was found that inflation-linked bond is an "inflation risks fighter".

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## How many $SU(4)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$ Gauge models ?

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### Abstract

We prove in this letter that the general method of solving gauge models with high symmetries proposed by Cotăescu several years ago can predict precisely two distinct classes of  $SU(4)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$  electroweak models. Their fermion representations with respect to this gauge group are exactly obtained in each case.

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### 1. Introduction

One of the most stringent topics in modern theoretical particle physics is to find the proper extension of the Standard Model (SM) able to accommodate (or even to predict) the new and richer observed phenomenology at colliders or in cosmology such as: (i) neutrino oscillation, (ii) 126 GeV Higgs signal at CERN-LHC, (iii) new  $Z'$  gauge boson. etc. More than a decade ago, Cotăescu (Cotăescu, 1997) proposed a general method for solving chiral gauge models of the type  $SU(3)_c \otimes SU(N)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$  that undergo a spontaneous symmetry breaking (SSB) in its electroweak sector. Based on a particular parametrization of the scalar sector leading to an unusual Higgs mechanism to accomplish the SSB, the method established itself as a successful tool in investigating the phenomenology of interest at present facilities (CERN-LHC, Tevatron, LEP etc). Also, it can give some estimates of the expected processes.

We focus in this letter on the classification job the method supplies in the case of the  $SU(3)_c \otimes SU(4)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$  gauge models, subject to a sustained research (R. Foot & Tran, 1994), (Pisano & Pleitez, 1995), (Doff & Pisano, 1999), (Doff & Pisano, 2001), (Fayyazuddin & Riazuddin, 2004), (W. A. Ponce & Sanchez, 2004), (L. A. Sanchez & Ponce, 2004), (Ponce & Sanchez, 2004), (L. A. Sanchez & Zuluaga, 2008), (Riazuddin & Fayyazuddin, 2008), (Palcu, 2009c), (Palcu,

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2009a), (Nisperuza & Sanchez, 2009), (Palcu, 2009e), (Palcu, 2009d), (Villada & Sanchez, 2009), (Palcu, 2009b), (Jaramillo & Sanchez, 2011), (Palcu, 2012) lately. More precisely, we obtain all the classes allowed by the general method when applied to this particular gauge group. Of course, in all these models the  $SU(3)_c$  group is the color group of chromodynamics and it remains vector-like as usual, contributing in the case at hand only to the cancellation of the axial anomaly. Therefore it will be no longer mentioned, as the extension takes place only in the electroweak sector.

The paper is organized as follows: Sec. 2 briefly displays the main results of the general method with a special emphasise on the charge operators which are worked out in detail, while in Sec.3 our conclusions are sketched.

## 2. Charge operators in $SU(4)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$ models

To begin with, we present some general results of the method involved here with a particular focus on the charge operators and their concrete expressions.

### 2.1. Main results of the general method

#### 2.1.1. Irreducible representations of $SU(N)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$

When constructing a gauge model, one must consider proper fermion representations of the  $SU(N)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$  gauge group. usually, these are the fundamental irreducible unitary representations (irreps)  $\mathbf{n}$  and  $\mathbf{n}^*$  of the  $SU(N)$  group. They supply different classes of tensors of ranks  $(r, s)$  as direct products like  $(\otimes \mathbf{n})^r \otimes (\otimes \mathbf{n}^*)^s$ . These tensors exhibit  $r$  lower and  $s$  upper indices for which the notation  $i, j, k, \dots = 1, \dots, n$ . The irrep  $\rho$  of  $SU(N)$  by indicating its dimension,  $\mathbf{n}_\rho$ . The  $su(n)$  Lie algebra can have different parameterizations, but we prefer here a hybrid basis (see Ref. (Cotăescu, 1997)) consisting of  $n - 1$  diagonal generators of the Cartan sub-algebra,  $D_i$ , labeled by indices  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \dots$  ranging from 1 to  $n - 1$ , and the generators  $E_j^i = H_j^i / \sqrt{2}$ ,  $i \neq j$ , related to the off-diagonal real generators  $H_j^i$ . We got thus the elements  $\xi = D_i \xi^i + E_j^i \xi_j^i \in su(n)$  now parameterized by  $n - 1$  real parameters,  $\xi^i$ , and by  $n(n - 1)/2$   $c$ -number ones,  $\xi_j^i = (\xi_i^j)^*$ , for  $i \neq j$ . That is a suitable choice since the parameters  $\xi_j^i$  can be directly associated to the  $c$ -number gauge fields due to the factor  $1/\sqrt{2}$  which gives their correct normalization. In addition, this basis ensures a convenient trace orthogonality relations:

$$Tr(D_i D_j) = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{i\hat{j}}, \quad Tr(D_i E_j^i) = 0, \quad Tr(E_j^i E_l^k) = \frac{1}{2} \delta_i^j \delta_j^k. \quad (2.1)$$

If one deals with different irreps,  $\rho$  of the  $su(n)$  algebra one denotes  $\xi^\rho = \rho(\xi)$  for each  $\xi \in su(n)$  such that the corresponding basis-generators of the irrep  $\rho$  become  $D_i^\rho = \rho(D_i)$  and  $E_j^{\rho,i} = \rho(E_j^i)$ .

#### 2.1.2. Fermion sector

The  $U(1)_Y$  transformations corresponding to the new hypercharge are simply phase factor multiplications. Therefore - once the coupling constants  $g$  for  $SU(n)_L$  and  $g'$  for the  $U(1)_Y$  are established - the transformation rule of the fermion tensor  $L^\rho$  with respect to the whole gauge group yields:

$$L^\rho \rightarrow U(\xi^0, \xi) L^\rho = e^{-i(g\xi^\rho + g' \gamma_{ch} \xi^0)} L^\rho \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\xi \in su(n)$  and  $y_{ch}$  is the chiral hypercharge defining the irrep of the  $U(1)_Y$  group parametrized by  $\xi^0$ . In order to simplify the notations, the general method used to deal with the character  $y = y_{ch}g'/g$  instead of the chiral hypercharge  $y_{ch}$ . This small mathematical artifice does not alter at all the results. The irreps of the whole gauge group  $SU(n)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$  are uniquely determined by identifying the dimension of the  $SU(n)$  tensor and its character  $y$  for particular representations  $\rho = (\mathbf{n}_\rho, y_\rho)$  of interest in each case.

### 2.1.3. Electric and neutral charges

In order to introduce specific interaction among fermions, a proper mechanism to conceive couplings must be set up. This goal is achieved by postulating the covariant derivatives in the manner:  $D_\mu L^\rho = \partial_\mu L^\rho - ig(A_\mu^a T_a^\rho + y_\rho A_\mu^0)L^\rho$ . Here  $T_a^\rho$  are generators (regardless they are diagonal or off-diagonal) defining the  $su(n)$  algebra, expressed in the representation  $\rho$ . The gauge fields in our notation are  $A_\mu^0 = (A_\mu^0)^*$  and  $A_\mu = A_\mu^+ \in su(n)$  respectively.

The charge spectrum of the general method is essentially related to the problem of finding the basis of the physical neutral bosons after separating the electromagnetic massless  $A_\mu^{em}$ . It corresponds to the residual  $U(1)_{em}$  symmetry, that is to the one-dimensional subspace of the parameters  $\xi^{em}$  in the parameter space  $\{\xi^0, \xi^i\}$  of the whole Cartan sub-algebra. It is uniquely determined by the  $n - 1$  - dimensional unit vector  $\nu$  and the angle  $\theta$  giving the subspace equations  $\xi^0 = \xi^{em} \cos \theta$  and  $\xi^i = \nu_i \xi^{em} \sin \theta$ .

The remaining massive neutral gauge fields  $A_\mu^{\hat{i}}$  will exhibit non-diagonal mass matrix successively the SSB via a proper Higgs mechanism (whose details we will overpass here). The mass basis can be reached by resorting to a  $SO(n - 1)$  transformation, namely  $A_\mu^{\hat{i}} = \omega_{\hat{j}}^{\hat{i}} Z_\mu^{\hat{j}}$  where  $Z_\mu^{\hat{i}}$  are the physical neutral bosons with well-defined masses. Explicitly, this  $SO(n - 1)$  transformation works in the manner:

$$\begin{aligned} A_\mu^0 &= A_\mu^{em} \cos \theta - \nu_i \omega_{\hat{j}}^{\hat{i}} Z_\mu^{\hat{j}} \sin \theta, \\ A_\mu^{\hat{k}} &= \nu^{\hat{k}} A_\mu^{em} \sin \theta + \left( \delta_{\hat{i}}^{\hat{k}} - \nu^{\hat{k}} \nu_{\hat{i}} (1 - \cos \theta) \right) \omega_{\hat{j}}^{\hat{i}} Z_\mu^{\hat{j}}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

It connects the gauge basis  $(A_\mu^0, A_\mu^{\hat{i}})$  to the physical one  $(A_\mu^{em}, Z_\mu^{\hat{i}})$ . This transformation  $\omega$  is called the generalized Weinberg transformation (gWt).

At this stage, one can easily identify the charges of the fermions involved with respect to the above determined physical bosons. The spinor multiplet  $L^\rho$  acquires the following electric charge matrix:

$$Q^\rho = g \left[ (D^\rho \cdot \nu) \sin \theta + y_\rho \cos \theta \right], \tag{2.4}$$

and  $n - 1$  neutral charge matrices:

$$Q^\rho(Z^{\hat{i}}) = g \left[ D_{\hat{k}}^\rho - \nu_{\hat{k}} (D^\rho \cdot \nu) (1 - \cos \theta) - y_\rho \nu_{\hat{k}} \sin \theta \right] \omega_{\hat{j}}^{\hat{k}} \tag{2.5}$$

each corresponding to the  $n - 1$  neutral physical fields,  $Z_\mu^{\hat{i}}$ .

## 2.2. $SU(4)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$ gauge group

In the particular  $SU(4)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$  gauge model one has to properly identify the diagonal generators and set up the possible options for the versor  $\nu$ . For our purpose, the standard generators  $T_a$  of the  $su(4)$  algebra are the Hermitian diagonal generators of the Cartan sub-algebra, namely  $D_1 = T_3 = \frac{1}{2} \text{diag}(1, -1, 0, 0)$ ,  $D_2 = T_8 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \text{diag}(1, 1, -2, 0)$ , and  $D_3 = T_{15} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, -3)$ .

We will prefer in the following to denote the irreps of the gauge group by  $\rho = (\mathbf{n}_\rho, y_{ch}^\rho)$  indicating the genuine chiral hypercharge  $y_{ch}$  instead of  $y$ . Hence, the multiplets of the 3-4-1 model under consideration here - subject to anomaly cancellation in order to keep renormalizable the whole theory - will be denoted by  $(\mathbf{n}_{color}, \mathbf{n}_\rho, y_{ch}^\rho)$ . The condition  $e = g \sin \theta_W$  established in the SM is valid throughout.

In principle, there will be three distinct cases in choosing the versors. They are:

- versors  $\nu_1 = 1, \nu_2 = 0, \nu_3 = 0$ ,
- versors  $\nu_1 = 0, \nu_2 = 1, \nu_3 = 0$ ,
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### 2.2.1. Class A ( $\nu_1 = 1, \nu_2 = 0, \nu_3 = 0$ )

The lepton quadruplet obeys the fundamental irrep of the gauge group  $\rho = (\mathbf{4}, 0)$ . Eq. (2.4) yields:

$$Q^{(4,0)} = e T_3^{(4)} \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \theta_W}, \quad (2.6)$$

which denotes the lepton representation  $\left( e_\alpha^c, e_\alpha, \nu_\alpha, N_\alpha \right)_L^T \sim (\mathbf{4}, 0)$  if and only if  $\sin \theta = 2 \sin \theta_W$  holds.

In the quark sector there are two families ( $i = 1, 2$ ) transforming similarly under the gauge group  $\left( J_i, u_i, d_i, D_i \right)_L^T \sim (\mathbf{4}^*, -1/3)$  and a third one transforming as  $\left( J_3, d_3, u_3, U_3 \right)_L^T \sim (\mathbf{4}, +2/3)$ . Their electric charge operators will take, respectively, the forms

$$Q^{(4^*, -\frac{1}{3})} = e \left[ T_3^{(4^*)} \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \theta_W} - \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{g'}{g} \right) \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta_W} \right], \quad (2.7)$$

$$Q^{(4, +\frac{2}{3})} = e \left[ T_3^{(4)} \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \theta_W} + \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{g'}{g} \right) \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta_W} \right], \quad (2.8)$$

Now, in order to get the known electric charges of the quarks one must enforce the coupling match:

$$\frac{g'}{g} = \frac{\sin \theta_W}{\sqrt{1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W}}. \quad (2.9)$$

The anomaly-free content in the fermion sector of this class of 3-4-1 models stands:

**Lepton families**

$$f_{\alpha L} = \begin{pmatrix} e_{\alpha}^c \\ e_{\alpha} \\ \nu_{\alpha} \\ N_{\alpha} \end{pmatrix}_L \sim (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{4}, 0) \tag{2.10}$$

**Quark families**

$$Q_{iL} = \begin{pmatrix} J_i \\ u_i \\ d_i \\ D_i \end{pmatrix}_L \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{4}^*, -1/3) \quad Q_{3L} = \begin{pmatrix} J_3 \\ -d_3 \\ u_3 \\ U_3 \end{pmatrix}_L \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{4}, +2/3) \tag{2.11}$$

$$(d_{3L})^c, (d_{iL})^c, (D_{iL})^c, \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, +1/3) \tag{2.12}$$

$$(u_{3L})^c, (u_{iL})^c, (U_{3L})^c \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, -2/3) \tag{2.13}$$

$$(J_{3L})^c \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, -5/3) \quad (J_{iL})^c \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, +4/3) \tag{2.14}$$

with  $\alpha = 1, 2, 3$  and  $i = 1, 2$ .

The capital letters  $J$  label some exotic quarks included in each family. They exhibit exotic electric charges  $\pm 4/3$  and  $\pm 5/3$ .

Based on Eq.(2.5) one can compute the neutral charges for the above model A. They are presented in Table 1. Obviously, the SM fermions exhibit the same neutral charges as they do in the SM framework with respect to the  $Z$  boson.

2.2.2. *Class B* ( $\nu_1 = 0, \nu_2 = 1, \nu_3 = 0$ )

Due to  $T_8 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \text{diag}(1, 1, -2, 0)$  there is no room for a plausible electric charge operator, since there is only 0 and  $\pm e$  allowed in the lepton quadruplets. Therefore, this case must be ruled out from phenomenological reasons.

2.2.3. *Class C* ( $\nu_1 = 0, \nu_2 = 0, \nu_3 = -1$ )

In this case, one can assign two different chiral hypercharges  $-\frac{1}{4}$  and  $-\frac{3}{4}$  respectively for the lepton quadruplet. Hence, we get two sub-cases leading to two different versions of this class. The coupling matching yields the same relation in both sub-cases.

The lepton sector’s electric charge operator for the first choice stands as

$$Q^{(4^*, -\frac{1}{4})} = e \left[ -T_{15}^{(4^*)} \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \theta_W} - \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{g'}{g} \right) \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta_W} \right], \tag{2.15}$$

for the first sub-case. This leads to the lepton representation  $\left( e_{\alpha}, \nu_{\alpha}, N_{\alpha}, N'_{\alpha} \right)_L^T \sim (4^*, -\frac{1}{4})$  including two new kinds of neutral leptons ( $N_{\alpha}, N'_{\alpha}$ ) possibly right-handed neutrinos.

Table 1. Coupling coefficients of the neutral currents in 3-4-1 in Model A

Particle\Coupling( $e/\sin 2\theta_W$ )	$Zff$	$Z'ff$	$Z''ff$
$\nu_{eL}, \nu_{\mu L}, \nu_{\tau L}$	1	$-\frac{\sqrt{1-4\sin^2\theta_W}}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{\cos\theta_W}{\sqrt{6}}$
$e_L, \mu_L, \tau_L$	$2\sin^2\theta_W - 1$	$-\frac{\sqrt{1-4\sin^2\theta_W}}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{\cos\theta_W}{\sqrt{6}}$
$e_R, \mu_R, \tau_R$	$-2\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{2\sqrt{1-4\sin^2\theta_W}}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{\cos\theta_W}{\sqrt{6}}$
$N_{eL}, N_{\mu L}, N_{\tau L}$	0	0	$-\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\cos\theta_W$
$u_L, c_L$	$1 - \frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\left(\frac{1-2\sin^2\theta_W}{\sqrt{1-4\sin^2\theta_W}}\right)$	$-\frac{\cos\theta_W}{\sqrt{6}}$
$d_L, s_L$	$-1 + \frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\left(\frac{1-2\sin^2\theta_W}{\sqrt{1-4\sin^2\theta_W}}\right)$	$-\frac{\cos\theta_W}{\sqrt{6}}$
$t_L$	$1 - \frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$-\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$\frac{\cos\theta_W}{\sqrt{6}}$
$b_L$	$-1 + \frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$-\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$\frac{\cos\theta_W}{\sqrt{6}}$
$T_L$	$-\frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$-\left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\frac{\sin^2\theta_W}{\sqrt{1-4\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\cos\theta_W$
$D_{1L}, D_{2L}$	$\frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\frac{\sin^2\theta_W}{\sqrt{1-4\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\cos\theta_W$
$u_R, c_R, t_R, T_R$	$-\frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\frac{\sin^2\theta_W}{\sqrt{1-4\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$d_R, s_R, b_R, D_{iR}$	$+\frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$-\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\frac{\sin^2\theta_W}{\sqrt{1-4\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$J_{1L}, J_{2L}$	$\frac{8}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$-\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\frac{1-5\sin^2\theta_W}{\sqrt{1-4\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$-\frac{\cos\theta_W}{\sqrt{6}}$
$J_{1R}, J_{2R}$	$\frac{8}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$-\left(\frac{8}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\frac{\sin^2\theta_W}{\sqrt{1-4\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$J_{3L}$	$-\frac{10}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\frac{1-6\sin^2\theta_W}{\sqrt{1-4\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$\frac{\cos\theta_W}{\sqrt{6}}$
$J_{3R}$	$-\frac{10}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\left(\frac{10}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\frac{\sin^2\theta_W}{\sqrt{1-4\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0

For the second choice, the lepton electric charge operator is represented as

$$Q^{(4, -\frac{1}{4})} = e \left[ -T_{15}^{(4)} \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \theta_W} - \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{g'}{g} \right) \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta_W} \right], \quad (2.16)$$

allowing for lepton families such as  $(\nu_\alpha, e_\alpha^-, E_\alpha^-, E_\alpha'^-)_L^T \sim (\mathbf{4}, -\frac{3}{4})$ . A phenomenological analysis in this sub-case must assume some new kind of charged lepton  $(E_\alpha^-, E_\alpha'^-)$ . possibly very heavy.

After a little algebra the coupling matching for both sub-cases arises:

$$\frac{g'}{g} = \frac{\sin \theta_W}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{3}{2} \sin^2 \theta_W}}. \quad (2.17)$$

For the quark sector the electric charge operator takes the following representations

$$Q^{(4^*, \frac{5}{12})} = e \left[ -T_{15}^{(4^*)} \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \theta_W} + \frac{5}{12} \left( \frac{g'}{g} \right) \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta_W} \right] \quad (2.18)$$

$$Q^{(4, -\frac{1}{12})} = e \left[ -T_{15}^{(4)} \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \theta_W} - \frac{1}{12} \left( \frac{g'}{g} \right) \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta_W} \right] \quad (2.19)$$

#### 2.2.4. Fermion content of Model C1

A natural fermion outcome occurs in this first choice, namely:

##### Lepton families

$$f_{\alpha L} = \begin{pmatrix} e_\alpha \\ \nu_\alpha \\ N_\alpha \\ N'_\alpha \end{pmatrix}_L \sim (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{4}^*, -\frac{1}{4}) \quad (e_{\alpha L})^c \sim (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 1) \quad (2.20)$$

##### Quark families

$$Q_{iL} = \begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ d_i \\ D_i \\ D'_i \end{pmatrix}_L \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{4}, -1/12) \quad Q_{3L} = \begin{pmatrix} -d_3 \\ u_3 \\ U \\ U' \end{pmatrix}_L \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{4}^*, 5/12) \quad (2.21)$$

$$(d_{3L})^c, (d_{iL})^c, (D_{iL})^c, (D'_{iL})^c \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, +1/3) \quad (2.22)$$

$$(u_{3L})^c, (u_{iL})^c, (U_L)^c, (U'_L)^c \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, -2/3) \quad (2.23)$$

with  $\alpha = 1, 2, 3$  and  $i = 1, 2$ .

Based on Eq.(2.5) one can compute the neutral charges for model C1. They are presented in Table 2. The outcome is suitable too: the SM fermions exhibit the same neutral charges as they do in the SM framework with respect to the Z boson.



Table 2. Coupling coefficients of the neutral currents in 3-4-1 in Model C1

Particle\Coupling( $e/\sin 2\theta_W$ )	$Z\bar{f}f$	$Z'\bar{f}f$	$Z''\bar{f}f$
$\nu_{eL}, \nu_{\mu L}, \nu_{\tau L}$	1	$\frac{1-3\sin^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$e_L, \mu_L, \tau_L$	$2\sin^2\theta_W - 1$	$\frac{1-3\sin^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$N_{eL}, N_{\mu L}, N_{\tau L}$	0	$-\frac{3\cos^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$-\cos\theta_W$
$N'_{eL}, N'_{\mu L}, N'_{\tau L}$	0	$-\frac{3\cos^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$\cos\theta_W$
$u_L, c_L$	$1 - \frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{2-9\cos^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$d_L, s_L$	$-1 + \frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{2-9\cos^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$t_L$	$1 - \frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{2+9\cos^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$b_L$	$-1 + \frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{2+9\cos^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$u_R, c_R, t_R, U_{1R}, U'_{iR}$	$-\frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{4\sin^2\theta_W}{3\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$d_R, s_R, b_R, D_{iR}, D'_{iR}$	$+\frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$-\frac{2\sin^2\theta_W}{3\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$D_{1L}, D_{2L}$	$\frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{-4+9\cos^2\theta_W}{6\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$\cos\theta_W$
$D'_{1L}, D'_{2L}$	$\frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{-4+9\cos^2\theta_W}{6\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$-\cos\theta_W$
$U_{3L}$	$-\frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{8-9\cos^2\theta_W}{6\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$-\cos\theta_W$
$U'_{3L}$	$-\frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{8-9\cos^2\theta_W}{6\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$\cos\theta_W$

2.2.5. Fermion content of Model C2

Some strange charged fermions occur in the second choice, but it is still plausible since these could come very massive.

**Lepton families**

$$f_{\alpha L} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\alpha} \\ e_{\alpha}^{-} \\ E_{\alpha}^{-} \\ E'_{\alpha}^{-} \end{pmatrix}_L \sim (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{4}, -3/4) \quad (e_{\alpha L})^c, (E_{\alpha L})^c, (E'_{\alpha L})^c \sim (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 1) \quad (2.24)$$

**Quark families**

$$Q_{iL} = \begin{pmatrix} d_i \\ -u_i \\ U_i \\ U'_i \end{pmatrix}_L \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{4}^*, 5/12) \quad Q_{3L} = \begin{pmatrix} u_3 \\ d_3 \\ D \\ D' \end{pmatrix}_L \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{4}, -1/12) \quad (2.25)$$

$$(d_{3L})^c, (d_{iL})^c, (D_L)^c, (D'_L)^c \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, +1/3) \quad (2.26)$$

$$(u_{3L})^c, (u_{iL})^c, (U_{iL})^c, (U'_{iL})^c \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, -2/3) \quad (2.27)$$

with  $\alpha = 1, 2, 3$  and  $i = 1, 2$ .

Based on Eq.(2.5) one can compute the neutral charges for model C1. They are presented in Table 3. As in the previous cases the SM fermions come out with the same neutral charges as they do in the SM framework with respect to the Z boson.

**3. Concluding remarks**

In this letter we obtained all the possible 3-4-1 models allowed by the general method of solving gauge models with high symmetries that undergo a spontaneous symmetry breaking. All in all, they are three different 3-4-1 models: one belonging to the Class A and two to the Class C. For the three classes of 3-4-1 gauge models the neutral charges (couplings to neutral bosons of the model) are obtained along with the electric corresponding charges. If we restrict ourself to non-exotic electric charges, then only Class C survives. Even more, if heavy charged leptons are still unobserved experimentally, then only subclass A1 remains to be further analyzed from phenomenological point of view. However, all fermion contents are anomaly-free and hence the theoretical models they account for are renormalizable. After some algebraic computations for all the representations involved therein this statement is proved immediately. Therefore, the phenomenological predictions in this promising framework can be valuable indeed. Furthermore, the phenomenology (to be confirmed at present facilities) can be analyzed in detail once each particular model is taken into consideration.

Table 3. Coupling coefficients of the neutral currents in 3-4-1 in Model C2

Particle\Coupling( $e/\sin 2\theta_W$ )	$Z\bar{f}f$	$Z'\bar{f}f$	$Z''\bar{f}f$
$\nu_{eL}, \nu_{\mu L}, \nu_{\tau L}$	1	$\frac{1-3\sin^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$e_L, \mu_L, \tau_L$	$2\sin^2\theta_W - 1$	$\frac{1-3\sin^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$E_{eL}, E_{\mu L}, E_{\tau L}$	0	$-\frac{3\cos^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$\cos\theta_W$
$E'_{eL}, E'_{\mu L}, E'_{\tau L}$	0	$-\frac{3\cos^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$-\cos\theta_W$
$u_L, c_L$	$1 - \frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{2-9\cos^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$d_L, s_L$	$-1 + \frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{2-9\cos^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$t_L$	$1 - \frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{2+9\cos^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$b_L$	$-1 + \frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{2+9\cos^2\theta_W}{2\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$u_R, c_R, t_R, U_{1R}, U'_{iR}$	$-\frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{4\sin^2\theta_W}{3\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$d_R, s_R, b_R, D_{iR}, D'_{iR}$	$+\frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$-\frac{2\sin^2\theta_W}{3\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	0
$D_{3L}$	$\frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{-4+9\cos^2\theta_W}{6\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$\cos\theta_W$
$D'_{3L}$	$\frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{-4+9\cos^2\theta_W}{6\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$-\cos\theta_W$
$U_{1L}, U_{2L}$	$-\frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{8-9\cos^2\theta_W}{6\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$-\cos\theta_W$
$U'_{1L}, U'_{2L}$	$-\frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	$\frac{8-9\cos^2\theta_W}{6\sqrt{2-3\sin^2\theta_W}}$	$\cos\theta_W$

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