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Approximate Orthogonal Preserving Mappings on C^* -Semi-inner Product Space

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In this research work, we study Birkhoff-James orthogonality in an arbitrary normed linear space X , and establish the orthogonal preserving mapping in C^* -semi-inner product space. It has been observed that every mapping that preserves orthogonality is necessarily a scalar multiple of an isometry. We finally introduce approximate orthogonality and investigate this notion in C^* -semi-inner product space.

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1. Introduction

The semi-inner product spaces were first seen in the work of Lumer [1], where he put into consideration some vector spaces and defined a mapping on them which is linear in one argument only, strictly positive and satisfies Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality. Giles [2] studied properties on Hilbert space in relation to the theory of Banach space where fundamental properties and consequences of semi-inner product spaces were established. Giles [2] furthermore described structural modifications to the concept of semi-inner product by striking homogeneity property producing much convenience without causing any significant limitation.

A generalization of the concept of semi-inner product space introduced in [1] has also been considered by Nath [3], where Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality is replaced by Holder's inequality.

C^* -Semi-inner product spaces are new generalization of Hilbert C^* -modules connecting Hilbert C^* -modules and Finsler modules. The C^* -semi-inner product spaces naturally generalize semi-inner product spaces by letting semi-inner products to take values in an arbitrary C^* -algebra instead of the C^* -algebra of complex numbers, which attest its usefulness both theoretically and practically as can be seen in [4].

On the other hand, in a normed linear space there is various conception of orthogonality, which generalizes the orthogonality in an inner product space. However, one of the most

momentous is the concept of Birkhoff-James orthogonality which undertake a central role in approximation theory.

Remark 1.1

An inner product A -module (where A is the underlying C^* -algebra) is a complex vector space E such that E is a right A -module satisfying the following:

1. $\langle x, \lambda y + z \rangle = \lambda \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle$
2. $\langle x, y \cdot a \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle a$
3. $\langle x, y \rangle^* = \langle y, x \rangle$
4. $\langle x, x \rangle > 0$
5. $\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \quad (x, y, z \in E, a \in A, \lambda \in \mathbb{C})$,

If only conditions (1) to (4) hold, E is then called a semi-inner product A -module, and $[\dots]$ denote the semi-inner product on E .

Elements x and y in a semi-inner product A -module E are said to be orthogonal if $[x, y] = 0$ and, for a given $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$ they are approximately orthogonal or ε -orthogonal if $\|[x, y]\| \leq \varepsilon \|x\| \|y\|$

A mapping $T: X \rightarrow Y$, where X and Y are semi-inner product A -module, preserves orthogonality if $[x, y] = 0$ implies $[Tx, Ty] = 0$ for all $x, y \in X$, and consequently it is an approximate orthogonal preserving mapping if $[x, y] = 0$ implies that $\|[Tx, Ty]\| \leq \varepsilon \|Tx\| \|Ty\|$

In the present research work we tend to investigate the approximate orthogonal C^*

preserving mapping in A -semi-inner product space.

2. Preliminaries

Definition 2.1

Banach Algebras and C^* -Algebras

We shall use the term algebra to mean linear associative algebra. If no field is mentioned, the scalars will be the complex field.

Let F be a field, and let A be a vector space over F equipped with an additional binary operation from $A \times A$ to A , denoted here by \cdot , then A is an algebra over F if the following identities hold for any three elements x, y , and z of A , and all scalars a and b of F :

- i. $(x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$
- ii. $x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$
- iii. $(ax) \cdot (by) = (ab)(x \cdot y)$

These three axioms are another way of saying that the binary operation is bilinear. An algebra over A is sometimes also called a F -algebra, and F is called the base field of A as can be seen in [5].

Definition 2.2

An algebra A is said to be a normed algebra if it has a norm that makes it into a normed linear space and the norm also satisfies

- i. $\|ab\| \leq \|a\| \|b\|$ $a, b \in A$
- ii. If A has an identity e then $\|e\| = 1$.

If A is normed and A is a Banach space then it is called a Banach Algebra [6].

Definition 2.3

An involution on A is a map $*$: $A \rightarrow A$ ($a \mapsto a^*$) such that

1. $a^{**} = a$ $a \in A$
2. $(\lambda a + \mu b)^* = \bar{\lambda} a^* + \bar{\mu} b^*$ $\lambda \in F$
3. $(ab)^* = b^* a^*$ $a, b \in A$

If A is a Banach algebra with involution and also

$$4. \|aa^*\| = \|a\|^2$$

Then A is called a C^* -algebra and (4) is called the C^* -“condition”.

Definition 2.4

Let A be a C^* -algebra. A semi-inner product A -module is a linear space E which is a right A -module with compatible scalar multiplication $\lambda(xa) = (\lambda x)a = x(\lambda a)$ together with a map $[x, y]: E \times E \rightarrow A$ such that for all $x \in E, a \in A, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ the following properties are satisfied:

- i. $[x, x] \geq 0$ and $[x, x] = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$
- ii. $[x, \alpha y + \beta z] = \alpha [x, y] + \beta [x, z]$
- iii. $[x, y]^* = [y, x]$
- iv. $[x, ya] = [x, y]a$ and $[xa, y] = a^*[x, y]$
- v. $\|[x, y]\|^2 \leq \|[x, x]\| \|[y, y]\|$

The triple $(E, A, [\dots])$ is called a C^* -semi-inner product space or E is a semi-inner product A -module [4].

Example 2.5

Let $(X_i, [\dots]_i)$ be a semi-inner product A_i -module, $1 \leq i \leq n$. If for $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A$ and $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \bigoplus_{i=1}^n X_i$,

We define,

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n)(a_1, \dots, a_n) = (x_1 a_1, \dots, x_n a_n)$$

And,

the C^* -semi-inner product is defined as follows:

$$[(x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n)] = ([x_1, y_1]_1, \dots, [x_n, y_n]_n)$$

Then,

(\cdot, \cdot) is a semi-inner product A -module.

3. Orthogonality in C^* -semi-inner product in Birkhoff-James sense

In this section we plan to study the relations between Birkhoff-James orthogonality and the orthogonality in a C^* -semi-inner product space. We then extend some of the already known results on the orthogonality in C^* -semi-inner product spaces to establish the orthogonal

preserving mappings in the setting of semi-inner product A -modules over an arbitrary C^* -algebra A .

Remark 3.1

A semi-inner product A -module V has an A -valued “norm” in [7] given by $\|x\| = [x, x]^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Since taking square root of a positive element is an order-preserving operation in a C^* -algebra, it follows that $\|[x, y]\| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$ for all $x, y \in V$.

Also for all $a \in A$, $\|a\| = (a^*a)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and we note that the norm on V makes V into a normed A -module. i.e. $\|xa\| \leq \|x\| \|a\|$.

A vector x in a normed space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ is said to be orthogonal in the Birkhoff-James sense to a vector $y \in E$ if $\|x\| \leq \|x + \lambda y\| \forall \lambda$, [8,9]. For inner product spaces, this definition is identical to the frequent definition of orthogonality. In the following proposition we plan to establish this fact to semi- inner product A -modules, taking into account the role of scalars is now played by the elements of the C^* -algebra A .

Proposition 3.2

Let A be a C^* -algebra and let V be a semi- inner product A -module. For $x, y \in V$, the following conditions are equivalent:

(i) $[x, y] = 0$

$$\|x\|^2 \leq \|x + ay\|^2 \quad a \in A$$

Proof:

(i) \Rightarrow (ii). If $[x, y] = 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|^2 &\leq \|x + ay\|^2 = [x + ay, x + ay] \\ &\leq \|x\|^2 + a^*[x, y] + a[y, x] + \|ay\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\|x\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 + \|ay\|^2 = \|x + ay\|^2 \quad \forall a \in A.$$

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) we may assume that $y \neq 0$ for all $a \in A$.

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|^2 &\leq \|x + ay\|^2 = [x + ay, x + ay] \\ &= [x, x] + [x, ay] + [ay, x] + [ay, ay] \\ &= \|x\|^2 + [x, y]a + a^*[y, x] + a^*|y|^2a \end{aligned}$$

This implies,

$$-[x, y]a - a^*[x, y] \leq a^*|y|a$$

$$a = -\frac{[y, x]}{\|[y, y]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^2}$$

For the above inequality becomes

$$\begin{aligned} -[x, y] \frac{(-[y, x])}{\|[y, y]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^2} - \frac{(-[x, y])}{\|[y, y]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^2} [y, x] &\leq \\ \frac{-[x, y]}{\|[y, y]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^2} |y|^2 \frac{(-[y, x])}{\|[y, y]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^2} & \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{[x, y][y, x]}{\|[y, y]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^2} + \frac{[x, y][y, x]}{\|[y, y]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^2} \leq \frac{[x, y]|y|^2[y, x]}{\|[y, y]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \|[y, y]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^4 [x, y][y, x] &\leq \\ \|[y, y]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^2 [x, y]|y|^2[y, x] & \end{aligned}$$

$$2 \|[y, y]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^2 [x, y][y, x] \leq [x, y]|y|^2[y, x]$$

Using the inequality $a^*ba \leq \|b\|a^*a$ that holds for all $a, b \in A$, we obtain that

Comparing (1) and (2) we get

$$2 \left\| [y, y]^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|^2 [x, y][y, x] \leq \left\| [y, y]^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|^2 [x, y][y, x]$$

which implies that,

$[x, y][y, x] \leq 0$. From this it follows that $[x, y] = 0$.
Proved.

Proposition 3.3 [4, Proposition 2.4].

Let E be a right A -module and $[\dots]$ be a C^* -semi inner product on E . Then the mapping $x \rightarrow \|[x, x]\|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is a norm on X . Moreover, for each $x \in E$ and $a \in A$ we have $\|xa\| \leq \|x\| \|a\|$.

Theorem 3.4

Let A be a C^* -algebra and let V and W be semi-inner product A -modules. For a mapping: $T: V \rightarrow W$ and for some $k > 0$, then the following conditions are equivalent:

(i) T is A -linear and $\|Tx\| = k\|x\|$.

$$[Tx, Ty] = k^2[x, y] \quad x, y \in X$$

for all

Proof:

(i) \Rightarrow (ii) for all $a \in A$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|a|Tx|\|^2 &= \|(a|Tx|)(a|Tx|)^*\| \\ &= \|a|Tx||Tx|^*a^*\| \\ &= \|a|Tx|^2a^*\| \\ &= \| |a|^2 |Tx|^2 \| \\ &= \| |T(ax)|^2 \| \\ &= \| T(ax) \|^2, \end{aligned}$$

therefore since,

$$\|Tx\| = k\|x\|$$

we have,

$$\|T(ax)\|^2 = k^2\|a|x|\|^2$$

So that,

$\|a|Tx|\|^2 = k^2\|a|x|\|^2$ Taking square root on either side gives,

$$\|a|Tx|\| = k\|a|x|\|$$

and this yields,

$$|Tx| = |kx| \tag{3}$$

Squaring (3) we have,

$$|Tx|^2 = k^2|x|^2 \text{ thus implying that,}$$

$$[Tx, Tx] = k^2[x, x] \tag{4}$$

Replacing x by y in the second argument of (4) we get,

$$[Tx, Ty] = k^2[x, y]$$

(ii) \Rightarrow (i)

Given that $[Tx, Tx] = k^2[x, x] \quad \forall x, y \in X$ and $k > 0$.

From the above, let $y = x$

$$[Tx, Tx] = k^2[x, x] \tag{5}$$

Taking the square root on both sides of (5) yields,

$$[Tx, Tx]^{\frac{1}{2}} = k[x, x]^{\frac{1}{2}} \tag{6}$$

Now,

$$\|Tx\| = \|[Tx, Tx]\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ by definition.}$$

$$= \|[Tx, Tx]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|$$

$$= \|k[x, x]^{\frac{1}{2}}\| \text{ by (6)}$$

$$= k \|[x, x]^{\frac{1}{2}}\| \text{ since } k > 0$$

$$=k\| [x,x] \|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$=k\|x\|$$

Theorem 3.5

Let A be a C^* -algebra and let X and Y be semi-inner product A -modules. For a mapping: $T: X \rightarrow Y$ the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) T is orthogonal preserving mapping,
- (ii) $|Tx|^2 \leq |Tx + aTy|^2$ for all $a \in A$.

Proof.

(i) \Rightarrow (ii)

(i) implies that $[Tx, Ty] = 0$. By the definition of Birkhoff-James it is obvious that

$$\begin{aligned} |Tx|^2 &\leq |Tx + aTy|^2 \\ &\leq [Tx, Tx + aTy] + [aTy, Tx + aTy] \\ &\leq [Tx, Tx] + [Tx, aTy] + [aTy, Tx] + [aTy, aTy] \\ &\leq [Tx, Tx] + [Tx, Ty]a + a^*[Ty, Tx] + [aTy, aTy] \\ &\leq [Tx, Tx] + [aTy, aTy] \text{ since } [Tx, Ty] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$|Tx|^2 \leq |Tx|^2 + |ay|^2 = |Tx + aTy|^2 \text{ implying (ii).}$$

(ii) \Rightarrow (i)

$$\begin{aligned} |Tx|^2 &\leq |Tx + aTy|^2 \\ &\leq [Tx, Tx] + [Tx, Ty]a + a^*[Ty, Tx] + [aTy, aTy] \end{aligned}$$

Which implies that,

$$-[Tx, Ty]a - a^*[Ty, Tx] \leq a^*[Ty]a$$

Put $a = -\frac{[Ty, Tx]}{\|Ty\|^2}$ the above inequality become,

$$2\|Ty\|^4 [Tx, Ty][Ty, Tx] \leq \|Ty\|^2 [Tx, Ty]|Ty|^2 [Ty, Tx]$$

$$2\|Ty\|^2 [Tx, Ty][Ty, Tx] \leq [Tx, Ty]|Ty|^2 [Ty, Tx] \tag{7}$$

$$[Tx, Ty]|Ty|^2 [Ty, Tx] \leq \|Ty\|^2 [Tx, Ty][Ty, Tx] \tag{8}$$

Comparing (7) and (8) we get

$$2\|Ty\|^2 [Tx, Ty][Ty, Tx] \leq \|Ty\|^2 [Tx, Ty][Ty, Tx]$$

which implies that,

$$[Tx, Ty][Ty, Tx] \leq 0. \text{ From this it follows that } [Tx, Ty] = 0.$$

4. Approximate Birkhoff-James Orthogonality

The approximate orthogonality in a semi-inner product space is defined by $x \perp^\epsilon y \Leftrightarrow |[x, y]| \leq \epsilon \|x\| \|y\|$. However, in an arbitrary normed space X , the approximate Birkhoff-James orthogonality established by Chmielinski [10] is given by

$$x \perp_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} y \text{ implies that } \|x + \lambda y\|^2 \geq \|x\|^2 - 2\epsilon |\lambda| \|x\| \|y\|, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Motivated by the above approximate Birkhoff-James orthogonality, we present a new type of approximate orthogonality in C^* -semi-inner product space.

Proposition 4.1

For a given $\epsilon \in [0,1)$ elements x, y in a semi-inner product A -module V are said to be approximate Birkhoff-James orthogonal denoted by $x \perp_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} y$ if $\|x + ya\|^2 \geq \|x\|^2 - 2\epsilon \|a\| \|x\| \|y\|$, ($a \in A, x, y \in V$).

Proof:

For any $a \in A$ we have

$$\|x + ya\|^2 = \|[x + ya, x + ya]\|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \|[x, x] + [ya, ya] + [x, ya] + [ya, x]\| \\
&\geq \|[x, x] + [ya, ya]\| - \|[x, ya] + [ya, x]\| \\
&\geq \|[x, x]\| - \|[x, ya] + [ya, x]\| \\
&\geq \|x\|^2 - \|[x, ya]\| - \|[ya, x]\| \\
&\geq \|x\|^2 - 2\|a\|\|[x, y]\| \\
&\geq \|x\|^2 - 2\varepsilon\|a\|\|x\|\|y\|
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\|x + ya\|^2 \geq \|x\|^2 - 2\varepsilon\|a\|\|x\|\|y\|$$

And so,

$$x \perp_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} y.$$

Corollary 4.2 Let x, y be elements in a semi-inner product A -module V such that $[x, x] \perp_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} [x, y]$, then $x \perp_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} y$.

Proof:

We assume that $x \neq 0$. Since $[x, x] \perp_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} [x, y]$

Therefore for every $a \in A$ we have,

$$\|[x, x] + [x, y]a\|^2 \geq \|[x, x]\|^2 - 2\varepsilon\|a\|\|[x, x]\|\|[x, y]\|$$

This implies,

$$\|[x, x + ya]\|^2 \geq \|x\|^4 - 2\varepsilon\|a\|\|x\|^2\|[x, y]\|$$

Hence we get,

$$\|x\|^2\|x + ya\|^2 \geq \|x\|^4 - 2\varepsilon\|a\|\|x\|^3\|y\|$$

Since $\|x\|^2 \neq 0$

we obtain from the above inequality,

$$\|x + ya\|^2 \geq \|x\|^2 - 2\varepsilon\|a\|\|x\|\|y\|$$

Thus, implying that,

$$x \perp_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} y$$

5. Conclusion

Approximate orthogonal preserving properties in the frame work of inner product A -module particularly Hilbert C^* -modules has attracted a lot of attention in recent years. In this paper we established an approximate orthogonal preserving property in the setting of C^* -semi-inner product A -modules. It has been observed that mappings preserving orthogonality were necessary a scalar multiple of an isometry. Further research could also be carried out on C^* -semi-inner product spaces. For instance, is it possible to define a C^* -metric on C^* -semi-inner product spaces?

Conflict of interest

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