

ON INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY n-NORM

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we present a simple method to derive a intuitionistic fuzzy (n-1)-norm from intuitionistic fuzzy n-norm and then prove that any intuitionistic fuzzy n-normed linear space is an intuitionistic fuzzy (n-1)-normed linear space. Some results regarding convergence and completeness in the intuitionistic fuzzy n-normed linear spaces are obtained and use these results to prove a fixed point theorem in intuitionistic fuzzy n-Banach spaces.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Gahler[17] introduced the theory of 2-norm and n-norm on a linear space. For a systematic development of n-normed linear spaces, one may refer to [1, 2, 8, 14]. The theory of fuzzy set was introduced by L. Zadeh in 1965[13]. T. Bag and S.K.Samanta [21] introduced the definition of fuzzy norm over a linear space. Further, Al. Narayanan and S.Vijayabalaji[4] defined the concept of fuzzy n-normed linear space. J.H.Park [9] introduced and studied a notion of intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces. Further R.Saadati [15] defined the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy normed space. The definition of intuitionistic fuzzy n-normed linear space was given in the paper [20]. In this paper, we present a simple method to derive a intuitionistic fuzzy n-1-norm from intuitionistic fuzzy n-norm and then prove that any intuitionistic fuzzy n-normed linear space with  $n \geq 2$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy (n-1)-normed linear space and hence by induction an fuzzy (n-r)-normed linear space for all  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . Further some results regarding convergence and completeness in the intuitionistic fuzzy n-normed linear spaces are obtained and then used to prove a fixed point theorem in intuitionistic fuzzy n-Banach spaces.

2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1[17]:** Let X be a real linear space of dimension greater than 1. Let  $\|\bullet, \bullet\|$  be a real valued function on  $X \times X$  satisfying the following conditions:

1.  $\|x, y\| = 0$  if and only if x, y are linearly dependent,
2.  $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$
3.  $\|ax, y\| = |a| \|x, y\|$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  (set of real numbers)
4.  $\|x, y+z\| \leq \|x, y\| + \|x, z\|$ .

$\|\bullet, \bullet\|$  is called a 2-norm on X and the pair  $(X, \|\bullet, \bullet\|)$  is called a 2-normed linear space.

**Definition 2.2[1]:** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (natural numbers) and X be a real linear space of dimension greater than or equal to n. A real valued function  $\|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|$  on  $X \times \dots \times X = X^n$  satisfying the following four properties:

- (1)  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\| = 0$  if and only if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent,
  - (2)  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|$  is invariant under any permutation,
  - (3)  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, ax_n\| = |a| \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|$ , for any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  (real),
  - (4)  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, y + z\| \leq \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, y\| + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, z\|$ ,  
is called an n-norm on X and the pair  $(X, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  is called an n-normed linear space.
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**Example 2.3:** Let X be a space with inner product  $\langle \bullet, \bullet \rangle$  Then

$$\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|^s = \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \langle x_1, x_1 \rangle & \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle & \dots & \langle x_1, x_n \rangle \\ \langle x_2, x_1 \rangle & \langle x_2, x_2 \rangle & \dots & \langle x_2, x_n \rangle \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \langle x_n, x_1 \rangle & \langle x_n, x_2 \rangle & \dots & \langle x_n, x_n \rangle \end{array} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

it defines an n-norm on X. This n-norm is called standard n-norm.

**Definition 2.4[1]:** A sequence  $\{ x_n \}$  in an n-normed space  $(X, \| \bullet, \dots, \bullet \|)$  is said to converge to  $x \in X$  (in the n-norm) whenever

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x\| = 0.$$

**Definition 2.5[1]:** A sequence  $\{ x_n \}$  in an n-normed space  $(X, \| \bullet, \dots, \bullet \|)$  is called Cauchy sequence if

$$\lim_{n, k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x_k\| = 0.$$

**Definition 2.6[1]:** An n-normed linear space is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in it is convergent.

**Definition 2.7[4]:** Let X be a linear space over a real field F. A fuzzy subset N of  $X^n \times \mathbb{R}$  (R-set of real numbers) is called a fuzzy n-norm on X if and only if:

- (N 1) For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t \leq 0$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ .
- (N 2) For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent.
- (N 3)  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .
- (N 4) For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,

$$N(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n, t) = N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|c|}), \text{ if } c \neq 0, c \in F \text{ (field)}.$$

(N 5) For all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x_n', s + t) \geq \min\{N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)\}.$$

(N 6)  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1.$$

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

**Example 2.8[4]:** Let  $(X, \| \bullet, \dots, \bullet \|)$  is called an n-normed linear space as in definition .Define

$$N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|}, & \text{when } t > 0, t \in \mathbb{R}, (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \underbrace{X \times X \times \dots \times X}_n \\ 0, & \text{when } t \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, N)$  is an f-n-NLS.

**Definition 2.9[9]:** A binary operation  $*$ :  $[0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is continuous t-norm if  $*$  satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $*$  is commutative and associative
2.  $*$  is continuous
3.  $a * 1 = a$ , for all  $a \in [0,1]$
4.  $a * b \leq c * d$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$  and  $a, b, c, d \in [0,1]$ .

**Definition 2.10[9]:** A binary operation  $\diamond : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous t-co-norm if  $\diamond$  satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $\diamond$  is commutative and associative
2.  $\diamond$  is continuous
3.  $a \diamond 0 = a$ , for all  $a \in [0, 1]$
4.  $a \diamond b \leq c \diamond d$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$  and  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.11[10]:** Let E any set. An intuitionistic fuzzy set A of E is an object of the form  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x)) ; x \in E\}$ , where the functions  $\mu_A : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\gamma_A : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  denote the degree of membership and non-membership of the element  $x \in E$  respectively and for every  $x \in E$ ,  $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \gamma_A(x) \leq 1$ .

**Definition 2.12[12]:** If A and B are any two intuitionistic fuzzy sets of a non-empty set E, then  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if for all  $x \in E$ ,  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$  and  $\gamma_A(x) \geq \gamma_B(x)$ ;  $A=B$  if and only if for all  $x \in E$ ,  $\mu_A(x) = \mu_B(x)$  and  $\gamma_A(x) = \gamma_B(x)$ ;  
 $\bar{A} = \{(x, \gamma_A(x), \mu_A(x)) ; x \in E\}$ ;

$$A \cap B = \{(x, \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \max(\gamma_A(x), \gamma_B(x))) ; x \in E\};$$

$$A \cup B = \{(x, \max(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \min(\gamma_A(x), \gamma_B(x))) ; x \in E\}.$$

### INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY n-NORMED LINEAR SPACE

**Definition 2.13[20]:** Let X be a linear space over a realfield F, and fuzzy subsets N, M of  $X^n \times (0, \infty)$ , N denotes the degree of membership and M denotes the degree of non-membership of  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \in X^n \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions:

1.  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) + M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \leq 1$
2. For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t \leq 0$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ .
3. For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent.
4.  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .
5. For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n, t) = N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|c|})$ , if  $c \neq 0, c \in F$  (field).
6. For all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x_n', s + t) \geq \min\{N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)\}$ .
7.  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous in t.
8. For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t \leq 0$ ,  $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$ .
9. For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$  if and only if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent.
10.  $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .
11. For all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n, t) = M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|c|})$ , if  $c \neq 0, c \in F$  (field).
12. For all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x_n', s + t) \leq \max\{M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)\}$ .
13.  $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous in t.

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

To strengthen the above definition, we present the following example.

**Example 2.14 [20]:** Let  $(X, \| \dots, \|)$  be an n-normed linear space and

$$N(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|}$$

$$M(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|}{t + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|}$$

Then  $(X, N, M)$  is i-f-n-NLS.

**Definition 2.15 [20]:** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in an i-f-n-NLS is said to x if given  $r > 0, t > 0, 0 < r < 1$  there exists an integer  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x, t) > 1 - r$  and  $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x, t) < r$ , for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

**Theorem 2.16 [20]:** In an i-f-n-NLS, a sequence converges to x if and only if

$$N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x, t) \rightarrow 1 \text{ and } M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x, t) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Definition 2.17[20]:** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in an i-f-n-NLS, is said to be Cauchy sequence if given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , with  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ ,  $t > 0$  there exists an integer  $n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$  such that  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x_k, t) > 1 - \varepsilon$  and  $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x_k, t) < \varepsilon$  for all  $n, k \geq n_0$ .

**Theorem 2.18 [20]:** In an i-f-n-NLS  $(X, N)$  a sequence  $\{x_k\}$  is Cauchy if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{k, \ell \rightarrow \infty} N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_k - x_\ell, x, t) = 1, \\ & \lim_{k, \ell \rightarrow \infty} M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_k - x_\ell, x, t) = 0, \text{ for every } x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in X. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.19[20]:** In an i-f-n-NLS, every convergent sequence is a Cauchy sequence.

### 3. MAIN RESULT

Suppose  $(X, N, M)$  is an i-f-n-NLS. Take a linearly independent set  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ , define the following function  $N_\infty(\dots)$  and  $M_\infty(\dots)$  on  $\underbrace{X \times X \times \dots \times X}_{n-1} \times \mathbf{R}$  by

$$N_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \min\{N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i=1, \dots, n\}$$

and  $M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \max\{M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i=1, \dots, n\}$

**Theorem 3.1:** The function  $N_\infty(\dots)$  and  $M_\infty(\dots)$  defines an i-f-(n-1)-NLS on X.

**Proof:** We will verify that  $N_\infty(\dots)$  and  $M_\infty(\dots)$  satisfies the all properties of i-f-(n-1)-NLS.

- (i)  $N_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) + M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \leq 1$ , since  
 $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t) + M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t) \leq 1$ , for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .
- (ii) for all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t \leq 0$ , we have  
 $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t) = 0$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .  
 $\Rightarrow N_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = 0$
- (iii) for all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t > 0$ , we have  
 $N_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = 1$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \min\{N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1, \dots, n\} = 1$   
 $\Leftrightarrow N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t) = 1$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .  
 $\Leftrightarrow x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i$  are linearly dependent for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . But this can only happen when  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  are linearly dependent.
- (iv) Since  $N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$ .
- (v) For all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t > 0$  and  $c \in \mathbf{F}, c \neq 0$ ,  
 $N_\infty(x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, t) = \min\{N(x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1, \dots, n\}$   
 $N_\infty(x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, t) = \min\{N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, \frac{t}{|c|}); i = 1, \dots, n\}$   
 $= N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{|c|})$
- (vi)  $N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, t+s)$   
 $= \min\{N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i, t+s); i = 1, \dots, n\}$   
 $\geq \min\{\min\{N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, a_i, t), N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x'_{n-1}, a_i, s); i = 1, \dots, n\}$   
 $\geq \min\{\min\{N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1, \dots, n\}, \min\{N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x'_{n-1}, a_i, s); i = 1, \dots, n\}\}$   
 $= \min\{N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t), N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, s)\}$
- (vii) Since  $N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, \cdot)$  is continuous, so  $N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)$  is continuous.
- (viii)  $M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) > 0$ , for  $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t) > 0$  for each  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ .
- (ix) for all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t > 0$ , we have  
 $M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \max\{M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1, \dots, n\} = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t) = 0$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

$\Leftrightarrow x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i$  are linearly dependent for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . But this can only happen when  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  are linearly dependent

(x)  $M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$ , since  $M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$ .

(xi) For all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t > 0$  and  $c \in \mathbf{F}, c \neq 0$ ,

$$M_\infty(x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, t) = \max. \{M(x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

$$M_\infty(x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, t) = \max. \left\{ M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, \frac{t}{|c|}); i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

$$= M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{|c|})$$

(xii)  $M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, t+s) = \max. \{M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i, t+s); i = 1, \dots, n\}$

$$\leq \max. \{ \max. \{M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, a_i, t), M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x'_{n-1}, a_i, s)\}; i = 1, \dots, n \}$$

$$\leq \max. \{ \max. \{M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1 \dots n\}, \max. \{M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x'_{n-1}, a_i, s); i = 1 \dots n\} \}$$

$$= \max. \{M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t), M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, s)\}$$

(xiii) Since  $M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, \cdot)$  is continuous function of  $t$ , so  $M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)$  is continuous by definition.

Thus  $(X, N_\infty, M_\infty)$  becomes a i-f- (n-1)- NLS.

**Corollary 3.2:** Every i-f-n-normed space is i-f-(n-r)-normed space for all  $r=1,2,\dots,n-1$ . In particular, every i-f-n-normed space is a i-fuzzy normed linear space.

**Example 3.3:** Suppose  $(X, N, M)$  is a i-f-n-NLS define in example (2.13). Take a linearly independent set  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  in  $X$ . With respect to  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  define the following function

$$N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

and

$$M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

Then  $(X, N_\infty, M_\infty)$  becomes an i-f-(n-1) NLS.

**Proof:**

(i) Clearly  $N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) + M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \leq 1$ ;

(ii) Obviously  $N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) > 0$ ;

(iii)  $N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = 1$

$$\Leftrightarrow \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{t}{t + \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|} = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t = t + \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\| = 0$$

But it is only possible, when  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  are linearly dependent.

$$(iv) \quad N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, t) = \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

$$= \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

$$= N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, t)$$

$$= \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(v)} \quad N_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{|c|}) &= \min \left\{ \frac{\frac{t}{|c|}}{\frac{t}{|c|} + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\
 &= \min \left\{ \frac{\frac{t}{|c|}}{\frac{t + |c|\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{|c|}}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\
 &= \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + |c|\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\
 &= \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\
 &= N_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_{n-1}, t)
 \end{aligned}$$

(vi) W.L.O.G. we assume that

$$N_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_{n-1}, t) \leq N_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, s)$$

$$\Rightarrow \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \leq \min \left\{ \frac{s}{s + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{t}{t + \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|} \leq \frac{s}{s + \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}$$

$$\Rightarrow t(s + \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|) \leq s(t + \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|)$$

$$\Rightarrow \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\| \leq \frac{s}{t} \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\| &+ \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\| \\
 &\leq \frac{s}{t} \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\| + \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\| \\
 &= \left(\frac{s}{t} + 1\right) \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\| \\
 &= \frac{s+t}{t} \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|.
 \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned}
 \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\| &\leq \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \{ \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\| + \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\| \} \\
 &\leq \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\| + \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\| \\
 &\leq \frac{s+t}{t} \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\max_{i=1,\dots,n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{s+t} \leq \frac{\max_{i=1,\dots,n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t}$$

$$1 + \frac{\max_{i=1,\dots,n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{s+t} \leq 1 + \frac{\max_{i=1,\dots,n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t}$$

$$\frac{s+t + \max_{i=1,\dots,n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{s+t} \leq \frac{t + \max_{i=1,\dots,n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t}$$

$$\min_{i=1,\dots,n} \frac{s+t}{s+t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|} \geq \min_{i=1,\dots,n} \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, s+t) \geq \min\{N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, s), N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, t)\}$$

- (vii) Clearly  $N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)$  is continuous in  $t$ .
- (viii) By definition, we have  $M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq 0$
- (ix)  $M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = 0$

$$M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|} = 0 \quad \text{for each } i=1, \dots, n.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\| = 0 \quad \text{for each } i=1, \dots, n.$$

$\Leftrightarrow x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}$  are linearly dependent.

$$(x) \quad M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

$$= \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

$$= M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, t)$$

$$= \dots$$

$$(xi) \quad M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_{n-1}, t) = \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

$$= \max \left\{ \frac{|c| \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + |c| \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

$$= \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{\frac{t}{|c|} + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

$$= M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{|c|}).$$

- (xii) Without loss of generality assume,  
 $M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, s) \leq M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, t)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{s + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\ \Rightarrow & \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{s + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|} \right\} \leq \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|} \right\} \quad \text{for each } i=1, \dots, n \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{s + t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|} \leq \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|} \quad \text{for each } i=1, \dots, n \\ \Rightarrow & \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{s + t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\ \Rightarrow & M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, s+t) \leq M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_{n-1}, t) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} & M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, s+t) \leq M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, s) \\ \Rightarrow & M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, s+t) \leq \max \{ M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, s), M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_{n-1}, t) \} \end{aligned}$$

(xiii) Clearly

$M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)$  is continuous in  $t$ .  
Thus  $(X, N_\infty, M_\infty)$  is an i-f-(n-1) NLS.

**Example 3.4:** Let  $(X, \| \dots, \dots \|_s)$  be standard n-norm space and

$$N_s(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_s}$$

and

$$M_s(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_s}{t + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_s}$$

Then  $(X, N_s, M_s)$  is an i-f-n-NLS space and the space  $(X, N_s, M_s)$  is called standard i-f-n-NLS space.

**Proposition 3.5:** On a i-f-n-NLS  $X$ , the derived i-f-(n-1)-NLS  $N_\infty(\dots, \dots, \dots)$  and  $M_\infty(\dots, \dots, \dots)$  defined with respect to  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  and  $N_S(\dots, \dots, \dots)$ ,  $M_S(\dots, \dots, \dots)$  standard i-f-(n-1)-norm. The, we have

$$N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}})$$

and

$$M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \leq M_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \leq M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}})$$

**Proof:** Assume that  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  are linearly independent. For each  $i = 1, \dots, n$  write  $e_i = e_i^0 + e_i^\perp$  where  $e_i^0 \in \text{span}\{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$  and  $e_i^\perp \perp \text{span}\{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$ . Then we have

$$N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i, t) = \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}$$

$$\text{As } \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i^0\|_S = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{And } \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S &= \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i^0 + e_i^\perp\|_S \leq \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i^0\|_S + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i^\perp\|_S \\ &= \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i^\perp\|_S \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i, t) &\geq \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i^\perp\|_S} \\ &\geq \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S} \\ &= N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \end{aligned}$$



$$\Leftrightarrow \min N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i, t) \geq N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)$$

$$\therefore N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \tag{1}$$

Next, take a unit vector  $e = \alpha_1 e_1 + \dots + \alpha_n e_n$  such that  $e \perp \text{span} \{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$ . (We still assume that  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  are linearly independent). We have

$$N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}$$

$$= \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e\|_S}$$

$$\geq \frac{t}{t + |\alpha_1| \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_1\|_S + \dots + |\alpha_n| \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_n\|_S}$$

as  $|\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2| + \dots + |\alpha_n| \leq \sqrt{n}$ , therefore,

$$N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq \frac{t}{t + \sqrt{n} \max \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}$$

$$= \min \frac{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}}{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}$$

$$= N_\infty\left(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

Hence we obtain

$$N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq N_\infty\left(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right). \tag{2}$$

Hence by (1) and (2), we get

$$N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}})$$

Now consider, by (1)

$$\min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \geq \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{1} - \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \leq \mathbf{1} - \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}$$

$$\Rightarrow \max \left\{ 1 - \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \leq \frac{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S - t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}$$

$$\Rightarrow \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \leq \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \leq M_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \tag{3}$$

And by (2),

$$\frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S} \geq \frac{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}}{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S} &\leq \max \left\{ 1 - \frac{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}}{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S} &\leq \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\ \Rightarrow M_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) &\leq M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}). \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Thus we obtain

$$M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \leq M_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \leq M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}).$$

**The finite-dimensional case 3.6:**

For finite-dimensional i-f-n-NLS (X, N, M), we can derive an i-f-(n-1)-norm from the i-f-n-norm by taking  $N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \min \{N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1, \dots, m\}$  and  $M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \max \{M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1, \dots, m\}$  and where the set  $\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$  is linearly independent in X with  $n \leq m \leq d$  (where d is the dimension of X) Then, as in theorem [1.6], the function  $N_\infty(., \dots, .)$  and  $M_\infty(., \dots, .)$  defines i-f- (n-1)- norm on X.

**Theorem 3.7:** If  $\{x_k\}$  converges to  $x \in X$  in i-f-n-norm. Then  $\{x_k\}$  also converges to x in the derived i-f-(n-1)-norm  $N_\infty$  and  $M_\infty$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x_k \rightarrow x$  in i-f-n-norm then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, a_i, t) = 1$$

and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, a_i, t) = 0$  for every  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}$  and  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, t) &= 1 \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, t) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 3.8:** A sequence in a standard i-f-n normed space X is convergent in i-f-n-norm if and only if it is convergent in the derived i-f-(n-1)-norm  $N_\infty$  and  $M_\infty$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $x_k \rightarrow x$  in the derived i-f-(n-1)-norm. Then

$$\begin{aligned} N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, x_k - x, t) \\ \geq N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{\|x_{n-1}\|_S}) \\ \geq N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n} \|x_{n-1}\|_S}) \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\|.\|_S$  on right-hand side denote the usual norm on X.

But  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n} \|x_{n-1}\|_S}) = 1$

So,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N_s(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, t) = 1$$

And

$$M_s(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, x_k - x, t) \leq M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n} \|x_{n-1}\|_S})$$

But

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n} \|x_{n-1}\|_S}) = 0$$

So,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_k - x, t) = 0$$

i.e.

$$x_k \rightarrow x \text{ in i-f-n-norm.}$$

**Remark 3.9:** A sequence in a standard i-f-n-normed space is convergent in the i-f-n-norm if and only if it is convergent in the standard i-f-(n-1)-norm and, by induction, in the standard i-f-(n-r)-norm for all  $r=1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . In particular, a sequence in a standard n-normed space is convergent in the i-f-n-norm if and only if it is convergent in i-f-n-norm if and only if it is convergent in the standard intuitionistic fuzzy norm.

Now, for finite-dimensional cases, we can obtain a better i-f-(n-1)-norm by using a set of  $d$  vectors, rather than just  $n$ , linearly independent vectors in  $X$  (that is, by using a basis for  $X$ ). Let  $\{b_1, \dots, b_d\}$  be a basis for  $X$  and we define the following function  $N_{\infty'}(\dots, \dots, \dots)$  and  $M_{\infty'}(\dots, \dots, \dots)$  on  $X^{n-1} \times \mathbf{R}$  by

$$N_{\infty'}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \min\{N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, b_i, t); i = 1, \dots, d\}$$

$$M_{\infty'}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \max\{M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, b_i, t); i = 1, \dots, d\}$$

Then, the function  $N_{\infty'}(\dots, \dots, \dots)$  and  $M_{\infty'}(\dots, \dots, \dots)$  defines an i-f-(n-1)- norm on  $X$  with respect to  $\{b_1, \dots, b_d\}$ . With this derived i-f- (n-1)- norm, we have the following result.

**Theorem 3.10:** A sequence in the finite-dimensional i-f-n-normed space  $X$  is convergent in the i-f-n-norm if and only if it is convergent in the derived i-f- (n-1)- norm  $N_{\infty'}(\dots, \dots, \dots)$ ,  $M_{\infty'}(\dots, \dots, \dots)$ .

**Proof:** If a sequence in  $X$  is convergent in the i-f-n-norm, then it will certainly be convergent in the i-f-(n-1)-norm  $N_{\infty'}(\dots, \dots, \dots)$ ,  $M_{\infty'}(\dots, \dots, \dots)$ . Conversely suppose  $\{x_k\}$  converges to an  $x \in X$  in  $N_{\infty'}(\dots, \dots, \dots)$ ,  $M_{\infty'}(\dots, \dots, \dots)$ . Take  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in X$ . Writing  $x_{n-1} = \alpha_1 b_1 + \dots + \alpha_d b_d$  We get

$$N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_k - x, t) \geq N_{\infty'}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{|\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_d|})$$

But

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N_{\infty'}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{|\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_d|}) = 1 \text{ and so}$$

We obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_k - x, t) = 1$$

$$\text{And } M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_k - x, t) \leq M_{\infty'}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{|\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_d|})$$

But

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M_{\infty'}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{|\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_d|}) = 0 \text{ and so}$$

We obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_k - x, t) = 0$$

that is,  $\{x_k\}$  converges to  $x$  in the i-f-n-norm.

### CAUCHY SEQUENCES, COMPLETENESS AND FIXED POINT THEOREM

The results for Cauchy sequences for standard and finite dimensional cases can be obtained similarly as the results (theorem 3.7-3.10) obtained above for convergent sequences by replacing “ $x_k$  converges to  $x$ ” with “ $x_k$  is Cauchy” and “ $x_k - x$  with  $x_k - x_\ell$ ”.

Hence we obtain:

**Theorem 3.11:**

- (a) A standard i-f-n-NLS is complete if and only if it is complete with respect to one of the three i-f-(n-1) norms  $(N_\infty, M_\infty)$   $(N_\omega, M_\omega)$  or  $(N_S, M_S)$ .
- (b) A finite dimensional i-f-n-NLS is complete if and only if it is complete with respect to the derived i-f-(n-1)-norm  $N_\omega(\dots, \dots, \dots)$ ,  $M_\omega(\dots, \dots, \dots)$

Using the above theorem (3.10) we obtained the following fixed point theorem

**Fixed Point Theorem 3.12:** Let  $(X, N)$  be a standard or finite dimensional complete i-f-n-NLS and  $T$  a contractive mapping of  $X$  into itself, that is there exist a constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  s.t.

$$N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, Ty-Tz, kt) \geq N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y-z, t)$$

$$M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, Ty-Tz, kt) \geq M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y-z, t), \text{ for all } x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y, z \text{ in } X. \text{ Then } T \text{ has a unique fixed point in } X.$$

**Proof:** First consider the case  $n=2$ . By above proposition, we know that  $X$  is complete with respect to the derived i-f-norm  $N_\infty, M_\infty$  or  $N_\omega, M_\omega$ . Since the mapping  $T$  is also contractive with respect to  $N_\infty, M_\infty$  or  $N_\omega, M_\omega$ , we conclude by the fixed point theorem for intuitionistic Fuzzy Banach space that  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ . For  $n > 2$ , the result follows by induction.

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