

Asymmetric norms, partially ordered normed spaces and injectivity

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Let X be a *real* vector space. A function $p : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called **sublinear** (or an **asymmetric seminorm**) if for all $x, y \in X$, $\lambda \geq 0$,

(a) $p(\lambda x) = \lambda p(x)$;

(b) $p(x + y) \leq p(x) + p(y)$.

If in addition $p(x) = 0 = p(-x)$ iff $x = 0$, we call p an **asymmetric norm**.

If X is a real vector space and p an asymmetric norm on X , then the pair (X, p) will be called an **asymmetrically normed space**

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Then $p^s : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ defined by

$$p^s(x) = \max\{p(x), p^t(x)\} = \max\{p(x), p(-x)\}$$

is a norm on X .

A simple but important special case:

$$X = \mathbb{R}, \quad p_1(x) = x^+ = x \vee 0.$$

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Theorem (Banach)

Let X be a real vector space and p be a sublinear function from X to \mathbb{R} . Let X_0 be a vector subspace of X and let f_0 be a linear function from X_0 to \mathbb{R} such that

$$f_0(x) \leq p(x) \text{ for all } x \in X_0.$$

Then there exists a linear function f from X to \mathbb{R} that extends f_0 and for which

$$f(x) \leq p(x) \text{ for all } x \in X.$$

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This follows from Banach's theorem by taking $p(x) = \|x\|$.

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The topology of an asymmetrically normed space

If p is an asymmetric norm on X ,

$$d_p(x, y) = p(y - x)$$

defines a quasi-metric d_p on X which induces a T_0 -topology on X .

The topology is T_0 , but need not be T_1 .

The basic neighbourhoods of x are the open balls $B_r^p(x) = \{y \in X : p(y - x) < r\}$, $r > 0$.

Addition is jointly continuous, but scalar multiplication is only continuous for multiplication by non-negative scalars.

Later we will also need the closed balls

$$B_r^p[x] = \{y \in X : p(y - x) \leq r\}, \quad r > 0.$$

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Linear maps between asymmetrically normed spaces

Let (X, p) and (Y, q) be asymmetrically normed spaces and $T : X \rightarrow Y$ be a linear map.

T is continuous with respect to the topologies induced by p and q ((p, q) -continuous for short) iff T is bounded, i.e. there is a $C > 0$ such that

$$q(Tx) \leq Cp(x) \text{ for all } x \in X.$$

If this is the case, the infimum of all such constants C will be denoted by $\|T\|$:

$$\begin{aligned} \|T\| &= \inf\{C > 0 : q(Tx) \leq Cp(x) \quad \forall x \in X\} \\ &= \sup\{q(Tx) : p(x) \leq 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

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If X is a normed Riesz space (vector lattice), then

$$\rho(x) = \|x^+\| = \|x \vee 0\|, \quad x \in X,$$

defines an asymmetric norm on X ,

A real linear functional f on X is (ρ, ρ_1) -continuous iff it is norm bounded and positive (i.e. if $x \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0$).

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The result follows from Banach's theorem, using the asymmetric norm p defined above as sublinear functional.

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If C is a cone in a real vector space X , then it induces a partial order \leq_C on X defined by

$$x \leq_C y \iff y - x \in C, \quad x, y \in X.$$

With this partial order, X becomes a **partially ordered vector space**.

A **partially ordered normed space** is a normed space equipped with a partial order induced by a cone.

The cone C is **normal** if the norm is **monotone**, i.e.

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A positive bounded linear functional on a linear subspace of a partially ordered normed space need not have an extension to a bounded positive linear functional on the whole space.

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Let X be a real normed space with closed unit ball B_X and ordered by a cone C_X , and let X_0 be a linear subspace of X . A bounded positive linear functional f_0 on X_0 has a bounded positive extension to X iff f_0 is bounded above on $X_0 \cap (B_X - C_X)$

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Let $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ be a normed space with closed unit ball B_X , partially ordered by the closed normal cone C_X . For $x \in X$, put

$$p_X(x) = \inf\{\|x + x'\|_X : x' \in C_X\}.$$

Then p_X is an asymmetric norm on X , and

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The set $A = B_X - C_X$ is a convex absorbent set such that $\cap\{\lambda A : \lambda \neq 0\} = \{0\}$, and for $x \in X$,

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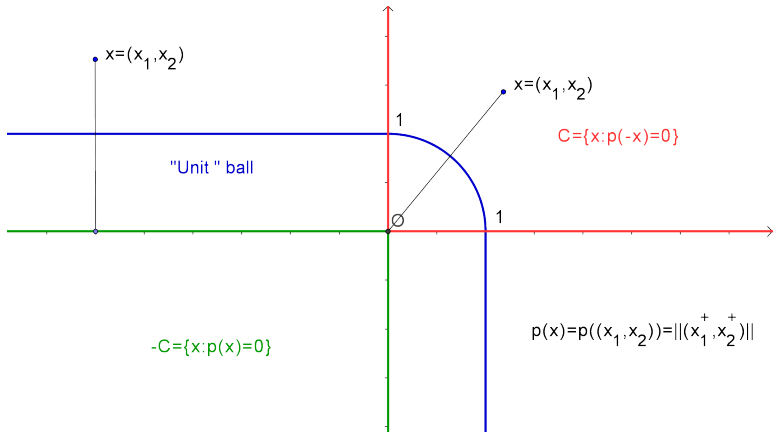
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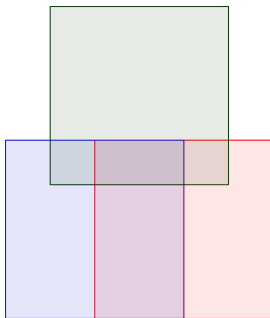
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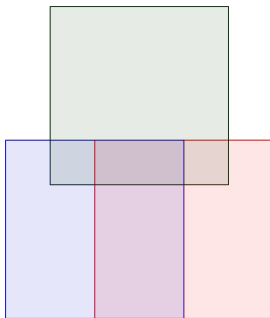
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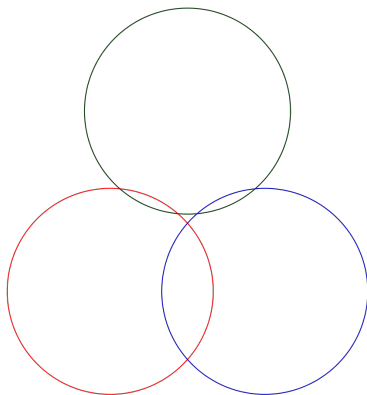
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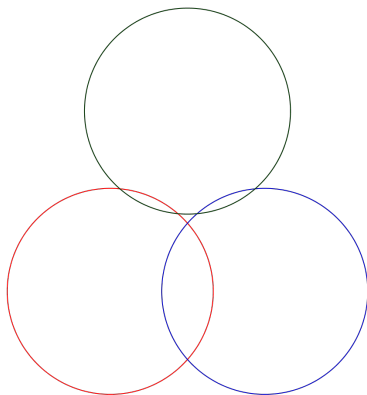
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The inclusion

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(X, ρ) is an asymmetrically normed space.

A function pair $f = (f_1, f_2)$, where $f_i : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ for $i = 1, 2$, is called **ample** if $\rho(y - x) \leq f_2(x) + f_1(y)$.

f is **minimal** whenever $g = (g_1, g_2)$ is an ample pair such that if $g_1 \leq f_1, g_2 \leq f_2$, then $g_1 = f_1, g_2 = f_2$.

The set of all minimal function pairs on X will be denoted by $\mathcal{E}(X, \rho)$.

For every $z \in X$, we define the minimal function pair $f_z = (f_{z,1}, f_{z,2})$ by $f_{z,1}(x) = \rho(x - z), f_{z,2}(x) = \rho(z - x)$.

The mapping $z \mapsto f_z$ is an injection of X into $\mathcal{E}(X, \rho)$.

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The order structure of the injective hull

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