

## Families of Norms Generated By 2-Norm

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**Abstract:** - In [1] S. Gähler proof that for any linearly independent vector  $a, b \in L$ , the equality  $\|x\| = \|x, a\| + \|x, b\|$ ,  $x \in L$  defines a norm on  $L$ . This result is generalized by A. Misiak in [2], and in [3] is presented other proof of this result. Moreover, H. Gunawan in [4] generalized these results. In this paper we'll generalize the S. Gähler's result of 2-normed space, which can easy be generalized on  $n$ -normed space.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Let  $L$  be a real vector space with dimension greater than 1 and  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  be a real function on  $L \times L$  such that:

- $\|x, y\| = 0$  if and only if the set  $\{x, y\}$  is linearly dependent ;
- $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$ , for every  $x, y \in L$ ;
- $\|\alpha x, y\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|x, y\|$ , for every  $x, y \in L$  and for every  $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$ ;
- $\|x + y, z\| \leq \|x, z\| + \|y, z\|$ , for every  $x, y, z \in L$ .

The function  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  is called 2-norm on  $L$ , a  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is called vector 2-normed space ([1]). Some of the basic properties of a 2-norm are that it's nonnegative, i.e.

$$\|x, y\| \geq 0, \text{ for every } x, y \in L$$

and

$$\|x, y + \alpha x\| = \|x, y\|, \text{ for every } x, y \in L \text{ and for every } \alpha \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Let  $n > 1$  be a real number,  $L$  be a real vector space,  $\dim L \geq n$  and  $(\cdot, \cdot | \cdot)$  be a real function on  $L \times L \times L$  which satisfies the following conditions:

- $(x, x | y) \geq 0$ , for every  $x, y \in L$  и  $(x, x | y) = 0$  if and only if  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent;
- $(x, y | z) = (y, x | z)$ , for every  $x, y, z \in L$ ;
- $(x, x | y) = (y, y | x)$ , for every  $x, y \in L$ ;
- $(\alpha x, y | z) = \alpha(x, y | z)$ , for every  $x, y, z \in L$  for every and  $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$ ; and
- $(x + x_1, y | z) = (x, y | z) + (x_1, y | z)$ , for every  $x, x_1, y, z \in L$ .

The function  $(\cdot, \cdot | \cdot)$  is called 2-inner product, and  $(L, (\cdot, \cdot | \cdot))$  is called 2-pre-Hilbert space ([5]).

Concepts of 2-norm and 2-inner product are two-dimensional analogies of concepts of norm and inner product. R. Ehret proved ([5]) that, if  $(L, (\cdot, \cdot | \cdot))$  be 2-pre-Hilbert space, than

$$\|x, y\| = (x, x | y)^{1/2}, \quad x, y \in L \quad (1)$$

defines 2-norm. So, we get vector 2-normed space  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  and for each  $x, y, z \in L$  the following equalities are true:

$$(x, y | z) = \frac{\|x+y, z\|^2 - \|x-y, z\|^2}{4}, \quad (2)$$

$$\|x + y, z\|^2 + \|x - y, z\|^2 = 2(\|x, z\|^2 + \|y, z\|^2), \quad (3)$$

In fact, the equality (3) is two-dimensional analogy of parallelogram equality and is called parallelepiped equality. Further, if  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is vector 2-normed space such that (1) is satisfied for every  $x, y, z \in L$ , then (3) defines 2-inner product on  $L$ , and moreover the equality (2) is satisfied.

**II. NORMS DEFINED BY 2-NORM**

**Theorem 1.** Let  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $\{a, b\}$  be linear independent subset of  $L$ . Then,

$$\|x\| = (\|x, a\|^p + \|x, b\|^p)^{1/p}, \quad x \in L \tag{4}$$

define norm of  $L$ .

**Proof.** It's clear that,  $\|x\| \geq 0$  and  $\|0\| = 0$ . Letting  $\|x\| = 0$  in (5) we get that  $\|x, a\| = \|x, b\| = 0$ . According the definition of 2-norm, we can conclude that the sets  $\{x, a\}$  and  $\{x, b\}$  are linearly dependent. The fact that the set  $\{a, b\}$  is linearly independent implies  $tx = \alpha a$  and  $qx = \beta b$ , for some  $t, q \neq 0$ . So,  $\alpha qa = \beta tb$  and  $\{a, b\}$  is linearly independent set and also  $t, q \neq 0$ . The last equality and the conditions mentioned above, implies  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ , i.e.  $x = 0$ . Let  $x \in L$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$ , then (5) implies the following

$$\|\alpha x\| = (\|\alpha x, a\|^p + \|\alpha x, b\|^p)^{1/p} = |\alpha| (\|x, a\|^p + \|x, b\|^p)^{1/p} = |\alpha| \|x\|.$$

Finally, using parallelepiped inequality and Minkovski's inequality we get that for each  $x, y \in L$  it's true that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + y\| &= (\|x + y, a\|^p + \|x + y, b\|^p)^{1/p} \\ &\leq [(\|x, a\| + \|y, a\|)^p + (\|x, b\| + \|y, b\|)^p]^{1/p} \\ &\leq (\|x, a\|^p + \|x, a\|^p)^{1/p} + (\|y, a\|^p + \|y, b\|^p)^{1/p} \\ &= \|x\| + \|y\|. \end{aligned}$$

It means that (4) define norm of  $L$ , which will be denoted as  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,p}$ . ■

**Theorem 2.** Let  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a 2-normed space and  $\{a, b\}$  be linearly independent subset of  $L$ . Then

$$\|x\| = \max\{\|x, a\|, \|x, b\|\}, \quad x \in L \tag{5}$$

defines norm of  $L$ .

**Proof.** Clearly,  $\|x\| \geq 0$  and  $\|0\| = 0$ . Let  $\|x\| = 0$ . Then (5) implies  $\|x, a\| = \|x, b\| = 0$ , and analogously as in the proof of the theorem 1 we get that  $x = 0$ . Let  $x \in L$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$ . The equality (5) implies

$$\|\alpha x\| = \max\{\|\alpha x, a\|, \|\alpha x, b\|\} = \max\{|\alpha| \cdot \|x, a\|, |\alpha| \cdot \|x, b\|\} = |\alpha| \|x\|.$$

Further, using the properties of maximum and the parallelepiped inequality we get the following

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + y\| &= \max\{\|x + y, a\|, \|x + y, b\|\} \\ &\leq \max\{\|x, a\| + \|y, a\|, \|x, b\| + \|y, b\|\} \\ &\leq \max\{\|x, a\|, \|x, b\|\} + \max\{\|y, a\|, \|y, b\|\} \\ &= \|x\| + \|y\|. \end{aligned}$$

It means that (5) defines norm of  $L$ , which will be denoted as  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,\infty}$ . ■

**Theorem 3.** Let  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be 2-normed space and  $\{a, b\}$  is linearly independent subset of  $L$ . Then, for every  $p, q \geq 1$  the  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,p}$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,q}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,\infty}$  are equivalent.

**Proof.** Let  $p \geq 1$ . Then, for every  $x \in L$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_{a,b,\infty} &= \max\{\|x, a\|, \|x, b\|\} \leq (\|x, a\|^p + \|x, b\|^p)^{1/p} \\ &\leq 2^{1/p} \max\{\|x, a\|, \|x, b\|\} = 2^{1/p} \|x\|_{a,b,p}, \end{aligned}$$

It means, that the norms  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,p}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,\infty}$  are equivalent.

Let  $q \geq p \geq 1$ . Further, using the already known inequality

$$(u^q + v^q)^{1/q} \leq (u^p + v^p)^{1/p}, \quad u, v \geq 0$$

we get

$$\|x\|_{a,b,q} = (\|x, a\|^q + \|x, b\|^q)^{1/q} \leq (\|x, a\|^p + \|x, b\|^p)^{1/p} = \|x\|_{a,b,p}. \tag{6}$$

On the other hand, without any general restrictions, we may take that for given  $x \in L$  the inequality  $\|x, b\| \leq \|x, a\|$  is satisfied. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_{a,b,p} &= (\|x,a\|^p + \|x,b\|^p)^{1/p} = \|x,a\| [1 + (\frac{\|x,b\|}{\|x,a\|})^p]^{1/p} \\ &\leq 2^{1/p} \|x,a\| \leq 2^{1/p} \|x,a\| [1 + (\frac{\|x,b\|}{\|x,a\|})^q]^{1/q} \\ &= 2^{1/p} (\|x,a\|^q + \|x,b\|^q)^{1/q} = 2^{1/p} \|x\|_{a,b,q} . \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Finally, the inequalities (6) and (7) implies that the norms  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,p}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,q}$  are equivalent. ■

Let  $\{a,b\}$  be linearly independent set in 2-normed space  $L$ . Then, 2-norm induces family of norms  $\{\|\cdot\|_{a,b,\infty}, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,p}, p \geq 1\}$ . Furthermore, for  $p \geq 1$  the norms are given by (4), and for  $p = \infty$  the norm is given by (5). Now, let  $\{a,b\}$  and  $\{c,d\}$  be linearly independent sets. Let review the families of norms  $\{\|\cdot\|_{a,b,\infty}, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,p}, p \geq 1\}$  and  $\{\|\cdot\|_{c,d,\infty}, \|\cdot\|_{c,d,p}, p \geq 1\}$ . Clearly, if  $L$  is a space with finite dimension, then each two norms of reviewed families are equivalent (theorem 2, [6], pp. 29).

But problems of equivalence between the norms,

- 1)  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,\infty}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{c,d,\infty}$ ,
- 2)  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,\infty}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{c,d,p}, p \geq 1$  and
- 3)  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,p}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{c,d,q}, p, q \geq 1$

and the conditions which must be satisfied if  $L$  be a space with not finite dimension are still opened.

**Example 1.** If  $(L, (\cdot, \cdot))$  be a real pre-Hilbert space, then

$$(x, y | z) = \begin{pmatrix} (x, y) & (x, z) \\ (y, z) & (z, z) \end{pmatrix}, \quad x, y, z \in L \tag{8}$$

defines a 2-inner product. It's obvious that (1) defines 2-norm on  $L$ , i.e.

$$\|x, y\| = \sqrt{\|x\|^2 \|y\|^2 - (x, y)^2} . \tag{9}$$

Further, if  $\{a,b\}$  is a linearly independent subset of  $L$ , then

$$\|x\|_{a,b,p} = [(\|x\|^2 \|a\|^2 - (x, a)^2)^{p/2} + (\|x\|^2 \|b\|^2 - (x, b)^2)^{p/2}]^{1/p}, \quad p \geq 1$$

$$\|x\|_{a,b,\infty} = \max\{\sqrt{\|x\|^2 \|a\|^2 - (x, a)^2}, \sqrt{\|x\|^2 \|b\|^2 - (x, b)^2}\},$$

is a family of norms, which are generated by the prime norm  $\|x\| = \sqrt{(x, x)}$ , and for every  $p \geq 1$

$$\|a\|_{a,b,p} = \|b\|_{a,b,p} = \|a\|_{a,b,\infty} = \|b\|_{a,b,\infty} = \sqrt{\|a\|^2 \|b\|^2 - (a, b)^2} .$$

Clearly, if  $L$  is a space with finite dimension, all these norms are equivalent to the prime norm. But, the following question is still opened: Is it true that for every vectors  $a$  and  $b$  the prime norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is equivalent to the norms  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,p}, p \geq 1$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,\infty}$  ■

### III. SOME PROPERTIES INHERED FROM THE SPACE $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ TO $(L, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,p}), p \geq 1$ TYPE OF SPACES

**Theorem 4.** If  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be 2-pre-Hilbert space, then for any linearly independent set  $\{a,b\}$  the normed space  $(L, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,2})$  be pre-Hilbert, and further more for each  $x, y \in L$  is true that

$$(x, y)_{a,b} = (x, y | a) + (x, y | b) . \tag{10}$$

**Proof.** Equalities (3) and (4) imply that for each  $x, y \in L$

$$\begin{aligned} \|x+y\|_{a,b,2}^2 + \|x-y\|_{a,b,2}^2 &= \|x+y, a\|^2 + \|x+y, b\|^2 + \|x-y, a\|^2 + \|x-y, b\|^2 \\ &= 2(\|x, a\|^2 + \|y, a\|^2) + 2(\|x, b\|^2 + \|y, b\|^2) \\ &= 2(\|x, a\|^2 + \|x, b\|^2) + 2(\|y, a\|^2 + \|y, b\|^2) \\ &= 2(\|x\|_{a,b,2}^2 + \|y\|_{a,b,2}^2) , \end{aligned}$$

It means that in the space  $(L, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,2})$  the parallelogram equality is succeeded. It implies that the mentioned space is pre-Hilbert space. Further,

$$(x, y)_{a,b} = \frac{\|x+y\|_{a,b,2}^2 - \|x-y\|_{a,b,2}^2}{4} = \frac{\|x+y,a\|^2 + \|x+y,b\|^2 - \|x-y,a\|^2 - \|x-y,b\|^2}{4}$$

$$= \frac{\|x+y,a\|^2 - \|x-y,a\|^2}{4} + \frac{\|x+y,b\|^2 - \|x-y,b\|^2}{4} = (x, y | a) + (x, y | b),$$

i.e. the equality (10) is true. ■

**Remark 1.** By Theorem 4 we proved that if  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be 2-pre-Hilbert space, the normed space  $(L, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,2})$  is pre-Hilbert. Among each norms  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,p}, 1 \leq p \leq \infty$  on  $\mathbf{R}^n$  get in Example 1 only the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,2}$  is induced by inner product. Really, if

$$a = (1, 1, 0, \dots, 0), b = (1, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0), x = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) \text{ and } y = (0, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0),$$

for  $p \neq 2, 1 \leq p < \infty$  we get

$$\|x\|_{a,b,p} = (1 + 2^{p/2})^{1/p}, \|y\|_{a,b,p} = (2^{p/2} + 1)^{1/p},$$

$$\|x+y\|_{a,b,p} = 2^{1/p} 3^{1/2} \text{ и } \|x-y\|_{a,b,p} = 2^{1/p} 3^{1/2},$$

thus,

$$\|x+y\|_{a,b,p}^2 + \|x-y\|_{a,b,p}^2 = 6 \cdot 4^{1/p} \neq 4(1 + 2^{p/2})^{2/p} = 2(\|x\|_{a,b,p}^2 + \|y\|_{a,b,p}^2).$$

It means that the parallelogram equality is not satisfied. Further, for  $p = \infty$  we get

$$\|x\|_{a,b,\infty} = \sqrt{2}, \|y\|_{a,b,\infty} = \sqrt{2}, \|x+y\|_{a,b,\infty} = \sqrt{3} \text{ и } \|x-y\|_{a,b,\infty} = \sqrt{3},$$

thus

$$\|x+y\|_{a,b,\infty}^2 + \|x-y\|_{a,b,\infty}^2 = 6 \neq 8 = 2(\|x\|_{a,b,\infty}^2 + \|y\|_{a,b,\infty}^2),$$

It means that this is other case in which the parallelogram equality is not satisfied.

**Remark 2.** If  $(L, (\cdot, \cdot))$  be a real pre-Hilbert space, then (8) defines 2-inner product. Further, if  $\{a, b\}$  be a linearly independent set, then by theorem 4, equality (10) defines an inner product on  $L$

$$(x, y)_{a,b} = (x, y | a) + (x, y | b) = (x, y)[\|a\|^2 + \|b\|^2] - (x, a)(y, a) - (x, b)(y, b).$$

It means that using the prime inner product, we generate a family of inner products:

$$(\cdot, \cdot)_{a,b}, \text{ set } \{a, b\} \text{ is linearly independent on } L. \tag{11}$$

The real question is, either this family contains the prime inner product, i.e. are there exist linearly independent vectors  $a, b \in L$  such that for every  $x, y \in L$  is true that

$$(x, y)_{a,b} = (x, y). \tag{12}$$

But  $(a, b)_{a,b} = 0$ . Thus, if exist linearly independent vectors  $a, b \in L$  such that for every  $x, y \in L$  (12) is hold, then  $(a, b) = 0$ . Further, letting  $x = y = a$  in equality (12) and considering  $(a, b) = 0$  and  $\|a\| > 0$ , we get  $\|b\| = 1$ . Analogously, we get  $\|a\| = 1$ . Hence, the equality (12) is transformed as

$$(x, y) = (x, a)(y, a) + (x, b)(y, b). \tag{13}$$

Two cases are possible:

1.  $\dim L = 2$ . Then, the set  $\{a, b\}$  is orthonormed base on  $L$ . In fact, the equality (13) is a Parseval equality, and thus, the family (11) contains the prime inner product. The same inner product is get for each orthonormed base  $\{a, b\}$  of  $L$ .

The last means if  $\{a, b\}$  be orthonormed base of  $L$  then the prime norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is identical to the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,2}$ .

2.  $\dim L > 2$ . Then, by Gram-Schmidt Theorem for orthogonalization, exists  $c \in L$  such that  $(a, c) = (b, c) = 0$  and  $\|c\| = 1$ . Letting  $x = y = c$  in the equality (13) we get

$$1 = \|c\|^2 = (c, a)^2 + (c, b)^2 = 0,$$

and that is contradiction. The last implies the family (11) doesn't contain the prime inner product. It means, for  $\dim L > 2$ , there is no any norm  $\|\cdot\|_{a,b,p}, 1 \leq p \leq \infty$  which is identically to  $\|\cdot\|$ .

Let  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a real 2-normed space. Then, by lemma 2.1, [1], on  $L \times L \times L$  exist the functional above

$$N_+(x, z)(y) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\|x+ty, z\| - \|x, z\|}{t}, N_-(x, z)(y) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\|x+ty, z\| - \|x, z\|}{t},$$

and are called *right-hand and left-hand Gateaux derivative*, respectively of a 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  at  $(x, z)$  in the direction  $y$ . Further, if  $N_-(x, z)(y) = N_+(x, z)(y)$ , then the 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  is said to be *Gateaux differentiable* at  $(x, z)$  in the direction  $y$  and is denoted by

$$N(x, z)(y) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|x+ty, z\| - \|x, z\|}{t}.$$

2-normed space  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is called to be *smooth* if for  $x \neq 0$  and  $z \notin V(x)$  the 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  is Gateaux differentiable at  $(x, z)$  in the direction  $y$  ([7]).

**Theorem 5.** If 2-normed space  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is smooth, then the normed space  $(L, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,1})$  is smooth for each linearly independent set  $\{a, b\}$ .

**Proof.** Let 2-normed space  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is smooth and  $\{a, b\}$  is linearly independent set. Then,

$$N_-(x, a)(y) = N_+(x, a)(y) \text{ и } N_-(x, b)(y) = N_+(x, b)(y)$$

thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_+(x, y) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\|x+ty\|_{a,b,1} - \|x\|_{a,b,1}}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\|x+ty, a\| + \|x+ty, b\| - \|x, a\| - \|x, b\|}{2} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\|x+ty, a\| - \|x, a\|}{2} + \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\|x+ty, b\| - \|x, b\|}{2} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\|x+ty, a\| - \|x, a\|}{2} + \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\|x+ty, b\| - \|x, b\|}{2} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\|x+ty, a\| + \|x+ty, b\| - \|x, a\| - \|x, b\|}{2} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\|x+ty\|_{a,b,1} - \|x\|_{a,b,1}}{t} = \tau_-(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

It means that the normed space  $(L, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,1})$  is smooth. ■

The terms convergent sequence and Cauchy sequence in 2-normed space are given by A. White. The sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  in 2-normed space is called to be *convergent* if there exists  $x \in L$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x, y\| = 0$ , for

every  $y \in L$ . The vector  $x \in L$  is called to be bound of the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and we denote  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  or

$x_n \rightarrow x, n \rightarrow \infty$ , ([8]). The sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  in 2-normed space  $L$  is called to be *Cauchy* if for every  $y \in L$ ,  $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_m, y\| = 0$ , ([9]).

**Theorem 6.** Let  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence in 2-normed space  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  and  $\{a, b\}$  be linearly independent set in  $L$ .

a) If the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be Cauchy sequence in  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ , then that sequence is Cauchy sequence in  $(L, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,p})$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and in  $(L, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,\infty})$ , too.

b) If the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be convergent sequence in  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ , then that sequence is convergent sequence in  $(L, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,p})$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and in  $(L, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,\infty})$ , too.

**Proof.** a) Let  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be Cauchy sequence in  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ . Then,

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_m, a\| = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_m, b\| = 0,$$

So, for each  $p \geq 1$ ,

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_m\|_{a,b,p} = \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} (\|x_n - x_m, a\|^p + \|x_n - x_m, b\|^p)^{1/p} = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_m\|_{a,b,\infty} = \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \max\{\|x_n - x_m, a\|, \|x_n - x_m, b\|\} = 0,$$

i.e.  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be Cauchy sequence in  $(L, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,p})$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $(L, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,\infty})$ .

b) Let  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be convergent sequence in  $(L, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ . Then, there is  $x \in L$  such that,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x, a\| = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x, b\| = 0,$$

So, for each  $p \geq 1$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x\|_{a,b,p} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\|x_n - x, a\|^p + \|x_n - x, b\|^p)^{1/p} = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x\|_{a,b,\infty} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max\{\|x_n - x, a\|, \|x_n - x, b\|\} = 0,$$

i.e.  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be convergent sequence in  $(L, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,p})$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $(L, \|\cdot\|_{a,b,\infty})$ . ■

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