

The n -dual space of the space of p -summable sequences

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The notion of n -normed spaces was introduced by S. Gähler in the 1960's [2, 3]. If in a normed space one speaks about the length of a vector, then in an n -normed space we discuss about the volume of the parallelepiped spanned by a set of n -vectors.

In this talk, we shall be interested in n -dual spaces of an n -normed space, consisting of bounded multilinear n -functionals on the space.

The concept of bounded multilinear n -functionals on an n -normed space was initially introduced by White [10], and studied further by Batkunda *et al.* [1] and Gozali *et al.* [4].

We shall refine the definition of bounded multilinear n -functionals, introduce the concept of n -dual spaces of an n -normed space, and then determine the n -dual spaces of ℓ^p spaces.

The results presented here are summarized from [9].

Who's Who, Among Others ...

S. Gähler and collaborators, incl. C. Diminnie and A. White
(1960's-1970's)

K. Iseki (1975-1976)

S.N. Lai and A.K. Singh (1978)

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M.S. Khan dan M.D. Khan (1993)

D.R. Jain and R. Chugh (1995)

Y.J. Cho and collaborators, incl. S.S. Kim and N.J. Huang (1990's)

H. Mazaheri and collaborators (2007-now)

H. Gunawan and collaborators (2000-now)

Definition of n -normed spaces

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and X be a real vector space of dimension $d \geq n$. (Here d can be infinite.) A real-valued function $\|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|$ on X^n satisfying the following four properties

(N1) $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| = 0$ if and only if x_1, \dots, x_n are linearly dependent;

(N2) $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|$ is invariant under permutation;

(N3) $\|\alpha x_1, \dots, x_n\| = |\alpha| \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|$ for $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$;

(N4) $\|x_1 + x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\| \leq \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\| + \|x'_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|$,

is called an n -**norm** on X . The pair $(X, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ is called an n -**normed space**.

Note

In an n -normed space $(X, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$, we have

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| \geq 0 \text{ for every } x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$$

and

$$\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\| = \|x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n, x_2, \dots, x_n\| \text{ for every } x_1, \dots, x_n \in X \text{ and } \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Standard example

If $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is a real inner product space of dimension $d \geq n$, then the following formula defines an n -norm on X :

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|^S := \left| \begin{array}{ccc} \langle x_1, x_1 \rangle & \cdots & \langle x_1, x_n \rangle \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \langle x_n, x_1 \rangle & \cdots & \langle x_n, x_n \rangle \end{array} \right|^{1/2}.$$

Geometrically, $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|^S$ represents the volume of the n -dimensional parallelepiped spanned by x_1, \dots, x_n in X .

General example: Gähler's formula

If X is a normed space, one may define an n -norm on X by using Gähler's formula

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|^G := \sup_{\substack{f_i \in X', \|f_i\| \leq 1 \\ i=1, \dots, n}} \begin{vmatrix} f_1(x_1) & \cdots & f_1(x_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_n(x_1) & \cdots & f_n(x_n) \end{vmatrix}.$$

Here X' denotes the dual of X , which consists of bounded linear functionals on X .

Gähler's n -norm on ℓ^p

Let $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Then we can equip the space ℓ^p of p -summable sequences with Gähler's n -norm $\|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|_p^G$, given by

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_p^G := \sup_{y_j \in \ell^q, \|y_j\|_q \leq 1} \left| \det \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_{ik} y_{jk} \right]_{i,j} \right|, \quad x_1, \dots, x_n \in \ell^p.$$

Here ℓ^q is the dual space of ℓ^p , and $\|\cdot\|_q$ is the usual norm on ℓ^q .

Another n -norm on ℓ^p

On ℓ^p , we can also define

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_p^H := \left(\frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k_1=1}^{\infty} \cdots \sum_{k_n=1}^{\infty} \left| \det [x_{ik_j}]_{i,j} \right|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad x_1, \dots, x_n \in \ell^p.$$

This n -norm was introduced in [5].

The equivalence between the two n -norms on ℓ^p

As shown in [11], the two n -norms on ℓ^p are equivalent, that is,

$$(n!)^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_p^H \leq \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_p^G \leq (n!)^{\frac{1}{p}} \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_p^H \quad (1)$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \ell^p$.

Multilinear n -functionals

Any real-valued function f on X^n , where X is a real vector space of dimension $d \geq n$, is called an n -**functional** on X .

Furthermore, an n -functional f satisfying the following two properties:

$$(1) \quad f(x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n) = \sum_{h_i \in \{x_i, y_i\}, 1 \leq i \leq n} f(h_1, \dots, h_n)$$

$$(2) \quad f(\alpha_1 x_1, \dots, \alpha_n x_n) = \alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

is called a **multilinear n -functional** on X .

Bounded multilinear n -functionals

Next, suppose that f is an n -functional on a normed space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ [respectively an n -normed space $(X, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$].

If there exists a constant $K > 0$ such that

$$|f(x_1, \dots, x_n)| \leq K \|x_1\| \cdots \|x_n\|$$

$$[\text{resp. } |f(x_1, \dots, x_n)| \leq K \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|]$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$, then f is said to be **bounded** on $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ [resp. **bounded** on $(X, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$].

Note

It is easy to check that every bounded multilinear n -functional f on an n -normed space $(X, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$ satisfies

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$$

whenever x_1, \dots, x_n are linearly dependent.

Further, it is antisymmetric, that is,

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) f(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(n)})$$

for any $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ and any permutation σ of $(1, \dots, n)$.

Here $\operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) = 1$ if σ is an even permutation and $\operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) = -1$ if σ is an odd permutation.

These properties do not hold for bounded multilinear n -functionals on a normed space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$.

n -dual spaces

Inspired by the concept of the dual space of a normed space, the space of bounded multilinear n -functionals on $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ [resp. on $(X, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$] is called the **n -dual space** of $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ [resp. the **n -dual space** of $(X, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$].

The n -dual space is equipped with the following norm

$$\|f\|_{n,1} := \sup_{\|x_1\|, \dots, \|x_n\| \neq 0} \frac{|f(x_1, \dots, x_n)|}{\|x_1\| \cdots \|x_n\|}$$

$$\left[\text{resp. } \|f\|_{n,n} := \sup_{\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| \neq 0} \frac{|f(x_1, \dots, x_n)|}{\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|} \right].$$

In the remaining slides, we shall focus on $X = \ell^p$, where $1 \leq p < \infty$.

For convenient, we shall first discuss the 2-dual spaces of ℓ^p (as a normed space as well as a 2-normed space), and then generalize the result for all $n \geq 2$.

From now on, we shall always assume that q is the dual exponent of p , that is, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, unless otherwise stated.

The space $Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$

To achieve our goals, we need to introduce the following normed space. We say that a double index sequence $\theta := (\theta_{kj})$ (of real numbers) belongs to the space $Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$ if

$$\|\theta\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q} := \sup_{\|x\|_p=1} \left[\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k \theta_{kj} \right|^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} < \infty.$$

Here $\|\cdot\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}$ defines a norm on $Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$. For $q = \infty$, a double index sequence $\theta := (\theta_{kj})$ is in $Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^{\infty}$ if

$$\|\theta\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^{\infty}} := \sup_{\|x\|_1=1} \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k \theta_{kj} \right| < \infty.$$

The 2-dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$

Our first result is the following.

Theorem 5.1

If $1 < p < \infty$, then the 2-dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$ is identified by $(Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q, \|\cdot\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q})$.

Moreover, the mapping $f \mapsto \theta := (f(e_k, e_j))$ is an isometric bijection from the 2-dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$ to $(Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q, \|\cdot\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q})$.

For $p = 1$, we can also prove easily that the 2-dual space of $(\ell^1, \|\cdot\|_1)$ is identified by $(Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^\infty, \|\cdot\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^\infty})$.

Hence we have the following corollary.

Corollary 5.2

For $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, the 2-dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$ is identified by $(Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q, \|\cdot\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q})$.

Bilinear 2-functional on $(\ell^p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_p^G)$

Using the previous fact (for the case where $n = 2$), we get the following theorem.

Theorem 5.3

A bilinear 2-functional f is bounded on $(\ell^p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_p^G)$ if and only if f is antisymmetric and bounded on $(\ell^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$. Furthermore, we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \|f\|_{2,1} \leq \|f\|_{2,2}^G \leq \|f\|_{2,1},$$

where $\|\cdot\|_{2,2}^G$ is the norm on the 2-dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_p^G)$.

The space $Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$

To identify the 2-dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_p^G)$, we consider some subspace of $Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$.

A double index sequence $\theta := (\theta_{kj})$ belongs to $Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$ if $\theta \in Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$ and $\theta_{kj} = -\theta_{jk}$ for all $k, j \in \mathbb{N}$.

Note that $Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$ can be viewed as a normed space equipped with the norm inherited from $Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$.

Corollary 5.4

The function $\|\cdot\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}^G$ on $Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$ defined by

$$\|\theta\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}^G := \sup_{\|x, y\|_p^G \neq 0} \frac{\left| \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k y_j \theta_{kj} \right|}{\|x, y\|_p^G}$$

defines a norm on $Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$.

Furthermore, $\|\cdot\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}^G$ and $\|\cdot\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}$ are equivalent norms on $Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$, with

$$\frac{1}{2} \|\theta\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q} \leq \|\theta\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}^G \leq \|\theta\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}$$

for all $\theta \in Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$.

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Corollary 5.5

The 2-dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_p^G)$ is identified by $(Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q, \|\cdot\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}^G)$.

Corollary 5.6

The function $\|\cdot\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}^H$ on $Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$ defined by

$$\|\theta\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}^H := \sup_{\|x, y\|_p^H \neq 0} \frac{\left| \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k y_j \theta_{kj} \right|}{\|x, y\|_p^H}$$

defines a norm on $Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$.

Furthermore, $\|\cdot\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}^H$ and $\|\cdot\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}^G$ are equivalent norms on $Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$, with

$$2^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \|\theta\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}^G \leq \|\theta\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}^H \leq 2^{\frac{1}{p}} \|\theta\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}^G$$

for all $\theta \in Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$.

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Corollary 5.7

The 2-dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_p^H)$ is identified by $(Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q, \|\cdot\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}^H)$.

Note: $\|\cdot\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}^H$, $\|\cdot\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}^G$, and $\|\cdot\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q}$ are three equivalent norms on $Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$.

The results for the case $n = 2$ can be extended easily to the case $n \geq 2$. For $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, we define $Y_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q$ to be the space of all (real) n -index sequence $\theta := (\theta_{k_1 \dots k_n})$ where

$$\|\theta\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q} := \sup_{\|a_i\|_p=1} \left[\sum_{k_n=1}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}=1}^{\infty} a_{1k_1} \cdots a_{n-1, k_{n-1}} \theta_{k_1 \dots k_n} \right|^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} < \infty.$$

For $q = \infty$, an n -index sequence $\theta := (\theta_{k_1 \dots k_n})$ belongs to the space $Y_{\mathbb{N}^n}^{\infty}$ if

$$\|\theta\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N}^n}^{\infty}} := \sup_{\|a_i\|_1=1} \sup_{k_n \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}=1}^{\infty} a_{1k_1} \cdots a_{n-1, k_{n-1}} \theta_{k_1 \dots k_n} \right| < \infty.$$

Here $\mathbb{N}^n := \mathbb{N} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{N}$ (n factors). Note also that the inner sum above is a multiple sum.

The n -dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$

We also define the generalization of $Z_{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}^q$ spaces as follows. An n -index sequence $\theta := (\theta_{k_1 \dots k_n})$ belongs to the space $Z_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q$ if $\theta \in Y_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q$ and $\theta_{k_1 \dots k_n} = \text{sgn}(\sigma) \theta_{\sigma(k_1) \dots \sigma(k_n)}$, for all $k_1, \dots, k_n \in \mathbb{N}$ and any permutation σ of (k_1, \dots, k_n) .

Analogous to the case $n = 2$, we have the following result for $n \geq 2$.

Theorem 6.1

The n -dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$ is identified by $(Y_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q, \|\cdot\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q})$.

Moreover, the mapping $f \mapsto \theta := (f(e_{k_1}, \dots, e_{k_n}))$ is an isometric bijection from the n -dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$ to $(Y_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q, \|\cdot\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q})$.

Theorem 6.2

A multilinear n -functional f is bounded on $(\ell^p, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|_p^G)$ if and only if it is antisymmetric and bounded on $(\ell^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$. Furthermore, we have

$$\frac{1}{n!} \|f\|_{n,1} \leq \|f\|_{n,n}^G \leq \|f\|_{n,1}$$

where $\|\cdot\|_{n,n}^G$ is the norm on the n -dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|_p^G)$.

The n -dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|_p^G)$

Corollary 6.3

The n -dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|_p^G)$ is identified by $(Z_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q, \|\cdot\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q}^G)$, where $\|\cdot\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q}^G$ is given by

$$\|\theta\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q}^G := \sup_{\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_p^G \neq 0} \frac{\left| \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_n=1}^{\infty} x_{1k_1} \cdots x_{nk_n} \theta_{k_1 \dots k_n} \right|}{\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_p^G}.$$

The n -dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|_p^H)$

Corollary 6.4

The n -dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|_p^H)$ is identified by $(Z_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q, \|\cdot\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q}^H)$, where $\|\cdot\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q}^H$ is given by

$$\|\theta\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q}^H := \sup_{\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_p^H \neq 0} \frac{\left| \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_n=1}^{\infty} x_{1k_1} \cdots x_{nk_n} \theta_{k_1 \dots k_n} \right|}{\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_p^H}.$$

In the theory of normed spaces, we know that the dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$ is (identified by) $(\ell^q, \|\cdot\|_q)$, where $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Here we show that the n -dual space of $(\ell^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$ is identified by $(Y_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q, \|\cdot\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q})$. We also obtain similar results for the n -dual space of ℓ^p when ℓ^p is viewed as an n -normed space. All these results are identical in the case where $n = 1$. For $n \geq 2$, however, we still have a question whether the norm $\|\cdot\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q}$ on $Y_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q$, as well as the norms $\|\cdot\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q}^H$ and $\|\cdot\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q}^G$ on $Z_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q$, can be reduced to

$$\|\theta\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q}^* := \left(\sum_{k_1, \dots, k_n=1}^{\infty} |\theta_{k_1 \dots k_n}|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

and

$$\|\theta\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q}^* := \left(\sum_{k_1, \dots, k_n=1}^{\infty} |\theta_{k_1 \dots k_n}|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

One may easily check that if $\theta := (\theta_{k_1 \dots k_n})$ satisfies

$$\|\theta\|_q^* := \left(\sum_{k_1, \dots, k_n=1}^{\infty} |\theta_{k_1 \dots k_n}|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} < \infty,$$

then $\|\theta\|_{Y_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q}$, $\|\theta\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q}^H$, and $\|\theta\|_{Z_{\mathbb{N}^n}^q}^G$ are all dominated by $\|\theta\|_q^*$.

We just do not know whether the converse is also true.
See [1] for related problems.

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Note on Theorem 5.3

The proof of Theorem 5.3 involves the concept of **g -orthogonality** on ℓ^p , where g is the **semi-inner product** on ℓ^p given by the formula

$$g(x, y) := \|x\|_p^{2-p} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |x_j|^{p-1} \operatorname{sgn}(x_j) y_j, \quad x := (x_j), y := (y_j).$$

If $g(x, y) = 0$, then we say that x and y are **g -orthogonal**, and we write $x \perp_g y$ [7].

Using g -orthogonality, we may define the **volume** of the parallelepiped spanned by linearly independent $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \ell^p$ by the formula

$$V(x_1, \dots, x_n) := \|x_1^\circ\|_p \cdots \|x_n^\circ\|_p,$$

where $\{x_1^\circ, \dots, x_n^\circ\}$ is the **left g -orthogonal sequence** obtained from $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ through a Gram-Schmidt process [6].

If x_1, \dots, x_n are linearly dependent, then we simply define $V(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$.

In [11], it is shown that

$$V(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_n}) \leq \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_p^G \quad (2)$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \ell^p$ and any permutation (i_1, \dots, i_n) of $(1, \dots, n)$.