

On Best Approximation in $L^p(\mu, X)$ and $L^\phi(\mu, X)$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$

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Abstract. In this paper, we prove that the property of being proximally additive in Banach spaces is inherited by the space $L^\phi(\mu, G)$ in $L^\phi(\mu, X)$. Furthermore, and as an extension of our main result in [1], we prove that: With this property assumed, the subspace G is proximal in the Banach space X if and only if, for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, $L^p(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^p(\mu, X)$ if and only if $L^\phi(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^\phi(\mu, X)$ for every modulus function ϕ and any finite measure space (T, μ) .

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1. Introduction

For the subset G of the normed linear space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$. We define, for $x \in X$, $d(x, G) = \inf \{\|x - g\| : g \in G\}$. If G is a subspace of X , an element $g_0 \in G$ is called a best approximant of x in G if $\|x - g_0\| = d(x, G)$. We shall denote the set of all best approximants of x in G as $P(x, G)$. If for each $x \in X$, the set $P(x, G) \neq \emptyset$ then G is said to be proximal in X , and if $P(x, G)$ is a singleton for each $x \in X$ an G is called a Chebychev subspace.

An increasing function $\phi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is said to be a modulus function if it vanishes at zero, and is subadditive. This means that $\phi(x + y) \leq \phi(x) + \phi(y)$ for all x and y in $[0, \infty)$. Examples of modulus functions are: x^p , $0 < p \leq 1$, and $\ln(1+x)$. Furthermore, if ϕ is a modulus function, then $\phi(x) = \frac{\phi(x)}{1 + \phi(x)}$ is again modulus.

It is also evident that the composition of two modulus functions is a modulus function, [3.p.159].

Let X be a real Banach space and let (T, μ) be a finite measure space. For a modulus function ϕ , we define the Orlicz space $L^\phi(\mu, X)$ as the set

$$\left\{ f : T \rightarrow X \text{ such that } \int_T \phi(\|f(t)\|) d\mu(t) < \infty \right\}.$$

The function $d : L^\phi(\mu, X) \times L^\phi(\mu, X) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ given by:

$$d(f, g) = \int_T \phi(\|f(t) - g(t)\|) d\mu(t) \text{ turns } L^\phi(\mu, X) \text{ into a complete metric space [3].}$$

For $f \in L^\phi(\mu, X)$, we write $\|f\|_\phi = \int_T \phi(\|f(t)\|) du(t)$. In what follows, when ϕ is

mentioned, it is to be assumed a modulus function. We would also like to mention that in the literature, except for what we partly did in [1], we did not find conditions under which the proximality of G in X is equivalent to the proximality of $L^\phi(\mu, G)$ in $L^\phi(\mu, X)$ and to the proximality of $L^p(\mu, G)$ in $L^p(\mu, X)$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. Here we show that the condition of proximal additivity, again, gives the required equivalence. This, of course makes an extension to our restricted classification of the case $p=1$ which we got in [1].

In the present time, researchers are working on the extensions of classical results in which they consider Haar subspaces for approximating sets, For reference One may consider [7]. Convenient tries can also be found in [5,8].

2. Proximal additivity

Definition 2.1. A subspace G of a Banach space X is said to proximally additive if G is closed and $z_1 + z_2 \in P(x_1 + x_2, G)$ whenever $z_1 \in P(x_1, G)$ and $z_2 \in P(x_2, G)$.

Example 2.2. Let $X = R^2$, and let $G = \{(x, 0) : x \in R\}$. Then G is proximally additive in X , with the Euclidean norm.

It turns out that proximal additivity is transformed from G to the Orlicz space $L^\phi(\mu, G)$. Specifically, we have the following:

Theorem 2.3. Let X be a Banach space in which G is a proximally additive subspace. Then $L^\phi(\mu, G)$ is proximally additive in $L^\phi(\mu, G)$ $L^\phi(\mu, X)$.

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Poof: Let $g_1 \in P(f_1, L^\phi(\mu, G))$ and $g_2 \in P(f_2, L^\phi(\mu, G))$

$$\text{By [5, p.73], } g_1(t) \in P(f_1(t), G) \text{ a.e.t} \in T \tag{1}$$

$$\text{Also, } g_2(t) \in P(f_2(t), G) \text{ a.e.t} \in T \tag{2}$$

Since G is proximally additive, from (1) and (2), we get that:

$$(g_1 + g_2)(t) \in P(f_1 + f_2)(t), G) \text{ a.e.t} \in T.$$

$$\text{Hence, } d((f_1 + f_2)(t), G) = \|(f_1 + f_2)(t) - (g_1 + g_2)(t)\|$$

$$S_0 \|(f_1 + f_2)(t) - (g_1 + g_2)(t)\| \leq \|(f_1 + f_2)(t) - y\| \text{ a.e.t and for all } y \in G.$$

In particular, one has :

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$$\|(f_1 + f_2)(t) - (g_1 + g_2)(t)\| \leq \|(f_1 + f_2)(t) - h(t)\| \text{ a.e.t and for all } h \in L^\phi(\mu, G)$$

Since ϕ is strictly increasing,

$$\phi(\|(f_1 + f_2)(t) - (g_1 + g_2)(t)\|) \leq \phi(\|(f_1 + f_2)(t) - h(t)\|) \text{ a.e.t and for all } h \in L^\phi(\mu, G)$$

Integrating the last inequality yields:

$$\|(f_1 + f_2) - (g_1 + g_2)\|_\phi \leq \|(f_1 + f_2) - h\|_\phi \text{ for all } h \in L^\phi(\mu, G)$$

$$\text{Hence } d((f_1 + f_2), L^\phi(\mu, G)) = \|(f_1 + f_2) - (g_1 + g_2)\|_\phi$$

Therefore $g_1 + g_2 \in P(f_1 + f_2, L^\phi(\mu, G))$

Thus $L^\phi(\mu, G)$ is proximally additive.

For the next result, we need the following theorem which was proved in [9]. Here, we give a simpler proof.

For this, we need to recall from [11,p.279] that:

a closed subspace G of a Banach space X is called an L^p -summand, $1 \leq p < \infty$

if there is a bounded projection $E : X \rightarrow G$ which is onto and

$$\|x\|^p = \|E(x)\|^p + \|x - E(x)\|^p \text{ for all } x \in X. \text{ We present the following result.}$$

Lemma 2.4. If G is an L^p -summand of a Banach space X , then G is proximal ($1 \leq p < \infty$).

Proof: Let $x \in X$. For each $g \in G$, we have :

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - g\|^p &= \|E(x - g)\|^p + \|x - g - E(x - g)\|^p \\ &= \|E(x) - E(g)\|^p + \|x - E(x)\|^p \\ &\geq \|x - E(x)\|^p \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.5. Let G be any closed subspace of a Hilbert space $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$, then G is Chebyshev.

Proof: By [10,p.96], $X = G \oplus G^\perp$ where $G^\perp = \{z \in X : z \perp G\}$.

Hence, for every $x \in X$, there is a unique representation $x = g + z$ where

$$g \in G \text{ and } z \in G^\perp.$$

Now, we define the projection E on X as $E(x) = g$.

Clearly E is onto and bounded.

Also, if $x = g + z$ and $z \perp g$ then

$$\|z + g\|^2 = \|z\|^2 + \|g\|^2, \text{ so}$$

Thus G is an L^2 -summand of X .

Now, for $x \in X$, suppose g_1 , and g_2 are best approximates of x in G .

By the parallelogram law (applied to $\frac{1}{2}(x - g_1)$ and $\frac{1}{2}(x - g_2)$).

One gets:

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2}(x - g_1) + \frac{1}{2}(x - g_2) \right\|^2 + \left\| \frac{-1}{2}(g_1 - g_2) \right\|^2 = 2 \left\| \frac{1}{2}(x - g_1) \right\|^2 + 2 \left\| \frac{1}{2}(x - g_2) \right\|^2,$$

which gives that:

$$\left\| x - \frac{1}{2}(g_1 + g_2) \right\|^2 < \frac{1}{2} \|x - g_1\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|x - g_2\|^2 = [d(x, G)]^2, \text{ thus } \left\| x - \frac{1}{2}(g_1 + g_2) \right\| < d(x, G)$$

This contradicts the definition of $d(x, G)$, unless $g_1 = g_2$

Hence G is Chebyshev.

Corollary 2.6. Any closed subspace of \mathfrak{R}^n , or of C^n is Chebyshev.

3. Main results

Theorem 3.1. Let G be a closed subspace of a Hilbert space X . Then $L^\phi(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^\phi(\mu, X)$.

Proof : By[[1], proposition 2.8], G is proximally additive.

By theorem (2.5) G is Chebyshev, and in particular it is proximal in X . By [[1], theorem (3.7)] $L^\phi(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^\phi(\mu, X)$.

The following theorem is essential for our next main result. To prove we need the following lemma.

Lemma 3.2. Let G be a subspace of a normed space X .

For $x \in X$:

- i) if $z \in P(x, G)$, then $\alpha z \in P(\alpha x, G)$ for all scalars α
- ii) if $z \in P(x, G)$, then $z + g \in p(x + g, G)$ for all $g \in G$

Proof: For (i); if $z \in P(x, G)$, and $\alpha \neq 0$ is a scalar, then

$$\|\alpha x - g\| = |\alpha| \left\| x - \frac{1}{\alpha} g \right\| \geq |\alpha| \|x - g\| = \|\alpha x - \alpha z\|$$

so $\alpha z \in P(\alpha x, G)$

For (ii): If $g \in G$, we have

$$\|x + g - g\| \geq \|x - g\| = \|x + g - (z + g)\|$$

So $z + g \in p(x + g, G)$.

Theorem 3.3. Suppose G is a semi-Chebyshev hyperplane in a Banach space X which passes through the origin. Then G is proximally additive.

Proof: Case (1): G is proximal.

Let $f \in X^*$ be so that $G = \{x \in X : f(x) = 0\}$

Fix $z \in x \setminus G$, so $f(z) \neq 0$.

Put $y = x - (f(x)/f(z))z$ where $x \in X$.

So, $f(y) = 0$, whence $y \in G$.

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Consequently, $X = G \oplus W$ where $W = \{w = \alpha z : \alpha \text{ is a scalar}\}$ (1)

Now, let $z_1 \in P(x_1, G), z_2 \in P(x_2, G)$. It will be shown that $z_1 + z_2 \in P(x_1 + x_2, G)$. By (*), every $x_1, x_2 \in X$ can be written uniquely as: $x_1 = g_1 + \alpha_1 z_1$ and $x_2 = g_2 + \alpha_2 z_2$ where $g_1, g_2 \in G$ and α_1, α_2 scalars (2)

Now, assume that $g_0 \in P(x_1 + x_2, G)$. Then by (2) $g_0 \in P((g_1 + g_2) + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)z, G)$.

By lemma (3.2) $g_0 = ((g_1 + g_2) + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)z)$ where $w \in P(z, G)$.

So $g_0 = g_1 + \alpha_1 w + g_2 + \alpha_2 w$ which,

Again lemma (3.2) implies that :

$g_1 + \alpha_1 w \in P(g_1 + \alpha_1 z, G) = P(x_1, G)$ and $g_2 + \alpha_2 w \in P(g_2 + \alpha_2 z, G) = P(x_2, G)$.

Hence, $g_1 + \alpha_1 w = z_1$, and $g_2 + \alpha_2 w = z_2$, so $g_0 = z_1 + z_2$.

Therefore, $z_1 + z_2 \in P(x_1 + x_2, G)$.

Case (2): G is not proximal.

By [6, p.93], $P(x, G) = \emptyset \forall x \in X \setminus G$.

Thus G is vacuously proximally additive.

Now, we will introduce, with proofs, a sequence of propositions which will lead to our proposed extension result.

Theorem 3.4. Let G be a Chebyshev hyperplane in a Banach space X which passes through the origin then $L^\phi(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^\phi(\mu, X)$.

Proof: By theorem (3.3), G is proximally additive.

By [(3.7) of [1]], $L^\phi(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^\phi(\mu, X)$.

Lemma 3.5. Let G be a closed subspace of a Banach space X . If $L^\infty(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^\infty(\mu, X)$, then G is proximal in X . ((T, μ) is a finite measure space).

Proof: Consider, for $x \in X$ the constant function $f(t) = x$, defined on T . Then

$f \in L^\infty(\mu, X)$. Hence, by assumption, there is $g \in L^\infty(\mu, G)$ such that:

$\|f - g\|_\infty = d(f, L^\infty(\mu, G))$. By [10, p.36], One has: $\|f - g\|_\infty = \sup_T d(f(t), G)$. Thus,

$\|f - g\|_\infty = \sup_T d(x, G) = d(x, G) = \sup_T \{ \|x - g(t)\| \}$.

Therefore, $\|x - g(t)\| \leq d(x, G)$ for all $t \in T$, and hence G is proximal in X .

Theorem 3.6. Let G be a closed subspace which is proximally additive in a Banach space X . Then $L^1(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^1(\mu, X)$ if and only if $L^\infty(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^\infty(\mu, X)$.

Proof: If $L^1(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^1(\mu, X)$ then by [2,p.528], $L^\infty(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^\infty(\mu, X)$.

Conversely, if $L^\infty(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^\infty(\mu, X)$ then by lemma (3.5), G is proximal in X . By theorem (3.7 of [1]), $L^1(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^1(\mu, X)$.

Now, this is our extension theorem:

Theorem 3.7. Let G be a subspace which is proximally additive in X , then the followings are equivalent for any finite measure space (T, μ) :

- (i) G is proximal in X .
- (ii) $L^\phi(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^\phi(\mu, X)$.
- (iii) $L^p(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^p(\mu, X)$ for all $1 \leq p \leq \infty$.

Proof: We only need to recall from [4, p.297] the fact that:

For $1 < p < \infty$, $L^p(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^p(\mu, X)$ if and only if $L^1(\mu, G)$ is proximal in $L^1(\mu, X)$.

We close this paper by an example, which shows that being proximally additive in X , the subspace G need not be proximal.

Example 3.8. Let $X = c_0$, the space of null sequences, equipped with the sup. norm. Let

$$G = \left\{ x \in c_0 : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} x_n = 0 \right\}$$

Clearly G is the hyperplane generated by $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} x_n$ and $\|f\| = 1$, [10, p.32], so in

particular G is closed. Let $x = e^{(1)} = (1, 0, 0, \dots)$, so $x \in c_0$, and

$$d(x, G) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ by [6,p.24].}$$

Now, if there is $g \in G$ such that $\|x - g\| = \frac{1}{2}$ then:

$$|1 - g_1| \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } |g_n| \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ for all } n \geq 2$$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} g_n = 0$, we get that :

$$\frac{1}{4} \leq \frac{1}{2} |g_1| = \left| \sum_{n \geq 2} 2^{-n} g_n \right| \leq \sum_{n \geq 2} (2^{-n} |g_n|) \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} 2^{-n} = \frac{1}{4},$$

and this happens only if $|g_n| = \frac{1}{2}$ for all n .

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But this contradicts the assumption that $g \in c_0$. Thus G could not have been proximal in X .

4. Sets approximated by zero

In what follows, if G is a subspace of a normed space X , then we define the set $P_G^{-1}(0) = \{x \in X : 0 \in p(x, G)\}$. This set is referred to as the set approximated by zero.

Theorem 4.1. Let X be a Branch space, and G be a closed subspace of X . If G is proximally additive, then, up to sets of measure zero ;

$$P_G^{-1}(0) = L^\phi(\mu, P_G^{-1}(0)).$$

Proof : Let $f \in L^\phi(\mu, P_G^{-1}(0))$. This means $f(t) \in P_G^{-1}(0)$ and that $\|f\|_\phi < \infty$.

Now

$$f(t) \in P_G^{-1}(0); \text{ so, } 0 \in P(f(t), G); \text{ hence } d(f(t), G) = \|f(t)\|.$$

$$\text{i.e. } \|f(t)\| \leq \|f(t) - g\| \quad \forall g \in G.$$

In particular,

$$\|f(t)\| \leq \|f(t) - h(t)\| \quad \forall h \in L^\phi(\mu, G)$$

Since ϕ is strictly increasing, then

$$\phi(\|f(t)\|) \leq \phi(\|f(t) - h(t)\|) \quad \forall h \in L^\phi(\mu, G)$$

Integrating both sides we get

$$\|f\|_\phi \leq \|f - h\|_\phi \quad \forall h \in L^\phi(\mu, G)$$

$$\text{Hence } d(f, L^\phi(\mu, G)) = \|f\|_\phi$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 0 \in P(f, L^\phi(\mu, G)) \Rightarrow f \in P_{L^\phi(\mu, G)}^{-1}(0)$$

Thus

$$L^\phi(\mu, P_G^{-1}(0)) \subset P_{L^\phi(\mu, G)}^{-1}(0).$$

Conversely, let $f \in P_{L^\phi(\mu, G)}^{-1}(0)$.

So, the zero function $0 \in P(f, L^\phi(\mu, G))$.

Hence, by [5.p.73] $0 \in P(f(t), G) \text{ a.e. } t \in T$.

So, $f(t) \in P_G^{-1}(0) \text{ a.e. } t \in T$

$$\text{Now, define } g(t) = \begin{cases} f(t) & \text{if } f(t) \in P_G^{-1}(0) \\ f(t) - g_t & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where g_t is the unique best approximant of $f(t)$ in G .

By [7, Lemma 3.1 and Theorem 3.2], and since

$(\forall t \in T) f(t) = g_t + (f(t) - g_t)$, we conclude that $g(t) \in P_G^{-1}(0) \forall t \in T$

Finally, by the very definition of g ; $f = g$ a.e. $t \in T$ and $\|g\|_\phi < \infty$, so $g \in L^\phi(\mu, P_G^{-1}(0))$.

4. A note on optimization theory

Optimization is a mathematical technique that concerns the finding of maxima or minima of functions within some feasible region. A diversity of optimization techniques fight for the best solution. Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is a comparatively new, current, and dominant method of advanced optimization technique that has been empirically shown to perform well on many of these optimization problems. It is lucidly and widely used to find the global optimum solution in a complex search space. This, in a sense, is another face of best approximation theory, each in its field of application. The difference is in the fact that, optimal solutions occur as values of functions while proximal maps have the basic problem of non-being linear. This in part shortens the scope of invoking such maps in the theory of best approximation. For further development, we would like to refer the reader to [13,14,15].

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