

## THE RIESZ THEOREM IN FUZZY $n$ -NORMED LINEAR SPACES

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ABSTRACT. The primary purpose of this paper is to prove the fuzzy version of Riesz theorem in  $n$ -normed linear space as a generalization of linear  $n$ -normed space. Also we study some properties of fuzzy  $n$ -norm and introduce a concept of fuzzy anti  $n$ -norm.

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### 1. Introduction

Gahler [4] introduced the theory of  $n$ -norm on a linear space. Following Gunawan and Mashadi [5], Kim and Cho [6], Malčeski [8] and Misiak [9] developed the theory of  $n$ -normed space. A detailed theory of fuzzy normed linear space can be found in [1, 2, 3, 7, 12]. Narayanan and Vijayabalaji [10] introduced the concept of fuzzy  $n$ -norm on a linear space and Also, Vijayabalaji and Thillaigovindan [14] introduced the concept of complete fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space. Riesz [13] obtained the *Riesz theorem* in a normed space. Park and Chu [11] have extended the *Riesz theorem* in a normed space to  $n$ -normed linear space. In this paper, we extend the *Riesz theorem* in  $n$ -normed linear space to the case of fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space and establish some results on it.

### 2. Preliminaries

Riesz [13] obtained the following theorem in a normed space

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $Y$  and  $Z$  be subspaces of a normed space  $X$  and  $Y$  a closed proper subset of  $Z$ . For each  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ , there exists an element  $z \in Z$  such that*

$$\|z\| = 1, \quad \|z - y\| \geq \theta$$

*for all  $y \in Y$ .*

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**Definition 1.** [5]. Let  $n \in N$  (natural numbers) and  $X$  be a real linear space of dimension  $d \geq n$ . (Here we allow  $d$  to be infinite). A real valued function  $\| \bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet \|$  on  $X \times X \times \dots \times X$  ( $n$  times)  $= X^n$  satisfying the following four properties:

(N1)  $\| x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \| = 0$  if and only if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent.

(N2)  $\| x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \|$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

(N3)  $\| x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n \| = |c| \| x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \|$ , for any real  $c$ .

(N4)  $\| x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, y + z \| \leq \| x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, y \| + \| x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, z \|$  is called an  $n$ -norm on  $X$  and the pair  $(X, \| \bullet, \dots, \bullet \|)$  is called an  $n$ -normed linear space.

**Definition 2.** [5]. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a linear  $n$ -normed space  $(X, \| \bullet, \dots, \bullet \|)$  is said to  $n$ -convergent to  $x \in X$  and denoted by  $x_k \rightarrow x$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  if

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

From the above definitions, Park and Chu [11] obtained the following theorem in a  $n$ -normed spaces.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $Y$  and  $Z$  be subspaces of a linear  $n$ -normed space  $X$  and  $Y$  an  $n$ -compact proper subset of  $Z$  with codimension greater than  $n - 1$ . For each  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ , there exists an element  $(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) \in Z^n$  such that

$$\| z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n \| = 1, \quad \| z_1 - y, z_2 - y, \dots, z_n - y \| \geq \theta$$

for all  $y \in Y$ .

**Definition 3.** [14]. A binary operation  $*$ :  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a continuous  $t$ -norm if  $*$  satisfies the following conditions:

- : (1)  $*$  is commutative and associative
- : (2)  $*$  is continuous

**Definition 4.** [15]. Let  $X$  be a linear space over a real field  $F$ . A fuzzy subset  $N$  of  $X^n \times [0, \infty)$  is called a fuzzy  $n$ -norm on  $X$  if and only if:

(FN1)  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) > 0$ .

(FN2)  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent.

(FN3)  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

(FN4)  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n, t) = N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|c|})$  if  $c \neq 0, c \in F$  (field)

(FN5)  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) \geq N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) * N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, s)$  for all  $s, t \in \mathbf{R}$

(FN6)  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \cdot)$  is left continuous and non-decreasing function of  $\mathbf{R}$  such that

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

Then  $(X, N)$  is called a fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space.

**Definition 5.** [15]. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a fuzzy  $n$ -normed space  $(X, N)$  is said to converge to  $x$  if given  $r > 0, t > 0, 0 < r < 1$ , there exists an integer  $n_0 \in N$  such that  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x, t) > 1 - r$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

### 3. Fuzzy anti $n$ -normed spaces and $\alpha$ - $n$ -normed spaces

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $(X, N)$  be a fuzzy  $n$ -normed space. Assume the condition that (FN7)  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) > 0$  for all  $t > 0$  implies  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent. Define  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha = \inf\{t : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha\}, \alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Then  $\{\|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|_\alpha : \alpha \in (0, 1)\}$  is an ascending family of  $n$ -norms on  $X$ . These  $n$ -norms are called  $\alpha$ - $n$ -norms on  $X$  corresponding to the fuzzy  $n$ -norm on  $X$ .*

*Proof.* (1)  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha = 0$ . This (i) implies  $\inf\{t : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha\} = 0$ ,

(ii) implies, for all  $t \in \mathbf{R}, t > 0, N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha > 0, \alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,

(iii) implies, by (FN7),  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent. Conversely, assume that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent. This

(i) implies, by (FN2),  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ .

(ii) implies, for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1), \inf\{t : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha\} = 0$

(iii) implies  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha = 0$

(2) As  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation, it follows that  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha$  is invariant under any permutation.

(3) If  $c \neq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n\|_\alpha &= \inf\{s : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n, s) \geq \alpha\} \\ &= \inf\{s : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{s}{|c|}) \geq \alpha\} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $t = s / |c|$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n\|_\alpha &= \inf\{|c|t : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha\} \\ &= |c| \inf\{t : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha\} \\ &= |c| \inf \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

If  $c = 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n\|_\alpha &= \|x_1, x_2, \dots, 0\|_\alpha \\ &= 0 = 0 \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \\ &= |c| \inf \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha, \forall c \in F \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (4) \quad &\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_\alpha \\ &= \inf\{t : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha\} + \inf\{s : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, s) \geq \alpha\} \\ &= \inf\{t + s : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha, N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, s) \geq \alpha\} \\ &= \inf\{t + s : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, t + s) \geq \alpha\} \\ &= \inf\{r : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, r) \geq \alpha\}, r = t + s \\ &= \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n\|_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n\|_\alpha \geq \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_\alpha$ . Thus,

$\{\|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|_\alpha : \alpha \in (0, 1)\}$  is an  $\alpha - n$ -norm on  $X$ .

(5) Let  $0 < \alpha_1 < \alpha_2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\alpha_1} &= \inf\{t : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha_1\} \\ \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\alpha_2} &= \inf\{t : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha_2\} \end{aligned}$$

As  $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$ ,

$$\{t : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha_2\} \subset \{t : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha_1\}$$

$$\inf\{t : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha_2\} \geq \inf\{t : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha_1\}$$

which implies

$$\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\alpha_2} \geq \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\alpha_1}$$

Hence,  $\{\|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|_\alpha : \alpha \in (0, 1)\}$  is an ascending family of  $\alpha - n$ -norms on  $X$  corresponding to the fuzzy  $n$ -norm on  $X$ . □

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\{\|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|_\alpha : \alpha \in (0, 1)\}$  be an ascending family of  $\alpha - n$ -norms on  $X$  corresponding to the fuzzy  $n$ -norm on  $X$ . Define a function  $N' : X^n \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  as

$$N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \begin{cases} \sup\{\alpha \in (0, 1) : \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t\} \\ \text{when } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \text{ are linearly} \\ \text{independent and } t \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then  $(X, N')$  is a fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space.

*Proof.* (FN1) For all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t < 0$  we have

$N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \sup\{\alpha \in (0, 1) : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t\} = 0 \forall x \in X$ . Similarly for  $t = 0$  and  $x \neq 0$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ . When  $x = 0$  and  $t = 0$  then from definition  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ . Thus  $\forall t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t \leq 0$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0 \forall x \in X$ . So (FN1) holds.

(FN2) Let  $\forall t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t > 0$ , we have  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$ . Choose  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ . Then for any  $t > 0$ ,  $\exists \alpha_t \in (\varepsilon, 1)$  such that  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\alpha_t} \leq t$ , and hence  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\varepsilon \leq t$ . Since  $t > 0$  is arbitrary, this implies that  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\varepsilon = 0$ . Hence  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent. Conversely, if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent,  $\forall t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \sup\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t\} = \sup\{\alpha : \alpha \in (0, 1)\} = 1$ . Thus for all  $t > 0$ ,  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent.

(FN3) As  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , so we have  $N'(x_1, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

(FN4) For all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $c \in F$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n, t) &= \sup\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n\|_\alpha \leq t\} \\ &= \sup\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq \frac{t}{|c|}\} \\ &= N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|c|}). \end{aligned}$$

(FN5) We have to show that for all  $s, t \in \mathbf{R}$ ,

$$N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) \geq N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s) * N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t).$$

If (a)  $s + t < 0$  (b)  $s = t = 0$ ;  $s > 0, t < 0$ ;  $s < 0, t > 0$ , then in these cases the relation is obvious. If (d)  $s > 0, t > 0$ , let  $p = N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s)$ ,  $q = N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)$  and  $p \leq q$ . If  $p = 0$  and  $q = 0$  then obviously (FN5) holds.

Let  $0 < r < p \leq q$ . Then there exists  $\alpha > r$  such that  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq s$  and there exists  $\beta > r$  such that  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_\alpha \leq t$

Let  $\gamma = \alpha * \beta = \min\{\alpha, \beta\} > r$ . Thus  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\gamma \leq \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq s$  and  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_\gamma \leq \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_\alpha \leq t$ .

Now  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n\|_\gamma \leq \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_\alpha \leq s + t$ . Therefore  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) \geq \gamma > r$ . Since  $0 < r < \gamma$  is arbitrary,

$$\begin{aligned} N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) &\geq p = \min\{N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)\} \\ &= N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s) * N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly if  $p \geq q$ , then also the relation holds. Thus

$$N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) \geq N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s) * N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)$$

(FN6) Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in X^n$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Now  $t > \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha$  which implies that

$$N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \sup\{\beta : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\beta \leq t\} \geq \alpha$$

So,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$ .

If  $t_1 < t_2 \leq 0$ , then  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_1) = N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_2) = 0$  for all  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in X^n$ .

If  $t_2 > t_1 > 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t_1\} &\subset \{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t_2\} \\ \Rightarrow \sup\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t_1\} &\leq \sup\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t_2\} \\ \Rightarrow N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_1) &\leq N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_2). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is a non decreasing function of  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ . Hence  $(X, N')$  is a fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** In theorem 5, given below, we show that if the index set  $(0, 1)$  of the family of crisp  $n$ -norms  $\{\|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|_\alpha : \alpha \in (0, 1)\}$  of theorem 4 is extended to  $(0, 1]$  then a fuzzy  $n$ -norm  $N$  is generated, satisfying an additional property that  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \cdot)$  attains the value 1 at some finite value  $t$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let  $\{\|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|_\alpha : \alpha \in (0, 1]\}$  be an ascending family of  $\alpha$ - $n$ -norms on  $X$  corresponding to the fuzzy  $n$ -norm on  $X$ . Define a function

$N : X^n \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  as

$$N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \begin{cases} \sup\{\alpha \in (0, 1) : \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t\} \\ \text{when } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \text{ are linearly} \\ \text{independent and } t \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then (a)  $(X, N')$  is a fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space.

(b) for each  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in X^n$ , there exists  $t > 0$  such that  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s) = 1$ , for all  $s \geq t$ .

*Proof.* (a) First we prove that  $N$  is a fuzzy  $n$ -norm on  $X$ .

(FN1) For all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t < 0$  we have  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \sup\{\alpha \in (0, 1) : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t\} = 0 \forall x \in X$ .

Similarly for  $t = 0$  and  $x \neq 0$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ . When  $x = 0$  and  $t = 0$  then from definition  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ . Thus  $\forall t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t \leq 0$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0 \forall x \in X$ . So (FN1) holds.

(FN2) Let  $\forall t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t > 0$ , we have  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$ . Choose  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$ . Then for any  $t > 0$ ,  $\exists \alpha_t \in (\varepsilon, 1)$  such that  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\alpha_t} \leq t$ , and hence  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\varepsilon \leq t$ . Since  $t > 0$  is arbitrary, this implies that  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\varepsilon = 0$ . Hence  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent. Conversely, if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent,  $\forall t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \sup\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t\} = \sup\{\alpha : \alpha \in (0, 1]\} = 1$ . Thus for all  $t > 0$ ,  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent.

(FN3) As  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , so we have  $N'(x_1, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

(FN4) For all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $c \in F$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n, t) &= \sup\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n\|_\alpha \leq t\} \\ &= \sup\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq \frac{t}{|c|}\} \\ &= N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|c|}). \end{aligned}$$

(FN5) We have to show that for all  $s, t \in \mathbf{R}$ ,

$$N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) \geq N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s) * N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)$$

If (a)  $s + t < 0$  (b)  $s = t = 0$ ;  $s > 0, t < 0$ ;  $s < 0, t > 0$ , then in these cases the relation is obvious.

If (d)  $s > 0, t > 0$ , let  $p = N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s)$ ,  $q = N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)$  and  $p \leq q$ . If  $p = 0$  and  $q = 0$  then obviously (FN5) holds.

Let  $0 < r < p \leq q$ . Then there exists  $\alpha > r$  such that  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq s$  and there exists  $\beta > r$  such that  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_\beta \leq t$ . Let  $\gamma = \alpha * \beta = \min\{\alpha, \beta\} > r$ . Thus  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\gamma \leq \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq s$  and  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_\gamma \leq \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_\beta \leq t$ . Now  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n\|_\gamma \leq \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_\beta \leq s + t$ . Therefore  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) \geq \gamma > r$ .

Since  $0 < r < \gamma$  is arbitrary,

$N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s+t) \geq p = \min\{N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)\} = N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s) * N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)$ . Similarly if  $p \geq q$ , then also the relation holds. Thus  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s+t) \geq N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s) * N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)$

(FN6) Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in X^n$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ . Now  $t > \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha$  which implies that  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \sup\{\beta : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\beta \leq t\} \geq \alpha$ . So,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$ . If  $t_1 < t_2 \leq 0$ , then  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_1) = N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_2) = 0$  for all  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in X^n$ . If  $t_2 > t_1 > 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t_1\} \subset \{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t_2\} \\ & \Rightarrow \sup\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t_1\} \leq \sup\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t_2\} \\ & \Rightarrow N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_1) \leq N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_2). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is a non decreasing function of  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ . Hence  $(X, N')$  is a fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space.

(b) For  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in X$ , Define  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_1$  and hence there exists  $t > 0$  such that  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_1 \leq t$ .

So,  $N_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \sup\{\alpha \in (0, 1] : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_1 \leq t\} = 1$ . □

**Remark 2.** Assume further that for  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly independent, (FN8)  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is a continuous function of  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  ( $\mathbf{R}$ -set of real numbers) and strictly increasing in the subset  $\{t : 0 < N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) < 1\}$  of  $\mathbf{R}$ .

**Definition 6.** Let  $X$  be a linear space over a real field  $F$ . A fuzzy subset  $N^*$  of  $X^n \times [0, \infty)$  is called a fuzzy anti  $n$ -norm on  $X$  if and only if:

(FN\*1) for all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t \leq 0$ ,  $N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$ .

(FN\*2) for all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent.

(FN\*3)  $N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

(FN\*4) for all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  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)

(FN\*5) for all  $s, t \in \mathbf{R}$ ,

$$N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s+t) \leq \max\{N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)\}$$

(FN\*6)  $N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \cdot)$  is right continuous and non-increasing function of  $\mathbf{R}$  such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0.$$

Then  $(X, N^*)$  is called a fuzzy anti  $n$ -normed linear space.

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

**Example 1.** Let  $(X, \|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$  be a  $n$ -normed linear space

Define,

$$N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|} & \text{when } t(> 0) \in R, \forall x \in X \\ 1 & \text{when } t(\leq 0) \in R, \forall x \in X \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, N^*)$  is a fuzzy anti  $n$ -normed linear space.

**Theorem 6.**  $N^*$  is a fuzzy anti  $n$ -norm on  $X$  if and only if  $(1 - N^*)$  is a fuzzy  $n$ -norm on  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(X, N^*)$  is a fuzzy anti  $n$ -norm on  $X$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(FN*1)} &\Leftrightarrow \forall t \in \mathbf{R} \text{ with } t \leq 0, N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 1 - N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1 - 1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 1 - N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{(FN1) holds.} \end{aligned}$$

$\text{(FN*2)} \Leftrightarrow$  If  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent on  $(X, N^*) \Leftrightarrow$  for all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 1 - N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1 - 0 \Leftrightarrow 1 - N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow$  if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent on  $(X, 1 - N^*) \Leftrightarrow \text{(FN2) holds.}$

$\text{(FN*3)} \Leftrightarrow N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \Leftrightarrow 1 - N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \Leftrightarrow \text{(FN3) holds. Clearly } \text{(FN*4)} \Leftrightarrow \text{(FN4).}$

$\text{(FN*5)} \Leftrightarrow$  for all  $s, t \in \mathbf{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) &\leq \max\{N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)\} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 1 - N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) \\ &\geq 1 - \max\{N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)\} \\ &= \min\{1 - N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), 1 - N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)\} \Leftrightarrow \text{(FN*5) holds.} \end{aligned}$$

$\text{(FN*6)} N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \cdot)$  is a non-increasing function of  $\mathbf{R} \Leftrightarrow$  if  $t_2 < t_1 \leq 1$  then,  $N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_1) \geq N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_2) \Leftrightarrow 1 - N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_1) \leq 1 - N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_2)$  which implies that  $t_2 > t_1 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow 1 - N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \cdot)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $\mathbf{R}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 7.** Let  $(X, N^*)$  be a fuzzy anti  $n$ -normed space. Assume the condition that  $\text{(FN*7)} N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) < 1$  for all  $t > 0$  implies  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent. Define  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^* = \inf\{t > 0 : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) < \alpha\}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ . Then  $\{\|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|_\alpha^* : \alpha \in (0, 1)\}$  is a descending family of  $n$ -norms on  $X$ . These  $n$ -norms are called  $\alpha$ - $n$ -norms on  $X$  corresponding to the fuzzy anti  $n$ -norm on  $X$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^* \geq 0$ , for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  and  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in X^n$ .

(2)  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^* = 0$ . This

(i) implies  $\inf\{t > 0 : N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) < \alpha\} = 0$ ,

(ii) implies, for all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $t > 0$ ,  $N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) < \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ ,

(iii) implies, by  $\text{(FN*7)}$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent.

Conversely, assume that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent. This

(i) implies, by  $\text{(FN*2)}$ ,  $N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0 \forall t > 0$ .

(ii) implies, for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\inf\{t > 0 : N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) < \alpha\} = 0$

(iii) implies  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^* = 0$ .

As  $N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation, it follows that  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^*$  is invariant under any permutation.



(3) If  $c \neq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n\|_\alpha^* &= \inf\{t > 0 : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n, s) < \alpha\} \\ &= \inf\{t > 0 : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{s}{|c|}) < \alpha\} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $t = s/|c|$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n\|_\alpha^* &= \inf\{|c|t : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) < \alpha\} \\ &= |c| \inf\{t > 0 : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) < \alpha\} \\ &= |c| \inf \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^* \end{aligned}$$

If  $c = 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n\|_\alpha^* &= \|x_1, x_2, \dots, 0\|_\alpha^* \\ &= 0 = 0 \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^* \\ &= |c| \inf \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^*, \forall c \in F \end{aligned}$$

(4) We have to show that

$$\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n\|_\alpha^* \leq \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^* + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_\alpha^* \quad \forall \alpha \in (0, 1]$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n\|_\alpha^* &= \inf\{t > 0 : N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) < \alpha\} + \\ &\inf\{s > 0 : N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, s) < \alpha\} \\ &= \inf\{t + s > 0 : N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) < \alpha, N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, s) < \alpha\} \\ &= \inf\{t + s > 0 : N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, t + s) < \alpha\} \\ &= \inf\{r > 0 : N^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, r) < \alpha\}, r = t + s \\ &= \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n\|_\alpha^* \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n\|_\alpha^* \leq \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^* + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_\alpha^*$ . Thus,  $\{\|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|_\alpha^* : \alpha \in (0, 1]\}$  is an  $\alpha$ - $n$ -norm on  $X$ . Obviously,

$$\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\alpha_1}^* \geq \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\alpha_2}^*$$

for  $\alpha_2 > \alpha_1 \geq 0$ . Thus,  $\{\|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|_\alpha^* : \alpha \in (0, 1]\}$  is a descending family of  $\alpha$ - $n$ -norms on  $X$  corresponding to the fuzzy anti  $n$ -norm on  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 8.** Let  $\{\|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|_\alpha^* : \alpha \in (0, 1]\}$  be a descending family of  $\alpha$ - $n$ -norms on  $X$  corresponding to the fuzzy anti  $n$ -norm on  $X$ . Define a function  $N' : X^n \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  as

$$N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \begin{cases} \inf\{\alpha \in (0, 1] : \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^* \leq t\} & \text{when } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \text{ are linearly independent and} \\ t \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, N')$  is a fuzzy anti  $n$ -normed linear space.

*Proof.* (FN1) For all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t < 0$  we have  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \inf\{\alpha \in (0, 1] : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\alpha}^* \leq t\} = 1 \forall x \in X$ . Similarly for  $t = 0$  and  $x \neq \underline{0}$ ,  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$ . When  $x = \underline{0}$  and  $t = 0$  then from definition  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$ . Thus  $\forall t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t \leq 0$ ,  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1 \forall x \in X$ . So (FN\*1) holds.

(FN2) Let  $\forall t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t > 0$ , we have  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ . Choose  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$ . Then for any  $t > 0$ ,  $\exists \alpha_t \in (\varepsilon, 1]$  such that  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\alpha_t}^* \leq t$ , and hence  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\varepsilon}^* \leq t$ . Since  $t > 0$  is arbitrary, this implies that  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\varepsilon}^* = 1$ . Hence  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent. Conversely, if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent,  $\forall t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \inf\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\alpha}^* \leq t\} = \inf\{\alpha : \alpha \in (0, 1]\} = 0$ . Thus for all  $t > 0$ ,  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$  if and only if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent.

(FN3) As  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|_{\alpha}^*$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , so we have  $N'(x_1, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

(FN4) For all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $c \in F$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n, t) &= \inf\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n\|_{\alpha}^* \leq t\} \\ &= \inf\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\alpha}^* \leq \frac{t}{|c|}\} \\ &= N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|c|}). \end{aligned}$$

(FN5) We have to show that for all  $s, t \in \mathbf{R}$ ,

$$N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) \leq \max\{N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)\}.$$

If possible, suppose that

$$N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) > \max\{N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)\}.$$

Choose  $k$  such that

$$N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) > k > \max\{N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)\}.$$

Now  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) > k$

$$\Rightarrow \inf\{\alpha \in (0, 1] : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n\|_{\alpha}^* \leq s + t\} > k.$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n\|_k^* > s + t.$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_k^* + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_k^* > s + t$$

Again  $k > \max\{N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)\}$

$$\Rightarrow k > N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \text{ and } k > N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_k^* \leq s \text{ and } \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_k^* \leq t$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_k^* + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_k^* \leq s + t$$

Thus  $s + t < \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_k^* + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_n\|_k^* \leq s + t$

a contradiction.

Hence  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x'_n, s + t) \leq \max\{N'(x_1, \dots, x_n, s), N'(x_1, \dots, x'_n, t)\}$ .

(FN6) Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in X^n$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ . Now  $t > \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\alpha}^*$  which implies that  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \inf\{\beta : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_{\beta}^* \leq t\} < \alpha$ .

So,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ . If  $t_1 < t_2 \leq 0$  then  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_1) = N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_2) = 0$  for all  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in X^n$ . If  $t_2 > t_1 \geq 0$  then  $\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t_1\} \subset \{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha \leq t_2\}$  which implies that  $\inf\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^* \leq t_1\} \geq \inf\{\alpha : \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_\alpha^* \leq t_2\}$  which implies that  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_1) \geq N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t_2)$ . Thus  $N'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is a non-increasing function of  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ . Hence  $(X, N')$  is a fuzzy anti  $n$ -normed linear space.  $\square$

#### 4. Fuzzy Riesz theorem

Now we introduce the concept of *fuzzy  $n$ -compact* in a fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space.

**Definition 7.** A subset  $Y$  of a fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space  $(X, N)$  is called an *fuzzy  $n$ -compact subset* if for every sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $Y$ , there exists a subsequence  $\{y_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{y_n\}$  which converges to an element  $y \in Y$ . In other words, given  $t > 0, 0 < r < 1$ , there exists an integer  $n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$  such that

$$N(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n-1}, y_{n_k} - y, t/k) > 1 - r$$

for all  $n, k \geq n_0$  and  $n_k > n_0$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $(X, N)$  be a fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space. Assume that  $x_i \in X$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $c \in F$  (Field). Then

$$N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j + cx_i, \dots, x_n, t) = N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, t).$$

*Proof.* 
$$\begin{aligned} & N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j + cx_i, \dots, x_n, t) \\ &= N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j + cx_i, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{2} + \frac{t}{2}) \\ &\geq \min\{N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{2}), N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, cx_i, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{2})\} \\ &= \min\{N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{2}), N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|c|2})\} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|c| = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &= \min\{N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{2}), N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{2})\} \\ &\leq N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n, t) \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Theorem 9.** Let  $(X, N)$  be a fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space. If the

$$\inf_{y \in Y} \{t > 0 : N(x_1 - y, x_2 - y, \dots, x_n - y, t)\} = 1$$

for  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X^n$  and  $Y$  is a fuzzy  $n$ -compact subset of  $X$ , then there exists an element  $y_0 \in Y$  such that

$$\{t > 0 : N(x_1 - y_0, x_2 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, t)\} = 1.$$

*Proof.* Let  $t > 0$  and  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ . Choose  $r \in (0, 1)$  such that  $(1-r)*(1-r) > 1-\varepsilon$ . Since  $Y$  is a fuzzy  $n$ -compact subset of  $X$ , there exists an integer  $n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$  such that

$$N(x_1 - y_k, x_2 - y_k, \dots, x_n - y_k, ct) > 1 - r$$

for all  $n, k \geq n_0$  and  $c$  is a constant.

Since  $\{y_k\}$  is a sequence in a fuzzy  $n$ -compact subset  $Y$  of  $X$ . Without loss of

generality assume that  $\{y_k\}$  is a converges to  $y_0$  in  $Y$ , as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Then for given  $\lambda$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , there exists an integer  $n_1 \in \mathbf{N}$  such that

$$N(y_k - y_0, w_2, \dots, w_n, t) > 1 - \lambda,$$

for all  $w_i \in X (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$  and  $n_0 > n_1$ . For every  $r \in (0, 1)$ , we can find a  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\overbrace{(1 - \lambda) * (1 - \lambda) * \dots * (1 - \lambda)}^n \geq 1 - r$$

By Lemma 1, if  $n_0 > n_1$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(x_1 - y_0, x_2 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, t) &\geq N(y_k - y_0, x_2 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\ &\quad * N(x_1 - y_k, x_2 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{(k-1)t}{k}) \\ &\geq N(y_k - y_0, x_2 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\ &\quad * N(x_1 - y_k, y_k - y_0, x_3 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\ &\quad * N(x_1 - y_k, x_2 - y_k, x_3 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{(k-2)t}{k}) \\ &\geq N(y_k - y_0, x_2 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\ &\quad * N(x_1 - y_k, y_k - y_0, x_3 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\ &\quad * N(x_1 - y_k, x_2 - y_k, y_k - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\ &\quad * N(x_1 - y_k, x_2 - y_k, x_3 - y_k, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{(k-3)t}{k}) \\ &\geq N(y_k - y_0, x_2 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\ &\quad * N(x_1 - y_k, y_k - y_0, x_3 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\ &\quad * N(x_1 - y_k, x_2 - y_k, y_k - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\ &\quad * \dots \\ &\quad * N(x_1 - y_k, x_2 - y_k, x_3 - y_k, \dots, y_k - y_0, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\ &\quad * N(x_1 - y_k, x_2 - y_k, x_3 - y_k, \dots, x_{n-1} - y_k, x_n - y_0, \frac{(k - (n-1))t}{k}) \\ &N(x_1 - y_0, x_2 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, t) \\ &\geq N(y_k - y_0, x_2 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\ &\quad * N(x_1 - y_k, y_k - y_0, x_3 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & * N(x_1 - y_k, x_2 - y_k, y_k - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\
 & * \dots \\
 & * N(x_1 - y_k, x_2 - y_k, x_3 - y_k, \dots, y_k - y_0, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\
 & * N(x_1 - y_k, x_2 - y_k, x_3 - y_k, \dots, x_{n-1} - y_k, y_k - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\
 & * N(x_1 - y_k, x_2 - y_k, x_3 - y_k, \dots, x_{n-1} - y_k, x_n - y_k, \frac{(k-n)t}{k}) \\
 & = N(y_k - y_0, x_2 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\
 & \quad * N(x_1 - y_0, y_k - y_0, x_3 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\
 & \quad * N(x_1 - y_0, x_2 - y_0, y_k - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\
 & \quad * \dots \\
 & \quad * N(x_1 - y_0, x_2 - y_0, x_3 - y_0, \dots, y_k - y_0, x_n - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\
 & \quad * N(x_1 - y_0, y_k - y_0, x_3 - y_0, \dots, x_{n-1} - y_0, y_k - y_0, \frac{t}{k}) \\
 & \quad * N(x_1 - y_k, x_2 - y_k, x_3 - y_k, \dots, x_{n-1} - y_k, x_n - y_k, ct) \\
 & > \underbrace{(1 - \lambda) * (1 - \lambda) * \dots * (1 - \lambda)}_{n \text{ times}} * (1 - r) \\
 & > (1 - r) * (1 - r) > 1 - \varepsilon.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary,  $\{t > 0 : N(x_1 - y_0, x_2 - y_0, \dots, x_n - y_0, t)\} = 1$ . □

**Theorem 10.** *Riesz Theorem:* Let  $(X, N)$  be a fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space satisfying conditions (FN7) and (FN8) and  $\{\|\bullet, \bullet, \dots, \bullet\|_\alpha : \alpha \in (0, 1)\}$  be an ascending family of  $\alpha$ - $n$ -norms corresponding to  $(X, N)$ . Let  $Y$  and  $Z$  be subspaces of  $X$  and  $Y$  be a fuzzy  $n$ -compact proper subset of  $Z$  with  $\dim Z \geq n$ . For each  $k_1 \in (0, 1)$ , there exists an element  $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in Z^n$  such that

$$\|z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n\|_\alpha = 1, \quad N(z_1 - y, \dots, z_n - y, k_1) \leq \alpha$$

for all  $y \in Y$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $(v_1, \dots, v_n) \in Z - Y$  with  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent. Let

$$\inf_{y \in Y} \|v_1 - y, \dots, v_n - y\|_\alpha = k$$

*Case(i):* Assume that  $k = 0$ . By theorem 9, there is an element  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $N(v_1 - y_0, \dots, v_n - y_0, t) = 1$ .

- (a) If  $y_0 = 0$ , then  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly dependent, which is a contradiction.
- (b) If  $y_0 \neq 0$ , then  $v_1, \dots, v_n, y_0$  are linearly independent.

*Case(ii)* Let  $k > 0$ ,  $k = \|v_1 - y, \dots, v_n - y\|_\alpha = \inf\{s : N(v_1 - y, \dots, v_n - y, s) \geq \alpha\}$ . Since  $N(v_1 - y, \dots, v_n - y, s)$  is continuous (by (FN8)), we have by theorem 4.4 in [10]

$$N(v_1 - y, \dots, v_n - y, k) \geq \alpha$$

$\Rightarrow$  for each  $k_1 \in (0, 1)$ , there exists an element  $y_0 \in Y$  such that

$$k \leq \|v_1 - y_0, \dots, v_n - y_0\|_\alpha \leq \frac{k}{k_1}$$

For each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , let

$$z_j = \frac{v_j - y_0}{\|v_1 - y_0, v_2 - y_0, \dots, v_n - y_0\|_\alpha^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}$$

Then it is obvious that  $\|z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n\|_\alpha = 1$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|z_1 - y, \dots, z_n - y\|_\alpha \\ &= \left\| \frac{v_1 - y_0}{\|v_1 - y_0, \dots, v_n - y_0\|_\alpha^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} - y, \dots, \frac{v_n - y_0}{\|v_1 - y_0, v_2 - y_0, \dots, v_n - y_0\|_\alpha^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} - y \right\|_\alpha \\ &= \frac{1}{\|v_1 - y_0, \dots, v_n - y_0\|_\alpha} \|v_1 - (y_0 + y\|v_1 - y_0, \dots, v_n - y_0\|_\alpha^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}, \dots, \\ & \quad v_n - (y_0 + y\|v_1 - y_0, \dots, v_n - y_0\|_\alpha^{\frac{1}{\alpha}})\| \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\|v_1 - y_0, \dots, v_n - y_0\|_\alpha} k \geq \frac{k}{\frac{k}{k_1}} = k_1 \end{aligned}$$

By the condition (FN7)

$$\Rightarrow \exists \alpha \in (0, 1) \text{ such that } \inf\{k > 0 : N(z_1 - y, \dots, z_n - y, k) \geq \alpha\} \geq k_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \alpha_0 \in (0, 1) \text{ such that } N(z_1 - y, \dots, z_n - y, k_1) < \alpha_0 \leq \alpha$$

for all  $y \in Y$ . □

## 5. Conclusion

In this work we have introduced the concept of fuzzy anti  $n$ -normed linear space and have proved some results based on  $\alpha$ - $n$ -norm which is corresponding to fuzzy  $n$ -normed linear space. Also inspired by the concept of  $\alpha$ - $n$ -norm, we have proved the fuzzy version of Riesz theorem in  $n$ -normed linear spaces.

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