

ON INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY n-NORM

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we present a simple method to derive a intuitionistic fuzzy (n-1)-norm from intuitionistic fuzzy n-norm and then prove that any intuitionistic fuzzy n-normed linear space is an intuitionistic fuzzy (n-1)-normed linear space. Some results regarding convergence and completeness in the intuitionistic fuzzy n-normed linear spaces are obtained and use these results to prove a fixed point theorem in intuitionistic fuzzy n-Banach spaces.

1. INTRODUCTION

Gähler[17] introduced the theory of 2-norm and n-norm on a linear space. For a systematic development of n-normed linear spaces, one may refer to [1, 2, 8, 14]. The theory of fuzzy set was introduced by L. Zadeh in 1965[13]. T. Bag and S.K.Samanta [21] introduced the definition of fuzzy norm over a linear space. Further, Al. Narayanan and S.Vijayabalaji[4] defined the concept of fuzzy n-normed linear space. J.H.Park [9] introduced and studied a notion of intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces. Further R.Saadati [15] defined the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy normed space. The definition of intuitionistic fuzzy n-normed linear space was given in the paper [20]. In this paper, we present a simple method to derive a intuitionistic fuzzy n-1-norm from intuitionistic fuzzy n-norm and then prove that any intuitionistic fuzzy n-normed linear space with $n \geq 2$ is an intuitionistic fuzzy (n-1)-normed linear space and hence by induction an fuzzy (n-r)-normed linear space for all $r = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$. Further some results regarding convergence and completeness in the intuitionistic fuzzy n-normed linear spaces are obtained and then used to prove a fixed point theorem in intuitionistic fuzzy n-Banach spaces.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1[17]: Let X be a real linear space of dimension greater than 1. Let $\|\bullet, \bullet\|$ be a real valued function on $X \times X$ satisfying the following conditions:

1. $\|x, y\| = 0$ if and only if x, y are linearly dependent,
2. $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$
3. $\|ax, y\| = |a| \|x, y\|$, where $a \in \mathbb{R}$ (set of real numbers)
4. $\|x, y+z\| \leq \|x, y\| + \|x, z\|$.

$\|\bullet, \bullet\|$ is called a 2-norm on X and the pair $(X, \|\bullet, \bullet\|)$ is called a 2-normed linear space.

Definition 2.2[1]: Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ (natural numbers) and X be a real linear space of dimension greater than or equal to n . A real valued function $\|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|$ on $X \times \dots \times X = X^n$ satisfying the following four properties:

- (1) $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\| = 0$ if and only if x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are linearly dependent,
 - (2) $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|$ is invariant under any permutation,
 - (3) $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, ax_n\| = |a| \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|$, for any $a \in \mathbb{R}$ (real),
 - (4) $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, y + z\| \leq \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, y\| + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, z\|$,
- is called an n-norm on X and the pair $(X, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$ is called an n-normed linear space.

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Example 2.3: Let X be a space with inner product $\langle \bullet, \bullet \rangle$ Then

$$\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_S = \left(\begin{vmatrix} \langle x_1, x_1 \rangle & \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle & \dots & \langle x_1, x_n \rangle \\ \langle x_2, x_1 \rangle & \langle x_2, x_2 \rangle & \dots & \langle x_2, x_n \rangle \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \langle x_n, x_1 \rangle & \langle x_n, x_2 \rangle & \dots & \langle x_n, x_n \rangle \end{vmatrix} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

it defines an n -norm on X . This n -norm is called standard n -norm.

Definition 2.4[1]: A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in an n -normed space $(X, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$ is said to converge to $x \in X$ (in the n -norm) whenever

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

Definition 2.5[1]: A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in an n -normed space $(X, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$ is called Cauchy sequence if

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

Definition 2.6[1]: An n -normed linear space is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in it is convergent.

Definition 2.7[4]: Let X be a linear space over a real field F . A fuzzy subset N of $X^n \times \mathbb{R}$ (\mathbb{R} -set of real numbers) is called a fuzzy n -norm on X if and only if:

(N 1) For all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ with $t \leq 0$, $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$.

(N 2) For all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ with $t > 0$, $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$ if and only if x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are linearly dependent.

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

(N 4) For all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ with $t > 0$,

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

(N 5) For all $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x_n', s + t) \geq \min\{N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)\}.$$

(N 6) $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$ is a non-decreasing function of $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and

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

Then (X, N) is called fuzzy n -normed linear space or in short f - n -NLS.

Example 2.8[4]: Let $(X, \|\bullet, \dots, \bullet\|)$ is called an n -normed linear space as in definition. Define

$$N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|}, & \text{when } t > 0, t \in \mathbb{R}, (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \underbrace{X \times X \times \dots \times X}_n \\ 0, & \text{when } t \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

Then (X, N) is an f - n -NLS.

Definition 2.9[9]: A binary operation $*$: $[0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ is continuous t -norm if $*$ satisfies the following conditions:

1. $*$ is commutative and associative
2. $*$ is continuous
3. $a * 1 = a$, for all $a \in [0,1]$
4. $a * b \leq c * d$ whenever $a \leq c$ and $b \leq d$ and $a, b, c, d \in [0,1]$.

Definition 2.10[9]: A binary operation $\diamond : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is continuous t-co-norm if \diamond satisfies the following conditions:

1. \diamond is commutative and associative
2. \diamond is continuous
3. $a \diamond 0 = a$, for all $a \in [0, 1]$
4. $a \diamond b \leq c \diamond d$ whenever $a \leq c$ and $b \leq d$ and $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 2.11[10]: Let E any set. An intuitionistic fuzzy set A of E is an object of the form $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) ; x \in E)\}$, where the functions $\mu_A : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$ and $\gamma_A : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$ denote the degree of membership and non-membership of the element $x \in E$ respectively and for every $x \in E$, $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \gamma_A(x) \leq 1$.

Definition 2.12[12]: If A and B are any two intuitionistic fuzzy sets of a non-empty set E , then $A \subseteq B$ if and only if for all $x \in E$, $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$ and $\gamma_A(x) \geq \gamma_B(x)$; $A=B$ if and only if for all $x \in E$, $\mu_A(x) = \mu_B(x)$ and $\gamma_A(x) = \gamma_B(x)$; $\bar{A} = \{(x, \gamma_A(x), \mu_A(x) ; x \in E)\}$;

$$A \cap B = \{(x, \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \max(\gamma_A(x), \gamma_B(x))) ; x \in E\};$$

$$A \cup B = \{(x, \max(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \min(\gamma_A(x), \gamma_B(x))) ; x \in E\}.$$

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Definition 2.13[20]: Let X be a linear space over a real field F , and fuzzy subsets N, M of $X^n \times (0, \infty)$, N denotes the degree of membership and M denotes the degree of non-membership of $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \in X^n \times (0, \infty)$ satisfying the following conditions:

1. $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) + M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \leq 1$
2. For all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ with $t \leq 0$, $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$.
3. For all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ with $t > 0$, $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$ if and only if x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are linearly dependent.
4. $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$ is invariant under any permutation of x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .
5. For all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ 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).
6. For all $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$, $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x_n', s + t) \geq \min\{N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)\}$.
7. $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is continuous in t .
8. For all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ with $t \leq 0$, $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$.
9. For all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ with $t > 0$, $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ if and only if x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are linearly dependent.
10. $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$ is invariant under any permutation of x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .
11. For all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ with $t > 0$, $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_n, t) = M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|c|})$, if $c \neq 0, c \in F$ (field).
12. For all $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$, $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n + x_n', s + t) \leq \max\{M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, s), M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)\}$.
13. $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is continuous in t .

Then (X, N, M) is called a intuitionistic fuzzy n-normed linear space or in short i-f-n- NLS.

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

Example 2.14 [20]: Let $(X, \| \cdot \|)$ be an n-normed linear space and

$$N(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|}$$

$$M(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|}{t + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|}$$

Then (X, N, M) is i-f-n-NLS.

Definition 2.15 [20]: A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in an i-f-n-NLS is said to x if given $r > 0, t > 0, 0 < r < 1$ there exists an integer $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x, t) > 1 - r$ and $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x, t) < r$, for all $n \geq n_0$.

Theorem 2.16 [20]: In an i-f-n-NLS, a sequence converges to x if and only if
 $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x, t) \rightarrow 1$ and $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x, t) \rightarrow 0$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Definition 2.17[20]: A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in an i-f-n-NLS, is said to be Cauchy sequence if given $\varepsilon > 0$, with $0 < \varepsilon < 1$, $t > 0$ there exists an integer $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x_k, t) > 1 - \varepsilon$ and $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - x_k, t) < \varepsilon$ for all $n, k \geq n_0$.

Theorem 2.18 [20]: In an i-f-n-NLS (X, N) a sequence $\{x_k\}$ is Cauchy if and only if

$$\lim_{k, \ell \rightarrow \infty} N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_k - x_\ell, x, t) = 1,$$

$$\lim_{k, \ell \rightarrow \infty} M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_k - x_\ell, x, t) = 0, \text{ for every } x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in X.$$

Theorem 2.19[20]: In an i-f-n-NLS, every convergent sequence is a Cauchy sequence.

3. MAIN RESULT

Suppose (X, N, M) is an i-f-n-NLS. Take a linearly independent set $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$, define the following function $N_\infty(., \dots, .)$ and $M_\infty(., \dots, .)$ on $\underbrace{X \times X \times \dots \times X}_{n-1} \times \mathbb{R}$ by

$$N_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \min\{N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i=1, \dots, n\}$$

$$\text{and } M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \max\{M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i=1, \dots, n\}$$

Theorem 3.1: The function $N_\infty(., \dots, .)$ and $M_\infty(., \dots, .)$ defines an i-f-(n-1)-NLS on X .

Proof: We will verify that $N_\infty(., \dots, .)$ and $M_\infty(., \dots, .)$ satisfies the all properties of i-f-(n-1)-NLS.

- (i) $N_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) + M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \leq 1$, since
 $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t) + M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t) \leq 1$, for each $i = 1, \dots, n$.
- (ii) for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ with $t \leq 0$, we have
 $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t) = 0$ for each $i = 1, \dots, n$.
 $\Rightarrow N_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = 0$
- (iii) for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ with $t > 0$, we have
 $N_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = 1$
 $\Leftrightarrow \min\{N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1, \dots, n\} = 1$
 $\Leftrightarrow N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t) = 1$ for each $i = 1, \dots, n$.
 $\Leftrightarrow x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i$ are linearly dependent for each $i = 1, \dots, n$. But this can only happen when x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} are linearly dependent.
- (iv) Since $N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t)$ is invariant under any permutation of x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} .
 $\Rightarrow N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)$ is invariant under any permutation of x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} .
- (v) For all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ with $t > 0$ and $c \in F, c \neq 0$,
 $N_\infty(x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, t) = \min\{N(x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1, \dots, n\}$
 $N_\infty(x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, t) = \min\{N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, \frac{t}{|c|}); i = 1, \dots, n\}$
 $= N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{|c|})$
- (vi) $N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, t+s)$
 $= \min\{N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i, t+s); i = 1, \dots, n\}$
 $\geq \min\{\min\{N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, a_i, t), N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x'_{n-1}, a_i, s); i = 1, \dots, n\}$
 $\geq \min\{\min\{N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1 \dots n\}, \min\{N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x'_{n-1}, a_i, s); i = 1 \dots n\}\}$
 $= \min\{N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t), N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, s)\}$
- (vii) Since $N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, .)$ is continuous, so $N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)$ is continuous.
- (viii) $M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) > 0$, for $M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t) > 0$ for each $i=1, 2, \dots, n$.
- (ix) for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ with $t > 0$, we have
 $M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = 0$
 $\Leftrightarrow \max\{M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1, \dots, n\} = 0$
 $\Leftrightarrow M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t) = 0$ for each $i = 1, \dots, n$.

$\Leftrightarrow x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i$ are linearly dependent for each $i = 1, \dots, n$. But this can only happen when x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} are linearly dependent

(x) $M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)$ is invariant under any permutation of x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} , since $M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t)$ is invariant under any permutation of x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} .

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

$$M_\infty(x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, t) = \max. \{M(x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

$$M_\infty(x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, t) = \max. \left\{ M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, \frac{t}{|c|}); i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

$$= M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{|c|})$$

(xii) $M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, t+s) = \max. \{M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i, t+s); i = 1, \dots, n\}$

$$\leq \max. \{ \max. \{M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, a_i, t), M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x'_{n-1}, a_i, s)\}; i = 1, \dots, n \}$$

$$\leq \max. \{ \max. \{M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1 \dots n\}, \max. \{M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x'_{n-1}, a_i, s); i = 1 \dots n\} \}$$

$$= \max. \{M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t), M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, s)\}$$

(xiii) Since $M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, \cdot)$ is continuous function of t , so $M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)$ is continuous by definition.

Thus (X, N_∞, M_∞) becomes a i-f- (n-1)- NLS.

Corollary 3.2: Every i-f-n-normed space is i-f-(n-r)-normed space for all $r=1,2,\dots,n-1$. In particular, every i-f-n-normed space is a i-fuzzy normed linear space.

Example 3.3: Suppose (X, N, M) is a i-f-n-NLS define in example (2.13). Take a linearly independent set $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ in X . With respect to $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ define the following function

$$N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

and

$$M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

Then (X, N_∞, M_∞) becomes an i-f-(n-1) NLS.

Proof:

(i) Clearly $N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) + M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \leq 1$;

(ii) Obviously $N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) > 0$;

(iii) $N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = 1$

$$\Leftrightarrow \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{t}{\max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|} = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t = t + \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\| = 0$$

But it is only possible, when x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} are linearly dependent.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv)} \quad N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, t) &= \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\ &= \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\ &= N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, t) \\ &= \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(v)} \quad N_{\infty}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{|c|}) &= \min \left\{ \frac{\frac{t}{|c|}}{\frac{t}{|c|} + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\
 &= \min \left\{ \frac{\frac{t}{|c|}}{\frac{t + |c|\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{|c|}}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\
 &= \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + |c|\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\
 &= \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\
 &= N_{\infty}(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_{n-1}, t)
 \end{aligned}$$

(vi) W.L.O.G. we assume that

$$N_{\infty}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_{n-1}, t) \leq N_{\infty}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, s)$$

$$\Rightarrow \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \leq \min \left\{ \frac{s}{s + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{t}{t + \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|} \leq \frac{s}{s + \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}$$

$$\Rightarrow t(s + \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|) \leq s(t + \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|)$$

$$\Rightarrow \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\| \leq \frac{s}{t} \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\| &+ \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\| \\
 &\leq \frac{s}{t} \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\| + \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\| \\
 &= \left(\frac{s}{t} + 1 \right) \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\| \\
 &= \frac{s+t}{t} \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|.
 \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned}
 \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\| &\leq \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \{ \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\| + \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\| \} \\
 &\leq \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\| + \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\| \\
 &\leq \frac{s+t}{t} \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\max_{i=1,\dots,n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{s+t} \leq \frac{\max_{i=1,\dots,n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t}$$

$$1 + \frac{\max_{i=1,\dots,n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{s+t} \leq 1 + \frac{\max_{i=1,\dots,n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t}$$

$$\frac{s+t + \max_{i=1,\dots,n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{s+t} \leq \frac{t + \max_{i=1,\dots,n} \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t}$$

$$\min_{i=1,\dots,n} \frac{s+t}{s+t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|} \geq \min_{i=1,\dots,n} \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_{\infty}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, s+t) \geq \min\{N_{\infty}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, s), N_{\infty}(x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, t)\}$$

(vii) Clearly $N_{\infty}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)$ is continuous in t .

(viii) By definition, we have $M_{\infty}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq 0$

(ix) $M_{\infty}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = 0$

$$M_{\infty}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|} = 0 \quad \text{for each } i=1, \dots, n.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\| = 0 \quad \text{for each } i=1, \dots, n.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1} \text{ are linearly dependent.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(x)} \quad M_{\infty}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) &= \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\ &= M_{\infty}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, t) \\ &= \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(xi)} \quad M_{\infty}(x_1, x_2, \dots, cx_{n-1}, t) &= \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, cx_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ \frac{|c| \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + |c| \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{\frac{t}{|c|} + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\ &= M_{\infty}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{|c|}). \end{aligned}$$

(xii) Without loss of generality assume,

$$M_{\infty}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, s) \leq M_{\infty}(x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{s + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\
 \Rightarrow & \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|}{s + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i\|} \right\} \leq \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|} \right\} \quad \text{for each } i=1, \dots, n \\
 \Rightarrow & \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{s + t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|} \leq \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|} \quad \text{for each } i=1, \dots, n \\
 \Rightarrow & \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{s + t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x'_{n-1}, a_i\|}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\
 \Rightarrow & M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, s+t) \leq M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_{n-1}, t)
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, s+t) \leq M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, s) \\
 \Rightarrow & M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} + x'_{n-1}, s+t) \leq \max\{M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, s), M_\infty(x_1, x_2, \dots, x'_{n-1}, t)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

(xiii) Clearly

$M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)$ is continuous in t .

Thus (X, N_∞, M_∞) is an i-f-(n-1) NLS.

Example 3.4: Let $(X, \|\cdot\|_s)$ be standard n-norm space and

$$N_s(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_s}$$

and

$$M_s(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_s}{t + \|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\|_s}$$

Then (X, N_s, M_s) is an i-f-n-NLS space and the space (X, N_s, M_s) is called standard i-f-n-NLS space.

Proposition 3.5: On a i-f-n-NLS X , the derived i-f-(n-1)-NLS $N_\infty(\cdot, \dots, \cdot)$ and $M_\infty(\cdot, \dots, \cdot)$ defined with respect to $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ and $N_S(\cdot, \dots, \cdot)$, $M_S(\cdot, \dots, \cdot)$ standard i-f-(n-1)-norm. The, we have

$$N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}})$$

and

$$M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \leq M_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \leq M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}})$$

Proof: Assume that x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} are linearly independent. For each $i = 1, \dots, n$ write $e_i = e_i^0 + e_i^\perp$ where $e_i^0 \in \text{span}\{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$ and $e_i^\perp \perp \text{span}\{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$. Then we have

$$N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i, t) = \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}$$

$$\text{As } \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i^0\|_S = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{And } \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S &= \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i^0 + e_i^\perp\|_S \leq \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i^0\|_S + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i^\perp\|_S \\
 &= \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i^\perp\|_S
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i, t) &\geq \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i^\perp\|_S} \\
 &\geq \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S} \\
 &= N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \min N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i, t) \geq N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t)$$

$$\therefore N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \quad (1)$$

Next, take a unit vector $e = \alpha_1 e_1 + \dots + \alpha_n e_n$ such that $e \perp \text{span}\{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$. (We still assume that x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} are linearly independent). We have

$$N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}$$

$$= \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e\|_S}$$

$$\geq \frac{t}{t + |\alpha_1| \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_1\|_S + \dots + |\alpha_n| \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_n\|_S}$$

as $|\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2| + \dots + |\alpha_n| \leq \sqrt{n}$, therefore,

$$N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq \frac{t}{t + \sqrt{n} \max \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}$$

$$= \min \frac{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}}{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}$$

$$= N_\infty\left(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

Hence we obtain

$$N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq N_\infty\left(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right). \quad (2)$$

Hence by (1) and (2), we get

$$N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \geq N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}})$$

Now consider, by (1)

$$\min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \geq \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \leq 1 - \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}$$

$$\Rightarrow \max \left\{ 1 - \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \leq \frac{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S - t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}$$

$$\Rightarrow \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \leq \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \leq M_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \quad (3)$$

And by (2),

$$\frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_S} \geq \frac{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}}{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_S}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{t}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_s} &\leq \max \left\{ 1 - \frac{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}}{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_s}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_s}{t + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_s} &\leq \max \left\{ \frac{\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\|_s}{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, e_i\|_s}; i = 1, \dots, n \right\} \\ \Rightarrow M_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) &\leq M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Thus we obtain

$$M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \leq M_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) \leq M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}).$$

The finite-dimensional case 3.6:

For finite-dimensional i-f-n-NLS (X, N, M) , we can derive an i-f-(n-1)-norm from the i-f-n-norm by taking $N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \min \{N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1, \dots, m\}$ and $M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \max \{M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a_i, t); i = 1, \dots, m\}$ and where the set $\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$ is linearly independent in X with $n \leq m \leq d$ (where d is the dimension of X) Then, as in theorem [1.6], the function $N_\infty(., \dots, .)$ and $M_\infty(., \dots, .)$ defines i-f- (n-1)- norm on X .

Theorem 3.7: If $\{x_k\}$ converges to $x \in X$ in i-f-n-norm. Then $\{x_k\}$ also converges to x in the derived i-f-(n-1)-norm N_∞ and M_∞ .

Proof: Let $x_k \rightarrow x$ in i-f-n-norm then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, a_i, t) = 1$$

and
$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, a_i, t) = 0 \text{ for every } x_1, \dots, x_{n-2} \text{ and } i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, t) &= 1 \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, t) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 3.8: A sequence in a standard i-f-n normed space X is convergent in i-f-n-norm if and only if it is convergent in the derived i-f-(n-1)-norm N_∞ and M_∞ .

Proof: Suppose $x_k \rightarrow x$ in the derived i-f-(n-1)-norm. Then

$$\begin{aligned} N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, x_k - x, t) \\ \geq N_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{\|x_{n-1}\|_S}) \\ \geq N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n} \|x_{n-1}\|_S}) \end{aligned}$$

Here $\|\cdot\|_S$ on right-hand side denote the usual norm on X .

But
$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n} \|x_{n-1}\|_S}) = 1$$

So,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N_s(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, t) = 1$$

And

$$M_s(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, x_k - x, t) \leq M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n} \|x_{n-1}\|_S})$$

But

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M_\infty(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{\sqrt{n} \|x_{n-1}\|_S}) = 0$$

So,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M_S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_k - x, t) = 0$$

i.e.

$$x_k \rightarrow x \text{ in i-f-n-norm.}$$

Remark 3.9: A sequence in a standard i-f-n-normed space is convergent in the i-f-n-norm if and only if it is convergent in the standard i-f-(n-1)-norm and, by induction, in the standard i-f-(n-r)-norm for all $r=1, 2, \dots, n-1$. In particular, a sequence in a standard n-normed space is convergent in the i-f-n-norm if and only if it is convergent in i-f-n-norm if and only if it is convergent in the standard intuitionistic fuzzy norm.

Now, for finite-dimensional cases, we can obtain a better i-f-(n-1)-norm by using a set of d vectors, rather than just n , linearly independent vectors in X (that is, by using a basis for X). Let $\{b_1, \dots, b_d\}$ be a basis for X and we define the following function $N_{\omega'}(., \dots, ., ., .)$ and $M_{\omega'}(., \dots, ., ., .)$ on $X^{n-1} \times \mathbb{R}$ by

$$N_{\omega'}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \min\{N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, b_i, t); i = 1, \dots, d\}$$

$$M_{\omega'}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t) = \max\{M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, b_i, t); i = 1, \dots, d\}$$

Then, the function $N_{\omega'}(., \dots, ., ., .)$ and $M_{\omega'}(., \dots, ., ., .)$ defines an i-f-(n-1)- norm on X with respect to $\{b_1, \dots, b_d\}$. With this derived i-f- (n-1)- norm, we have the following result.

Theorem 3.10: A sequence in the finite-dimensional i-f-n-normed space X is convergent in the i-f-n-norm if and only if it is convergent in the derived i-f- (n-1)- norm $N_{\omega'}(., \dots, ., ., .)$, $M_{\omega'}(., \dots, ., ., .)$.

Proof: If a sequence in X is convergent in the i-f-n-norm, then it will certainly be convergent in the i-f-(n-1)-norm $N_{\omega'}(., \dots, ., ., .)$, $M_{\omega'}(., \dots, ., ., .)$. Conversely suppose $\{x_k\}$ converges to an $x \in X$ in $N_{\omega'}(., \dots, ., ., .)$, $M_{\omega'}(., \dots, ., ., .)$. Take $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in X$. Writing $x_{n-1} = \alpha_1 b_1 + \dots + \alpha_d b_d$ We get

$$N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_k - x, t) \geq N_{\omega'}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{|\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_d|})$$

But

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N_{\omega'}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{|\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_d|}) = 1 \text{ and so}$$

We obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_k - x, t) = 1$$

$$\text{And } M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_k - x, t) \leq M_{\omega'}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{|\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_d|})$$

But

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M_{\omega'}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_k - x, \frac{t}{|\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_d|}) = 0 \text{ and so}$$

We obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_k - x, t) = 0$$

that is, $\{x_k\}$ converges to x in the i-f-n-norm.

CAUCHY SEQUENCES, COMPLETENESS AND FIXED POINT THEOREM

The results for Cauchy sequences for standard and finite dimensional cases can be obtained similarly as the results (theorem 3.7-3.10) obtained above for convergent sequences by replacing “ x_k converges to x ” with “ x_k is Cauchy” and “ $x_k - x$ with $x_k - x_\ell$ ”.

Hence we obtain:

Theorem 3.11:

- (a) A standard i-f-n-NLS is complete if and only if it is complete with respect to one of the three i-f-(n-1) norms (N_{∞}, M_{∞}) , (N_{ω}, M_{ω}) or (N_S, M_S) .
- (b) A finite dimensional i-f-n-NLS is complete if and only if it is complete with respect to the derived i-f-(n-1)-norm $N_{\omega}(\dots, \dots, \dots)$, $M_{\omega}(\dots, \dots, \dots)$

Using the above theorem (3.10) we obtained the following fixed point theorem

Fixed Point Theorem 3.12: Let (X, N) be a standard or finite dimensional complete i-f-n-NLS and T a contractive mapping of X into itself, that is there exist a constant $k \in (0, 1)$ s.t.

$$N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, Ty-Tz, kt) \geq N(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y-z, t)$$

$$M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, Ty-Tz, kt) \geq M(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y-z, t), \text{ for all } x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y, z \text{ in } X. \text{ Then } T \text{ has a unique fixed point in } X.$$

Proof: First consider the case $n=2$. By above proposition, we know that X is complete with respect to the derived i-f-norm N_{∞} , M_{∞} or N_{ω} , M_{ω} . Since the mapping T is also contractive with respect to N_{∞} , M_{∞} or N_{ω} , M_{ω} , we conclude by the fixed point theorem for intuitionistic Fuzzy Banach space that T has a unique fixed point in X . For $n > 2$, the result follows by induction.

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