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1. Introduction. Mielnik's [1] geometric approach to the foundation of general quantum mechanics revived the interest in characterization of inner product spaces. A natural form of the generalized parallelogram law [2] came out of studying geometric properties of the concrete representation space of Mielnik's quantum states. This generalized parallelogram law was related to that of D.A. Senechalle [3], through the functional equation $f + f \circ g = 1$, where

$$\begin{aligned} f \in F &= \{f | f \in C[0,2], f \uparrow, f(0) = 0, f(2) = 1\} \\ g \in G &= \{g | g \in C[0,2], g \downarrow, g(0) = 2, g(2) = 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

The generalized parallelogram law

$$f(\|x + y\|) + f(\|x - y\|) = 1$$

where $f \in F$, and $\|x\| = \|y\| = 1$ turned out to be a concrete form of the well-known condition of E.R. Lorch, [4].

Before we show how by modifying Mielnik's axioms we can get other geometric properties of the concrete representation space, we shall give a brief account of the results mentioned above.

2. Mielnik's probability spaces and characterization of inner product-spaces.

Let S be a non-empty set and p a real-valued function defined on $S \times S$ such that

$$(A) \quad 0 < p(a,b) \leq 1 \text{ and } a = b \Leftrightarrow p(a,b) = 1$$

$$(B) \quad p(a,b) = p(b,a),$$

for all $a, b \in S$.

Definition 2.1. Two elements a and b in S are orthogonal if $p(a,b) = 0$. A subset R of S is an orthogonal system if any two distinct elements of R are orthogonal.

It is easy to show that there exists a maximal orthogonal system.

Definition 2.2. A maximal orthogonal system is called a basis B in S . Let F_B be the class of all finite subsets F of B , then

$$p(a,F) = \sum_{b \in F} p(a,b)$$

is defined for all $a \in S$, and all $F \in F_B$.

The following property of B is postulated.

(C) For each basis B and for each $a \in S$

$$\sup_{F \in F_B} p(a,F) = 1$$

Definition 2.3. Any pair (S,p) satisfying axiom (A), (B) and (C) is called a probability space.

Theorem 2.1. Let B_1 and B_2 be two basis, then B_1 and B_2 have the same cardinal number.

Definition 2.4. The common cardinal number of all basis is called the dimension of (S,p)

Theorem 2.2. Let $f \in F$. Then there exists a $g \in G$ such that

$$(2.1) \quad f + f \circ g = 1$$

Let $g \in G$. Then (2.1) has a solution $f \in F$ if and only if g is an involution, i.e. $g = g^{-1}$.

Example 2.1. Let $h \in G$. If

$$g(t) = h^{-1}(2 - \lg[e^2 - e^{2-h(x)} + 1])$$

then

$$f(t) = \frac{e^{2-h(t)} - 1}{e^2 - 1}$$

is a solution of (2.1).

Example 2.2. For

$$h(t) = -\lg\left[\frac{t^2}{4}(1 - e^{-2}) + e^{-2}\right]$$

we have

$$f(t) = \frac{t^2}{4}.$$

Theorem 2.3. Let N be normed real linear space and $S = \{x \mid \|x\| = 1\}$. Then N is an inner product space if and only if

$$(2.2) \quad f(\|x+y\|) + f(\|x-y\|) = 1$$

for some $f \in F$ and all $x, y \in S$.

Example 2.3. Referring to Example 2.1 we have that a necessary and sufficient condition for N to be an inner product space is that

$$e^{-h(\|x+y\|)} + f(\|x-y\|) = 1$$

for some $h \in G$ and all $x, y \in S$.

Example 2.4. Let h be as in Example 2.2. Then (2.2) becomes the well-known condition of M.M. Day [5].

Theorem 2.4. Let N be a normed real linear space, $S = \{x \mid \|x\| = 1\}$, and let $p(x, y) = f(\|x+y\|)$, where $f \in F$. Then N is an inner product space if and only if for some $f \in F$, (S, p) is a probability space of dimension 2.

Example 2.5. Let h be as in Example 2.1. Then N is an inner product space if and only if

$$\left(S, \frac{e^{2-h(\|x+y\|)} - 1}{e^2 - 1}\right)$$

is a probability space of dimension 2, for some $h \in G$.

Example 2.6. For

$$h(t) = -\lg\left[\frac{t^2}{4}(1-e^{-2}) + e^{-2}\right]$$

we have result given in [6].

3. Modified Mielnik's axioms and geometry of representation spaces.

First we shall change axiom (A) as follows

$$(A^*) \quad 0 \leq p^*(a,b) \leq 1 \quad p^*(a,b) = 1 \implies a = b$$

and keep (B) and (C) as in the Mielnik system of axioms. A pair (S, p^*) satisfying axioms (A^*) , (B) and (C) we shall call $*$ -probability space. As before S is the unit sphere of a normed real linear space N .

Lemma 3.1. Let (S, p^*) be a $*$ -probability space. If

$$(3.1) \quad p^*(x,y) \geq f(\|x+y\|), \quad x, y \in S,$$

where $f \in F^* = \{f \mid f \in C[0,1]; f(t) \iff t=0\}$, then (S, p^*) is a probability space

Proof. We have to show that $x = y \iff p^*(x,y) = 1$.

From (3.1) we have

$$p^*(x,x) \geq f(2) = 1$$

But $p^*(x,y) \leq 1$, thus $p^*(x,x) = 1$.

Lemma 3.2. If (S, p^*) is a $*$ -probability space of dimension 2 and

(3.1) holds, then every basis is of the form $\{y, -y\}$, $\forall y \in S$.

Proof. By Lemma 3.1 (S, p^*) is a probability space. Let x and y be any two orthogonal elements. Then

$$0 = p^*(x,y) \geq f(\|x+y\|)$$

and

$$f(\|x+y\|) = 0$$

However $f(t) = 0 \iff t = 0$. Therefore

$$||x+y|| = 0$$

or

$$x + y = 0$$

Finally y is orthogonal to $-y$, and since (S, p^*) is of dimension 2, we have that every basis is of the form $\{y, -y\}$

Corollary 3.1. If

$$f(||x+y||) = \frac{||x+y||^2}{4}$$

and (S, p^*) is a $*$ -probability space of dimension 2 with (3.1), then N is an inner product space.

Proof. By Lemma 3.2 every basis is of the form $\{y, -y\}$. From the axiom (C)

$$1 = p^*(x, y) + p^*(x, -y) \geq \frac{||x+y||^2}{4} + \frac{||x-y||^2}{4}$$

for all $x, y \in S$. Applying a result of Schoenberg [7] we conclude that N is an inner product space.

Now we shall modify axiom C to read: For every basis B and each $a \in S$

$$(C^*) \quad \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}_B} p(a, F) \leq 1$$

A pair (S, p^*) that satisfies (A^*) , (B) , (C^*) we shall call modified probability space. Some of the above results may be reformulated for a modified probability space.

Lemma 3.3. If for some $f \in F^* = \{f | f \in C[0, 2]; f(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t=0; f(2) = 1\}$

$$f(||x+y||) + f(||x-y||) \leq 1$$

and all $x, y \in S$, then N is uniformly convex.

Proof. Let $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\} \subset S$. We have to show that

$$||x_n + y_n|| \rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow ||x_n - y_n|| \rightarrow 0.$$

From

$$f(\|x_n + y_n\|) + f(\|x_n - y_n\|) \leq 1$$

we have

$$f(\lim \|x_n + y_n\|) + f(\lim \|x_n - y_n\|) \leq 1$$

or

$$f(2) + f(\lim \|x_n - y_n\|) \leq 1$$

But $f(2) = 1$, so

$$f(\lim \|x_n - y_n\|) \leq 0$$

i.e.

$$f(\lim \|x_n - y_n\|) = 0$$

For any $f \in F^*$ we have that

$$f(t) = 0 \iff t = 0$$

Thus

$$\lim_n \|x_n - y_n\| = 0$$

Example 3.1. The well-known Clarkson's inequality [8] states

$$\left\| \frac{f+g}{2} \right\|^{p'} + \left\| \frac{f-g}{2} \right\|^{p'} \leq \left(\frac{1}{2} \|f\|^p + \frac{1}{2} \|g\|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}},$$

for $1 < p < 2$, and for $p \geq 2$.

$$\left\| \frac{f+g}{2} \right\|^p + \left\| \frac{f-g}{2} \right\|^p \leq \frac{1}{2} \|f\|^p + \frac{1}{2} \|g\|^p.$$

The norm $\|\cdot\|$ is the standard L_p norm (or l_p), and $p' = 1 - p$.

Let S be the unit sphere of L_p . Then

$$\left\| \frac{f+g}{2} \right\|^{p'} + \left\| \frac{f-g}{2} \right\|^{p'} \leq 1, \quad 1 < p < 2,$$

and

$$\left\| \frac{f+g}{2} \right\|^p + \left\| \frac{f-g}{2} \right\|^p \leq 1, \quad p \geq 2.$$

It is easy to recognize two last inequality as special case of the inequality (3.1), by taking

$$f(t) = \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^{p'} \text{ or } f(t) = \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^p .$$

It follows that L_p (or l_p) are uniformly convex.

Lemma 3.3. says that every normed real linear space on whose unit sphere (3.1) (generalized Clarkson's inequality) holds, is uniformly convex.

Corollary 3.2. If N is a Banach space and (3.1) holds then N is reflexive.

Proof. According to Milman's [9] (see also Dieudonne [10]) every uniformly convex Banach space is reflexive.

Theorem 3.1. Let N be a normed real linear space and S its unit sphere i.e. $S = \{x \mid \|x\| = 1\}$. If (S, p^*) is a modified probability space of dimension 2, and

$$p^*(x, y) \geq f(\|x+y\|)$$

where $f \in F^* = \{f \mid f \in C[0, 2]; f(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0; f(2) = 1\}$, then N is uniformly convex

Proof. By Lemma 3.2 every basis of (S, p^*) is of the form $\{y, -y\}$.

From the axiom (C^*) we have

$$p^*(x, y) + p^*(x, -y) \leq 1$$

That implies

$$f(\|x+y\|) + f(\|x-y\|) \leq 1.$$

Applying Lemma 3.3 we get that N is uniformly convex.

Corollary 3.3. In addition to the conditions of Theorem 3.1 assume that N is a Banach space. Then N is reflexive.

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