

**ON PROBABILISTIC NORMED SPACES UNDER  $\tau_{T,L}$**

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**ABSTRACT.** We introduce the operation  $\otimes_L$  copulative with  $\tau_{T,L}$  to define PN space under  $\tau_{T,L}$  and establish some basic properties of probabilistic seminorms and norms under  $\tau_{T,L}$ . Finally, we discuss so-called L-simple spaces.

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**1. INTRODUCTION.**

In [1-4], Šerstnev introduced the concept of PN space. A triple  $(V, \nu, \tau)$  is called a PN space, if  $V$  is a vector space over the field  $K$  of real or complex numbers,  $\nu$  is a function from  $V$  into  $\Delta^+$ , the set of all distance distribution functions,  $\tau$  is a continuous triangle function, and for any  $p, q \in V, a \in K$  with  $a \neq 0$ , the following conditions hold.

$$(i) \nu(0) = \varepsilon_0, \tag{1.1}$$

$$(ii) \nu(p) \neq \varepsilon_0 \text{ if } p \neq 0, \tag{1.2}$$

$$(iii) \nu(ap) = |a| \odot \nu(p), \tag{1.3}$$

$$(iv) \nu(p+q) > \tau(\nu(p), \nu(q)), \tag{1.4}$$

where  $|a| \odot \nu(p) = \nu(p)(j/|a|)_\tau$  and  $j$  denotes the identity function. Since  $\odot$  and  $\tau$  are not always cooperative as multiplication and addition, there is a certain difficulty in the further development of PN space theory. In fact, for any  $p, q \in V, a \in K$  with  $a > 0$ , we can estimate  $\nu(ap+aq)$  in two ways and the two estimates are not always consistent (see Schweizer and Sklar [5], p 238). To overcome this objection, Mušćari and Šerstnev [6-7] had to focus their attention on homogeneous triangle functions.

In this paper, we establish the operation  $\otimes_L$  copulative with  $\tau_{T,L}$  and use it to discuss PN spaces under  $\tau_{T,L}$ , where  $\tau_{T,L}: \Delta^+ \times \Delta^+ \rightarrow \Delta^+$ ,

$\tau_{T,L}(F,G)(x) = \sup \{T(F(u), G(v)) \mid L(u,v) = x\}, x \in R^+, F, G \in \Delta^+, T$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm, and  $L: R^+ \times R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  satisfies:

- 1)  $\text{Ran}L = R;$
- 2)  $L$  has 0 as identity;
- 3)  $L$  is a nondecreasing in each place, and if  $u_1 < u_2, v_1 < v_2,$

then  $L(u_1, v_1) < L(u_2, v_2)$  ;

4)  $L$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+$ , except possibly at the points  $(0, \infty)$  and  $(\infty, 0)$ ;

5)  $L$  is associative;

6)  $L$  is Archimedean, i.e., for all  $u \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $L(u, u) > u$ .

First, we give some simple results which are needed in the sequel. From Theorem 5.7.4 in [5], it is easy to know that there exists an additive generator  $g$  of  $L$ , i.e., a strictly increasing and continuous function  $g: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  with  $g(0) = 0$ ,  $g(\infty) = \infty$ , such that  $L(x, y) = g^{-1}(g(x) + g(y))$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

Now, we choose a fixed additive generator  $g$  of  $L$ , and note that the particular choice of  $g$  does not affect the validity of our results.

DEFINITION 1.1.  $\alpha_L^*: \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is defined as

$$\alpha_L^* x = g^{-1}(g(x)), \quad \alpha, x \in \mathbb{R}^+.$$

Clearly,  $\alpha_{\text{sum}}^* x = \alpha x$ ,  $\alpha, x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

LEMMA 1.1. For any  $\alpha, \beta, x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , the following equalities hold.

$$(i) \quad \alpha_L^* (\beta_L^* x) = (\alpha\beta) \alpha_L^* x \quad (1.5)$$

$$(ii) \quad \alpha_L^* L(x, y) = L(\alpha_L^* x, \alpha_L^* y) \quad (1.6)$$

$$(iii) \quad (\alpha\beta) \alpha_L^* x = L(\alpha_L^* x, \beta_L^* x) \quad (1.7)$$

Clearly, if  $\alpha \in (0, \infty)$ , then  $f(x) = \alpha_L^* x$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$  is strictly increasing and continuous.

So we may give

DEFINITION 1.2. For any  $\alpha \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $x \delta_L \alpha$  is defined as the only solution of the equation  $\alpha_L^* t = x$ .

LEMMA 1.2. For any  $\alpha, \beta \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , the following equalities hold.

$$(i) \quad (x \delta_L \alpha) \delta_L \beta = x \delta_L (\alpha\beta), \quad (1.8)$$

$$(ii) \quad L(x, y) \delta_L \alpha = L(x \delta_L \alpha, y \delta_L \alpha). \quad (1.9)$$

DEFINITION 1.3.  $\alpha_L^\circ: (0, \infty) \times \Delta^+ \rightarrow \Delta^+$  is defined as

$$\alpha_L^\circ F = F(j \delta_L \alpha), \quad \alpha \in (0, \infty), F \in \Delta^+.$$

In particular,  $\alpha_{\text{sum}}^\circ F = \alpha \alpha_L^\circ F$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $F \in \Delta^+$ .

LEMMA 1.3. For any  $\alpha, \beta \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $F, G \in \Delta^+$ , the following equalities hold.

$$(i) \quad \alpha_L^\circ \varepsilon_x = \varepsilon_{\alpha^* L x}, \quad (1.10)$$

$$(ii) \quad \alpha_L^\circ (\beta_L^\circ F) = (\alpha\beta) \alpha_L^\circ F, \quad (1.11)$$

$$(iii) \quad \alpha_L^\circ \tau_{T, L}(F, G) = \tau_{T, L}(\alpha_L^\circ F, \alpha_L^\circ G). \quad (1.12)$$

COROLLARY 1.1. (cf. Lemma 15.1.3 in [5]) For any  $\alpha \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $F, G \in \Delta^+$ ,

$$\tau_{T, L}(F, G) = \tau_{T, L}(F(a^* j), G(a^* j))(j \delta_L \alpha), \quad (1.13)$$

i.e.,  $\tau_{T, L}$  is homogenous in the sense of (1.13).

DEFINITION 1.4. For any  $x, y \in [0, \infty)$  with  $y < x$ ,  $x_L \sim y$  is defined as the only solution of the equation  $L(y, t) = x$ .

DEFINITION 1.5. For any  $a, b \in I$ ,

$$a \alpha_{T, L} b = \text{Sup}\{x \mid T(b, x) < a\}.$$

LEMMA 1.4. For any  $a, b, c, a_\lambda, b_\lambda (\lambda \in \Lambda) \in I$ ,

(i)  $T(a, b)_{\alpha_T} a > b,$  (1.14)

(ii) If  $a < b$ , then  $a_{\alpha_T} c < b_{\alpha_T} c, c_{\alpha_T} b \leq c_{\alpha_T} a,$  (1.15)

(iii)  $a_{\alpha_T} \inf_{\lambda \in \Lambda} b_\lambda > \sup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (a_{\alpha_T} b_\lambda),$  (1.16)

$a_{\alpha_T} \sup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} b_\lambda = \inf_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (a_{\alpha_T} b_\lambda),$  (1.17)

$\inf_{\lambda \in \Lambda} a_\lambda \alpha_T b = \inf_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (a_\lambda \alpha_T b),$  (1.18)

$\sup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} a_\lambda \alpha_T b > \sup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (a_\lambda \alpha_T b).$  (1.19)

DEFINITION 1.6.  $\eta_{T,L}: \Delta^+ \times \Delta^+ \rightarrow I^{R^+}$  is defined as: for all  $F, G \in G,$

$$(F \eta_{T,L} G)(x) = \begin{cases} \inf \{F(u)_{\alpha_T} G(v) \mid u_L v = x, v < u, u, v \in [0, \infty)\}, & x \in [0, \infty); \\ 1, & x = \infty. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to check that for any  $F, G \in \Delta^+, F \eta_{T,L} G$  is left-continuous and increasing, but it is possible that  $(F \eta_{T,L} G)(0) > 0$ . In addition, from Lemma 2.4. (ii), we know that  $\eta_{T,L}$  is increasing in the first place and decreasing in the second place.

LEMMA 1.5. For any  $F, G \in \Delta^+,$

$\tau_{T,L} (F, G) \eta_{T,L} G > F.$  (1.20)

2. PROBABILISTIC SEMINORMS AND NORMS UNDER  $\tau_{T,L}$

DEFINITION 2.1. Let  $V$  be a vector space over the field  $K$  of real or complex numbers,  $v: V \rightarrow \Delta^+$ . Then  $(V, v)$  is called a PSN space under  $\tau_{T,L}$  if for all  $p, q \in V, \alpha \in K$  with  $\alpha \neq 0$ , the following conditions hold.

(i)  $v(0) = \epsilon_0,$  (2.1)

(ii)  $v(\alpha p) = |\alpha| \otimes_L v(p),$  (2.2)

(iii)  $v(p+q) > \tau_{T,L} (v(p), v(q)).$  (2.3)

If  $(V, v)$  is a PSN space and satisfies: for all  $p \in V,$

(iv)  $v(p) \neq \epsilon_0$  if  $p \neq 0,$  (2.4)

then  $(V, v)$  is called a PN space.

THEOREM 2.1. If  $(V, v)$  is a PSN space under  $\tau_{T,L}$ , then for all  $p, q \in V,$

$v(p-q) < M (v(p) \eta_{T,L} v(q), v(q) \eta_{T,L} v(p)),$  (2.5)

where  $M$  denotes the minimum function.

PROOF. From Lemma 1.5, we have

$v(p) \eta_{T,L} v(q) > \tau_{T,L} (v(p-q), v(q)) \eta_{T,L} v(q) > v(p-q)$

because  $v(p) > \tau_{T,L} (v(p-q), v(q)).$

In addition,

$v(p-q) = 1 \otimes_L v(q-p)$

$= v(q-p)$

$< v(q) \eta_{T,L} v(p).$

THEOREM 2.2. In a PSN space  $(V, v)$  under  $\tau_{T,L}$ , for all  $\epsilon \in R^+, \lambda \in I, p \in V$ , the ball with center  $p$  and radius  $\epsilon$  of level  $\lambda$   $B_p(\epsilon, \lambda) = \{q \mid T(v_{q-p}(\epsilon), \lambda) = \lambda\}$  is convex.

PROOF. If  $q_1, q_2 \in B_p(q, \lambda), t \in [0, 1]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & v_{[tq_1 + (1-t)q_2] - p}(\epsilon) = v_{t(q_1-p)} + (1-t)v_{(q_2-p)}(\epsilon) \\ & > \tau_{T,L}(v_{t(q-p)}, v_{(1-t)(q-p)})(\epsilon) \\ & = \text{Sup} \{T(v_{t(q_1-p)}(\epsilon_1), v_{(1-t)(q_2-p)}(\epsilon_2)) \mid L(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) = \epsilon\} \\ & > T(v_{t(q_1-p)}(t^*_L \epsilon), v_{(1-t)(q_2-p)}((1-t)^*_L \epsilon)) \\ & = T(v_{q_1-p}(\epsilon), v_{q_2-p}(\epsilon)). \\ & T(v_{[tq_1 + (1-t)q_2] - p}(\epsilon), \lambda) > T(T(v_{q_1-p}(\epsilon), v_{q_2-p}(\epsilon)), \lambda) \\ & = T(v_{q_1-p}(\epsilon), T(v_{q_2-p}(\epsilon), \lambda)) \\ & = T(v_{q_1-p}(\epsilon), \lambda) \\ & = \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 2.3. In a PN space  $(V, v)$  under  $\tau_{T,L}$ , let

$$U_p(\epsilon, \lambda) = \{q \mid v_{q-p}(\epsilon) > 1-\lambda\}, \epsilon, \lambda > 0, p \in V.$$

Then the family  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_p(\epsilon, \lambda) \mid \epsilon > 0, \lambda > 0, p \in V\}$  generates a Hausdorff topology  $\tau$  which is called the strong topology of  $V$ . Moreover,

- (1)  $+$ :  $V \times V \rightarrow V, (p, q) \rightarrow p+q, p, q \in V$  is continuous;
- (2) If  $\text{Ran } v \subseteq \mathcal{D}^+$ , then:  $k \times V \rightarrow V, (\alpha, p) \rightarrow \alpha p, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, p \in V$  is continuous, where  $\mathcal{D}^+ = \{F \in \Delta^+ \mid \sup_{x < \infty} F(x) = 1\}$ ;
- (3)  $v$ :  $V \rightarrow \Delta^+, p \rightarrow v(p), p \in V$  is continuous.

PROOF. Straightforward.

To illustrate that the condition in Theorem 2.3. (2) is necessary, we give

EXAMPLE 2.2. Let  $v_0: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \Delta^+$

$$v_0(x) = \begin{cases} \epsilon_0, & \text{if } x = 0, \\ \epsilon_\infty, & \text{if } x \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Then  $(\mathbb{R}, v_0)$  is a PN space under  $\tau_{T,L}$ . However,  $1/n \rightarrow 0$ , but  $1/n \frac{\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}, \bar{v})}{\epsilon_0} \rightarrow 0$  does not hold.

THEOREM 2.4. If  $(V, v)$  is a PSN (or PN) space under  $\tau_{T,L}, \mathcal{F}: V \times V \rightarrow \Delta^+$  is defined as

$$F(p, q) = v(p-q), p, q \in V, \tag{2.6}$$

then  $(V, F)$  is a PPM (resp. PM) space under  $\tau_{T,L}$  which has the following properties: for all  $p, q, r \in V, \alpha \in K$  with  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,

$$(i) F(\alpha p, \alpha q) = |\alpha| \otimes_L F(p, q), \tag{2.7}$$

$$(ii) F(p+r, q+1) = F(p, q). \tag{2.8}$$

Conversely, if  $(V, F)$  is a PPM (or PM) space under  $\tau_{T,L}$  with (2.7), (2.8), then there exists a PSN (resp. PN) space under  $\tau_{T,L}$  such that (2.6) holds.

PROOF. Immediate.

### 3. L-SIMPLE SPACES.

DEFINITION 3.1. Let  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed space, and  $G \in \Delta^+ \setminus \{\epsilon_0, \epsilon_\infty\}$ . Then  $(V, \|\cdot\|, G)$ , the L-simple space generated by  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  and  $G$ , is the pair

$(V, \nu)$  in which  $\nu: V \rightarrow \Delta^+$  is defined by

$$\nu(p) = \left\| \left\| p \right\| \right\|_{\mathcal{G}_L}, p \in V. \tag{3.1}$$

In Particular, Sum-simple spaces are also simple spaces.

DEFINITION 3.2. Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a class of pairs  $(V, \nu)$  in which  $V$  is a vector space, and  $\nu: V \rightarrow \Delta^+$  satisfies (2.1), (2.4), and  $\tau$  is a triangle function. If for any  $(V, \nu) \in \mathcal{G}$  it holds that

$$\nu(p+q) \geq \tau(\nu(p), \nu(q)), p, q \in V, \tag{3.2}$$

then  $\tau$  is said to be universal for  $\mathcal{G}$ .

DEFINITION 3.3. If  $F, G \in \Delta^+$  and there exists  $\alpha \in (0, \infty)$  such that  $G = \alpha \mathcal{G}_L F$ , then  $F$  and  $G$  are said to be  $L$ -comparable. We write

$$\mathcal{G}_L(\Delta^+) = \{(F, G) \in \Delta^+ \times \Delta^+ \mid F, G \text{ are } L\text{-comparable}\}.$$

THEREOM 3.1. (cf. Theorem 8.4.2, 8.4.4 and Problem 8.8.1 in [5]). Triangle function  $\tau$  is universal for the class  $\mathcal{S}_L$  of all  $L$ -simple spaces if and only if

$$\tau \Big|_{\mathcal{C}_L(\Delta^+)} \leq \tau_{M, L} \Big|_{\mathcal{C}_L(\Delta^+)}.$$

PROOF. ( $\Leftarrow$ ) First, we show that  $\tau_{M, L}$  is universal for  $\mathcal{S}_L$ . In fact, if  $(V, \nu)$  is a  $L$ -simple space, then for all  $p \in V, y \in I$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(p)^\wedge(y) &= \text{Sup}\{x \mid \nu(p)(x) < y\} \\ &= \text{Sup}\{x \mid G(x \delta_L \left\| \left\| p \right\| \right\|) < y\} \\ &= \text{Sup}\{\left\| \left\| p \right\| \right\| *_{L} \zeta \mid G(\zeta) < y\} \\ &= \left\| \left\| p \right\| \right\| *_{L} \text{Sup}\{\zeta \mid G(\zeta) < y\} \\ &= \left\| \left\| p \right\| \right\| *_{L} G(y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from Lemma 1.1. (iii), we obtain that for all  $p, q \in V, y \in I$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(p+q)^\wedge(y) &= \left\| \left\| p+q \right\| \right\| *_{L} G(y) \\ &< (\left\| \left\| p \right\| \right\| + \left\| \left\| q \right\| \right\|) *_{L} G(y) \\ &= L(\left\| \left\| p \right\| \right\| *_{L} G^\wedge(y), \left\| \left\| q \right\| \right\| *_{L} G^\wedge(y)) \\ &= L(\nu(p)^\wedge(y), \nu(q)^\wedge(y)). \end{aligned}$$

and from (7.7.10) in [5], we have

$$\nu(p+q) \geq [L(\nu(p)^\wedge, \nu(q)^\wedge)] = \tau_{M, L}(\nu(p), \nu(q)).$$

In general, if  $\tau \Big|_{\mathcal{C}_L(\Delta^+)} \leq \tau_{M, L} \Big|_{\mathcal{C}_L(\Delta^+)}$ , then for any  $L$ -simple space  $(V, \nu)$  and for any  $p, q \in V$ ,

$$\tau(\nu(p), \nu(q)) \leq \tau_{M, L}(\nu(p), \nu(q)).$$

In fact, if  $p = 0$ , or  $q = 0$ , then  $\tau(\nu(p), \nu(q)) = \nu(q)$  or  $\nu(p)$ , and if

$p \neq 0$  and  $q \neq 0$ , then  $\left\| \left\| q \right\| \right\| / \left\| \left\| p \right\| \right\| \in (0, \infty)$  and  $\nu(q) = \left\| \left\| q \right\| \right\| / \left\| \left\| p \right\| \right\| \mathcal{G}_L \nu(p)$ , i.e.,

$(\nu(p), \nu(q)) \in \mathcal{C}_L(\Delta^+)$ . Consequently,  $\tau$  is universal for  $\mathcal{S}_L$  because so is  $\tau_{M, L}$ .

( $\Rightarrow$ ). If  $\tau \Big|_{\mathcal{C}_L(\Delta^+)} \leq \tau_{M, L} \Big|_{\mathcal{C}_L(\Delta^+)}$  does not hold, then there exists a pair

$(G, F) \in \mathcal{C}_L(\Delta^+)$  such that  $\tau(G, F) \not\leq \tau_{M, L}(G, F)$ . Because  $\tau(\varepsilon_0, F) = \tau_{M, L}(\varepsilon_0, F) = F$ , we have

and  $\tau(\varepsilon_\infty, F) = \varepsilon_\infty$ , that  $G \notin \{\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_\infty\}$ . Now, we consider the  $L$ -simple space

$(R, \nu) = (R, \left\| \cdot \right\|, G)$  generated by the real line with the usual norm and  $G$ . Since

$(G, F) \in \mathcal{C}_L^+(\Delta^+)$ , there exists  $\alpha \in (0, \infty)$  such that  $F = \mathcal{M}_L G$ . In addition, from  $\tau(G, F) < \tau_{M, L}(G, F)$ , we know that there exists  $x_0 \in (0, \infty)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(G, F)(x_0) &> \tau_{M, L}(G, F)(x_0), \text{ and furthermore} \\ \tau(v(1), v(\alpha))(x_0) &= \tau(v(1), \mathcal{M}_L v(1))(x_0) \\ &= \tau(G, F)(x_0) \\ &> \tau_{M, L}(G, F)(x_0) \\ &= \text{Sup} \{M(G(u), F(v)) \mid L(u, v) = x_0\} \\ &> M(G(x_0 \delta_L(1+\alpha)), F(\alpha^*_L(x_0 \delta_L(1+\alpha)))) \\ &= G(x_0 \delta_L(1+\alpha)) \\ &= v(1+\alpha)(x_0) \end{aligned}$$

because

$$L(x_0 \delta_L(1+\alpha), \alpha^*_L(x_0 \delta_L(1+\alpha))) = (1+\alpha) *_{L}(x_0 \delta_L(1+\alpha)) = x_0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} F(\alpha^*_L(x_0 \delta_L(1+\alpha))) &= G((\alpha^*_L(x_0 \delta_L(1+\alpha)) \delta_L \alpha) \\ &= G(x_0 \delta_L(1+\alpha)). \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts (3.2).

**COROLLARY 3.1.** Any  $L$ -simple space is a PN space under  $\tau_{T, L}$ .

Let  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed space,  $\alpha \in (0, \infty)$  and  $G \in \Delta^+ \setminus \{\epsilon_0, \epsilon_\infty\}$ . By the  $\alpha$ -simple space generated by  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  and  $G$ ,  $(V, \|\cdot\|, G, \alpha)$ , we mean the pair  $(V, v)$  in which  $v: V \rightarrow \Delta^+$  is defined by  $v(p) = G(\delta/\|p\|^\alpha)$ ,  $p \in V$ .

The following corollary characterizes  $\alpha$ -simple spaces.

**COROLLARY 3.2.** (cf. Problem 8.8.2 in [5]) For  $\alpha \in (0, \infty)$ , any  $\alpha$ -simple space is a PN space under  $\tau_{M, K_{1/\alpha}}$ .

**PROOF.** It is sufficient to note that  $x \delta_{K_{1/\alpha}} a = x/a^\alpha$ ,  $x, a \in (0, \infty)$ , and so  $\alpha$ -simple spaces are also  $K_{1/\alpha}$ -simple spaces.

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