



Polarization constant $\mathcal{K}(n, X) = 1$ for entire functions of exponential type

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Abstract

In this paper we will prove that if L is a continuous symmetric n -linear form on a Hilbert space and \widehat{L} is the associated continuous n -homogeneous polynomial, then $\|L\| = \|\widehat{L}\|$. For the proof we are using a classical generalized inequality due to S. Bernstein for entire functions of exponential type. Furthermore we study the case that if X is a Banach space then we have that

$$\|L\| = \|\widehat{L}\|, \forall L \in \mathcal{L}^s({}^n X).$$

If the previous relation holds for every $L \in \mathcal{L}^s({}^n X)$, then spaces $\mathcal{P}({}^n X)$ and $\mathcal{L}^s({}^n X)$ are isometric. We can also study the same problem using Fréchet derivative.

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1. Introduction and preliminaries

Many results which hold in linear forms can be expand in multilinear forms and polynomials. We refer without proof the following proposition (see [4]).

Proposition 1.1. *Let $L : X^n \rightarrow Y$ a symmetric n -linear form and $P : X \rightarrow Y$, with $P = \widehat{L}$, the associated homogeneous polynomial, where X, Y are Banach spaces. The following are equivalent*

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- i. $L : X^n \rightarrow Y$ is continuous.
- ii. $P : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous.
- iii. $P : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous to 0.
- iv. There is a constant $M_1 > 0$ such that $\|P(x)\| \leq M_1 \|x\|^n$.
- v. There is a constant $M_2 > 0$ such that

$$\|L(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\| \leq M_2 \|x_1\| \cdots \|x_n\|, \quad \forall (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X^n .$$

We can easily prove the following result using Banach-Steinhaus Theorem, (see Theorem 3.5 in [4]).

Proposition 1.2. Let X_1, \dots, X_n Banach spaces and Y a normed space. The multilinear form $L : X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n \rightarrow Y$ is continuous if and only if L is continuous for each variable.

If X and Y Banach spaces and $L : X^n \rightarrow Y$ a continuous, symmetric n -linear form, we define the norm

$$\begin{aligned} \|L\| : &= \inf\{M : \|L(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\| \leq M \|x_1\| \cdots \|x_n\|, \quad \forall (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X^n\} \\ &= \sup\{\|L(x_1, \dots, x_n)\| : \|x_1\| \leq 1, \dots, \|x_n\| \leq 1\} . \end{aligned}$$

We express with $\mathcal{L}^s(nX, Y)$ the Banach space of the continuous, symmetric n -linear forms equipped with the above norm. Similarly, we express with $\mathcal{P}(nX, Y)$ the Banach space of the continuous, homogeneous polynomials $P : X \rightarrow Y$ n -th degree, with norm

$$\begin{aligned} \|P\| : &= \inf\{M > 0 : \|P(x)\| \leq M \|x\|^n, \quad \forall x \in X\} \\ &= \sup\{\|P(x)\| : \|x\| \leq 1\} . \end{aligned}$$

Remark 1.3. Generally, we can estimate the norm of $L \in \mathcal{L}^s(nX, Y)$ easier than the norm of the associated homogeneous polynomial $\widehat{L} \in \mathcal{P}(nX, Y)$. Obviously we have

$$\|\widehat{L}\| \leq \|L\| .$$

Mazur-Orlicz study the relation between the norm of $L \in \mathcal{L}^s(nX, Y)$ and the norm of the associated homogeneous polynomial $\widehat{L} \in \mathcal{P}(nX, Y)$.

We refer the following problem of Mazur-Orlicz from the famous ‘‘Scottish Book’’ [10, Problem 73]:

Problem. Let c_n be the smallest number with the property that if $F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is an arbitrary symmetric n -linear operator [in a Banach space and with values in such a space], then

$$\sup_{\substack{\|x_i\| \leq 1 \\ 1 \leq i \leq n}} \|F(x_1, \dots, x_n)\| \leq c_n \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|F(x, \dots, x)\| .$$

It is known (Mr. Banach) that c_n exists. One can show that the number c_n satisfies the inequalities

$$\frac{n^n}{n!} \leq c_n \leq \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} k^n .$$

Is $c_n = \frac{n^n}{n!}$?

The answer to this problem is yes for any real or complex Banach space. R. S. Martin [9] proved that $c_n \leq n^n/n!$ with the aid of an n - dimensional polarization formula. Indeed, if $L \in \mathcal{L}^s({}^n X)$ and x_1, \dots, x_n are unit vectors in X , then we obtain that

$$L(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_0^1 r_1(t) \cdots r_n(t) P \left(\sum_{i=1}^n r_i(t) x_i \right) dt. \tag{1.1}$$

The n th Rademacher function r_n is defined on $[0, 1]$ by $r_n(t) = \text{sign} \sin 2^n \pi t$. The Rademacher functions $\{r_n\}$ form an orthonormal set in $L_2([0, 1], dt)$ where dt denotes Lebesgue measure on $[0, 1]$. For $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$, we can express the above polarization formula in the following convenient form:

$$\begin{aligned} \|L(x_1, \dots, x_n)\| &= \frac{1}{n!} \left\| \int_0^1 r_1(t) \cdots r_n(t) \widehat{L} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n r_k(t) x_k \right) dt \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n!} \int_0^1 \left\| \widehat{L} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n r_k(t) x_k \right) \right\| dt \\ &\leq \frac{\|\widehat{L}\|}{n!} \int_0^1 \left\| \sum_{k=1}^n r_k(t) x_k \right\|^n dt \\ &\leq \frac{\|\widehat{L}\|}{n!} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \|x_k\| \right)^n \\ &= \frac{n^n}{n!} \|\widehat{L}\|. \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

Thus, $\|L\| \leq (n^n/n!) \|\widehat{L}\|$. So for every $L \in \mathcal{L}^s({}^n X, Y)$, we get

$$\|\widehat{L}\| \leq \|L\| \leq \frac{n^n}{n!} \|\widehat{L}\|. \tag{1.3}$$

The map

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{} &: \mathcal{L}^s({}^n X, Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}({}^n X, Y) \\ L &\mapsto \widehat{L} \end{aligned}$$

is obviously linear and onto and because of the polarization formula Eq. (1.1), is one to one. Therefore, from (1.3) we infer that this map is a linear isomorphism.

Proposition 1.4. *If X and Y are Banach spaces, then the map*

$$\widehat{} : \mathcal{L}^s({}^n X, Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}({}^n X, Y)$$

is a linear isomorphism.

We will express the reverse form of this map with " $\check{}$ ". That is

$$\begin{aligned} \check{} &: \mathcal{P}({}^n X, Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^s({}^n X, Y) \\ P &\mapsto \check{P} \end{aligned}$$

where $\check{P}(x, \dots, x) = P(x)$.

For specific Banach spaces we can tighten the constant " $n^n/n!$ " in (1.3). For that case we need the following definition

Definition 1.5. For X, Y Banach spaces and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we define

$$\mathbb{K}(n, X) := \inf \left\{ M : \|L\| \leq M\|\widehat{L}\|, \quad \forall L \in \mathcal{L}^s(nX, Y) \right\} .$$

$\mathbb{K}(n, X)$ is the n -th polarization constant, of the Banach space X .

Using Hahn-Banach's Theorem we obtain that in order to calculate $\mathbb{K}(n, X)$, we can consider continuous, symmetric n -linear forms, without loss of generality. That is, we can consider that $Y = \mathbb{K}$. In that case Banach spaces $\mathcal{L}^s(nX, Y)$ and $\mathcal{P}(nX, Y)$ represent as $\mathcal{L}^s(nX)$ and $\mathcal{P}(nX)$ respectively. From relation (1.3) turns out, that for every Banach space X we get that

$$1 \leq \mathbb{K}(n, X) \leq \frac{n^n}{n!} . \quad (1.4)$$

If H is a Hilbert space then

$$\mathbb{K}(n, H) = 1 .$$

An equivalent formulation for this fact is that spaces $\mathcal{L}^s(nH)$ and $\mathcal{P}(nH)$ are isometric.

2. Entire functions of exponential type

An analytical function $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is called **entire** if it is analytical in all \mathbb{C} . Thus, if f is an entire function then

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n, \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$$

and from Cauchy-Hadamard's form, we have that $\limsup \sqrt[n]{|c_n|} = 0$.

Definition 2.1. The entire function f is of exponential type if

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln M(r)}{r} < \infty, \quad \text{where } M(r) = \max_{|z|=r} |f(z)| .$$

If we have that

$$\sigma = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln M(r)}{r} ,$$

then f is **exponential of type σ** .

Proposition 2.2. Let f be an entire exponential function of type σ , $0 \leq \sigma < \infty$, then $\sigma = \inf\{k \geq 0 : M(r) < e^{rk}, \quad \forall r \geq R_k\}$.

Proof . Let $\lambda = \inf\{k \geq 0 : M(r) < e^{rk}, \quad \forall r \geq R_k\}$. For every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $R_\varepsilon > 0$ such that $M(r) < e^{(\lambda+\varepsilon)r}$, for every $r > R_\varepsilon$ there exists a sequence $\{r_n\}$, with $r_1 < r_2 < \dots < r_n < \dots$, such that $M(r_n) > e^{(\lambda-\varepsilon)r_n}$. In other words we get

$$\frac{\ln M(r)}{r} < \lambda + \varepsilon, \quad \forall r > R_\varepsilon$$

and

$$\frac{\ln M(r_n)}{r_n} > \lambda - \varepsilon$$

for suitable large r_n . That means that

$$\lambda = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln M(r)}{r} = \sigma .$$

□

From the previous we obtain that:

Corollary 2.3. Function f is an entire exponential function of type σ , if and only if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ but for no ε negative, the following holds

$$M(r) = (e^{(\sigma+\varepsilon)r}), \quad (r \rightarrow \infty) .$$

Example 2.4. 1. The analytical functions

$$e^z, \sin z, \cos z, \sinh z, \cosh z$$

are exponential functions of type 1.

2. The entire function $f(z) = e^z \cdot \cos z$ is an exponential function of type 2, on the other hand the entire function $g(z) = z^2 \cdot e^{2z} - e^{3z}$ is exponential of type 3.
3. If the entire functions f_1 and f_2 are exponential functions of type σ_1 and σ_2 respectively, then $f_1 \cdot f_2$ is an exponential function of type σ , with $\sigma \leq \sigma_1 + \sigma_2$ and $f_1 + f_2$ is an exponential function of type σ^* , where $\sigma^* \leq \max\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}$.
4. If

$$f(\vartheta) = \sum_{k=-n}^n c_k e^{ik\vartheta}, \quad c_k \in \mathbb{C},$$

is a trigonometric polynomial of type $\leq n$, then from the previous examples we have that the entire function

$$\sum_{k=-n}^n c_k e^{ikz}$$

is an exponential function of type $\leq n$.

The proof is very easy and without using the previous examples, we have

$$|f(z)| = |f(x + iy)| \leq C \cdot e^{n|y|}, \quad \text{where } C = \sum_{k=-n}^n |c_k|,$$

thus

$$M(r) = \max_{|z|=r} |f(z)| \leq C \cdot e^{n \cdot r} .$$

Proposition 2.5. We assume that the entire function $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$ is an exponential function of type σ . If $\lambda = \limsup n|c_n|^{1/n}$, with $0 \leq \lambda < \infty$, then

$$\sigma = \frac{\lambda}{e} = \limsup \frac{n}{e} |c_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} . \quad (2.1)$$

For the proof of relation (2.1) we refer to R. P. Boas [1] and B. Ya. Levin [8].

Theorem 2.6. (Bernstein's Inequality) We assume that $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is an entire exponential function of type $\leq \sigma$. If we have that $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f(x)| < \infty$, then $\forall \omega \in \mathbb{R}$ we obtain

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f'(x) \cos \omega + \sigma \cdot f(x) \sin \omega| \leq \sigma \cdot \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f(x)| . \quad (2.2)$$

Equality holds if and only if

$$f(z) = ae^{i\sigma z} + be^{-i\sigma z} , \text{ where } a, b \in \mathbb{C} .$$

Using the same hypothesis like in Theorem 2.6, from (2.2) for $\omega = 0$, we have that

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f'(x)| \leq \sigma \cdot \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f(x)| . \quad (2.3)$$

Relation (2.3) is the classical **Bernstein's inequality**. In particular, if f takes real values, then (2.2) implies the **Szegő's inequality**, that is

$$\sqrt{n^2 f(x)^2 + f'(x)^2} \leq n \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f(x)| , \quad (2.4)$$

for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Obviously inequalities (2.2), (2.3), and (2.4) hold in the special case where f is a trigonometric polynomial of type $\leq \sigma$.

Remark 2.7. Y. Katznelson [7], discover the relation witch connects Bernstein's inequality (2.3) with **Banach's theory of algebra**. An element a of a *Banach's complex algebra* A with *unit component*, is called *hermitian*, if $\|\exp(ita)\| = 1, \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$. For example, the hermitian elements in algebra of bounded operators in a Hilbert space are the self adjoint operators. It is known that the norm of a self adjoint operator in a Hilbert space is equal to the spectral radius of the operator. Using Bernstein's inequality (2.3), Y. Katznelson proved that : The norm of an hermitian element a of a Banach's algebra A , is equal to the spectral radius $\rho(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|a^n\|^{1/n}$. The above proposition is equivalent to Bernstein's inequality (2.3). Independently and almost simultaneously, Bonsall-Crabb [2], A. M. Sinclair [12] and A. Browder [3] proved the same result.

3. Polarization constant $\mathcal{K}(n, X) = 1$

We study the case that if X is a Banach space then we have that

$$\|L\| = \|\widehat{L}\|, \forall L \in \mathcal{L}^s(nX) .$$

If the previous relation holds for every $L \in \mathcal{L}^s(nX)$, then spaces $\mathcal{P}(nX)$ and $\mathcal{L}^s(nX)$ are isometric. We can also study the same problem using Fréchet derivative.

Definition 3.1. Let X, Y two normed spaces and U is a non empty open subset of X . A function $f : U \rightarrow Y$ is called Fréchet differentiable in $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{U}$, if there exists a linear operator $F : X \rightarrow Y$ such that :

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(x+y) - f(x) - F(y)\|}{\|y\|} = 0 .$$

F is the Fréchet derivative of f in $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{U}$, and expressed by $Df(x)$. That is

$$F = Df(x) .$$

If $f : U \rightarrow Y$ is Fréchet differentiable in every component of U , then we say that f is Fréchet differentiable in all of U . In that case the map

$$x \in U \mapsto Df(x) \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$$

is the Fréchet derivative of f in U and expressed by Df .

Proposition 3.2. *Let $P \in \mathcal{P}(^n X, Y)$ and $P = \widehat{L}$, for $L \in \mathcal{L}^s(^n X, Y)$, then the homogeneous polynomial P is Fréchet differentiable for every x and satisfies the following relation*

$$DP(x)(y) = nL(x^{n-1}, y) ,$$

where $L(x^{n-1}, y) = L(\underbrace{x, \dots, x}_{n-1}, y)$.

Proof . By the definition of P we easily get that:

$$P(x + y) = L(x + y, x + y, \dots, x + y) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} L(x^{n-k}, y^k)$$

where

$$L(x^{n-k}, y^k) = L(\underbrace{x, x, \dots, x}_{n-k}, \underbrace{y, y, \dots, y}_k) .$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|P(x + y) - P(x) - nL(x^{n-1}, y)\|}{\|y\|} &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left\| \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} L(x^{n-k}, y^k) - \widehat{L}(x) - nL(x^{n-1}, y) \right\|}{\|y\|} \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left\| \sum_{k=2}^n \binom{n}{k} L(x^{n-k}, y^k) \right\|}{\|y\|} \\ &\leq \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \sum_{k=2}^n \binom{n}{k} \|L\| \cdot \|x\|^{n-k} \|y\|^{k-1} = 0 . \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|P(x + y) - P(x) - nL(x^{n-1}, y)\|}{\|y\|} = 0,$$

that is

$$DP(x)(y) = nL(x^{n-1}, y) .$$

□

Remark 3.3. The value of the linear operator $DP(x) : X \rightarrow Y$ in y usually expressed by $DP(x)y$ instead of $DP(x)(y)$. So we have that:

$$DP(x)y = nL(x^{n-1}, y) .$$

Example 3.4. Let $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ a real Hilbert space and $P(x) = \|x\|^2$, $\forall x \in H$. Because for every $x, y \in H$ we have the following identity $\|x + y\|^2 - \|x\|^2 - 2\langle x, y \rangle = \|y\|^2$, we obtain that

$$DP(x)y = 2\langle x, y \rangle .$$

We have that $P(x) = \|x\|^2$ is a homogeneous polynomial of type 2, and so the previous result can be proved using Proposition 3.2, too.

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a convex function. If all the partial derivatives of f in $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ exist, then it is known (lemma 19.4 in [5]) that function f is Fréchet differentiable in a . Also, we have (Theorem 19.5 in [5]) that if $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex, then f is Fréchet differentiable almost everywhere. Generally previous result doesn't hold in an infinite dimensional space. Indeed, for every $x \in \ell_1$ the convex function $f(x) = \|x\|_1$ isn't Fréchet differentiable (see examples 1.4(b) and 1.14(a) in [11]). Although the following result is well known, we refer it's proof complementary.

Example 3.5. Norm in ℓ_1 space isn't Fréchet differentiable for any component.

Proof . Let $x_0 = (x_k) \in \ell_1$, with $x_n = 0$ for a $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If $e_n = (\underbrace{0, 0, \dots, 0}_n, 1, 0, \dots)$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\|x_0 + te_n\|_1 - \|x_0\|_1 = |t|$. If $f(x) = \|x\|_1$ and $F \in (\ell_1)^*$, then the limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{|f(x_0 + te_n) - f(x_0) - F(te_n)|}{\|te_n\|_1} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} | |t|/t - F(e_n) |$$

either doesn't exist (if $F(e_n) \neq 0$) or it is equal to 1 (if $F(e_n) = 0$). Thus we have that function f isn't Fréchet differentiable in x_0 . We assume now that $x_0 = (x_k) \in \ell_1$, with $x_k \neq 0 \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$. Let

$$F = (sgnx_k) \in \ell_1^* = \ell_\infty, \text{ where } sgnx_k = \frac{x_k}{|x_k|} .$$

We also suppose that

$$y = (y_k) \in \ell_1 \text{ where } \|y\|_1 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |y_k| = 1 .$$

Because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} |y_k| = 0$, for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} |y_k| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} .$$

For $\delta > 0$ sufficiently small, if $1 \leq k \leq N$ and $|t| < \delta$ then it holds that

$$sgn(x_k + ty_k) = sgnx_k .$$

Thus for $|t| < \delta$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{|f(x_0+ty)-f(x_0)-F(ty)|}{\|ty\|_1} &= \frac{1}{|t|} \cdot \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x_k + ty_k| - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x_k| - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ty_k \operatorname{sgn} x_k \right| \\
&= \frac{1}{|t|} \cdot \left| \sum_{k=1}^N \{(x_k + ty_k) \operatorname{sgn}(x_k + ty_k) - |x_k| - ty_k \operatorname{sgn} x_k\} + \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} (|x_k + ty_k| - |x_k| - ty_k \operatorname{sgn} x_k) \right| \\
&= \frac{1}{|t|} \cdot \left| \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} (|x_k + ty_k| - |x_k| - ty_k \operatorname{sgn} x_k) \right| \\
&= \frac{1}{|t|} \cdot \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \{ |x_k| + ty_k \operatorname{sgn} x_k - (|x_k| + ty_k \operatorname{sgn} x_k) \} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{|t|} \cdot \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} (|x_k| + t|y_k| - |x_k| - ty_k \operatorname{sgn} x_k) \\
&\leq 2 \cdot \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} |y_k| < \varepsilon .
\end{aligned}$$

So, we can say that if f is Fréchet differentiable in x_0 , then for $Df(x_0)$ we must define $F = (\operatorname{sgn} x_k)$. In order to prove that f isn't Fréchet differentiable in x_0 , we consider the following sequence $y_n = (y_k^{(n)})$ of ℓ_1 , where

$$y_k^n = \begin{cases} 0, & k < n \\ -2x_k, & k \geq n. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\|y_n\|_1 = 2 \cdot \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} |x_k| \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|y_n\| = 0.$$

On the other hand we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|f(x_0 + y_n) - f(x_0) - F(y_n)| &= \left| \|x_0 + y_n\|_1 - \|x_0\| - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_k^{(n)} \operatorname{sgn} x_k \right| \\
&= \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x_k + y_k^{(n)}| - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x_k| - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_k^{(n)} \operatorname{sgn} x_k \right| \\
&= \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x_k| - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x_k| + 2 \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} |x_k| \right| \\
&= 2 \cdot \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} |x_k| \\
&= \|y_n\|_1.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence f isn't Fréchet differentiable in x_0 . \square

Now, if $P(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$ (where a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n are real or complex coefficients) is a polynomial of type n , we have that the following Bernstein's inequality holds true

$$|P'(z)| \leq n \|P\|_{\infty}, \quad |z| \leq 1, \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$\|P\|_\infty = \max\{|P(z)| : |z| = 1\} .$$

If P is a real polynomial of real variable then instead of relation (3.1) we have Markov's inequality:

$$|P'(x)| \leq n^2 \|P\|_{[-1,1]}, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1, \quad (3.2)$$

where

$$\|P\|_{[-1,1]} = \max\{|P(x)| : \|x\| \leq 1\} .$$

We have to mention here that constants n and n^2 in inequalities (3.1) and (3.2) are the best that is possible. L. Harris [6] proved that generalization of (3.1) holds for every polynomial of type $\leq n$ in a complex Hilbert space. It is noteworthy to mention that inequality (3.2) can be generalized in every real normed space X .

Now, what can we say for homogeneous polynomials in a normed space X ? For this kind of polynomials we give an equivalent form of Bernstein's inequality in a normed space X .

Proposition 3.6. *Let $P \in \mathcal{P}(^n X)$, then Bernstein's inequality*

$$\|DP\| = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|DP(x)\| \leq n \|P\|, \quad \|x\| \leq 1, \quad (3.3)$$

holds for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, if and only if $\|L\| = \|P\|$, where $L \in \mathcal{L}^s(^n X)$ and $\widehat{L} = P$.

Proof . For $\|L\| = \|P\|$ and $\|x\| \leq 1$ we have:

$$\|DP(x)\| = \sup_{\|y\| \leq 1} |DP(x)y| = n \sup\{|L(x^{n-1}, y)| : \|y\| \leq 1\} \leq n \|L\| = n \|P\| .$$

Reverse, we assume that (3.3) holds for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then we obtain

$$\sup\{|L(x^{n-1}, y)| : \|x\| \leq 1, \|y\| \leq 1\} \leq \|P\| . \quad (3.4)$$

We only have to prove that

$$\|L\| = \|P\| .$$

We can achieve proof by deductive.

For $n = 2$, using the previous inequality we get that $\|L\| \leq \|P\|$ and then

$$\|L\| = \|P\| .$$

We assume now that $\|F\| = \|\widehat{F}\|$, for every $F \in \mathcal{L}^s(^{n-1} X)$. If $L \in \mathcal{L}^s(^n X)$ and $P = \widehat{L}$, then for every $x_n \in X$, with $\|x_n\| \leq 1$, we define $L_{x_n} \in \mathcal{L}^s(^{n-1} X)$ as

$$L_{x_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) := L(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) .$$

Using deductive hypothesis and relation (3.4) we obtain eventually

$$\begin{aligned} \|L\| &= \sup\{|L(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)| : \|x_i\| \leq 1, 1 \leq i \leq n\} = \\ &= \sup\{|L_{x_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})| : \|x_i\| \leq 1, 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\ &= \sup\{|L_{x_n}(x, x, \dots, x)| : \|x_n\| \leq 1, \|x\| \leq 1\} \\ &= \sup\{|L(x^{n-1}, x_n)| : \|x\| \leq 1\} \\ &\leq \|P\| . \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get that

$$\|L\| = \|P\| .$$

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