

On Suns, Moons and Best Approximation in M-Space

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Abstract: In this paper we discuss suns and moons in M-spaces and characterize these via best approximation thereby extending corresponding known results in normed linear spaces to M-spaces.

I. INTRODUCTION

The concept of a sun in Approximation Theory was first introduced in normed linear spaces by Klee(1953)but the terminology 'sun' was proposed by Effimov and Steekin(1958). We recall that a set V in a normed linear space X is a sun iff whenever $v_0 \in V$ is a best approximation to some element $x \notin V$ then v_0 is a best approximation to every element on the ray from v_0 through x . Since every convex set in a normed linear space has this property, a sun may be regarded as a generalization of a convex set. L.P. Vlasov, who developed the concept further in Vlasov(1961), showed that in a smooth Banach space every proximal sun is convex. The concept of a moon, which is a generalization of sun, was introduced by Amir and Deutsch(1972) and their special interest was in determining those normed linear spaces in which every moon is a sun. Knowing such spaces is quite useful as it is much easier to verify that a given set is a moon than verify it is a sun.

A. Normed Linear Space

Let V be a linear space. We recall that a norm is a function from V into non-negative real numbers. This function is written $\| \cdot \|$ and satisfies the following three properties:

- 1) $\|v\| \geq 0$ with equality if and only if $v=0$
- 2) $\|\lambda v\| = |\lambda| \|v\|$ for any scalar λ
- 3) $\|v+w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\|$ (the triangle inequality)

Then, $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ is called *normed linear space*.

The *norm* gives us a notion of distance in V . if $w, v \in V$, then the distance from w to v (or v to w) is $\|v-w\|$

B. Convex

A set S , in a linear space is *convex* if $s_1, s_2 \in S$ implies that $\lambda_1 s_1 + \lambda_2 s_2 \in S$

if λ_1 and λ_2 are non negative and $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1$

If S is empty or consists of one point, then it is clearly *convex*.

C. Best Approximation

Let G be a nonempty subset of a real normed linear space X and let an element $f \in X$ be given. The problem of *best approximation* is to determine an element $g_f \in G$ such that

$$\|f - g_f\| = \inf_{g \in G} \|f - g\|$$

such an element is called a *best approximation* to f from G and

$$d(f, G) = \inf_{g \in G} \|f - g\|$$

is called the *minimal deviation* of f from G .

The set of all elements $g_0 \in G$ that are called best approximation to $x \in X$ is

$$P_G(x) = \{ g_0 \in G : \|x - g_0\| \leq \|x - g\| \text{ for all } g \in G \}$$

D. M-Space

A metric space (X, d) in which for every $x, y \in X$ and for every $t, 0 \leq t \leq 1$ there exists exactly one point $z \in X$ such that $d(x, z) = (1-t)d(x, y)$ and $d(z, y) = td(x, y)$ is called an M-space

E. Cone

A subset V of an M-space (X, d) is said to be a cone with vertex v_0 if $G(v_0, y, -) \subseteq V$ whenever $y \in V$.

For $v_0 \in V$, $P_v^{-1}(v_0) = \{x \in X : v_0 \in P_v(x)\}$. It is easy to prove that if $x \in P_v^{-1}(v_0)$ then

$x_\lambda \in P_v^{-1}(v_0)$ for every $x_\lambda \in G[v_0, x]$ i.e. $v_0 \in P_v(x_\lambda)$. On the other hand, v_0 may not be in $P_v(x_\lambda)$ for $x_\lambda \in G_1(v_0, x, -)$.

F) Proximal Set

If $P_G(x)$ contains at least one element, then the subset G is called a *proximal set*.

In other words, if $P_G(x) \neq \emptyset$ then G is called a *proximal set*

The term *proximal set* (is a combination of proximity and maximal)

G) Solar Point

If V is a proximal subset of an M-space (X, d) , a point $v_0 \in V$ is called a solar point

(Figure) of V if $x \in P_v^{-1}(v_0)$ implies $x_\lambda \in P_v^{-1}(v_0)$ for every $x_\lambda \in G_1(v_0, x, -)$. The set V is called a sun (see Fig.4.2) if for each $x \in X \setminus V$, every $v_0 \in P_v(x)$ is a solar point of V i.e. for all $v_0 \in P_v(x)$, $v_0 \in P_v(z)$ for all $z \in G_1(v_0, x, -)$.

H. Example

Consider the normed linear space R^2 with supremum-norm and

$$V = \{(x, y) \in R^2 : x \geq 0 \text{ or } y \geq 0\}. \text{ Then } V \text{ is a sun}$$

I. Example

The set $V = \{(x, y) \in R^2 : x^2 + 4y^2 \leq 1\}$ in Euclidean 2-space R^2 is a sun.

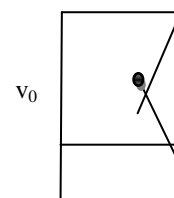


Figure 1: Solar point

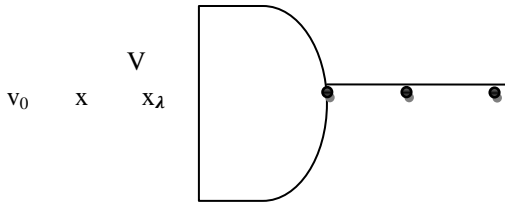


Figure 2: A set which is a sun

J. Lunar Point

Let V be a subset of an M -space (X, d) . A point $v_0 \in V$ is called a lunar point if $x \in X$ and $K(v_0, x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ imply $v_0 \in \overline{K(v_0, x) \cap V}$ where $K(v_0, x) = \bigcup \{B(z, d(z, v_0)) : z \in G_1(v_0, x, -)\}$. The set V is called a moon if each of its point is lunar.

K. Example

The set $V = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + 4y^2 \geq 1\}$ in Euclidean 2-space \mathbb{R}^2 is a moon.

We shall see that each sun in an M -space is a moon. However, the converse is not true. The following two theorems give necessary and sufficient condition for a proximal subsets of an M -space to a sun. we have:

II. THEOREMS

A. Theorem

A proximal subset V of an M -space (X, d) is a sun if and only if for any $v_0 \in V$, the set $P_v^{-1}(v_0)$ is a cone with vertex v_0 .

Proof

Suppose V is a sun and $x \in P_v^{-1}(v_0)$ i.e. $v_0 \in P_v(x)$.

We want to show that $G(v_0, x, -) \subseteq P_v^{-1}(v_0)$.

Since $v_0 \in P_v(x)$ and V is a sun, $v_0 \in P_v(z)$ for all $z \in G_1(v_0, x, -)$ and consequently for all $z \in G(v_0, x, -)$ i.e. $z \in P_v^{-1}(v_0)$ for all $z \in G(v_0, x, -)$ i.e. $P_v^{-1}(v_0)$ is a cone with vertex v_0 . Conversely,

let $x \in X \setminus V$ and $y \in P_v(x)$ i.e.

$x \in P_v^{-1}(y)$ where $y \in V$.

Since $P_v^{-1}(y)$ is a cone with vertex y ,

$G(y, x, -) \subseteq P_v^{-1}(y)$

i.e. $y \in P_v(z)$ for all $z \in G(y, x, -)$.

Hence V is a sun.

B. Theorem

A proximal subset V of an M -space (X, d) is a sun if and only if for any $v_0 \in V$ and $x \in P_v^{-1}(v_0)$, $K(v_0, x) \cap V = \emptyset$.

Proof

Suppose V is a sun.

Let $v_0 \in V$ and $x \in P_v^{-1}(v_0)$.

Since $v_0 \in P_v(x)$ and V is a sun, $v_0 \in P_v(z)$ for all $z \in G(v_0, x, -)$.

To show $K(v_0, x) \cap V = \emptyset$.

Suppose $u \in K(v_0, x) \cap V$

i.e. $u \in B(z, d(z, v_0))$ for some

$z \in G_1(v_0, x, -)$

i.e. $d(z, u) \leq d(z, v_0)$ and so $v_0 \notin P_v(z)$ as $u \in V$, a contradiction.

Therefore $K(v_0, x) \cap V = \emptyset$.

For the converse part,

suppose V is not a sun.

Then there exists $x \in X \setminus V$ and $v_0 \in P_v(x)$ such that $v_0 \notin P_v(z)$ for some

$z \in G(v_0, x, -)$.

Then $d(z, v_1) \leq d(z, v_0)$ where $v_1 \in P_v(z)$ i.e. $v_1 \in B(z, d(z, v_0))$ for some

$z \in G(v_0, x, -)$ i.e. $v_1 \in K(v_0, x)$. Also $v_1 \in V$ and therefore $K(v_0, x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$, a contradiction.

Hence V is a sun.

C. Lemma

Let V be a subset of an M -space (X, d) then, $K(v_0, x) = K(v_0, y)$ for all $y \in G[v_0, x]$, where $x \in X$, $V \subset X$ and $v_0 \in P_v(x)$.

Proof

$K(v_0, x) = \bigcup \{B(z_1, d(z_1, v_0)) : z_1 \in G_1(v_0, x, -)\}$,

$K(v_0, y) = \bigcup \{B(z_2, d(z_2, v_0)) : z_2 \in G_1(v_0, y, -)\}$.

Let $z \in K(v_0, x)$ then $z \in B(z_1, d(z_1, v_0))$ for some $z_1 \in G_1(v_0, x, -)$.

Now any $z_1 \in G_1(v_0, x, -)$ is also a point on $G_1(v_0, y, -)$ i.e. $z_1 = z_2$ for some

$z_2 \in G_1(v_0, y, -)$

i.e. $z \in \bigcup \{B(z_2, d(z_2, v_0)) : z_2 \in G_1(v_0, y, -)\}$. Therefore,

(1) $K(v_0, x) \subseteq K(v_0, y)$

Let $z \in K(v_0, y)$ then $z \in B(z_2, d(z_2, v_0))$ for some $z_2 \in G_1(v_0, y, -)$.

If $z_2 \in G_1(v_0, x, -)$ then $z \in K(v_0, x)$ and so $K(v_0, y) \subseteq K(v_0, x)$.

If $z_2 \in G[y, x]$,

consider $z' \in G_1(v_0, x, -)$.

Then

$d(z, z') \leq d(z, z_2) + d(z_2, z')$

$$\leq d(z_2, v_0) + d(z_2, z')$$

$$= d(z', v_0).$$

Therefore $z \in B(z', d(z', v_0))$ and so

$$z \in K(v_0, x).$$

Consequently

$$(2) K(v_0, y) \subseteq K(v_0, x).$$

$$(1) \text{ and } (2) \text{ imply } K(v_0, x) = K(v_0, y).$$

The following theorem shows that we may assume in the definition of lunar point that x has v_0 as a best approximation from V .

D. Theorem

Let V be a subset of an M -space (X, d) and $v_0 \in V$. Then the following are equivalent: v_0 is a lunar point whenever v_0 is a best approximation to x with $K(v_0, x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ then $v_0 \in \overline{K(v_0, x) \cap V}$.

Proof

\Rightarrow (ii) is trivial.

\Rightarrow (i).

Let $x \in X$ and $K(v_0, x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$.

To show $v_0 \in \overline{K(v_0, x) \cap V}$.

If v_0 is a best approximation to x then by (ii), $v_0 \in \overline{K(v_0, x) \cap V}$.

If v_0 is not a best approximation to x then two cases arise:

(a) v_0 is not a local best approximation to x ,

(b) v_0 is a local best approximation to x .

Case (a):

If v_0 is not a local best approximation to x i.e. for all $\epsilon \geq 0$ there exists $v_\epsilon \in V$

Such that $d(v_\epsilon, v_0) \leq \epsilon$ and $d(v_\epsilon, x) \leq d(v_0, x)$.

Then $v_\epsilon \in B(x, d(v_0, x)) \subset K(v_0, x)$.

Therefore every neighbourhood of v_0 contains an element v_ϵ of $K(v_0, x) \cap V$

other than v_0 i.e. v_0 is a limit point of $K(v_0, x) \cap V$ and so $v_0 \in \overline{K(v_0, x) \cap V}$.

Hence v_0 is a lunar point.

Case (b):

If v_0 is a local best approximation to x

i.e. v_0 is a best approximation to x from

$V \cap B(v_0, \epsilon)$ for some $\epsilon \geq 0$.

$$\text{Let } z \in G[v_0, x] \text{ such that } d(z, v_0) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

then by Lemma c $K(v_0, z) = K(v_0, x)$ and v_0 is a best approximation to z from V .

So (ii) implies

$$v_0 \in \overline{K(v_0, z) \cap V} = \overline{K(v_0, x) \cap V} \text{ and}$$

therefore v_0 is a lunar point.

E. Corollary

Every sun in an M -space is a moon.

Proof

Let V be a sun.

Suppose V is not a moon

i.e. there exists $v_0 \in V$ which is not a lunar point

i.e. v_0 is a best approximation to $x \in X$ with $K(v_0, x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$

but $v_0 \notin \overline{K(v_0, x) \cap V}$.

As V is a sun, Theorem b implies $K(v_0, x) \cap V = \emptyset$

whenever v_0 is a best approximation to $x \in X$.

Since these two statements are contradictory, the result follows.

CONCLUSION

In this paper discussed about the sun and moon in M -Spaces and characterized these via best approximation thereby extending corresponding known results in normed linear spaces to M -spaces. That is the sun and moon concepts in M -spaces also called strongly convex spaces and extended some of the results proved in normed linear spaces by Amir and Deutch (1972) and Mhaskar and pai (2000) to M -spaces

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