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# Orthogonality in smooth countably normed spaces

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## Abstract

We generalize the concepts of normalized duality mapping,  $J$ -orthogonality and Birkhoff orthogonality from normed spaces to smooth countably normed spaces. We give some basic properties of  $J$ -orthogonality in smooth countably normed spaces and show a relation between  $J$ -orthogonality and metric projection on smooth uniformly convex complete countably normed spaces. Moreover, we define the  $J$ -dual cone and  $J$ -orthogonal complement on a nonempty subset  $S$  of a smooth countably normed space and prove some basic results about the  $J$ -dual cone and the  $J$ -orthogonal complement of  $S$ .

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## 1 Introduction

The concept of duality mapping was introduced by Beurling and Livingston [1] in a geometric form. A slightly extended version of the concept was proposed by Asplund [2], who showed how the duality mappings can be characterized via the subdifferentials of convex functions. It is well known that the geometric properties of a Banach space  $E$  correspond to the analytic properties of the duality mapping, and it is recognized that if  $E$  is smooth, then the duality mapping is single-valued. Park and Rhee [3] defined  $J$ -orthogonality in a smooth Banach space using the normalized duality mapping. In this paper, we define the normalized duality mapping on smooth countably normed spaces, generalize the concepts of  $J$ -orthogonality and Birkhoff orthogonality in smooth countably normed spaces, and give some basic properties of  $J$ -orthogonality in these spaces. Faried and El-Sharkawy [4] defined real uniformly convex complete countably normed spaces and proved that the metric projection on a nonempty convex and closed proper subset of these spaces is well defined. In this paper, we give a relation between metric projection and  $J$ -orthogonality and show fundamental links between metric projection and normalized duality mapping in smooth uniformly convex complete countably normed spaces.

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## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** ([5, 6]) A normed linear space  $E$  is said to be:

- (1) *Strictly convex* if  $\|\frac{x+y}{2}\| < 1$  for all  $x, y \in E$  with  $\|x\| = \|y\| = 1$  and  $x \neq y$ ;
- (2) *Uniformly convex* if for any  $\varepsilon \in (0, 2]$ , there exists  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that if  $x, y \in E$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ ,  $\|y\| = 1$ , and  $\|x - y\| \geq \varepsilon$ , then  $\|\frac{x+y}{2}\| \leq 1 - \delta$ ;
- (3) *Smooth* if  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|x+ty\| - \|x\|}{t}$  exists for all  $x, y \in S(E)$ , where  $S(E)$  is the unit sphere of  $E$ ;
- (4) *Uniformly smooth* if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x, y \in E$  with  $\|x\| = 1$  and  $\|y\| \leq \delta$ , we have  $\|x + y\| + \|x - y\| < 2 + \varepsilon\|y\|$ .

**Definition 2.2** (Metric projection [6]) Let  $E$  be a real uniformly convex Banach space, and let  $K$  be a nonempty proper subset of  $E$ . The operator  $P_K : E \rightarrow K$  is called a *metric projection operator* if it assigns to each  $x \in E$  its nearest point  $\bar{x} \in K$ , that is, the solution of the minimization problem

$$P_K x = \bar{x} : \|x - \bar{x}\| = \inf_{y \in K} \|x - y\|.$$

**Definition 2.3** (The normalized duality mapping [7, 8]) Let  $E$  be a real Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , and let  $E^*$  be the dual space of  $E$ , and let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be the duality pairing. The *normalized duality mapping*  $J$  from  $E$  to  $2^{E^*}$  is defined by

$$Jx = \{x^* \in E^* : \langle x, x^* \rangle = \|x\|^2 = \|x^*\|^2\}.$$

The Hahn–Banach theorem guarantees that  $Jx \neq \emptyset$  for every  $x \in E$ . It is well known that if  $E$  is a smooth Banach space, then the normalized duality mapping is single-valued. In [8], we got the following example of the normalized duality mapping  $J$  in the uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space  $\ell^p$  with  $p \in (1, \infty)$ :  $Jx := \|x\|_{\ell^p}^{2-p} \{x_1|x_1|^{p-2}, x_2|x_2|^{p-2}, \dots\} \in \ell^q = \ell^{p^*}$  for  $x = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\} \in \ell^p$ , where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

**Proposition 2.4** ([9]) Let  $E$  be a smooth Banach space, let  $E^*$  be the dual space of  $E$ , and let  $J$  be the normalized duality mapping from  $E$  to  $2^{E^*}$ . Then  $J$  is a continuous operator in  $E$ , and  $J(\beta x) = \beta J(x)$  for all  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 2.5** (Lyapunov functional [7, 8]) Let  $E$  be a smooth Banach space, and let  $E^*$  be the dual space of  $E$ . The *Lyapunov functional*  $\varphi : E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$\varphi(y, x) = \|y\|^2 - 2\langle y, Jx \rangle + \|x\|^2$$

for all  $x, y \in E$ , where  $J$  is the normalized duality mapping from  $E$  to  $2^{E^*}$ .

**Definition 2.6** (Compatible norms [10, 11]) Two norms in a linear space  $E$  are said to be *compatible* if every Cauchy sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $E$  with respect to both norms that converges to a limit  $x \in E$  with respect to one of them also converges to the same limit  $x$  with respect to the other norm.

**Definition 2.7** (Countably normed space [10, 11]) A linear space  $E$  equipped with a countable family of pairwise compatible norms  $\{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is said to be a *countably normed space*. An example of a countably normed space is the space  $\ell^{p^+} := \bigcap_n \ell^{p_n}$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) for any choice of a decreasing sequence  $p_n$  converging to  $p$ .

**Remark 2.8** ([11]) For a countably normed space  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$ , let  $E_n$  be the completion of  $E$  with respect to the norm  $\|\cdot\|_n$ . We may assume that  $\|\cdot\|_1 \leq \|\cdot\|_2 \leq \|\cdot\|_3 \leq \dots$  in any countably normed space; we also have  $E \subset \dots \subset E_{n+1} \subset E_n \subset \dots \subset E_1$ .

**Proposition 2.9** ([10]) *Let  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  be a countably normed space. Then  $E$  is complete if and only if  $E = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} E_n$ . Each Banach space  $E_n$  has a dual  $E_n^*$ , which is a Banach space, and the dual of the countably normed space  $E$  is given by  $E^* = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} E_n^*$ . We have the following inclusions:*

$$E_1^* \subset \dots \subset E_n^* \subset E_{n+1}^* \subset \dots \subset E^*.$$

Moreover, for  $f \in E_n^*$ , we have  $\|f\|_n \geq \|f\|_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition 2.10** (Uniformly convex countably normed space [4]) A countably normed space  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  is said to be *uniformly convex* if  $(E_n, \|\cdot\|_n)$  is uniformly convex for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 2.11** ([4]) *Let  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  be a real uniformly convex complete countably normed space, and let  $K$  be a nonempty convex proper subset of  $E$  such that  $K$  is closed in each  $E_n$ . Then there exists a unique  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that  $\|x - \bar{x}\|_n = \inf_{y \in K} \|x - y\|_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and the metric projection  $P: E \rightarrow K$  is defined by  $P(x) = \bar{x}$ .*

**Definition 2.12** ( $J$ -orthogonality [3]) Let  $E$  be a smooth Banach space. Two elements  $x, y \in E$  are said to be  *$J$ -orthogonal*, written “ $x$  is  $J$ -orthogonal to  $y$ ” or  $x \perp^J y$ , if  $\langle y, Jx \rangle = 0$ .

**Definition 2.13** (Gauge function [8]) A *gauge function* is a continuous strictly increasing function  $\vartheta: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\vartheta(0) = 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \vartheta(t) = \infty$ .

### 3 Main results

Now we introduce the concept of the normalized duality mapping in smooth countably normed (SCN) spaces.

**Definition 3.1** (The normalized duality mapping in SCN spaces) Let  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  be a smooth countably normed space such that  $E_n$  is the completion of  $E$  in  $\|\cdot\|_n$  and  $(E_n, \|\cdot\|_n)$  is a smooth Banach space for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , so that there exists a single-valued normalized duality mapping  $J_n: E_n \rightarrow E_n^*$  with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Without being confused, we understand that  $\|J_n x\|_n$  is the  $E_n^*$ -norm and  $\|x\|_n$  is the  $E_n$ -norm, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We define the following multivalued mapping  $J: E \rightarrow 2^{E^*}$  to be the *normalized duality mapping* of a smooth countably normed space:  $J(x) = \{J_n x\}_{n=1}^\infty \subseteq E^* = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} E_n^*$ ,  $\|J_n x\|_n = \|x\|_n$ ,  $\langle J_n x, x \rangle = \|x\|_n^2$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Remark 3.2** Let  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  be a smooth countably normed space. The sequence of norms is increasing in  $E$ , and from the definition of normalized duality mappings  $J_n$  for each  $E_n$  with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_n$  we have

$$(\|x\|_1 = \|J_1 x\|_1) \leq (\|x\|_2 = \|J_2 x\|_2) \leq \dots \leq (\|x\|_n = \|J_n x\|_n) \leq \dots,$$

and thus  $\langle J_1x, x \rangle \leq \langle J_2x, x \rangle \leq \dots \leq \langle J_nx, x \rangle \leq \dots$ , and using the properties of countably normed spaces, we have  $\|J_ix\|_n \geq \|J_ix\|_{n+1}$  for all  $i$  and  $n$ .

*Remark 3.3* The multivalued normalized duality mapping of a smooth countably normed space cannot be a single-valued mapping, unlike the case of a smooth Banach space. Indeed, if it were a single-valued mapping, then it would be the same single-valued normalized duality mapping for each  $E_n$  with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_n$ , which would imply that  $\langle Jx, x \rangle = \|x\|_n^2$  for all  $n$ . Then we would get  $\|x\|_1 = \|x\|_2 = \dots = \|x\|_n = \dots$ , which would mean that we are back to a normed vector space, and this ruins the construction of the countably normed space.

**Proposition 3.4** *If  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  is a smooth countably normed space, then  $J_m|_{E_n}$  is the single-valued normalized duality mapping of  $E_n$  with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_n$  for all  $m = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$  and  $n \geq 2$ .*

*Proof* Let  $J_{n-1}$  be the normalized duality mapping of  $E_{n-1}$  with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_{n-1}$ . We have  $J_{n-1} : E_{n-1} \rightarrow E_n^*, E_{n-1}^* \subseteq E_n^*, E_n \subseteq E_{n-1}$ , so  $J_{n-1}|_{E_n} : E_n \rightarrow E_n^*$  and  $\|J_{n-1}|_{E_n}x\|_n = \|x\|_{n-1}$ ,  $\langle J_{n-1}|_{E_n}x, x \rangle = \|x\|_{n-1}^2$  for all  $x \in E_n \subseteq E_{n-1}$ . So  $J_{n-1}|_{E_n}$  is the single-valued normalized duality mapping of  $E_n$  with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_{n-1}$ . The same holds for all  $m = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ , and hence  $J_m|_{E_n}$  is the single-valued normalized duality mapping of  $E_n$  with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_n$  for all  $n \geq 2$ . □

**Corollary 3.5** *If  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  is a smooth countably normed space, then  $E_n$  is a smooth Banach space with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_m, m = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1, n \geq 2$ .*

*Proof* Since  $J_m|_{E_n}$  is the single-valued normalized duality mapping of  $E_n$  with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_n$  for all  $m = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ , then  $E_n$  is a smooth Banach space with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_m$  for all  $n \geq 2$ . □

**Proposition 3.6** *Let  $E$  be a smooth countably normed space, let  $E^*$  be its dual space, and let  $J_n$  be the normalized duality mapping of  $E_n$  with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_n$  relative to the gauge function  $\vartheta_n$ , where  $\vartheta_n(\|x\|_n) = \|x\|_n = \|J_nx\|_n$ . Define  $\psi_n(r) = \int_0^r \vartheta_n(\sigma) d\sigma$ . Then  $\psi_n(\|y\|_n) - \psi_n(\|x\|_n) \geq \langle J_nx, y - x \rangle$  for all  $y \in E$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

*Proof* We have

$$\psi_n(\|y\|_n) - \psi_n(\|x\|_n) = \int_{\|x\|_n}^{\|y\|_n} \vartheta_n(t) dt \geq \vartheta_n(\|x\|_n)(\|y\|_n - \|x\|_n), \quad \forall n,$$

that is,  $\psi_n(\|y\|_n) - \psi_n(\|x\|_n) = \vartheta_n(\|x\|_n)\|y\|_n - \langle J_nx, x \rangle \geq \langle J_nx, y - x \rangle$  for all  $y \in E$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . □

**Proposition 3.7** *Let  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  be a real smooth uniformly convex complete countably normed space, and let  $K$  be a nonempty proper convex subset of  $E$  such that  $K$  is closed in each  $E_n$ . Then  $\bar{x} = P_K(x)$  is the metric projection of an arbitrary element  $x \in E$  if and only if  $\langle J(x - \bar{x}), \bar{x} - y \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $y \in K$ , where  $J$  is the normalized duality mapping on  $E$ .*

*Proof* “ $\Rightarrow$ ” By the definition of the metric projection and the convexity of  $K$  we have

$$\|x - \bar{x}\|_n \leq \|x - (\mu y + (1 - \mu)\bar{x})\|_n, \quad \forall y \in K, \mu \in [0, 1], \forall n. \tag{*}$$

Consider  $\psi_n(r) = \int_0^r \vartheta_n(\sigma) d\sigma$ . If  $J_n$  is the normalized duality mapping relative to the gauge function  $\vartheta_n$  with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_n$ , then (\*) is equivalent to

$$\psi_n(\|x - \bar{x}\|_n) \leq \psi_n(\|x - [\mu y + (1 - \mu)\bar{x}]\|_n). \tag{**}$$

By Proposition 3.6 and (\*\*) we get

$$0 \geq \psi_n(\|x - \bar{x}\|_n) - \psi_n(\|x - (\mu y + (1 - \mu)\bar{x})\|_n) \geq \langle J_n(x - \bar{x} - \mu(y - \bar{x})), \mu(y - \bar{x}) \rangle.$$

As  $\mu$  tends to 0, we get  $\langle J_n(x - \bar{x}), y - \bar{x} \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $y \in K$  and  $n$ , that is,  $\langle J_n(x - \bar{x}), \bar{x} - y \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $y \in K$  and  $n$ .

“ $\Leftarrow$ ” If  $\langle J_n(x - \bar{x}), \bar{x} - y \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $y \in K$  and  $n$ , then using Proposition 3.6, we get

$$\psi_n(\|x - y\|_n) - \psi_n(\|x - \bar{x}\|_n) \geq \langle J_n(x - \bar{x}), \bar{x} - y \rangle \geq 0.$$

Thus  $\|x - \bar{x}\|_n \leq \|x - y\|_n$  for all  $y \in K$  and  $n$ , and so  $\bar{x} = P_K(x)$ . □

**Theorem 3.8** *Let  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  be a real smooth uniformly convex complete countably normed space, and let  $K$  be a nonempty proper convex subset of  $E$  such that  $K$  is closed in each  $E_n$ .*

*Then  $\bar{x} = P_K(x)$  is the metric projection of an arbitrary element  $x \in E$  if and only if  $\langle J_n(x - \bar{x}), x - y \rangle \geq \|x - \bar{x}\|_n^2$  for all  $y \in K$  and  $n$ .*

*Proof* “ $\Rightarrow$ ” By Proposition 3.6 we have  $\langle J_n(x - \bar{x}), \bar{x} - y \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $y \in K$  and  $n$ . Besides,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle J_n(x - \bar{x}), \bar{x} - y \rangle &= J_n(x - \bar{x})(\bar{x} - y) \\ &= J_n(x - \bar{x})(\bar{x} - x) + J_n(x - \bar{x})(x - y) \\ &= -\|x - \bar{x}\|_n^2 + J_n(x - \bar{x})(x - y), \end{aligned}$$

and therefore  $\langle J_n(x - \bar{x}), x - y \rangle \geq \|x - \bar{x}\|_n^2$  for all  $y \in K$  and  $n$ .

“ $\Leftarrow$ ” If  $\|x - \bar{x}\|_n = 0$ , then we are done. So, let us assume that  $\|x - \bar{x}\|_n \neq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - \bar{x}\|_n &\leq \frac{1}{\|x - \bar{x}\|_n} \langle J_n(x - \bar{x}), x - y \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\|x - \bar{x}\|_n} \|J_n(x - \bar{x})\|_n \|x - y\|_n \\ &= \|x - y\|_n, \quad \forall y \in K, \forall n, \end{aligned}$$

that is,  $\bar{x} = P_K(x)$ . □

**Definition 3.9** (*J-orthogonality in smooth countably normed spaces*) Let  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  be a smooth countably normed space. We say that an element  $x \in E$  is *J-orthogonal* to an element  $y \in E$  and write  $x \perp^J y$  if  $\langle y, J_n x \rangle = 0$  for all  $n$ , that is,  $\langle y, Jx \rangle = 0$ , where  $J$  is the normalized duality mapping of  $E$ .

**Definition 3.10** Let  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  be a smooth countably normed space, and let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in E \setminus \{0\}$ . Then the set  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  is called a *J-orthogonal set* if  $x_i \perp x_j$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  with  $i \neq j$ .

**Definition 3.11** Let  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  be a smooth countably normed space. We say that an element  $x \in E$  is *orthogonal* to an element  $y \in E$  in the *Birkhoff sense* if  $\|x + \alpha y\|_i^2 \geq \|x\|_i^2$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \dots$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Proposition 3.12** Let  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  be a smooth countably normed space, and let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in E \setminus \{0\}$ . Then:

- (1) If  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  is a J-orthogonal set, then  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly independent;
- (2) Let  $x, y \in E$ . Then  $x \perp^J y$  if and only if  $x \perp y$  in the Birkhoff sense.

*Proof* (1) Let  $\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n = 0$  for some scalars  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}$ . For all  $m \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $i$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n, J_i x_m \rangle &= \alpha_1 \langle x_1, J_i x_m \rangle + \dots + \alpha_n \langle x_n, J_i x_m \rangle \\ &= \alpha_m \|x_m\|_i^2 \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

and so  $\alpha_m = 0$  for all  $m$ . Thus  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly independent.

- (2) If  $x \perp^J y$ , then  $\langle y, J_i x \rangle = 0$  for all  $i$ . Besides, using the Lyapunov functional, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_i(x + \alpha y, x) &= \|x + \alpha y\|_i^2 - 2\langle x + \alpha y, J_i x \rangle + \|x\|_i^2, \quad \forall i \\ &= \|x + \alpha y\|_i^2 - \|x\|_i^2 - 2\alpha \langle y, J_i x \rangle \\ &\geq 0, \quad \forall i, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\|x + \alpha y\|_i^2 \geq \|x\|_i^2$  for all  $i$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hence  $x \perp y$  in the Birkhoff sense.

On the other hand, let  $x \perp y$  in the Birkhoff sense, that is,  $\|x + \alpha y\|_i^2 \geq \|x\|_i^2$  for all  $i$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $\langle y, J_i x \rangle \neq 0$  for some  $i$ , then by taking  $\alpha_0 = \frac{\|x + \alpha y\|_i^2 - \|x\|_i^2}{\langle y, J_i x \rangle}$  we get that the Lyapunov functional  $\varphi_i(x + \alpha_0 y, x) < 0$ . This contradicts that  $\varphi_i(x, y) > 0$  for all  $i$ . □

**Proposition 3.13** Let  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a J-orthogonal set in a smooth countably normed space  $E$  with dual space  $E^*$ . The set  $\{J_i x_1, \dots, J_i x_n\}$  is linearly independent in the dual space  $E^*$  for all  $i$ .

*Proof* If  $\alpha_1 J_i x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n J_i x_n = 0$  for some scalars  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}$ , then for each  $m \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , we get  $\langle x_m, \alpha_1 J_i x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n J_i x_n \rangle = \alpha_m \|x\|_i^2 = 0$  for all  $i$ . Hence  $\alpha_m = 0$  for all  $m$ . Thus, for all  $i$ , the set  $\{J_i x_1, \dots, J_i x_n\}$  is linearly independent in the dual space  $E^*$ . □

The following theorem gives a relation between metric projection and orthogonality in real uniformly convex complete countably normed spaces.

**Theorem 3.14** Let  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  be a real smooth uniformly convex complete countably normed space, and let  $M$  be a nonempty proper subspace of  $E$  such that  $M$  is closed in

each  $E_i$ . Then

$$\forall x \in E \setminus M, \exists \bar{x} \in M: \|x - \bar{x}\|_i = \inf_{y \in M} \|x - y\|_i$$

for all  $i$  if and only if  $x - \bar{x} \perp^J M$ .

*Proof* Assume that

$$\forall x \in E \setminus M, \exists \bar{x} \in M: \|x - \bar{x}\|_i = \inf_{y \in M} \|x - y\|_i, \quad \forall i.$$

If  $z \in M$ , then  $\bar{x} - \alpha z \in M$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\|x - \bar{x}\|_i \leq \|x - (\bar{x} - \alpha z)\|_i = \|(x - \bar{x}) + \alpha z\|_i$  for all  $i$ . Therefore  $x - \bar{x}$  is orthogonal to  $M$  in the Birkhoff sense. Consequently,  $x - \bar{x} \perp^J M$ .

On the other hand, if  $x - \bar{x} \perp^J M$ , then  $x - \bar{x}$  is orthogonal to  $M$  in the Birkhoff sense, that is,  $\|x - \bar{x}\|_i \leq \|x - \bar{x} + \alpha y\|_i$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, y \in M$ , and  $i$ .

Since  $\bar{x} - y \in M$ , for all  $y \in M$  and  $i$ , we get

$$\|x - \bar{x}\|_i \leq \|x - \bar{x} + \alpha(\bar{x} - y)\|_i$$

for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Taking  $\alpha = 1$ , we get  $\|x - \bar{x}\|_i \leq \|x - y\|_i$  for all  $y \in M$  and  $i$ . Thus  $\|x - \bar{x}\|_i = \inf_{y \in M} \|x - y\|_i$  for all  $i$ . □

*Example 3.15*  $\ell_{2+0} := \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \ell_{2+\frac{1}{n}}$  is a uniformly convex uniformly smooth complete countably normed space with the norms

$$\|\cdot\|_3 \leq \|\cdot\|_{2.5} \leq \dots \leq \|\cdot\|_{2+\frac{1}{n}} \leq \dots$$

for each  $x = \{x_i\} \in \ell_{2+0}$ , and

$$J_n(x) = \|x\|_{2+\frac{1}{n}}^{-\frac{1}{n}} \{x_i |x_i|^{\frac{1}{n}}\} \in \ell_{\frac{2n+1}{n+1}}, \quad \forall n.$$

Consider the closed subspace  $M$  of  $\ell_{2+0}$  generated by  $\{1, 0, 0, 0, \dots\}$ . Using the previous theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned} P_M(x) &= \bar{x} = \{\bar{x}_1, 0, 0, \dots\} \\ \Leftrightarrow \langle \{t, 0, 0, \dots\}, J_n(x - \bar{x}) \rangle &= \{0, 0, \dots\}, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \forall n \\ \Leftrightarrow \langle \{t, 0, 0, \dots\}, J_n\{x_1 - \bar{x}_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, \dots\} \rangle &= \{0, 0, \dots\} \\ \Leftrightarrow \langle \{t, 0, 0, \dots\}, \|x - \bar{x}\|_{2+\frac{1}{n}}^{-\frac{1}{n}} \{ |x_1 - \bar{x}_1|^{-\frac{1}{n}}(x_1 - \bar{x}_1), \dots, x_i |x_i|^{\frac{1}{n}}, \dots \} \rangle &= \{0, 0, \dots\} \\ \Leftrightarrow \|x - \bar{x}\|_{2+\frac{1}{n}}^{-\frac{1}{n}} |x_1 - \bar{x}_1|^{-\frac{1}{n}}(x_1 - \bar{x}_1)t &= 0, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \forall n \\ \Leftrightarrow \bar{x}_1 = x_1, \quad P_M(x) = \bar{x} &= \{x_1, 0, 0, \dots\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 3.16** The *J-dual cone* of a nonempty subset  $S$  of a smooth countably normed space  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  is the set

$$S_J^o = \{x \in E : \langle y, J_i x \rangle \leq 0, \forall y \in S, \forall i\}.$$

In addition, the *J-orthogonal complement* of  $S$  is the set

$$S_J^\perp = S_J^o \cap (-S)_J^o = \{x \in E : \langle y, J_i x \rangle = 0, \forall y \in S, \forall i\}.$$

**Theorem 3.17** Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of a smooth countably normed space  $(E, \{\|\cdot\|_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\})$ . Then:

- (1)  $S_J^o$  and  $S_J^\perp$  are closed cones;
- (2)  $S_J^o = (\bar{S})_J^o$  and  $S_J^\perp = (\bar{S})_J^\perp$ ;
- (3)  $S_J^o = [\text{conv}(S)]_J^o = \overline{[\text{conv}(S)]_J^o}$  and  $S_J^\perp = [\text{span}(S)]_J^\perp = \overline{[\text{span}(S)]_J^\perp}$ , where  $\text{conv}(S)$  is the convex hull of  $S$ , and  $\text{span}(S)$  is the subspace generated by  $S$ ;
- (4)  $\bar{S} \subset (S_J^o)^o$  and  $\bar{S} \subset (S_J^\perp)^\perp$ ;
- (5) If  $C$  is a cone, then  $(C - y)_J^o = C_J^o \cap y_J^\perp$  for all  $y \in C$ ;
- (6) If  $M$  is a subspace, then  $M_J^o = M_J^\perp$ .

*Proof* (1) If  $x_n \in S_J^o$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then for all  $y \in S$ ,  $\langle y, J_i x \rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle y, J_i x_n \rangle \leq 0 \forall i$  implies that  $x \in S_J^o$ , and thus  $S_J^o$  is closed. If  $x \in S_J^o$  and  $\alpha \geq 0$ , then for all  $y \in S$  and  $i$ , we get

$$\langle y, J_i(\alpha x) \rangle = \langle y, \alpha J_i x \rangle = \alpha \langle y, J_i x \rangle \leq 0.$$

Hence  $\alpha x \in S_J^o$ , and thus  $S_J^o$  is a cone. Since  $S_J^\perp = S_J^o \cap (-S)_J^o$ ,  $S_J^\perp$  is a closed cone.

(2) Since  $S \subseteq \bar{S}$ , we have  $(\bar{S})_J^o \subseteq S_J^o$ . If  $x \in S_J^o$  and  $y \in \bar{S}$ , choose  $y_n \in S$  such that  $y_n \rightarrow y$ . Then  $\langle y, J_i x \rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle y_n, J_i x \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $i$  implies  $x \in (\bar{S})_J^o$ . Thus  $S_J^o = (\bar{S})_J^o$ . Moreover,  $S_J^\perp = (\bar{S})_J^\perp$ .

(3) Since  $S \subseteq \text{conv}(S)$ ,  $[\text{conv}(S)]_J^o \subseteq S_J^o$ . Let  $x \in S_J^o$  and  $y \in \text{conv}(S)$ . By the definition of  $\text{conv}(S)$ ,  $y = \sum_{m=1}^n \rho_m y_m$  for some  $y_i \in S$  and  $\rho_i \geq 0$  with  $\sum_{m=1}^n \rho_m = 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Then  $\langle y, J_i x \rangle = \sum_{m=1}^n \rho_m \langle y_m, J_i x \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $i$  implies  $x \in [\text{conv}(S)]_J^o$ , so  $S_J^o \subseteq [\text{conv}(S)]_J^o$ . Thus  $S_J^o = [\text{conv}(S)]_J^o$ . Moreover,  $S_J^\perp = [\text{span}(S)]_J^\perp = \overline{[\text{span}(S)]_J^\perp}$ .

(4) If  $x \in S$ , then for all  $y \in S_J^o$ ,  $\langle x, J_i y \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $i$ . Hence  $x \in (S_J^o)^o$ . Thus  $S \subseteq (S_J^o)^o$ . Since  $(S_J^o)^o$  is closed,  $\bar{S} \subseteq (S_J^o)^o$ .

(5) Now  $x \in (C - y)_J^o$  if and only if  $\langle c - y, J_i x \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $i$  and  $c \in C$ . Let  $x \in (C - y)_J^o$ . Taking  $c = 0$  and  $c = 2y$ , we have  $\langle y, J_i x \rangle = 0$ , and  $\langle c, J_i x \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $i$  and  $c \in C$ . Thus  $x \in C_J^o \cap y_J^\perp$ . Moreover, if  $x \in C_J^o \cap y_J^\perp$ , then  $\langle c, J_i x \rangle \leq 0$  and  $\langle y, J_i x \rangle = 0$  for all  $i$  and  $c \in C$ . Thus  $x \in (C - y)_J^o$ . Therefore  $(C - y)_J^o = C_J^o \cap y_J^\perp$  for all  $y \in C$ .

(6) If  $M$  is a subspace of  $E$ , then  $-M = M$  implies  $M_J^\perp = M_J^o \cap (-M)_J^o = M_J^o$ . □

### 4 Conclusion

In this paper, we defined *J-orthogonality* and *Birkhoff orthogonality* in smooth countably normed spaces and showed that these two types of orthogonality coincide in these spaces. Besides, we proved some basic properties of *J-orthogonality* in smooth countably normed spaces and gave a relation between *J-orthogonality* and metric projection



on smooth uniformly convex complete countably normed spaces. Moreover, we gave fundamental links between  $J$ -orthogonality and metric projection in smooth uniformly convex complete countably normed spaces. In addition, we defined the  $J$ -dual cone and  $J$ -orthogonal complement on a nonempty subset  $\mathbf{S}$  of a smooth countably normed space and proved some basic results about the  $J$ -dual cone and  $J$ -orthogonal complement of  $\mathbf{S}$ .

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