

## NOTE ON $(m, q)$ -ISOMETRIES ON AN HYPERSPACE OF A NORMED SPACE

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**ABSTRACT.** Given a normed space  $X$  we consider the hyperspace  $k(X)$  of all non-empty compact convex subsets of  $X$  endowed with the Hausdorff distance. We prove that if  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is an  $(m, q)$ -isometry, then it is possible that the map  $k(T) : k(X) \rightarrow k(X)$ ,  $k(T)C := TC$ , is not an  $(m, q)$ -isometry. Moreover, if  $\widehat{k(X)}$  is the Rådström space associated to the hyperspace  $k(X)$ , then  $\mathcal{T} : k(X) \rightarrow k(X)$  is an  $(m, q)$ -isometry if and only if  $\widehat{\mathcal{T}} : \widehat{k(X)} \rightarrow \widehat{k(X)}$  is an  $(m, q)$ -isometry.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper,  $X$  is a real normed space and  $\|\cdot\|$  its norm,  $L(X)$  the class of all bounded linear operators  $T : X \rightarrow X$ ,  $m$  a positive integer and  $q$  a positive real number, unless stated otherwise.

The notion of  $(m, q)$ -isometry in the setting of metric spaces was introduced in [3]: a map  $T : E \rightarrow E$ , on a metric space  $E$  with distance  $d$ , is called an  $(m, q)$ -isometry if

$$\sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} d(T^i x, T^i y)^q = 0 \quad (x, y \in E). \quad (1.1)$$

An  $(m, q)$ -isometry is called *strict* whenever is not an  $(m-1, q)$ -isometry. Of course, the  $(1, q)$ -isometries are the isometries. This definition generalizes the concept of  $m$ -isometry firstly introduced on Hilbert spaces by J. Agler [1]. Some time after the notion of  $(m, q)$ -isometry on Banach spaces was defined by Bayart [2] and Sid Ahmed [7].

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In [4] it was introduced a notion of  $m$ -isometry on certain hyperspaces of a Banach space. In this paper we study  $(m, q)$ -isometries on the hyperspace  $k(X)$  of all non-empty convex compact subsets of a normed space  $X$ . Given an operator  $T \in L(X)$  we consider the map  $k(T) : k(X) \rightarrow k(X)$ , defined by  $k(T)C := TC$ . It is possible that  $T$  is an  $(m, q)$ -isometry but  $k(T)$  is not an  $(m, q)$ -isometry. More precisely, we prove that any weighted shift operator  $S_w \in L(\ell_2)$  which is a  $(2, 2)$ -isometry induces a map  $k(S_w) : k(\ell_2) \rightarrow k(\ell_2)$  which is not an  $(2, 2)$ -isometry.

Using a construction by Rådström we associate to  $k(X)$  the normed space  $\widehat{k(X)}$ , being  $k(X)$  a subspace of  $\widehat{k(X)}$ . We prove that  $\mathcal{T} : k(X) \rightarrow k(X)$  is an  $(m, q)$ -isometry if and only if  $\widehat{\mathcal{T}} : \widehat{k(X)} \rightarrow \widehat{k(X)}$  is an  $(m, q)$ -isometry.

## 2. THE HYPERSPACE $k(X)$

Given a real normed space  $X$ , we consider the hyperspace

$$k(X) := \{C \subset X : \emptyset \neq C \text{ compact convex}\}.$$

For  $C, D \in k(X)$  and  $\alpha$  scalar, we write  $C + D := \{x + y : x \in C, y \in D\}$  and  $\alpha C := \{\alpha x : x \in C\}$ . Some properties of the class  $k(X)$  are given in the following proposition:

**Proposition 2.1.** *For  $C, D, E \in k(X)$ ;  $\lambda, \mu \geq 0$  and  $\alpha$  scalars,*

- (1)  $C + D \in k(X)$
- (2)  $(C + D) + E = C + (D + E)$  and  $C + D = D + C$
- (3)  $C + E = D + E \implies C = D$
- (4)  $\alpha C \in k(X)$
- (5)  $\alpha(C + D) = \alpha C + \alpha D$  and  $(\lambda + \mu)C = \lambda C + \mu C$

*Proof.* The property (3) is [6, Lemma 2]. The other properties are simple. □

We introduce the *norm* of  $C \in k(X)$ :

$$\|C\| := \sup_{x \in C} \|x\|.$$

**Proposition 2.2.** *For  $C, D \in k(X)$  and  $\alpha$  scalar,*

- (1)  $\|C\| = 0 \iff C = \{0\}$
- (2)  $\|C + D\| \leq \|C\| + \|D\|$
- (3)  $\|\alpha C\| = |\alpha| \|C\|$

*Proof.* Routine. □

The class  $k(X)$  is endowed with the Hausdorff distance  $h$ : given  $C, D \in k(X)$ , we put

$$h(C, D) := \inf\{\varepsilon > 0 : C \subset D + \varepsilon B_X \text{ and } D \subset C + \varepsilon B_X\},$$

where  $B_X$  is the unit closed ball of  $X$ . In the next result we collect some basic facts about the distance  $h$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** *For  $C, D, E \in k(X)$  and  $\alpha$  scalar,*

- (1)  $h$  is a metric on  $k(X)$ ; moreover, if  $X$  is a Banach space, then  $k(X)$  is complete.
- (2)  $h(C + E, D + E) = h(C, D)$
- (3)  $h(\alpha C, \alpha D) = |\alpha| h(C, D)$
- (4)  $h(C, \{0\}) = \|C\|$

*Proof.* The property (1) is well known and (4) is clear. In order to prove (2), notice that, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} h(C + E, D + E) < \varepsilon &\implies C + E \subset D + E + \varepsilon B_X \text{ and } D + E \subset C + E + \varepsilon B_X \\ &\implies C \subset D + \varepsilon B_X \text{ and } D \subset C + \varepsilon B_X \\ &\implies h(C, D) \leq \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

by Proposition 2.1 (3). Analogously,  $h(C, D) < \varepsilon \implies h(C + E, D + E) \leq \varepsilon$ . Therefore, (2) is true.

Now we prove (3). We have that the equality is obvious if  $\alpha = 0$ . Assume  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} h(\alpha C, \alpha D) < \varepsilon &\implies \alpha C \subset \alpha D + \varepsilon B_X \text{ and } \alpha D \subset \alpha C + \varepsilon B_X \\ &\implies C \subset D + \alpha^{-1} \varepsilon B_X = D + |\alpha|^{-1} \varepsilon B_X \\ &\quad \text{and } D \subset C + \alpha^{-1} \varepsilon B_X = C + |\alpha|^{-1} \varepsilon B_X \\ &\implies h(C, D) \leq |\alpha|^{-1} \varepsilon \\ &\implies |\alpha| h(C, D) \leq \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Analogously,  $|\alpha| h(C, D) < \varepsilon \implies h(\alpha C, \alpha D) \leq \varepsilon$ . Consequently, (3) holds.  $\square$

Observe that the property (2) in the above proposition depends on the fact that  $E$  is bounded and that both sets  $C + \varepsilon B_X$  and  $D + \varepsilon B_X$  are convex closed, since  $C$  and  $D$  are convex compact (see [6, Lemmas 2 and 3]).

It is obvious that we can identify  $X$  with  $\{\{x\} : x \in X\} \subset k(X)$ . For  $x, y \in X$  and  $\alpha$  scalar we have that  $\{x\} + \{y\} = \{x + y\}$ ,  $\alpha\{x\} = \{\alpha x\}$  and  $h(\{x\}, \{y\}) = \|x - y\|$ . Notice that, in general,

$$h(C, D) \leq \|C - D\| \quad (C, D \in k(X))$$

and it is possible that  $h(C, D) < \|C - D\|$ . For example,  $h(C, C) = 0 < \|C - C\|$  whenever  $C$  is not a singleton.

### 3. MAPS ON $k(X)$

We say that a map  $\mathcal{T} : k(X) \longrightarrow k(X)$  is *linear* if, for  $C, D \in k(X)$  and  $\alpha$  scalar,

$$\mathcal{T}(C + D) = \mathcal{T}C + \mathcal{T}D \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{T}(\alpha C) = \alpha \mathcal{T}C.$$

Given  $\mathcal{T} : k(X) \longrightarrow k(X)$  linear we define the *norm* of  $\mathcal{T}$  by

$$\|\mathcal{T}\| = \sup_{\{0\} \neq C \in k(X)} \frac{\|\mathcal{T}C\|}{\|C\|} = \sup_{C \in k(X), \|C\|=1} \|\mathcal{T}C\|.$$

Hence, for every  $C \in k(X)$ , we have that  $\|\mathcal{T}C\| \leq \|\mathcal{T}\| \|C\|$ . We say that  $\mathcal{T}$  is *bounded* if  $\|\mathcal{T}\| < \infty$ .

The following results are very similar to analogous facts about linear operators between normed spaces and we omit the proof.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{T} : k(X) \longrightarrow k(X)$  a linear map. The following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\mathcal{T}$  is uniformly continuous
- (2)  $\mathcal{T}$  is continuous
- (3)  $\mathcal{T}$  is continuous at  $\{0\}$
- (4) There exists  $M > 0$  such that, for every  $C \in k(X)$ ,  $\|\mathcal{T}C\| \leq M\|C\|$
- (5)  $\mathcal{T}$  is bounded

We denote by  $L(k(X))$  the class of all bounded linear maps  $\mathcal{T} : k(X) \longrightarrow k(X)$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *For  $\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{S} \in L(k(X))$  and scalar  $\alpha$ ,*

- (1)  $\mathcal{T} + \mathcal{S} \in L(k(X))$  and  $\|\mathcal{T} + \mathcal{S}\| \leq \|\mathcal{T}\| + \|\mathcal{S}\|$
- (2)  $\alpha\mathcal{T} \in L(k(X))$  and  $\|\alpha\mathcal{T}\| = |\alpha|\|\mathcal{T}\|$
- (3)  $\mathcal{T}\mathcal{S} \in L(k(X))$  and  $\|\mathcal{T}\mathcal{S}\| \leq \|\mathcal{T}\|\|\mathcal{S}\|$

*Proof.* Routine. □

Given  $T \in L(X)$  we define the map

$$k(T) : k(X) \longrightarrow k(X) \quad , \quad k(T)C := TC .$$

Obviously, the restriction of  $k(T)$  to  $X$  is  $T$ :  $k(T)\{x\} = T\{x\} = \{Tx\}$ , for any  $x \in X$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $T \in L(X)$ . Then  $k(T) \in L(k(X))$  and  $\|k(T)\| = \|T\|$ .*

*Proof.* For  $C \in k(X)$ , we have that  $\|TC\| \leq \|T\|\|C\|$ , hence

$$\|k(T)\| = \sup_{\{0\} \neq C \in k(X)} \frac{\|k(T)C\|}{\|C\|} = \sup_{\{0\} \neq C \in k(X)} \frac{\|TC\|}{\|C\|} \leq \|T\| .$$

Moreover

$$\|T\| = \sup_{0 \neq x \in X} \frac{\|Tx\|}{\|x\|} \leq \sup_{\{0\} \neq C \in k(X)} \frac{\|TC\|}{\|C\|} = \|k(T)\|$$

and the proof is completed. □

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $T \in L(X)$ . Then  $T$  is an isometry if and only if the map  $k(T)$  is an isometry.*

*Proof.* It is enough to observe that the equalities

$$\|k(T)C\| = \|C\| = \|TC\|$$

are equivalent to that both  $k(T)$  and  $T$  are isometries. □

Our main interest is the study of  $(m, q)$ -isometries ( $m \geq 1$  integer,  $q > 0$  real) on the hyperspace  $k(X)$ . Recall that the general definition was given in (1.1). For  $\mathcal{T} : k(X) \longrightarrow k(X)$  the condition (1.1) is equivalent to

$$\sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} h(\mathcal{T}^i C, \mathcal{T}^i D)^q = 0 \quad (C, D \in k(X)) . \quad (3.1)$$

The equivalence given in Proposition 3.4 can not be extended to  $(m, q)$ -isometries, although an implication is true.

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $T \in L(X)$ . If the map  $k(T)$  is an  $(m, q)$ -isometry, then  $T$  is an  $(m, q)$ -isometry.*

*Proof.* It is enough to observe that any restriction of an  $(m, q)$ -isometry to an invariant subset is also an  $(m, q)$ -isometry and that  $T$  is the restriction of  $k(T)$  to  $X$  as explained before.  $\square$

The converse of above proposition is false, as we show in the next example.

**Example 3.6.** Let  $S_w : \ell_2 \rightarrow \ell_2$  the weighted shift operator on  $\ell_2$  with weight sequence  $w = (w_n)_{n \geq 1} \in \ell_\infty$ . That is, for  $x = (x_n)_{n \geq 1} \in \ell_2$ ,

$$S_w x = S_w(x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots) = (0, w_1 x_1, w_2 x_2, w_3 x_3 \dots).$$

If  $S_w$  is a strict  $(2, 2)$ -isometry, then  $k(S_w)$  is not a  $(2, 2)$ -isometry.

*Proof.* We put  $\alpha := |w_1|^2$ . Then, for  $n \geq 1$  [4, Remark 3.9(1)(b)]

$$|w_n|^2 = \frac{\alpha n - (n-1)}{\alpha(n-1) - (n-2)},$$

hence

$$|w_2|^2 = \frac{2\alpha - 1}{\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad |w_3|^2 = \frac{3\alpha - 2}{2\alpha - 1}.$$

We have that  $\alpha \neq 1$  since  $S_w$  is not an isometry, and  $\alpha > 1$  since  $S_w$  is a  $(2, 2)$ -isometry ([4, Remark 3.9(1)(b)], [5, Corollary 2.3]).

Let  $(e_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be the canonical basis of  $\ell_2$ . Take  $x = e_1$  and  $y = \lambda e_2$ , such that  $\lambda$  is a scalar with

$$1 < |\lambda|^2 < \frac{\alpha^2}{2\alpha - 1}.$$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|^2 &= 1, \quad \|S_w x\|^2 = \alpha, \quad \|S_w^2 x\|^2 = 2\alpha - 1, \\ \|y\|^2 &= |\lambda|^2, \quad \|S_w y\|^2 = |\lambda|^2 \frac{2\alpha - 1}{\alpha}, \quad \|S_w^2 y\|^2 = |\lambda|^2 \frac{3\alpha - 2}{\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the segment

$$C = [x, y] := \{tx + (1-t)y : 0 \leq t \leq 1\} \in k(\ell_2).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|C\|^2 &= \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \|tx + (1-t)y\|^2 \\ &= \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \|(t, (1-t)\lambda, 0, 0, 0 \dots)\|^2 \\ &= \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} (t^2 + (1-t)^2 |\lambda|^2) \\ &= |\lambda|^2, \end{aligned}$$

since  $1 < |\lambda|^2$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_w C\|^2 &= \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \|(0, w_1 t, w_2(1-t)\lambda, 0, 0, 0, \dots)\|^2 \\ &= \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} (|w_1|^2 t^2 + |w_2|^2 (1-t)^2 |\lambda|^2) \\ &= \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} (\alpha t^2 + \frac{2\alpha - 1}{\alpha} (1-t)^2 |\lambda|^2) \\ &= \alpha \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_w^2 C\|^2 &= \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \|(0, 0, w_1 w_2 t, w_2 w_3(1-t)\lambda, 0, 0, 0, \dots)\|^2 \\ &= \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} (|w_1 w_2|^2 t^2 + |w_2 w_3|^2 (1-t)^2 |\lambda|^2) \\ &= \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} ((2\alpha - 1)t^2 + \frac{3\alpha - 2}{\alpha} (1-t)^2 |\lambda|^2) \\ &= 2\alpha - 1. \end{aligned}$$

We have that

$$\begin{aligned} &h(k(S_w)^2 C, k(S_w)^2 \{0\})^2 - 2h(k(S_w)C, k(S_w)\{0\})^2 + h(C, \{0\})^2 = \\ &= \|k(S_w)^2 C\|^2 - 2\|k(S_w)C\|^2 + \|C\|^2 = 2\alpha - 1 - 2\alpha + |\lambda|^2 = |\lambda|^2 - 1 \neq 0, \end{aligned}$$

because of  $1 < |\lambda|^2$ . By (3.1) we obtain that  $S_w$  is not a  $(2, 2)$ -isometry.  $\square$

#### 4. THE RÅDSTRÖM SPACE $\widehat{k(X)}$

Rådström [6] proved that  $k(X)$  endowed with the Hausdorff distance can be isometrically embedded in a normed space  $\widehat{k(X)}$  in such a way that addition in  $\widehat{k(X)}$  induces addition in  $k(X)$  and multiplication by scalars in  $\widehat{k(X)}$  induces multiplication by scalars in  $k(X)$ .

Now we give a description of the Rådström space associated to the hyperspace  $k(X)$  (see [6]). On  $k(X) \times k(X)$  we consider the equivalence relation  $(C, D) \sim (E, F) \iff C + F = D + E$ , where  $C, D, E, F \in k(X)$ . The class of  $(C, D)$  is denoted by  $[C, D]$ .

The quotient space

$$\widehat{k(X)} := \frac{k(X) \times k(X)}{\sim}$$

is a normed space with the following: for  $C, D, E, F \in k(X)$  and  $\lambda \geq 0$  scalar,

$$\begin{aligned} \|[C, D]\| &= h(C, D), \quad [C, D] + [E, F] = [C + E, D + F], \\ \lambda[C, D] &= [\lambda C, \lambda D], \quad (-\lambda)[C, D] = [\lambda D, \lambda C], \quad . \end{aligned}$$

From this, the distance between two classes of  $\widehat{k(X)}$  is given by

$$\widehat{h}([C, D], [E, F]) = \|[C, D] - [E, F]\| = \|[C + F, D + E]\| = h(C + F, D + E).$$

Moreover the map  $\psi : k(X) \longrightarrow \widehat{k(X)}$  defined by  $\psi C := [C, \{0\}]$ , is an isometric embedding of  $k(X)$  into  $\widehat{k(X)}$ ; in fact, we have that  $\psi(C + D) = \psi(C) + \psi(D)$ ,  $\psi(\lambda C) = \lambda\psi(C)$  and  $\|\psi(C)\| = \|C\|$ .

Given a map  $\mathcal{T} : k(X) \longrightarrow k(X)$ , we define

$$\widehat{\mathcal{T}} : \widehat{k(X)} \longrightarrow \widehat{k(X)} \quad , \quad \widehat{\mathcal{T}}[C, D] := [\mathcal{T}C, \mathcal{T}D] .$$

Notice that the restriction of  $\widehat{\mathcal{T}}$  to  $k(X)$  is  $\mathcal{T}$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{T} : k(X) \longrightarrow k(X)$  a linear map. Then*

- (1)  $\widehat{\mathcal{T}}$  is linear
- (2)  $\mathcal{T}$  bounded  $\implies \widehat{\mathcal{T}}$  bounded and  $\|\widehat{\mathcal{T}}\| = \|\mathcal{T}\|$ .

*Proof.* (1) Straightforward.

(2) As  $\mathcal{T}$  is restriction of  $\widehat{\mathcal{T}}$ , we have that  $\|\mathcal{T}\| \leq \|\widehat{\mathcal{T}}\|$ . Now we show  $\|\mathcal{T}\| \geq \|\widehat{\mathcal{T}}\|$ . For this purpose, first we prove

$$h(\mathcal{T}C, \mathcal{T}D) \leq \|\mathcal{T}\|h(C, D) \quad (C, D \in k(X)) . \quad (4.1)$$

Fix  $C, D \in k(X)$ . Let  $\varepsilon > h(C, D)$ . Then  $C \subset D + \varepsilon B_X$  and  $D \subset C + \varepsilon B_X$ . Hence  $\mathcal{T}C \subset \mathcal{T}D + \varepsilon \widetilde{\mathcal{T}}B_X$  and  $\mathcal{T}D \subset \mathcal{T}C + \varepsilon \widetilde{\mathcal{T}}B_X$ , where

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{T}}B_X := \bigcup_{b \in B_X} \mathcal{T}\{b\} .$$

(Observe that  $\mathcal{T}B_X$  is not always defined because of  $B_X \notin k(X)$  if  $X$  is infinite-dimensional). Notice that from  $\mathcal{T}\{b\} \subset \|\mathcal{T}\|\|b\|B_X \subset \|\mathcal{T}\|B_X$ , we obtain  $\widetilde{\mathcal{T}}B_X \subset \|\mathcal{T}\|B_X$  and consequently  $\mathcal{T}C \subset \mathcal{T}D + \varepsilon\|\mathcal{T}\|B_X$  and  $\mathcal{T}D \subset \mathcal{T}C + \varepsilon\|\mathcal{T}\|B_X$ . Therefore  $h(\mathcal{T}C, \mathcal{T}D) \leq \varepsilon\|\mathcal{T}\|$ . Hence (4.1) follows. From this

$$\begin{aligned} \|\widehat{\mathcal{T}}\| &= \sup_{\|[C, D]\| \leq 1} \|\widehat{\mathcal{T}}[C, D]\| \\ &= \sup_{h(C, D) \leq 1} \|[\mathcal{T}C, \mathcal{T}D]\| \\ &\leq \sup_{h(C, D) \leq 1} \|\mathcal{T}\|h(C, D) \\ &= \|\mathcal{T}\| . \end{aligned}$$

So the proof is completed.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{T} \in L(k(X))$ . The following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\mathcal{T}$  is a strict  $(m, q)$ -isometry
- (2)  $\widehat{\mathcal{T}}$  is a strict  $(m, q)$ -isometry

*Proof.* For  $C, D \in k(X)$  and  $1 \leq k \leq m$ , we have the following equalities

$$\|\widehat{\mathcal{T}}^k[C, D]\| = \|[\mathcal{T}^k C, \mathcal{T}^k D]\| = h(\mathcal{T}^k C, \mathcal{T}^k D) .$$

Consequently,  $\mathcal{T}$  is an  $(m, q)$ -isometry, that is it verifies (3.1), if and only if  $\widehat{\mathcal{T}}$  verifies

$$\sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} \|\widehat{\mathcal{T}}^i[C, D]\|^q = 0 \quad (C, D \in k(X)) ;$$

that is,  $\widehat{\mathcal{T}}$  is an  $(m, q)$ -isometry. From this, it is obvious that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a strict  $(m, q)$ -isometry if and only if  $\widehat{\mathcal{T}}$  is also a strict  $(m, q)$ -isometry.  $\square$

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