

D -valued 2-inner product on D -Modules

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Abstract: In this paper we introduce the notion of \mathbb{D} -valued 2-inner product on hyperbolic-valued or \mathbb{D} -valued modules. Further, we show that the \mathbb{D} -valued 2-inner product on a \mathbb{D} -module induces a real 2-inner product on its idempotent components. We also establish a relation between the \mathbb{D} -valued 2-inner product on \mathbb{D} -modules and the \mathbb{D} -valued inner product on \mathbb{D} -modules and real 2-inner product on real linear spaces.

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Introduction

The notion of 2-normed real linear spaces was initially introduced by S. Gähler [7]. In 1963, Gähler introduced the concept of 2-metric spaces and later he extended his idea to 2-normed real linear spaces. Since then, many researchers have studied these spaces from different points of view and obtained various results, see, for instance [2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 15]. The notion of 2-normed spaces is basically a two dimensional analogue of a normed space which got more attention after the publication of a paper [15]. In this paper, A. White defined and investigated the concept of bounded linear 2-functionals on 2-normed real linear spaces.

Further, he proved a Hahn-Banach type extension theorem for linear 2-functionals on 2-normed real linear spaces. In [4] and [5], Diminnie, Gähler and white introduced the concept of 2-inner product spaces and gave some new characterizations of 2-inner product spaces. Till 2000, the theory of 2-norm was restricted only to real linear spaces but in 2001, S. N. Lal et al. published a paper [9] in which they introduced the concept of complex 2-normed linear spaces and established a Hahn-Banach extension theorem for complex linear 2-functionals. In [14], the authors introduced the notion of 2-normed \mathbb{D} -modules over the commuting non-division ring \mathbb{D} of hyperbolic numbers and proved the Hahn-Banach theorem for \mathbb{D} -linear 2-functionals.

In the present paper, we introduce the notion of \mathbb{D} -valued 2-inner product on \mathbb{D} -modules and further, establish its relation with the \mathbb{D} -valued inner product on \mathbb{D} -modules and real 2-inner product on real linear spaces.

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A Review of Hyperbolic Numbers

In this section we summarize some basic properties of hyperbolic numbers which can be found in more details in [1, 12, 13] and the references therein. The hyperbolic number can be seen as a particular case of bicomplex number. The ring of bicomplex numbers is the commutative ring \mathbf{BC} defined as follows:

$\mathbf{BC} = \{Z = z_1 + jz_2 \mid z_1, z_2 \in \mathbf{C}(i)\}$ where i and j are commuting imaginary units with $i^2 = j^2 = -1$. In particular, if we put $z_1 = x_1$, $z_2 = iy_2$ with $x_1, y_2 \in \mathbf{R}$ and $k = ij$, then $Z = x_1 + ky_2$ is an element of the set \mathbf{D} of hyperbolic numbers. Thus, the ring \mathbf{D} of hyperbolic numbers is the commutative ring defined as $\mathbf{D} = \{a + kb \mid a, b \in \mathbf{R}, k^2 = 1 \text{ with } k \notin \mathbf{R}\}$. Let $z = a + kb \in \mathbf{D}$. Then the \dagger -conjugation on z is given by $z^\dagger = a - kb$. This \dagger -conjugation on \mathbf{D} is an additive, involutive and multiplicative in nature. A hyperbolic number $z = a + kb$ is said to be an invertible if $zz^\dagger = a^2 - b^2 \neq 0$. Thus, inverse of $z \in \mathbf{D}$ is given by

$$z^{-1} = \frac{z^\dagger}{zz^\dagger}.$$

If both a and b are non-zero but $a^2 - b^2 = 0$, then z is a zero-divisor in \mathbf{D} . We denote the set of all zero-divisors in \mathbf{D} by $\mathbf{NC}_\mathbf{D}$, that is, $\mathbf{NC}_\mathbf{D} = \{z = a + kb \mid z \neq 0, zz^\dagger = a^2 - b^2 = 0\}$.

The ring \mathbf{D} of hyperbolic numbers is not a division ring as one can see that if $e_1 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + k)$ and its \dagger -conjugate $e_2 = e_1^\dagger = \frac{1}{2}(1 - k)$, then $e_1.e_2 = 0$, i.e., e_1 and e_2 are zero-divisors in the ring \mathbf{D} . The numbers e_1 and e_2 are mutually complementary idempotent components. They make up the so called idempotent basis of hyperbolic numbers. Thus, every hyperbolic number $z = a + kb$ in \mathbf{D} can be written as : $z = e_1\alpha_1 + e_2\alpha_2$, (0.1)

where $\alpha_1 = a + b$ and $\alpha_2 = a - b$ are real numbers. Formula (0.1) is called the idempotent representation of a hyperbolic number. Further, the two sets $e_1\mathbf{D}$ and $e_2\mathbf{D}$ are (principal) ideals in the ring \mathbf{D} such that $e_1\mathbf{D} \cap e_2\mathbf{D} = \{0\}$ and $e_1\mathbf{D} + e_2\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}$. Hence, we can write $\mathbf{D} = e_1\mathbf{D} + e_2\mathbf{D}$. (0.2). Formula (0.2) is called the idempotent decomposition of \mathbf{D} . Thus the algebraic operations of addition, multiplication, taking of inverse, etc. can be realized component-wise. The set of non-negative hyperbolic numbers is given by (see [1, P. 19]), $\mathbf{D}^+ = \{z = e_1\alpha_1 + e_2\alpha_2 \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \geq 0\}$. Further, for

any $z, u \in \mathbf{D}$, we write $z \leq' u$ whenever $u - z \in \mathbf{D}^+$ and it defines a partial order on \mathbf{D} . Also, if we take $z, u \in \mathbf{R}$, then $z \leq' u$ if and only if $z \leq u$. Thus \leq' is an extension of the total order \leq on \mathbf{R} . For any $z = e_1\alpha_1 + e_2\alpha_2 \in \mathbf{D}$, the hyperbolic-valued modulus on \mathbf{D} is given by

$$|z|_k = |e_1\alpha_1 + e_2\alpha_2|_k = e_1|\alpha_1| + e_2|\alpha_2| \in \mathbf{D}^+, \quad (0.3)$$

where $|\alpha_1|$ and $|\alpha_2|$ denote the usual modulus of real numbers α_1 and α_2 respectively. For more details, see ([1, Section 1.5], [12] and [13]).

Let X be a \mathbf{D} -module. Consider the sets $X_1 = e_1X$ and $X_2 = e_2X$. Then

$$X_1 \cap X_2 = \{0\} \text{ and } X = e_1X_1 + e_2X_2, \quad (0.4)$$

where X_1 and X_2 are real linear spaces as well as \mathbf{D} -modules. Formula (0.4) is called the idempotent decomposition of X . Thus, any $x \in X$ can be uniquely written as $x = e_1x_1 + e_2x_2$ with $x_1 \in X_1$ and $x_2 \in X_2$. Further, if U and W be any two real linear spaces, then it can be shown that $X = e_1U + e_2W$ is a \mathbf{D} -module. Moreover, for any \mathbf{D} -module X , we denote the set of all zero-divisors in X by NC_X , that is, $\text{NC}_X = \{0 \neq z \in X : z \in e_1X \cup e_2X\}$.

Definition 2.1 Let X be a \mathbf{D} -module and $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{D}} : X \rightarrow \mathbf{D}^+$ be a function such that for any $x, y \in X$ and $\alpha \in \mathbf{D}$, it satisfies the following properties:

1. $\|x\|_{\mathbf{D}} = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$.
2. $\|\alpha x\|_{\mathbf{D}} = |\alpha|_k \|x\|_{\mathbf{D}}$.
3. $\|x + y\|_{\mathbf{D}} \leq' \|x\|_{\mathbf{D}} + \|y\|_{\mathbf{D}}$.

Then we say that $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{D}}$ is a hyperbolic or \mathbf{D} -valued norm on X . The hyperbolic-valued norm on hyperbolic modules has been intensively discussed in [1, 12] and many other references therein.

Definition 2.2 Let X be a \mathbf{D} -module of dimension greater 1. A map

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbf{D}} : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$$

is said to be \mathbf{D} -valued 2-norm on X if for all $x, y, z \in X$ and $\alpha \in \mathbf{D}$ it satisfies the following properties:

1. $\|x, y\|_{\mathbf{D}} = 0$ if and only if x, y are linearly dependent,
2. $\|x, y\|_{\mathbf{D}} = \|y, x\|_{\mathbf{D}}$,

$$3. \quad \|\alpha x, y\|_{\mathcal{D}} = \|\alpha\|_k \|x, y\|_{\mathcal{D}},$$

$$4. \quad \|x + y, z\|_{\mathcal{D}} \leq \|x, z\|_{\mathcal{D}} + \|y, z\|_{\mathcal{D}}.$$

Then the pair $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_{\mathcal{D}})$ is called a 2-normed \mathcal{D} -module. Further, it can be shown that $\|x, y\|_{\mathcal{D}} \in \mathcal{D}^+$ and $\|\alpha x, y\|_{\mathcal{D}} = \|\alpha\|_k \|x, y\|_{\mathcal{D}} \quad \forall x, y \in X \text{ and } \forall \alpha \in \mathcal{D}.$

2-inner product \mathcal{D} -modules

In this section, we introduce the notion of \mathcal{D} -valued 2-inner product on \mathcal{D} -modules and discuss some of its basic properties. We also discuss Parallelogram law and Polarization identity for 2-inner product \mathcal{D} -modules.

Definition 3.1 Let X be a \mathcal{D} -module of dimension greater than 1. A map

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot | \cdot \rangle : X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

is said to be a \mathcal{D} -valued 2-inner product on X if for each $x, y, z \in X$, it satisfies the following properties:

1. $\langle x, x | z \rangle \in \mathcal{D}^+ ; \langle x, x | z \rangle = 0$ if and only if x and z are linearly dependent,
2. $\langle x, x | z \rangle = \langle z, z | x \rangle,$
3. $\langle x, y | z \rangle = \langle y, x | z \rangle^*$
4. $\langle \alpha x, y | z \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y | z \rangle ;$ for any $\alpha \in \mathcal{D},$
5. $\langle x + x', y | z \rangle = \langle x, y | z \rangle + \langle x', y | z \rangle.$

Then the pair $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot | \cdot \rangle)$ is called a 2-inner product \mathcal{D} -module. Further, for each $x, y, z \in X$ and for every $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}$, some basic properties of \mathcal{D} -valued 2-inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot | \cdot \rangle$ can be easily obtained as follows:

$$\langle x, \alpha y | z \rangle = \alpha^* \langle x, y | z \rangle \text{ and } \langle x, y | \alpha z \rangle = \|\alpha\|_k^2 \langle x, y | z \rangle.$$

Remark 3.2 Let X_1 and X_2 be two real linear spaces with $\dim(X_1) > 1$ and $\dim(X_2) > 1$. In addition, we assume that both X_1 and X_2 are real 2-inner product spaces with corresponding 2-inner products $\langle \cdot, \cdot | \cdot \rangle_1$ and $\langle \cdot, \cdot | \cdot \rangle_2$. Let $X = e_1 X_1 + e_2 X_2$. Clearly, X is a \mathcal{D} -module with $\dim(X) > 1$.

For any $x = e_1x_1 + e_2x_2$, $y = e_1y_1 + e_2y_2$, $z = e_1z_1 + e_2z_2 \in X$, we define

$$\langle x, y | z \rangle = \langle e_1x_1 + e_2x_2, e_1y_1 + e_2y_2 | e_1z_1 + e_2z_2 \rangle = e_1\langle x_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_2\langle x_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2. \quad (0.5)$$

Then the formula (0.5) is a \mathbf{D} -valued 2-inner product on X can be verified easily as follows :

Since $\langle x_l, x_l | z_l \rangle_l \geq 0$, $\forall x_l, z_l \in \mathbf{R}$, ($l = 1, 2$), implies $\langle x, x | z \rangle \in \mathbf{D}^+$. Further,

$$\langle x, x | z \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow e_1\langle x_1, x_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_2\langle x_2, x_2 | z_2 \rangle_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \langle x_1, x_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 = 0 \text{ and } \langle x_2, x_2 | z_2 \rangle_2 = 0$$

$\Leftrightarrow x_1$ and z_1 are linearly dependent and x_2 and z_2 are linearly dependent

$\Leftrightarrow x$ and z are linearly dependent. Also, $\langle x, y | z \rangle = e_1\langle x_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_2\langle x_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2$

$$= e_1\langle y_1, x_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_2\langle y_2, x_2 | z_2 \rangle_2 = e_1^*\langle y_1, x_1 | z_1 \rangle_1^* + e_2^*\langle y_2, x_2 | z_2 \rangle_2^*$$

$$= (e_1\langle y_1, x_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_2\langle y_2, x_2 | z_2 \rangle_2)^* = \langle y, x | z \rangle^*.$$

Similarly, we can show $\langle x, x | z \rangle = \langle z, z | x \rangle$. Next, for any $\alpha \in \mathbf{D}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \alpha x, y | z \rangle &= \langle (e_1\alpha_1 + e_2\alpha_2)(e_1x_1 + e_2x_2), e_1y_1 + e_2y_2 | e_1z_1 + e_2z_2 \rangle \\ &= \langle e_1(\alpha_1 x_1) + e_2(\alpha_2 x_2), e_1y_1 + e_2y_2 | e_1z_1 + e_2z_2 \rangle = e_1\langle \alpha_1 x_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_2\langle \alpha_2 x_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2 \\ &= e_1\alpha_1\langle x_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_2\alpha_2\langle x_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2 = (e_1\alpha_1 + e_2\alpha_2)(e_1\langle x_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_2\langle x_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2) = \alpha\langle x, y | z \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, let $x, x', y, z \in X$. Then $\langle x + x', y | z \rangle = e_1\langle x_1 + x'_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_2\langle x_2 + x'_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2$

$$= e_1(\langle x_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + \langle x'_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1) + e_2(\langle x_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2 + \langle x'_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2)$$

$$= (e_1\langle x_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_2\langle x_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2) + (e_1\langle x'_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_2\langle x'_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2)$$

$$= \langle x, y | z \rangle + \langle x', y | z \rangle.$$

Proposition 3.3 Let X be a 2-inner product \mathbf{D} -module with $\dim(X) > 1$. Then $X_1 = e_1X$ and $X_2 = e_2X$ can be seen as 2-inner product real linear spaces with their real 2-inner products induced by the \mathbf{D} -valued 2-inner product on X .

Proof. Let X be a 2-inner product \mathbf{D} -module with $\dim(X) > 1$. Clearly, e_1X and e_2X are real linear spaces with $\dim(e_1X) > 1$ and $\dim(e_2X) > 1$. Let $\langle \cdot, \cdot | \cdot \rangle : X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$ be the \mathbf{D} -valued 2-inner product on X . Then for any $x, y, z \in X$, we can write it as

$$\langle x, y | z \rangle = e_1\Phi(x, y | z) + e_2\Psi(x, y | z),$$

where $\Phi, \Psi : X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are real-valued functions such that

$$\begin{aligned} e_1\Phi(x, y | z) &= e_1\langle x, y | z \rangle \text{ and } e_2\Psi(x, y | z) = e_2\langle x, y | z \rangle. \text{ Further,} \\ e_1\Phi(e_1x, e_1y | e_1z) + e_2\Psi(e_1x, e_1y | e_2z) &= \langle e_1x, e_1y | e_1z \rangle = e_1\langle e_1x, e_1y | e_1z \rangle \\ &= e_1(e_1\Phi(e_1x, e_1y | e_1z) + e_2\Psi(e_1x, e_1y | e_1z)) = e_1\Phi(e_1x, e_1y | e_1z). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\Psi(e_1x, e_1y | e_1z) = 0 \text{ and } \langle e_1x, e_1y | e_1z \rangle = e_1\Phi(e_1x, e_1y | e_1z). \quad (0.6)$$

Similarly, one can show

$$\Phi(e_2x, e_2y | e_2z) = 0 \text{ and } \langle e_2x, e_2y | e_2z \rangle = e_2\Psi(e_2x, e_2y | e_2z). \quad (0.7)$$

Thus, by using (0.6) and (0.7), one can write

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, y | z \rangle &= e_1\langle x, y | z \rangle + e_2\langle x, y | z \rangle = e_1e_1^*e_1^2\langle x, y | z \rangle + e_2e_2^*e_2^2\langle x, y | z \rangle \\ &= \langle e_1x, e_1y | e_1z \rangle + \langle e_2x, e_2y | e_2z \rangle = \langle e_1x, e_1y | e_1z \rangle + \langle e_2x, e_2y | e_2z \rangle \\ &= e_1\Phi(e_1x, e_1y | e_1z) + e_2\Psi(e_2x, e_2y | e_2z). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{That is, } \langle x, y | z \rangle = e_1\Phi(e_1x, e_1y | e_1z) + e_2\Psi(e_2x, e_2y | e_2z). \quad (0.8)$$

We now show that Φ is a real 2-inner product on a real linear space e_1X and Ψ is a real 2-inner product on a real linear space e_2X . Since, for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x, y, z \in X$, we have

$$\langle \lambda x, y | z \rangle = \lambda \langle x, y | z \rangle,$$

which gives that

$$e_1\Phi(\lambda e_1x, e_1y | e_1z) + e_2\Psi(\lambda e_2x, e_2y | e_2z) = \lambda(e_1\Phi(e_1x, e_1y | e_1z) + e_2\Psi(e_2x, e_2y | e_2z)).$$

$$\text{Thus, } \Phi(\lambda e_1x, e_1y | e_1z) = \lambda\Phi(e_1x, e_1y | e_1z) \text{ and}$$

$$\Psi(\lambda e_2x, e_2y | e_2z) = \lambda\Psi(e_2x, e_2y | e_2z).$$

Further, let $x, x', y, z \in X$. Then $\langle x + x', y | z \rangle = \langle x, y | z \rangle + \langle x', y | z \rangle$. Thus, by using (0.8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} e_1\Phi(e_1x + e_1x', e_1y | e_1z) + e_2\Psi(e_2x + e_2x', e_2y | e_2z) &= e_1\Phi(e_1x, e_1y | e_1z) \\ &+ e_2\Psi(e_2x, e_2y | e_2z) + e_1\Phi(e_1x', e_1y | e_1z) + e_2\Psi(e_2x', e_2y | e_2z) \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\Phi(e_1x + e_1x', e_1y | e_1z) = \Phi(e_1x, e_1y | e_1z) + \Phi(e_1x', e_1y | e_1z) \text{ and}$$

$$\Psi(e_2x + e_2x', e_2y | e_2z) = \Psi(e_2x, e_2y | e_2z) + \Psi(e_2x', e_2y | e_2z).$$

Next, for each $x, z \in X$, $\langle x, x | z \rangle = \langle z, z | x \rangle$. Thus, from (0.8), we get

$$\Phi(e_1x, e_1x | e_1z) = \Phi(e_1z, e_1z | e_1x), \Psi(e_2x, e_2x | e_2z) = \Psi(e_2z, e_2z | e_2x). \text{ Similarly, we can show}$$

$$\Phi(e_1x, e_1y | e_1z) = \Phi(e_1y, e_1x | e_1z), \Psi(e_2x, e_2y | e_2z) = \Psi(e_2y, e_2x | e_2z).$$

Now for any $x, z \in X$, we have $\langle x, x | z \rangle \in \mathbf{D}^+$. That is, $e_1\Phi(e_1x, e_1x | e_1z) + e_2\Psi(e_2x, e_2x | e_2z) \in \mathbf{D}^+$. This implies that $\Phi(e_1x, e_1x | e_1z) \geq 0$ and $\Psi(e_2x, e_2x | e_2z) \geq 0$. Finally, it remains to show that for any $x, z \in X$, $\Phi(e_1x, e_1x | e_1z) = 0$ if and only if e_1x and e_1z are linearly dependent and similarly for Ψ . First suppose that $\Phi(e_1x, e_1x | e_1z) = 0$. This means $e_1\Phi(e_1x, e_1x | e_1z) = 0$ and hence by (0.6), we have $\langle e_1x, e_1x | e_1z \rangle = 0$. Since $\langle \dots | \cdot \rangle$ is a \mathbf{D} -valued 2-inner product on X implies that e_1x and e_1z are linearly dependent. Conversely, suppose that $x, z \in X$ such that e_1x and e_1z are linearly dependent. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, x | z \rangle &= e_1\langle x, x | z \rangle + e_2\langle x, x | z \rangle = \langle e_1x, e_1x | e_1z \rangle + \langle e_2x, e_2x | e_2z \rangle \\ &= \langle e_2x, e_2x | e_2z \rangle = e_2\Psi(e_2x, e_2x | e_2z). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by using (0.8), we have $\Phi(e_1x, e_1x | e_1z) = 0$ and similarly for Ψ . Hence Φ defines a real 2-inner product on the real linear space e_1X and Ψ defines a real 2-inner product on the real linear space e_2X . On a 2-inner product \mathbf{D} -module $(X, \langle \dots | \cdot \rangle)$, one may observe that $\|x, y\|_{\mathbf{D}} = \langle x, x | y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}$ defines a \mathbf{D} -valued 2-norm on X . Then it is easy to prove the following results for 2-inner product \mathbf{D} -module X .

Theorem 3.4 Let $(X, \langle \dots | \cdot \rangle)$ be a 2-inner product \mathbf{D} -module with $\dim(X) > 1$, where the \mathbf{D} -valued 2-inner product on X is induced by the inner products on its idempotent components X_1 and X_2 . Then for any $x, y, z \in X$,

$$\|x + y, z\|_{\mathbf{D}}^2 + \|x - y, z\|_{\mathbf{D}}^2 = 2(\|x, z\|_{\mathbf{D}}^2 + \|y, z\|_{\mathbf{D}}^2)$$

Proof. For any $x, y, z \in X$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + y, z\|_{\mathbf{D}}^2 &= \langle x + y, x + y | z \rangle = \langle x_1e_1 + x_2e_2 + y_1e_1 + y_2e_2, x_1e_1 + x_2e_2 + y_1e_1 + y_2e_2 | z_1e_1 + z_2e_2 \rangle \\ &= \langle (x_1 + y_1)e_1 + (x_2 + y_2)e_2, (x_1 + y_1)e_1 + (x_2 + y_2)e_2 | z_1e_1 + z_2e_2 \rangle \\ &= e_1\langle (x_1 + y_1), (x_1 + y_1) | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_2\langle (x_2 + y_2), (x_2 + y_2) | z_2 \rangle_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= e_1 \|x_1, z_1\|_1^2 + e_1 \|y_1, z_1\|_1^2 + e_1 \langle x_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_1 \langle y_1, x_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 \\ + e_2 \|x_2, z_2\|_2^2 + e_2 \|y_2, z_2\|_2^2 + e_2 \langle x_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2 + e_2 \langle y_2, x_2 | z_2 \rangle_2.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\|x - y, z\|_D^2 = \langle x - y, x - y | z \rangle \\ = e_1 \|x_1, z_1\|_1^2 - e_1 \langle x_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 - e_1 \langle y_1, x_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_1 \|y_1, z_1\|_1^2 \\ + e_2 \|x_2, z_2\|_2^2 - e_2 \langle x_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2 - e_2 \langle y_2, x_2 | z_2 \rangle_2 + e_2 \|y_2, z_2\|_2^2.$$

On adding we get,

$$\|x + y, z\|_D^2 + \|x - y, z\|_D^2 = 2e_1 \|x_1, z_1\|_1^2 + 2e_1 \|y_1, z_1\|_1^2 + 2e_2 \|x_2, z_2\|_2^2 + 2e_2 \|y_2, z_2\|_2^2 \\ = 2(e_1 \|x_1, z_1\|_1^2 + e_2 \|x_2, z_2\|_2^2) + 2(e_1 \|y_1, z_1\|_1^2 + e_2 \|y_2, z_2\|_2^2) = 2(\|x, z\|_D^2 + \|y, z\|_D^2).$$

This proves the Parallelogram Law for 2-inner product D-module X .

The next result is the Polarization Identity for 2-inner product D-module X .

Theorem 3.5 Let $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot | \cdot \rangle)$ be a 2-inner product D-module with $\dim(X) > 1$, where the D-valued 2-inner product on X is induced by the inner products on its idempotent components X_1 and X_2 . Then for any $x, y, z \in X$,

$$\langle x, y | z \rangle = \frac{1}{4} (\|x + y, z\|_D^2 - \|x - y, z\|_D^2). \text{ Proof. For any } x, y, z \in X,$$

$$\|x + y, z\|_D^2 = \langle x + y, x + y | z \rangle = e_1 \|x_1, z_1\|_1^2 + e_1 \|y_1, z_1\|_1^2 + e_1 \langle x_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_1 \langle y_1, x_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 \\ + e_2 \|x_2, z_2\|_2^2 + e_2 \|y_2, z_2\|_2^2 + e_2 \langle x_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2 + e_2 \langle y_2, x_2 | z_2 \rangle_2.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\|x - y, z\|_D^2 = \langle x - y, x - y | z \rangle = e_1 \|x_1, z_1\|_1^2 - e_1 \langle x_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 - e_1 \langle y_1, x_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_1 \|y_1, z_1\|_1^2 \\ + e_2 \|x_2, z_2\|_2^2 - e_2 \langle x_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2 - e_2 \langle y_2, x_2 | z_2 \rangle_2 + e_2 \|y_2, z_2\|_2^2.$$

On subtracting we get,

$$\|x + y, z\|_D^2 + \|x - y, z\|_D^2 \\ = e_1 (2\langle x_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + 2\langle y_1, x_1 | z_1 \rangle_1) + e_2 (2\langle x_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2 + 2\langle y_2, x_2 | z_2 \rangle_2) \\ = 2(e_1 \langle x_1, y_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_2 \langle x_2, y_2 | z_2 \rangle_2) + 2(e_1 \langle y_1, x_1 | z_1 \rangle_1 + e_2 \langle y_2, x_2 | z_2 \rangle_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2\langle x, y | z \rangle + 2\langle y, x | z \rangle = 2\langle x, y | z \rangle + 2\langle x, y | z \rangle^* \\
&= 4\langle x, y | z \rangle, \text{ because } \langle x, y | z \rangle \in \mathbb{D}, \text{ so } \langle x, y | z \rangle^* = \langle x, y | z \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } \langle x, y | z \rangle = \frac{1}{4} (\|x + y, z\|_{\mathbb{D}}^2 - \|x - y, z\|_{\mathbb{D}}^2).$$

Now, it is natural to study the relation between the \mathbb{D} -valued 2-inner product and \mathbb{D} -valued inner product on \mathbb{D} -modules. In this direction, C. Diminnie, S. Gahler and A. White ([4], [5]) are probably the first to draw a connection between real inner product and real 2-inner product on a real linear space. They proved that if X is a real inner product space, then the real 2-inner product can be defined on X . Further, H. Gunawan [8] proved that a real 2-inner product space is a real inner product space. However, with the little adjustments, a similar relation between \mathbb{D} -valued 2-inner product and \mathbb{D} -valued inner product on \mathbb{D} -modules can be developed.

For this, let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ be a \mathbb{D} -valued inner product on a \mathbb{D} -module X . Now for any $x, y, z \in X$, we define

$$\langle x, y | z \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \langle z, z \rangle - \langle x, z \rangle \langle y, z \rangle. \quad (0.9)$$

Then the formula (0.9) is a \mathbb{D} -valued 2-inner product on a \mathbb{D} -module X can be verified easily as follows:

$$\langle x, x | z \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle \langle z, z \rangle - \langle x, z \rangle \langle x, z \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle \langle z, z \rangle - \langle x, z \rangle \langle x, z \rangle^* = \|x\|_{\mathbb{D}}^2 \|z\|_{\mathbb{D}}^2 - |\langle x, z \rangle|_k^2 \in \mathbb{D}^+,$$

(by using the bicomplex Schwarz inequality).

$$\text{Also, } \langle x, x | z \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow \langle x, x \rangle \langle z, z \rangle - \langle x, z \rangle \langle x, z \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow \|x\|_{\mathbb{D}}^2 \|z\|_{\mathbb{D}}^2 - |\langle x, z \rangle|_k^2 = 0$$

\Leftrightarrow either $x = 0$ or $z = 0 \Leftrightarrow x$ and z are linearly dependent.

$$\text{Next, } \langle x, y | z \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \langle z, z \rangle - \langle x, z \rangle \langle y, z \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle^* \langle z, z \rangle - \langle y, z \rangle \langle x, z \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle^* \langle z, z \rangle^* - \langle y, z \rangle^* \langle x, z \rangle^*$$

(because $\langle z, z \rangle, \langle y, z \rangle$ and $\langle x, z \rangle$ are hyperbolic numbers)

$$= (\langle y, x \rangle \langle z, z \rangle - \langle y, z \rangle \langle x, z \rangle)^*$$

$$= \langle y, x | z \rangle^*. \text{ Similarly, we can prove } \langle x, x | z \rangle = \langle z, z | x \rangle. \text{ Further, for any } \alpha \in \mathbb{D},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \alpha x, y | z \rangle &= \langle \alpha x, y \rangle \langle z, z \rangle - \langle \alpha x, z \rangle \langle y, z \rangle \\
&= \alpha \langle x, y \rangle \langle z, z \rangle - \alpha \langle x, z \rangle \langle y, z \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \alpha(\langle x, y \rangle \langle z, z \rangle - \langle x, z \rangle \langle y, z \rangle) = \alpha \langle x, y \mid z \rangle.$$

Finally, for each $x, x', y, z \in X$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x + x', y \mid z \rangle &= \langle x + x', y \rangle \langle z, z \rangle - \langle x + x', z \rangle \langle y, z \rangle = (\langle x, y \rangle + \langle x', y \rangle) \langle z, z \rangle - (\langle x, z \rangle + \langle x', z \rangle) \langle y, z \rangle \\ &= \langle x, y \rangle \langle z, z \rangle + \langle x', y \rangle \langle z, z \rangle - \langle x, z \rangle \langle y, z \rangle - \langle x', z \rangle \langle y, z \rangle \\ &= (\langle x, y \rangle \langle z, z \rangle - \langle x, z \rangle \langle y, z \rangle) + (\langle x', y \rangle \langle z, z \rangle - \langle x', z \rangle \langle y, z \rangle) = \langle x, y \mid z \rangle + \langle x', y \mid z \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we will show that every \mathbf{D} -valued 2-inner product module is a \mathbf{D} -valued inner product module. For this, let $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \mid \cdot \rangle)$ be a \mathbf{D} -valued 2-inner product module. Choose a, b in X so that a and b are linearly independent. In addition, we assume that a_l is linearly independent to b_l , $l = 1, 2$.

Then we define a function $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$ as follows:

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, y \mid a \rangle + \langle x, y \mid b \rangle, \quad \forall x, y \in X. \quad (0.10)$$

The formula (0.10) is a \mathbf{D} -valued inner product on a \mathbf{D} -module X . To see this, let $x, y \in X$. Then, clearly $\langle x, x \rangle = \langle x, x \mid a \rangle + \langle x, x \mid b \rangle \in \mathbf{D}^+$. Further,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, x \rangle = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \langle x, x \mid a \rangle + \langle x, x \mid b \rangle = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow x, a \text{ are linearly dependent and } x, b \\ &\quad \text{are linearly dependent} \\ &\Leftrightarrow x = 0, \text{ because } a \text{ and } b \text{ are linearly independent.} \end{aligned}$$

In order to proceed to the next step, take $\alpha \in \mathbf{D}$ and $x, y \in X$. Then

$$\langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \langle \alpha x, y \mid a \rangle + \langle \alpha x, y \mid b \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \mid a \rangle + \alpha \langle x, y \mid b \rangle = \alpha (\langle x, y \mid a \rangle + \langle x, y \mid b \rangle) = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle.$$

$$\text{Also, } \langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, y \mid a \rangle + \langle x, y \mid b \rangle = \langle y, x \mid a \rangle^* + \langle y, x \mid b \rangle^* = \langle y, x \rangle^*.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Finally, for any } x, x', y, z \in X, \text{ we have } \langle x + x', y \rangle &= \langle x + x', y \mid a \rangle + \langle x + x', y \mid b \rangle \\ &= \langle x, y \mid a \rangle + \langle x', y \mid a \rangle + \langle x, y \mid b \rangle + \langle x', y \mid b \rangle \\ &= (\langle x, y \mid a \rangle + \langle x, y \mid b \rangle) + (\langle x', y \mid a \rangle + \langle x', y \mid b \rangle) \\ &= \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x', y \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

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