

## A NOTE ON OPERATORS ON FINSLER MODULES

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**Abstract.** let  $E$  be a Finsler modules over  $C^*$ -algebras  $\mathcal{A}$  with norm-map  $\rho$  and  $L(E)$  set of all  $\mathcal{A}$ -linear bonded operators on  $E$ . We show that the canonical homomorphism  $\phi : L(E) \rightarrow L(E_I)$  sending each operator  $T$  to its restriction  $T|_{E_I}$  is injective if and only if  $I$  is an essential ideal in the underlying  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . We also show that  $T \in L(E)$  is a bounded below if and only if  $\|x\| = \|\rho'(x)\|$  is complete, where  $\rho'(x) = \rho(Tx)$  for all  $x \in E$ . Also, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for the equivalence of the norms generated by the norm map.

### 1. Introduction

A (left) Hilbert  $C^*$ -module over a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  is a left  $A$ -module  $E$  equipped with  $A$ -valued inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  which is  $A$ -linear in the second and conjugate linear in the first variable such that  $E$  is a Banach space with the norm  $\|x\| = \|\langle x, x \rangle\|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

Finsler modules over  $C^*$ -algebras are generalization of Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules that first investigated in [6].

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $\mathcal{A}_+$  be the positive cone of a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $E$  is a complex linear space which is a left  $\mathcal{A}$ -module (and  $\lambda(ax) = (\lambda a)x = a(\lambda x)$  where  $\lambda \in C, a \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $x \in E$ ). An  $\mathcal{A}$ -valued Finsler norm (norm map) is a map  $\rho : E \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_+$  such that

1) the map  $\rho_E : x \rightarrow \|\rho(x)\|$  is a norm on  $E$ , and

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2)  $\rho(ax)^2 = a\rho(x)^2a^*$  for each  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $x \in E$ .

$E$  is equipped with a  $\mathcal{A}$ -valued Finsler norm is called a pre-Finsler  $\mathcal{A}$ -module. If  $(E, \rho_E = \|\cdot\|_E)$  is complete then  $E$  is called a Finsler  $\mathcal{A}$ -module.

If we use the convention  $|b| = (bb^*)^{1/2}$  for  $b \in \mathcal{A}$ , the condition (2) is equivalent to

$$\rho(ax) = |a\rho(x)|.$$

For  $\mathcal{A}$  commutative this is the same as  $\rho(ax) = |a|\rho(x)$ , which is the usual form this sort of axiom takes in the commutative case. But this last version is not appropriate in the noncommutative case.

A Finsler module over  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  is said to be full if the linear span  $\{\rho_A(x)^2; x \in E\}$  denoted by  $\mathcal{F}(E)$  is dense in  $A$ .

In [1] was defined an inner product on a arbitrary Hilbert  $C^*$ -module by a certain operator and give a necessary and sufficient condition for the equivalence of the norms generated by the inner product. The aim of this paper is to continue this work over finsler modules. Let  $E$  be a Finsler modules over  $C^*$ -algebras  $\mathcal{A}$  with norm-map  $\rho$  and  $L(E)$  set of all  $\mathcal{A}$ -linear bonded operators on  $E$ . In section 3, we show that  $T \in L(E)$  is a bounded below if and only if  $\|x\| = \|\rho'(x)\|$  is complete, where  $\rho'(x) = \rho(Tx)$  for all  $x \in E$ . Also, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for the equivalence of the norms generated by the norm map.

Ideal submodules in Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules are investigated in [2] and [6]. And also, the notion of associated (essential) ideal submodule in Finsler modules over  $C^*$ -algebras is introduced in [7]. Moreover, it was shown that if essential ideal submodule  $E_I$  is a Hilbert  $I$ -module, then  $E$  is itself a Hilbert  $A$ -module.

In section 4, we show that the canonical homomorphism  $\phi : L(E) \rightarrow L(E_I)$  sending each operator  $T$  to its restriction  $T|_{E_I}$  is injection if and only if  $I$  is an essential in the underlying  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** *let  $E$  be a Finsler modules over  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , and let  $I$  be an ideal in  $A$ . The associated ideal submodule  $E_I$  is defined by*

$$E_I = [EI]^- = [\{eb : e \in E, b \in I\}]^-$$

(the closed linear span of the action of  $I$  on  $E$ ).

Clearly,  $E_I$  is a closed submodule of  $E$ . It can be also regarded as a Finsler module over  $I$ .

In general, there exist closed submodules which are not ideal submodule. For instance, if a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  is regarded as a Hilbert  $A$ -module (with the inner product  $\langle a, b \rangle = a^*b$ ), then ideal submodules of  $A$  are precisely ideals in  $A$ , while closed submodules of  $A$  are closed right ideals in  $A$ .

We arise some properties of ideal submodules. Following results are already known of ([2],[1]). let  $E$  be a Finsler module over  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , and  $I$  be an ideal of  $A$ . By application of Hewitt-Cohen factorization theorem ([4], Theorem 4.1,[6], proposition 2.31) it is easy to that  $E_I = EI = \{eb : e \in E, b \in I\}$ . If  $E$  be a full Finsler module over  $A$ ,  $E_I$  will be full over  $I$ .

**Remark 2.2.** let  $E$  be a Finsler module and  $I$  be an ideal of  $A$ , and  $E_I$  be associated ideal submodule. Define by  $q : E \rightarrow \frac{E}{E_I}$  and  $\pi : A \rightarrow \frac{A}{I}$  the quotient maps. By defintion right action of  $\frac{A}{I}$  on linear space  $\frac{E}{E_I}$  with  $q(e)\pi(a) = q(ea)$ ,  $\frac{E}{E_I}$  will be a  $\frac{A}{I}$ -module and by [5 Lemma 12],  $\frac{E}{E_I}$  is a Finsler  $\frac{A}{I}$ -module with norm Finsler  $\rho_{\frac{A}{I}}(q(e)) = \pi(\rho_A(e))$ . Then  $\rho_{\frac{A}{I}}(q(E)) = \pi(\rho_A(E))$ , so  $[\rho_{\frac{A}{I}}(q(E))] = \pi([\rho_A(E)])$ .

In addition,  $\frac{E}{E_I}$  is a full Finsler  $\frac{A}{I}$ -module if and only if  $E$  is full. This follows at once from the evident equality  $[\rho_{\frac{A}{I}}(q(E))] = \pi([\rho_A(E)])$ .

With similar argument of [2 p. 4], if  $X$  be a closed submodule of  $E$ ,  $J$  be an ideal of  $A$  such that  $\rho(E) \subseteq J$ , then  $\frac{E}{X}$  with module action  $q(x)\pi(a) = q(xa)$  is a  $\frac{A}{J}$ -module iff  $X = E_J$ . Note that smallest of such ideals is  $A$ -linear hull  $(\rho(E)^2)$ .

### 3. Norm maps on a Finsler module

**Definition 3.1.** *let  $E$  and  $F$  be Finsler modules over  $C^*$ - algebra  $A$ . We define  $L(E, F)$  to be the set of all bounded operators  $T : E \rightarrow F$  such that  $T$  be  $A$ -linear map in the sense  $T(ax) = aT(x)$ , for all  $x \in E$  and  $a \in A$ .*

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $E$  be a Finsler modules over  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  with map  $\rho_1 : E \rightarrow A_+$  and  $\|\cdot\|_1$  is the corresponding norm. Let  $T$  be a linear map in  $L(E)$ , we define  $\rho_2(x) = \rho_1(Tx)$ , then we have*

*i)  $(E, \rho_2)$  is pre-Finsler  $A$ -module if and only if  $\ker T = 0$ .*

*In addition if  $\ker T = \{0\}$ , then the following statements are equivalent.*

*ii) Norms  $\|\cdot\|_1$  and  $\|\cdot\|_2 = \|\rho_2(x)\|$  are equivalent on  $E$ .*

*iii)  $T$  is a bounded below.*

*iv)  $\|\cdot\|_2$  is complete.*

**Proof.** i) Let  $(E, \rho_2)$  be a pre-Finsler  $A$ -module and  $x \in \ker T$ . Then  $\|x\|_2 = \|\rho_2(x)\| = \|\rho_1(Tx)\| = 0$ , so that  $x = 0$ . Hence  $\ker T = \{0\}$ .

Conversely, suppose  $\ker T = \{0\}$  and  $\|x\|_2 = 0$ . Then  $\|Tx\| = \|\rho_1(Tx)\| = \|\rho_2(x)\| = \|x\|_2 = 0$ . It follows that  $Tx = 0$ . Thus  $x = 0$ . It is straightforward to show that  $\|\cdot\|$  is indeed a norm and also  $\rho_2(ax)^2 = \rho_1(Tax)^2 = \rho_1(aTx)^2 = a\rho_1(Tx)^2a^* = a\rho_2(x)^2a^*$ .

(ii)  $\rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $T$  is a bounded below, the following show that  $\|\cdot\|_1$  and  $\|\cdot\|_2$  are equivalent:

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_2 &= \|\rho_2(x)\| = \|\rho_1(Tx)\| = \|Tx\|_1 \leq \|T\|\|x\|_1. \\ \|x\|_2 &= \|\rho_2(x)\| = \|\rho_1(Tx)\| = \|Tx\|_1 \geq \alpha\|x\|_1, \end{aligned}$$

for some  $\alpha$ .

(iii)  $\rightarrow$  (ii) suppose two norms are equivalent then there exists a real number  $\alpha$  such that  $\|x\|_1 \leq \alpha\|x\|_2$ , for each  $x \in E$ ,  $\alpha^{-1}\|x\|_1 \leq \|x\|_2 = \|\rho_2(x)\| = \|\rho_1(Tx)\| = \|Tx\|_1$ . So that  $\|Tx\|_1 \geq \alpha^{-1}\|x\|_1$ .

(iv)  $\rightarrow$  (iii) Since  $(E, \|\cdot\|_1)$  and  $(E, \|\cdot\|_2)$  are assumed to be Banach spaces and also  $\|x\|_2 = \|\rho_2(x)\| = \|\rho_1(Tx)\| = \|Tx\|_1 \leq \|T\|\|x\|_1$ , by the open mapping theorem, there exists a real number  $\alpha$  such that  $\|\cdot\|_1 \leq \alpha\|\cdot\|_2$ , hence the norms are equivalent.

(iii)  $\rightarrow$  (iv) It is obvious.  $\square$

**Example.** Let  $A$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra and  $E$  be a Finsler  $A$ -module with map  $\rho$ . Define  $T_x : E \rightarrow E$  with  $T_x(y) = \rho(x)y$  for some  $x \in E$ . It is clear that  $T_x$  is an  $A$ -linear map and by

$$\|T_x(y)\|_1 = \|\rho(x)y\|_1 \leq \|\rho(x)\|\|y\|_1 = \|x\|\|y\|_1.$$

Therefore,  $\|T_x\| \leq \|x\|_1$ . That is,  $T_x$  is a bounded operator on  $E$ .

Now suppose that for some  $x \in E$ ,  $\rho(x)$  is invertible then  $T_x$  is onto operator on  $E$  and  $T_x^{-1}y = \rho^{-1}(x)y$ . Define  $\rho'(y) = \rho(T_x y)$ . Since  $\ker T_x = 0$ ,  $E$  with map  $\rho'$  is a Finsler  $A$ -module and corresponding norms of  $\rho$  and  $\rho'$  are equivalent.  $\square$

#### 4. Ideal submodule of a Finsler module

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , define  $I^\perp = \{a \in A : aI = 0\}$  (that is ideal of  $A$ ).  $I$  is essential if  $I^\perp = \{0\}$ , that is equivalent  $I \cap J \neq \{0\}$  for all closed ideal  $J$  of  $A$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** let  $E$  be a Finsler module over  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ ,  $I$  be an ideal of  $A$  and  $E_I$  be associated ideal submodule of it. Then linear operator  $\phi : L(E) \rightarrow L(E_I)$  with  $\phi(K) = K|_{E_I}$  for all  $K \in L(E)$  is injective if  $I$  is a essential ideal of  $A$ .

Conversely, if  $\phi$  is injective and  $E$  be a full Finsler  $A$ -module then  $I$  is essential ideal of  $A$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $I$  be an essential ideal of  $A$  and  $\gamma(K) = 0$  for  $K \in L(E)$ . Then  $K(bx) = 0$  for all  $b \in I$  and  $x \in E$ . Now by [2, Lemma 1.10], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Kx\|^2 &= \|\rho(Kx)\|^2 = \sup_{b \in I, \|b\| \leq 1} \|b(\rho(Kx)^2)b^*\| \\ &= \sup_{b \in I, \|b\| \leq 1} \|(bKx)^2\| = \sup_{b \in I, \|b\| \leq 1} \|K(bx)\|^2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\phi$  is injective.

Conversely, let  $E$  be full and  $\gamma$  is injective, but  $I$  is not essential means  $I^\perp \neq 0$ . Then there exists  $0 \neq c \in I^\perp$  and either fullness condition of  $E$  by [1 proof Theorem 3.2(iii)], show that  $\exists x_0 \in E$  such that  $cx_0 \neq 0$ . First suppose that  $\mathcal{A}$  a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra. Hence  $A$ -linear operator  $K_c : E \rightarrow E$  with  $K_c(x) = cx$  is non zero in value  $x_0$  and  $K_c|_{E_I} = 0$ , that is contradiction with injectivity of  $\phi$ . Then  $I$  is essential.

To prove the general case, Recall that if  $A, B$ , and  $D$  are  $C^*$ -algebra, and if homomorphisms  $\varphi : A \rightarrow D$  and  $\psi : B \rightarrow D$  are given, then the

$C^*$ -algebra  $A \oplus_D B$  is defined as

$$A \oplus_D B = \{(a, b) \in A \oplus B : \varphi(a) = \psi(b)\}.$$

We use the same notation for modules, Banach spaces, etc.

Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra. By [5 lemmas 10 and 11]  $A$  has a unique maximal commutative ideal  $I_0$  and a closed ideal  $J$  such that  $I_0 \cap J = \{0\}$  and  $\frac{A}{J}$  is commutative, moreover,  $A \cong \frac{A}{J} \oplus_{\frac{A}{I_0+J}} \frac{A}{I_0}$  by  $*$ -isomorphism  $\varphi : A \rightarrow \frac{A}{J} \oplus_{\frac{A}{I_0+J}} \frac{A}{I_0}$  such that  $\varphi(a) = (a + J, a + I_0)$ .

By theorem 17 of [5], we can write  $E \cong E_1 \oplus_{E_0} E_2$ , where  $E_2$  and  $E_0$  are Hilbert  $\frac{A}{I_0}$  and  $\frac{A}{I_0+J}$  modules resp., and  $E_1$  is a Finsler module over commutative  $C^*$ -algebra  $\frac{A}{J}$ . Clearly,  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are full if and only if  $E$  is full.

If  $I$  be an essential ideal in  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , then by [7, Lemma 3.5]  $\frac{I}{J}$  and  $\frac{I}{I_0}$  are essential ideal in commutative  $C^*$ -algebras  $\frac{A}{J}$  and  $\frac{A}{I_0}$  respectively. Let  $E_{11} = E_1 \frac{I}{I_0}$  and  $E_{22} \frac{I}{J}$  are associated ideal submodule  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  respectively. Then  $E_I = E_{11} \oplus E_{22}$ .

$I^\perp \neq 0$  implies that  $I_1^\perp \neq 0$  or  $I_2^\perp \neq 0$ . Suppose that  $I_1^\perp \neq 0$  since  $\frac{A}{J}$  is a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra there exists a non Zero  $\mathcal{A}$ -linear map  $K_1 : E_1 \rightarrow E$  such that  $K|_{E_{11}} = 0$ . We can extend  $K$  on  $E$  by  $K|_{E_2} = 0$ . This is impossible because  $\phi$  is injective. If  $I_2^\perp \neq 0$  by assertion follows of [2, Theorem 1.12] because  $E_2$  is a Hilbert  $\frac{A}{J}$ -module.  $\square$

Let  $E$  be a Finsler module over  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , We say that norm Finsler map  $\rho'$  is induced from norm Finsler map  $\rho$ , if there exists  $K \in L(E)$  such that  $\rho'(x) = \rho(K(x))$  for all  $x \in E$ .

**Corollary 3.5.** let  $E$  be a Finsler module over  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ ,  $I$  be an ideal of  $A$  and  $E_I$  be associated ideal submodule of it. Induced norm

Finsler maps of a norm Finsler map  $\rho$  are equal iff are equal over essential ideal submodule  $E_I$  of  $E$ .  $\square$

**Proof.** It is enough to show that  $K_1 = K_2$  iff  $K_1|_{E_I} = K_2|_{E_I}$ . Since  $I$  is a essential ideal of  $A$ , previous assertion is straightforward of Lemma 2.6 .

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