



## $\omega_0$ –Nearest Points and $\omega_0$ –Farthest Points in Normed Linear Spaces

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### Abstract

In this paper we obtain a necessary and a sufficient condition for the set of  $\omega_0$ -nearest points (  $\omega_0$ -farthest points) to be non-empty or a singleton set in normed linear spaces. We shall find a necessary and a sufficient condition for a uniquely remotal set to be a singleton set.

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## 1 Introduction

Franchetti and Singer [3] obtained some results on the characterization and existence of farthest points in normed linear spaces in terms of bounded linear functionals.

Let  $W$  be a non-empty subset of a normed linear space  $X$ . For any  $x \in X$ , the (possibly empty) set of best approximation  $x$  from  $W$  is defined by

$$P_W(x) = \{y \in W : \|x - y\| = d(x, W)\},$$

where  $d(x, W) = \inf\{\|x - y\| : y \in W\}$ .

For  $\omega_0 \in W$ , we have

$$P_W^{-1}(\omega_0) = \{x \in X : \omega_0 \in P_W(x)\} = \{x \in X : \|x - \omega_0\| = d(x, W)\},$$

which is called  $\omega_0$ -nearest points set. It is clear that, if  $0, \omega_0 \in W$ ,

$$P_W^{-1}(\omega_0) = \omega_0 + P_W^{-1}(0).$$

Note that if  $z \in P_W^{-1}(0)$ , then  $\alpha z \in P_{\alpha W}^{-1}(0)$  for every scalar  $\alpha$ .

The subset  $W$  is said to be proximal if the set  $P_W(x)$  is non-empty for every  $x \in X$  and the set  $W$  is Chebyshev if  $P_W(x)$  is a singleton set for every  $x \in X$  (see [2-3, 9-10]).

Let  $W$  be a non-empty bounded subset of a real normed linear space  $X$  and  $x \in X$ . An element  $g_0 \in W$  is called a farthest point to  $x$  in  $W$  if

$$\|g_0 - x\| = \rho(x, W) = \sup_{g \in W} \|g - x\|,$$

the (possibly empty) set of farthest points  $x$  from  $W$  is defined by

$$F_W(x) = \{y \in W : \|y - x\| = \rho(x, W)\}.$$

For  $\omega_0 \in W$ , we define

$$F_W^{-1}(\omega_0) = \{x \in X : \omega_0 \in F_W(x)\} = \{x \in X : \|x - \omega_0\| = \rho(x, W)\},$$

which is called  $\omega_0$ -farthest points set. It is clear that if  $0, \omega_0 \in W$ ,

$$F_W^{-1}(\omega_0) = \omega_0 + F_W^{-1}(0).$$

Note that if  $z \in F_W^{-1}(0)$ , then  $\alpha z \in F_{\alpha W}^{-1}(0)$  for every scalar  $\alpha$ .

It is clear that for  $x \in X$ ,

$$F_W(x) = (x - F_W^{-1}(0)) \cap W.$$

Let  $W$  be a bounded set in a normed linear space  $X$ . The set  $W$  is said to be *remotal* if the set  $F_W(x)$  is non-empty for each  $x \in X$ , *uniquely remotal* if the set  $F_W(x)$  consist of exactly one element for each  $x \in X$ ,. (see [4, 6-8])

We will use the well-known fact about proximity.

**Lemma 1** [9] *Let  $X$  be a normed linear space and  $W$  be a linear subspace of  $X$ . If  $W$  is proximal for  $r > 0$ , then there exists a  $z \in F_W^{-1}(0)$ .*

**Lemma 2** [7] *Let  $W$  be a uniquely remotal subset of a normed space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ . Then a necessary and sufficient condition that  $W$  be singleton is that*

$$\|x - q_W(x)\| = \|y - q_W(x)\| \implies q_W(x) = q_W(y).$$

## 2 $\omega_0$ -Nearest point sets and $\omega_0$ -Farthest point sets

In this section, we will consider,  $\omega_0$ -nearest point sets and  $\omega_0$ -farthest point sets and uniquely remotal sets in normed linear spaces.

**Theorem 3** *Let  $X$  be a normed linear space,*

(i) If  $W$  is a non-empty proximal subset of  $X$  and  $P_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$  is singleton, then  $W$  is Chebyshev.

(ii) If  $W$  is a non-empty remotal bounded subset of  $X$ ,  $\omega_0 \in W$  and  $F_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$  is singleton. Then  $W$  is uniquely remotal set.

**Proof.** (i) Suppose  $x \in X$  and  $g_1, g_2 \in P_W(x)$ . Then  $x - g_i + \omega_0 \in P_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$ , for every  $i = 1, 2$ . Therefore  $g_1 = g_2$ .

(ii) The proof is similar to proof of (i)

**Theorem 4** Suppose  $X$  is a strictly convex Banach space. If  $W$  is a non-empty bounded subset of  $X$  and  $\omega_0 \in W$ . If  $F_W^{-1}(\omega_0) \neq \emptyset$  then  $P_W^{-1}(\omega_0) \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proof.** Form [5], if  $z \in W$  is a farthest point from an  $x \in X$ , then  $z$  is also a nearest point in  $W$ . Now suppose  $x \in F_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$ , then  $\omega_0 \in F_W(x)$ , it follows that for some a  $z \in X$ , we have  $\omega_0 \in P_W(z)$ , therefore  $z \in P_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$ .

**Example 2.1** Let  $X$  be a normed space and  $W = \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ . For  $x \in X$ , it is trivial for every  $x \in X$ ,  $d(x, W) = |1 - \|x\||$ ,  $\delta(x, W) = |1 + \|x\||$  and  $x \in P_W(\frac{x}{\|x\|})$  and  $-x \in F_W(\frac{x}{\|x\|})$ . Also it is clear that  $P_W^{-1}(0) = F_W^{-1}(0) = W$

We know that in a normed linear space  $X$ , a vector  $x$  is said to be Birkhoff orthogonal to a vector  $y$  if the inequality  $\|x\| \leq \|x + \alpha y\|$  holds for any real number  $\alpha$ .

**Theorem 5** Let  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be an inner product space,  $W$  is a subspace of  $H$ . Then  $P_W^{-1}(0) = W^\perp$  and for  $\omega_0 \in W$  we have  $P_W^{-1}(\omega_0) = \omega_0 + W^\perp$ .

**Proof.** It is clear that if  $X$  is normed linear space,  $W$  is a subspace of  $X$  and  $w \in W$ . Then for any  $x \in P_W^{-1}(0)$  and  $x \perp w$ . Therefore  $x \in W^\perp$ . If  $x \in W^\perp$ , then  $x \perp w$  for every  $w \in W$ . Therefore  $\|x\| \leq \|x + \alpha w\|$  for  $w \in W$ . Since  $W$  is a subspace, we have  $\|x\| = d(x, W)$  and  $x \in P^{-1}(0)$ . Therefore  $P_W^{-1}(0) = W^\perp$ .

**Example 2.2** (i) Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$  with Euclidean norm, and  $W = \{(x, x) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$  be a subspace. From Theorem 2.2,  $F_W^{-1}(0) = W^\perp = \langle (-1, 1) \rangle$ .

(ii) Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$  with Euclidean norm, and  $W = \{(x, x) : 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$ . Then  $F_W^{-1}(0) = \{(x, y) : x \geq 1\}$ .

**Theorem 6** Suppose  $X$  is a normed linear space. (i) If  $W$  is a non-empty subset of  $X$  and  $\omega_0 \in W$ . Then  $W$  is proximal if and only if  $X = W + P_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$ . (ii) If  $W$  is a non-empty bounded subset of  $X$  and  $\omega_0 \in W$ . Then  $W$  is remotal if and only if  $X = W + F_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$ .

**Proof.** It is clear.

**Theorem 7** Let  $X$  be a normed linear space.

(i)  $W$  a subspace of  $X$  with codimension one, and there exists a  $z \in P_W^{-1}(0)$  and  $X = W \oplus \langle z \rangle$ , (where  $\oplus$  means that the sum decomposition of each element  $x \in E$  is unique), then  $W$  is proximal.

(ii)  $W$  a proximal subspace of  $X$  and  $P_W^{-1}(0) = \langle z \rangle$ . Then  $W$  is Chebyshev.

(iii)  $W$  a non-empty bounded subset of  $X$ ,  $0 \in W$  and  $W$  is remotal, then there exists a  $z \in F_W^{-1}(0)$ .

(iv)  $W$  a non-empty bounded subset of  $X$ ,  $0 \in W$ . If there exists a  $z \in F_W^{-1}(0)$  and  $X = W \oplus \langle z \rangle$ , (where  $\oplus$  means that the sum decomposition of each element  $x \in X$  is unique.) and  $W = \beta W$  for every scalar  $\beta$ , then  $W$  is remotal.

(v)  $W$  a non-empty bounded subset of  $X$ ,  $0 \in W$  and there exists a unique  $z \in X$  such that  $F_W^{-1}(0) = \{z\}$ . Then  $W$  is uniquely remotal

(vi)  $X$  a reflexive space and has the Kadec-Klee property. For every non-empty bounded subset of  $W$  of  $X$  and  $0 \in W$ , the set  $F_W^{-1}(0)$

is compact.

**Proof.** (i) For arbitrary  $x \in X \setminus W$ , there exists a unique element  $h \in W$  and the scalar  $\alpha$  such that  $x = h + \alpha z$ . In this case  $h \in P_W(x)$ , and therefore  $W$  is proximal.

(ii) In this case, we show that  $X = W \oplus P_W^{-1}(0)$ . Since if  $x \in X$ , there exists a  $g_0 \in P_W(x)$ . Then  $x = g_0 + (x - g_0)$  and  $X = W + P_W^{-1}(0)$ , also  $W \cap P_W^{-1}(0) = \{0\}$ . Now for  $x \in X$ , suppose  $g_1, g_2 \in P_W(x)$ . We have  $x = g_1 + (x - g_1) = g_2 + (x - g_2)$  and the sum decomposition of each element  $x \in X$  is unique. Therefore  $g_1 = g_2$ .

(iii) Suppose  $x \in X \setminus W$ , there exists a  $g_0 \in F_W(X)$ , then  $z = x - g_0 \in F_W^{-1}(0)$ .

(iv) For arbitrary  $x \in X \setminus W$ , there exists a unique element  $h \in W$  and the scalar  $\alpha$  such that  $x = h + \alpha z$ . In this case  $h \in F_W(x)$ , since  $W = \alpha W$ , therefore  $W$  is remotal.

(v) For  $x \in X$ , suppose  $g_1, g_2 \in F_W(x)$ , consider  $z_i = x - g_i$ . Therefore  $z_i \in F_W^{-1}(0)$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ , therefore  $z_1 = z_2 = z$ , and it follows that  $g_1 = g_2$ .

(vi) Since  $X$  is reflexive, the closed unit ball  $B_X$  is weakly compact. Consider the sequence  $\{x_n\} \subseteq F_W^{-1}(0)$ . We define  $y_n = \frac{x_n}{\rho(x_n, W)}$ . Therefore  $y_n \in B_X$ . Therefore there exists a subsequence  $\{y_{n_k}\}$  and  $y_0 \in B_X$  such that  $y_{n_k} \rightharpoonup y_0$ . Since  $X$  has Kadec-Klee property,  $y_{n_k} \rightarrow y_0$ . Also the sequence  $\{\rho(x_n, W)\}$  is a bounded sequence and has a convergence subsequence  $\{\rho(x_{n_l}, W)\}$  to  $k$ . Thus  $x_{n_p} \rightarrow y_0 k$ . Then the set  $F_W^{-1}(0)$  is compact.

**Theorem 8** Suppose  $X$  is a normed linear space.

(i) If  $W$  is a non-empty subspace of  $X$  and  $\omega_0 \in W$ . We have  $P_W^{-1}(\omega_0) = X$  if and only if  $W$  is singleton and  $W = \{\omega_0\}$ .

(ii) If  $W$  is a non-empty bounded subset of  $X$  and  $\omega_0 \in W$ . We have  $F_W^{-1}(\omega_0) = X$  if and only if  $W$  is singleton and  $W = \{\omega_0\}$ .

**Proof.** (i) If  $P_W^{-1}(\omega_0) = X$ , then for every  $w \in W$ , we have  $w \in P_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$ . Therefore  $w = \omega_0$  and  $W = \{\omega_0\}$ . If  $W = \{\omega_0\}$  and  $x \in X$ , then  $d(x, W) = \|x - \omega_0\|$ . Therefore  $x \in P_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$ .

(ii) Suppose  $W = \{\omega_0\}$ , if  $x \in X$ , then  $q_x = \omega_0$ . That is  $\|x - \omega_0\| = \rho(x, W)$ , therefore  $x \in F_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$ . It follows that  $X = F_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$ . If  $X = F_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$ , it is clear that  $W$  is remotal. Also, if for  $x \in X$ , there exist  $w_1, w_2 \in F_W(x)$ , then  $w_1 = w_2 = \omega_0$ . Therefore  $W$  is uniquely remotal. From Lemma 1.2,  $W$  is singleton. Therefore  $W = \{\omega_0\}$ .

**Theorem 9** *Suppose  $X$  is a normed linear space. If  $W$  is a non-empty proximal subspace of  $X$  and  $\omega_0 \in W$ . If  $P_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$  is convex. Then  $W$  is Chebyshev.*

**Proof.** Since  $P_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$  is convex. The set  $P_W^{-1}(0) = P_W^{-1}(\omega_0) - \omega_0$  is convex. From [5],  $W$  is Chebyshev.

**Theorem 10** *Let  $W \subseteq X$  be a proximal hyperplane and  $\omega_0 \in W$ . If  $P_W(x)$  is compact for each  $x \in X$ . Then every sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subseteq S_X$  with  $x_n \in P_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$  for each  $n$  has a convergent subsequence.*

**Proof.** Suppose  $P_W(x)$  is compact for each  $x \in X$ . If the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subseteq S_X$  with  $x_n \in P_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$  for each  $n$ . Put  $y_n = x_n - \omega_0 \in P_W^{-1}(0)$  and  $\|y_n\| = d(x_n, W) = \|x_n\| = 1$ . From [Theorem 2.1 ,6, 8], the sequences  $\{y_n\}$  and  $\{x_n\}$  has a convergent subsequence.

**Theorem 11** *Let  $W \subseteq X$  be a proximal hyperplane. If every sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subseteq S_X$  with  $x_n \in P_W^{-1}(0)$  for each  $n$  has a convergent subsequence. Then  $P_W(x)$  is compact for each  $x \in X$ .*

**Proof.** If every sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subseteq S_X$  with  $x_n \in P_W^{-1}(0)$  for each  $n$  has a convergent subsequence. From [Theorem 2.1, 6, 8],  $W$  is quasi-Chebyshev subspace. It follows that  $P_W(x)$  is compact for each  $x \in X$ .

Let  $W$  be a subspace of a normed space  $X$ . We define the quotient

space  $X/W$  to be the set of all sets  $x + W$  of  $W$  together with the following operations:

$$(x + W) + (y + W) = (x + y) + W,$$

and

$$\lambda(x + W) = \lambda x + W,$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and arbitrary scalar  $\lambda$ . Then, the quotient space  $X/W$  is a normed space with the norm  $\|x + W\| = \inf_{w \in W} \|x - w\|$ .

**Theorem 12** *Let  $M$  be a proximal subspace of a normed space  $X$ ,  $W$  a proximal subspace of  $X$  containing  $M$ . If  $P_W^{-1}(0) = \langle z \rangle$  for  $z \in M$ , then  $W/M$  is Chebyshev .*

**Proof.** From Lemma [2],  $W/M$  is proximal. Suppose there exist  $z_1 + M, z_2 + M \in P_{W/M}(x + M)$ . Since  $M$  is proximal there exist  $m_1, m_2 \in M$  such that  $d(z_1, M) = \|z_1 - m_1\|$  and  $d(z_2, M) = \|z_2 - m_2\|$ . Therefore  $z_1 - m_1, z_2 - m_2 \in P_W^{-1}(0) = \langle z \rangle$ , then  $z_1 - m_1 = \alpha_1 z$  and  $z_2 - m_2 = \alpha_2 z$ . Therefore  $z_1 + M = z_2 + M$ .

For a Banach space  $X$  and closed subspace  $W$  of  $X$ , we denote its unit sphere by  $S_X$ . For  $x \in X$  with  $d(x, W) = 1$ , let  $Q_W(x) = x - P_W(x)$ . It is easy to see that  $Q_W(x) = \{z \in S_X : f(z) = f(x) \ \forall f \in W^\perp\}$ .

For  $f \in X^*$ . we define the pre-duality map of  $X$  by

$$J_X(f) = \{z \in S_X : f(z) = \|f\|\}$$

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**Definition 2.1** [10] *Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Then  $W$  is a  $\omega$ -Chebyshev subspace, if for every  $x \in X$ ,  $x + (P_W^{-1}(0) \cap S_X)$  is a nonempty and weakly compact set in  $X$ .*

**Definition 2.2** [10] *A subspace  $W$  of a normed space  $X$  is called  $\omega$ -boundedly compact if for every bounded sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $W$ , there exists  $x_0 \in W$  and a subsequence  $\{y_{n_k}\}$  such that  $y_{n_k} \rightharpoonup x_0$ .*



In normed space  $X$ , suppose the unite sphere with center  $\omega_0 \in X$  denoted by

$$S(\omega_0, 1) = \{x \in X : \|x - \omega_0\| = 1\}.$$

**Theorem 13** *Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$  and  $\omega_0 \in X$ . If  $x \in X$  and the set  $x + (P_W^{-1}(\omega_0) \cap S(\omega_0, 1))$  is nonempty and weakly compact, then  $W$  is  $\omega$ -Chebyshev.*

**Proof.** It is clear, because

$$x + (P_W^{-1}(\omega_0) \cap S(\omega_0, 1)) = x + \omega_0 + (P_W^{-1}(0) \cap S_X).$$

**Theorem 14** *Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$ ,  $\omega_0 \in W$  and  $\text{codim}W = 1$ . Then the following statement are equivalent:*

- (i)  $x + (P_W^{-1}(\omega_0) \cap S(\omega_0, 1))$  is nonempty and weakly compact.
- (ii) for every  $f \in W^\perp$ ,  $J_X(f)$  is weakly compact.
- (iii) for every  $x \in X$ ,  $P_W(x)$  is weakly compact.

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Since  $W$  is  $\omega$ -Chebyshev, from [Theorem 2.1, 10] for every  $f \in W^\perp$ ,  $J_X(f)$  is weakly compact.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). Theorem 2.1 of [10].

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Suppose  $x \in X$ , and  $\{z_n\} \subseteq x + (P_W^{-1}(\omega_0) \cap S(\omega_0, 1))$ , then  $\{z_n - \omega_0\} \subseteq x + (P_W^{-1}(0) \cap S_X)$ . Therefore the sequence  $\{z_n - \omega_0\}$  has a weakly convergent subsequence, it follows that  $\{z_n\}$  has a weakly convergent subsequence. Also  $x + \omega_0 \in X$  and  $W$  is  $\omega$ -Chebyshev, therefore  $x + (P_W^{-1}(\omega_0) \cap S(\omega_0, 1)) \neq \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 15** *Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$ ,  $\omega_0 \in W$ . If  $P_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$  is  $\omega$ -boundedly compact. Then  $P_W(x)$  is weakly compact for every  $x \in X$ .*

**Proof.** Because  $P_W^{-1}(0) = P_W^{-1}(\omega_0) - \omega_0$  is  $\omega$ -boundedly compact, it

follows that from [Theorem 2.3, 10] the set  $P_W(x)$  is weakly compact for every  $x \in X$ .

**Corollary 16** *Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$ ,  $\omega_0 \in W$ . Then  $P_W^{-1}(\omega_0)$  is  $\omega$ -boundedly compact if and only if  $W$  is  $\omega$ -Chebyshev.*

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