

## **$(\lambda, \mu)$ -FUZZY STRONG $N$ -INNER PRODUCT SPACE**

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**Abstract:** Inspired by the theory of fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product space and from the theory of  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -fuzzy normal and quotient subgroups, in this paper we introduce the notion of  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -fuzzy  $n$ -inner product space. Given two fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product space we define their equivalence condition and provide some results on it.

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### **1. Introduction**

Remarkable contribution in the theory of 2-inner product space and  $n$ -inner product space has been effectively made by eminent researchers in [3, 4, 5, 6, 7]. Recently S.Vijayabalaji and N.Thillaigovindan have introduced the notion of fuzzy  $n$ -inner product space in [9]. In [11] as a natural generalization of fuzzy  $n$ -inner product space, the notion of fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product space has been introduced.

S. Vijayabalaji and N. Thillaigovindan raised a problem of constructing  $\alpha$ - $n$ -inner product space in [9] and answer to this problem is provided in [11] by constructing  $\alpha$ -strong  $n$ -inner product space.

Analogue of  $\alpha$ - $n$ -inner product space in [9] the notion of  $\alpha$ -strong  $n$ -inner product space is introduced in [11]. We have also introduced approximation theory in  $\alpha$ - $n$ -normed linear space [10]. Following X. Yuan et al[12], in[13] B. Yao introduced the theory of  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -fuzzy normal and quotient subgroups as a generalization of fuzzy normal and quotient subgroups.  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are called as thresholds in  $[0, 1]$  with  $\lambda < \mu$ .

In this paper, we first define the notion of  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product space as a generalization of fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product space and then we define their equivalent conditions by providing some interesting results on it.

### 2. Preliminaries

In this section we recall some familiar concepts which will be needed in the sequel.

**Definition 2.1** [2]. Let  $n$  be a natural number greater than 1 and  $X$  be a real linear space of dimension greater than or equal to  $n$  and let  $(\bullet, \bullet|\bullet, \dots, \bullet)$  be a real valued function on  $\underbrace{X \times \dots \times X}_{n+1} = X^{n+1}$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (1) (i)  $(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n) \geq 0$ ,
- (ii)  $(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0$  if and only if  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent,
- (2)  $(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n) = (y, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ,
- (3)  $(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ ,
- (4)  $(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n) = (x_2, x_2|x, x_3, \dots, x_n)$ ,
- (5)  $(ax, x|x_2, \dots, x_n) = a(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)$  for every  $a \in R(\text{real})$ ,
- (6)  $(x + x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n) = (x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n) + (x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)$ .

Then  $(\bullet, \bullet|\bullet, \dots, \bullet)$  is called an  $n$ -inner product on  $X$  and  $(X, (\bullet, \bullet|\bullet, \dots, \bullet))$  is called an  $n$ -inner product space.

**Definition 2.2.**[9] Let  $X$  be a linear space over a field  $F$ . A fuzzy subset  $J : X^{n+1} \times R$  ( $R$  – set of real numbers) is called a fuzzy  $n$ -inner product on  $X$  if and only if:

- (1) For all  $t \in R$  with  $t \leq 0$ ,  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ ;
- (2) For all  $t \in R$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent;
- (3) For all  $t > 0$ ,  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(y, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$ ;

- (4)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ ;
- (5) For all  $t > 0$ ,  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(x_2, x_2|x, x_3, \dots, x_n, t)$ ;
- (6) For all  $t > 0$ ,  $J(ax, bx|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|ab|})$ ,  $a, b \in R(\text{real})$ ;
- (7) For all  $s, t \in R$ ,

$$J(x + x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t + s) \geq \min\{J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t), J(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s)\};$$

- (8) For all  $s, t \in R$  with  $s > 0, t > 0$ ,

$$J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, \sqrt{ts}) \geq \min\{J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t), J(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s)\};$$

- (9)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $t \in R$  and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1.$$

Then  $(X, J)$  is called a fuzzy  $n$ -inner product space or in short f-n-IPS.

**Definition 2.3** [11] Let  $X$  be a linear space over a field  $F$ . A fuzzy subset  $J : X^{n+1} \times R$  ( $R$  – set of real numbers) is called a fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product on  $X$  if and only if:

- (1) For all  $t \in R$  with  $t \leq 0$ ,  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ ;
- (2) For all  $t \in R$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$

are linearly dependent;

- (3) For all  $t > 0$ ,  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(y, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$ ;
- (4)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ ;
- (5) For all  $t > 0$ ,  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(x_2, x_2|x, x_3, \dots, x_n, t)$ ;
- (6) For all  $t > 0$ ,  $J(ax, bx|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|ab|})$ ,  $a, b \in R(\text{real})$ ;
- (7) For all  $s, t \in R$ ,

$$J(x + x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t + s) = \min\{J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t), J(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s)\};$$

- (8) For all  $s, t \in R$  with  $s > 0, t > 0$ ,

$$J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, \sqrt{ts}) = \min\{J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t), J(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s)\};$$

- (9)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $t \in R$  and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1.$$

Then  $(X, J)$  is called a fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product space or in short f-ST- $n$ -IPS.

**Example 2.4** [11]. Let  $(X, (\bullet, \bullet|\bullet, \dots, \bullet))$  be an  $n$ -inner product space.

Define

$$J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}, & \text{when } t > 0, t \in R, \\ & (x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n) \in X^{n+1} \\ 0, & \text{when } t \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, J)$  is a f-ST- $n$ -IPS.

**Theorem 2.5 [11].** Let  $(X, J)$  be a f-ST- $n$ -IPS. Assume the condition that (10)  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) > 0$  implies  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent. Define  $(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha = \inf\{t : J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \geq \alpha\}, \alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Then  $\{(\bullet, \bullet|x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha : \alpha \in (0, 1)\}$ , is an ascending family of strong  $n$ -inner products on  $X$ . We call these  $n$ -inner products as strong  $\alpha$ - $n$ -inner product on  $X$  corresponding to the fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product on  $X$ .

**Remark 2.6 [11].** We assume that (10) For  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  linearly independent,  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is continuous functions and strictly increasing on the subset  $\{t : 0 < J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) < 1\}$  of  $R$ .

**Definition 2.7 [13].** Let  $\lambda, \mu \in [0, 1]$  and  $\lambda < \mu$  and let  $A$  be a fuzzy subset of  $G$ . Then  $A$  is called a fuzzy subgroup with thresholds of  $G$  if for all  $x, y \in G$ ,

- (i)  $A(xy) \vee \lambda \geq A(x) \wedge A(y) \wedge \mu$
- (ii)  $A(x^{-1}) \vee \lambda \geq A(x) \wedge \mu$ .

### 3. Equivalent $(\lambda, \mu)$ -Fuzzy Strong $n$ -Inner Product Spaces

We now enter into our new notion of equivalent  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product space. Before proceeding we generalize the notion of fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product space, by defining  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -f-ST- $n$ -IPS as follows.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $X$  be a linear space over a field  $F$ . A fuzzy subset  $J : X^{n+1} \times (0, \infty)$  is called a  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product on  $X$  if and only if:

- (1)  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) > 0$ ;
- (2)  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) = 1$  if and only if  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent;
- (3)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) = J(y, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu)$ ;

- (4)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ ;
- (5)  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) = J(x_2, x_2|x, x_3, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu)$ ;
- (6)  $J(ax, bx|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) = J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|ab|}) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu)$ ,  $a, b \in F$ ;
- (7)  $J(x+x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t+s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) = J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) * J(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu)$ ;
- (8)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, \sqrt{ts}) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) = J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) * J(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu)$ ;
- (9)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $t$  and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) = 1.$$

Then  $(X, J)$  is called a  $(\lambda \wedge \mu)$ -fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product space or in short  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -f-ST- $n$ -IPS. Here  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are called as thresholds in  $[0, 1]$  with  $\lambda < \mu$ .

**Remark 3.2.** In the above definition when  $n = 1$ , it is called as  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -fuzzy inner product space.

The following example justifies the definition 3.1.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $(X, (\bullet, \bullet|\bullet, \dots, \bullet))$  be an  $n$ -inner product space.

Define  $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$  and  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{(\lambda \wedge \mu)t}{(\lambda \wedge \mu)t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}$ , where  $\lambda, \mu \in [0, 1]$  and  $t \in (0, \infty)$ . Then  $(X, J)$  is a  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -f-ST- $n$ -IPS.

**Remark 3.4 .** Let  $(X, J)$  be a  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -f-ST- $n$ -IPS. Assume the condition that (10)  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) > 0$  implies  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent. Define  $(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha = \inf\{t : J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \geq \alpha\}, \alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Then  $\{(\bullet, \bullet|\bullet, \dots, \bullet)_\alpha : \alpha \in (0, 1)\}$ , is an ascending family of strong  $n$ -inner products on  $X$ . We call these  $n$ -inner products as strong  $\alpha$ - $n$ -inner product on  $X$  corresponding to the  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -fuzzy strong  $n$ -inner product on  $X$ .

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $A = (X, J_1)$  and  $B = (X, J_2)$  be two  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -f-ST- $n$ -IPS. Then  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be equivalent if there exists positive constants  $a$  and  $b$  such that

$$J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, bx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \forall t \in R.$$

We denote it by  $J_1 \sim J_2$ .

**Example 3.6.** Let  $(X, (\bullet, \bullet|\bullet, \dots, \bullet))$  be an  $n$ -inner product space. Define

$$J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{k_1(\lambda \wedge \mu)t}{k_1(\lambda \wedge \mu)t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}, t > 0.$$

Then  $A = (X, J_1)$  is a  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -f-ST- $n$ -IPS.

Also define

$$J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{k_2(\lambda \wedge \mu)t}{k_2(\lambda \wedge \mu)t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}, t > 0.$$

Then  $B = (X, J_2)$  is a  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -f-ST- $n$ -IPS.

Choose  $k_1 < k_2$  and  $a > b$ , where  $k_1, k_2, a, b > 0$ .

Then  $A$  and  $B$  are equivalent  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -f-ST- $n$ -IPS.

**Theorem 3.7.** The relation  $\sim$  defined above is an equivalence relation.

*Proof.* (i) The relation is reflexive, since

$$J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, 1.x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, 1.x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \quad \forall t \in R.$$

(ii) To prove symmetry, let

$$J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, a.x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, b.x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \quad \forall t \in R.$$

We have to prove that there exists positive numbers  $c$  and  $d$  such that

$$J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, c.x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, d.x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \quad \forall t \in R.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, a.x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) &\leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \\ \Rightarrow J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{a}) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) &\leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $s = \frac{t}{a}$  then,

$$\begin{aligned} J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) &\leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, a.s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \\ &= J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{s}{\frac{1}{a}}) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \\ &= J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, \frac{x_n}{a}, s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \end{aligned}$$

$$J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, \frac{x_n}{a}, s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \tag{3.1}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) &\leq J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, b.x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \\ &= J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{b}) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $\frac{bt}{a}$  for  $t$  we get,

$$\begin{aligned} J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{bt}{a}) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) &\leq J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{a}) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \\ \Rightarrow J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, bs) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) &\leq J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \\ \Rightarrow J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, \frac{x_n}{b}, s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) &\leq J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Now by (3.1) and (3.2) we get,

$$J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, \frac{x_n}{b}, s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, \frac{x_n}{a}, s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\lambda \wedge \mu) \\
 & \Rightarrow J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, cx_n, s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, dx_n, s) \vee \\
 & (\lambda \wedge \mu) \tag{3.3}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $c = \frac{1}{b}$  and  $d = \frac{1}{a}$

From (3.3) it follows that  $\sim$  is symmetric.

(iii) To prove transitivity, let

$$J_0(x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_0(x, y|x_2, \dots, bx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu)$$

$$J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, cx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_0(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, dx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu).$$

Then we show that there exist two positive numbers  $e$  and  $f$  such that

$$J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, ex_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, fx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu).$$

Now  $J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, cx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_0(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu)$

$$\Rightarrow J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{c}) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_0(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu)$$

$$\Rightarrow J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n, \frac{t}{c}) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_0(x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu)$$

$$\Rightarrow J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, acx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_0(x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, acx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) & \leq J_0(x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \\
 & \leq J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \\
 & \leq J_0(x, y|x_2, \dots, bx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \tag{3.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Also  $J_0(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, dx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu)$

$$\Rightarrow J_0(x, y|x_2, \dots, bx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, bdx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \tag{3.5}$$

From (3.4) and (3.5)

$$J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, acx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, bdx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu).$$

Choose  $ac = e$  and  $bd = f$

$$\Rightarrow J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, ex_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, fx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \tag{3.6}$$

From (3.6) we see that  $\sim$  is transitive. □

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -f-ST- $n$ -IPS satisfying (10) and (11). Then  $A$  and  $B$  are equivalent if and only if their corresponding strong  $\alpha$ - $n$ -inner products are equivalent for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two equivalent  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -f-ST- $n$ -IPS. Then there exists positive constants  $a, b$  and  $c, d$  such that

$$J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, bx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \quad \forall t \in R.$$

Let  $(\bullet, \bullet|\bullet, \dots, \bullet)_\alpha^1$  and  $(\bullet, \bullet|\bullet, \dots, \bullet)_\alpha^2$  where  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  be the corresponding strong

$\alpha$ - $n$ -inner products of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively.

First we show that

$$\begin{aligned} J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) &\leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \text{ for all } t \in R \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha^1 \leq (x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n)_\alpha^2 \text{ for all } \alpha \in (0, 1). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu)$  holds for all  $t \in R$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n)_\alpha^2 &< t \\ \Rightarrow \inf\{s : J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n, s) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \geq \alpha\} &< t \\ \Rightarrow \exists s_0 < t \text{ such that } J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n, s_0) &\geq \alpha \\ \Rightarrow J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s_0) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) &\geq \alpha, \alpha \in (0, 1) \\ \Rightarrow (x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha^1 &\leq s_0 < t \\ \Rightarrow (x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha^1 &\leq (x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n)_\alpha^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Next we suppose that  $(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha^1 \leq (x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n)_\alpha^2$  for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \nu < J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \\ \Rightarrow \nu < \sup\{\alpha \in (0, 1) : (x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n)_\alpha^2 \leq t\} \\ \Rightarrow \exists \alpha_0 \in (0, 1) \text{ such that } \nu < \alpha_0 \text{ and } (x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n)_{\alpha_0}^2 &\leq t \\ \Rightarrow (x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)_{\alpha_0}^1 &\leq t \\ \Rightarrow \nu < J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \\ \Rightarrow J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) &\leq J_1(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

From (3.7) and (3.8) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) &\leq J_2(x, y|x_2, \dots, bx_n, t) \vee (\lambda \wedge \mu) \\ \Leftrightarrow (x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)_\alpha^1 &\leq (x, y|x_2, \dots, ax_n)_\alpha^2 \text{ for all } \alpha \in (0, 1) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

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