

# $M_r$ -FACTORS AND $Q_r$ -FACTORS FOR NEAR QUASINORM ON CERTAIN SEQUENCE SPACES

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We study the multiplicativity factor and quadraticity factor for near quasinorm on certain sequence spaces of Maddox, namely,  $l(p)$  and  $l_\infty(p)$ , where  $p = (p_k)$  is a bounded sequence of positive real numbers.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $X$  be an algebra over a field  $F$  ( $R$  or  $C$ ). A *quasinorm* on  $X$  is a function  $|\cdot| : X \rightarrow R$  such that

- (i)  $|0| = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $|x| \geq 0$ , for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (iii)  $|-x| = |x|$ , for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (iv)  $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ ,
- (v) if  $t_k \in F$ ,  $|t_k - t| \rightarrow 0$ , and  $x_k, x \in X$ ,  $|x_k - x| \rightarrow 0$ , then  $|t_k x_k - tx| \rightarrow 0$ .

If  $|\cdot|$  satisfies only properties (i) to (iv), then we call  $|\cdot|$  a *near quasinorm*. If the quasinorm satisfies  $|x| = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ , then it is said to be *total*.

A *quasinormed linear space* (QNLS) is a pair  $(X, |\cdot|)$  where  $|\cdot|$  is a quasinorm on  $X$ . If  $(X, |\cdot|)$  is a quasinorm space, then the map  $|\cdot| : X \rightarrow R$  is continuous. For  $p > 0$ , a  $p$ -seminorm on  $X$  is a function  $\|\cdot\| : X \rightarrow R$  satisfying

- (i)  $\|x\| \geq 0$ , for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (ii)  $\|tx\| = |t|^p \|x\|$ , for all  $t \in F$ , for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (iii)  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

A seminorm is called a norm if it satisfies the following condition:

- (iv)  $\|x\| = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ .

A  $p$ -seminormed linear space ( $p$ -semi-NLS) is a pair  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  where  $\|\cdot\|$  is a seminorm on  $X$ .  $p$ -normed linear spaces ( $p$ -normed-LS) are defined similarly.

In [1, 2], *multiplicativity factors* (or  $M$ -factors) and *quadrativity factors* (or  $Q$ -factors) for seminorms on an algebra  $X$  have been introduced and studied in detail. A number  $\mu > 0$  is said to be a multiplicativity factor for a seminorm  $S$  if and only if  $S(xy) \leq \mu S(x)S(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ . Similarly, a number  $\lambda > 0$  is said to be a quadrativity factor for  $S$  if and

only if  $S(x^2) \leq \lambda S(x)^2$ , for all  $x \in X$ . The necessary and sufficient conditions for existence of  $M$ -factor and  $Q$ -factor for  $S$  are answered in the following results.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Let  $X$  be an algebra and let  $S \neq 0$  be a seminorm on  $X$ . Then*

(a)  *$S$  has  $M$ -factors on  $X$  if and only if  $\text{Ker } S$  is an ideal in  $X$  and*

$$\mu_{\text{inf}} \equiv \sup \{S(xy) : x, y \in X, S(x) = S(y) = 1\} < +\infty, \tag{1.1}$$

(b) *if  $S$  has  $M$ -factors on  $X$  and  $\mu_{\text{inf}} > 0$ , then  $\mu_{\text{inf}}$  is the best (least)  $M$ -factor for  $S$ ,*

(c) *if  $S$  has  $M$ -factors on  $X$  and  $\mu_{\text{inf}} = 0$ , then  $\mu$  is an  $M$ -factor for  $S$  if and only if  $\mu > 0$ .*

**THEOREM 1.2.** *Let  $X$  be an algebra and let  $S \neq 0$  be a seminorm on  $X$ . Then*

(a)  *$S$  has  $Q$ -factors on  $X$  if and only if  $\text{Ker } S$  is closed under squaring (i.e.,  $(\text{Ker } S)^2 \subset \text{Ker } S$ ) and*

$$\lambda_{\text{inf}} \equiv \sup \{S(x^2) : x \in X, S(x) = 1\} < +\infty, \tag{1.2}$$

(b) *if  $S$  has  $Q$ -factors on  $X$  and  $\lambda_{\text{inf}} > 0$ , then  $\lambda_{\text{inf}}$  is the best (least)  $Q$ -factor for  $S$ ,*

(c) *if  $S$  has  $Q$ -factors on  $X$  and  $\lambda_{\text{inf}} = 0$ , then  $\lambda$  is a  $Q$ -factor for  $S$  if and only if  $\lambda > 0$ .*

If  $S$  is a norm, then  $\text{Ker } S = \{0\}$ . If in addition  $X$  is finite-dimensional, then a simple compactness argument shows that  $\mu_{\text{inf}}$  is finite. Therefore, by Theorem 1.1, norms on finite-dimensional algebras always have  $M$ -factors. If  $S$  is a seminorm on a finite-dimensional algebra  $X$ , then  $S$  has  $M$ -factors on  $X$  if and only if  $\text{Ker } S$  is a (two-sided) ideal in  $X$ . In [1, 2] several examples of seminorms having  $M$ -factors and  $Q$ -factors are given. In [3], scalar multiplicativity factors for near quasinorms on certain sequence spaces of Maddox are studied. Motivated by these results we define  $M_r$ -factors and  $Q_r$ -factors for a near quasinorm  $q$  on an algebra  $X$  as follows.

A number  $\mu > 0$  is an  $M_r$ -factor for  $q$  if and only if  $q(txy) \leq \mu |t|^r q(x)q(y)$ , there exists  $r > 0$ , for all  $t \in F$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

A number  $\lambda > 0$  is a  $Q_r$ -factor for  $q$  if and only if  $q(tx^2) \leq \lambda |t|^r q(x)^2$ , there exists  $r > 0$ , for all  $t \in F$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\text{inf}} &\equiv \sup \left\{ \frac{q(txy)}{|t|^r q(x)q(y)} : t \in F - \{0\}, x, y \in X - \text{Ker } q \right\}, \\ \lambda_{\text{inf}} &\equiv \sup \left\{ \frac{q(tx^2)}{|t|^r q(x)^2} : t \in F - \{0\}, x \in X - \text{Ker } q \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

## 2. $M_r$ -factors and $Q_r$ -factors for near quasinorms

In this section, we will prove the following theorems.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be an algebra over a field  $F$  ( $F = C$  or  $R$ ). Let  $q$  be a near quasinorm on  $X$ . Then*

(a)  *$q$  has  $M_r$ -factors on  $X$  if and only if  $\text{Ker } q$  is a (two-sided) ideal in  $X$  and  $\mu_{\text{inf}} < +\infty$ ,*

(b) *if  $q$  has  $M_r$ -factors on  $X$  and  $\mu_{\text{inf}} > 0$ , then  $\mu_{\text{inf}}$  is the best (least)  $M_r$ -factor for  $q$ ,*

(c) *if  $q$  has  $M_r$ -factors on  $X$  and  $\mu_{\text{inf}} = 0$ , then  $\mu$  is an  $M_r$ -factor for  $q$  if and only if  $\mu > 0$ .*

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be an algebra over a field  $F$  ( $F = C$  or  $R$ ). Let  $q$  be a near quasinorm on  $X$ . Then*

- (a)  $q$  has  $Q_r$ -factors on  $X$  if and only if  $\text{Ker } q$  is closed under squaring (i.e.,  $x^2 \in \text{Ker } q$ , for all  $x \in \text{Ker } q$ ) and  $\lambda_{\text{inf}} < +\infty$ ,
- (b) if  $q$  has  $Q_r$ -factors on  $X$  and  $\lambda_{\text{inf}} > 0$ , then  $\lambda_{\text{inf}}$  is the best (least)  $Q_r$ -factors for  $q$ ,
- (c) if  $q$  has  $Q_r$ -factors on  $X$  and  $\lambda_{\text{inf}} = 0$ , then  $\lambda$  is a  $Q_r$ -factors for  $q$  if and only if  $\lambda > 0$ .

*Proof of Theorem 2.1.* (a) Suppose that  $q$  has an  $M_r$ -factor  $\mu$  on  $X$ . Clearly,  $\text{Ker } q$  is a subspace of  $X$ . Now take any  $x \in \text{Ker } q$  and  $y \in X$ . Then  $q(xy) \leq \mu q(x)q(y) = 0$  which implies that  $xy \in \text{Ker } q$ . Similarly,  $yx \in \text{Ker } q$ , so  $\text{Ker } q$  is a (two-sided) ideal in  $X$ . Now for  $t \in F - \{0\}$  and  $x, y \in X - \text{Ker } q$ , we have  $q(txy) \leq \mu |t|^r q(x)q(y)$  or  $q(txy)/|t|^r q(x)q(y) \leq \mu$  which implies that  $\mu_{\text{inf}} \leq \mu < +\infty$ . Conversely, suppose that  $\text{Ker } q$  is a (two-sided) ideal in  $X$  and  $\mu_{\text{inf}} < +\infty$ . If  $t = 0$ ,  $x \in \text{Ker } q$ , or  $y \in \text{Ker } q$ , then  $txy \in \text{Ker } q$ , so  $0 = q(txy) = \mu_{\text{inf}} |t|^r q(x)q(y)$ . If  $t \neq 0$  and  $x, y \notin \text{Ker } q$ , then  $q(txy)/|t|^r q(x)q(y) \leq \mu_{\text{inf}}$  or  $q(txy) \leq \mu_{\text{inf}} |t|^r q(x)q(y)$ . Therefore,  $q(txy) \leq \mu_{\text{inf}} |t|^r q(x)q(y)$ , for all  $t \in F$  and for all  $x, y \in X$  which implies that  $q$  has  $M_r$ -factors on  $X$ .

(b) Let  $\mu$  be an  $M_r$ -factor for  $q$  on  $X$  and  $\mu_{\text{inf}} > 0$ . Then  $q(txy) \leq \mu |t|^r q(x)q(y)$  for all  $t \in F$  and for all  $x, y \in X$ . Therefore,  $q(txy)/|t|^r q(x)q(y) \leq \mu$ , for all  $t \in F - \{0\}$  and for all  $x, y \in \text{Ker } q$ , so  $\mu_{\text{inf}} \leq \mu$ .

(c) This part follows directly from definition of  $\mu_{\text{inf}}$  and  $M_r$ -factors for  $q$  on  $X$ . □

*Proof of Theorem 2.2.* The proof of this theorem is a simple modification of the proof of Theorem 2.1 and will be omitted. □

### 3. $M_r$ -factors and $Q_r$ -factors for near quasinorm on certain sequence spaces of Maddox

Let  $p = (p_k)$  be a bounded sequence of positive real numbers. The sequence spaces of Maddox  $l_\infty(p)$  and  $l(p)$  are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 l_\infty(p) &= \left\{ (x_k) : x_k \in C, \sup_k |x_k|^{p_k} < \infty \right\}, \\
 l(p) &= \left\{ (x_k) : x_k \in C, \sum_k |x_k|^{p_k} < \infty \right\}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.1}$$

With the usual multiplication (i.e.,  $(x_k)(y_k) = (x_k y_k)$ ), both  $l_\infty(p)$  and  $l(p)$  are algebras over  $C$ . We define near quasinorms  $q_1$  on  $l_\infty(p)$  and  $q_2$  on  $l(p)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_1((x_k)) &= \sup_k |x_k|^{p_k/M}, \quad (x_k) \in l_\infty(p), \\
 q_2((x_k)) &= \left( \sum_k |x_k|^{p_k} \right)^{1/M}, \quad (x_k) \in l(p),
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.2}$$

where  $M = \max\{1, \sup_k p_k\}$ . We observe that  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  may or may not be quasinorms. For example, when  $(p_k) = (1/k)$ , then  $q_1$  is a near quasinorm but not a quasinorm; if  $(p_k) = (1 - 1/(k + 1))$ , then  $q_1$  is a quasinorm.

In this section, we give necessary and sufficient conditions for sequence spaces  $l_\infty(p)$  and  $l(p)$  to have  $M_r$ -factors and  $Q_r$ -factors.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $p = (p_k)$  and let  $M$  be defined as above. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (a)  $p_0 = p_k = p_{k+1}$  for all  $k \geq 0$  where  $p_0$  is a positive real number.
- (b)  $q_1$  has  $M_r$ -factors on  $l_\infty(p)$ .
- (c)  $q_1$  has  $Q_r$ -factors on  $l_\infty(p)$ .
- (d)  $q_1$  is a  $p_0/M$ -seminorm on  $l_\infty(p)$ .

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $p = (p_k)$  and let  $M$  be defined as above. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (a)  $p_0 = p_k = p_{k+1}$  for all  $k \geq 0$  where  $p_0$  is a positive real number.
- (b)  $q_2$  has  $M_r$ -factors on  $l(p)$ .
- (c)  $q_2$  has  $Q_r$ -factors on  $l(p)$ .
- (d)  $q_2$  is a  $p_0/M$ -seminorm on  $l(p)$ .

*Proof of Theorem 3.1.* (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b) If  $p_0 = p_k = p_{k+1}$  for all  $k \geq 1$ , then

$$q_1(txy) = \sup_k |txy|^{p_k/M} = \sup_k |txy|^{p_0/M} \leq |t|^{p_0/M} q_1(x)q_1(y) \tag{3.3}$$

for all  $x, y \in l_\infty(p)$ , so  $q_1$  has an  $M_r$ -factor on  $l_\infty(p)$ .

(b) $\Rightarrow$ (a) Assume that  $q_1$  has  $M_r$ -factors on  $l_\infty(p)$ . This implies that

$$\mu_{\inf} = \sup \left\{ \frac{q_1(txy)}{|t|^r q_1(x)q_1(y)} : t \in F - \{0\}, x, y \in X - \text{Ker } q_1 \right\} < +\infty. \tag{3.4}$$

We shall show that  $r = \sup_k p_k/M = \inf_k p_k/M$  which implies that  $p_k = p_{k+1}$  for all  $k \geq 1$ . To this end we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\inf} &= \sup \left\{ \frac{q_1(txy)}{|t|^r q_1(x)q_1(y)} : t \in F - \{0\}, x, y \in X - \text{Ker } q_1 \right\} \\ &\geq \sup \left\{ \frac{q_1(txy)}{|t|^r q_1(x)q_1(y)} : t \in F - \{0\}, x, y = (1, 1, 1, \dots) \right\} \\ &\geq \sup \left\{ \frac{\sup_k |t|^{p_k/M}}{|t|^r} : t \in F, |t| \geq 1 \right\} = \sup \left\{ |t|^{\sup_k p_k/M} : t \in F, |t| \geq 1 \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

so that

$$\mu_{\inf} \geq \sup \left\{ \frac{|t|^{\sup_k p_k/M}}{|t|^r} : t \in F, |t| \geq 1 \right\}. \tag{3.6}$$

If  $r < \sup_k p_k/M$ , then  $\mu_{\inf} = +\infty$  which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $r \geq \sup_k p_k/M$ . Similarly, we can show that  $r \leq \inf_k p_k/M$  from which it follows that  $r = \sup_k p_k/M = \inf_k p_k/M$  and the proof is complete.

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- (c) $\Rightarrow$ (a) The same proof as (b) $\Rightarrow$ (a).

(d)⇒(b) This is obvious.

(b)⇒(d) Assume that  $q_1$  has  $M_r$ -factors. Then, by (a),  $p_0 = p_k = p_{k+1}$  for all  $k \geq 0$  where  $p_0$  is a positive real number. Moreover, we have

$$q_1(txy) = \sup_k |t \cdot (x_k)(y_k)|^{p_0/M} = |t|^{p_0/M} \sup_k |x_k y_k|^{p_0/M} = |t|^{p_0/M} q_1(xy) \tag{3.7}$$

for all  $x = (x_k), y = (y_k) \in l_\infty(p)$  and all  $t \in F$ . Putting  $y = (1, 1, 1, \dots)$  we see that

$$q_1(tx) = |t|^{p_0/M} q_1(x) \tag{3.8}$$

and the proof is complete. □

*Proof of Theorem 3.2.* The proof is almost the same as in Theorem 3.1 and will be omitted. □

*Remark 3.3.* If the algebra  $X$  has an identity element  $x_0$  for multiplication and  $q \neq 0$  is a near-quasinorm on  $X$  which has an  $M_r$ -factor on  $X$ , then we obtain  $q(x_0) > 0, \mu_{\text{inf}} \geq 1/q(x_0)$  and

$$\frac{1}{q(x_0)\mu_{\text{inf}}} |t|^r q(xy) \leq q(txy) \leq \mu_{\text{inf}} |t|^r q(x)q(y) \tag{3.9}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $t \in F$ .

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