

# Strongly unique best simulations approximation in linear 2-normed spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper we established some basic properties of the set of strongly unique best simultaneous approximation in the context of linear 2-normed space.

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## 1 Introduction

The problem of simultaneous approximation was studied by several authors. Diaz and McLaughlin [2,3], Dunham [4] and Ling, et al.[8] have considered the simultaneous approximation of two real-valued functions defined on a closed interval  $[a, b]$ . Several results related with best simultaneous approximation in the context of normed linear space under different norms were obtained by Goel, et al. [5,6], Phillips, et al. [11], Dunham [4] and Ling, et al. [8]. Strongly unique best simultaneous approximation are investigated by Laurent, et al. [7]. Pai, et al. [9,10] studied the characterization and unicity of strongly unique best simultaneous approximation in normed linear spaces. The notion of strongly unique best simultaneous approximation in the context of linear 2-normed spaces is introduced in this paper. Section 2 gives some important definitions and results that are used in the sequel. Some fundamental properties of the set of strongly unique best simultaneous approximation with respect to 2-norm are established in Section 3.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a linear space over real numbers with dimension greater than one and let  $\|.,.\|$  be a real-valued function on  $X \times X$  satisfying the following properties for all  $x, y, z$  in  $X$ .

(i)  $\|x, y\| = 0$  if and only if  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent,

(ii)  $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$ ,

(iii)  $\|\alpha x, y\| = |\alpha| \|x, y\|$ , where  $\alpha$  is a real number,

(iv)  $\|x, y + z\| \leq \|x, y\| + \|x, z\|$ .

Then  $\|.,.\|$  is called a 2-norm and the linear space  $X$  equipped with the 2-norm is called a linear 2-normed space. It is clear that 2-norm is non-negative.

The following important property of 2-norm was established by Cho [1].

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**Theorem 2.1.** [1] For any points  $x, y \in X$  and any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\|x, y\| = \|x, y + \alpha x\|.$$

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $G$  be a non-empty subset of a linear 2-normed space  $X$ . An element  $g_0 \in G$  is called a strongly unique best approximation to  $x \in X$  from  $G$ , if there exists a constant  $t > 0$  such that for all  $g \in G$ ,

$$\|x - g_0, k\| \leq \|x - g, k\| - t\|g - g_0, k\|, \quad \text{for all } k \in X \setminus [G, x].$$

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $G$  be a non-empty subset of a linear 2-normed space  $X$ . An element  $g_0 \in G$  is called a best simultaneous approximation to  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  from  $G$  if for all  $g \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{\|x_1 - g_0, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g_0, k\|\} &\leq \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\}, \\ &\text{for all } k \in X \setminus [G, x_1, \dots, x_n]. \end{aligned}$$

The definition of strongly unique best simultaneous approximation in the context of linear 2-normed space is introduced here for the first time as follows:

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $G$  be a non-empty subset of a linear 2-normed space  $X$ . An element  $g_0 \in G$  is called a strongly unique best simultaneous approximation to  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  from  $G$ , if there exists a constant  $t > 0$  such that for all  $g \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{\|x_1 - g_0, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g_0, k\|\} &\leq \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\} - t\|g - g_0, k\|, \\ &\text{for all } k \in X \setminus [G, x_1, \dots, x_n], \end{aligned}$$

where  $[G, x_1, \dots, x_n]$  represents a linear space spanned by elements of  $G$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Let  $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  denote the set of all elements of strongly unique best simultaneous approximations to  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  from  $G$ . The subset  $G$  is called an existence set if  $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  contains at least one element for every  $x \in X$ .  $G$  is called a uniqueness set if  $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  contains at most one element for every  $x \in X$ .  $G$  is called an existence and uniqueness set if  $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  contains exactly one element for every  $x \in X$ .

### 3 Some fundamental properties of $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

Some basic properties of strongly unique best simultaneous approximation are obtained in the following Theorems.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $G$  be a non-empty subset of a linear 2-normed space  $X$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ . Then the following statements hold.

- (i)  $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is closed if  $G$  is closed.
- (ii)  $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is convex if  $G$  is convex.
- (iii)  $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is bounded.

*Proof.* (i). Let  $G$  be closed.

Let  $\{g_m\}$  be a sequence in  $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  such that  $g_m \rightarrow \tilde{g}$ .

To prove that  $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is closed, it is enough to show that  $\tilde{g} \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

Since  $G$  is closed,  $\{g_m\} \in G$  and  $g_m \rightarrow \tilde{g}$ , we have  $\tilde{g} \in G$ . Since  $\{g_m\} \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , we have for all  $k \in X \setminus [G, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $g \in G$  and for some  $t > 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{\|x_1 - g_m, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g_m, k\|\} &\leq \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\} - t\|g - g_m, k\|. \\ \Rightarrow \max\{\|x_1 - \tilde{g}, k\| - \|g_m - \tilde{g}, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - \tilde{g}, k\| - \|g_m - \tilde{g}, k\|\} \\ &\leq \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\} - t\|g - g_m, k\| \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

Since  $g_m \rightarrow \tilde{g}$ ,  $g_m - \tilde{g} \rightarrow 0$ . So  $\|g_m - \tilde{g}, k\| \rightarrow 0$ , since 0 and  $k$  are linearly dependent.

Therefore, it follows from (3.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{\|x_1 - \tilde{g}, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - \tilde{g}, k\|\} &\leq \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\} - t\|g - \tilde{g}, k\|, \\ &\text{for all } g \in G \text{ and } k \in X \setminus [G, x_1, \dots, x_n], \quad \text{when } m \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\tilde{g} \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Hence  $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is closed.

(ii). Let  $G$  be a convex set,  $g_1, g_2 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . To show that  $\alpha g_1 + (1 - \alpha)g_2 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , let  $k \in X \setminus [G, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\max\{\|x_1 - (\alpha g_1 + (1 - \alpha)g_2), k\|, \dots, \|x_n - (\alpha g_1 + (1 - \alpha)g_2), k\|\} \\ &\leq \max\{\alpha\|x_1 - g_1, k\| + (1 - \alpha)\|x_1 - g_2, k\|, \dots, \alpha\|x_n - g_1, k\| + (1 - \alpha)\|x_n - g_2, k\|\} \\ &\leq \max\{\alpha\|x_1 - g_1, k\|, \dots, \alpha\|x_n - g_1, k\|\} + \max\{(1 - \alpha)\|x_1 - g_2, k\|, \dots, \\ &\quad (1 - \alpha)\|x_n - g_2, k\|\} \\ &\leq \alpha(\max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\} - t\|g - g_1, k\|) \\ &+ (1 - \alpha)(\max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\} - t\|g - g_2, k\|), \text{ for all } g \in G \text{ and for some } t > 0. \\ &= \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\} - t(\|\alpha g - \alpha g_1, k\| + \|(1 - \alpha)g - (1 - \alpha)g_2, k\|) \\ &\leq \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\} - t\|\alpha g - \alpha g_1 + (1 - \alpha)g - (1 - \alpha)g_2, k\| \\ &= \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\} - t\|g - (\alpha g_1 + (1 - \alpha)g_2), k\|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\alpha g_1 + (1 - \alpha)g_2 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Hence  $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is convex.

(iii). To prove that  $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is bounded, it is enough to prove for arbitrary  $g_0, \tilde{g}_0 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  that  $\|g_0 - \tilde{g}_0, k\| < C$  for some  $C > 0$ , since  $\|g_0 - \tilde{g}_0, k\| < C$  implies that  $\sup_{g_0, \tilde{g}_0 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \|g_0 - \tilde{g}_0, k\|$  is finite and

hence the diameter of  $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is finite.

Let  $g_0, \tilde{g}_0 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Then there exists a constant  $t > 0$  such that for all  $g \in G$  and  $k \in X \setminus [G, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $\max\{\|x_1 - g_0, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g_0, k\|\} \leq \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\} - t\|g - g_0, k\|$

and

$$\max\{\|x_1 - \tilde{g}_0, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - \tilde{g}_0, k\|\} \leq \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\} - t\|g - \tilde{g}_0, k\|.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \|g - g_0, k\| &\leq \|x_1 - g, k\| + \|x_1 - g_0, k\| \\ &\leq 2 \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\} - t\|g - g_0, k\|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\|g - g_0, k\| \leq \frac{2}{1+t} \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\}$  for all  $g \in G$ .

Hence  $\|g - g_0, k\| \leq \frac{2}{1+t}d$ ,

where  $d = \inf_{g \in G} \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\}$ .

Similarly,  $\|g - \tilde{g}_0, k\| \leq \frac{2}{1+t}d$ .

Therefore, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_0 - \tilde{g}_0, k\| &\leq \|g_0 - g, k\| + \|g - \tilde{g}_0, k\| \\ &\leq \frac{4}{1+t}d \\ &= C. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is bounded.

Let  $X$  be a linear 2-normed space,  $x \in X$  and  $[x]$  denote the set of all scalar multiplications of  $x$ .

$$\text{i.e., } [x] = \{\alpha x : \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

□

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $G$  be a subset of a linear 2-normed space  $X$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and  $k \in X \setminus [G, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Then the following statements are equivalent for all  $y \in [k]$ .*

- (i)  $g_0 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .
- (ii)  $g_0 \in Q_G(x_1 + y, \dots, x_n + y)$ .
- (iii)  $g_0 \in Q_G(x_1 - y, \dots, x_n - y)$ .

$$(iv) \quad g_0 + y \in Q_G(x_1 + y, \dots, x_n + y).$$

$$(v) \quad g_0 + y \in Q_G(x_1 - y, \dots, x_n - y).$$

$$(vi) \quad g_0 - y \in Q_G(x_1 + y, \dots, x_n + y).$$

$$(vii) \quad g_0 - y \in Q_G(x_1 - y, \dots, x_n - y).$$

$$(viii) \quad g_0 + y \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

$$(ix) \quad g_0 - y \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

*Proof.* The proof follows immediately by using Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $G$  be a subspace of a linear 2-normed space  $X$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and  $k \in X \setminus [G, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Then*

$$g_0 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n) \Leftrightarrow g_0 \in Q_G(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0),$$

for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

*Proof.* Claim:

$$g_0 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n) \Leftrightarrow g_0 \in Q_G(\alpha x_1 + (1 - \alpha)g_0, \dots, \alpha x_n + (1 - \alpha)g_0), \text{ for all } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Let  $g_0 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \max\{\|x_1 - g_0, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g_0, k\|\} \\ & \leq \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\} - t\|g - g_0, k\|, \text{ for all } g \in G \text{ and for some } t > 0. \\ \Rightarrow & \max\{\|\alpha x_1 - \alpha g_0, k\|, \dots, \|\alpha x_n - \alpha g_0, k\|\} \\ & \leq \max\{\|\alpha x_1 - \alpha g, k\|, \dots, \|\alpha x_n - \alpha g, k\|\} - t\|\alpha g - \alpha g_0, k\|, \text{ for all } g \in G. \\ \Rightarrow & \max\{\|\alpha x_1 - \alpha g_0, k\|, \dots, \|\alpha x_n - \alpha g_0, k\|\} \\ & \leq \max\left\{\left\|\alpha x_1 - \alpha \left(\frac{(\alpha - 1)g_0 + g}{\alpha}\right), k\right\|, \dots, \left\|\alpha x_n - \alpha \left(\frac{(\alpha - 1)g_0 + g}{\alpha}\right), k\right\|\right\} \\ & \quad - t\left\|\alpha \left(\frac{(\alpha - 1)g_0 + g}{\alpha}\right) - \alpha g_0, k\right\|, \text{ for all } g \in G \text{ and } \alpha \neq 0, \text{ since } \frac{(\alpha - 1)g_0 + g}{\alpha} \in G. \\ \Rightarrow & \max\{\|\alpha x_1 + (1 - \alpha)g_0 - g_0, k\|, \dots, \|\alpha x_n + (1 - \alpha)g_0 - g_0, k\|\} \\ & \leq \max\{\|\alpha x_1 + (1 - \alpha)g_0 - g, k\|, \dots, \|\alpha x_n + (1 - \alpha)g_0 - g, k\|\} - t\|g - g_0, k\|. \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow g_0 \in Q_G(\alpha x_1 + (1 - \alpha)g_0, \dots, \alpha x_n + (1 - \alpha)g_0)$ , when  $\alpha \neq 0$ .

If  $\alpha = 0$ , then it is clear that  $g_0 \in Q_G(\alpha x_1 + (1 - \alpha)g_0, \dots, \alpha x_n + (1 - \alpha)g_0)$ .

The converse is obvious by taking  $\alpha = 1$ . Hence the claim is true.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be a subspace of a linear 2-normed space  $X$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and  $k \in X \setminus [G, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Then the following statements are equivalent for all  $y \in [k]$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$*

$$(i) \quad g_0 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

$$(ii) \quad g_0 \in Q_G(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 + y, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 + y).$$

$$(iii) \quad g_0 \in Q_G(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 - y, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 - y).$$

$$(iv) \quad g_0 + y \in Q_G(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 + y, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 + y).$$

$$(v) \quad g_0 + y \in Q_G(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 - y, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 - y).$$

$$(vi) \quad g_0 - y \in Q_G(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 + y, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 + y).$$

$$(vii) \quad g_0 - y \in Q_G(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 - y, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 - y).$$

$$(viii) \quad g_0 + y \in Q_G(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0).$$

(ix)  $g_0 - y \in Q_G(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0)$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows immediately from simple application of Theorem 2.2 and Theorem 3.3.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $G$  be a subset of a linear 2-normed space  $X$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and  $k \in X \setminus [G, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Then*

$$g_0 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n) \Leftrightarrow g_0 \in Q_{G+[k]}(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

*Proof.* The proof follows from a simple application of Theorem 3.2.  $\square$

A corollary similar to that of Corollary 3.4 is established next as follows:

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $G$  be a subspace of a linear 2-normed space  $X$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and  $k \in X \setminus [G, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Then the following statements are equivalent for all  $y \in [k], \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$*

- (i)  $g_0 \in Q_{G+[k]}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .
- (ii)  $g_0 \in Q_{G+[k]}(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 + y, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 + y)$ .
- (iii)  $g_0 \in Q_{G+[k]}(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 - y, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 - y)$ .
- (iv)  $g_0 + y \in Q_{G+[k]}(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 + y, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 + y)$ .
- (v)  $g_0 + y \in Q_{G+[k]}(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 - y, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 - y)$ .
- (vi)  $g_0 - y \in Q_{G+[k]}(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 + y, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 + y)$ .
- (vii)  $g_0 - y \in Q_{G+[k]}(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 - y, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0 - y)$ .
- (viii)  $g_0 + y \in Q_{G+[k]}(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0)$ .
- (ix)  $g_0 - y \in Q_{G+[k]}(\alpha^m x_1 + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0, \dots, \alpha^m x_n + (1 - \alpha^m)g_0)$ .

*Proof.* The proof easily follows from Theorem 3.5 and Corollary 3.4.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be a subset of a linear 2-normed space  $X$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ ,  $k \in X \setminus [G, x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and  $0 \in G$ . If  $g_0 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , then there exists a constant  $t > 0$  such that*  

$$\max\{\|x_1 - g_0, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g_0, k\|\} \leq \max\{\|x_1, k\|, \dots, \|x_n, k\|\} - t\|g_0, k\|.$$

*Proof.* The proof is obvious.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $G$  be a subset of a linear 2-normed space  $X$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and  $k \in X \setminus [G, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . If  $g_0 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , then there exists a constant  $t > 0$  such that for all  $g \in G$ ,*

$$\|g - g_0, k\| \leq 2 \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\} - t\|g - g_0, k\|.$$

*Proof.* The proof is trivial.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $G$  be a subspace of a linear 2-normed space  $X$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ . Then the following statements hold.*

- (i)  $Q_G(x_1 + g, \dots, x_n + g) = Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n) + g$ , for all  $g \in G$ .
- (ii)  $Q_G(\alpha x_1, \dots, \alpha x_n) = \alpha Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* (i). Let  $\tilde{g}$  be an arbitrary but fixed element of  $G$ .

Let  $g_0 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . It is clear that  $g_0 + \tilde{g} \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \tilde{g}$ .

To prove that  $Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \tilde{g} \subseteq Q_G(x_1 + \tilde{g}, \dots, x_n + \tilde{g})$ , it is enough to show that  $g_0 + \tilde{g} \in Q_G(x_1 + \tilde{g}, \dots, x_n + \tilde{g})$ .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & \max\{\|x_1 + \tilde{g} - g_0 - \tilde{g}, k\|, \dots, \|x_n + \tilde{g} - g_0 - \tilde{g}, k\|\} \\ & \leq \max\{\|x_1 - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g, k\|\} - t\|g - g_0, k\|, \\ & \quad \text{for all } g \in G \text{ and for some } t > 0. \\ & \Rightarrow \max\{\|x_1 + \tilde{g} - (g_0 + \tilde{g}), k\|, \dots, \|x_n + \tilde{g} - (g_0 + \tilde{g}), k\|\} \\ & \leq \max\{\|x_1 + \tilde{g} - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n + \tilde{g} - g, k\|\} - t\|g - (g_0 + \tilde{g}), k\|, \\ & \quad \text{for all } g \in G \text{ and for some } t > 0, \text{ since } g - \tilde{g} \in G. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $g_0 + \tilde{g} \in Q_G(x_1 + \tilde{g}, \dots, x_n + \tilde{g})$ .

Conversely, let  $g_0 + \tilde{g} \in Q_G(x_1 + \tilde{g}, \dots, x_n + \tilde{g})$ . To prove that  $Q_G(x_1 + \tilde{g}, \dots, x_n + \tilde{g}) \subseteq Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \tilde{g}$ , it is enough to show that  $g_0 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Let  $k \in X \setminus [G, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then} \quad & \max\{\|x_1 - g_0, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g_0, k\|\} \\
 &= \max\{\|x_1 + \tilde{g} - (g_0 + \tilde{g}), k\|, \dots, \|x_n + \tilde{g} - (g_0 + \tilde{g}), k\|\} \\
 &\leq \max\{\|x_1 + \tilde{g} - g, k\|, \dots, \|x_n + \tilde{g} - g, k\|\} - t\|g - (g_0 + \tilde{g}), k\|, \\
 &\quad \text{for all } g \in G \text{ and for some } t > 0. \\
 \Rightarrow & \max\{\|x_1 - g_0, k\|, \dots, \|x_n - g_0, k\|\} \\
 &\leq \max\{\|x_1 + \tilde{g} - (g + \tilde{g}), k\|, \dots, \|x_n + \tilde{g} - (g + \tilde{g}), k\|\} \\
 &\quad - t\|(g + \tilde{g}) - (g_0 + \tilde{g}), k\|, \\
 &\quad \text{for all } g \in G \text{ and for some } t > 0, \text{ since } g + \tilde{g} \in G. \\
 \Rightarrow & g_0 \in Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n). \text{ Thus the result follows.}
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii). The proof is similar to that of (i). □

**Remark 3.1.** *Theorem 3.9 can be restated as*

$$Q_G(\alpha x_1 + g, \dots, \alpha x_n + g) = \alpha Q_G(x_1, \dots, x_n) + g, \text{ for all } g \in G.$$

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