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**1-TYPE PSEUDO-CHEBYSHEV SUBSPACES IN GENERALIZED 2-NORMED  
SPACES**

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ABSTRACT. We construct a generalized 2-normed space from every normed space. We introduce 1-type pseudo-Chebyshev subspaces in generalized 2-normed spaces and give some results in this field.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of linear 2-normed spaces has been investigated by Gähler in 1965 ([3]) and has been developed extensively in different subjects by others. Lewandowska published a series of papers on 2-normed sets and generalized 2-normed spaces in 1999-2003 ([5]-[9]). There are some works on characterization of 2-normed spaces, extension of 2-functionals and approximation in 2-normed spaces ([1], [2] and [4]). Also, there are some works in approximation theory (for example, [10]-[12]).

Let  $X$  be a linear space of dimension greater than 1 over  $K$ , where  $K$  is the real or complex numbers field. Suppose  $\|.,.\|$  be a non-negative real-valued function on  $X \times X$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $\|x, y\| = 0$  if and only if  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent vectors.
- (ii)  $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .
- (iii)  $\|\lambda x, y\| = |\lambda| \|x, y\|$  for all  $\lambda \in K$  and all  $x, y \in X$ .
- (iv)  $\|x + y, z\| \leq \|x, z\| + \|y, z\|$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Then  $\|.,.\|$  is called a 2-norm on  $X$  and  $(X, \|.,.\|)$  is called a linear 2-normed space.

Every 2-normed space is a locally convex topological vector space. In fact for a fixed  $b \in X$ ,  $p_b(x) = \|x, b\|$ ,  $x \in X$ , is a seminorm and the family  $P = \{p_b : b \in X\}$  of seminorms generates a locally convex topology on  $X$ . But, there are no remarkable relations between normed spaces and 2-normed spaces.

We couldn't construct any 2-norm on  $X$  by a normed space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ , and this could be a motive for definition of generalized 2-normed spaces.

**Definition 1.1.** ([5]-[7]) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be linear spaces,  $D$  be a non-empty subset of  $X \times Y$  such that for every  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y$  the sets

$$D_x = \{y \in Y : (x, y) \in D\}, D^y = \{x \in X : (x, y) \in D\}$$

are linear subspaces of the spaces  $Y$  and  $X$ , respectively. A function  $\|.,.\| : D \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called a generalized 2-norm on  $D$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- ( $N_1$ )  $\|x, \alpha y\| = |\alpha| \|x, y\| = \|\alpha x, y\|$ , for all  $(x, y) \in D$  and every scalar  $\alpha$ .
- ( $N_2$ )  $\|x, y + z\| \leq \|x, y\| + \|x, z\|$ , for all  $(x, y), (x, z) \in D$ .
- ( $N_3$ )  $\|x + y, z\| \leq \|x, z\| + \|y, z\|$ , for all  $(x, z), (y, z) \in D$ .

Then,  $(D, \|.,.\|)$  is called a 2-normed set. In particular, if  $D = X \times Y$ ,  $(X \times Y, \|.,.\|)$  is called a generalized 2-normed space. Moreover, if  $X = Y$ , then the generalized 2-normed space is denoted by  $(X, \|.,.\|)$ .

**Definition 1.2.** ([5]-[7]) Let  $X$  be a linear space,  $\chi$  be a non-empty subset of  $X \times X$  such that  $\chi = \chi^{-1}$  and the set  $\chi^y = \{x \in X : (x, y) \in \chi\}$  is a linear subspace of  $X$ , for all  $y \in X$ . A function  $\|.,.\| : \chi \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called a generalized symmetric 2-norm on  $\chi$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- ( $S_1$ )  $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$ , for all  $(x, y) \in \chi$ .
- ( $S_2$ )  $\|x, \alpha y\| = |\alpha| \|x, y\|$ , for all  $(x, y) \in \chi$  and every scalar  $\alpha$ .
- ( $S_3$ )  $\|x + y, z\| \leq \|x, z\| + \|y, z\|$ , for all  $(x, y), (x, z) \in \chi$ .

Then,  $(\chi, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is called a generalized symmetric 2-normed set. In particular, if  $\chi = X \times X$ , the function  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  is called a generalized symmetric 2-norm on  $\chi$  and  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is called a generalized symmetric 2-normed space.

**Definition 1.3.** ([5]) Let  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a generalized 2-normed space.

- (a) The family  $\beta$  of all sets defined by  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n \{x \in X : \|x, y_i\| < \varepsilon\}$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $y_1, \dots, y_n \in Y$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , forms a complete system of neighborhoods of zero for a locally convex topology in  $Y$ .
- (b) The family  $\beta$  of all sets defined by  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n \{y \in Y : \|x_i, y\| < \varepsilon\}$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , forms a complete system of neighborhoods of zero for a locally convex topology in  $X$ .

We will denote the above topologies by the symbols  $\tau(X, Y)$  and  $\tau(Y, X)$ , respectively. In the case when  $X = Y$ , we will denote these topologies by  $\tau_1(X) = \tau(X, Y)$  and  $\tau_2(X) = \tau(Y, X)$ .

Let us consider the linear spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  and let  $D \subseteq X \times Y$  be a 2-normed set and  $Z$  be a normed space. A map  $f : D \rightarrow Z$  is called 2-linear if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $f(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2) = f(x_1, y_1) + f(x_1, y_2) + f(x_2, y_1) + f(x_2, y_2)$ , for all  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in X$  such that  $x_1, x_2 \in D^{y_1} \cap D^{y_2}$ ,
- (ii)  $f(\delta x, \lambda y) = \delta \lambda f(x, y)$ , for all scalars  $\delta, \lambda$  and all  $(x, y) \in D$ .

A 2-linear map  $f$  is said to be bounded if there exists a non-negative real number  $M$  such that  $\|f(x, y)\| \leq M\|x, y\|$  for all  $(x, y) \in D$ . Also, the norm of a 2-linear map  $f$  is defined by

$$\|f\| = \inf\{M \geq 0 : \|f(x, y)\| \leq M\|x, y\| \text{ for all } (x, y) \in D\}.$$

We denote by  $\langle b \rangle$  the subspace of linear space  $X$  generated by the element  $b \in X$ . For a generalized 2-normed space  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ , a subspace  $W$  of  $X$  and  $b \in Y$ , we denote by  $W_b^{\sharp}$  the Banach space of all  $K$ -valued bounded 2-linear maps on  $W \times \langle b \rangle$ .

Let  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a generalized 2-normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$  and  $b \in Y$ .

- (i)  $w_0 \in W$  is called  $b$ -best approximation of  $x \in X$  in  $W$ , if

$$\|x - w_0, b\| = \inf\{\|x - w, b\| : w \in W\}.$$

The set of all  $b$ -best approximations of  $x$  in  $W$  is denoted by  $P_W^b(x)$ .

- (ii)  $W$  is called  $b$ -proximal if for every  $x \in X \setminus (\overline{W} \setminus W)$ , there exists  $w_0 \in W$  such that  $\|x - w_0, b\| = \inf\{\|x - w, b\| : w \in W\}$ , where  $\overline{W}$  denotes the closure of  $W$  in the seminormed space  $(X, p_b)$ .

Note that,  $W$  is  $b$ -proximal if and only if  $P_W^b(x) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $x \in X \setminus \overline{W}$ .

The following basic lemma is important in the proof of main results.

**Proposition 1.1** ([3]; Theorem 3.6). . Let  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a 2-normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$  and  $b \in X$ . If  $x_0 \in X$  is such that

$$\delta = \inf\{\|x_0 - w, b\| : w \in W\} > 0,$$

then there exists a bounded 2-linear map  $F : X \times \langle b \rangle \rightarrow K$  such that  $F|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $F(x_0, b) = 1$  and  $\|F\| = \frac{1}{\delta}$ .

By review of [3], we find that the following similar Lemma holds for generalized 2-normed spaces.

**Lemma 1.2.** Let  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a generalized 2-normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$  and  $b \in Y$ . If  $x_0 \in X$  is such that

$$\delta = \inf\{\|x_0 - w, b\| : w \in W\} > 0,$$

then there exists a bounded 2-linear map  $F : X \times \langle b \rangle \longrightarrow K$  such that  $F|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $F(x_0, b) = 1$  and  $\|F\| = \frac{1}{\delta}$ .

**Lemma 1.3.** Let  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a generalized 2-normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$ ,  $b \in Y$  and  $x \in X \setminus \overline{W}$ , where  $\overline{W}$  denotes the closure of  $W$  in the seminormed space  $(X, p_b)$ . Then,  $M \subseteq P_W^b(x)$  if and only if there exists  $f \in X_b^\#$  such that  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $\|f\| = 1$  and  $f(x_0 - m, b) = \|x_0 - m, b\|$  for all  $m \in M$ .

*Proof.* First suppose that there exists  $f \in X_b^\#$  such that  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $\|f\| = 1$  and  $f(x_0 - m, b) = \|x_0 - m, b\|$  for all  $m \in M$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_0 - m, b\| &= f(x_0 - m, b) = f(x_0, b) = f(x_0 - w, b) \\ &\leq \|f\| \|x_0 - w, b\| = \|x_0 - w, b\|, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $m \in M$  and all  $w \in W$ . Hence,  $m \in P_W^b(x_0)$  for all  $m \in M$ . Conversely, fix  $m_0 \in M$ . Then,

$$\delta = \|x_0 - m_0, b\| = \inf\{\|x_0 - w, b\| : w \in W\} > 0.$$

By Lemma 1.2, there exists  $g \in X_b^\#$  such that  $g|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $g(x_0, b) = 1$  and  $\|g\| = \frac{1}{\delta}$ . Now for  $f = \delta g$  we have,  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $f(x_0 - m_0, b) = \|x_0 - m_0, b\|$  and  $\|f\| = 1$ . Note that,  $f(x_0 - m, b) = \|x_0 - m_0, b\| = \|x_0 - m, b\|$  for all  $m \in M$ . ■

## 2. 1-TYPE PSEUDO-Chebyshev SUBSPACES

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a generalized 2-normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$  and  $b \in Y$ .

- (i)  $W$  is called  $b$ -pseudo Chebyshev if for every  $x \in X \setminus \overline{W}$ , where  $\overline{W}$  denotes the closure of  $W$  in the seminormed space  $(X, p_b)$ ,  $P_W^b(x)$  is non-empty and finite dimensional.
- (ii)  $W$  is called 1-type pseudo-Chebyshev if  $W$  is  $b$ -pseudo Chebyshev for every  $0 \neq b \in Y$ .

**Example 2.1.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $W = \{(x, y, 0) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  and

$$\|(x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)\| =$$

$$\max\{|x_1y_2 - x_2y_1| + |x_1y_3 - x_3y_1|, |x_1y_2 - x_3y_1| + |x_2y_3 - x_3y_2|\}$$

for all  $(x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in X$ . Then,  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  is a 2-norm on  $X$  and  $W$  is 1-type pseudo-Chebyshev subspace.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $W$  be a pseudo-Chebyshev subspace of a normed space  $(X, \|\cdot\|_1)$  and let  $(Y, \|\cdot\|_2)$  be an arbitrary normed space. Then,  $\|x, y\| = \|x\|_1 \|y\|_2$  is a generalized 2-norm on  $X \times Y$  and  $W$  is 1-type pseudo-Chebyshev subspace.

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a generalized 2-normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$  and  $b \in Y$ . Then,  $W$  is  $b$ -pseudo Chebyshev subspace of  $X$  if and only if there do not exist  $f \in X_b^\#$ ,  $x_0 \in X \setminus \overline{W}$ , where  $\overline{W}$  denotes the closure of  $W$  in the seminormed space  $(X, p_b)$ , and infinitely many linearly independent elements  $w_1, w_2, \dots$  in  $W$  such that  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $\|f\| = 1$  and  $f(x_0 - w_n, b) = \|x_0 - w_n, b\|$ , for all  $n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $W$  is not  $b$ -pseudo Chebyshev subspace. Then, there exists  $x \in X \setminus \overline{W}$ , such that  $P_W^b(x)$  is not finite dimensional. Fix  $w_0 \in P_W^b(x)$ . Then, there exist infinitely many elements  $w_1, w_2, \dots$  in  $P_W^b(x)$  such that  $w_0 - w_1, w_0 - w_2, \dots$  are infinitely many linearly independent elements of  $W$ . Put  $x_0 = x - w_0$  and  $g_n = w_n - w_0$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and note that,  $g_1, g_2, \dots$  are infinitely many linearly independent elements of  $P_W^b(x_0)$ . By Lemma 1.3, there exists  $f \in X_b^\sharp$  such that  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $\|f\| = 1$  and  $f(x_0 - g_n, b) = \|x_0 - g_n, b\|$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . This is a contradiction. ■

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a generalized 2-normed space and let  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Then,  $W$  is 1-type pseudo-Chebyshev subspace if and only if there do not exist  $0 \neq b_0 \in Y$ ,  $x_0 \in X \setminus \overline{W}$ ,  $f_{b_0} \in X_{b_0}^\sharp$ , where  $\overline{W}$  denotes the closure of  $W$  in the seminormed space  $(X, p_{b_0})$ , and infinitely many linearly independent elements  $w_1, w_2, \dots$  in  $W$  such that  $\|f_{b_0}\| = 1$ ,  $f_{b_0}|_{W \times \langle b_0 \rangle} = 0$  and  $f_{b_0}(x_0 - w_n, b_0) = \|x_0 - w_n, b_0\|$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

### 3. $(b, \varepsilon)$ -PSEUDO CHEBYSHEV SUBSPACES

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a generalized 2-normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$ ,  $0 \neq b \in Y$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given.

(i)  $w_0 \in W$  is called  $(b, \varepsilon)$ -best approximation of  $x \in X$  in  $W$ , if

$$\|x - w_0, b\| \leq \inf\{\|x - w, b\| : w \in W\} + \varepsilon.$$

The set of all  $b$ -best approximations of  $x$  in  $W$  is denoted by  $P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(x)$ .

(ii)  $W$  is called  $(b, \varepsilon)$ -pseudo Chebyshev if  $P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(x)$  is finite dimensional for every  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a generalized 2-normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$ ,  $w_0 \in W$ ,  $0 \neq b \in Y$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Then,  $w_0 \in P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(x)$  if and only if there exist  $f \in X_b^\sharp$  such that  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $\|f\| = 1$  and  $f(x - w_0, b) \geq \|x - w_0, b\| - \varepsilon$ .

*Proof.* First suppose that there exist  $f \in X_b^\sharp$  such that  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $\|f\| = 1$  and  $f(x - w_0, b) \geq \|x - w_0, b\| - \varepsilon$ . Then,  $\|x - w_0, b\| \leq f(x - w_0, b) + \varepsilon = f(x - w, b) + \varepsilon \leq \|x - w, b\| \|f\| + \varepsilon = \|x - w, b\| + \varepsilon$  for all  $w \in W$ . Hence,  $w_0 \in P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(x)$ . Conversely, Let  $w_0 \in P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(x)$ . If  $x \in \overline{W}$ , where  $\overline{W}$  denotes the closure of  $W$  in the seminormed space  $(X, p_b)$ , choose  $w_0 \in W$  such that  $\|x - w_0, b\| < \varepsilon$ . Then, every  $f \in X_b^\sharp$  with  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$  and  $\|f\| = 1$ , satisfies  $f(x - w_0, b) \geq \|x - w_0, b\| - \varepsilon$ . If  $x \in X \setminus \overline{W}$ ,  $\delta = \inf\{\|x_0 - w, b\| : w \in W\} > 0$ . Then by Lemma 1.2, there exists  $g \in X_b^\sharp$  such that  $g|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $g(x, b) = 1$  and  $\|g\| = \frac{1}{\delta}$ . Put  $f = \delta g$ . Then,  $f \in X_b^\sharp$ ,  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $\|f\| = 1$  and  $f(x - w_0, b) + \varepsilon = \delta + \varepsilon \geq \|x - w_0, b\|$ . ■

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a generalized 2-normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and  $0 \neq b \in Y$ . Then,  $M \subseteq P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(x)$  if and only if there exists  $f \in X_b^\sharp$  such that  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $\|f\| = 1$  and  $f(x_0 - m, b) \geq \|x_0 - m, b\| - \varepsilon$  for all  $m \in M$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M \subseteq P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(x)$  and choose  $w_0 \in P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(x)$  with  $\|x - w_0, b\| = \lambda + \varepsilon$ , where  $\lambda = \inf\{\|x - w, b\| : w \in W\}$ . By Theorem 3.1, there exist  $f \in X_b^\sharp$  such that  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $\|f\| = 1$  and  $f(x - w_0, b) \geq \|x - w_0, b\| - \varepsilon$ . Then,  $f(x - m, b) = f(x - w_0, b) \geq \|x - w_0, b\| - \varepsilon = \lambda \geq \|x - m, b\| - \varepsilon$ , for all  $m \in M$ . ■

**Theorem 3.3.**  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a generalized 2-normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$ ,  $0 \neq b \in Y$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Then,  $W$  is  $(b, \varepsilon)$ -pseudo Chebyshev subspace if and only if there do not exist  $f \in X_b^\sharp$ ,  $x \in X$  and infinitely many linearly independent elements  $w_1, w_2, \dots$  in  $W$  such that  $\|x, b\| \leq 1$ ,  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $\|f\| = 1$  and  $f(x - w_n, b) \geq \|x - w_n, b\| - \varepsilon$ , for all  $n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* First assume that there exist  $f \in X_b^\sharp$ ,  $x \in X$  and infinitely many linearly independent elements  $w_1, w_2, \dots$  in  $W$  such that  $\|x, b\| \leq 1$ ,  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ ,  $\|f\| = 1$  and  $f(x - w_n, b) \geq \|x - w_n, b\| - \varepsilon$ , for all  $n \geq 1$ . Then,  $w_n \in P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(x)$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . It follows that  $\dim P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(x_0) = \infty$  and hence  $W$  is not  $(b, \varepsilon)$ -pseudo Chebyshev subspace. Now, suppose that  $W$  is not  $(b, \varepsilon)$ -pseudo Chebyshev subspace. Since  $P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(\lambda x) = \lambda P_{W, \varepsilon/\lambda}^b(x)$  and  $P_{W, \varepsilon_1}^b(x) \subseteq P_{W, \varepsilon_2}^b(x)$  for all  $0 < \varepsilon_1 \leq \varepsilon_2$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , there exist  $x_0 \in X$  with  $\|x_0, b\| \leq 1$  such that  $\dim P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(x_0) = \infty$ . Hence,  $P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(x_0)$  contains infinitely many linearly independent elements  $g_1, g_2, \dots$ . By Lemma 3.2, there exists  $f \in X_b^\sharp$  such that  $\|f\| = 1$ ,  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$  and  $f(x_0 - g_n, b) \geq \|x_0 - g_n, b\| - \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . ■

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a generalized 2-normed space,  $0 \neq b \in Y$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and  $f \in X_b^\sharp$ . Define

$$M_{f, \varepsilon}^b = \{x \in X : f(x, b) \geq \|x, b\| - \varepsilon, \|x, b\| \leq 1 + \varepsilon\}.$$

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a generalized 2-normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$ ,  $0 \neq b \in Y$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. If  $M_{f, \varepsilon}^b$  is finite dimensional for all  $f \in X_b^\sharp$  with  $\|f\| = 1$  and  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ , then  $W$  is  $(b, \varepsilon)$ -pseudo Chebyshev subspace.

*Proof.* Assume that  $W$  is not  $(b, \varepsilon)$ -pseudo Chebyshev subspace. Then by Theorem 3.3, there exist  $f \in X_b^\sharp$ ,  $x_0 \in X$  with  $\|x_0, b\| \leq 1$  and infinitely many linearly independent elements  $w_1, w_2, \dots$  in  $W$  such that  $\|f\| = 1$ ,  $f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0$ , and  $f(x_0 - w_n, b) \geq \|x_0 - w_n, b\| - \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Since  $\|x_0 - w_n, b\| \leq f(x_0 - w_n, b) + \varepsilon = f(x_0, b) + \varepsilon \leq 1 + \varepsilon$ ,  $x_0 - w_n \in M_{f, \varepsilon}^b$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . This is a contradiction. ■

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a generalized 2-normed space,  $0 \neq b \in Y$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let  $M$  be a subspace of  $X_b^\sharp$ . For each  $x \in X$ , put

$$D_{x, \varepsilon}^{M, b} = \{y \in X : f(y, b) = f(x, b) \text{ for all } f \in M \text{ \& } \|y, b\| \leq \|x, b\|_M + \varepsilon\},$$

where  $\|x, b\|_M = \sup\{|f(x, b)| : \|f\| \leq 1, f \in M\}$ .

It is clear that  $D_{x, \varepsilon}^{M, b}$  is a non-empty, closed and convex subset of  $(X, p_b)$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

We say that  $M$  has the property  $(b, \varepsilon) - F^*$  if  $D_{x, \varepsilon}^{M, b}$  is finite dimensional for all  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $(X \times Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a generalized 2-normed space,  $W$  be a subspace of  $X$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given,  $0 \neq b \in Y$  and let  $M_0 = \{f \in X_b^\sharp : f|_{W \times \langle b \rangle} = 0\}$ . Then,  $W$  is  $(b, \varepsilon)$ -pseudo Chebyshev subspace if and only if  $M_0$  has the property  $(b, \varepsilon) - F^*$ .

*Proof.* If  $\dim D_{x, \varepsilon}^{M_0, b} = \infty$  for some  $x \in X$ , then there exist infinitely many linearly independent elements  $y_1, y_2, \dots$  in  $D_{x, \varepsilon}^{M_0, b}$ . Hence,  $y_1 - y_n \in W$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and

$$\|y_1 - (y_1 - y_n), b\| = \|y_n, b\| \leq \|x, b\|_{M_0} + \varepsilon = \|y_1 - (y_1 - y_n), b\|_{M_0} + \varepsilon$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ . Therefore,  $y_1 - y_n \in P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(y_1)$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . It follows that  $W$  is not  $(b, \varepsilon)$ -pseudo Chebyshev subspace. Now, suppose that  $\dim P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(x_0) = \infty$  for some  $x_0 \in X$ . Then, there exist infinitely many linearly independent elements  $g_1, g_2, \dots$  in  $P_{W, \varepsilon}^b(x_0)$ . It is easy to see that,  $\|x_0 - g_n, b\| \leq \|x_0 - g_n, b\|_{M_0} + \varepsilon = \|x_0, b\|_{M_0} + \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . It follows that  $x_0 - g_n \in D_{x_0, \varepsilon}^{M_0, b}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , which is a contradiction. ■

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