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## HAHN-BANACH THEOREM IN GENERALIZED 2-NORMED SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we prove an extension Hahn-Banach theorem in the context of generalized 2-normed spaces.

## 1. INTRODUCTION.

In [4] Z. Lewandowska introduced a generalization of Gähler 2-normed space (see [2]) as follows.

**Definition 1.1.** Let X and Y be real linear spaces. Denote by D a non-empty subset of  $X \times Y$  such that for every  $x \in X, y \in Y$  the sets  $D_x = \{y \in Y; (x, y) \in D\}$  and  $D^y = \{x \in X; (x, y) \in D\}$  are linear subspaces of the spaces Y and X, respectively.

A function  $\|., \|: D \to [0, \infty)$  will be called a generalized 2-norm on D if it satisfies the following conditions:

(1)  $||x, \alpha y|| = |\alpha| \cdot ||x, y|| = ||\alpha x, y||$  for any real number  $\alpha$  and all  $(x, y) \in D$ ;

 $(2)\|x,y+z\| \le \|x,y\| + \|x,z\| \text{ for } x \in X, y,z \in Y \text{ with } (x,y), (x,z) \in D;$ 

 $(3)||x+y,z|| \le ||x,z|| + ||y,z|| \text{ for } x,y \in X, z \in Y \text{ with } (x,z), (y,z) \in D.$ 

The set D is called a 2-normed set. In particular, if  $D = X \times Y$ , the function  $\|.,.\|$  is said to be a generalized 2-norm on  $X \times Y$  and the pair  $(X \times Y, \|.,.\|)$  is called a generalized 2-normed space. If X = Y, then the generalized 2-normed space  $(X \times X, \|.,.\|)$  is denoted by  $(X, \|.,.\|)$ . In the case that X = Y,  $D = D^{-1}$ , where  $D^{-1} = \{(y, x) : (x, y) \in D\}$ , and  $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$  for all  $(x, y) \in D$ , we call  $\|.,.\|$  a generalized symmetric 2-norm and D a symmetric 2-normed set.

Recall that in Gähler definition of a 2-norm ||x, y|| = 0 if and only if x and y are linearly dependent, and this is a crucial difference between Gähler's approach and Lewandowska's one.

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