76. On the Norms by Uniformly Finite Modulars

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Let R be a modulared semi-ordered linear space and m be a modular¹⁾ on R. On R we can define two norms as follows:

$$||x|| = \inf_{\xi > 0} \frac{1 + m(\xi x)}{\xi}, \quad |||x||| = \inf_{m(\xi x) \le 1} \frac{1}{|\xi|} \qquad (x \in R).$$

||x|| is said to be the first norm by m and |||x||| is said to be the second norm or the modular norm by m. Since we have $|||x||| \le ||x|| \le ||x|| \le 2|||x|||$ for every $x \in R$ (cf. [4]), they are equivalent to each other.

It is well known that if a modular *m* is finite, i.e. $m(x) < +\infty$ for all $x \in R$, then the modular norm is continuous, and that the converse of this is true when *R* has no atomic element.

In [1] I. Amemiya showed that if a modular *m* is monotone complete²⁾ and the modular norm is continuous, then the norm satisfies the following condition: for every $1 > \varepsilon > 0$ there exists an integer *n* such that the norm of the sum of *n* mutually orthogonal elements having their norm more than ε is always ≥ 1 . In this paper we call the norm satisfying the above condition to be finitely monotone.

We shall investigate the properties of finitely monotone norm and show the form of the conjugate norm in §1. In §2 we examine the relations between a modular and the modular norm in case it is finitely monotone. In fact, we shall prove that if a modular m is uniformly finite, then the modular norm is finitely monotone. The converse of this is valid, if we suppose that R has no atomic element.

If a modular is defined on a universally continuous semi-ordered linear space, then as showed above, we can define the norms whose convergences are equivalent to the modular convergence.³⁾ Thus it will be conjectured that if a norm is defined on a universally continuous semi-ordered linear space, then there may be defined a modular whose convergence is equivalent to the norm convergence. In §3 we shall establish a normed semi-ordered linear space which is a sort of Köthe space on [0, 1], and it answers negatively to this conjecture. Finitely

¹⁾ For the definition of the modular see H. Nakano [4]. The notations and terminologies used here are due to the book [4].

²⁾ *m* is said to be monotone complete if $0 \leq a_{\lambda} \uparrow \\ \lambda \in A$, $\sup_{\lambda \in A} m(a_{\lambda}) < +\infty$ implies the existence of $\bigcup_{\lambda \in A} a_{\lambda}$.

³⁾ A sequence of elements $x_i \in R$ $(i=1, 2, \dots)$ is said to be modular convergent to x_0 , if $\lim_{i \to \infty} m(\xi(x_i - x_0)) = 0$ for every $\xi > 0$.