

REPRESENTATION OF CONTINUOUS LINEAR FUNCTIONALS ON SMOOTH REFLEXIVE BANACH SPACES

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**Abstract.** The main purpose of this paper is to give some representation theorems for the continuous linear functionals on smooth reflexive Banach spaces by use of the semi-inner-product in the sense of Lumer or Tapia [4], [7].

**Introduction.** DEFINITION 1 ([4], [1] p. 386). Let  $X$  be a real or complex linear space. A mapping  $(\cdot, \cdot)_L : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  is called a semi-inner-product in the sense of Lumer ( $L$ -semi-inner-product), if the following conditions are satisfied :

- (i)  $(x + y, z)_L = (x, z)_L + (y, z)_L; \quad x, y, z \in X;$
- (ii)  $(\lambda x, y)_L = \lambda(x, y)_L; \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{K}, \quad x, y \in X;$
- (iii)  $(x, x)_L > 0$  if  $x \neq 0;$
- (iv)  $|(x, y)_L|^2 \leq (x, x)_L (y, y)_L; \quad x, y \in X;$
- (v)  $(x, \lambda y)_L = \bar{\lambda}(x, y)_L; \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{K}, \quad x, y \in X.$

We note that the mapping  $X \ni x \mapsto (x, x)^{\frac{\|\cdot\|}{2}} \in \mathbb{R}_+$  is a norm on  $X$ , and the functional given by  $X \ni x \mapsto (x, y)_L \in \mathbb{K}$  is a continuous linear functional on the normed linear space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  and  $\|f_y\| = \|y\|$ .

**THEOREM A** ([6], [1] p. 386). *Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space. Then every  $L$ -semi-inner-product which generates the norm is given by*

$$(1) \quad (x, y)_L = \langle \tilde{J}(y), x \rangle \quad x, y \in X,$$

where  $\tilde{J}$  is a section of duality mapping on  $X$ .

**COROLLARY** ([1] p. 387). *Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space. Then*

- (i) *there exists a unique  $L$ -semi-inner-product which generates the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  iff  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a smooth normed linear space;*
- (ii) *an  $L$ -semi-inner-product on  $X$  which generates the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is a scalar product iff  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a prehilbertian space.*

Further on, by using the notion of the continuous  $L$ -semi-inner-product, i.e. an  $L$ -semi-inner-product which verifies the condition

$$(C) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \operatorname{Re}(y, x + ty)_L = \operatorname{Re}(y, x)_L, \quad x, y \in X,$$

a characterization of smooth normed linear spaces will be established ([1] p. 387).

**THEOREM B.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space and let  $(\cdot, \cdot)_L$  be an  $L$ -semi-inner-product which generates the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Then  $(\cdot, \cdot)_L$  is continuous iff  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a smooth normed linear space.

**DEFINITION 2** ([7], [1] p. 389). Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a real normed linear space and let  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}\|x\|^2$ ,  $x \in X$ . Then the mapping

$$(x, y)_T = (V_+ f)(y) \cdot x = \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{f(y + tx) - f(y)}{t}$$

$x, y \in X$ , is called a semi-inner-product in the sense of Tapia, or a  $T$ -semi-inner-product.

Some properties of the  $T$ -semi-inner-product are given by ([1] p. 390):

- (i)  $(x, x)_T = \|x\|^2$ ,  $x \in X$ ;
- (ii)  $|(x, y)_T| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$ ,  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (iii)  $(\alpha x, \beta y)_T = \alpha\beta(x, y)_T$  if  $\alpha\beta \geq 0$  and  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (iv) the  $T$ -semi-inner-product is subadditive and continuous in the first argument.

**THEOREM C** ([6], [1] p. 392). Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a real normed linear space and let  $\varepsilon$  be the set of all  $L$ -semi-inner-products which generate the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Then we have

$$(2) \quad (x, y)_T = \sup_{(\cdot, \cdot)_L \in \varepsilon} (x, y)_L, \quad x, y \in X.$$

**COROLLARY** ([1] p. 292). The semi-inner-product in the sense of Tapia is an  $L$ -semi-inner-product which generates the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  iff  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a smooth normed linear space.

It is well known that the normed linear space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a smooth space iff the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is a Gâteaux differentiable function on  $X - \{0\}$ .

**THEOREM D.** ([1] p. 392). Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a real normed linear space. The following sentences are equivalent:

- (i) the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is Gâteaux differentiable on  $X - \{0\}$ ;
- (ii)  $(x, \alpha y)_T = \alpha(x, y)_T$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (iii)  $(\alpha x, y)_T = \alpha(x, y)_T$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (iv)  $(\alpha x + \beta y, z)_T = \alpha(x, z)_T + \beta(y, z)_T$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x, y \in X$ .

Further on, we shall present the representation theorem for the continuous linear functional on a real normed space established in [7] by R. A. Tapia ([1] p. 400).

**THEOREM E.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a real normed linear space. Then the following sentences are equivalent:

- (i)  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a smooth reflexive Banach space;
- (ii) for every  $f \in X^*$ , there exists an  $x_f \in X$  such that
- (3)  $f(x) = (x, x_f)_T$ ,  $\|f\| = \|x_f\|$ ,  $x \in X$

In ref. [6], I. Roşca introduced the following definition (see also [1], p. 401):

**DEFINITION 3.** An  $L$ -semi-inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)_L$  has the Riesz-representation property iff for every  $f \in X^*$  there exists an  $x_f \in X$  such that

$$(4) \quad f(x) = (x, x_f)_L, \quad \|f\| = \|x_f\|, \quad x \in X.$$

Finally, we present the representation theorem due to I. Roşca [6] (see also [1], p. 401):

**THEOREM F.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a real normed linear space. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- (i) There exists a surjective section  $\tilde{J}$  of duality mapping on  $X$ ;
- (ii) there exists an  $L$ -semi-inner-product on  $X$  which generates the norm and which has the Riesz-representation property.

**COROLLARY.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a real normed linear space. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- (i)  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a smooth reflexive Banach space;
- (ii) there exists a unique  $L$ -semi-inner-product on  $X$  which generates the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and which has the Riesz-representation property.

## 1. REPRESENTATION THEOREMS IN SMOOTH REFLEXIVE BANACH SPACES

In this section,  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  will be a normed linear space over  $\mathbb{K}$ , where  $\mathbb{K}$  is the real or complex number field.

**1.1. LEMMA.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space and let  $(\cdot, \cdot)_L$  an  $L$ -semi-inner-product which generates the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Then the following sentences are equivalent:

- (i)  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a smooth normed linear space;
- (ii) for every  $x, y \in X$ , there exist the limits

$$(1) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \operatorname{Re}(y, x + ty)_L, \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\operatorname{Re}(x, x + ty)_L - \operatorname{Re}(x, x)_L}{t}$$

*Proof.* "(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)". If  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a smooth normed linear space, then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \operatorname{Re}(y, x + ty)_L = \operatorname{Re}(y, x)_L$ , for every  $x, y \in X$ .

On the other hand, we have

$$(2) \quad \frac{\|x + ty\|^2 - \|x\|^2}{t} = \frac{\operatorname{Re}(x, x + ty)_L - (x, x)_L}{t} + \operatorname{Re}(y, x + ty)_L$$

for every  $x, y \in X$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t \neq 0$ .

Since the norm is Gâteaux-differentiable on  $X - \{0\}$ , it results that the limit  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\operatorname{Re}(x, x + ty)_L - (x, x)_L}{t}$  exists for every  $x, y \in X$ .

"ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i)". It is evident by relation (2).

1.2. LEMMA. Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a smooth normed linear space and let  $(\cdot, \cdot)_L$  be the  $L$ -semi-inner product which generates the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Then we have

$$(3) \quad (y, x)_T = \operatorname{Re}(y, x)_L = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\operatorname{Re}(x, x + ty)_L - \|x\|^2}{t}$$

for every  $x, y \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let us consider the mapping  $[\cdot, \cdot]_L : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $[y, x]_L = \operatorname{Re}(y, x)_L$ . Then  $[\cdot, \cdot]_L$  is a real  $L$ -semi-inner-product which generates the norm. Since  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a smooth normed linear space, it results that  $[y, x]_L = (y, x)_T$  for every  $x, y \in X$ .

On the other hand, by relation (2), we have

$$2(y, x)_T = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\operatorname{Re}(x, x + ty)_L - \|x\|^2}{t} + [y, x]_L$$

from where (3) is immediate.

Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space over  $\mathbb{K}$  and let  $(\cdot, \cdot)_L$  be an  $L$ -semi-inner-product which generates the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .

1.3. DEFINITION ([6], [1] p. 401). The element  $x \in X$  is called  $L$ -orthogonal over the element  $y \in X$  iff  $(y, x)_L = 0$ . We note that  $xLy$ .

The following orthogonality properties in the sense of Lumer are evident :

- (i)  $0Lx, xL0, x \in X$ ;
- (ii)  $xLx \Rightarrow x = 0$ ;
- (iii)  $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}, xLy \Rightarrow \alpha xLy$ .

1.4. LEMMA. Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a smooth normed linear space and let  $(\cdot, \cdot)_L$  be the  $L$ -semi-inner-product which generates the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . If for every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$  we have

$$(4) \quad \|x + \lambda y\| \geq \|x\|,$$

then

$$(5) \quad xLy.$$

*Proof.* a. Let  $\lambda = t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then, we have

$$\|x + ty\|^2 - \|x\|^2 \geq 0, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Applying the  $L$ -semi-inner product properties, one gets

$$(6) \quad \operatorname{Re}(x, x + ty)_L - (x, x)_L + t \operatorname{Re}(y, x + ty)_L \geq 0, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

If  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\frac{\operatorname{Re}(x, x + ty)_L - (x, x)_L}{t} + \operatorname{Re}(y, x + ty)_L \geq 0.$$

If  $t \rightarrow 0, t > 0$ , we obtain  $\operatorname{Re}(y, x)_L \geq 0$ .

Let  $t = -\mu, \mu > 0$  in (6). Then we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re}(x, x + \mu(-y))_L - (x, x)_L + \mu \operatorname{Re}(-y, x) + \mu(-y)_L \geq 0$$

from where that  $\operatorname{Re}(-y, x)_L \geq 0$  is immediate.

But  $\operatorname{Re}(-y, x)_L = -\operatorname{Re}(y, x)_L$  which implies that  $\operatorname{Re}(y, x)_L = 0$ .

b. Let  $\lambda = it, t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we have

$$(7) \quad \operatorname{Re}(x, x + t(iy))_L - (x, x)_L + t \operatorname{Re}(iy, x + t(iy))_L \geq 0, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Putting  $z := iy$ , from (7) we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re}(x, x + tz)_L - (x, x)_L + t \operatorname{Re}(z, x + tz)_L \geq 0, t \in \mathbb{R},$$

which implies that  $\operatorname{Re}(z, x)_L = 0$ .

But  $\operatorname{Re}(iy, x)_L = -\operatorname{Im}(y, x)_L$ , and then  $\operatorname{Im}(y, x)_L = 0$ . We obtain  $(y, x)_L = 0$  i.e.  $xLy$ . The lemma is proven.

1.5. DEFINITION. Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space and let  $(\cdot, \cdot)_L$  be an  $L$ -semi-inner-product which generates the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . If  $A \subset X$  is a non-empty set, then we denote by  $A^L$  the set given by

$$A^L := \{x : x \in X \text{ and } xLy, \text{ for every } y \in A\}$$

It is easy to see that  $0 \in A^L$ ;  $A \cap A^L = 0$  if  $0 \in A$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}, x \in A^L$  implies that  $\alpha x \in A^L$ . We remark, that in general,  $A^L$  is not a linear subspace in  $X$ .

Further on, we shall establish a representation theorem for the elements of a smooth reflexive Banach space which generalize a well-known result at work in Hilbert spaces.

1.6. THEOREM. Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a smooth reflexive Banach space and let  $(\cdot, \cdot)_L$  be the  $L$ -semi-inner-product which generates the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Then for every  $E$  a closed linear subspace in  $X$ , and all  $x \in X$ , there exist  $x' \in E$  and  $x'' \in E^L$  such that

$$(8) \quad x = x' + x''.$$

*Proof.* Let  $E$  be a closed linear subspace in  $X$  and let  $x$  be an element of  $X$ .

If  $x \in E$ , then  $x = x' + x''$  with  $x' = x \in E$  and  $x'' = 0 \in E^L$ .

If  $x \notin E$ , then there exists an element  $x' \in E$  such that  $d(x, E) = d(x, x') = \|x - x'\|$ . Putting  $x'' = x - x'$ , we obtain

$$\|x'' + \lambda y\| = \|x - x' + \lambda y\| = \|x - (x' - \lambda y)\| \geq \|x - x'\| = \|x''\|$$

for every  $y \in E$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$ .

Applying lemma 1.4.L. we obtain  $x''Ly$ , for every  $y \in E$ , which means that  $x'' \in E^L$ .



1.7. REMARK. If  $E$  is a proper closed linear subspace in  $X$ , then there exists an  $x_0 \in E^\perp$  such that  $x_0 \neq 0$ .

We can now prove a representation theorem for the continuous linear functionals on a smooth reflexive Banach spaces over the real or complex number field.

1.8. THEOREM. Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a smooth reflexive Banach space and let  $(\cdot, \cdot)_L$  be the  $L$ -semi-inner-product which generate the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Then, for every  $f \in X^*$ , there exists a  $u_f \in X$  such that

$$(9) \quad f(x) = (x, u_f)_L, \quad \|f\| = \|u_f\|, \quad x \in X.$$

In addition, if  $f \neq 0$ , then the representation element  $u_f$  is given by

$$(10) \quad u_f = \frac{\overline{f(w)}}{\|w\|^2} w$$

where  $w \in \text{Ker}(f)^\perp$  and  $w \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f \in X^*$ . If  $f = 0$  and putting  $u_f = 0$ , then relation (9) is satisfied. If  $f \neq 0$ , then  $\text{ker}(f)$  is a proper closed linear subspace in  $X$ , and there exists a  $w_0 \in \text{Ker}(f)^\perp$  such that  $w_0 \neq 0$ .

Let  $w \in \text{Ker}(f)^\perp$ ,  $w \neq 0$  and  $x \in X$ . Then, we have

$$f(x)w - f(w)x \in \text{Ker}(f),$$

which implies that  $wL(f(x)w - f(w)x)$ . We obtain

$$(f(x)w - f(w)x, w)_L = 0$$

for every  $x \in X$ , from where it results that  $f(x) = \frac{f(w)}{\|w\|^2} (x, w)_L$ ,  $x \in X$ .

Putting  $u_f = \frac{\overline{f(w)}}{\|w\|^2} w$ , it results that  $f(x) = (x, u_f)_L$ ,  $x \in X$ .

On the other hand, we have

$$|f(x)| = |(x, u_f)_L| \leq \|x\| \|u_f\| \quad \text{and}$$

$$\|f\| = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{|f(x)|}{\|x\|} \geq \frac{|f(u_f)|}{\|u_f\|} = \|u_f\|$$

which implies that  $\|f\| = \|u_f\|$ .

The theorem is proven.

1.9. OBSERVATION. This theorem extends the implication "(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)" of Tapia's theorem to the complex case and provides more information in connection with the representation element  $u_f$ . We also note that if  $X$  is a Hilbert space, one gets the Riesz theorem with a similar proof.

1.10. COROLLARY. Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a smooth reflexive Banach space over a complex field. Then, for every  $f \in X^*$ , there exists a  $u_f \in X$  such that

$$(11) \quad f(x) = (x, u_f)_T - i(ix, u_f)_T, \quad \|f\| = \|u_f\|, \quad x \in X.$$

*Proof.* It is easy to see that  $(x, y)_L = \text{Re}(x, y)_L - i \text{Re}(ix, y)_L$  for every  $x, y \in X$ . But  $\text{Re}(x, y)_L = (x, y)_T$  (see lemma 1.2.L), and applying theorem 1.8.T, the corollary is proven.

1.11. COROLLARY. Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a smooth reflexive Banach space over a complex field and let  $(\cdot, \cdot)_L$  be the  $L$ -semi-inner-product which generates the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Then, for every  $f \in X^*$ , there exists a  $u_f \in X$  such that

$$f(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{Re}(u_f, u_f + tx)_L - \|u_f\|^2}{t} - i \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{Re}(u_f, u_f + itx)_L - \|u_f\|^2}{t}$$

$$(12)$$

$x \in X$ , and

$$(13) \quad \|f\| = \|u_f\|.$$

*Proof.* By lemma 1.2.L, we have

$$(x, y)_T = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{Re}(y, y + tx)_L - \|y\|^2}{t}$$

and applying corollary 1.10, we obtain (12).

## 2. REPRESENTATION THEOREMS IN SMOOTH REFLEXIVE BANACH SPACES OF (N)-TYPE

Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a smooth normed linear space over  $\mathbb{K} (\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C})$ .

2.1. DEFINITION. The space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is called a smooth normed linear space of  $(N)$ -type of the  $L$ -semi-inner-product which generates the norm satisfy the relation

$$(N) \quad |(x, y + z)_L| \leq |(x, y)_L| + |(x, z)_L|$$

for every  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Since  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a smooth normed linear space, we note that condition (N) is equivalent with the condition

$$(J) \quad |\langle J(y + z), x \rangle| = |\langle J(y), x \rangle| + |\langle J(z), x \rangle|, \quad x, y, z \in X$$

where  $J$  is the duality mapping on  $X$ .

2.2. REMARK. Every prehilbertian space is a smooth normed linear space of  $(N)$ -type

2.3. THEOREM. Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a smooth reflexive Banach space of  $(N)$ -type. Then, for every  $E$  closed linear subspace in  $X$ , we have:

- (i)  $E^\perp$  is a closed linear subspace in  $X$ ,
- (ii) for every  $x \in X$ , there exists a unique  $x' \in E$  and a unique  $x'' \in E^\perp$  such that  $x = x' + x''$ .
- (iii)  $X = E \oplus E^\perp$  (a topological sum).

*Proof.* (i) Suppose that  $x, y \in E^L$ . Then, for every  $e \in E$ , we have  $|(e, x + y)_L| \leq |(e, x)_L| + |(e, y)_L| = 0$ , which implies that  $x + y \in E^L$ .

Since  $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$ ,  $x \in E^L \Rightarrow \alpha x \in E^L$ , one gets that  $E^L$  is a linear subspace in  $X$ .

Let us consider the mapping  $p_e: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $p_e(x) = |(e, x)_L|$ , where  $e \in X$  and  $e \neq 0$ . It is easy to see that  $p_e$  is a semi-norm on  $X$ , for every  $e \in X$ ,  $e \neq 0$ .

Let  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & |(e, x_n)_L| - |(e, x)_L| = |p_e(x_n) - p_e(x)| \leq p_e(x_n - x) = \\ & = |(e, x_n - x)_L| \leq \|e\| \|x_n - x\|, \text{ what implies } |(e, x_n)_L| \rightarrow |(e, x)_L|. \end{aligned}$$

If  $y_n \in E^L$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$  in  $X$ , then, for every  $e \in E$ , we have

$$0 = |(e, y_n)_L| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |(e, y_n)_L| = |(e, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n)_L| = |(e, y)_L|,$$

which means that  $y \in E^L$ .

Consequently,  $E^L$  is a closed linear subspace in  $X$ .

(ii). Let  $x \in X$  and let

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x' + x'', \quad x' \in E, \quad x'' \in E^L; \\ x &= y' + y'', \quad y' \in E; \quad y'' \in E^L \end{aligned}$$

be two representations of  $x$ .

One gets

$$E \ni x' - y' = x'' - y'' \in E^L.$$

Since  $E \cap E^L = \{0\}$ , we obtain  $x' = y'$ ,  $x'' = y''$ .

(iii). It is evident by (i) and (ii).

The theorem is proven.

Another property of smooth reflexive Banach spaces which satisfies condition (N) is included in the following theorem.

**2.4. THEOREM.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a smooth reflexive Banach space of (N)-type and let  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  be the L-semi-inner-product which generates the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Then, for every  $f \in X^*$ , there exists a unique element  $u_f \in X$  such that

$$(1) \quad f(x) = (x, u_f)_L, \quad \|f\| = \|u_f\|, \quad x \in X.$$

In addition, if  $f \neq 0$ ,  $u_f$  is given by

$$(2) \quad u_f = \frac{\overline{f(w)}}{\|w\|^2} w,$$

where  $w \in \text{Ker}(f)^L$  and  $w \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f \in X^*$ .

If  $f = 0$  and if we suppose that  $0 = f(x) = (x, v_f)_L$  with  $x \in X$  and  $v_f \neq 0$ , we obtain  $0 = f(v_f) = \|v_f\|^2$  which implies that  $v_f = 0$ .

If  $f \neq 0$ , then by theorem 1.8.T, there exists an element  $u_f \neq 0$  such that relation (1) is valid. We have  $(x, u_f)_L = f(x) = 0$  for every  $x \in \text{Ker}(f)$  which implies that  $u_f \in \text{Ker}(f)^L$ .

If  $v_f \in \text{Ker}(f)^L$  is another element which satisfies relation (1), since  $\text{Ker}(f)^L$  is a one-dimensional linear subspace in  $X$ , there exists a  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$ ,  $\lambda \neq 1$ , such that  $v_f = \lambda u_f$ .

One gets

$$(x, u_f)_L = f(x) = (x, v_f)_L = \overline{\lambda} (x, u_f)_L, \quad x \in X$$

from where it results that  $\lambda = 1$ .

The theorem is proven.

**2.5. COROLLARY.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a smooth reflexive Banach space of (N)-type over the complex number field. Then, for every  $f \in X^*$ , there exists a unique element  $u_f \in X$  such that

$$(3) \quad f(x) = (x, u_f)_L - i(x, u_f)_R, \quad \|f\| = \|u_f\|, \quad x \in X.$$

**2.6. COROLLARY.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a smooth reflexive Banach space of (N)-type over the complex number field and let  $(\cdot, \cdot)_L$  be the L-semi-inner-product which generates the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Then, for every  $f \in X^*$ , there exists a unique element  $u_f \in X$  such that

$$(4) \quad f(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{Re}(u_f, u_f + tx)_L - \|u_f\|^2}{t} - i \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{Re}(u_f, u_f + itx)_L - \|u_f\|^2}{t}$$

for every  $x \in X$ , and

$$(5) \quad \|f\| = \|u_f\|.$$

### 3. APPLICATIONS

In ref. [2] M. Golomb and R. A. Tapia (see also [1], p. 283) proved the following theorem:

**3.1. THEOREM.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a real Banach space with a univocal duality mapping. Then  $J$  is a linear operator if and only if  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a prehilbertian space.

Further on, we shall give a characterization theorem for the Hilbert space by use of lemma 1.2.L.

**3.2. THEOREM.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a smooth Banach space. Then the following sentences are equivalent:

- (i)  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Hilbert space;
- (ii) for every  $x, y \in X$ , we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{Re}(x, x + ty)_L - \|x\|^2}{t} = \text{Re}(x, y)_L,$$

where  $(\cdot, \cdot)_L$  is the L-semi-inner-product which generates the norm.

*Proof.* "(i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii)". It is evident.

"(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i)". By lemma 1.2.L, we have

$$\operatorname{Re}(y, x)_L = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\operatorname{Re}(x, x + ty)_L - \|x\|_L^2}{t}, \quad x, y \in X$$

which implies that  $\operatorname{Re}(y, x)_L = \operatorname{Re}(x, y)_L$ .

If  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a smooth Banach space over the real number field, then the theorem is proven.

If  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a smooth Banach space over the complex number field, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (y, x)_L &= \operatorname{Re}(y, x)_L + i \operatorname{Im}(y, x)_L = \operatorname{Re}(y, x)_L + i \operatorname{Re}[-i(y, x)_L] = \\ &= \operatorname{Re}(y, x)_L - i \operatorname{Re}(iy, x)_L = \operatorname{Re}(y, x)_L - i \operatorname{Re}(x, iy)_L = \\ &= \operatorname{Re}(x, y)_L - i \operatorname{Re}[i(x, y)_L] = \operatorname{Re}(x, y)_L + i \operatorname{Re}[i(x, y)_L] = \\ &= \operatorname{Re}(x, y)_L - i \operatorname{Im}(x, y)_L = \overline{(x, y)_L} \end{aligned}$$

for every  $x, y \in X$ , which implies that  $(\cdot, \cdot)_L$  is a scalar product on  $X$ .

The theorem is proven.

The theorem of Lindenstrauss-Tzafriri [3] (see also [5], p. 198) is well known:

**3.3. THEOREM.** *Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space. If every  $E \subset X$ , a closed linear subspace, is complemented in  $X$ , then  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is isomorphic to a Hilbert space.*

Finally, using the Lindenstrauss-Tzafriri theorem, we can prove the following theorem:

**3.4. THEOREM.** *Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a smooth reflexive Banach space of  $(N)$ -type. Then  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is isomorphic to a Hilbert space.*

The proof results from theorem 2.3.T.

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