

## ON THE SEMI-INNER PRODUCT IN LOCALLY CONVEX SPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** The purpose of this paper is to introduce the concept of semi-inner products in locally convex spaces and to give some basic properties

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of semi-inner products in real normed spaces was first introduced by G. Lumer [6], but its history can be traced to S. Mazur [8]. Recently, the semi-inner product theory has made great progress (cf. [9,11]) and it plays an important role in the theory of accretive operators and dissipative operators, differential equations, linear and nonlinear semigroups in Banach spaces and Banach space geometry theory (see [1,2,3,4,5,7]). The purpose of this paper is to introduce the concept of semi-inner products in locally convex spaces and to study their basic properties. As for the applications of our results, we shall give in another paper.

### 2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we shall always assume that  $E$  is a real locally convex space generated by a family of seminorms  $\{p_i\}_{i \in I}$ , where  $I$  is an index set

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** For each  $x \in E$ ,  $y \in E$  and  $i \in I$ , the following hold:

(i)  $h^{-1}(p_i(x + hy) - p_i(x))$  is a nondecreasing function in  $h \in (0, +\infty)$  and it is bounded from below,

(ii)  $h^{-1}(p_i(x) - p_i(x - hy))$  is nonincreasing in  $h \in (0, +\infty)$  and bounded from upper,

(iii)  $h^{-1}(p_i(x) - p_i(x - hy)) \leq h^{-1}(p_i(x + hy) - p_i(x))$  for  $h \in (0, +\infty)$

**PROOF.** (i) For any  $h_1, h_2 \in (0, +\infty)$ ,  $h_1 < h_2$ , since

$$\begin{aligned} p_i(x + h_1y) - p_i(x) &= p_i(x + h_2 \cdot h_2^{-1}h_1y) - p_i(x) \\ &= p_i(h_1h_2^{-1}(x + h_2y) + (1 - h_1h_2^{-1})x) - p_i(x) \\ &\leq p_i(h_1h_2^{-1}(x + h_2y)) + p_i((1 - h_1h_2^{-1})x) - p_i(x) \\ &= h_1h_2^{-1}p_i(x + h_2y) + (1 - h_1h_2^{-1})p_i(x) - p_i(x) \\ &= h_2^{-1}h_1(p_i(x + h_2y) - p_i(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have  $h_1^{-1}(p_i(x + h_1y) - p_i(x)) \leq h_2^{-1}(p_i(x + h_2y) - p_i(x))$ .

Moreover, it is obvious that  $h^{-1}(p_i(x + hy) - p_i(x)) \geq -p_i(y)$

(ii) By the same way, we can prove that (ii) is true.

(iii) is obvious

Next, we define

$$\begin{aligned}[x, y]_i^+ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h^{-1}(p_i(x + hy) - p_i(x)), \\ [x, y]_i^- &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h^{-1}(p_i(x) - p_i(x - hy)).\end{aligned}$$

Now we list some properties of  $[x, y]_i^\pm$  as follows:

**PROPOSITION 2.2.** (i)  $[x, y]_i^- \leq [x, y]_i^+$ ;

(ii)  $|[x, y]_i^\pm| \leq p_i(y)$ ,

(iii)  $|[x, y]_i^\pm - [x, z]_i^\pm| \leq p_i(y - z)$ ;

(iv)  $[x, y]_i^+ = -[x, -y]_i^- = -[-x, y]_i^-$ ;

(v)  $[sx, ry]_i^\pm = sr[x, y]_i^\pm$ ,  $r, s \geq 0$ ;

(vi)  $[x, y + z]_i^+ \leq [x, y]_i^+ + [x, z]_i^+$  and  $[x, y + z]_i^- \geq [x, y]_i^- + [x, z]_i^-$ ;

(vii)  $[x, y + z]_i^+ \geq [x, y]_i^+ + [x, z]_i^-$  and  $[x, y + z]_i^- \leq [x, y]_i^- + [x, z]_i^+$ ;

(viii)  $[x, y + \alpha x]_i^\pm = [x, y]_i^\pm + \alpha p_i(x)$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ;

(ix)  $[x, y]_i^+$  is upper semi-continuous in  $x, y \in E$  and  $[x, y]_i^-$  is lower semi-continuous in  $x, y \in E$ ,

(x) If  $x(t) : [a, b] \rightarrow E$  is differentiable in  $t \in (a, b)$  in the sense that

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{p_i(x(t + \Delta t)) - x(t) - x'(t)\Delta t}{\Delta t} = 0 \quad \text{for all } i \in I$$

and  $m_i(t) = p_i(x(t))$ , then

$$D^+ m_i(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{m_i(t + h) - m_i(t)}{h} = [x(t), x'(t)]_i^+,$$

$$D^- m_i(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{m_i(t) - m_i(t - h)}{h} = [x(t), x'(t)]_i^-, \quad i \in I.$$

**PROOF.** (i)-(v) is obvious.

(vi) Since

$$\begin{aligned}h^{-1}(p_i(x + h(y + z)) - p_i(x)) &= h^{-1}\left(p_i\left(\frac{1}{2}(x + 2hy) + \frac{1}{2}(x + 2hz)\right) - p_i(x)\right) \\ &\leq \frac{\frac{1}{2}(p_i(x + 2hy) - p_i(x))}{h} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(p_i(x + 2hz) - p_i(x))}{h},\end{aligned}$$

we know that  $[x, y + z]_i^+ \leq [x, y]_i^+ + [x, z]_i^+$ . On the other hand, since

$$h^{-1}(p_i(x) - p_i(x - h(y + z))) = h^{-1}\left(p_i(x) - p_i\left(\frac{1}{2}(x - 2hy) + \frac{1}{2}(x - 2hz)\right)\right),$$

by the same way we can prove that

$$[x, y + z]_i^- \geq [x, y]_i^- + [x, z]_i^-.$$

(vii) By (vi)  $[x, y]^+ = [x, y + z - z]_i^+ \leq [x, y + z]_i^+ + [x, -z]_i^+$ . By (iv),  $[x, -z]_i^+ = -[x, z]_i^-$ , and so  $[x, y]_i^+ + [x, z]_i^- \leq [x, y + z]_i^+$ . By (vi) and (iv) again, we have  $[x, y + z]_i^- \leq [x, y]_i^- + [x, z]_i^+$

(viii) Since  $[x, y + \alpha x]_i^+ \leq [x, y]_i^+ + [x, \alpha x]_i^+ = [x, y]_i^+ + \alpha p_i(x)$ , by (vii) we have  $[x, y + \alpha x]_i^+ \geq [x, y]_i^+ + [x, \alpha x]_i^- = [x, y]_i^+ + \alpha p_i(x)$ , and so  $[x, y + \alpha x]_i^+ = [x, y]_i^+ + \alpha p_i(x)$

Similarly we can prove that  $[x, y + \alpha x]_i^- = [x, y]_i^- + \alpha p_i(x)$ .

(ix) Since

$$[x_\tau, y_\tau]_i^+ \leq \frac{p_i(x_\tau + hy_\tau) - p_i(x_\tau)}{h}, \quad \forall h > 0,$$

if  $x_\tau \rightarrow x$ ,  $y_\tau \rightarrow y$ , we get

$$\overline{\lim}_{\tau} [x_\tau, y_\tau]_i^+ \leq \overline{\lim}_{\tau} h^{-1}(p_i(x_\tau + hy_\tau) - p_i(x_\tau)) = h^{-1}(p_i(x + hy) - p_i(x)),$$

and so

$$\overline{\lim}_{\tau} [x_\tau, y_\tau]_i^+ \leq \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h^{-1}(p_i(x + hx) - p_i(x)) = [x, y]_i^+.$$

On the other hand, since  $[x_\tau, y_\tau]_i^- \geq h^{-1}(p_i(x_\tau) - p_i(x_\tau - hy_\tau))$ , we have

$$\underline{\lim}_{\tau} [x_\tau, y_\tau]_i^- \geq [x, y]_i^-.$$

(x) Since

$$\begin{aligned} & |h^{-1}(m_i(t+h) - m_i(t)) - h^{-1}(p_i(x(t) + hx'(t)) - p_i(x(t)))| \\ &= |h^{-1}(p_i(x(t+h)) - p_i(x(t) + hx(t)))| \leq h^{-1}p_i(x(t+h) - x(t) - hx'(t)) \rightarrow 0, \\ & \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0^+, \end{aligned}$$

we know that  $D^+m(t) = [x(t), x'(t)]_i^+$ .

Similarly we can prove that  $D^-m(t) = [x(t), x'(t)]_i^-$ .

Let  $E^*$  be the dual space of  $E$ . For each  $i \in I$  we define a mapping  $j_i : E \rightarrow 2^{E^*}$  by

$$j_i(x) = \{f_i \in E^* : f_i(x) = p_i(x) \text{ and } [x, y]_i^- \leq f_i(y) \leq [x, y]_i^+, \quad \forall y \in E\}. \quad (2.1)$$

It is obvious that  $j_i(x)$  is convex. Next we prove that  $j_i(x) \neq \emptyset$  for each  $x \in E$ . In fact, for any given  $y_0 \in E$ ,  $y_0 \neq 0$  we define

$$f_i(\alpha y_0) = \alpha[x, y_0]_i^+.$$

(1) If  $\alpha \geq 0$ , then  $f_i(\alpha y_0) = [x, \alpha y_0]_i^+$ ,

(2) If  $\alpha < 0$ , then

$$f_i(\alpha y_0) = -|\alpha|[x, y_0]_i^+ = -[x, |\alpha|y_0]_i^+ = [x, -|\alpha|y_0]_i^- = [x, \alpha y_0]_i^- \leq [x, \alpha y_0]_i^-.$$

Hence we have  $f_i(\alpha y_0) \leq [x, \alpha y_0]_i^+$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . By Proposition 2.2,  $[x, y]_i^+$  is a subadditive function of  $y \in E$ . By Hahn-Banach theorem [10], there exists a linear function  $\tilde{f}_i : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\tilde{f}_i(\alpha y_0) = f_i(\alpha y_0)$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $-[x, -y]_i^+ \leq \tilde{f}_i(y) \leq [x, y]_i^+$ ,  $\forall y \in E$ ,

$$\text{i.e., } [x, y]_i^- \leq \tilde{f}_i(y) \leq [x, y]_i^+, \quad |\tilde{f}_i(y)| \leq p_i(y).$$

This implies that  $\tilde{f}_i \in j_i(x)$ .

By the above argument and the Banach-Alaoglu theorem (see [10]) we have the following.

**PROPOSITION 2.3.** For any  $x \in E$ ,  $i \in I$ ,  $j_i(x)$  is a nonempty weak\* compact convex subset of  $E^*$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.4.**  $[x, y]_i^+ = \max\{f_i(y), f_i \in j_i(x)\}$ ;

$$[x, y]_i^- = \min\{f_i(y) : f_i \in j_i(x)\}.$$

**DEFINITION 2.1.** For each  $i \in I$ ,  $(x, y)_i^+ = p_i(x) \cdot [x, y]_i^+$  is called the upper semi-inner product with respect to  $i \in I$ .  $(x, y)_i^- = p_i(x) \cdot [x, y]_i^-$  is called the lower semi-inner product with respect to  $i \in I$ .

**DEFINITION 2.2.** For any  $i \in I$ , we define the mapping  $J_i : E \rightarrow 2^{E^*}$  by

$$J_i(x) = p_i(x) \cdot j_i(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in E,$$

and it is called the duality mapping with respect to  $i \in I$ .

The following results can be obtained from Proposition 2.2-2.4 immediately

**PROPOSITION 2.5.** The semi-inner product defined in Definition 2.1 has the following properties

- (i)  $(x, y)_i^- \leq (x, y)_i^+$ ,
- (ii)  $|(x, y)_i^\pm| \leq p_i(x) \cdot p_i(y)$ ,
- (iii)  $|(x, y)_i^\pm - (x, z)_i^\pm| \leq p_i(x) \cdot p_i(y - z)$ ,
- (iv)  $(x, y)_i^+ = -(x, -y)_i^- = -(-x, y)_i^-$ ;
- (v)  $(sx, ry)_i^\pm = sr(x, y)_i^\pm$ ,  $r, s \geq 0$ ;
- (vi)  $(x, y + z)_i^+ \leq (x, y)_i^+ + (x, z)_i^+$  and  $(x, y + z)_i^- \geq (x, y)_i^- + (x, z)_i^-$ ;
- (vii)  $(x, y + z)_i^+ \geq (x, y)_i^+ + (x, z)_i^-$  and  $(x, y + z)_i^- \leq (x, y)_i^- + (x, z)_i^+$ ;
- (viii)  $(x, y + \alpha x)_i^\pm = (x, y)_i^\pm + \alpha p_i^2(x)$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- (ix)  $(x, y)_i^+$  is upper semi-continuous and  $(x, y)_i^-$  is lower semi-continuous;
- (x) If  $x(t) : [a, b] \rightarrow E$  is differentiable in  $t \in (a, b)$  in the sense that

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{p_i(x(t + \Delta t) - x(t) - x'(t) \cdot \Delta t)}{\Delta t} = 0, \quad \forall i \in I,$$

and  $m_i(t) = p_i^2(x(t))$ , then

$$D^+ m_i(t) = 2(x(t), x'(t))_i^+ \quad \text{and} \quad D^- m_i(t) = 2(x(t), x'(t))_i^-.$$

**PROPOSITION 2.6.** For any  $i \in I$ ,  $x \in E$ ,  $J_i(x)$  is nonempty, weak\* compact convex, and

$$(x, y)_i^+ = \max\{f_i(y) : f_i \in J_i(x)\}$$

$$(x, y)_i^- = \min\{f_i(y) : f_i \in J_i(x)\}.$$

**DEFINITION 2.3.** Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be any given convex function. The subdifferential of  $\phi$  at  $x \in E$  (denoted by  $\partial\phi(x)$ ) is defined by

$$\partial\phi(x) = \{f \in E^* : \phi(x) - \phi(y) \leq f(x - y) \text{ for all } y \in E\}.$$

**THEOREM 2.1.** Let  $\phi_i(x) = \frac{1}{2} p_i^2(x)$ ,  $x \in E$ , then the subdifferential  $\partial\phi_i$  is identical to duality mapping  $J_i$ .

**PROOF.** Let  $f \in J_i(x)$ , then by (2.1) and Definition 2.2 and the fact that  $|(x, y)_i^+| \leq p_i(y)$ , we have

$$f(x - y) = f(x) - f(y) \geq p_i^2(x) - p_i(x) \cdot p_i(y) \geq \frac{1}{2} (p_i^2(x) - p_i^2(y)),$$

and so,  $f \in \partial\phi_i(x)$ .

Conversely, if  $f \in \partial\phi_i(x)$ , then

$$p_i^2(x) \leq p_i^2(y) + 2 \cdot f(x - y) \quad \text{for all } y \in E. \quad (2.2)$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $x + hy$  in (2.2) we have

$$p_i^2(x) \leq p_i^2(x + hy) - 2h \cdot f(y) \quad \text{for all } y \in E \quad \text{and} \quad h \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (2.3)$$

When  $h > 0$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{2} (p_i(x + hy) + p_i(x)) \cdot \frac{1}{h} (p_i(x + hy) - p_i(x)) \geq f(y), \quad \forall y \in E. \quad (2.4)$$

Letting  $h \rightarrow 0^+$  we have

$$p_i(x) \cdot [x, y]_i^+ \geq f(y), \quad \forall y \in E. \quad (2.5)$$

If  $p_i(x) = 0$ , then  $f = 0$ . Therefore  $f \in p_i(x)J_i(x) = J_i(x)$ , the desired conclusion is proved. If  $p_i(x) \neq 0$ , for  $h < 0$ , we have

$$f(y) \geq \frac{1}{2} (p_i(x + hy) + p_i(x)) \cdot \frac{1}{h} (p_i(x + hy) - p_i(x)), \quad \forall h < 0, \quad y \in E.$$

Letting  $h \rightarrow 0^-$ , we have

$$f(y) \geq p_i(x) \cdot [x, y]_i^-. \quad (2.6)$$

By (2.5) and (2.6), we know that  $\frac{f}{p_i(x)} \in j_i(x)$ , i.e.,  $f \in p_i(x) \cdot j_i(x) = J_i(x)$

This completes the proof.

**DEFINITION 2.4.** Let  $A : D(A) \subset E \rightarrow 2^E$  be a nonlinear multi-valued mapping.  $A$  is said to be accretive, if

$$p_i(x - y) \leq p_i(x - y + \lambda(u - v))$$

for all  $x, y \in D(A)$ ,  $u \in A(x)$ ,  $v \in A(y)$ ,  $i \in I$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ .

**THEOREM 2.2.** The following conclusions are equivalent:

- (i)  $A : D(A) \subset E \rightarrow 2^E$  is accretive,
- (ii)  $[x - y, u - v]_i^+ \geq 0$  for all  $x, y \in D(A)$ ,  $u \in Ax$ ,  $v \in Ay$ ,  $i \in I$ ;
- (iii)  $(x - y, u - v)_i^+ \geq 0$  for all  $x, y \in D(A)$ ,  $u \in Ax$ ,  $v \in Ay$ ,  $i \in I$

**PROOF.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Since  $\lambda^{-1}(p_i(x - y + \lambda(u - v)) - p_i(x - y)) \geq 0$ , let  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$  we get (i)

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) is obvious.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Since  $(x - y, u - v)_i^+ = p_i(x - y)[x - y, u - v]_i^+$ .

(a) If  $p_i(x - y) = 0$ , then  $\lambda^{-1}(p_i(x - y + \lambda(u - v))) \geq 0$ , and so  $[x - y, u - v]_i^+ \geq 0$ ,

(b) If  $p_i(x - y) \neq 0$ , then  $[x - y, u - v]_i^+ \geq 0$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). By Proposition 2.1,  $\lambda^{-1}(p_i(x - y + \lambda(u - v)) - p_i(x - y))$  is nondecreasing in  $\lambda \in (0, +\infty)$  and

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{p_i(x - y + \lambda(u - v)) - p_i(x - y)}{\lambda} - [x - y, u - v]_i^+ \geq 0.$$

This completes the proof.

**THEOREM 2.3.** Let  $A : D(A) \subset E \rightarrow 2^E$  be an accretive mapping and  $x : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow E$  be continuous. If the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) there exists  $x'(t) : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow E$  such that

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{p_i(x(t + \Delta t) - x(t) - x'(t)\Delta t)}{\Delta t} = 0, \quad \forall i \in I;$$

(ii)  $x(0) = x_0 \in D(A)$ ;

(iii)  $x'(t) \in -Ax(t)$  a.e.  $t \in (0, +\infty)$ ,

then such an  $x(t)$  is unique.

**PROOF.** Suppose the contrary, there exists another  $y : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow E$  which is continuous and satisfies conditions (i)-(iii). Let  $m_i(t) = p_i(x(t) - y(t))$ . By (X) in Proposition 2.2, we know that

$$D^- m_i(t) = [x(t) - y(t), x'(t) - y'(t)]_i^-.$$

Furthermore, there exist  $u(t) \in Ax(t)$  and  $v(t) \in Ay(t)$  such that  $x'(t) = u(t)$ ,  $y'(t) = v(t)$  a.e  $t \in (0, +\infty)$ , hence we have

$$D^- m_i(t) = [x(t) - y(t), -u(t) + v(t)]_i^-.$$

It follows from Theorem 2.2 that  $D^- m_i(t) \leq 0$ , and so

$$p_i(x(t) - y(t)) \leq p_i(x(0) - y(0)) = 0 \quad \text{for all } i \in I.$$

This implies that  $x(t) = y(t)$  for all  $t \in [0, +\infty)$

**THEOREM 2.4.** Let  $M \subset E$  be a nonempty convex subset and  $x \in E$  be a given point. Then the following conditions are equivalent

- (i)  $p_i(y_0 - x) \leq p_i(y - x)$  for all  $y \in M$ ,
- (ii)  $[y_0 - x, y - y_0]_i^+ \geq 0$

**PROOF.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Since  $p_i(y_0 - x) \leq p_i(y - x)$  for all  $y \in M$ , letting  $z = y_0 + (1 - \alpha)(y - y_0)$  for any  $y \in M$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , then  $z \in M$  (since  $M$  is convex), and so  $p_i(y_0 - x) \leq p_i(y_0 - x + (1 - \alpha)(y - y_0))$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $y \in M$ ,

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{p_i((y_0 - x) + (1 - \alpha)(y - y_0)) - p_i(y_0 - x)}{1 - \alpha} \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in M, \alpha \in (0, 1).$$

Letting  $\alpha \rightarrow 1 -$  we get

$$[y_0 - x, y - y_0]_i^+ \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } y \in M.$$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Since  $[y_0 - x, y - y_0]_i^+ \geq 0$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{h} (p_i((y_0 - x) + h(y - y_0)) - p_i(y_0 - x)) \geq 0, \quad \forall h > 0,$$

i.e.,  $p_i(y_0 - x) \leq p_i(y_0 - x + h(y - y_0))$ ,  $\forall h > 0$ . Letting  $h \rightarrow 1$  we have

$$p_i(y_0 - x) \leq p_i(y - x) \quad \text{for all } y \in M.$$

This completes the proof.

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