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# A Mazur-Ulam problem in non-Archimedean $n$ -normed spaces

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## Abstract

In this article, we study the notions of  $n$ -isometries in non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces over linear ordered non-Archimedean fields and prove the Mazur-Ulam theorem in the spaces. Furthermore, we obtain some properties for  $n$ -isometries in non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be metric spaces with metrics  $d_X$  and  $d_Y$ , respectively. A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called an isometry if  $d_Y(f(x), f(y)) = d_X(x, y)$  for every  $x, y \in X$ . Mazur and Ulam [1] treated the theory of isometry for the first time. They have proved the following theorem.

**Mazur-Ulam theorem** *Let  $f$  be an isometric transformation from a real normed vector space  $X$  onto a real normed vector space  $Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$ . Then  $f$  is linear.*

It was natural to ask if the result holds without the onto assumption. Having asked this natural question, Baker [2] answered that every isometry of a real normed linear space into a strictly convex real normed linear space is affine. The Mazur-Ulam theorem has been widely studied by [3–12].

Chu *et al.* [13] have defined the notion of a 2-isometry which is suitable to represent the concept of an area-preserving mapping in linear 2-normed spaces. In [14], Chu proved that the Mazur-Ulam theorem holds in linear 2-normed spaces under the condition that a 2-isometry preserves collinearity. Chu *et al.* [15] discussed characteristics of 2-isometries. In [16], Amyari and Sadeghi proved the Mazur-Ulam theorem in non-Archimedean 2-normed spaces under the condition of strict convexity. Recently, Choy *et al.* [17] proved the theorem on non-Archimedean 2-normed spaces over linear ordered non-Archimedean fields without the strict convexity assumption.

Misiak [18, 19] defined the concept of an  $n$ -normed space and investigated the space. Park and Rassias [20] investigated the stability of linear  $n$ -isometries in a linear  $n$ -normed Banach module. Chu *et al.* [21], in linear  $n$ -normed spaces, defined the concept of an  $n$ -isometry that is suitable to represent the notion of a volume-preserving mapping. In [22], Chu *et al.* generalized the Mazur-Ulam theorem to  $n$ -normed spaces.

In this paper, without the condition of strict convexity, we prove the (additive) Mazur-Ulam theorem on non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces. Firstly, we assert that an  $n$ -

isometry  $f$  from a non-Archimedean space to a non-Archimedean space preserves the midpoint of a segment under some condition about the set of all elements of a valued field whose valuations are 1. Using the above result, we show the Mazur-Ulam theorem on non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces over linear ordered non-Archimedean fields. In addition, we prove that the barycenter of a triangle in the non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces is  $f$ -invariant under different conditions from those referred in previous statements. And then we also prove the (second type) Mazur-Ulam theorem in non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces under some different conditions.

## 2 The Mazur-Ulam theorem I in non-Archimedean $n$ -normed spaces

In this section, we introduce a non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed space which is a kind of generalization of a non-Archimedean 2-normed space, and we show the (additive) Mazur-Ulam theorem for an  $n$ -isometry  $f$  defined on a non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed space, that is,  $f(x) - f(0)$  is additive. Firstly, we consider some definitions and lemmas which are needed to prove the theorem.

Recall that a *non-Archimedean* (or *ultrametric*) *valuation* is given by a map  $|\cdot|$  from a field  $\mathcal{K}$  into  $[0, \infty)$  such that for all  $r, s \in \mathcal{K}$ ,

- (i)  $|r| = 0$  if and only if  $r = 0$ ;
- (ii)  $|rs| = |r||s|$ ;
- (iii)  $|r + s| \leq \max\{|r|, |s|\}$ .

If every element of  $\mathcal{K}$  carries a valuation, then a field  $\mathcal{K}$  is called a *valued field*; for convenience, we simply call it a field. It is obvious that  $|1| = |-1| = 1$  and  $|n| \leq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . A trivial example of a non-Archimedean valuation is the map  $|\cdot|$  taking everything but 0 into 1 and  $|0| = 0$  (see [23]).

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a vector space over a valued field  $\mathcal{K}$ . A *non-Archimedean norm* is a function  $\|\cdot\| : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that for all  $r \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ ,

- (i)  $\|x\| = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ ;
- (ii)  $\|rx\| = |r|\|x\|$ ;
- (iii) the strong triangle inequality

$$\|x + y\| \leq \max\{\|x\|, \|y\|\}.$$

Then we say  $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot\|)$  is a *non-Archimedean space*.

**Definition 2.1** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a vector space with the dimension greater than  $n - 1$  over a valued field  $\mathcal{K}$  with a non-Archimedean valuation  $|\cdot|$ . A function  $\|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\| : \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is said to be a *non-Archimedean  $n$ -norm* if

- (i)  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_1, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent;
- (ii)  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| = \|x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_n}\|$  for every permutation  $(j_1, \dots, j_n)$  of  $(1, \dots, n)$ ;
- (iii)  $\|\alpha x_1, \dots, x_n\| = |\alpha| \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|$ ;
- (iv)  $\|x + y, x_2, \dots, x_n\| \leq \max\{\|x, x_2, \dots, x_n\|, \|y, x_2, \dots, x_n\|\}$

for all  $\alpha \in \mathcal{K}$  and all  $x, y, x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{X}$ . Then  $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is called a *non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed space*.

From now on, let  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  be non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces over a linear ordered non-Archimedean field  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**Definition 2.2** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  be non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces and  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  be a mapping. We call  $f$  an  $n$ -isometry if

$$\|x_1 - x_0, \dots, x_n - x_0\| = \|f(x_1) - f(x_0), \dots, f(x_n) - f(x_0)\|$$

for all  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{X}$ .

**Definition 2.3** The points  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  of a non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed space  $\mathcal{X}$  are said to be  $n$ -collinear if for every  $i$ ,  $\{x_j - x_i \mid 0 \leq j \neq i \leq n\}$  is linearly dependent.

The points  $x_0, x_1$  and  $x_2$  of a non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed space  $\mathcal{X}$  are said to be 2-collinear if and only if  $x_2 - x_0 = t(x_1 - x_0)$  for some element  $t$  of the non-Archimedean field  $\mathcal{K}$ . We denote the set of all elements of  $\mathcal{K}$  whose valuations are 1 by  $\mathcal{C}$ , that is,  $\mathcal{C} = \{\gamma \in \mathcal{K} : |\gamma| = 1\}$ .

**Lemma 2.4** Let  $x_i$  be an element of a non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed space  $\mathcal{X}$  for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $\gamma \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then

$$\|x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n\| = \|x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j + \gamma x_i, \dots, x_n\|$$

for all  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq n$ .

*Proof* By Definition 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j + \gamma x_i, \dots, x_n\| \\ & \leq \max\{\|x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n\|, |\gamma| \|x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n\|\} \\ & = \max\{\|x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n\|, 0\} \\ & = \|x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n\|. \end{aligned}$$

One can easily prove the converse using similar methods. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 2.5** Let  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$  be non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces over a linear ordered non-Archimedean field  $\mathcal{K}$  and let  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  be an  $n$ -isometry. One can show that the  $n$ -isometry  $f$  from  $\mathcal{X}$  to  $\mathcal{Y}$  preserves the 2-collinearity using a similar method to that in [22, Lemma 3.2].

The *midpoint* of a segment with endpoints  $x$  and  $y$  in the non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed space  $\mathcal{X}$  is defined by the point  $\frac{x+y}{2}$ .

Now, we prove the Mazur-Ulam theorem on non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces. In the first step, we prove the following lemma. And then, using the lemma, we show that an  $n$ -isometry  $f$  from a non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed space  $\mathcal{X}$  to a non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed space  $\mathcal{Y}$  preserves the midpoint of a segment, *i.e.*, the  $f$ -image of the midpoint of a segment in  $\mathcal{X}$  is also the midpoint of a corresponding segment in  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

**Lemma 2.6** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed space over a linear ordered non-Archimedean field  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $\mathcal{C} = \{2^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and let  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{X}$  with  $x_0 \neq x_1$ . Then  $u := \frac{x_0+x_1}{2}$  is

the unique member of  $\mathcal{X}$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\ &= \|x_0 - u, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\ &= \|x_1 - u, x_1 - x_2, x_1 - x_3, \dots, x_1 - x_n\| \end{aligned}$$

for some  $x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{X}$  with  $\|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \neq 0$  and  $u, x_0, x_1$  are 2-collinear.

*Proof* Let  $u := \frac{x_0 + x_1}{2}$ . From the assumption for the dimension of  $\mathcal{X}$ , there exist  $n - 1$  elements  $x_2, \dots, x_n$  in  $\mathcal{X}$  such that  $\|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \neq 0$ . One can easily prove that  $u$  satisfies the above equations and conditions. It suffices to show the uniqueness for  $u$ . Assume that there is another  $v$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\ &= \|x_0 - v, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\ &= \|x_1 - v, x_1 - x_2, x_1 - x_3, \dots, x_1 - x_n\| \end{aligned}$$

for some elements  $x_2, \dots, x_n$  of  $\mathcal{X}$  with  $\|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \neq 0$  and  $v, x_0, x_1$  are 2-collinear. Since  $v, x_0, x_1$  are 2-collinear,  $v = tx_0 + (1 - t)x_1$  for some  $t \in \mathcal{K}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\ &= \|x_0 - v, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\ &= \|x_0 - tx_0 - (1 - t)x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\ &= |1 - t| \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\|, \\ & \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\ &= \|x_1 - v, x_1 - x_2, x_1 - x_3, \dots, x_1 - x_n\| \\ &= \|x_1 - tx_0 - (1 - t)x_1, x_1 - x_2, x_1 - x_3, \dots, x_1 - x_n\| \\ &= |t| \|x_0 - x_1, x_1 - x_2, x_1 - x_3, \dots, x_1 - x_n\| \\ &= |t| \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \neq 0$ , we have two equations  $|1 - t| = 1$  and  $|t| = 1$ . So, there are two integers  $k_1, k_2$  such that  $1 - t = 2^{k_1}$ ,  $t = 2^{k_2}$ . Since  $2^{k_1} + 2^{k_2} = 1$ ,  $k_i < 0$  for all  $i = 1, 2$ . Thus, we may assume that  $1 - t = 2^{-n_1}$ ,  $t = 2^{-n_2}$  and  $n_1 \geq n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  without loss of generality. If  $n_1 > n_2$ , then  $1 = 2^{-n_1} + 2^{-n_2} = 2^{-n_1}(1 + 2^{n_1 - n_2})$ , that is,  $2^{n_1} = 1 + 2^{n_1 - n_2}$ . This is a contradiction because the left-hand side of the equation is a multiple of 2 but the right-hand side of the equation is not. Thus,  $n_1 = n_2 = 1$  and hence  $v = \frac{1}{2}x_0 + \frac{1}{2}x_1 = u$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7** *Let  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$  be non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces over a linear ordered non-Archimedean field  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $C = \{2^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  be an  $n$ -isometry. Then the midpoint of a segment is  $f$ -invariant, i.e., for every  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{X}$  with  $x_0 \neq x_1$ ,  $f(\frac{x_0 + x_1}{2})$  is also the midpoint of a segment with endpoints  $f(x_0)$  and  $f(x_1)$  in  $\mathcal{Y}$ .*

*Proof* Let  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{X}$  with  $x_0 \neq x_1$ . Since the dimension of  $\mathcal{X}$  is greater than  $n - 1$ , there exist  $n - 1$  elements  $x_2, \dots, x_n$  of  $\mathcal{X}$  satisfying  $\|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \neq 0$ . Since  $x_0, x_1$  and their midpoint  $\frac{x_0+x_1}{2}$  are 2-collinear in  $\mathcal{X}$ ,  $f(x_0), f(x_1), f(\frac{x_0+x_1}{2})$  are also 2-collinear in  $\mathcal{Y}$  by Remark 2.5. Since  $f$  is an  $n$ -isometry, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f(x_0) - f\left(\frac{x_0+x_1}{2}\right), f(x_0) - f(x_2), \dots, f(x_0) - f(x_n) \right\| \\ &= \left\| x_0 - \frac{x_0+x_1}{2}, x_0 - x_2, \dots, x_0 - x_n \right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\| x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, \dots, x_0 - x_n \right\| \\ &= \left\| f(x_0) - f(x_1), f(x_0) - f(x_2), \dots, f(x_0) - f(x_n) \right\|, \\ & \left\| f(x_1) - f\left(\frac{x_0+x_1}{2}\right), f(x_1) - f(x_2), \dots, f(x_1) - f(x_n) \right\| \\ &= \left\| x_1 - \frac{x_0+x_1}{2}, x_1 - x_2, \dots, x_1 - x_n \right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\| x_1 - x_0, x_1 - x_2, \dots, x_1 - x_n \right\| \\ &= \left\| f(x_0) - f(x_1), f(x_0) - f(x_2), \dots, f(x_0) - f(x_n) \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.6, we obtain that  $f(\frac{x_0+x_1}{2}) = \frac{f(x_0)+f(x_1)}{2}$  for all  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{X}$  with  $x_0 \neq x_1$ . This completes the proof. □

**Lemma 2.8** *Let  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  be non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces over a linear ordered non-Archimedean field  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  be an  $n$ -isometry. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (i) *The  $n$ -isometry  $f$  preserves the midpoint of a segment in  $\mathcal{X}$ , i.e.,  $f(\frac{x_0+x_1}{2}) = \frac{f(x_0)+f(x_1)}{2}$  for all  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{X}$  with  $x_0 \neq x_1$ ;*
- (ii) *The  $n$ -isometry  $f$  preserves the barycenter of a triangle in  $\mathcal{X}$ , i.e.,  $f(\frac{x_0+x_1+x_2}{3}) = \frac{f(x_0)+f(x_1)+f(x_2)}{3}$  for all  $x_0, x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{X}$  satisfying that  $x_0, x_1, x_2$  are not 2-collinear.*

*Proof* Assume that the  $n$ -isometry  $f$  preserves the barycenter of a triangle in  $\mathcal{X}$ . Let  $x_0, x_1$  be in  $\mathcal{X}$  with  $x_0 \neq x_1$ . Since the  $n$ -isometry  $f$  preserves the 2-collinearity,  $f(x_0), f(\frac{x_0+x_1}{2}), f(x_1)$  are 2-collinear. So,

$$f\left(\frac{x_0+x_1}{2}\right) - f(x_0) = s(f(x_1) - f(x_0)) \tag{2.1}$$

for some element  $s$  of  $\mathcal{K}$ . By the hypothesis for the dimension of  $\mathcal{X}$ , we can choose the element  $x_2$  of  $\mathcal{X}$  satisfying that  $x_0, x_1$  and  $x_2$  are not 2-collinear. Since  $x_2, \frac{x_0+x_1+x_2}{3}, \frac{x_0+x_1}{2}$  are 2-collinear, we have that  $f(x_2), f(\frac{x_0+x_1+x_2}{3}), f(\frac{x_0+x_1}{2})$  are also 2-collinear by Remark 2.5. So, we obtain that

$$f\left(\frac{x_0+x_1+x_2}{3}\right) - f(x_2) = t\left(f\left(\frac{x_0+x_1}{2}\right) - f(x_2)\right) \tag{2.2}$$

for some element  $t$  of the non-Archimedean field  $\mathcal{K}$ . By the equations (2.1), (2.2) and the barycenter-preserving property for the  $n$ -isometry  $f$ , we have

$$\frac{f(x_0) + f(x_1) + f(x_2)}{3} - f(x_2) = t(f(x_0) + sf(x_1) - sf(x_0) - f(x_2)).$$

Thus, we get

$$\frac{f(x_0) + f(x_1) - 2f(x_2)}{3} = t(1 - s)f(x_0) + tsf(x_1) - tf(x_2).$$

So, we have the following equation:

$$\frac{2}{3}(f(x_0) - f(x_2)) - \frac{1}{3}(f(x_0) - f(x_1)) = t(f(x_0) - f(x_2)) - ts(f(x_0) - f(x_1)).$$

By a calculation, we obtain

$$\left(\frac{2}{3} - t\right)(f(x_0) - f(x_2)) + \left(-\frac{1}{3} + ts\right)(f(x_0) - f(x_1)) = 0. \tag{2.3}$$

Since  $x_0, x_1, x_2$  are not 2-collinear,  $x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2$  are linearly independent. Since  $\dim \mathcal{X} \geq n$ , there are  $x_3, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{X}$  such that  $\|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \neq 0$ . Since  $f$  is an  $n$ -isometry,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x_0) - f(x_1), f(x_0) - f(x_2), f(x_0) - f(x_3), \dots, f(x_0) - f(x_n)\| \\ &= \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

So,  $f(x_0) - f(x_1)$  and  $f(x_0) - f(x_2)$  are linearly independent. Hence, from equation (2.3), we have  $\frac{2}{3} - t = 0$  and  $-\frac{1}{3} + ts = 0$ , i.e., we obtain  $t = \frac{2}{3}, s = \frac{1}{2}$ , which imply the equation

$$f\left(\frac{x_0 + x_1}{2}\right) = \frac{f(x_0) + f(x_1)}{2}$$

for all  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{X}$  with  $x_0 \neq x_1$ .

Conversely, (i) trivially implies (ii). This completes the proof of this lemma. □

**Remark 2.9** One can prove that the above lemma also holds in the case of linear  $n$ -normed spaces.

**Theorem 2.10** *Let  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  be non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces over a linear ordered non-Archimedean field  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $\mathcal{C} = \{2^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . If  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is an  $n$ -isometry, then  $f(x) - f(0)$  is additive.*

*Proof* Let  $g(x) := f(x) - f(0)$ . Then it is clear that  $g(0) = 0$  and  $g$  is also an  $n$ -isometry.

From Theorem 2.7, for  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{X}$  ( $x_0 \neq x_1$ ), we have

$$g\left(\frac{x_0 + x_1}{2}\right) = \frac{g(x_0) + g(x_1)}{2}.$$

Since  $g(0) = 0$ , we obtain that  $g$  is additive which completes the proof. □

### 3 The Mazur-Ulam theorem II in non-Archimedean $n$ -normed spaces

In this section, under different conditions from those previously referred in Theorem 2.10, we also prove the (second type) Mazur-Ulam theorem on a non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed space. Firstly, we show that an  $n$ -isometry  $f$  from a non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed space  $\mathcal{X}$  to a non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed space  $\mathcal{Y}$  preserves the barycenter of a triangle, *i.e.*, the  $f$ -image of the barycenter of a triangle is also the barycenter of a corresponding triangle. Then, using Lemma 2.8, we also prove the Mazur-Ulam theorem (a non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed space version) under some different conditions.

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed space over a linear ordered non-Archimedean field  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $C = \{3^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and let  $x_0, x_1, x_2$  be elements of  $\mathcal{X}$  such that  $x_0, x_1, x_2$  are not 2-collinear. Then  $u := \frac{x_0 + x_1 + x_2}{3}$  is the unique member of  $\mathcal{X}$  satisfying*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\ &= \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - u, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\ &= \|x_1 - x_2, x_1 - u, x_1 - x_3, \dots, x_1 - x_n\| \\ &= \|x_2 - x_0, x_2 - u, x_2 - x_3, \dots, x_2 - x_n\| \end{aligned}$$

for some  $x_3, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{X}$  with  $\|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \neq 0$  and  $u$  is an interior point of  $\Delta_{x_0 x_1 x_2}$ .

*Proof* Let  $u := \frac{x_0 + x_1 + x_2}{3}$ . Thus  $u$  is an interior point of  $\Delta_{x_0 x_1 x_2}$ . Since  $\dim \mathcal{X} > n - 1$ , there are  $n - 2$  elements  $x_3, \dots, x_n$  of  $\mathcal{X}$  such that  $\|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \neq 0$ . Applying Lemma 2.4, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - u, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\ &= \left\| x_0 - x_1, x_0 - \frac{x_0 + x_1 + x_2}{3}, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n \right\| \\ &= \left\| \frac{1}{3} \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_1 + x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \right\| \\ &= \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\|. \end{aligned}$$

And we can also obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\ &= \|x_1 - x_2, x_1 - u, x_1 - x_3, \dots, x_1 - x_n\| \\ &= \|x_2 - x_0, x_2 - u, x_2 - x_3, \dots, x_2 - x_n\|. \end{aligned}$$

For the proof of uniqueness, let  $v$  be another interior point of  $\Delta_{x_0 x_1 x_2}$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\ &= \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - v, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \|x_1 - x_2, x_1 - v, x_1 - x_3, \dots, x_1 - x_n\| \\
 &= \|x_2 - x_0, x_2 - v, x_2 - x_3, \dots, x_2 - x_n\|
 \end{aligned}$$

with  $\|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \neq 0$ . Since  $v$  is an element of the set  $\{t_0x_0 + t_1x_1 + t_2x_2 \mid t_0 + t_1 + t_2 = 1, t_i \in \mathcal{K}, t_i > 0 \text{ for all } i\}$ , there are elements  $s_0, s_1, s_2$  of  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $s_0 + s_1 + s_2 = 1, s_i > 0$  such that  $v = s_0x_0 + s_1x_1 + s_2x_2$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\
 &= \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - v, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\
 &= \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - s_0x_0 - s_1x_1 - s_2x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\
 &= \|x_0 - x_1, (s_0 - 1)x_0 + s_1x_1 + (1 - s_0 - s_1)x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\
 &= \|x_0 - x_1, (s_0 + s_1 - 1)x_0 + (1 - s_0 - s_1)x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\
 &= |s_0 + s_1 - 1| \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\
 &= |s_2| \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\|
 \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $|s_2| = 1$  since  $\|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \neq 0$ . Similarly, we obtain  $|s_0| = |s_1| = 1$ . By the hypothesis of  $\mathcal{C}$ , there are integers  $k_0, k_1, k_2$  such that  $s_0 = 3^{k_1}, s_1 = 3^{k_2}, s_2 = 3^{k_0}$ . Since  $s_0 + s_1 + s_2 = 1$ , every  $k_i$  is less than 0. So, one may let  $s_0 = 3^{-n_0}, s_1 = 3^{-n_1}, s_2 = 3^{-n_2}$  and  $n_0 \geq n_1 \geq n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume that one of the above inequalities holds. Then  $1 = s_0 + s_1 + s_2 = 3^{-n_0}(1 + 3^{n_0-n_1} + 3^{n_0-n_2})$ , i.e.,  $3^{n_0} = 1 + 3^{n_0-n_1} + 3^{n_0-n_2}$ . This is a contradiction, because the left-hand side is a multiple of 3 whereas the right-hand side is not. Thus,  $n_0 = n_1 = n_2$ . Consequently,  $s_0 = s_1 = s_2 = \frac{1}{3}$ . This means that  $u$  is unique.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$  be non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces over a linear ordered non-Archimedean field  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $\mathcal{C} = \{3^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  be an interior-preserving  $n$ -isometry. Then the barycenter of a triangle is  $f$ -invariant.*

*Proof* Let  $x_0, x_1$  and  $x_2$  be elements of  $\mathcal{X}$  satisfying that  $x_0, x_1$  and  $x_2$  are not 2-collinear. It is obvious that the barycenter  $\frac{x_0+x_1+x_2}{3}$  of a triangle  $\Delta_{x_0x_1x_2}$  is an interior point of the triangle. By the assumption,  $f(\frac{x_0+x_1+x_2}{3})$  is also the interior point of a triangle  $\Delta_{f(x_0)f(x_1)f(x_2)}$ . Since  $\dim \mathcal{X} > n - 1$ , there exist  $n - 2$  elements  $x_3, \dots, x_n$  in  $\mathcal{X}$  such that  $\|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\|$  is not zero. Since  $f$  is an  $n$ -isometry, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left\| f(x_0) - f(x_1), f(x_0) - f\left(\frac{x_0 + x_1 + x_2}{3}\right), f(x_0) - f(x_3), \dots, f(x_0) - f(x_n) \right\| \\
 &= \left\| x_0 - x_1, x_0 - \frac{x_0 + x_1 + x_2}{3}, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n \right\| \\
 &= \left| \frac{1}{3} \right| \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_1 + x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\
 &= \|x_0 - x_1, x_0 - x_2, x_0 - x_3, \dots, x_0 - x_n\| \\
 &= \|f(x_0) - f(x_1), f(x_0) - f(x_2), f(x_0) - f(x_3), \dots, f(x_0) - f(x_n)\|.
 \end{aligned}$$



Similarly, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f(x_1) - f(x_2), f(x_1) - f\left(\frac{x_0 + x_1 + x_2}{3}\right), f(x_1) - f(x_3), \dots, f(x_1) - f(x_n) \right\| \\ &= \left\| f(x_2) - f(x_1), f(x_2) - f\left(\frac{x_0 + x_1 + x_2}{3}\right), f(x_2) - f(x_3), \dots, f(x_2) - f(x_n) \right\| \\ &= \left\| f(x_0) - f(x_1), f(x_0) - f(x_2), f(x_0) - f(x_3), \dots, f(x_0) - f(x_n) \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 3.1, we get

$$f\left(\frac{x_0 + x_1 + x_2}{3}\right) = \frac{f(x_0) + f(x_1) + f(x_2)}{3}$$

for all  $x_0, x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{X}$  satisfying that  $x_0, x_1, x_2$  are not 2-collinear. □

The next theorem is the Mazur-Ulam theorem II in non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces over a linear ordered non-Archimedean field  $\mathcal{K}$ . The assumptions of this theorem are different from that of Theorem 2.10. In particular, in the proof of the theorem, we use the  $f$ -preserving property for the barycenter of a triangle.

**Theorem 3.3** *Let  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  be non-Archimedean  $n$ -normed spaces over a linear ordered non-Archimedean field  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $\mathcal{C} = \{3^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . If  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is an interior-preserving  $n$ -isometry, then  $f(x) - f(0)$  is additive.*

*Proof* Let  $g(x) := f(x) - f(0)$ . One can easily check that  $g(0) = 0$  and  $g$  is also an  $n$ -isometry. Using a similar method in [17, Theorem 2.4], we can easily prove that  $g$  is also an interior-preserving mapping.

Now, let  $x_0, x_1, x_2$  be elements of  $\mathcal{X}$  satisfying that  $x_0, x_1, x_2$  are not 2-collinear. Since  $g$  is an interior-preserving  $n$ -isometry, by Theorem 3.2,

$$g\left(\frac{x_0 + x_1 + x_2}{3}\right) = \frac{g(x_0) + g(x_1) + g(x_2)}{3}$$

for any  $x_0, x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{X}$  satisfying that  $x_0, x_1, x_2$  are not 2-collinear. Using Lemma 2.8 and the property  $g(0) = 0$ , we obtain that the interior-preserving  $n$ -isometry  $g$  is additive, which completes the proof. □

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