

# *CHAPTER 4*

## CHAPTER 4

### FUZZY $n$ -INNER PRODUCT SPACE AND INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY $n$ -INNER PRODUCT SPACE

In this chapter the notion of fuzzy  $n$ -inner product space and intuitionistic fuzzy  $n$ -inner product are discussed.

In section one of chapter 4,  $n$ -inner product space and fuzzy  $n$ -inner product space are studied.

In section two of chapter 4, fuzzy  $n$ -inner product space are generalized to intuitionistic fuzzy sets.

#### SECTION: 4.1

#### FUZZY $n$ -INNER PRODUCT SPACE

##### Definition: 4.1.1

Let  $n$  be a natural number greater than 1 and  $X$  be a real linear space of dimension greater than or equal to  $n$  and let  $(\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet)$  be a real valued function on

$\underbrace{X \times X \times \dots \times X}_{n+1} = X^{n+1}$  satisfying the following conditions:

$$(1) (i)(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n) \geq 0,$$

$$(ii)(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0 \text{ if and only if } x, x_2, \dots, x_n \text{ are linearly dependent,}$$

$$(2)(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n) = (y, x | x_2, \dots, x_n),$$

$$(3)(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n) \text{ is variant under any permutation of } x_2, \dots, x_n,$$

$$(4)(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n) = (x_2, x_2 | x, x_3, \dots, x_n),$$

$$(5)(ax, x | x_2, \dots, x_n) = a(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n) \text{ for every } a \in \mathfrak{R}(\text{real}),$$

$$(6)(x + x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n) = (x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n) + (x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

Then  $(\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet)$  is called an  $n$ -inner product on  $X$  and  $(X, (\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet))$  is called an  $n$ -inner product space.

**Remark: 4.1.2**

If an n-inner product space  $(X, (\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet))$  is given then  $\|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\| = \sqrt{(x_1, x_1 | x_2, \dots, x_n)}$  defines an n-norm on X. Further the following extension of Cauchy-Buniakowski inequality is also true.

$$|(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)| \leq \sqrt{(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n)} \sqrt{(y, y | x_2, \dots, x_n)}$$

**Definition: 4.1.3**

Let X be a linear space over a field F. A fuzzy subset  $J : X^{n+1} \times \mathfrak{R}$  ( $\mathfrak{R}$  set of real numbers) is called a fuzzy n-inner product on X if and only if:

- (1) For all  $t \in \mathfrak{R}$  with  $t \leq 0$ ,  $J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$ ,
- (2) For all  $t \in \mathfrak{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,  $J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$

are linearly dependent,

- (3) For all  $t > 0$ ,  $J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(y, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$ ,
- (4)  $J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ ,
- (5) For all  $t > 0$ ,  $J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(x_2, x_2 | x, x_3, \dots, x_n, t)$ ,
- (6) For all  $t > 0$ ,

$$J(ax, bx | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|ab|}), \quad a, b \in \mathfrak{R} \text{ (real)},$$

- (7) For all  $s, t \in \mathfrak{R}$ ,

$$J(x + x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t + s) \geq \min \{J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t), J(x', y | x_2, \dots, x_n, s)\},$$

- (8) For all  $s, t \in \mathfrak{R}$  with  $s > 0, t > 0$

$$J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, \sqrt{ts}) \geq \min \{J(x, x | x_2, \dots, x_n, t), J(y, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, s)\},$$

- (9)  $J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is a nondecreasing function of  $t \in \mathfrak{R}$  and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} J(x, y | x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1.$$

Then  $(X, J)$  is called a *fuzzy n-inner product space or in short f-n-IPS*.

**Example: 4.1.4**

Let  $(X, (\bullet, \bullet | \bullet, \dots, \bullet))$  be an n-inner product space. Let

$$J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} & \text{when } t > 0, t \in \mathfrak{R}, \\ & (x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \underbrace{X \times \dots \times X}_{n+1} \\ 0 & \text{when } t \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

then  $(X, J)$  is an f-n-IPS.

**Proof:**

(1) For all  $t \in \mathfrak{R}$  with  $t \leq 0$ ,

$$J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$$

(2) For all  $t \in \mathfrak{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,

$$J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{t}{t + |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} = 1,$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t = t + |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|,$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)| = 0,$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0,$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x, x_2, \dots, x_n \text{ are linearly dependent.}$$

(3) For all  $t > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) &= \frac{t}{t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\ &= \frac{t}{t + |(y, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\ &= J(y, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \end{aligned}$$

(4) As  $(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ , we have

$J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation.

(5) For all  $t > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) &= \frac{t}{t + |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
 &= \frac{t}{t + |(x_2, x_2|x, \dots, x_n)|} \\
 &= J(x_2, x_2|x, x_3, \dots, x_n, t)
 \end{aligned}$$

(6) For all  $t > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|ab|}) &= \frac{\frac{t}{|ab|}}{\frac{t}{|ab|} + |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
 &= \frac{t}{t + |ab|||(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
 &= \frac{t}{t + |(ax, bx|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
 &= J(ax, bx|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)
 \end{aligned}$$

(7) we have to prove

$$J(x + x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t + s) \geq \min \{J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t), J(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s)\}.$$

If

(a)  $s + t < 0$ ,

(b)  $s = t = 0$ ,

(c)  $s + t > 0; s > 0, t < 0; s < 0, t > 0$ , then the above relation is obvious. If

(d)  $s > 0, t > 0, s + t > 0$ , then without loss of generality assume that

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) &\leq J(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{t}{t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} &\leq \frac{s}{s + |(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
 \frac{t}{t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} &\geq \frac{s}{s + |(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
 1 + \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} &\geq 1 + \frac{|(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s} \\
 \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} &\geq \frac{|(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{s|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} &\geq |(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| \\
|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| + \frac{s|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} &\geq |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| + |(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| \\
\left(1 + \frac{s}{t}\right)|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| &\geq |(x + x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| \\
\left(\frac{s+t}{t}\right)|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| &\geq |(x + x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| \\
\frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} &\geq \frac{|(x + x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s+t} \\
1 + \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} &\geq 1 + \frac{|(x + x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s+t} \\
\frac{t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} &\geq \frac{s+t + |(x + x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s+t} \\
\frac{t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} &\leq \frac{s+t}{s+t + |(x + x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \min \{J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t), J(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s)\} \leq J(x + x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s+t)$$

(8) without loss of generality assume that

$$\begin{aligned}
J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) &\leq J(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \text{ for all } s, t \in \mathfrak{R} \text{ with } s > 0, t > 0 \\
\frac{t}{t + |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} &\leq \frac{s}{s + |(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
\frac{t + |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} &\geq \frac{s + |(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s} \\
1 + \frac{|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} &\geq 1 + \frac{|(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s} \\
\frac{|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} &\geq \frac{|(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s} \\
\frac{s|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} &\geq |(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| \\
\frac{|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|s|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} &\geq |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|| (y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|
\end{aligned}$$

By Remark 4.1.2,

$$\begin{aligned}
|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|^2 \frac{s}{t} &\geq |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|^2 \\
|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|^2 \frac{s}{t^2} &\geq \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|^2}{t} \\
\frac{|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|^2}{t^2} &\geq \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|^2}{st}
\end{aligned}$$

Taking square root on both sides,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} &\geq \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{\sqrt{st}} \\
1 + \frac{|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} &\geq 1 + \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{\sqrt{st}} \\
\frac{t + |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} &\geq \frac{\sqrt{st} + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{\sqrt{st}} \\
\frac{t}{t + |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} &\leq \frac{\sqrt{st}}{\sqrt{st} + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \min \{J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t), J(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s)\} \leq J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, \sqrt{st})$$

(9) For all  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathfrak{R}$ , if  $t_1 < t_2 \leq 0$ , then,

$$J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t_1) = J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t_2) = 0$$

Suppose  $t_2 > t_1 > 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{t_2}{t_2 + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} - \frac{t_1}{t_1 + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
&= \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|(t_2 - t_1)}{(t_2 + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|)(t_1 + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|)} \geq 0,
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n) \in X^{n+1}$

$$\frac{t_2}{t_2 + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \geq \frac{t_1}{t_1 + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|},$$

$$\Rightarrow J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t_2) \geq J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t_1)$$

Thus  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is a non decreasing function. Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t}{t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t}{t(1 + (1/t)|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|)} \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

Thus (X,J) is an f-n-IPS.

## SECTION: 4.2

### INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY n-INNER PRODUCT SPACE

#### Definition: 4.2.1

An intuitionistic fuzzy  $n$ -inner product space (or) in short  $i$ - $f$ - $n$ -IPS is an object of the form

$$A = \{(X, J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t), K(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)) : (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in X^{n+1}\}$$

where  $X$  is a linear space over a field  $F$ ,  $*$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm,  $\diamond$  is a continuous  $t$ -co-norm and  $J, K$  are fuzzy sets on  $X^{n+1} \times \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $J$  denotes the degree of membership and  $K$  denotes the degree of non-membership of  $(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \in X^{n+1} \times \mathfrak{R}$

satisfying the following conditions :

- (1)  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) + K(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \leq 1$ ,
- (2)  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) > 0$ ,
- (3)  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent,
- (4)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(y, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$ ,
- (5)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ ,
- (6)  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(x_2, x_2|x, x_3, \dots, x_n, t)$ ,
- (7)  $J(ax, bx|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|ab|})$ ,  $a, b \in \mathfrak{R}$  (real),
- (8)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) * J(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \leq J(x + x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s + t)$ ,
- (9)  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) * J(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \leq J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, \sqrt{ts})$ ,
- (10)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous in  $t$ ,
- (11)  $K(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) > 0$ ,
- (12)  $K(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$  if and only if  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent,
- (13)  $K(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = K(y, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$ ,
- (14)  $K(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ ,
- (15)  $K(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = K(x_2, x_2|x, x_3, \dots, x_n, t)$ ,
- (16)  $K(ax, bx|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = K(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|ab|})$ ,  $a, b \in \mathfrak{R}$  (real),
- (17)  $K(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \diamond K(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \geq K(x + x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t + s)$ ,

$$(18) K(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \diamond K(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \geq K(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, \sqrt{ts}),$$

(19)  $K(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous in  $t$ .

**Example: 4.2.2**

Let  $(X, (\bullet, \bullet|\bullet, \dots, \bullet))$  be an  $n$ -inner product space. Let  $a * b = \min \{a, b\}$  and  $a \diamond b = \max \{a, b\}$  and

$$J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{t}{t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|},$$

$$K(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}$$

then  $(X, J)$  is an  $i$ - $f$ - $n$ -IPS.

**Proof:**

(1) Clearly  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) + K(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \leq 1$

(2) It is obvious that  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) > 0$

The results

(3)  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent,

(4)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(y, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$ ,

(5)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ ,

(6)  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(x_2, x_2|x, x_3, \dots, x_n, t)$ ,

(7)  $J(ax, bx|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|ab|})$ ,  $a, b \in \mathfrak{R}$  (real),

(8)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) * J(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \leq J(x + x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s + t)$ ,

(9)  $J(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) * J(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) \leq J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, \sqrt{ts})$ ,

(10)  $J(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous in  $t$ .

are showed in Example 4.1.4.

(11) It is obvious that  $K(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) > 0$

(12) For all  $t \in \mathfrak{R}$  with  $t > 0$ ,

$$K(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t + |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Leftrightarrow |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)| = 0, \\
&\Leftrightarrow (x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0, \\
&\Leftrightarrow x, x_2, \dots, x_n \text{ are linearly dependent.}
\end{aligned}$$

(13) For all  $t > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
K(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) &= \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
&= \frac{|(y, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t + |(y, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
&= K(y, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)
\end{aligned}$$

(14) As  $(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is invariant under any permutation of  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ , we have

$K(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  is invariant under any permutation.

(15) For all  $t > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
K(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) &= \frac{|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t + |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
&= \frac{|(x_2, x_2|x, x_3, \dots, x_n)|}{t + |(x_2, x_2|x, x_3, \dots, x_n)|} \\
&= K(x_2, x_2|x, x_3, \dots, x_n, t)
\end{aligned}$$

(16) For all  $t > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
K(ax, bx|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) &= \frac{|(ax, bx|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t + |(ax, bx|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
&= \frac{|ab|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t + |ab|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
&= \frac{|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{\frac{t}{|ab|} + |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
&= K(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, \frac{t}{|ab|})
\end{aligned}$$

(17) Without loss of generality assume that

$$\begin{aligned}
K(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) &\leq K(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \\
\frac{|(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s + |(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} &\leq \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\
t|(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| &\leq s|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|
\end{aligned}$$

$$t|(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| - s|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| \leq 0 \quad (4.1)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{|(x+x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s+t+|(x+x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} - \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t+|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\ & \leq \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| + |(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s+t+|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| + |(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} - \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t+|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\ & = \frac{t|(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| - s|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{(s+t+|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| + |(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|)(t+|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|)} \end{aligned}$$

By (4.1) we have

$$\frac{|(x+x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s+t+|(x+x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \leq \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t+|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{|(x+x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s+t+|(x+x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \leq \frac{|(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s+|(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}$$

$$\Rightarrow K(x+x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s+t) \leq \max\{K(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t), K(x', y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s)\}$$

(18) Without loss of generality assume that

$$\begin{aligned} K(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s) & \leq K(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \text{ for all } s, t \in \mathfrak{R} \text{ with } s > 0, t > 0. \\ \frac{|(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s+|(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} & \leq \frac{|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t+|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\ t|(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| & \leq s|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t|(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)||x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)| & \leq s|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|^2 \\ \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|^2}{st} & \leq \frac{|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|^2}{t^2} \end{aligned}$$

Taking square root,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{\sqrt{st}} & \leq \frac{|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t} \\ t|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| - \sqrt{st}|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)| & \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{\sqrt{st} + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} - \frac{|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t + |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \\ &= \frac{t|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)| - \sqrt{st}|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{(\sqrt{st} + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|)(t + |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|)} \leq 0 \\ & \frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{\sqrt{st} + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \leq \frac{|(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{t + |(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{|(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{\sqrt{st} + |(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|} \leq \frac{|(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}{s + |(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n)|}$$

$$K(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, \sqrt{st}) \leq \max \{K(x, x|x_2, \dots, x_n, t), K(y, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, s)\}$$

(19) Clearly  $K(x, y|x_2, \dots, x_n, t) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous in  $t$ .