APPROXIMATELY ORTHOGONALITY PRESERVING MAPPINGS ON HILBERT $C_0(Z)$ -MODULES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we will use the categorical approach to Hilbert C^* -modules over a commutative C^* -algebra to investigate the approximately orthogonality preserving mappings on Hilbert C^* -modules over a commutative C^* -algebra.

Indeed, we show that if $\Psi : \Gamma \to \Gamma'$ is a nonzero $C_0(Z)$ -linear (δ, ε) -orthogonality preserving mapping between the continuous fields of Hilbert spaces on a locally compact Hausdorff space Z, then Ψ is injective, continuous and also for every $x, y \in \Gamma$ and $z \in Z$,

$$|\langle \Psi(x), \Psi(y) \rangle(z) - \varphi^2(z) \langle x, y \rangle(z)| \le \frac{4(\varepsilon - \delta)}{(1 - \delta)(1 + \varepsilon)} \|\Psi(x)\| \|\Psi(y)\|$$

where $\varphi(z) = \sup\{\|\Psi(u)(z)\| : u \text{ is a unit vector in } \Gamma\}.$

1. INTRODUCTION

Recently, some authors studied orthogonality and approximately orthogonality preserving mappings in the framework of Hilbert C^* -modules [1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10]. We recall that in a Hilbert C^* -module $(E, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$, elements x, y are said to be orthogonal, denoted by $x \perp y$, if $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$, and also for a given $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$, they are called ε -orthogonal, denoted by $x \perp^{\varepsilon} y$, if $||\langle x, y \rangle|| \leq \varepsilon ||x|| ||y||$.

Let $\delta, \varepsilon \in [0,1).$ A mapping $\Phi: E \to F$ between Hilbert $C^*\text{-modules}$ is called

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• orthogonality preserving if for every $x, y \in E$,

$$x \perp y \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Phi(x) \perp \Phi(y);$$

• approximately orthogonality preserving or (δ, ε) -orthogonality preserving if for every $x, y \in E$,

$$x \perp^{\delta} y \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Phi(x) \perp^{\varepsilon} \Phi(y)$$

• ε -orthogonality preserving if for every $x, y \in E$,

$$x \perp y \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Phi(x) \perp^{\varepsilon} \Phi(y).$$

It is very easy to see that a linear orthogonality preserving mapping between Hilbert spaces must be a scalar multiple of an isometry. Similarly, Leung et al. [7, 8], showed that the module structure and the orthogonality structure of a Hilbert C^* -module determine its inner product structure. In fact, they proved that if $\Phi : E \longrightarrow F$ is a A-linear orthogonality preserving mapping between Hilbert C^* -modules E and F over a C^* -algebra A, then there exists a (unique) positive central element u in the multiplier algebra $M(J_E)$, such that

$$\langle \Phi(x), \Phi(y) \rangle = u \langle x, y \rangle \qquad (x, y \in E),$$

where J_E is the closed two-sided ideal of A generated by all the A-valued inner products of elements in E.

Approximately orthogonality preserving mappings between Hilbert spaces have been studied in [2, 3, 12, 13]. Some authors studied approximately orthogonality preserving mappings on Hilbert C^* -modules over standard C^* algebras. In fact, ε -orthogonality preserving and (δ, ε) -orthogonality preserving has been explored for A-linear maps on Hilbert C^* -modules over a standard C^* -algebra A, by Ilišević, Turnšek [6], and Moslehian and Zamani [10], respectively.

In this paper, we investigate approximately orthogonality preserving property for mappings on Hilbert C^* -modules over commutative C^* -algebras. In fact, we will use the categorical approach which says that the category of (left) Hilbert C^* -modules over a commutative C^* -algebra $A = C_0(Z)$ is equivalent to the category of continuous fields of Hilbert spaces over the locally compact Hausdorff space Z, see [5, 11].

The following theorem is the main result of this paper and it will be proved by some lemmas in the next sections. We recall that for a given linear operator T on a Hilbert space H the minimum modulus [T] of T is defined by

$$[T] = \inf \{ \|Tx\| : \|x\| = 1 \} = \sup \{ m \ge 0 : m \|x\| \le \|Tx\| \}$$

MAIN THEOREM. Let $\delta, \varepsilon \in [0, 1)$ and $\Psi : \Gamma \to \Gamma'$ be a nonzero $C_0(Z)$ linear (δ, ε) -orthogonality preserving mapping between the continuous fields of Hilbert spaces over a locally compact Hausdorff space Z. Then

(1) Ψ is injective and continuous,

(2) maps $\varphi(z) = \|\Psi_z\|$ and $\phi(z) = [\Psi_z]$ are bounded on Z, where the linear map Ψ_z is given by $\Psi_z(x(z)) = \Psi(x)(z)$.

Moreover, for every map $\gamma: Z \to [0,\infty)$ satisfying $\phi \leq \gamma \leq \varphi$ on Z and every $x, y \in \Gamma, z \in Z$ we have

$$(3) \quad \frac{1}{\theta}\gamma(z)\|x(z)\| \le \|\Psi(x)(z)\| \le \theta\gamma(z)\|x(z)\|,$$

$$(4) \quad \frac{1}{\theta^2}\gamma^2(z)\langle x, x\rangle(z) \le \langle\Psi(x), \Psi(x)\rangle(z) \le \theta^2\gamma^2(z)\langle x, x\rangle(z),$$

$$(5) \quad |\langle\Psi(x), \Psi(y)\rangle(z) - \gamma^2(z)\langle x, y\rangle(z)|$$

$$\le 4\left(1 - \frac{1}{\theta^2}\right)\min\{\gamma^2(z)\|x\|\|y\|, \|\Psi(x)\|\|\Psi(y)\|\},$$
where $\theta = \theta(\delta, \varepsilon) = \sqrt{\frac{(1-\delta)(1+\varepsilon)}{(1+\delta)(1-\varepsilon)}} + 2\varepsilon\sqrt{\frac{(1-\delta)(1+\varepsilon)}{(1+\delta)(1-\varepsilon)}}.$

2. Preliminaries

DEFINITION 2.1. Let Z be a locally compact Hausdorff space. Consider $((H_z)_{z \in Z}, \Gamma)$, where $(H_z)_{z \in Z}$ is a family of Hilbert spaces and Γ is a subset of $\prod_{z \in Z} H_z$. Also, we set

$$C_0 - \prod_{z \in Z} H_z = \left\{ x \in \prod_{z \in Z} H_z : [z \mapsto ||x(z)||] \in C_0(Z) \right\}.$$

The pair $((H_z)_{z \in \mathbb{Z}}, \Gamma)$ satisfying the following properties is said to be a continuous field of Hilbert spaces.

- 1) Γ is a linear subspace of $C_0 \prod_{z \in Z} H_z$.
- 2) The set $\{x(z) : x \in \Gamma\}$ equals to H_z , for every $z \in Z$.
- 3) If $x \in C_0 \prod_{z \in Z} H_z$ and for every $z \in Z$ and every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a $x' \in \Gamma$ such that $||x(s) x'(s)|| < \varepsilon$ in some neighbourhood of z, then $x \in \Gamma$.

If there is no confusion, we denote a continuous field of Hilbert spaces $((H_z)_{z \in \mathbb{Z}}, \Gamma)$ by Γ .

If Γ is a continuous field of Hilbert spaces, then the function $z \mapsto \langle x(z), y(z) \rangle$ is an element of $C_0(Z)$, for every $x, y \in \Gamma$. In fact, Γ is a (left) Hilbert $C_0(Z)$ -module equipped with the following pointwise multiplication and $C_0(Z)$ -valued inner product

$$(f \cdot x)(z) = f(z)x(z)$$
 & $\langle x, y \rangle(z) = \langle x(z), y(z) \rangle,$

for all $f \in C_0(Z)$, $x, y \in \Gamma$ and $z \in Z$. Moreover, corresponding to every Hilbert $C_0(Z)$ -module E, there is a unique continuous field of Hilbert spaces isomorphic to E. The following lemma determines the structure of $C_0(Z)$ linear mappings between continuous fields of Hilbert spaces. LEMMA 2.2. Let $\Psi : (\{H_z\}_{z \in Z}, \Gamma) \to (\{K_z\}_{z \in Z}, \Gamma')$ be a nonzero $C_0(Z)$ linear mapping. For every $z \in Z$, the map $\Psi_z : H_z \longrightarrow K_z$ defined by $\Psi_z(x(z)) = (\Psi(x))(z)$ is well-defined and linear. Moreover the $C_0(Z)$ -linear map Ψ is bounded if and only if for every $z \in Z$, Ψ_z is linear and bounded and $\sup_{z \in Z} \|\Psi_z\| < \infty$. Indeed, $\|\Psi\| = \sup_{z \in Z} \|\Psi_z\|$.

PROOF. By [9, Proposition 1.3.10], for every $x \in \Gamma$ and $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ there is $y \in \Gamma$ such that $x = \langle x, x \rangle^{\alpha} y$ and so $\Psi(x) = \langle x, x \rangle^{\alpha} \Psi(y)$. Hence, obviously x(z) = 0 implies that $\Psi(x)(z) = 0$. The rest of the proof is straightforward.

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The following fact about elements of a continuous field of Hilbert spaces can be concluded by the locally compact version of Tietze extension theorem.

LEMMA 2.3. Let $z_0 \in Z$ and $y \in \Gamma$. If $y(z_0) \neq 0$, then there is $g \in C_0(Z)$ such that $||gy|| = ||g(z_0)y(z_0)|| = 1$. Consequently, if $H_{z_0} \neq \{0\}$, then for any unit vector $h \in H_{z_0}$, there is $x \in \Gamma$ such that ||x|| = 1 and $x(z_0) = h$.

PROOF. Let $\lambda = ||y(z_0)||$. Since f(z) = ||y(z)|| is a member of $C_0(Z)$, then the set $K = \{z \in Z : f(z) \ge \lambda\}$ is compact. Let $g_0(k) = \frac{1}{f(k)}$, for every $k \in K$. Clearly, $g_0 \in C(K)$ and $0 \le g_0(k) \le \frac{1}{\lambda}$, for all $k \in K$. By the locally compact version of Tietze extension theorem, there is a $g \in C_0(Z)$ extending g_0 and $0 \le g(z) \le \frac{1}{\lambda}$, for all $z \in Z$. Hence, we have

$$\sup_{z \in Z} g(z)f(z) = \sup_{z \in K} g(z)f(z) = 1 = g(z_0)f(z_0).$$

For second part, we note that for any unit vector $h \in H_{z_0}$ there is a $y \in \Gamma$ such that $y(z_0) = h$. Then, by the previous step, there is $g \in C_0(Z)$ such that $||gy|| = ||g(z_0)y(z_0)|| = 1$ and $0 \le g(z) \le 1$, for all $z \in Z$. Let x = gy. Then we have ||x|| = 1 and $x(z_0) = h$, since $g(z_0) = 1$.

3. ε -orthogonality preserving mappings

In this section, we prove the main theorem in the case $\delta = 0$. That is, throughout this section, we suppose that $\Psi : \Gamma \to \Gamma'$ is a nonzero $C_0(Z)$ -linear ε -orthogonality preserving mapping between the continuous fields of Hilbert spaces over a locally compact Hausdorff space Z.

The first step to prove the main theorem is to observe that for every $z \in Z$, $\Psi_z : H_z \to K_z$ is ε -orthogonality preserving. Hence, some results that hold in the setting of Hilbert spaces and Hilbert C^* -modules over standard C^* -algebras can be generalized to Hilbert $C_0(Z)$ -modules.

LEMMA 3.1. For every $z \in Z$, the linear map $\Psi_z : H_z \longrightarrow K_z$ is ε orthogonality preserving and so continuous.

PROOF. Suppose that $z_0 \in Z$, $x, y \in \Gamma$ and also $x(z_0) \perp y(z_0)$. We show that $\Psi_{z_0}(x(z_0)) \perp^{\varepsilon} \Psi_{z_0}(y(z_0))$. If $x(z_0) = 0$ (or $y(z_0) = 0$), then

 $\Psi(z)(z_0) = 0$ (or $\Psi(y)(z_0) = 0$) and so $\Psi_{z_0}(x(z_0)) \perp^{\varepsilon} \Psi_{z_0}(y(z_0))$. Otherwise, let $f = \langle y, x \rangle \in C_0(Z)$ and define $u = \langle y, x \rangle x \in \Gamma$. Obviously, $u - \langle x, x \rangle y \perp x$. Since Ψ is ε -orthogonality preserving, then for every $z \in Z$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle \Psi(u)(z) - \|x(z)\|^2 \Psi(y)(z), \Psi(x)(z)\rangle| \\ &\leq \varepsilon \|\Psi(u)(z) - \|x(z)\|^2 \Psi(y)(z)\| \|\Psi(x)(z)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Now, by definition of u, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |||\Psi(x)(z)||^2 f(z) - ||x(z)||^2 \langle \Psi(y)(z), \Psi(x)(z) \rangle| \\ &\leq \varepsilon ||f(z)\Psi(x)(z) - ||x(z)||^2 \Psi(y)(z)|| ||\Psi(x)(z)||. \end{aligned}$$

Since, $f(z_0) = 0$ and also $x(z_0) \neq 0$, then

$$\langle \Psi(y)(z_0), \Psi(x)(z_0) \rangle | \le \varepsilon || \Psi(y)(z_0) || || \Psi(x)(z_0) ||.$$

That is, $\Psi_{z_0}(x(z_0)) \perp^{\varepsilon} \Psi_{z_0}(y(z_0)).$

The following corollary, which is essentially the main theorem with $\delta = 0$, follows from the preceding lemma and [10, Theorem 3.6].

COROLLARY 3.2. For every $x \in \Gamma$ and $z \in Z$, we have

$$\frac{1}{\theta}\varphi(z)\|x(z)\| \le \|\Psi(x)(z)\| \le \theta\phi(z)\|x(z)\|,$$

where $\varphi(z) = \|\Psi_z\|, \ \phi(z) = [\Psi_z] \ and \ \theta = \sqrt{\frac{1+\varepsilon}{1-\varepsilon}} + 2\varepsilon\sqrt{\frac{1+\varepsilon}{1-\varepsilon}}.$

Consequently, Ψ is injective and also for every map $\gamma : Z \to [0,\infty)$ satisfying $\phi \leq \gamma \leq \varphi$ on Z and every $x, y \in \Gamma$, $z \in Z$ we have

1.
$$\frac{1}{\theta}\gamma(z)\|x(z)\| \le \|\Psi(x)(z)\| \le \theta\gamma(z)\|x(z)\|,$$

2.
$$\frac{1}{\theta^2}\gamma^2(z)\langle x,x\rangle(z) \le \langle\Psi(x),\Psi(x)\rangle(z) \le \theta^2\gamma^2(z)\langle x,x\rangle(z),$$

3.
$$|\langle\Psi(x),\Psi(y)\rangle(z) - \gamma^2(z)\langle x,y\rangle(z)|$$

$$\le 4\left(1 - \frac{1}{\theta^2}\right)\min\{\gamma^2(z)\|x\|\|y\|,\|\Psi(x)\|\|\Psi(y)\|\}.$$

Also, some other inequalities can be obtained from the main results of [6, 10] and [12].

COROLLARY 3.3. For every
$$x \in \Gamma$$
 and every $z \in Z$,
1. $\sqrt{\frac{1-\varepsilon}{1+\varepsilon}} \|\Psi_z\| \|x(z)\| \le \|\Psi_z(x(z))\| \le \|\Psi_z\| \|x(z)\|$,
2. $|\langle \Psi(x), \Psi(y) \rangle(z) - \varphi^2(z) \langle x, y \rangle(z)| \le \frac{4\varepsilon}{1+\varepsilon} \|\Psi(x)\| \|\Psi(y)\|$.

LEMMA 3.4. Ψ is continuous. Consequently, the maps φ and ϕ , defined in the previous lemma, are bounded.

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PROOF. Suppose that $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of Γ converging to zero and $\{\Psi(x_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges to $u \in \Gamma'$. Let $z \in Z$. We show that u(z) = 0. Without loss of generality, we can assume that $x_n(z) \neq 0$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. For every $y \in \Gamma$, $\langle y, y \rangle(z) x_n(z) - \langle x_n, y \rangle(z) y(z) \perp y(z)$. Also, by Lemma 3.1, the map $\Psi_z : H_z \to K_z$ is ε -orthogonality preserving. Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\langle y, y \rangle(z) \langle \Psi(x_n), \Psi(y) \rangle(z) - \langle x_n, y \rangle(z) \langle \Psi(y), \Psi(y) \rangle(z) \| \\ & \leq \varepsilon \|\langle y, y \rangle(z) \Psi(x_n) - \langle x_n, y \rangle(z) \Psi(y)(z) \| \| \Psi(y)(z) \|. \end{aligned}$$

Since, $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = 0$ and $\lim_{n\to\infty} \Psi(x_n) = u$, we have

$$\|\langle u, \Psi(y) \rangle(z)\| \le \varepsilon \|u(z)\| \|\Psi(y)(z)\|.$$

The preceding inequality holds for every $y \in \Gamma$. Hence, for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the following holds:

$$\|\langle u, \Psi(x_n)\rangle(z)\| \le \varepsilon \|u(z)\| \|\Psi(x_n)(z)\|.$$

Now, since $\{\Psi(x_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges to u, we have

$$\|\langle u(z), u(z)\rangle\| \le \varepsilon \|u(z)\| \|u(z)\|.$$

This implies u(z) = 0, because $\varepsilon < 1$. Finally, φ is bounded, since

$$\sup_{z\in Z}\varphi(z)=\sup_{z\in Z}\|\Psi_z\|=\|\Psi\|<\infty$$

Also, the map $\phi \ (\leq \varphi)$ is bounded.

The proofs of Lemmas 3.1 and 3.4, provide a more direct proof for the main result of [7].

COROLLARY 3.5. [7, Corollary 3.7] Suppose that E and F are two Hilbert $C_0(Z)$ -modules and $\Psi: E \longrightarrow F$ is an orthogonality preserving $C_0(Z)$ -module map. Then Ψ is bounded and there exists a bounded nonnegative function φ on Z that is continuous on $Z_E = \{z \in Z : \langle x, x \rangle(z) \neq 0 \text{ for some } x \in E\}$ and satisfies

$$\langle \Psi(x), \Psi(y) \rangle = \varphi \cdot \langle x, y \rangle,$$

for all $x, y \in E$.

REMARK 3.6. In [10], the authors show that if a nonzero module map T is a ε -orthogonality preserving mapping between Hilbert C^* -modules over a standard C^* -algebra, then [T] > 0. However, this is in general not true when we deal with commutative C^* -algebras. For instance, let $Z = \mathbb{N}$ and $\Gamma = \Gamma' = C_0(Z)$. Then $\Psi : \Gamma \longrightarrow \Gamma'$ defined by $\Psi((h_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}) = (\frac{1}{n}h_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a nonzero $C_0(Z)$ -linear orthogonality preserving mapping, but $[\Psi] = 0$.

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4. Approximately orthogonality preserving mappings

In this section, we prove the main theorem in the case $\delta \neq 0$. That is, throughout this section, we assume that the nonzero $C_0(Z)$ -linear map $\Psi: \Gamma \to \Gamma'$ is a (δ, ε) -orthogonality preserving mapping, for some $\delta \in (0, 1)$.

At first we note that Ψ is also ε -orthogonality preserving mapping. Hence Ψ is continuous and injective, by the previous section.

Similar to the previous section, we show that for every $z \in Z$, Ψ_z is an approximately orthogonality preserving mappings.

LEMMA 4.1. Suppose that V is an open subset of Z and $x, y \in \Gamma$. If $x(z) \perp^{\delta} y(z)$ for some $\delta \geq 0$ and every $z \in V$, then $\Psi(x)(z) \perp^{\varepsilon} \Psi(y)(z)$, for all $z \in V$.

PROOF. Let z_0 be an arbitrary element of V. We can assume that $\Psi(x)(z_0) \neq 0$ and $\Psi(y)(z_0) \neq 0$. By Lemma 2.3, there are $g, h \in C_0(Z)$ such that

 $||g\Psi(x)|| = ||g(z_0)\Psi(x)(z_0)|| = 1$ & $||h\Psi(y)|| = ||h(z_0)\Psi(y)(z_0)|| = 1.$

Also, by the Urysohn's lemma there exists a $f \in C_0(Z)$ such that ||f|| = 1, $f(z_0) = 1$ and $f|_{V^c} = 0$.

The assumption of $x(\cdot) \perp^{\delta} y(\cdot)$ on V, yields that $fgx(z) \perp^{\delta} hy(z)$, for all $z \in Z$, i. e., $fgx \perp^{\delta} hy$ in Γ . Then we have

$$\|\langle \Psi(fgx), \Psi(hy) \rangle\| \le \varepsilon \|\Psi(fgx)\| \|\Psi(hy)\|,$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z_0)||g(z_0)||h(z_0)||\langle \Psi(x)(z_0), \Psi(y)(z_0)\rangle| \\ &\leq \varepsilon \|f\| \|g\Psi(x)\| \|h\Psi(y)\| = \varepsilon |g(z_0)| \|\Psi(x)(z_0)\| |h(z_0)| \|\Psi(y)(z_0)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$|\langle \Psi(x)(z_0), \Psi(y)(z_0) \rangle| \le \varepsilon ||\Psi(x)(z_0)|| ||\Psi(y)(z_0)||,$$

which is the desired result.

LEMMA 4.2. For every $z \in Z$ and for every $\delta' < \delta$, the linear map Ψ_z : $H_z \longrightarrow K_z$ is (δ', ε) - orthogonality preserving and so continuous.

PROOF. Let $z_0 \in Z$ and $x, y \in \Gamma$. Suppose that $x(z_0) \perp^{\delta'} y(z_0)$ and also $x(z_0) \neq 0$ and $y(z_0) \neq 0$. In other words, $|\langle x(z_0), y(z_0) \rangle| \leq \delta' ||x(z_0)|| ||y(z_0)||$. Since $\delta' < \delta$, we have

$$|\langle x(z_0), y(z_0) \rangle| < \delta ||x(z_0)|| ||y(z_0)||.$$

Now, according to the continuity, there is some open neighborhood V of z_0 such that for every $z \in V$,

$$|\langle x(z), y(z) \rangle| < \delta ||x(z)|| ||y(z)||.$$

Consequently, for every $z \in V$, $x(z) \perp^{\delta} y(z)$. Hence, Lemma 4.1 yields that for every $z \in V$, $\Psi(x)(z) \perp^{\varepsilon} \Psi(y)(z)$. In particular, $\Psi_{z_0}(x(z_0)) \perp^{\varepsilon} \Psi_{z_0}(y(z_0))$. Therefore, the linear map Ψ_{z_0} is (δ', ε) -orthogonality preserving and so continuous.

PROOF OF MAIN THEOREM. As mentioned above, the map Ψ is injective and continuous. On the other hand, we have $\lim_{\delta'\to\delta^-} \theta(\delta',\varepsilon) = \theta(\delta,\varepsilon)$. Hence, all the inequalities in the main theorem hold by the above lemma and [10, Theorem 3.6]. Then, the proof is complete.

The following result follows from Lemma 4.2 and [13, Theorem 3.4].

COROLLARY 4.3. We have $\delta \leq \varepsilon$. Also, the following statements hold:

- 1. for every $z \in Z$, $\eta \|\Psi_z\| \leq [\Psi_z]$;
- 2. for every $x \in \Gamma$ and $z \in Z$,

$$\eta \|\Psi_z\| \|x(z)\| \le \|\Psi(x)(z)\| \le \|\Psi_z\| \|x(z)\|;$$

where $\eta = \sqrt{\frac{1-\varepsilon}{1+\varepsilon}} \sqrt{\frac{1+\delta}{1-\delta}}.$

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