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Rectangular modulus, Birkhoff orthogonality and characterizations of inner product spaces

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Abstract: Some characterizations of inner product spaces in terms of Birkhoff orthogonality are given. In this connection we define the rectangular modulus μ_X of the normed space X. The values of the rectangular modulus at some noteworthy points are well-known constants of X. Characterizations (involving μ_X) of inner product spaces of dimension ≥ 2 , respectively ≥ 3 , are given and the behaviour of μ_X is studied.

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