

ON THE PROBABILISTIC INNER MEASURE OF  
NONCOMPACTNESS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper some properties of the probabilistic inner measure of noncompactness are investigated and a fixed point theorem is proved.

Beginning with Bocsan's work [1], remarkable attention has been paid to probabilistic measures of noncompactness (briefly, probabilistic measures) and their applications to fixed point theory [2-7]. Usually probabilistic measure is assumed to have the properties:

- 1)  $\phi_A(t) = 1$  ( $\forall t > 0$ ) if and only if  $A$  is precompact,
- 2)  $\phi_{\overline{CO}A} = \phi_A$ ,
- 3)  $\phi_{A \cup B} = \min\{\phi_A, \phi_B\}$ .

Having been suggested by [8], here we show that for getting fixed point theorems it suffices to assume 1) and that

- 2')  $\phi_{\overline{CO}A} \geq \phi_A$ ,
- 3')  $\phi_{A \cup \{x\}} \geq \phi_A$  for each singleton  $\{x\}$ .

Then, as an example, we give the definition of probabilistic inner measure and establish some of its properties and its relation with the inner measure studied in [8-9].

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1. Let us first recall some definitions. In the sequel we shall use the following notations.  $R$  ( $R^+$ ) stands for the set of all real (non-negative) numbers,  $2^X$  - the family of all nonempty subsets of  $X$ ,  $B(X)$  - the family of all bounded subsets of a locally convex space  $X$ ,  $\overline{co} A$  - the closed convex hull of  $A$ .

A function  $F: R \rightarrow [0,1]$  is called a distribution if it is non-decreasing, left-continuous,  $\inf F = 0$ ,  $\sup F = 1$ . A random normed space is a pair  $(X, F)$  of a given linear space  $X$  and a family  $F$  of distributions  $\{F_x: x \in X\}$  satisfying

- a)  $F_x(t) = 1$  ( $\forall t > 0$ ) if and only if  $x = \theta$ ,
- b)  $F_x(0) = 0$ ,
- c)  $F_{cx}(t) = F_x\left(\frac{t}{|c|}\right)$ ,  $\forall c \neq 0$ ,
- d)  $F_{x+y}(t+s) \geq \min\{F_x(t)F_y(s)\}$ .

Putting  $p_\lambda(x) = \sup\{t: F_x(t) \leq 1-\lambda\}$ , ( $\lambda \in [0,1]$ ), we get a seminorm and  $(X, p_\lambda)$  becomes a Hausdorff locally convex space. In what follows by all the topological notions in  $(X, F)$  we mean the corresponding ones in  $(X, p_\lambda)$ . Let  $\{\phi_A: A \in B(X)\}$  be a family of distributions satisfying 1), 2'), 3').

**DEFINITION 1.** A mapping  $T: X \rightarrow 2^X$  is said to be probabilistic  $\phi$ -condensing if  $\phi_{TA} > \phi_A$  for every  $A \in B(X)$  which is not precompact.

Using the method of Reich in [10], we can prove.

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $(X, F)$  be a quasi-complete random normed space,  $C$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $X$ ,  $T: C \rightarrow 2^C$  an upper semicontinuous probabilistic  $\phi$ -condensing mapping having a bounded range. If  $T(x) = \overline{co}T(x)$ , for every  $x$  in  $C$  then there exists  $x_0 \in C$  such that  $x_0 \in Tx_0$ .

**P r o o f.** Fixing  $z \in C$  we denote  $\phi = \{y \subset C : z \in Y, Y$  is closed, convex and  $T(Y) \subset Y\}$ . Then  $\phi \neq \emptyset$  (since  $C \in \phi$ ) and each chain in  $(\phi, \subseteq)$  has a lower bound. So by the Zorn lemma,  $\phi$  has a minimal element  $Z$ . Denote  $V = \overline{\text{co}}(T(Z) \cup \{z\})$ . Obviously,  $V \in \phi$  and  $V \subset Z$ , hence  $V = Z$ . But it follows that  $Z$  is bounded and  $\phi_{TZ} \leq \phi_Z$ , so  $Z$  is precompact. Since  $X$  is quasi-complete and  $Z$  is closed, it must be compact. Being an u.s.c. mapping acting in a compact convex subset  $Z$  of a Hausdorff locally convex space  $X$ ,  $T$  has a fixed point by the well-known Ky Fan fixed point theorem.

2. Of course each probabilistic measure with properties 1), 2), 3) (in particular, the measures  $\alpha_A$  and  $\beta_A$  in [1, 2]) has properties 1'), 2'), 3'). We now present a nontrivial example of probabilistic measure with these properties. Denote  $h_{AB}(t) = \sup_{s < t} \inf_{x \in A} \sup_{y \in B} F_{xy}(s)$  and call it the probabilistic non-symmetric Hausdorff distance between  $A$  and  $B$  in  $B(X)$ . Now the probabilistic inner measure of  $A$  is defined by  $b_A(t) = \sup\{\rho > 0: \text{there is a finite set } A_f \subset A \text{ with } h_{AA_f}(t) \geq \rho\}$  for  $A \in B(X)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Remember that in [3] we defined  $\beta_A(t) = \sup\{\rho > 0: \text{there is a finite set } A_f \subset X \text{ with } h_{AA_f}(t) \geq \rho\}$ , and showed that it coincides with the probabilistic Hausdorff measure introduced by Constantin and Bocsan in [2], where  $h$  is replaced by  $H$  - the probabilistic Hausdorff distance. Obviously, we have

$$(1) \quad b_A \leq \beta_A$$

It is not difficult to see that  $b_A$  is a distribution. Besides, by Proposition 5(8) in [3] (where in the proof  $A_f$  was taken in  $A$ ) we have

$$(2) \quad b_A \geq \alpha_A.$$

From (1) and (2) it follows that  $b_A$  has property 1). Further, observe that in the definition of  $b_A$  we may replace a finite set by a precompact one, so modifying the proof of Proposition 5(6) in [3] we get property 2'). Property 3') is also

easy to verify. Obviously, in general  $b_A$  is not monotone with respect to  $A$  so it need not satisfy 2) and 3).

Moreover, modifying the proof of Proposition 5 in [3] and using condition c) of  $F_X$  above we easily get the following further properties of  $b_A$ :

- 4)  $b_{cA}(t) = b_A\left(\frac{t}{|c|}\right), \forall c \neq 0,$
- 5)  $b_{x+A} = b_A,$
- 6)  $b_{A \cup B} \geq \min\{b_A, b_B\},$
- 7)  $b_{A+B}(t+s) \geq \min\{b_A(t), b_B(s)\}.$

Also, modifying the proof of Proposition 7 in [3] we can see that every probabilistic contraction is probabilistic  $b$ -condensing.

3. DEFINITION 3. A distribution  $f$  is said to be strict if it is strictly monotone, i.e. for each  $c \in (0,1)$  the equation  $f(t) = c$  has at most one solution. Geometrically, it means that the graph of  $f$  does not contain any horizontal interval outside two lines  $y \equiv 0$  and  $y \equiv 1$ .

In [9] Danes introduced the inner Hausdorff measure as follows:

$$(3) \quad \chi(A) = \inf\{\varepsilon > 0 : A \text{ has a finite } \varepsilon\text{-net in } A\}.$$

We now modify this notion for a locally convex space  $(X, p_\lambda)$  by putting

$$\chi_\lambda(A) = \inf\{\varepsilon > 0 : \text{there are } x_1, \dots, x_n \in A \text{ such that } A \subset \bigcup B_\lambda(x_i, \varepsilon)\}$$

where  $B_\lambda(x_1, \varepsilon) = \{x \in X : p_\lambda(x - x_1) < \varepsilon\}$ . Obviously this

measure has the following properties:

- i)  $\chi_\lambda(A) = 0$  ( $\forall \lambda \in (0,1)$ ) if and only if  $A$  is precompact,
- ii)  $\chi_\lambda(\overline{co}A) \leq \chi_\lambda(A),$
- iii)  $\chi_\lambda(A \cup \{x\}) \leq \chi_\lambda(A)$  for each  $x$  in  $X$ .

The following result establishes the relation between  $b_A$  and  $\chi_\lambda$ .

THEOREM 4. Let  $(X, F)$  be a random normed space,  $b_A$  the probabilistic inner measure in  $X$ . Put

$$\beta_\lambda(A) = \sup\{t: b_A(t) \leq 1-\lambda\}.$$

Then  $\chi_\lambda \leq \beta_\lambda$ . If  $b_A$  is strict, we have  $\chi_\lambda = \beta_\lambda$ .

Conversely, if  $\chi_\lambda$  is the inner measure which is left-continuous and non-increasing in  $\lambda$ , then

$$(4) \quad b_A(t) = 1 - \sup\{\lambda \in (0,1): \chi_\lambda(A) \geq t\}$$

is a distribution with properties 1), 2'), 3') and  $\beta_A \geq b_A$ . Moreover:  $b_A$  is strict  $\Rightarrow b_A = \beta_A$ .

P r o o f. Fixing  $A$  and  $\lambda$  we denote  $K = \{t: b_A(t) \leq 1-\lambda\}$ , so  $a = \beta_\lambda(A) = \sup K$ . First we show that  $a \geq \chi_\lambda(A)$ . Let  $t_0 > a$ , then  $b_A(t_0) > 1-\lambda$ . By the definition of  $b_A$  we get

$$\sup\{\rho > 0: \text{there are } x_1, \dots, x_n \in A \text{ with } \sup_{s < t_0} \inf_{x \in A} \max_i F_{xx_i}(s) \geq \rho\} > 1-\lambda.$$

So there are  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in A$  such that

$$\sup_{s < t_0} \inf_{x \in A} \max_i F_{xx_i}(s) > 1-\lambda.$$

This implies that there exists an  $s_0 < t_0$  such that for each  $x \in A$  there is an  $i$  with  $F_{xx_i}(s_0) > 1-\lambda$ . This inequality is equivalent to  $p_\lambda(x-x_i) < s_0$  (see, for example, [11]). But this implies immediately that  $\chi_\lambda(A) \leq s_0 < t_0$ , from this  $\chi_\lambda(A) \leq a = \beta_\lambda(A)$ .

Assume now  $b_A$  is strict and suppose the contrary that  $a > b > c > \chi_\lambda(A)$ . Then by (3) there are  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in A$  such that for each  $x \in A$  there is an  $i$  with  $p_\lambda(x-x_i) < c$ , or equivalently  $F_{xx_i}(c) > 1-\lambda$ . But it implies

$$h_{A\{x_1\}}(b) = \sup_{s < b} \inf_{x \in A} \max_i F_{xx_i}(s) \geq 1-\lambda.$$

So by the definition of  $b_A$  we get  $b_A(b) \geq 1-\lambda$ . Since  $b_A$  is nondecreasing and left-continuous,  $K$  is closed, i.e.  $a \in K$ . But this implies  $b_A(a) = b_A(b) = 1-\lambda$ , a contradiction to the strictness of  $b_A$  and the first part of the theorem is proved.

Now fix  $A$ ,  $t$  and denote  $\beta_A(t) = a$ . Then we must show that  $a \geq b_A(t)$ . Suppose the contrary that  $a < b_A(t)$ . Choose a  $\lambda_0 \in (0,1)$  so that  $0 \leq a \leq b = 1-\lambda_0 < b_A(t)$ . Then by the definition of  $b_A$ , there exist  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  such that  $\sup_{s < t} \inf_{x \in A} \max_i F_{xx_1}(s) > b$ . So there is an  $s_0 < t$  such that for every  $x \in A$  there exists an  $i$  with  $F_{xx_1}(s_0) > b$  or equivalently,  $p_{\lambda_0}(x-x_1) < s_0$ . From this  $\chi_{\lambda_0}(A) \leq s_0 < t$ , consequently,  $\lambda_0 > \sup\{\lambda: \chi_\lambda(A) \geq t\}$ , hence  $1-\lambda_0 = b < \beta_A(t)$ , a contradiction.  $b_A$  is strict  $\Rightarrow b_A = \beta_A$ . To prove it, denote  $b_\lambda(A) = \sup\{t: b_A(t) \leq 1-\lambda\}$  and recall that  $b_A(t) = \sup\{\rho: \exists\{x_1\} \subset A, h_{A\{x_1\}}(t) \geq \rho\}$ ,  $\chi_\lambda(A) = \inf\{\varepsilon: \exists\{x_1\} \subset A, A \subset \cup B_\lambda(x_1, \varepsilon)\}$ ,  $\beta_A(t) = 1 - \sup\{\lambda: \chi_\lambda(A) \geq t\}$ . One can prove that  $b_A(t) = 1 - \sup\{\lambda: b_\lambda(A) \geq t\}$ , so for proving  $b_A = \beta_A$  it suffices to show that  $\chi_\lambda = b_\lambda$ .

First note that  $b_\lambda \geq \chi_\lambda$  without any assumption. Indeed denoting  $K = \{t: b_A(t) > 1-\lambda\}$ ,  $a = b_\lambda(A)$  we have  $a = \inf K$  (here  $\lambda$  and  $A$  being fixed). Take  $v \in K$ , then  $b_A(v) > 1-\lambda$  and hence  $\exists\{x_1\} \subset A$ ,  $\exists u < v$  such that  $\forall x \in A \exists i$  with  $F_{xx_1}(u) > 1-\lambda$  but it implies  $A \subset \cup B_\lambda(x_1, u)$  and hence  $\chi_\lambda(A) \leq v$ . So  $\chi_\lambda(A) \leq \inf K = a = b_\lambda(A)$ .

Now suppose  $b_A$  is strict (i.e.  $t < s \Rightarrow b_A(t) < b_A(s)$ ), except for  $b_A(t) = b_A(s) = 0$  or  $1$ ). We assume the contrary that  $a = b_\lambda(A) > a' > \chi_\lambda(A)$ . Then  $\exists\{x_1\} \subset A$  such that  $\forall x \in A \exists i$  with  $p_\lambda(x-x_1) < a'$  but it implies  $\inf_{x \in A} \max_i F_{xx_1}(a') \geq 1-\lambda$ . So  $b_A(t) \geq 1-\lambda$  for each  $t > a'$ . Since  $b_A$  is strict,  $\inf K = \inf\{t: b_A(t) \geq 1-\lambda\}$ . From this,  $a' \geq \inf K = a$ , a contradiction.

So  $a = b_\lambda(A) = \chi_\lambda(A)$ .

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