

## INTEGRAL WITH RESPECT TO FUZZY MEASURE

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### Abstract

Fuzzy measure is the mapping which maps  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  to the set of all fuzzy numbers. The integral with respect to fuzzy measure is defined and some properties are investigated.

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## 1. Introduction

In the last decade the subject of integration with respect to a fuzzy measure has been investigated extensively in connection with various problems in fuzzy random variable.

The concept of fuzzy measure has been formalized in two direction: fuzzy measure as nonadditive, monotone function of a set with values in  $R$  and fuzzy measure as an additive function which maps the subset to a fuzzy set. This second concept of fuzzy measure is a natural generalization of set valued measure. Contributions in this field were made, among others, by Puri, Ralescu [8], Ban [1], Stojaković [10].

Using an additive fuzzy measure a notion of integral of single valued function is defined and some basic properties are investigated.

## 2. Additive fuzzy measure

Throughout this paper let  $\mathbf{R}$  be the set of reals. A fuzzy set  $u \in \mathcal{F}$  is a function  $u : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  for which the  $\alpha$ -level set  $u_\alpha$  of  $u$ , defined by

$$u_\alpha = \{x \in \mathbf{R} : u(x) \geq \alpha\}, \quad u_0 = \{x \in \mathbf{R} : u(x) > 0\}$$

is nonempty, compact and convex subset of  $\mathbf{R}$  for all  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . We call them fuzzy numbers.

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space with  $\mathcal{A}$  a  $\sigma$ -field of measurable subsets of the set  $\Omega$ . The mapping  $\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  such that for every sequence  $\{A_i\}_{i \in \mathbf{N}}$  of pairwise disjoint elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\mathcal{M}_\alpha(A_i)| < \infty$  for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ , the following equality is satisfied

$$\mathcal{M}\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{M}(A_i)$$

where

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{M}(A_i)\right)(x) = \sup\left\{\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \mathcal{M}(A_i)(x_i) : x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right\}$$

we shall call a fuzzy measure.

If  $\mathcal{M}$  is a fuzzy measure, then for every  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_\alpha : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow 2^{\mathbf{R}}$  with compact convex images defined by  $\mathcal{M}_\alpha(A) = [\mathcal{M}(A)]_\alpha$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , is a set-valued measure. Conversely, if  $\{\mathcal{M}_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in (0, 1]}$  is a family of compact, convex set valued measures such that  $\mathcal{M}_\alpha = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{M}_{\alpha_i}$  for every nondecreasing sequence  $\{\alpha_i\} \subset [0, 1]$ ,  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_i = \alpha$ , then  $\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  defined by  $\mathcal{M}(A)(x) = \sup\{\alpha : x \in \mathcal{M}_\alpha(A)\}$  is a fuzzy valued measure.

We say that a fuzzy valued measure  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $\mu$ -continuous, where  $\mu : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is a single valued measure, if  $\mu(A) = 0$  implies  $\mathcal{M}(A) = I_{\{0\}}$ . Further,  $\mathcal{M}$  is of bounded variation if

$$\sup_i \sum_{x \in \mathcal{M}_0(A_i)} \|x\| < \infty$$

where the supremum is taken over all finite measurable partition of  $\Omega$ .

### 3. Integration

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space,  $\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  be a fuzzy measure,  $S_{\mathcal{M}_\alpha}$  the set of all measure selection of  $\mathcal{M}_\alpha$  and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be an integrable function (with respect to  $\mu$ ), then for every  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  we can define

$$\phi_\alpha(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_A f d\mathcal{M}_\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \int_A f dm, m \in S_{\mathcal{M}_\alpha} \right\}.$$

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  is a  $\mu$ -continuous fuzzy measure of bounded variation and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be an integrable function. Then, for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  the mapping  $\phi(A) : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  defined by*

$$\phi(A)(x) = \sup\{\alpha \in (0, 1] : x \in \phi_\alpha(A)\}$$

*is one and only one fuzzy number.*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfies all the conditions of Th. 4 [10], there exists an integrably bounded fuzzy valued function  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  which is the Radon-Nikodým derivative of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Then

$$\mathcal{M}_\alpha(A) = \int_A X_\alpha d\mu$$

for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and all  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  which means that  $X_\alpha = \frac{d\mathcal{M}_\alpha}{d\mu}$ .

In order to prove that

$$\int_\Omega f d\mathcal{M}_\alpha = \int_\Omega f X_\alpha d\mu$$

we shall show that  $\int_\Omega f d\mathcal{M}_\alpha \subseteq \int_\Omega f X_\alpha d\mu$  and  $\int_\Omega f X_\alpha d\mu \subseteq \int_\Omega f d\mathcal{M}_\alpha$ .

If we suppose that  $x \in \int_\Omega f d\mathcal{M}_\alpha$ , then there exists a measure selection  $m_\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{M}_\alpha$  such that  $x = \int_\Omega f dm_\alpha$ . But  $m_\alpha$  is a measure selection of  $\mathcal{M}_\alpha$ , which means that there exists an integrable selection  $h_\alpha$  of  $X_\alpha$  which is the Radon Nikodým derivative of  $m_\alpha$ , i.e.  $h_\alpha = \frac{dm_\alpha}{d\mu}$ . Then

$$x = \int_\Omega f h_\alpha d\mu \in \int_\Omega f X_\alpha d\mu, \text{ that is } \int_\Omega f d\mathcal{M}_\alpha \subseteq \int_\Omega f X_\alpha d\mu.$$

On the other hand, if  $x \in \int_{\Omega} fX_{\alpha}d\mu$ , then there exists a measurable selection  $h_{\alpha} \in S_{X_{\alpha}}$  such that  $x = \int_{\Omega} fh_{\alpha}d\mu$ . Since  $h_{\alpha}$  is integrably bounded it follows that

$$\int_A h_{\alpha}d\mu = m_{\alpha}(A), \quad A \in \mathcal{A}$$

that is  $h_{\alpha} = \frac{dm_{\alpha}}{d\mu}$ . It is obvious that  $m_{\alpha} \in S_{\mathcal{M}_{\alpha}}$  and

$$x = \int_{\Omega} fh_{\alpha}d\mu = \int_{\Omega} fdm_{\alpha} \in \int_{\Omega} fd\mathcal{M}_{\alpha}.$$

Having prove that  $\int_{\Omega} fd\mathcal{M}_{\alpha} = \int_{\Omega} fX_{\alpha}d\mu$ , it remains to recall that

$$fX_{\alpha} = (fX)_{\alpha} \text{ and } \int_{\Omega} fd\mathcal{M}_{\alpha} = \left( \int_{\Omega} fXd\mu \right)_{\alpha}.$$

The family of sets  $\left\{ \int_{\Omega} fd\mathcal{M}_{\alpha} \right\}_{\alpha \in (0,1]}$  generates one and only one fuzzy number  $\phi(\Omega) : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  defined by

$$\phi(\Omega)(x) = \sup \left\{ \alpha \in (0, 1] : x \in \int_{\Omega} fd\mathcal{M}_{\alpha} \right\}.$$

The preceding arguments are now repeated for any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  instead of  $\Omega$ .

□

We shall write  $\phi(A) = \int_A fd\mathcal{M}$ . Now we list some properties of the integral with respect to fuzzy valued measure

**Lemma 1.** *If  $f, g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  are integrable functions,  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $\mu$ -continuous fuzzy valued measure of bounded variation and  $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$ , then*

$$\int_{\Omega} (f + g)d\mathcal{M} = \int_{\Omega} fd\mathcal{M} + \int_{\Omega} gd\mathcal{M}$$

and

$$\int_{\Omega} \alpha fd\mathcal{M} = \alpha \int_{\Omega} fd\mathcal{M}.$$

*Proof.* Using results of Th.1 and Sec.3 in [11] it is easy to prove that the integral with respect to fuzzy valued measure is a linear function.

**Lemma 2.** *If  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is an integrable function and  $\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  is  $\mu$ -continuous fuzzy valued measure of bounded variation, then  $\phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  defined by*

$$\phi(A) = \int_A f d\mathcal{M}$$

*is a fuzzy valued measure of bounded variation.*

*Proof.* Since  $\phi(A) = \int_A f d\mathcal{M} = \int_A f X d\mu$ , where  $X = \frac{d\mathcal{M}}{d\mu}$ , from Th.3 [10],  $\phi$  is a fuzzy valued measure of bounded variation.

The proofs for the following two lemmas are simple, so they are omitted.

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $\mathcal{M}'$  and  $\mathcal{M}''$  be  $\mu$ -continuous fuzzy valued measures of bounded variation such that  $\mathcal{M}'(A)(x) \leq \mathcal{M}''(A)(x)$  all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then*

$$\left( \int_{\Omega} f d\mathcal{M}' \right) (x) \leq \left( \int_{\Omega} f d\mathcal{M}'' \right) (x) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbf{R}.$$

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}_1)$  and  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}_2)$  be two measurable spaces,  $S : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  be  $\mathcal{A}_1$ -measurable function and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  a bounded function. If  $\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{A}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  is a  $\mu$ -continuous fuzzy valued measure of bounded variation, then for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}_2$*

$$\int_{S^{-1}(A)} (f \cdot S) d\mathcal{M} = \int_A f d(\mathcal{M} \cdot S).$$

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $\{\mathcal{A}_k\}_{k \in \mathbf{N}}$  be an increasing sequence of sub- $\sigma$ -fields of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{A}_k = \mathcal{A}$  and let  $\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  be  $\mu$ -continuous fuzzy valued measure of bounded variation. If  $X_n = \frac{d\mathcal{M}}{d\mu}|_{\mathcal{A}_k}$  ( $X_n$  is the Radon Nikodým derivative of  $\mathcal{M}$  with respect to the restriction of  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{A}_n$ ), then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (X_n)_{\alpha} \triangleq X_{\alpha} = \left( \frac{d\mathcal{M}}{d\mu} \right)_{\alpha}$ .*

*If that convergence is uniform for  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} X$ .*

*Proof.* By Th.4 [10]  $\mathcal{M}$  has a Radon-Nikodým derivative  $\frac{d\mathcal{M}}{d\mu} = X$  with compact convex  $\alpha$ -cuts. It means that

$$\mathcal{M}(A) = \int_A X d\mu \quad \text{for every } A \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Following the results of [10], [11] for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}_n$

$$\int_A X d\mu = \int_A E(X|\mathcal{A}_n) d\mu$$

where  $E(X|\mathcal{A}_n)$  denotes the conditional expectation of  $X$  with respect to the sub- $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}_n$ . Thus, from the uniqueness of the Radon-Nikodým derivative, we get

$$X_n = E(X|\mathcal{A}_n) = \frac{d\mathcal{M}}{d\mu}|_{\mathcal{A}_n}.$$

Since  $(X_n)_\alpha = E(X_\alpha|\mathcal{A}_n)$ , from Th.6.1 [2]

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (X_n)_\alpha \stackrel{\Delta}{=} X_\alpha.$$

Now, we can apply Th.9 [11] which imply the convergence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n \stackrel{D}{=} X.$$

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