

# Integral representation of monotone functions

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## Abstract

Integral representation of monotone functions has been studied by Choquet [1], Murofushi and Sugeno [4], Norberg [5], and many others, but not necessarily been their primal interest due to the lack of uniqueness in their representations. Here we present a brief overview of different approaches and generalizations, and show our own version of integral representation from the ongoing investigation.

## 1 Choquet theory of integral representation

In his treatise on theory of capacity, Choquet outlined a series of applications for integral representation on the set  $\mathcal{E}$  of extreme points of a compact convex Hausdorff space  $\mathcal{C}$  (Chapter VII of [1]). Let  $L$  be a partially ordered set (poset) with a maximum element  $e$ , and let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the convex set of nonnegative monotone functions  $\varphi$  on  $L$  with  $\varphi(e) \leq 1$ . Assuming the topology of simple (i.e., pointwise) convergence on functions over  $L$ , we can show that  $\mathcal{C}$  is compact, and the set  $\mathcal{E}$  of extreme points of  $\mathcal{C}$  consists of indicator functions of the form

$$(1) \quad \chi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in U; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The monotonicity of  $\chi$  implies that  $y \in U$  whenever  $x \in U$  and  $x \leq y$ , and such subset  $U$  is called an *upper set*. The set  $\mathcal{E}$  is compact, and any element  $\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  is represented in the integral form

$$(2) \quad \varphi(x) = \int \chi(x) d\mu(\chi), \quad x \in L,$$

with a Radon measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{E}$  (Section 40 of [1]).

Let  $S$  be a compact Hausdorff space, and  $\mathcal{K}$  be the class of compact subsets of  $S$ . Then a nonnegative monotone function  $\varphi$  on  $\mathcal{K}$  is called a *capacity* if it is upper semicontinuous (i.e.,  $\varphi(E) \downarrow \varphi(F)$  whenever  $E \downarrow F$ ) in the exponential (i.e., Vietoris) topology. Here the convex set  $\mathcal{C}$  of capacities  $\varphi$  with  $\varphi(S) \leq 1$  is considered similarly; however, the topology of simple convergence is not suitable

for the space  $\mathcal{C}$ . Over the convex cone  $\mathcal{Q}$  of nonnegative continuous functions on  $S$ , a capacity  $\varphi$  uniquely corresponds to the functional

$$(3) \quad \varphi(\xi) = \int_0^{\max \xi} \varphi(\{x \in E : \xi(x) \geq r\}) dr, \quad \xi \in \mathcal{Q}.$$

Then we can introduce the topology of vague convergence on capacities in which a net  $\{\varphi_\alpha\}$  converges to  $\varphi$  if and only if  $\varphi_\alpha(\xi)$  converges to  $\varphi(\xi)$  for any  $\xi \in \mathcal{Q}$ . Under this topology the convex set  $\mathcal{C}$  is compact Hausdorff, and the indicator function  $\chi$  in (1) corresponds to a closed upper set  $U$  in the exponential topology (Section 48 of [1]).

When  $S$  is a locally compact Hausdorff space, it is not necessary for  $\mathcal{K}$  to contain  $S$ . Here we can introduce a partial ordering on  $\mathcal{K}$  by the dual (i.e., the reverse order) of inclusion, and denote the poset by  $L$  with the maximum element  $\emptyset$ . Then we can set the convex set  $\mathcal{C}^*$  of lower semicontinuous and nonnegative monotone functions  $\varphi$  on  $L$  with  $\varphi(\emptyset) \leq 1$ . Observe that a lower semicontinuous and nonnegative monotone functions  $\varphi$  on  $L$  uniquely corresponds to a bounded capacity  $\psi$  on  $\mathcal{K}$  via

$$\varphi(E) = \sup_{F \in \mathcal{K}} \psi(F) - \psi(E) + \psi(\emptyset), \quad E \in \mathcal{K}.$$

The topology of vague convergence is introduced by (3) over the convex cone  $\mathcal{Q}$  of nonnegative continuous functions with compact support, in which the convex set  $\mathcal{C}^*$  becomes compact Hausdorff.

## 2 A framework of continuous semilattice

In the application of integral representation for capacities on a locally compact Hausdorff  $S$ , the Hausdorff assumption seems indispensable in order for  $\mathcal{C}^*$  to be compact Hausdorff. Then the set  $\mathcal{E}^*$  of extreme points of  $\mathcal{C}^*$  is compact and homeomorphic to the family of open upper subsets  $U$ , and the integral representation (2) of  $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}^*$  is equivalently formulated as

$$(4) \quad \varphi(x) = \mu(\mathcal{U}_x), \quad x \in L,$$

where  $\mathcal{U}_x := \{U \in \mathcal{E}^* : x \in U\}$  is an open set in  $\mathcal{E}^*$ .

In the framework of continuous posets (cf. Giertz et al. [3]), the compact Hausdorff set  $\mathcal{E}^*$  is homeomorphic to the family of Scott open subsets of  $L$ . Here the topology of vague convergence corresponds to the Lawson topology, which comes solely from the fact that  $L$  is a continuous semilattice. Norberg [5] showed that it is entirely possible to construct a Borel measure  $\mu$  on the family  $\mathcal{E}^*$  of Scott open subsets satisfying (4) if  $L$  is a continuous semilattice and  $\mathcal{E}^*$  is second countable. Thus, we can choose  $S$  to be a locally compact sober and second countable space, which is not necessarily Hausdorff. Note that the Borel measure  $\mu$  is a Radon measure when  $\mathcal{E}^*$  is second countable; see [2].

We claim that  $\mathcal{E}^*$  is not necessarily second countable, and demonstrate it by a rather straightforward construction of a Radon measure  $\mu$  satisfying (4) due to

Murofushi and Sugeno [4]. Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}^*$  be fixed, and let  $e$  denote the top element of the continuous semilattice  $L$ . Observe that

$$(5) \quad F(r) = \{x \in L : \varphi(x) > r\}$$

maps from  $r \in [0, \varphi(e))$  to  $\mathcal{E}^*$ , and  $F$  is Borel-measurable. For a Borel measurable subset  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $\mathcal{E}^*$  we can define  $\mu(\mathcal{V}) := m(F^{-1}(\mathcal{V}))$  with the Lebesgue measure  $m$  on  $[0, \varphi(e))$ . Then we can show that  $\mu$  is a Radon measure, and it satisfies

$$\mu(\mathcal{U}_x) = m([0, \varphi(x))) = \varphi(x).$$

It should be noted that Norberg [5] has investigated a Borel measure  $\mu$  on the family  $\mathcal{L}^*$  of Scott open filters in  $L$ , and proved a bijection between Borel measures on  $\mathcal{L}^*$  and lower semicontinuous and completely monotone nonnegative functions on  $L$ . The above construction immediately fails for this purpose since (5) does not map into  $\mathcal{L}^*$  in general even if  $\varphi$  is completely monotone.

Finally we present our own version of construction without assuming the second countable  $\mathcal{E}^*$ . Let  $C(\mathcal{E}^*)$  be the space of continuous functions on  $\mathcal{E}^*$ , and let  $\delta_x$  be a point mass probability measure (i.e., Dirac delta) at  $x \in L$ . Here we will use the following proposition, but leave the proof for the future publication.

**Proposition 1.** *There exists a subspace  $\mathcal{R}$  of  $C(\mathcal{E}^*)$  such that (i) each  $g \in \mathcal{R}$  is uniquely extended to a signed Radon measure  $R$  on  $L$  so that  $g(U) = R(U)$  for any  $U \in \mathcal{E}^*$ , and (ii) for each  $x \in L$  there is an increasing net  $\{g_\alpha\}$  of  $\mathcal{R}$  satisfying  $\sup_\alpha g_\alpha(U) = \delta_x(U)$  for any  $U \in \mathcal{E}^*$ .*

For a fixed  $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}^*$ , we can introduce a nonnegative homogeneous and super-additive functional on  $C(\mathcal{E}^*)$  by

$$M(g) = \sup \left\{ \int \varphi dR : R \leq g, R \in \mathcal{R} \right\}, \quad g \in C(\mathcal{E}^*).$$

By applying the Hahn-Banach theorem we obtain a linear functional  $\Phi$  on  $C(\mathcal{E}^*)$  satisfying (a)  $M \leq \Phi$  on  $C(\mathcal{E}^*)$ , and (b)  $M = \Phi$  on  $\mathcal{R}$ . The condition (a) implies that  $\Phi$  is positive, and that  $\Phi$  uniquely corresponds to a Radon measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{E}^*$  via the Riesz representation  $\Phi(g) = \int g d\mu$ . By applying Proposition 1 together with the condition (b), we can show that if an increasing net  $\{R_\alpha\}$  of  $\mathcal{R}$  satisfies  $\sup_\alpha R_\alpha(U) = \delta_x(U)$  for  $U \in \mathcal{E}^*$  then

$$\mu(\mathcal{U}_x) = \sup_\alpha \Phi(R_\alpha) = \sup_\alpha M(R_\alpha) = \sup_\alpha \int \varphi dR_\alpha = \varphi(x),$$

as desired. A variation of this construction can be used to show the existence of a Radon measure  $\mu$  whose support lies on  $\mathcal{L}^*$  when  $\varphi$  is completely monotone (which is a part of the ongoing investigation).

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