Convergence theorems of nonlinear integral functionals

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Notation

- (X, \mathcal{A}) : a measurable space
- $\mathcal{M} := \{ \mu \mid \mu : \mathcal{A} \to [0, \infty] \text{ is a nonadditive measure } \}$
- $\mathcal{M}_b := \{ \mu \in \mathcal{M} \mid \mu(X) < \infty \}$
- $\mathcal{F} := \{f \mid f \colon X \to [-\infty, \infty] \text{ is a } \mathcal{A}\text{-measurable function}\}$
- $\mathcal{F}^+ := \{ f \in \mathcal{F} \mid f \ge \mathbf{0} \}$
- The μ-essential boundedness constant

 $\|f\|_{\mu} := \inf \{r > 0 \mid \mu(\{f \ge r\}) = 0 \text{ and } \mu(\{f \ge -r\}) = \mu(X)\}, \quad f \in \mathcal{F},$

which is the usual μ -essential supremum for $f \in \mathcal{F}^+$.

INPUT AGGREGATION OUTPUT $(\mu, f) \longmapsto I(\mu, f)$

- Convergence theorem = Continuity of aggregation process
- Guarantee for certain robustness, consistency, and a non chaotic behavior

Nonlinear integrals appear when aggregating quantities supplied by a measurable function *f* through a nonadditive measure μ . We consider four types of nonlinear integrals. They are typical and widely used in theory and its applications, such as

- subjective evaluation
- decision-making
- expected-utility theory
- economic model under Knightian uncertainty
- data mining

among others.

Definition (Choquet and Šipoš)

Let $(\mu, f) \in \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{F}^+$.

- Choquet integral: $Ch(\mu, f) := \int_0^\infty \mu(\{f \ge t\}) dt$
- Šipoš integral: Si $(\mu, f) := \lim_{P \in \mathcal{A}^+} \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i a_{i-1}) \mu(\{f \ge a_i\}),$

where Δ^+ is the directed set with usual set inclusion of all partitions of $[0, \infty]$ of the form $P = \{a_1, \ldots, a_n\}$ with $0 = a_0 < a_1 < \cdots < a_n < \infty$.

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Proposition (Honest extension of the Lebesgue integral)

1 $Ch(\mu, f) = Si(\mu, f) = Le(\mu, f)$ if μ is σ -additive.

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$$Ch(\mu, f) = Si(\mu, f)$$
 for any $(\mu, f) \in \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{F}^+$.

Although the Šipoš and the Choquet integral are equal, the Šipoš integral remains important, because it can be defined and developed without any essential knowledge of the Lebesgue integral!

Besides, we have another type of nonlinear integrals.

- The Sugeno integral is defined by lattice operations "∨ := sup" and "∧ := inf" that are important in fuzzy theory originated by Zadeh in 1965.
- By contrast, the Shilkret integral is defined by "supremum" and the usual "multiplication."

Definition (Sugeno and Shilkret)

Let $(\mu, f) \in \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{F}^+$.

Sugeno integral:

$$\mathsf{Su}(\mu, f) := \sup_{t \in [0,\infty]} \left[t \land \mu(\{f \ge t\}) \right]$$

• Shilkret integral:

$$\mathsf{Sh}(\mu, f) := \sup_{t \in [0,\infty]} \left[t \cdot \mu(\{f \ge t\}) \right]$$

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Among others, $\theta(a, b) := a \cdot b$ and $\theta(a, b) := a \wedge b$ are typical examples of generators of integral functionals satisfying the following useful properties:

Definition (limit preserving generator of finite and continuous type)

- θ is *limit preserving* $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\longleftrightarrow}$ for any $\{b_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \subset [0,\infty]$ and $b \in [0,\infty]$, it holds that $b_n \to b$ whenever $\theta(r, b_n) \to \theta(r, b)$ for every $r \in (0,\infty)$.
- θ is of finite type $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\longleftrightarrow} \theta(a,b) < \infty$ whenever $a, b \in [0,\infty)$.
- θ is of continuous type $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\longleftrightarrow} \theta$ is continuous on $D := [0, \infty]^2 \setminus \{(0, \infty), (\infty, 0)\}.$

Definition (elementary)

I is *elementary* $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\longleftrightarrow}$ *I* is generative with generator θ and there is a pseudo-addition $\oplus : [0, \infty]^2 \to [0, \infty]$ such that

$$I\left(\mu,\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n}\left(r_{i}\ominus r_{i-1}\right)\chi_{A_{i}}\right)=\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n}\theta\left(r_{i}\ominus r_{i-1},\mu(A_{i})\right)$$

for any $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $A_1, \ldots, A_n \in \mathcal{A}$, and $r_1, \ldots, r_n \in (0, \infty)$ with $A_1 \supset \cdots \supset A_n$ and $0 = r_0 < r_1 < \cdots < r_n$.

- Pseudo-addition ⊕: [0,∞]² → [0,∞] is a binary operation that is commutative, associative, non-decreasing in both components, continuous, and 0 is its neutral element.
- Pseudo-difference $\ominus \colon [0,\infty]^2 \to [0,\infty]$ is defined by

$$a \ominus b := \inf \{x \in [0, \infty] \colon b \oplus x \ge a\}$$

for each $a, b \in [0, \infty]$.

- $a \ominus b = a b$ if $a \oplus b = a + b$ and a > b.
- $a \ominus b = a$ if $a \oplus b = a \lor b$ and a > b.

Proposition (elementariness of Ch, Si, Su, and Sh)

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of finite and continuous type with respect to the pseudo-addition $+, +, +, \lor, \lor$, respectively.

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Definition (dominance of pairs of a set function and a function)

Let $\mu, \nu \colon \mathcal{A} \to [0, \infty]$ be set functions and $f, g \in \mathcal{F}$.

• $(\mu, f) \prec (\nu, g) \stackrel{\text{def}}{\longleftrightarrow} \mu(\{f \ge t\}) \le \nu(\{g \ge t\}) \text{ for every } t \in \mathbb{R}.$

Then (μ, f) is called *dominated* by (ν, g) .

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Definition (perturbation)

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Using the perturbation of integral functional, together with a perturbative method of proof, we obtain "one-size-fits-all" convergence theorems for nonlinear integrals. As to the MICT, we have

Theorem (MICT: The Monotone Increasing Convergence Theorem)

Let I: $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{F}^+ \to [0, \infty]$ be an integral functional. Let $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$. Consider the following two assertions:

- **1** μ is continuous from below.
- **2** The MICT holds for $I(\mu, \cdot)$, that is, $I(\mu, f_n) \rightarrow I(\mu, f)$ for every increasing $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{F}^+$ with pointwise limit $f \in \mathcal{F}^+$.
- If I is upper marginal continuous, measure-truncated, perturbative, and elementary with generator of continuous type, then 1 implies 2.
- (2) If I is generative with limit preserving generator, then 2 implies 1.

Since I = Ch, Si, Su, Sh are upper marginal continuous, measure-truncated, perturbative, and elementary with generator of continuous type, as an immediate corollary to our "one-size-fits-all" MICT we have the following MICT for the integrals Ch, Si, Su, and Sh.

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As to the monotone decreasing convergence theorem, we need some finiteness assumptions on the functional *I*, the measure μ , and the function f_1 .

Theorem (MDCT: The Monotone Decreasing Convergence Theorem)

Let $I: \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{F}^+ \to [0, \infty]$ be an integral functional. Let $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$. Consider the following two assertions:

- **1** μ is continuous from above.
- 2 The MDCT holds for l(μ, ·), that is, l(μ, f_n) → l(μ, f) for every decreasing {f_n}_{n∈ℕ} ⊂ F⁺ with pointwise limit f satisfying the following conditions:
 (i) l(μ, f₁) < ∞

(ii) uniformly μ -truncated for I, that is, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is c > 0 such that

$$I(\mu, f_n) - \varepsilon \leq I(\mu, f_n \wedge c)$$
 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

- (1) If μ is finite and I is perturbative and elementary with generator of continuous type, then **1** implies **2**.
- (2) If I is upper marginal continuous and generative with limit preserving generator of finite type, then 2 implies 1.

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- **1** assure that every decreasing $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{F}^+$ is uniformly μ -truncated for *I*, that is, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is c > 0 such that

$$I(\mu, f_n) - \varepsilon \leq I(\mu, f_n \wedge c)$$
 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

- Preduce the MDCT, which is in fact valid for even infinite nonadditive measures, to our "one-size-fits-all" MDCT proved for finite ones by defining the corresponding finite nonadditive measures by
 - $\nu(A) := \mu(A \cap \{(f_1 > r_0\}) \text{ for } I = Ch, Si, \text{ where } r_0 > 0 \text{ is chosen so that } I(\mu, f_1 \land r_0) \text{ is sufficiently small (It is possible since } I(\mu, f_1) < \infty!)$
 - $v(A) := \mu(A \cap \{f_1 > Su(\mu, f)\})$ for I = Su
 - $v(A) := \mu(A \cap \{f_1 > 0\})$ for I = Si

depending on each integral.

In addition, they cannot be dropped.

Theorem (BCT: The Bounded Convergence Theorem)

Let I: $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{F}^+ \to [0, \infty]$ be an integral functional. Let $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_b$. Consider the following two assertions:

- μ is autocontinuous, that is, $\mu(A \triangle B_n) \rightarrow \mu(A)$ whenever $A, B_n \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\mu(B_n) \rightarrow 0$.
- 2 The BCT holds for I(μ, ·), that is, I(μ, f_n) → I(μ, f) for every uniformly μ-essentially bounded {f_n}_{n∈ℕ} ⊂ F⁺ converging in μ-measure to f ∈ F⁺.
 If I is perturbative, then 1 implies 2. If I is generative with limit preserving

generator, then 2 implies 1.

Example (autocontinuous measures)

 $\textbf{I} Every subadditive measure <math>\lambda and its distortion, for example,$

$$\mu(A) := \lambda(A)^2 + \sqrt{\lambda(A)}.$$

2 Every nonadditive measure satisfying $\inf \{\mu(A) : A \neq \emptyset\} > 0$.

Since I = Ch, Si, Su, Sh are perturbative, we have the following corollary.

Corollary (BCT for I = Ch, Si, Su, Sh)

Let I = Ch, Si, Su, Sh. If $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_b$ is autocontinuous and $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{F}^+$ is a uniformly μ -essentially bounded sequence converging in μ -measure to $f \in \mathcal{F}^+$, then $I(\mu, f_n) \rightarrow I(\mu, f)$.

Concluding remarks

- If μ is null-additive, that is, $\mu(A \cup B) = \mu(A)$ whenever $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\mu(B) = 0$, then $l(\mu, f) = l(\mu, g)$ for l = Ch, Si, Su, Sh whenever $f = g \mu$ -a.e. We thus have a.e. versions of the MICT and MDCT.
- If μ is strongly order continuous, that is, $\mu(A_n) \to 0$ whenever $A_n, A \in \mathcal{A}$, $A_n \downarrow A$, and $\mu(A) = 0$, then by the Lebesgue theorem $f_n \to f \mu$ -a.e. implies $f_n \to f$ in μ -measure. Thus we have a.e. versions of the BCT.
- Let *I*: *M*×*F*⁺ → [0, ∞] be an integral functional. The symmetric extension of *I* is defined by

$$l^{s}(\mu, f) := l(\mu, f^{+}) - l(\mu, f^{-}), \quad (\mu, f) \in \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{F}$$

and the asymmetric extension of I is defined by

$$l^{a}(\mu, f) := l(\mu, f^{+}) - l(\overline{\mu}, f^{-}), \quad (\mu, f) \in \mathcal{M}_{b} \times \mathcal{F},$$

where both extensions are not defined if the right hand side is $\infty - \infty$. Then we can extend our MICT/MDCT and BCT for such extensions.

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