

Convolution of Quasi-Measures

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Abstract

Let X be a compact Hausdorff space and let \mathcal{A} denote the subsets of X which are either open or closed. If μ is quasi-measure on X and λ is a quasi-measure on Y , we may define a product quasi-measure $\mu \times_l \lambda$ on $X \times Y$ if either λ is a measure or μ is a $\{0, 1\}$ -quasi-measure. Suppose X is CA (compact abelian) group, we define $\mu *_l \lambda$ by $(\mu *_l \lambda)(E) = (\mu \times_l \lambda)(E_2)$, where E is an open set in X and $E_2 = \{(x, y) \in X^2 : x + y \in E\}$. The set function $\mu *_l \lambda$ so defined is called the convolution of μ and λ .

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1 Introduction

All spaces under consideration are compact Hausdorff. Let X be a compact Hausdorff space and let \mathcal{A} denote the subsets of X which are either open or closed. A function μ is called quasi-measure if the following hold:

- i) $\mu(A) \geq 0$ for all A .
- ii) $A \subset B$ implies that $\mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$.
- iii) $A \cap B = \emptyset$ implies $\mu(A \cup B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B)$.
- iv) If U is open, $\mu(U) = \sup\{\mu(K) : K \subseteq U, K \text{ is closed}\}$.

V) $\mu(X) = 1$.

The primary difference between a quasi-measure and a finitely additive measure is that quasi-measures do not have to be subadditive. It is important to emphasize that a quasi-measure does not necessarily extend to a Borel measure. Indeed, as Wheeler shows in [6], a quasi-measure extends to a Borel measure if and only if it is subadditive. The first example of a quasi-measure that is not subadditive was given by Aarnes in [3].

If μ is a quasi-measure on X and ν is a quasi-measure on Y , we may define a product of quasi-measures $\mu *_{\iota} \nu$ on $X \times Y$ if either ν is a measure or μ is a $\{0, 1\}$ -quasi-measure. If μ and ν are $\{0, 1\}$ -quasi-measures, so is $\mu *_{\iota} \nu$. For A either open or closed in $X \times Y$, we have

$$\mu *_{\iota} \nu(A) = \int_Y \mu(A^y) d\nu(y)$$

where $A^y = \{x : (x, y) \in A\}$ see in [4].

A complex function γ on a LCA (locally compact abelian) group X is called a character of X if $|\gamma(x)| = 1$ for all $x \in X$ and if the functional equation

$$\gamma(x, y) = \gamma(x)\gamma(y) \quad (x, y \in X)$$

is satisfied. The set of all continuous characters of X form a group Γ , which is a dual group of X , in case addition is defined by

$$(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)(x) = \gamma_1(x)\gamma_2(x) \quad (x \in X; \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma).$$

Throughout this paper, the letter Γ will denote the dual group of the LCA group X .

2 Preliminary Notes

Given a quasi-measure μ , we may define a new set function $|\mu|$ on open sets by

$$|\mu|(U) = \sup\{\sum |\mu(U_n)| : U_n \subset U \text{ are disjoint open sets}\}$$

We put $\|\mu\| = |\mu|(X)$, and define $M(X)$ to be the set of all real valued regular quasi-measures on X for which $\|\mu\|$ is finite here.

It is important to note that $|\mu|$ need not yield a quasi-measure. In particular, it is impossible to define $|\mu|$ on closed sets so that part(iii) of the definition of quasi-measure holds.

Example 2.1 Let $X = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$. In [1] and [2], it is shown how to construct the so called three point quasi-measures. This is done as follows. A subset A of X is said to be solid if both A and $X - A$ are connected. If $C = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ is a set with three element, we define μ_C on solid sets by

$$\mu_C(A) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if card } (A, C) \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{if card } (A, C) \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

then there is a unique extension of μ_C to a $\{0, 1\}$ -valued quasi-measure on X . Now let $x_1 = (0, 0)$, $x_2 = (1, 0)$, $x_3 = (1, 1)$, and $x_4 = (0, 1)$. Let $C = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$, $D = \{x_2, x_3, x_4\}$. and $\mu = \mu_C - \mu_D$. If We let $U_1 = [0, 1] \times [0, 1/2)$ and $U_2 = [0, 1] \times (1/2, 1]$. We see that $2 = |\mu(U_1)| + |\mu(U_2)| \leq |\mu|(X) = \|\mu\| \leq 2$. Hence, $|\mu|(X) = 2$. Here we show that $|\mu|$ can not be extended to closed sets in a way that, it is a positive quasi-measure. In particular, the condition (iii) does not hold in the definition of quasi-measure.

Assuming such an extension exists, and $V_1 = [0, 3/4) \times [0, 1]$ and $V_2 = (3/4, 1] \times [0, 1]$. Write $K_1 = X - V_1$ and $K_2 = X - V_2$. Since $\mu_C(V_1) = \mu_D(V_1) = 0$, we see that $|\mu|(V_1) = 0 = |\mu|(V_1 \cap V_2)$. Hence $|\mu|(K_1) = 0 = |\mu|(K_1 \cup K_2) = 2$. Since K_1 and K_2 are disjoint, we that $|\mu|(K_2) = 0$, in other words that $|\mu|(V_2) = 2$. How ever this is not the case. In fact, $|\mu|(V_2) = 0$.

Our main reference to the theory of convolution of measure is [5]. Suppose X is a CA (compact ablian) group, and μ, λ are quasi-measures and $\{0, 1\}$ -quasi-measures, respectively of $M(X)$. Let $\mu \times_l \lambda$ be their product quasi-measure on the product space $X^2 = X \times X$, and associate with each open set E in X the set

$$E_2 = \{(x, y) \in X^2 : x + y \in E\}$$

Then E_2 is an open set in X^2 , since if we put $E^* = E \times X$, Then E^* is open set in $X \times X$, and since the homeomorphism of $X \times X$ onto itself which carries (x, y) to $(x - y, y)$ maps E^* onto E_2 , E_2 is also an open set.

We define $\mu * _l \lambda$ by

$$(\mu * _l \lambda)(E) = (\mu \times_l \lambda)(E_2)$$

The set function $\mu * _l \lambda$ so defined is called the convolution of μ and λ .

3 Main Results

- Theorem 3.1** (a) If $\mu \in M(X)$ and $\lambda \in M(X)$, then $\mu * _l \lambda \in M(X)$.
 b) convolution is commutative and if μ or λ are $\{0, 1\}$ -quasi-measures then convolution is associative.
 c) If μ or λ are $\{0, 1\}$ -quasi-measures then $\|\mu * _l \lambda\| \leq \|\mu\| \cdot \|\lambda\|$.

Proof.

a) Since $\mu \times_l \lambda$ is a quasi-measure on X^2 , it is clear that $\mu *_l \lambda$ is a quasi-measure.

If E is open set in X and if $\epsilon > 0$, the regularity of $\mu \times_l \lambda$ shows that there is a compact set $K \subset E_2$ such that

$$(\mu \times_l \lambda)(K) > (\mu \times_l \lambda)(E_2) - \epsilon$$

If C is the image of K under the map $(x, y) \longrightarrow x + y$, then C is a compact subset of E , $K \subset C_2$, and hence

$$(\mu *_l \lambda)(C) = (\mu \times_l \lambda)(C_2) \geq (\mu \times_l \lambda)(K) > (\mu *_l \lambda)(E) - \epsilon$$

b) Since X is commutative, the condition $x + y \in E$ is the same as the condition $y + x \in E$, and hence $\mu *_l \lambda = \lambda *_l \mu$.

The simplest way to prove associativity is to extend the definition of covolution to the case of n $\{0, 1\}$ -quasi-measures $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n \in M(X)$ with each open set E in X associated the set

$$E_n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X^n : x_1 + \dots + x_n \in E\}$$

and put

$$(\mu_1 *_l \mu_2 *_l \dots *_l \mu_n)(E) = (\mu_1 \times_l \mu_2 \times_l \dots \times_l \mu_n)(E_n)$$

where the measure on the right is the ordinary product quasi-measure on the product space X^n . Associativity now follows from Fubini's theorem.

c) Let χ_E be the characteristic function of the open set E in X . The definition of $(\mu *_l \lambda)(E)$ is equivalent to the equation

$$\int_X \chi_E d(\mu *_l \lambda) = \int_X \int_X \chi_E(x + y) d\mu(x) d\lambda(y)$$

Hence if f is a simple function, we have

$$\int_X f d(\mu *_l \lambda) = \int_X \int_X f(x + y) d\mu(x) d\lambda(y) \quad (1)$$

and since every bounded Borl function is the uniform limit of a sequence of simple function, equation (1) holds for every bounded Borl function f .

If $|f(x)| \leq 1$ for all $x \in X$, then $|\int_X f(x + y) d\mu(x)| \leq \|\mu\|$ for all $y \in X$, and hence the right hand side of equation (1) does not exceed $\|\mu\| \cdot \|\lambda\|$

Theorem 3.2 For μ and ν in $M(X)$,

$$\text{carrier}(\mu *_l \nu) = (\text{carrier } \mu) \cdot (\text{carrier } \nu).$$

proof.

Let A and B be the respective carriers of μ and ν . Since each is compact so is $A.B$, which in particular is then a Borel set. thus by the regularity of $\mu *_l \nu$, for $\varepsilon > 0$ we have an open U containing $A.B$ for which $\mu *_l \nu(U) \leq \mu *_l \nu(A.B) + \varepsilon$.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 = \mu(A).\nu(B) &= \int \int \chi_A(x)\chi_B(y)d\mu(x)d\nu(y) \leq \int d(\mu *_l \nu)(x) \\ &\leq \mu *_l \nu(U) \leq \mu *_l \nu(A.B) + \varepsilon \leq 1 + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, $\mu *_l \nu(A.B) = 1$. Moreover if U is now an open set with $(A.B) \cap U \neq \emptyset$ then we can find open sets V and W for which $V \cap A \neq \emptyset, W \cap B \neq \emptyset$, and $\overline{V}.\overline{W} \subset U$; this yields $\mu(\overline{V}).\nu(\overline{W}) \leq \mu *_l \nu(U)$, and this combines with $\mu(\overline{V}) \leq \mu(V) > 0, \nu(\overline{W}) \leq \nu(W) > 0$ to show that $\mu *_l \nu(U) > 0$. Hence $A.B$ is indeed the carrier of $\mu *_l \nu(U)$.

4 Fourier-Stieltjes transforms.

The pairing between of X and Γ we be indicated by $(., .)$.

If $\mu \in M(X)$, the function $\hat{\mu}$ defined on Γ by

$$\hat{\mu}(\gamma) = \int_X (-x, \gamma) d\mu(x) \quad (\gamma \in \Gamma)$$

is called the Fourier-Stieltjes transforms of μ . The set of all such functions $\hat{\mu}$ are denoted by $B(\Gamma)$.

Theorem 4.1 a) Each $\hat{\mu} \in B(\Gamma)$ is bounded.

b) If μ or $\lambda \in \{0, 1\}$ -quasi-measures, then the map $\mu \longrightarrow \hat{\mu}(\gamma)$ is, for each $\gamma \in \Gamma$, a complex homomorphism of $M(G)$. And if $\sigma = \mu *_l \lambda$, then $\hat{\sigma} = \hat{\mu}.\hat{\lambda}$.

c) $B(\Gamma)$ is invariant under translation, under multiplication by (x, γ) for any $x \in X$ and under complex conjugation.

proof.

The definition of $\hat{\mu}$ shows immediately that $|\hat{\mu}(\gamma)| \leq \|\mu\|$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$.

b) Suppose $\sigma = \mu *_l \lambda$. Equation (1) in the proof of theorem 2.1 then implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}(\gamma) &= \int_X (-z, \gamma) d(\mu *_l \lambda)(z) \\ &= \int_X \int_X (-x - y, \gamma) d\mu(x) d\lambda(y) \\ &= \int_X (-x, \gamma) d\mu(x) \int_X (-y, \gamma) d\lambda(y) \\ &= \hat{\mu}(\gamma)\hat{\lambda}(\gamma) \end{aligned}$$

c) If $d\lambda(x) = (x, \gamma_0)d\mu(x)$ then $\hat{\lambda}(\gamma) = \hat{\mu}(\gamma - \gamma_0)$. If $\lambda(E) = \mu(E - x)$, then $\hat{\lambda}(\gamma) = (x, \gamma)\hat{\mu}(\gamma)$. If $\mu^*(E) = \mu(-E)$, then the Fourier-Stieltjes transform of μ^* is the complex conjugate of $\hat{\mu}$.

For subset A of X we let $-A = \{x \in X : -x \in A\}$ and denote by h_2 the homomorphism from X into itself given by

$$h_2(x) = 2x \quad (x \in X).$$

We designate by $X^{(2)}$ and $X_{(2)}$ the image and kernel of h_2 , respectively. A quasi-measure $\mu \in M(X)$ will be termed even and atomic if for all E subset of X, $\mu(E) = \mu(-E)$ and

$$\forall A, B \subset X, A \subset B \text{ and } \mu(A) > 0 \Rightarrow \mu(B) = 0.$$

The even and atomic quasi-measure belong to $M(X)$ will be denoted by $M_{ea}(X)$. A mapping $x \mapsto \nu_x \in M(X)(x \in X)$ will be called a homomorphism if

$$\mu_x *_l \mu_y = \mu_{x+y}$$

for any $x, y \in X$. A homomorphism $x \mapsto \nu_x \in M(X)(x \in X)$ will be said to be bounded if $\sup_{x \in X} \|\mu_x\| < \infty$. A homomorphism $x \mapsto \nu_x \in M_{ea}(X)(x \in X)$ will be termed a q-homomorphism if

$$\nu_x + \nu_{-x} = \delta_x + \delta_{-x} \quad (\forall x \in X),$$

where δ_x for $x \in X$ will stand for the Dirac measure on X concentrated at x.

Let $\Phi(\Gamma)$ be the set of all odd functions φ on Γ having the following properties:

- (i) $\varphi(\Gamma \setminus \Gamma_{(2)}) \subset \{-1, 1\}$ and $\varphi(\Gamma_{(2)}) = \{0\}$;
- (ii) for each $x \in X$, there exists $\mu_x \in M_{ea}(X)$ such that

$$\hat{\mu}_x(\gamma) = \varphi(\gamma)(1 - (2x, -\gamma)) \quad (\gamma \in \Gamma). \tag{2}$$

Note that if $\varphi \in \Phi(\Gamma)$ and $\Gamma \neq (\Gamma_{(2)})$, then $\varphi(\Gamma \setminus \Gamma_{(2)}) = \{-1, 1\}$.

Theorem 4.2 *Let $\Phi(\Gamma)$ is nonvoid, and let φ be a function in $\Phi(\Gamma)$. Retaining the notation from the definition above, for each $x \in X$, put*

$$\nu_x = 1/2(\delta_x + \delta_{-a} + \mu_x *_l \delta_{-a}). \tag{3}$$

Then the mapping $x \mapsto \nu_x \in M_{ea}(X)(x \in X)$ is a q-homomorphism. If there exists $\mu \in M(X)$ such that $\hat{\mu} = \varphi$, then that q-homomorphism is bounded.

proof.

By equation (2) and (3), for each $x \in X$ and each $\gamma \in \Gamma$,

$$\hat{\nu}_x(\gamma) = \frac{1 + \varphi(\gamma)}{2}(x, \gamma) + \frac{1 - \varphi(\gamma)}{2}(x, -\gamma).$$

Taking into account that φ is an odd function mapping $\Gamma \setminus \Gamma_{(2)}$ into $\{-1, 1\}$ and $\Gamma_{(2)}$ onto $\{0\}$, we see that, for each $x \in X$ and each $\gamma \in \Gamma$,

$$\hat{\nu}_x(\gamma) = (x, \rho(\gamma)\gamma),$$

where

$$\rho(\gamma) = \begin{cases} \varphi(\gamma) & \text{if } \gamma \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma_{(2)}, \\ 1 & \text{if } \gamma \in \Gamma_{(2)}. \end{cases}$$

From this it follows that, for each $x \in X$, ν_x is even and the mapping $x \mapsto \nu_x$ is a q-homomorphism of X .

If $\phi = \hat{\mu}$ for some $\mu \in M_{ca}(X)$, then, by equation (3) for each $x \in X$ we have $\mu_x = \mu - \mu *_l \delta_{2x}$, whence $\|\mu_x\| \leq 2\|\mu\|$. Thus, on account of (3), the q-homomorphism $x \mapsto \nu_x$ is bounded. The result follows.

A quasi-measure $\mu \in M(X)$ is said to be idempotent if $\mu * \mu = \mu$. The set of all idempotents in $M(X)$ will be denoted by $J(X)$.

If $\mu \in J(X)$, then $\hat{\mu}^2 = \hat{\mu}$, so that $\hat{\mu}(\gamma) = 1$ or 0 for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Now let us

$$S(\mu) = \{\gamma \in \Gamma : \hat{\mu}(\gamma) = 1\} \quad (\mu \in J(X)).$$

The problem of finding all $\mu \in J(X)$ is obviously equivalent to the problem of finding all subsets of Γ whose characteristic function belong to $B(\Gamma)$. If μ and ν are in $J(X)$, then so are the quasi-measures $\mu *_l \nu$ and $\mu \vee \nu = \mu + \nu - \mu *_l \nu$, as well as $\delta_0 - \nu$, where δ_0 is the point measure of unit norm concentrated at the point 0 in X , because

$$S(\mu *_l \nu) = S(\mu) \cap S(\nu), \quad S(\mu \vee \nu) = S(\mu) \cup S(\nu)$$

Since $\hat{\mu}$ is continuous, $S(\mu)$ is open and closed, for every $\mu \in J(X)$. Consequently, if Γ is connected, there are only two possibilities for $S(\mu)$: $S(\mu) = \Gamma$ or $S(\mu)$ is empty. In other words, δ_0 and 0 are the only members of $J(X)$.

Lemma 4.3 $S(\mu)$ is an open subgroup and coset in Γ .

proof.

Let $\mu \in J(X)$, $\mu \neq 0$ and $\mu \geq 0$. Then $\hat{\mu}(0) = 1$. If γ_0 and γ_1 are in $S(\mu)$, then $-\gamma_1 \in S(\mu)$, and

$$|\hat{\mu}(\gamma_0 - \gamma_1) - \hat{\mu}(\gamma_0)| \leq 2\hat{\mu}(0)Re[\hat{\mu}(0) - \hat{\mu}(-\gamma_1)] = 0.$$

Hence $\gamma_0 - \gamma_1 \in S(\mu)$, and we conclude that $S(\mu)$ is an open subgroup of Γ . If $\mu \in J(X)$ and $\mu \neq 0$ then $\|\mu\| = \|\mu *_l \mu\| \leq \|\mu\|^2$, so that $\|\mu\| \geq 1$. Suppose $\|\mu\| = 1$. Setting $d\nu(x) = (x, \gamma)d\hat{\mu}(x)$, proper choice of γ assures that $\hat{\nu}(0) = 1$. Then

$$1 = \hat{\nu}(0) = \nu(X) \leq \|\nu\| = 1$$

hence $\nu(X) = \|\nu\|$, $\nu \geq 0$, and the preceding result implies: If $\mu \in J(X)$ and $\|\mu\| = 1$, then $S(\mu)$ is an open coset in Γ .

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