

REPRESENTING ISOTONE OPERATORS ON CONES

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Introduction

LET V be a boundedly complete vector lattice, or, in other words, a Dedekind complete Riesz space [2], [9]. The object of this paper is to extend the main theorem of [5], which is a representation theorem for real valued states on Dini cones (see below for definitions), to a representation theorem for V -valued operators on Dini cones. In [13], Vincent-Smith showed by novel and elegant methods that an analogue of Choquet boundary theory can be developed for V -valued measures. As an application of our main theorem we are able to give an improved version of one of his results.

When V is weakly σ -distributive [16], [3] the situation is quite straightforward. But, for general V , the problem is, as we would expect from [16], [3], more subtle and its solution more elusive.

1. Hahn-Banach preliminaries

It is well known that when V is equipped with an order-unit then analogues of the Hahn-Banach Theorem are valid for V -valued operators, see [8], [10] and, particularly, the sophisticated results of [12]. As we shall need a variant of the vector-valued Hahn-Banach Theorem for which we do not know of an accessible reference, we shall give a short proof for the convenience of the reader.

Let us adjoin an element $-\infty$ to V and let $V_\star = V \cup \{-\infty\}$. We extend the partial ordering of V to V_\star by requiring $-\infty < x$ for all $x \in V$ and we define $x + y$ to be $-\infty$ whenever x or y is $-\infty$. Furthermore, when $\rho \in \mathbb{R}^+$ we define $\rho \cdot (-\infty)$ to be $-\infty$ if $\rho > 0$ and define $0 \cdot (-\infty)$ to be 0 .

In this section F will be a convex cone with vertex the origin, that is, F is a non-empty, convex subset of a real vector space such that, whenever $x \in F$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$ then $\lambda x \in F$. (It is not required that F be proper.) Furthermore, F will be equipped with a partial ordering compatible with its cone structure, that is, whenever $x \leq x'$ and $y \leq y'$ then $x + y \leq x' + y'$ and, for each $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$, $\lambda x \leq \lambda x'$. A function $\phi: F \rightarrow V_\star$ is *positively homogeneous* if, for each non-negative real number ρ , $\phi(\rho x) = \rho \phi(x)$ for every x in F .

A positively homogeneous function $\phi: F \rightarrow V_\star$ is said to be *sublinear* if, for all f and g in F , $\phi(f + g) \leq \phi(f) + \phi(g)$; it is said to be *superlinear* if,

for all f and g in F , $\phi(f+g) \geq \phi(f) + \phi(g)$; it is said to be *isotone* (or *order-preserving*) if, whenever $f \leq g$, then $\phi(f) \leq \phi(g)$; when ϕ is both superlinear and sublinear then ϕ is said to be *linear*. This coincides with the usual notion of linear when F is a vector space for ϕ does not take the value $-\infty$ anywhere; in the general situation where F is a convex cone it means that ϕ is additive and positively homogeneous.

Since we can do so without extra effort, the result below is proved in slightly greater generality than is strictly necessary for the applications in § 2.

In the following, V_*^F , the collection of all V_* -valued functions on F , will be partially ordered pointwise, that is, $w \leq \pi$ means that $w(f) \leq \pi(f)$ for all $f \in F$.

THEOREM 1. (SANDWICH THEOREM). *Let $\pi: F \rightarrow V_*$ be sublinear and isotone, let $w: F \rightarrow V_*$ be superlinear and let $w \leq \pi$. Then there exists a linear function $\phi: F \rightarrow V_*$ such that ϕ is isotone and $w \leq \phi \leq \pi$.*

Let Γ be the collection of all superlinear functions $\gamma: F \rightarrow V_*$ such that $w \leq \gamma \leq \pi$ and equip Γ with the partial ordering it inherits from V_*^F . Since $w \in \Gamma$, Γ is not empty. By a straightforward application of Zorn's Lemma, it follows that Γ contains a maximal element ϕ . Fix $g \in F$ and define a to be

$$\bigwedge \{ \pi(g+q) - \phi(q) : q \in F \text{ and } \phi(q) > -\infty \}.$$

For each $f \in F$ let

$$\phi_g(f) = \bigvee \{ \phi(h) + \lambda a : (h, \lambda) \in F \times \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ and } h + \lambda g \leq f \}.$$

Then ϕ_g is order-preserving, superlinear and $\phi \leq \phi_g \leq \pi$. It follows from the maximality of ϕ that $\phi = \phi_g$.

When $\phi(h) > -\infty$, we have

$$\pi(g+h) - \phi(h) \geq \phi(g+h) - \phi(h) \geq \phi(g) = \phi_g(g) \geq a.$$

Hence

$$\phi(g) = \bigwedge \{ \pi(g+q) - \phi(q) : \phi(q) > -\infty \text{ and } q \in F \}.$$

Since this must hold for every g in F , it now follows by an easy calculation, that ϕ is subadditive. Hence ϕ is an order-preserving, linear map with $w \leq \phi \leq \pi$.

2. The representation theorem

Let X be a non-empty set and let $F = F(X)$ be a cone of upper bounded functions on X such that the constant functions are in $F(X)$. The cone $F(X)$ is said to be a *Dini cone* [5] if, whenever (f_n) ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) is a

monotone decreasing sequence of functions in F then

$$\sup_{x \in X} \inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n(x) = \inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{x \in X} f_n(x).$$

An example of a Dini cone would be: $F(X) = UC_{\infty}^+(X) + \mathbb{R}$, where $UC_{\infty}^+(X)$ is the cone of non-negative upper semicontinuous functions vanishing at infinity and defined on a locally compact space X . Let $\Sigma(F)$ be the smallest σ -algebra of subsets of X such that each function on $F(X)$ is measurable with respect to $\Sigma(F)$.

By a (finite) V -valued measure on $\Sigma(F)$ we mean, as in [15], [16], a map $m: \Sigma(F) \rightarrow V^+$ which is finitely additive and such that, whenever (E_n) ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) is a monotone increasing sequence of sets in $\Sigma(F)$, then $m\left(\bigcup_1^{\infty} E_n\right) = \bigvee_1^{\infty} mE_n$, where $\bigvee_1^{\infty} mE_n$ is the least upper bound of $\{mE_n: n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ in V . It is convenient to adopt the convention that $\int_x f dm = -\infty$ if $\left\{ \int_x (f \vee (-n1)): n = 1, 2, \dots \right\}$ is not bounded below in V and f is bounded above.

Let $\phi: F(X) \rightarrow V_*$ be a linear map and let m be a V -valued measure on $\Sigma(F)$ [15]. Then m is said to be a *representing measure* for ϕ if, for each $f \in F$, $\phi(f) \leq \int_x f dm$. If, for each $f \in F$, $\phi(f) = \int_x f dm$ then m is said to be a *strongly representing measure*.

Let e be any non-zero positive element of V . We define an *e-state* to be a linear $\phi: F(X) \rightarrow V_*$ such that $\phi(1) = e$ and, for each $f \in F$, $\phi(f) \leq e \sup_x(f)$. The set of *e-states* inherits a partial ordering from V_* and an *e-state* is said to be *maximal* if it is maximal with respect to this partial ordering. It is an immediate consequence of Zorn's Lemma that each *e-state* is dominated by a maximal *e-state* and, by applying the Sandwich Theorem with $\pi(f) = e \sup_x(f)$ we see that each state is dominated by an isotone *e-state*, so that each maximal *e-state* is isotone. The only $\mathbb{R}_* \text{-valued}$ states we shall consider will be the 1-states.

LEMMA 2. Let $\phi: F(X) \rightarrow V_*$ be linear and isotone; let $F^\#(X)$ be the max-stable cone generated by $F(X)$ and let $F^\#(X)$ be equipped with the pointwise partial ordering. Then there exists a linear isotone $\phi^\#$ on $F^\#(X)$ which is an extension of ϕ . Furthermore, if for some e in V^+ the map ϕ is an *e-state* then we can choose $\phi^\#$ to be an *e-state* on $F^\#(X)$.

Define

$$w(h) = \begin{cases} -\infty & \text{if } h \in F^\# \text{ and } h \notin F. \\ \phi(h) & \text{if } h \in F. \end{cases}$$

Define

$$\pi(h) = \bigwedge \left\{ \phi(g) + \sup_{x \in X} f(x)\phi(1) : (g, f) \in F \times F^\# \text{ and } g + f \geq h \right\}.$$

The lemma follows from the Sandwich Theorem.

Let S be a compact Hausdorff space such that $C(S)$ is a boundedly complete vector lattice. This is equivalent to requiring S to be extremally disconnected [12]. Let χ_S be the characteristic function of S , that is, the function on S which takes the constant value 1.

LEMMA 3. Let $\phi: F(X) \rightarrow C(S)_*$ be a maximal χ_S -state such that ϕ never takes the value $-\infty$. For each $s \in S$, and each $f \in F$ let $\phi_s(f) = \phi(f)(s)$; let ψ_s be a maximal (real valued) state which dominates ϕ_s . Let $\psi: F(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^S$ be defined by $\psi(h)(s) = \psi_s(h)$. Then ψ is a linear \mathbb{R}^S -valued χ_S -state and, for each $f \in F$, the set

$$\{s \in S: \phi_s(f) < \psi_s(f)\}$$

is meagre.

Let $\hat{\psi}(f) = \bigwedge \{b \in C(S): b \geq \psi(f)\}$ for each $f \in F(X)$. Then $\hat{\psi} \geq \phi$ and $\hat{\psi}$ is sublinear and isotone. Moreover, by a result of Stone [11], $\{s \in S: \hat{\psi}(f)(s) < \psi(f)(s)\}$ is meagre for each $f \in F$. So, to establish this lemma, it will suffice to show that $\phi = \hat{\psi}$.

First, we define an auxiliary function $\gamma: F(X) \rightarrow V$ by

$$\gamma(f) = \bigwedge \{\hat{\psi}(f+q) - \phi(q) : q \in F(X)\}.$$

then $\phi \leq \gamma \leq \hat{\psi}$. Let us assume that for some f_0 , we have $\phi(f_0) < \gamma(f_0)$. We define δ on $F(X)$ by

$$\delta(f) = \bigvee \{\phi(f_1) + r\gamma(f_0) : (f_1, r) \in F \times \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ and } f = f_1 + rf_0\}.$$

Then δ is superlinear and $\phi \leq \delta \leq \hat{\psi}$. Also $\delta(f_0) \geq \gamma(f_0)$. By the Sandwich Theorem, there exists a χ_S -state r with $\hat{\psi} \geq r \geq \delta$. Thus $r \geq \phi$ and $r(f_0) > \phi(f_0)$, which is impossible since ϕ is maximal. Hence $\phi = \gamma$.

To complete the proof we proceed as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(f) = \gamma(f) &= \bigwedge \{\hat{\psi}(f+q) - \phi(q) : q \in F\} \\ &= \bigwedge \{b - \phi(q) : (q, b) \in F \times C(S) \text{ and } b \geq \psi(f) + \psi(q)\} \\ &\geq \bigwedge \{b - \phi(q) : (q, b) \in F \times C(S) \text{ and } b \geq \psi(f) + \phi(q)\} \\ &= \bigwedge \{d : d \in C(S) \text{ and } d \geq \psi(f)\} \\ &= \hat{\psi}(f). \end{aligned}$$

We now come to the main theorem.

THEOREM 4. Let $F(X)$ be a convex cone of upper bounded functions on X with the constant functions contained in $F(X)$. Let e be a non-zero positive

element of V . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) $F(X)$ is a Dini cone.
- (ii) Whenever μ is an e -state on $F(X)$ there exists a V -valued representing measure m defined on $\Sigma(F)$ with $mX = e$.
- (iii) Whenever ϕ is a maximal e -state on $F(X)$ there exists a V -valued strongly representing measure m defined on $\Sigma(F)$ with $mX = e$.

The equivalence of (ii) and (iii) is immediate. That (ii) \Rightarrow (i) follows easily from Lemma 1 of [5].

Let us now suppose that $F(X)$ is a Dini cone then, as proved in [5], the generated max-stable cone $F^\#(X)$ is also a Dini cone. It follows from Lemma 2 and this observation that it is sufficient to consider the special case where $F(X) = F^\#(X)$.

Let $F_0(X)$ be the cone of bounded functions in $F(X)$ and ϕ_0 the restriction of ϕ to $F_0(X)$. For each $f \in F(X)$, $f \vee (-n\chi_x)$ is in F_0 for $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Hence $\Sigma(F) = \Sigma(F_0)$. It is clear that F_0 is, itself, a Dini cone and that ϕ_0 is an e -state on F_0 . Suppose that we can find a strongly representing measure m on $\Sigma(F_0) = \Sigma(F)$ for ϕ_0 . Then, whenever $f \in F$,

$$\phi(f) \leq \phi(f \vee (-n\chi_x)) \leq \int_x f \vee (-n\chi_x) \, dm \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

So

$$\phi(f) \leq \int_x f \, dm.$$

Thus it suffices to establish (iii) in the special case where $F(X)$ is a max-stable cone of bounded functions on X and ϕ is a maximal e -state on $F(X)$. Then ϕ does not take the value $-\infty$ at any point of $F(X)$.

By the Kadison-Kakutani Theorem, see [1], page 76, there is a compact Hausdorff space S such that $C(S)$ is linearly order-isomorphic to $V[e] = \{b \in V: \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ with } -\lambda e \leq b \leq \lambda e\}$. Clearly $C(S)$ is boundedly complete. We are now able to make use of Lemma 3.

The main theorem of [5] and the equivalence of (ii) and (iii) above implies that, for each $s \in S$, we can find a (real valued) probability measure ν_s on $\Sigma(F)$ such that $\psi(f)(s) = \int_x f \, d\nu_s$ for all $f \in F(X)$.

Let M be the lattice of all bounded $\Sigma(F)$ -measurable functions on X and let

$$L = \{h \in M: \text{There exists } \eta(h) \in C(S) \text{ such that } \eta(h) \text{ and } \psi(h) \text{ differ only on a meagre subset of } S\}.$$

It follows from the Baire Category Theorem that whenever $h \in L$ then $\eta(h)$ is the *unique* element of $C(S)$ which differs from $\psi(h)$ only on a meagre set.

Using the linearity of ψ and applying the Baire Category Theorem we find that L is a linear subspace of M and that η is a positive linear operator on L . Let (f_n) ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) be an upper bounded monotone increasing sequence in L and let $f(x) = \sup f_n(x)$ for all $x \in X$. Then, by the Lebesgue Monotone Convergence Theorem,

$$\psi(f)(s) = \sup_n \psi(f_n)(s) \quad \text{for each } s.$$

But $\bigvee_1^\infty \eta(f_n)$ agrees with $\sup_n \eta(f_n)$ except on a meagre subset of S , and so $\bigvee_1^\infty \eta(f_n)$ agrees with $\psi(f)$ except on a meagre subset of S . Thus f is in L and $\eta(f) = \bigvee_1^\infty \eta(f_n)$.

By Lemma 3, L contains the vector lattice $F(X) - F(X)$ and hence $L = M$.

For each $E \in \Sigma(F)$ we define mE to be $\eta(\chi_E)$. Then m is the required strongly representing measure and the theorem is now proved.

In the following application of the above theorem let Z be a compact convex subset of a Hausdorff locally convex topological vector space; let ∂Z be the set of extreme points of Z ; and let $A(Z)$ be the space of affine continuous functions on Z .

COROLLARY 5. *Let $\phi: A(Z) \rightarrow V$ be a positive linear operator. Then there exists a V -valued quasi-regular Borel measure q on Z such that*

$$\phi(f) = \int_Z f \, dq \quad \text{for all } f \in A(Z)$$

and, whenever B is a Baire subset of Z which is disjoint from ∂Z then $qB = 0$.

By the Bauer maximum principle for compact convex sets, see [1], page 46, $A(Z)$ is isometrically linearly and order-isomorphic to $F(\partial Z)$, where $F(\partial Z)$ is the set of restrictions of affine continuous functions to ∂Z . Furthermore, by Bauer's maximum principle, $F(\partial Z)$ is a Dini cone.

From Theorem 4 there exists a measure m on $\Sigma(F)$ such that $\phi(f) = \int_{\partial Z} f \, dm$ for all $f \in A(Z)$. Since $\Sigma(F) = \{B \cap \partial Z: B \text{ is a Baire subset of } Z\}$,

we define a Baire measure q_0 on Z by $q_0(B) = M(B \cap \partial Z)$. Then, see [16], there is a unique quasi-regular Borel measure q which extends the Baire measure q_0 . Clearly,

$$\phi(f) = \int_Z f \, dq \quad \text{for each } f \in A(Z).$$

Remark. In [14] Vincent-Smith obtains a similar result to the above Corollary, but his maximal measures are shown to be boundary measures in the weaker sense that, when E is a G_δ -set disjoint from ∂Z then E has zero measure. When V is weakly σ -distributive, each V -valued Baire measure is regular [17] and the result above is an immediate consequence of his work. But when V is not weakly σ -distributive (and hence V -valued Baire measures need not be regular [17]) Corollary 5 gives a stronger result.

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