# Some characterizations of a mapping defined by interval-valued Choquet integrals

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#### Abstract

Note that Choquet integral is a generalized concept of Lebesgue integral, because two definitions of Choquet integral and Lebesgue integral are equal if a fuzzy measure is a classical measure. In this paper, we consider interval-valued Choquet integrals with respect to fuzzy measures (see [4,5,6,7]). Using these Choquet integrals, we define a mappings on the classes of Choquet integrable functions and give an example of a mapping defined by interval-valued Choquet integrals. And we will investigate some relations between m-convex mappings  $\phi$  on the class of Choquet integrable functions and m-convex mappings  $T_{\phi}$  defined by the class of closed set-valued Choquet integrals with respect to fuzzy measures.

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#### 1. Introduction

Sugeno et al. [8,9] have studied some characterizations of Choquet integrals which is a generalized concept of Lebesgue integral, because two definitions of Choquet integral and Lebesgue integral are equal if a fuzzy measure is a classical measure. And also Choquet integral is often used in information nonlinear aggregation tool(see[2,8,9]).

In this paper, we define fuzzy mappings on the classes of Choquet integrable functions and give an example of fuzzy mapping defined by closed set-valued Choquet integrals. In Section 2, we list various definitions and notations which are used in the proof of our results. In Section 3, using these definitions and properties, we investigate some relations between m-convex mappings  $\phi$  on the class of Choquet integrable functions and m-convex mappings  $T_{\phi}$  defined by the class of closed set-valued Choquet integrals with respect to fuzzy measures.

#### 2. Preliminaries and definitions

Throughout this paper, we assume that X is a locally compact Hausdorff space, K is the class of continuous functions on X with compact support,  $\Omega$  is the class of Borel sets, C is the class of compact sets, and O is the class open set. The class of measurable functions is denoted by M and the class of non-negative measurable functions is denoted by  $M^+$ . Let  $(X,\Omega,\mu)$  be a fuzzy complete measure space.

A fuzzy measure  $\mu$  on a measurable space is a set function

$$\mu: \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty]$$
 satisfying

(1) 
$$\mu(\emptyset) = 0$$
,

(2) 
$$\mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$$
,

whenever  $A, B \in \Omega, A \subset B$ .

A fuzzy measure  $\mu$  is said to be lower semi-continuous if for every increasing sequence  $\{A_n\}$  of measurable sets, we have

$$\mu\left(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty}A_{n}\right)=\lim_{n\to\infty}\ \mu\left(A_{n}\right).$$

A fuzzy measure  $\mu$  is said to be upper semi-continuous if for every decreasing sequence  $\{A_n\}$  of measurable sets and  $\mu(A_1)<\infty$ , we have

$$\mu\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty}A_{n}\right)=\lim_{n\to\infty}\mu\left(A_{n}\right).$$

If  $\mu$  is both lower and upper semi-continuous, it is said to be continuous(see [4,5,6,7]).

Recall that a function  $f: X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is said to be measurable if  $\{x \mid f(x) > \alpha\} \in \Omega$  for all  $\alpha \in (-\infty, \infty)$ .

**Definition 2.1** ([4,5,6,7]) (1) The Choquet integral of measurable function f on A with respect to a fuzzy measure  $\mu$  is defined by

$$(C)\int_A f d\mu = \int_0^\infty \mu (\{x | f(x) > r\} \cap A) dr,$$

where the integral on the right-hand side is an ordinary one.

(2) A measurable function f is called integrable if the Choquet of f can be defined and its value is finite.

Instead of  $(C)\int_X f \,d\mu$ , we will write  $(C)\int_X f \,d\mu$ . Throughout this paper,  $R^+$  will denote the interval  $[0,\infty)$ . We say  $f\colon X{\longrightarrow} R^+$  is in  $L^1_c(\mu)$  if and only if f is measurable and  $(C)\int_X f \,d\mu < \infty$ .

**Theorem 2.2** ([4,5,6,7]). Let f, g be measurable functions.

- (1) If  $f \leq g$ , then  $(C) \int f d\mu \leq (C) \int g d\mu$ .
- (2) If  $A \subset B$  and  $A, B \in \Omega$ , then

$$(C) \int_{A} f \, d\mu \leq (C) \int_{B} f \, d\mu.$$

(3) If  $(f \lor g)(x) = m \, ax \{f(x), g(x)\}$  and  $(f \land g)(x) = m \, in \{f(x), g(x)\}$  for all  $x \in X$ , then  $(C) \int (f \lor g) \, d\mu \ge (C) \int f \, d\mu \, \lor (C) \int g \, d\mu$ 

and

$$(\,C\,)\!\int\ \, (f\!\wedge\,g\,)\ \, d\mu\,\leq\,(\,C\,)\!\int\ \, f\,d\mu\ \, \wedge\,(\,C\,)\!\int\ \, g\,\,d\mu\,.$$

**Definition 2.3** ([4,5,6,7]) Let f,g be measurable non-negative functions. Then we say that f is comonotonic to g, in symbol  $f \sim g$  if and only if

$$f(x) < f(x') \rightarrow g(x) \le g(x')$$
 for all  $x, x' \in X$ .

Let  $M^+$  be the set of continuous non-negative functions  $f \colon X \to R^+$  with compact support and let

$$\mathbb{F} = \{ f \in \ M^{\ +} | \ \ (\, C \,) \int \!\! f \, \ d\mu \, < \, \infty \, \, \, \}$$

and for each  $g \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_q = \{ f \in \mathbb{F} \mid f \sim g \}$ .

**Definition 2.4** Let  $m\in[0,1]$  arbitrary. A subset  $\mathbb{F}_0$  of  $\mathbb{F}$  is said to be m-convex if  $t\!f\!+m\,(1-t)g\in\mathbb{F}_0$  whenever  $f,\,g\in\mathbb{F}_0$ ,  $t\in[0,1]$ .

It is easily to see that for each  $g \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is m-convex.

**Definition 2.5** ([10]) Let  $m \in [0, 1]$  arbitrary. A mapping  $\phi : \mathbb{F}_0 \longrightarrow R^+$  defined on m-convex set  $\mathbb{F}_0$  is said to be m-convex, if

$$\phi(tf + m(1-t)g) \le t\phi(f) + m(1-t)\phi(g)$$

for all  $f,g\in\mathbb{F}_0$  and  $t\in[0,1]$ ; and strictly m-convex if strict inequality holds for  $f\neq g$  and  $t\in(0,1)$ .  $\phi:\mathbb{F}_0\!\to\! R^+$  is said to be m-concave, if

$$\phi(tf+m(1-t)g) \ge t\phi(f)+m(1-t)\phi(g)$$

for all  $f,g\in\mathbb{F}_0$  and  $t\in[0,1]$ ; and strictly m-concave if strict inequality holds for  $f\neq g$  and  $t\in(0,1)$ .

Throughout this paper, we denote

$$I(R^+) = \{ [a, b] \mid a, b \in R^+ \text{ and } a \leq b \}.$$

Then an element in  $I(R^+)$  is called an interval number. On the interval number set, we define; for each pair  $[a,b],[c,d]\in I(R^+)$  and  $k\in R^+$ ,

$$\begin{split} [a,b] + [c,d] &= [a+c,b+d]\,, \\ [a,b] \cdot [c,d] &= [a\cdot c,b\cdot d]\,, \\ k[a,b] &= [ka,kb]\,, \\ [a,b] &\leq [c,d] \quad \text{if and only if } a \leq c \quad \text{and } b \leq d\,, \\ \max{\{[a,b],[c,d]\}} &\leq [a\vee c,b\vee d]\,, \\ \min{\{[a,b],[c,d]\}} &\leq [a\wedge c,b\wedge d]\,. \end{split}$$

Then  $(I(R^+), d_H)$  is a metric space, where of the Hausdorff metric defined by

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\!H}(A,B) = & \max\{ sup_{x \in A} inf_{y \in B} | \ x{-}y| \ , \\ & sup_{y \in B} inf_{x \in A} | \ x{-}y| \ \} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $A, B \in I(R^+)$ . By the definition of the Hausdorff metric, we have immediately the following proposition.

 $\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{Proposition 2.6 ([7])} & \text{For each pair } [a,b] \,, & [c,d] \in I(R^+) \,, \\ & d_{\!H}([a,b],[c,d]) = \max\{ \mid a\!-\!c \mid, \mid b\!-\!d \mid \}. \end{array}$ 

Let  $C(R^+)$  be the class of closed subsets of  $R^+$ . Throughout this paper, we consider a closed set-valued function  $F\colon X \to C(R^+) \setminus \{\varnothing\}$  and an interval number-valued function  $F\colon X \to I(R^+) \setminus \{\varnothing\}$ .

We denote that  $d_H-\lim_{n\to\infty}A_n=A$  if and only if  $\lim_{n\to\infty}d_H(A_n,A)=0\,,$ 

where  $A \in I(R^+)$  and  $\{A_n\} \subset I(R^+)$ .

**Definition 2.7** ([4,5,6,7]) A closed set-valued function F is said to be measurable if for each open set  $O \subset R^+$ ,  $F^{-1}(O) = \{x | F(x) \cap O \neq \varnothing \} \in \Omega$ .

**Definition 2.8** ([4,5,6,7]) Let F be a closed set-valued function. A measurable function  $f: X \rightarrow R^+$  satisfying  $f(x) \in F(x), \ \forall \ x \in X$  is called a measurable selection of F

We note that " $x\in X$   $\mu-a.e.$ " stand for " $x\in X$   $\mu-$  almost everywhere". The property P(x) holds for  $x\in X$   $\mu-a.e.$  means that there is a measurable set A such that  $\mu(A)=0$  and the property P(x) holds for all  $x\in A^c$ , where  $A^c$  is the complement of A.

**Definition 2.9** ([4,5,6,7]) (1) Let F be a closed set-valued function and  $A \in \Omega$ . The set-valued Choquet integral of F on A is defined by

$$\left(\,C\,\right)\int_{_{A}}^{}\,\,Fd\,\mu\,=\,\left\{\left(\,C\,\right)\int_{_{A}}^{}\,\,fd\mu\,|\,f\,\in\,S\,(F\,)\right\},$$

where S(F) is the family of  $\mu-a.e.$  measurable selections of F, that is,

$$S(F) = \{ f \in L^1_c(\mu) \mid f(x) \in F(x), x \in X, \mu - a.e \}.$$

- (2) A closed set-valued function F is said to be Choquet integrable if  $(C)\int F d\mu$  exists and dose not include  $\infty$ .
- (3) A set-valued function F is said to be Choquet integrably bounded if there is a function  $g\in M^+$  such that  $\parallel F\left(x\right)\parallel = \sup_{r\in F\left(x\right)}\mid r\mid \leq g\left(x\right),\ \forall\ x\in X.$

Instead of  $(C)\int_X F d\mu$ , we write  $(C)\int F d\mu$ . Obviously,  $(C)\int F d\mu$  may be empty.

**Theorem 2.10** ([4,5]). (1) If a closed set-valued function F is a Choquet integrable, then  $A \subset B$  and  $A, B \in \Omega \rightarrow$ 

$$(C)\int_A F d\mu \subset (C)\int_B F d\mu$$

(2) If a closed set-valued function F is a Choquet integrable, then for all  $a \in R^+$ ,  $(C) \int aF \ d\mu = a(C) \int F \ d\mu$ .

**Theorem 2.11** ([4]). A closed set-valued function F is measurable if and only if there exists a sequence of measurable selections  $\{f_n\}$  of F such that

$$F(x) = cl\{f_n(x)\}\$$
for all  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 2.12** ([4,5,6,7]). If F is a closed set-valued function and Choquet integrably bounded and if we define  $f^+(x) = \sup\{r \mid r \in F(x)\}$  and

 $f^-(x) = \inf\{r | r \in F(x)\}$  for all  $x \in X$ , then  $f^+$  and  $f^-$  are Choquet integrable selections of F.

**Theorem 2.13** ([4,5,6,7]). Let  $\mu$  be continuous fuzzy measure and F a measurable and Choquet integrably bounded set-valued function. If F is interval number-valued, i.e.,  $F(x) = [f^-(x), f^+(x)], \ x \in X$ , then

$$(\,C\,)\, \int \ F\, d\,\mu \ = \left[\,\,(\,C\,)\, \int \ f^-\, d\,\mu\,, \ (\,C\,)\, \int \ f^+ d\,\mu\,\,\,\right].$$

#### 3. Main results

Let  $M^+$  be the set of continuous non-negative functions

 $f: X \rightarrow R^+$  with compact support. We denote the following classes:

 $\mathbb{T} = \{F \mid F \colon X {\rightarrow} I(R^+) \text{ is measurable and Choquet integrable bounded} \} \text{ and for each } G \in \mathbb{T},$ 

$$\mathbb{T}_{G} = \{ F \in \mathbb{T} \mid F \sim G, S(F) \subset M^{+} \} .$$

Definition 3.1 ([4,5,6,7]) Let  $F, G \in \mathbb{T}$ . We say that F and G are comonotonic, in symbol  $F \sim G$  if and only if

- (1)  $f^+(x) < f^+(x') \rightarrow g^+(x) \le g^+(x')$  for all  $x, x' \in X$  and
- (2)  $f^-(x) < f^-(x') \to g^-(x) \le g^-(x')$  for all  $x, x' \in X$ ,

where  $F(x) = [f^{-}(x), f^{+}(x)]$  and  $G(x) = [g^{-}(x), g^{+}(x)]$  for all  $x, x' \in X$ .

**Definition 3.2** Let  $m \in [0,1]$  arbitrary. A subset  $\mathbb{T}_0$  of  $\mathbb{T}$  is said to be m-convex if  $tF + m(1-t)G \in \mathbb{T}_0$  whenever  $F, G \in \mathbb{T}_0$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$ .

It is easily to see that for each  $G \in \mathbb{T}$ ,  $\mathbb{T}_G$  is m-convex.

**Definition 3.3** (1) Let  $m \in [0,1]$  arbitrary. A mapping  $\Gamma: \mathbb{T}_0 \to I(R^+)$  defined on m-convex set  $\mathbb{T}_0$  is said to be m-convex, if

 $\Gamma(tF+m\,(1-t)\,G) \leq t\Gamma(F)+m\,(1-t)\Gamma(G)$  for all  $F,\,G\in\mathbb{T}_0$  and  $t\in[0,1]$ ; and strictly m-convex if strict inequality holds for  $F\neq G$  and  $t\in(0,1)$ . If m=1, then we say that  $\Gamma$  is convex.

(2)  $\Gamma: \mathbb{T}_0 \to I(\mathbb{R}^+)$  is said to be m-concave, if

 $\Gamma(tF+m\,(1-t)\,G)\geq t\Gamma(F)+m\,(1-t)\Gamma(G)$  for all  $F,\,G\in\mathbb{T}_0$  and  $t\in[0,1]$ ; and strictly m-concave if strict inequality holds for  $F\neq G$  and  $t\in(0,1)$ . If m=1, then we say that  $\Gamma$  is concave.

**Definition 3.4** (1) Let  $m \in [0,1]$  arbitrary. A mapping  $\Gamma \colon \mathbb{T}_0 \to I(R^+)$  defined on m-convex set  $\mathbb{T}_0$  is said to be quasi-m-convex with respect to  $\max(\vee)$ , if  $\Gamma(tF+m(1-t)G) \leq \vee \{\Gamma(F), \Gamma(G)\}$  for all  $F, G \in \mathbb{T}_0$  and  $t \in [0,1]$ .

(2)  $\Gamma\colon \mathbb{T}_0 \to I(R^+)$  is said to be quasi-m-concave with respect to  $\min(\wedge)$ , if  $\Gamma(tF+m(1-t)G) \geq \wedge \{\Gamma(F), \Gamma(G)\}$  for all  $F, G \in \mathbb{T}_0$  and  $t \in [0,1]$ .

**Definition 3.5** Let  $\phi: \mathbb{F}_0 \longrightarrow R^+$  be a real-valued functional. (1) For any  $f \in \mathbb{F}_0$ ,  $\phi(f)$  is defined by  $\phi(f) = (C) \int f \ d\mu$ .

(2) Let a mapping  $T_{\phi}: \mathbb{T}_0 \longrightarrow I(\mathbb{R}^+)$  be an interval-valued

fuzzy mapping induced by  $\phi$ ; that is, for any  $F\in\mathbb{T}_0,\ T_\phi$  is defined by  $T_\phi(F)=(C)\!\int\! F\,d\mu$  .

We remark that if F is an interval-valued Choquet integrably bounded and  $\mu$  is continuous fuzzy measure, then we have

$$\begin{split} T_{\phi}(F) &= (C) \int F \, d\mu \\ &= [\,(C\,) \int f^- \, d\mu\,,\,(C\,) \int f^+ \, d\mu\,] \\ &= [\,\phi\,(f^-)\,,\phi\,(f^+)]\,, \end{split}$$

where  $f^+(x) = \sup\{r \mid r \in F(x)\}$  and  $f^-(x) = \inf\{r \mid r \in F(x)\}.$ 

**Theorem 3.6** Let  $m \in [0,1]$  and  $\mathbb{F}_0$  be m-convex. Then a mapping  $\phi : \mathbb{F}_0 \longrightarrow R^+$  satisfies the following property: for all  $f,g \in \mathbb{F}_0$ , and  $t \in [0,1]$ ,

$$\phi(tf + m(1-t)g) = t\phi(f) + m(1-t)\phi(g)$$

Proof. Let  $m \in [0,1]$ . Then clearly, we have

$$\begin{split} \phi \left( t f + m \left( 1 - t \right) g \right) \\ &= (C) \int \leq t f + m \left( 1 - t \right) g d \mu \\ \\ &= (C) \int t f d \mu + (C) \int m \left( 1 - t \right) g d \mu \\ \\ &= t (C) \int f d \mu + m \left( 1 - t \right) \left( C \right) \int g d \mu \\ \\ &= t \phi \left( f \right) + m \left( 1 - t \right) \phi \left( g \right). \end{split}$$

We note that Theorem 3.6 implies  $\phi$  is m-convex on  $\mathbb{F}_0$ , but if  $\mathbb{F}_0$  is m-convex of  $\mathbb{F}$ , then  $\phi$  is not m-convex.

**Theorem 3.7** Let  $m \in [0,1]$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_0$  and  $\mathbb{T}_0$  be m-convex on  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $\mathbb{T}$ , respectively. If a mapping  $\phi: \mathbb{F}_0 \longrightarrow R^+$  is m-convex, then  $T_\phi: \mathbb{T}_0 \longrightarrow I(R^+)$  is m-convex.

Proof. Let  $F,G\in\mathbb{T}_0$  and

$$F = [f^-, f^+], G = [g^-, g^+].$$

By Theorem 2.12, we have

$$f^-, f^+, g^-, g^+ \in \mathbb{F}_0.$$

Then, there exist  $h^-$ ,  $h^+ \in \mathbb{F}_0$  such that

$$h^{-} = tf^{-} + m(1-t)g^{-}$$

and

$$h^+ = tf^+ + m(1-t)q^+$$

for all  $m \in [0,1]$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$ . So,  $H = [h^-, h^+] \in \mathbb{T}_0$ . Since  $\phi$  is m-convex, then we have

$$\begin{split} &T_{\phi}(tF+m\,(1-t)\,G)\\ &=T_{\phi}\left(t[f^-,f^+]+m\,(1-t)[g^-,g^+]\right)\\ &=T_{\phi}\left(\left[\,tf^-+m\,(1-t)g^-,\,tf^++m\,(1-t)\,g^+\right]\,\right)\\ &=T_{\phi}\left(\left[\,h^-,h^+\right]\,\right)=T_{\phi}(H)\\ &=\left[\,(C\,)\int\,h^-\,d\mu\,,\,(C\,)\int\,h^+\,d\mu\,\right]\\ &=\left[\,\phi\,(h^-)\,,\phi\,(h^+)\right]\\ &=\left[\,\phi\,(tf^-)+m\,(1-t)g^-\,)\,,\phi\,(tf^++m\,(1-t)g^+\,)\right]\\ &\leq\left[\,t\phi\,(f^-)+m\,(1-t)\phi\,(g^-)\,,\\ &\qquad t\phi\,(f^+)+m\,(1-t)\phi\,(g^+)\right]\\ &=\left[\,t\phi\,(f^-)\,\,,\,t\phi\,(f^+)\right]+\\ &\qquad \qquad \left[\,m\,(1-t)\phi\,(g^-)\,,m\,(1-t)\phi\,(g^+)\,\right]\\ &=t\left[\,\phi\,(f^-)\,\,,\phi\,(f^+)\right]+m\,(1-t)\left[\,\phi\,(g^-)\,,\phi\,(g^+)\,\right]\\ &=t\left[\,(C\,)\int\,f^-\,d\mu\,,\,(C\,)\int\,f^+d\mu\,\right]+m\,(1-t)\,\\ &[\,(C\,)\int\,g^-\,d\mu\,,\,(C\,)\int\,g^+d\mu\,\right]\\ &=t\,(C\,)\int F\,d\mu+m\,(1-t)\,(C\,)\int\,G^-\,d\mu\\ &=t\,T_{\phi}(F)+m\,(1-t)\,T_{\phi}(G)\,. \end{split}$$

By similar method, we obtain the following theorems.

**Theorem 3.8** Let  $m \in [0,1]$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_0$  and  $\mathbb{T}_0$  be m-concave on  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $\mathbb{T}$ , respectively. If a mapping  $\phi: \mathbb{F}_0 {\,\longrightarrow\,} R^+$  is m-concave, then  $T_\phi: \mathbb{T}_0 {\,\longrightarrow\,} I(R^+)$  is m-concave.

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