

(S, U) -integral

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1 Introduction

It is introduced an integral based on t -conorm S , a uninorm U and an S -measure (decomposable measure) with the aim to cover almost all known integrals constructed by pseudo-operations.

A triangular conorm (t -conorm) S is a commutative, associative, monotone binary operation on the unit interval $[0, 1]$ with $S(x, 0) = x$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$. The four basic t -conorms are

$$S_{\mathbf{M}}(x, y) = \max(x, y), \quad S_{\mathbf{P}}(x, y) = x + y - xy,$$

$$S_{\mathbf{L}}(x, y) = \min(x + y, 1),$$

$$S_{\mathbf{D}}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \max(x, y) & \text{if } \min(x, y) = 0, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

2 S -measures

Let X be a fixed non-empty set.

Definition 1 Let S be a t -conorm and let \mathcal{A} be a σ -algebra of subsets of X . A mapping $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called an S -measure if it is continuous from below, $m(\emptyset) = 0$ and if m is S -decomposable, i.e., for all $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ with $A \cap B = \emptyset$ we have

$$m(A \cup B) = S(m(A), m(B)).$$

Remark 2 (i) If S is a left continuous t -conorm, then a set function $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ satisfying $m(\emptyset) = 0$ is an S -measure if and only if for each sequence $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ of pairwise disjoint elements of \mathcal{A} we have

$$m\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(A_n).$$

(ii) If the set X is finite or countably infinite and S is a left continuous t -conorm, then each S -measure $m : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is uniquely determined by the values $m(\{x\})$ with $x \in X$.

(iii) A set function $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is $S_{\mathbf{M}}$ -decomposable if and only if for all $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ we have

$$m(A \cup B) = S_{\mathbf{M}}(m(A), m(B)).$$

Example 3 (i) Obviously, each measure $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ with $\text{Range}(m) \subseteq [0, 1]$ is an $S_{\mathbf{L}}$ -measure.

(ii) The function $m : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by $m(A) = \min(\lambda(A), 1)$, where \mathcal{B} is the σ -algebra of all Borel subsets of \mathbb{R} and $\lambda : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is the Lebesgue measure, is an $S_{\mathbf{L}}$ -measure, but not a measure.

(iii) Fixing a number $K \in \mathbf{N}$ and defining the set function $m : \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{N}) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by

$$m(A) = \min\left(\frac{\text{card}(A)}{K}, 1\right),$$

where $\text{card}(A)$ denotes the cardinality of the set A , it is easily seen that m is always an $S_{\mathbf{L}}$ -measure, and an $S_{\mathbf{D}}$ -measure in the case $K = 2$, but not a measure.

(iv) The function $m : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by

$$m(A) = 1 - e^{-\lambda(A)}$$

is an $S_{\mathbf{P}}$ -measure, for λ as in (ii).

(v) For an arbitrary function $f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$, the set function $m_f : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by $m_f(A) = \sup\{f(x) \mid x \in A\}$ is an $S_{\mathbf{M}}$ -measure.

(vi) The set function $m : \mathcal{P}([0, 1]) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by

$$m(A) = \begin{cases} \sup A & \text{if } A \text{ is finite or countably} \\ & \text{infinite,} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

is an $S_{\mathbf{M}}$ -measure.

(vii) Let $P : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a probability measure. Then for each $\alpha \in]-1, \infty[\setminus \{0\}$ the set function $m_\alpha : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by

$$m_\alpha(A) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left((1 + \alpha)^{P(A)} - 1 \right)$$

is an S_α^{SW} -measure for the Sugeno-Weber t-conorm $S_\alpha^{\text{SW}}(x, y) = \min(x + y + \alpha xy, 1)$. Observe that we have $m_\lambda = (s_\alpha^{\text{SW}})^{-1} \circ P$, where s_α^{SW} is the unique additive generator of S_α^{SW} which satisfies $s_\alpha^{\text{SW}}(1) = 1$ (compare [16]). We remark that m_λ is subadditive if and only if $\lambda \in]-1, 0[$, and superadditive if and only if $\lambda \in]0, \infty[$.

(viii) If $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is an S -measure and $\psi : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ an increasing bijection, then $\psi^{-1} \circ m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is an S_ψ -measure, where S_ψ is defined by

$$S_\psi(x, y) = \psi^{-1} (S(\psi(x), \psi(y))).$$

The S -measures presented in Example 3(i)–(iv),(vii) are special cases of (σ) - S -decomposable measures [1, 18], some of which can be constructed as follows:

Proposition 4 *Let S be a continuous Archimedean t-conorm, $s : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ an additive generator of S , \mathcal{A} a σ -algebra of subsets of X and $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ a measure. Then the function $s^{(-1)} \circ m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is an S -measure (here $s^{(-1)}$ is the pseudo-inverse of s).*

Definition 5 *Let S be a t-conorm, \mathcal{A} a σ -algebra of subsets of X and $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ an S -measure. A set $A \in \mathcal{A}$ is called S - m -faithful if for each $B \in \mathcal{A}$ with $B \subseteq A$ such that, whenever $(u, v) \in [0, m(B)[\times [0, m(A \setminus B)[$, we have $S(u, v) < 1$. A partition $\mathcal{C} = \{C_k \mid C_k \in \mathcal{A}, k \in K\}$ of X , where K is finite or countably infinite, is called an S - m -partition if, for each $k \in K$, the set C_k is S - m -faithful. The S -measure is said to be S -faithful if there exists an S - m -faithful partition \mathcal{C} of X .*

Remark 6 Let S be a t-conorm, \mathcal{A} a σ -algebra of subsets of X and $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ an S -measure.

- (i) If $A \in \mathcal{A}$ is S - m -faithful then each $B \in \mathcal{A}$ with $B \subseteq A$ is S - m -faithful.
- (ii) Each $A \in \mathcal{A}$ with $m(A) < 1$ is S - m -faithful.
- (iii) If we have $S(x, y) = 1$ if and only if

$\max(x, y) = 1$ then X is S - m -faithful. Consequently, each $S_{\mathbf{M}}$ -measure is $S_{\mathbf{M}}$ -faithful.

(iv) If S is a nilpotent t-conorm, then the S -faithfulness of an S -measure is a weaker property than the m -achievability of X , see [18].

An interesting relationship between (σ) -additive measures and S -measures with respect to some continuous Archimedean t-conorm S is given as follows:

Proposition 7 *Let S be a continuous Archimedean t-conorm, $s : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ an additive generator of S , \mathcal{A} a σ -algebra of subsets of X and $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ an S -measure. Then $s \circ m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is a measure if and only if X is S - m -faithful.*

The assumption that X is S - m -faithful cannot be dropped because of Example 3

- (ii),(iii). Observe that, in (ii), a set $A \in \mathcal{B}$ is $S_{\mathbf{L}}$ - m -faithful if and only if $\lambda(A) \leq 1$, and in (iii), if and only if $\text{card}(A) \leq K$.

3 (S, U) -integral

A uninorm U (respectively t-norm T) is a commutative, associative, monotone binary operation on the unit interval $[0, 1]$ and for some $0 < e < 1$ we have $U(x, e) = x$ (respectively $T(x, 1) = x$) for all $x \in [0, 1]$. Throughout this section, let U be a left-continuous uninorm or t-norm and S a continuous t-conorm such that U is conditionally distributive over S , i.e., they satisfy the property (CD):

$$U(x, S(y, z)) = S(U(x, y), U(x, z))$$

for all $x, y, z \in [0, 1]$ such that $S(y, z) < 1$.

Denote by \mathcal{M} the set of all \mathcal{A} -measurable functions from X to $[0, 1]$. As usual, a measurable step function $\varphi : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a measurable function which assumes only finitely many values, and the set of all step functions will be denoted \mathcal{S} . If $\text{Range}(\varphi) = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ with $\alpha_i \neq \alpha_j$ whenever $i \neq j$, and if $A_i = \varphi^{-1}(\{\alpha_i\})$, then there is a canonical representation of φ given by

$$\varphi = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{1}_{A_i}. \quad (1)$$

Observe that representation (1) is independent of the t-conorm S under consideration. Let $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be an S -faithful S -measure in whole section.

Definition 8 (i) The (S, U) -integral of a measurable step function $\varphi : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ (which is represented as in (1)) is defined by

$$\int_X^{(S, U)} \varphi dm = \sum_{k \in K} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n U(\alpha_i, m(A_i \cap C_k)) \right),$$

where \mathcal{C} is an S - m -partition.

(ii) The (S, U) -integral of a measurable function $f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is defined by

$$\int_X^{(S, U)} f dm = \sup \left\{ \int_X^{(S, U)} \varphi dm \mid \varphi \in \mathcal{S}, \varphi \leq f \right\}.$$

(iii) The (S, U) -integral of a measurable function $f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ on a set $A \in \mathcal{A}$ is defined by

$$\int_A^{(S, U)} f dm = \int_X^{(S, U)} f_A dm,$$

where the function f_A is equal f on the set A and otherwise it is zero.

Theorem 9 For all $f, h \in \mathcal{M}$ we have

$$\int_X^{(S, U)} f dm \leq \int_X^{(S, U)} h dm$$

whenever $f \leq h$,

$$\int_X^{(S, U)} S(f, h) dm = S \left(\int_X^{(S, U)} f dm, \int_X^{(S, U)} h dm \right),$$

whenever for all $a \in [0, 1]$ we have $U(S(f, h), a) = S(U(f, a), U(h, a))$.

Theorem 10 For each $f \in \mathcal{M}$, the function $m_f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by

$$m_f(A) = \int_A^{(S, U)} f dm,$$

is an S -faithful S -measure.

On the family

$$\{f \in \mathcal{M} \mid X \text{ is } S - m_f \text{-faithful}\}$$

the (S, U) -integral is U -homogeneous.

For the (S, U) -integral some classical convergence theorems such as the monotone convergence theorem and Fatou's lemma, can be proven, as well as a Radon-Nikodým theorem for the (S, U) -integral [4] (compare also [5, 13, 17]).

For special uninorms or t-norms U and t-conorms S , we obtain some integrals which are well-known in the literature.

Example 11 (i) Let $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be an $S_{\mathbf{L}}$ -measure which is also a $(\sigma$ -additive) measure. Then the $(S_{\mathbf{L}}, T_{\mathbf{P}})$ -integral of a function $f \in \mathcal{M}$ coincides with the classical Lebesgue integral of f .

(ii) For each left-continuous U , for each $S_{\mathbf{M}}$ -measure $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ and for each function $f \in \mathcal{M}$ we have that $(S_{\mathbf{M}}, U)$ -integral is given by

$$\sup \{U(a, m(\{x \in X \mid f(x) \geq a\})) \mid a \in [0, 1]\}.$$

If m is a completely maxitive measure then we have

$$\int_X^{(S_{\mathbf{M}}, U)} f dm = \sup \{U(f(x), m(\{x\})) \mid x \in X\}.$$

In particular, the $(S_{\mathbf{M}}, T_{\mathbf{M}})$ -integral coincides with the integral introduced in [16], and the $(S_{\mathbf{M}}, T_{\mathbf{P}})$ -integral coincides with the integral studied in [15].

(iii) The restriction to S -measures and measurable functions whose ranges are subsets of $[0, 1]$ causes no loss of generality. Let $([a, b], \oplus, \odot)$, for $[a, b] \subseteq [-\infty, \infty]$, be a continuous semiring, see [2], with zero element a (see [3]). Consequently, by [3], there is some strictly increasing bijection $\psi : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that the continuous t-conorm S defined by

$$S(x, y) = \psi(\psi^{-1}(x) \oplus \psi^{-1}(y))$$

is isomorphic to \oplus . Define the operation (uninorm or t-norm) U on $[0, 1]$ by

$$U(x, y) = \psi(\psi^{-1}(x) \odot \psi^{-1}(y))$$

and observe that U is conditionally distributive over S . Then for an \mathcal{A} -measurable function $f : X \rightarrow [a, b]$ and an \oplus -faithful \oplus -measure $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [a, b]$ one can introduce (\oplus, \odot) -integral in complete analogy to our construction. Such integral was introduced in [8, 11] and can be represented by the (S, U) -integral via

$$\int_X^{(\oplus, \odot)} f \odot dm = \psi^{-1} \left(\int_X^{(S, U)} (\psi \circ f) d(\psi \circ m) \right).$$

(iv) For $[a, b] = [0, \infty]$ we obtain an integral introduced in [17], and for $([a, b], \oplus, \odot) = ([0, \infty], +, \cdot)$ we again come back to the classical Lebesgue integral.

(v) If the operations \oplus and \odot in the semiring $([a, b], \oplus, \odot)$ are generated by some strictly

increasing bijection $g : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ via

$$\begin{aligned}x \oplus y &= g^{-1}(g(x) + g(y)), \\x \odot y &= g^{-1}(g(x)g(y)),\end{aligned}$$

the integral introduced in [11] (called g -integral in [7, 12]) has the special form

$$\int_X^{(\oplus, \odot)} f \odot dm = g^{-1} \left(\int_X (g \circ f) d(g \circ m) \right).$$

Under some additional conditions, also a g -derivative can be defined [12] which turns out to be useful when solving some differential equations (see [8, 13]).

(vi) If S is a continuous Archimedean t -conorm with an additive generator $s : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ and if we replace U by the binary operation $*$ given by

$$a * b = s^{-1}(a \cdot s(b))$$

we can repeat the whole construction of Definition 8 for the $(S, *)$ -integral, and we obtain the integral introduced in [18].

Further generalizations and modifications of the (S, U) -integral can be found in [5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14].

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