

# A NONABSOLUTELY CONVERGENT INTEGRAL DEFINED BY PARTITIONS OF THE UNITY \*

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## Abstract.

In a compact metric measure space with measure  $\mu$ , we define an integral by partitions of the unity such that a  $\mu$ -integrable function is also integrable and a function which is integrable but it is not  $\mu$ -integrable is constructed in a suitable non Euclidean space.

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## Introduction

In [5], a type of integral defined by partitions of the unity (PU-integral) is defined on an abstract compact metric measure space and it is proved that a PU-integrable function is  $\mu$ -integrable and that the  $\mu$ -integral is equivalent to the PU-integral. Moreover an example of a non Euclidean space on which is defined this type of integral is given. The PU-integral is obtained by approximations of type Riemann sums. The advantage to use a such integral is that it does not use the geometry of the space so it can be defined in any abstract space.

In this paper  $X$  denotes a compact metric space,  $\mathcal{M}$  a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $X$  such that each open set is in  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $\mu$  a non-atomic, finite, complete Radon measure on  $\mathcal{M}$  such that:

- $\alpha$ ) each ball  $U(x, r)$  centered at  $x$  with radius  $r$  has a positive measure,
- $\beta$ ) for every  $x$  in  $X$  there is a number  $h(x) \in \mathfrak{R}$  such that  $\mu(U[x, 2r]) \leq h(x) \cdot \mu(U[x, r])$  for all  $r > 0$  (where  $U[x, r]$  is the closed ball),
- $\gamma$ )  $\mu(\partial U(x, r)) = 0$  where  $\partial U(x, r)$  is the boundary of  $U(x, r)$ .

**Definition 1** A partition of unity (PU-partition) in  $X$  is, by definition, a finite collection  $P = \{(\theta_i, x_i)\}_{i=1}^p$  where  $x_i \in X$  and  $\theta_i$  are non negative,  $\mu$ -measurable and  $\mu$ -integrable real functions on  $X$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^p \theta_i(x) = 1$  a.e. in  $X$ .

The PU-partition is a PU\*-partition if  $x_i \in S_{\theta_i} = \{x \in X : \theta_i(x) \neq 0\}$ .

**Definition 2** If  $\delta$  is a positive function on  $X$ , a PU-partition  $P = \{(\theta_i, x_i)\}_{i=1}^p$  is said to be  $\delta$ -fine if  $S_{\theta_i} \subset U(x_i, \delta(x_i))$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ).

**Definition 3** A real function  $f$  on a compact set  $A \subseteq X$  is said to be (PU)-integrable on  $A$  if there exists a real number  $I$  with the property that, for every

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given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a positive function  $\delta$  such that  $|\sum_{i=1}^p f(x_i) \cdot \int_A \theta_i d\mu - I| < \epsilon$  for each  $\delta$ -fine (PU)-partition  $P = \{(\theta_i, x_i)\}_{i=1}^p$  in  $A$ .

The number  $I$  is called the (PU)-integral of  $f$  on  $A$  and we write  $I = (PU) \int_A f$ .

For (PU)\*-partitions, we have the (PU)\*-integral and set  $I = (PU)^* \int_A f$ .

### Main results

**Proposition 1** If  $\delta$  is a positive function on a compact set  $A \subseteq X$  then there is a  $\delta$ -fine PU\*-partition in  $A$ .

**Proof** . See the Proof of Proposition 1.1 in [5].

Denoting by  $\mathcal{PU}^*(A)$  the family of all the PU\*-integrable real functions on  $A$ , the following Proposition is an immediate consequence of the Definition 4.

**Proposition 2** If  $A \subseteq X$  is compact, then:

1)  $\mathcal{PU}^*(A)$  is a linear space and the map  $f \rightarrow (PU)^* \int_A f$  is a non negative linear functional on  $\mathcal{PU}^*(A)$ ;

2) if  $k \in \mathfrak{R}$  and  $f(x) = k$  for each  $x \in A$  then  $f \in \mathcal{PU}^*(A)$  and  $(PU)^* \int_A f = k\mu(A)$ .

3) if  $f, g \in \mathcal{PU}^*(A)$  and  $f \leq g$  then  $(PU)^* \int_A f \leq (PU)^* \int_A g$ .

If  $P = \{(\theta_i, x_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  is a partition in  $A$ , set  $\sigma(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \int_A \theta_i d\mu$ .

**Proposition 3** If  $A$  is a compact subset of  $X$  and if  $f \in \mathcal{PU}^*(X)$  then  $f \in \mathcal{PU}^*(A)$ .

**Proof** . See Proposition 1.3 in [5].

**Proposition 4** If  $f$  is a real function on a compact set  $A \subseteq X$ , then  $f \in \mathcal{PU}^*(A)$  if and only if for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a positive function  $\delta$  on  $A$  such that  $|\sigma(f, P) - \sigma(f, Q)| < \epsilon$  for every  $P = \{(\theta_i, x_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  and  $Q = \{(\theta'_i, x'_i)\}_{i=1}^p$   $\delta$ -fine PU\*-partitions in  $A$ .

**Proof** . See proposition 1.2 in [5].

**Proposition 5** If  $f$  is  $\mu$ -measurable and  $\mu$ -integrable on  $X$ , then  $f \in \mathcal{PU}^*(X)$  and  $(PU)^* \int_X f = \int_X f d\mu$ .

**Proof**. It follows by the equivalence between the PU-integral and the  $\mu$ -integral (see [5]) and because a PU\*-partition is also a PU-partition.

**Proposition 6** A PU\*-integrable function is  $\mu$ -measurable.

**Proof** It is analogue to that used in [5] Propositions 2.3 and 2.4.

**Proposition 7** If  $f, g$  are two real functions on  $X$  and  $f = g$  a.e. in  $X$  then  $g$  is (PU)\*-integrable if and only if  $f$  is (PU)\*-integrable and the two integral coincide.

**Proof** If  $f$  is (PU)\*-measurable then by Proposition 6 it is  $\mu$ -measurable and by completeness of measure also  $g$  is  $\mu$ -measurable, then  $f - g = 0$  a.e. and it is  $\mu$ -measurable,  $\mu$ -integrable and (PU)\*-integrable with  $(PU)^* \int_X (f - g) = 0$ . So  $g = f - (f - g)$  is (PU)\*-integrable.

**Lemma 1** If  $f$  is a real  $\mu$ -integrable function on  $X$ ,  $A, B \in \mathcal{M}$ , with  $A \subset B$ , and if  $c \in \mathfrak{R}$  and  $\int_A f d\mu \leq c \leq \int_B f d\mu$  then there exists a  $\mu$ -measurable set  $C$  such that  $A \subset C \subset B$  and  $\int_C f d\mu = c$ .

**Proof** Consider the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{D} = \{D \in \mathcal{M} : D \subset B - A\}$  and the signed measure  $\alpha : D \rightarrow \int_D f d\mu$  for  $D \in \mathcal{D}$ .

By Liapounoff theorem (see [7]), the set  $\{\alpha(D) : D \in \mathcal{D}\}$  is a compact interval. So

$$\alpha(\emptyset) = 0 < c - \int_A f d\mu < \int_{B-A} f d\mu$$

and exists  $D_1 \in \mathcal{D}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{D_1} f d\mu &= c - \int_A f d\mu \\ c &= \int_{A \cup D_1} f d\mu, \quad A \subset A \cup D_1 \subset B. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 8** If  $f$  is a  $\mu$ -measurable and PU\*-integrable function on  $X$ , then for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\mu$ -measurable set  $E$  such that  $\mu(X - E) < \epsilon$ ,  $f$  is  $\mu$ -integrable on  $E$  and  $\int_E f d\mu = (PU)^* \int_X f$ .

**Proof** Suppose that  $f$  be not  $\mu$ -integrable; set

$$E_n = \{x \in X : n-1 \leq f(x) < n\}, \quad F_n = \{x \in X : -n \leq f(x) < -n+1\} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \blacksquare$$

then

$$X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (E_n \cup F_n) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n (E_i \cup F_i) \right) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n,$$

where  $H_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (E_i \cup F_i)$  is an increasing sequence of measurable sets.

By a property of the measure, it results  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(H_n) = \mu(X)$  and for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there is  $\bar{n} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for  $n_0 > \bar{n}$  it is

$$\mu(X) - \mu(H_{n_0}) = \mu(X - H_{n_0}) < \epsilon \quad (*)$$

$f$  is bounded on  $H_{n_0}$  so it is  $\mu$ -integrable on  $H_{n_0}$ .

Suppose that  $\int_{H_{n_0}} f d\mu < (PU)^* \int_X f$ ; since  $f$  is not  $\mu$ -integrable, then the series  $\sum_n \int_{E_n} f d\mu$  and  $\sum_n \int_{F_n} f d\mu$  are divergent to  $+\infty$  and to  $-\infty$  respectively. In fact, if  $\sum_n \int_{E_n} f d\mu = +\infty$  and  $\sum_n \int_{F_n} f d\mu > -\infty$ , consider the functions

$$f_1(x) = f(x) \quad \text{if } x \in \bigcup_n E_n \quad \text{and} \quad f_1(x) = 0 \quad \text{elsewhere,}$$

$$f_2(x) = f(x) \quad \text{if } x \in \bigcup_n F_n \quad \text{and} \quad f_2(x) = 0 \quad \text{elsewhere,}$$

then  $f_2(x)$  is  $\mu$ -integrable and hence (PU)\*-integrable and  $f_1(x) = f(x) - f_2(x)$  is (PU)\*-integrable, but it is also  $\mu$ -integrable with integral  $+\infty$  and this is impossible. So for  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $K > n_0$  such that

$$\int_{H_{n_0}} f d\mu + \int_{E_{n_0+1}} f d\mu + \dots + \int_{E_{n_0+k}} f d\mu > (PU)^* \int_X f$$

and set  $H = H_{n_0} \cup E_{n_0+1} \cup \dots \cup E_{n_0+k}$ , it results

$$\int_{H_{n_0}} f d\mu < (PU)^* \int_X f < \int_H f d\mu.$$

By Lemma 1 there exists a  $\mu$ -measurable set  $E$  with  $H_{n_0} \subset E \subset H$  such that  $\int_E f d\mu = (PU)^* \int_X f$  and by relation (\*) we have:

$$\mu(X - E) \leq \mu(X - H_{n_0}) < \epsilon.$$

**Lemma 2** If  $f$  is  $\mu$ -measurable and there exists finite  $\int_X f d\mu$ , given  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a positive function  $\delta$  on  $X$  such that

$$\sum_i |(f(x_i) \int_X \theta_i d\mu - \int_X f \theta_i d\mu)| < \epsilon$$

for each  $\delta$ -fine (PU)\*-partition  $P = \{(\theta_i, x_i)\}$  in  $X$ .

**Proof** See Proposition 3.1 in [5]

**Proposition 9** A  $\mu$ -measurable function  $f$  is (PU)\*-integrable on  $X$  if and only if given  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a positive function  $\delta$  on  $X$  and a  $\mu$ -measurable set  $E$  such that  $\mu(E^C) < \epsilon$ ,  $f$  is  $\mu$ -integrable on  $E$  and  $|\sum_i f \chi_{E^C}(x_i) \int_X \theta_i d\mu| < \epsilon$  for each  $\delta$ -fine (PU)\*-partition  $P = \{(\theta_i, x_i)\}$ . Moreover  $\int_E f d\mu = (PU)^* \int_X f$ . We have set  $E^C = X - E$ .

**Proof** If  $f$  is (PU)\*-integrable, by previous Proposition, let  $\epsilon > 0$  there is  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\mu(E^C) < \epsilon$ ,  $f$  is  $\mu$ -integrable on  $E$  and  $\int_E f d\mu = (PU)^* \int_X f$ ; so  $f \chi_E$  is  $\mu$ -integrable and hence (PU)\*-integrable and

$$(PU)^* \int_X f \chi_E = \int_X f \chi_E d\mu = \int_E f d\mu = (PU)^* \int_X f.$$

By the (PU)\*-integrability of  $f$  and  $f \chi_E$ , at correspondence of  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a positive function  $\delta$  on  $X$  such that for each  $\delta$ -fine (PU)\*-partition  $\{(\theta_i, x_i)\}$ , it results

$$|\sum_i f(x_i) \int_X \theta_i d\mu - (PU)^* \int_X f| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

and

$$\sum_i f(x_i)\chi_E \int_X \theta_i d\mu - (PU)^* \int_X f < \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_i f(x_i)\chi_{E^C} \int_X \theta_i d\mu \right| = \left| \sum_i f(x_i) \int_X \theta_i d\mu - \sum_i f(x_i)\chi_E \int_X \theta_i d\mu \right| \leq \\ & \leq \left| \sum_i f(x_i) \int_X \theta_i d\mu - (PU)^* \int_X f \right| + \left| \sum_i f\chi_E(x_i) \int_X \theta_i d\mu - (PU)^* \int_X f \right| < \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, for  $\epsilon > 0$  let  $E$  be a  $\mu$ -measurable and  $\mu$ -integrable set with  $\mu(E^C) < \epsilon$  and let  $\delta$  be a positive function on  $X$  such that  $\left| \sum_i f\chi_E^C(x_i) \int_X \theta_i d\mu \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  for each  $\delta$ -fine (PU)\*-partition  $P$  in  $X$ .

By the  $\mu$ -integrability of  $f$  on  $E$ , then also the function  $f\chi_E$  is  $\mu$ -integrable and, by lemma 2, there is a positive function  $\delta_1$  on  $X$  such that

$$\left| \sum_i f\chi_E(x_i) \int_X \theta_i d\mu - \int_X f\chi_E d\mu \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

If  $\bar{\delta}(x) = \min(\delta(x), \delta_1(x))$  for each  $x \in X$ , then for each  $\bar{\delta}$ -fine (PU)\*-partition  $P$  consider:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_i f(x_i) \int_X \theta_i d\mu - \int_E f d\mu \right| \leq \left| \sum_i f\chi_E(x_i) \int_X \theta_i d\mu - \int_E f d\mu \right| + \\ & + \left| \sum_i f\chi_E^C(x_i) \int_X \theta_i d\mu \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

So  $f$  is (PU)\*-integrable and  $(PU)^* \int_X f = \int_E f d\mu$ .

**Proposition 10** If  $f$  and  $|f|$  are (PU)\*-integrable then  $f$  is  $\mu$ -integrable.

**Proof** If  $f$  and  $|f|$  are (PU)\*-integrable, consider the bounded sequence  $f_n = |f| \wedge n$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  it converges increasing to  $|f|$  and it is  $\mu$ -integrable and

$$\int_X |f| d\mu = \lim_n \int_X f_n d\mu = \lim_n (PU)^* \int_X f_n \leq (PU)^* \int_X |f| < +\infty.$$

So  $|f|$  and  $f$  are  $\mu$ -integrable.

**Proposition 11** If  $(f_n)_n$  is an increasing sequence of (PU)\*-integrable functions converging to  $f$  pointwise and  $\lim_n (PU)^* \int_X f_n < \infty$  then  $f$  is (PU)\*-integrable and  $(PU)^* \int_X f = \lim_n (PU)^* \int_X f_n$ .

**Proof** Consider the increasing sequence  $(f_n - f_1)_n$  converging to  $f - f_1$ ; since the functions  $(f_n - f_1)_n$  are non negative, then by Proposition 10, they are  $\mu$ -integrable and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_n \int_X (f_n - f_1) d\mu &= \lim_n (PU)^* \int_X (f_n - f_1) = \\ &= \lim_n (PU)^* \int_X f_n - (PU)^* \int_X f_1 < +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

So by the monotone theorem for the  $\mu$ -integrable functions, the function  $(f - f_1)$  is  $\mu$ -integrable and hence  $(PU)^*$ -integrable. Therefore  $f = (f - f_1) + f_1$  is  $(PU)^*$ -integrable.

**Proposition 12** If  $(f_n)_n$  is a sequence of  $(PU)^*$  integrable functions converging to  $f$  and such that there are two functions  $h$  and  $g$   $(PU)^*$ -integrable with  $h \leq f_n \leq g$  for each  $n \in N$  then  $f$  is  $(PU)^*$ -integrable and  $(PU)^* \int_X f = \lim_n (PU)^* \int_X f_n$ .

**Proof** Consider the sequence  $(f_n - h)_n$ ; it is non negative and  $(PU)^*$ -integrable, so it is  $\mu$ -integrable and results:

$$0 \leq (f_n - h) \leq (g - h).$$

Since the function  $g-h$  is non negative and  $(PU)^*$ -integrable, it is  $\mu$ -integrable and by the dominate convergent theorem, the sequence of functions  $(f_n - h)$  converges to  $f - h$  which is a  $\mu$ -integrable function and hence  $(PU)^*$ -integrable. By the equality  $f = (f - h) + h$  it follows the  $(PU)^*$ -integrability of  $f$ .

**Proposition 13** If  $f$  is  $\mu$ -measurable and exists finite  $\int_X f d\mu$  but  $\int_X |f| d\mu = +\infty$  then  $f$  is  $(PU)^*$ -integrable and  $\int_X f d\mu = (PU)^* \int_X f$ .

**Proof** If  $\epsilon > 0$ , by lemma 2, there is positive function  $\delta$  on  $X$  such that if  $P = \{(\theta_i, x_i)\}$  is a  $(PU)^*$ -partition in  $X$ , then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon > \left| \sum_i (f(x_i) \int_X \theta_i d\mu - \int_X f \theta_i d\mu) \right| &= \left| \sum_i f(x_i) \int_X \theta_i d\mu - \sum_i \int_X f \theta_i d\mu \right| = \\ &= \left| \sum_i (f(x_i) \int_X \theta_i d\mu - \int_X f d\mu) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

**An example of a function which is  $(PU)^*$ -integrable but it is not  $PU$ -integrable.**

Consider the space  $X = \{0, 1\}^N$ . Let  $\bar{\alpha} = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_k$  be a finite string of 0 and 1; consider the set  $A_{\bar{\alpha}} = [\bar{\alpha}]_k = \{\gamma \in X : \gamma = \bar{\alpha} \beta, \text{ for some } \beta \in X\}$ , it is a clopen set (i.e. an open and closed set) with respect to the topology induced by the metric  $\rho$  so defined:

if  $\alpha, \beta \in X$   $\rho(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{2^n}$  if  $\alpha \neq \beta$  and  $\alpha_1 = \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_n = \beta_n, \alpha_{n+1} \neq \beta_{n+1}$   
 $\rho(\alpha, \alpha) = 0$ .

With respect to this metric  $\rho$ ,  $X = \{0, 1\}^N$  is a complete, separable and compact metric space ( see [3]). Define on the family  $\{A_{\bar{\alpha}}\}$  the following set function  $m$ :

$$m(A_{\bar{\alpha}}) = \frac{1}{2^k}$$

and let  $m^*$  be the outer measure induced by  $m$  on the family of all the subsets of  $X$ . If  $\mathcal{M}$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all the subsets of  $X$   $m^*$ -measurable in the Caratheodory sense, then the space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, m^*)$  satisfies the conditions  $\alpha), \beta), \gamma)$  (see [3] and [5]).

Define on  $X$  the following real function

$$f(\alpha) = \begin{cases} a_1 & \text{if } \alpha_1 = 0 \\ a_2 & \text{if } \alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = 0 \\ a_n & \text{if } \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1} = 1, \alpha_n = 0 \\ \dots & \dots \\ \cdot & \dots \end{cases}$$

$$f(1111\dots111\dots) = 0$$

where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots) \in \{0, 1\}^N$  and  $a_n = (-1)^n \frac{2^n}{n}$ .

Then, by Proposition 13, we have:

$$\int_X f dm = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \frac{1}{2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n} = (PU)^* \int_X f,$$

so  $f$  is  $PU^*$ -integrable but  $|f|$  is not  $\mu$ -integrable so it is not also  $(PU)$ -integrable.

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