

# THE EXTREMAL POINTS OF THE RANGE OF A VECTOR-VALUED MEASURE

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Recently, several papers have investigated conditions under which the range of a vector-valued measure is a compact convex set (see e.g. [1], [2], [3]). It therefore seems of interest to characterise the extremal points of the range in such cases.

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of a set  $S$  and let  $E$  be a separated topological vector space. Let  $\mathbf{m}: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow E$  be a vector-valued measure such that, for each  $X \in \mathcal{M}$ ,

$$R(X) = \{\mathbf{m}(Y) : Y \in \mathcal{M}, Y \subseteq X\}$$

is convex. The range of  $\mathbf{m}$  is the set  $R = R(S)$ .

In the following, it is assumed that any subset of  $S$  considered is an element of  $\mathcal{M}$ . The complement of a subset  $X$  of  $S$  will be denoted by  $X'$ , and the set of extremal points of a convex subset  $A$  of  $E$  will be denoted by  $\text{Ext}(A)$ .

**THEOREM 1.**  $\mathbf{m}(X) \in \text{Ext}(R)$  if and only if

$$R(X) \cap R(X') = \text{Ext}(R(X)) \cap \text{Ext}(R(X')) = \{0\}.$$

**THEOREM 2.**  $\mathbf{m}(X) \in \text{Ext}(R)$  if and only if  $\mathbf{m}(X) = \mathbf{m}(Y)$  implies that  $\mathbf{m}(X \cap Z) = \mathbf{m}(Y \cap Z)$  for each  $Z \in \mathcal{M}$ .

Both these results are suggested by the Hahn decomposition theorem for scalar valued measures. Their proofs are divided into several stages.

**LEMMA 1.** If  $X \subseteq Y$  and  $\mathbf{m}(X) \in \text{Ext}(R(Y))$ , then  $\mathbf{m}(Y \setminus X) \in \text{Ext}(R(Y))$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that there exist  $W, Z \subseteq Y$  such that  $\mathbf{m}(Y \setminus X) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{m}(W) + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{m}(Z)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m}(X) &= \mathbf{m}(Y) - \mathbf{m}(Y \setminus X) = \frac{1}{2}\{\mathbf{m}(Y) - \mathbf{m}(W)\} + \frac{1}{2}\{\mathbf{m}(Y) - \mathbf{m}(Z)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{m}(Y \setminus W) + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{m}(Y \setminus Z). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathbf{m}(X) \in \text{Ext}(R(Y))$ , it follows that  $\mathbf{m}(Y \setminus W) = \mathbf{m}(Y \setminus Z)$ , so that  $\mathbf{m}(W) = \mathbf{m}(Z)$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{m}(Y \setminus X) \in \text{Ext}(R(Y))$ .

**LEMMA 2.** If  $X \subseteq Y$  and  $\mathbf{m}(Z) \in \text{Ext}(R(Y))$ ,  $Z \subseteq Y$ , then  $\mathbf{m}(X \cap Z) \in \text{Ext}(R(X))$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that there exist  $W_1, W_2 \subseteq X$  such that  $\mathbf{m}(X \cap Z) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{m}(W_1) + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{m}(W_2)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m}(Z) &= \mathbf{m}(X \cap Z) + \mathbf{m}(Z \setminus X) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\{\mathbf{m}(W_1) + \mathbf{m}(Z \setminus X)\} + \frac{1}{2}\{\mathbf{m}(W_2) + \mathbf{m}(Z \setminus X)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{m}(W_1 \cup (Z \setminus X)) + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{m}(W_2 \cup (Z \setminus X)). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $W_1 \cup (Z \setminus X)$  and  $W_2 \cup (Z \setminus X)$  are contained in  $Y$ , it follows that  $\mathbf{m}(W_1 \cup (Z \setminus X)) = \mathbf{m}(W_2 \cup (Z \setminus X))$ , which leads as in Lemma 1 to the conclusion that  $\mathbf{m}(X \cap Z) \in \text{Ext}(R(X))$ .

LEMMA 3. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be convex subsets of  $E$ . Let  $z \in A + B$  and suppose that

- (i) there exist a unique  $x \in A$  and a unique  $y \in B$  such that  $z = x + y$ ,
- (ii)  $x \in \text{Ext}(A)$ ,  $y \in \text{Ext}(B)$ .

Then  $z \in \text{Ext}(A + B)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $z = \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + y_1) + \frac{1}{2}(x_2 + y_2)$ , where  $x_1, x_2 \in A$  and  $y_1, y_2 \in B$ . Then  $z = \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_2) + \frac{1}{2}(y_1 + y_2)$  and, since  $A$  and  $B$  are convex,  $\frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_2) \in A$  and  $\frac{1}{2}(y_1 + y_2) \in B$ . It now follows from (i) that  $x = \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_2)$  and  $y = \frac{1}{2}(y_1 + y_2)$  and then from (ii) that  $x_1 = x_2$  and  $y_1 = y_2$ . Thus  $x_1 + y_1 = x_2 + y_2$ , which gives the required result.

*Proof of Theorem 1.* If  $m(X) \in \text{Ext}(R)$ , so also does  $m(X')$  by Lemma 1. Thus  $0 = m(X \cap X') = m(X' \cap X) \in \text{Ext}(R(X)) \cap \text{Ext}(R(X'))$  by Lemma 2.

Suppose that  $W \subseteq X$ ,  $Z \subseteq X'$  and  $m(W) = m(Z)$  (\*). Then

$$m(X) = \frac{1}{2}\{m(X) + m(Z)\} + \frac{1}{2}\{m(X) - m(W)\} = \frac{1}{2}m(X \cup Z) + \frac{1}{2}m(X \setminus W),$$

so that  $m(X \cup Z) = m(X \setminus W)$ , since  $m(X) \in \text{Ext}(R)$ . Thus  $m(Z) = -m(W)$ , which combined with (\*) shows that  $m(W) = m(Z) = 0$ , i.e.,  $R(X) \cap R(X') = \{0\}$ . Combining these results, we have

$$\{0\} \subseteq \text{Ext}(R(X)) \cap \text{Ext}(R(X')) \subseteq R(X) \cap R(X') = \{0\},$$

which establishes the necessity of the condition.

Conversely, suppose that  $R(X) \cap R(X') = \text{Ext}(R(X)) \cap \text{Ext}(R(X')) = \{0\}$ . Since  $m(0) = 0 \in \text{Ext}(R(X))$ ,  $m(X) \in \text{Ext}(R(X))$  by Lemma 1. Now  $R(S) = R(X) + R(X')$ . Choose any  $W \subseteq X$ ,  $Z \subseteq X'$  such that  $m(X) = m(W) + m(Z)$ . Then

$$m(X \setminus W) = m(X) - m(W) = m(Z),$$

and, since  $m(X \setminus W) \in R(X)$  and  $m(Z) \in R(X')$ , it follows that  $m(Z) = 0$  ( $\in \text{Ext}(R(X'))$ ) and  $m(W) = m(X)$ . Thus, by Lemma 3,  $m(X) \in \text{Ext}(R)$ .

LEMMA 4.  $0 \in \text{Ext}(R(X))$  if and only if  $Z \subseteq Y \subseteq X$  and  $m(Y) = 0$  imply that  $m(Z) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $Z \subseteq Y \subseteq X$  and  $m(Y) = 0$ . Then  $0 = m(Y) = m(Z) + m(Y \setminus Z) = \frac{1}{2}m(Z) + \frac{1}{2}m(Y \setminus Z)$ , and, if  $0 \in \text{Ext}(R(X))$ , it follows that  $m(Z) = 0$ .

Conversely, suppose that the given condition is satisfied, and that  $0 = \frac{1}{2}m(W_1) + \frac{1}{2}m(W_2)$ , where  $W_1, W_2 \subseteq X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{1}{2}\{m(W_1 \cap W_2) + m(W_1 \setminus W_2)\} + \frac{1}{2}\{m(W_1 \cap W_2) + m(W_2 \setminus W_1)\} \\ &= m(W_1 \cap W_2) + \frac{1}{2}m(W_1 \setminus W_2) + \frac{1}{2}m(W_2 \setminus W_1) \\ &= m(W_1 \cap W_2) + m(W) \end{aligned}$$

for some  $W \subseteq (W_1 \setminus W_2) \cup (W_2 \setminus W_1)$ , since  $R((W_1 \setminus W_2) \cup (W_2 \setminus W_1))$  is convex. Thus  $0 = m((W_1 \cap W_2) \cup W)$ , which, by hypothesis, implies that  $m(W_1 \cap W_2) = 0$ . Hence

$$0 = \frac{1}{2}m(W_1 \setminus W_2) + \frac{1}{2}m(W_2 \setminus W_1) = \frac{1}{2}m((W_1 \setminus W_2) \cup (W_2 \setminus W_1)),$$

and, as before, this implies that  $m(W_1 \setminus W_2) = m(W_2 \setminus W_1) = 0$ . Thus finally,  $m(W_1) = m(W_2) = 0$ , i.e.  $0 \in \text{Ext}(R(X))$ .

*Proof of Theorem 2.* Suppose that  $m(X) \in \text{Ext}(R)$  and  $m(Y) = m(X)$ . Then  $m(X) = \frac{1}{2}m(X \cap Y) + \frac{1}{2}m(Y \cup (X \setminus Y))$ , which implies that  $m(Y \cup (X \setminus Y)) = m(X)$ , so that  $m(X \setminus Y) = 0$ . Similarly  $m(Y \setminus X) = 0$ .

Now, by Lemmas 2 and 1, 0 is an extremal point of both  $R(X)$  and  $R(Y)$ . Hence

$$m(X \cap Z) = m(X \cap Y \cap Z) + m((X \setminus Y) \cap Z) = m(X \cap Y \cap Z)$$

and

$$m(Y \cap Z) = m(X \cap Y \cap Z) + m((Y \setminus X) \cap Z) = m(X \cap Y \cap Z)$$

by Lemma 4. This establishes the necessity of the condition.

Now suppose that the given condition is satisfied. If  $Z \subseteq X$  and  $m(Z) = 0$ , then  $m(X) = m(X \setminus Z)$ , and, if  $W \subseteq Z$ ,  $m(X \cap W) = m((X \setminus Z) \cap W) = m(X \setminus Z) = m(X)$ . Thus  $m(W) = m(X) - m(X \setminus W) = 0$ . It now follows from Lemma 4 that  $0 \in \text{Ext}(R(X))$ .

Also, if  $m(X') = m(Y)$ ,  $m(X) = m(Y')$ , so that

$$m(X' \cap Z) = m(Z) - m(X \cap Z) = m(Z) - m(Y' \cap Z) = m(Y \cap Z);$$

i.e.,  $X'$  has the same property as  $X$ , so that as before  $0 \in \text{Ext}(R(X'))$ . The result will follow by Theorem 1 if it is now shown that  $R(X) \cap R(X') = \{0\}$ .

Suppose that  $W \subseteq X$ ,  $Z \subseteq X'$  and  $m(W) = m(Z)$ . Then  $m(X) = m(X \setminus W) + m(W) = m((X \setminus W) \cup Z)$ , so that, by hypothesis,

$$0 = m(X \cap Z) = m(((X \setminus W) \cup Z) \cap Z) = m(Z).$$

This completes the proof.

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