

## A FUZZY MODIFICATION OF THE MAXIMAL ERGODIC THEOREM

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The paper is aimed to formulate and prove the fuzzy modification of the classical maximal ergodic theorem with respect to a fuzzy ordering of the range of an integrable function. The main idea of the proof of Theorem 1 given below is originally due to Garcia [1]. For detail studying of the classical cases see e.g. [2], [3], [4]. Other works of the related fuzzy topics are [5], [6], [7].

Let  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \lambda, \tau)$  be a dynamical system, i.e.  $X$  is a non-empty set,  $\mathcal{G}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ ,  $\lambda$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{G}$  and

$\tau : X \rightarrow X$  is a measure  $\lambda$ -preserving transformation. Let

$\mathcal{R} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \langle 0, 1 \rangle$  be a fuzzy relation of the linear ordering of the set of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$  defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{R} 1) \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq y : \mathcal{R}(x, y) > 0 \iff \mathcal{R}(y, x) = 0$$

(antisymmetry and connectivity)

$$\mathcal{R} 2) \quad \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} : \mathcal{R}(x, z) \geq \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \mathcal{R}(x, y) \mathcal{R}(y, z) \quad (\text{transitivity})$$

Compatibility of the mentioned fuzzy-ordering by the natural ordering of the set  $\mathbb{R}$  is given by the following conditions:

$$\mathcal{R} 3) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} : \mathcal{R}(0, x) > 0 \iff x > 0$$

$$\mathcal{R} 4) \quad \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} : \mathcal{R}(x, y) > 0 \implies \mathcal{R}(x+z, y+z) > 0$$

$$\mathcal{R} 5) \quad \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} : \mathcal{R}(x, y) > 0, \mathcal{R}(y, z) > 0 \implies \mathcal{R}(x, z) \leq \mathcal{R}(x, y)$$

From the five conditions above it is easy to prove further properties of the relation  $\mathcal{R}$ :

$$\mathcal{R} 6) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} : \mathcal{R}(x, x) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{R} 7) \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R} : \mathcal{R}(s, x) \text{ is a nondecreasing function of the variable } x.$$

The fuzzy relation  $\mathcal{R}$  will be called a membership function of the above defined fuzzy ordering. A simple nontrivial example of the above mentioned relation  $\mathcal{R}$  is:

$$\mathcal{R}_\alpha(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\alpha(x-y)} & ; x < y \\ 0 & ; x \geq y \end{cases} \quad \alpha > 0$$

Let  $P = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2; x < y\}$ . Evidently  $\chi_P(x, y)$  is the membership function of the natural (non-fuzzy) ordering of the set  $\mathbb{R}$ . It is easy to see that  $\chi_P(x, y)$  is the limit case of the membership function  $\mathcal{R}_\alpha(x, y)$  of the fuzzy ordering because of

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{R}_\alpha(x, y) = \chi_P(x, y).$$

Let  $f \in L_1(\lambda)$ . Let us denote

$$(Tf): X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto f(\tau(x))$$

$$(S_0 f): X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto 0$$

$$(S_k f): X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto f(x) + f(\tau x) + \dots + f(\tau^{k-1} x)$$

for  $k=1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$(S_n^+ f): X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto \max_{0 \leq k \leq n} (S_k f)(x) \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\mu_n(x) = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \mathcal{R}[0, f(x) + f(\tau x) + \dots + f(\tau^{k-1} x)] \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Evidently  $\mu_n$  is a membership function of an appropriate fuzzy subset of the set  $X$ . Moreover (due to R 7)  $\mu_n$  is an  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable bounded function.

Lemma 1. Let  $\varphi, \psi$  be functions defined on  $X$  such that  $\forall x \in X: \varphi(x) \leq \psi(x)$ . Then  $(T\varphi)(x) \leq (T\psi)(x)$ .

Proof. Straightforward.

Lemma 2. Let  $f \in L_1(\lambda)$ . Then

$$\int_X f \, d\lambda = \int_X Tf \, d\lambda.$$

Proof. See [2], [3].

Theorem 1. Let  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \lambda, \tau)$  be a dynamical system,  $f \in L_1(\lambda)$ . Let the functions  $\mu_n, S_n^+ f$  have the above meaning. Then

$$\int_X \mu_n(x) f(x) d\lambda(x) + \int_X (1 - \mu_n(x)) (S_n^+ f)(x) d\lambda(x) \geq 0$$

Proof. By the definition of  $S_n^+ f$  it follows  $\forall x \in X$ :

$(S_n^+ f)(x) \geq (S_k f)(x)$  for  $k=0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Due to Lemma 1

$$\forall x \in X: (TS_n^+ f)(x) \geq (TS_k f)(x) = f(\tau x) + f(\tau^2 x) + \dots + f(\tau^k x)$$

for  $k=0, 1, 2, \dots, n$  and then

$$f(x) + (TS_n^+ f)(x) \geq f(x) + f(\tau x) + \dots + f(\tau^k x) = (S_{k+1} f)(x).$$

Hence

$$f(x) + (TS_n^+ f)(x) \geq (S_k f)(x)$$

for  $k=1, 2, \dots, n+1$  which follows

$$f(x) + (TS_n^+ f)(x) \geq \max_{1 \leq k \leq n+1} (S_k f)(x) \geq \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} (S_k f)(x)$$

for  $x \in X$ . Due to the definition of  $\mu_n(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} [f(x) + (TS_n^+ f)(x)] \mu_n(x) &\geq \mu_n(x) \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} (S_k f)(x) = \\ &= \mu_n(x) \max_{0 \leq k \leq n} (S_k f)(x) = \mu_n(x) (S_n^+ f)(x). \end{aligned}$$

After a short arrangement and integrating of the last inequality with using Lemma 2 we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X \mu_n(x) f(x) d\lambda(x) &\geq \int_X \mu_n(x) [(S_n^+ f)(x) - (TS_n^+ f)(x)] d\lambda(x) = \\ &= \int_X [(S_n^+ f)(x) - (TS_n^+ f)(x)] d\lambda(x) - \\ &\quad - \int_X (1 - \mu_n(x)) [(S_n^+ f)(x) - (TS_n^+ f)(x)] d\lambda(x) = \\ &= \int_X (1 - \mu_n(x)) (TS_n^+ f) d\lambda - \int_X (1 - \mu_n(x)) (S_n^+ f) d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(1 - \mu_n) TS_n^+ f$  is a nonnegative function on  $X$ , the theorem is proved.

Q.E.D.

The following theorem can be assumed to be a limit case of the preceding one.

Theorem 2. Let  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \lambda, \tau)$  be a dynamical system. Let  $\mu(x) = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{R}[0, f(x) + f(\tau x) + \dots + f(\tau^{n-1}x)]$ . Then

$$\int_X f(x) \mu(x) d\lambda(x) + \int_X (1 - \mu(x)) \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (S_n^+ f)(x) d\lambda(x) \geq 0.$$

Proof. The above theorem is a single consequence of Theorem 1 and of the fundamental theorems of the theory of Lebesgue integral.

Q.E.D.

Let  $\chi_p(x, y)$  be a membership function of the natural (non-fuzzy) ordering of the set of real numbers. If  $\mathcal{R}(x, y) = \chi_p(x, y)$ , then  $\mu(x)$  is the membership function of the nonfuzzy set

$$E = \{ x \in X ; \exists n \in \mathbb{N} : f(x) + f(\tau x) + \dots + f(\tau^{n-1}x) > 0 \}.$$

Evidently

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{iff } x \in E, \text{ i.e. } \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (S_n^+ f)(x) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{iff } x \notin E, \text{ i.e. } \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (S_n^+ f)(x) \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

and then  $\int_X (1 - \mu(x)) \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (S_n^+ f)(x) d\lambda(x) = 0$ . Hence

$$\int_X f(x) \chi_E(x) d\lambda(x) = \int_E f(x) d\lambda(x) \geq 0.$$

The last result is the assertion of the classical maximal ergodic theorem.

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