SPECTRAL PROPERTIES OF IMAGE MEASURES UNDER THE INFINITE CONFLICT INTERACTION

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ABSTRACT. We introduce the conflict interaction with two positions between a couple of image probability measures and consider the associated dynamical system. We prove the existence of invariant limiting measures and find the criteria for these measures to be a pure point, absolutely continuous, or singular continuous as well as to have any topological type and arbitrary Hausdorff dimension.

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1. Introduction

Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}) be a measurable space, let \mathbb{P} be a class of probability measures on \mathcal{F} , and let * be a noncommutative binary algebraic operation defined for elements of \mathbb{P} . A measure $\mu \in \mathbb{P}$ can be interpreted as a measure of "influence" on "controversial territory" for some "subject of controversy".

If two non-identical measures μ and ν are not mutually singular, then they are called conflict measures and an operation * represents the mathematical form of the conflict interaction between μ and ν .

Given $\mu, \nu \in \mathbb{P}$ let us consider a sequence of pairs $\mu^{(n)}, \nu^{(n)} \in \mathbb{P}$ of measures defined as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mu^{(1)} = \mu \ast \nu, & \nu^{(1)} = \nu \ast \mu; \\ \mu^{(2)} = \mu^{(1)} \ast \nu^{(1)}, & \nu^{(2)} = \nu^{(1)} \ast \mu^{(1)}; \dots \\ \mu^{(n+1)} = \mu^{(n)} \ast \nu^{(n)}, & \nu^{(n+1)} = \nu^{(n)} \ast \mu^{(n)}; \dots \end{array}$$

By this each operation * defines an mapping g(*): $\mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{P} \to \mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{P}$ and generates a certain dynamical system ($\mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{P}, g(*)$). The following problems are of interest:

1) existence of invariant points and invariant sets of $(\mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{P}, g(*));$

2) descriptions of the limiting measures

$$\mu^{\infty} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \mu^{(n)}; \ \nu^{\infty} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \nu^{(n)};$$

3) topological, metric, and fractal properties of the limiting measures and dependence of these properties on the conflict interaction.

In [6, 7] a variant of a conflict interaction * for discrete measures on finite and countable spaces was discussed. In this paper we involve in consideration the case of continuous measures. More precisely, here we handle with measures μ , ν which are image measures of infinite products of discrete measures. We prove the existence of the limiting invariant measures $\mu^{\infty}, \nu^{\infty}$ and show that they are mutually singular if $\mu \neq \nu$. We find necessary and sufficient conditions for these measures to be pure absolutely continuous, pure singular continuous or pure discrete resp. Metric, topological and fractal properties of the supports of the limiting measures are studied in details. We show that by using rather simple construction one can get a singular continuous measure μ^{∞} with desirable fractal properties of its support, in particular, with any Hausdorff dimension $0 \leq \dim_{\rm H}({\rm supp}\mu^{\infty}) \leq 1$.

2. Sub-class of image measures

Let $\mathcal{M}([0,1])$ denote the sub-class of probability Borel measures defined on the segment [0,1] as follows (for more details see [1,2]).

Let $Q \equiv {\mathbf{q}_k}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of stochastic vectors in \mathbf{R}^2 with strictly positive coordinates, $\mathbf{q}_k = (q_{0k}, q_{1k}), q_{0k}, q_{1k} > 0, q_{0k} + q_{1k} = 1$. We will refer to Q as the infinite stochastic matrix

(1)
$$Q = \{\mathbf{q}_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} = \begin{pmatrix} q_{01} & q_{02} & \cdots & q_{0k} & \cdots \\ q_{11} & q_{12} & \cdots & q_{1k} & \cdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Given Q we consider a family of closed intervals

$$\Delta_{i_1}, \ \Delta_{i_1 i_2}, \dots, \ \Delta_{i_1 i_2 \cdots i_k}, \dots \subset [0, 1], \ (i_1, i_2, \dots i_k, \dots \text{ are equal to } 0 \text{ or } 1)$$

with lengths

$$|\Delta_{i_1}| = q_{i_11}, |\Delta_{i_1i_2}| = q_{i_11} \cdot q_{i_22}, \ |\Delta_{i_1i_2\dots i_k}| = q_{i_11} \cdot q_{i_22} \cdots q_{i_kk}, \ k \ge 1,$$

such that

$$\Delta_{i_1} = \Delta_{i_10} \bigcup \Delta_{i_11},$$

 $[0,1] = \Delta_0 \bigcup \Delta_1,$

and so on for any k,

$$\Delta_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_k} = \Delta_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_k 0} \bigcup \Delta_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_k 1}.$$

Assume

(2)
$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \max_{i} \{q_{ik}\} = 0$$

Then any $x \in [0; 1]$ can be represented in the following form

$$x = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \Delta_{i_1(x)\dots i_k(x)} =: \Delta_{i_1(x)\dots i_k(x)\dots}$$

Moreover, (2) implies that the Borel σ -algebra \mathcal{B} on [0;1] coincides with the σ -algebra generated by the family of subsets $\{\Delta_{i_1...i_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$.

To a fixed Q, we associate a sub-class of measures $\mathcal{M}([0;1])$ with a family of all sequences of stochastic vectors

$$P = \{p_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} = \begin{pmatrix} p_{01} & p_{02} & \dots & p_{0k} & \dots \\ p_{11} & p_{12} & \dots & p_{1k} & \dots \end{pmatrix},$$

where p_{0k} , $p_{1k} \ge 0$, $p_{0k} + p_{1k} = 1$. Namely, we associate to each such matrix P a Borel measure $\mu \in \mathcal{M}([0;1])$ defined as follows.

We consider a sequence of probability spaces $(\Omega_k, \mathcal{A}_k, \mu_k^*)$, where $\Omega_k = \{0, 1\}$, $\mathcal{A}_k = 2^{\Omega_k}, \mu_k^*(i) = p_{ik}$. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu^*)$ be the infinite product of the above probability spaces. We define a measurable mapping f from Ω into [0, 1] in the following way: for any $\omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, ..., \omega_k, ...) \in \Omega$ we set

$$f(\omega) = \Delta_{\omega_1 \omega_2 \dots \omega_k \dots} = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \Delta_{\omega_1 \dots \omega_k}$$

and, finally, we define the measure μ as the image measure of μ^* under f, i.e., : for any Borel subset E we put $\mu(E) = \mu^* (f^{-1}(E))$, where $f^{-1}(E) = \{\omega : f(\omega) \in E\}$.

The following results (see Theorem 1 below) on image measures are well known (see e.g. [5, 4, 2]). In order to formulate them we need some notations. We write, $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_{pp}, \mathcal{M}_{ac}, \mathcal{M}_{sc}$ if the measure μ is pure point, pure absolutely continuous, or pure singular continuous, resp. Further, for the above Q and P we define

$$P_{max}(\mu) := \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \max_{i} \{p_{ik}\}$$

and

$$\rho(\mu,\lambda) := \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (\sqrt{p_{0k} \cdot q_{0k}} + \sqrt{p_{1k} \cdot q_{1k}}).$$

Theorem 1. Each measure $\mu \equiv \mu_P \in \mathcal{M}([0,1])$ is of pure type: (a) $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_{pp}$ iff $P_{max}(\mu) > 0$,

(b)
$$\mu \in \mathcal{M}_{ac}$$
 iff $\rho(\mu, \lambda) > 0$

(c) $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_{sc}$ iff $P_{max}(\mu) = 0$ and $\rho(\mu, \lambda) = 0$.

In the continuous case the measure μ can also be defined in the following simple way. We define a measure $\hat{\mu}$ on the semi-ring of subsets of the form $\hat{\Delta}_{i_1...i_k} = [a; b)$, where, $a = \Delta_{i_1...i_k(0)}$; $b = \Delta_{i_1...i_k(1)}$: we put

$$\widehat{\mu}\left(\widehat{\Delta}_{i_1\dots i_k}\right) = p_{i_11}\cdot\ldots\cdot p_{i_kk}$$

The extension $\tilde{\mu}$ of $\hat{\mu}$ on any Borel subset of [0;1) is defined in the usual way. We put, finally $\overline{\mu}(E) = \tilde{\mu}(E \cap [0;1))$ for any Borel subset of [0;1]. It is not hard to prove that $\overline{\mu} \equiv \mu$.

3. Conflict interaction between image measures

We define the non-commutative conflict composition * with two positions for a couple of stochastic vectors $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r} \in \mathbf{R}^2$ as follows:

$$\mathbf{p}^1 := \mathbf{p} \ast \mathbf{r}, \ \mathbf{r}^1 := \mathbf{r} \ast \mathbf{p}$$

where the coordinates of the vectors $\mathbf{p}^1, \mathbf{r}^1$ are given by the formulae:

(3)
$$p_i^{(1)} := \frac{p_i(1-r_i)}{1-(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{r})}, \quad r_i^{(1)} := \frac{r_i(1-p_i)}{1-(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{r})}, \ i = 0, 1,$$

where (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) stands for the inner product in \mathbf{R}^2 . Obviously we have to exclude the case $(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = 1$.

The iteration of the composition * generates a dynamical system in the space $\mathbf{R}^2 \times \mathbf{R}^2$ defined by the mapping:

(4)
$$g: \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{N-1}^{N-1} \\ \mathbf{r}^{N-1} \end{pmatrix} \to \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{N}^{N} \\ \mathbf{r}^{N} \end{pmatrix}, N \ge 1, \ \mathbf{p}^{0} \equiv \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}^{0} \equiv \mathbf{p},$$

where the coordinates of $\mathbf{p}^N, \mathbf{r}^N$ are defined by induction,

(5)
$$p_i^{(N)} := \frac{p_i^{(N-1)}(1-r_i^{(N-1)})}{z^{N-1}}, \quad r_i^{(N)} := \frac{r_i^{(N-1)}(1-p_i^{(N-1)})}{z^{N-1}}, \quad i = 0, 1,$$

with $z^{N-1} = 1 - (\mathbf{p}^{N-1}, \mathbf{r}^{N-1}) > 0.$

Lemma ([6, 7]). For each pair of stochastic vectors $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r} \in \mathbf{R}^2$, $(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) \neq 1$, the following limits exist and are invariant with respect to *:

$$\mathbf{p}^{\infty} = \lim_{N \to \infty} \mathbf{p}^{N}, \ \mathbf{r}^{\infty} = \lim_{N \to \infty} \mathbf{r}^{N}.$$

Moreover one has:

 $\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p}^{\infty} &= (1,0), \ \mathbf{r}^{\infty} &= (0,1) \quad iff \ p_0 > r_0, \\ \mathbf{p}^{\infty} &= (0,1), \ \mathbf{r}^{\infty} &= (1,0) \quad iff \ p_1 > r_1, \\ \mathbf{p}^{\infty} &= \ \mathbf{r}^{\infty} &= (1/2,1/2), \quad iff \ p_0 = r_0, \ p_1 = r_1. \end{aligned}$

We will introduce now a non-commutative conflict interaction (in the sense of [6, 7]) between image measures from the sub-class $\mathcal{M}([0,1])$ and use the just presented facts for the analysis of the spectral transformations of these measures.

Let μ and ν be a couple of image measures corresponding to a pair of sequences of stochastic vectors $P^0 = {\mathbf{p}_k^0}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ and $R^0 = {\mathbf{r}_k^0}_{k=1}^{\infty}$, resp., i.e., $\mu = \mu_{P^0}, \nu = \nu_{R^0}$. The conflict interaction between μ and ν , denoted by *, is by definition given by the couple μ^1, ν^1 :

$$\mu^1 := \mu * \nu, \ \nu^1 := \nu * \mu,$$

where ***** is defined by using the above defined conflict compositions for stochastic vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 . Namely, we associate a new couple of measures $\mu^1, \nu^1 \in \mathcal{M}([0,1])$ with sequences $P^1 = {\{\mathbf{p}_k^1\}_{k=1}^{\infty}}$ and $R^1 = {\{\mathbf{r}_k^1\}_{k=1}^{\infty}}$, where the coordinates of vectors $\mathbf{p}_k^1, \mathbf{r}_k^1$ are defined according to formulae (3), i.e.,

(6)
$$p_{ik}^{(1)} := \frac{p_{ik}(1-r_{ik})}{1-(\mathbf{p}_k,\mathbf{r}_k)}, \quad r_{ik}^{(1)} := \frac{r_{ik}(1-p_{ik})}{1-(\mathbf{p}_k,\mathbf{r}_k)}, \quad i = 0, 1, \ k = 1, 2, ...$$

where $p_{ik} \equiv p_{ik}^{(0)}$, $r_{ik} \equiv r_{ik}^{(0)}$ and $\mathbf{r}_k \equiv \mathbf{r}_k^0$, $\mathbf{r}_k \equiv \mathbf{r}_k^0$. Of course we assume that

(7)
$$(\mathbf{p}_k^0, \mathbf{r}_k^0) \neq 1, \ k = 1, 2, ...$$

By induction we introduce the sequences $P^N = {\mathbf{p}_k^N}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ and $R^N = {\mathbf{r}_k^N}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ for any N = 1, 2, ..., where the stochastic vectors $\mathbf{p}_k^N = \mathbf{p}_k^{N-1} * \mathbf{r}_k^{N-1}$, $\mathbf{r}_k^N = \mathbf{r}_k^{N-1} * \mathbf{p}_k^{N-1}$ are defined as N-times iterations of the composition *; the coordinates of the vectors $\mathbf{p}_k^N, \mathbf{r}_k^N$ are calculated by formulae like (5). Further, with each pair P^N, R^N we associate a couple of image measures $\mu^N \equiv \mu_{P^N}$ and $\nu^N \equiv \nu_{R^N}$ from the class $\mathcal{M}([0, 1])$. Therefore the mapping g generates

the dynamical system in the space $\mathcal{M}([0,1]) \times \mathcal{M}([0,1])$:

$$U(g): \left(\begin{array}{c} \mu^{N-1} \\ \nu^{N-1} \end{array} \right) \to \left(\begin{array}{c} \mu^{N} \\ \nu^{N} \end{array} \right)$$

We are interesting in the existence and structure of the invariant points of the so defined dynamical system.

Theorem 2. For each couple of image measures $\mu \equiv \mu_{P^0}, \nu \equiv \nu_{R^0}$, under condition (7), there exist two limiting invariant measures,

$$\mu^{\infty} = \lim_{N \to \infty} \mu^N, \nu^{\infty} = \lim_{N \to \infty} \nu^N.$$

The measures $\mu^{\infty}, \nu^{\infty}$ are mutually singular iff $P^0 \neq R^0$, and $\mu^{\infty}, \nu^{\infty}$ are identical iff $P^0 = R^0$.

Proof This follows easily from Lemma. \Box

Our goal here is to investigate the properties of the limiting measures.

4. Metric properties

Let us introduce two sets for a couple of probability image measures μ, ν . $\mathbf{N}_{=} := \{k : \mathbf{p}_{k} = \mathbf{r}_{k}\}$, and $\mathbf{N}_{\neq} := \mathbf{N} \setminus \mathbf{N}_{=} \equiv \{k : \mathbf{p}_{k} \neq \mathbf{r}_{k}\}$, and put

$$Q_{=} := \sum_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{=}} [(1 - 2q_{0k})^{2} + (1 - 2q_{1k})^{2}],$$
$$W_{\neq}(\mu) := \sum_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{\neq}} q_{(i)k}, \text{ where } q_{(i)k} = \begin{cases} q_{0k}, & \text{if } p_{0k} < r_{0k} \\ q_{1k}, & \text{if } p_{1k} < r_{1k} \end{cases}$$
$$W_{\neq}(\nu) := \sum_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{\neq}} (1 - q_{(i)k}).$$

Theorem 3.

(a) μ[∞] ∈ M_{pp}, iff |N₌| < ∞.
(b) μ[∞] ∈ M_{ac}, iff Q₌ < ∞ and W_≠(μ) < ∞.
(c) μ[∞] ∈ M_{sc}, iff |N₌| = ∞ and at least one of the conditions, W_≠(μ) = ∞, or Q₌ = ∞, is fulfilled.

Proof. (a) By Theorem 1 the measure μ^{∞} belongs to \mathcal{M}_{pp} iff

$$P_{max}(\mu^{\infty}) := \prod_{k \in \mathbf{N}} \max_{i} \{ p_{ik}^{\infty} \} > 0$$

Since for each vector $\mathbf{p}_k^{\infty} \in \mathbf{R}^2$ the coordinates $p_{ik}^{(\infty)}$ are equal to 0, 1/2, or 1, we have

$$\max_{i} p_{ik}^{(\infty)} = \begin{cases} 1/2, & \text{if } k \in \mathbf{N}_{=} \\ 1, & \text{if } k \in \mathbf{N}_{\neq}. \end{cases}$$

Hence $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{pp}$ if and only if $\mathbf{p}_k \neq \mathbf{r}_k \ \forall k > k_0$ for some $k_0 \in N$. This means that $\mathrm{supp}\mu$ consists of at most $2^{|\mathbf{N}_{=}|}$ points.

(b) Let $|\mathbf{N}_{=}| = \infty$ and, therefore, $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{ac} \cup \mathcal{M}_{sc}$. By Theorem 1, $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{ac}$ iff

(8)
$$\rho(\mu^{\infty}, \lambda) = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (\sqrt{p_{0k}^{(\infty)} q_{0k}} + \sqrt{p_{1k}^{(\infty)} q_{1k}}) > 0.$$

Taking into account that $p_{0k}^{(\infty)} = p_{1k}^{(\infty)} = \frac{1}{2}$ for all $k \in \mathbf{N}_{=}$, and $p_{0k}^{(\infty)} = 1$ iff $p_{0k} > r_{0k}, p_{0k}^{(\infty)} = 0$ iff $p_{0k} < r_{0k}$, we have

$$\sqrt{p_{0k}^{(\infty)}q_{0k}} + \sqrt{p_{1k}^{(\infty)}q_{1k}} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}q_{0k}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}q_{1k}}, & \text{iff} \quad k \in \mathbf{N}_{=}, \\ \sqrt{1 - q_{(i)k}}, & \text{iff} \quad k \in \mathbf{N}_{\neq}. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{ac}$ iff

$$\begin{split} \prod_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{=}} (\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}q_{0k}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}q_{1k}}) \cdot \prod_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{\neq}} (\sqrt{1 - q_{(i)k}}) > 0 & \Leftrightarrow \\ & \begin{cases} \prod_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{=}} (\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}q_{0k}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}q_{1k}}) > 0, \\ \prod_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{\neq}} (\sqrt{1 - q_{(i)k}}) > 0. \end{cases} \end{split}$$

By using simple arguments, we have

$$\prod_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{\neq}} (\sqrt{1 - q_{(i)k}}) > 0 \iff \prod_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{\neq}} (1 - q_{(i)k}) > 0 \iff \sum_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{\neq}} q_{(i)k} < \infty,$$

and

$$\begin{split} \prod_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{=}} (\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}q_{0k}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}q_{1k}}) > 0 &\Leftrightarrow \prod_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{=}} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{q_{0k}q_{1k}}\right) > 0 &\Leftrightarrow \\ \sum_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{=}} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{q_{0k}q_{1k}}\right) < \infty &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{=}} \left(1 - 2\sqrt{q_{0k}q_{1k}}\right) < \infty &\Leftrightarrow \\ \prod_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{=}} 4q_{0k}q_{1k} > 0 &\Leftrightarrow \prod_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{=}} \left(1 - (1 - 2q_{0k})^2\right) > 0 &\Leftrightarrow \\ \sum_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{=}} \left(1 - 2q_{0k}\right)^2 < \infty &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{k \in \mathbf{N}_{=}} \left(1 - 2q_{1k}\right)^2 < \infty. \end{split}$$

Therefore,

$$\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{ac}} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} W_{\neq}(\mu) < \infty, \\ Q_{=} < \infty. \end{cases}$$

(c) If $|\mathbf{N}_{\pm}| = \infty$, then from (a) the continuity of μ^{∞} follows easily. If $Q_{\pm}(\mu) = \infty$ or $W_{\neq}(\mu) = \infty$, then from (b) it follows that $\mu \perp \lambda$, and, therefore $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{sc}$.

Conversely, if $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{ac}$, then μ^{∞} is a continuous measure and $\mu^{\infty} \perp \lambda$. The continuity of μ^{∞} implies $|\mathbf{N}_{=}| = \infty$. Since $\mu^{\infty} \perp \lambda$, we have $\rho(\mu^{\infty}, \lambda) = 0$ and, therefore $Q_{=} = \infty$ or $W_{\neq}(\mu) = \infty$.

Remarks. (1) The Theorem holds for the measure ν^{∞} if $W_{\neq}(\mu)$ is replaced by $W_{\neq}(\nu)$.

(2) Both measures $\mu^{\infty}, \nu^{\infty}$ belong to \mathcal{M}_{ac} only in the case $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| < \infty$ provided that $Q_{=} < \infty$, because, if $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| = \infty$ then at least one of values $W_{\neq}(\mu)$ or $W_{\neq}(\nu)$ is infinite.

(3) The condition $Q_{=} < \infty$ is fulfilled iff

$$\sum_{k\in\mathbf{N}_{=}} (1-2q_{0k})^2 < \infty.$$

Example 1. Let $q_{0k} = q_{1k} = 1/2$ for all $k \in N$. Then $Q_{\pm} = 0$ for any \mathbf{N}_{\pm} and $W_{\neq}(\mu) < \infty$ iff $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| < \infty$. Thus both measures $\mu^{\infty}, \nu^{\infty}$ belong to \mathcal{M}_{pp} iff $|\mathbf{N}_{\pm}| < \infty$. Moreover $\mu^{\infty}, \nu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{ac}}$ iff $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| < \infty$, and $\mu^{\infty}, \nu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{sc}}$ iff $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| = \infty$ and $|\mathbf{N}_{=}| = \infty$.

Example 2. Let $q_{0k} \notin \left(\frac{1}{2} - \varepsilon; \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon\right)$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$. Then $Q_{=} < \infty$ only if $|\mathbf{N}_{=}| < \infty$. Thus $\mu^{\infty}, \nu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{pp}$ iff $|\mathbf{N}_{=}| < \infty$, and $\mu^{\infty}, \nu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{sc}$ iff $|\mathbf{N}_{=}| = \infty$, but one never has $\mu^{\infty}, \nu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{ac}$.

5. Topological properties

A Borel measure μ on **R** is of the S-type if its support, $\operatorname{supp}\mu \equiv S_{\mu}$, is a regularly closed set, i.e.,

$$S_{\mu} = (\operatorname{int} S_{\mu})^{\operatorname{cl}},$$

where intA denotes the interior part of the set A, and $(E)^{cl}$ denotes the closure of the set E. A measure μ is of the C-type if its support S_{μ} is a set of zero Lebesgue measure. A measure μ is of the P-type if its support S_{μ} is a nowhere dense set and S_{μ} has a positive Lebesgue measure in any small neighborhood of each point x from S_{μ} , i.e.,

$$\forall x \in S_{\mu}, \ \forall \varepsilon > 0: \ \lambda \left(B(x,\varepsilon) \bigcap S_{\mu} \right) > 0.$$

We shall write (cf. with [1, 9]) $\mu \in \mathcal{M}^S$, resp. \mathcal{M}^C , or resp. \mathcal{M}^P , if μ is of the S-, resp. C-, or resp. P-type.

Theorem 4. The infinite conflict interaction between two image measures $\mu, \nu \in$ $\mathcal{M}([0,1])$ produces limiting measures $\mu^{\infty}, \nu^{\infty}$ of pure topological type. We have:

- (a) $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}^{S}$, iff $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| < \infty$, (b) $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}^{C}$, iff $W_{\neq}(\mu) = \infty$, (c) $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}^{P}$, iff $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| = \infty$ and $W_{\neq}(\mu) < \infty$.

Proof. (a) By Theorem 8 in [2] the measure μ^{∞} is of the S-type iff the matrix P^{∞} contains only a finite number of zero elements. This is possible iff $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| < \infty$.

(b) The measure μ^{∞} is of the C-type (see Theorem 8 in [2]) iff the matrix P^{∞}

contains infinitely many columns having elements $p_{ik} = 0$, and besides, $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\sum_{i:p_{ik}=0} q_{ik}) =$

 ∞ , that is equivalent to $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| = \infty$ and $W_{\neq}(\mu) = \infty$.

Since $\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \max_{i} q_{ik} = 0$, we conclude that from $W_{\neq} = \infty$ it follows that $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| = \infty$. (c) Finally the measure μ^{∞} is of the *P*-type (see again Theorem 8 in [2]) iff the

matrix P^{∞} contains infinitely many columns with zero elements p_{ik} , and moreover, $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{i:p_{ik}=0} q_{ik} \right) < \infty, \text{ i.e., } |\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| = \infty \text{ and } W_{\neq}(\mu) < \infty.$

Remarks. (1) The assertions of Theorem 4 are also true for the measure ν^{∞} if one replaces $W_{\neq}(\mu)$ by $W_{\neq}(\nu)$.

(2) It is not possible for the measures $\mu^{\infty}, \nu^{\infty}$ to be both of the P-type. So if one of them is of the *P*-type, then the other is necessarily of the *C*-type.

The combination of Theorem 3 and Theorem 4 leads to

Corollaries.

(a) The set $\mathcal{M}_{pp} \cap \mathcal{M}^S$ is empty. $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{pp} \cap \mathcal{M}^C$ iff $|\mathbf{N}_{=}| < \infty$. The set $\mathcal{M}_{pp} \cap \mathcal{M}^P$ is empty. (b) $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{ac} \cap \mathcal{M}^S$ iff $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| < \infty$, and $Q_{=} < \infty$. The set $\mathcal{M}_{ac} \cap \mathcal{M}^C$ is empty. $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{ac} \cap \mathcal{M}^P$ iff $|\mathbf{N}_{=}| = \infty$, $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| = \infty$, but $Q_{=} < \infty$ and $W_{\neq}(\mu) < \infty$. (c) $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{sc} \cap \mathcal{M}^S$ iff $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| < \infty$, and $Q_{=} = \infty$. $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{sc} \cap \mathcal{M}^P$ iff $W_{\neq}(\mu) = \infty$. $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{sc} \cap \mathcal{M}^P$ iff $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| = \infty$, $W_{\neq}(\mu) < \infty$ and $Q_{=} = \infty$.

Proof. (a) $\mathcal{M}_{pp} \cap \mathcal{M}^{S} = \emptyset$ since $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| < \infty$ and $|\mathbf{N}_{=}| < \infty$ are mutually exclusive conditions. So, if $|\mathbf{N}_{=}| < \infty$, then $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| = \infty$, and $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}^{C}$. $\mathcal{M}_{pp} \cap \mathcal{M}^{P} = \emptyset$, since $W_{\neq}(\mu) < \infty$ with $|\mathbf{N}_{=}| < \infty$ mean that $\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} q_{ik} > 0$, but this contradicts our assumption (2).

(b) The first assertion is evident since $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| < \infty$ implies $W_{\neq}(\mu) < \infty$. Further $\mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{ac}} \cap \mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{C}} = \emptyset$ since the conditions $W_{\neq}(\mu) < \infty$ and $W_{\neq}(\mu) = \infty$ can not be simultaneously fulfilled. Finally, in the case $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| = \infty$, $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{ac}}$ iff $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{P}}$

(c) In spite of that $W_{\neq}(\mu) < \infty$ if $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| < \infty$, it is still possible that $Q_{=}(\mu) = \infty$. Thus, in general, we have $\mathcal{M}_{sc} \cap \mathcal{M}^{S} \neq \emptyset$.

Moreover, if $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| = \infty$, then $W_{\neq}(\mu) = \infty$ implies $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{sc} \cap \mathcal{M}^{C}$.

But if $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq}| = \infty$ and $W_{\neq}(\mu) < \infty$, then it still possible that $Q_{=}(\mu) = \infty$, or equivalently, $\mu^{\infty} \in \mathcal{M}_{sc} \cap \mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{P}}$. \Box

Remark. Of course, all corollaries are true for the measure ν^{∞} if one replaces $W_{\neq}(\mu)$ by $W_{\neq}(\nu)$.

The measures $\mu^{\infty}, \nu^{\infty}$ in general have a rather complicated local structure and their supports might posses arbitrary Hausdorff dimensions.

Let us denote by $\dim_{\mathrm{H}}(E)$ the Hausdorff dimension of a set $E \subset \mathbf{R}$. Suppose $q_{0k} = q_{1k} = 1/2$.

Theorem 5. Given a number $c_0 \in [0,1]$ let $\mu \in \mathcal{M}([0,1])$ be any probability image measure. Then there exists another probability image measure ν such that

(9)
$$\dim_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathrm{supp}\mu^{\infty}) = c_0.$$

Proof. Let $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq, k}| = |\mathbf{N}_{\neq} \cap \{1, 2, ..., k\}|$ denote the cardinality of the set $\mathbf{N}_{\neq, k} := \{s \in \mathbf{N}_{\neq} : s \leq k\}$. Clearly $|\mathbf{N}_{\neq, k}| + |\mathbf{N}_{=, k}| = k$, where $\mathbf{N}_{=, k} := \{s \in \mathbf{N}_{=} : s \leq k\}$.

By Th.2 [8] the Hausdorff dimension of the set $\mathrm{supp}\mu^{\infty}$ may be calculated by the formula:

$$\dim_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathrm{supp}\mu^{\infty}) = \liminf_{k \to \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{N}_{=, k}|}{k}.$$

Given the stochastic matrix P corresponding to the starting measure μ one always can chose (in a non-unique way) another stochastic matrix R (uniquely associated with a measure ν) such that the condition $\lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{|\mathbf{N}_{=,k}|}{k} = c_0$ will be satisfied. \Box

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