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NEW EXTENSION OF THE VARIATIONAL MCSHANE INTEGRAL  
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*Abstract.* We define the Hake-variational McShane integral of Banach space valued functions defined on an open and bounded subset  $G$  of  $m$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . It is a “natural” extension of the variational McShane integral (the strong McShane integral) from  $m$ -dimensional closed non-degenerate intervals to open and bounded subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . We will show a theorem that characterizes the Hake-variational McShane integral in terms of the variational McShane integral. This theorem reduces the study of our integral to the study of the variational McShane integral. As an application, a full descriptive characterization of the Hake-variational McShane integral is presented in terms of the cubic derivative.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

In paper [4], Fremlin studies, in a  $\sigma$ -finite outer regular quasi-Radon measure space, a method of integration of vector-valued functions, which is an essential generalization of the McShane process of integration (see [11]). The method involves (infinite) McShane partitions which are formed by sequences of disjoint measurable sets of finite measure. For a Banach-space valued function defined on a closed interval endowed with the Lebesgue measure, the variational McShane integral has been investigated in [17] by Wu and Xiaobo (who called the integral the strong McShane integral). Wu and Xiaobo showed that a Banach-space valued function is variationally McShane integrable if and only if it is Bochner integrable. Di Piazza and Musial

have proved a surprising result that, in the case of an arbitrary (even finite) quasi-Radon measure space, the class of variationally McShane integrable functions can be significantly larger, see [2], Theorem 1.

In paper [8], the Hake-Henstock-Kurzweil and the Hake-McShane integrals are defined. These are extensions of the Henstock-Kurzweil and the McShane integrals from  $m$ -dimensional closed non-degenerate intervals to open and bounded subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . In this paper, we define the Hake-variational McShane integral which is an extension of the variational McShane integral from  $m$ -dimensional closed non-degenerate intervals to open and bounded subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Our goal is not a generalization for the sake of generalization. Indeed, Theorem 2.1 reduces the study of our integral to the study of the variational McShane integral. As an application, a full descriptive characterization of the Hake-variational McShane integral is presented in terms of the cubic derivative, see Theorem 2.2.

Throughout this paper,  $X$  denotes a real Banach space with its norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . The Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is equipped with the maximum norm.  $B_m(t, r)$  denotes an open ball in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  with center  $t$  and radius  $r > 0$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^m)$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra of Lebesgue measurable subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and by  $\lambda$  the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^m)$ .  $|A|$  denotes the Lebesgue measure of  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^m)$ .  $G$  denotes an open and bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . We put

$$\mathcal{L}(A) = \{A \cap L : L \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^m)\}$$

for any  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^m)$ .

Let  $\alpha = (a_1, \dots, a_m)$  and  $\beta = (b_1, \dots, b_m)$  with  $-\infty < a_j < b_j < \infty$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ . The set  $[\alpha, \beta] = \prod_{j=1}^m [a_j, b_j]$  is called a *closed non-degenerate interval* in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

In particular, if  $b_1 - a_1 = \dots = b_m - a_m$ , then  $I = [\alpha, \beta]$  is called a *cube*. Two closed non-degenerate intervals  $I$  and  $J$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  are said to be *non-overlapping* if  $I^\circ \cap J^\circ = \emptyset$ , where  $I^\circ$  denotes the *interior* of  $I$ . The family of all closed non-degenerate subintervals in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{I}$  and the family of all closed non-degenerate subintervals in  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{I}_E$ .

An interval function  $F: \mathcal{I}_E \rightarrow X$  is said to be an *additive interval function* if for each two non-overlapping intervals  $I, J \in \mathcal{I}_E$  such that  $I \cup J \in \mathcal{I}_E$  we have

$$F(I \cup J) = F(I) + F(J).$$

A pair  $(t, I)$  of a point  $t \in E$  and an interval  $I \in \mathcal{I}_E$  is called an  *$\mathcal{M}$ -tagged interval* in  $E$ ,  $t$  is the tag of  $I$ . A finite collection  $\{(t_i, I_i) : i = 1, \dots, p\}$  of  $\mathcal{M}$ -tagged intervals in  $E$  is called an  *$\mathcal{M}$ -partition* in  $E$  if  $\{I_i : i = 1, \dots, p\}$  is a collection of pairwise non-overlapping intervals in  $\mathcal{I}_E$ . Given  $Z \subset E$ , a positive function  $\delta: Z \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is called a *gauge* on  $Z$ . We say that an  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition  $\pi = \{(t_i, I_i) : i = 1, \dots, p\}$  in  $E$  is

- ▷  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition of  $E$  if  $\bigcup_{i=1}^p I_i = E$ ,
- ▷  $Z$ -tagged if  $\{t_1, \dots, t_p\} \subset Z$ ,
- ▷  $\delta$ -fine if for each  $i = 1, \dots, p$  we have  $I_i \subset B_m(t_i, \delta(t_i))$ .

We now fix an interval  $W \in \mathcal{I}$  and let  $f: W \rightarrow X$  be a function. The function  $f$  is said to be *McShane integrable* on  $W$  if there is a vector  $x_f \in X$  such that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a gauge  $\delta$  on  $W$  such that for every  $\delta$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition  $\pi$  of  $W$  we have

$$\left\| \sum_{(t,I) \in \pi} f(t)|I| - x_f \right\| < \varepsilon.$$

In this case, vector  $x_f$  is said to be the *McShane integral* of  $f$  on  $W$  and we set  $x_f = (M) \int_W f \, d\lambda$ . Function  $f$  is said to be *McShane integrable* over a subset  $A \subset W$  if the function  $f \cdot \mathbf{1}_A: W \rightarrow X$  is McShane integrable on  $W$ , where  $\mathbf{1}_A$  is the characteristic function of the set  $A$ . The McShane integral of  $f$  over  $A$  will be denoted by  $(M) \int_A f \, d\lambda$ . If  $f: W \rightarrow X$  is McShane integrable on  $W$ , then by Theorem 4.1.6 in [13], function  $f$  is McShane integrable on each  $E \in \mathcal{L}(W)$ .

Function  $f: W \rightarrow X$  is said to be *variationally McShane integrable* (or *strongly McShane integrable*) on  $W$  if there exists an additive interval function  $F: \mathcal{I}_W \rightarrow X$  such that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a gauge  $\delta$  on  $W$  such that for every  $\delta$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition  $\pi$  of  $W$  we have

$$\sum_{(t,I) \in \pi} \|f(t)|I| - F(I)\| < \varepsilon.$$

Function  $F$  is said to be the primitive of  $f$ . Clearly, if  $f$  is variationally McShane integrable with the primitive  $F$ , then  $f$  is McShane integrable, and by Proposition 3.6.16 in [13] we also have

$$F(I) = (M) \int_I f \, d\lambda \quad \text{for every } I \in \mathcal{I}_W.$$

For more information about the McShane integral we refer to [17], [2], [4], [5]–[7], [11], [10], [14] and [13].

Given an additive interval function  $F: \mathcal{I}_W \rightarrow X$ , a subset  $Z \subset W$  and a gauge  $\delta$  on  $Z$ , we define

$$V_{\mathcal{M}}F(Z, \delta) = \sup \left\{ \sum_{(t,I) \in \pi} \|F(I)\| : \pi \text{ is a } Z\text{-tagged } \delta\text{-fine } \mathcal{M}\text{-partition in } W \right\}.$$

Then we set

$$V_{\mathcal{M}}F(Z) = \inf \{ V_{\mathcal{M}}F(Z, \delta) : \delta \text{ is a gauge on } Z \}.$$

The set function  $V_{\mathcal{M}}F(\cdot)$  is said to be the *McShane variational measure generated by  $F$* . It is a Borel metric outer measure on  $W$ , see [1] or [15]. The McShane variational measure has been used extensively for studying the primitives (indefinite integrals) of real functions. See e.g. paper [1] by Di Piazza, [12] by Pfeffer for relations to integration and the fundamental general work [16] by Thomson.

An additive interval function  $F: \mathcal{I}_G \rightarrow X$  is said to be *strongly absolutely continuous* (sAC) on  $E \subset G$  if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that for each finite collection  $\{I_1, \dots, I_p\}$  of pairwise non-overlapping subintervals in  $\mathcal{I}_E$  we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^p |I_i| < \eta \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^p \|F(I_i)\| < \varepsilon.$$

Assume that a point  $t \in G$  is given. We set

$$\mathcal{I}_G(t) = \{I \in \mathcal{I}_G: t \in I, I \text{ is a cube}\}.$$

We say that  $F$  is *cubic differentiable* at  $t$  if there exists a vector  $F'_c(t) \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{I}_G(t) \\ |I| \rightarrow 0}} \frac{F(I)}{|I|} = F'_c(t);$$

$F'_c(t)$  is said to be the *cubic derivative* of  $F$  at  $t$ .

A sequence  $(I_k)$  of pairwise non-overlapping intervals in  $\mathcal{I}_G$  is said to be a *division* of  $G$  if

$$\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k = G.$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{D}_G$  the family of all divisions of the set  $G$ . By Lemma 2.43 in [3], the family  $\mathcal{D}_G$  is not empty.

An additive interval function  $F: \mathcal{I}_G \rightarrow X$  is said to be a *strong-Hake-function* if for each division  $(I_k)$  of  $G$  we have:

- ▷ the series  $\sum_{\{k: |I \cap I_k| > 0\}} \|F(I \cap I_k)\|$  converges in  $\mathbb{R}$  for each  $I \in \mathcal{I}$ ,
- ▷  $F(I) = \sum_{\{k: |I \cap I_k| > 0\}} F(I \cap I_k)$  for all  $I \in \mathcal{I}_G$ .

We say that the additive interval function  $F: \mathcal{I}_G \rightarrow X$  has the *strong- $\mathcal{M}$ -negligible variation* over a subset  $Z \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a gauge  $\delta_\varepsilon$  on  $Z$  such that for each  $Z$ -tagged  $\delta_\varepsilon$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition  $\pi$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  we have:

- ▷ the series  $\sum_{\{k: |I \cap I_k| > 0\}} F(I \cap I_k)$  is unconditionally convergent in  $X$  for each  $(t, I) \in \pi$ ,

$$\triangleright \sum_{(t,I) \in \pi} \left\| \left( \sum_{\{k: |I \cap I_k| > 0\}} F(I \cap I_k) \right) \right\| < \varepsilon$$

whenever  $(I_k)$  is a division of  $G$ . We say that  $F$  has *strong- $\mathcal{M}$ -negligible variation outside* of  $G$  if  $F$  has the strong- $\mathcal{M}$ -negligible variation over  $G^c = \mathbb{R}^m \setminus G$ .

We say that a function  $f: G \rightarrow X$  is *Hake-variationally McShane integrable* on  $G$  with the primitive  $F: \mathcal{I}_G \rightarrow X$  if we have:

$\triangleright$  for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a gauge  $\delta$  on  $G$  such that for each  $\delta$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition  $\pi$  in  $G$  we have

$$\sum_{(t,I) \in \pi} \|f(t)|I| - F(I)\| < \varepsilon,$$

$\triangleright F$  is the strong-Hake-function,

$\triangleright F$  has the strong- $\mathcal{M}$ -negligible variation outside of  $G$ .

In this case, we define the Hake-variational McShane integral of  $f$  over  $I$  as

$$(HvM) \int_I f \, d\lambda = F(I) \quad \forall I \in \mathcal{I}_G.$$

## 2. THE MAIN RESULTS

Since  $G$  is a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , there exists  $I_0 \in \mathcal{I}$  such that  $G \subset I_0$ . Given a function  $f: G \rightarrow X$ , we define a function  $f_0: I_0 \rightarrow X$  as

$$f_0(t) = \begin{cases} f(t) & \text{if } t \in G, \\ 0 & \text{if } t \in I_0 \setminus G. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.1.** *Assume that a division  $(C_k)$  of  $G$ , a function  $f: G \rightarrow X$  and an additive interval function  $F: \mathcal{I}_G \rightarrow X$  are given. Define*

$$f_k = f|_{C_k} \quad \text{and} \quad F_k = F|_{\mathcal{I}_{C_k}} \quad \text{for each } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is Hake-variationally McShane integrable on  $G$  with the primitive  $F$ ,
- (ii)  $f_0$  is variationally McShane integrable on  $I_0$  with the primitive  $F_0$  such that  $F_0(I) = F(I)$  for all  $I \in \mathcal{I}_G$ ,
- (iii) for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , function  $f_k$  is variationally McShane integrable on  $C_k$  with the primitive  $F_k$ ,  $F$  is a strong-Hake function and has the strong- $\mathcal{M}$ -negligible variation outside of  $G$ .

Proof. (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Assume that  $f$  is Hake-variationally-McShane integrable on  $G$  with the primitive  $F$ . Then given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a gauge  $\delta$  on  $G$  such that for each  $\delta$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition  $\pi$  in  $G$  we have

$$(2.1) \quad \sum_{(t,I) \in \pi} \|f(t)|I| - F(I)\| < \varepsilon.$$

We can choose  $\delta(t)$  such that  $B_m(t, \delta(t)) \subset G$  for all  $t \in G$ .

Since  $F$  is a strong-Hake function and has the strong- $\mathcal{M}$ -negligible variation outside of  $G$ , it is enough to prove that each  $f_k$  is variationally McShane integrable on  $C_k$  with the primitive  $F_k$ . Let  $\pi_k$  be a  $\delta_k$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition of  $C_k$ , where  $\delta_k = \delta|_{C_k}$ . Then  $\pi_k$  is a  $\delta$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition in  $G$  and therefore

$$\sum_{(t,I) \in \pi_k} \|f_k(t)|I| - F_k(I)\| = \sum_{(t,I) \in \pi_k} \|f(t)|I| - F(I)\| < \varepsilon.$$

This means that  $f_k$  is variationally McShane integrable on  $C_k$  with the primitive  $F_k$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Assume that (iii) holds and an arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$  is given. Then, since each function  $f_k$  is variationally McShane integrable on  $C_k$  with the primitive  $F_k$ , by Lemma 3.6.15 in [13] there exists a gauge  $\delta_k$  on  $C_k$  such that for each  $\delta_k$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition  $\pi_k$  in  $C_k$  we have

$$(2.2) \quad \sum_{(t,I) \in \pi_k} \|f_k(t)|I| - F_k(I)\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2^k}.$$

Note that for  $t \in G$  we have the following possible cases:

- $\triangleright$  There exists  $i_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $t \in (C_{i_0})^\circ$ ;
- $\triangleright$  There exists  $j_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $t \in C_{j_0} \setminus (C_{j_0})^\circ$ . In this case, there exists a finite set  $\mathcal{N}_t = \{j \in \mathbb{N} : t \in C_j \setminus (C_j)^\circ\}$  such that  $t \in \bigcap_{j \in \mathcal{N}_t} C_j$  and  $t \notin C_k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \mathcal{N}_t$ .

Hence,  $t \in \left(\bigcup_{j \in \mathcal{N}_t} C_j\right)^\circ$ , where  $\left(\bigcup_{j \in \mathcal{N}_t} C_j\right)^\circ$  is the interior of  $\bigcup_{j \in \mathcal{N}_t} C_j$ .

We can choose each  $\delta_k$  so that  $B_m(t, \delta_k(t)) \subset C_k$  if  $t \in (C_k)^\circ$ , and

$$B_m(t, \delta_k(t)) \subset \bigcup_{j \in \mathcal{N}_t} C_j \quad \text{if } t \in C_k \setminus (C_k)^\circ.$$

Since  $F$  has the strong- $\mathcal{M}$ -negligible variation outside of  $G$ , there exists a gauge  $\delta_v$  on  $G^c$  such that for each  $G^c$ -tagged  $\delta_v$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition  $\pi_v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  we have

$$(2.3) \quad \sum_{(t,I) \in \pi_v} \left\| \left( \sum_{\{k : |I \cap C_k| > 0\}} F(I \cap C_k) \right) \right\| < \varepsilon.$$

By hypothesis, we have also that  $F$  is a strong-Hake-function. Therefore we can define an additive interval function  $F_0: \mathcal{I}_{I_0} \rightarrow X$  as

$$F_0(I) = \sum_{\{k: |I \cap C_k| > 0\}} F(I \cap C_k) \quad \forall I \in \mathcal{I}_{I_0}.$$

Clearly,  $F_0(I) = F(I)$  for all  $I \in \mathcal{I}_G$ . We will show that  $f_0$  is variationally McShane integrable on  $I_0$  with the primitive  $F_0$ . To see this, we first define a gauge  $\delta_0: I_0 \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  as follows. For any  $t \in G$  we choose  $\delta_0(t) = \delta_{i_0}(t)$  if  $t \in (C_{i_0})^\circ$ , and  $\delta_0(t) = \min\{\delta_j(t): j \in \mathcal{N}_t\}$  otherwise. If  $t \in I_0 \setminus G$ , then we choose  $\delta_0(t) = \delta_v(t)$ . Let  $\pi$  be an arbitrary  $\delta_0$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition of  $I_0$ . Then  $\pi = \pi_a \cup \pi_b \cup \pi_c$ , where

$$\pi_a = \{(t, I) \in \pi: (\exists i_0 \in \mathbb{N}) [t \in (C_{i_0})^\circ]\}$$

and

$$\pi_b = \{(t, I) \in \pi: (\exists j_0 \in \mathbb{N}) [t \in C_{j_0} \setminus (C_{j_0})^\circ]\},$$

$$\pi_c = \{(t, I) \in \pi: t \in I_0 \setminus G\}.$$

Therefore

$$(2.4) \quad \sum_{(t, I) \in \pi} \|f_0(t)|I| - F_0(I)\| \\ = \sum_{(t, I) \in \pi_a} \|f(t)|I| - F(I)\| + \sum_{(t, I) \in \pi_b} \|f(t)|I| - F(I)\| + \sum_{(t, I) \in \pi_c} \|F_0(I)\|.$$

Note that if we define

$$\pi_a^k = \{(t, I): (t, I) \in \pi_a, t \in (C_k)^\circ\}$$

and

$$\pi_b^k = \{(t, I \cap C_k): (t, I) \in \pi_b, t \in C_k \setminus (C_k)^\circ, |I \cap C_k| > 0\},$$

then  $\pi_a^k$  and  $\pi_b^k$  are  $\delta_k$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partitions in  $C_k$ . Therefore by (2.2) it follows that

$$(2.5) \quad \sum_{(t, I) \in \pi_a} \|f(t)|I| - F(I)\| = \sum_k \left( \sum_{\substack{t \in (C_k)^\circ \\ (t, I) \in \pi_a}} \|f_k(t)|I| - F_k(I)\| \right) \\ = \sum_k \left( \sum_{(t, I) \in \pi_a^k} \|f_k(t)|I| - F_k(I)\| \right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varepsilon}{2^k} = \varepsilon$$



and

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.6) \quad & \sum_{(t,I) \in \pi_b} \|f(t)|I| - F(I)\| \\
&= \sum_{(t,I) \in \pi_b} \left\| \left( \sum_{\substack{|I \cap C_j| > 0 \\ j \in \mathcal{N}_t}} (f(t)|I \cap C_j| - F(I \cap C_j)) \right) \right\| \\
&= \sum_{(t,I) \in \pi_b} \left\| \left( \sum_{\substack{|I \cap C_j| > 0 \\ j \in \mathcal{N}_t}} (f_j(t)|I \cap C_j| - F_j(I \cap C_j)) \right) \right\| \\
&\leq \sum_{(t,I) \in \pi_b} \left( \sum_{\substack{|I \cap C_j| > 0 \\ j \in \mathcal{N}_t}} \|f_j(t)|I \cap C_j| - F_j(I \cap C_j)\| \right) \\
&\leq \sum_k \left( \sum_{(t,I) \in \pi_b^k} \|f_k(t)|I \cap C_k| - F_k(I \cap C_k)\| \right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varepsilon}{2^k} = \varepsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

By (2.3), the equality

$$\sum_{(t,I) \in \pi_c} \|F_0(I)\| = \sum_{(t,I) \in \pi_c} \left\| \left( \sum_{\{k: |I \cap C_k| > 0\}} F(I \cap C_k) \right) \right\|$$

together with the fact that  $\pi_c$  is a  $G^c$ -tagged  $\delta_v$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  yields

$$\sum_{(t,I) \in \pi_c} \|F_0(I)\| < \varepsilon.$$

Hence, by (2.4), (2.5) and (2.6) we obtain

$$\sum_{(t,I) \in \pi} \|f_0(t)|I| - F_0(I)\| < 3\varepsilon,$$

and since  $\pi$  is an arbitrary  $\delta_0$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition of  $I_0$ , it follows that  $f_0$  is variationally McShane integrable on  $I_0$  with the primitive  $F_0$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Assume that  $f_0$  is variationally McShane integrable on  $I_0$  with the primitive  $F_0$  such that  $F_0(I) = F(I)$  for all  $I \in \mathcal{I}_G$ . By Lemma 3.6.15 in [13], given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a gauge  $\delta_0$  on  $I_0$  such that for each  $\delta_0$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition  $\pi$  in  $I_0$  we have

$$(2.7) \quad \sum_{(t,I) \in \pi} \|f_0(t)|I| - F_0(I)\| < \varepsilon.$$

We can choose  $\delta_0$  so that  $B_m(t, \delta_0(t)) \subset G$  for all  $t \in G$ . Hence, if we define  $\delta = \delta_0|_G$ , then for each  $\delta$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition  $\pi$  in  $G$  we have

$$\sum_{(t,I) \in \pi} \|f(t)|I| - F(I)\| < \varepsilon.$$

Thus, it remains to show that  $F$  is a strong-Hake function and has strong- $\mathcal{M}$ -negligible variation outside of  $G$ . Let  $(I_k)$  be an arbitrary division of  $G$ .

We first show that  $F$  is a strong-Hake function. Since  $f_0$  is variationally McShane integrable on  $I_0$ ,  $\|f_0\|$  is McShane integrable on  $I_0$ . Hence, by Theorem 4.1.11 and Theorem 7.5.4 in [13] we obtain

$$(2.8) \quad (M) \int_G \|f_0\| \, d\lambda = \sum_k (M) \int_{I_k} \|f_0\| \, d\lambda = \sum_k V_{\mathcal{M}} F_0(I_k),$$

and since

$$V_{\mathcal{M}} F_0(I_k) \geq V_{\mathcal{M}} F_0(I \cap I_k) \geq V_{\mathcal{M}} F(I \cap I_k) \geq \|F(I \cap I_k)\| \quad \text{for each } I \in \mathcal{I},$$

it follows that the series  $\sum_{\{k: |I \cap I_k| > 0\}} \|F(I \cap I_k)\|$  converges in  $\mathbb{R}$ . By hypothesis, for each  $I \in \mathcal{I}_G$  we have also

$$\begin{aligned} F(I) &= F_0(I) = (M) \int_I f_0 \, d\lambda = (M) \int_{\bigcup_k (I \cap I_k)} f_0 \, d\lambda = \sum_k (M) \int_{I \cap I_k} f_0 \, d\lambda \\ &= \sum_k F_0(I \cap I_k) = \sum_{\{k: |I \cap I_k| > 0\}} F(I \cap I_k). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $F$  is a strong-Hake-function.

It remains to prove that  $F$  has the strong- $\mathcal{M}$ -negligible variation outside of  $G$ . To see this, we first define a gauge  $\delta_v: G^c \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  as follows:  $\delta_v(t) = \delta_0(t)$  if  $t \in Z = I_0 \setminus G$ , while for  $t \notin I_0$  we choose  $\delta_v(t)$  so that  $B_m(t, \delta_v(t)) \cap I_0 = \emptyset$ . Assume that  $\pi_v$  is a  $G^c$ -tagged  $\delta_v$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Hence,

$$\pi_Z = \{(t, I \cap I_0) : (t, I) \in \pi_v, t \in Z, |I \cap I_0| > 0\}$$

is a  $\delta_0$ -fine  $\mathcal{M}$ -partition in  $I_0$ . Then by (2.7), it follows that

$$\varepsilon \geq \sum_{(t,J) \in \pi_Z} \|f_0(t)|J| - F_0(J)\| = \sum_{(t,J) \in \pi_Z} \|F_0(J)\|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{(t,J) \in \pi_Z} \left\| (M) \int_J f_0 \, d\lambda \right\| = \sum_{(t,J) \in \pi_Z} \left\| (M) \int_{J \cap G} f_0 \, d\lambda \right\| \\
&= \sum_{(t,J) \in \pi_Z} \left\| \sum_k (M) \int_{J \cap I_k} f_0 \, d\lambda \right\| = \sum_{(t,J) \in \pi_Z} \left\| \sum_{\{k: |J \cap I_k| > 0\}} F_0(J \cap I_k) \right\| \\
&= \sum_{(t,J) \in \pi_Z} \left\| \sum_{\{k: |J \cap I_k| > 0\}} F(J \cap I_k) \right\| = \sum_{(t,I) \in \pi_v} \left\| \sum_{\{k: |I \cap I_k| > 0\}} F(I \cap I_k) \right\|.
\end{aligned}$$

This means that  $F$  has the strong- $\mathcal{M}$ -negligible variation outside of  $G$ , and this ends the proof.  $\square$

The following theorem shows a full descriptive characterization of Hake-variation-McShane integral.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Assume that a division  $(C_k)$  of  $G$ , a function  $f: G \rightarrow X$  and an additive interval function  $F: \mathcal{I}_G \rightarrow X$  are given. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $f$  is Hake-variationally McShane integrable with the primitive  $F$ ,
- (ii)  $F'_c(t)$  exists and  $F'_c(t) = f(t)$  at almost all  $t \in G$ ,  $F$  is sAC on each  $C_k$ ,  $F$  is a strong-Hake function and has the strong- $\mathcal{M}$ -negligible variation outside of  $G$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Assume that  $f$  is Hake-variationally McShane integrable with the primitive  $F$ . Then by Theorem 2.1, for  $I_0 \in \mathcal{I}$  with  $G \subset I_0$ , the function  $f_0$  is variationally McShane integrable on  $I_0$  with the primitive  $F_0$  such that  $F(I) = F_0(I)$  for all  $I \in \mathcal{I}_G$ . Hence, by Theorem 1.4 in [9],  $F_0$  is sAC on  $I_0$ ,  $(F_0)'_c(t)$  exists and  $(F_0)'_c(t) = f_0(t)$  at almost all  $t \in I_0$ .

Since  $\mathcal{I}_G \subset \mathcal{I}_{I_0}$ ,  $F$  is sAC on  $G$  and therefore  $F$  is sAC on each  $C_k$ .

Fix an arbitrary  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \in (C_k)^\circ$  such that  $(F_0)'_c(t) = f_0(t)$ . It follows that

$$\lim_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{I}_{I_0}(t) \\ |I| \rightarrow 0}} \frac{F_0(I)}{|I|} = \lim_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{I}_G(t) \\ |I| \rightarrow 0}} \frac{F(I)}{|I|}.$$

Thus,  $F'_c(t)$  exists and  $F'_c(t) = f(t)$ . Since  $k$  and  $t$  are arbitrary, the last result holds at almost all  $t \in \bigcup_k (C_k)^\circ$ , and since

$$\left| G \setminus \bigcup_k (C_k)^\circ \right| = 0,$$

it follows that  $F'_c(t)$  exists and  $F'_c(t) = f(t)$  at almost all  $t \in G$ .

By the definition of the Hake-variationally McShane integrability, we have also that  $F$  is a strong-Hake function and has the strong- $\mathcal{M}$ -negligible variation outside of  $G$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Assume that (ii) holds and define

$$f_k = f|_{C_k} \quad \text{and} \quad F_k = F|_{\mathcal{I}_{C_k}} \quad \text{for each } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then each  $F_k$  is sAC on  $C_k$ ,  $(F_k)'_C(t)$  exists and  $(F_k)'_C(t) = f_k(t)$  at almost all  $t \in C_k$ . Therefore by Theorem 1.4 in [9], each  $f_k$  is variational McShane integrable on  $C_k$  with the primitive  $F_k$ . Therefore by Theorem 2.1,  $f$  is Hake-variationally McShane integrable with the primitive  $F$ , and this ends the proof.  $\square$

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