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REPRESENTATION OF OPERATORS BY BILINEAR INTEGRALS

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Let us consider a locally compact Hausdorff topological space  $T$  and two complete locally convex Hausdorff spaces  $X$  and  $Z$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{B}$  the family of all non empty bounded closed balanced and convex subsets of  $X$ , and by  $X_B$  the linear subspace of  $X$  generated by  $B$  ( $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ) equipped with the Minkowski functional  $q_B$  of  $B$ . The problem to be solved here is the following: Let  $\mathcal{C}_B = \mathcal{C}_B(T, X_B)$  ( $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ) be the space of all continuous functions tending to zero at infinity  $f: T \rightarrow X_B$  endowed with the usual supremum norm

$$(1) \quad \|f\|_B = \sup \{q_B[f(t)]: t \in T\},$$

$\mathcal{C} = \bigcup \{\mathcal{C}_B: B \in \mathcal{B}\}$  and  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow Z$  a linear operator with continuous restrictions  $\mathcal{F}_B = \mathcal{F} | \mathcal{C}_B$ . The main object of this paper is to represent  $\mathcal{F}$  by a bilinear integral. To this end we will consider the space  $Y$  of the linear mappings from  $X$  into  $Z$  with continuous restrictions to  $X_B$ , for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ , and the evaluation from  $X \times Y$  into  $Z$  will be represented by  $xy$  ( $x \in X, y \in Y$ ).

If  $\mathcal{R}$  is a generating family of seminorms on  $Z$ , for every  $r \in \mathcal{R}, B \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $y \in Y$ , let us set

$$(2) \quad q_{B,r}(y) = \sup \{r(xy): x \in B\}.$$

It is easily proved that  $\{q_{B,r}: B \in \mathcal{B}, r \in \mathcal{R}\}$  is a saturated family of seminorms defining on  $Y$  a topology (which henceforth will be the topology supposed to be defined on  $Y$ ), making the evaluation mapping  $X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  hypocontinuous.

Let  $\Sigma$  be the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $T$  and  $\mu: \Sigma \rightarrow Y$  a countable additive measure. We define the semivariation  $\|\mu\|_{B,r}$  and the variation  $|\mu|_{B,r}$  ( $B \in \mathcal{B}, r \in \mathcal{R}$ ) in the usual way:

$$(3) \quad \|\mu\|_{B,r}(E) = \sup_{i \in \mathcal{I}} r\left(\sum x_i \mu(E_i)\right) \quad (E \in \Sigma),$$

where the supremum is taken over all finite partitions  $\{E_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \subset \Sigma$  of  $E$  and all finite families  $\{x_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \subset B$ , and

$$(4) \quad |\mu|_{B,r}(E) = \sup_{C \in \pi} \sum q_{B,r}[\mu(C)] \quad (E \in \Sigma),$$

where the supremum is taken over all finite partitions  $\pi \subset \Sigma$  of  $E$ .

A set  $A \in \Sigma$  is said to be a null set if  $\|\mu\|_{B,r}(A) = 0$  for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ .

We will denote by  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}(T, X)$  and  $\mathcal{S}_B = \mathcal{S}(T, X_B)$  ( $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ) the spaces of simple functions from  $T$  into  $X$  and  $X_B$ , respectively, and by  $\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{S}$  or  $\mathcal{C}_B + \mathcal{S}_B$  the algebraic sum of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  or  $\mathcal{C}_B$  and  $\mathcal{S}_B$ , respectively.

**Definition 1.** Let  $\{v_{B,r}: B \in \mathcal{B}, r \in \mathcal{R}\}$  be a family of positive and finite measures defined on  $\Sigma$ , and  $\mu: \Sigma \rightarrow Y$  a countable additive measure. We say that  $\mu$  is  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous if

$$(5) \quad \lim_{v_{B,r}(E) \rightarrow 0} \|\mu\|_{B,r}(E) = 0.$$

In the case of  $\mu$  of bounded variation, it is easily proved that  $\mu$  is  $\{\|\mu\|_{B,r}: B \in \mathcal{B}, r \in \mathcal{R}\}$ -continuous.

Henceforth we will suppose to be given a fixed family  $\{v_{B,r}: B \in \mathcal{B}, r \in \mathcal{R}\}$  of positive and finite measures defined on  $\Sigma$ .

For the spaces  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ , and the evaluation mapping, the bilinear integral used here (with analogous properties as the bilinear integral given by Sivasankara in [14]) can be defined in the following way ([14]): Let  $\mu: \Sigma \rightarrow Y$  be a  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous measure.

A sequence of functions  $f_n: T \rightarrow X$  is said to be  $B$ -convergent ( $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ) to  $f: T \rightarrow X$  if

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(T) \cup f(T) \subset X_B$$

and  $q_B(f_n - f) \rightarrow 0$  a.e..

A function  $f: T \rightarrow X$  is said to be  $B$ -measurable ( $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ) if  $f(T) \subset X_B$  and there exists a sequence of simple functions (simple functions are defined as usual) which is  $B$ -convergent to  $f$ , and a function  $g: T \rightarrow X$  is said to be measurable if it is  $B$ -measurable for some  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ .

We will say that a function  $f: T \rightarrow X$  is  $B$ -integrable ( $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ) if  $f(T) \subset X_B$  and there exists a sequence  $(f_n)$  of simple functions which is  $B$ -convergent to  $f$  and for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $r \in \mathcal{R}$  there exists  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon, r) > 0$  such that

$$r\left(\int_A f_n d\mu\right) < \varepsilon$$

holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and every  $A \in \Sigma$  with  $\|\mu\|_{B,r}(A) < \delta$  (the integral of a simple function is defined as usual). A sequence  $(f_n)$  of the above type is called an approximating sequence of  $f$ .

A function  $f: T \rightarrow X$  is said to be integrable if it is  $B$ -integrable for some  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ . It can be proved ([14]) that if  $f: T \rightarrow X$  is integrable then the limit

$$\int_A f d\mu = \lim_n \int_A f_n d\mu$$

exists for every  $A \in \Sigma$  and every approximating sequence  $(f_n)$  of  $f$ , and it is independent of the choice of the approximating sequence of  $f$ .

**Definition 2.** A linear operator  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow Z$  is said to be  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous if for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}, r \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $E \in \Sigma$  with  $v_{B,r}(E) < \delta$ ,  $r[\mathcal{F}(f)] < \varepsilon$  holds for all  $f \in \mathcal{C}_B$  with  $f(T) \subset B$  and  $f|_{T-E} \equiv 0$ .

Analogous definitions can be given for linear  $Z$ -valued operators defined on  $\mathcal{S}$  or  $\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{S}$ .

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $\mu$  be a  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous measure, then all functions belonging to  $\mathcal{C}$  are  $\mu$ -integrable and the linear functional  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow Z$  defined by*

$$\mathcal{F}(f) = \int_T f \, d\mu$$

*is  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous and its restrictions  $\mathcal{F}_B$  are continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $f \in \mathcal{C}$ , then there exists  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $f \in \mathcal{C}_B$ . Let us prove that  $f$  is  $(\mu, B)$ -integrable (and so, integrable).

$f: T \rightarrow X_B$  has a continuous extension  $\bar{f}: \bar{T} \rightarrow X_B$  ( $\bar{T}$  being Alexandroff's compactification of  $T$ ) given by  $\bar{f}(\infty) = 0$ , and then  $\bar{f}(T)$  is compact and therefore there exist  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \bar{T}$  such that

$$f(T) \subset \bar{f}(T) \subset \bigcup_1^n B(\bar{f}(t_k), \varepsilon),$$

where  $B(\bar{f}(t_k), \varepsilon)$  is the closed ball with center  $\bar{f}(t_k)$  and radius  $\varepsilon$ .

Consider  $A_1 = B(\bar{f}(t_1), \varepsilon)$ ,  $A_2 = B(\bar{f}(t_2), \varepsilon) - A_1, \dots, A_n = B(\bar{f}(t_n), \varepsilon) - \bigcup_{k=1}^{n-1} A_k$ ,  $E_k = f^{-1}(A_k)$  and

$$g_\varepsilon = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \chi_{E_k}$$

with  $x_k \in A_k$ . Obviously,  $f(T) \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k$ , and  $T = \bigcup_{k=1}^n E_k$ , so if  $z \in T$  then there exists  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $t \in E_k$  and  $f(t) \in A_k$ . Then we have  $q_B(x_k - f(t)) \leq \varepsilon$  or  $q_B(g_\varepsilon(t) - f(t)) \leq \varepsilon$ . By taking  $\varepsilon = 1/n$ , for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we obtain that  $f$  is the uniform limit of simple functions, where from it is easily deduced that  $f$  is  $(\mu, B)$ -integrable.

Moreover, for  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $r \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{C}_B$  we have

$$r(\mathcal{F}_B(f)) = r(\int_T f \, d\mu) \leq \|f\|_B \|\mu\|_{B,r}(T),$$

and therefore,  $\mathcal{F}_B$  is continuous.

Finally,  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous because for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $E \in \Sigma$  and  $f \in \mathcal{C}_B$  with  $f(T) \subset B$  and  $f|_{T-E} \equiv 0$  we have

$$r(\int_T f \, d\mu) = r(\int_E f \, d\mu) \leq \|f\|_B \|\mu\|_{B,r}(E) \leq \|\mu\|_{B,r}(E),$$

and so, if  $\delta > 0$  is such that  $v_{B,r}(E) < \delta$  implies  $\|\mu\|_{B,r}(E) < \varepsilon$ , then

$$r(\mathcal{F}(f)) \leq \|\mu\|_{B,r}(E) < \varepsilon.$$

**Proposition 4.** *A linear operator  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow Z$  with continuous restrictions  $\mathcal{F}_B$  is  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous if and only if for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $r \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist  $\delta > 0$ ,  $1 \geq \delta' > 0$  such that for all  $E \in \Sigma$  with  $v_{B,r}(E) < \delta$ ,  $r(\mathcal{F}(f)) < \varepsilon$  holds for all  $f \in \mathcal{C}_B$  with  $q_B(f(t)) \leq \delta'$  for all  $t \in T - E$ <sup>1)</sup>.*

*Proof.* Let us suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous, then for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $r \in \mathcal{R}$

<sup>1)</sup> The same result can be proved for  $Z$ -valued operators defined on  $\mathcal{S}$ .

and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist  $\delta > 0$  and  $1 \geq \delta' > 0$  such that for all  $E \in \Sigma$  with  $v_{B,r}(E) < \delta$ ,  $r(\mathcal{F}(f)) < \varepsilon/2$  holds for all  $f \in \mathcal{C}_B$  with  $f|_{T-E} \equiv 0$  or  $\|f\|_B \leq \delta'$ . Now let  $f \in \mathcal{C}_B$  with  $q_B(f(t)) \leq \delta'$  for all  $t \in T-E$ , then there exist  $g, h \in \mathcal{C}_B$  such that  $\|g\|_B \leq \delta'$ ,  $h|_{T-E} \equiv 0$  and  $f = g + h$  and therefore,

$$r(\mathcal{F}(f)) < \varepsilon.$$

Notice that if  $U = \{t \in T: q_B(f(t)) \leq \delta'\}$  then we may set

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} f(t) & \text{if } t \in U \\ \frac{\delta' f(t)}{q_B(f(t))} & \text{if } t \notin U \end{cases}$$

and  $h = f - g$ .

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $\mu$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  be as in Proposition 3, then there is an extension  $\mathcal{F}^s: \mathcal{C} + \mathcal{S} \rightarrow Z$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $\mathcal{F}^s$  is  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous and its restrictions  $\mathcal{F}_B^s: \mathcal{C}_B + \mathcal{S}_B \rightarrow Z$  are continuous for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  (the topologies of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_B$  are defined by the norm (1)).*

*Proof.* Let us define

$$\mathcal{F}^s(f) = \int_T f \, d\mu$$

for  $f \in \mathcal{C} + \mathcal{S}$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_B^s (B \in \mathcal{B})$  is continuous because

$$r\left(\int_T f \, d\mu\right) \leq \|f\|_B \|\mu\|_{B,r}(T)$$

for  $r \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{C}_B + \mathcal{S}_B$ . To prove that  $\mathcal{F}^s$  is  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous it is enough to proceed as in Proposition 3.

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow Z$  be a linear operator with continuous restrictions  $\mathcal{F}_B$  for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

**6.1.** *There exists a  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous countable additive measure  $\mu: \Sigma \rightarrow Y$  such that*

$$\mathcal{F}(f) = \int_T f \, d\mu$$

for all  $f \in \mathcal{C}$ .

**6.2.** *There exists a  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous operator  $\mathcal{F}^s: \mathcal{C} + \mathcal{S} \rightarrow Z$  with continuous restrictions  $\mathcal{F}_B^s (B \in \mathcal{B})$ , which extends  $\mathcal{F}$ .*

**6.3.** *There exists a linear  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous operator  $\mathcal{G}: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow Z$  with continuous restrictions  $\mathcal{G}_B (B \in \mathcal{B})$ , such that for every  $B$*

$$(6) \quad \lim_n \mathcal{G}_B(f_n) = \mathcal{F}_B(f)$$

holds for every sequence  $(f_n)_n \subset \mathcal{S}_B$  which is uniformly convergent to  $f \in \mathcal{C}_B$ .

*Proof.* From Propositions 3 and 5 it is immediately deduced that 6.1 implies 6.2. Moreover, 6.2 clearly implies 6.3. Let us prove that 6.3 implies 6.1. This will be done in four steps:

i) *Construction of  $\mu$ .* Let  $E \in \Sigma$  and define

$$\mu(E)(x) = \mathcal{G}(x\chi_E)$$

for  $x \in X$ . Then  $\mu(E)$  is a linear operator from  $X$  into  $Z$  such that if  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $x \in X_B$  and the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X_B$  converges to  $x$ , then the sequence  $(x_n\chi_E)$  is uniformly convergent to  $x\chi_E$  and therefore

$$\mu(E)(x) = \mathcal{G}(x\chi_E) = \lim_n \mathcal{G}(x_n\chi_E) = \lim_n \mu(E)(x_n)$$

and  $\mu(E) \in Y$ .

ii)  $\mu$  *is countably additive.* The finite additivity of  $\mu$  results trivially from the linearity of  $\mathcal{G}$ . Let now  $(E_n) \subset \Sigma$  be a disjoint sequence, then

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(E_i) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{i>n} E_i\right)$$

holds for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and given  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  it follows from the  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuity of  $\mathcal{G}$  that there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$r\left[\mathcal{G}\left(x\chi_{\bigcup_{i \geq n_0} E_i}\right)\right] < \varepsilon$$

for all  $x \in B$ , so

$$q_{B,r}\left[\mu\left(\bigcup_{i \geq n_0} E_i\right)\right] < \varepsilon$$

and therefore

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i).$$

iii)  $\mu$  *is  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous.* Let  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $\mathcal{G}$  is  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$r[\mathcal{G}_B(f)] < \varepsilon$$

for all  $f \in \mathcal{S}_B$  with  $f|_{T-E} \equiv 0$  for some  $E \in \Sigma$  of measure  $v_{B,r}(E) < \delta$ . Therefore, if  $E \in \Sigma$  and  $v_{B,r}(E) < \delta$  then for every finite family  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subset B$  and every finite partition  $\{E_1, \dots, E_n\} \subset \Sigma$  of  $E$ , we have

$$r\left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \mu(E_i)\right] = r\left[\mathcal{G}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \chi_{E_i}\right)\right] \leq \varepsilon$$

and consequently,

$$\|\mu\|_{B,r}(E) \leq \varepsilon.$$

iv)  $\mu$  *represents  $\mathcal{F}$ .* Let  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{C}_B$ . As in Proposition 3 we can find a sequence  $(f_n) \subset \mathcal{S}_B$  which is uniformly convergent to  $f$ , and therefore,

$$\mathcal{F}(f) = \lim_n \mathcal{G}_B(f_n) = \lim_n \int_T f_n d\mu = \int_T f d\mu.$$

**Theorem 7.** *If  $\{v_{B,r}: B \in \mathcal{B}, r \in \mathcal{R}\}$  are Radon measures (i.e. regular Borel measures) and  $\mathcal{F}$  is as in Theorem 6 verifying 6.1, then the measure  $\mu$  of 6.1 is unique.*

Proof. Suppose that there exist two  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous measures  $\mu, \mu': \Sigma \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\mathcal{F}(f) = \int_T f d\mu = \int_T f d\mu'$$

holds for all  $f \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then Proposition 5 implies the existence of two  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous extensions  $\mathcal{F}^s$  and  $\mathcal{F}^{s'}$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  to  $\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{S}$ . If  $x \in X$  and  $E \in \Sigma$ , let us consider  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $x \in X_B$  and  $r \in \mathcal{R}$  arbitrary. Then two sequences  $(K_n)$  and  $(G_n)$  of compact and open subsets of  $T$ , respectively, can be found such that  $K_n \subset E \subset G_n$  and

$$v_{B,r}(G_n - K_n) \leq 1/n$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $f_n: T \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a continuous function with  $f_n|_{K_n} \equiv 1$  and  $\text{supp}(f_n) \subset G_n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} r[\mu(E)(x) - \mu'(E)(x)] &= r[\mathcal{F}^s(x\chi_E) - \mathcal{F}^{s'}(x\chi_E)] \leq \\ &\leq r[\mathcal{F}^s(x\chi_E - x f_n)] + r[\mathcal{F}^s(x f_n) - \mathcal{F}^{s'}(x f_n)] + r[\mathcal{F}^{s'}(x f_n - x\chi_E)]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence it results that  $r[\mu(E)(x) - \mu'(E)(x)] = 0$  (and therefore  $\mu(E) = \mu'(E)$ ) because

$$r[\mathcal{F}^{s'}(x f_n) - \mathcal{F}^{s'}(x f_n)] = r[\mathcal{F}(x f_n) - \mathcal{F}(x f_n)] = 0$$

and

$$\lim_n r[\mathcal{F}^s(x\chi_E - x f_n)] = \lim_n r[\mathcal{F}^{s'}(x f_n - x\chi_E)] = 0$$

since  $x\chi_E - x f_n$  takes non zero values in  $G_n - K_n$ ,

$$\lim_n v_{B,r}(G_n - K_n) = 0,$$

and  $\mathcal{F}^s$  and  $\mathcal{F}^{s'}$  are  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous.

**Theorem 8.** Let us suppose that the family  $\{v_{B,r}: B \in \mathcal{B}, r \in \mathcal{R}\}$  is uniformly tight (i.e., given  $E \in \Sigma$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a compact  $K \subset T$  such that  $K \subset E$  and  $v_{B,r}(E - K) < \varepsilon$  for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ), and let  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow Z$  be a linear operator with continuous restrictions  $\mathcal{F}_B$  ( $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ). Then there exists a  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous measure  $\mu: \Sigma \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\mathcal{F}(f) = \int_T f d\mu$$

for all  $f \in \mathcal{C}$ , if and only if the operator  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous. In this case the measure  $\mu$  is unique.

Proof. If such a measure exists, then the  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuity of  $\mathcal{F}$  follows from Proposition 3, and the uniqueness of  $\mu$  is deduced from Theorem 7.

Let us suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous, then we will prove that 6.3 holds. If  $E \in \Sigma$  we can find an increasing sequence of compact subsets  $(K_n) \subset T$  and a decreasing sequence of open subsets  $(G_n) \subset T$  such that  $K_n \subset E \subset G_n$  and

$$v_{B,r}(G_n - K_n) \leq 1/n$$

for all  $r \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ . Let  $f_n: T \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a continuous function such that  $f_n|_{K_n} \equiv 1$  and  $f_n|_{T - G_n} \equiv 0$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Define

$$(7) \quad \mathcal{G}_0(x\chi_E) = \lim_n \mathcal{F}(xf_n)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Let us prove that this limit exists and that it is independent of the sequence  $(f_n)$ . If  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  are such that  $n \leq m$ , then for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $x \in B$ , the function  $xf_m - xf_n$  belongs to  $\mathcal{C}_B$  and vanishes outside of  $G_m - K_n$ . Moreover, for every  $r \in \mathcal{R}$  we have

$$\lim_{\substack{m, n \rightarrow \infty \\ m \geq n}} v_{B,r}(G_m - K_n) = 0,$$

and the  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuity of  $\mathcal{F}$  yields

$$\lim_{\substack{m, n \rightarrow \infty \\ m \geq n}} r[\mathcal{F}(xf_m - xf_n)] = 0.$$

So  $\{\mathcal{F}(xf_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence and therefore the limit (7) exists.

Let us now consider other sequences  $(K'_n)$ ,  $(G'_n)$  and  $(f'_n)$  satisfying the above conditions. If  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $x \in B$ , then the function  $xf_n - xf'_n \in \mathcal{C}_B$  vanishes outside  $(G_n \cup G'_n) - (K_n \cap K'_n)$  and

$$\lim_n v_{B,r}[(G_n \cup G'_n) - (K_n \cap K'_n)] = 0$$

holds for all  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ , and therefore the  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuity of  $\mathcal{F}$  implies

$$\lim_n \mathcal{F}(xf_n) = \lim_n \mathcal{F}(xf'_n).$$

For a simple function  $f = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \chi_{E_i}$  let us define an operator

$$\mathcal{G}(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{G}_0(x_i \chi_{E_i}),$$

which is clearly linear and with continuous restrictions  $\mathcal{G}_B$  (since  $\mathcal{F}$  has these properties), so the proof will be complete if we prove that 6.3 holds.

Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous, then for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $r \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist  $\delta > 0$  and  $1 \geq \delta' > 0$  such that  $r(\mathcal{F}(f)) < \varepsilon$  holds for all  $f \in \mathcal{C}_B$  which verify  $q_B \circ f \mid T - E \leq \delta'$  for some  $E \in \Sigma$  with  $v_{B,r}(E) < \delta$ . Then, if  $g \in \mathcal{S}_B$  is such that  $q_B \circ g \mid T - E \leq \delta'$  for some  $E \in \Sigma$  with  $v_{B,r}(E) < \delta/2$ , there exist  $E' \in \Sigma$  and  $f \in \mathcal{C}_B$  such that  $v_{B,r}(E') < \delta/2$ ,  $g \mid T - E' \equiv f \mid T - E'$  and

$$r(\mathcal{G}(g)) \leq r(\mathcal{F}(f)) + \varepsilon.$$

Therefore,  $q_B \circ f \mid T - (E \cup E') \leq \delta'$ ,  $v_{B,r}(E \cup E') < \delta$ ,  $r(\mathcal{G}(g)) \leq 2\varepsilon$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  is  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous.

Moreover, if  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  and the sequence  $(h_n) \subset \mathcal{S}_B$  is uniformly convergent to  $f \in \mathcal{G}_B$ , then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $r \in \mathcal{R}$  there exist  $\delta > 0$  and  $1 \geq \delta' > 0$  such that  $r(\mathcal{F}(g)) < \varepsilon$  for every  $g \in \mathcal{C}_B$  which verifies  $q_B \circ g \mid T - E \leq \delta'$  for some  $E \in \Sigma$  with  $v_{B,r}(E) < \delta/2$ . Moreover, we can find  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f_{n_0} \in \mathcal{C}_B$  and  $E \in \Sigma$  with  $v_{B,r}(E) < \delta$  such that



$q_B(h_{n_0} - f) < \delta', f_{n_0} \mid T - E \equiv h_{n_0} \mid T - E$  and

$$r(\mathcal{G}(h_{n_0}) - \mathcal{F}(f_{n_0})) < \varepsilon.$$

Since  $q_B(f_{n_0} - f) \mid T - E \leq \delta'$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $(v_{B,r})$ -continuous, it results that  $r(\mathcal{F}(f_{n_0} - f)) < \varepsilon$ . Therefore,  $r(\mathcal{G}(h_{n_0}) - \mathcal{F}(f)) < 2\varepsilon$  holds and 6.3 is verified.

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