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# On strong C-integral of Banach-valued functions defined on $\mathbb{R}^m$

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#### Abstract

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Bruckner et al. [5] considered the function

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{\mathbf{x}^2} & \text{if } 0 < \mathbf{x} \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } \mathbf{x} = 0. \end{cases}$$

It is a primitive for the Henstock integral, but it is neither a Lebesgue primitive, a differentiable function, nor a sum of a Lebesgue primitive and a differentiable function. The natural question is: "is there a minimal integral including the Lebesgue integral and derivatives?"

To solve this question, Bongiorno [1] provided a minimal constructive integration process of Riemann type, i.e., C-integral, which includes the Lebesgue integral and also integrates the derivatives of differentiable functions. The theory of C-integration has developed rather intensively in the past few years; see, for instance, the papers [2–4, 6–11, 14–18] and the references cited therein.

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In this paper, we define and study the C-integral and strong C-integral of functions mapping a compact interval  $I_0$  of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  into a real Banach space X. We prove that the C-integral and strong C-integral are equivalent if and only if X is finite dimensional. Compared with the strong McShane integral, we know that a function  $f : I_0 \to X$  has the property S\*M if and only if it is strongly McShane integrable on  $I_0$ . Then a question arises naturally: "is there a similar result for the strong C-integral?" The purpose of this paper is to give a negative answer to this question: if a function  $f : I_0 \to X$  has the property S\*C, then it is strongly C-integrable, but the converse is not true.

The following conventions and notation will be used, unless stated otherwise.  $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of all real numbers,  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is the ambient space of this paper,  $I_0$  is a compact interval in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , and  $\mu$  stands for the Lebesgue measure, where m is a fixed positive integer. X denotes a real Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and dual X<sup>\*</sup>. A partition D is a finite collection of interval-point pairs  $\{(I_i, \xi_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ , where  $\{I_i\}_{i=1}^n$  are nonoverlapping subintervals of  $I_0$ .  $\delta$  is a positive function on  $I_0$ , i.e.,  $\delta : I_0 \to \mathbb{R}^+ = (0, \infty)$ . We say that  $D = \{(I_i, \xi_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  is

- (1) a partial partition of  $I_0$  if  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n I_i \subset I_0$ ;
- (2) a partition of  $I_0$  if  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n I_i = I_0$ ;
- (3) a  $\delta$ -fine McShane partition of  $I_0$  if  $I_i \subset B(\xi_i, \delta(\xi_i)) = \{t_i \in \mathbb{R}^m; dist(\xi_i, t_i) < \delta(\xi_i)\}$  and  $\xi_i \in I_0$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., n, where dist is the metric in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ;
- (4) a  $\delta$ -fine C-partition of I<sub>0</sub> if it is a  $\delta$ -fine McShane partition of I<sub>0</sub> satisfying the condition

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} dist(\xi_{i}, I_{i}) < \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

for the given arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ , where dist( $\xi_i$ ,  $I_i$ ) denotes the distance of  $\xi_i$  from  $I_i$ ;

(5) a  $\delta$ -fine Henstock partition of  $I_0$  if  $\xi_i \in I_i \subset B(\xi_i, \delta(\xi_i))$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., n.

Given a  $\delta$ -fine C-partition D = {(I<sub>i</sub>,  $\xi_i$ )}<sup>n</sup><sub>i=1</sub>, we write

$$S(f,D) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(\xi_i) \mu(I_i)$$

for integral sums over D, whenever  $f : I_0 \rightarrow X$ .

**Definition 1.1.** A function  $f : I_0 \to X$  is said to be C-integrable if there exists a vector  $A \in X$  such that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a positive function  $\delta : I_0 \to \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfying

$$\|S(f,D) - A\| < \varepsilon$$

for each  $\delta$ -fine C-partition D = { $(I_i, \xi_i)$ }\_{i=1}^n of I<sub>0</sub>. A is called the C-integral of f on I<sub>0</sub> and we write A =  $\int_{I_0} f$  or A = (C)  $\int_{I_0} f$ . The function f is C-integrable on the set E  $\subset$  I<sub>0</sub> if the function  $f\chi_E$  is C-integrable on I<sub>0</sub>, we write  $\int_E f = \int_{I_0} f\chi_E$ .

We can easily obtain the following theorems.

**Theorem 1.2.** A function  $f : I_0 \to X$  is C-integrable if and only if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a positive function  $\delta : I_0 \to \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$\|\mathsf{S}(\mathsf{f},\mathsf{D}_1) - \mathsf{S}(\mathsf{f},\mathsf{D}_2)\| < \varepsilon$$

for arbitrary  $\delta$ -fine C-partitions  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  of  $I_0$ .

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let*  $f, g : I_0 \rightarrow X$ .

- (1) If f is C-integrable on  $I_0$ , then f is C-integrable on every subinterval of  $I_0$ .
- (2) If f is C-integrable on each of the intervals I₁ and I₂, where Iᵢ, i = 1, 2 are nonoverlapping and I₁ ∪ I₂ = I₀, then f is C-integrable on I₀ and ∫I₁ f + ∫I₂ f = ∫I₀ f.
  (3) If f and g are C-integrable on I₀ and α and β are real numbers, then αf + βg is C-integrable on I₀ and
- (3) If f and g are C-integrable on  $I_0$  and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are real numbers, then  $\alpha f + \beta g$  is C-integrable on  $I_0$  and  $\int_{I_0} (\alpha f + \beta g) = \alpha \int_{I_0} f + \beta \int_{I_0} g$ .

**Lemma 1.4** (Saks–Henstock). Let  $f : I_0 \to X$  be C-integrable on  $I_0$  and let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . If there is a positive function  $\delta : I_0 \to \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$\left\| S(f,D) - \int_{I_0} f \right\| < \varepsilon$$

for each  $\delta$ -fine C-partition D = {(I,  $\xi$ )} of I<sub>0</sub>, then

$$\left\| S(f, D') - \sum_{i=1}^{m} \int_{I_i} f \right\| \leq \varepsilon$$

for each  $\delta$ -fine partial C-partition  $D' = \{(I_i, \xi_i)\}_{i=1}^m$  of  $I_0$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the case for Banach-valued Henstock integrable functions; see [12, Lemma 3.4.1] for details.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 1.5.** Let  $f : I_0 \to X$  be C-integrable on  $I_0$  and assume that Y is a real Banach space.

- (1) For each  $x^* \in X^*$ , the function  $x^*f$  is C-integrable on  $I_0$  and  $\int_{I_0} x^*f = x^*(\int_{I_0} f)$ .
- (2) If  $T: X \to Y$  is a continuous linear operator, then Tf is C-integrable on  $I_0$  and  $\int_{I_0} Tf = T(\int_{I_0} f)$ .

*Proof.* (1) Since  $f : I_0 \to X$  is C-integrable on  $I_0$ , for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and for each  $x^* \in X^*$  there is a positive function  $\delta : I_0 \to \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$\left\| \mathsf{S}(\mathsf{f},\mathsf{D}) - \int_{\mathsf{I}_0} \mathsf{f} \right\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{\|\mathsf{x}^*\|}$$

for each  $\delta\text{-fine }C\text{-partition }D=\{(I,\xi)\}\text{ of }I_0.$  Hence, for  $x^*\in X^*,$  we have

$$\left\|S(x^*f,D)-x^*\left(\int_{I_0}f\right)\right\| \leq \|x^*\| \left\|S(f,D)-\int_{I_0}f\right\| < \varepsilon.$$

(2) If  $T : X \to Y$  is a continuous linear operator, then there exists a number M > 0 such that  $||Tx|| \le M||x||$  for each  $x \in X$ . Since  $f : I_0 \to X$  is C-integrable on  $I_0$ , for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a positive function  $\delta : I_0 \to \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$\left\| \mathsf{S}(\mathsf{f},\mathsf{D}) - \int_{\mathsf{I}_0} \mathsf{f} \right\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{\mathsf{M}}$$

for each  $\delta$ -fine C-partition D = {(I,  $\xi$ )} of I<sub>0</sub>. Hence, we obtain

$$\left\| S(Tf,D) - T\left(\int_{I_0} f\right) \right\| \leq M \left\| S(f,D) - \int_{I_0} f \right\| < \varepsilon$$

The proof is complete.

### 2. Strong C-integral

**Definition 2.1.** A function  $f : I_0 \to X$  is said to be strongly C-integrable if there exists an additive function  $F : I_0 \to X$  such that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a positive function  $\delta : I_0 \to \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfying

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \|f(\xi_i)\mu(I_i) - F(I_i)\| < \epsilon$$

for each  $\delta$ -fine C-partition D = {(I\_i, \xi\_i)}\_{i=1}^n of I<sub>0</sub>. F(I<sub>0</sub>) is termed the strong C-integral of f on I<sub>0</sub> and we write F(I<sub>0</sub>) =  $\int_{I_0} f$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** If  $f : I_0 \rightarrow X$  is strongly C-integrable on  $I_0$ , then f is C-integrable on  $I_0$ .

*Proof.* It follows from the definitions of strong C-integral and C-integral that if f is strongly C-integrable on  $I_0$ , then f is C-integrable on  $I_0$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A function  $f : I_0 \to X$  is strongly Henstock (McShane) integrable if there exists an additive function  $F : I_0 \to X$  such that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a positive function  $\delta : I_0 \to \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfying

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \|f(\xi_i)\mu(I_i) - F(I_i)\| < \epsilon$$

for each  $\delta$ -fine Henstock (McShane) partition  $D = \{(I_i, \xi_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  of  $I_0$ .  $F(I_0)$  is called the strong Henstock (McShane) integral of f on  $I_0$  and we write  $F(I_0) = \int_{I_0} f$ .

Applying the definitions of strong Henstock integral, strong C-integral, and strong McShane integral and using the fact that each  $\delta$ -fine Henstock partition is also  $\delta$ -fine C-partition and  $\delta$ -fine McShane partition, we get the following theorem immediately.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $f : I_0 \rightarrow X$ .

- (1) If f is strongly McShane integrable, then f is strongly C-integrable.
- (2) If f is strongly C-integrable, then f is strongly Henstock integrable.

**Theorem 2.5.** *If the Banach space* X *is finite dimensional, then a function*  $f : I_0 \to X$  *is* C*-integrable on*  $I_0$  *if and only if* f *is strongly* C*-integrable on*  $I_0$ .

*Proof.* We only prove that if X is finite dimensional and  $f : I_0 \to X$  is C-integrable on  $I_0$ , then f is strongly C-integrable on  $I_0$ . It follows from the definition of C-integral that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a positive function  $\delta : I_0 \to \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$\left\|\sum [f(\xi)\mu(I) - F(I)]\right\| < \epsilon$$

for each  $\delta$ -fine C-partition D = {(I,  $\xi$ )} of I<sub>0</sub>. Let { $e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_n$ } be a base of X and  $g_i : I_0 \to \mathbb{R}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ ) satisfying f =  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} g_i e_i$ . By the Hahn–Banach theorem, for each  $e_i$  there is an  $x_i^* \in X^*$  such that

$$\mathbf{x}_{i}^{*}(e_{j}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j, \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

for i, j = 1, 2, ..., n, and so  $x_i^*(f) = \sum_{j=1}^n g_j x_i^*(e_j) = g_i$ . Therefore, by Theorem 1.5, we conclude that  $g_i : I_0 \to \mathbb{R}$  are C-integrable on  $I_0$ . Then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there are positive functions  $\delta_i : I_0 \to \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$\left| S(g_i, D_i) - \sum \int_I g_i \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

for each  $\delta_i$ -fine C-partition D<sub>i</sub> of I<sub>0</sub>. An easy adaptation of Lemma 1.4 yields

$$\sum \left| g_{i}(\xi) \mu(I) - \int_{I} g_{i} \right| < \varepsilon.$$

On the other hand,

$$F(I) = \int_{I} f = \int_{I} \sum_{i=1}^{n} g_{i} e_{i} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \int_{I} g_{i} e_{i} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_{i} G_{i}(I),$$

where  $G_i(I) = \int_I g_i$ . Let  $\delta(\xi) < \delta_i(\xi)$  for i = 1, 2, ..., n. Consequently,

$$\sum \|f(\xi)\mu(I) - F(I)\| = \sum \left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} g_i(\xi)e_i\mu(I) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_iG_i(I)\right\|$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \|e_i\| \sum |g_i(\xi)\mu(I) - G_i(I)|$$

$$< \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^{n} \|e_i\|$$

for each  $\delta$ -fine C-partition D = {(I,  $\xi$ )} of I<sub>0</sub>. Hence, f is strongly C-integrable on I<sub>0</sub>. The proof is complete when using Theorem 2.2.

**Theorem 2.6.** The C-integral is equivalent to strong C-integral on I<sub>0</sub> if and only if X is finite dimensional.

*Proof.* The proof of necessity is similar to the case for Henstock (McShane) integral; see, for example, [13, Theorem 3]. In [13], if X is infinite dimensional, then there exist  $x_1^r, x_2^r, \ldots, x_{2^r}^r \in X$  such that

$$\|\mathbf{x}_{i}^{r}\| = \frac{1}{2^{r}}$$

for each r,  $1 \leq i \leq 2^r$ , and we also have

$$\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{2^{r}} \theta_{i}^{r} x_{i}^{r}\right\|^{2} \leqslant \frac{3}{2^{r}}$$

for every  $\theta_i^r$  with  $|\theta_i^r| \leqslant 1$ ,  $1 \leqslant i \leqslant 2^r$ . Skvortsov and Solodov [13] defined a function  $f:[0,1] \to X$  by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \in C, \, \text{or } t = d^r_i, r \geqslant 0, 1 \leqslant i \leqslant 2^r, \\ 2 \cdot 3^r x^r_i & \text{if } t \in (a^r_i, d^r_i), r \geqslant 0, 1 \leqslant i \leqslant 2^r, \\ -2 \cdot 3^r x^r_i & \text{if } t \in (d^r_i, b^r_i), r \geqslant 0, 1 \leqslant i \leqslant 2^r. \end{cases}$$

Here, C is the Cantor ternary set,  $(a_i^r, b_i^r), r \ge 0, 1 \le i \le 2^r$  are the intervals of rank r contiguous to C with middle points  $d_i^r$  and satisfy  $b_i^r - a_i^r = 3^{-(r+1)}$ . The function f is McShane integrable but it is not strongly Henstock integrable, and then we deduce that f is C-integrable but it is not strongly C-integrable. In other words, if C-integral is equivalent to strong C-integral, then X is finite dimensional.

**Definition 2.7.** A function  $f : I_0 \to X$  has the property  $S^*C$  if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a positive function  $\delta : I_0 \to \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m}\sum_{j=1}^{n} \|f(\xi_i) - f(\zeta_j)\|\mu(I_i \cap L_j) < \epsilon$$

for arbitrary  $\delta$ -fine C-partitions  $D_1 = \{(I_i, \xi_i)\}_{i=1}^m$  and  $D_2 = \{(L_j, \zeta_j)\}_{i=1}^n$  of  $I_0$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** If a function  $f : I_0 \to X$  has the property  $S^*C$ , then f is strongly C-integrable on  $I_0$ .

*Proof.* We will prove this theorem in two steps.

Step 1. Assume that  $D_1 = \{(I_i, \xi_i)\}_{i=1}^m$  and  $D_2 = \{(L_j, \zeta_j)\}_{j=1}^n$  are arbitrary  $\delta$ -fine C-partitions of  $I_0$ . Then

$$\begin{split} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{m} f(\xi_{i}) \mu(I_{i}) - \sum_{j=1}^{n} f(\zeta_{i}) \mu(L_{j}) \right\| &= \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{m} f(\xi_{i}) \mu(I_{i} \cap L_{j}) - \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} f(\zeta_{j}) \mu(I_{i} \cap L_{j}) \right\| \\ &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} (f(\xi_{i}) - f(\zeta_{i})) \mu(I_{i} \cap L_{j}) \right\| \\ &\leqslant \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \| f(\xi_{i}) - f(\zeta_{i}) \| \mu(I_{i} \cap L_{j}) < \varepsilon. \end{split}$$

By virtue of Theorem 1.2, we conclude that f is C-integrable on  $I_0$ .

Step 2. By Definition 2.7, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a positive function  $\delta : I_0 \to \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$\sum_{\mathfrak{i}=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \|f(\xi_\mathfrak{i}) - f(\zeta_j)\| \mu(I_\mathfrak{i} \cap L_j) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

for arbitrary  $\delta$ -fine C-partitions  $D_1 = \{(I_i, \xi_i)\}_{i=1}^m$  and  $D_2 = \{(L_j, \zeta_j)\}_{j=1}^n$  of  $I_0$ . The function f is C-integrable on  $I_0$  and therefore it is C-integrable on  $I_i$  for i = 1, 2, ..., m. Hence, for given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there are positive functions  $\delta_i : I_0 \to \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\delta_i(\xi) \leq \delta(\xi)$  and for any  $\delta_i$ -fine C-partition  $D_i = \{(L_j^i, \zeta_j^i)\}_{j=1}^{n^i}$  of  $I_i$ , i = 1, 2, ..., m,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n^{i}} f(\zeta_{j}^{i})\mu(L_{j}^{i}) - \int_{I_{i}} f \Bigg\| = \Bigg\| \sum_{j=1}^{n^{i}} \Bigg[ f(\zeta_{j}^{i})\mu(L_{j}^{i}) - \int_{L_{j}^{i}} f \Bigg] \Bigg\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2m}.$$

Defining  $D = \bigcup_{i=1}^{m} D_i$ , it is a  $\delta$ -fine C-partition of I<sub>0</sub>. Hence, we have

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \|f(\xi_{i})\mu(I_{i}) - F(I_{i})\| &= \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{n^{i}} f(\xi_{i})\mu(I_{i} \cap L_{j}^{i}) - \sum_{j=1}^{n^{i}} F(I_{i} \cap L_{j}^{i}) \right\| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{n^{i}} (f(\xi_{i}) - f(\zeta_{j}^{i}))\mu(I_{i} \cap L_{j}^{i}) + \sum_{j=1}^{n^{i}} [f(\zeta_{j}^{i})\mu(I_{i} \cap L_{j}^{i}) - F(I_{i} \cap L_{j}^{i})] \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n^{i}} \|f(\xi_{i}) - f(\zeta_{j}^{i})\|\mu(I_{i} \cap L_{j}^{i}) + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{n^{i}} [f(\zeta_{j}^{i})\mu(I_{i} \cap L_{j}^{i}) - F(I_{i} \cap L_{j}^{i})] \right\| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + m \frac{\varepsilon}{2m} = \varepsilon. \end{split}$$

By virtue of Definition 2.1, f is strongly C-integrable on  $I_0$ .

*Remark* 2.9. The converse of Theorem 2.8 is not true. In other words, if f is strongly C-integrable on  $I_0$ , then it does not necessarily with the property S\*C.

*Proof.* Let f be given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x \sin \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{2}{x} \cos \frac{1}{x^2} & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

It is known that the primitive of f is

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x^2} & \text{if } 0 < x \le 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0, \end{cases}$$

and F is differentiable and F'(x) = f(x) on [0, 1]. Hence, f is strongly C-integrable on [0, 1]; see [6, p. 146] for details.

Assume that f has the property S\*C. Then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a positive function  $\delta : [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m}\sum_{j=1}^{n}|f(\xi_{i})-f(\zeta_{j})|\mu(I_{i}\cap L_{j})<\epsilon$$

for arbitrary  $\delta$ -fine C-partitions  $D_1 = \{(I_i, \xi_i)\}_{i=1}^m$  and  $D_2 = \{(L_j, \zeta_j)\}_{j=1}^n$  of [0, 1]. Consequently,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m}\sum_{j=1}^{n}\left\||f(\xi_{i})|-|f(\zeta_{j})|\right\|\mu(I_{i}\cap L_{j})\leqslant \sum_{i=1}^{m}\sum_{j=1}^{n}|f(\xi_{i})-f(\zeta_{j})|\mu(I_{i}\cap L_{j})<\epsilon.$$

Hence, |f| has the property S\*C and so |f| is C-integrable on [0, 1] when using Theorems 2.2 and 2.8. It follows easily that f is Lebesgue (McShane) integrable. But F is not absolutely continuous on [0, 1] and thus f is not Lebesgue (McShane) integrable on [0, 1]. Therefore, f does not have the property S\*C.

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