

# EXTENSION PROBLEM FOR QUASI ADDITIVE SET FUNCTIONS AND RADON-NIKODYM DERIVATIVES

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**Introduction.** In the preceding paper [1] we have introduced by means of axioms a concept of quasi additive vector-valued set functions  $\phi(I) = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k)$  in a class  $\{I\}$  of sets  $I$  of a space  $A$ , a concept of mesh  $\delta(D)$  of certain finite collections  $D$  of sets  $I$ , and we have shown that an integral  $\mathfrak{I}(f, T, \phi)$  of a function  $f(p, q)$  over a variety  $T: p = p(w), w \in A$ , with respect to the quasi additive set function  $\phi(I)$ , can be obtained by a standard process of limit over quasi additive set functions as  $\delta(D) \rightarrow 0$ . Here  $f(p, q), p \in E_n, q \in E_k$ , is a function with  $f(p, tq) = tf(p, q)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ , satisfying usual hypotheses of continuity.

In the present paper, we discuss the problem of extension of quasi additive set functions  $\phi, \phi_r, \|\phi\|, |\phi_r|, \phi_r^+, \phi_r^-$  into measures  $\nu, \nu_r, \mu, \mu_r, \mu_r^+, \mu_r^-$  in  $A$ , and consequent representation theorem for the integral  $\mathfrak{I}$ .

First the axioms underlying quasi additive set functions and mesh are reworded (§1) in such a way to take into account the sets  $G$  of a given class  $\mathfrak{G}$  of "open" sets of  $A$ . Then a first extension of the functions  $\phi, \phi_r, \|\phi\|$ , etc., is made into the class  $\mathfrak{G}$  of open sets  $G$  (§2). It is shown by examples that, in the present generality, the extension, say  $V$  of  $\|\phi\|$ , does not satisfy necessarily simple expected properties as  $V(\sum G_i) \leq \sum V(G_i)$  and others. Nevertheless, the addition of further and very natural axioms allows to prove some of these properties as theorems. Finally (§3), by a further slight reinforcement of the same axioms, we prove that the extensions  $\nu, \nu_r, \mu, \mu_r, \mu_r^+, \mu_r^-$  in the minimum  $\sigma$ -ring  $\mathfrak{B}$  of sets  $B \subset A$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}$  containing  $\mathfrak{G}$ , are measures, and that  $\nu_r = \nu_r^+ - \nu_r^-, r = 1, \dots, k$ , are the Jordan decompositions of the measures  $\mu_r = \mu_r^+ + \mu_r^-,$  i.e.,  $\nu_r^+ = \mu_r^+, \nu_r^- = \mu_r^-$ . Since the measures  $\nu_r$  are absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ , the Radon-Nikodym derivatives  $\theta_r = d\nu_r/d\mu, r = 1, \dots, k$ , exist  $\mu$ -almost everywhere in  $A$ , and it is proved that  $\|\theta\| = 1, \theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k),$   $\mu$ -almost everywhere in  $A$  (§5). Finally, it is proved (§6) that the integral  $\mathfrak{I}$  admits of the following integral representation

$$\mathfrak{I}(f, T, \phi) = \int_A f[p(w), \theta(w)] d\mu.$$

The present paper extends to all integrals  $\mathfrak{I}$  results proved in [3] for the analogous integrals of surface area theory.

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1. **Quasi additive set functions.** Let  $A$  be a set,  $\{I\}$  a collection of subsets  $I$  of  $A$  which we will denote as "intervals,"  $\mathfrak{G}$  a collection of subsets  $G$  of  $A$  which we will denote as "open" sets of  $A$ . We shall suppose that  $A \in \mathfrak{G}$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{D} = \{D\}$  be a family of finite systems  $D$  of sets  $I \in \{I\}$ , i.e.,  $D = [I] = [I_1, \dots, I_n]$ . For any nonempty set  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$  and  $D = [I] \in \mathfrak{D}$ , let  $D_G$  denote the subset of all  $I \in D$  which are completely contained in  $G$ ; i.e.,  $D_G = [I, I \in D, I \subset G]$ . Finally, let  $\mathfrak{D}_G$  denote the collection of all  $D_G$  obtained by systems  $D \in \mathfrak{D}$ . We shall suppose that

- (b<sub>1</sub>) either (b'<sub>1</sub>) any two sets  $I, J \in D_G, D_G \in \mathfrak{D}_G$ , are disjoint, or (b''<sub>1</sub>)  $A$  is a topological space and any two sets  $I, J \in D_G, D_G \in \mathfrak{D}_G$ , are nonoverlapping;
- (b<sub>2</sub>) For every nonempty  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$  the collection  $\mathfrak{D}_G$  is nonempty; i.e., there are systems  $D \in \mathfrak{D}, D = [I]$ , such that  $I \subset G$  for some  $I \in D$ .

Let  $\delta(D_G, G)$  be a function (mesh) defined for every  $D_G \in \mathfrak{D}_G$  and  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$  satisfying the following axioms:

- (d<sub>1</sub>)  $0 < \delta(D_G, G) < \infty$  for every  $D_G \in \mathfrak{D}_G$ ;
- (d<sub>2</sub>) given  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $G \in \mathfrak{G}, G \neq \emptyset$ , there are systems  $D_G \in \mathfrak{D}_G$  with  $0 < \delta(D_G, G) < \epsilon$ ;
- (d<sub>3</sub>) given  $\tau > 0$  and any nonempty  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$ , there is a number  $\nu = \nu(\tau, G) > 0$  such that, for every system  $D \in \mathfrak{D}$  with  $\delta(D, A) < \nu$  we have  $\delta(D_G, G) < \tau$  and  $D_G$  is nonempty.

Axioms (b<sub>1</sub>), (d<sub>1</sub>), (d<sub>2</sub>) are analogous to the ones proposed in [1] where  $A$  was the only set  $G$ ; axioms (b<sub>2</sub>), (d<sub>3</sub>) establish a relation between the sets  $G$  and  $A$ . For the sake of simplicity, we shall often denote by  $D$  instead of  $D_G$  any system  $D_G \in \mathfrak{D}_G$ .

Let  $\phi(I) = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k), I \in \{I\}$ , be any real vector set function defined for every  $I \in \{I\}$ .

We shall say that  $\phi(I), I \in \{I\}$ , is *quasi additive*, with respect to the mesh  $\delta(D, G)$  and the families  $\{I\}, \mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{D}$ , provided ( $\phi$ ) given  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$ , there is a number  $\eta = \eta(\epsilon; G) > 0$  such that, if  $D_{0G} = [I]$  is any system in  $\mathfrak{D}_G$  with  $\delta(D_{0G}, G) < \eta$ , then there is also a number  $\lambda = \lambda(\epsilon, D_{0G}, G) > 0$  such that, for every system  $D_G = [J], D_G \in \mathfrak{D}_G$ , with  $\delta(D_G, G) < \lambda$ , we have

$$(\phi_1) \quad \sum_{I \in D_G} \left\| \sum_{J \subset I} \phi(J) - \phi(I) \right\| < \epsilon,$$

$$(\phi_2) \quad \sum' \|\phi(J)\| < \epsilon,$$

where  $\sum'$  ranges over all  $J \in D_G$  not completely contained in any  $I \in D_{0G}$ .

We shall denote by  $S(\phi, D_G)$  the sums

$$S(\phi, D_G) = \sum_{I \in D_G} \phi(I).$$

If  $m$  is any real number, let  $m^+$ ,  $m^-$  be, as usual, the numbers  $m^+ = (|m| + m)/2$ ,  $m^- = (|m| - m)/2$ .

We shall say that a scalar vector function  $\psi(I)$ ,  $I \in \{I\}$ , is *quasi subadditive* provided the statement  $(\psi)$  holds which is analogous to  $(\phi)$  where  $(\phi_1)$ ,  $(\phi_2)$ , are replaced by the single relation

$$(\psi) \quad \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}_G} \left[ \sum_{J \subset I} \psi(J) - \psi(I) \right]^- < \epsilon.$$

As a consequence of [1, 3.iv] we have now

(1.i) Under hypotheses  $(\phi)$ , (b), (d) and for every  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  the limits exist

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{B}(G) &= \mathfrak{B}(\phi, G) = \lim_{\delta(D_G) \rightarrow 0} S(\phi, D_G), & \mathfrak{B} &= (\mathfrak{B}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{B}_k), \\ \mathfrak{B}_r(G) &= \mathfrak{B}(\phi_r, G) = \lim_{\delta(D_G) \rightarrow 0} S(\phi_r, D_G), & -\infty &< \mathfrak{B}_r < +\infty, \\ V(G) &= V(\|\phi\|, G) = \lim_{\delta(D_G) \rightarrow 0} S(\|\phi\|, D_G), & 0 &\leq V \leq +\infty, \\ V_r(G) &= V(|\phi_r|, G) = \lim_{\delta(D_G) \rightarrow 0} S(|\phi_r|, D_G), & 0 &\leq V_r \leq +\infty, \\ V_r^+(G) &= V(\phi_r^+, G) = \lim_{\delta(D_G) \rightarrow 0} S(\phi_r^+, D_G), & 0 &\leq V_r^+ \leq +\infty, \\ V_r^-(G) &= V(\phi_r^-, G) = \lim_{\delta(D_G) \rightarrow 0} S(\phi_r^-, D_G), & 0 &\leq V_r^- \leq +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

where  $D_G \in \mathcal{D}_G$ ,  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ , and  $r=1, \dots, k$ .

We shall denote by  $V(\|\phi\|, G)$  the total variation of  $\phi$  with respect to  $G$  (or in  $G$ ), while  $V(\|\phi\|, A)$  is the total variation of  $\phi$  in the whole space  $A$ , (or simply the total variation of  $\phi$ ). As a consequence of [1, 3.v] we have

(1.ii) Under the same hypotheses as in (1.i), and  $V(A) < +\infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_r^+(G) - V_r^-(G) &= \mathfrak{B}_r(G), \\ V_r^+(G) + V_r^-(G) &= V_r(G), \\ |\mathfrak{B}_r(G)| &\leq V_r(G) \leq V(G), \\ \|\mathfrak{B}(G)\| &= \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \mathfrak{B}_r^2(G) \right]^{1/2} \leq \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k V_r^2(G) \right]^{1/2} \leq V(G) \leq \sum_{r=1}^k V_r(G). \end{aligned}$$

Note that the limits above are determined by means of the collection  $\mathcal{D}_G$  of systems  $D_G$ , and the collection  $\mathcal{D}_G$  is thought of as partially ordered according to  $\delta(D_G, G)$  decreasing.

Note that, given  $\tau > 0$  arbitrary and any  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ , there is a number  $\nu = \nu(\tau, G) > 0$  with properties stated in  $(d_3)$ . Thus, for any  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  with  $\delta(D, A) < \nu$ , the corresponding system  $D_G \in \mathcal{D}_G$  is nonempty, and  $\delta(D_G, G) < \tau$ . Thus, as a consequence of  $(d_3)$ , the limits (1.i) can be determined also by means of the same collection  $\mathcal{D}_G$  of systems  $D_G = [I \in \mathcal{D}, I \subset G, D \in \mathcal{D}]$ , where

this collection is partially ordered according to  $\delta(D, A)$  decreasing. In other words, we have

(1.iii)  $\mathfrak{B}(G) = \mathfrak{B}(\phi, G) = \lim_{\delta(D, A) \rightarrow 0} S(\phi, D_G)$ , and analogous relations hold for  $\phi_r, \|\phi\|, |\phi_r|, \phi_r^+, \phi_r^-$ .

(1.iv) If  $G_1 \subset G_2, G_1, G_2 \in \mathfrak{G}$ , then  $V(G_1) \leq V(G_2)$ . In particular  $V(G) \leq V(A)$  for every  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$ . Analogous relations hold for  $V_r, V_r^+, V_r^-$ .

**Proof.** Take  $\tau = 1$  in (d<sub>3</sub>) and let  $\nu = \min(\nu_1, \nu_2), \nu_i = \nu(1, G_i), i = 1, 2$ . Then, for all  $D \in \mathfrak{D}$ , with  $\delta(D, A) < \nu$ , the corresponding systems  $D_i = D_{G_i} \subset D, i = 1, 2$ , are not empty and  $D_1 \subset D_2$ . Hence,  $S(\|\phi\|, D_1) \leq S(\|\phi\|, D_2)$ . As  $\delta(D, A) \rightarrow 0$  the corresponding sums approach  $V(G_1)$  and  $V(G_2)$  respectively. Hence  $V(G_1) \leq V(G_2)$ . Analogously for the other relations.

As a consequence of (1.iv) we conclude that  $V(A) < +\infty$  implies  $V(G), V_r(G), V_r^+(G), V_r^-(G) < +\infty$  for all  $G \in \mathfrak{G}, r = 1, \dots, k$ . As a consequence of (1.iii) and of [1, 3.vi, vii] we have

(1.v) Under the same hypotheses as in (1.i), and  $V(A) < +\infty$ , all functions  $\phi, \phi_r, \|\phi\|, \phi_r, \phi_r^+, \phi_r^-$  are quasi additive with respect to  $\delta$  and  $\mathfrak{D}$  in any  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$ . Also, given  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\mu = \mu(\epsilon, G) > 0$  such that

$$\|S(\phi, D_G) - \mathfrak{B}(G)\| < \epsilon, \quad |S(\|\phi\|, D_G) - V(G)| < \epsilon,$$

for every  $D_G \in \mathfrak{D}_G$  with  $\delta(D_G, G) < \mu$ , and analogous relations hold for  $V_r, V_r^+, V_r^-, r = 1, \dots, k$ . In addition, if  $D_{0G}, D_{0G} \in \mathfrak{D}_G, \delta(D_{0G}, G) < \mu(\epsilon, G)$ , there is a  $\lambda = \lambda(\epsilon, D_{0G}, G) > 0$  such that for any system  $D_G$  with  $\delta(D_G, G) < \lambda$  we have

$$\sum_I \left\| \sum^{(I)} \phi(J) - \phi(I) \right\| < \epsilon, \quad \sum' \|\phi(J)\| < \epsilon, \\ \sum_I \left| \sum^{(I)} \|\phi(J)\| - \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \epsilon,$$

where  $\sum_I$  ranges over all  $I \in D_{0G}$ ,  $\sum^{(I)}$  over all  $J \in D_G$  with  $J \subset I$ , and  $\sum'$  ranges over all  $J \in D_G, J \not\subset I$  for any  $I \in D_{0G}$ .

2. Connections with a topology in  $A$ . We shall now suppose that

- (a)  $A$  is a topological space;  $\mathfrak{U}$  is the collection of all open sets of  $A$ , and  $\mathfrak{G}$  is a subcollection of open sets of  $A$  containing  $A$ ; hence  $\mathfrak{U}$  is closed with respect to infinite union and finite intersection,  $\emptyset \in \mathfrak{U}, A \in \mathfrak{U}$ , and  $\mathfrak{G} \subset \mathfrak{U}, A \in \mathfrak{G}$  ( $\emptyset$  the empty set).

Also, from now on, under hypothesis (b) of §1 we shall understand (b<sub>1</sub>) and (b<sub>2</sub>), and the same convention is made for (d) and ( $\phi$ ).

Suppose that all hypotheses (a), (b), (d), ( $\phi$ ) hold and, in addition, that

- (c) Each set  $I \in \{I\}$  is connected.

If  $\mathfrak{K}$  is the collection of all closed sets  $K \subset A$ , i.e.  $\mathfrak{K} = [K, A - K \in \mathfrak{U}]$ , then the collection  $\mathfrak{K}$  is closed with respect to the operation of infinite intersection and finite union. The closure  $\overline{M}$  of a set  $M \subset A$  is the intersection of all closed sets  $K \supset M$ . As a consequence, if  $G_1, G_2 \in \mathfrak{G}, G_1 \cap G_2 = \emptyset$ , then  $\overline{G_1} \cap G_2 = G_1 \cap \overline{G_2}$

$= \emptyset$ . Indeed  $M = A - G_2$  is closed,  $M \supset G_1$ , and  $\bar{G}_1 \subset M$ ; hence  $\bar{G}_1 \cap G_2 = \emptyset$ , and for the same reason  $G_1 \cap \bar{G}_2 = \emptyset$ .

Note that if  $I = \bigcup_i G_i$ ,  $G_i \cap G_j = \emptyset$ ,  $i \neq j$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $I \in \{I\}$ , then  $I \subset G_i$  for one and only one  $i$ , as a consequence of (c). Suppose indeed  $I \cap G_i \neq \emptyset$ ,  $I \cap G_j \neq \emptyset$  for some  $i \neq j$ . Let  $G' = \bigcup_k G_k$  where  $\bigcup$  ranges over all  $k = 1, 2, \dots, k \neq j$ , and note that  $G' \in \mathfrak{U}$ ,  $G_j \cap G' = \emptyset$ ,  $I \cap G_j \neq \emptyset$ ,  $I \cap G' = \emptyset$ , and now  $(I \cap G_j, I \cap G')$  is a partition of  $I$ . Indeed  $(I \cap G_j) \cup (I \cap G') = I$ ,  $(I \cap G_j) \cap (I \cap G') = \emptyset$ ,  $\text{Cl}(I \cap G_j) \cap (I \cap G') = \emptyset$ ,  $(I \cap G_j) \cap \text{Cl}(I \cap G') = \emptyset$ . This contradicts (c). Hence  $I \cap G_i = \emptyset$  for at most one  $i$ . Since  $I \subset \bigcup_i G_i$ , we conclude that  $I \subset G_i$  for one and only one  $i$ .

(2.i) Under hypotheses (a), (b), (c), (d), ( $\phi$ ), and  $V(A) < +\infty$ , for every sequence (finite, or countable) of sets  $G_i \in \mathfrak{G}$  with  $G_0 = \bigcup_i G_i \in \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $G_i \cap G_j = \emptyset$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $i \neq j$ , we have

$$\mathfrak{B}(G_0) = \sum_i \mathfrak{B}(G_i), \quad V(G_0) = \sum_i V(G_i),$$

and analogous relations hold for  $V_r$ ,  $V_r^+$ ,  $V_r^-$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, k$ .

**Proof.** Suppose first that the sequence  $G_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , is finite. Let us consider the numbers  $\nu_i = \nu(1, G_i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$ , defined in (d<sub>3</sub>), and put  $\nu = \min [\nu_0, \nu_1, \dots, \nu_N]$ . Then, for every  $D \in \mathfrak{D}$  with  $\delta(D, A) < \nu$ , the corresponding systems  $D_i = D_{G_i} \subset D$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , are nonempty, disjoint, and  $D_0 = D_1 \cup D_2 \cup \dots \cup D_N$ . Hence

$$S(\phi, D_0) = \sum_{i=1}^N S(\phi, D_i).$$

By (1.iii) as  $\delta(D, A) \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain

$$\mathfrak{B}(G_0) = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathfrak{B}(G_i).$$

Analogous reasoning holds for  $V$ ,  $V_r$ ,  $V_r^+$ ,  $V_r^-$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, k$ .

Suppose now that the sequence  $G_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , is infinite. Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , let  $\mu = \mu(\epsilon, G_0)$  be the number defined in (1.v). Let  $\nu = \nu(\mu, G_0)$ . If  $D$  is any system  $D = [I] \in \mathfrak{D}$  with  $\delta(D, A) < \nu$ , then, for the corresponding system  $D_0 = D_{G_0} \subset D$  we have

$$(2.1) \quad \delta(D_0, G_0) < \mu, \\ \left\| \mathfrak{B}(G_0) - \sum_{I \in G_0} \phi(I) \right\| < \epsilon, \quad \left| V(G_0) - \sum_{I \in G_0} \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \epsilon,$$

and analogous relations hold for  $V_r$ ,  $V_r^+$ ,  $V_r^-$ . If we denote by  $D$ ,  $D_0$  also the set covered by all  $I \in D$ , or  $I \in D_0$ , we have  $D_0 \subset G_0 = \bigcup_i G_i$ . Since each  $I \in D_0$

belongs to a well determined set  $G_i$ , and  $D_0$  is finite, we have  $D_0 \subset G_1 \cup G_2 \cup \dots \cup G_N$  for a well determined minimum  $N \geq 1$ .

Let  $\lambda = \lambda(\epsilon, D_0, G_0) > 0$  be the number defined in (1.v) and, for any  $n \geq N$ , let  $\mu_i = \mu(\epsilon/n, G_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Let  $\nu_0 = \nu(\lambda, G_0)$ ,  $\nu_i = \nu(\mu_i, G_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $\nu_n^* = \min [\nu, \nu_0, \nu_1, \dots, \nu_n]$ . If  $D' = [J]$  is any system  $D' \in \mathfrak{D}$  with  $\delta(D', A) < \nu_n^*$ , then for the corresponding systems  $D'_0 = D'_{G_0} \subset D'$ ,  $D'_i = D'_{G_i} \subset D'$ , we have  $D'_0 \subset G_0$ ,  $D'_i \subset G_i$ ,  $\delta(D'_0, G_0) < \lambda$ ,  $\delta(D'_i, G_i) < \mu_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and each  $J \in D'_0$  belongs to one and only one  $G_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n'$ ,  $n' \geq n$ , and hence to  $D'_0 = D'_1 \cup D'_2 \cup \dots \cup D'_{n'}$ . In addition, we have

$$(2.2) \quad \sum_{I \in G_0} \left\| \sum_{J \in I} \phi(J) - \phi(I) \right\| < \epsilon, \quad \sum_{J \in G_0; J \not\subset I} \|\phi(J)\| < \epsilon,$$

$$(2.3) \quad \left\| \mathfrak{B}(G_i) - \sum_{J \in G_i} \phi(J) \right\| < \epsilon/n, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

and finally

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{B}(G_0) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{B}(G_i) &= \left\{ \mathfrak{B}(G_0) - \sum_{I \in G_0} \phi(I) \right\} - \sum_{I \in G_0} \left[ \sum_{J \in I} \phi(J) - \phi(I) \right] \\ &\quad - \sum^* \phi(J) + \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \sum_{J \in G_i} \phi(J) - \mathfrak{B}(G_i) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sum^*$  ranges over all  $J \in D'_0$  with  $J \subset G_0$ ,  $J \not\subset I$  for any  $I \in D$ ,  $J \subset G_i$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Thus  $\sum^*$  is less inclusive than the second sum in (2.2). By virtue of (2.1) and (2.2), (2.3), we have

$$\left\| \mathfrak{B}(G_0) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{B}(G_i) \right\| < 4\epsilon$$

for all  $n \geq N$ . Thus, the series below is convergent and

$$\mathfrak{B}(G_0) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{B}(G_i).$$

Analogous proof holds for  $V$ . Hence

$$V(G_0) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} V(G_i)$$

where this series is convergent, and hence the previous one is absolutely convergent. The same reasoning holds for  $V_r$ ,  $V_r^+$ ,  $V_r^-$ ,  $r = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

We shall now consider the following requirements:

(H<sub>1</sub>) If  $G_i \in \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $G_i \rightarrow \emptyset$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $V(G_i) \rightarrow 0$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , and analogous relations hold for  $\mathfrak{B}$ ,  $V_r$ ,  $V_r^+$ ,  $V_r^-$ .

(H<sub>2</sub>) If  $G_0, G_i \in \mathfrak{G}, i = 1, 2, \dots, G_i \subset G_{i+1}, G_i \rightarrow G_0$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $V(G_i) \rightarrow V(G_0)$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , and analogous relations hold for  $\mathfrak{B}, V_r, V_r^+, V_r^-$ .

(H<sub>3</sub>) If  $G_i \in \mathfrak{G}, i = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $G = \bigcup_i G_i \in \mathfrak{G}, G_1 \cup \dots \cup G_n \in \mathfrak{G}$  for all  $n$ , then  $V(G) \leq \sum_i V(G_i)$ , and analogous relations hold for  $V_r, V_r^+, V_r^-$ .

Neither of these requirements is a consequence of the quasi additivity of the function  $\phi$  and of the general hypotheses. This can be seen by examples.

Suppose first  $A = (0 < u < 1)$ ,  $\{I\}$  the collection of all open subintervals of  $A$ , say  $I = (a < u < b), 0 \leq a < b \leq 1$ ,  $\mathfrak{D}$  the family of all finite systems  $D = [I]$  of nonoverlapping intervals  $I$ ,  $\mathfrak{G}$  the collection of all open subsets  $G$  of  $A$ . Now suppose  $\phi$  a scalar,  $\phi(I) = 1$  if  $I = (0, b), 0 < b \leq 1$ , and  $\phi(I) = 0$  if  $I = (a, b), 0 < a < b \leq 1$ . A mesh  $\delta(D_G, G)$  for  $D_G = [I], I = (a, b) \subset G$ , can be defined as follows. If  $G$  contains no interval  $(0, b), b > 0$ , then we take  $\delta(D_G, G) = \max(b - a)$ . If both  $G$  and  $D_G$  contain intervals  $(0, b), (0, b')$  respectively,  $0 < b' \leq b$ , then we take again  $\delta(D_G, G) = \max(b - a)$ . If  $G$  contains an interval  $(0, b), b > 0$ , and  $D_G$  contains no interval  $(0, b'), 0 < b' \leq b$ , then we take  $\delta(D_G, G) = 1 + \max(b - a)$ . Obviously,  $\delta$  is a mesh satisfying axioms (d),  $\phi$  is quasi additive with respect to  $\delta, \{I\}, \mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{D}$ , and requirements (a), (b), (c) are satisfied. Now we have  $\|\phi\| = \phi, V(\phi, A) = 1, V(\phi, G) = 1$  if  $G$  contains an interval  $(0, b), b > 0$ , and  $V(\phi, G) = 0$  otherwise. If we consider the sequence  $G_i = (0, 1/i), i = 1, 2, \dots$ , we have  $V(\phi, G_i) = 1$  for all  $i$ , though  $\lim G_i = \emptyset$ . Thus (H<sub>1</sub>) is not satisfied. If we consider the sequence  $G_i = (1/i, 1)$ , we have  $G = \bigcup_i G_i = (0, 1)$ , and  $V(\phi, G) = 1, V(\phi, G_i) = 0$  for all  $i$ . Thus (H<sub>3</sub>) is not satisfied. We have also  $G_i \subset G_{i+1}, G_i \rightarrow G$ , and thus (H<sub>2</sub>) is not satisfied.

As a second example let us consider the one given in [2, Note, p. 400]. There,  $A$  is the closed unit square  $A \subset E_2, \{I\}$  is the set of all simple closed polygonal regions in  $A, \mathfrak{D}$  the collection of all finite systems  $D = [I]$  of nonoverlapping  $I \in \{I\}, \mathfrak{G}$  the collection of all sets  $G \subset A$  which are open in  $A, \phi(I)$  is the scalar function  $u(I)$  representing the signed area of the (flat) continuous mapping  $T: A \rightarrow E'_2$  defined there. For any set  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$  and finite system  $D = [I]$  of nonoverlapping closed simple polygonal regions  $I \subset G$ , let  $d, m, \mu$  be the indices of  $D$  with respect to the mapping  $(T, G)$  defined in [2, p. 358], then  $\delta = d + m + \mu$  is a mesh satisfying axioms (d), and  $\phi$  is quasi additive with respect to  $\delta, \{I\}, \mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{D}$ , as mentioned in [1, §4, Example 12]. Now we have  $\|\phi\| = |\phi|$ , and  $V$  is the Geöcze area of the mapping  $T$ . As shown in [2, Note, p. 400], (H<sub>3</sub>) is not satisfied (not even for a system of two sets  $G_i$ ).

The following further axiom would allow us to state (H<sub>3</sub>) as a theorem (see 2.iii below):

(e) Given any two distinct sets  $G_1, G_2 \in \mathfrak{G}, G_1 \cap G_2 \neq \emptyset$ , and  $G_0 = G_1 \cup G_2$ , and any  $I = \{I\}, I \subset G_0$ , with  $I \cap G_1 = \emptyset, I \cap G_2 = \emptyset$ , there is a number

$\chi = \chi(I, G_1, G_2) > 0$  such that for any system  $D_{G_0} = [J]$ ,  $D_{G_0} \in \mathfrak{D}_{G_0}$  with  $\delta(D_{G_0}, G_0) < \chi$ , and for any  $J \in D_{G_0}$  with  $J \subset I$  we have either  $J \subset G_1$ , or  $J \subset G_2$ , or both<sup>(2)</sup>.

(2.ii) The hypotheses (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), ( $\phi$ ), and  $V(A) < \infty$  imply  $V(G) \leq V(G_1) + \dots + V(G_N)$  for all  $G_i \in \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , with  $G_1 \cup \dots \cup G_n \in \mathfrak{G}$  for all  $n = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $G = \bigcup_i G_i$ , and analogous relations hold for  $V_r$ ,  $V_r^+$ ,  $V_r^-$ .

**Proof.** Let us suppose first that we have two sets  $G_1, G_2 \in \mathfrak{G}$  with  $G_1 \cap G_2 \neq \emptyset$ , and  $G_0 = G_1 \cup G_2 \in \mathfrak{G}$ . Given  $\epsilon > 0$  let us determine the numbers  $\mu_j = \mu(\epsilon, G_j)$  of (1.v),  $j = 0, 1, 2$ . Then let us determine the numbers  $\nu_j = \nu(\mu_j, G_j)$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2$ , of (d<sub>3</sub>). Finally, let  $D_0 = [I]$  be any system  $D_0 \in \mathfrak{D}$  such that  $\delta(D_0, A) < \min [\nu_j, j = 0, 1, 2]$ . Then the corresponding systems  $D_{0j} \equiv D_{0G_j} \subset D_0$  of all  $I \in D_0$  with  $I \subset G_j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2$ , satisfy the relations

$$(2.4) \quad \delta(D_{0j}, G_j) < \mu_j, \\ \left| V(G_j) - \sum_{I \in G_j} \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \epsilon, \quad j = 0, 1, 2.$$

Now let us determine the numbers  $\lambda_j = \lambda(\epsilon, D_{0j}, G_j)$  of (1.v) and the corresponding numbers  $\nu_j'' = \nu(\lambda_j, G_j)$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2$ , of (d<sub>3</sub>). Also, for every  $I \subset D_{00}$  (i.e.,  $I \subset G_0$ ,  $I \in D_0$ ), with  $I \cap G_1 \neq \emptyset$ ,  $I \cap G_2 \neq \emptyset$  (if any), let us determine the number  $\chi_I = \chi(I, G_1, G_2)$  of (e). Let  $\chi = \min \chi_I$  for all  $I$  as above, if this class is not empty; otherwise put  $\chi = 1$ . Finally, let us determine the number  $\nu''' = \nu(\chi, G_0)$  of (d<sub>3</sub>).

Let  $D = [J]$  be any system  $D \in \mathfrak{D}$  with  $\delta(D, A) < \min [\nu_j, \nu_j'', \nu''', j = 0, 1, 2]$ . Then the corresponding systems  $D_j = D_{G_j} \subset D$  of all  $J \in D$  with  $J \subset G_j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2$ , satisfy the relations:

$$(2.5) \quad \delta(D_j, G_j) < \lambda_j, \mu_j, \quad \delta(D_0, G_0) < \chi, \\ \sum_{I \in G_j} \left| \sum_{J \subset I} \|\phi(J)\| - \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \epsilon, \\ (2.6) \quad \left| V(G_j) - \sum_{J \in G_j} \|\phi(J)\| \right| < \epsilon, \quad j = 0, 1, 2.$$

By  $\delta(D_{G_0}, G_0) < \chi$  we conclude by virtue of (e) that, for every  $J \in D_{G_0}$ ,  $J \subset I$  for some  $I \subset G_0$ ,  $I \in D_{00}$ , we have either  $J \subset G_1$ , or  $J \subset G_2$ , or both. Hence, the following identity holds:

<sup>(2)</sup> Statement (e) and consequent statement (H<sub>3</sub>) are actually proved in surface area theory, when ( $\mathfrak{G}$ ) is the collection of all subsets of  $A$  which are "whole" and open in  $A$  (see [2, pp. 396–400, and in particular p. 399]). The same holds for (H<sub>1</sub>) [2, p. 396], for (H<sub>2</sub>) [2, p. 120] and the other axioms.



$$\begin{aligned}
& V(G_1) + V(G_2) - V(G_0) \\
&= \left[ V(G_1) - \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}_1} \|\phi(J)\| \right] + \left[ V(G_2) - \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}_2} \|\phi(J)\| \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}_1 \cap \mathcal{G}_2; J \in I} \|\phi(J)\| + \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}_1; J \notin I} \|\phi(J)\| + \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}_2; J \notin I} \|\phi(J)\| \\
&\quad + \sum_{I \in \mathcal{G}_0} \left[ \sum_{J \in I} \|\phi(J)\| - \|\phi(I)\| \right] + \left[ \sum_{I \in \mathcal{G}_0} \|\phi(I)\| - V(G_0) \right] \\
&= m_1 + m_2 + \cdots + m_7.
\end{aligned}$$

By (2.4), (2.6) we have  $m_1, m_2, m_7 \geq -\epsilon$ , and obviously  $m_3, m_4, m_5 \geq 0$ . By (2.5) we have  $m_6 \geq -\epsilon$ . Thus  $V(G_1) + V(G_2) - V(G_0) \geq -7\epsilon$  where  $\epsilon > 0$  is arbitrary. Thus

$$V(G_1) + V(G_2) - V(G_0) \geq 0,$$

for all  $G_1, G_2 \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $G_0 = G_1 \cup G_2 \in \mathcal{G}$ , with  $G_1 \cap G_2 \neq \emptyset$ . By (2.i) this relation holds also if  $G_1 \cap G_2 = \emptyset$ . Thus

$$(2.8) \quad V(G_1 \cup G_2) \leq V(G_1) + V(G_2)$$

for all  $G_1, G_2 \in \mathcal{G}$ , with  $G_1 \cup G_2 \in \mathcal{G}$ .

If  $G_1, \dots, G_N \in \mathcal{G}$  are given sets, as in (2.ii),  $2 \leq N < +\infty$ , then by applying (2.8)  $N - 1$  times to the pairs  $(G_1, G_2)$ ,  $(G_1 \cup G_2, G_3)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $(G_1 \cup \dots \cup G_{N-1}, G_N)$ , we conclude that

$$(2.9) \quad V(G_1 \cup G_2 \cup \dots \cup G_N) \leq V(G_1) + \dots + V(G_N)$$

for all  $G_1, \dots, G_N \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $2 \leq N < \infty$ , as in (2.ii). The corresponding relations for  $V_r, V_r^+, V_r^-$  follow by analogous argument.

(2.iii) *The hypotheses (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), ( $\phi$ ), ( $H_2$ ), and  $V(A) < +\infty$ , imply ( $H_3$ ).*

Let  $G_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$ , be any sequence of sets  $G_i \in \mathcal{G}$ , with  $H_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_i \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $G_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} G_i$ ,  $G_0 \in \mathcal{G}$ . Then we have  $H_n \subset H_{n+1}$ ,  $H_n \rightarrow G_0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus, by ( $H_2$ ), we have  $V(H_n) \rightarrow V(G_0)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and, given  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $n_0$  such that  $0 \leq V(G_0) - V(H_n) < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . On the other hand we have, by the considerations above,  $V(H_n) \leq V(G_1) + \dots + V(G_n)$  and  $V(G_i) \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
V(G_0) &\leq V(H_n) + \epsilon \leq V(G_1) + \dots + V(G_n) + \epsilon \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} V(G_i) + \epsilon,
\end{aligned}$$

for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , and hence

$$V(G_0) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} V(G_i).$$

The corresponding relations for  $V_r$ ,  $V_r^+$ ,  $V_r^-$  follow by an analogous argument. Thereby (2.iii) is proved.

The following further axiom would allow us to state  $(H_2)$  as a theorem.

(g) *The sets  $I \in \{I\}$  are compact (in the topological space  $A$  with topology  $\mathfrak{U}$ ).*

(2.iv) *The hypotheses (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (g),  $(\phi)$ , and  $V(A) < +\infty$ , imply  $(H_2)$ .*

**Proof.** Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , let us determine the number  $\mu = \mu(\epsilon, G_0)$  of (1.v). Then let us determine the number  $\nu = \nu(\mu, G_0)$  of (d<sub>3</sub>). Let  $D_0 = [I]$  be any system  $D_0 \in \mathfrak{D}$  such that  $\delta(D_0, A) < \nu$ . Then the corresponding system  $D_{00} \subset D_0$  of all  $I \in D_0$  with  $I \subset G_0$  satisfies the relations

$$(2.10) \quad \delta(D_{00}, G_0) < \mu, \quad \left| V(G_0) - \sum_{I \in G_0} \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \epsilon,$$

and analogous relations for  $\mathfrak{B}$ ,  $V_r$ ,  $V_r^+$ ,  $V_r^-$ .

Since the set  $D_{00}$  covered by the sets  $I \in D_{00}$ ,  $I \subset G_0$  is compact and  $D_{00} \subset G_0$ , while  $G_i \rightarrow G_0$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , there is an  $n$  such that  $D_{00} \subset G_i$  for all  $i \geq n$ . Thus the set  $D_{0i}$  of all  $I \in D_0$  with  $I \subset G_i$  coincides with  $D_{00}$ , say  $D_{0i} \equiv D_{00}$ . For any fixed  $i \geq n$ , let us consider the numbers  $\mu_i = \mu(\epsilon, G_i)$ , and put  $\nu_i = \nu(\mu_i, G_i)$ . Let  $\lambda = \lambda(\epsilon, D_{00}, G_0)$ ,  $\lambda_i = \lambda(\epsilon, D_{0i}, G_i)$  be the numbers defined in (1.v), and put  $\sigma = \nu(\lambda, G_0)$ ,  $\sigma_i = \nu(\lambda_i, G_i)$ . Finally, let  $D = [J]$  be any system  $D \in \mathfrak{D}$  with  $\delta(D, A) < \min [\nu, \nu_i, \sigma, \sigma_i]$ . Then the corresponding system  $D_i \subset D$  of all  $J \in D$  with  $J \subset G_i$  satisfies the relations  $\delta(D_i, G_i) < \mu_i$ ,  $\lambda_i$ , and

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| V(G_0) - \sum_{J \in G_0} \|\phi(J)\| \right| < \epsilon, & \left| V(G_i) - \sum_{J \in G_i} \|\phi(J)\| \right| < \epsilon, \\ & \sum_{I \in G_0} \left| \sum_{J \in I} \|\phi(J)\| - \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \epsilon, & \sum_{J \in G_0; J \not\subset I} \|\phi(J)\| < \epsilon, \\ & \sum_{I \in G_i} \left| \sum_{J \in I} \|\phi(J)\| - \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \epsilon, & \sum_{J \in G_i; J \not\subset I} \|\phi(J)\| < \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the first sum in the third line is equal to the first sum in the second line, and the second sum in the third line is  $\leq$  the second sum in the second line. Analogous relations hold for  $\phi$ ,  $\phi_r$ ,  $|\phi_r|$ ,  $\phi_r^+$ ,  $\phi_r^-$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, k$ . Note that, as a consequence, we have also

$$(2.12) \quad \sum_{J \in G_0; J \not\subset G_i} \|\phi(J)\| < \epsilon, \quad \left\| \sum_{J \in G_0; J \not\subset G_i} \phi(J) \right\| < \epsilon, \text{ etc.}$$

Since

$$V(G_0) - V(G_i) = \left[ V(G_0) - \sum_{J \in G_0} \|\phi(J)\| \right] - \left[ V(G_i) - \sum_{J \in G_i} \|\phi(J)\| \right] \\ + \sum_{J \in G_0; J \notin G_i} \|\phi(J)\|,$$

by (2.11) we have also

$$0 \leq V(G_0) - V(G_i) \leq \epsilon + \epsilon + \epsilon = 3\epsilon.$$

This relation holds for all  $i \geq n$ , and this proves that  $V(G_i) \rightarrow V(G_0)$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ .

**3. A measure  $\mu$  associated to  $\phi$ .** We recall first a few definitions. A collection  $\mathfrak{A}$  of subsets  $E$  of  $A$  is said to be a ring if  $E, F \in \mathfrak{A}$  implies  $E \cup F, E - F \in \mathfrak{A}$ ; an algebra if  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a ring and  $A \in \mathfrak{A}$ ; a  $\sigma$ -ring ( $\sigma$ -algebra) if  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a ring (algebra) and  $E_i \in \mathfrak{A}, i = 1, 2, \dots$ , implies  $\bigcup_i E_i \in \mathfrak{A}$ . A  $\sigma$ -ring ( $\sigma$ -algebra) is closed with respect to the operations of countable union and countable intersection [4, p. 24]. A ring contains the empty set  $\emptyset$ .

A collection  $\mathfrak{A}$  of subsets  $E$  of  $A$  is said to be hereditary if  $E \subset F, F \in \mathfrak{A}$  implies  $E \in \mathfrak{A}$ . A real-valued set function  $m(E), E \in \mathfrak{A}$ , defined on every set of a collection  $\mathfrak{A}$  of subsets of  $A$  is said to be monotone if  $E \subset F, E, F \in \mathfrak{A}$ , imply  $m(E) \leq m(F)$ , is said to be countably subadditive if  $E_i \in \mathfrak{A}, i = 1, 2, \dots, \bigcup_i E_i \in \mathfrak{A}$  imply  $m(\bigcup_i E_i) \leq \sum_i m(E_i)$ .

A set function defined on  $\mathfrak{A}$  is said to be an outer measure provided  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a hereditary  $\sigma$ -ring, if  $m(\emptyset) = 0$ , and  $m$  is real-valued, nonnegative, monotone, and countably subadditive.

We shall now suppose that a hypothesis stronger than (a) holds, namely:

(a') *A is a topological space,  $\mathfrak{U}$  is the collection of all open sets of A,  $\mathfrak{G}$  is a subcollection of  $\mathfrak{U}$  which is also closed with respect to the operations of infinite union and finite intersection, and  $\emptyset \in \mathfrak{G}, A \in \mathfrak{G}$ .*

We suppose, as in §2, that also hypotheses (b), (d), (c), ( $\phi$ ) hold. Note that now  $\mathfrak{G}$  defines a topology in  $A$ ,  $\mathfrak{G} \subset \mathfrak{U}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be the minimal  $\sigma$ -algebra containing  $\mathfrak{G}$ , and  $\mathfrak{M}$  the hereditary  $\sigma$ -algebra of all subsets  $M$  of  $A$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{G} \subset \mathfrak{B} \subset \mathfrak{M}$ .

For every set  $M \in \mathfrak{M}$  we define the following nonnegative set functions

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \mu(M) &= \inf_{G \supset M} V(G), & \mu_r(M) &= \inf_{G \supset M} V_r(G), \\ \mu_r^+(M) &= \inf_{G \supset M} V_r^+(G), & \mu_r^-(M) &= \inf_{G \supset M} V_r^-(G), \end{aligned} \quad r = 1, \dots, k,$$

where, in each relation, the infimum is taken with respect to all  $G \supset M, G \in \mathfrak{G}$ . If  $V(A) < +\infty$ , then  $\mu, \mu_r, \mu_r^+, \mu_r^- < +\infty$  for all  $M \in \mathfrak{M}$ , and we can define the following real-valued set functions:

$$(3.2) \quad \nu_r(M) = \mu_r^+(M) - \mu_r^-(M), \quad r = 1, \dots, k.$$

We shall denote by  $\nu(M)$  the vector set function

$$\nu(M) = [\nu_1(M), \dots, \nu_k(M)].$$

(3.i) Under the hypotheses (a'), (b), (c), (d), ( $\phi$ ), and for every set  $M \in \mathfrak{M}$ , there is a sequence  $G_i, i=1, 2, \dots$ , of sets  $G_i \in \mathfrak{G}, G_i \supset M, i=1, 2, \dots$ , such that  $V(G_i) \rightarrow \mu(M), V_r(G_i) \rightarrow \mu_r(M), V_r^+(G_i) \rightarrow \mu_r^+(M), V_r^-(G_i) \rightarrow \mu_r^-(M)$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , and, if  $V(A) < +\infty$ , also  $\mathfrak{B}_r(G_i) \rightarrow \nu_r(M), r=1, \dots, k$ .

**Proof.** Note that if  $G_i, G'_i, i=1, 2, \dots$ , are sequences of sets  $G_i, G'_i \in \mathfrak{G}$  and  $M \subset G'_i \subset G_i, V(G_i) \rightarrow \mu(M)$ , then also  $V(G'_i) \rightarrow \mu(M)$ , as a consequence of  $\mu(M) \leq V(G'_i) \leq V(G_i)$  (1.iv). The same holds for the other functions  $\mu_r, \mu_r^+, \mu_r^-, r=1, \dots, k$ . Now, if  $G_{0i}, G_{ri}, G_{ri}^+, G_{ri}^-, i=1, 2, \dots$ , are sequences of sets of  $\mathfrak{G}$  all containing  $M$  such that  $V(G_{0i}) \rightarrow \mu(M), V(G_{ri}) \rightarrow \mu_r(M), V(G_{ri}^+) \rightarrow \mu_r^+(M), V(G_{ri}^-) \rightarrow \mu_r^-(M)$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty, r=1, \dots, k$ , we have only to consider the sequence  $G_i, i=1, 2, \dots$ , defined by taking for each  $i$ , the set  $G_i$  which is the intersection of the sets  $G_{0i}, G_{ri}, G_{ri}^+, G_{ri}^-, r=1, \dots, k$ .

(3.ii) Under the same hypotheses as in (3.i) and for every set  $M \in \mathfrak{M}$  we have

$$(3.3) \quad \mu_r(M) = \mu_r^+(M) + \mu_r^-(M), \quad r = 1, \dots, k.$$

**Proof.** If  $G_i, i=1, 2, \dots$ , is the sequence defined above we have  $V_r(G_i) = V_r^+(G_i) + V_r^-(G_i), i=1, 2, \dots$ , (1.ii). As  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain (3.3).

(3.iii) Under the same hypotheses as in (3.i) and  $V(A) < +\infty$ , for every  $M \in \mathfrak{M}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\nu_r(M)| &\leq \mu_r(M) \leq \mu(M), & r = 1, \dots, k, \\ \|\nu(M)\| &= \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \nu_r^2(M) \right]^{1/2} \leq \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \mu_r^2(M) \right]^{1/2} \leq \mu(M) \leq \sum_{r=1}^k \mu_r(M). \end{aligned}$$

This statement is a consequence of (1.ii) and (3.i), (3.2), (3.3).

(3.iv) Under the same hypotheses as in (3.i) and for every  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$  we have  $\mu(G) = V(G)$ , and analogous relations hold for  $\mu_r, \mu_r^+, \mu_r^-, r=1, \dots, k$ . If  $V(A) < +\infty$  we have also  $\nu(G) = \mathfrak{B}(G)$ .

Indeed for every  $U \supset G, U \in \mathfrak{G}$ , we have  $V(U) \geq V(G)$ , and thus  $V(G)$  is the minimum of  $V(U)$  for all  $U \supset G, U \in \mathfrak{G}$ .

(3.v) Under the hypotheses (a'), (b), (c), (d), ( $\phi$ ), and ( $H_1$ ) we have  $\mu(\emptyset) = \mu_r(\emptyset) = \mu_r^+(\emptyset) = \mu_r^-(\emptyset) = 0, r=1, 2, \dots, k$ , where  $\emptyset$  is the empty set.

This statement is a consequence of ( $H_1$ ).

(3.vi) Under the hypotheses (a'), (b), (c), (d), ( $\phi$ ), ( $H$ ), and  $V(A) < +\infty$  the set functions  $\mu, \mu_r, \mu_r^+, \mu_r^-$  are outer measures in  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

**Proof.** Obviously  $\mu(E) \geq 0$  for every  $E \in \mathfrak{M}$ , and  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ . Also,  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a hereditary  $\sigma$ -ring. If  $E, F \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $E \subset F$ , then any set  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $G \supset F$ , contains also  $E$  and, if  $G_i$  is any sequence of sets  $G_i \in \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $G_i \supset E$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , with  $V(G_i) \rightarrow \mu(E)$ , then we have also  $G \cap G_i \in \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $E \subset G \cap G_i \subset G$ ,  $V(G \cap G_i) \leq V(G)$ , and hence, as  $i \rightarrow +\infty$ , we obtain  $\mu(E) \leq V(G)$  for every  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $G \supset F$ . Since  $\inf V(G) = \mu(F)$ , we have  $\mu(E) \leq \mu(F)$ , and  $\mu$  is monotone. The same holds for the other functions.

If  $E_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , is any sequence of sets  $E_i \in \mathfrak{M}$ , then we have  $E_0 = \bigcup_i E_i \in \mathfrak{M}$ . Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a set  $G_i \in \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $G_i \supset E_i$ , such that  $\mu(E_i) \leq V(G_i) \leq \mu(E_i) + \epsilon/2^i$ . Note that  $G_0 = \bigcup_i G_i \in \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $E \subset G_0$ , and by (H<sub>3</sub>) also

$$\mu(E) \leq V(G_0) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} V(G_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i) + \epsilon,$$

where  $\epsilon > 0$  is arbitrary. Hence

$$\mu(E) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_i),$$

and  $\mu$  is countably subadditive. Thus  $\mu$  is an outer measure in  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Analogous reasoning holds for  $\mu_r$ ,  $\mu_r^+$ ,  $\mu_r^-$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, k$ , and (3.vi) is proved.

As usual a set  $E \in \mathfrak{M}$  is said to be  $\mu$ -measurable provided for every set  $M \in \mathfrak{M}$  we have

$$(3.4) \quad \mu(M) = \mu(M \cap E) + \mu(M - E).$$

Analogous definitions hold for all outer measures  $\mu_r$ ,  $\mu_r^+$ ,  $\mu_r^-$ ,  $r = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

(3.vii) *The collection  $\mathfrak{E}_\mu$  of all  $\mu$ -measurable sets  $M \in \mathfrak{M}$  is a  $\sigma$ -ring.*

This is a well-known theorem (see, e.g. [4, p. 46]). The same holds for the collections  $\mathfrak{E}_{\mu_r}$ ,  $\mathfrak{E}_{\mu_r^+}$ ,  $\mathfrak{E}_{\mu_r^-}$  of all  $\mu_r$ ,  $\mu_r^+$ ,  $\mu_r^-$ -measurable sets  $M \in \mathfrak{M}$ .

We need now two simple lemmas (3.viii, ix) whose proofs are given here for the sake of simplicity, though they appear in a slightly different context in [4, p. 45, p. 234].

(3.viii) *A necessary and sufficient condition for a set  $E \in \mathfrak{M}$  to be  $\mu$ -measurable is that for every  $M \in \mathfrak{M}$  we have*

$$(3.5) \quad \mu(M) \geq \mu(M \cap E) + \mu(M - E).$$

**Proof.** Indeed  $M = (M \cap E) \cup (M - E)$  and by (3.vi) also

$$\mu(M) \leq \mu(M \cap E) + \mu(M - E).$$

Thus we have

$$\mu(M) = \mu(M \cap E) + \mu(M - E)$$

if and only if (3.5) holds.

(3.ix) *A necessary and sufficient condition for a set  $E \in \mathfrak{M}$  to be  $\mu$ -measurable is that for every  $U \in \mathfrak{G}$  we have*

$$(3.6) \quad \mu(U) \geq \mu(U \cap E) + \mu(U - E).$$

**Proof.** Suppose  $E$  is  $\mu$ -measurable. Then

$$\mu(M) = \mu(M \cap E) + \mu(M - E)$$

for every  $M \in \mathfrak{M}$ , hence for every  $M = U \in \mathfrak{G}$ , and this certainly implies (3.6). Suppose (3.6) is true for every  $U \in \mathfrak{G}$ , and take  $M \in \mathfrak{M}$ , and  $G_0 \in \mathfrak{G}$  with  $G_0 \supset M$ . Then

$$V(G_0) = \mu(G_0) \geq \mu(G_0 \cap E) + \mu(G_0 - E) \geq \mu(M \cap E) + \mu(M - E),$$

and, since  $\mu(M) = \inf V(G_0)$ , we conclude that  $\mu(M) \geq \mu(M \cap E) + \mu(M - E)$ , and this relation is proved for every  $M \in \mathfrak{M}$ . By (3.viii) we conclude that  $E$  is measurable.

The requirement (H) of §2, i.e., the union of axioms  $(H_1)$ ,  $(H_2)$ ,  $(H_3)$ , is now to be replaced by a slightly stronger assumption, say  $(H')$ , namely the union of  $(H_1)$ ,  $(H_2)$ ,  $(H_3)$ , and

$(H_4)$  *Given  $G_0 \in \mathfrak{G}$ , there is a sequence  $G_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$ , of sets  $G_i \in \mathfrak{G}$ , such that, if  $\bar{G}_i$  denotes the closure of  $G_i$  in the topology  $\mathfrak{G}$ , we have  $G_i \subset G_0$ ,  $G_i \subset \bar{G}_i \subset G_{i+1}$ , and  $V(G_i) \rightarrow V(G_0)$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , and analogous relations hold for  $\mathfrak{B}$ ,  $V_r$ ,  $V_r^+$ ,  $V_r^-$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, k$ .*

Note that the requirements alone  $G_i \in \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $G_i \subset G_0$ ,  $G_i \subset \bar{G}_i \subset G_{i+1}$ , are trivial since the sequence  $G_i = \emptyset, i = 1, 2, \dots$ , satisfy them. The following axiom, also bearing on the topology  $\mathfrak{G}$ , allows us to prove  $(H_4)$  as a theorem:

(p) *Given  $G_0 \in \mathfrak{G}$  there is a sequence  $G_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$ , such that  $G_i \in \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $G_i \subset G_0$ ,  $G_i \subset \bar{G}_i \subset G_{i+1}$ , and  $G_i \rightarrow G_0$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ .*

It is obvious that  $(H_2)$  and (p) imply  $(H_4)$ . Requirement (p) is known in general topology (cf. [6; 7; 8]). The union of  $(H_2)$  and (p) is a stronger requirement than  $(H_4)$  as T. Nishiura [10] has proved by an example.

(3.x) *Under the assumptions (a'), (b), (c), (d),  $(H')$ , and  $V(A) < +\infty$ , all sets  $B$  of the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{B}$  are  $\mu$ -measurable as well as  $\mu_r, \mu_r^+, \mu_r^-$ -measurable. In other words, the restrictions of  $\mu, \mu_r, \mu_r^+, \mu_r^-, r = 1, \dots, k$ , on  $\mathfrak{B}$  are all measures.*

**Proof.** It is enough to prove that all the sets  $G$  of the class  $\mathfrak{G}$  generating  $\mathfrak{B}$  are measurable. By (3.ix) it is enough to prove that for every  $U \in \mathfrak{G}$  and any  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$  we have  $\mu(U) \geq \mu(U \cap G) + \mu(U - G)$ . Note that  $U, U \cap G \in \mathfrak{G}$ , and thus we have only to prove that  $V(U) \geq V(U \cap G) + \mu(U - G)$ .

By virtue of  $(H_4)$  there is a sequence of sets  $G_n \in \mathfrak{G}, n = 1, 2, \dots$ , such that  $G_n \subset U \cap G, G_n \subset \bar{G}_n \subset G_{n+1}, V(G_n) \rightarrow V(U \cap G)$ .

Given  $\epsilon > 0$  and any integer  $n$ , let  $\mu = \mu(\epsilon, U)$ ,  $\mu_n = \mu(\epsilon, G_n)$ , and  $\nu = \nu(\mu, U)$ ,  $\nu_n = \nu(\mu_n, G_n)$ . Let  $D_0 = [I]$  be any system  $D \in \mathfrak{D}$  with  $\delta(D) < \min [\nu, \nu_n]$ . Then for the corresponding systems  $D_0 = D_U$ ,  $D_n = D_{G_n}$  we have

$$(3.7) \quad \delta(D_0, U) < \mu, \quad \delta(D_n, G_n) < \mu_n,$$

$$\left| V(U) - \sum_{I \subset U} \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \epsilon, \quad \left| V(G_n) - \sum_{I \subset G_n} \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \epsilon.$$

Let us consider the sets  $\text{Cl}(U - G)$  and  $\overline{G}_n$  where the closures are taken in the topology  $\mathfrak{G}$ . On one side, if a point  $w$  belongs to  $\text{Cl}(U - G)$ , then it must be in  $A - G$ , i.e.,  $\text{Cl}(U - G) \subset A - G$ . On the other hand,  $\overline{G}_n \subset U \cap G \subset G$ , and hence the closed sets  $\text{Cl}(U - G)$  and  $\overline{G}_n$  are disjoint. Let  $W_n \in \mathfrak{G}$  be a set with  $W_n \supset U - G$ ,  $W_n \cap \overline{G}_n = \emptyset$ . For instance,  $A - \overline{G}_n$  has this property. Since  $U \supset U - G$ , we have also  $W_n \cap U \supset U - G$ ,  $W_n \cap U \cap \overline{G}_n = \emptyset$ , where  $W_n \cap U \in \mathfrak{G}$ .

Let  $\lambda = \lambda(\epsilon, D_0, U)$ ,  $\lambda_n = \lambda(\epsilon, D_n, G_n)$ ,  $\mu_0 = \mu(\epsilon, W_n \cap U)$ ,  $\nu_0 = \nu(\mu_0, W_n \cap U)$ ,  $\nu = \nu(\lambda, U)$ ,  $\nu_n = \nu(\lambda_n, G_n)$ , and let  $D' = [J]$  be any system  $D' \in \mathfrak{D}$  with  $\delta(D', A) < \min [\nu, \nu_n, \nu_0]$ . Then for the corresponding systems  $D'_0 = D'_U$ ,  $D'_n = D'_{G_n}$ ,  $D' = D'_{W_n \cap U}$ , we have

$$(3.8) \quad \sum_{I \subset U} \left| \sum_{J \subset I} \|\phi(J)\| - \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \epsilon, \quad \sum_{I \subset G_n} \left| \sum_{J \subset I} \|\phi(J)\| - \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \epsilon,$$

$$\sum_{J \subset U; J \not\subset I} \|\phi(J)\| < \epsilon, \quad \sum_{J \subset G_n; J \not\subset I} \|\phi(J)\| < \epsilon,$$

$$\left| V(U) - \sum_{J \subset U} \|\phi(J)\| \right| < \epsilon, \quad \left| V(W_n \cap U) - \sum_{J \subset W_n \cap U} \|\phi(J)\| \right| < \epsilon.$$

We have now

$$\begin{aligned} V(U) &\geq \sum_{J \subset U} \|\phi(J)\| - \epsilon \\ &\geq \sum_{J \subset W_n \cap U} \|\phi(J)\| + \sum_{J \subset G_n} \|\phi(J)\| - \epsilon \\ &\geq \sum_{J \subset W_n \cap U} \|\phi(J)\| + \sum_{I \subset G_n} \sum_{J \subset I} \|\phi(J)\| - \epsilon \\ &= V(W_n \cap U) + \left[ \sum_{J \subset W_n \cap U} \|\phi(J)\| - V(W_n \cap U) \right] \\ &\quad + V(G_n) + \sum_{I \subset G_n} \left[ \sum_{J \subset I} \|\phi(J)\| - \|\phi(I)\| \right] \\ &\quad + \left[ \sum_{I \subset G_n} \|\phi(I)\| - V(G_n) \right] - \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

By (3.7) and (3.8), we have

$$V(U) \geq V(W_n \cap U) + V(G_n) - 4\epsilon.$$

We have  $W_n \cap U \supset U - G$ , and hence

$$V(U) \geq \mu(U - G) + V(G_n) - 4\epsilon$$

and, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , also

$$V(U) \geq \mu(U - G) + V(U \cap G) - 4\epsilon.$$

Since  $\epsilon > 0$  is arbitrary we conclude that

$$V(U) \geq \mu(U - G) + V(U \cap G).$$

The same holds for  $\mu_r, \mu_r^+, \mu_r^-$ . Thereby (3.x) is proved. Note that the inclusions  $G_n \subset U \cap G, G_n \subset \bar{G}_n \subset G_{n+1}$ , imply  $U - G \subset U - \bar{G}_n$ , where  $U - \bar{G}_n \in \mathfrak{G}$ , and

$$(U - \bar{G}_n) \cap G_n = \emptyset, \quad U \supset (U - \bar{G}_n) \cup G_n, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Therefore, by (2.i), we have

$$V(U) \geq V(G_n) + V(U - \bar{G}_n) \geq V(G_n) + \mu(U - G),$$

and, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , also

$$V(U) \geq V(G \cap U) + \mu(U - G).$$

This argument gives a new proof of (3.x).

Note that for every set  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$  the measure  $\mu(B)$  is the infimum of  $V(G)$  for  $G \in \mathfrak{G}, G \supset B$  and, by definition,  $\mu(B) = \inf V(G)$  for all  $G \supset B, G \in \mathfrak{G}$ . By (3.i), there is a sequence  $G_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$ , with  $G_n \in \mathfrak{G}, G_n \supset G_{n+1}, G_n \supset B$ , such that  $\mu(B) = \lim \mu(G_n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $\bar{G} = \lim G_n = \bigcap_n G_n$ , then  $B \subset \bar{G}$ , and  $\mu(B) = \mu(\bar{G}) = \lim \mu(G_n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Now  $\bar{G}$  is a  $G_\delta$ -set in the topology of  $A$  defined by the collection  $\mathfrak{G}$ . In the usual terminology (cf. [4, pp. 224-231]),  $\mu$  is said to be a regular measure. The same holds for  $\mu_r, \mu_r^+, \mu_r^-$ . Thus (3.x) can be reinforced by saying:

(3.xi) *Under the same hypotheses of (3.x) the restrictions of  $\mu, \mu_r, \mu_r^+, \mu_r^-$  in  $B$  are all regular measures.*

Finally, if we denote by  $\nu$  the vector-valued set function defined on  $\mathfrak{M}$  by  $\nu = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k), \nu_r = \mu_r^+ - \mu_r^-, r = 1, \dots, k$ , we may conclude, in the terminology of [4, p. 117], with the statement:

(3.xii) *Under the same hypotheses as in (3.x) the components  $\nu_r$  of the restriction of  $\nu$  on  $\mathfrak{B}$  are signed measures,  $r = 1, \dots, k$ .*

Note that for every set  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$ , the vector-valued function  $\nu$  has the same values as the function  $\mathfrak{B}$  defined in §1. Thus, we have extended  $\mathfrak{B}$  to the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{B}$  in such a way that each component  $\nu_r$  is a signed measure.



**4. Jordan decomposition of the signed measures  $\nu_r$ .** It is convenient to take into consideration the "interior part"  $I^0$  of each of the sets  $I$  in the topology defined on  $A$  by the collection  $\mathfrak{G}$ . We shall now require a slightly stronger version of axiom  $(\phi)$  concerning quasi additivity, namely

$(\phi')$  Given  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$  nonempty and  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a number  $\eta = \eta(\epsilon, G)$  such that if  $D_0 = [I]$  is any system  $D_0 \in \mathfrak{D}_G$  with  $\delta(D_0, G) < \eta$ , then there is also a number  $\lambda = \lambda(\epsilon, D_0) > 0$  such that, for every system  $D = [J]$  with  $\delta(D) < \lambda$  we have

$$(\phi'_1) \sum_{I \in D_0} \left\| \sum_{J \subset I^0} \phi(J) - \phi(I) \right\| < \epsilon,$$

$$(\phi'_2) \sum' \|\phi(J)\| < \epsilon,$$

where  $\sum'$  ranges over all  $J \in D$  not completely contained in any  $I^0$ ,  $I \in D_0$ .

An analogous requirement can be made for quasi subadditivity. We do not modify the terminology since, with the new requirements, we are simply treating the collection  $\{I^0\}$  as the new collection  $\{I\}$ . Thus all statements proved for  $(\phi)$  hold also for  $(\phi')$ . We will use requirement  $(\phi')$  in (4.iii). In particular, Theorem (1.v) holds under the new hypothesis, and we shall refer to it, as usual, in the sequel.

(4.i) Under requirements (a'), (b), (c), (d),  $(\phi)$ ,  $(H')$ ,  $V(A) < +\infty$ , for each  $r = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , there is a decomposition of  $A$  into two measurable disjoint sets  $A_r^+$ ,  $A_r^-$ ,  $A_r^+ \cup A_r^- = A$ ,  $A_r^+ \cap A_r^- = \emptyset$ , such that  $A_r^+$  is "positive," and  $A_r^-$  is negative," i.e., for every set  $F \in \mathfrak{B}$  we have  $\nu_r(A_r^+ \cap F) \geq 0$ ,  $\nu_r(A_r^- \cap F) \leq 0$  (Hahn decomposition of  $A$  relatively to  $\nu_r$ ).

This theorem is a consequence of (3.xii) and [4, p. 121].

For every set  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$  let us put

$$(4.1) \quad \nu_r^+ = \nu_r(B \cap A_r^+), \quad \nu_r^- = -\nu_r(B \cap A_r^-), \quad \nu_r^* = \nu_r^+ + \nu_r^-.$$

Then for every set  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$  we have  $\nu_r^+ \geq 0$ ,  $\nu_r^- \geq 0$ ,  $\nu_r^* \geq 0$ , and

$$(4.2) \quad \nu_r(B) = \nu_r^+(B) - \nu_r^-(B), \quad \nu_r^*(B) = \nu_r^+(B) + \nu_r^-(B), \quad r = 1, \dots, k.$$

In the terminology of [4, p. 122],  $\nu_r^+$ ,  $\nu_r^-$ ,  $\nu_r^*$  are the upper, lower, and total variations of  $\nu_r$ , respectively. Note that, for every set  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_r^+(B \cap A_r^+) &= \nu_r(B \cap A_r^+) \geq 0, & \nu_r^+(B \cap A_r^-) &= 0, & \nu_r^-(B \cap A_r^+) &= 0, \\ \nu_r^-(B \cap A_r^-) &= -\nu_r(B \cap A_r^-) \geq 0, & & & & r = 1, \dots, k. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the functions  $\nu_r^+$ ,  $\nu_r^-$ ,  $\nu_r^*$  are measures in  $\mathfrak{B}$  [4, p. 123]. Note that relations (4.2) are similar to the ones

$$\nu_r(B) = \mu_r^+(B) - \mu_r^-(B),$$

$$\mu_r(B) = \mu_r^+(B) + \mu_r^-(B),$$

and we will prove (4.iii) that, under condition  $(\phi')$ ,  $\mu_r^+ = \nu_r^+$ ,  $\mu_r^- = \nu_r^-$ ,  $\mu_r = \nu_r^*$ . Under the sole condition  $(\phi)$  no identification is possible between these measures as we will show by examples. The following inequalities hold:

(4.ii) *Under the same hypotheses as in (4.i) we have  $0 \leq \nu_r^+ \leq \mu_r^+$ ,  $0 \leq \nu_r^- \leq \mu_r^-$ ,  $0 \leq \nu_r^* \leq \mu_r^*$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, k$ .*

**Proof.** For every set  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ , we have

$$\nu_r^+(B) = \nu_r(B \cap A^+) = \mu_r^+(B \cap A^+) - \mu_r^-(B \cap A^+), \quad \nu_r^-(B) = \nu_r^-(B \cap A^+).$$

Since  $\mu_r^-(B \cap A^+) \geq 0$ , we have  $\mu_r^+(B \cap A^+) \geq \nu_r^+(B \cap A^+)$ , and finally

$$\mu_r^+(B) = \mu_r^+(B \cap A^+) + \mu_r^+(B \cap A^-) \geq \nu_r(B \cap A^+) = \nu_r^+(B).$$

Analogously, we can prove that  $\mu_r^+(B \cap A^-) \geq 0$ ,

$$\mu_r^-(B \cap A^-) \geq \nu_r^-(B \cap A^-), \quad \mu_r^-(B) \geq \nu_r^-(B).$$

Finally, we have

$$\mu_r(B) - \nu_r^*(B) = [\mu_r^+(B) - \nu_r^+(B)] + [\mu_r^-(B) - \nu_r^-(B)] \geq 0.$$

We shall now use  $(\phi')$  to prove

(4.iii) *Under hypotheses (a'), (b), (c), (d),  $(\phi')$ ,  $(H')$ ,  $V(A) < +\infty$ , we have  $\mu_r^+ = \nu_r^+$ ,  $\mu_r^- = \nu_r^-$ ,  $\mu_r = \nu_r^*$  for every set  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$  and  $r = 1, \dots, k$ . Thus for every set  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$  we have  $\mu_r^+ = \nu_r(B \cap A^+)$ ,  $\mu_r^- = -\nu_r(B \cap A^-)$ ,  $\nu_r^* = \mu_r = \mu_r^+ + \mu_r^-$ , and  $\nu_r$  admits the Jordan decomposition  $\nu_r = \mu_r^+ - \mu_r^-$ .*

**Proof.** Given  $r = 1, \dots, k$ , and  $\epsilon > 0$ , let  $\mu = \mu(\epsilon, A)$  be the number considered in (1.v), let  $D_0 = [I]$  be any system,  $D_0 \in \mathfrak{D}$ , with  $\delta(D_0, A) < \mu$ , and  $\lambda$  the corresponding number  $\lambda = \lambda(\epsilon, D_0)$  of  $(\phi')$ . Then we denote by  $G, G^+, G^-$ , the sets which are the unions of all  $I^0$  with  $I \in D_0$ , or  $I \in D_0$ ,  $\phi_r(I) \geq 0$ , or  $I \in D_0$ ,  $\phi_r(I) < 0$ , respectively, and where  $I^0$  is taken in the topology  $\mathfrak{G}$ . Then  $G, G^+, G^- \in \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $G^+ \cap G^- = \emptyset$ ,  $G^+ \cup G^- = G$ , and

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \left| \sum \phi_r(I) - \mathfrak{B}_r(A) \right| &< \epsilon, & \left| \sum |\phi_r(I)| - V_r(A) \right| &< \epsilon, \\ \left| \sum \phi_r^+(I) - V_r^+(A) \right| &< \epsilon, & \left| \sum \phi_r^-(I) - V_r^-(A) \right| &< \epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sum$  ranges over all  $I \in D_0$ , i.e., over all  $I^0 \subset G$ . Nevertheless, in the last two sums we could just suppose that  $\sum$  ranges over all  $I \in D_0$  with  $I^0 \subset G^+$ , or  $I^0 \subset G^-$  respectively.

Let  $\mu = \mu(\epsilon, G)$ ,  $\mu^+ = \mu(\epsilon, G^+)$ ,  $\mu^- = \mu(\epsilon, G^-)$  be the numbers defined in (1.v) and  $\nu = \nu(\mu, G)$ ,  $\nu^+ = \nu(\mu^+, G^+)$ ,  $\nu^- = \nu(\mu^-, G^-)$ , the corresponding numbers defined in (d<sub>g</sub>). Let  $\nu' = \min [\lambda, \nu, \nu^+, \nu^-]$ , and  $D = [J]$  be any system  $D \in \mathfrak{D}$  with  $\delta(D, A) < \nu'$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.4) \quad & \left| \sum_{J \in G} \phi_r(J) - \mathfrak{B}_r(G) \right| < \epsilon, \quad \left| \sum_{J \in G} |\phi_r(J)| - V_r(G) \right| < \epsilon, \\
& \left| \sum_{J \in G} \phi_r^+(J) - V_r^+(G) \right| < \epsilon, \quad \left| \sum_{J \in G} \phi_r^-(J) - V_r^-(G) \right| < \epsilon, \\
& \left| \sum_{J \in G^+} \phi_r(J) - \mathfrak{B}_r(G^+) \right| < \epsilon, \quad \left| \sum_{J \in G^+} |\phi_r(J)| - V_r(G^+) \right| < \epsilon, \\
& \left| \sum_{J \in G^+} \phi_r^+(J) - V_r^+(G^+) \right| < \epsilon, \quad \left| \sum_{J \in G^+} \phi_r^-(J) - V_r^-(G^+) \right| < \epsilon, \\
& \left| \sum_{J \in G^-} \phi_r(J) - \mathfrak{B}_r(G^-) \right| < \epsilon, \quad \left| \sum_{J \in G^-} |\phi_r(J)| - V_r(G^-) \right| < \epsilon, \\
& \left| \sum_{J \in G^-} \phi_r^+(J) - V_r^+(G^-) \right| < \epsilon, \quad \left| \sum_{J \in G^-} \phi_r^-(J) - V_r^-(G^-) \right| < \epsilon,
\end{aligned}$$

and also

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.5) \quad & \sum_{I \in G} \left| \sum_{J \in I^0} \phi_r(J) - \phi_r(I) \right| < \epsilon, \quad \sum_{I \in G} \left| \sum_{J \in I^0} |\phi_r(J)| - |\phi_r(I)| \right| < \epsilon, \\
& \sum_{I \in G} \left| \sum_{J \in I^0} \phi_r^+(J) - \phi_r^+(I) \right| < \epsilon, \quad \sum_{I \in G} \left| \sum_{J \in I^0} \phi_r^-(J) - \phi_r^-(I) \right| < \epsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, if we consider those  $J, I$  with  $J \in D, I \in D_0, J \subset I^0$ , with  $\phi_r(J) \leq 0, \phi_r(I) \geq 0$ , or  $\phi_r(J) \geq 0, \phi_r(I) \leq 0$ , we deduce from the last two inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{I \in G^+} \left| \sum_{J \in I^0} \phi_r^-(J) - 0 \right| < \epsilon, \\
& \sum_{I \in G^-} \left| \sum_{J \in I^0} \phi_r^+(J) - 0 \right| < \epsilon,
\end{aligned}$$

and hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.6) \quad & \sum_{J \in G^+} \phi_r^-(J) < \epsilon, \\
& \sum_{J \in G^-} \phi_r^+(J) < \epsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

By virtue of the corresponding relations (4.4), we have

$$(4.7) \quad V_r^-(G^+) < 2\epsilon, \quad V_r^+(G^-) < 2\epsilon.$$

On the other hand, by virtue of the corresponding relations (4.4), (4.5), (4.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= V_r(A) - V_r^+(A) - V_r^-(A) \leq V_r(A) - V_r^+(G^+) - V_r^-(G^-) \\
&= \left[ V_r(A) - \sum_{I \in \mathcal{G}} |\phi_r(I)| \right] - \sum_{I \in \mathcal{G}} \left[ \sum_{J \in I^+} |\phi_r(J)| - |\phi_r(I)| \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}^+} \phi_r^-(J) + \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}^+} [\phi_r^+(J) - V_r^+(G^+)] \\
&\quad + \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}^-} \phi_r^+(J) + \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}^-} [\phi_r^-(J) - V_r^-(G^-)] \\
&< \epsilon + \epsilon + \epsilon + \epsilon + \epsilon + \epsilon = 6\epsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$0 \leq V_r(A) - V_r^+(G^+) - V_r^-(G^-) < 6\epsilon,$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \mu_r^+(A - G^+) + \mu_r^-(A - G^-) = \mu_r^+(A) + \mu_r^-(A) - \mu_r^+(G^+) - \mu_r^-(G^-) \\
&= V_r(A) - V_r^+(G^+) - V_r^-(G^-) < 6\epsilon,
\end{aligned}$$

and finally

$$\mu_r^+(A - G^+) < 6\epsilon, \quad \mu_r^-(A - G^-) < 6\epsilon.$$

Let  $B$  be any set  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ . Thus,  $B \cap G^+ \in \mathfrak{B}$ ,  $B \cap G^- \in \mathfrak{B}$ . There is a sequence  $g_n$ ,  $n=1, 2, \dots$ , of sets  $g_n \in \mathcal{G}$  such that  $g_n \supset g_{n+1}$ ,  $g_n \supset B \cap G^+$ ,  $V_r^+(g_n) \rightarrow \mu_r^+(B \cap G^+)$ ,  $V_r^-(g_n) \rightarrow \mu_r^-(B \cap G^+)$ . As a consequence, we have successively  $g_n \cap G^+ \in \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $g_n \cap G^+ \supset g_{n+1} \cap G^+$ ,  $g_n \cap G^+ \supset B \cap G^+$ ,  $V_r^+(g_n \cap G^+) \rightarrow \mu_r^+(B \cap G^+)$ ,  $V_r^-(g_n \cap G^+) \rightarrow \mu_r^-(B \cap G^+)$ , and finally

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_r^+(B \cap G^+) &= \lim V_r^+(g_n \cap G^+), \\
\nu_r(B \cap G^+) &= \lim [V_r^+(g_n \cap G^+) - V_r^-(g_n \cap G^+)],
\end{aligned}$$

and also

$$\mu_r^+(B \cap G^+) - \nu_r(B \cap G^+) = \lim V_r^-(g_n \cap G^+).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \mu_r^+(B \cap G^+) - \nu_r(B \cap G^+) \leq V_r^-(G^+), \\
0 &\leq \mu_r^+(B) - \nu_r^+(B) \\
&= \mu_r^+(B \cap G^+) + \mu_r^+(B \cap (A - G^+)) - \nu_r^+(B \cap G^+) - \nu_r^+(B \cap (A - G^+)) \\
&= [\mu_r^+(B \cap G^+) - \nu_r(B \cap G^+)] + \nu_r^-(B \cap G^+) \\
&\quad + [\mu_r^+(B \cap (A - G^+)) - \nu_r^+(B \cap (A - G^+))] \\
&\leq V_r^-(G^+) + \mu_r^-(B \cap G^+) + \mu_r^+(B \cap (A - G^+)) \leq 2V_r^-(G^+) + \mu_r^+(A - G^+) \\
&< 4\epsilon + 6\epsilon = 10\epsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\epsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, we conclude that  $\mu_r^+(B) = \nu_r^+(B)$  for every  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ .

Analogously, we can prove that  $\mu_r^-(B) = \nu_r^-(B)$ . Finally, we have

$$\mu_r(B) - \nu_r^*(B) = [\mu_r^+(B) - \nu_r^+(B)] + [\mu_r^-(B) - \nu_r^-(B)] = 0.$$

The last part of statement (4.iii) is now a trivial consequence of Theorem (4.i) and relations (4.2). Thereby (4.iii) is completely proved.

REMARK. If we replace hypothesis ( $\phi'$ ) by the slightly weaker hypothesis ( $\phi$ ), then (4.iii) does not hold necessarily, i.e., the hypotheses (a'), (b), (c), (d), ( $\phi$ ), ( $H'$ ),  $V(A) < +\infty$  do not imply the conclusion of (4.iii). This can be seen by the following example, which even satisfies (e) and (g).

Let  $A = [-1 \leq x \leq 1]$  with the usual topology, and  $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{U}$  be the collection of all open sets  $G$  open in  $A$ . Let  $\{I\} = \{I_{rn}\}$  be the collection of all closed intervals  $I_{rn} = [r2^{-n}, (r+1)2^{-n}]$ ,  $r = -2^n, -2^n+1, \dots, 2^n-1$ ,  $\mathfrak{D} = \{D_n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  the collection of all finite families  $D_n = [I_{rn}, r = -2^n, -2^n+1, \dots, 2^n-1]$ . Thus for every set  $G$  open in  $A$ ,  $D_{nG}$  is the subfamily of all (closed)  $I_{rn}$  with  $I_{rn} \subset G$ ,  $r = -2^n, -2^n+1, \dots, 2^n-1$ , and  $\mathfrak{D}_G = [D_{nG}, n = 1, 2, \dots]$ . Finally, we take  $\delta(D_{nG}, G) = 2^{-n}$ , and  $k=1$ ,  $\phi(I_{rn}) = 0$  if  $r \neq -1, 0$ ,  $\phi(I_{rn}) = -1$  if  $r = -1$ ,  $\phi(I_{rn}) = +1$  if  $r = 0$ . Then, if  $0 \in G$ , we have  $V(G) = 2$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}(G) = 0$ ,  $V^+(G) = V^-(G) = 1$ ; if  $0 \notin G$ , we have  $V = \mathfrak{B} = V^+ = V^- = 0$ . Thus,  $\mathfrak{B}(G) = 0$ ,  $V^+(G) = V^-(G)$  for all  $G$  and, by (3.1)  $\mu^+(M) = \mu^-(M)$  for all subsets  $M$  of  $A$ , hence, by (3.2) and (4.1),  $\nu(M) = \nu^+(M) = \nu^-(M) = 0$  for all subsets  $M$  of  $A$ , while  $\mu^+(M) = \mu^-(M) = 1$  for every  $M$  with  $0 \in M$ .

Given any set  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ , we shall denote by  $[H]$  any finite decomposition  $[H] = [H_1, \dots, H_n]$ ,  $B = H_1 \cup H_2 \cup \dots \cup H_n$  of  $B$  into disjoint sets  $H_1, \dots, H_n \in \mathfrak{B}$ .

(4.iv) Under the same hypotheses as (4.iii) and for every set  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ , we have

$$\mu(B) = \sup_{[H]} \sum_{H \in [H]} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \mu_r^2(H) \right]^{1/2} = \sup_{[H]} \sum_{H \in [H]} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \nu_r^2(H) \right]^{1/2}.$$

Proof. From (3.iii), (3.x) and the definitions, we have

$$(4.8) \quad \sum_{H \in [H]} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \nu_r^2(H) \right]^{1/2} \leq \sum_{H \in [H]} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \mu_r^2(H) \right]^{1/2} \leq \sum_{H \in [H]} \mu(H) = \mu(B).$$

Given  $\epsilon > 0$  let  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$  be chosen in such a way that  $B \subset G$ ,  $\mu(B) \leq V(G) < \mu(B) + \epsilon$ , and analogous relations hold for  $\mu_r$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, k$ . Let  $\mu = \mu(\epsilon, G) > 0$  be the number defined as in (1.v), let  $D_0 = [I]$  be a system of  $N$  sets  $I$  with  $D_0 \in \mathfrak{D}_G$ ,  $\delta(D_0, G) < \mu$ , and let  $\lambda = \lambda(\epsilon, D_0, G)$  be the number defined as in (1.v). Then we certainly have

$$(4.9) \quad \left| V(G) - \sum_{I \in D_0} \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \epsilon, \quad \left| V_r(G) - \sum_{I \in D_0} |\phi_r(I)| \right| < \epsilon, \quad r = 1, \dots, k.$$

Let  $G' = \cup I^0$ , where  $\cup$  ranges over all  $I \in D_0$ . Then  $G' \subset G$ ,  $G' \in \mathcal{G}$ . Let  $\mu' = \mu(\epsilon, G') > 0$ ,  $\mu'(I) = \mu(\epsilon/N, I^0)$ ,  $I \in D_0$ , be numbers defined as in (1.v), let  $\nu' = \nu(\mu', G') > 0$ ,  $\nu'(I) = \nu(\mu'(I), I^0) > 0$ ,  $\nu'' = \nu(\lambda, G) > 0$  be numbers defined as in (d<sub>3</sub>), and  $D = [J]$  be any system with  $D \in \mathfrak{D} = \mathfrak{D}_A$ ,  $\delta(D, A) < \min [\nu', \nu'(I), I \in D_0, \nu'']$ . Let  $D_{G'}$ ,  $D_{I^0}$ ,  $D_G$  be the unions of all  $J \in D$  which are respectively in  $G'$ ,  $I^0$ ,  $G$ , ( $I \in D_0$ ). Then we have

$$\delta(D_{G'}, G') < \mu', \quad \delta(D_{I^0}, I^0) < \mu'(I), \quad \delta(D_G, G) < \lambda,$$

and thus

$$(4.10) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| V(G') - \sum_{J \in G'} \|\phi(J)\| \right| < \epsilon, & \left| V_r(G') - \sum_{J \in G'} |\phi_r(J)| \right| < \epsilon, \\ & \left| V(I^0) - \sum_{J \in I^0} \|\phi(J)\| \right| < \epsilon/N, & \left| V_r(I^0) - \sum_{J \in I^0} |\phi_r(J)| \right| < \epsilon/N, \\ & & I \in D_0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{I \in D_0} \left| \sum_{J \in I} \|\phi(J)\| - \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \epsilon, \quad \sum_{I \in D_0} \left| \sum_{J \in I^0} |\phi_r(J)| - |\phi_r(I)| \right| < \epsilon.$$

We have

$$\mu(B) < V(G) + \epsilon < \sum_{I \in D_0} \|\phi(I)\| + 2\epsilon = \sum_{I \in D_0} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \phi_r^2(I) \right]^{1/2} + 2\epsilon.$$

If we denote by  $\xi_r(I)$  the difference under  $||$  in the sixth relation (4.10), we have also, by substitution and Minkowski's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(B) &< \sum_{I \in D_0} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \left\{ \sum_{J \in I^0} |\phi_r(J)| - \xi_r(I) \right\}^2 \right]^{1/2} + 2\epsilon \\ &\leq \sum_{I \in D_0} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \left\{ \sum_{J \in I^0} |\phi_r(J)| + |\xi_r(I)| \right\}^2 \right]^{1/2} + 2\epsilon \\ &\leq \sum_{I \in D_0} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \left\{ \sum_{J \in I^0} |\phi_r(J)| \right\}^2 \right]^{1/2} + \sum_{I \in D_0} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \xi_r^2(I) \right]^{1/2} + 2\epsilon \\ &\leq \sum_{I \in D_0} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \left\{ \sum_{J \in I^0} |\phi_r(J)| \right\}^2 \right]^{1/2} + \sum_{r=1}^k \sum_{I \in D_0} |\xi_r(I)| + 2\epsilon \\ &\leq \sum_{I \in D_0} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \left\{ \sum_{J \in I^0} |\phi_r(J)| \right\}^2 \right]^{1/2} + (k+2)\epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

If we denote by  $\zeta_r(I)$  the difference under  $||$  in the fourth relation (4.10), we have also, by the same argument,

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(B) &< \sum_{I \in D_0} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \{V_r(I^0) - \zeta_r(I)\}^2 \right]^{1/2} + (k+2)\epsilon \\ &< \sum_{I \in D_0} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k V_r^2(I^0) \right]^{1/2} + (2k+2)\epsilon.\end{aligned}$$

We have  $I^0, G' \in \mathfrak{G}$  and hence, by (3.iv),  $\mu_r(I^0) = V_r(I^0)$ , and finally

$$(4.11) \quad \mu(B) < \sum_{I \in D_0} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \mu_r^2(I^0) \right]^{1/2} + (2k+2)\epsilon.$$

For every  $I \in D_0$  let  $I', I''$  be the sets  $I' = I^0 \cap B$ ,  $I'' = I^0 - B$ , and let  $K = G - G'$ ,  $M = K \cap B = B - G' = B - \cup I^0$ . We have  $I', I'', K, M \in \mathfrak{B}$ ,  $I^0 = I' \cup I''$ ,  $\mu_r(I^0) = \mu_r(I') + \mu_r(I'')$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(\cup I'') &= \sum \mu(I'') \leq \mu(G - B) = \mu(G) - \mu(B) < \epsilon, \\ \mu_r(\cup I'') &= \sum \mu_r(I'') \leq \mu_r(G - B) = \mu_r(G) - \mu_r(B) < \epsilon, \\ &\quad r = 1, \dots, k,\end{aligned}$$

where  $\cup$  and  $\sum$  range over all  $I \in D_0$ . We have, by (4.11)

$$\mu(B) < \sum_{I \in D_0} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \{\mu_r(I') + \mu_r(I'')\}^2 \right]^{1/2} + (2k+2)\epsilon,$$

and, by repeating the same reasoning above,

$$\mu(B) < \sum_{I \in D_0} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \mu_r^2(I') \right]^{1/2} + (3k+2)\epsilon.$$

Finally we have

$$(4.12) \quad \mu(B) < \sum_{I \in D_0} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \mu_r^2(I') \right]^{1/2} + \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \mu_r^2(K) \right]^{1/2} + (3k+2)\epsilon,$$

where the  $N$  sets  $I'$  and  $K$  form a decomposition of  $B$  into  $N+1$  disjoint sets of  $B$ . This proves that

$$\mu(B) \leq \sup_{[H]} \sum_{H \in [H]} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \mu_r^2(H) \right]^{1/2}.$$

This result together with (4.8) proves the first part of (4.iv).

To prove the second part of (4.iv) let us observe that (4.12) actually states that there exists a decomposition  $[H]$  of  $B$  with

$$\mu(B) < \sum_{H \in [H]} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \mu_r^2(H) \right]^{1/2} + (3k+2)\epsilon.$$

Let  $H_r^+ = HA_r^+$ ,  $H_r^- = HA_r^-$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, k$ , and

$$H_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_k} = H_1^{\pm} \cap H_2^{\pm} \cap \dots \cap H_k^{\pm}, \quad i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k = 1, 2,$$

where we take  $H_1^+$  if  $i_1=1$ ,  $H_1^-$  if  $i_1=2$ , and analogously for  $H_2^{\pm}, \dots, H_k^{\pm}$ . Thus

$$H = \bigcup_{i_1, \dots, i_k=1,2} H_{i_1 \dots i_k}$$

where  $\bigcup$  ranges over the  $2^k$  disjoint sets  $H_{i_1 \dots i_k}$  all in  $\mathfrak{B}$ . If  $\sum'$  denotes any sum ranging over all these sets, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(B) &< \sum_{H \in [H]} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \left\{ \sum' \mu_r(H_{i_1 \dots i_k}) \right\}^2 \right]^{1/2} + (3k+2)\epsilon, \\ &\leq \sum_{H \in [H]} \sum' \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \mu_r^2(H_{i_1 \dots i_k}) \right]^{1/2} + (3k+2)\epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

where now  $\mu_r(H_{i_1 \dots i_k}) = \pm \nu_r(H_{i_1 \dots i_k})$ . Hence

$$\mu(B) \leq \sum_{H \in [H]} \sum' \left[ \sum_{r=1}^k \nu_r^2(H_{i_1 \dots i_k}) \right]^{1/2} + (3k+2)\epsilon,$$

and, by the same argument above, we prove the second part of (4.iv).

**5. Radon-Nikodym derivatives.** The measures  $\mu_r^+, \mu_r^-$  and the signed measures  $\nu_r$  are absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu_r$ , and  $\mu_r, \mu_r^+, \mu_r^-, \nu_r$  are absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ ,  $r=1, 2, \dots, k$ . Indeed, by (3.1), (3.2), (3.3), we have  $|\nu_r| = |\mu_r^+ - \mu_r^-| \leq \mu_r^+ + \mu_r^- = \mu_r \leq \mu$ . Hence the Radon-Nikodym derivatives

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_r(w) &= \frac{d\nu_r}{d\mu}, & \beta_r(w) &= \frac{d\mu_r}{d\mu}, & \beta_r^+(w) &= \frac{d\mu_r^+}{d\mu}, & \beta_r^-(w) &= \frac{d\mu_r^-}{d\mu} \\ \gamma_r(w) &= \frac{d\nu_r}{d\mu_r}, & \gamma_r^+(w) &= \frac{d\mu_r^+}{d\mu_r}, & \gamma_r^-(w) &= \frac{d\mu_r^-}{d\mu_r}, & r &= 1, \dots, k, \end{aligned}$$

exist  $(\mu)$ -a.e. and  $(\mu_r)$ -a.e. in  $A$  respectively, are measurable functions in the measure spaces  $(A, \mathfrak{B}, \mu)$ ,  $(A, \mathfrak{B}, \mu_r)$  respectively, and we have  $-1 \leq \theta_r, \gamma_r \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \beta_r, \beta_r^+, \beta_r^-, \gamma_r^+, \gamma_r^- \leq 1$ . We shall also denote by  $\theta(w)$  the vector valued function  $\theta(w) = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$ .

(5.i) Under the hypotheses (a'), (b), (c), (d), ( $\phi'$ ), (H'),  $V(A) < +\infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad \beta_r &= \beta_r^+ + \beta_r^-, & \theta_r &= \beta_r^+ - \beta_r^-, & \beta_r^+ &= \gamma_r^+ \beta_r, & \beta_r^- &= \gamma_r^- \beta_r, & (\mu)\text{-a.e. in } A; \\ \gamma_r^+ + \gamma_r^- &= 1, & \gamma_r &= \gamma_r^+ - \gamma_r^-, & & & & (\mu_r)\text{-a.e. in } A; \end{aligned}$$



$$(b) \quad \begin{aligned} \beta_r^+ \beta_r^- &= 0, & |\theta_r| &= |\beta_r^+ - \beta_r^-| = |\beta_r^+ + \beta_r^-| = \beta_r, & (\mu)\text{-a.e. in } A; \\ \gamma_r^+ \gamma_r^- &= 0, & |\gamma_r| &= |\gamma_r^+ - \gamma_r^-| = \gamma_r^+ + \gamma_r^- = 1, & (\mu_r)\text{-a.e. in } A; \end{aligned}$$

and, either

$$\gamma_r^+ = 1, \quad \gamma_r^- = 0, \quad \text{or} \quad \gamma_r^+ = 0, \quad \gamma_r^- = 1, \quad (\mu_r)\text{-a.e. in } A.$$

**Proof.** The relations  $\beta_r = \beta_r^+ + \beta_r^-$ ,  $\theta_r = \beta_r^+ - \beta_r^-$ ,  $(\mu)$ -a.e. follow from  $\mu_r = \mu_r^+ + \mu_r^-$  (3.ii) and  $\nu_r = \mu_r^+ - \mu_r^-$  (definition (3.2)) respectively. The relations  $\beta_r^+ = \gamma_r^+ \beta_r$ ,  $\beta_r^- = \gamma_r^- \beta_r$ ,  $(\mu)$ -a.e. follow from the chain rule on Radon-Nikodym derivatives.

The equalities  $\gamma_r^+ + \gamma_r^- = 1$  and  $\gamma_r = \gamma_r^+ - \gamma_r^-$ ,  $(\mu_r)$ -a.e., follow from  $\mu_r^+ + \mu_r^- = \mu_r$  and  $\nu_r = \mu_r^+ - \mu_r^-$  again. Thus (a) is proved.

We will derive the equality  $\beta_r^+ \beta_r^- = 0$ ,  $(\mu)$ -a.e., from (4.i) and (4.iii). Indeed, we have  $\beta_r^- = 0$ ,  $(\mu)$ -a.e. on  $A^+$ , and hence  $\theta_r = \beta_r^+ - \beta_r^- = \beta_r^+ = \beta_r^+ + \beta_r^- = \beta_r$ ,  $(\mu)$ -a.e. on  $A^+$ ; we have  $\beta_r^+ = 0$ ,  $(\mu)$ -a.e. on  $A^-$ , and hence  $-\theta_r = \beta_r^- - \beta_r^+ = \beta_r^- = \beta_r^+ + \beta_r^- = \beta_r$ ,  $(\mu)$ -a.e., on  $A^-$ . Thus  $|\theta_r| = |\beta_r^+ - \beta_r^-| = \beta_r^+ + \beta_r^- = \beta_r$ ,  $(\mu)$ -a.e. as in A.

| The relations  $\gamma_r^+ \gamma_r^- = 0$ ,  $|\gamma_r| = |\gamma_r^+ - \gamma_r^-| = \gamma_r^+ + \gamma_r^- = 1$ ,  $(\mu_r)$ -a.e. are proved similarly. Thus  $\gamma_r^+ = 1$ ,  $\gamma_r^- = 0$ , or  $\gamma_r^+ = 0$ ,  $\gamma_r^- = 1$ ,  $(\mu_r)$ -a.e., and (5.i) is proved.

(5.ii) Under the same hypotheses as in (5.i) we have

$$(5.1) \quad \theta_1^2 + \cdots + \theta_k^2 = \|\theta\|^2 = \beta_1^2 + \cdots + \beta_k^2 = 1, \quad (\mu)\text{-a.e. in } A.$$

This statement is a consequence of [6, p. 318] and (5.i).

Let  $D = [I]$  be any system  $D \in \mathfrak{D}$  and, for every  $I \in \mathfrak{D}$ , let us consider the set  $I^0 \subset I$ ,  $I^0 \in \mathfrak{G}$ , where  $I^0$  is taken in the topology  $\mathfrak{G}$ . Let  $G = \bigcup I^0$ ,  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$ , where  $\bigcup$  ranges over all  $I \in D$ . Let  $\eta(w)$ ,  $w \in A$ , be the vector function

$$(5.2) \quad \eta(w) = \nu(I^0)/\mu(I^0) \text{ if } w \in I^0, I \in D; \quad \eta(w) = 0 \text{ if } w \in A - G.$$

Then  $\eta(w) = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k)$  and  $\|\eta(w)\| \leq 1$  for all  $w \in A$ . Also,  $\eta(w)$  is constant in each of the disjoint sets  $I^0$  with  $I \in D$ , and  $A - G$ , all belonging to  $\mathfrak{B}$ , and hence  $\eta(w)$  is  $\mu$ -measurable in  $A$ .

(5.iii) Under the same hypotheses as in (5.i) we have

$$\lim_{\delta(D) \rightarrow 0} (A) \int \|\theta(w) - \eta(w)\|^2 d\mu = 0.$$

**Proof.** Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , let  $\mu = \mu(\epsilon, A) > 0$  be defined as in (1.v), and  $D = [I]$  any system  $D \in \mathfrak{D}$  of  $N$  sets  $I \in \{I\}$  with  $\delta(D, A) < \mu$ . Let  $\lambda = \lambda(\epsilon, D)$  be defined as in (1.v). Let  $\mu(I) = \mu(\epsilon/N, I^0)$  be defined as in (1.v) for each  $I \in D$ , and  $\nu(I) = \nu(\mu(I), I^0)$  as in (d<sub>3</sub>). Finally let  $\nu' = \min[\mu, \lambda, \nu(I)]$  for all  $I \in D$ . Let  $D' = [J] \in \mathfrak{D}$  be any system with  $\delta(D', A) < \nu'$ . Then we have

$$(5.3) \quad \sum_{I \in D} \left\| \sum_{J \in I^0} \phi(J) - \phi(I) \right\| < \epsilon, \quad \left| V(A) - \sum_{I \in D} \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \epsilon,$$

$$\left\| V(I^0) - \sum_{J \in I^0} \phi(J) \right\| < \epsilon/N, \quad \left| V(I^0) - \sum_{J \in I^0} \|\phi(J)\| \right| < \epsilon/N$$

for all  $I \in D$ . By  $I^0 \in \mathfrak{G}$ , and (3.iv) we have

$$(5.4) \quad \sum_{I \in D} \|\nu(I^0) - \phi(I)\| = \sum_{I \in D} \|\mathfrak{B}(I^0) - \phi(I)\|$$

$$\leq \sum_{I \in D} \left\| \mathfrak{B}(I^0) - \sum_{J \in I^0} \phi(J) \right\| + \sum_{I \in D} \left\| \sum_{J \in I^0} \phi(J) - \phi(I) \right\|$$

$$\leq N(\epsilon/N) + \epsilon = 2\epsilon.$$

If  $\sum$  denotes any sum ranging over all  $I \in D$ , we have

$$(A) \int \|\theta - \eta\|^2 d\mu = (A) \int \|\theta\|^2 d\mu - 2 \sum_{r=1}^k (A) \int \theta_r \eta_r d\mu + (A) \int \|\eta\|^2 d\mu$$

$$= \mu(A) - 2 \sum \sum_{r=1}^k (I^0) \int \theta_r \eta_r d\mu + \sum (I^0) \int \|\eta\|^2 d\mu$$

$$= \mu(A) - 2 \sum \|\nu(I^0)\|^2 / \mu(I^0) + \sum \|\nu(I^0)\|^2 / \mu(I^0)$$

$$= \mu(A) - \sum \|\nu(I^0)\|^2 / \mu(I^0)$$

$$= \mu(A) - \sum \|\nu(I^0)\| + \sum [\|\nu(I^0)\| - \|\nu(I^0)\|^2 / \mu(I^0)]$$

$$= \mu(A) - \sum \|\nu(I^0)\| + \sum [\|\nu(I^0)\| / \mu(I^0)] [\mu(I^0) - \nu(I^0)]$$

$$\leq 2[\mu(A) - \sum \|\nu(I^0)\|]$$

$$\leq 2[V(A) - \sum \|\phi(I)\|] + 2 \sum \|\phi(I)\| - \|\nu(I^0)\|.$$

Thus, by (5.3) and (5.4) we have

$$(A) \int \|\theta - \eta\|^2 d\mu < 2\epsilon + 2 \cdot 2\epsilon = 6\epsilon$$

for every  $D \in \mathfrak{D}$  and  $\delta(D, A) < \mu$ . Thereby, (5.iii) is proved. Statement (5.iii) extends [2, p. 361] and [3, p. 150].

**6. The integrals  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{F}_0$ .** In [1] we have considered a set  $A$ , a collection  $\mathfrak{G}$  made up of the only set  $A$ , a collection  $\{I\}$  of sets  $I \subset A$ , a collection  $\mathfrak{D}$  of finite systems  $D = [I]$  of sets  $I \in \{I\}$  satisfying (b), a mesh  $\delta(D) = \delta(D, A)$  satisfying (d<sub>1</sub>) and (d<sub>2</sub>), a vector function  $\phi(I) = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k)$ ,  $I \in \{I\}$ , satisfying  $(\phi)$  with respect to  $\delta(D)$  and  $\mathfrak{D}$  (i.e., quasi additive). If  $V = V(\|\phi\|) = V(A) < +\infty$ , then all functions  $\phi, \phi_r, \|\phi\|, |\phi_r|, \phi_r^+, \phi_r^-$  are quasi additive.

Let  $T: p = p(w)$ ,  $w \in A$ ,  $p = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ , be any mapping from  $A$  into a given set  $K \subseteq E_m$ . Then for every  $I \in \{I\}$  let  $\omega(I) = \text{Osc}(T, I)$ , and, for every

$D = [I] \in \mathfrak{D}$ , let  $\omega(D) = \max \omega(I)$  for all  $I \in D$ . We have supposed in [1] that  $\delta(D)$  has been chosen in such a way that

$$(\omega) \quad \omega(D) \leq \delta(D) \quad \text{for all } D \in \mathfrak{D}.$$

This is actually a continuity requirement for  $T$  in  $A$ .

Let  $p = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$  denote any point  $p \in E_m$  as above,  $q = (q_1, \dots, q_k)$  any point  $q \in E_k$ , and  $\mathfrak{S}$  the unit sphere in  $E_k$ , or  $\mathfrak{S} = [q \in E_k, \|q\| = 1]$ . Let  $f(p, q)$ ,  $p \in K \subset E_m$ ,  $q \in E_k$ , be any function of  $(p, q)$  defined for all  $(p, q) \in K \times E_k$ , such that

- (f<sub>1</sub>)  $f$  is a bounded and uniformly continuous function of  $(p, q)$  in  $K \times \mathfrak{S}$ ;  
 (f<sub>2</sub>)  $f(p, tq) = tf(p, q)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ ,  $p \in K$ ,  $q \in E_k$ .

For every  $I \in \{I\}$  we may choose arbitrarily a point  $\tau \in I$  and consider the set function

$$\Phi(I) = f[p(\tau), \phi(I)], \quad I \in \{I\}.$$

We have proved in [1]:

(6.i) Under hypotheses  $\mathfrak{G} = A$ , (b), (d<sub>1</sub>), (d<sub>2</sub>), ( $\phi$ ), ( $\omega$ ), (f) and  $V(A) < +\infty$ , the scalar set function  $\Phi(I)$ ,  $I \in \{I\}$ , satisfies ( $\phi$ ) (i.e.,  $\Phi$  is quasi additive, and given  $\epsilon > 0$ , the numbers  $\eta(\epsilon)$ ,  $\lambda(\epsilon, D_0)$  of ( $\phi$ ) can be determined independently of the choice of  $\tau$  in each set  $I$ ,  $I \in D$ ,  $D \in \mathfrak{D}$ ).

(6.ii) Under the same hypotheses as in (6.i), the following limit exists and is finite,

$$\mathfrak{J} = \mathfrak{J}(f, T, \phi) = \lim_{\delta(D) \rightarrow 0} \sum_{I \in D} f[p(\tau), \phi(I)],$$

where  $D = [I] \in \mathfrak{D}$ ,  $\tau$  is any point  $\tau \in I$ , and  $\mathfrak{J}$  is independent of the choice of  $\tau$  on each  $I \in D$ .

$\mathfrak{J}$  is said to be the  $\mathfrak{J}$ -integral of  $f$  on the mapping  $T$  with respect to the quasi additive function  $\phi$ .

In the present paper, by using hypothesis (a), we could replace  $A$  in (6.i) and (6.ii), by any set  $G$  of the collection  $\mathfrak{G}$ , and then the integral above could be thought of as a set function  $I(G, f, T, \phi)$ ,  $G \in \mathfrak{G}$ .

Also, by using hypotheses (a'), ( $\phi'$ ) (instead of (a) and ( $\phi$ )) we may define  $I$  by means of another limit, analogous to the one in (6.1), as it was done in [3]. Indeed, the following theorem holds:

(6.iii) Under hypotheses (a'), (b), (c), (d), ( $\phi'$ ), (H'),  $V(A) < +\infty$ , ( $\omega$ ), (f), we have

$$\mathfrak{J}(f, T, \phi) = \lim_{\delta(D) \rightarrow 0} \sum_{I \in D} f[p(\tau), \nu(I^0)].$$

**Proof.** Let  $M > 0$  be a number such that  $\mu(A) = V(A) \leq M - 1$ ,  $|f(p, q)| \leq$

$M-1$  for all  $p \in K, q \in \mathfrak{S}$ . Given  $0 < \epsilon \leq 1$ , let  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon/15M$ , and  $\rho, 0 < \rho < \epsilon_1/14$ , a number such that  $|f(p, q) - f(p, q')| < \epsilon_1$ , for all  $p \in K, 1 - \epsilon_1 \leq \|q\|, \|q'\| \leq 1, \|q - q'\| \leq 14\rho$ . Let  $\sigma = \rho^6/48k$ , let  $\mu = \mu(\sigma, A), 0 \leq \mu \leq \sigma$ , be the number defined in (1.v), and  $D = [I] \in \mathfrak{D}$  any system with  $\delta(D, A) < \mu$ . Let  $\lambda = \lambda(\sigma, D), 0 < \lambda \leq \mu$ , be a number defined as in (1.v), and let  $D' = [J]$  be any system with  $\delta(D', A) < \lambda$ .

For any  $I \in \mathfrak{D}$  and  $J \in D$  let  $\alpha(I), \beta(J)$  be the unit vectors  $\alpha(I) = \phi(I)/\|\phi(I)\|, \beta(J) = \phi(J)/\|\phi(J)\|$ . Let  $\sum_I, \sum_J, \sum^{(I)}, \sum'$  denote as usual sums ranging over all  $I \in D$ , all  $J \in D'$ , all  $J \in D'$  with  $J \subset I^0$ , all  $J \in D'$  with  $J \not\subset I^0$  for any  $I \in D$ , respectively, and let  $\sum^*$  be any sum ranging over all  $J \in D'$  with  $J \subset I^0$  for some  $I \in D$  and  $\|\beta(J) - \alpha(I)\| \geq \rho^2$ . Then, by Lemma (5.i) of the previous paper [1] (where  $\epsilon$  is now replaced by  $\rho^2$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum^* \|\phi(J)\| < \rho^2, \quad \sum' \|\phi(J)\| < \rho^2, \\
 & \sum_I \sum^{(I)} \|\phi(J)\| \|\beta(J) - \alpha(I)\|^2 < \rho^2, \\
 (6.1) \quad & \sum_I \left| \sum^{(I)} \|\phi(J)\| - \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \rho^2, \quad \sum_I \left| \sum^{(I)} \phi(J) - \phi(I) \right| < \rho^2, \\
 & \left| \mathfrak{B}(A) - \sum_I \phi(I) \right| < \rho^2, \quad \left| V(A) - \sum_I \|\phi(I)\| \right| < \rho^2, \\
 & \left| \mathfrak{B}(A) - \sum_J \phi(J) \right| < \rho^2, \quad \left| V(A) - \sum_J \|\phi(J)\| \right| < \rho^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $D' = [J] \in \mathfrak{D}$  can be taken with mesh  $\delta(D', A)$  arbitrarily small, we deduce from the fourth and fifth relations (6.1) that

$$(6.2) \quad \sum_I \left| \mathfrak{B}(I^0) - \phi(I) \right| \leq \rho^2, \quad \sum_I \left| V(I^0) - \|\phi(I)\| \right| \leq \rho^2,$$

For every  $I$  let us denote by  $\sum^{*(I)}, \sum^{0(I)}$  sums ranging over all  $J \in D', J \subset I^0$ , with  $\|\beta(J) - \alpha(I)\| \geq \rho$ , or  $\|\beta(J) - \alpha(I)\| < \rho$  respectively. Let us denote by  $D_2', D_2'', D_2''', D_2^{IV}$  the subcollections of all  $I \in D$  such that, respectively

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| \sum^{(I)} \phi(J) - \mathfrak{B}(I^0) \right\| \geq \rho \|\phi(I)\|, \\
 (6.3) \quad & \left| \sum^{(I)} \|\phi(J)\| - V(I^0) \right| \geq \rho \|\phi(I)\|, \\
 & \left| \|\phi(I)\| - V(I^0) \right| \geq \rho \|\phi(I)\|, \\
 & \sum^{*(I)} \|\phi(J)\| \geq \rho \|\phi(I)\|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $D_2 = D_2' \cup D_2'' \cup D_2''' \cup D_2^{IV}$  and  $D_1 = D - D_2$ . For every  $I \in D_1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathfrak{B}(I^0) = \sum^{(I)} \phi(J) + \rho_1 \|\phi(I)\| \quad \text{with} \quad \|\rho_1\| < \rho, \\
 (6.4) \quad & V(I^0) = \sum^{(I)} \|\phi(J)\| + \rho_2 \|\phi(I)\| \quad \text{with} \quad |\rho_2| < \rho, \\
 & V(I^0) = \|\phi(I)\| + \rho_3 \|\phi(I)\| \quad \text{with} \quad |\rho_3| < \rho, \\
 & \sum^{*(I)} \|\phi(J)\| = \rho_4 \|\phi(I)\| \quad \text{with} \quad |\rho_4| < \rho,
 \end{aligned}$$

and, for every  $J \in D', J \subset I^0, I \in D_1$ , we have

$$\phi(J) = \alpha \|\phi(J)\| + \psi(J)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum^{(I)} \|\psi(J)\| &= (\sum^{0(I)} + \sum^{*(I)}) \|\phi(J) - \alpha\|\phi(J)\| \\
 &\leq \sum^{0(I)} \rho \|\phi(J)\| + 2 \sum^{*(I)} \|\phi(J)\| \\
 (6.5) \quad &\leq \rho \sum^{(I)} \|\phi(J)\| + 2 \sum^{*(I)} \|\phi(J)\| \\
 &\leq \rho[V(I^0) - \rho_2\|\phi(I)\|] + 2\rho_4\|\phi(I)\| \\
 &\leq \rho\|\phi(I)\|(1 - \rho_2 + \rho_3) + 2\rho_4\|\phi(I)\| \\
 &= \|\phi(I)\|[\rho(1 - \rho_2 + \rho_3) + 2\rho_4] < 5\rho\|\phi(I)\|,
 \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\sum^{(I)} \psi(J) = 5\rho_5\|\phi(I)\| \quad \text{with} \quad 0 \leq \|\rho_5\| < \rho.$$

We have also, by (6.3) and (6.2), (6.1),

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{I \in D_2} \|\phi(I)\| &\leq \rho^{-1} \sum_{I \in D} \|\sum^I \phi(J) - \mathfrak{B}(I^0)\| \\
 &\quad + |\sum^{(I)} \|\phi(J)\| - V(I^0)| + |\|\phi(I)\| - V(I^0)| + \sum^{*(I)} \|\phi(J)\| \\
 &\leq \rho^{-1}[2\rho^2 + 2\rho^2 + \rho^2 + \rho^2] = 6\rho.
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, by combining (6.4) and (6.5), we have, for every  $I \in D_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nu(I^0) &= \mathfrak{B}(I^0) = \sum^{(I)} \phi(J) + \rho_1\|\phi(I)\| \\
 &= \alpha \sum^{(I)} \|\phi(J)\| + \sum^{(I)} \psi(J) + \rho_1\|\phi(I)\| \\
 &= \alpha[V(I^0) - \rho_2\|\phi(I)\|] + 5\rho_5\|\phi(I)\| + \rho_1\|\phi(I)\| \\
 &= \|\phi(I)\|[\alpha(1 + \rho_3 - \rho_2) + \rho_1 + 5\rho_5], \\
 \mu(I^0) &= V(I^0) = \|\phi(I)\|(1 + \rho_3), \\
 \gamma(I) &= \nu(I^0)/\mu(I) = [\alpha(1 + \rho_3 + \rho_2) + \rho_1 + 5\rho_5](1 + \rho_3)^{-1}, \\
 \|\gamma(I) - \alpha(I)\| &= \|(-\alpha\rho_2 + \rho_1 + 5\rho_5)(1 + \rho_3)^{-1}\| < 14\rho.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\|\alpha\| = 1$ ,  $14\rho \leq \epsilon_1$ , we have  $\|\gamma\| \geq 1 - \epsilon_1$ , and also  $\|\gamma\| \leq 1$  since  $\mu$  is the total variation of  $\nu$ . Thus for all  $I \in D_1$  we have

$$|f[p(\tau), \alpha(I)] - f[p(\tau), \gamma(I)]| < \epsilon_1.$$

We have now, since  $V(I^0) = \mu(I^0)$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}(I^0) = \nu(I^0)$ , and by force of (f<sub>2</sub>),

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Delta| &= |\sum_I f[p(\tau), \phi(I)] - \sum_I f[p(\tau), \nu(I^0)]| \\
 &= |\sum_I f[p(\tau), \alpha(I)]\|\phi(I)\| - \sum_I f[p(\tau), \gamma(I)]\mu(I^0)| \\
 &\leq \sum_{I \in D_1} |f[p(\tau), \alpha(I)] - f[p(\tau), \gamma(I)]| \|\phi(I)\| \\
 &\quad + \sum_{I \in D_1} |f[p(\tau), \gamma(I)]| \|\phi(I)\| - \mu(I^0) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{I \in D_2} |f[p(\tau), \alpha(I)]\|\phi(I)\| + \sum_{I \in D_2} |f[p(\tau), \gamma(I)]\mu(I^0)|.
 \end{aligned}$$

By the definition of  $\rho$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta| &\leq \epsilon_1 \sum_I \|\phi(I)\| + M\rho + M \cdot 6\rho + M(6\rho + \rho^2) \\ &\leq \epsilon_1[V + \rho^2] + 14M\rho < 15M\epsilon_1 = \epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $D \in \mathfrak{D}$  with  $\delta(D, A) < \mu$ . Thus  $\Delta \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta(D) \rightarrow 0$  and, thereby, (6.iii) is proved.

(6.iv) Under hypotheses (a'), (b), (c), (d), ( $\phi'$ ), ( $H'$ ),  $V(A) < \infty$ , ( $\omega$ ), (f), the function  $f[p(w), \theta(w)]$ ,  $w \in A$ , is  $\mu$ -integrable in  $A$ .

**Proof.** Since  $p(w) \in K$ ,  $\|\theta(w)\| = 1$ ,  $(\mu)$ -a.e. in  $A$ , and  $f$  is bounded in  $K \times \mathfrak{S}$ , we conclude that  $f[p(w), \theta(w)]$  is defined and bounded  $(\mu)$ -a.e. in  $A$  and, hence, it is sufficient to prove that the same function is  $\mu$ -measurable in  $A$ .

If  $D_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , is any sequence of systems  $D_n \in \mathfrak{D}$  with  $\delta(D_n, A) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and we denote by  $\eta_n(w)$ ,  $w \in A$ , the corresponding sequence of functions defined in §5, i.e.,  $\eta_n(w) = [\eta_{n1}, \dots, \eta_{nk}]$ ,  $\eta_n(w) = \nu(I^0)/\mu(I^0)$  for every  $w \in I^0$ ,  $I \in D_n$ ,  $\eta_n(w) = 0$  otherwise, we have  $(A) \int \|\theta(w) - \eta_n(w)\|^2 d\mu \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence, we have also  $(A) \int \|\theta(w) - \eta_n(w)\| d\mu \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and finally  $\eta_n(w) \rightarrow \theta(w)$  in  $(\mu)$ -measure in  $A$ . Finally, there is a subsequence  $n_s$  of integers  $n_s \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $\eta_{n_s}(w) \rightarrow \theta(w)$  as  $s \rightarrow \infty$   $(\mu)$ -a.e. in  $A$ . Thus, we may select a  $(\mu)$ -measurable subset  $A^*$  of  $A$  and a sequence  $D_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , such that  $D_n \in \mathfrak{D}$ ,  $\delta(D_n, A) < 1/n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $\mu(A - A^*) = 0$ ,  $\|\theta(w)\| = 1$  for all  $w \in A^*$ , and  $\eta_n(w) \rightarrow \theta(w)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $w \in A^*$ .

For every  $I \in D_n$  let us take a point  $\tau_n \in I^0$  and let  $p_n(w)$ ,  $w \in A$ , be the mapping defined by  $p_n(w) = p(\tau_n)$  for all  $w \in I^0$ ,  $I \in D_n$ , and  $p_n(w) = p_0$  for all  $w \in A - G'$ ,  $G' = A - \bigcup I^0$ ,  $\bigcup$  ranging over all  $I \in D_n$ , where  $p_0$  is an arbitrary fixed point of  $K$ . Thus  $p_n: A \rightarrow K$ ,  $\eta_n: A \rightarrow E_k$ , and both  $p_n(w)$  and  $\eta_n(w)$ ,  $w \in A$ , are  $(\mu)$ -measurable, since they are constant on each of the sets  $I^0 \in \mathfrak{B}$ ,  $A - G' \in \mathfrak{B}$ . Since  $f$  is continuous on  $K \times E_k$  we conclude that  $f[p_n(w), \eta_n(w)]$ ,  $w \in A$ , is  $\mu$ -measurable in  $A$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ .

Let  $w_0$  be any point  $w_0 \in A^*$ . Since  $\|\theta(w_0)\| = 1$ ,  $\eta_n(w_0) \rightarrow \theta(w_0)$ , there is an integer  $n_0 = n_0(w_0)$  such that  $\|\eta_n(w_0) - \theta(w_0)\| < 1/2$ , and hence  $1/2 \leq \|\eta_n(w_0)\| \leq 3/2$  and  $\eta_n(w_0) \neq 0$ , for all  $n \geq n_0$ . As a consequence,  $w_0 \in I^0$  for some  $I \in D_n$ , and  $\eta_n(w_0) = \nu(I^0)/\mu(I^0)$ ,  $p_n(w_0) = p(\tau_n)$ ,  $\tau_n \in I^0$ , and  $\|p_n(w_0) - p(w_0)\| \leq \text{Osc}[p(w), I^0] \leq \omega(D_n) \leq \delta(D_n, A) < 1/n$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . By (f), the function  $f$  is uniformly continuous on the set  $K \times \mathfrak{S}'$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}' = [q | q \in E_k, 1/2 \leq \|q\| \leq 3/2]$ , and, by  $[p_n(w_0), \eta_n(w_0)] \in K \times \mathfrak{S}'$ ,  $[p_n(w_0), \eta_n(w_0)] \rightarrow [p(w_0), \theta(w_0)] \in K \times \mathfrak{S}$ , we conclude that  $f[p_n(w_0), \eta_n(w_0)] \rightarrow f[p(w_0), \theta(w_0)]$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for all  $w_0 \in A^*$ . Thus  $f[p(w), \theta(w)]$  is  $\mu$ -measurable in  $A^*$ , and, since  $\mu(A - A^*) = 0$ , this function is  $\mu$ -measurable in  $A$ . Thereby, (6.iv) is proved.

Under the hypotheses of (6.iv) the function  $f[p(w), \theta(w)]$ ,  $w \in A$ , is defined  $(\mu)$ -a.e. in  $A$  and is  $(\mu)$ -integrable in  $A$ . Hence, the integral

$$\mathfrak{I}_0 = \mathfrak{I}_0(f, T, \nu) = (A) \int f[p(w), \theta(w)] d\mu$$

exists and is finite.  $\mathfrak{I}_0$  is said to be the  $\mathfrak{I}$ -integral of the function  $f$  on the mapping  $T$  with respect to the vector valued measure  $\nu$ . We shall prove in (6.v) that  $\mathfrak{I} = \mathfrak{I}_0$  under the same hypotheses as above, i.e., the integral  $\mathfrak{I}$  defined in (6.ii) has the representation

$$(6.6) \quad \mathfrak{I}(f, T, \phi) = (A) \int f[p(w), \theta(w)] d\mu.$$

**REMARK.** Let us assume that  $(A, B, \nu)$  is any given measure space, where  $\nu = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k)$  is a vector valued measure with total variation  $\mu$  and  $\mu(A) < \infty$ . If  $\theta_r(w) = d\nu_r/d\mu$  denote the Radon-Nikodym derivative of  $\nu_r$  with respect to  $\mu$ , and  $\theta(w) = [\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k]$ , then  $\theta(w)$  is defined  $(\mu)$ -a.e. in  $A$  and  $\|\theta(w)\| = 1$ ,  $(\mu)$ -a.e. in  $A$ . Also, suppose that  $f(p, q)$ ,  $p \in K \subset E_n$ ,  $q \in E_k$ , is any function satisfying axiom (f), and  $p(w)$ ,  $w \in A$ ,  $p(w) \in K$ , a mapping satisfying solely the hypothesis:  $f[p(w), \theta(w)]$ ,  $w \in A$ , is  $\mu$ -integrable in  $A$ . Under these assumptions an integral  $\mathfrak{I}_0(f, T, \nu)$  exists and is finite. In (6.iv) we have just proved that these assumptions are verified for the measure function  $\nu$  defined in §3.

(6.v) Under hypotheses (a'), (b), (c), (d), ( $\phi'$ ), ( $H'$ ),  $V(A) < \infty$ , ( $\omega$ ), (f) we have  $\mathfrak{I} = \mathfrak{I}_0$ , i.e. (6.6) holds.

**Proof.** Let  $M > 0$  be chosen as in (6.iii) and, given  $\epsilon > 0$ , let  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\rho$  be chosen as in (6.iii). By (6.ii), (6.iii), (5.iii), there is  $\lambda$ ,  $0 < \lambda \leq \rho$ , such that for any finite system  $D = [I] \in \mathfrak{D}$  with  $\delta(D, A) < \lambda$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathfrak{I}(f, T, \phi) - \sum_I f[p(\tau), \nu(I^0)]| &< \epsilon_1, \\ (A) \int \|\theta(w) - \eta(w)\|^2 d\mu &< \rho^2 \epsilon_1. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $G = \cup I^0$ , where  $\cup$  ranges over all  $I \in D$ , let  $\gamma(I) = \nu(I^0)/\mu(I^0)$  and  $\eta(w)$ ,  $w \in A$ , be the function defined, as in (5.2), by  $\eta(w) = \gamma(I)$  for  $w \in I^0$ , and  $\eta(w) = 0$  in  $A - G$ . Also, let  $\tilde{p}(w)$ ,  $w \in A$ , be the function defined by  $\tilde{p}(w) = p(\tau)$  for  $w \in I^0$ ,  $\tilde{p}(w) = p(w)$  in  $A - G$ . Finally, let us observe that, by ( $\omega$ ), we have  $\text{Osc}(T, I) = \omega(I) \leq \omega(D) \leq \delta(D, A) < \lambda \leq \rho$  for every  $I \in D$ . Let  $B \subset A$  be the set of all  $w \in A$  with  $\|\theta(w) - \eta(w)\| < \rho$  and let  $C = A - B$ . Then we have  $\|\theta - \eta\| \geq \rho$  in  $C$ ,

$$\rho^2 \mu(C) \leq (A) \int \|\theta - \eta\|^2 d\mu \leq \rho^2 \epsilon_1,$$

and finally  $\mu(C) < \epsilon_1$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f[\tilde{p}(w), \eta(w)] - f[\tilde{p}(w), \theta(w)]| &< \epsilon_1, \\ |f[\tilde{p}(w), \theta(w)] - f[p(w), \theta(w)]| &< \epsilon_1, \end{aligned}$$

for every  $w \in B$ . Also we have

$$\sum_I f[p(\tau), \nu(I^0)] = \sum_I f[p(\tau), \gamma(I)]\mu(I^0) = (A) \int f[\tilde{p}(w), \eta(w)]d\mu.$$

Finally, we have successively

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta| &= \left| \mathfrak{J}(f, T, \phi) - (A) \int f[p(w), \theta(w)]d\mu \right| \\ &\leq \left| \mathfrak{J}(f, T, \phi) - \sum_I f[p(\tau), \nu(I^0)] \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \sum_I f[p(\tau), \nu(I^0)] - (A) \int f[\tilde{p}(w), \eta(w)]d\mu \right| \\ &\quad + \left| (B) \int \{f[\tilde{p}(w), \eta(w)] - f[\tilde{p}(w), \theta(w)]\}d\mu \right| \\ &\quad + \left| (B) \int \{f[\tilde{p}(w), \theta(w)] - f[p(w), \theta(w)]\}d\mu \right| \\ &\quad + \left| (C) \int f[\tilde{p}(w), \eta(w)]d\mu \right| + \left| (C) \int f[p(w), \theta(w)]d\mu \right| \\ &\leq \epsilon_1 + 0 + \epsilon_1\mu(B) + \epsilon_1\mu(B) + 2M\mu(C) \\ &< \epsilon_1 + M\epsilon_1 + M\epsilon_1 + 2M\epsilon_1 \leq 5M\epsilon_1 < \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\Delta \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta(D, A) \rightarrow 0$  and, thereby, (6.v) is proved.

*List of axioms:* (a), p. 117; (a'), p. 124; (b) = (b<sub>1</sub>, b<sub>2</sub>), p. 115; (c), p. 117; (d) = (d<sub>1</sub>, d<sub>2</sub>, d<sub>3</sub>), p. 115; (e), p. 120; (g), p. 123; ( $\phi$ ) = ( $\phi_1$ ,  $\phi_2$ ), p. 115; ( $\psi$ ), p. 116; ( $\phi'$ ), p. 130; (H) = (H<sub>1</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>3</sub>), p. 119; (H') = (H<sub>1</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>4</sub>), p. 127; (f) = (f<sub>1</sub>, f<sub>2</sub>), p. 140; ( $\omega$ ), p. 140; (p), p. 127.

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