

## VALUES OF NON-ATOMIC VECTOR MEASURE GAMES

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## ABSTRACT

There is a value (of norm one) on the closed space of games that is generated by all games of bounded variation  $f \circ \mu$ , where  $\mu$  is a vector of non-atomic probability measures and  $f$  is continuous at  $0 = \mu(\emptyset)$  and at  $\mu(I)$ .

**1. Introduction**

The Shapley value is one of the basic solution concepts of cooperative game theory. It can be viewed as a sort of average or expected outcome, or as an a priori evaluation of the players' expected payoffs.

The value has a very wide range of applications in fields as diverse as economics and political science. In many of these applications it is necessary to consider games that involve a large number of players. Often, most of the players are individually insignificant, and are effective in the game only via coalitions. A typical example is a perfectly competitive market. At the same time there may exist big players who retain the power to wield single-handed influence. A typical example is provided by voting among stockholders of a corporation, with a few major stockholders and an “ocean” of minor stockholders. In economics, one considers an oligopolistic sector of firms embedded in a large population of “perfectly competitive” consumers. In all these cases, it is fruitful to model the game as one with a continuum of players. In general, the continuum consists of a non-atomic

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part (the “ocean”), along with (at most countably many) atoms. The continuum provides a convenient framework for mathematical analysis, and approximates the results for large finite games well. Also, it enables a unified view of games with finite or countable or oceanic player-sets, or indeed any mixture of these.

The space of players is represented by a measurable space  $(I, \mathcal{C})$  that is isomorphic to  $[0, 1]$  with the Borel  $\sigma$ -field. The members of the set  $I$  are called **players**, those of  $\mathcal{C}$ , **coalitions**. A game is a real-valued function  $v$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $v(\emptyset) = 0$ . For each coalition  $S$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , the number  $v(S)$  is interpreted as the total payoff that the coalition  $S$ , if it forms, can obtain for its members. A game  $v$  is **finitely additive** if  $v(S \cup T) = v(S) + v(T)$  whenever  $S$  and  $T$  are two disjoint coalitions. A distribution of payoffs is represented by a finitely additive game. A value is a mapping from games to distributions of payoffs, i.e., to finitely additive games that satisfy several plausible conditions: linearity, symmetry, positivity and efficiency. There are several additional desirable conditions, e.g., continuity, strong positivity, a null player axiom, a dummy axiom, diagonality, and so on.

A game  $v$  is **monotonic** if  $v(S) \geq v(T)$  whenever  $S \supset T$ . The **variation** of a game  $v$ , denoted  $\|v\|$ , is the supremum of the variation of  $v$  over all increasing chains  $S_1 \subset S_2 \subset \dots \subset S_n$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ . A game  $v$  has bounded variation if  $\|v\| < \infty$ . The space of all games of bounded variation,  $BV$ , is a Banach space w.r.t. the variation norm.

Denote by  $\mathcal{G}$  the group of automorphisms (i.e., one-to-one measurable mappings  $\theta$  from  $I$  onto  $I$  with  $\theta^{-1}$  measurable) of the underlying space  $(I, \mathcal{C})$ . Each  $\theta$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  induces a linear mapping  $\theta_*$  of  $BV$  onto itself, defined by  $(\theta_*v)(S) = v(\theta S)$ . A set of games  $Q$  is called **symmetric** if  $\theta_*Q = Q$  for all  $\theta$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ .

The space of all finitely additive and bounded games is denoted  $FA$ ; the subspace of all measures (i.e., countably additive games) is denoted  $M$ ; and its subspace consisting of all non-atomic measures is denoted  $NA$ . Obviously,  $NA \subset M \subset FA \subset BV$ , and each of the spaces  $NA$ ,  $M$ ,  $FA$ , and  $BV$  is a symmetric space.

Given a set of games  $Q$ , we denote by  $Q^+$  all monotonic games in  $Q$ , and by  $Q^1$  the set of all games  $v$  in  $Q^+$  with  $v(I) = 1$ . An operator  $\varphi : Q \rightarrow BV$  is called **positive** if  $\varphi(Q^+) \subset BV^+$ ; **symmetric** if for every  $\theta \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $v$  in  $Q$ ,  $\theta_*v \in Q$  implies that  $\varphi(\theta_*v) = \theta_*(\varphi v)$ ; and **efficient** if for every  $v$  in  $Q$ ,  $(\varphi v)(I) = v(I)$ .

Let  $Q$  be a symmetric linear subspace of  $BV$ . A **value** on  $Q$  is a linear operator  $\varphi : Q \rightarrow FA$  that is symmetric, positive, and efficient.

There are several spaces of games that have a value. One of them is the space of all games with a finite support; other spaces are  $pNA$  ( $pM$ ,  $pFA$ )—the closed

(in the bounded variation norm) algebra generated by NA ( $M, FA$ , respectively). Examples of games in  $pNA$  are games of the form  $f \circ \mu$ , where  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  is a vector of non-atomic probability measures and the function  $f$  is continuously differentiable on the range of  $\mu$ . The value of such a game is given by the diagonal formula

$$\varphi(f \circ \mu)(S) = \int_0^1 f_{\mu(S)}(t\mu(I)) dt$$

where  $f_{\mu(S)}$  is the directional derivative of  $f$  in the direction  $\mu(S)$ .

Other spaces on which a value—of norm 1—is known to exist are  $bv'NA$  ( $bv'M, bv'FA$ )—the closed linear space generated by games of the form  $f \circ \mu$  where  $f \in bv' =: \{f: [0,1] \rightarrow R \mid f \text{ is of bounded variation and continuous at } 0 \text{ and at } 1 \text{ with } f(0) = 0\}$ , and  $\mu \in NA^1$  ( $\mu \in M^1, \mu \in FA^1$ ). Obviously,  $pNA \subset bv'NA \subset bv'M \subset bv'FA$ . Aumann and Shapley [1] proved the existence of a (unique) value on each of the spaces  $pNA$  and  $bv'NA$ . Existence of a value on  $bv'M$  and  $bv'FA$  is proved in Mertens [6] and Neyman [10].

Mertens [6] constructs a value—of norm 1—on a closed space  $\mathcal{M}$  that includes the algebra generated by  $bv'NA$ , the space  $bv'M$  and also all games generated by a finite number of algebraic and lattice operations from a finite number of measures, and all market functions of finitely many measures.

The present paper constructs a value on essentially all games that are functions of finitely many non-atomic measures. More explicitly, given a vector  $\mu$  of non-atomic probability measures on the space of players  $(I, \mathcal{C})$ , we denote by  $Q(\mu)$  the space of all games of bounded variation that are of the form  $f \circ \mu$ , where  $f$  is a real-valued function defined on the range of the vector measure  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  and continuous at  $0 = \mu(\emptyset)$  and  $\mu(I)$ . The space  $Q$  is the union of all spaces  $Q(\mu)$  where  $\mu$  ranges over all vectors of non-atomic probability measures. Our result shows that there is a value—of norm 1—on  $Q$  and thus also on its closure:

**THEOREM 1:** (i) *There is a value of norm 1 on the closed subspace of  $BV$  that is generated by all games of the form  $f \circ \mu$ , where  $f$  is a real-valued function defined on the range of the vector of non-atomic measures  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  and continuous at  $0 = \mu(\emptyset)$  and  $\mu(I)$ .*

(ii) *Moreover, there is a value of norm 1 on the closed space generated by  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $Q$ .*

Our proof of Part (i) of Theorem 1 is self-contained (in section 3). It derives, however, from the ideas introduced in Mertens [6], which introduces the strictly stable distributions of index 1 into value theory.

Informally, the value constructed in the proof of Part (i) of Theorem 1 can be described by the following formula:

$$\varphi(f \circ \mu)(S) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{3\delta}^{1-3\delta} f_{\mu(S)}(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x) dt dP_{\mu}^{\delta}(x),$$

where  $P_{\mu}^{\delta}$  is the restriction of a strictly stable distribution of index 1,  $P_{\mu}$  (on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ), to all points  $x$  for which there is a coalition  $S$  with  $\delta x = 2\mu(S) - \mu(I)$ . Thus our value averages the marginal contributions directly in a small neighborhood of the diagonal.

The Mertens value of a game  $v \in Q \cap \mathcal{M}$  is obtained by first associating with  $v$  a game  $w$  that averages the marginal contributions at the diagonal and then averaging the derivatives of  $w$  in a neighborhood of the diagonal. The two approaches lead to the same value for market games (Proposition 4).

Section 2 reviews the basic concepts and results used in the proof of Part (i) of Theorem 1. Section 3 is the proof of Part (i) of Theorem 1. In Section 4 we prove that the value satisfies many other desirable properties in addition to the value axioms. Section 5 contains the proof of Part (ii) of Theorem 1, and comments on the fact that the countable additivity assumption on the measures appearing in the definition of the space  $Q$  can be replaced with finite additivity. Section 6 provides alternative formulas for the value in various special classes of games (Propositions 4 and 5), and additional approximations of the value (Proposition 3 and Lemma 10).

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we review the basic concepts used in the proof of the main result.

**2.1 NON-ATOMIC VECTOR MEASURES.** Let  $(I, \mathcal{C})$  be a measurable space. By a scalar measure (a measure for short) on  $(I, \mathcal{C})$  we mean a countably additive function from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . A finite dimensional vector measure (a vector measure for short) is a countably additive function from  $\mathcal{C}$  to a finite dimensional real vector space, i.e., to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Any vector measure  $\mu : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector of scalar measures  $(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$ . A vector measure  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  is non-atomic iff for every measurable  $S$  (i.e.,  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ ) with  $\mu(S) \neq 0$  there is a measurable subset  $T \subset S$  with  $\mu(T) \neq 0$  and  $\mu(T) \neq \mu(S)$ . Equivalently,  $\mu$  is non-atomic iff for every  $1 \leq i \leq n$  the scalar measure  $\mu_i$  is non-atomic.

The **range** of a vector measure  $\mu$ , denoted  $\mathcal{R}(\mu)$ , is the set of all vectors  $\mu(S)$  where  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ , i.e.,

$$\mathcal{R}(\mu) = \{\mu(S) : S \in \mathcal{C}\}.$$

The range of a non-atomic vector measure is convex and compact (Lyapunov's Theorem). The range of any vector measure is symmetric around  $\mu(I)/2$ , i.e., for every  $x \in \mathcal{R}(\mu)$ , there is a vector  $y \in \mathcal{R}(\mu)$  ( $y = \mu(I \setminus S)$ ) with  $(x + y)/2 = \mu(I)/2$ . Notice that it follows that if  $\mu$  is a non-atomic vector measure, then  $2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$  is a convex subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that is centrally symmetric (around 0) and therefore its support function is a seminorm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The convex hull of the range of a vector measure is the range of a non-atomic vector measure.

The seminorm  $\| \cdot \|_\mu$  associated with the vector measure  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  is the support function of  $2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$ , i.e., the function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  given by

$$\|y\|_\mu = \max\{\langle x, y \rangle \mid x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)\}$$

or equivalently

$$\|y\|_\mu = 2 \max\{\langle \mu(S), y \rangle \mid S \in \mathcal{C}\} - \langle \mu(I), y \rangle.$$

Notice that:

- (1) If  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$  are independent, then  $\| \cdot \|$  is a norm.
- (2) If  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$  are absolutely continuous w.r.t. the positive measure  $\theta$ , then

$$\|y\|_\mu = \int \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (d\mu_i/d\theta) y_i \right| d\theta = \int |\langle d\mu/d\theta, y \rangle| d\theta.$$

- (3) If  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear transformation, then

$$\|y\|_{T\mu} = \|T^*y\|_\mu,$$

where  $T^*$  is the transpose of  $T$ , i.e., the map  $T^*: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^*y \rangle$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \|y\|_{T\mu} &= 2 \max\{\langle T\mu(S), y \rangle \mid S \in \mathcal{C}\} - \langle T\mu(I), y \rangle \\ &= 2 \max\{\langle \mu(S), T^*y \rangle \mid S \in \mathcal{C}\} - \langle \mu(I), T^*y \rangle = \|T^*y\|_\mu. \end{aligned}$$

- (4) If the vector measures  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  and  $\nu = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n)$  have the same range,  $\|y\|_\mu = \|y\|_\nu$ , and thus in particular if  $\theta \in \mathcal{G}$ ,

$$\|y\|_\mu = \|y\|_{\theta_*\mu},$$

where  $\theta_*\mu = (\theta_*\mu_1, \dots, \theta_*\mu_n)$ .

**2.2 THE CAUCHY DISTRIBUTION.** The Cauchy distribution with parameter  $\alpha > 0$  is the distribution on  $\mathbb{R}$  with density  $\alpha/\pi(\alpha^2 + x^2)$ . If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent Cauchy random variables with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively and  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers (with  $a^2 + b^2 \neq 0$ ), then  $aX + bY$  is a Cauchy random variable with parameter  $|a|\alpha + |b|\beta$ . It follows that if  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$  is a vector of independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) Cauchy random variables and  $0 \neq y = (y_1, \dots, y_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$ , then the random variable  $\langle y, X \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^k y_i X_i$  has the same distribution as the random variable  $(\sum_{i=1}^k |y_i|)X_1$ .

**2.3 THE CHARACTERISTIC FUNCTION.** The characteristic function of a probability distribution  $\nu$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the complex number-valued function  $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by

$$\varphi(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \exp(i\langle y, x \rangle) d\nu(x).$$

The characteristic function of an  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued random variable  $X$  is the complex number valued function  $\psi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by

$$\psi(y) = E(i\langle y, X \rangle).$$

We recall here properties of the characteristic function.

(a) If  $\varphi$  is the characteristic function of the measure  $\nu$  on a subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\varphi \in L_1(V)$ , then  $\nu$  is absolutely continuous w.r.t. the Lebesgue measure on  $V$  and its Radon—Nikodym derivative w.r.t. the Lebesgue measure is continuous.

(b) The characteristic function of the Cauchy distribution with parameter  $\alpha$  is

$$\psi(t) = \exp(-\alpha|t|).$$

(c) If  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent random variables with characteristic functions  $\psi_{X_1}$  and  $\psi_{X_2}$ , then the characteristic function of  $X_1 + X_2$ ,  $\psi_{X_1+X_2}$ , is given by

$$\psi_{X_1+X_2}(y) = \psi_{X_1}(y)\psi_{X_2}(y).$$

(d) If  $X$  is an  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued random variable and  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear transformation, then  $TX$  is a  $\mathbb{R}^m$ -valued random variable with characteristic function

$$\psi_{TX}(y) = \psi_X(T^*y),$$

where  $T^*$  is the transpose of  $T$ . In particular, if  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\psi_{aX}(y) = \psi_X(ay)$  and if  $X$  is a real-valued Cauchy random variable,

$$\psi_{aX}(y) = \psi_X(ay) = \exp(-|ay|);$$

and if  $a \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and  $X$  is a vector of  $k$  i.i.d. Cauchy random variables with parameter  $\alpha$ ,

$$\psi_{\langle a, X \rangle}(y) = \exp\left(-\alpha \sum_{i=1}^k |a_i y_i|\right).$$

(e) If a sequence  $(\psi_k)_{k=1}^\infty$  of characteristic functions converges pointwise to a function  $\psi$  that is continuous at 0, then  $\psi$  is a characteristic function.

**2.4 VECTOR MEASURES AND CHARACTERISTIC FUNCTIONS.** In this subsection we associate with every  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued vector measure  $\mu$  a probability distribution  $P_\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and derive various relations. Given a vector measure  $\mu$ , we denote by  $AF(\mu)$  the affine space generated by  $\mathcal{R}(\mu)$ .

**LEMMA 1:** *Let  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  be a vector measure. Then the function  $\varphi_\mu: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by*

$$\varphi_\mu(y) = \exp(-\|y\|_\mu)$$

*is the characteristic function (Fourier transform) of a probability distribution  $P_\mu$  on  $AF(\mu)$ . Moreover,  $P_\mu$  is absolutely continuous w.r.t. the Lebesgue measure on  $AF(\mu)$ , and its Radon–Nikodym derivative w.r.t. the Lebesgue measure is continuous.*

*Proof:* The function  $\exp(-\|y\|_\mu)$  is continuous at 0 and integrable over  $AF(\mu)$ . Therefore it is sufficient to show that it is the pointwise limit of characteristic functions of probability measures on  $AF(\mu)$ . For any partition  $\Pi$  of  $(I, \mathcal{C})$ , let  $(X_a)_{a \in \Pi}$  be a family of i.i.d. real-valued Cauchy distributions with characteristic function  $\psi_{X_a}(t) = \exp(-|t|)$ . Then the ( $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued) random variable  $\sum_{a \in \Pi} X_a \mu(a)$  takes values in  $AF(\mu)$  and has a probability distribution  $\nu_\mu^\Pi$  whose characteristic function  $\varphi_\mu^\Pi$  is given by

$$\varphi_\mu^\Pi(y) = \exp\left(-\sum_{a \in \Pi} |\langle \mu(a), y \rangle|\right).$$

A sequence of partitions  $(\Pi_k)_{k=1}^\infty$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  is called **admissible** if it is increasing and the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $\bigcup \Pi_k$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ . If  $(\Pi_k)_{k=1}^\infty$  is an admissible sequence of partitions of  $\mathcal{C}$ , then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{a \in \Pi_k} |\langle \mu(a), y \rangle| = \|y\|_\mu$$

and thus

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_\mu^{\Pi_k}(y) = \varphi_\mu(y),$$

and thus  $\varphi_\mu(y)$  is indeed a characteristic function of a probability distribution  $P_\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . ■

An immediate corollary of the previous lemma asserts that a small translation in  $AF(\mu)$  of  $P_\mu$  is close in norm to  $P_\mu$ . We denote the probability measure supported by a point  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $\delta_y$ ; and the convolution of two measures  $P$  and  $P'$  by  $P * P'$ . Notice that given a vector measure  $\mu$  and a point  $y \in AF(\mu)$ ,  $(P_\mu * \delta_y)(A) = P_\mu(A - y)$  and thus the probability distribution  $P_\mu * \delta_y$  is also absolutely continuous w.r.t. the Lebesgue measure on  $AF(\mu)$  and its density at  $z$  is the density of the probability distribution  $P_\mu$  at  $z - y$ . Thus, as  $P_\mu$  has a continuous density,

**COROLLARY 1:** *For any vector measure  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $y \in AF(\mu)$  with  $\|y\| < \delta$ , then*

$$\|P_\mu - P_\mu * \delta_y\| < \varepsilon.$$

An additional useful relation is the following:

**LEMMA 2:** *If  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear transformation, then  $P_{T\mu} = P_\mu \circ T^{-1}$ .*

*Proof:* The characteristic function of  $P_{T\mu}$  is

$$\varphi_{T\mu}(y) = \exp(-\|y\|_{T\mu}) = \exp(-\|T^*y\|_\mu)$$

and that of  $P_\mu \circ T^{-1}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} E_{P_\mu \circ T^{-1}}(\exp(i\langle x, y \rangle)) &= E_{P_\mu}(\exp(i\langle Tx, y \rangle)) \\ &= E_{P_\mu}(\exp(i\langle x, T^*y \rangle)) = \varphi_\mu(T^*y) = \exp(-\|T^*y\|_\mu). \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

The next lemma and corollary are not used in the proof of the main theorem. They are used in a later section discussing properties of the value constructed.

**LEMMA 3:** *Assume that  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  is an  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued vector measure and that  $\nu^k = (\nu_1^k, \dots, \nu_n^k)$  is a sequence of vector measures such that  $AF(\nu^k) = AF(\mu)$  (from some  $k$  on), and  $\|y\|_{\nu^k} \rightarrow_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|y\|_\mu$ . Then*

$$\|P_\mu - P_{\nu^k}\| \rightarrow_{k \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

*Proof:* As  $AF(\nu^k) = AF(\mu)$  and  $\|y\|_{\nu^k} \rightarrow_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|y\|_\mu$ , we deduce that  $\exp(-\|y\|_{\nu^k}) \rightarrow_{k \rightarrow \infty} \exp(-\|y\|_\mu)$  in  $L_1(AF(\mu))$ , and therefore

$$\|P_\mu - P_{\nu^k}\| \rightarrow_{k \rightarrow \infty} 0. \quad \blacksquare$$

It follows in particular that



COROLLARY 2: If  $\mu$  is an  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued vector measure and  $\Pi_k$  is an admissible sequence of partitions and  $\mu^k$  is the vector measure restricted to the field generated by  $\Pi_k$ , then  $\|P_{\mu^k} - P_\mu\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1

3.1 AN APPROXIMATE VALUE ON  $Q(\mu)$ . For any  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued non-atomic vector measure  $\mu$  we define a map  $\varphi_\mu^\delta$  from  $Q(\mu)$  — the space of all games of bounded variation that are functions of the vector measure  $\mu$  and are continuous at  $\mu(\emptyset)$  and at  $\mu(I)$  — to  $BV$ . The map  $\varphi_\mu^\delta$  depends on a small positive constant  $\delta > 0$  and the vector measure  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$ .

The linear space of games  $Q(\mu)$  is not a symmetric space. Moreover, the map  $\varphi_\mu^\delta$  violates all value axioms. It does not map  $Q(\mu)$  into  $FA$ , it is not efficient, and it is not symmetric. In addition, given two non-atomic vector measures,  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ , the operators  $\varphi_\mu^\delta$  and  $\varphi_\nu^\delta$  differ on the intersection  $Q(\mu) \cap Q(\nu)$ . However, it turns out that the violation of the value axioms by  $\varphi_\mu^\delta$  diminishes as  $\delta$  goes to 0, and the difference  $\varphi_\mu^\delta(f \circ \mu) - \varphi_\nu^\delta(g \circ \nu)$  goes to 0 as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  whenever  $f \circ \mu = g \circ \nu$ . Therefore, an appropriate limiting argument enables us to generate a value on the union of all the spaces  $Q(\mu)$ .

For  $\delta > 0$  let  $I_\delta(t) = I(3\delta \leq t < 1 - 3\delta)$ , where  $I$  stands for the indicator function. The essential role of the function  $I_\delta$  is to make the integrands that appear in the integrals used in the definition of the value well-defined.

Let  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  be a vector of non-atomic probability measures and  $f: \mathcal{R}(\mu) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous at  $\mu(\emptyset)$  and  $\mu(I)$  and with  $f \circ \mu$  of bounded variation.

It follows that for every  $x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$ ,  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ , and  $t$  with  $I_\delta(t) = 1$ ,  $t\mu(I) + \delta x$  and  $t\mu(I) + \delta x + \delta\mu(S)$  are in  $\mathcal{R}(\mu)$  and therefore (using Lyapunov's Theorem) the functions  $t \mapsto I_\delta(t)f(t\mu(I) + \delta x)$  and  $t \mapsto I_\delta(t)f(t\mu(I) + \delta x + \delta\mu(S))$  are of bounded variation on  $[0, 1]$  and thus in particular they are integrable functions. Therefore, given a game  $f \circ \mu \in Q(\mu)$ , the function  $F_{f,\mu}$ , defined on all triples  $(\delta, x, S)$  with  $\delta > 0$  sufficiently small (e.g.,  $\delta < 1/9$ ),  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$ , and  $S \in \mathcal{C}$  by

$$F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S) = \int_0^1 I_\delta(t) \frac{f(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x + \delta^3 \mu(S)) - f(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x)}{\delta^3} dt$$

is well-defined. Note that the continuity of  $f$  at  $\mu(\emptyset)$  and  $\mu(I)$  implies that

$$(1) \quad \sup\{|F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, I) - f(\mu(I))|: \delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)\} \rightarrow_{\delta \rightarrow 0+} 0.$$

That  $F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S)$  is bounded on

$$\{(\delta, x, S): \delta > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I), S \in \mathcal{C}\}$$

follows in particular from the next lemma that is used also in the sequel. For  $\delta > 0$ ,  $x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$ , and  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ , let

$$\begin{aligned} H(\delta, x, S) &= \frac{1}{\delta} \int_0^1 I_\delta(t) [f(t\mu(I) + \delta x + \delta\mu(S)) - f(t\mu(I) + \delta x)] dt \\ G(\delta, x, S) &= H(\delta, x + \mu(S), S^c) \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta} \int_0^1 I_\delta(t) [f(t\mu(I) + \delta x + \delta\mu(I)) - f(t\mu(I) + \delta x + \delta\mu(S))] dt. \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 4: For sufficiently small  $\delta > 0$ , for every  $x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ ,

$$\|f \circ \mu\| \geq |H(\delta, x, S)| + |G(\delta, x, S)|.$$

*Proof:* Let  $K(\delta)$  be the smallest integer s.t.  $3\delta + K(\delta)\delta > 1 - 3\delta$ , and for  $1 \leq k \leq K(\delta)$ ,  $I_\delta^k: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$I_\delta^k(t) = I(3\delta + (k-1)\delta \leq t < 3\delta + k\delta).$$

Then  $I_\delta(t) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{K(\delta)} I_\delta^k(t)$ . Let  $T_x \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $x = 2\mu(T_x) - \mu(I)$ . In what follows we identify a coalition  $S \in \mathcal{C}$  with its characteristic function. For every  $0 \leq \alpha < \delta$ , consider the increasing chain of ideal coalitions,  $h_k^\alpha$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq 2K(\delta)$ , where  $h_0^\alpha = 3\delta + \alpha + \delta(2T_x - 1)$ ,  $h_{2k+1}^\alpha = h_{2k}^\alpha + \delta S$ , and  $h_{2k}^\alpha = h_0^\alpha + k\delta$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |H(\delta, x, S)| &\leq \frac{1}{\delta} \int_0^1 \sum_{k=1}^{K(\delta)} I_\delta^k(t) |f(t\mu(I) + \delta x + \delta\mu(S)) - f(t\mu(I) + \delta x)| dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta} \int_0^\delta \sum_{k=1}^{K(\delta)} |f(\mu(h_{2k-1}^\alpha)) - f(\mu(h_{2(k-1)}^\alpha))| d\alpha, \\ |G(\delta, x, S)| &\leq \frac{1}{\delta} \int_0^\delta \sum_{k=1}^{K(\delta)} |f(\mu(h_{2k}^\alpha)) - f(\mu(h_{2k-1}^\alpha))| d\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$|H(\delta, x, S)| + |G(\delta, x, S)| \leq \frac{1}{\delta} \int_0^\delta \sum_{k=1}^{2K(\delta)} |f(\mu(h_k^\alpha)) - f(\mu(h_{k-1}^\alpha))| d\alpha.$$

As for every  $0 \leq \alpha < \delta$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^{2K(\delta)} |f(\mu(h_k^\alpha)) - f(\mu(h_{k-1}^\alpha))| \leq \|f \circ \mu\|_{BV}$ , it follows that  $\|f \circ \mu\|_{BV} \geq |H(\delta, x, S)| + |G(\delta, x, S)|$ , which completes the proof of the lemma. ■

That  $F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S)$  is continuous in  $x$  follows from the following lemma.

LEMMA 5: For sufficiently small  $\delta > 0$ ,  $H(\delta, x, S)$  is continuous in  $x$ .

*Proof:* Notice that for  $x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $x \in 3\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$  and  $x + \mu(S) \in 3\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$ . Therefore it is enough to prove that for sufficiently small  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$\int_0^1 I_\delta(t) f(t\mu(I) + \delta x) dt$$

is continuous in  $x$  on  $3\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$ . Fix  $x \in 3\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$ . It is sufficient to prove that for a.e.  $t$  in  $[0, 1]$

$$(2) \quad I_\delta(t) f(t\mu(I) + \delta x) \text{ is continuous in } x \in 3\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I).$$

We will show that (2) holds for all but countably many values of  $t$  in  $[0, 1]$ . Otherwise, there is  $\theta > 0$  s.t. for every  $m$  there is an increasing sequence

$$3\delta < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m < 3\delta + K(\delta)\delta$$

and sequences  $x_{k,i}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , with  $x_{k,i} \rightarrow_{k \rightarrow \infty} x$  with

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} |f(t_i\mu(I) + \delta x_{k,i}) - f(t_i\mu(I) + \delta x)| > \theta > 0$$

for every  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ; and then w.l.o.g. we assume (by possibly taking a subsequence) that the following limits and equalities exist:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |f(t_i\mu(I) + \delta x_{k,i}) - f(t_i\mu(I) + \delta x)| = \theta_i > \theta > 0.$$

Fix  $g \in \mathcal{B}(I, \mathcal{C})$  with  $\mu(g) = x$  and  $\|g\| \leq 3$ . Then, for every  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , there exists a sequence  $g_{k,i} \in \mathcal{B}(I, \mathcal{C})$  with  $\|g_{k,i} - g\| \rightarrow_{k \rightarrow \infty} 0$  and  $\mu(g_{k,i}) = x_{k,i}$ . Consider the following increasing chain:

$$0 \leq h_i = t_i + \delta [(g_{k,i} \wedge g) + (1 + \epsilon_i)(g_{k,i} - g)^+ / 2 + (1 - \epsilon_i)(g - g_{k,i})^+ / 2] \leq 1,$$

where  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_k$  is a given sequence of signs  $\pm 1$ . Note that for  $\epsilon_i = 1$ ,  $f(\mu(h_i)) = f(t_i\mu(I) + \delta x_{k,i})$ ; and for  $\epsilon_i = -1$ ,  $f(\mu(h_i)) = f(t_i\mu(I) + \delta x)$ . Therefore, given  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $k \geq 1$  and  $0 \leq h \leq 1$ , we can choose  $\epsilon_i$  so that

$$|f(\mu(h_i)) - f(\mu(h))| \geq |f(t_i\mu(I) + \delta x_{k,i}) - f(t_i\mu(I) + \delta x)| / 2.$$

Therefore, for a sufficiently large  $k$ , for an appropriate choice of signs  $\epsilon_i$  the chain  $0 \leq h_1 \leq \dots \leq h_m \leq 1$  satisfies

$$\sum |f(\mu(h_i)) - f(\mu(h_{i-1}))| \geq m\theta/2.$$

By [2, p. 66, Theorem 4] there is an increasing chain of coalitions  $T_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , with  $\mu(h_i) = \mu(T_i)$  and thus

$$\sum |f(\mu(T_i)) - f(\mu(T_{i-1}))| \geq m\theta/2,$$

which contradicts the bounded variation of  $f \circ \mu$ . ■

Let  $P_\mu^\delta$  be the restriction of  $P_\mu$  to the set of all points in

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)\}.$$

The continuity and boundedness of  $F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S)$  in  $x$  implies that the function  $\varphi_\mu^\delta$  defined on  $Q(\mu) \times \mathcal{C}$  by

$$\varphi_\mu^\delta(f \circ \mu, S) = \int_{AF(\mu)} F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S) dP_\mu^\delta(x)$$

is well-defined.

The next lemma states that the quantified violation of the value axioms by  $\varphi_\mu^\delta$  goes to zero as  $\delta$  goes to zero.

LEMMA 6: For every  $v = f \circ \mu, u = g \circ \mu \in Q(\mu)$  and  $S, T \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $S \cap T = \emptyset$ ,

$$(3) \quad \varphi_\mu^\delta(v, S) + \varphi_\mu^\delta(u, S) = \varphi_\mu^\delta(v + u, S),$$

$$(4) \quad \varphi_\mu^\delta(v, \theta_* S) = \varphi_{\theta_* \mu}^\delta(\theta_* v, S),$$

$$(5) \quad \varphi_\mu^\delta(v, I) \rightarrow_{\delta \rightarrow 0} v(I),$$

$$(6) \quad \varphi_\mu^\delta(v, S) + \varphi_\mu^\delta(v, T) - \varphi_\mu^\delta(v, S \cup T) \rightarrow_{\delta \rightarrow 0} 0,$$

$$(7) \quad \limsup_{\delta \rightarrow 0} |\varphi_\mu^\delta(v, S)| + |\varphi_\mu^\delta(v, S^c)| \leq \|v\|.$$

*Proof:* Equality (3) follows from the equality  $F_{f,\mu} + F_{g,\mu} = F_{f+g,\mu}$  and the definition of  $\varphi_\mu^\delta$  as an integral. Note that  $\mathcal{R}(\mu) = \mathcal{R}(\theta_* \mu)$  and thus  $P_\mu^\delta = P_{\theta_* \mu}^\delta$ . Thus, Equality (4) follows from the equality  $F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, \theta S) = F_{f,\theta_* \mu}(\delta, x, S)$  and the definition of  $\varphi_\mu^\delta$  as an integral. The approximate efficiency, (5), follows from (1) and the definitions of  $\varphi_\mu^\delta$ . The limiting results (6) and (7) use Corollary 1. Indeed, note that  $\|P_\mu^\delta * \delta_{-\delta\mu(S)} - P_\mu * \delta_{-\delta\mu(S)}\| = \|P_\mu^\delta - P_\mu\|$ , and therefore by the triangle inequality

$$\|P_\mu^\delta * \delta_{-\delta\mu(S)} - P_\mu^\delta\| \leq 2\|P_\mu^\delta - P_\mu\| + \|P_\mu * \delta_{-\delta\mu(S)} - P_\mu\|.$$

Applying Corollary 1 we deduce that

$$(8) \quad \|P_\mu^\delta * \delta_{-\delta\mu(S)} - P_\mu^\delta\| \rightarrow_{\delta \rightarrow 0+} 0.$$

On the other hand,

$$F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S \cup T) = F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S) + F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x + \delta\mu(S), T)$$

and therefore, if  $v = f \circ \mu$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_\mu^\delta(v, S \cup T) &= \int_{AF(\mu)} F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S \cup T) dP_\mu^\delta(x) \\ &= \varphi_\mu^\delta(v, S) + \int_{AF(\mu)} F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x + \delta\mu(S), T) dP_\mu^\delta(x) \\ &= \varphi_\mu^\delta(v, S) + \int_{AF(\mu)} F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, T) d(P_\mu^\delta * \delta_{-\delta\mu(S)})(x) \\ &\quad + \varphi_\mu^\delta(v, T) - \int_{AF(\mu)} F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, T) dP_\mu^\delta(x), \end{aligned}$$

which together with (8) implies (6). Similarly, as

$$|F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S)| + |F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x + \delta\mu(S), S^c)| \leq \|v\|$$

by Lemma 4,

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\| &\geq \int \left| \int_{AF(\mu)} F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S) dP_\mu^\delta(x) \right| + \left| \int_{AF(\mu)} F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x + \delta\mu(S), S^c) dP_\mu^\delta(x) \right| \\ &= \int |\varphi_\mu^\delta(v, S)| + \left| \int_{AF(\mu)} F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S^c) d(P_\mu^\delta * \delta_{-\delta\mu(S)})(x) \right| \\ &\quad + |\varphi_\mu^\delta(v, S^c)| - \left| \int_{AF(\mu)} F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S^c) dP_\mu^\delta(x) \right|, \end{aligned}$$

which together with (8) implies (7). ■

The next lemma illustrates that the dependence of the representation diminishes as  $\delta$  goes to 0.

LEMMA 7: *If  $v \in Q(\mu)$  and  $v \in Q(\nu)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ , then*

$$|\varphi_\mu^\delta(v, S) - \varphi_\nu^\delta(v, S)| \rightarrow_{\delta \rightarrow 0} 0.$$

*Proof:* It is sufficient to prove the lemma in the case that  $\nu = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n)$ ,  $\mu = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n, \mu_{n+1}, \dots, \mu_k)$  and  $v = f \circ \mu = g \circ \nu$ . Consider the projection  $T$  from  $\mathbb{R}^k$  onto the first  $n$  coordinates. It follows that  $T\mu = \nu$ . Note that for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$  with  $\delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$ ,  $F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S) = F_{g,\nu}(\delta, Tx, S)$ . Using the

definition of  $\varphi_\mu^\delta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_\mu^\delta(f \circ \mu)(S) &= \int_{AF(\mu)} F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S) dP_\mu^\delta(x) \\ &= \int_{AF(\mu)} F_{g,\nu}(\delta, Tx, S) dP_\mu^\delta(x) \\ &= \int_{AF(\nu)} F_{g,\nu}(\delta, x, S) d(P_\mu^\delta \circ T^{-1})(x).\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, using the definition of  $\varphi_\nu^\delta$ ,

$$\varphi_\nu^\delta(g \circ \nu)(S) = \int_{AF(\nu)} F_{g,\nu}(\delta, x, S) dP_\nu^\delta(x).$$

It is thus sufficient to prove that

$$\|P_\mu^\delta \circ T^{-1} - P_\nu^\delta\| \rightarrow_{\delta \rightarrow 0} 0.$$

As  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)\}$  increases to  $AF(\mu)$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0+$ ,  $\|P_\mu^\delta - P_\mu\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ . By Lemma 3,  $P_{T\mu} = P_\mu \circ T^{-1}$  for every linear map  $T: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . As  $\|P_\mu^\delta \circ T^{-1} - P_\mu \circ T^{-1}\| \leq \|P_\mu^\delta - P_\mu\|$ , we have

$$\|P_\mu^\delta \circ T^{-1} - P_{T\mu}^\delta\| \leq \|P_\mu^\delta - P_\mu\| + \|P_{T\mu}^\delta - P_{T\mu}\| \rightarrow_{\delta \rightarrow 0+} 0.$$

Therefore,

$$\|P_\mu^\delta \circ T^{-1} - P_{T\mu}^\delta\| \rightarrow_{\delta \rightarrow 0} 0. \quad \blacksquare$$

**3.2 A VALUE OF NORM 1 ON  $\bar{Q}$ .** Lemma 7 enables us to define a map  $\varphi: Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{C}}$  as a “limit” of the maps  $\varphi_\mu^\delta$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ . Consider the partially ordered linear space  $\mathcal{L}$  of all bounded functions defined on the open interval  $(0, 1/9)$  with the partial order  $h \succ g$  iff  $h(\delta) \geq g(\delta)$  for all sufficiently small values of  $\delta > 0$ . Let  $L: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a monotonic (i.e.,  $L(h) \geq L(g)$  whenever  $h \succ g$ ) linear functional with  $L(\mathbf{1}) = 1$ . It follows in particular that for every  $h \in \mathcal{L}$ ,

$$\liminf_{\delta \rightarrow 0+} h(\delta) \leq L(h) \leq \limsup_{\delta \rightarrow 0+} h(\delta).$$

Define the map  $\varphi: Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{C}}$  by

$$\varphi v(S) = L(\varphi_\mu^\delta(v, S))$$

whenever  $v \in Q(\mu)$ . That  $\varphi$  is well-defined follows from Lemma 7 and Part 7 of Lemma 6. That  $\varphi v$  is in  $FA$  and that  $\varphi$  is a value of norm 1 on  $Q$  follows

from Lemma 6. The continuous extension of  $\varphi$  to  $\bar{Q}$  is also denoted by  $\varphi$ . As  $\varphi$  is a value of norm 1 on  $Q$  and the continuous extension of any value of norm 1 defines a value (of norm 1) on the closure, we have:

PROPOSITION 1:  $\varphi$  is a value of norm 1 on  $\bar{Q}$ .

#### 4. Additional properties of $\varphi$

4.1 THE RANGE OF  $\varphi$ . It is known [4] that a value of a non-atomic vector measure game need not be a linear combination of the measures defining the game. We will show in the next lemma that the value  $\varphi v$  of a game  $v \in Q$  is a linear combination of the measures defining the game and thus, in particular,  $\varphi v \in NA$ . As  $\varphi: \bar{Q} \rightarrow FA$  is continuous and  $NA$  is closed in  $BV$ ,  $\varphi v \in NA$  for every game  $v \in \bar{Q}$ .

LEMMA 8: Let  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  be a vector of non-atomic probability measures, and  $f: \mathcal{R}(\mu) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $f \circ \mu \in Q(\mu)$ . Then  $\varphi(f \circ \mu)$  is a linear combination of the measures  $\mu_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , i.e., there are numbers  $a_i(f, \mu)$  such that

$$\varphi(f \circ \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i(f, \mu) \mu_i.$$

*Proof:* It follows from the definition of  $\varphi$  that for any two coalitions  $S, T \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $\mu(S) = \mu(T)$ ,

$$\varphi(f \circ \mu)(S) = \varphi(f \circ \mu)(T).$$

Therefore, the value  $\varphi$  induces a map  $T: \mathcal{R}(\mu) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ; if  $x = \mu(S) \in \mathcal{R}(\mu)$ , then  $T(x)$  is given by  $T(x) = \varphi(f \circ \mu)(S)$ . As  $\varphi(f \circ \mu) \in FA$ , it is finitely additive and bounded. Thus

$$T\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = \frac{T(x) + T(y)}{2}$$

by the finite additivity which, together with the boundedness, implies that  $T$  is linear on  $\mathcal{R}(\mu)$  and therefore there are constants  $a_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , such that  $T(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$ , implying that  $\varphi(f \circ \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu_i$ . ■

4.2 DUALITY. The dual of a game  $v$  is the game  $v^*$  defined by  $v^*(S) = v(I) - v(I \setminus S)$ . If  $V$  is a symmetric linear space of games, so are  $V^* = \{v^* : v \in V\}$  and  $U = \{v + v^* : v \in V\}$ . A set of games is called self-dual if  $V = V^*$ . A map  $\varphi$  defined on a self-dual set of games  $V$  is self-dual if  $\varphi v = \varphi v^*$  for every  $v \in V$ . If  $\varphi$  is a value on  $V$ , then the map  $\varphi^*: V^* \rightarrow FA$ , called the dual of  $\varphi$  and defined

by  $\varphi^*v^* = \varphi v$ , is a value on  $V^*$ . If  $\psi$  is a value on  $U$ , the map  $\varphi: V \rightarrow FA$ , defined by

$$\varphi v = \frac{\psi v + \psi v^*}{2},$$

is a self-dual value on  $V$ .

The space  $Q$  is self-dual, and thus also its closure is self-dual. Indeed, if  $f$  is defined on the range of a vector of non-atomic probability measures  $\mu$ , the function  $f^*$  defined by  $f^*(x) = f(\mu(I)) - f(\mu(I) - x)$  is well-defined on the range of  $\mu$  ( $\mu(I) - x \in \mathcal{R}(\mu)$  whenever  $x \in \mathcal{R}(\mu)$ ). In addition, if  $f$  is continuous at  $\mu(\emptyset)$  and at  $\mu(I)$ , so is  $f^*$ , and if  $f \circ \mu$  is of bounded variation, so is  $f^* \circ \mu$  ( $\|f^* \circ \mu\| = \|f \circ \mu\|$ ). As  $(f \circ \mu)^* = f^* \circ \mu$ , the space  $Q$  is self-dual. Finally, as the map  $v \rightarrow v^*$  is an isometry, the closure of a self-dual set of games is self-dual.

LEMMA 9: *The value  $\varphi$  on  $\bar{Q}$  is self-dual.*

*Proof:* Assume that  $v = f \circ \mu \in Q(\mu)$ . Note that for sufficiently small values of  $\delta > 0$ ,  $F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S) = F_{f^*,\mu}(\delta, -x - \delta\mu(S), S)$  whenever  $\delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ . As  $P_\mu^\delta$  is symmetric ( $P_\mu^\delta(A) = P_\mu^\delta(-A)$ ), and  $\|P_\mu^\delta - P_\mu^\delta * \delta_{\delta\mu(S)}\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ , we deduce that  $\varphi_\mu^\delta(f \circ \mu, S) - \varphi_\mu^\delta(f^* \circ \mu, S)$  goes to 0 as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  and therefore  $\varphi v = \varphi v^*$  for every  $v \in Q$ . As  $\varphi$  is continuous and the duality map  $v \rightarrow v^*$  is an isometry,  $\varphi v = \varphi v^*$  for every game  $v$  in the closure of  $Q$ . ■

4.3 STRONG POSITIVITY. A desirable property of a value is strong positivity [8]. Given two games  $v$  and  $u$  and a coalition  $S$ , we write  $v \succ_S u$  iff  $v(T \cup S') \geq u(T \cup S')$  for every  $S' \subset S$  and  $T$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Given a set of games  $V$ , a map  $\varphi: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{C}}$  is **strongly positive** if  $\varphi v(S) \geq \varphi u(S)$  whenever  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $v, u \in V$  and  $v \succ_S u$ .

We demonstrate now that  $\varphi: Q \rightarrow FA$  is strongly positive. Assume that  $v, u \in Q$  and  $S \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $v \succ_S u$ . There exist a vector of non-atomic probability measures  $\mu$  and real-valued functions  $f$  and  $g$  defined on the range of  $\mu$  such that  $v = f \circ \mu$  and  $u = g \circ \mu$ . As  $v \succ_S u$ , we have

$$f(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x + \delta^3 \mu(S)) - f(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x) \geq g(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x + \delta^3 \mu(S)) - g(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x)$$

whenever  $0 < \delta < t < 1 - 3\delta$  and  $x \in AF(\mu)$  with  $\delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$ . Therefore,  $F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S) \geq F_{g,\mu}(\delta, x, S)$  and thus  $\varphi_\mu^\delta(f \circ \mu, S) \geq \varphi_\mu^\delta(g \circ \mu, S)$ , implying that  $\varphi(f \circ \mu)(S) \geq \varphi(g \circ \mu)(S)$ . Therefore,  $\varphi: Q \rightarrow FA$  is strongly positive.

We prove in this subsection that the extension of  $\varphi$  to  $\bar{Q}$  is strongly positive. Note that a strongly positive value (of norm 1) on a space  $Q$  need not have an extension to a strongly positive value on the closure of  $Q$ . We thus take an alternative route, proving that  $\varphi$  obeys a new and stronger property than strong



positivity on  $Q$ . The stronger property enables us to prove that the extension of  $\varphi$  to  $\bar{Q}$  is strongly positive.

PROPOSITION 2:  $\varphi$  is strongly positive on the closure of  $Q$ .

*Proof:* Assume that  $v, u \in \bar{Q}$  and  $S \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $v \succ_S u$ . Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . There exist a vector of non-atomic probability measures,  $\mu$ , and real-valued functions  $f$  and  $g$  defined on  $\mathcal{R}(\mu)$  with  $f \circ \mu, g \circ \mu \in Q(\mu)$  and s.t.  $\|v - f \circ \mu\| < \varepsilon$  and  $\|u - g \circ \mu\| < \varepsilon$ .

We show first that for  $\delta > 0$  sufficiently small and  $x \in AF(\mu)$  with  $\delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$ ,

$$F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S) - F_{g,\mu}(\delta, x, S) \geq -4\varepsilon.$$

Let  $T_{\delta,x} \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $\delta x = 2\mu(T_{\delta,x}) - \mu(I)$ . Let  $K(\delta)$  be the largest positive integer so that  $I_\delta(3\delta + K(\delta)\delta^3) = 1$ . For every  $0 \leq \alpha < \delta^3$ , consider the increasing chain of ideal coalitions,  $h_k^\alpha$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq 2K(\delta)$ , where  $h_0^\alpha = 3\delta + \alpha + \delta(2T_{\delta,x} - 1)$ ,  $h_{2k+1}^\alpha = h_{2k}^\alpha + \delta^3 S$ , and  $h_{2k}^\alpha = h_0^\alpha + k\delta^3$ . Using the Dvoretzky–Wald–Wolfowitz Theorem [2], there is an increasing sequence of coalitions  $T_k^\alpha$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq 2K(\delta)$ , such that  $\mu(T_k^\alpha) = \mu(h_k^\alpha)$  and  $T_{2k+1}^\alpha \setminus T_{2k}^\alpha \subset S$ . Therefore, as  $\|v - f \circ \mu\| < \varepsilon$  and  $\|u - g \circ \mu\| < \varepsilon$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{0 \leq k < K(\delta)} (f(\mu(h_{2k+1}^\alpha)) - f(\mu(h_{2k}^\alpha))) &= \sum_{0 \leq k < K(\delta)} (f(\mu(T_{2k+1}^\alpha)) - f(\mu(T_{2k}^\alpha))) \\ &\geq \sum_{0 \leq k < K(\delta)} (v(T_{2k+1}^\alpha) - v(T_{2k}^\alpha)) - \varepsilon \\ &\geq \sum_{0 \leq k < K(\delta)} (u(T_{2k+1}^\alpha) - u(T_{2k}^\alpha)) - \varepsilon \\ &\geq \sum_{0 \leq k < K(\delta)} (g(\mu(T_{2k+1}^\alpha)) - g(\mu(T_{2k}^\alpha))) - 2\varepsilon \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq k < K(\delta)} (g(\mu(h_{2k+1}^\alpha)) - g(\mu(h_{2k}^\alpha))) - 2\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Using the continuity of  $f$  and  $g$  at  $\mu(I)$ , we deduce that for sufficiently small values of  $\delta > 0$ , for every  $3\delta + (K(\delta) - 1)\delta^3 \leq t$  with  $I_\delta(t) = 1$ ,

$$|f(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x + \delta^3 \mu(S)) - f(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x)| < \varepsilon$$

and

$$|g(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x + \delta^3 \mu(S)) - g(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x)| < \varepsilon.$$

Therefore,

$$F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S) \geq \int_0^{\delta^3} \sum_{0 \leq k < K(\delta)} \frac{f(\mu(h_{2k+1}^\alpha)) - f(\mu(h_{2k}^\alpha))}{\delta^3} d\alpha - \varepsilon$$

and

$$F_{g,\mu}(\delta, x, S) \leq \int_0^{\delta^3} \sum_{0 \leq k < K(\delta)} \frac{g(\mu(h_{2k+1}^\alpha)) - g(\mu(h_{2k}^\alpha))}{\delta^3} d\alpha + \varepsilon.$$

We conclude that for sufficiently small values of  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S) \geq F_{g,\mu}(\delta, x, S) - 4\varepsilon$$

for every  $x \in AF(\mu)$  with  $\delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$ . Therefore  $\varphi_\mu^\delta(f \circ \mu, S) \geq \varphi_\mu^\delta(g \circ \mu, S) - 4\varepsilon$  and thus  $\varphi(f \circ \mu)(S) \geq \varphi(g \circ \mu)(S) - 4\varepsilon$ . Together with the inequalities  $\|\varphi\| \leq 1$ ,  $\|v - f \circ \mu\| < \varepsilon$ , and  $\|u - g \circ \mu\| < \varepsilon$ , it implies that  $\varphi v(S) \geq \varphi u(S) - 6\varepsilon$ . As this holds for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we conclude that  $\varphi v(S) \geq \varphi u(S)$ .

■

**4.4 DIAGONALITY.** There are non-diagonal values [11]. However, a continuous value is diagonal [9] and thus  $\varphi$  is a diagonal value of norm 1 on  $\bar{Q}$ . Moreover, it is clear from our proof that our value has an extension to include also *DIAG* in its domain.

**4.5 UNIQUENESS.** Our value on  $Q$  depends on the functional  $L$  used in the definition of  $\varphi$ . The non-uniqueness of such a positive linear functional  $L$  on  $\mathcal{L}$  illustrates in particular that there are many values of norm 1 on  $Q$ .

Consider the subspace  $Q_1 \subset Q$  that consists of all games  $v = f \circ \mu \in Q$  for which the limit of  $\varphi_\mu^\delta(v, S)$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  exists. The restriction of our value to  $Q_1$  is thus independent of the choice of the linear functional  $L$ . We do not know if there is more than one strongly positive value of norm 1 on  $\bar{Q}_1$ . If there is more than one, it will be interesting to specify a large subspace of  $Q_1$  that has a unique strongly positive value of norm 1.

## 5. Extensions and variations

**5.1 VALUES OF FA VECTOR MEASURES GAMES.** We are dropping now the countable additivity assumption on the vector measures appearing in the definition of the space  $Q$ . We recall first the definition of a non-atomic finitely additive measure. A finitely additive measure  $\mu \in FA^+$  is **non-atomic** if for every  $S \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $\mu(S) > 0$  there is a subset of  $S$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{C}$ , with  $\mu(S)/3 < \mu(T) < 2\mu(S)/3$ . The range of a vector of finitely additive non-atomic measures is convex and the Dvoretzky–Wald–Wolfowitz Theorem [2] holds for a vector of finitely additive non-atomic measures  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$ : for every increasing sequence of ideal coalitions  $0 \leq h_1 \leq \dots \leq h_k \leq \mathbf{1}$  there exists an increasing sequence of coalitions

$\emptyset \subset S_1 \subset \cdots \subset S_k \subset I$  such that  $\mu(h_i) = \mu(S_i)$ . Therefore, our proof holds also for the space of all vector measure games of bounded variation  $f \circ \mu$ , where  $\mu$  is a vector of non-atomic finitely additive measures and  $f$  is defined on the range of  $\mu$  and continuous at  $\mu(\emptyset)$  and  $\mu(I)$ .

**THEOREM 2:** *There is a (strongly positive diagonal and self-dual) value of norm 1 on the closed subspace of  $BV$  that is generated by all games of the form  $f \circ \mu$ , where  $\mu$  is a vector of finitely additive non-atomic measures  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  and  $f$  is a real-valued function defined on the range of  $\mu$ , continuous at  $\mu(\emptyset)$  and  $\mu(I)$ .*

**5.2 PROOF OF PART (ii) THEOREM 1.** Mertens [6] constructs a value  $\psi$  on a large space  $\mathcal{M}$  that includes all games of the form  $f \circ \mu$  where  $f \in bv'$  and  $\mu \in FA^1$ , the algebra generated by  $bv'NA$ , and all games generated by lattice and algebraic operations from a finite number of measures. It is of interest to investigate the relation between the Mertens value  $\psi$  and our value  $\varphi$  on  $\mathcal{M} \cap \bar{Q}$ . We do not have an example of a game  $v \in \mathcal{M} \cap \bar{Q}$  where  $\psi v \neq \varphi v$ .

One can show, on the one hand, that our value  $\varphi$  on  $Q$  has an extension to a value on a space that includes  $\mathcal{M}$ . On the other hand, we will show that the Mertens value  $\psi$  has an extension to a value of norm 1 on a larger space that includes  $Q$ .

The Mertens value is defined by means of three maps  $\varphi_1$ ,  $\varphi_2$ , and  $\varphi_3$ . The first operator,  $\varphi_1$ , maps every game  $v$  to the constant sum game  $\frac{1}{2}(v + v^*)$ . The map  $\varphi_2$ , called the Mertens extension operator, maps a game  $v$  in its domain,  $\text{Dom}(\varphi_2)$ , to a function  $\bar{v}$  defined on  $B_1^+(I, \mathcal{C})$ . Given  $\tau > 0$  sufficiently small, define

$$[\varphi_3^\tau(v)](\chi) = \int_0^1 \frac{\bar{v}(t + \tau\chi) - \bar{v}(t - \tau\chi)}{2\tau} dt$$

where, for  $f \in B(I, \mathcal{C})$ ,  $\bar{v}(f) = \bar{v}[\max(0, \min(\mathbf{1}, f))]$ . The map  $\varphi_3$ , called the Mertens value derivative, is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} [\varphi_3(v)](\chi) &= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0^+} [\varphi_3^\tau(v)](\chi) \\ &= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0^+} \int_0^1 \frac{\bar{v}(t + \tau\chi) - \bar{v}(t - \tau\chi)}{2\tau} dt \end{aligned}$$

on its domain  $\text{Dom}(\varphi_3)$ . For simplicity, we only consider games of bounded variation with  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0^+} \bar{v}(\tau\chi) = 0 \forall \chi \in B_1^+(I, \mathcal{C})$  (and thus if  $v$  is constant sum  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0^+} \bar{v}(\mathbf{1} - \tau\chi) = \bar{v}(\mathbf{1}) \forall \chi \in B_1^+(I, \mathcal{C})$ ). Under these assumptions the integrals  $[\varphi_3^\tau(v)](\chi)$  exist for all  $\chi \in B(I, \mathcal{C})$ . The domain of  $\varphi_3$  consists of all constant sum games for which the limit of  $[\varphi_3^\tau(v)](\chi)$  as  $\tau \rightarrow 0^+$  exists for every  $\chi \in B_1^+(I, \mathcal{C})$ .

Note that for a game  $v \in Q$  the integral

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\bar{v}(t + \tau\chi) - \bar{v}(t - \tau\chi)}{2\tau} dt$$

exists for every  $\chi \in B_1^+(I, \mathcal{C})$ , but the limit of  $[\varphi_3^\tau(v)](\chi)$  as  $\tau \rightarrow 0+$  need not exist. We modify the definition of  $\varphi_3$  so that the modified map will be defined even if the limit of  $[\varphi_3^\tau(v)](\chi)$  as  $\tau \rightarrow 0+$  does not exist. Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the ordered linear space of germs of bounded functions defined in a right neighborhood of 0. A germ is an equivalence class of functions defined in a right neighborhood of 0; two functions are equivalent if they agree in some right neighborhood of 0. Given  $h, g \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $h \succ g$  iff there is  $\theta > 0$  such that  $h$  and  $g$  are defined on  $(0, \theta)$  and for every  $0 < x < \theta$ ,  $h(x) \geq g(x)$ . The semi-group of positive numbers with multiplication acts on  $\mathcal{L}$  as follows: Given  $a > 0$  and  $h \in \mathcal{L}$  (defined on  $(0, \theta)$ ),  $a * h \in \mathcal{L}$  (defined on  $(0, \theta/a)$ ) is given by  $(a * h)(x) = h(ax)$ . A linear functional  $L: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is **scale invariant** if for every  $a > 0$  and  $h \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $L(a * h) = L(h)$ . Fix a positive (i.e.,  $L(h) \geq L(g)$  whenever  $h \succ g$ ) scale invariant linear functional  $L: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $L(\mathbf{1}) = 1$ .

Define the map  $\varphi_3^L$  by

$$\begin{aligned} [\varphi_3^L(v)](\chi) &= L([\varphi_3^\tau(v)](\chi)) \\ &= L\left(\int_0^1 \frac{\bar{v}(t + \tau\chi) - \bar{v}(t - \tau\chi)}{2\tau} dt\right). \end{aligned}$$

It is obvious from the scale invariance of  $L$  that for every  $b$ ,

$$(9) \quad [\varphi_3^L(v)](b\chi) = b[\varphi_3^L(v)](\chi).$$

As in Mertens [6], one shows that

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0+} [\varphi_3^\tau(v)](\mathbf{1}) = v(\mathbf{1})$$

and

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0+} ([\varphi_3^\tau(v)](\mathbf{1} + \chi) - [\varphi_3^\tau(v)](\chi)) = v(\mathbf{1}).$$

Therefore,

$$[\varphi_3^L(v)](\mathbf{1} + \chi) = [\varphi_3^L(v)](\chi) + [\varphi_3^L(v)](\mathbf{1})$$

and thus, using (9),

$$[\varphi_3^L(v)](\mathbf{a} + b\chi) = b[\varphi_3^L(v)](\chi) + a[\varphi_3^L(v)](\mathbf{1}).$$

Each of the maps  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  and  $\varphi_3^L$  is linear, efficient, positive, symmetric, and of norm 1. Moreover, if  $v \in Q$ ,  $(\varphi_3^L \circ \varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1)(v) \in Q$ . Therefore, there is a value of norm 1 on the space of all games  $v$  for which  $(\varphi_3^L \circ \varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1)(v) \in Q \cup FA$ ;  $v \mapsto (\varphi_3^L \circ \varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1)(v)$  if  $(\varphi_3^L \circ \varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1)(v) \in FA$  and  $v \mapsto \varphi[(\varphi_3^L \circ \varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1)(v)]$  if  $(\varphi_3^L \circ \varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1)(v) \in Q$ . One can use here either our value  $\varphi$  on  $Q$  or the value defined in Theorem 2 of [6].

### 6. Approximation of the value

The formula of  $\varphi_\mu^\delta(f \circ \mu)$  is given as an integral of  $F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S)$  w.r.t. the measure  $P_\mu^\delta$ . The integrand  $F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S)$  has a tractable expression. On the other hand, the integration measure is known only via its characteristic function which, moreover, depends on the range of  $\mu$ . In the case that  $\mu$  is a vector of mutually singular non-atomic measures, or is a linear transformation of a vector of mutually singular non-atomic measures, the integration measure has a much simplified form and can be expressed by means of the classical Cauchy distributions. Indeed, if  $\mu$  is a vector of mutually singular non-atomic probability measures, the coordinates of a  $P_\mu$ -distributed random variables are i.i.d. Cauchy random variables.

It is thus of interest to find an approximation of the value  $\varphi v$  of a game  $v = f \circ (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  by a sequence of values  $\varphi v_k$  so that, for every fixed  $k$ ,  $v_k = f \circ (\nu_1^k, \dots, \nu_n^k)$  and each non-atomic measure  $\nu_i^k$  is a linear combination of a list  $\eta_1^k, \dots, \eta_{m_k}^k$  of mutually singular non-atomic measures.

Let  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  be an  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued vector of non-atomic measures and  $f : \mathcal{R}(\mu) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  so that  $f \circ \mu \in Q$ . As mentioned earlier,  $\varphi(f \circ \mu)$  is a linear combination of the measures  $\mu_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ . Therefore

$$\varphi(f \circ \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i(f, \mu)\mu_i.$$

The coefficients  $a_i(f, \mu)$  are uniquely defined by  $\varphi$  iff  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$  are linearly independent. The next result comments on the dependence of  $a_i(f, \mu)$  on  $\mu$ .

**PROPOSITION 3:** *Assume that  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  and  $\nu^k = (\nu_1^k, \dots, \nu_n^k), k \geq 1$ , are vectors of non-atomic probability measures such that  $AF(\nu^k) = AF(\mu)$  (from some  $k$  on), and  $\|y\|_{\nu^k} \rightarrow_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|y\|_\mu$ . Let  $f$  be defined on the ranges of  $\mu$  and  $\nu^k$  with  $f \circ \mu \in Q(\mu)$  and  $f \circ \nu^k \in Q(\nu^k)$ . Then for every  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,*

$$a_i(f, \nu^k) \rightarrow_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_i(f, \mu).$$

*Proof:* It is sufficient to prove that for every  $S \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $S_k \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $\mu(S) =$

$\nu^k(S_k), k \geq 1,$

$$\varphi v(S) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varphi v_k(S_k).$$

Note that for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\delta$  sufficiently small so that  $\delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$  and  $\delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\nu^k) - \nu^k(I) = 2\mathcal{R}(\nu^k) - \mu(I),$

$$F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S) = F_{f,\nu^k}(\delta, x, S_k).$$

As  $F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S)$  is bounded on  $\{(\delta, x) : \delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)\}$  and  $F_{f,\nu^k}(\delta, x, S_k)$  is bounded on  $\{(\delta, x) : \delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\nu^k) - \nu^k(I)\},$  it is sufficient to prove that

$$\|P_\mu - P_{\nu^k}\| \rightarrow_{k \rightarrow \infty} 0,$$

which follows from Lemma 3. ■

Assume that  $(\Pi_k)_{k=1}^\infty$  is an admissible sequence of partitions and that  $\nu$  is a non-atomic probability measure such that  $\mu_i$  is absolutely continuous w.r.t.  $\nu$ . For each  $k$  let  $\mu^k$  be the non-atomic vector measure that coincides with  $\mu$  on each atom of  $\Pi_k$  and whose Radon–Nikodym derivative w.r.t.  $\nu$  is constant on each atom of  $\Pi_k$ . It follows that for any increasing chain of coalitions  $S_1 \subset \dots \subset S_m$  there is an increasing sequence of coalitions  $T_1 \subset \dots \subset T_m$  such that  $\nu^k(S_i) = \mu(T_i)$  and therefore  $f \circ \mu^k \in Q(\mu^k)$  with  $\|f \circ \mu^k\| \leq \|f \circ \mu\|$ . By Corollary 2,  $\|P_\mu - P_{\mu^k}\| \rightarrow_{k \rightarrow \infty} 0$ . Therefore

$$\max_{S: \mu(S) \in \mathcal{R}(\mu^k)} |\varphi(f \circ \mu)(S) - \varphi(f \circ \mu^k)(S)| \rightarrow_{k \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

**6.1 FORMULAS FOR THE VALUE.** Let  $v = f \circ \mu \in Q(\mu)$ , where  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  is a vector of linearly independent non-atomic probability measures and  $f: \mathcal{R}(\mu) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . We will provide equivalent formulas for the value  $\varphi v$  in several special cases. It is well known [1] that if  $f$  is continuously differentiable on the range of  $\mu$ ,

$$\varphi(f \circ \mu)(S) = \int_0^1 f_{\mu(S)}(t\mu(I))dt,$$

where  $f_y$  is the directional derivative of  $f$  in the direction  $y$ , i.e.,

$$f_y(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0+} \frac{f(x + \varepsilon y) - f(x)}{\varepsilon}.$$

Many games of interest, e.g., the  $n$ -handed glove market, or more generally non-differentiable market games, are not differentiable on the diagonal  $[0, \mu(I)]$ , and thus the above formula for the value is not applicable to these games.

Our aim here is to approximate  $\varphi(f \circ \mu)(S)$  in various special cases as an average of

$$f_{\mu(S)}(t\mu(I) + x),$$

where  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  is uniformly distributed on  $[0, 1]$  and  $x$  is distributed on a neighborhood  $\mu(\emptyset)$ .

A game  $v \in BV$  is **absolutely continuous** if there is a non-atomic probability measure  $\nu$  such that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta > 0$  such that for every increasing sequence of coalitions  $S_1 \subset \dots \subset S_{2k}$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^k \nu(S_{2i}) - \nu(S_{2i-1}) < \delta$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^k |v(S_{2i}) - v(S_{2i-1})| < \varepsilon$ . The set of all absolutely continuous games is denoted  $AC$ .

LEMMA 10: Assume that  $f \circ \mu \in AC$ . Then for every  $y \in \mathcal{R}(\mu)$  the directional derivatives  $f_y$  exists a.e. (in the relative interior of  $\mathcal{R}(\mu)$ ) and for every sufficiently small  $\delta > 0$  and every coalition  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ ,

$$\psi_\mu^\delta(f \circ \mu, S) = \int \int I_\delta(t) f_{\mu(S)}(t + \delta^2 x) dt dP_\mu^\delta(x)$$

is well-defined and

$$|\psi^\delta(f \circ \mu, S) - \varphi_\mu^\delta(f \circ \mu, S)| \rightarrow_{\delta \rightarrow 0} 0.$$

*Proof:* Assume  $f \circ \mu \in AC$ . Then for every  $x$  in the relative interior of  $\mathcal{R}(\mu)$  and  $y \in \mathcal{R}(\mu)$ , there is  $\alpha > 0$  sufficiently small so that the function  $s: [0, \alpha] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $s(a) = f(x + ay)$  is absolutely continuous and therefore differentiable a.e. on  $[0, \alpha]$ , implying that for a.e.  $a \in [0, \alpha]$ ,  $f_y(x + ay)$  exists and thus, by Fubini's theorem,  $f_y$  exists almost everywhere in the relative interior of  $\mathcal{R}(\mu)$ . Moreover,

$$(10) \quad \frac{f(x + \alpha y) - f(x)}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\alpha f_y(x + ay) da = \int_0^1 f_y(x + s\alpha y) ds.$$

Therefore,

$$F_{f,\mu}(\delta, x, S) = \int I_\delta(t) \int_0^1 f_{\mu(S)}(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x + s\delta^3 \mu(S)) ds dt$$

whenever  $\delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$ , and thus

$$(11) \quad \varphi_\mu^\delta(f \circ \mu, S) = \int \int I_\delta(t) \int_0^1 f_{\mu(S)}(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x + s\delta^3 \mu(S)) ds dt dP_\mu^\delta.$$

Given  $\delta > 0$  sufficiently small,  $3\delta < t < 1 - 3\delta$ ,  $x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$ , and  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{H}(\delta, x, S) &= \frac{1}{\delta} \int_0^1 I_\delta(t) \int_0^1 |f_{\mu(S)}(t\mu(I) + \delta x + s\delta\mu(S))| ds dt, \\ \bar{G}(\delta, x, S) &= \bar{H}(\delta, x + \mu(S), S^c). \end{aligned}$$

Note that as  $f \circ \mu \in AC$ , the function  $s \mapsto f(t\mu(I) + \delta x + s\delta\mu(S))$  is absolutely continuous in  $0 \leq s \leq 1$  and its variation over the interval  $0 \leq s \leq 1$  equals  $\int_0^1 |f_{\mu(S)}(t\mu(I) + \delta x + s\delta\mu(S))| ds$ . As in the proof of Lemma 4, one proves, by adding to the chains of ideal coalitions  $h_k^\alpha$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq 2K(\delta)$ , additional elements  $h_{k,m}^\alpha = s_{k,m}h_{k+1}^\alpha + (1 - s_{k,m})h_{k+1}^\alpha$ ,  $1 \leq m \leq n_k$ , where  $0 < s_{k,i} < s_{k,i+1} < 1$ , and so that the variation of  $v$  over the sequence  $h_k^\alpha \leq h_{k,1}^\alpha \leq \dots \leq h_{k,n_k}^\alpha \leq h_{k+1}^\alpha$  is within  $\varepsilon > 0$  of  $\int_0^1 |f_{\mu(S)}((3\delta + k\delta + \alpha)\mu(I) + \delta x + s\delta\mu(S))| ds$  if  $k$  is even and within  $\varepsilon > 0$  of  $\int_0^1 |f_{\mu(S)}((3\delta + k\delta + \alpha)\mu(I) + \delta x + \delta\mu(S) + s\delta\mu(S^c))| ds$  if  $k$  is odd, that

$$\|f \circ \mu\| \geq |\bar{H}(\delta, x, S)| + |\bar{G}(\delta, x, S)|.$$

Therefore, for  $\delta > 0$  sufficiently small, for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ ,

$$\int I_\delta(t) \int_0^1 |f_{\mu(S)}(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x + s\delta^3 \mu(S))| ds dt$$

is bounded by  $\|f \circ \mu\|$ . Applying Fubini's theorem to (11) we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_\mu^\delta(f \circ \mu, S) &= \int_0^1 \int \int I_\delta(t) f_{\mu(S)}(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x + s\delta^3 \mu(S)) dt dP_\mu^\delta(x) ds \\ &= \int_0^1 \int \int I_\delta(t) f_{\mu(S)}(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x) dt d(P_\mu^\delta * \delta_{-s\delta^3 \mu(S)})(x) ds. \end{aligned}$$

As  $\sup_{0 \leq s \leq 1} \|P_\mu^\delta - P_\mu^\delta * \delta_{-s\delta^3 \mu(S)}\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0+$  by Corollary 1,

$$\varphi_\mu^\delta(f \circ \mu, S) - \int \int I_\delta(t) f_{\mu(S)}(t\mu(I) + \delta^2 x) dt dP_\mu^\delta(x) \rightarrow_{\delta \rightarrow 0+} 0. \quad \blacksquare$$

Assume that  $f$  is concave and homogeneous of degree 1. Then the core of  $v = f \circ \mu$ , denoted  $C(v)$ , is a convex compact subset of the linear subspace generated by  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$ . Given  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we denote by  $p(x)$  the set of all elements  $\nu \in C(v)$  that minimize  $\nu(T)$  where  $T \in \mathcal{C}$  is a coalition such that, for some  $\eta > 0$ ,  $2\mu(T) - \mu(I) = \eta x$ . For almost all  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $p(x)$  is a singleton. The next proposition shows that our value  $\varphi$  and the Mertens value  $\psi$  of the market game  $f \circ \mu$  coincide, by demonstrating a formula for  $\varphi(f \circ \mu)$  that coincides with the



formula for the Mertens value  $\psi(f \circ \mu)$  given in [7]. The formula is an analog of the one for the measure-based values given in [3]

PROPOSITION 4: *Assume that  $f$  is concave and homogeneous of degree 1. Then the core of  $v = f \circ \mu$ ,  $C(v)$ , is a convex compact subset of the linear subspace generated by  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$ , and  $\varphi v$  is given by*

$$\varphi v(S) = \int p(x)(S) dP_\mu(x).$$

*Proof:* Assume that  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\delta > 0$  sufficiently small,  $3\delta < t < 1 - 3\delta$ , and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$ . Then  $f_{\mu(S)}(t + \delta x) \geq f(\mu(S))$  by concavity and superadditivity of  $f$ . By Theorem 24.6 of [12], given  $0 < t < 1$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $p(x)$  is a singleton,

$$\liminf_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} f_{\mu(S)}(t + \delta^2 x) \geq p(x)(S).$$

Therefore, using Lemma (10) and Fatou's lemma,

$$\liminf_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \psi_\mu^\delta(f \circ \mu, S) \geq \int p(x)(S) dP_\mu(x).$$

As this holds for every coalition  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ , and  $p(x)(S) + p(x)(S^c) = p(x)(I) = f(\mu(I))$ , the equality follows. ■

The next proposition provides a formula for the value of a game of the form  $f \circ \mu$ , where  $f$  is concave but not necessarily homogeneous of degree 1. Assume that  $f$  is concave on the range of a vector of linearly independent non-atomic probability measures  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$ . Given  $0 < t < 1$  we denote by  $A(t)$  the set of all supergradients of  $f$  at  $t\mu(I)$ , i.e., the set of all vectors  $a(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\langle a(t, x), y - t\mu(I) \rangle \geq f(y) - f(t\mu(I))$  for every  $y \in \mathcal{R}(\mu)$ . First note that for almost every pair  $t, x$  with  $0 < t < 1$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  there is a unique  $a(t, x) \in A(t)$  that minimizes  $\langle a, x \rangle$ . Denote by  $p(t, x)$  the non-atomic vector measure  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i(t, x)\mu_i$ .

PROPOSITION 5: *Assume that  $f$  is concave on the range of a vector of linearly independent non-atomic probability measures  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  continuous at  $\mu(I)$  and  $\mu(\emptyset)$ . Then the value of  $v = f \circ \mu$ ,  $\varphi v$ , is given by*

$$\varphi v(S) = \int \int p(t, x)(S) dt dP_\mu(x).$$

*Proof:* Assume that  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\delta > 0$  sufficiently small,  $3\delta < t < 1 - 3\delta$ , and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\delta x \in 2\mathcal{R}(\mu) - \mu(I)$ . By Theorem 24.6 of [12], given  $0 < t < 1$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

such that  $p(t, x)$  is a singleton,

$$\liminf_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} f_{\mu(S)}(t + \delta^2 x) \geq p(t, x)(S).$$

As  $f$  is concave, it is Lipschitz on a neighborhood of the interval  $[\varepsilon\mu(I), (1 - \varepsilon)\mu(I)]$ . Given  $\eta > 0$ , there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small such that, for  $\delta > 0$  sufficiently small,

$$\psi_{\mu}^{\delta}(f \circ \mu, S) \geq \int \int_{\varepsilon}^{1-\varepsilon} I_{\delta}(t) f_{\mu(S)}(t + \delta^2 x) dt dP_{\mu}^{\delta}(x) - \eta$$

and

$$\int \int p(t, x)(S) dt dP_{\mu}(x) \geq \int \int_{\varepsilon}^{1-\varepsilon} p(t, x)(S) dt dP_{\mu}(x) - \eta.$$

Therefore, using Lemma (10) and Fatou's lemma,

$$\liminf_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \psi_{\mu}^{\delta}(f \circ \mu, S) \geq \int \int p(t, x)(S) dt dP_{\mu}(x) - 2\eta.$$

As this holds for every  $\eta > 0$ ,

$$\liminf_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \psi_{\mu}^{\delta}(f \circ \mu, S) \geq \int \int p(t, x)(S) dt dP_{\mu}(x)$$

and therefore

$$(12) \quad \varphi(f \circ \mu)(S) \geq \int \int p(t, x)(S) dt dP_{\mu}(x).$$

It remains to prove that  $\varphi(f \circ \mu)(S) \leq \int \int p(t, x)(S) dt dP_{\mu}(x)$ . Note that  $t \mapsto f(t\mu(I))$  is a concave function and therefore differentiable a.e. and therefore for a.e.  $0 < t < 1$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have  $p(t, x)(I) = \frac{d}{dt} f(t\mu(I))$  and thus, for every  $x$ , we have  $\int p(t, x)(I) dt = f(\mu(I)) = \varphi(f \circ \mu)(I)$ . As  $p(t, x)(S) + p(t, x)(S^c) = p(t, x)(I)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(f \circ \mu)(I) &= \varphi(f \circ \mu)(S) + \varphi(f \circ \mu)(S^c) \\ &\geq \int \int [p(t, x)(S) + p(t, x)(S^c)] dt dP_{\mu}(x) \\ &= \varphi(f \circ \mu)(I) \end{aligned}$$

and thus all the weak inequalities are equalities. Together with Inequality (12), applied to  $S^c$ , we deduce that  $\varphi(f \circ \mu)(S) \leq \int \int p(t, x)(S) dt dP_{\mu}(x)$ . ■

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