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BOUNDED LINEAR FUNCTIONALS ON THE SPACE OF  
HENSTOCK-KURZWEIL INTEGRABLE FUNCTIONS

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*Abstract.* Applying a simple integration by parts formula for the Henstock-Kurzweil integral, we obtain a simple proof of the Riesz representation theorem for the space of Henstock-Kurzweil integrable functions. Consequently, we give sufficient conditions for the existence and equality of two iterated Henstock-Kurzweil integrals.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

It is well known that if  $f$  is Henstock-Kurzweil integrable on a compact interval  $[a, b]$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $g$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ , then  $fg$  is Henstock-Kurzweil integrable on  $[a, b]$  and the integration by parts formula holds; see, for example, [2, Chapter 11]. Denoting the space of Henstock-Kurzweil integrable functions by  $\text{HK}[a, b]$ , it is not difficult to see that every function  $g$  of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  induces a bounded linear functional on the space  $\text{HK}[a, b]$ . On the other hand, it is also known that if  $T$  is a bounded linear functional on  $\text{HK}[a, b]$ , then there exist functions  $g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g_0 \in BV[a, b]$  such that  $g = g_0$  almost everywhere on  $[a, b]$  and

$$T(f) = (\text{HK}) \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt$$

for every  $f \in \text{HK}[a, b]$ ; see, for example, [6] for details.

In 1973, Kurzweil [5] proved an integration by parts formula for higher-dimensional Henstock-Kurzweil integral. More precisely, he proved that if  $f$  is Henstock-Kurzweil integrable on a compact interval  $E$  of a multidimensional Euclidean space and  $g$  is

of bounded variation (in the sense of Hardy-Krause) on  $E$ , then  $fg$  is Henstock-Kurzweil integrable on  $E$  and the integration by parts formula holds. Furthermore, the function

$$T_g: \text{HK}(E) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}: f \mapsto (\text{HK}) \int_E f(t)g(t) dt$$

is a bounded linear functional on  $\text{HK}(E)$ . More recently, various authors [8], [12], [14], [17] have shown that the converse is also true; that is, if  $T$  is a bounded linear functional on  $\text{HK}(E)$ , then there exist a function  $g: E \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a function  $g_0$  of bounded variation (in the sense of Hardy-Krause) on  $E$  with the following properties:  $g = g_0$  almost everywhere on  $E$  and

$$(1) \quad T(f) = (\text{HK}) \int_E f(t)g(t) dt$$

for every  $f \in \text{HK}(E)$ . Nevertheless, the above proofs of (1) are non-elementary: either Kurzweil's multidimensional integration by parts formula or the measure theory is involved. One of the aims of this paper is to give a simpler proof of this representation theorem.

The paper is organised as follows. In Section 2 we state a number of useful results concerning functions of bounded variation (in the sense of Vitali), with proofs where necessary. In Section 3 we give a simple proof of the Riesz representation theorem for the space of Henstock-Kurzweil integrable functions; see Theorem 3.7 for details. In Section 4 we prove the corresponding Riesz representation theorem for the space of Cauchy-Lebesgue integrable functions. In Section 5 we employ our results to obtain a "Tonelli's theorem" for Henstock-Kurzweil integrals; see Theorem 5.10 for details.

## 2. FUNCTIONS OF BOUNDED VARIATION

Let  $m \geq 1$  be an integer and let  $\mathbb{R}^m$  denote the  $m$ -dimensional Euclidean space equipped with the maximum norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . For  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $r > 0$ , set  $B(\mathbf{x}, r) := \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m: \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\| < r\}$ . An *interval* in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is a set of the form  $[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}] := \prod_{i=1}^m [u_i, v_i]$ , where  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_m)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_m)$  with  $u_i, v_i \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $u_i < v_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Throughout this paper  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] := \prod_{i=1}^m [a_i, b_i]$  denotes a fixed interval and  $\mathcal{I}_m([\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}])$  the family of all subintervals of  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ .

A *division* of  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  is a finite collection  $\{I_1, \dots, I_p\}$  of non-overlapping intervals such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^p I_i = [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ . For any given real-valued function  $g$  defined on  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , the

total variation of  $g$  over  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  is defined by

$$\text{Var}(g, [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]) := \sup \left\{ \sum_{[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}] \in P} |\Delta_g([\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}])| : P \text{ is a division of } [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] \right\},$$

where

$$\Delta_g([\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}]) := \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{t} \in [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}] \\ t_i \in \{u_i, v_i\} \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}}} g(\mathbf{t}) \prod_{i=1}^m \text{sgn} \left( t_i - \frac{u_i + v_i}{2} \right)$$

for each  $[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}] \in \mathcal{I}_m([\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}])$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A function  $g: [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be of bounded variation (in the sense of Vitali) on  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  if  $\text{Var}(g, [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}])$  is finite.

The space of functions of bounded variation (in the sense of Vitali) on  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  is denoted by  $BV[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ . Set

$$BV_0[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] := \{g \in BV[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]: g(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \text{ whenever } \mathbf{x} \in [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] \setminus (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})\},$$

where  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) := \prod_{i=1}^m (a_i, b_i)$ .

Let  $\mu_m$  denote Lebesgue measure in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . The following theorem, which asserts that every bounded linear functional on  $C[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  can be represented by Riemann-Stieltjes integration, is an  $m$ -dimensional analogue of [3, Theorem 2].

**Theorem 2.2** (Riesz Representation Theorem). *Let  $T: C[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded linear functional. Then there exists  $g \in BV_0[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  such that*

$$T(F) = (RS) \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} F(\mathbf{x}) dg(\mathbf{x})$$

for every  $F \in C[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ . Moreover,  $\|T\| = \text{Var}(g, [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}])$ .

*P r o o f.* Let  $B[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  denote the space of bounded functions on  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  and assume that  $B[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  is equipped with the  $L^\infty$ -norm  $\|\cdot\|_{L^\infty[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]}$ , where

$$\|f\|_{L^\infty[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} = \inf\{M \in \mathbb{R}: |f(\mathbf{x})| \leq M \text{ for } \mu_m\text{-almost all } \mathbf{x} \in [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]\}.$$

Let  $B[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]^*$  denote the dual space of  $B[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ . By the Hahn-Banach Theorem,  $T$  has an extension  $\tilde{T} \in B[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]^*$  with  $\|T\| = \|\tilde{T}\|$ .

Let  $g(\mathbf{x}) := \tilde{T}(\chi_{(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x}]})$ . Then we can follow the proof of Riesz's theorem (cf. [4]) to get

$$\text{Var}(g, [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]) \leq \|T\| < \infty$$

and

$$T(F) = (RS) \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} F(\mathbf{x}) \, dg(\mathbf{x})$$

for every  $F \in C[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ . It is now easy to check that  $\text{Var}(g, [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]) = \|T\|$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Remark 2.3.** Theorem 2.2 can be proved without using the Hahn-Banach Theorem; consult [3, Theorem 2].

### 3. THE HENSTOCK-KURZWEIL INTEGRAL

A *partial partition* of the interval  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  is a collection  $\{(I_1, \mathbf{t}_1), \dots, (I_p, \mathbf{t}_p)\}$  of  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , where  $I_1, \dots, I_p$  are nonoverlapping intervals and  $\mathbf{t}_i \in I_i \subset [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p$ . If  $\delta$  is a gauge (i.e. a positive function) on a set  $Z \subseteq [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , we say that a partial partition  $\{(I_1, \mathbf{t}_1), \dots, (I_p, \mathbf{t}_p)\}$  of  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  is  $\delta$ -fine whenever  $\mathbf{t}_i \in Z$  and  $\text{diam}(I_i) < \delta(\mathbf{t}_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , where  $\text{diam}(A)$  denotes the diameter of a set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ .

**Lemma 3.1** (cf. [7, Lemma 6.2.6]). *If  $\delta$  is a gauge on  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then there exists a  $\delta$ -fine partial partition  $\{(I_1, \mathbf{t}_1), \dots, (I_p, \mathbf{t}_p)\}$  of  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^p I_i = [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ .*

**Definition 3.2.** A function  $f: [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be *Henstock-Kurzweil integrable* on  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  if there exists  $A \in \mathbb{R}$  with the following property: given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a gauge  $\delta$  on  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  such that

$$(2) \quad \left| \sum_{i=1}^p f(\mathbf{t}_i) \mu_m(I_i) - A \right| < \varepsilon$$

for each  $\delta$ -fine partial partition  $\{(I_1, \mathbf{t}_1), \dots, (I_p, \mathbf{t}_p)\}$  of  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  with  $\bigcup_{i=1}^p I_i = [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ . Here  $A$  is called the Henstock-Kurzweil integral of  $f$  over  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , and we write  $A$  as  $(\text{HK}) \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}$ .

The collection of all functions that are Henstock-Kurzweil integrable on  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  will be denoted by  $\text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ . The following properties are known for the Henstock-Kurzweil integral; see [7] for the proofs, where the term “Kurzweil-Henstock integral” is used to describe this integral.

**Theorem 3.3.**

- (a)  $\text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  is a linear space.
- (b) If  $f \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then  $f \in \text{HK}(J)$  for each  $J \in \mathcal{I}_m([\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}])$ .
- (c) If  $f \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then the interval function  $J \mapsto (\text{HK}) \int_J f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}$  is additive on  $\mathcal{I}_m([\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}])$ . This interval function is known as the *indefinite Henstock-Kurzweil integral*, or in short the indefinite HK-integral, of  $f$ .
- (d) If  $f \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that  $|(\text{HK}) \int_J f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $J \in \mathcal{I}_m([\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}])$  and  $\mu_m(J) < \eta$ .
- (e) If  $f \in L^1[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  and  $f$  is real-valued, then  $f \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  and  $\int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mu_m(\mathbf{x}) = (\text{HK}) \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}$ .
- (f) If  $\{f, |f|\} \subset \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then  $f \in L^1[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ .

For the rest of this paper, the space  $\text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  will be equipped with the semi-norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]}$ , where

$$\|f\|_{\text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} := \sup \left\{ \left| (\text{HK}) \int_I f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \right| : I \in \mathcal{I}_m([\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]) \right\}.$$

The following theorem, which is an improvement of Theorem 3.3(e), is also important.

**Theorem 3.4** ([9, Theorem 6]).  $L^1[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  is dense in  $\text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ .

For further properties of the space  $\text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , consult, for example, [11], [14], [18], [19].

As a consequence of Theorem 3.4 and the absolute continuity of the indefinite Lebesgue integrals we obtain the following result of Kurzweil [5].

**Corollary 3.5.** *If  $f \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then the map*

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto (\text{HK}) \int_{[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{t}) \, d\mathbf{t}$$

*is continuous on  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ .*

The following theorem is a simple version of Kurzweil's multiple integration by parts formula (cf. [5, Theorem 2.10]).

**Theorem 3.6** ([16, Theorem 4.8]). *If  $f \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  and  $g \in BV_0[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then  $fg \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  and*

$$(3) \quad (\text{HK}) \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = (RS) \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{t}) \, d\mathbf{t} \right\} dg(\mathbf{x}).$$

We observe that when  $m = 1$ , the following result of Alexiewicz [1] is known.

**Theorem.** Let  $m = 1$  and let  $T$  be a bounded linear functional on  $\text{HK}[a, b]$ . Then there exists  $g \in BV[a, b]$  such that

$$T(f) = (\text{HK}) \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt$$

for every  $f \in \text{HK}[a, b]$ .

As a simple application of Theorem 3.6 we obtain the following refinement of [8, Theorem 3.2] and the above-mentioned result of Alexiewicz.

**Theorem 3.7.** If  $T$  is a bounded linear functional on  $\text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then there exists  $g \in BV_0[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  such that  $\|T\| = \text{Var}(g, [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}])$  and

$$T(f) = (\text{HK}) \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{t})g(\mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t}$$

for every  $f \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ .

**Proof.** Since the function  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto (\text{HK}) \int_{[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t}$  is continuous on  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , the theorem follows from the Hahn-Banach Theorem, Theorems 2.2 and 3.6. The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $g: [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $fg \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  for every  $f \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then the linear functional

$$f \mapsto (\text{HK}) \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{t})g(\mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t}$$

is  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]}$ -bounded.

**Proof.** Since the proof is similar to that of [10, Theorem 4.4], we give only a sketch of the proof.

Suppose that the linear functional

$$f \mapsto (\text{HK}) \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{t})g(\mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t}$$

is not  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]}$ -bounded. Following the argument of [10, Theorem 4.4], we can construct a function  $f \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  such that  $fg \notin \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ . This contradiction completes the proof.  $\square$

The following theorem is an  $m$ -dimensional analogue of a result of Sargent [20].

**Theorem 3.9** (cf. [8, Theorem 5.1]). *Let  $g: [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $fg \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  for every  $f \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then there exists  $g_0 \in \text{BV}_0[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  such that  $g = g_0$   $\mu_m$ -almost everywhere on  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ .*

*Proof.* This is a consequence of Theorems 3.8 and 3.7. □

#### 4. THE CAUCHY-LEBESGUE INTEGRAL

The aim of this section is to study the Cauchy-Lebesgue integral, which is the Cauchy extension of the Lebesgue integral.

**Definition 4.1** (cf. [10]). An interval function  $F: \mathcal{I}_m[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be continuous if

$$\lim_{\substack{\mu_m(I) \rightarrow 0 \\ I \in \mathcal{I}_m([\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}])}} F(I) = 0.$$

**Definition 4.2** (cf. [10]). A function  $f: [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be Cauchy-Lebesgue integrable on  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  if there exist an additive continuous interval function  $F$  and a finite set  $Q \subset [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  such that  $f \in L^1(I)$  and  $F(I) = \int_I f$  for every interval  $I \in \mathcal{I}_m([\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}])$  satisfying  $I \cap Q = \emptyset$ . In this case, we write  $F([\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}])$  as (CL)  $\int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}$ .

It is easy to prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.3.** *If  $f \in \text{CL}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then  $f \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  and*

$$\text{(CL)} \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \text{(HK)} \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}.$$

In view of Theorem 4.3 we can equip the space  $\text{CL}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]}$ . In order to prove an analogous version of Theorem 3.7 for the space  $\text{CL}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , we need the following results.

**Lemma 4.4** ([15, Lemma 2.3]). *If  $f \in \text{CL}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ ,  $g \in L^\infty[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  and  $fg \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then  $fg \in \text{CL}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  and*

$$\text{(CL)} \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \text{(HK)} \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}.$$

The following theorem is a consequence of Theorem 3.6 and Lemma 4.4.



**Theorem 4.5** ([16, Remark 4.11(ii)]). *If  $f \in \text{CL}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  and  $g \in \text{BV}_0[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then  $fg \in \text{CL}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  and*

$$(4) \quad (\text{CL}) \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = (\text{RS}) \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} \left\{ (\text{CL}) \int_{[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{t}) \, d\mathbf{t} \right\} dg(\mathbf{x}).$$

Following the proof of Theorem 3.7 we get a refinement of [10, Corollary 4.6].

**Theorem 4.6.** *If  $T$  is a bounded linear functional on  $\text{CL}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then there exists  $g \in \text{BV}_0[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  such that  $\|T\| = \text{Var}(g, [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}])$  and*

$$T(f) = (\text{CL}) \int_{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]} f(\mathbf{t})g(\mathbf{t}) \, d\mathbf{t}$$

for all  $f \in \text{CL}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** *Let  $g: [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $fg \in \text{CL}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  for every  $f \in \text{CL}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then there exists  $g_0 \in \text{BV}_0[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$  such that  $g = g_0$   $\mu_m$ -almost everywhere on  $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.9. We omit it. □

**Theorem 4.8.** *Let  $g: [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The following statements are equivalent.*

- (i) *If  $f \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then  $fg \in \text{HK}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ .*
- (ii) *If  $f \in \text{CL}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ , then  $fg \in \text{CL}[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ .*

*Proof.* The implication “(i)  $\implies$  (ii)” is a consequence of Theorem 3.9 and Lemma 4.4. The converse follows from Theorems 4.7, 3.3(e) and 3.6. □

## 5. AN APPLICATION TO ITERATED HENSTOCK-KURZWEIL INTEGRALS

For the rest of this paper we let  $r$  and  $s$  be positive integers. For  $q \in \{r, s\}$  we let  $E_q$  be a compact interval in  $\mathbb{R}^q$ . If  $f$  and  $g$  are functions defined on  $E_r$  and  $E_s$  respectively, we let

$$(f \otimes g)(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = f(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{y}).$$

The main result (Theorem 5.10) is motivated by the following problem in [15]:

**Problem 5.1.** *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be Henstock-Kurzweil integrable on intervals  $E_r \subset \mathbb{R}^r$  and  $E_s \subset \mathbb{R}^s$  respectively. Is  $f \otimes g$  Henstock-Kurzweil integrable on the interval  $E_r \times E_s$ ?*

For the case when  $r = 1$  or  $s = 1$ , it is known that  $f \otimes g \in \text{HK}(E_r \times E_s)$  whenever  $f \in \text{HK}(E_r)$  and  $g \in \text{HK}(E_s)$ ; see [13, Theorem 4.5]. If, in addition,  $h$  belongs to  $BV_0(E_r \times E_s)$ , then it follows from Theorem 3.6 that  $(f \otimes g)h \in \text{HK}(E_r \times E_s)$ ; Fubini's theorem for the Henstock-Kurzweil integral yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5) \quad & (\text{HK}) \int_{E_r \times E_s} f(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{y})h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \\
 &= (\text{HK}) \int_{E_r} f(\mathbf{x}) \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y}) h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \right\} d\mathbf{x} \\
 &= (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y}) \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{E_r} f(\mathbf{x}) h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{x} \right\} d\mathbf{y}.
 \end{aligned}$$

While it is unclear whether (5) holds when  $r, s > 1$  (cf. Problem 5.1), a weaker result is known.

**Theorem 5.2** ([13, Theorem 4.6]). *If  $f \in \text{CL}(E_r)$  and  $g \in \text{HK}(E_s)$ , then  $f \otimes g \in \text{HK}(E_r \times E_s)$  and*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{HK}) \int_{E_r \times E_s} (f \otimes g)(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \\
 = \left\{ (\text{CL}) \int_{E_r} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \right\} \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In this section, we shall prove that another result holds for the function  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mapsto f(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{y})h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ ; see Theorem 5.10 for details. We need some lemmas.

**Lemma 5.3.** *If  $g \in \text{HK}(E_s)$  and  $h \in BV_0(E_r \times E_s)$ , then  $(\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y})h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y}$  exists for all  $\mathbf{x} \in E_r$ . Moreover, the function*

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y})h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y}$$

*belongs to  $L^\infty(E_r)$ .*

**Proof.** We observe that if  $\mathbf{x} \in E_r$  is fixed, then the function  $\mathbf{y} \mapsto h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  belongs to  $BV_0(E_s)$ . An appeal to Theorem 3.6 gives the first part of the theorem.

Next we infer from Theorems 5.2, 3.6 and Fubini's theorem that the function

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y})h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y}$$

is Henstock-Kurzweil integrable on  $E_r$ . In particular, the function

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y})h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y}$$

is  $\mu_r$ -measurable.

Finally, we let  $f_0 \in L^1(E_r)$  be given. Clearly it suffices to prove that the function

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto f_0(\mathbf{x}) \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y})h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \right\}$$

belongs to  $L^1(E_r)$ . Using Theorems 5.2, 3.6 and Fubini's theorem again, we see that  $f_0 \in L^1(E_r)$  implies

$$(\text{HK}) \int_{E_r} f_0(\mathbf{x}) \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y})h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \right\} \, d\mathbf{x}$$

exists. Now, since the function

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y})h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y}$$

is  $\mu_r$ -measurable and  $|f_0| \in L^1(E_r)$ , a similar argument shows that

$$(\text{HK}) \int_{E_r} \left| f_0(\mathbf{x}) \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y})h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \right\} \right| \, d\mathbf{x}$$

exists. It is now clear that the lemma holds. □

**Lemma 5.4.** *If  $f \in \text{CL}(E_r)$ ,  $g \in \text{HK}(E_s)$  and  $h \in \text{BV}_0(E_r \times E_s)$ , then*

$$(6) \quad (\text{HK}) \int_{E_r \times E_s} f(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{y})h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

and

$$(7) \quad (\text{CL}) \int_{E_r} f(\mathbf{x}) \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y})h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \right\} \, d\mathbf{x}$$

exist and coincide.

*Proof.* We infer from Theorems 5.2 and 3.6 that the Henstock-Kurzweil integral (6) exists. Hence, by Fubini's theorem, the iterated Henstock-Kurzweil integral

$$(8) \quad (\text{HK}) \int_{E_r} f(\mathbf{x}) \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y})h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \right\} \, d\mathbf{x}$$

exists and is equal to the Henstock-Kurzweil integral (6). As a consequence of Lemmas 5.3 and 4.4, the Cauchy-Lebesgue integral (7) exists and is equal to the Henstock-Kurzweil integral (8). The proof is complete. □

The following lemma is a consequence of Lemma 5.4 and Theorem 4.8.

**Lemma 5.5.** *If  $f \in \text{HK}(E_r)$ ,  $g \in \text{HK}(E_s)$  and  $h \in BV_0(E_r \times E_s)$ , then the iterated Henstock-Kurzweil integral*

$$(\text{HK}) \int_{E_r} f(\mathbf{x}) \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y}) h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \right\} d\mathbf{x}$$

exists.

**Lemma 5.6.** *If  $g \in \text{HK}(E_s)$  and  $h \in BV_0(E_r \times E_s)$ , then the functional*

$$S_g: \text{HK}(E_r) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}: f \mapsto (\text{HK}) \int_{E_r} f(\mathbf{x}) \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y}) h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \right\} d\mathbf{x}$$

is linear and bounded.

*Proof.* This is a consequence of Lemma 5.5 and Theorem 3.8. □

The proof of the following lemma is similar to that of Lemma 5.5.

**Lemma 5.7.** *If  $f \in \text{HK}(E_r)$ ,  $g \in \text{HK}(E_s)$  and  $h \in BV_0(E_r \times E_s)$ , then the iterated Henstock-Kurzweil integral*

$$(\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y}) \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{E_r} f(\mathbf{x}) h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{x} \right\} d\mathbf{y}$$

exists.

On the other hand, the proof of the following lemma is more involved than that of Lemma 5.6.

**Lemma 5.8.** *If  $g \in \text{HK}(E_s)$  and  $h \in BV_0(E_r \times E_s)$ , then the functional*

$$T_g: \text{HK}(E_r) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}: f \mapsto (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y}) \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{E_r} f(\mathbf{x}) h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{x} \right\} d\mathbf{y}$$

is linear and bounded.

*Proof.* According to Theorem 3.4 there exists a sequence  $\{g_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $L^1(E_s)$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|g_n - g\|_{\text{HK}(E_s)} = 0.$$

For each  $f \in \text{HK}(E_r)$  we argue as in the proof of Lemma 5.6 to conclude that the function  $\mathbf{y} \mapsto (\text{HK}) \int_{E_r} f(\mathbf{x}) h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{x}$  induces a bounded linear functional on

$\text{HK}(E_s)$ . Therefore  $T_g$  is bounded on  $\text{HK}(E_r)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |T_g(f)| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g_n(\mathbf{y}) \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{E_r} f(\mathbf{x}) h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{x} \right\} d\mathbf{y} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| (\text{HK}) \int_{E_r \times E_s} (f \otimes g_n)(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \right| \text{ (by Theorems 5.2 and 3.6)} \\ &\leq \|f\|_{\text{HK}(E_r)} \|g\|_{\text{HK}(E_s)} \|h\|_{BV_0(E_r \times E_s)}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality holds by Theorem 3.6 and our choice of  $\{g_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.9.** *Let  $g \in \text{HK}(E_s)$  and let  $h \in BV_0(E_r \times E_s)$ . If  $S_g$  and  $T_g$  are given as in Lemmas 5.6 and 5.8 respectively, then*

$$S_g(f_0) = T_g(f_0)$$

for every  $f_0 \in \text{CL}(E_r)$ .

**Proof.** This follows from Lemma 5.4 and Fubini's theorem. The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.10** (Main Theorem). *If  $f \in \text{HK}(E_r)$ ,  $g \in \text{HK}(E_s)$  and  $h \in BV_0(E_r \times E_s)$ , then the iterated Henstock-Kurzweil integrals*

$$\begin{aligned} &(\text{HK}) \int_{E_r} f(\mathbf{x}) \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y}) h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \right\} d\mathbf{x}, \\ &(\text{HK}) \int_{E_s} g(\mathbf{y}) \left\{ (\text{HK}) \int_{E_r} f(\mathbf{x}) h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{x} \right\} d\mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

exist and coincide.

**Proof.** This follows from Lemmas 5.5–5.9 and Theorem 3.4.  $\square$

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