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**A DECOMPOSITION OF A FUNCTIONAL
AS A DIFFERENCE OF TWO POSITIVE FUNCTIONALS**

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The present paper deals with a generalization of the theorem concerning the decomposition of a generalized measure as a difference of two measures and of the theorem concerning the decomposition of Daniell integrals. Functions on lattices of a certain type are examined. A special selection of lattices gives the theorem about the decomposition of the measure and of the integral. A similar method was used in papers [2] and [4].

Let us introduce some notation first. $x \vee y, x \wedge y$ — will denote lattice operations. $x_n \nearrow x$ ($x_n \searrow x$) will be written iff $x_n \leq x_{n+1}$ ($x_{n+1} \leq x_n$) for every n and $\bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} x = x$ ($\bigwedge_{n=1}^{\infty} x = x$).

Let S be a distributive lattice with the operations $+, -$. We shall use the following conditions:

- (a₁) There is an element $\theta \in S$ such that $x - x = \theta$ for every $x \in S$.
- (a₂) If $x, y, v \in S$ and $\theta \leq x \leq y \leq v$, then $\theta \leq y - x \leq v - x \leq v$.
If $x, y, v \in S$ and $v \leq x \leq y \leq \theta$, then $v \leq v - y \leq x - y \leq \theta$.
- (a₃) If $a, x, x_n \in S$ and $x_n \nearrow x$ ($x_n \searrow x$), then $x_n \wedge a \nearrow x \wedge a$ and $a - x_n \searrow a - x$ ($x_n \vee a \searrow x \vee a$ and $a - x_n \nearrow a - x$).
- (a₄) $b = a + (b - a)$ if $\theta \leq a \leq b$ or if $b \leq a \leq \theta$.
- (a₅) If $u \leq v$ and $a \leq b$, then $a + u \leq b + v$.

Let I be such a function on S that, for every $a \in S$, the set

$$\{I(x) \mid a \wedge \theta \leq x \leq a \vee \theta\}$$

is either upper or lower bounded. We shall use the following conditions:

$$(b_1) \quad I(a) + I(b) = I(a \vee b) + I(a \wedge b)$$

for every $a, b \in S$.

$$(b_2) \quad I(\theta) = 0.$$

(b₃) If $\theta \leq x \leq a \leq b, \theta \leq y \leq b - a$ or if $b \leq a \leq x \leq \theta, b - a \leq y \leq \theta$, then

$$I(x + y) = I(x) + I(y).$$

(b₁) If $a_n \nearrow a$ or $a_n \searrow a$, and $|I(a_n)| < \infty$, for every n , then

$$\lim I(a_n) = I(a).$$

Definition. For $a \in S$ we define

$$I_1(a) = \sup \{I(x) \mid 0 \leq x \leq a\}, \quad I_2(a) = \inf \{I(x) \mid 0 \leq x \leq a\} \text{ if } a \geq 0, \text{ and}$$

$$I_3(a) = \sup \{I(x) \mid a \leq x \leq 0\}, \quad I_4(a) = \inf \{I(x) \mid a \leq x \leq 0\} \text{ if } a \leq 0.$$

Proposition 1. Let S satisfy (a₁) and I satisfy (b₂). Then the following assertions hold:

- (i) $I_1(0) = I_2(0) = I_3(0) = I_4(0) = 0$,
- (ii) I_1 and I_3 are non-negative, I_2 and I_4 are non-positive,
- (iii) If $0 \leq a \leq b$, then $I_1(a) \leq I_1(b)$ and $I_2(a) \geq I_2(b)$,
If $a \leq b \leq 0$, then $I_3(a) \geq I_3(b)$ and $I_4(a) \leq I_4(b)$.

Proposition 2. Let S satisfy (a₁), (a₂), (a₄) and I satisfy (b₂) and (b₃).

If $0 \leq v \leq x \leq u$, $\varepsilon > 0$, $I_1(u) < \infty$ ($I_2(v) > -\infty$) and $I_1(u) \leq I(x) + \varepsilon$ ($I_2(u) \geq I(x) - \varepsilon$), then $-\varepsilon \leq I(v)$ ($I(v) \leq \varepsilon$). If $u \leq x \leq v \leq 0$, $\varepsilon > 0$, $I_3(u) < \infty$ ($I_4(u) > -\infty$) and $I_3(u) \leq I(x) + \varepsilon$ ($I_4(u) \geq I(x) - \varepsilon$), then $-\varepsilon \leq I(v)$ ($I(v) \leq \varepsilon$).

Proof. We shall prove the assertion only for I_1 . The proofs for I_2 , I_3 and I_4 are analogous.

Let $0 \leq v \leq x \leq u$, $\varepsilon > 0$, $I_1(u) < \infty$ and $I_1(u) \leq I(x) + \varepsilon$ and let $I(v) < -\varepsilon$. Since $0 \leq v \leq x$, it follows from (b₃) and (a₂) that

$$(1) \quad I(x) = I(v) + I(x - v), \quad 0 \leq x - v \leq u$$

and

$$I(v) + I(x - v) \leq I_1(u) + I(v) < I_1(u) - \varepsilon.$$

From this and from (1) it follows

$$I(x) < I_1(u) - \varepsilon,$$

which contradicts the assumption. Hence $I(v) \geq -\varepsilon$.

Proposition 3. Let S satisfy (a₁), (a₂) and (a₄), and let I satisfy (b₁), (b₂) and (b₃). Then

$$(2) \quad I_j(a) + I_j(b) = I_j(a \vee b) + I_j(a \wedge b)$$

for $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ where $a, b \geq 0$ in case $j = 1, 2$, and $a, b \leq 0$ in case $j = 3, 4$.

Proof. The proposition will be proved only for $j = 1$. The proof for $j = 2, 3, 4$ is analogous.

Let $a, b \geq 0$, and let $I_1(a \vee b) = \infty$. Let t be such that

$$0 \leq t \leq a \vee b,$$

then (since S is distributive)

$$t = (a \wedge t) \vee (b \wedge t).$$

From the definition of I_1 and from (b₁), (b₃), (a₄) and (a₂) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I(t) &= I(t \wedge a) + I(t \wedge b) - I(t \wedge a \wedge b) = \\ &= I(t \wedge a) + I(t \wedge b) - I(t \wedge a \wedge b) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$0 \leq (b \wedge t) - (a \wedge b \wedge t) \leq b.$$

Since $0 \leq t \wedge a \leq a$, we have

$$I(t) \leq I_1(a) + I_1(b).$$

Further,

$$\infty = I_1(a \vee b) = \sup \{I(t) \mid 0 \leq t \leq a \vee b\} \leq I_1(a) + I_1(b),$$

hence (2) holds.

Now if $I_1(a \vee b) < \infty$, then also $I_1(a), I_1(b), I_1(a \wedge b) < \infty$. Let $a, b \in S$, $a, b \geq 0$ and let ε be any positive number. Choose $x, y \in S$ with

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(a) &\leq I(x) + \varepsilon/2 & 0 &\leq x \leq a, \\ I_1(b) &\leq I(y) + \varepsilon/2 & 0 &\leq y \leq b, \end{aligned}$$

then using (b₁) we obtain

$$I_1(a) + I_1(b) \leq I(x) + I(y) + \varepsilon = I(x \vee y) + I(x \wedge y) + \varepsilon,$$

where

$$0 \leq x \vee y \leq a \vee b, \quad 0 \leq x \wedge y \leq a \wedge b.$$

Therefore

$$I_1(a) + I_1(b) \leq I_1(a \vee b) + I_1(a \wedge b) + \varepsilon.$$

The inequality holds for every $\varepsilon > 0$, hence

$$(4) \quad I_1(a) + I_1(b) \leq I_1(a \vee b) + I_1(a \wedge b).$$

Now we prove the opposite inequality. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Choose $x \in S$ with

$$(5) \quad I_1(a \vee b) \leq I(x) + \varepsilon, \quad 0 \leq x \leq a \vee b,$$

then

$$(6) \quad I_1(a \vee b) + I_1(a \wedge b) \leq I(x) + I_1(a \wedge b) + \varepsilon.$$

Clearly $x = (x \wedge a) \vee (x \wedge b)$ (since S is distributive). This gives

$$(7) \quad I(x) + I_1(a \wedge b) + \varepsilon = I((x \wedge a) \vee (x \wedge b)) + I_1(a \wedge b) + \varepsilon.$$

From (6), (7) and from (b₁) we have

$$I_1(a \vee b) + I_1(a \wedge b) \leq I(x \wedge a) + I(x \wedge b) - I(x \wedge a \wedge b) + I_1(a \wedge b) + \varepsilon,$$

where $0 \leq x \wedge a \leq a$, $0 \leq x \wedge b \leq b$, therefore

$$(8) \quad I_1(a \vee b) + I_1(a \wedge b) \leq I_1(a) + I_1(a \wedge b) - I(x \wedge a \wedge b) + I_1(b) + \varepsilon.$$

Choose $y \in S$ with

$$I_1(a \wedge b) \leq I(y) + \varepsilon, \quad 0 \leq y \leq a \wedge b,$$

then

$$I_1(a \wedge b) - I(x \wedge a \wedge b) \leq I(y) - I(x \wedge a \wedge b) + \varepsilon.$$

Owing to (b_1) we have

$$I_1(a \wedge b) - I(x \wedge a \wedge b) \leq I(x \vee y) + I(x \wedge y) - I(x) - I(x \wedge a \wedge b) + \varepsilon,$$

where $0 \leq x \vee y \leq a \vee b$, therefore

$$I_1(a \wedge b) - I(x \wedge a \wedge b) \leq I_1(a \vee b) - I(x) - (I(x \wedge a \wedge b) - I(x \wedge y)) + \varepsilon.$$

From (5) and from the condition (b_3) it follows that

$$(9) \quad I_1(a \wedge b) - I(x \wedge a \wedge b) \leq 2\varepsilon - I(x \wedge a \wedge b - x \wedge y),$$

where $0 \leq x \wedge y \leq x \wedge a \wedge b$. Then from (a_2) it follows

$$0 \leq x \wedge a \wedge b - x \wedge y \leq x \leq a \vee b.$$

If in Proposition 2 we put

$$u = a \vee b \quad \text{and} \quad v = x \wedge a \wedge b - x \wedge y,$$

we can see that

$$(10) \quad -I(x \wedge a \wedge b - x \wedge y) \leq \varepsilon.$$

From (8), (9) and (10) we have

$$I_1(a \vee b) + I_1(a \wedge b) \leq I_1(a) + I_1(b) + 4\varepsilon,$$

and so

$$(11) \quad I_1(a \vee b) + I_1(a \wedge b) \leq I_1(a) + I_1(b).$$

From (4) and (11) it follows

$$I_1(a \vee b) + I_1(a \wedge b) = I_1(a) + I_1(b).$$

Proposition 4. *Let S satisfy (a_1) , (a_2) , (a_4) , (a_5) and I satisfy (b_1) , (b_2) , (b_3) . Then*

$$I_j(b) = I_j(a) + I_j(b - a)$$

for $j = 1, 2$ if $0 \leq a \leq b$, and for $j = 3, 4$ if $b \leq a \leq 0$.

Proof. Let $\theta \leq a \leq b$, $\varepsilon > 0$, $I_1(b) < \infty$. Choose $x \in S$ with

$$I_1(b) \leq I(x) + \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \theta \leq x \leq b.$$

It follows from the last inequality, (b₁) and (b₃) that

$$(12) \quad I_1(b) \leq J(x \wedge a) + I(x \vee a) - I(a) + \varepsilon = I(x \wedge a) + I(x \vee a - a) + \varepsilon.$$

Since $\theta \leq a \leq x \vee a \leq b$, from (a₂) it follows that $\theta \leq x \vee a - a \leq b - a$, and so from (12) we obtain

$$I_1(b) \leq I_1(a) + I_1(b - a) + \varepsilon.$$

Therefore

$$(13) \quad I_1(b) \leq I_1(a) + I_1(b - a).$$

If $I_1(b) = \infty$, then the proof of (13) is similar but we must use the fact that

$$\{I(x) / a \wedge \theta \leq x \leq a \vee \theta\}$$

is lower bounded.

Now we prove the opposite inequality. Choose $x, y \in S$ with

$$I_1(a) \leq I(x) + \varepsilon/2 \quad \theta \leq x \leq a$$

and

$$I_1(b - a) \leq I(y) + \varepsilon/2 \quad \theta \leq y \leq b - a.$$

Then from (a₂), (b₃), (a₅) and (a₄) it follows that

$$I_1(a) + I_1(b - a) \leq I(x) + I(y) + \varepsilon = I(x + y) + \varepsilon$$

and

$$\theta \leq x + y \leq a + (b - a) = b.$$

Hence

$$(14) \quad I_1(a) + I_1(b - a) \leq I_1(b) + \varepsilon.$$

From (13) and (14) we have

$$I_1(a) + I_1(b - a) = I_1(b).$$

The proofs for I_2 , I_3 and I_4 are analogous.

Proposition 5. Let S satisfy (a₁), (a₂), (a₃), (a₄), (a₅), I satisfy (b₁), (b₂), (b₃), (b₄). If $a, x_n \geq \theta$ and $x_n \nearrow a$ ($x_n \searrow a$), then $I_1(x_n) \nearrow I_1(a)$ and $I_2(x_n) \searrow I_2(a)$ ($I_1(x_n) \searrow I_1(a)$ and $I_2(x_n) \nearrow I_2(a)$). If $a, x_n \leq \theta$ and $x_n \nearrow a$ ($x_n \searrow a$), then $I_3(x_n) \searrow I_3(a)$ and $I_4(x_n) \nearrow I_4(a)$ ($I_3(x_n) \nearrow I_3(a)$ and $I_4(x_n) \searrow I_4(a)$).

Proof. Let $x_n \nearrow a$, $x_n, a \geq \theta$, then for every n

$$(15) \quad I_1(x_n) \leq I_1(a).$$

Let $I_1(a) < \infty$, then for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is $t \in S$ such that

$$(16) \quad I_1(a) \leq I(t) + \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq t \leq a$$

From (a₃) we have $x_n \wedge t \nearrow a \wedge t = t$.

Since $0 \leq x_n \wedge t \leq x_n$, on grounds of (b₄) we have

$$(17) \quad I(t) = \lim I(x_n \wedge t) \leq \lim I_1(x_n).$$

From (16) and (17) we obtain

$$(18) \quad I_1(a) \leq \lim I_1(x_n) + \varepsilon.$$

The proof follows from (15) and (18).

Let now $I_1(a) = \infty$, then for every N there is an element $t \in S$ such that $0 \leq t \leq a$ and $N \leq I(t)$. Similarly we can easily see that

$$N \leq I(t) \leq \lim I_1(x_n)$$

for every N , therefore

$$\lim I_1(x_n) = \infty.$$

Let now $x_n \searrow a$. From (a₃) it follows that

$$x_1 - x_n \nearrow x_1 - a \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 - x_n, x_1 - a \geq 0.$$

From the first part of the proposition it follows that

$$I_1(x_1 - x_n) \nearrow I_1(x_1 - a).$$

According to Proposition 4 we obtain

$$I_1(x_1) = I_1(x_n) + I_1(x_1 - x_n).$$

Hence

$$I_1(x_1) = \lim I_1(x_n) + \lim I_1(x_1 - x_n) = \lim I_1(x_n) + I_1(x_1 - a),$$

and so

$$I_1(x_1) - I_1(x_1 - a) = \lim I_1(x_n),$$

therefore from Proposition 4 it follows that

$$I_1(a) = \lim I_1(x_n).$$

The proofs for I_2, I_3 and I_4 are analogous.

Proposition 6. *Let S satisfy (a₁), (a₂), let I satisfy (b₂), (b₃). If $a \geq 0$, then*

$$(19) \quad I(a) = I_1(a) + I_2(a),$$

if $a \leq 0$, then

$$(20) \quad I(a) = I_3(a) + I_4(a).$$

Proof. Let $a \geq \theta$, then $I(a) = \infty$ ($I(a) = -\infty$) if and only if $I_1(a) = \infty$ ($I_2(a) = -\infty$).

That means, if $I(a)$, $I_1(a)$ or $I_2(a)$ is ∞ or $-\infty$, then (19) holds.

Let now $I(a)$, $I_1(a)$, $I_2(a)$ be finite. Let $\varepsilon > \theta$. Choose $x \in S$ with

$$I_1(a) \leq I(x) + \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \theta \leq x \leq a,$$

then $\theta \leq a - x \leq a$ and hence

$$I(a - x) \geq J_2(a).$$

Therefore it follows from (b₃), that for every $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(a) + I_2(a) &\leq I(a) - I(a - x) + \varepsilon + I_2(a) \leq \\ &\leq I(a) + I(a - x) - I(a - x) + \varepsilon = I(a) + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(21) \quad I_1(a) + I_2(a) \leq I(a).$$

Let now $\varepsilon > 0$ and x be such that

$$I(x) \leq I_2(a) + \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \theta \leq x \leq a.$$

Then $\theta \leq a - x \leq a$ and from (b₃) we obtain

$$I(a) = I(x) + I(a - x) \leq I(x) + I_1(a) \leq I_2(a) + I_1(a) + \varepsilon.$$

It follows from the last inequality that

$$(22) \quad I(a) \leq I_1(a) + I_2(a).$$

The obtained inequalities (21) and (22) complete the proof. The proof for $a \leq \theta$ is analogous.

Definition. We denote

$$I^+(a) = I_1(a \vee \theta) + I_4(a \wedge \theta), \quad I^-(a) = -I_2(a \vee \theta) - I_3(a \wedge \theta).$$

Then the following theorem holds:

Theorem. Let S satisfy (a₁), (a₂), (a₃), (a₄), (a₅) and I satisfy (b₁), (b₂), (b₃), (b₄). Then

- (i) $I^+(\theta) = I^-(\theta) = \theta$,
- (ii) If $a \leq b$, then $I^+(a) \leq I^+(b)$ and $I^-(a) \leq I^-(b)$,
- (iii) If $x_n \nearrow a$ ($x_n \searrow a$), then $I^+(x_n) \nearrow I^+(a)$ ($I^+(x_n) \searrow I^+(a)$) and $I^-(x_n) \nearrow I^-(a)$ ($I^-(x_n) \searrow I^-(a)$),

(iv) For every $a, b \in S$ we have

$$I^+(a) + I^+(b) = I^+(a \vee b) + I^+(a \wedge b)$$

and

$$I^-(a) + I^-(b) = I^-(a \vee b) + I^-(a \wedge b).$$

(v) $I^+(b) = I^+(a) + I^+(b - a)$ and $I^-(b) = I^-(a) + I^-(b - a)$

if $0 \leq a \leq b$ or if $b \leq a \leq 0$.

(vi) For every $a \in S$ we have

$$I(a) = I^+(a) - I^-(a).$$

Proof. The statements (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) follow from Propositions 1, 3, 4, 5. We prove (vi). Let $a \in S$. From (b₁) and (b₂) it follows that

$$I(a) = I(a \vee 0) + I(a \wedge 0).$$

However $a \vee 0 \geq 0$ and $a \wedge 0 \leq 0$, hence from proposition 6 we have

$$I(a) = I_1(a \vee 0) + I_2(a \vee 0) + I_3(a \wedge 0) + I_4(a \wedge 0) = I^+(a) - I^-(a).$$

It is a natural question whether the decomposition of I is unique. If, e. g. $I^+(a)$ is finite, then

$$I(a) = 2I^+(a) - (I^+(a) + I^-(a))$$

and this decomposition is a different one. Yet the following proposition is true:

Proposition 7. Let S satisfy (a₁), (a₂), (a₃), (a₄) and (a₅), I satisfy (b₁), (b₂), (b₃) and (b₄). Let $|I(a)| < \infty$ and $I = J^+ - J^-$, where J^+ , J^- satisfy (i), (ii), (v) and (vi). Then $I^+(a) \leq J^+(a)$, $I^-(a) \leq J^-(a)$.

Proof. Let first $a \geq 0$. Then

$$I^+(a) = I_1(a) \quad \text{and} \quad I^-(a) = -I_2(a).$$

Since $|I(a)| < \infty$, for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is $u \in S$ such that

$$I_1(a) \leq I(u) + \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq u \leq a.$$

It follows from the last inequality and from Proposition 2 that $0 \leq x \leq u$ implies $I(x) \geq -\varepsilon$, therefore $I_2(u) \geq -\varepsilon$ and hence

$$(23) \quad I_1(u) \leq I_1(a) \leq I(u) + \varepsilon, \quad I_2(u) \geq -\varepsilon.$$

Further, according to (b₃) and (23),

$$I(a - u) = I(a) - I(u) = I_1(a) + I_2(a) - I(u) \leq I_2(a) + \varepsilon$$

$$I_1(a - u) = I(a - u) - I_2(a - u) \leq I(a - u) - I_2(a) \leq \varepsilon.$$

Hence

$$(24) \quad I_2(a - u) \leq I(a - u) \leq I_2(a) + \varepsilon, \quad I_1(a - u) \leq \varepsilon.$$

Since $I^+(b) - I^-(b) = J^+(b) - J^-(b)$, for every $b \in S$ we have

$$I^+(u) - I^-(u) = J^+(u) - J^-(u).$$

Thus,

$$I^+(u) = J^+(u) - J^-(u) + I^-(u).$$

However, $I^-(u) = -I_2(u)$, $-J^-(u) \leq 0$, hence according to (23)

$$(25) \quad I^+(u) \leq J^+(u) + \varepsilon.$$

Similarly from the relations

$$I^-(a - u) = J^-(a - u) - J^+(a - u) + I^+(a - u),$$

$$I^+(a - u) = I_1(a - u), \quad -J^+(a - u) \leq 0$$

and from (24) we obtain

$$(26) \quad I^-(a - u) \leq J^-(a - u) + \varepsilon.$$

Using (26) and

$$I^+(a - u) = J^+(a - u) + I^-(a - u) - J^-(a - u)$$

we have

$$(27) \quad I^+(a - u) \leq J^+(a - u) + \varepsilon.$$

From (25), (27) and from the property (v) (Theorem) for I^+ and J^+ we have

$$I^+(a) = I^+(u) + I^+(a - u) \leq J^+(u) + J^+(a - u) + 2\varepsilon = J^+(a) + 2\varepsilon,$$

for every $\varepsilon > 0$, hence

$$I^+(a) \leq J^+(a).$$

Further

$$I^-(a) = I^+(a) - J^+(a) + J^-(a) \leq J^-(a).$$

Hence we obtained

$$I^+(a) \leq J^+(a) \quad \text{and} \quad I^-(a) \leq J^-(a).$$

For $a \leq 0$, the proof is similar.

Let a be an arbitrary element from S . From the validity of (i) and (iv) for I^+ and I^- we obtain

$$I^+(a) = I^+(a \vee 0) + I^+(a \wedge 0) \leq J^+(a \vee 0) + J^-(a \wedge 0) = J^+(a).$$

Similarly we obtain that $I^-(a) \leq J^-(a)$.

The following example shows that if $|I(a)| = \infty$, then the statement of Proposition 7 need not be valid.

Example. Denote J^+ , J^- by

$$J^+(0) = 0, \quad J^+(a) = -1, \quad J^-(0) = 0, \quad J^-(a) = -\infty.$$

Then $I = J^+ - J^-$ implies that $I(0) = 0$, $I(a) = \infty$, where $S = \{0, a\}$ and $0 > a$, $0 + a = a + 0 = a + a = a - 0 = a$, $0 + 0 = 0 - 0 = 0 - a = a - a = 0$. We see that $I = I^+ - I^- = J^+ - J^-$ is valid although

$$-1 = J^+(a) < J^+(a) = 0.$$

Corollary 1. *Let S be a σ -algebra of subsets of X . Let μ be the generalized measure on S . Then there are measures μ^+ and μ^- such that*

$$\mu = \mu^+ - \mu^-.$$

Proof. If A and B are any two sets from S , then let $A \vee B$ denote their union, $A \wedge B$ denote their intersection, $A - B$ denote the relative complement of B in A , and $A + B = A \vee B$. Then (a₁), (a₂), (a₃), (a₄), (a₅), (b₁), (b₂), (b₃), (b₄) hold and the Corollary is a consequence of the Theorem.

Corollary 2. *Let S be a σ -algebra of real functions. Let μ be the Daniell integral on S . Then there are integrals μ^+ and μ^- such that $\mu^+(f) \geq 0$ and $\mu^-(f) \geq 0$ if $f \geq 0$, and*

$$\mu = \mu^+ - \mu^-.$$

Proof. If f, g are any two functions, let $(f \vee g)(x) = \max \{f(x), g(x)\}$, $(f \wedge g) = \min \{f(x), g(x)\}$, $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$, $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$. Then (a₁), (a₂), (a₃), (a₄), (a₅), (b₁), (b₂), (b₃), (b₄) are valid and an application of the Theorem completes the proof.

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