

# Generalized mean function

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## ABSTRACT:

In 1969 S.K.Skaff introduced the generalized mean function

In this work we present the theory of an integral mean for generalized GN\*-function .We will show under what conditions the mean function is a GN\*-function and satisfies a  $\Delta$ -condition. Moreover, we examine how the minimizing points in the definition of the mean function affect a basic property of the ordinary integral mean.

## 1.Introduction and Basic Concept:

From the functional analysis as a function space, Orlicz spaces appeared in the first of the 30<sup>th</sup> by W.R. Orlicz in Orlicz paper [1]. Many theorems and properties about generalized mean function for GN-function is introduced in [5].

we have consolidated the investigation of a new definition generalized mean function for GN\*-functions and discussed their properties.

### Definition 1.1: [5]

Let  $M(t, x)$  be a real valued non-negative function defined on  $T \times E^n$  such that:

- (i)  $M(t, x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$  where for all  $t \in T$  ,  $x \in E^n$
- (ii)  $M(t, x)$  is a continuous convex function of  $x$  for each  $t$  and a measurable function of  $t$  for each  $x$ ,
- (iii) For each  $t \in T$  ,  $\lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M(t, x)}{\|x\|} = \infty$  , and
- (iv) There is a constant  $d \geq 0$  such that

$$\inf_t \inf_{c \geq d} k(t, c) > 0 \quad (1.1.1)$$

where

$$K(t, c) = \frac{M(t, c)}{\overline{M}(t, c)},$$

$$\overline{M}(t, c) = \sup_{|x|=c} M(t, x),$$

$$\underline{M}(t, c) = \inf_{|x|=c} M(t, x)$$

and if  $d > 0$ , then  $\overline{M}(t, d)$  is an integrable function of  $t$ . We call a function satisfying the properties (i)-(iv) a generalized N-function or a GN-function.

**Definition 1.2:**

Let  $M(t, x, y)$  be a real valued non-negative function defined on  $T \times E^n \times E^n$  such that:

- (i)  $M(t, x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x, y$  are the zero vectors  $x, y \in E^n$ ,  $\forall t \in T$
- (ii)  $M(t, x, y)$  is a continuous convex function of  $x, y$  for each  $t$  and a measurable function of  $t$  for each  $x, y$ ,
- (iii) For each  $t \in T$ ,  $\lim_{\substack{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty \\ \|y\| \rightarrow \infty}} \frac{M(t, x, y)}{\|x\| \|y\|} = \infty$ , and
- (iv) There are constants  $d \geq 0$  and  $d_1 \geq 0$  such that

$$\inf_t \inf_{\substack{c \geq d \\ c' \geq d_1}} k(t, c, c') > 0 \quad (1.2.1)$$

Where

$$k(t, c, c') = \frac{M(t, c, c')}{\overline{M}(t, c, c')},$$

$$\overline{M}(t, c, c') = \sup_{\substack{|x|=c \\ |y|=c'}} M(t, x, y), \quad \underline{M}(t, c, c') = \inf_{\substack{|x|=c \\ |y|=c'}} M(t, x, y)$$

and if  $d > 0$  and  $d_1 > 0$ , then  $\overline{M}(t, d, d_1)$  is an integrable function of  $t$ . We

call the function satisfying the properties (i)-(iv) a generalized  $N^*$ -function or a  $GN^*$ -function.

**Definition 1.3: [5]**

For each  $t$  in  $T$  and  $h > 0$  let

$$M_h(t, x) = \int_{E^n} M(t, x + z) J_h(z) dz$$

where  $J_h(z)$  is nonnegative,  $c^\infty$  function with compact support in a ball of a radius  $h$  such that  $\int_{E^n} J_h(z) dt = 1$ .

Moreover, let  $x_0$  is any point (depending on  $h, t$ ) which satisfies the inequality

$$M_h(t, x_0) \leq M_h(t, x)$$

for all  $x$  in  $E^n$ . Then the function  $\hat{M}_h(t, x)$  defined for each  $t$  in  $T$  and  $h > 0$  by

$$\hat{M}_h(t, x) = M_h(t, x + x_0) - M_h(t, x_0)$$

is called a **mean function** for  $M(t, x)$  relative to the minimizing point  $x_0$ .

**Definition 1.4:**

For each  $t$  in  $T$  and  $h > 0$  let

$$M_h(t, x, y) = \int_{E^n} \int_{E^n} M(t, x + z, y + w) J_h(z) J_h(w) dz dw$$

where  $J_h(z)$  and  $J_h(w)$  are nonnegative,  $c^\infty$  function with compact support in a ball of a radius  $h$  such that  $\int_{E^n} \int_{E^n} J_h(z) J_h(w) dt dt = 1$ .

Moreover, let  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  are any point (depending on  $h, t$ ) which satisfies the inequality

$$M_h(t, x_0, y_0) \leq M_h(t, x, y)$$

for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $E^n$ . Then the function  $\hat{M}_h(t, x, y)$  defined for each  $t$  in  $T$  and  $h > 0$  by

$$\hat{M}_h(t, x, y) = M_h(t, x + x_0, y + y_0) - M_h(t, x_0, y_0)$$

is called a **mean function** for  $M(t, x, y)$  relative to the minimizing point  $x_0$  and  $y_0$ .

The next theorem shows under what condition  $\hat{M}_h(t, x, y)$  is a GN\*-function.

**Definition 1.5:[2]**

We say that a GN-function  $M(t, x)$  satisfies a  $\Delta$ -condition if there exist a constant  $K \geq 2$  and a non-negative measurable function  $\delta(t)$  such that the function  $\overline{M}(t, 2\delta(t))$  is integrable over the domain  $T$  and such that for almost all  $t$  in  $T$  we have

$$M(t, 2x) \leq KM(t, x) \tag{1.5.1}$$

for all  $x$  satisfying  $|x| \geq \delta(t)$ .

We say that a GN-function satisfies a  $\Delta_0$ -condition if it satisfies a  $\Delta$ -condition with  $\delta(t) = 0$  for almost all  $t$  in  $T$ .

In definition 1.5 we could have used any constant  $\tau > 1$  in place of the scalar 2 in (1.5.1).

**Definition 1.6:**

We say that a GN\*-function  $M(t, x, y)$  satisfies a  $\Delta$ -condition if there exists a constant  $K \geq 2$  and non-negative measurable functions  $\delta_1(t)$  and  $\delta_2(t)$  such that the function  $M(t, 2\delta_1(t), 2\delta_2(t))$  is integrable over the domain  $T$  and such that for almost all  $t$  in  $T$  we have

$$M(t, 2x, 2y) \leq KM(t, x, y) \tag{1.6.1}$$

for all  $x$  and  $y$  satisfying  $|x| \geq \delta_1(t)$  and  $|y| \geq \delta_2(t)$ .

We say a GN\*-function satisfies a  $\Delta_0$ -condition if it satisfies a  $\Delta$ -condition with  $\delta_1(t) = 0$  and  $\delta_2(t) = 0$  for almost all  $t$  in  $T$ .

In definition (1.6) we could have used any constant  $\tau > 1$  in place of the scalar 2 in (1.6.1).

**Theorem 1.7:[3]**

A necessary and sufficient condition that (1.5.1) holds is that if  $|x| \leq |z|$ , then there exists constants  $K \geq 1, d \geq 0$  such that  $M(t, x) \leq KM(t, z)$  for each  $t$  in  $T$ ,  $|x| \geq d$ .

**Theorem 1.8:**

A necessary and sufficient condition that (1.6.1) holds is that if  $|x| \leq |z|$  and  $|y| \leq |w|$ , then there exists constants  $K \geq 1, d \geq 0$  and  $d' \geq 0$  such that  $M(t, x, y) \leq KM(t, z, w)$  for each  $t$  in  $T$ ,  $|x| \geq d$  and  $|y| \geq d'$ .

**Theorem 1.9:[2]**

A GN\*-function  $M(t, x)$  satisfies a  $\Delta$ -condition if and only if given any  $\tau > 1$  there exists a constant  $K_\tau \geq 2$  and a non-negative measurable functions  $\delta_1(t)$  such that  $\overline{M}(t, 2\delta_1(t))$  is integrable over  $T$  and such that for almost all  $t$  in  $T$  we have

$$M(t, \tau x) \leq K_\tau M(t, x), \tag{1.9.1}$$

whenever  $|x| \geq \delta_1(t)$ .

**Theorem 1.10:**

A GN\*-function  $M(t, x, y)$  satisfies a  $\Delta$ -condition if and only if given any  $\tau > 1$  there exists a constant  $K_\tau \geq 2$  and a non-negative measurable functions  $\delta_1(t)$  and  $\delta_2(t)$  such that  $\overline{M}(t, 2\delta_1(t), 2\delta_2(t))$  is integrable over  $T$  and such that for almost all  $t$  in  $T$  we have

$$M(t, \tau x, \tau y) \leq K_\tau M(t, x, y), \tag{1.10.1}$$

whenever  $|x| \geq \delta_1(t)$  and  $|y| \geq \delta_2(t)$ .

**Theorem 1.11:[5]**

If  $M(t, x)$  is a GN\*-function for which  $\overline{M}(t, c)$  is integrable in  $t$  for each

$c$ , then  $\hat{M}_h(t, x)$  is a GN\*-function.

**Proof:**

We will show this result by justifying conditions (i)-(iv) of the definition 1.1. By hypothesis and the choice of  $x_0$ , we have for each  $h$ ,  $\hat{M}_h(t, x) \geq 0$  and  $\hat{M}_h(t, 0) = 0$ . On the other hand, if  $x \neq 0$ , then  $M(t, x) > 0$ , and hence there are constants  $h_0$  such that

$$a = \inf_{|w| \leq h_0} M(t, x + w) > 0$$

However, since  $M(t, x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ , the minimizing points  $x_0$  tends to zero as  $h$  tends to zero. Therefore, we can choose  $g_0 \leq h_0$  such that if  $h \leq g_0$ , then  $M(t, x_0 + r) < a$  for all  $r$  for which  $|x_0 + r| < h$ , For this  $g_0$  we obtain the inequality

$$M(t, x + x_0 + r) \geq \inf_{|w| \leq g_0} M(t, x + w) \geq$$

$$a > M(t, x_0 + r)$$

whenever  $|x_0 + r| \leq g_0$ . This means for some  $h \leq g_0$  we have

$$M(t, x + x_0 + r) > M(t, x_0 + r)$$

$$\int_{E^n} M(t, x + x_0 + r) J_h(r) dr >$$

$$\int_{E^n} M(t, x_0 + r) J_h(r) dr$$

$$M_h(t, x + x_0) > M_h(t, x_0)$$

or  $\hat{M}_h(t, x) > 0$  if  $x \neq 0$  which proves property (i).

Properties (ii) and (iii) for  $\hat{M}_h(t, x)$  follow easily from the same properties for  $M(t, x)$ . Let us now show (iv). By assumption, there are constants  $d \geq 0$  such that

$$\tau(t) \bar{M}(t, c) \leq \underline{M}(t, c) \tag{1.11.1}$$

for all  $c \geq d$ . Furthermore, it is not difficult to show that for all  $c$  we have

$$\overline{M}(t, c) \geq \sup_{|x| \leq c} M(t, x) \quad (1.11.2)$$

and for some fixed  $w$ ,

$$\inf_{|x| \geq c} M(t, x + w) \leq \inf_{|x| = c} M(t, x + w) \quad (1.11.3)$$

By using (1.11.2), we obtain (for each  $t$  in  $T$ ) that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(t) \sup_{|w|=c} M(t, w) &\leq \tau(t) \sup_{|r'| < c + |x_0 + x_1|} M(t, r') \\ &\leq \tau(t) \sup_{|r'| = c + |x_0 + x_1|} M(t, r') \end{aligned} \quad (1.11.4)$$

where  $w = x + x_0 + r$ . On the other hand, by (1.11.1) and (1.11.3), we achieve

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(t) \sup_{|w|=c+|x_0+x_1|} M(t, w) &\leq \inf_{|w|=c+|x_0+x_1|} M(t, w) \\ &< \inf_{|x| \geq c} M(t, x + x_0 + r). \\ &< \inf_{|x|=c} M(t, x + x_0 + r). \end{aligned} \quad (1.11.5)$$

If we combine (1.11.4) and (1.11.5), then for all  $c \geq d$  we arrive at

$$\tau(t) \sup_{|x|=c} M(t, x + x_0 + r) \leq \inf_{|x|=c} M(t, x + x_0 + r).$$

From this inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{|x|=c} \hat{M}_h(t, x) &\geq \int_{E^n} \inf_{|x|=c} \{M(t, x + x_0 + r) - M(t, x_0 + r)\} J_h(r) dr \\ &\geq \int_{E^n} \{\tau(t) \sup_{\substack{|x|=c \\ |y|=c'}} M(t, x + x_0 + r) - M(t, x_0 + r)\} J_h(r) dr, \end{aligned} \quad (1.11.6)$$

and

$$\sup_{|x|=c} \hat{M}_h(t, x) \leq \int_{E^n} \sup_{|x|=c} M(t, x + x_0 + r) J_h(r) dr. \quad (1.11.7)$$

Moreover, since  $\lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{|x|=c} M(t, x + x_0 + r) = \infty$

for fixed  $x_0, r$  such that  $|r| \leq h$ , given

$$K_1(t) = 2 \sup_{|r| \leq h} M(t, x_0 + r) / \inf_t \tau(t)$$

there are  $d_1 > 0$  such that if  $c \geq d_1$ , then

$$\sup_{|x|=c} M(t, x + x_0 + r) \geq K_1.$$

Therefore, by using (1.11.6) and (1.11.7), we achieve the inequalities

$$\frac{\inf_{|x|=c} \hat{M}_h(t, x)}{\sup_{|x|=c} \hat{M}_h(t, x)} \geq \tau(t) - \frac{\sup_{|r| \leq h} M(t, x_0 + r)}{\inf_{|r| \leq h} \sup_{|x|=c} M(t, x + x_0 + r)} \geq \tau(t) - \frac{1}{2} \inf_t \tau(t) \quad (1.11.8)$$

for all  $c \geq d_0 = \max(d, d_1, |x_0|)$ . Taking the infimum of both sides of (1.11.8) over  $t$ , shows the first part of the property (iv). To show the latter part, assume  $d_0 > 0$ . Then  $\sup_{|x|=d_0} \hat{M}_h(t, x)$  is integrable over  $t$  in  $T$  since it is

bounded by the integrable function  $\bar{M}(t, d_2)$  where  $d_2 = d_0 + |x_0| + h$

.This proves property (iv) and the theorem. ■

In the next theorem we show under what condition

$\hat{M}_h(t, x)$  satisfies a  $\Delta$  – condition.

### Theorem 1.12:[5]

If  $M(t, x)$  is a GN\*-function satisfying a  $\Delta$ –condition and for which  $\bar{M}(t, c)$  is integrable in  $t$  for each  $c$ , then  $\hat{M}_h(t, x)$

satisfies a  $\Delta$ -condition.

**Proof:**

It suffices to show that  $M_h(t, x)$  satisfies a  $\Delta$ -condition.

For,  $\hat{M}_h(t, x)$  is the sum of a constant and a translation of  $M_h(t, x)$  and neither of these operations affects the growth condition. Let us observe first that if  $|x| \geq 2$ ,  $|z| \leq h \leq 1$  then  $|2x + z| \leq 3|x + z|$ .

Hence, by Theorem (1.7), there are constants  $K \geq 1$  and  $d_1 \geq 0$  such that

$$M_h(t, 2x) \leq k \int_{E^n} M(t, 3(x+z)) J_h(z) dz$$

for all  $x$  such that  $|x| \geq d_2$  and  $d_2 = \max(d_1, 2)$ . On the other hand, by theorem (1.9), there is a constant  $K_3 \geq 2$ ,  $\delta_1(t) \geq 0$  such that for almost all  $t$  in  $T$

$$\int_{E^n} M(t, 3(x+z)) J_h(z) dz \leq K_3 M_h(t, x)$$

for all  $x, z$  such that  $|x+z| \geq \delta_1(t)$  where  $|z| \leq h$ . By combining the above two inequalities, we achieve

$$M_h(t, 2x) \leq KK_3 M_h(t, x)$$

for all  $|x| > \max(d_2, \delta_1(t) + h) = \delta'_1(t)$ .

Since  $\bar{M}(t, 2\delta_1(t))$  is integrable over  $T$ , this yields the integrability of  $\bar{M}_h(t, 2\delta'_1(t))$  which proves the theorem. ■

For each  $t$  in  $T$  and  $x$  in  $E^n$  it is known that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} M_h(t, x) = M(t, x).$$

However, the same property does not hold in general for  $\hat{M}_h(t, x)$ .

This is the point of the next theorem.

**Theorem 1.13:[5]**

For each  $h > 0$  let  $x_0^h$  be the minimizing point of  $M_h(t, x)$

defining  $\hat{M}_h(t, x)$ . Then for each  $t$  in  $T$  and each  $x$  in  $E^n$ , there exists  $K(t, x)$  such that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \hat{M}_h(t, x) = M(t, x) + K(t, x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} |x_0^h|$$

**Proof:**

By the definition of  $\hat{M}_h(t, x)$  we can write

$$(1.13.1) \quad \left| \hat{M}_h(t, x) - M(t, x) \right| \leq \int_{E^n} \left| M(t, x + x_0^h + z) - M(t, x_0^h + z) - M(t, x) \right| J_h(z) dz$$

However, we know that

$$(1.13.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| M(t, x + x_0^h + z) - M(t, x_0^h + z) - M(t, x) \right| \\ & \leq \left| M(t, x + x_0^h + z) - M(t, x) \right| \\ & \quad + \left| M(t, x_0^h + z) - M(t, z) \right| + \left| M(t, z) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, since  $M(t, x)$  is a convex function, it satisfies a Lipschitz condition on compact subsets of  $E^n$  (see [4Th.5.1]). Therefore, there exists  $K_1(t, x)$  and  $K_2(t, x)$  such that

$$(1.13.3) \quad \left| M(t, x + x_0^h + z) - M(t, x) \right| \leq K_1(t, x) |x_0^h + z|$$

and

$$(1.13.4) \quad \left| M(t, x_0^h + z) - M(t, z) \right| \leq K_2(t, x) |x_0^h|.$$

If we combine (1.13.3) and (1.13.4) with (1.13.2) and if we substitute the resulting expression into (1.13.1), we achieve the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \hat{M}_h(t, x) - M(t, x) \right| & \leq |x_0^h| (K_1(t, x, y) + K_2(t, x, y)) + \\ & \int_{E^n} K_1(t, x) |z| J_h(z) dz + \int_{E^n} |M(t, z)| J_h(z) dz. \end{aligned}$$

Since the last two integrals on the right side tend to zero as  $h$  tends to zero, we prove the theorem by setting

$$K(t, x) = K_1(t, x) + K_2(t, x).$$

**Corollary 1.14: [5]**

Suppose  $M(t, x)$  is a GN\*-function such that  $M(t, x) = M(t, -x)$ .

Then for each  $t$  in  $T$  and  $x$  in  $E^n$ , we have

$$\lim_{h=0} M_h(t, x) = \hat{M}(t, x)$$

**Proof:**

This result is clear since  $\lim_{h=0} |x_0^h| = 0$

if  $M(t, x) = M(t, -x)$ . In fact, if  $M(t, x)$  is even in  $x$  then the  $x_0^h = 0$  for all  $h$ . ■

For each  $t$  in  $T$  let  $A_h$  denote the set of minimizing points of  $M_h(t, x)$  and let  $B$  represent the null space of  $M(t, x)$  relative to points in  $E^n$ , i.e.,

$$B = \{x \text{ in } E^n : M(t, x) = 0\}.$$

If  $M(t, x)$  is a GN\*-function, then  $B = \{0\}$ . For the sake of argument, let us suppose that  $M(t, x)$  has all the properties of a GN\*-function except that  $M(t, x) = 0$  need not imply  $x = 0$ . We will show the relationships that exist between  $A_h$  and  $B$ . This is the content of the next few theorems.

**Theorem 1.15:[5]**

The sets  $B$  and  $A_h$  are closed convex sets.

**Proof:**

This result follows from the convexity and continuity of  $M(t, x)$  in  $x$  for each  $t$  in  $T$ . ■

**Theorem 1.16:[5]**

Let  $B_e = \{x : M(t, x) < e\}$  for each  $t$  in  $T$ . Then given any  $e > 0$ , there is a constant  $h_0 > 0$ . such that  $A_h \subset B_e$  for each  $h \leq h_0$ .

**Proof:**

Since  $B \subseteq B_e$ , we can choose  $h_0$  sufficiently small so that if  $x$  is

in  $B$  then  $x + z$  is in  $B_e$  for all  $z$  such that  $|z| \leq h_0$  and  $|w| \leq h_0$ . Let  $z_1$  be arbitrary but fixed points in  $A_h, h \leq h_0$ . Then

$$M_h(t, z_1) \leq M_h(t, x)$$

for all  $x$ . Therefore, if  $x$  in  $B$ , we have  $M_h(t, z_1) < e$  by our choice of  $h_0$ . Letting  $h$  tend to zero yields  $M(t, z_1) < e$ , i.e.,  $z_1$ , in  $B_e$ .

We have commented above that  $A_h = \{0\}$  if

$$M(t, x) = M(t, -x).$$

It is also true if  $M(t, x)$  is strictly convex in  $x$  for each  $t$  in  $T$ .

### **Theorem 1.17:[5]**

Suppose  $M(t, x)$  is a GN\*-function which is strictly convex in  $x$  for each  $t$ . Then  $h, A_h = \{0\}$  for each  $h$ .

#### **Proof:**

Suppose that there exists  $z_0 \neq x_0$  such that  $x_0, z_0$  are in  $A_h$ . Let  $z_1 = \frac{(x_0 + z_0)}{2}$  . Then, since  $M(t, x)$  is strictly convex,  $M_h(t, x)$  is strictly convex in  $x$ , therefore, we have

$$M_h(t, z_1) < \frac{1}{2}M_h(t, x_0) + \frac{1}{2}M_h(t, z_0). \quad (1.17.1)$$

However,  $x_0, z_0$  are in  $A_h$  reduces (1.17.1) to the inequality  $M_h(t, z_1) < M_h(t, x)$  for all  $x$ . This means  $z_1$  is in  $A_h$  and  $x_0, z_0$  are not in  $A_h$  which is a contradiction. Hence,  $x_0 = z_0$ . Since  $M(t, x)$  is a GN\*-function,  $B = \{0\}$ . In this case  $x_0 = z_0 = 0$ .

### **¶.Generalized mean function**

#### **Theorem 2.1:**

If  $M(t, x, y)$  is a GN\*-function for which  $\overline{M}(t, c, c')$  is integrable in  $t$  for each  $c$  and  $c'$ , then  $\hat{M}_h(t, x, y)$  is a GN\*-function.

**Proof:**

We will show this result by justifying conditions (i)-(iv) of the definition 3.1.1. By hypothesis and the choice of  $x_0$  and  $y_0$ , we have for each  $h$ ,  $\hat{M}_h(t, x, y) \geq 0$  and  $\hat{M}_h(t, 0, 0) = 0$ . On the other hand, if  $x \neq 0$  and  $y \neq 0$ , then  $M(t, x, y) > 0$ , and hence there are constants  $h_0$  and  $h'_0$  such that

$$a = \inf_{\substack{|w| \leq h_0, \\ |w'| \leq h_0}} M(t, x + w, y + w') > 0$$

However, since  $M(t, x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ , the minimizing points  $x_0$  tends to zero and  $y_0$  tends to zero as  $h$  tends to zero. Therefore, we can choose  $g_0 \leq h_0$  and  $g'_0 \leq h'_0$  such that if  $h \leq g_0$  and  $h \leq g'_0$ , then  $M(t, x_0 + r, y_0 + s) < a$  for all  $r, s$  for which  $|x_0 + r| < h$ ,  $|y_0 + s| < h$ . For this  $g_0$  and  $g'_0$  we obtain the inequality

$$M(t, x + x_0 + r, y + y_0 + s) \geq \inf_{\substack{|w| \leq g_0 \\ |w'| \leq g_0}} M(t, x + w, y + w') \geq$$

$$a > M(t, x_0 + r, y_0 + s)$$

whenever  $|x_0 + r| \leq g_0$  and  $|y_0 + s| \leq g'_0$ . This means for some  $h \leq g_0$  and  $h \leq g'_0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(t, x + x_0 + r, y + y_0 + s) &> M(t, x_0 + r, y_0 + s) \\ \int_{E^n} \int_{E^n} M(t, x + x_0 + r, y + y_0 + s) J_h(r) J_h(s) dr ds &> \\ \int_{E^n} \int_{E^n} M(t, x_0 + r, y_0 + s) J_h(r) J_h(s) dr ds & \end{aligned}$$

$$M_h(t, x + x_0, y + y_0) > M_h(t, x_0, y_0)$$

or  $\hat{M}_h(t, x, y) > 0$  if  $x \neq 0$  and  $y \neq 0$  which proves property (i).

Properties (ii) and (iii) for  $\hat{M}_h(t, x, y)$  follow easily from the same properties for  $M(t, x, y)$ . Let us now show (iv). By assumption, there are constants  $d \geq 0$  and  $d' \geq 0$  such that

$$\tau(t)\overline{M}(t, c, c') \leq \underline{M}(t, c, c') \quad (2.1.1)$$

for all  $c \geq d$  and  $c' \geq d'$ . Furthermore, it is not difficult to show that for all  $c$  and  $c'$  we have

$$\overline{M}(t, c, c') \geq \sup_{\substack{|x| \leq c \\ |y| \leq c'}} M(t, x, y) \quad (2.1.2)$$

and for some fixed  $w$  and  $w'$ ,

$$\inf_{\substack{|x| \geq c \\ |y| \geq c'}} M(t, x + w, y + w') \leq \inf_{\substack{|x| = c \\ |y| = c'}} M(t, x + w, y + w') \quad (2.1.3)$$

By using (3.3.4), we obtain (for each  $t$  in  $T$ ) that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(t) \sup_{\substack{|w| = c \\ |w'| = c'}} M(t, w, w') &\leq \tau(t) \sup_{\substack{|r| < c + |x_0 + x_1| \\ |s'| < c' + |y_0 + y_1|}} M(t, r', s') \\ &\leq \tau(t) \sup_{\substack{|r'| = c + |x_0 + x_1| \\ |s'| = c' + |y_0 + y_1|}} M(t, r', s') \end{aligned} \quad (2.1.4)$$

where  $w = x + x_0 + r$  and  $w' = y + y_0 + s$ . On the other hand, by (2.1.1) and (2.1.3), we achieve

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(t) \sup_{\substack{|w| = c + |x_0 + x_1| \\ |w'| = c' + |y_0 + y_1|}} M(t, w, w') &\leq \inf_{\substack{|w| = c + |x_0 + x_1| \\ |w'| = c' + |y_0 + y_1|}} M(t, w, w') \\ &< \inf_{\substack{|x| \geq c \\ |y| \geq c'}} M(t, x + x_0 + r, y + y_0 + s). \end{aligned} \quad (2.1.5)$$

$$< \inf_{\substack{|x| = c \\ |y| = c'}} M(t, x + x_0 + r, y + y_0 + s).$$

If we combine (2.1.4) and (2.1.5), then for all  $c \geq d$  and  $c' \geq d'$  we arrive at

$$\tau(t) \sup_{\substack{|x|=c \\ |y|=c'}} M(t, x + x_0 + r, y + y_0 + s) \leq \inf_{\substack{|x|=c \\ |y|=c'}} M(t, x + x_0 + r, y + y_0 + s).$$

From this inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{\substack{|x|=c \\ |y|=c'}} \hat{M}_h(t, x, y) &\geq \int_{E^n} \int_{E^n} \inf_{\substack{|x|=c \\ |y|=c'}} \{M(t, x + x_0 + r, y + y_0 + s) \\ &\quad - M(t, x_0 + r, y_0 + s)\} J_h(r) J_h(s) dr ds \\ &\geq \int_{E^n} \int_{E^n} \{\tau(t) \sup_{\substack{|x|=c \\ |y|=c'}} M(t, x + x_0 + r, y + y_0 + s) \\ &\quad - M(t, x_0 + r, y_0 + s)\} J_h(r) J_h(s) dr ds, \end{aligned} \quad (2.1.6)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{\substack{|x|=c \\ |y|=c'}} \hat{M}_h(t, x, y) \\ &\leq \int_{E^n} \int_{E^n} \sup_{\substack{|x|=c \\ |y|=c'}} M(t, x + x_0 + r, y + y_0 + s) J_h(r) J_h(s) dr ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.1.7)$$

Moreover, since  $\lim_{\substack{c \rightarrow \infty \\ c' \rightarrow \infty}} \sup_{\substack{|x|=c \\ |y|=c'}} M(t, x + x_0 + r, y + y_0 + s) = \infty$

for fixed  $x_0, y_0, r, s$  such that  $|r| \leq h$  and  $|s| \leq h$ , given

$$K_1(t) = 2 \sup_{\substack{|r| \leq h \\ |s| \leq h}} M(t, x_0 + r, y_0 + s) / \inf_t \tau(t)$$

there are  $d_1 > 0$  and  $d'_1 > 0$  such that if  $c \geq d_1$  and  $c' > d'_1$ , then

$$\sup_{\substack{|x|=c \\ |y|=c'}} M(t, x + x_0 + r, y + y_0 + s) \geq K_1.$$

Therefore, by using (2.1.6) and (2.1.7), we achieve the inequalities

$$\frac{\inf_{\substack{|x|=c \\ |y|=c'}} \hat{M}_h(t, x, y)}{\sup_{\substack{|x|=c \\ |y|=c'}} \hat{M}_h(t, x, y)} \geq \tau(t) -$$

$$\frac{\sup_{\substack{r \leq h \\ |s| \leq h}} M(t, x_0 + r, y_0 + s)}{\inf_{\substack{|r| \leq h \\ |s| \leq h \\ |x| = c \\ |y| = c'}} M(t, x + r, y + s)} \geq \tau(t) - \frac{1}{2} \inf_t \tau(t) \quad (2.1.8)$$

for all  $c \geq d_0 = \max(d, d_1, |x_0|)$  and  $c' \geq d'_0 = \max(d', d'_1, |y_0|)$ . Taking the infimum of both sides of (2.1.8) over  $t$ , shows the first part of the property (iv). To show the latter part, assume  $d_0 > 0$  and  $d'_0 > 0$ . Then

$\sup_{\substack{|x| = d_0 \\ |y| = d'_0}} \hat{M}_h(t, x, y)$  is integrable over  $t$  in  $T$  since it is bounded by the

integrable function  $\bar{M}(t, d_2, d'_2)$  where  $d_2 = d_0 + |x_0| + h$  and  $d'_2 = d'_0 + |y_0| + h$ . This proves property (iv) and the theorem. ■

In the next theorem we show under what condition  $\hat{M}_h(t, x, y)$  satisfies a  $\Delta$ -condition.

### Theorem 2.2:

If  $M(t, x, y)$  is a GN\*-function satisfying a  $\Delta$ -condition and for which  $\bar{M}(t, c, c')$  is integrable in  $t$  for each  $c$  and  $c'$ , then  $\hat{M}_h(t, x, y)$  satisfies a  $\Delta$ -condition.

#### Proof:

It suffices to show that  $M_h(t, x, y)$  satisfies a  $\Delta$ -condition.

For,  $\hat{M}_h(t, x, y)$  is the sum of a constant and a translation of  $M_h(t, x, y)$  and neither of these operations affects the growth condition.

Let us observe first that if  $|x| \geq 2$ ,  $|y| \geq 2$ ,  $|z| \leq h \leq 1$  and  $|w| \leq h \leq 1$  then  $|2x + z| \leq 3|x + z|$  and  $|2y + w| \leq 3|y + w|$ . Hence, by Theorem (1.8), there are constants  $K \geq 1$  and  $d_1 \geq 0$  such that

$$M_h(t, 2x, 2y) \leq k \int_{E^n} \int_{E^n} M(t, 3(x+z), 3(y+w)) J_h(z) J_h(w) dz dw$$

for all  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $|x| \geq d_2$ ,  $|y| \geq d_2$  and  $d_2 = \max(d_1, 2)$ . On the other hand, by theorem (1.10), there is a constant  $K_3 \geq 2$ ,  $\delta_1(t) \geq 0$  and  $\delta_2(t) \geq 0$  such that for almost all  $t$  in  $T$

$$\int_{E^n} \int_{E^n} M(t, 3(x+z), 3(y+w)) J_h(z) J_h(w) dz dw \leq K_3 M_h(t, x, y)$$

for all  $x, y, z, w$  such that  $|x+z| \geq \delta_1(t)$  and  $|y+w| \geq \delta_2(t)$  where  $|z| \leq h$  and  $|w| \leq h$ . By combining the above two inequalities, we achieve

$$M_h(t, 2x, 2y) \leq KK_3 M_h(t, x, y)$$

for all  $|x| > \max(d_2, \delta_1(t) + h) = \delta'_1(t)$  and  $|y| > \max(d_2, \delta_2(t) + h) = \delta'_2(t)$ .

Since  $\overline{M}(t, 2\delta_1(t), 2\delta_2(t))$  is integrable over  $T$ , this yields the integrability of  $\overline{M}_h(t, 2\delta'_1(t), 2\delta'_2(t))$  which proves the theorem. ■

For each  $t$  in  $T$  and  $x, y$  in  $E^n$  it is known that

$$\lim_{h=0} M_h(t, x, y) = M(t, x, y).$$

However, the same property does not hold in general for  $\hat{M}_h(t, x, y)$ . This is the point of the next theorem.

**Theorem 2.3:**

For each  $h > 0$  let  $x_0^h$  and  $y_0^h$  be the minimizing point of  $M_h(t, x, y)$  defining  $\hat{M}_h(t, x, y)$ . Then for each  $t$  in  $T$  and each  $x, y$  in  $E^n$ , there exists  $K(t, x, y)$  such that

$$\lim_{h=0} \hat{M}_h(t, x, y) = M(t, x, y) + K(t, x, y) \lim_{h=0} |x_0^h| \lim_{h=0} |y_0^h|$$

**Proof:**

By the definition of  $\hat{M}_h(t, x, y)$  we can write

$$\left| \hat{M}_h(t, x, y) - M(t, x, y) \right| \leq$$

(2.2.1)

$$\int_{E^n} \int_{E^n} |M(t, x + x_0^h + z, y + y_0^h + w) - M(t, x_0^h + z, y_0 + w) - M(t, x, y)|$$

$$J_h(z)J_h(w)dzdw$$

However, we know that

$$|M(t, x + x_0^h + z, y + y_0^h + w) - M(t, x_0^h + z, y_0^h + w) - M(t, x, y)| \quad (2.2.2)$$

$$\leq |M(t, x + x_0^h + z, y + y_0^h + w) - M(t, x, y)| \\ + |M(t, x_0^h + z, y_0^h + w) - M(t, z, w)| + |M(t, z, w)|.$$

Moreover, since  $M(t, x, y)$  is a convex function, it satisfies a Lipschitz

condition on compact subsets of  $E^n$  (see[4,Th.5.1]). Therefore, there

exists  $K_1(t, x, y)$  and  $K_2(t, x, y)$  such that

$$|M(t, x + x_0^h + z, y + y_0^h + w) - M(t, x, y)| \leq K_1(t, x, y)|x_0^h + z| |y_0^h + w|. \quad (2.2.3)$$

and

$$|M(t, x_0^h + z, y_0^h + w) - M(t, z, w)| \leq K_2(t, x, y)|x_0^h| |y_0^h|. \quad (2.2.4)$$

If we combine (2.2.3) and (2.2.4) with (2.2.3) and if we substitute the resulting expression into (2.2.1), we achieve the inequality

$$|\hat{M}_h(t, x, y) - M(t, x, y)| \leq |x_0^h| |y_0^h| (K_1(t, x, y) + K_2(t, x, y)) + \\ \int_{E^n} \int_{E^n} |x_0^h| K_1(t, x, y) |w| J_h(z) J_h(w) dz dw + \int_{E^n} \int_{E^n} |y_0^h| K_1(t, x, y) |z| J_h(z) J_h(w) dz dw +$$

$$\int_{E^n} \int_{E^n} K(t, x, y) |z| |w| J_h(z) J_h(w) dz dw + \int_{E^n} \int_{E^n} M(t, z, w) J_h(z) J_h(w) dz dw$$

Since the last four integrals on the right side tend to zero as  $h$  tends to zero, we prove the theorem by setting

$$K(t, x, y) = K_1(t, x, y) + K_2(t, x, y)$$

**Corollary 2.3:**

Suppose  $M(t, x, y)$  is a GN\*-function such that  $M(t, x, y) = M(t, -x, -y)$ .

Then for each  $t$  in  $T$  and  $x, y$  in  $E^n$ , we have

$$\lim_{h=0} M_h(t, x, y) = \hat{M}(t, x, y)$$

**Proof:**

This result is clear since  $\lim_{h=0} |x_0^h| = 0$  and  $\lim_{h=0} |y_0^h| = 0$

if  $M(t, x, y) = M(t, -x, -y)$ . In fact, if  $M(t, x, y)$  is even in  $x$  and  $y$  then the  $x_0^h = 0$  and  $y_0^h = 0$  for all  $h$ . ■

For each  $t$  in  $T$  let  $A_h$  denote the set of minimizing points of  $M_h(t, x, y)$  and let  $B$  represent the null space of  $M(t, x, y)$  relative to points in  $E^n \times E^n$ , i.e.,

$$B = \{(x, y) \text{ in } E^n \times E^n : M(t, x, y) = 0\}.$$

If  $M(t, x, y)$  is a GN\*-function, then  $B = \{(0, 0)\}$ . For the sake of argument, let us suppose that  $M(t, x, y)$  has all the properties of a GN\*-function except that  $M(t, x, y) = 0$  need not imply  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ . We will show the relationships that exist between  $A_h$  and  $B$ . This is the content of the next few theorems.

**Theorem 2.4:**

The sets  $B$  and  $A_h$  are closed convex sets.

**Proof:**

This result follows from the convexity and continuity of  $M(t, x, y)$  in  $x$  and  $y$  for each  $t$  in  $T$ . ■

**Theorem 2.5:**

Let  $B_e = \{(x, y) : M(t, x, y) < e\}$  for each  $t$  in  $T$ . Then given any  $e > 0$ , there is a constant  $h_0 > 0$  such that  $A_h \subset B_e$  for each  $h \leq h_0$ .

**Proof:**

Since  $B \subseteq B_e$ , we can choose  $h_0$  sufficiently small so that if  $(x, y)$  is in  $B$  then  $(x + z, y + w)$  is in  $B_e$  for all  $(z, w)$  such that  $|z| \leq h_0$  and  $|w| \leq h_0$ . Let  $z_1$  and  $w_1$  be arbitrary but fixed points in  $A_h, h \leq h_0$ . Then

$$M_h(t, z_1, w_1) \leq M_h(t, x, y)$$

for all  $x$  and  $y$ . Therefore, if  $(x, y)$  in  $B$ , we have  $M_h(t, z_1, w_1) < e$  by our choice of  $h_0$ . Letting  $h$  tend to zero yields  $M(t, z_1, w_1) < e$ , i.e.,  $(z_1, w_1)$  in  $B_e$ .

We have commented above that  $A_h = \{(0,0)\}$  if

$$M(t, x, y) = M(t, -x, -y).$$

It is also true if  $M(t, x, y)$  is strictly convex in  $x$  for each  $t$  in  $T$ .

**Theorem 2.5:**

Suppose  $M(t, x, y)$  is a GN\*-function which is strictly convex in  $x$  and  $y$  for each  $t$ . Then  $h, A_h = \{(0,0)\}$  for each  $h$ .

**Proof:**

Suppose that there exists  $z_0 \neq x_0$  and  $w_0 \neq y_0$  such that  $x_0, y_0, z_0$  and  $w_0$  are in  $A_h$ . Let  $z_1 = \frac{(x_0 + z_0)}{2}$ ,  $w_1 = \frac{(y_0 + w_0)}{2}$ . Then, since  $M(t, x, y)$  is strictly convex,  $M_h(t, x, y)$  is strictly convex in  $x$  and  $y$ , therefore, we have

$$M_h(t, z_1, w_1) < \frac{1}{2}M_h(t, x_0, y_0) + \frac{1}{2}M_h(t, z_0, w_0). \quad (2.5.1)$$

However,  $(x_0, y_0), (z_0, w_0)$  are in  $A_h$  reduces (2.5.1) to the inequality  $M_h(t, z_1, w_1) < M_h(t, x, y)$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ . This means  $z_1$  and  $w_1$  are in  $A_h$  and  $(x_0, y_0), (z_0, w_0)$  are not in  $A_h$  which is a contradiction. Hence,  $x_0 = z_0, y_0 = w_0$ . Since  $M(t, x, y)$  is a GN\*function,  $B = \{(0,0)\}$ . In this case  $x_0 = y_0 = 0, z_0 = w_0 = 0$ .

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