# Convergence of Best Approximations in a Smooth Banach Space

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Let X be a reflexive, strictly convex Banach space such that both X and  $X^*$  have Fréchet differentiable norms, and let  $\{C_n\}$  be a sequence of non-empty closed convex subsets of X. We prove that the sequence of best approximations  $\{p(x | C_n)\}$ of any  $x \in X$  converges if and only if  $\lim C_n$  exists and is not empty. We also discuss measurability of closed convex set valued functions.

## 0. INTRODUCTION

Let X be a Banach space. If X is reflexive and strictly convex, then for any non-empty closed convex subset C of X and  $x \in X$  there exists a unique best approximation p(x | C) of x in C. If every sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset X$  which weakly converges to some  $x \in X$  and satisfies  $||x_n|| \to ||x||$  as  $n \to \infty$ necessarily converges to x in the norm, we say that X has Property (H). If X is reflexive, strictly convex and has Property (H),  $x \mapsto p(x | C)$  is norm-tonorm continuous. In this paper we investigate continuity of  $C \mapsto p(x | C)$ . This was first considered by Brosowski, Deutsch and Nürnberger [1]. They considered a family  $\{V_a\}$  of subsets of normed linear space X parametrized by a topological space and studied continuity of multivalued mappings  $a \mapsto V_a$  and  $a \mapsto P(x | V_a)$ .  $P(x | V_a)$  is the set of best approximations of x in  $V_a$ . On the other hand, our method is not parametrized.

Let  $\{C_n\}$  be a sequence of non-empty closed convex subsets of X. Mosco [8] defined  $\lim C_n$ . We prove that if X is reflexive and strictly convex and has Property (H), then for any  $x \in X$  the sequence of best approximations  $\{p(x | C_n)\}$  converges whenever  $\lim C_n$  exists and is not empty. This was proved by Rao [9] in which  $\{C_n\}$  is increasing with respect to set inclusion. Conversely, if X has a Fréchet differentiable norm, then  $\lim C_n$  exists and is not empty whenever the sequence  $\{p(x | C_n)\}$  of best approximations converges for every  $x \in X$ . Since the condition that X is reflexive and strictly

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convex and has Property (H) is equivalent to that  $X^*$  has the Fréchet differentiable norm, if both X and  $X^*$  have the Fréchet differentiable norms, the sequence  $\{p(x | C_n)\}$  of best approximations of any  $x \in X$  converges if and only if  $\lim C_n$  exists and is not empty. If X is an  $L^p$ -space  $(1 , it is the case that the above assertion is valid. The author [11] has proved it in which X is a Hilbert space and investigated the limit of <math>\sigma$ -fields in probability measure spaces.

In the last section we define strong measurability of closed convex set valued functions. In a certain Banach space it is equivalent to some measurability conditions defined by Himmerberg [6].

## 1. NOTATIONS

Let X be a Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , S be the closed unit ball of X, and  $\mathfrak{C}$  be the set of all, non-empty, closed convex subsets of X.

For any  $x \in X$  and  $A \subset X$  we define  $d(x, A) = \inf_{y \in A} ||x - y||$  and  $P(x | A) = \{y \in A : ||x - y|| = d(x, A)\}.$ 

*Remark* (see, for example, Singer [10]). (i) Let  $\emptyset \neq A \subset X$ . Then  $|d(x, A) - d(y, A)| \leq ||x - y||$  for any  $x, y \in X$ . In particular,  $d(\cdot, A)$  is uniformly continuous;

(ii) P(x | C) consists of at most single element for any  $x \in X$  and  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$  if and only if X is strictly convex (i.e., S is strictly convex);

(iii) P(x | C) is not a void set for any  $x \in X$  and  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$  if and only if X is reflexive.

We consider some properties for X. Notations are due to Cudia [3] and Day [4].

(H) If a sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset X$  weakly converges to  $x \in X$  and  $||x_n|| \to ||x||$  as  $n \to \infty$ , then  $||x - x_n|| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ .

(K) For any  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$  the diameter of  $(C \cap r \cdot S)$  tends to 0 as  $r \to d(0, C)$ .

(F) X has the Fréchet differentiable norm, i.e., for any  $x \in S$  there exists  $\lim_{t\to 0} (||x+t \cdot y|| - ||x||)/t$  uniformly for  $y \in S$ .

The following assertions are equivalent (see Rao [9]):

- (i) X is strictly convex, reflexive, and has (H);
- (ii) X has (K);
- (iii)  $X^*$  has the Fréchet differentiable norm.

If X is strictly convex and reflexive, we denote by p(x | C) the unique

element of P(x | C) for any  $x \in X$  and  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$ . Then  $p(\cdot | C)$  is norm-to-weak continuous. Moreover if X has (H) (hence X has (K)), it is norm-to-norm continuous (see Singer [9]).

## 2. THE LIMIT OF A SEQUENCE OF CLOSED CONVEX SETS

Let  $\{C_n\}$  be a sequence in  $\mathfrak{C}$ . Mosco [8] defined a strong lower limit s-lim inf  $C_n$  as the set of all  $x \in X$  such that there exist  $x_n \in C_n$  for almost all n and it tends to x as  $n \to \infty$  in the norm, and a weak upper limit w-lim sup  $C_n$  as the set of all  $x \in X$  such that there exist a subsequence  $\{C_{n'}\}$ of  $\{C_n\}$  and  $x_{n'} \in C_{n'}$  for every n' and it tends to x as  $n' \to \infty$  in the weak topology. The weak lower limit w-lim inf  $C_n$  and the strong upper limit s-lim sup  $C_n$  are defined similarly, but we do not use them in this paper. If s-lim inf  $C_n =$  w-lim sup  $C_n$ , then the common value is denoted by lim  $C_n$ , and in this case all of the limits defined above coincide. The following proposition is a direct consequence of the definition, and some other elementary properties and examples are discussed in [8].

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** Let  $\{C_n\}$  be a sequence in  $\mathfrak{C}$ .

- (i) s-lim inf  $C_n = \{x \in X : d(x, C_n) \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty\};$
- (ii) s-lim inf  $C_n \in \mathfrak{C} \cup \{\emptyset\};$

(iii)  $\overline{\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty}\bigcap_{n=m}^{\infty}C_n} \subset \text{s-lim inf } C_n \subset \text{w-lim sup } C_n \subset \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \overline{\text{co}}$  $\bigcup_{n=m}^{\infty}C_n$ , where  $\overline{\text{co}}$  means the closed convex hull.

THEOREM 2.2. Let  $\{C_n\}$  be a sequence in  $\mathfrak{C}$ .

(i)  $\limsup d(x, C_n) \leq d(x, s-\liminf C_n)$  for every  $x \in X$ .

(ii) If  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$  satisfies  $\limsup d(x, C_n) \leq d(x, C)$  for every  $x \in X$ , then  $C \subset$  s- $\liminf C_n$ .

We assume further X to be reflexive.

(iii)  $\lim \inf d(x, C_n) \ge d(x, w-\lim \sup C_n)$  for every  $x \in X$ .

(iv) If X is finite dimensional or has (F), and if  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$  satisfies lim inf  $d(x, C_n) \ge d(x, C)$  for every  $x \in X$ , then  $C \supset$  w-lim sup  $C_n$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $x \in X$  be fixed. For any  $y \in$  s-lim inf  $C_n$  there exists a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  such that  $y_n \to y$  as  $n \to \infty$  and  $y_n \in C_n$  for every *n*. Hence

 $\limsup d(x, C_n) \le \lim ||x - y_n|| = ||x - y||,$ 

for any  $y \in$  s-lim inf  $C_n$ . Thus lim sup  $d(x, C_n) \leq d(x, s-\text{lim inf } C_n)$ .

(ii) Let  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$  satisfy  $\limsup d(x, C_n) \leq d(x, C)$  for every  $x \in X$ . Then for any  $x \in C$ ,  $\limsup d(x, C_n) = 0$ . Therefore by Proposition 2.1 we have the wanted result.

(iii) Assume that there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\liminf d(x, C_n) > d(x, w-\limsup C_n)$ . Let  $\{C_{n'}\}$  be a subsequence of  $\{C_n\}$  with  $\lim d(x, C_n) = \liminf d(x, C_n)$ . Since X is reflexive, there exists  $x_{n'} \in P(x | C_{n'})$  for every n'. Then  $\{x_{n'}\}$  is norm bounded because  $\lim d(x, C_{n'}) < \infty$ . Hence by the Banach-Alaoglu and Eberein-Šmulian theorems there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n''}\}$  of  $\{x_{n''}\}$  which weakly converges to some  $x' \in X$ . Then  $x' \in w$ -lim sup  $C_n$ . Therefore we have

 $d(x, \text{ w-lim sup } C_n) > \lim \inf d(x, C_n) = \lim ||x - x_n|| \ge ||x - x'||.$ 

where the last inequality follows from weak lower semicontinuity of norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . This is a contradiction. Hence we have (iii).

Before proving (iv), we show some technical lemmas.

LEMMA 2.3. Let X be reflexive and  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$  with  $0 \notin C$ . Then  $x \in P(-\lambda \cdot x \mid C)$  for any  $x \in P(0 \mid C)$  and  $\lambda \ge -1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in P(0 | C)$ . By Theorem 1.1 of Singer [10, p. 360], there exists  $f \in X^*$  such that ||f|| = 1 and Re  $f(y) \ge ||x||$  for any  $y \in C$ . Then

$$\operatorname{Re} f(y + \lambda \cdot x) = \operatorname{Re} f(y) + \lambda \cdot \operatorname{Re} f(x)$$
$$\geq (1 + \lambda) \cdot ||x|| = ||x + \lambda \cdot x||,$$

for any  $y \in C$  and  $\lambda \ge -1$ . Using once more the theorem mentioned above, we have the lemma.

LEMMA 2.4. If X has (F), for any  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$  and a sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset X$ which weakly converges to 0 there exists  $0 \leq \theta < 1$  such that  $\liminf_n ||\theta \cdot x + (1-\theta) \cdot x_n|| < ||x||$ .

**Proof.** We may assume |x|| = 1 without loss of generality. Since X has (F), X is smooth. Hence there uniquely exists  $f \in X^*$  with ||f|| = f(x) = 1. Then for any  $y \in X$  with  $\operatorname{Re} f(y) < 1$  the line segment [x, y] intersects to  $S \setminus \{x\}$ . (This follows from the Hahn-Banach theorem.) Since  $\{x_n\}$  weakly converges to 0, we may assume that  $\operatorname{Re} f(x_n) < 1$  for every n. On the other hand, if  $||x_n|| < 1$  for infinitely many n, the lemma is trivial. Hence we may assume that  $||x_n|| \ge 1$  for every n. Therefore there exists  $y_n \in (x, x_n]$  with  $||y_n|| = 1$ . Then  $\liminf ||x - y_n|| > 0$ . If it is not true, there exists a subsequence  $\{y_{n'}\}$  of  $\{y_n\}$  such that  $\lim ||x - y_n|| = 0$ . Hence, by the Fréchet differentiability of the norm  $|| \cdot ||$ , it follows that

$$\frac{1 - f(x_{n'})}{\|x - x_{n'}\|} = \frac{1 - f(y_{n'})}{\|x - y_{n'}\|}$$
$$= \frac{\|x + (y_{n'} - x)\| - \|y_{n'}\| - f(y_{n'} - x)}{\|y_{n'} - x\|} \to 0$$

as  $n \to \infty$ . Since  $1 - f(x_{n'}) \to 1$  as  $n \to \infty$ ,  $\lim ||x - x_{n'}|| = \infty$ . But, since  $\{x - x_n\}$  is a weak converning sequence, by the uniform boundedness theorem we have  $\sup_n ||x - x_n|| < \infty$ . This is a contradiction. Thus putting

$$m = \liminf \|x - y_n\|,$$
  

$$M = \sup \|x - x_n\|,$$
  

$$\theta = 1 - m/(2 \cdot M),$$

we have the lemma.

*Proof of* (iv). Let  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$  satisfy  $\liminf d(x, C_n) \ge d(x, C)$  for every  $x \in X$ . We fix any  $y \in w$ -lim sup  $C_n$ . Then there exists a subsequence  $\{C_n\}$  of  $\{C_n\}$  and  $y_n \in C_n$  for every n' such that  $\{y_n\}$  weakly converges to y. We shall show that y belongs to C. By the parallel translation, it may be assumed that y = 0. Hence it suffices to show that  $0 \in C$ . Now assume that  $0 \notin C$ , and take  $z \in P(0 \mid C)$ . Then  $z \neq 0$ . Since for any  $x \in X$ 

$$\liminf \|x - y_n\| \ge \liminf d(x, C_n) \ge \liminf d(x, C_n) \ge d(x, C)$$

and by Lemma 2.3,  $z = P(-\lambda \cdot z \mid C)$  for any  $\lambda \ge 0$ , we have

$$\liminf \|\lambda \cdot z + y_{n'}\| \ge d(-\lambda \cdot z, C) = (\lambda + 1) \cdot \|z\|$$

for any  $\lambda \ge 0$ . Dividing both sides by  $1 + \lambda$ , we have

$$\lim \inf \|\theta \cdot z + (1-\theta) \cdot y_{n'}\| \ge \|z\|$$

for any  $0 \le \theta < 1$ . If X is finite dimensional, since  $\{y_{n'}\}$  strongly converges to 0, this is a contradiction. On the other hand, if X has (F), this also contradicts Lemma 2.4. Thus we have  $0 \in C$ .

THEOREM 2.5. Let X be reflexive and  $\{C_n\}$  be a sequence in  $\mathfrak{C}$ .

(i) If  $\lim C_n$  exists, then  $d(x, C_n)$  tends to  $d(x, \lim C_n)$  as  $n \to \infty$  for every  $x \in X$ .

(ii) If X is finite dimensional or has (F), and if there exists  $C \in \mathfrak{C} \cup \{\emptyset\}$  such that  $d(x, C_n)$  tends to d(x, C) as  $n \to \infty$  for every  $x \in H$ , then  $\lim C_n = C$ .

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### 3. CONVERGENCE OF BEST APPROXIMATIONS

In this section we assume X to be reflexive and strictly convex.

LEMMA 3.1. Let  $\{C_n\}$  be a sequence in  $\mathfrak{C}$  such that s-lim inf  $C_n \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\{p(x \mid C_n)\}$  is a norm bounded set for any  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let y belong to s-lim inf  $C_n$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  such that  $y_n \to y$  as  $n \to \infty$  and  $y_n \in C_n$  for every n. Since  $\sup ||y_n|| = M < \infty$  and for any  $x \in H$ 

$$\| p(x \mid C_n) \| \leq \| p(x \mid C_n) - x \| + \| x \|$$
$$\leq \| y_n - x \| + \| x \| \leq M + 2 \cdot \| x \|$$

we have the lemma.

THEOREM 3.2. Let  $\{C_n\}$  be a sequence in  $\mathfrak{C}$ .

(i) If  $\lim C_n$  exists and is not empty, then  $\{p(x | C_n)\}$  weakly conveges to  $p(x | \lim C_n)$  for every  $x \in X$ . Moreover if X has (H), the convergence is in the norm.

(ii) If X is finite dimensional or has (F), and if  $\{p(x | C_n)\}$  is a norm converging sequence for every  $x \in X$ , then  $\lim C_n$  exists and  $\{p(x | C_n)\}$  converges to  $p(x | \lim C_n)$  for every  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $x \in X$  be fixed. Since, by Lemma 3.1,  $\{p(x | C_n)\}$  is norm bounded, for any subsequence  $\{p(x | C_{n'})\}$  of  $\{p(x | C_n)\}$ , there exists a subsequence  $\{p(x | C_{n''})\}$  which weakly converges to some  $y \in X$ . Then  $y \in$  w-lim sup  $C_n = \lim C_n$ . For any  $z \in \lim C_n$  we have

$$||x - y|| \le \liminf ||x - p(x | C_{n''})||$$
  
 $\le \lim ||x - p(z | C_{n''})|| = ||x - z||.$ 

Therefore  $y = p(x | \lim C_n)$ . Since any subsequence  $\{p(x | C_n)\}$  of  $\{p(x | C_n)\}$  has a subsequence  $\{p(x | C_{n''})\}$  which weakly converges to  $p(x | \lim C_n)$ ,  $\{p(x | C_n)\}$  also weakly converges to  $p(x | \lim C_n)$ . On the other hand, by Theorem 2.5,  $||x - p(x | C_n)|| \rightarrow ||x - p(x | \lim C_n)||$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, if X has (H),  $\{p(x | C_n)\}$  converges to  $p(x | \lim C_n)$ .

(ii) We put C = s-lim inf  $C_n$ . If  $\{p(x | C_n)\}$  converges to  $y \in X$ , then it follows that for any  $z \in C$ 

$$||x - y|| = \lim ||x - p(x | C_n)||$$
  
$$\leq \lim ||x - p(z | C_n)|| = ||x - z||,$$

and that y = p(x | C). Hence  $d(x, C_n)$  tends to d(x, C) as  $n \to \infty$ . By Theorem 2.5(ii), we have  $\lim C_n = C$ .

THEOREM 3.3. Suppose that X satisfies one of the following conditions: (A) X is finite dimensional and strictly convex; or (B) both X and X\* have Fréchet differentiable norms. Then for any sequence  $\{C_n\} \subset \mathfrak{C}$  the following assertions are equivalent:

(i)  $\lim C_n$  exists and is not empty;

(ii) there exists  $C \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $d(x, C_n)$  tends to d(x, C) as  $n \to \infty$  for every  $x \in X$ ;

(iii)  $\{p(x \mid C_n)\}$  is a norm convergent sequence for every  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* This is the direct consequence of Theorems 2.5 and 3.2.

## 4. MEASURABILITY OF CLOSED CONVEX SET VALUED FUNCTIONS

In this section let X be a separable Banach space and satisfy condition (A) or (B) in Theorem 3.3.

THEOREM 4.1.  $\mathfrak{C}$  has a separable metric  $\delta$  such that  $\delta(C_n, C) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$  if and only if  $\lim C_n = C \neq \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* Let  $D = \{x_k\}$  be a countable dense subset of X. We define  $\delta_k(C_1, C_2) = |d(x_k, C_1) - d(x_k, C_2)|$  for every  $C_1, C_2 \in \mathfrak{C}$  and k. Then  $\{\delta_k\}$  is a family of semimetrics on X and separates points of X. Moreover, by Theorem 2.5 we have that  $\delta_k(C_n, C) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$  for every k if and only if  $\lim C_n = C \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore, putting

$$\delta(C_1, C_2) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_k(C_1, C_2)}{2^k \cdot (1 + \delta_k(C_1, C_2))},$$

for any  $C_1$ ,  $C_2 \in \mathfrak{C}$ , we have the theorem. Separability is proved as follows. We define  $\mathfrak{C}_D = \{\overline{\operatorname{co}} \{x_{k_1}, \dots, x_{k_n}\}: x_{k_1}, \dots, x_{k_n} \in D\}$ . Let any  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$  be fixed. For any *n* we define  $C_n = \{x \in X: d(x, C) \leq 1/n\}$ . Then we easily see that  $C_n \in \mathfrak{C}$  for every *n* and  $C_n \downarrow C$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Hence we have that  $\lim C_n = C$ and that  $\delta(C_n, C) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . On the other hand, for any *n* let  $C_n \cap D = \{x_{k_1}, x_{k_2}, \dots\}$  and  $C_n^m = \{x_{k_1}, \dots, x_{k_n}\}$  for every *m*. Since  $\overline{C_n \cap D} = C_n, C_n^m \uparrow C_n$ as  $m \to \infty$  for every *n*. Hence we have that  $\lim_m C_n^m = C_n$  and that  $\delta(C_n^m, C_n) \to 0$  as  $m \to \infty$  for every *n*. Therefore for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we can find  $C_n^m$ with  $\delta(C_n^m, C) \leq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{C}_D$  is a countable dense subset of  $\mathfrak{C}$ .

*Remark.* Let  $\mathfrak{C}^b$  be the set of all norm bounded elements of  $\mathfrak{C}$ . It is well known that  $\mathfrak{C}^b$  has the so-called *Hausdorff metric*. If X is finite dimensional,

the topology induced by the Hausdorff metric is equal to the topology induced by  $\delta$ . But, if X is infinite dimensional, the former is really stronger than the latter (see Mosco [8, Lemma 1.1]).

Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$  be a measurable space. A function  $F: \Omega \to \mathfrak{C}$  is called to be *simple* if there exist a countable partition  $\{A_n\} \subset \Sigma$  of  $\Omega$  and  $\{C_n\} \subset \mathfrak{C}$  such that  $F(\omega) = C_n$  if  $\omega \in A_n$ . If there exists a sequence  $\{F_n\}$  of simple functions and  $F(\omega) = \lim F_n(\omega)$  for any  $\omega \in \Omega$ , we say F to be *strongly measurable*.

For any function  $F: \Omega \to \mathfrak{C} \cup \{\emptyset\}$  we define  $D(F) = \{\omega \in \Omega: F(\omega) \neq \emptyset\}$ and call it the *domain* of F.

THEOREM 4.2. For any function  $F: \Omega \to \mathfrak{C} \cup \{\emptyset\}$  the following assertions are equivalent:

(i) F is strongly measurable;

(ii)  $D(F) \in \Sigma$  and  $p(x | F(\cdot))$  is strongly measurable on D(F) for every  $x \in X$  in the sense of Hille and Phillips [5];

(iii)  $d(x, F(\cdot))$  is measurable for every  $x \in X$ ;

(iv) F is  $(\Sigma, \mathbf{B}(\mathfrak{C}))$ -measurable, where  $\mathbf{B}(\mathfrak{C})$  is the Borel field on  $\mathfrak{C}$  induced by metric  $\delta$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $\{F_n\}$  be a sequence of simple functions with  $F(\omega) = \lim F_n(\omega)$  for any  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Then by Theorem 2.5(i) we have

$$D(F) = \{ \omega \in \Omega \colon d(0, F(\omega)) \neq \infty \}$$
$$= \{ \omega \in \Omega \colon \lim \| p(0 \mid F_n(\omega)) \| \neq \infty \}.$$

Since  $||p(0|F_n(\cdot))||$  is measurable for every *n*, it follows that  $D(F) \in \Sigma$ . By Theorem 3.2 for any  $x \in X$  and  $\omega \in D(F)$ ,  $\{p(x | F_n(\omega))\}$  converges to  $p(x | F(\omega))$ . Since  $p(x | F_n(\cdot))$  is countably valued for every *n*,  $p(x | F(\cdot))$  is strongly measurable.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Since  $d(x, F(\omega)) = ||x - p(x | F(\omega))||$  for every  $x \in X$  and  $\omega \in D(F)$ , this is trivial.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Let  $G_r(C)$  be any open ball with diameter r and at center  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$ . Then

$$F^{-1}(G_r(C)) = \left\{ \omega \in \Omega \colon \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_k(F(\omega), C)}{2^k \cdot (1 + \delta_k(F(\omega), C))} < r \right\}.$$

By the assumption,  $\delta_k(F(\cdot), C)$  is measurable for every k. Hence  $F^{-1}(G_r(C)) \in \Sigma$ , and we have (iv).

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $\mathfrak{C}_D = \{C_k\}$  be a countable dense subsets of  $\mathfrak{C}$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $C_k \in \mathfrak{C}_D$  we define  $A(\varepsilon, k) = \{\omega \in \Omega: \delta(C_k, F(\omega)) \leq \varepsilon\}$ . Moreover we define  $B(\varepsilon, k) = A(\varepsilon, k) \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{k-1} A(\varepsilon, i)$  for every k and

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 $F_{\varepsilon}(\omega) = C_k$  if  $\omega \in B(\varepsilon, k)$ . Then  $F_{\varepsilon}$  is a simple function and  $\delta(F_{\varepsilon}(\omega), F(\omega)) \to 0$  as  $\varepsilon \to 0$  and  $\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} F_{\varepsilon}(\omega) = F(\omega)$  for any  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Thus F is strongly measurable.

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