LINEAR LIFTINGS FOR NON-COMPLETE PROBABILITY SPACES

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ABSTRACT

We show that it is consistent with ZFC that $L^{\infty}(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ has no linear lifting for many non-complete probability spaces (Y, \mathcal{B}, ν) , in particular for $Y = [0, 1]^A$, $\mathcal{B} = \text{Borel subsets of } Y$, $\nu = \text{usual Radon measure on } \mathcal{B}$.

1. Introduction

In [S 83] the second author showed that it is consistent that Lebesgue measure on [0,1] has no Borel lifting. This argument was generalized in [J 89] and [BJ 89] to produce a model where there is no lifting ρ for the usual product measure on $[0,1]^A$ such that for each measurable set E, $\rho(E) = E' \times [0,1]^{A-B}$ where $B \subseteq A$ is countable and $E' \subseteq [0,1]^B$ is projective. In particular $[0,1]^A$ has no Baire lifting.

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The approach taken there did not shed any light on the question of whether one can produce in ZFC a Borel lifting for $[0,1]^A$ when A is uncountable. In this paper we show that this is not possible. D.H. Fremlin suggested the use of linear liftings for this purpose. The technique is a modification of the one used in [S 83]. We assume that the reader is familiar with [S 83]. Most definitions which we need are given below. See [IT 69] for more details concerning liftings.

1.1 Definitions:

- 1. If (Y, \mathcal{B}, ν) is any probability space (not necessarily complete) then as usual we say that $f: Y \to \mathbf{R}$ is **measurable** if $f^{-1}(a, b) \in \mathcal{B}$ for every rational interval $(a, b) \subseteq \mathbf{R}$.
- 2. $L^{\infty}(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu) = \{ f \in \mathbf{R}^Y : f \text{ is bounded and measurable } \}.$
- 3. $\rho: L^{\infty}(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu) \to L^{\infty}(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ is a linear lifting if for all $f, g \in L^{\infty}(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ and all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$,
 - (a) f = g a.e. implies $\rho(f) = \rho(g)$ (everywhere).
 - (b) $\rho(f) = f$ a.e.
 - (c) $\rho(xf + yg) = x\rho(f) + y\rho(g)$.
 - (d) $\rho(1) = 1$ where 1 is the constant function with value 1.
 - (e) $f \ge 0$ a.e. implies $\rho(f) \ge 0$.
- 4. $\rho: L^{\infty}(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu) \to L^{\infty}(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ is a lifting if ρ is a linear lifting and $\rho(fg) = \rho(f)\rho(g)$ for all $f, g \in L^{\infty}(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$. In this case ρ corresponds in a canonical way to a lifting for the measure algebra of (Y, \mathcal{B}, ν) . See [IT 69].
- 5. When ρ is a linear lifting for $L^{\infty}(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ and $E \in \mathcal{B}$, we will write $\rho(E)$ instead of $\rho(\chi_E)$, where χ_E is the characteristic function of the set E.
- For sequences of real numbers, we will use the expressions increasing and decreasing to mean strictly increasing and strictly decreasing, respectively.
- 7. For real numbers $a \neq b$, (a, b) will denote $\{x \in \mathbf{R} : a < x < b\}$ if a < b, and $\{x \in \mathbf{R} : b < x < a\}$ if b < a.

We will prove the following theorem:

- 1.2 THEOREM: The following is consistent with ZFC: Let $\Sigma = \text{the } \sigma\text{-algebra of}$ Borel subsets of [0,1], $\mu = \text{Lebesgue measure on } \Sigma$. Then $L^{\infty}([0,1], \Sigma, \mu)$ has no linear lifting.
- 1.3 COROLLARY: The following is consistent with ZFC: Suppose that
 - 1. (Y, \mathcal{B}, ν) is a probability space (not necessarily complete),

- 2. There is a measurable inverse-measure-preserving function $\varphi: Y \to [0,1]$,
- There is a Borel disintegration of ν, i.e., there is a family ⟨ν_x : x ∈ [0,1]⟩ of probability measures on B such that for each g ∈ L[∞](Y, B, ν), the function x → ∫ g dν_x is Borel measurable and equal a.e. to E(g|φ⁻¹(Σ)). (Here E(·) is the conditional expectation operator.)

Then $L^{\infty}(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ has no linear lifting. (In particular (Y, \mathcal{B}, ν) has no lifting.)

Proof: If ρ is a linear lifting for $L^{\infty}(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$, then $\bar{\rho}$ is a linear lifting for $L^{\infty}([0, 1], \Sigma, \mu)$ where $\bar{\rho}(f)(x) = \int \rho(f \circ \varphi) d\nu_x$. [For a.a. x we have $\bar{\rho}(f)(x) = E(f \circ \varphi|\varphi^{-1}(\Sigma))(x) = f(x)$.]

- 1.4 Examples of spaces (Y, \mathcal{B}, ν) which satisfy assumptions 1-3:
 - 1. $Y = [0, 1]^A$, $\mathcal{B} = \text{Borel subsets of } [0, 1]^A$, $\nu = \text{usual Radon product measure on } \mathcal{B}$.
 - 2. $Y = \{0,1\}^A$, $\mathcal{B} = \text{Borel subsets of } \{0,1\}^A$, $\nu = \text{usual Haar measure on } \mathcal{B}$.
 - 3. $(Z, \mathcal{C}, \lambda)$ is any probability space, $Y = [0, 1] \times Z$, $\mathcal{B} = \text{the } \sigma\text{-algebra generated}$ by the rectangles $E \times F$, $E \in \Sigma$, $F \in \mathcal{C}$, $\nu = \text{the usual product measure on } \mathcal{B}$.

Note that the third hypothesis of the corollary is needed. To see this, consider the hyperstonian space (Y, \mathcal{B}, ν) of [0,1] and the canonical projection $\varphi \colon Y \to [0,1]$. We know that (Y, \mathcal{B}, ν) has a lifting (even a continuous lifting). (See [F 89].) However in the model which we will construct, none of the disintegrations of ν will be Borel, so there is no contradiction.

1.5 PROBLEM: Is it consistent with ZFC that there is a translation-invariant linear lifting for $L^{\infty}([0,1),\Sigma,\mu)$? (ρ is translation invariant if $\rho(f_a)(x) = \rho(f)(a+x)$, where $f_a(y) = f(a+y)$ (all additions are mod 1), for $a,x,y \in [0,1)$, $f \in L^{\infty}([0,1),\Sigma,\mu)$.)

2. Proof of Theorem 1.2

Let L^{∞} stand for $L^{\infty}([0,1], \Sigma, \mu)$.

Assume V=L. As in [S 83] (the technique is explained in [S 82]), we use an oracle-cc iteration of length \aleph_2 , and it will suffice to prove the following lemma.

2.1 MAIN LEMMA: Let \overline{M} be an \aleph_1 -oracle and let ρ be a linear lifting of L^{∞} . Then there is a forcing notion P satisfying the \overline{M} -cc and a P-name \dot{X} of an open

set such that for every $G \subseteq P \times Q$ generic over V (where Q is Cohen forcing), there is no Borel function h in V[G] such that

- (a) $h = \chi_{\dot{X}[G]}$ a.e.
- (b) for every $g \in (L^{\infty})^V$, if $g \leq \chi_{\dot{X}[G]}$ a.e. then $\rho(g) \leq h$.
- (c) for every $g \in (L^{\infty})^V$, if $\chi_{\dot{X}[G]} \leq g$ a.e. then $h \leq \rho(g)$.
- 2.2 Proof of the main lemma: Let S denote the set of triples

$$\bar{a} = (\langle a_{0i} : i < \omega \rangle, \langle a_{1i} : i < \omega \rangle, a_{\omega})$$

such that the a_{ji} are rational numbers in (0,1) $(j < 2, i < \omega)$, a_{ω} is irrational, $\langle a_{0i} : i < \omega \rangle$ is an increasing sequence converging to a_{ω} and $\langle a_{1i} : i < \omega \rangle$ is a decreasing sequence converging to a_{ω} . Define a partial order $P = P(\langle \bar{a}^{\alpha} : \alpha < \beta \rangle)$ where $\beta \leq \omega_1$, $\bar{a}^{\alpha} \in \mathcal{S}$, and the numbers a_{ω}^{α} are pairwise distinct, as follows: $p \in P$ iff the following conditions hold:

- (a) $p = (U_p, f_p)$, where U_p is an open subset of (0, 1), $cl(U_p)$ has measure < 1/2, and $f_p: U_p \to \{0, 1\}$.
- (b) There is a finite sequence of rational numbers $0 = b_0 < b_1 < \ldots < b_n = 1$ such that $U_p = \bigcup_{\ell=0}^{n-1} I_\ell$, $\operatorname{cl}(I_\ell) \subseteq (b_\ell, b_{\ell+1})$.
- (c) I_{ℓ} is either a rational interval, in which case $f_p|I_{\ell}$ is constant, or there are $\alpha < \beta$ and $n(\ell) < \omega$ such that

$$I_{\ell} = \bigcup_{j<2} \bigcup_{n(\ell) \leq m < \omega} (a_{j,2m}^{\alpha}, a_{j,2m+1}^{\alpha})$$

and $f_p|(a_{j,4m+2k}^{\alpha}, a_{j,4m+2k+1}^{\alpha})$ is identically equal to $k, (j < 2, n(\ell) \le 2m + k, m < \omega, k < 2)$.

The order on P is: $p \leq q$ if and only if $U_p \subseteq U_q$, $f_p \subseteq f_q$, and $\mathrm{cl}(U_p) \cap U_q = U_p$.

Let \dot{X} be a P-name for $\bigcup \{(a,b): (a,b) \text{ is a rational interval } \subseteq (0,1) \text{ and for some } p \in G_P, (a,b) \subseteq U_p \text{ and } f_p|(a,b) \text{ is identically zero}\}.$

As in [S 83], the main lemma will follow if we prove the following claim.

2.3 MAIN CLAIM: Let $P_{\delta} = P(\langle \bar{a}^{\alpha} : \alpha < \delta \rangle)$, $\delta < \omega_1$ be given, as well as a countable M_{δ} , $P_{\delta} \in M_{\delta}$, a condition $(p^*, r^*) \in P_{\delta} \times Q$ and a $P_{\delta} \times Q$ -name τ for a code for a member of L^{∞} . (We shall identify Borel functions and their codes. This should not cause any confusion.) Then we can find $\bar{a}^{\delta} \in \mathcal{S}$ such that, letting $P_{\delta+1} = P(\langle \bar{a}^{\alpha} : \alpha \leq \delta \rangle)$, the following conditions hold:

- (A) Every predense subset of P_{δ} which belongs to M_{δ} is a predense subset of $P_{\delta+1}$.
- (B) There is a condition $(p', r') \in P_{\delta+1} \times Q$ such that $(p^*, r^*) \leq (p', r')$ and one of the following two conditions holds for some n:

(B1)
$$(p',r') \Vdash_{P_{\delta+1}\times Q}$$
 " $\tau(a_{\omega}^{\delta}) \geq 1/2$
and $\rho(\bigcup_{j<2} \bigcup_{n\leq m<\omega} (a_{j,4m+2}^{\delta}, a_{j,4m+3}^{\delta}))(a_{\omega}^{\delta}) \geq 3/4$
and $\dot{X} \cap \bigcup_{j<2} \bigcup_{n\leq m<\omega} (a_{i,4m+2}^{\delta}, a_{j,4m+3}^{\delta}) = \emptyset$."

or

(B2)
$$(p',r') \Vdash_{P_{\delta+1}\times Q}$$
 " $\tau(a_{\omega}^{\delta}) \leq 1/2$
and $\rho(\bigcup_{j<2} \bigcup_{n\leq m<\omega} (a_{j,4m}^{\delta}, a_{j,4m+1}^{\delta}))(a_{\omega}^{\delta}) \geq 3/4$
and $\bigcup_{j<2} \bigcup_{n\leq m<\omega} (a_{j,4m}^{\delta}, a_{j,4m+1}^{\delta}) \subseteq \dot{X}$."

Remark: The proof of the Main Lemma is a bookkeeping argument using the Main Claim. P is obtained, in the notation of the Main Claim, as $P = \bigcup_{\delta < \omega_1} P_{\delta}$, and the bookkeeping is needed to ensure that all triples (p^*, r^*, τ) are considered in the construction, where $(p^*, r^*) \in P \times Q$ and τ is a $P \times Q$ -name for a code of a Borel function. If there were an h contradicting the Main Lemma, then there would be a $P \times Q$ -name τ for h and a condition $(p^*, r^*) \in P \times Q$ forcing that τ satisfies (a), (b), (c) of the Main Lemma. But then condition (B) of the Main Claim gives a contradiction. For more details of such oracle-cc arguments see pp. 114ff of [S 82].

2.4 Proof of main claim 2.3: Choose a sufficiently large regular λ and choose a countable $N \prec H_{\lambda}$ such that $\rho, P_{\delta}, \langle \bar{a}^{\alpha} : \alpha < \delta \rangle, \tau, M_{\delta} \in N$. Choose a random real over N, $a_{\omega}^{\delta} \in (0,1) - \operatorname{cl}(U_{p^{*}})$. Note that for any rational interval $(a,b) \subseteq (0,1)$ we have $\rho((a,b))(a_{\omega}^{\delta}) = \chi_{(a,b)}(a_{\omega}^{\delta})$. Let $u_{0} = \rho((0,a_{\omega}^{\delta}))(a_{\omega}^{\delta}), \ u_{1} = \rho((a_{\omega}^{\delta},1))(a_{\omega}^{\delta})$. Then $u_{0} + u_{1} = 1$.

Note that for any number x, if $0 \le x < a_{\omega}^{\delta}$, then $\rho((x, a_{\omega}^{\delta}))(a_{\omega}^{\delta}) = u_0$. (Otherwise, for any rational number b such that $x < b < a_{\omega}^{\delta}$, we have $\rho((0, b))(a_{\omega}^{\delta}) > 0$, contradicting the choice of a_{ω}^{δ} .) A similar statement holds for u_1 . Putting these together we see that $\rho((x, y))(a_{\omega}^{\delta}) = 1$ for any numbers x and y such that $0 \le x < a_{\omega}^{\delta} < y \le 1$.

Choose an increasing sequence of rational numbers $\langle b_{0n} : n < \omega \rangle \in N[a_{\omega}^{\delta}]$ converging to a_{ω}^{δ} , and choose a decreasing sequence of rational numbers $\langle b_{1n} : n < \omega \rangle \in N[a_{\omega}^{\delta}]$ also converging to a_{ω}^{δ} . In $N[a_{\omega}^{\delta}]$ define the partial order R for adding

a Mathias real as follows:

 $R = \{(s, A): s \text{ is a finite subset of } \omega, A \subseteq \omega, \max(s) < \min(A)\},\$

ordered by $(s, A) \ge (t, B)$ iff t is an initial segment of $s, A \subseteq B, s - t \subseteq B$.

For sets $A \subseteq \omega$, let us identify A with its enumerating function, so that we may write $A = \{A(i): i < |A|\}$. We need the following special case of the known fact that an infinite subset of a Mathias real is a Mathias real. (See [M 77: Theorem 2.0]; the special case which we need here is a fairly routine exercise.)

2.5 FACT: If $X \subseteq \omega$ is R-generic over $N[a_{\omega}^{\delta}]$, and $g \in \omega^{\omega} \cap N[a_{\omega}^{\delta}]$ is increasing, then $Y = \{X(g(n)): n < \omega\}$ is also R-generic over $N[a_{\omega}^{\delta}]$.

Let f^* be the enumerating function of a set which is R-generic over $N[a_{\omega}^{\delta}]$. In $N[a_{\omega}^{\delta}][f^*]$, define for increasing functions $f \in \omega^{\omega}$,

$$A_m^k(f) = \bigcup_{j < 2} \bigcup_{k < \ell < \omega} (b_{j,f(4\ell+m)}, b_{j,f(4\ell+m+1)}).$$

Define $f_3^*(\ell) = f^*(3\ell)$ for $\ell < \omega$.

Then $\{A_m^0(f_3^*): m < 4\}$ is a partition of $(b_{0,f^*(0)},b_{1,f^*(0)})$. For some m < 4 we have

(*)
$$\rho(A_m^0(f_3^*))(a_\omega^\delta) \le 1/4.$$

2.6 CLAIM: For any $\bar{m} < 4$ and $k < \omega$, we can find an increasing function $g \in N[a_{\omega}^{\delta}] \cap \omega^{\omega}$ such that g(i) = i for all i < k and $\rho(A_{\bar{m}}^{0}(f^{*} \circ g))(a_{\omega}^{\delta}) \geq 3/4$.

Proof of Claim: Let g(i) = i for $i < 4k + \bar{m} + 1$ and define $g(4\ell + \bar{m} + 1 + j) = 12\ell + 3m + j$ for $\ell \ge k$ and j < 4. We leave it for the reader to check, using (*), that g has the desired property. (The reader might find it helpful, for seeing the role of g, to mark off the first few elements of its range on a line.)

Let us provisionally let $\bar{a}^{\delta} = (\langle b_{0,f^{\bullet}(\ell)} : \ell < \omega \rangle, \langle b_{1,f^{\bullet}(\ell)} : \ell < \omega \rangle, a_{\omega}^{\delta}).$

2.7 Proof of condition (A) of main claim 2.3: Let $J \subseteq P_{\delta}$ be predense, $J \in M_{\delta}$. We must show that J is predense in $P_{\delta+1}$. Let $p \in P_{\delta+1}$, $p \notin P_{\delta}$. By the definition of $P_{\delta+1}$, there are $q \in P_{\delta}$ and rational numbers c_0, c_1 and $\ell(0) \in \omega$ such that

 $0 < b_{0,f^{\bullet}(4\ell(0))-1} < c_{0} < b_{0,f^{\bullet}(4\ell(0))} < a_{\omega}^{\delta} < b_{1,f^{\bullet}(4\ell(0))} < c_{1} < b_{1,f^{\bullet}(4\ell(0))-1} < 1,$ $\operatorname{cl}(U_{q}) \cap [c_{0}, c_{1}] = \emptyset, U_{p} = U_{q} \cup A_{0}^{\ell(0)}(f^{*}) \cup A_{2}^{\ell(0)}(f^{*}), f_{p} = f_{q} \cup 0_{A_{0}^{\ell(0)}(f^{\bullet})} \cup 1_{A_{2}^{\ell(0)}(f^{\bullet})}.$ (For $i = 0, 1, i_{A}$ denotes the function with domain A and constant value i.)

The proof of the following fact is exactly as in [S 83].

2.8 FACT: If $r \in P_{\delta}$, $J \subseteq P_{\delta}$ is dense, $(c_0, c_1) \subseteq (0, 1)$ and $(c_0, c_1) \cap U_r = \emptyset$, then

$$\mu((c_0,c_1)\cap\bigcap\{\operatorname{cl}(U_{r_1}):r_1\in J,r_1\geq r\})=0.$$

Let $J_1 = \{r \in P_{\delta} : \exists q_1 \in J \ q_1 \leq r\}$. For every $k > f^*(4\ell(0))$ let

 $T_k = \{t \in P_\delta \colon U_t \text{ is the union of finitely many intervals whose endpoints }$

are from
$$\{b_{j,\ell}: j < 2, f^*(4\ell(0)) \le \ell \le k\}$$
 and $\mu(U_q \cup U_t) < 1/2\}$.

So T_k is finite and for each $t \in T_k$, $q \le q \cup t \in P_{\delta}$ and $a_{\omega}^{\delta} \notin \operatorname{cl}(U_t)$. In N, define for each $k > f^*(4\ell(0))$ and $t \in T_k$,

$$J_t = (b_{0,k}, b_{1,k}) \cap \bigcap \{\operatorname{cl}(U_{r_1}) : r_1 \in J_1, \, r_1 \geq q \cup t\}.$$

By fact 2.8, J_t has measure zero, and hence $a_{\omega}^{\delta} \notin J_t$. Thus there is an $r_t \in J_1$, such that $r_t \geq q \cup t$ and $a_{\omega}^{\delta} \notin \operatorname{cl}(U_{r_t})$. Define $g: \bigcup \{T_k : k > f^*(4\ell(0))\} \to \omega$ and $G: \omega \to \omega$ such that $[b_{0,g(t)}, b_{1,g(t)}] \cap \operatorname{cl}(U_{r_t}) = \emptyset$, $b_{1,g(t)} - b_{0,g(t)} < (1/2) - \mu(U_{r_t})$, $G(k) = \max\{g(t) : t \in T_k\}$. Since f^* is R-generic over $N[a_{\omega}^{\delta}]$, for all but finitely many $\ell < \omega$ we have

$$f^*(4\ell+2) \ge G(f^*(4\ell+1)).$$

Choose such an $\ell \geq \ell(0)$. Let $k = f^*(4\ell + 1)$, $t = (U_t, f_t)$, where

$$U_t = U_p \cap ([b_{0,f^*(4\ell(0))}, b_{0,k}] \cup [b_{1,k}, b_{1,f^*(4\ell(0))}]),$$

 $f_t = f_p|U_t$. Then $t \in T_k$ and we have $r_t \in J_1$, $r_t \ge q \cup t$. Also, $[b_{0,G(k)}, b_{1,G(k)}] \cap \operatorname{cl}(U_{r_t}) = \emptyset$ and hence $[b_{0,f^*(4\ell+2)}, b_{1,f^*(4\ell+2)}] \cap \operatorname{cl}(U_{r_t}) = \emptyset$. Thus p and r_t are compatible, and this proves part (A) of main claim 2.3.

2.9 Proof of condition (B) of main claim 2.3: Let

$$p_1^* = (U_p \cup A_0^k(f^*) \cup A_2^k(f^*), f_{p^*} \cup 0_{A_0^k(f^*)} \cup 1_{A_2^k(f^*)})$$

where k is large enough so that $p_1^* \in P_{\delta+1}$. So $p_1^* \in N[a_\omega^\delta][f^*]$ and $(p_1^*, r^*) \ge (p^*, r^*)$. In $N[a_\omega^\delta][f^*]$, choose $(p', r') \ge (p_1^*, r^*)$ deciding whether $\tau(a_\omega^\delta) \ge 1/2$ or $\tau(a_\omega^\delta) \le 1/2$, say the first. We will get (p', r') so that condition (B1) of main claim 2.3 is satisfied. The other case is handled similarly. For some $(t, B) \in R \cap N[a_\omega^\delta]$ we have $f^*(n) = t(n)$ for all n < |t|, $f^*(n) \in B$ for all $n \ge |t|$, and

$$N[a_{\omega}^{\delta}] \models (t, B) \Vdash_{R} (p', r') \Vdash_{P_{\delta+1} \times Q} \tau(a_{\omega}^{\delta}) \ge 1/2$$
".

By claim 2.6 and fact 2.5 above, we can replace f^* by another R-generic real, maintaining $f^*(n) = t(n)$ for n < |t| and $f^*(n) \in B$ for $n \ge |t|$, so that $\rho(A_2^0(f^*))(a_\omega^\delta) \ge 3/4$. (B1) is now satisfied. This completes the proof of main claim 2.3 and of theorem 1.2.

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