

A NONSTANDARD REPRESENTATION OF MEASURABLE SPACES AND L_∞

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The results given in this note were obtained by applying to measure theory the methods of nonstandard analysis developed by Abraham Robinson [5]. Amplifications of these results with proofs will be published elsewhere.² It is shown here that there are linear mappings from an arbitrary, real L_∞ space and its dual L_∞^* into Euclidean ω -space E^ω , where ω is an infinite integer. Finite valued, finitely additive measures on the underlying measurable space are also mapped onto elements of E^ω , and integrals are infinitesimally close to the corresponding inner products in E^ω . Yosida and Hewitt's representation of L_∞^* [6] is an immediate consequence of these results.

In general, we use Robinson's notation [5]. If we have an enlargement of a structure that contains the set R of real numbers, then *R denotes the set of nonstandard real numbers and *N , the set of nonstandard natural numbers. A set S is called * finite if there is an internal bijection from an initial segment of *N onto S ; a * finite set has all of the "formal" properties of a finite set. Given b and c in *R , we write $b \simeq c$ if $b - c$ is in the monad of 0; when b is finite, we write ${}^{\circ}b$ for the unique, standard real number in the monad of b .

1. The partition P and bounded measurable functions. Let X be an infinite set and \mathfrak{M} an infinite σ -algebra of subsets of X . Fix an enlargement of a structure that contains X , \mathfrak{M} , and the extended real numbers. There is a * finite, $^*\mathfrak{M}$ -measurable partition P of *X such that P is finer than any finite \mathfrak{M} -measurable partition of X . That is, $P \subset ^*\mathfrak{M}$ has the following properties:

(i) There is an infinite integer $\omega_P \in ^*N$ and an internal bijection from $I = \{i \in ^*N : 1 \leq i \leq \omega_P\}$ onto P . Thus we may write $P = \{A_i : i \in I\}$.

(ii) If i and j are in I and $i \neq j$, then $A_i \neq \emptyset$ and $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$.

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(iii) $*X = \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$.

(iv) For each $B \in \mathfrak{M}$, let $I_B = \{i \in I : A_i \subset *B\}$. Then I_B is $*$ finite, and $*B = \bigcup_{i \in I_B} A_i$.

(v) Let M be the set of \mathfrak{M} -measurable functions on X , and MB , the set of bounded functions in M . For each $f \in MB$ and $i \in I$, $\sup_{x \in A_i} *f(x) - \inf_{x \in A_i} *f(x) \simeq 0$.

Given the partition P , we let E denote the set of all internal mappings from I into $*R$. The set E has all of the “formal” properties of Euclidean n -space. We shall write x_i instead of $x(i)$ for $x \in E$ and $i \in I$, and we shall write $x \cong y$ if $x, y \in E$ and $x_i \simeq y_i, \forall i \in I$. Let c_P denote a fixed internal choice function defined on I with $c_P(i) \in A_i \in P$ for each $i \in I$. Let T denote the mapping from MB into E defined by setting $T(f)(i) = *f(c_P(i))$ for each $f \in MB$ and $i \in I$.

PROPOSITION 1. *Given f, g in MB and α, β in R , $T(\alpha f + \beta g) = \alpha T(f) + \beta T(g)$ and $T(f) \not\cong T(g)$ if $f \neq g$.*

2. **Measures and integration.** Let $\Phi(X, \mathfrak{M})$, or simply Φ , denote the set of all finitely additive real-valued functions μ on \mathfrak{M} such that $\sup_{B \in \mathfrak{M}} |\mu(B)| < +\infty$. Let U be the mapping of Φ into E defined by setting $U(\mu)(i) = *\mu(A_i)$ for each $\mu \in \Phi$ and $i \in I$. Clearly, U preserves addition and multiplication by real numbers. Conversely, if $e \in E$ and both $\sum_{i \in I} (e_i \vee 0)$ and $\sum_{i \in I} (-e_i \vee 0)$ are finite in $*R$, let $\varphi(e)$ be that element of Φ such that for each $B \in \mathfrak{M}$, $\varphi(e)(B) = \circ \sum_{i \in I_B} e_i$. (Note that we are writing \sum instead of $*\sum$ for the extension of the summation operator.) For each $\mu \in \Phi$, $\varphi(U(\mu)) = \mu$, but in general, $U(\varphi(e)) \not\cong e$. If μ and ν are in Φ , then $U(\mu) \wedge U(\nu) \cong U(\mu \wedge \nu)$, and $\circ \sum_{i \in I} |U(\mu)(i)| = |\mu|(X)$.

Let Φ_c and Φ_p be, respectively, the set of countably additive and the set of purely finitely additive elements of Φ . Yosida and Hewitt’s Theorem 1.19 [6] has the following extension:

THEOREM 1. *There is a set $K \in * \mathfrak{M}$ such that for all $\mu \in \Phi_c$, $|\mu|(K) \simeq 0$ and for all $\nu \in \Phi_p$, $|\nu|(*X - K) = 0$.*

Without loss of generality, we assume that $K = \bigcup \{A_i \in P : A_i \subset K\}$. If $\mu = \mu_c + \mu_p$ is the decomposition of an element μ in $\Phi = \Phi_c \oplus \Phi_p$, then when $A_i \subset *X - K$, $U(\mu)(i) = U(\mu_c)(i)$ and when $A_i \subset K$, $U(\mu)(i) \simeq U(\mu_p)(i)$. We next show that there is a “maximum” null set for each $\mu \in \Phi^+$, and we extend the Hahn decomposition theorem for countably additive signed measures.

THEOREM 2. *Let μ be an arbitrary, finitely additive signed measure on (X, \mathfrak{M}) . Let*

$$A_+ = U\{A_i \in P : *μ(A_i) > 0\}, \quad A_- = U\{A_i \in P : *μ(A_i) < 0\},$$

and

$$A_0 = U\{A_i \in P : *μ(A_i) = 0\}.$$

Then $*μ(A_0) = 0$, and for each μ -null set $B \in \mathfrak{N}$, $*B \subset A_0$. If there exists a μ -positive set B_+ and a μ -negative set B_- in \mathfrak{N} with $X = B_+ \cup B_-$ and $B_+ \cap B_- = \emptyset$, then $A_+ \subset *B_+$, $A_- \subset *B_-$, and each $A_i \in P$ is either a $*\mu$ -positive set or a $*\mu$ -negative set.

If we apply Theorem 2 to Lebesgue measure on the real line, we see that every standard real number is in the null set A_0 .

Let $\Phi_1 = \{\mu \in \Phi : \mu(X) = 1 \text{ and } \forall B \in \mathfrak{N}, \mu(B) = 0 \text{ or } \mu(B) = 1\}$. For each $j \in I$, let $\delta^j \in E$ be defined by setting $\delta^j_i = 0$ if $i \neq j$ and $\delta^j_j = 1$.

THEOREM 3. For each $j \in I$, $\varphi(\delta^j) \in \Phi_1$, and for each $\mu \in \Phi_1$, $U(\mu) = \delta^j$ for some $j \in I$. Moreover, if $\{x\} \in \mathfrak{N}$ for each standard point $x \in X$, then the following are equivalent statements:

- (i) Given $j \in I$, $\varphi(\delta^j) \in \Phi_p$ iff $A_j \neq \{x\}$ for any standard point $x \in X$.
- (ii) Every free \mathfrak{N} -measurable ultrafilter $\mathfrak{F} \subset \mathfrak{N}$ contains a chain $B_1 \supset B_2 \supset \dots$, with $\bigcap_{n=1}^\infty B_n = \emptyset$.

If μ is a nonnegative finitely additive measure on (X, \mathfrak{N}) and $f \geq 0$ is μ -integrable on X , then for each $B \in \mathfrak{N}$,

$$\int_B f \, d\mu \simeq \sum_{i \in I_B} \left(\inf_{x \in A_i} *f(x) \right) *μ(A_i).$$

We can relate integration on X to the inner product “.” in E as follows:

THEOREM 4. If $f \in MB$ and $\mu \in \Phi$, then for each $B \in \mathfrak{N}$,

$$\int_B f \, d\mu = \sum_{i \in I_B} *f(c_P(i)) *μ(A_i).$$

In particular, $\int_X f \, d\mu \simeq T(f) \cdot U(\mu)$.

In general, Theorem 4 is false for unbounded functions $f \in M$. One can, however, find for each $f \in M$ an $\omega \in *N$ such that if $*f_\omega = -\omega \vee *f \wedge \omega$, then for each $i \in I$, $\sup_{x \in A_i} *f_\omega(x) - \inf_{x \in A_i} *f_\omega(x) \simeq 0$. If $\mu \in \Phi$ and f is μ -integrable, then

$$\int_X f \, d\mu \simeq \sum_{i \in E} *f_\omega(c_P(i)) *μ(A_i).$$

3. The space L_∞ and its conjugate space. Let \mathfrak{N} be a proper subfamily of \mathfrak{N} such that \mathfrak{N} is closed under the formation of countable

unions and every \mathfrak{M} -measurable subset of an element of \mathfrak{X} is an element of \mathfrak{X} . For each $f \in M$, set

$$\|f\|_\infty = \inf \{ \alpha \in R : \{ x \in X : |f(x)| > \alpha \} \in \mathfrak{X} \},$$

and let $M_0 = \{ f \in M : \|f\|_\infty < +\infty \}$. We say that two functions f and g in M_0 are equivalent if $\|f - g\|_\infty = 0$, and we let L_∞ denote the usual Banach space of equivalence classes in M_0 with norm $\| \cdot \|_\infty$.

Given \mathfrak{X} , let $I_0 = \{ i \in I : A_i \in {}^*\mathfrak{X} \}$. Clearly, if $B \in \mathfrak{X}$, $I_B \subset I_0$. For each $f \in M_0$, let $T_0(f)$ be that element of E such that $T_0(f)(i) = {}^*f(c_P(i))$ for $i \in I - I_0$ and $T_0(f)(i) = 0$ for $i \in I_0$. Given f and g in M_0 , $T_0(f) \cong T_0(g) \Rightarrow \|f - g\|_\infty = 0 \Rightarrow T_0(f) = T_0(g)$. Moreover, $\|f\|_\infty \simeq \max_{i \in I} |T_0(f)(i)|$. We may, therefore, consider T_0 to be a mapping of L_∞ into E ; this mapping preserves addition and multiplication by standard real numbers.

For each functional F in the dual space L_∞^* of L_∞ , let $V(F)$ be the element of E such that for all $i \in I$, $V(F)(i) = {}^*F(\chi_{A_i})$, and let $\mu_F = \phi(V(F))$. It is easy to see that $U(\mu_F) = V(F)$. Yosida and Hewitt's representation of L_∞^* ([6, p. 53]) now has the following form:

THEOREM 5. *Let Φ_0 be the normed vector space $\{ \mu \in \Phi : \mu(B) = 0, \forall B \in \mathfrak{X} \}$ with norm given by $\| \mu \| = |\mu|(X)$. For each $F \in L_\infty^*$, let $\Theta(F) = \mu_F$. Then Θ is an isometric isomorphism from the Banach space L_∞^* onto Φ_0 , and for each $F \in L_\infty^*$ and $f \in L_\infty$ we have*

$$F(f) = \int_X f d\mu_F \simeq V(F) \cdot T_0(f).$$

COROLLARY. *A nonzero functional $F \in L_\infty^*$ is multiplicative iff $U(\mu_F) = \delta^j$ for some $j \in I - I_0$.*

Assume now that there is a nonnegative $\mu \in \Phi_c$ such that $\mathfrak{X} = \{ B \in \mathfrak{M} : \mu(B) = 0 \}$. If $f \in L_\infty$ and $\nu \in \Phi_c$ has the value $\nu(B) = \int_B f d\mu$ for each $B \in \mathfrak{M}$, then for each $i \in I - I_0$, ${}^*f(c_P(i)) \simeq {}^*\nu(A_i) / {}^*\mu(A_i)$. To apply this result to probability theory, assume that $\mu(X) = 1$ and choose a σ -algebra $\mathfrak{M}_1 \subset \mathfrak{M}$. There is a * finite, ${}^*\mathfrak{M}_1$ -measurable partition P_1 of *X such that P_1 is finer than any standard, finite \mathfrak{M}_1 -measurable partition of X and such that for each $C \in P_1$, $C = \cup \{ A_i \in P : A_i \subset C \}$. If $Y \in MB$ and $E(Y, \mathfrak{M}_1)$ is the conditional expectation of Y with respect to \mathfrak{M}_1 , then for each $C \in P_1$ with $\mu(C) \neq 0$ and for each $x \in C$,

$${}^*E(Y, \mathfrak{M}_1)(x) \simeq \left[\sum_{A_i \in P: A_i \subset C} {}^*Y(c_P(i)) {}^*\mu(A_i) \right] / {}^*\mu(C).$$

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