

CORRECTION TO

“ON THE EXISTENCE OF A MINIMAL SUFFICIENT SUBFIELD”

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We are grateful to Professor Harald Luschgy for pointing out an inaccuracy in the above paper [10]. Theorem 3.1 of [10] is an incorrect translation of Theorem 2.2 of Krickeberg (1960). Theorem 3.1 of [10] becomes correct under the additional assumption that each subfield U_τ contains all μ -null sets (this follows from Theorem 6.1 of Hunt [11] and the null set assumption; see also the discussion by Luschgy [12]). The auxiliary Theorem 3.2 of [10], whose proof depended on the incorrect version of Theorem 3.1, is also incorrect; Example 3 of Burkholder (1961) gives a counterexample.

Fortunately the main result, Theorem 2.3 of [10], is correct and can be proved without appealing to Theorem 3.2. The second and third paragraphs of the proof of Theorem 2.3 in Section 4 of [10] should be replaced by the following three paragraphs. The notation used here is that used in [10].

Since each U_τ is sufficient for M , there exists a U_τ -measurable function h_τ in B such that h_τ is a version of $P[A|U_\tau]$ for each P in M . For fixed P , the collection of subfields $\{U_\tau \vee N_P\}$ is directed downward by inclusion, and the collection $\{(h_\tau, U_\tau \vee N_P)\}$ is a P -uniformly integrable martingale relative to P : if $U_\tau \subseteq U_\rho$ then

$$\begin{aligned} E_P[h_\rho | U_\tau \vee N_P] &= E_P\{P[A|U_\rho] | U_\tau \vee N_P\} \\ &= P[A | U_\tau \vee N_P] \quad \text{a.e. } [P] \\ &= h_\tau \quad \text{a.e. } [P] \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 4.8 of Bahadur (1954). Since $U_\tau \vee N_P \supseteq N_P$ for each τ , the corrected statement of Theorem 3.1 of [10] implies that there exists a function f_P , measurable with respect to the subfield $\bigcap_\tau (U_\tau \vee N_P)$, such that $\lim_\tau \|h_\tau - f_P\|_P = 0$, where $\|\cdot\|_P$ denotes the $L_1(P)$ -norm. Truncating if necessary, we take each f_P to satisfy $0 \leq f_P \leq 1$ on X , i.e., f_P is in B .

We now will apply Lemma 1.2 of Pitcher (1965) to show that the element (f_P) of $\prod B(P)$ is countably coherent. For any fixed $1 < r < \infty$ and P in M , let $W_r(P)$ denote the weakly topologized unit ball in $L_r(P)$, let $\prod_{P \in M} W_r(P)$ denote the Cartesian product space endowed with the Tychonoff (product) topology, and let $B_r = \bigcap_{P \in M} W_r(P)$, and let $i_r: B_r \rightarrow \prod W_r(P)$ be defined by $i_r(h) = (h, h, \dots)$ (see the bottom of page 598 of Pitcher (1965)). For h in $L_s(P)$ (where $r^{-1} + s^{-1} = 1$) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\int h_\tau h dP - \int f_P h dP| &\leq (\int |h_\tau - f_P|^r dP)^{1/r} (\int |h|^s dP)^{1/s} \\ &\leq \|h_\tau - f_P\|_P^{1/r} (\int |h|^s dP)^{1/s} \end{aligned}$$

since $|h_\tau - f_P| \leq 1$. Therefore the net $\{i_r(h_\tau)\}$ converges to (f_P) in the product