

## STRONG LIFTINGS COMMUTING WITH MINIMAL DISTAL FLOWS

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**In this paper, we treat an aspect of the following problem. If a compact Hausdorff space  $X$  is given, and if  $T$  is a group of homeomorphisms of  $X$  which preserves a measure  $\mu$ , then find conditions under which  $M^\infty(X, \mu)$  admits a strong lifting (or strong linear lifting) which commutes with  $T$ . We will prove the following results.**

**Introduction.** (1) Let  $(X, T)$  be a minimal distal flow. Then there exists an invariant measure  $\mu$  such that  $M^\infty(X, \mu)$  admits a strong linear lifting  $\rho$  commuting with  $T$ . The linear lifting  $\rho$  is "quasi-multiplicative" in the sense that  $\rho(f \cdot g) = \rho(f) \cdot \rho(g)$  if  $f \in C(X)$  and  $g \in M^\infty(X, \mu)$ . In particular, if  $(X, T)$  admits a unique invariant measure  $\mu$ , then  $M^\infty(X, \mu)$  admits  $\rho$  as above. This result may be viewed as a generalization of "Theorem LCG" of A. and C. Ionescu-Tulcea [7]; see 1.7. If  $T$  is *abelian*, then  $M^\infty(X, \mu)$  admits a strong *lifting*.

(2) Let  $G$  be a compact group with Haar measure  $\mu$ . Then  $M^\infty(G, \mu)$  admits a strong linear lifting  $\rho$  (which is quasi-multiplicative), which commutes with both left and right multiplications on  $G$ .

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### Preliminaries.

**NOTATION 1.1.** Let  $X$  be a compact Hausdorff space. If  $\mu$  is a positive Radon measure on  $X$ , let  $M^\infty(X, \mu)$  be the set of bounded,  $\mu$ -measurable, complex-valued functions on  $X$ . Let  $L^\infty(X, \mu)$  be the set of equivalence classes in  $M^\infty(X, \mu)$  under the (usual) equivalence relation:  $f \sim g \Leftrightarrow f - g = 0$   $\mu$ -a.e. If  $E$  is a Banach space, let  $M^\infty(X, E, \mu) = \{f: X \rightarrow E \mid f \text{ is weakly } \mu\text{-measurable, and Range}(f) \text{ is precompact}\}$ . (Recall  $f: X \rightarrow E$  is *weakly } \mu\text{-measurable}* if  $x \rightarrow \langle f(x), e' \rangle$  is  $\mu$ -measurable for all  $e' \in E' = \text{topological dual of } E$ .)

**DEFINITIONS 1.2.** Let  $X, \mu$  be as in 1.1. A map  $\rho$  of  $M^\infty(X, \mu)$  to itself is a *linear lifting* of  $M^\infty(X, \mu)$  if: (i)  $\rho(f) = f$   $\mu$ -a.e.; (ii)  $f = g$   $\mu$ -a.e.  $\Rightarrow \rho(f) = \rho(g)$  everywhere; (iii)  $\rho(1) = 1$ ; (iv)  $f \geq 0 \Rightarrow \rho(f) \geq 0$ ; (v)  $\rho(af + bg) = a\rho(f) + b\rho(g)$  ( $f, g \in M^\infty(X, \mu)$ ;  $a, b \in C$ ). If, in addition, (vi)  $\rho(f \cdot g) = \rho(f) \cdot \rho(g)$  for all  $f, g \in M^\infty(X, \mu)$ , then  $\rho$