

## 19. Finitely Additive Measures on $N$

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**1. Introduction.** In this paper, we improve the theorem of Jech and Prikry [2] on projections of finitely additive measures. Let  $N$  denote the set of all natural numbers. A (finitely additive) measure on  $N$  is a function  $\mu: P(N) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ ,  $\mu(N) = 1$  and if  $X$  and  $Y$  are disjoint subsets of  $N$ , then  $\mu(X \cup Y) = \mu(X) + \mu(Y)$ .  $\mu$  is non-principal if  $\mu(E) = 0$  for every finite set  $E \subset N$ . Let  $F: N \rightarrow N$  be a function. If  $\mu$  is a measure on  $N$ , then  $\nu = F^*(\mu)$  (the projection of  $\mu$  by  $F$ ) is the measure defined by  $\nu(X) = \mu(F^{-1}(X))$ .

**Theorem (Jech and Prikry).** *There exist a measure  $\mu$  on  $N$  and a function  $F: N \rightarrow N$  such that*

- a)  $F^*(\mu) = \mu$ ,
- b) if  $X \subseteq N$  is such that  $F$  is one-to-one on  $X$ , then  $\mu(X) \leq \frac{1}{2}$ .

A measure is two-valued if the values is  $\{0, 1\}$ . The theorem of Jech and Prikry contrasts with the following theorem concerning two-valued measure (Frolík [1] and Rudin [3]):

*If  $\mu$  is a two-valued measure and  $F: N \rightarrow N$  is such that  $F^*(\mu) = \mu$ , then  $F(x) = x$  on a set of measure 1.*

In this paper we prove the following

**Theorem.** *There exist a measure  $\mu$  and a function  $F: N \rightarrow N$  such that*

- a)  $F^*(\mu) = \mu$ ,
- b) if  $X \subseteq N$  is such that  $F$  is one-to-one on  $X$ , then  $\mu(X) = 0$ .

**2. Sketch of the proof.** We shall now state two results, to be proved in the following sections. We shall indicate how Theorem follows from them.

**Proposition 1.** *For any prime  $p$ , there exist a function  $F_p: N \rightarrow N$  and a finitely additive measure  $\eta_p$  such that*

- 1)  $F_p^*(\eta_p) = \eta_p$ ,
- 2) if  $X \subseteq N$  is such that  $F_p$  is one-to-one on  $X$ , then  $\eta_p(X) \leq 1/(p-1)$ .

**Proposition 2.** *There exists a function  $f_p: N \xrightarrow[1]{1} N$  such that  $f_p F_p^{-1} = F_p^{-1} f_p$  where  $F_3$  and  $F_p$  are the functions in Proposition 1.*

We let  $F = F_3$  and  $\lambda_p(X) = \eta_p(f_p(X))$  where  $f_p(X) = \{f_p(x) | x \in X\}$ .

Since  $f_p$  is one-to-one and onto,  $\lambda_p$  is a finitely additive measure.

First we prove

3)  $F^*(\lambda_p) = \lambda_p,$

4) if  $X \subseteq N$  is such that  $F$  is one-to-one on  $X$ , then  $\lambda_p(X) \leq 1/(p-1).$

Since  $f_p$  is one-to-one and onto, 4) holds by 2) because if  $F$  is one-to-one on  $X$ , then  $F_p$  is one-to-one on  $f_p(X)$ . By 1), for any  $X \subseteq N$ ,  $\eta_p(X) = \eta_p(F_p^{-1}(X))$ . Therefore  $\lambda_p(X) = \eta_p(f_p(X)) = \eta_p(F_p^{-1}(f_p(X))) = \eta_p(f_p(F_p^{-1}(X))) = \lambda_p(F^{-1}(X))$  by Proposition 2. Then 3) follows. It is important that in 3) and 4)  $F$  does not depend on  $p$ .

Let  $\{a_n | n \in N\}$  be a bounded sequence of real numbers, and  $\nu$  be a two-valued measure. Then there exists a unique real number  $a$ , which we denote by  $a = \lim_\nu a_n$ , such that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\nu(\{n | |a - a_n| < \varepsilon\}) = 1$ .

Let  $p_n$  be the  $n$ -th prime number. By letting  $\mu(X) = \lim_\nu \lambda_{p_n}(X)$ , we get a theorem. Because  $\mu$  is obviously a finitely additive measure,  $\mu(X) = \lim_\nu \lambda_{p_n}(X) = \lim_\nu \lambda_{p_n}(F^{-1}(X)) = \mu(F^{-1}(X))$  and if  $F$  is one-to-one on  $X$ , then  $\mu(X) = \lim_\nu \lambda_{p_n}(X) \leq \lim_\nu 1/(p_n - 1) = 0$ .

**3. Proof of Proposition 1.** Original idea is due to Jech and Prikry. For each  $X \subseteq N$ , we define  $X(n) =$  "the number of elements of  $X \cap \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ " and  $\mu_0(X) = \lim_\nu X(n)/n$ . Obviously  $\mu_0(X) = \mu_0(X+1)$  and  $\mu_0(kN) = 1/k$ .

Let  $\mu_n(X) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p^k \mu_0(p^k X)$  and  $\eta_p(X) = \lim_\nu \mu_n(X)$ . It is easily

checked that  $\eta_p$  is a finitely additive measure and  $\eta_p(X) = \eta_p(X+1)$ . We will show

5)  $\eta_p(pX) = \frac{1}{p} \eta_p(X).$

For each  $n \geq 1$ , we have

$$6) \quad \left| \mu_n(X) - p\mu_n(pX) \right| = \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p^k \mu_0(p^k X) - \frac{p}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p^k \mu_0(p^{k+1} X) \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \left| \mu_0(X) - p^n \mu_0(p^n X) \right| \leq \frac{1}{n},$$

because  $\mu_0(X) \leq 1$  and  $\mu_0(p^n X) \leq \mu_0(p^n N) = 1/p^n$ . Applying  $\lim_\nu$  to 6), we get 5).

We define  $F_p(m) = k$  where  $m = p^i(kp - j)$  for some  $i$  and  $1 \leq j < p$ . For any  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $j = 2, 3, 4, \dots, p-1$ , let  $S_j^i = \{p^i(kp - j) | k = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ,  $S_j = \bigcup_{i=0} S_j^i$ ,  $T^i = \{p^i(kp - 1) | k = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ , and  $T = \bigcup_{i=0} T^i$ .

Define a function  $G: \bigcup_{2 \leq j < p} S_j \rightarrow T$  as  $G(p^i(kp - j)) = p^i(kp - 1)$ .

Since  $T^0, T^0 - 1, \dots, T^0 - p + 1$  are mutually disjoint and their union is  $N$ ,  $\eta_p(T^0) = 1/p$ . Therefore  $\eta_p(S_j^i) = \eta_p(T^i - p^i(j - 1)) = \eta_p(T^i) = \eta_p(p^i T^0) = 1/p^{i+1}$ . We show  $\eta_p(S_j) = \eta_p(T) = 1/(p-1)$ . For  $S_j^i, T^i$  are mutually

disjoint and  $\bigcup_{i=0}^n T^i \subset T \subset N - \bigcup_{j=2}^{p-1} \bigcup_{i=0}^n S_j^i$  then  $\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{p^{i+1}} \leq \eta_p(T) \leq 1 - (p-2) \times \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{p^{i+1}}$ . Let  $p \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $\eta_p(T) = 1/(p-1)$ . Similarly  $\eta_p(S_j) = 1/(p-1)$ .

**Remark.**  $\eta_p(S_j) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \eta_p(S_j^i)$  and  $\eta_p(T) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \eta_p(T^i)$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\eta$  be a finitely additive measure on  $N$  and  $A = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} A_i$  (disjoint union). If  $\eta(A) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \eta(A_i)$ , then for any  $X \subseteq N$ ,  $\eta(X \cap A) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \eta(X \cap A_i)$ .

**Proof.** Since  $A_i$  are mutually disjoint and

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup_{i=0}^n (X \cap A_i) &\subset (X \cap A) \subset \left( \bigcup_{i=0}^n (X \cap A_i) \cup \bigcup_{i=n+1}^{\infty} A_i \right), \\ \sum_{i=0}^n \eta(X \cap A_i) &\leq \eta(X \cap A) \leq \sum_{i=0}^n \eta(X \cap A_i) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \eta(A_i). \end{aligned}$$

By letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , Lemma 1 follows because  $\sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \eta(A_i)$  tends to 0.

Now we prove

$$7) \quad F_p^*(\eta_p) = \eta_p.$$

We will show  $\eta_p(X) = \eta_p(F_p^{-1}(X))$  for any  $X \subseteq N$ . Let  $A_n = T^n \cup \bigcup_{j=2}^{p-1} S_j^n$  and  $B_n = \bigcup_{k=0}^n A_k$ . The sets  $A_n$  are pairwise disjoint and  $\eta_p(A_n) = (p-1)/p^{n-1}$ ,  $\eta_p(B_n) = 1 - 1/p^{n-1}$ . It follows from the definition of  $F_p$  that for each  $n \in N$ ,  $F_p^{-1}(X) \cap A_n = \bigcup_{j=1}^{p-1} p^n(pX - j)$ . Consequently, if we denote  $a = \eta_p(X)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_p(F_p^{-1}(X) \cap B_n) &= a \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^{n+1}} \right) \quad \text{and} \\ \eta_p(B_n - F_p^{-1}(X)) &= (1-a) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^{n+1}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now if  $n$  tends to infinity,  $\eta_p(F_p^{-1}(X)) = a$  which proves 7).

Next we show

$$8) \quad \text{if } X \subseteq N \text{ is such that } F_p \text{ is one-to-one on } X, \text{ then } \eta_p(X) \leq 1/(p-1).$$

By Lemma 1 and Remark,

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_p(X \cap S_j) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \eta_p(X \cap S_j^i) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \eta_p(X \cap S_j^i + (j-1)3^i) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \eta_p(G(X \cap S_j^i)) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \eta_p(G(X \cap S_j^i) \cap T_j) = \eta_p(G(X \cap S_j)). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $Y = (X \cap T) \cup \bigcup_{j=2}^{p-1} G(X \cap S_j)$ . Since  $F_p$  is one-to-one on  $X$ ,  $X \cap T$  and  $G(X \cap S_j)$  ( $j=2, 3, \dots, p-1$ ) are pairwise disjoint. Then  $Y \subseteq T$  and

$$\eta_p(X) = \eta_p(Y) \leq \eta_p(T) = 1/(p-1).$$

Now by 7) and 8), Proposition 1 follows.

4. **Proof of Proposition 2.** Let us start with the proof of the following

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $N = \overset{\circ}{\bigcup}_{i=1}^{\infty} N_i = \overset{\circ}{\bigcup}_{j=1}^{\infty} M_j$  (disjoint union), for all  $i$  and  $j$   $|N_i| = |M_j|$ ,  $1 \in N_1 \cap M_1$  and for all  $n$ ,  $n \in \bigcup_{i < n} N_i$  and  $n \in \bigcup_{j < n} M_j$ . Then there exists a function  $f: N \xrightarrow[\text{onto}]{1;1} N$  such that  $f(N_n) = M_{f(n)}$ .*

**Proof.** We define  $f(i)$  for  $i \in N_n$  by induction on  $n$  such that  $f$  is one-to-one and  $f(N_n) = M_{f(n)}$ .

We first put  $f(1) = 1$  and  $f$  to map  $N_1$  one-to-one onto  $M_1$ . Then  $f(N_1) = M_{f(1)}$  and  $f$  is one-to-one. If we define  $f(i)$  for  $i \in N_k$  ( $k < n$ ) such that  $f(N_k) = M_{f(k)}$  and  $f$  is one-to-one on  $\bigcup_{k < n} N_k$ , then  $f(n)$  is already defined because  $n \in \bigcup_{k < n} N_k$ . We take  $f(i)$  for  $i \in N_n$  such that  $f$  maps  $N_n$  one-to-one onto  $M_{f(n)}$ . Then  $f(N_k) = M_{f(k)}$  for  $k \leq n$  and  $f$  is one-to-one on  $\bigcup_{k \leq n} N_k$ .

We must prove  $f$  is onto. If not, we pick the least  $x$  such that  $x \in N - f(N)$ . Then for some  $y < x$ ,  $x \in M_y$ . Since  $y < x$ , there is a  $z$  such that  $f(z) = y$  and therefore  $x \in M_y = f(N_z)$ . So  $x \in f(N)$ . This contradiction proves Lemma 2.

Now we return to the proof of Proposition 2. Let  $N_i = F_3^{-1}(i)$  and  $M_j = F_p^{-1}(j)$ . By Lemma 2, there is a function  $f_p: N \xrightarrow[\text{onto}]{1;1} N$  such that  $f_p(F_3^{-1}(i)) = F_p^{-1}(f_p(i))$ . So Proposition 2 holds.

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