

## Independence-precalibers of measure algebras

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**Notation** We follow FREMLIN 06?. In particular,  $\nu_\kappa$  is the usual measure on  $\{0, 1\}^\kappa$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_\kappa$  its null ideal and  $(\mathfrak{B}_\kappa, \bar{\nu}_\kappa)$  its measure algebra.

**1 Definition (a)** Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Boolean algebra and  $\kappa, \lambda$  cardinals. We say that  $(\kappa, \lambda)$  is an **independence-precaliber pair** of  $\mathfrak{A}$  if whenever  $\langle a_\xi \rangle_{\xi < \kappa}$  is a family of distinct elements of  $\mathfrak{A}$  then there is a  $\Gamma \in [\kappa]^\lambda$  such that  $\{a_\xi : \xi \in \Gamma\}$  is Boolean-independent. If  $(\kappa, \kappa)$  is an independence-precaliber pair of  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  we will say that  $\kappa$  is an **independence-precaliber** of  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$ .

**(b)** Let  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  be a measure algebra and  $\kappa, \lambda$  cardinals. We say that  $(\kappa, \lambda)$  is a **measure-independence-precaliber pair** of  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  if whenever  $\langle a_\xi \rangle_{\xi < \kappa}$  is a family in  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\inf_{\eta < \xi < \kappa} \bar{\mu}(a_\xi \Delta a_\eta) > 0$  then there is a  $\Gamma \in [\kappa]^\lambda$  such that  $\{a_\xi : \xi \in \Gamma\}$  is Boolean-independent. If  $(\kappa, \kappa)$  is a measure-independence-precaliber pair of  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  we will say that  $\kappa$  is a **measure-independence-precaliber** of  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$ .

**Remark** Of course any independence-precaliber (pair) of a measure algebra is a measure-independence-precaliber (pair). If  $(\kappa, \lambda)$  is a measure-independence-precaliber pair of a totally finite measure algebra  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$ , and  $\theta^\omega < \kappa$  for every  $\theta < \kappa$ , then  $(\kappa, \lambda)$  is an independence-precaliber pair of  $\mathfrak{A}$ . **P** If  $\langle a_\xi \rangle_{\xi < \kappa}$  is any family of distinct elements of  $\mathfrak{A}$ , then  $\overline{\{a_\xi : \xi < \kappa\}}$  must have density  $\kappa$  for the measure metric, and therefore must have a metrically isolated subset of size  $\kappa$ , which will have a Boolean-independent subset of size  $\lambda$ . **Q** (See Proposition 11 below.)

**2 Proposition**  $\omega$  is a measure-independence-precaliber of every probability algebra.

**proof** Let  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  be a probability algebra and  $\langle a_n \rangle_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  a sequence in  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\bar{\mu}(a_m \Delta a_n) \geq \delta > 0$  whenever  $m \neq n$ . Let  $u \in L_{\bar{\mu}}^2$  be a cluster point of  $\langle \chi a_n \rangle_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  for  $\mathfrak{T}_s(L_{\bar{\mu}}^2, L_{\bar{\mu}}^2)$ , and set  $c = \llbracket 0 < u < 1 \rrbracket$ . Then  $c \neq 0$ . **P?** Otherwise,  $u = \chi a$  for some  $a$ . Now there must be infinitely many  $n$  such that

$$\bar{\mu}(a \Delta a_n) \int (u - \chi a_n) \times (\chi a - \chi(1 \setminus a)) < \frac{\delta}{2},$$

which is impossible. **XQ**

We can therefore choose inductively a strictly increasing sequence  $\langle n_k \rangle_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $0 < \bar{\mu}(a_{n_k} \cap b) < \bar{\mu}b$  whenever  $0 \neq b \subseteq c$  and  $b$  belongs to the algebra generated by  $\{c\} \cup \{a_{n_i} : i < k\}$ ; in which case  $\{a_{n_k} : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  will be Boolean-independent.

**3 Lemma** Let  $\kappa$  be an uncountable cardinal and  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  a probability algebra. Let  $\mathfrak{D}$  be a closed subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is relatively atomless over  $\mathfrak{D}$ , and  $a \in \mathfrak{A} \setminus \mathfrak{D}$ ; set  $\delta = \rho(a, \mathfrak{D})$ . Then there are a sequence  $\langle e_n \rangle_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and a  $c \in \mathfrak{A}$  such that

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$\bar{\mu}e_n = \frac{1}{2}$  for every  $n$   
the  $e_n$  are stochastically independent of each other and  $\mathfrak{D}$   
 $a, c$  belong to the closed subalgebra  $\mathfrak{B}$  generated by  $\mathfrak{D} \cup \{e_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$   
taking  $\psi : \mathfrak{B} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$  to be the measure-preserving automorphism such that  
 $\psi d = d$  for every  $d \in \mathfrak{D}$ ,  $\psi e_0 = 1 \setminus \psi e_0$ ,  $\psi e_n = e_n$  for  $n > 0$ , then  $\psi c = c$   
 $c \cap e_0 \subseteq 1 \setminus a$ ,  $c \setminus e_0 \subseteq a$   
 $\bar{\mu}c \geq \delta$ .

**proof** Define  $u \in L^\infty(\mathfrak{D})$  by saying that  $\int_d u = \bar{\mu}(a \cap d)$  for every  $d \in \mathfrak{D}$ . Set  $d_0 = \llbracket u > \frac{1}{2} \rrbracket$ .  
Let  $e'_0 \subseteq a$  be such that  $\bar{\mu}(e'_0 \cap d) = \frac{1}{2}\bar{\mu}(d \cap d_0)$  for every  $d \in \mathfrak{D}$  (331B); let  $e''_0 \subseteq 1 \setminus a$  be such  
that  $\bar{\mu}(e''_0 \cap d) = \frac{1}{2}\bar{\mu}(d \setminus d_0)$  for every  $d \in \mathfrak{D}$ ; set  $e_0 = (d_0 \setminus e'_0) \cup e''_0$ , so that  $\bar{\mu}(e_0 \cap d) = \frac{1}{2}\bar{\mu}d$   
for every  $d \in \mathfrak{D}$ . Now choose  $e_n$ , for  $n \geq 1$ , such that  $\bar{\mu}(e_n \cap d) = \frac{1}{2}\bar{\mu}d$  for every  $d$  in the  
algebra generated by  $\mathfrak{D} \cup \{e_i : i < n\}$ , and  $a$  belongs to the closed subalgebra  $\mathfrak{B}$  generated  
by  $\mathfrak{D} \cup \{e_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . [To see that this is possible, start from any sequence  $\langle b_n \rangle_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  of  
elements of measure  $\frac{1}{2}$  stochastically independent of each other and of  $\mathfrak{D}$ , and let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be the  
closed subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{A}$  generated by  $\mathfrak{D} \cup \{a, e_0\} \cup \{b_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ; use FREMLIN 02, 333C to  
see that  $(\mathfrak{B}, \bar{\mu} \upharpoonright \mathfrak{B})$  can be identified with the probability algebra free product of  $(\mathfrak{D}_1, \bar{\mu} \upharpoonright \mathfrak{D}_1)$   
and  $(\mathfrak{B}_\omega, \bar{\nu}_\omega)$ , where  $\mathfrak{D}_1$  is the subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{A}$  generated by  $\mathfrak{D} \cup \{e_0\}$ .] Because  $(\mathfrak{B}, \bar{\mu} \upharpoonright \mathfrak{B})$   
is equally isomorphic to the probability algebra free product of  $(\mathfrak{D}, \bar{\mu} \upharpoonright \mathfrak{D})$  and  $(\mathfrak{B}_\omega, \bar{\nu}_\omega)$ , we  
have a unique measure-preserving automorphism  $\psi : \mathfrak{B} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$  such that  $\psi d = d$  for every  
 $d \in \mathfrak{D}$ ,  $\psi e_0 = 1 \setminus \psi e_0$  and  $\psi e_n = e_n$  for  $n > 0$ .

Set  $c' = d_0 \setminus a$ ,  $c'' = a \setminus d_0$ . Then at least one of  $c'$ ,  $c''$  has measure at least  $\frac{1}{2}\delta$ ; call this  
 $c^*$ ; set  $c = c^* \cup \psi c^*$ , so that  $c \in \mathfrak{B}$  and  $\psi c = c$ .

If  $c^* = c'$  then  $c^* \subseteq d_0 \cap e_0$ ,  $\psi c^* \subseteq d_0 \setminus e_0 \subseteq a$ ,  $c \cap e_0 = c'$  is disjoint from  $a$ ,  $c \setminus e_0 =$   
 $\psi c' \subseteq a$  and  $\bar{\mu}c = 2\bar{\mu}c' \geq \delta$ . If  $c^* = c''$  then  $c^* \cap e_0 = 0$ ,

$$c \cap e_0 = \psi c^* \subseteq e_0 \setminus d_0 = e''_0 \subseteq 1 \setminus a,$$

$c \setminus e_0 = c'' \subseteq a$  and  $\bar{\mu}c = 2\bar{\mu}c'' \geq \delta$ . So we have what we need.

**4 Corollary** If  $\kappa$  is an infinite cardinal,  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  a Maharam homogeneous probability  
algebra, and  $\langle a_\xi \rangle_{\xi < \kappa}$  a family in  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\inf_{\eta < \xi < \kappa} \bar{\mu}(a_\eta \triangle a_\xi) = \delta > 0$ , then there are  
a family  $\langle e_{\xi n} \rangle_{\xi < \kappa, n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , a function  $\alpha : \kappa \rightarrow \kappa$  and a family  $\langle c_\xi \rangle_{\xi < \kappa}$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that

$$\bar{\mu}e_{\xi n} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ for all } \xi, n,$$

$$\langle e_{\xi n} \rangle_{\xi < \kappa, n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ is stochastically independent,}$$

$a_{\alpha(\xi)}$ ,  $c_\xi$  belong to the closed subalgebra  $\mathfrak{B}$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  generated by  $\{e_{\eta n} : \eta < \kappa,$   
 $n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  for every  $\xi$ ,

if  $\phi_\xi : \mathfrak{B} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$  is the measure-preserving automorphism defined by setting  
 $\phi_\xi(e_{\xi 0}) = 1 \setminus e_{\xi 0}$  and  $\phi_\xi(e_{\eta n}) = e_{\eta n}$  for all  $(\eta, n) \neq (\xi, 0)$ , then  $\phi_\xi c_\xi = c_\xi$ ,

$$\bar{\mu}c_\xi \geq \frac{1}{2}\delta \text{ for every } \xi,$$

$$c_\xi \cap e_{\xi 0} \subseteq 1 \setminus a_{\alpha(\xi)}, c_\xi \setminus e_{\xi 0} \subseteq a_{\alpha(\xi)} \text{ for every } \xi.$$

**proof** If  $\mathfrak{D} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$  is a closed subalgebra with Maharam type less than  $\kappa$ , then there must  
be a  $\xi < \kappa$  such that  $\rho(a_\xi, \mathfrak{D}) \geq \frac{1}{2}\delta$ . We can therefore choose  $\mathfrak{D}_\xi$ ,  $e_{\xi n}$ ,  $c_\xi$ ,  $\psi_\xi$  and  $\alpha(\xi)$   
inductively, as follows.  $\mathfrak{D}_0 = \{0, 1\}$ . Given that  $\mathfrak{D}_\xi$  is the closed subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{A}$  generated  
by  $\{e_{\eta n} : \eta < \xi, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , let  $\alpha(\xi) < \kappa$  be such that  $\rho(a_{\alpha(\xi)}, \mathfrak{D}_\xi) \geq \frac{1}{2}\delta$ ; using Lemma 3,

choose  $e_{\xi n}$ , of measure  $\frac{1}{2}$ , stochastically independent of each other and of  $\mathfrak{D}_\xi$ , and  $c_\xi$ , such that

$a_{\alpha(\xi)}$  and  $c_\xi$  belong to the closed subalgebra  $\mathfrak{D}_{\xi+1}$  generated by  $\mathfrak{D}_\xi \cup \{e_{\xi n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  
 $\bar{\mu}c_\xi \geq \frac{1}{2}\delta$ ,  
 $c_\xi \cap e_{\xi 0} \subseteq 1 \setminus a_{\alpha(\xi)}$ ,  $c_\xi \setminus e_{\xi 0} \subseteq a_{\alpha(\xi)}$ ,  
taking  $\psi_\xi : \mathfrak{D}_{\xi+1} \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}_{\xi+1}$  to be the measure-preserving automorphism such that  $\psi d = d$  for every  $d \in \mathfrak{D}_\xi$ ,  $\psi_\xi e_{\xi 0} = 1 \setminus \psi_\xi e_{\xi 0}$ ,  $\psi_\xi e_{\xi n} = e_{\xi n}$  for  $n > 0$ , then  $\psi_\xi c = c_\xi$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{B} = \mathfrak{D}_\kappa$  be the closed subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{A}$  generated by the stochastically independent family  $\langle e_{\xi n} \rangle_{\xi < \kappa, n \in \mathbb{N}}$ . This works.

**5 Proposition** If  $\lambda, \kappa$  are infinite cardinals,  $\kappa \geq \omega_2$  and  $(\kappa, \lambda)$  is a measure-precaliber pair of a totally finite measure algebra  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  then it is a measure-independence-precaliber pair of  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$ .

**proof (a)** To begin with, suppose that  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  is a Maharam homogeneous probability algebra, that  $(\kappa, \lambda)$  is a measure-precaliber pair of  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  and that  $\langle a_\xi \rangle_{\xi < \kappa}$  is a family in  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\bar{\mu}(a_\eta \triangle a_\xi) \geq \delta > 0$  whenever  $\eta < \xi$ . Take  $\langle e_{\xi n} \rangle_{\xi < \kappa, n \in \mathbb{N}}$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}$ ,  $\alpha : \kappa \rightarrow \kappa$  and  $\langle c_\xi \rangle_{\xi < \kappa}$  as in Corollary 4. For each  $\xi < \kappa$  let  $J_\xi^*$  be the minimal subset of  $\kappa \times \mathbb{N}$  such that  $c_\xi$  belongs to the closed subalgebra generated by  $\{e_j : j \in J\}$ , and set  $L_\xi = \{\eta : (\eta, n) \in J\}$ . As in FREMLIN 06?, 534Je,  $(\xi, 0) \notin J_\xi^*$ . By Hajnal's Free Set Theorem there is a  $\Gamma_0 \in [\kappa]^\kappa$  such that  $\xi \notin L_\eta$  for all distinct  $\xi, \eta \in \Gamma_0$ . If  $I, J \subseteq C$  are disjoint finite sets and  $c = \inf_{\xi \in I \cup J} c_\xi$ , then  $c$  is stochastically independent of the  $e_{\xi 0}$ , for  $\xi \in I \cup J$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mu}(\inf_{\eta \in J} a_{\alpha(\eta)} \setminus \sup_{\xi \in I} a_{\alpha(\xi)}) &\geq \bar{\mu}(\inf_{\xi \in I} (e_{\xi 0} \setminus a_{\alpha(\xi)}) \cap \inf_{\eta \in J} a_{\alpha(\eta)} \setminus e_{\eta 0}) \\ &\geq \bar{\mu}(\inf_{\xi \in I} (c_\xi \cap e_{\xi 0}) \cap \inf_{\eta \in J} c_\eta \setminus e_{\eta 0}) \\ &= \bar{\mu}(c \cap \inf_{\xi \in I} e_{\xi 0} \setminus \sup_{\eta \in J} e_{\eta 0}) = 2^{-\#(I \cup J)} \bar{\mu}c. \end{aligned}$$

Now, because  $(\kappa, \lambda)$  is a measure-precaliber pair of  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$ , there is a  $\Gamma \in [\Gamma_0]^\lambda$  such that  $\{c_\xi : \xi \in \Gamma\}$  is centered, in which case  $\langle a_{\alpha(\xi)} \rangle_{\xi \in \Gamma}$  is Boolean-independent.

**(b)** For the general case, we have only to note that, for a totally finite measure algebra  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$ ,  $(\kappa, \lambda)$  is an (independence-)measure-precaliber pair of  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  iff it is an (independence-)measure-precaliber pair of every Maharam homogeneous principal ideal of  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  (cf. FREMLIN 06?, 524Ha).

**6 Proposition** If  $\omega \leq \lambda \leq \kappa$  and  $(\kappa, \lambda)$  is a measure-independence-precaliber pair of every probability algebra then it is a measure-precaliber pair of every probability algebra.

**proof** Let  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  be a probability algebra and  $\langle a_\xi \rangle_{\xi < \lambda}$  a family in  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\inf_{\xi < \kappa} \bar{\mu}a_\xi = \delta > 0$ . Let  $(\mathfrak{C}, \bar{\nu})$  be the probability algebra free product of  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  and  $(\mathfrak{B}_\kappa, \bar{\nu}_\kappa)$ , and  $\langle e_\xi \rangle_{\xi < \kappa}$  a stochastically independent family in  $\mathfrak{B}_\kappa$  of elements of measure  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Set  $c_\xi = a_\xi \otimes e_\xi$  for each  $\xi$ ; then  $\bar{\nu}(c_\eta \triangle c_\xi) = \bar{\mu}(a_\eta \cup a_\xi) \geq \delta$  whenever  $\xi < \eta$ . There is therefore a  $\Gamma \in [\kappa]^\lambda$  such that  $\langle c_\xi \rangle_{\xi \in \Gamma}$  is Boolean-independent, in which case  $\{a_\xi : \xi \in \Gamma\}$  must be centered.

**7 Lemma** Let  $n \geq 1$  be an integer,  $\kappa$  a regular uncountable cardinal,  $X \subseteq (\{0, 1\}^n)^\kappa$  a closed set, and  $f_\xi : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  a function. Set  $f(x) = \langle f_\xi(x(\xi)) \rangle_{\xi < \omega_1}$  for  $x \in X$ . If  $f[X] = \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ , there are  $i < n$  and  $C \in [\kappa]^\kappa$  such that  $\pi_{iC}[X] = \{0, 1\}^C$ , where  $\pi_{iC}(x)(\xi) = x(\xi)(i)$  for  $x \in X$ ,  $\xi \in C$ ,  $i < n$ .

**proof** Induce on  $n$ . If  $n = 1$  then every  $f_\xi$  has to be surjective, therefore bijective, and  $f$  is a bijection, so we can take  $C = \kappa$ ,  $i = 0$ . For the inductive step to  $n + 1$ , identify  $(\{0, 1\}^{n+1})^\kappa$  with  $(\{0, 1\}^n)^\kappa \times \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ , so that we have  $X \subseteq (\{0, 1\}^n)^\kappa \times \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  and  $f_\xi : \{0, 1\}^n \times \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that  $f[X] = \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ , where  $f(x, y)(\xi) = f_\xi(x(\xi), y(\xi))$  for  $\xi < \kappa$ ,  $x \in (\{0, 1\}^n)^\kappa$ ,  $y \in \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ . Let  $X' \subseteq X$  be a minimal closed set such that  $f[X'] = \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ .

Set  $Y = \{y : (x, y) \in X'\}$ , so that  $Y$  is a closed subset of  $\{0, 1\}^\kappa$ . Set

$$A = \{\xi : \xi < \kappa, \forall y \in Y \forall I \in [\xi]^{<\omega} \exists y', y'' \in Y, \\ y' \upharpoonright I = y'' \upharpoonright I = y \upharpoonright I, y'(\xi) = 0, y''(\xi) = 1\}.$$

If  $I \in [A]^{<\omega}$  and  $u \in \{0, 1\}^I$  there is a  $y \in Y$  such that  $y \upharpoonright I = u$  (induce on  $\max I$ ), so  $\{y \upharpoonright A : y \in Y\} = \{0, 1\}^A$  and if  $\#(A) = \kappa$  we can take  $C = A$ ,  $i = n$  and stop. Otherwise, for  $\xi \in \kappa \setminus A$  take  $y_\xi \in Y$ ,  $I_\xi \in [\xi]^{<\omega}$  and  $v(\xi) \in \{0, 1\}$  such that  $y(\xi) = v(\xi)$  whenever  $y \in Y$  and  $y \upharpoonright I_\xi = y_\xi \upharpoonright I_\xi$ . Let  $J \in [\kappa]^{<\omega}$ ,  $u \in \{0, 1\}^J$  be such that  $B = \{\xi : \xi \in \kappa \setminus A, I_\xi = J, y_\xi \upharpoonright I_\xi = u\}$  has cardinal  $\kappa$ . For  $\xi \in B$ ,  $s \in \{0, 1\}^n$  set  $g_\xi(s) = f_\xi(s, v(\xi))$ .

Now consider  $\{(x, y) : (x, y) \in X', y \upharpoonright J = u\}$ . This is a non-empty open subset of  $X'$  and  $f \upharpoonright X'$  is irreducible, so there is an open cylinder set  $V \subseteq \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  such that  $y \upharpoonright J = u$  whenever  $(x, y) \in X'$  and  $f(x, y) \in V$ . Let  $K \in [\kappa]^{<\omega}$  be such that  $V$  is determined by coordinates in  $K$ . Set  $D = B \setminus K$ ,  $Z = \{x \upharpoonright D : (x, y) \in X'\}$ ,  $g(z) = \langle g_\xi(z(\xi)) \rangle_{\xi \in D}$  for  $z \in Z$ . If  $w \in \{0, 1\}^D$ , there is a  $w' \in V$  such that  $w' \upharpoonright D = w$ ; there is an element  $(x, y) \in X'$  such that  $f(x, y) = w'$ ; now  $y \upharpoonright J = u$  so  $y \upharpoonright B = v \upharpoonright B$  and

$$g_\xi(x(\xi)) = f(x(\xi), y(\xi)) = w'(\xi) = w(\xi)$$

for every  $\xi \in D$ , that is,  $g(x \upharpoonright D) = w$ . Thus  $g[Z] = \{0, 1\}^D$ , while  $Z \subseteq (\{0, 1\}^n)^\kappa$ .

By the inductive hypothesis, there are  $C \in [D]^\kappa$  and an  $i < n$  such that  $\pi_{iC}[Z] = \{0, 1\}^C$ ; now, re-interpreting the formula  $\pi_{iC}$  appropriately, we have  $\pi_{iC}[X] = \{0, 1\}^C$  and the induction continues.

**8 Proposition** Let  $M$  be a set,  $\kappa$  a regular uncountable cardinal and  $X$  a closed subset of  $\{0, 1\}^M$ . If there is a continuous surjection  $h : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ , then there is a  $C \in [M]^\kappa$  such that  $x \mapsto x \upharpoonright C : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^C$  is surjective.

**proof** Shrinking  $X$  if necessary, we may suppose that  $h$  is irreducible. For each  $\xi < \kappa$ ,  $\{x : x \in X, h(x)(\xi) = 1\}$  is an open-and-closed set in  $X$ , so there is a finite set  $I_\xi \subseteq \kappa$  such that  $h(x)(\xi) = h(x')(\xi)$  whenever  $x, x' \in X$  and  $x \upharpoonright I_\xi = x' \upharpoonright I_\xi$ . Let  $A \in [\kappa]^\kappa$  be such that  $\langle I_\xi \rangle_{\xi \in A}$  is a constant-size  $\Delta$ -system with root  $I$  say. Let  $u$  be any member of  $\{x \upharpoonright I : x \in X\}$ ; then there is a cylinder set  $V \subseteq \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  such that  $x \upharpoonright I = u$  whenever  $x \in X$  and  $h(x) \in V$ ; shrinking  $A$  slightly if necessary, we can suppose that  $V$  is determined by coordinates in  $\kappa \setminus A$ . For  $\xi \in A$ , set  $J_\xi = I_\xi \setminus I$  and define  $f_\xi : \{0, 1\}^{J_\xi} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  by saying that  $f_\xi(v) = h(x)(\xi)$  whenever  $x \in X$ ,  $x \upharpoonright I = u$  and  $x \upharpoonright J_\xi = v$ . Now observe that for any

$w \in \{0, 1\}^A$  we have a  $w' \in V$  extending  $w$ , so that there is an  $x \in X$  with  $h(x) = w'$ ,  $x \upharpoonright I = u$  and  $f_\xi(x \upharpoonright J_\xi) = w(\xi)$  for every  $\xi \in A$ .

We can therefore apply Lemma 7 to  $\{x \upharpoonright \bigcup_{\xi \in A} J_\xi : x \in X\}$ , identifying  $\bigcup_{\xi \in A} J_\xi$  with  $n \times A$  where  $n$  is the common value of  $\#(J_\xi)$  for  $\xi \in A$ , to see that there is an uncountable  $C \subseteq \bigcup_{\xi \in A} J_\xi$  such that  $\{x \upharpoonright C : x \in X\} = \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ .

**9 Corollary** If  $\omega_1$  has Haydon's property then  $\omega_1$  is a measure-independence-precaliber of every probability algebra.

**proof** Let  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  be a probability algebra and  $\langle a_\xi \rangle_{\xi < \omega_1}$  a family in  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\inf_{\eta < \xi < \omega_1} \bar{\mu}(a_\eta, a_\xi) > 0$ . Then we have a Radon probability measure  $\nu$  on  $\{0, 1\}^{\omega_1}$  defined by saying that

$$\nu\{x : x \upharpoonright I = u\} = \bar{\mu}(\inf_{\xi \in I, u(\xi)=1} a_\xi \setminus \sup_{\xi \in I, u(\xi)=0} a_\xi)$$

whenever  $I \in [\omega_1]^{<\omega}$  and  $u \in \{0, 1\}^I$ . Let  $Z$  be the support of  $\nu$ . Since  $\nu$  has Maharam type  $\omega_1$ , there is a continuous surjection from  $Z$  onto  $[0, 1]^{\omega_1}$ ; so we can find a closed subset  $Z'$  of  $Z$  and a continuous surjection  $h : Z' \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\omega_1}$ . By Proposition 8, there is a  $C \in [\omega_1]^{\omega_1}$  such that  $\{z \upharpoonright C : z \in Z'\} = \{0, 1\}^C$ . But this means that  $\langle a_\xi \rangle_{\xi \in C}$  is Boolean-independent.

**10 Proposition** Suppose that there is a family  $\langle W_\xi \rangle_{\xi < \omega_1}$  in  $\mathcal{N}_{\omega_1}$  such that every closed subset of  $\{0, 1\}^{\omega_1} \setminus \bigcup_{\xi < \omega_1} W_\xi$  is scattered. Then  $\omega_1$  is not a measure-independence-precaliber of every probability algebra.

**proof** As in FREMLIN 06?, 534N (following PLEBANEK 97), there is a zero-dimensional compact Hausdorff space  $X$  such that  $\omega_1 \in \text{Mah}_{\mathbb{R}}(X)$  but there is no continuous surjection from  $X$  onto  $\{0, 1\}^{\omega_1}$ . Let  $\mu$  be a Maharam homogeneous Radon probability measure on  $X$  with Maharam type  $\omega_1$  and  $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{\mu})$  its measure algebra. Because  $X$  is zero-dimensional, there is a family  $\langle K_\xi \rangle_{\xi < \omega_1}$  of open-and-closed sets in  $X$  such that  $\mu(K_\xi \Delta K_\eta) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  whenever  $\eta < \xi$ ; now  $\langle K_\xi \rangle_{\xi < \omega_1}$  has no Boolean-independent subfamily of size  $\omega_1$ , so  $\langle K_\xi^\bullet \rangle_{\xi < \omega_1}$  has no Boolean-independent subfamily of size  $\omega_1$ .

**11 Proposition** Suppose that  $\theta$  and  $\kappa$  are cardinals such that  $\max(2^\theta, \theta^\omega) < \text{cf } \kappa \leq \kappa \leq 2^\theta$ . Then  $\kappa$  is an independence-precaliber of every totally finite measure algebra.

**proof** DŽAMONJA & PLEBANEK P04, Theorem 6.3.

**Remark** Note that if we have only

$$\theta^\omega < \text{cf } \kappa \leq \kappa \leq 2^\theta$$

then  $\kappa$  is a measure-precaliber of every measure algebra (DŽAMONJA & PLEBANEK P04, 4.7; FREMLIN P06?, 524V), therefore a measure-independence-precaliber of every probability algebra (DŽAMONJA & PLEBANEK P04, 6.6). If  $\lambda^\omega < \kappa$  for every  $\lambda < \kappa$ , then any family of size  $\kappa$  in any metric space has a discrete subfamily of size  $\kappa$ , so  $\kappa$  will be an independence-precaliber of every probability algebra. But the result here also covers the case  $\kappa = 2^{2^\theta} = \omega_{\omega+1}$ .

**12 Problem** From FREMLIN 06?, 534L, and Propositions 2, 5 and 6 above, we see that for  $\kappa \geq \omega_2$  the following are equiveridical:

- $\kappa$  is a measure-independence-precaliber of every probability algebra;
- $\kappa$  is a measure-precaliber of every probability algebra;
- $\kappa$  has Haydon's property.

By Proposition 10 and the remarks in the notes to §534 of FREMLIN 06?, it is possible that

- $\omega_1$  is a measure-precaliber of every probability algebra,
- $\omega_1$  is not a measure-independence-precaliber of every probability algebra.

By Corollary 9, we see that if  $\omega_1$  has Haydon's property then it is a measure-independence-precaliber of every probability algebra. But we do not know whether the converse is true.

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