

DESCRIPTIONS OF CONDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS INDUCED BY NON-MEASURE-PRESERVING TRANSFORMATIONS

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ABSTRACT. Given a measure-preserving transformation T acting on a σ -finite measure space (X, \mathcal{A}, m) and a σ -finite sigma algebra $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}$, the conditional expectations $E(\cdot|\mathcal{B})$ acting on $L^\infty(\mathcal{A})$ and $E(\cdot|T^{-1}\mathcal{B})$ acting on $L^\infty(T^{-1}\mathcal{A})$ are known to be related by the formula $[E(f|\mathcal{B})] \circ T = E(f \circ T|T^{-1}\mathcal{B})$. In this note the conditional expectation $E(\cdot|T^{-1}\mathcal{B})$ is investigated in the non-measure-preserving case, and those transformations for which the above equation holds are characterized in terms of measurability conditions for $d(m \circ T^{-1})/dm$. It is precisely in the non-measure-preserving case that the measurability of $d(m \circ T^{-1})/dm$ plays an important role. Relatedly, it is shown that if composition by T intertwines $E(\cdot|\mathcal{B})$ and any mapping Λ , then Λ is a conditional expectation induced by a measure equivalent to m . These results were motivated by a result concerning induced conditional expectation operators on C^* -algebras, and the paper concludes with a brief description of this C^* -algebra setting.

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Let (X, \mathcal{A}, m) be a σ -finite space and $T: X \rightarrow X$ a measurable transformation. Throughout this paper we assume that $T^{-1}\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ and that $m \circ T \ll m$. We denote by h the Radon-Nikodym derivative $d(m \circ T^{-1})/dm$, and we will assume throughout that $h \in L^\infty$. We denote by $E^\mathcal{B}$ the conditional expectation $E(\cdot|\mathcal{B})$ considered as a bounded linear transformation from $L^\infty(\mathcal{A})$ onto $L^\infty(\mathcal{B})$. If $\mathcal{A} \supset \mathcal{B} \supset \mathcal{C}$, then $E^\mathcal{C}_\mathcal{B}$ denotes the appropriate conditional expectation from $L^\infty(\mathcal{B})$ onto $L^\infty(\mathcal{C})$. Note that $E^\mathcal{C}_\mathcal{B} E^\mathcal{B} = E^\mathcal{C}$. Finally, given a sigma algebra \mathcal{B} , we denote by \mathcal{B}_n the sigma algebra $T^{-n}\mathcal{B}$.

Unless expressly stated otherwise, all functions and sets are assumed to be, or constructed so as to be, \mathcal{A} -measurable. All sigma algebras encountered are assumed to be sigma finite with respect to m . All set and function statements are to be interpreted as holding up to m -null sets. This includes statements regarding the disjointness of sets. For a given measurable function f , we let S_f be the support of f so that $S_f = \{f > 0\}$. The reader will note that at no point in the following discussion are an uncountable number of supports considered, and consequently none of the attendant "measurability versus

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selection" problems are encountered. Since S_h will be encountered often, we give it special notational status by calling it H .

The following facts will be applied often in this article:

- $T^{-1}H = X$ [4].
- $f \circ T = g \circ T$ if and only if $\chi_H f = \chi_H g$ [1]. (We shall apply this fact most often in the form: $f \circ T = 0$ if and only if $hf = 0$.)
- $E^{\mathcal{B}}(g) = g$ if and only if g is \mathcal{B} -measurable.
- If f is \mathcal{B} -measurable, then $E^{\mathcal{B}}(fg) = fE^{\mathcal{B}}(g)$.
- $|E^{\mathcal{B}}(fg)|^2 \leq E^{\mathcal{B}}(|f|^2) \cdot E^{\mathcal{B}}(|g|^2)$ (conditional Cauchy-Schwarz inequality).
- If $f \geq 0$, then $E^{\mathcal{B}}(f) \geq 0$. If $f > 0$, then $E^{\mathcal{B}}(f) > 0$.
- For each nonnegative \mathcal{A} -measurable function f , $S_f \subset S_{E^{\mathcal{B}}f}$ [5, §1].
- For each \mathcal{A} -measurable set A , $S_{E^{\mathcal{B}}\chi_A}$ is the smallest \mathcal{B} -measurable set containing A [5, §1].

MAIN RESULTS

It is shown in [6] that if T is measure preserving (i.e., $h = 1$ a.e. dm), then for any \mathcal{B} ,

$$(1) \quad \forall f \in L^\infty(\mathcal{B}), \quad (E^{\mathcal{B}}f) \circ T = E_{\mathcal{A}_1}^{\mathcal{B}_1}(f \circ T).$$

In particular, if T is measure preserving, then the mapping $\Lambda: L^\infty(\mathcal{A}_1) \rightarrow L^\infty(\mathcal{B}_1)$ given by $\Lambda(f \circ T) = (E^{\mathcal{B}}f) \circ T$ is well defined. Before considering the validity of (1) in situations where T is not measure preserving, we address the question of the existence of the map Λ . We shall see later that this question is related to the study of C^* -algebra conditional expectations.

Lemma 1. Λ is well defined if and only if $H \in \mathcal{B}$.

Proof. If Λ is well defined, then it is linear. Thus Λ is well defined if and only if whenever $f \in L^\infty(\mathcal{A})$ and $f \circ T = 0$, $(E^{\mathcal{B}}f) \circ T = 0$; equivalently, if $hf = 0$, then $hE^{\mathcal{B}}f = 0$, i.e., $\chi_H f = 0 \Rightarrow \chi_H E^{\mathcal{B}}f = 0$. Suppose first that H is in \mathcal{B} and $\chi_H f = 0$. Then $E^{\mathcal{B}}(\chi_H f) = 0$. Since $H \in \mathcal{B}$, the required implication is established.

Now suppose that Λ is well defined. If $H = X$, then H is certainly \mathcal{B} -measurable. Assuming $m(X - H) > 0$, then $\chi_H(1 - \chi_H) = 0$, so $\chi_H E^{\mathcal{B}}(1 - \chi_H) = 0$. Thus $\chi_H = \chi_H E^{\mathcal{B}}\chi_H$. We may then apply $E^{\mathcal{B}}$ to both sides of the preceding equality and deduce that

$$E^{\mathcal{B}}\chi_H = E^{\mathcal{B}}(\chi_H E^{\mathcal{B}}\chi_H) = (E^{\mathcal{B}}\chi_H)^2.$$

Thus there is a \mathcal{B} -set H_1 such that $E^{\mathcal{B}}\chi_H = \chi_{H_1}$. It then follows (see the preliminary remarks) that $H_1 \supset H$. But this shows that $\chi_{H_1} - \chi_H \geq 0$, while

$$E^{\mathcal{B}}(\chi_{H_1} - \chi_H) = \chi_{H_1} - E^{\mathcal{B}}\chi_H = \chi_{H_1} - \chi_{H_1} = 0.$$

Thus, $H = H_1$, so in particular, $H \in \mathcal{B}$. \square

Remark. The preceding result is summarized by the statement that the following diagram, wherein C_T is the operator of composition by T , is commutative

exactly when $H \in \mathcal{B}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L^\infty(\mathcal{A}) & \xrightarrow{C_T} & L^\infty(\mathcal{A}_1) \\ E^{\mathcal{B}} \downarrow & & \downarrow \Lambda \\ L^\infty(\mathcal{B}) & \xrightarrow{C_T} & L^\infty(\mathcal{B}_1) \end{array}$$

Later in this article we will briefly discuss C^* -algebra conditional expectations. This class includes all conditional expectations of the form $E_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{C}}$ (referred to henceforth as classical conditional expectations) and (when $H \in \mathcal{B}$) the map $\Lambda: L^\infty(\mathcal{A}_1) \rightarrow L^\infty(\mathcal{B}_1)$ defined above. Since $E_{\mathcal{A}_1}^{\mathcal{B}_1}$ is known to agree with Λ when T is measure preserving, it seems reasonable to examine the relationship between these mappings in general (with a proviso of course that H be in \mathcal{B}). To this end we now characterize $E_{\mathcal{A}_1}^{\mathcal{B}_1}$ in terms of h and $E^{\mathcal{B}}$. This characterization, presented in Proposition 3, does not assume the \mathcal{B} -measurability of H . We continue to use H_1 to denote the support of $E^{\mathcal{B}} \chi_H$ and note that since $T^{-1}H = X$, $T^{-1}H_1 = X$ as well. The following observation and its corollary will be called into use several times in this paper.

Lemma 2. *Let $f \geq 0$. Then $S_{(E^{\mathcal{B}} f) \circ T} \supset S_{f \circ T}$.*

Proof. $S_{E^{\mathcal{B}} f} \supset S_f$ and consequently $T^{-1}S_{E^{\mathcal{B}} f} \supset T^{-1}S_f$. But for any g , $T^{-1}S_g = S_{g \circ T}$. \square

Corollary. $(E^{\mathcal{B}} h) \circ T > 0$ a.e.

Proposition 3. *For every $f \in L^\infty(\mathcal{A})$,*

$$E_{\mathcal{A}_1}^{\mathcal{B}_1}(f \circ T) = \frac{(E^{\mathcal{B}}(hf)) \circ T}{(E^{\mathcal{B}} h) \circ T}.$$

Proof. Let $f \in L^\infty(\mathcal{A})$, and let $B \in \mathcal{B}$. Since $|E^{\mathcal{B}}(hf)|^2 \leq (E^{\mathcal{B}} h^2)(E^{\mathcal{B}} |f|^2)$, $S_{E^{\mathcal{B}} hf} \subset H_1$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{T^{-1}B} E_{\mathcal{A}_1}^{\mathcal{B}_1}(f \circ T) dm &= \int_{T^{-1}B} f \circ T dm = \int_B hf dm = \int_B E^{\mathcal{B}}(hf) dm \\ &= \int_B \chi_{H_1} E^{\mathcal{B}}(hf) dm \\ &= \int_{B \cap H_1} E^{\mathcal{B}}(hf) dm = \int_{B \cap H_1} E^{\mathcal{B}} h \frac{E^{\mathcal{B}}(hf)}{E^{\mathcal{B}} h} dm \\ &= \int_{B \cap H_1} h \frac{E^{\mathcal{B}}(hf)}{E^{\mathcal{B}} h} dm = \int_{T^{-1}(B \cap H_1)} \frac{(E^{\mathcal{B}}(hf)) \circ T}{(E^{\mathcal{B}} h) \circ T} dm \\ &= \int_{T^{-1}B} \frac{(E^{\mathcal{B}}(hf)) \circ T}{(E^{\mathcal{B}} h) \circ T} dm \quad (\text{noting that } T^{-1}H_1 = X). \end{aligned}$$

Since $T^{-1}B$ is a generic member of \mathcal{B}_1 , the proof is complete. \square

The following corollary gives necessary and sufficient conditions for the validity of (1) in the non-measure-preserving case:

Corollary. $E_{\mathcal{A}_1}^{\mathcal{B}}(f \circ T) = (E^{\mathcal{B}} f) \circ T$ for all $f \in L^\infty(\mathcal{A})$ if and only if h is \mathcal{B} -measurable.

Proof. If h is \mathcal{B} -measurable, then by Proposition 3,

$$E_{\mathcal{A}_1}^{\mathcal{B}}(f \circ T) = \frac{(E^{\mathcal{B}}(hf)) \circ T}{(E^{\mathcal{B}}h) \circ T} = \frac{(h \circ T)(E^{\mathcal{B}}f) \circ T}{(h \circ T)} = (E^{\mathcal{B}}f) \circ T.$$

Conversely, suppose that the second and fourth expressions in the above equation are known to be equal for every bounded f in $L^\infty(\mathcal{A})$. Then, in particular (taking $f = h$), $(E^{\mathcal{B}}h^2) \circ T = (E^{\mathcal{B}}h)^2 \circ T$. This may be restated as $h(E^{\mathcal{B}}h^2) = h(E^{\mathcal{B}}h)^2$. We then apply $E^{\mathcal{B}}$ to deduce that $(E^{\mathcal{B}}h)(E^{\mathcal{B}}h^2) = (E^{\mathcal{B}}h)^3$. But since h is nonnegative, $E^{\mathcal{B}}h$ and $E^{\mathcal{B}}(h^2)$ have the same support (namely, H_1), so that $E^{\mathcal{B}}(h^2) = (E^{\mathcal{B}}h)^2$. We are now able to employ the variance type calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq E^{\mathcal{B}}((h - E^{\mathcal{B}}h)^2) = E^{\mathcal{B}}(h^2 - 2hE^{\mathcal{B}}h + (E^{\mathcal{B}}h)^2) \\ &= E^{\mathcal{B}}(h^2) - 2(E^{\mathcal{B}}h)^2 + (E^{\mathcal{B}}h)^2 = E^{\mathcal{B}}(h^2) - (E^{\mathcal{B}}h)^2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

But this is possible if and only if $h = E^{\mathcal{B}}h$ a.e., that is, h is \mathcal{B} -measurable. \square

Our next result shows that (when defined) Λ is a classical conditional expectation, with respect to a measure equivalent to m . We will make use of the following test proved in [3, §3.4] for invariant measures for Markov operators (i.e., positive contractions) on an L^1 space. (In addition to the proof of this and related results, Krengel presents useful and interesting historical notes on these topics.)

Proposition 4. Let M be a Markov operator on $L^1(X, \mathcal{C}, \nu)$, and let $C \in \mathcal{C}$. Then there exists a nonnegative L^1 function g with $C \subset S_g$ and $Mg = g$ if and only if for every nonnegative L^∞ function f with $\emptyset \neq S_f \subset C$, $\inf_{n \geq 0} \int_X M^{*n} f \, d\nu > 0$.

Proposition 5. Suppose that $H \in \mathcal{B}$. Then there exists a measure μ on \mathcal{A}_1 equivalent to $m|_{\mathcal{A}_1}$ such that Λ is the classical conditional expectation from $L^\infty(\mathcal{A}_1; \mu)$ onto $L^\infty(\mathcal{B}_1; \mu)$.

Proof. Define the mapping L on $L^1(\mathcal{A}_1; m)$ by

$$L(g \circ T) = \frac{(E^{\mathcal{B}}(hg)) \circ T}{h \circ T}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X |L(g \circ T)| \, dm &\leq \int_X \frac{(E^{\mathcal{B}}(h|g|)) \circ T}{h \circ T} \, dm = \int_X \chi_H h \frac{E^{\mathcal{B}}(h|g|)}{h} \, dm \\ &= \int_H E^{\mathcal{B}}(h|g|) \, dm = \int_H h|g| \, dm = \int_X |g \circ T| \, dm, \end{aligned}$$

showing that L is a positive contraction on $L^1(\mathcal{A}_1; m)$. Moreover, for $f \circ T$ in $L^\infty(\mathcal{A}_1)$ and $g \circ T$ in $L^1(\mathcal{B}_1)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X f \circ T L(g \circ T) \, dm &= \int_X f \circ T \frac{(E^{\mathcal{B}}(hg)) \circ T}{h \circ T} \, dm = \int_H f E^{\mathcal{B}}(hg) \, dm \\ &= \int_H h(E^{\mathcal{B}}f)g \, dm = \int_X (E^{\mathcal{B}}f) \circ T (g \circ T) \, dm. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that $\Lambda = L^*$. We may now apply Proposition 4 with $C = X$. Let $f \circ T$ be a nonnegative element of $L^\infty(\mathcal{A}_1; m)$ which is not identically zero. Then $\chi_H f$ is not identically zero, and since H is in \mathcal{B} , $\chi_H E^{\mathcal{B}} f = E^{\mathcal{B}}(\chi_H f)$ is not identically zero. This shows that $\Lambda(f \circ T) = (E^{\mathcal{B}} f) \circ T$ is nonnegative and is positive on a set of positive measure. Since for all $n \geq 1$, $\Lambda^n = \Lambda = L^*$, we see that $\inf_{n \geq 0} \int_X L^{*n} f dm > 0$. Thus there is a strictly positive $L^1(\mathcal{A}_1)$ function $g \circ T$ such that $L(g \circ T) = g \circ T$. Let $d\mu = g dm$, and let F be the classical conditional expectation from $L^\infty(\mathcal{A}_1; \mu)$ to $L^\infty(\mathcal{B}_1; \mu)$. (Since the two measures appearing in this argument are equivalent, there is no difference in their L^∞ spaces. However, the conditional expectation operators are intimately related to their respective measures). Then for any $f \circ T$ in $L^\infty(\mathcal{A}_1; \mu)$ and $B \in \mathcal{B}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{T^{-1}B} F(f \circ T) d\mu &= \int_{T^{-1}B} f \circ T d\mu = \int_{T^{-1}B} f \circ T g \circ T dm \\ &= \int_{T^{-1}B} f \circ T L(g \circ T) dm = \int_X \chi_{T^{-1}B} f \circ T L(g \circ T) dm \\ &= \int_X \Lambda(\chi_{T^{-1}B} f \circ T)(g \circ T) dm \\ &= \int_X \chi_{T^{-1}B} \Lambda(f \circ T)(g \circ T) dm = \int_{T^{-1}B} \Lambda(f \circ T) d\mu. \end{aligned}$$

Since the integrands at both ends of this chain of equalities are \mathcal{B}_1 measurable and $T^{-1}B$ is an arbitrary \mathcal{B}_1 set, $F(f \circ T) = \Lambda(f \circ T)$. \square

Remark. This proof assures us of the existence of an invariant measure for L but does not describe it explicitly. In Proposition 6 we are able to construct invariant measures for L directly because H is \mathcal{B} -measurable. Although the proof we have given of Proposition 5 is nonconstructive, it should allow generalizations to other situations.

Proposition 6. *Suppose that $H \in \mathcal{B}$.*

- (a) *There is a function g such that $g \circ T$ is strictly positive and in L^1 , and hg is \mathcal{B} -measurable.*
- (b) *$L(g \circ T) = g \circ T$.*
- (c) *If $m(H) < \infty$, then g may be chosen to be $1/h \circ T$.*

Proof. Since \mathcal{B} is σ -finite and $H \in \mathcal{B}$, we may write H as the union of a sequence of disjoint sets of finite measure from \mathcal{B} ; say $H = \bigcup_{i=1}^\infty B_i$. Choose $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots\}$ to be a sequence of positive numbers so that the \mathcal{B} -measurable function $\sum_{i=1}^\infty \alpha_i \chi_{B_i}$ is in L^1 . Define $g = (1/h) \sum_{i=1}^\infty \alpha_i \chi_{B_i}$. Then hg is \mathcal{B} -measurable and

$$\int_X g \circ T dm = \int_X hg dm = \int_X \sum_{i=1}^\infty \alpha_i \chi_{B_i} dm < \infty.$$

In order to establish the validity of part (b), note that since hg is \mathcal{B} -measurable,

$$L(g \circ T) = \frac{(E^{\mathcal{B}}(hg)) \circ T}{h \circ T} = \frac{(hg) \circ T}{h \circ T} = g \circ T.$$

Finally, suppose that $m(H)$ is finite. Then $\int_X (1/h \circ T) dm = m(H)$, and $hg = \chi_H$. \square

C*-ALGEBRA CONDITIONAL EXPECTATION OPERATORS

Let \mathfrak{A} be a unital C^* -algebra with identity element 1, and let \mathfrak{B} be a C^* -subalgebra of \mathfrak{A} . A *conditional expectation operator from \mathfrak{A} onto \mathfrak{B}* is a mapping $\Phi: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$ satisfying

- (i) $\Phi(b) = b$ for all $b \in \mathfrak{B}$,
- (ii) $\Phi(ab) = \Phi(a)b$ and $\Phi(ba) = b\Phi(a)$ for all $a \in \mathfrak{A}$ and $b \in \mathfrak{B}$,
- (iii) $\Phi(a)$ is positive for all positive $a \in \mathfrak{A}$,

i.e., a conditional expectation operator from \mathfrak{A} onto \mathfrak{B} is a positive, \mathfrak{B} -linear projection from \mathfrak{A} onto \mathfrak{B} . (Recall that if $x \in \mathfrak{A}$, then x is called *positive* if $x = x^*$ and the spectrum of x lies on the nonnegative real axis or, equivalently, if $x = y^*y$ for some $y \in \mathfrak{A}$.) Henceforth, the notation $\Phi: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$ will always imply that $\Phi(\mathfrak{A}) = \mathfrak{B}$. When $\mathfrak{A} = L^\infty(\mathcal{A})$ and $\mathfrak{B} = L^\infty(\mathcal{B})$, the mapping $E^{\mathcal{B}}$ is a conditional expectation operator. (Of course, many examples of conditional expectation operators between nonabelian C^* -algebras exist and are of importance in the study of these algebras. A good general reference is Stratila [7].)

The following lemma is formulated and proved in [2]. We reproduce the proof here for the convenience of the reader.

Let \mathfrak{A}_1 be a second C^* -algebra, and let $\pi: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_1$ be a $*$ -homomorphism of \mathfrak{A} onto \mathfrak{A}_1 . Then $\mathfrak{B}_1 = \pi(\mathfrak{B})$ is a C^* -subalgebra of \mathfrak{A}_1 . If $\Phi(\ker \pi) \subset \ker \pi$, then Φ induces a mapping $\Phi_1: \mathfrak{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_1$ defined by $\Phi_1(\pi(x)) = \pi(\Phi(x))$.

Lemma 7. *Suppose \mathfrak{A}_1 is a C^* -algebra and $\pi: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_1$ is a unital $*$ -homomorphism of \mathfrak{A} onto \mathfrak{A}_1 such that $\Phi(\ker \pi) \subset \ker \pi$. Let $\mathfrak{B}_1 = \pi(\mathfrak{B})$. Then Φ_1 is a conditional expectation operator from \mathfrak{A}_1 onto \mathfrak{B}_1 .*

Proof. If $x \in \mathfrak{A}$, $\Phi_1(\Phi_1(\pi(x))) = \Phi_1(\pi(\Phi(x))) = \pi(\Phi(\Phi(x))) = \pi(\Phi(x)) = \Phi_1(\pi(x))$, so Φ_1 is a projection. Also, $b, c \in \mathfrak{B}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_1(\pi(b)\pi(x)\pi(c)) &= \Phi_1(\pi(bxc)) = \pi(\Phi(bxc)) \\ &= \pi(b\Phi(x)c) = \pi(b)\pi(\Phi(x))\pi(c) = \pi((b)\Phi_1(\pi(x))\pi(c)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, Φ_1 is \mathfrak{B}_1 -linear. Finally, $\Phi_1(\pi(x)^*\pi(x)) = \Phi_1(\pi(x^*x)) = \pi(\Phi(x^*x))$. Since Φ is positive and π is a homomorphism, we see that Φ_1 is a positive map. Thus, Φ_1 is a conditional expectation operator. \square

Thus, the mapping $\Lambda: L^\infty(\mathcal{A}_1) \rightarrow L^\infty(\mathcal{B}_1)$ given by $\Lambda(f \circ T) = (E^{\mathcal{B}} f) \circ T$ is a conditional expectation operator whenever it is well defined. Indeed, we can formulate the following generalization of Lemma 1 in the C^* -algebra setting. It can be proved in the same manner as Lemma 1.

Lemma 8. *Suppose \mathfrak{A}_1 is a C^* -algebra and $\pi: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_1$ is a unital $*$ -homomorphism of \mathfrak{A} onto \mathfrak{A}_1 such that there exists a selfadjoint idempotent $p \in \mathfrak{A}$ with the property that $\pi(x) = 0$ if and only if $px = 0$. Let $\Phi: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$ be a conditional expectation operator. Suppose that p commutes with each element of \mathfrak{B} . Then the induced conditional expectation operator $\Phi_1: \mathfrak{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_1$ is well defined if and only if $p \in \mathfrak{B}$, thus if and only if p lies in the center of \mathfrak{B} .*

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