

## PREORDERS COMPATIBLE WITH PROBABILITY MEASURES DEFINED ON A BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

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**ABSTRACT.** We use nonstandard analysis techniques to find conditions for the existence of a strictly positive measure weakly compatible with a preorder defined in a Boolean algebra generated by denumerably many atoms.

### 0. INTRODUCTION

When assigning probabilities, events can be considered as elements of a  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean algebra  $B$  subject to the usual operation of union, intersection, complementation and  $\sigma$ -union.

Sometimes it is not possible to directly assign probabilities to events; however, it may be possible to compare events qualitatively with respect to a probability. Thus, we may be able to introduce a preorder  $\lesssim$  on  $B$  where  $a \lesssim b$  can be intuitively interpreted as “ $b$  is at least as probable as  $a$ ”.

It is natural then to ask what conditions on  $B$  and  $\lesssim$  are necessary and sufficient for the existence of a probability measure  $\mu$  on  $B$  such that for  $p, q \in B$ ,  $p \lesssim q$  iff  $\mu(p) \leq \mu(q)$ . If this is the case, we say that  $\mu$  is compatible with  $\lesssim$ .

Villegas [4] found necessary conditions for the existence of a unique measure when  $B$  is atomless, namely

- (1)  $\lesssim$  is a preorder on  $B$ , i.e.  $p \lesssim q$  and  $q \lesssim r$  imply  $p \lesssim r$ , and  $p \lesssim q$  or  $q \lesssim p$  for  $p, q, r \in B$ ;
- (2)  $\neg(1 \lesssim 0)$  and  $0 \lesssim p$  for every  $p \in B$ ;
- (3) If  $p, q, r \in B$  with  $p \cap q \approx r \cap q \approx 0$  then  $p \lesssim r$  iff  $p \cup q \lesssim r \cup q$  ( $p \approx q$  is defined as  $p \lesssim q$  and  $q \lesssim p$ );
- (4) If  $p_i, q \in B$ , and  $p_i \subseteq p_{i+1} \lesssim q$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\bigcup p_i \lesssim q$ .

He also proved that in any  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean algebra where (1)–(4) are satisfied there are at most denumerably many atoms and they can be ordered

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in a decreasing sequence  $a_0 \succeq a_1 \succeq a_2 \succeq \dots$ , where  $\succeq$  is defined by  $p \succeq q$  iff  $q \preceq p$ .

If  $I$  is the ideal of all events  $p$  with  $p \approx 0$ , it is easy to show, using the quotient algebra  $B/I$ , that it is enough to solve the problem for strictly positive compatible  $\sigma$ -measures, where a measure is strictly positive if  $\mu(a) = 0$  implies  $a = 0$ .

In [3] Chuaqui and Schwarze claimed that conditions (1)–(4) were sufficient for the existence of a  $\sigma$ -measure compatible with a preorder on  $B$  without the assumption that  $B$  is atomless. This however is false.

In [2] Kraft, Pratt and Seidenberg gave an example of a Boolean algebra generated by 5 atoms where (1)–(3) and trivially (4) are satisfied but the algebra has no compatible measure. It is necessary to add one further condition:

(5) Every finite subalgebra  $B'$  of  $B$  has a compatible measure.

With the methods used in [3] it is possible to show that conditions (1)–(5) are necessary and sufficient for the existence of a unique  $\sigma$ -measure compatible with a preorder defined on a  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean algebra in which  $\bigcup a_i \approx \sim (\bigcup a_i)$ .

The counterexample given in [2] also refutes a conjecture of de Finetti. He conjectured that for any finite preorder satisfying (1), (2), and (3) there exists a measure compatible with it. He also suggested that, if the conjecture is false, this is due to an inappropriate definition of the algebra  $B$ .

According to [2] it is possible to replace condition (5) by the following algebraic condition:

(5') Let  $B'$  be any finite subalgebra of  $B$ .

Let  $b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}$  be the atoms of  $B'$ . Let  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{m-1}, q_0, q_1, \dots, q_{m-1}$  be elements of  $B'$  such that every  $b_i$  is contained in the same number of  $p_j$ 's and  $q_j$ 's and  $p_i \preceq q_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$ . Then  $q_0 \preceq p_0$ .

In [1] Chuaqui and Malitz studied the case where  $B$  is an atomistic Boolean algebra.

The purely atomistic case has mathematical interest in its own right since, as Villegas proved, if there exists a compatible measure, there are at most countably many atoms, so that  $B$  can be viewed as the power set of  $\omega$ , the set of natural numbers.

Chuaqui and Malitz were able to show that conditions (1)–(5) imply the existence of a weakly compatible strictly positive measure  $\mu$  (i.e., a probability measure such that  $p \preceq q$  implies  $\mu(p) \leq \mu(q)$ ), thus allowing the possibility that  $p < q$  but  $\mu(p) = \mu(q)$ .

They also showed that when  $B$  has a nonempty atomless part, conditions (1)–(5) imply the existence of a compatible measure.

When comparing events, sometimes the order obtained (by subjective or objective methods) is not total, so that we just have a partial preorder, where  $\preceq$  defined in  $B$  is a partial preorder if  $\preceq$  is reflexive in  $B$  and transitive (i.e.,  $p \preceq p$ ,  $p \preceq q$  and  $q \preceq r$  implies  $p \preceq r$  for  $p, q, r \in B$ ).

The main purpose of this work is to find conditions for the existence of a strictly positive  $\sigma$ -measure weakly compatible with a partial preorder defined in the  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean algebra  $B$  of all subsets of  $\omega$ , the set of natural numbers. This will be accomplished using nonstandard analysis.

### 1. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this work  $B$  will be the  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean algebra of all subsets of  $\omega$ . Let  $\{a_i : i \in \omega\}$  be the set of atoms of  $B$ .  $\lesssim$  will be a partial preorder defined on  $B$  which extends  $\subseteq$ .

If  $p \cap q = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $p + q$  is  $p \cup q$ . If for all  $i, j \in I$  with  $i \neq j$ ,  $p_i \cap p_j = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\sum\{p_i : i \in I\} = \bigcup\{p_i : i \in I\}$ . Note that these operations are defined only for disjoint elements.

$p < q$  is defined as  $p \lesssim q$  but  $\neg(q \lesssim p)$ .

$p \approx q$  is defined as  $p \lesssim q$  and  $q \lesssim p$ .

Let  $s_n$  be defined as  $s_n = \sum\{a_k : k > n\}$ . Such elements are called tails.

By a probability measure on  $B$  we understand a  $\sigma$ -additive strictly positive real valued measure  $\mu$  on  $B$ , such that  $0 < \mu(p) \leq \mu(\sum\{a_i : i \geq 0\}) < \infty$ , for all  $p \in B$  with  $\mathbf{0} < p$ .

$\mu$  is compatible with  $\lesssim$  iff for all  $p, q \in B$ ,  $p \lesssim q$  iff  $\mu(p) \leq \mu(q)$ .

$\mu$  is weakly compatible with  $\lesssim$  if for all  $p, q \in B$ ,  $p \lesssim q$  implies  $\mu(p) \leq \mu(q)$ .

### 2. MAIN THEOREM

Throughout the discussion we will assume that  $\lesssim$  has the following properties:

(I) Every finite subalgebra  $B'$  of  $B$  generated by atoms and tails has a strictly positive measure weakly compatible with  $\lesssim$ .

(II) For all  $k \in \omega$  there exists  $k' \in \omega$  such that  $s_{k'} \lesssim a_k$ .

We will prove that conditions (I) and (II) are necessary and sufficient for the existence of a  $\sigma$ -measure strictly positive weakly compatible with  $\lesssim$ .

Condition (I) is obviously necessary, condition (II) is necessary to insure convergence.

**Definition 1.** For  $p \in B$  let  $p_{(n)}$  and  $p^{(n)}$  be defined as follows:

$$p_{(n)} = p \cap \sum\{a_i : i \leq n\}, \quad p^{(n)} = p \cup s_n.$$

Notice that for all  $n$ ,  $p_{(n)} \subseteq p \subseteq p^{(n)}$ .

**Definition 2.**  $B_1 = \{p^{(n)} : p \in B, n \in \omega\} \cup \{p_{(n)} : p \in B, n \in \omega\}$ .

For all  $p \in B_1$ , let  $c_p$  be a constant. Then (I) implies that

$$T = \{c_p \leq c_q : p, q \in B_1 \text{ and } p \lesssim q\} \\ \cup \{c_p = c_q + c_r : p, q, r \in B_1 \text{ and } p \approx q + r\} \cup \text{Th } \mathbf{R}$$

has a model  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

We can assume  $\mathfrak{M}$  is an  $\aleph_1$ -saturated nonstandard model of  $T$ .

For  $p \in B$ , we define  $\mathbf{p} \in |\mathfrak{M}|$  in the following way:

(a) If there is a  $q \in B_1$  such that  $p \approx q$ , let  $\mathbf{p} = c_q^{\mathfrak{M}}$ .

(b) If not, as  $\mathfrak{M}$  is  $\aleph_1$ -saturated there exists  $\{p_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{p^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  internal sequences such that  $p_n = \mathbf{p}_{(n)}$  and  $p^n = \mathbf{p}^{(n)}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $M = \{n \in {}^*\mathbb{N} : \text{For } 0 \leq k \leq n, \{p_k\} \text{ is increasing, } \{p^k\} \text{ is decreasing, and for all } r \leq n \text{ and } k \leq n (p_r < p^k)\}$ .

Then  $M$  is internal and  $\mathbb{N} \subseteq M$ , so there must exist  $\lambda \in M$ , such that  $\lambda \in {}^*\mathbb{N} - \mathbb{N}$ . We choose such a  $\lambda$  and define  $\mathbf{p} = p_\lambda$ . It is clear that for all  $p \in B, n \in \mathbb{N}, \mathbf{p}_{(n)} \leq \mathbf{p} \leq \mathbf{p}^{(n)}$ .

**Definition 3.** Let  $<_1$  and  $\approx_1$  be defined on  $B$ , as follows:  $p <_1 q$  iff there exists  $a_k$  such that  $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{a}_k < \mathbf{q}$ ;  $p \approx_1 q$  iff for all  $a_k, |\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}| \leq \mathbf{a}_k$ .  $p \lesssim_1 q$  is defined as  $p <_1 q$  or  $p \approx_1 q$ . It is clear that  $p \lesssim_1 q$  iff for all  $k, \mathbf{p} < \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{a}_k$ .

**Lemma 1.**  $\lesssim_1$  is a simple preorder.

*Proof.* We will prove first that  $\lesssim_1$  is simple. If  $\neg(p \approx_1 q)$ , then there exists  $a_k$  such that  $|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}| > a_k$ . Then  $\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q} > \mathbf{a}_k$  and  $q <_1 p$ , or  $\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q} < -\mathbf{a}_k$  and  $p <_1 q$ .

To show that  $\lesssim_1$  is transitive, let  $p, q, r \in B$  be such that  $p \lesssim_1 q$  and  $q \lesssim_1 r$ . Given  $a_k$ , there exists  $s_{k'}$  such that  $s_{k'} \lesssim a_k$  and since  $p \lesssim_1 q$  and  $q \lesssim_1 r, \mathbf{p} < \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{a}_{k'+1}$  and  $\mathbf{q} < \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_{k'+2}$ . Then  $\mathbf{p} < \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_{k'+1} + \mathbf{a}_{k'+2} < \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{s}_{k'} < \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k$ , and therefore  $p \lesssim_1 r$ .

**Lemma 2.** If  $p \lesssim_1 q$ , then there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}, m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathbf{p}^{(n)} < \mathbf{q}_{(m)}$ .

*Proof.* There exists  $a_k$  such that  $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{a}_k < \mathbf{q}$ . Let  $m$  be such that  $s_m \lesssim a_k$ . Then  $\mathbf{s}_m \leq \mathbf{a}_k$  and  $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{s}_m < \mathbf{q}$ . We can choose  $s_n$  such that  $s_n \lesssim a_{m+1}$ , so

$$\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{s}_n + \mathbf{s}_{m+1} < \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{a}_{m+1} + \mathbf{s}_{m+1} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{s}_m < \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{a}_k < \mathbf{q}.$$

But  $\mathbf{q} \leq \mathbf{q}^{(m+1)} = \mathbf{q}_{(m+1)} + \mathbf{s}_{m+1}$  therefore  $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{s}_n + \mathbf{s}_{m+1} < \mathbf{q}_{(m+1)} + \mathbf{s}_{m+1}$  and thus  $\mathbf{p}^{(n)} < \mathbf{q}_{(m+1)}$ .

**Lemma 3.** For all  $p, q \in B_1$  we have that  $p \lesssim q$  implies  $p \lesssim_1 q$ .

*Proof.* If not, there exist  $p, q \in B$  such that  $p \lesssim q$  but  $\neg(p \lesssim_1 q)$ . Then, Lemma 1 implies that  $q \lesssim_1 p$ . Now Lemma 2 implies that there exists  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathbf{q}^{(n)} < \mathbf{p}_{(m)}$ . But  $p_{(m)} \lesssim p \lesssim q \lesssim q^{(n)}$  so  $p_{(m)} \lesssim q^{(n)}$ , also  $p_{(m)}, q^{(n)} \in B_1$ , therefore  $\mathbf{p}_m = (\mathbf{p}_m)^{\mathfrak{M}} \leq (\mathbf{q}^{(n)})^{\mathfrak{M}} = \mathbf{q}^n$ : a contradiction.

**Lemma 4.** For all  $q, p_i \in B, i = 1, 2, \dots$  with  $p_i \subseteq p_{i+1} \lesssim_1 q$ . We have  $\bigcup p_i \lesssim_1 q$ .

*Proof.* If not, there exist  $q, p_i \in B$  with  $p_i \subseteq p_{i+1} \lesssim_1 q$  but  $q \not\lesssim_1 \bigcup p_i$ . But then, there exist  $k, r$  such that  $\mathbf{q}^{(r)} < (\bigcup p_i)_{(k)}$ . But  $(\bigcup p_i)_{(k)} = (p_n)_{(k)}$  for some  $n$ , therefore  $\mathbf{q} \leq \mathbf{q}^{(r)} < (\mathbf{p}_n)_{(k)}$ .

If there exists  $a_t$ , with  $a_t \subseteq \bigcup p_i \sim (p_n)_{(k)}$ , then there exists  $m$  such that

$$\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{a}_t < (\mathbf{p}_n)_{(k)} + \mathbf{a}_t \leq (\mathbf{p}_n)_{(k)} + \mathbf{a}_t \leq (\mathbf{p}_m)_{(t)} \leq \mathbf{p}_m,$$

which contradicts the fact that  $p_m \lesssim_1 q$ .

If there is no such  $a_t$ , then  $\bigcup p_i = p_n$ . But  $p_n \lesssim_1 q$ , therefore  $\bigcup p_i \lesssim_1 q$ .

**Lemma 5.** *Every finite subalgebra  $B'$  of  $B$  has a strictly positive  $\sigma$ -measure  $\mu$  compatible with  $\lesssim_1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\{b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}\}$  be the set of atoms of  $B'$ . By [2] it is enough to show that for all elements  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{m-1}, q_0, \dots, q_{m-1}$  such that each  $b_j, j < n$ , appears in the same number of  $p_i$ 's and  $q_i$ 's with  $p_i \lesssim_1 q_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1$ . Then  $q_0 \lesssim_1 p_0$ . Let

$$p_i = \alpha_{i0}b_0 + \alpha_{i1}b_1 + \dots + \alpha_{in-1}b_{n-1}; \quad q_i = \beta_{i0}b_0 + \beta_{i1}b_1 + \dots + \beta_{in-1}b_{n-1},$$

for  $i < m$  and  $\alpha_{ij}, \beta_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$ .

By hypothesis we know  $\sum_{\theta \leq j \leq m-1} \alpha_{ij} = \sum_{\theta \leq j \leq m-1} \beta_{ij}$ , for  $i < n$ . Given  $a_k$  there exists  $s_{k'}$  such that  $s_{k'} \lesssim a_k$ .

$p_i \lesssim_1 q_i$ , therefore  $\mathbf{p}_i < \mathbf{q}_i + \mathbf{a}_{k'+i}, i < m$ . We have  $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq m-1} (\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{q}_i) < \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m-1} \mathbf{a}_{k'+i} < \mathbf{s}_{k'} < \mathbf{a}_k$ . But

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m-1} (\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{q}_i) &= \sum_{1 \leq j \leq m-1} (\alpha_{j0} - \beta_{j0})\mathbf{b}_0 + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq m-1} (\alpha_{j1} - \beta_{j1})\mathbf{b}_1 \\ &\quad + \dots + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq m-1} (\alpha_{jn-1} - \beta_{jn-1})\mathbf{b}_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{1 \leq j \leq m-1} (\alpha_{ji} - \beta_{ji}) = \sum_{\theta \leq j \leq m-1} \alpha_{ji} - \alpha_{0i} - \sum_{\theta \leq j \leq m-1} \beta_{ji} + \beta_{0i} = \beta_{0i} - \alpha_{0i}.$$

Therefore

$$(\beta_{00} - \alpha_{00})\mathbf{b}_0 + (\beta_{01} - \alpha_{01})\mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + (\beta_{0n-1} - \alpha_{0n-1})\mathbf{b}_{n-1} < \mathbf{a}_k,$$

so  $\mathbf{q}_0 - \mathbf{p}_0 < \mathbf{a}_k$ . But  $a_k$  was arbitrary, so  $q_0 \lesssim_1 p_0$ .

Lemmas 4 and 5 together with [1, Theorem 5.3] imply the existence of a strictly positive  $\sigma$ -measure  $\mu$  weakly compatible with  $\lesssim_1$ ; this together with Lemma 3 implies the following theorem.

**Theorem.** *Let  $B$  be a  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean algebra generated by countably many atoms  $\{a_i: i \in \omega\}$  and  $\lesssim$  a partial preorder on  $B$  which extends  $\subseteq$ , such that*

(I) *Every finite subalgebra  $B'$  of  $B$  generated by atoms and tails has a strictly positive measure weakly compatible with  $\lesssim$ .*

(II) *For any atom  $a_k$  there exists a tail  $s_{k'}$  such that  $s_{k'} \lesssim a_k$ .*

*Then there exists a strictly positive  $\sigma$ -measure  $\mu$  weakly compatible with  $\lesssim$ .*

### 3. COUNTEREXAMPLES

**Example 1.** Let  $B$  be a  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean algebra generated by  $\{a_i: i \in \omega\}$ . For  $p \in B$  we define  $\mathbf{p}$  in the following way:

If  $p = \sum\{a_i : i \in J\}$  with  $J \subseteq \omega$ , then  $\mathbf{p} = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{0 \leq k \leq i} [\chi_J(k)] \cdot (1/2)^{k+1}$ , where  $\chi_J$  is the characteristic function of  $J$ .

Now we define  $\preceq$  on  $B$ . Let  $p$  and  $q$  be any elements of  $B$ .

- (i) If  $a_0 \subseteq p \cup q$ , then  $p \preceq q$  iff  $\mathbf{p} \leq \mathbf{q}$ .
- (ii) If  $p \not\subseteq \sum\{a_i : i > 0\}$  and  $a_0 \subseteq q$ , then  $p \prec q$ .
- (iii)  $a_0 \prec \sum\{a_i : i > 0\}$ .
- (iv) If  $a_0 \subseteq p \cap q$ , then  $p \preceq q$  iff  $(p - a_0) \preceq (q - a_0)$ .

Then  $\preceq$  is a total preorder; furthermore for all  $n$ ,  $s_{n+2} \preceq a_n$  and every subalgebra  $B'$  of  $B$  has a measure compatible with  $\preceq$ . Therefore  $B$  has a  $\sigma$ -measure weakly compatible with  $\preceq$ . However, for any measure weakly compatible with  $\preceq$ ,  $\mu(a_0) = \mu(\sum\{a_i : i > 0\})$  holds, so  $B$  admits no compatible measure.

This example shows that strengthening condition (5) does not yield a stronger result. Namely, even if every finite subalgebra  $B'$  of  $B$  has a measure compatible with  $\preceq$ ,  $B$  admits only weakly compatible  $\sigma$ -measures.

The following two examples will show that condition (II) is necessary when the  $\sigma$ -algebra is infinite. In Example 2 the  $\sigma$ -algebra admits a finitely additive measure  $\mu$  compatible with  $\preceq$ , but no  $\sigma$ -additive measure weakly compatible with it. In Example 3 the  $\sigma$ -algebra does not admit even a finitely additive measure compatible with  $\preceq$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $B$  be a Boolean algebra generated by denumerably many atoms  $\{a_i : i \in \omega\}$ , and  $\text{Cof}$  the filter over  $\omega$  such that  $a \subset \omega$  belongs to  $\text{Cof}$  if and only if  $\omega \sim a$  is finite.

Let  $U$  be an ultrafilter over  $\omega$  such that  $\text{Cof} \subset U$ . Let  $\mu : B \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be defined as:

$$\mu(p) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} + \sum\{(\frac{1}{2})^{i+2} : a_i \subseteq p\}, & \text{if } \{i : a_i \subseteq p\} \in U, \\ \sum\{(\frac{1}{2})^{i+2} : a_i \subseteq p\}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

To show  $\mu$  is finitely additive, let  $p \cap q = 0$ . If  $\{i : a_i \subseteq p\} \in U$ , then  $\{i : a_i \subseteq q\} \notin U$  and  $\{i : a_i \subseteq p \cup q\} \in U$ . So:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(p) + \mu(q) &= \frac{1}{2} + \sum\left\{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{i+2} : a_i \subseteq p\right\} + \sum\left\{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{i+2} : a_i \subseteq q\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \sum\left\{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{i+2} : a_i \subseteq p \cup q\right\} = \mu(p \cup q). \end{aligned}$$

Now if  $\{i : a_i \subseteq p\} \notin U$  and  $\{i : a_i \subseteq q\} \notin U$ , then  $\{i : a_i \subseteq p \cup q\} = \{i : a_i \subseteq p\} + \{i : a_i \subseteq q\} \notin U$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(p) + \mu(q) &= \sum\left\{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{i+2} : a_i \subseteq p\right\} + \sum\left\{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{i+2} : a_i \subseteq q\right\} \\ &= \sum\left\{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{i+2} : a_i \subseteq p \cup q\right\} = \mu(p \cup q). \end{aligned}$$

Then the order  $\lesssim$  induced by  $\mu$  has a compatible measure, but no  $\sigma$ -additive compatible measure, since for all  $n \in \omega$ ,  $\sum\{a_i: 0 \leq i \leq n\} < \sum\{a_i: i > n\}$ .

**Example 3.** Let  $B$  be generated by denumerably many atoms  $\{a_i: i \in \omega\}$ . For all  $p \in B$  let  $\mathbf{p}$  be a constant. Let

$$T = \{\mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{a}_m: n, m \in \omega\} \cup \{\mathbf{p} < \mathbf{q}: p \subset q\} \\ \cup \{\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{q}: p = q\} \cup \{\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{r}: p = q + r\}.$$

Then every finite subset  $T'$  of  $T \cup \text{Th}\mathbf{R}$ , has a model, then  $T \cup \text{Th}\mathbf{R}$  has a model  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Let  $\lesssim$  be the preorder on  $B$  defined by:  $p \lesssim q$  iff  $\mathbf{p}^{\mathfrak{M}} \leq \mathbf{q}^{\mathfrak{M}}$ . As  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a model of  $\text{Th}\mathbf{R}$ , condition (I) is satisfied, but there exists no strictly positive measure weakly compatible with  $\lesssim$  since for all  $n, m$ ,  $a_n \sim a_m$ .

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