

*Some results on  
Transition Probabilities*

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**ABSTRACT**

Motivated by some applications in modal logic, using measurable selection theorems, we prove the following results on the existence of transition probabilities. In what follows,  $X$  and  $Y$  are uncountable Polish spaces with  $\lambda$  a Borel probability on  $X$  and  $B \subset X \times Y$  a Borel set.

**Result 1.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a countably generated sub  $\sigma$ -algebra of the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}_Y$ . Suppose for each  $x \in X$ ,  $P(x, \cdot)$  is a probability measure on  $\mathcal{A}$  such that for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $x \rightarrow P(x, A)$  is Borel measurable. Then, for each  $x \in X$ , there is a Borel probability  $Q(x, \cdot)$  on  $Y$  extending  $P(x, \cdot)$  with  $x \rightarrow Q(x, C)$   $\lambda$ -measurable for every Borel  $C \subset Y$ . We also give a necessary and sufficient condition under which we can choose the extensions  $Q(x, \cdot)$  so that for every Borel set  $C \subset Y$ ,  $x \rightarrow Q(x, C)$  is Borel measurable.*

**Result 2.** *Assume that for every  $x \in X$ , the section  $B_x = \{y \in Y : (x, y) \in B\}$  is uncountable. Then for every  $x \in X$ , there is a continuous Borel probability  $P(x, \cdot)$  on  $Y$  with topological support contained in  $B_x$  such that for every Borel  $C \subset Y$ ,  $x \rightarrow P(x, C)$  is  $\lambda$ -measurable.*