## Contractive Projections and Lifting of Operators on Banach Spaces F. Botelho Department of Mathematical Sciences

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A Banach space Y has the *lifting property* (LP) if, for every operator  $\psi$  from a Banach space X to a Banach space W and for every  $S \in L(Y, W)$ , there is  $\hat{S} \in L(Y, X)$  such that  $S = \psi \circ \hat{S}$ . It was noted that  $\ell_1$  has the LP and every space isomorphic to  $\ell_1$  also has the LP. A focus on W rather than Y leads to the *alternate lifting property* (ALP). An infinite dimensional Banach space with ALP is isomorphic to  $\ell^1(\Gamma)$ , for some suitable index set  $\Gamma$ . Following this trend of ideas, we consider other properties involving lifting of operators, we describe necessary and sufficient conditions for their existence and give explanatory examples.