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Uncountable models and generalized Baire spaces

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The Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé game

- We have two models \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} , $A \cap B = \emptyset$.
- $\mathsf{EF}_{\omega}(\mathfrak{A},\mathfrak{B})$ is the game:

Rules:

- 1. There are ω moves.
- $2. x_i, y_i \in A \cup B.$
- 3. $x_i \in A$ iff $y_i \in B$.
- Player I wins if for some n the relation x_i ↔ y_i, i < n, does not extend to a partial isomorphism between A and B. Otherwise II wins.

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Partial (a.k.a. potential) isomorphism

TFAE:

II ↑ EF_ω(𝔅, 𝔅) i.e. *II* has a winning strategy in EF_ω(𝔅, 𝔅).
 𝔅 𝔅 =_ρ 𝔅 i.e. 𝔅 and 𝔅 are isomorphic after some forcing.

(Ehrenfeucht 1957, Fraïssé 1953, Karp 1965)

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Partial (a.k.a. potential) isomorphism

• If ${\mathfrak A}$ and ${\mathfrak B}$ are countable, then

$$\mathfrak{A} \cong \mathfrak{B} \iff II \uparrow \mathsf{EF}_{\omega}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}).$$

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More generally, looking ahead

$\mathsf{EF}_{\kappa}(\mathfrak{A},\mathfrak{B})$ is defined similarly but there are κ moves.

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More generally, looking ahead

TFAE:

- 1. $II \uparrow \mathsf{EF}_{\kappa}(\mathfrak{A},\mathfrak{B}).$
- 2. $\mathfrak{A} \cong_{p}^{\kappa} \mathfrak{B}$ i.e. \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} are isomorphic after some $< \kappa$ -closed forcing.

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More generally, looking ahead

• If \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} are of size $\leq \kappa$, then

 $\mathfrak{A} \cong \mathfrak{B} \iff II \uparrow \mathsf{EF}_{\kappa}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}).$

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Back to countable models

In an attempt to understand isomorphism of countable models (an analytic relation) better, we add an ordinal "clock" to the game EF_{ω} .



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Adding a clock β

•
$$\mathsf{EF}^{eta}_{\omega}(\mathfrak{A},\mathfrak{B})$$
 is the following game:

Rules:

1. There are only finitely many moves.

$$2. \ \beta > \alpha_0 > \ldots > \alpha_n = 0.$$

- 3. $x_i, y_i \in A \cup B$.
- 4. $x_i \in A$ iff $y_i \in B$.
- 5. Player I wins if for some *m* he played α_m and the relation $x_i \leftrightarrow y_i$, $i \leq m$, does not extend to a partial isomorphism between \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} . Otherwise II wins.

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TFAE:

- 1. $II \uparrow \mathsf{EF}_{\omega}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}).$
- 2. $II \uparrow \mathsf{EF}^{\beta}_{\omega}(\mathfrak{A},\mathfrak{B})$ for all $\beta < (|A| + |B|)^+$.

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Scott Watershed

TFAE:

- 1. $\mathfrak{A} \cong_{p} \mathfrak{B}$.
- 2. There is $\beta (= \beta(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}))$ such that $H \uparrow \mathsf{EF}^{\beta}_{\omega}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$ but $I \uparrow \mathsf{EF}^{\beta+1}_{\omega}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}).$



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Scott Watershed

- β is the Scott Watershed where advantage in the game $\mathsf{EF}^{\gamma}_{\omega}(\mathfrak{A},\mathfrak{B})$ moves from II to I, more exactly
 - $II \uparrow \mathsf{EF}^{\gamma}_{\omega}(\mathfrak{A},\mathfrak{B})$ for all $\gamma \leq \beta$.
 - $I \uparrow \mathsf{EF}^{\gamma}_{\omega}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$ for all $\gamma > \beta$.

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The "complexity" of a model: Scott Height

Fix \mathfrak{A} (of any size). Let

$$\mathsf{SH}(\mathfrak{A}) = sup\{\beta((\mathfrak{A},\vec{a}),(\mathfrak{A},\vec{b})):\vec{a},\vec{b}\in A^{<\omega},(\mathfrak{A},\vec{a})\not\cong_p(\mathfrak{A},\vec{b})\}$$

= the Scott Height of \mathfrak{A} .

[Scott, 1965]

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Capturing isomorphism on countable models

For countable \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} :

 $\mathfrak{A} \cong \mathfrak{B} \iff II \uparrow \mathsf{EF}^{\mathsf{SH}(\mathfrak{A})+\omega}_{\omega}(\mathfrak{A},\mathfrak{B})$ $\iff \mathfrak{B} \models \psi_{\mathfrak{A}},$

where $\psi_{\mathfrak{A}} \in L_{\omega_1\omega}$ is the Scott Sentence of \mathfrak{A} . [Scott, 1965] l rees

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Descriptive set theory of countable models

- An invariant subset of ω^{ω} is Borel iff it is definable in $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ [Scott, 1964].
- The orbit of a countable model is always Borel [Scott, 1964].
- There is a rich study of Borel and analytic (such as ≅) equivalence relations, starting from the above results of Scott.
- Countable ordinals play a central role.

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A motivating question

• **Question:** Can the Scott analysis of countable models in terms of countable ordinals and sentences of $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ be extended from countable to uncountable?



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Potential problems

- Need transfinite EF-games, i.e. EF_α, α > ω. But such games may be non-determined [Hyttinen and Väänänen, 1990],
 [Mekler et al., 1993], [Hyttinen et al., 2002].
- Clocks may have to be more general than just ordinals: we will use trees as clocks. But that leads to the question what is the order of trees like. Maybe it is not as nice as the order of ordinals?
- There is no maximal countable ordinal. Could there be a maximal tree of cardinality ℵ₁ without uncountable branches?



Ordering of trees

Suppose T and T' are trees i.e. partial orders in which the predecessors of every element are well-ordered and there is a unique root.

Definition

 $T \leq T'$ if there is $\pi : T \rightarrow T'$ such that for all $t, u \in T$:

$$t <_T u \to \pi(t) <_{T'} \pi(u).$$

This π is called a weak embedding. If it is one-one it is called a strong embedding. Trees T and T' are equivalent, $T \equiv T'$, if $T \leq T'$ and $T' \leq T$.



- Ordinals i.e. well-founded trees (mod \equiv) form a proper class that is well-ordered by \leq .
- Trees of height κ without branches of length κ are the "ordinals" of GBS.
- There are ≤-incomparable trees of cardinality ℵ₁ without uncountable branches. [Todorčević and Väänänen, 1999]

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Interesting classes of trees without κ -branches

A tree of height κ in which there is no branch of length κ is called:

- 1. A κ -Aronszajn tree if all levels are of size $< \kappa$.
- 2. A wide κ -Aronszajn tree if all levels are of size $\leq \kappa$.
- 3. A very wide κ -Aronszajn tree if all levels are of size $\leq \kappa^{<\kappa}$.

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A kind of "successor" operation on trees

- $\sigma(T)$ denotes the tree of ascending chains in T, ordered by end-extension.
- $T < \sigma(T)$. (Kurepa)
- In many ways $\sigma(T)$ acts as the "successor" of the tree T.
- If T is a (wide) κ-Aronszajn tree, then σ(T) is a very wide κ-Aronszajn tree.



We are ready to assign a clock-tree to the transfinite EF-game EF_{κ} .

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EF-game with a clock-tree T

• $\mathsf{EF}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathfrak{A},\mathfrak{B})$ is the following game:

Rules:

- 1. There are as many moves as Player I can play.
- 2. $t_0 < t_1 < \ldots < t_{\xi} < \ldots$ is an increasing chain in T.
- 3. $x_i \in A$ iff $y_i \in B$.
- Player I wins if for some ξ he played t_ξ and the relation x_i ↔ y_i, i ≤ ξ, does not extend to a partial isomorphism between 𝔄 and 𝔅. Otherwise II wins.
- 5. If Player I cannot move (because he run out of branch in *T*), Player II wins.

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TFAE:

- 1. $II \uparrow \mathsf{EF}_{\kappa}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}).$
- 2. $II \uparrow \mathsf{EF}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$ for all trees \mathcal{T} without κ -branches, even assuming $|\mathcal{T}| \leq 2^{(|\mathcal{A}|+|\mathcal{B}|)^{<\kappa}}$. [Hyttinen, 1987]

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TFAE:

- 1. $I \uparrow \mathsf{EF}_{\kappa}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}).$
- 2. $I \uparrow EF_{\sigma(S)}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$ for some S without κ -branches even with $|S| \leq (|A| + |B|)^{<\kappa}$. [Kartlunen, 1984]

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$T \leq T'$ syncs well with the EF-game:

Fix \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} (of any size).

• If $T \leq T'$ then

$$II \uparrow \mathsf{EF}_{\mathcal{T}'}(\mathfrak{A},\mathfrak{B}) \Rightarrow II \uparrow \mathsf{EF}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathfrak{A},\mathfrak{B})$$

and

$$I \uparrow \mathsf{EF}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}) \Rightarrow I \uparrow \mathsf{EF}_{\mathcal{T}'}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}).$$

• If $I \uparrow \mathsf{EF}_{T'}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$ and $II \uparrow \mathsf{EF}_{T}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$, then T < T'.

[Hyttinen and Väänänen, 1990]

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An analogue of the Scott Watershed

Theorem ([Hyttinen and Väänänen, 1990])

Suppose \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} are models of cardinality κ such that $\mathfrak{A} \ncong \mathfrak{B}$. Then:

- 1. There is a tree *S* such that $|\uparrow EF_{\sigma(S)}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$ but $| \uparrow EF_{S}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$. Moreover, $|S| \leq (|A| + |B|)^{<\kappa}$.
- 2. There is a tree $K \leq S$ such that $II \uparrow EF_{\kappa}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$ but $II \not\uparrow EF_{\sigma(K)}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$. Moreover, $|K| \leq 2^{(|A|+|B|) < \kappa}$.

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Given \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} , the class of trees is divided into regions of advantage in the EF-game.



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Two¹ analogues of Scott Height [Hyttinen and Väänänen, 1990]

Let \mathfrak{A} be a model of cardinality κ . A tree T without κ -branches is a:

• universal equivalence tree of \mathfrak{A} if for all \mathfrak{B} of cardinality κ :

$$\mathfrak{A} \cong \mathfrak{B} \iff II \uparrow \mathsf{EF}_T(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}).$$

• universal non-equivalence tree of \mathfrak{A} if for all \mathfrak{B} of cardinality κ :

$$\mathfrak{A} \ncong \mathfrak{B} \iff I \uparrow \mathsf{EF}_T(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}).$$

¹Because of non-determinacy we have two rather than one analogue. $\blacksquare \land \land \land \land \land$



Theorem ([Hyttinen and Tuuri, 1991])

Assume CH. There is a linear order of cardinality \aleph_1 without a universal equivalence tree of cardinality \aleph_1 .

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\aleph_1 -separable² abelian group

Theorem ([Eklof et al., 1995])

- PFA ⊢ every ℵ₁-separable abelian group of cardinality ℵ₁ has a universal equivalence tree of cardinality ℵ₁.
- ∴ < ⊢ there is an ℵ₁-separable abelian group of cardinality ℵ₁ without a universal equivalence tree of cardinality ℵ₁.

Such results put a bound on how to put invariants on such groups.

²Every countable subset is contained in a countable free direct summand. $= - \Im \circ \bigcirc \Im$



The idea is that the bigger a universal equivalence tree is, the more complicated the model is. If there is no universal equivalence tree of cardinality κ (there is always one of cardinality $2^{\kappa^{<\kappa}}$), then the model is in a sense maximally complicated.



Open problem

 Question: Given a (wide) κ-Aronszajn tree T, are there models 𝔄 and 𝔅 of cardinality κ such that *II* ↑ EF_T(𝔅, 𝔅) but 𝔅 ≇ 𝔅?

• Yes, if
$$\kappa = \omega$$
. [Karp, 1965]

- Yes, if $\kappa^{<\kappa}=\kappa.$ [Hyttinen and Tuuri, 1991]
- Yes, if T is not too big, e.g. has height $< \kappa$. [Shelah, 2008]
- Open also if "wide" is dropped or replaced by "very wide".

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Connection to Δ_1^1

Theorem ([Mekler and Väänänen, 1993])

Assume CH and $R \subseteq \omega_1 \times \omega_1$. The following conditions are equivalent:

- 1. The model (ω_1, R) has a universal non-equivalence tree of cardinality \aleph_1 .
- 2. The orbit of R in $\omega_1^{\omega_1}$ is Δ_1^1 in the Generalized Baire Space $\omega_1^{\omega_1}$.



Let $\Phi(\omega_1)$ be the result of replacing in the order type of ω_1 every element by a copy of the rationals.

Theorem ([Mekler and Väänänen, 1993]) Assume CH. TFAE:

- 1. $\Phi(\omega_1)$ has a universal equivalence tree of cardinality \aleph_1 .
- 2. There is a wide Aronszajn tree (a "Canary" tree) which is \leq -above every tree of the form T(A), $A \subseteq \omega_1$ co-stationary.

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Theorem

 $\kappa > \omega$ regular. Γ a countable complete first order theory.

- If Γ is classifiable, then for every model 𝔄 of Γ of cardinality ℵ₁ there is a tree of cardinality ℵ₁ and of countable height which is a universal non-equivalence tree for 𝔄. [Shelah, 2023]
- 2. If $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ and Γ is non-classifiable, then Γ has a model \mathfrak{A} of cardinality κ such that no wide κ -Aronszajn tree is a universal equivalence tree for \mathfrak{A} . [Hyttinen and Tuuri, 1991]
- It is consistent, relative to the consistency of ZF, that if Γ is unsuperstable, then Γ has a model A of cardinality κ such that no wide κ-Aronszajn tree is a universal non-equivalence tree for A. [Hyttinen and Tuuri, 1991]



- The question of existence of universal (non)equivalence trees for uncountable models emphasises the need to understand what kind of classes of trees have maximal (i.e. universal) trees.
- Problem: Given a class of trees, is there a maximal tree in the class under weak embeddings?

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- *MA*_{ω1} implies there is no maximal ℵ₁-Aronszajn tree. ^[Todorčević, 2007]
- MA_{ω_1} implies there is no maximal wide \aleph_1 -Aronszajn tree. [Džamonja and Shelah, 2021]
- $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ implies there is no maximal wide κ -tree. (Because $|\sigma(\tau)| \le |\tau|^{<\kappa}$.)
- There is no maximal very wide κ-Aronszajn tree. (Because of σ.)
- Assume V = L and κ regular but not weakly compact. No wide κ -Aronszajn tree T is maximal, for there is always a κ -Souslin tree S such that $S \not\leq T$. [Todorčević and Väänänen, 1999],

[Ben-Neria - Magidor - Väänänen 2023].

Is it consistent to have a maximal wide κ-Aronszajn tree?

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Theorem (Ben-Neria - Magidor - Väänänen 2023)

Assuming the consistency of a weakly compact cardinal above a regular uncountable cardinal μ , it is consistent that there exists a maximal wide μ^+ -Aronszajn tree, i.e. a tree of height and cardinality μ^+ with no branches of length μ^+ , into which every wide μ^+ -Aronszajn tree can be (strongly) embedded. Uncountable 00000000000 Maximal trees



Universally Baire sets in Generalized Baire Spaces

Joint work with Menachem Magidor

- $\omega_1^{\omega_1}$ topology by initial segments.
- κ^{κ} topology by initial segments.
- Nowhere dense ... as usual.
- *κ*-meager ...as usual.
- Σ_1^1 ... as usual, but note that every subset of $\omega_1^{\omega_1}$ may be Σ_1^1 (Schindler).
- Strongly $\Sigma_1^1 = \Sigma_1$ over H_{κ^+} .

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Recap: Universally Baire in ω^{ω}

- A ⊆ ω^ω is universally Baire if f⁻¹[A] is Baire in E for every continuous f : E → ω^ω.
- Schilling-Vaught 1983, Feng-Magidor-Woodin 1992.
- A σ -algebra in the intersection of Lebesque measurable sets and Baire sets.
- Σ₁¹-sets are UB.
- Large cardinals imply projective sets are UB.

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Recap: Forcing definition of UB

 $A \subseteq \omega^{\omega}$ is universally Baire iff for every \mathbb{P} there is a \mathbb{P} -term τ such that for all countable $M \prec H_{\theta}$, θ big, with $A, \mathbb{P} \in M$, and for all G, \mathbb{P} -generic over M, we have

 $[\tau]_G = A \cap M[G].$

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Generalization to κ^{κ} , κ regular

We say that $A \subseteq \kappa^{\kappa}$ is $UB(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{G})$, if for every $\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{P}$ there is a \mathbb{P} -term τ such that for all $M \prec H_{\theta}$, θ big, such that $|M| = \kappa$, $M \in \mathcal{M}$ and $A, \kappa, \mathbb{P} \in M$, and for all $G \in \mathcal{G}$, \mathbb{P} -generic over M, we have

 $[\tau]_G = A \cap M[G].$

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 $\mathsf{UB}(\mathcal{P},\mathcal{M},\mathcal{G})$

Typical cases:

- *P* is the class of κ-closed po-sets (CL_κ), or just stationary preserving (SP) po-sets.
- \mathcal{M} is internally κ -closed models (IC_{κ}). $M = \bigcup_{\alpha < \kappa} M_{\alpha}$, $|M_{\alpha}| < \kappa$, $\{\langle M_{\beta} : \beta < \alpha \rangle\} \cup \{M_{\alpha}\} \subseteq M_{\alpha+1}$.
- \mathcal{G} = all generics, \mathcal{G} = stationary correct generics (SCO).

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A is κ -universally Baire if it satisfies UB(CL_{κ}, IC_{κ}, all).

Properties:

- Baire property.
- Bernstein property.
- Topological characterization.
- $CLUB = \{ f \in \kappa^{\kappa} : f^{-1}(0) \text{ contains a club } \} \text{ is not here.}$
- The set of (codes of) wide Aronszajn trees is here, assuming Martin's Axiom and not-CH, but not assuming ◊.
- Same with the set of (codes of) Souslin trees.

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Theorem (Bernstein Property)

Suppose κ is regular. If $A \subseteq \kappa^{\kappa}$ is κ -universally Baire, then either A or $\kappa^{\kappa} \setminus A$ contains a copy of 2^{κ} .

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Need a weaker concept of universal Baireness in order that CLUB, a natural and central concept, would be included.

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A is weakly κ -universally Baire if it satisfies UB(SP, IC_{κ}, SCO). Properties:

- CLUB is here, so this does not imply Baire property.
- A weak Bernstein property in $\omega_1^{\omega_1}$, assuming MM^{++} .
- V = L implies every Σ_1^1 set is here (for $\kappa = \lambda^+$, λ regular.)
- Can always force "SLN not here".

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Theorem (A weak Bernstein property)

Assume MM^{++} . If $A \subseteq \omega_1^{\omega_1}$ is weakly universally Baire, then either A of $\omega_1^{\omega_1} \setminus A$ contains an ω_1 -rake.

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Figure: An ω_1 -rake.

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Conclusion: No large cardinals can imply that all strongly Σ_1^1 -sets are weakly ω_1 -universally Baire.

We need something weaker than "weak".



The 1^{st} version

SP(MM) is the class of stationary preserving po-sets that force MM.

A is said to be very weakly κ -universally Baire if it satisfies UB(SP(*MM*), IC_{κ}, SCO).

Properties when $\kappa = \omega_1$:

- Every strongly Σ₁¹ set is here, assuming a proper class of Woodin cardinals.
- A weak Bernstein property, assuming *MM*⁺⁺ and a supercompact.



The 2nd version

SP(\star): stationary preserving po-sets forcing (\star).

Definition

A is very weakly κ -universally Baire if it satisfies UB(SP(\star), IC_{κ}, SCO).

Properties when $\kappa = \omega_1$:

- Every strongly projective set is here, assuming (*).
- A weak Bernstein property, assuming *MM*⁺⁺ and a supercompact.



Conclusions

- Move from countable to uncountable is full of troubles and surprises, as can be expected.
- By using trees as analogues of ordinals we can go around some problems.
- *MM*⁺⁺ and (*) are natural frameworks to develop descriptive set theory in generalized Baire spaces, when CH is not assumed.

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