

Models of Set Theory I. - Summer 2019

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Problem sheet 9

Problem 33. Remember that a subset of a topological space is *nowhere dense* if its closure has empty interior. Moreover, recall that the *Cantor space* is the topological space consisting of the set ${}^\omega 2$ of all functions from ω to 2 equipped with the topology whose basic open sets are of the form

$$B_s = \{x \in {}^\omega 2 \mid s \subseteq x\}$$

for some functions s contained in the set ${}^{<\omega} 2$ of all functions $t : n \rightarrow 2$ with $n < \omega$.

We say that a sequence $\vec{s} = \langle s_i \in {}^{<\omega} 2 \mid i < \omega \rangle$ is a *code for a closed nowhere dense subset of the Cantor space* if

$$N_{\vec{s}} = {}^\omega 2 \setminus \bigcup \{B_{s_i} \mid i < \omega\}$$

is a nowhere dense subset of ${}^\omega 2$.

- (1) (2 Points) Prove that the statement

” \vec{s} is a code for a closed nowhere dense subset of the Cantor space ”

is absolute between transitive models of ZFC.

- (2) (3 Points) Prove that the following statements are equivalent for every transitive model M of ZFC and every filter G on Cohen forcing \mathbb{C} :

(a) G is \mathbb{C} -generic over M .

(b) If $\vec{s} \in M$ is a code for a closed nowhere dense subset of the Cantor space, then $\bigcup G \notin N_{\vec{s}}$.

Problem 34 (5 Points). Prove Lemma 4.2.4. from the lecture course: Assume ZF^- and let $\varphi(v_0, \dots, v_{n-1})$ be an \mathcal{L}_\in -formula. The following statements are equivalent for every partial order \mathbb{P} , every $p \in \mathbb{P}$ and all $\tau_0, \dots, \tau_{n-1} \in V^{\mathbb{P}}$.

- (1) $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}}^* \varphi(\tau_0, \dots, \tau_{n-1})$.
- (2) $q \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}}^* \varphi(\tau_0, \dots, \tau_{n-1})$ for every $q \in \mathbb{P}$ with $q \leq_{\mathbb{P}} p$.
- (3) The set $\{q \in \mathbb{P} \mid q \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}}^* \varphi(\tau_0, \dots, \tau_{n-1})\}$ is dense below p in \mathbb{P} .

Problem 35. Assume ZF^- and let $\varphi(v_0, \dots, v_n)$ be an \mathcal{L}_\in -formula. If \mathbb{P} is a partial order, $p \in \mathbb{P}$ and $\tau, \tau_0, \dots, \tau_{n-1} \in V^{\mathbb{P}}$, then the following statements hold:

- (1) (2 Points) $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}}^* \forall x \varphi(x, \tau_0, \dots, \tau_{n-1})$ if and only if $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}}^* \varphi(\sigma, \tau_0, \dots, \tau_{n-1})$ for all $\sigma \in V^{\mathbb{P}}$.
- (2) (2 Points) $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}}^* \exists x \in \tau \varphi(x, \tau_0, \dots, \tau_{n-1})$ if and only if the set

$$\{q \in \mathbb{P} \mid \exists(\rho, r) \in \tau [q \leq_{\mathbb{P}} r \wedge q \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}}^* \varphi(\rho, \tau_0, \dots, \tau_{n-1})]\}$$

is dense below p in \mathbb{P} .

- (3) (2 Points) $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}}^* \forall x \in \tau \varphi(x, \tau_0, \dots, \tau_{n-1})$ if and only if $q \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}}^* \varphi(\rho, \tau_0, \dots, \tau_{n-1})$ holds for all $(\rho, r) \in \tau$ and $q \in \mathbb{P}$ with $q \leq_{\mathbb{P}} p, r$.

Problem 36 (6 Points). Let $\text{Fn}(\omega, \omega, \omega)$ denote the partial order consisting of all finite partial functions $p : \omega \xrightarrow{\text{par}} \omega$ ordered by reversed inclusion.

- (1) (2 Points) Construct a dense subset D of the Cohen forcing \mathbb{C} and a dense embedding of the partial order (D, \supseteq) into $\text{Fn}(\omega, \omega, \omega)$.
- (2) (2 Points) Let \mathbb{P} be a countable atomless partial order with a maximal element $\mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{P}}$. Prove that there is a dense embedding of a dense subset of $\text{Fn}(\omega, \omega, \omega)$ into \mathbb{P} (Hint: Use a previous exercise to show that there is an infinite antichain below every condition in \mathbb{P} . Fix an enumeration $\langle p_n \mid n < \omega \rangle$ of \mathbb{P} and define a function π by recursion. Set $\pi(\emptyset) = \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{P}}$. If $\pi(s)$ is defined for some $s : n \rightarrow \omega$, then extend π in a way such that $\{\pi(s \frown \langle m \rangle) \mid m < \omega\}$ is a maximal antichain below $\pi(s)$ in \mathbb{P} . Moreover, if the conditions p_n and $\pi(s)$ are compatible in \mathbb{P} , then ensure that there is an $m < \omega$ with $\pi(s \frown \langle m \rangle) \leq_{\mathbb{P}} p_n$. Show that the resulting function is a dense embedding.).