

## 1.2. Uncountable models

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Let us then move on to uncountable models. The natural space for the study of models of size  $\aleph_1$  is  $\omega_1^{\omega_1}$  with the basic open sets ([60], [32])

$$N(\alpha, \alpha) = \{f \in \omega_1^{\omega_1} : f \upharpoonright \alpha = \alpha\}$$

where  $\alpha \in \omega_1^\alpha$ . Note that  $|\omega_1^{<\omega_1}| = 2^\omega$  while  $|\omega^{<\omega}| = \omega$ .  $\aleph_1$ -additive space, see page 5.

To see that this is a meaningful space let us first prove

Baire Category Theorem [5], [6]: If  $D_\alpha, \alpha < \omega_1$ , are open dense, then  $\bigcap_{\alpha < \omega_1} D_\alpha$  is dense in  $\omega_1^{\omega_1}$ . (So  $\omega_1^{\omega_1}$  is not meager!) (More: Every comeager set has  $2^{\aleph_1}$  els.)

Proof Let  $f_0 \in D_{\alpha_0}, \alpha_0 < \omega_1$  so that  $\alpha \leq \alpha_0$  and suppose  $N(\alpha, \alpha)$  is given

$N(f_0 \upharpoonright \alpha_0, \alpha_0) \subseteq D_0$ . Let  $\rho_0 = f_0 \upharpoonright \alpha_0$ . (15)

If  $f_\beta, \alpha_\beta, \rho_\beta$  have been chosen so that

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_0 &\triangleleft \rho_1 && \dots && \triangleleft \rho_\beta && \dots && \beta < \gamma \\ \alpha_0 &< \alpha_1 && && && && < \alpha_\beta && && && \beta < \gamma \\ f_\beta \upharpoonright \alpha_\beta &= \rho_\beta \end{aligned}$$

$$N(\rho_\beta, \alpha_\beta) \subseteq D_\beta$$

Let  $f_\gamma \in D_\gamma$  s.t.  $f_\gamma \upharpoonright \alpha_\beta = \rho_\beta$  for all  $\beta < \gamma$ . Let  $\alpha_\gamma < \omega_1$  so that  $N(f_\gamma \upharpoonright \alpha_\gamma, \alpha_\gamma) \subseteq D_\gamma$ , and  $\rho_\gamma = f_\gamma \upharpoonright \alpha_\gamma$ . Clearly

there is  $f$  s.t.  $f \upharpoonright \alpha_\beta = \rho_\beta$  for all  $\beta$  and then  $f \in N(\rho, \alpha) \cap \bigcap_{\alpha} D_\alpha$ .  $\square$

Let us call a set  $A \subseteq \omega_1^{\omega_1}$   $\omega_1$ -analytic if there is a tree  $T \subseteq \omega_1^{<\omega_1} \times \omega_1^{<\omega_1}$  so that

$f \in A \iff T(f)$  has an uncountable branch.

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Note that in general  $|T(f)| \leq 2^\omega$ .

Clearly, a set is co-analytic iff there is an open  $B \subseteq \omega_1^{\omega_1} \times \omega_1^{\omega_1}$  s.t.

$$f \in A \iff \forall g ((f, g) \in B).$$

Namely, if such a  $B$  exists, we can let

$$R = \{(\alpha, \alpha') : \exists N((\alpha, \alpha'), \alpha) \in B, \alpha < \omega_1, \alpha, \alpha' \in \omega_1^\alpha\}.$$

Then  $f \in A \iff \forall g \exists \alpha R(\widehat{f}(\alpha), \widehat{g}(\alpha)).$

Let  $T = \{(\alpha, \alpha') : \forall \beta \leq \alpha \neg R(\alpha, \beta, \alpha', \beta), \alpha < \omega_1, \alpha, \alpha' \in \omega_1^\alpha\}$

Then

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$F \in A \Leftrightarrow T(f)$  has an uncountable branch.

Conversely, we can construct an open  $B$  from  $T$  by first defining

$$R(\alpha, \alpha') \Leftrightarrow \forall \beta \leq \alpha (\alpha \setminus \beta, \alpha' \setminus \beta) \notin T$$

and then letting

$$B = \bigcup \{ N(\alpha, \alpha'), \alpha \} : R(\alpha, \alpha'), \alpha, \alpha' \in \omega_1^\omega, \alpha < \omega_1 \}$$

So co-analytic sets in  $\omega_1^\omega$  have a tree representation (by definition, but also definition in terms of projection).

Suppose now  $B$  is analytic ( $\Sigma_1^1$ ) and  $S$  is a tree on  $\omega_1^{<\omega_1}$  such that

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$f \in B \Leftrightarrow S(f)$  has an uncountable branch.

Let

$$T' = \{ (\bar{f}(\alpha), \bar{g}(\alpha), \bar{h}(\alpha)) : \bar{g}(\alpha) \in T(f) \\ \bar{h}(\alpha) \in S(f) \}$$

If  $T'$  has an uncountable branch  $(\bar{f}, \bar{g}, \bar{h})$  then  $f \in A \cap B, \mathcal{N}$ . So  $T'$  is a tree of size  $\leq 2^{\aleph_1}$  without uncountable branches. If  $f \in B$ , then there is an uncountable branch  $h$  in  $S(f)$ . Now:

$$\bar{g}(\alpha) \mapsto (\bar{f}(\alpha), \bar{g}(\alpha), \bar{h}(\alpha))$$

is an order-preserving mapping  $T(f) \rightarrow T'$ . We write  $T(f) \leq T'$ .

Let for any tree  $T_0$  w/o uncountable  
branches (19)

$$A_{T_0} = \{f \in A : T(f) \leq T_0\}.$$

Thus  $A = \bigcup_{T_0} A_{T_0}$ . CH implies  $A_{T_0}$  is  $\Sigma_1^1$ . Important to study universal families of trees!

Thus if  $B \subseteq A$  is  $\Sigma_1^1$ , there is a tree  $T_0$  (namely the above  $T$ ) s.t.  $B \subseteq A_{T_0}$ . We have proved the

Covering Theorem <sup>[32]</sup> for  $\omega_1^{\omega_1}$ . More-

over, if  $A$  itself is  $\Delta_1^1$ , then

there is  $T_0$  s.t. Separation, too.  $A = A_{T_0}$ . But

are the sets  $A_T$  Borel in  $\omega_1^{\omega_1}$ ?

Let us define the Borel sets of  $\omega_1^{\omega_1}$  as the smallest class containing

the open sets and closed under

Complement and union of length  $\omega_1$ .  
Borel sets are  $\Delta^1_1$ .

Example  $CUB = \{f \in \omega_1^{\omega_1} : f(\alpha) = 0 \text{ for a club of } \alpha\}$

$NS = \{f \in \omega_1^{\omega_1} : f(\alpha) \neq 0 \text{ for a club of } \alpha\}$

These are disjoint  $\Sigma^1_1$  sets

Theorem (Shelah-V. [45] 2000) Assume CH. Then CUB and NS cannot be separated by a Borel set. (But consistently CUB can be  $\Delta^1_1$  (Meirer-Shelah) [33]).

Proof Every Borel set  $A$  has a "Borel code"  $c : A = B_c$ . Suppose  $A = B_c$  separates CUB and NS. Let  $P$  be Cohen forcing for adding a subset of  $\omega_1$ . Let  $G$  be  $P$ -generic. Let  $g = \cup G$ .

$V[G] \models \{\alpha : g(\alpha) = 0\}$  is least. (2)

Either  $\{\alpha : g(\alpha) = 0\}$  is in  $B_c$  or it is not in  $B_c$ . Assume w.l.o.g. that

$\{\alpha : g(\alpha) = 0\}$  is in  $A = B_c$ . Let  $p \in G$  such that

$$p \Vdash \{\alpha : \tilde{g}(\alpha) = 0\} \in B_c.$$

Let  $\mu$  be large and  $M \prec (H(\mu), \in, <^*)$  where  $<^*$  is a well-order of  $H(\mu)$ . We

assume  $\omega_1, \gamma, \mathbb{P}, TC(c) \in M$ , " $M \subseteq M$ "

(here we use CH) and  $|M| = \omega_1$ .

Now it is easy to construct a generic  $G'$  over  $M$  in  $V$  such that  $p \in G'$

and  $\{\alpha : \tilde{g}'(\alpha) = 0\} \in NS$ . It is

easy to show that  $B_c = (B_c)^{G'}$ .

Since  $M \models "p \Vdash \tilde{g}(\alpha) = 0 \in B_c"$ ,



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$\{\alpha : \tilde{g}^{G'}(\alpha) = 0\} \in \mathcal{B}_c$ . This  
 contradicts  $\mathcal{B}_c \cap NS = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

Theorem (Shelah - V. 2000)  $MA + \neg CH$  implies

CUB is definable in  $L_{\omega_1 \omega_1}$ .

Note:  $L_{\omega_1 \omega_1} \subseteq \text{Borel}$  if we assume CH.

Theorem (Halevy - Shelah) CUB is not  
 Borel. (But it can be  $\Delta^1_1$ )

As in the case of countable models,  
 the relation  $\mathcal{O} \cong \mathcal{B}$  is an analytic  
 equivalence relation in  $\omega_1^{\omega_1}$ , and the  
 orbits

$$I(\mathcal{O}) = \{ \mathcal{L} : \mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{O} \}$$

are also analytic. We can construct  
 the tree  $T$  of attempts.

$$(\bar{f}(\alpha), \bar{g}(\alpha), \bar{h}(\alpha)) \quad (*)$$

to build an isomorphism  $f$  between  
 models  $g$  and  $h$  of size  $\aleph_1$ . Let

called long

$$B \#_{T_0} \mathcal{O} \iff T(B, \mathcal{O}) \leq T_0$$

The relation  $B \#_{T_0} \mathcal{O}$  has a back- and forth characterization, like  $B \#_{\alpha} \mathcal{O}$ . Due to some mathematical facts discussed in Lectures <sup>(II & III)</sup>,  $B \#_{T_0} \mathcal{O}$  is not the negation of  $B \equiv_{T_0} \mathcal{O}$ , which can be defined as  $\sigma T_0 \leq T(B, \mathcal{O})$ . See later for a definition of  $\sigma T_0$ .

The existence of an analogue of Scott ranks of models becomes dependent on the stability theoretic properties of the model.

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1)  $T(B, \mathcal{O})$  is the tree  $T$  of (\*) when  $g$  codes  $B$  and  $h$  codes  $\mathcal{O}$ .

A different approach would be (24)  
to study the space  $\mathbb{R}^{<\omega_1}$ . Steel  
has proved that if enough large  
Cardinals exist and  $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{<\omega_1}$  is  
in  $L(\mathbb{R})$ , then " $T$  has an uncountable  
branch" is forcing absolute. It follows  
that if  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  are models  
in  $L(\mathbb{R})$  and their universe is  
 $\omega_1$ , then " $\mathcal{M} \cong \mathcal{N}$ " is forcing  
absolute. Thus, if we can force  
them isomorphic w/o collapsing  $\aleph_1$ ,  
they are isomorphic.

To avoid dependence on CH we can consider the space  $\lambda^{\omega_1}$  where  $\lambda$  is a s.s.l. of cofinality  $\omega_1$ . Then  $|\lambda^{\omega}| = \lambda$  and  $|2^\lambda| = |\lambda^{\omega_1}|$ . Thus trees  $T \subseteq \lambda^{<\omega_1}$  can be identified with elements of  $\lambda^{\omega_1}$ . The basic open sets are again

$$N(\alpha, \beta) = \{f \in \lambda^{\omega_1} : f \upharpoonright \alpha = \beta\}$$

where  $\alpha \in \lambda^{<\omega_1}$ . The Covering Theorem holds again. In particular, every  $\aleph_1$ -set  $A$  can be covered by sets  $A_T$ ,  $T$  a tree of size  $\lambda$  with no uncountable branches, such that  $A$  is  $\aleph_1$ -set iff  $A = A_T$  for some such  $T$ .

[Sh #80] ZL  
Shelah introduced a Generalized Martin's  
(1978) Axiom for  $\omega_1$ , GMA, and proved: If

GMA holds,  
then the meager ideal on  $2^{\omega_1}$  is closed  
under unions of length  $< 2^{\aleph_1}$ .

Haleš-Sheelah [6]: CUB does not have the  
Baire property (although it  
is  $\Sigma_1^1$ ). Borel sets have  
the Baire property, so CUB  
is not Borel.

What else is known about  $\omega_1^{\omega_1}$ , or  $\aleph_1^{\aleph_1}$ ? (2+)

$T_k =$  trees of size and height  $k$

$U(k)$  (Universality property) there is a family  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq T_{\omega_1}$  s.t.  $|\mathcal{U}| = k$  and  $\forall T \in T_{\omega_1}$   
 $\exists T' \in \mathcal{U} (T \leq T')$ .  $U(2^{\aleph_1})$ .  $CH \Rightarrow \neg U(\aleph_1)$

$B(k)$  (Bounding property) Every family  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq T_{\omega_1}$  s.t.  $|\mathcal{B}| = k$  is bounded  
i.e.  $\exists T \in T_{\omega_1} \forall T' \in \mathcal{B} (T' \leq T)$ .  $B(\aleph_2)$   
 $(CH \wedge U(k) \wedge B(\aleph_2)) \Rightarrow k \geq \aleph_2$

$CP(k)$  (Covering property) If  $A \subseteq \omega_1^{\omega_1}$  is  $\Pi_1^1$ , then there are  $\Sigma_1^1$  sets  $A_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha < k$ , such that  $A = \bigcup_{\alpha} A_\alpha$  and  
if  $B \subseteq A$  is  $\Sigma_1^1$ , then  $B \subseteq A_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha < k$ .

$CH + U(k) \Rightarrow CP(k)$

$CH + B(k) \Rightarrow \forall \lambda < k \neg CP(\lambda)$ .

Mekler-V. 1993:  $U(k) \wedge B(k)$  is consistent  
for any given  $k$ ,  $\aleph_2 \leq k \leq 2^{\aleph_1}$ .