

# Filters and sets of Vitali type

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## Definition

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- 1  $[x]_{\mathcal{F}}$  = abstract class of point  $x$
- 2  $\{0, 1\} / \mathcal{F}$  = set of all abstract classes of relation  $\approx_{\mathcal{F}}$
- 3 We consider only nonprincipal filters.
- 4  $\mathbf{0} = (0, 0, 0, \dots)$  and  $\mathbf{1} = (1, 1, 1, \dots)$
- 5  $-x = x + \mathbf{1}$

For any filters  $\mathcal{F}_0, \mathcal{F}_1$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\omega$  we have

- 1 If  $\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{F}_1$  then  $[x]_{\mathcal{F}_0} \subset [x]_{\mathcal{F}_1}$  for each  $x \in \{0, 1\}^\omega$
- 2 If  $\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{F}_1$  then each selector of  $\{0, 1\}^\omega / \mathcal{F}_1$  can be extended to selector of  $\{0, 1\}^\omega / \mathcal{F}_0$
- 3 If  $\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{F}_1$  then each element of  $\{0, 1\}^\omega / \mathcal{F}_1$  is disjoint union of some elements of  $\{0, 1\}^\omega / \mathcal{F}_0$
- 4 Abstract class  $[\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{F}}$  is a dense subgroup of  $\{0, 1\}^\omega$
- 5 For each  $x \in \{0, 1\}^\omega$  we have  $[x]_{\mathcal{F}} = [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{F}} + x$  and  $[-x]_{\mathcal{F}} = [\mathbf{1}]_{\mathcal{F}} + x$

Selector  $S$  of  $\{0,1\}^\omega/\mathcal{F}$  is  $\subset$ -maximal set such that for two distinct points  $x, y \in S$  we have  $x + y \notin [0]_{\mathcal{F}}$ .

## Fact

If  $\mathcal{F}$  is filter on  $\omega$ ,  $\mathbf{I}$  is an ideal with Steinhaus property and  $S$  is selector of  $\{0,1\}^\omega/\mathcal{F}$  then

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We say that subset  $X$  of classical Vitali  $V$  set is consistent if there exist ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $X \subset [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{U}}$ .

The smallest filter  $\mathcal{F}$  with  $X \subset [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{F}}$  we denote by  $\mathcal{F}_X$ .

For filter  $\mathcal{F}$  we define  $V_{\mathcal{F}} = [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{F}} \cap V$ .

## lemma

For any filter  $\mathcal{F}$  we have  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_{V_{\mathcal{F}}}$

## Definition

For consistent  $X \subset V$  we define set of forbidden points for  $X$  as follows

$$Forb(X) = \{y \in \{0, 1\}^\omega : X \cup \{y\} \text{ is not consistent}\}$$

## lemma

$$-Forb(X) = \{y \in \{0, 1\}^\omega : -y \in Forb(X)\} \subset [0]_{\mathcal{F}(X)}$$

## Theorem

For a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  if we have  $x \notin [0]_{\mathcal{F}} \cup [1]_{\mathcal{F}}$  then both set

$$\{x\} \cup V_{\mathcal{F}} \text{ and } \{-x\} \cup V_{\mathcal{F}}$$

are consistent.

**Proof.** If for example  $\{x\} \cup V_{\mathcal{F}}$  is not consistent then  $x \in \text{Forb}(V_{\mathcal{F}})$  and then from second lemma we have  $-x \in -\text{Forb}(V_{\mathcal{F}}) \subset [0]_{\mathcal{F}(V_{\mathcal{F}})}$  and from first lemma we see that  $x \in [1]_{\mathcal{F}(V_{\mathcal{F}})} = [1]_{\mathcal{F}}$ .

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Every consistent set  $X \subset V$  can be extended to maximal with respect to inclusion consistent.



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For any  $n \in \omega$  there exist a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $|\{0, 1\}^\omega / \mathcal{F}| = 2^n$ .  
If  $n \in \omega$  is not power of two then there is no filter  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $|\{0, 1\}^\omega / \mathcal{F}| = n$ .

**Proof.** For first part let  $\mathcal{U}_1, \dots, \mathcal{U}_n$  be distinct ultrafilters then  $\mathcal{U} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \mathcal{U}_i$  is filter with  $2^n$  abstract classes.

$$\{0, 1\}^\omega / \mathcal{U} = \{\bigcap_{i=1}^n [a_i]_{\mathcal{U}_i} : (a_i)_{i=1}^n \in \{0, 1\}^n\}$$

For second part let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a filter with  $|\{0, 1\}^\omega / \mathcal{F}| = n$  and let  $\{x_k, -x_k : k = 0, 1, \dots, n/2\}$  be a selector of  $\{0, 1\}^\omega / \mathcal{F}$  with  $x_0 = \mathbf{0}$ . For any  $k = 1, \dots, n/2$  both sets

$$\{x_k\} \cup V_{\mathcal{F}} \text{ and } \{-x_k\} \cup V_{\mathcal{F}}$$

are consistent.

Thus from previous there exist two ultrafilters  $\mathcal{U}_0^k \neq \mathcal{U}_1^k$  which both extends  $\mathcal{F}$  and also

$$\{x_k\} \cup V_{\mathcal{F}} \subset [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{U}_0^k} \text{ and } \{-x_k\} \cup V_{\mathcal{F}} \subset [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{U}_1^k} \text{ (star)}$$

Now as we already know from lemma above that

$$\mathcal{U} = \bigcap_{k=1}^{n/2} (\mathcal{U}_0^k \cap \mathcal{U}_1^k)$$

is a filter which extends  $\mathcal{F}$  and has  $2^m$  abstract classes for some  $m \in \omega$  ( we dont know if all  $\{\mathcal{U}_0^k, \mathcal{U}_1^k : k = 1, \dots, n/2\}$  are distinct ).

Moreover we claim that  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{F}$ . We know that  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{U}$  so let assume that inclusion is proper. Then exist  $k \in \{1, \dots, n/2\}$  with (wlog)  $x_k \in [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{U}}$  but then

$$x_k \in [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{U}} = \bigcap_{i=1}^{n/2} [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{U}_0^i} \cap [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{U}_1^i}$$

so in particular  $x_k \in [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{U}_0^k} \cap [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{U}_1^k}$  which is imposible because of (star).

## Theorem

There is no filter  $\mathcal{F}$  such that set  $\{0, 1\}^\omega / \mathcal{F}$  is countable.

**Proof.** The set

$$E = \bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \{\mathcal{U} : \mathcal{U} \text{ is an ultrafilter and } F \in \mathcal{U}\}$$

is closed subset of  $\beta\omega \setminus \omega$  and

$$E = \{\mathcal{U} : \mathcal{U} \text{ is ultrafilter and } \mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{U}\}$$

The set  $E$  is infinite: If  $E = \{\mathcal{U}_1, \dots, \mathcal{U}_n\}$  then for  $\mathcal{U} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \mathcal{U}_i$  and  $X$ -selector of  $\{0, 1\}^\omega / \mathcal{F}$  take point  $x \in X \cap [0]_{\mathcal{U}} \setminus [0]_{\mathcal{F}}$ . Then set

$$\{-x\} \cup V_{\mathcal{F}}$$

is consistent and from previous theorem there exist ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}_{n+1}$  with  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{U}_{n+1}$  and  $\{-x\} \cup V_{\mathcal{F}} \subset [0]_{\mathcal{U}_{n+1}}$ . Then  $\mathcal{U}_{n+1} \neq \mathcal{U}_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  because of  $x \in [0]_{\mathcal{U}_i}$ .

Set  $E \subset \beta\omega \setminus \omega$  is closed and infinite thus  $|E| = 2^{2^{\aleph_0}}$ .

We write  $\{0, 1\}^\omega / \mathcal{F} = \{X_n : n \in \omega\}$  and construct a function

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi : E &\rightarrow 2^\omega \\ \Phi(\mathcal{U}) &= (\phi_n^{\mathcal{U}})_{n \in \omega} \in 2^\omega\end{aligned}$$

where following holds

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_n^{\mathcal{U}} &= 0 \text{ iff } X_n \subset [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{U}} \\ \phi_n^{\mathcal{U}} &= 1 \text{ iff } X_n \subset [\mathbf{1}]_{\mathcal{U}}\end{aligned}$$

We check that  $\Phi$  is 1 – 1 which gives us contradiction  $2^{2^{\aleph_0}} \leq 2^{\aleph_0}$ .

If  $\mathcal{U}_0 \neq \mathcal{U}_1$  then  $[\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{U}_0} \neq [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{U}_1}$  and so there exist  $n \in \omega$  with  $X_n \subset [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{U}_0}$  and  $-X_n \subset [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{U}_1}$  which gives us

$$\phi_n^{\mathcal{U}_0} = 0 \neq 1 = \phi_n^{\mathcal{U}_1}$$

Modification of proof shows that

If  $\mathcal{F}$  is such filter that  $\{0, 1\}^\omega / \mathcal{F}$  has cardinality  $\kappa$  for  $\aleph_0 < \kappa < 2^{\aleph_0}$  then

$$2^{2^{\aleph_0}} = 2^\kappa$$

Martin Axiom implies that no such filter exists

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