

The SLO principle for Borel subsets of the generalized Cantor space

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Generalized descriptive set theory

GDST

The higher analogue of classical descriptive set theory, obtained by replacing ω with κ .

Our setup

Let κ be an uncountable cardinal that satisfies the condition $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$.

Remark: Let κ be an infinite cardinal. Then $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ is equivalent to $2^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ and κ *regular*.

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- Notice that $A \leq_W B$ if and only if $\neg A \leq_W \neg B$.
- Continuous reducibility is a transitive and reflexive relation, that is, a quasiorder.

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Note that the quasiorder \leq_W induces a partial order on the Wadge degrees:
We call this partial order the **Wadge hierarchy** on the Cantor space.

Wadge game

For any $A, B \subseteq {}^\omega 2$, the Wadge game $G_W(A, B)$ on ${}^\omega 2$ is:

I	x_0	x_1	x_2	\dots
II	y_0	P	y_1	\dots

Player **II** is allowed to "pass" at some stages.

Player **II** wins the game if $y \in {}^\omega 2$ and $x \in A \iff y \in B$.

Fact

- **II** has a winning strategy in $G_W(A, B) \iff A \leq_W B$.
- **I** has a winning strategy in $G_W(A, B) \implies {}^\omega 2 \setminus B \leq_W A$.

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Theorem (Martin, Monk)

\leq_W is well-founded on $\mathbf{Bor}({}^\omega 2)$.

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then, $SLO^W(\Gamma)$ holds.

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Theorem (Andretta)

$SLO^W \implies PSP$.



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Fact

Let $\kappa > \omega$ and let $A \subseteq {}^\omega 2$. Then, there is an extension $\bar{A} \subseteq {}^\kappa 2$ of A such that $\bar{A} \in \Delta_1^0(\kappa^+)$ and $G_\kappa^2(\bar{A})$ is equivalent to $G_\omega^2(A)$.

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However, there is no κ^+ -Borel determinacy for $\kappa > \omega$!

Theorem (Motto Ros, P., Schlicht)

Assume $V = L$. Then, there are proper $\Sigma_2^0(\kappa^+)$ -sets which are not $\Sigma_2^0(\kappa^+)$ -complete. Hence, $\text{SLO}_\kappa^W(\Sigma_2^0(\kappa^+))$ fails.

Theorem (Lücke, Motto Ros, Schlicht)

Assume $V = L$. If κ is an uncountable regular cardinal, then there is a closed subset of ${}^\kappa\kappa$ that does not satisfy the Hurewicz dichotomy.

Proposition (Lücke, Motto Ros, Schlicht)

Let $\mathcal{T} \subseteq {}^{<\kappa}\kappa$ be a pruned subtree with the following three properties:

1. \mathcal{T} does not contain a perfect subtree;
2. the closed set $[\mathcal{T}]$ is κ -Baire,
3. every node in \mathcal{T} is κ -splitting.

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- \mathcal{T} is pruned if for every $s \in \mathcal{T}$ there exists $x \in [\mathcal{T}]$ such that $s \subseteq x$.
- \mathcal{T} is $<\kappa$ -closed if every increasing sequence in \mathcal{T} of length $<\kappa$ has an upper bound in \mathcal{T} ,
- \mathcal{T} is κ -perfect if it is $<\kappa$ -closed and cofinally splitting, i.e. if for every $t \in \mathcal{T}$ there exists a splitting node $u \in \mathcal{T}$ with $t \subseteq u$.
- A subset Y of ${}^\kappa\lambda$ is κ -perfect if $Y = [\mathcal{T}]$ with \mathcal{T} a κ -perfect tree.
- A subset A of ${}^\kappa\lambda$ has the **κ -perfect set property** if $|A| \leq \kappa$ or A has a κ -perfect subset.

Theorem (Motto Ros, P., Schlicht)

Assume that $\text{PSP}_\kappa(\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+))$. Then, SLO_κ^W implies PSP_κ .

Let $G = \{x \in {}^\kappa 2 \mid \forall \alpha < \kappa \exists \beta > \alpha (x(\beta) = 0)\}$.

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Question

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Hence, $SLO_{\kappa}^W(\Sigma_1^0(\kappa^+))$ and $SLO_{\kappa}^W(\Pi_1^0(\kappa^+))$ hold.

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For $1 \leq \theta < \kappa^+$, we let

$$\mathbf{D}_\theta(\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+)) = \{ D_\theta((C_\eta)_{\eta < \theta}) \mid C_\eta \in \mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+) \text{ for every } \eta < \theta \}.$$

We also define $\check{\mathbf{D}}_\theta(\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+))$ to be the dual class of $\mathbf{D}_\theta(\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+))$.

Difference Hierarchy - DTS

Theorem (Hausdorff, Kuratowski)

In every polish space X and for any $1 \leq \alpha < \omega_1$,

$$\Delta_{\alpha+1}^0(X) = \bigcup_{1 \leq \theta < \omega_1} \mathbf{D}_\theta(\Pi_\alpha^0(X))$$

A counterexample to Hausdorff-Kuratowski in GDST

Theorem

Let $X \subseteq {}^\kappa 2$. If $Y \subseteq X$ is non-empty, dense and codense in \overline{X} , then $Y \notin \mathbf{D}_\theta(\Pi_1^0(X, \kappa^+))$ for any $\theta < \kappa^+$.

Consider the sets

$$X := \{x \in {}^\kappa 2 \mid |\{\alpha < \kappa \mid x(\alpha) = 1\}| < \aleph_0\}$$

and

$$Y := \{x \in {}^\kappa 2 \mid \exists n < \omega \mid |\{\alpha < \kappa \mid x(\alpha) = 1\}| = 2n\}.$$

Define also $Y^c := X \setminus Y = \{x \in X \mid \exists n < \omega \mid |\{\alpha < \kappa \mid x(\alpha) = 1\}| = 2n + 1\}$.

How far SLO_κ^W holds

Structure of our work for $\theta > 1$:

1. Show that $\text{SLO}_\kappa^W(\Gamma)$ holds for $\Gamma = \mathbf{D}_\theta(\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+)) \cap \check{\mathbf{D}}_\theta(\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+))$.
2. Every proper $\mathbf{D}_\theta(\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+))$ -subset $C \subseteq {}^\kappa 2$ is $\mathbf{D}_\theta(\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+))$ -complete.
3. $\text{SLO}_\kappa^W(\mathbf{D}_\theta(\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+)))$ holds.

Thank you!