

# Selection principles and dense sets

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## Example

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## Proof.

- $X = Fn(\omega, \omega)$ .
- $F \in X$ ,  $\mathcal{F} \in [\omega^\omega]^{<\omega}$ ,  $V(F, \mathcal{F}) := \{G \in X : G \supset F \wedge (\forall f \in \mathcal{F})(\forall n \in \text{dom}G \setminus \text{dom}F)(G(n) \neq f(n))\}$
- Declare the  $V$ s to be a local base at  $F$ .
- $D_n = \{F \in X : n \in \text{dom}(F)\}$  is dense, but no selection clusters to  $\emptyset$ .

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- Take  $f$  guessing all the  $f_\alpha$ 's.
- Then  $\{x_{n,f(n)} : n < \omega\}$  is dense in  $X$ .



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- 2 Not strong measure zero  $\iff (\exists\{\epsilon_n : n < \omega\})(X \not\subseteq \{U_n : n < \omega\})$  whenever  $\mu(U_n) < \epsilon_n$ .
- 3 Let  $\mathcal{B}_n$  be the set of all traces on  $X$  of finite unions of intervals with rational endpoints of measure  $< \epsilon_n$ .
- 4 Let  $D_n = \{\chi_B : B \in \mathcal{B}_n\}$ .
- 5 each  $D_n$  is dense, but  $(D_n : n < \omega)$  has no dense selection.

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- because  $\sigma(2^{\omega_1}) = \{f \in 2^{\omega_1} : |\text{supp}(f)| < \omega\}$  is dense in  $2^{\omega_1}$  but not separable.

## A more discreet version of $R$ -separability

### Definition

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A space is  $d$ -separable if it has a  $\sigma$ -discrete dense set.

$\sigma$ -disjoint  $\pi$ -base  $\Rightarrow$   $D$ -separability  $\Rightarrow$   $d$ -separability.

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- There are countable non- $D$ -separable spaces.

# "Forcing" a countable non $D$ -separable space (Soukup)

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a collection of dense sets in  $X$ .

## Definition

A  $\mathcal{D}$ -mosaic is a set of the form  $\bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{U}} U \cap D_U$ , where  $D_U \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  is a maximal pairwise disjoint family of open sets.

## Definition

A space is  $\mathcal{D}$ -forced if every dense set contains a  $\mathcal{D}$ -mosaic.

## Theorem

*(Juhász, Soukup and Szentmiklóssy) There are countable  $\mathcal{D}$ -forced dense subspaces  $2^{\mathfrak{c}}$*

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## Proof.

- ① (Juhász? Szentmiklóssy?) There is a Strong  $\aleph_2 - \text{HFD}_w$ .
- ②  $(\exists X)(\forall n)(s(X^n) = \aleph_1 \wedge d(C_p(X, 2)) = |X| = \aleph_2).$
- ③ Assume  $C_p(X, 2)$  is  $d$ -separable. Then  $s(C_p(X, 2)) = \aleph_2$ .
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*For every  $X$  there is  $Y$  such that  $X \times Y$  has a  $\sigma$ -disjoint  $\pi$ -base.*

## Proof.

*If  $\kappa = \pi w(X)$ , simply choose  $Y = D(\kappa)^\omega$ .* □

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If  $X$  is a LOTS, then  $X^\mu$  has a  $\sigma$ -disjoint  $\pi$ -base, for every  $\mu \in [\omega, d(X)]$ .

## Proof.

A result of Petr Simon from 1973 says that  $X^2$  has a cellular family of size  $d(X) = \pi w(X)$ . Now  $(X^2)^\mu = X^\mu$  for  $\mu$  infinite.  $\square$

# Thank you!



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