

Universal sets for σ -ideals

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Widely known facts are that for each $\alpha < \omega_1$ there exists a universal Σ_α^0 set for the family of Σ_α^0 sets and that there exists an analytic universal set for a family of analytic sets.

Let $\mathcal{I} \subseteq P(X)$ be a nontrivial σ -ideal possessing a Borel base.

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We say that a set $U \subseteq X \times \omega^\omega$ is universal for the σ -ideal \mathcal{I} if a family of horizontal slices $\{U^y : y \in \omega^\omega\}$ is a Borel base of \mathcal{I} .

We are interested in finding universal sets of possibly low complexity.

Results

Theorem

There are Borel universal sets of minimal complexity for

- \mathcal{M} - a family of meager sets;
- \mathcal{N} - a family of null subsets of 2^ω ;
- \mathcal{E} - a σ -ideal generated by closed null subsets of 2^ω ;
- σ -ideal of countable sets.

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- Let us set:

$$(x, y) \in U \Leftrightarrow x \in \bigcup_{n \in \omega} B_{K(n, y(n))}.$$

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- Finally let us define a set G :

$$(x, y) \in G \Leftrightarrow x \in \bigcap_{n \in \omega} U^{h(y)(n)}$$

G is a G_δ universal set for dense G_δ subsets of X , so G^c is the desired set.

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Let us assume that the base of \mathcal{I} is contained in the class Σ_α^0 and let U be universal Σ_α^0 set for Σ_α^0 sets. Then if a set $\{y \in \omega^\omega : B^y \in \mathcal{I}\}$ is analytic, then there is a universal Σ_α^0 set for \mathcal{I} . The same holds for the class Π_α^0 .

Thank you for your attention!