

Suslin Proper Forcing and Regularity Properties.

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Purpose of this talk

*Some time ago, in joint work with Vera Fischer and Sy Friedman, we made substantial progress in separating various regularity properties on the Δ_3^1 -level of the projective hierarchy. The crucial thing was obtaining models where all Δ_3^1 -sets satisfied a certain regularity property, but in a “minimal” way. Today I will just talk about **one of these methods**, focusing on **one particular regularity property** as a canonical example.*

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Question

Suppose A is a subset of 2^ω . Is there a perfect set P such that $P \subseteq A$ or $P \cap A = \emptyset$?

(Perfect set = homeomorphic copy of 2^ω ; equivalently $P = [T]$ for a perfect tree $T \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$).

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- For **arbitrary** A , no (Bernstein 1908).

Proof: Enumerate all perfect sets $\{P_\alpha \mid \alpha < 2^{\aleph_0}\}$ and construct A by “diagonalization”.

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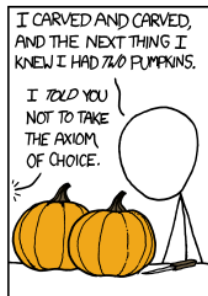
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It provides a framework for many **regularity properties** for sets of reals, e.g., **Lebesgue measurability**, **property of Baire**, **Ramsey property**, etc.

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Lebesgue-measurability can be described as \mathbb{P} -measurability, for $\mathbb{P} =$ random forcing.

A modern proof of Suslin's theorem

Theorem (Suslin 1917)

All analytic sets have the Bernstein Property.

Modern proof.

Let $A = \{x \mid \phi(x)\}$, with ϕ a Σ_1^1 formula. Let \dot{x}_G be the name for the Sacks-generic real, and let T be a Sacks-condition deciding $\phi(\dot{x}_G)$, w.l.o.g. $T \Vdash \phi(\dot{x}_G)$. Let $M \prec \mathcal{H}_\theta$ be a **countable elementary submodel** with $\mathbb{S}, T \in M$. Using a **properness argument** find $S \leq T$ such that all $x \in [S]$ are Sacks-generic over M . So for all $x \in [S]$, $M[x] \models \phi(x)$, and by **Σ_1^1 -absoluteness** $\phi(x)$. Therefore $[T] \subseteq A$. \square

Beyond analytic

Theorem (Gödel 1938)

In L , there is a Δ_2^1 -set without the Bernstein property.

Proof.

Again diagonalize against all perfect trees, but use the Σ_2^1 -**good wellorder of the reals** of L . □

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Proof.

Let $A = \{x \mid \phi(x)\} = \{x \mid \neg\psi(x)\}$, w.l.o.g. parameters in V . The statement $\forall x (\phi(x) \leftrightarrow \neg\psi(x))$ is Π_3^1 hence downward absolute between $V^{\mathbb{S}_{\omega_1}}$ and $V^{\mathbb{S}}$. In V find Sacks-condition T forcing $\phi(\dot{x}_G)$ or $\psi(\dot{x}_G)$, and proceed as before (and use **upwards Σ_2^1 -absoluteness** from $M[x]$ to $V^{\mathbb{S}_{\omega_1}}$). \square

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Remark: It is not hard to do better and obtain $V^{\mathbb{S}_{\omega_1}} \models \Sigma_2^1(\mathbb{S})$.

What about Δ_3^1 ?

Question

Can we use similar methods to obtain the result for Δ_3^1 and higher levels?

Problems:

- 1 We used **Shoenfield absoluteness** and Σ_1^1 -**absoluteness** for countable models.
- 2 Using coding techniques (e.g. “almost disjoint coding”) one can force a “ Σ_3^1 -good wellorder of the reals” over L , obtaining a model where not all Δ_3^1 sets have the Bernstein property.

This suggests that the **definability** of the forcing iteration plays a role.

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All standard definable forcings used in the theory of the reals which are known to be proper, are actually Suslin⁺ proper.

Jakob Kellner, Preserving non-null with Suslin⁺ forcings, Arch. Math. Logic (2006) 45:649–664.

Properness Without Elementarity

Lemma (Fischer-Friedman-Kh or Folklore?)

Let \mathbb{P} be Suslin⁺ proper and τ a nice \mathbb{P} -name for a real. Then for any $\mathbf{\Pi}_n^1$ -formula θ , the statement “ $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \theta(\tau)$ ” is also $\mathbf{\Pi}_n^1$, for all $n \geq 2$.

The same applies for **iterations** of Suslin⁺ proper forcing notions of length ω_1 .

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$$p \Vdash_\alpha \theta(\dot{x}_{G(0)}, \tau).$$

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Proof.

Then $V[x_0] \models$ “if we force with the remainder $\mathbb{S}_{1,\alpha} \cong \mathbb{S}_\alpha$ along p then $\theta(\check{x}_0, \tau[x_0])$ will hold”.

Let $\tilde{\theta}(x)$ abbreviate the above statement. Using properties of “Suslin⁺ proper forcings”, it turns out that $\tilde{\theta}$ is Π_2^1 .

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It follows that $V[G_{\beta+\alpha}] \models \theta(z, \tau[z][G_{[\beta+1, \beta+\alpha]}])$, hence $V[G_{\beta+\alpha}] \models \phi(z)$, and by upwards-absoluteness, $V[G_{\omega_1}] \models \phi(z)$. □

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Definition

- 1 We say that $\mathbb{A}\mathbb{P}$ is a **quasi-amoeba for \mathbb{P}** if $\mathbb{A}\mathbb{P}$ adds a \mathbb{P} -tree of \mathbb{P} -generic reals.
- 2 We say that $\mathbb{A}\mathbb{P}$ is an **amoeba for \mathbb{P}** if $\mathbb{A}\mathbb{P}$ adds a \mathbb{P} -tree of \mathbb{P} -generic reals **and this remains true in further extensions.**

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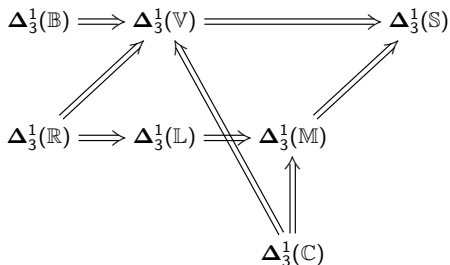
- 1 Sacks forcing is a quasi-amoebe, but not an amoeba, for itself (Brendle 1998).
- 2 Miller forcing is a quasi-amoebe, but not an amoeba, for itself (Brendle 1998).
- 3 Mathias forcing is an amoeba for itself.

General theorem

Theorem (Fischer-Friedman-Kh)

*Suppose \mathbb{P} is a tree-like forcing, $\mathbb{A}\mathbb{P}$ a **quasi-amoeba** for \mathbb{P} , and both \mathbb{P} and $\mathbb{A}\mathbb{P}$ are **Suslin⁺ proper**. Then after iterating with $(\mathbb{P} * \mathbb{A}\mathbb{P})_{\omega_1}$, all Δ_3^1 -sets are \mathbb{P} -measurable.*

Application



\mathbb{C} = Baire property; \mathbb{B} = Lebesgue measure; \mathbb{S} = Sacks-measurability; \mathbb{M} = Miller-measurability; \mathbb{L} = Laver-measurability; \mathbb{V} = Silver measurability; \mathbb{R} = Ramsey property.

Theorem (Fischer-Friedman-Kh)

Each constellation of "true"/"false" assignments (18 possibilities) to the above statements not contradicting this diagram, is consistent r.t. ZFC or ZFC + inaccessible.

Thank you!

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