

Descriptive Set Theory with Absolutely No Choice Whatsoever

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Remark

Let $\pi : \omega \rightarrow \omega^{<\omega}$ be a bijection and let T be a tree. We define $c \in 2^\omega$ by $c(k) = 1$ if and only if $\pi(k) \in T$. Then c is a code for T . We shall often identify a tree with its code.

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Theorem (Kanovei)

- 1 $AC_\omega^U(\mathbf{\Pi}_n^1) \Leftrightarrow AC_\omega^U(\mathbf{\Sigma}_{n+1}^1)$.
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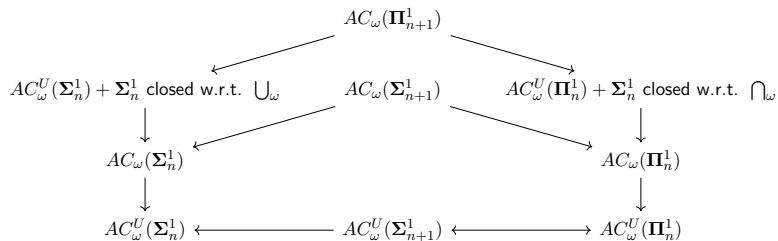
We only have to show that $AC_\omega^K(\Gamma)$ implies $AC_\omega(\Gamma)$. Let $\langle A_k : k \in \omega \rangle$ be a sequence of non-empty sets in Γ . Then $A := \bigcup_{k \in \omega} \{k\} \times A_k$ is in Γ . By $AC_\omega^K(\Gamma)$, there is a sequence $\langle a_k : k \in \omega \rangle$ such that $(k, a_k) \in A$ for every $k \in \omega$. Then $a_k \in A_k$ for every $k \in \omega$. \square

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