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**APPLYING SET THEORY  
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ABSTRACT. We prove some results in set theory as applied to general topology and model theory. In particular, we study  $\aleph_1$ -collectionwise Hausdorff, Chang Conjecture for logics with Malitz-Magidor quantifiers and monadic logic of the real line by odd/even Cantor sets.

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§ 0. INTRODUCTION

In §1 we prove a result in general topology saying: if  $\diamond_{\aleph_1}^*$  then any normal space is  $\aleph_1$ -CWH (= collectionwise Hausdorff); done independently of and in parallel to Fleisner and Alan D. Taylor.

In §2 we prove the Chang Conjecture for Magidor-Malitz Quantifiers. A recent work is [?].

In §3 we prove the Monadic Theory of the tree  $\omega^{>2}$  is complicated under a quite weak set theoretic assumption.

Earlier [She75] proved this (i.e. the result on the monadic logic) assuming CH or at least a consequence of it. The present note was circulated in the Spring of 1979 in a collection including others.

Later, Gurevich-Shelah [GS82] proved undecidability in ZFC, with further developments 2020-05-28 15:18 then more in

Shelah [She88], still the older proof gives information not covered by them. For more see [BS87], [GKKS02], [GGK04].

The results are old, still in particular, §1 gives a direct proof of the result compared to others and §3 gives a considerably more transparent easier proof of the result of [GS82].

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§ 1. A NOTE IN GENERAL TOPOLOGY IF  $\diamond_{\aleph_1}^*$  THEN ANY NORMAL SPACE IS  $\aleph_1$  - CWH (= COLLECTIONWISE HAUSDORFF)

The normal Moore space problem has been a major theme in general topology, see the recent survey Dow-Tall [DT18]. In this connection, Fleissner [Fle74, p.6] proved: ( $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{L}$ ) every normal first countable (topological) space is CWH (CWH means collectionwise Hausdorff). He used a strengthening of diamond. The author proved Fleissner strengthening (for  $\aleph_1$ ) does not follow from  $\text{ZFC} + \diamond_{\aleph_1}^+$  (see [She81, Th.5,pg.31]). Here we prove nevertheless  $\diamond_{\aleph_1}^*$  implies every normal first countable space is  $\aleph_1$  - CWH.

The central idea of the proof in §1 is inspired by one key idea in Fleissner [Fle74]. Fleissner implicitly used a stronger combinatorial principle  $\diamond_{SS}$ . In 1979, the author and independently both Fleissner and Alan D. Taylor all saw (as mentioned in [Tay81], [SS00] that a weaker principle,  $\diamond_{\omega_1}^*$ , would suffice. Later Smith and Szeptycki [SS00] derive better results. On more recent results on diamond and strong negation see [She10] and references there.

**Convention 1.1.** Below  $\delta$  always denotes a limit ordinal ( $< \omega_1$ ).

For transparency, below we refer to the following equivalent form of  $\diamond_{\omega_1}^*$ .

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $\diamond_{\aleph_1}^*$  mean that there exist a sequence  $\langle \mathbf{g}_\delta : \delta < \omega_1 \rangle$  where  $\mathbf{g}_\delta = \langle \bar{g}^{\delta,k} : k < \omega \rangle$  is of the form  $\bar{g}^{\delta,k} = \langle g_n^{\delta,k} : n < \omega \rangle$ , where  $g_n^{\delta,k} : \delta \rightarrow \omega$  has the property that, for any sequence  $\bar{g} = \langle g_n : n < \omega \rangle$  with  $g_n : \{\delta : \delta < \omega_1\} \rightarrow \omega$ , there is a club (closed unbounded) set  $C \subseteq \omega_1$  such that, for each  $\gamma \in C$ , there is  $k = k(\gamma) \in \omega$  with

$$\bar{g} \upharpoonright \gamma := \langle g_n \upharpoonright \gamma : n < \omega \rangle = \bar{g}^{\gamma,k} = \langle g_n^{\gamma,k} : n < \omega \rangle.$$

**Claim 1.3.** Assume  $\diamond_{\aleph_1}^*$ . If  $X$  is Hausdorff first countable normal and  $|X| = \aleph_1$  then  $X$  is CWH.

*Proof.* Let  $\langle \mathbf{g}_\delta : \delta < \omega_1 \rangle$  be as in 1.2.

Without loss of generality  $X_* = \{\delta : \delta < \omega_1\} \subseteq X$  and  $X_*$  is closed discrete in the space  $X$ . Let  $U_n^\delta (n < \omega)$  be a basis of open neighborhoods of  $\delta$  (for  $\delta < \omega_1$ ). We shall define by induction on  $\alpha < \omega_1$  a limit ordinal  $\gamma_\alpha < \omega_1$  and  $\langle f_n(\gamma) : n < \omega, \gamma < \gamma_\alpha \rangle$  such that  $\gamma_\alpha$  is increasing continuous with  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma_0 = 0$ . For  $\alpha = 0$  choose  $\gamma_\alpha = \omega; f_n(\gamma) = 0$ . For limit  $\alpha$  let  $\gamma_\alpha$  be  $\cup\{\gamma_\beta : \beta < \alpha\}$  For  $\alpha = \beta + 1$  if  $\gamma_\alpha > \alpha$  then we let  $\gamma_\alpha = \gamma_\beta + \omega$  and let  $f_n(\gamma) = 0$  for  $\gamma \in [\gamma_\beta, \gamma_\alpha)$ . Finally assume that  $\alpha = \delta^*, \gamma_{\delta^*} = \delta^*$  so  $\delta^* \in X_*$ .

We have chosen above the functions  $\langle g_n^{\delta^*,k} : n < \omega, k < \omega \rangle$  with  $g_n^{\delta^*,k} : \delta^* \rightarrow \omega$ ; now for each  $n, k < \omega$  let  $A_\ell^{\delta^*,n,k} = \cup\{U_{g_n^{\delta^*,k}(\delta)}^\delta : \delta < \delta^*, f_n(\delta) = \ell\}$  (for  $n < \omega, \ell < 2$ ). Call  $k < \omega$  good for  $\delta^*$  when for infinitely many (pairs)  $n, \ell$  we have

$$B_\ell^{\delta^*,n,k} := \text{cl}(A_\ell^{\delta^*,n,k}) \cap (X_* \setminus \delta^*) \neq \emptyset.$$

We let  $\gamma_\alpha = \gamma_{\delta^*+1} = \min\{\delta : \delta > \delta^* \text{ and if } \ell < 2 \text{ and } n, k < \omega \text{ and } B_\ell^{\delta^*,n,k} \neq \emptyset \text{ then } (\delta^*, \delta) \cap B_\ell^{\delta^*,n,k} \neq \emptyset\}$ .

Now we choose  $f_n \upharpoonright [\delta^*, \gamma_\alpha)$  such that for any  $k$  good for  $\delta^*$ , for some  $n, \ell, \delta \geq \delta^*$  we have CHNAGED TO DISPALY!!!

$$f_n(\delta) = 1 - \ell \text{ (for } \delta \in \text{cl}(A_\ell^{\delta^*,n,k})).$$

Then we complete arbitrarily the  $f_n$  so that their domain is  $\gamma_\alpha$ .

Thus we have defined  $f_n(n < \omega)$  with  $f_n : \omega_1 \rightarrow 2$ . For each  $n$  the sets  $f_n^{-1}\{1\} \cap X_*$ ,  $f_n^{-1}\{0\} \cap X_*$  forms a partition of  $X_*$ , both are closed and discrete subsets of  $X$ . But  $X$  is normal. So there are functions  $g_n : X_* \rightarrow \omega$  for  $n < \omega$  so that letting for  $\ell = 0, 1$

$$A_\ell^n = \cup \{U_{g_n(\delta)}^\delta : \delta \in X_*, f_n(\delta) = \ell\}$$

we have

$$A_0^n \cap A_1^n = \emptyset.$$

Let  $g_n^+$  be any function from  $\omega_1$  to  $\omega$  extending  $g_n$ . For some closed unbounded set  $C \subseteq X_*$  we have:  $\delta^* \in C \Rightarrow (\exists k)(\langle g_n^+ \upharpoonright \delta^* : n < \omega \rangle = \langle g_n^{\delta^*, k} : n < \omega \rangle)$ . Let the first such  $k$  be denoted  $k(\delta^*)$ . Without loss of generality every  $\delta^* \in C$  satisfy  $\gamma_{\delta^*} = \gamma$  hence if  $\delta^* \in C \wedge n < \omega \wedge k < \omega \wedge \ell < 2$  and  $B_\ell^{\delta^*, n, k} = \text{cl}(A_\ell^{\delta^*, n, k}) \cap (X_* \setminus \delta^*) \neq \emptyset$  then  $\min(B_\ell^{\delta^*, n, k}) < \min(C \setminus \delta^*)$ .

For  $\delta^* \in C$  now  $k(\delta^*)$  cannot be good for  $\delta^*$ , (by the definition).

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Now for at least one  $n$  (in fact, for infinitely many  $n$ -s) we have  $\text{cl}(A_\ell^n \upharpoonright \delta^*) \cap (X_* \setminus \delta^*) = \emptyset$  for  $\ell \in \{0, 1\}$ , let  $n(\delta^*)$  be the first such  $n$ .

Define

$$B_n = \{\delta : \text{for some } \delta^* \in C \cup \{0\} \text{ we have } \delta^* \leq \delta < \min(C \setminus \delta) \text{ and } n = \max\{n(\delta^*), n(\delta)\}\}$$

Now  $\bigcup_n (g_n \upharpoonright B_n)$  almost exhibits  $X_*$  has the right sequence of neighborhoods. Now we can deal with each  $B_n$  separately (just choose  $\mathcal{U}_n$  by induction on  $n$  such that  $\mathcal{U}_n$  is open,  $\mathcal{U}_n \cap X_* = B_n$  and  $\mathcal{U}_n \subseteq X \setminus \text{cl}(\bigcup_{\ell < n} \mathcal{U}_\ell)$ , possible by normality).

By dealing as follows with each interval  $[\delta^*, \min(C \setminus (\delta^* + 1))$  for  $\delta^* \in C \cup \{0\}$  we have  $U_{g_n(\delta)}^\delta (\delta \in B_n)$  as required.

That is, for  $\gamma \in C \cup \{0\}$  with  $\gamma^+$  its successor in  $C$ , choose a (countable) family of pairwise disjoint open sets  $\mathcal{U}_\gamma(\beta)$  for  $\beta \in X_* \wedge \gamma \leq \beta < \gamma^+$ , with  $\beta \in \mathcal{U}_\gamma(\beta)$ , this is possible as in the choice of the  $\mathcal{U}_n$ 's.

Now for  $\beta \in X_*$  we let  $W_\beta = \mathcal{U}_{n(\beta)} \cap \mathcal{U}_{\gamma(\beta)}(\beta) \cap \mathcal{U}_{g_n(\beta)(\beta)}^\beta$  where:

- $\gamma(\gamma) = \max(C \cap (\beta + 1))$
- $m(\beta) = \max\{n(\delta^*), n((\delta^*)^+) : \delta^* = \max(C \cap \beta) \leq \beta < (\delta^*)^+\}$

Finally  $\langle W_\beta : \beta \in X_* \rangle$  is a sequence of pairwise disjoint open sets of  $X$  with  $\beta \in X_* \Rightarrow \beta \in W_\beta$ , so we are done.  $\square_{1.3}$

*Remark 1.4.* As in [Fle74] it suffices to assume every point in the space has a neighborhood basis of cardinality  $\aleph_1$ .

## § 2. CHANG CONJECTURE FOR MAGIDOR-MALITZ QUANTIFIERS

Silver (see [Sil71]) had proved the consistency of Chang conjecture, i.e.

$$\oplus \text{ any model } M \text{ with universe } \aleph_2 \text{ has an elementary submodel } N, \|N\| = \aleph_1, \|N\| \cap \omega_1 = \aleph_0$$

Silver did this by starting with a model  $\mathbf{V}$  with  $\kappa$  Ramsey (in fact, something weaker suffices). the forcing MA and then collapsing  $\kappa$  to  $\aleph_2$  by  $\mathbb{P}_{\text{Set}}^\kappa = \{f : \text{Dom}(f) \subseteq \{\mu : \aleph_1 < \mu < \kappa, \mu \text{ a cardinal}\} \text{ has cardinality } \leq \aleph_1, \text{ and for some } \alpha < \omega_1 (\forall \mu \in \text{Dom}(f))(f(\mu) \text{ is a function from } \alpha \text{ to } \mu)\}$ . See also Koszmider [Kos05] for a topological application.

We can ask whether this submodel  $N$  can inherit more properties from  $M$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let us define a (technical variant of) Magidor-Malitz quantifiers.

$M \models (Q^n \bar{x})\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  means that there is a set  $A \subseteq M$ ,  $A$  is of cardinality  $\|M\|$  such that  $(\forall a_1 \dots a_n \in A)\varphi(a_1 \dots a_n)$ .

The result is that

**Claim 2.2.** *In  $\oplus$  above, we can have  $N$  an elementary submodel of  $M$  in the logic  $\mathbb{L}(Q^0, Q^1, \dots)_{n < \omega}$ . So e.g. Souslinity of trees is preserved.*

For this we need the following.

**Definition 2.3.** Call a forcing  $\mathbb{P}$  suitable when for any sequence  $\langle P_i : i < \omega_1 \rangle$  of members of  $\mathbb{P}$  there is a set  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \omega_1$  of cardinality  $\aleph_1$  such that: for any finite  $u \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  there is  $q \in \mathbb{P}$  such that  $\bigwedge_{i \in u} q \geq p_i$ .

**Claim 2.4.** *Forcing by suitable forcing preserves satisfaction of sentences of Magidor-Malitz quantifiers for models of power  $\aleph_1$ .*

*Proof.* See [?, 1.5-13,pg.34]. □<sub>2.4</sub>

**Claim 2.5.** *There is a suitable forcing  $\mathbb{P}$ ,  $|\mathbb{P}| = 2^{\aleph_1}$ , such that in  $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}}$ : if  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a suitable forcing of power  $\aleph_1$ ,  $\dot{M}$  a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -name of a model of power  $\aleph_1$ , in a language  $L \in \mathbf{V}$ , universe  $\aleph_1$ , then there is a directed  $\mathbf{G} \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ , which determines  $\dot{M}$  as  $M$  and such that for any sentence  $\psi$  from the  $\mathbb{L}(Q^0, Q^1, \dots)$  (the variant of Magidor-Malitz logic from Definition 2.1)*

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}} \text{“}\dot{M} \models \psi\text{” implies } M \models \psi.$$

*Proof.* Just iterate the required forcings, with direct limit (i.e. finite support) and remembering it is known that suitability is preserved under iteration, i.e. 2.4.

Proof of Main result 2.2:

Do as Silver, start with  $\mathbf{V} \models \text{“}\kappa \text{ Ramsey”}$ , force by  $\mathbb{P}$  from Claim 2.4, and then use  $\mathbb{P}_{\text{Set}}^\kappa$ . The rest is as in his proof.

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But we have to choose  $G$  as in Claim 2.5, and notice that more is reflected to the submodel he uses, (just check the definition carefully) and work a little, and remember that  $\aleph_1$ -complete forcing preserves satisfaction of sentences in  $\mathbb{L}(Q^0, \dots)$  (and  $\mathbb{P}$  is  $\aleph_1$ -complete). □<sub>2.5</sub>

## § 3. A REMARK ON THE MONADIC THEORY OF ORDER

In [She75] we prove the undecidability of the monadic theory of (the order)  $R$ , assuming CH, or the weaker Baire-like hypothesis that  $\mathbb{R}$  is not the union of fewer than continuum sets of first category sets. This condition is weakened below to “not (St) at least for  $T$  where a closely related theory is the monadic theory  $T$  of  $M = (\omega^{\geq 2}, \triangleleft)$  where  $\omega^{\geq 2}$  is the set of sequences of zeros and ones of length  $\leq \omega$ ,  $\triangleleft$  is the (partial) order of being initial segment.  $T$  is closely related to Rabin’s monadic theory of  $(\omega^{> 2}, \triangleleft)$  which he proved decidable [M.O69]. It is still unknown whether we can prove those results in ZFC. We prove here that a statement “not(St)” implies the undecidability of  $T$  (and all results on its complexity, see [She75] and the paper of Gurevich on the subject) but it is not clear (at that time) whether (St) is consistent with ZFC.

**Definition 3.1.** A Cantor [set]  $C$  is a non-empty subset of  $\omega^{\geq 2}$  with the properties

- (a)  $C$  is closed under initial segments,
- (b) if  $\eta$  has length  $\omega$  then  $\eta \in C \equiv (\forall n)(\eta \upharpoonright n \in C)$ ,
- (c)  $\eta \in C \cap \omega^{> 2}$  implies  $\eta \frown \langle 0 \rangle \in C$  or  $\eta \frown \langle 1 \rangle \in C$ ,
- (d) for every  $\eta \in C \cap \omega^{> 2}$ , there is  $\nu \in C \cap \omega^{> 2}$  such that  $\eta \triangleleft \nu$  and  $\nu \frown \langle 0 \rangle \in C, \nu \frown \langle 1 \rangle \in C$ .

**Definition 3.2.** 1) For a Cantor  $C$ , the set of its splitting points is  $\text{Sp}(C) = \{\eta \in \omega^{> 2} : \eta \frown \langle 0 \rangle \in C \text{ and } \eta \frown \langle 1 \rangle \in C\}$ .

2) For a set  $A \subseteq \omega^{> 2}$ ,  $C$  is an  $A$ -Cantor, if  $\text{Sp}(C) \subseteq A$ .

3) For a set  $S \subseteq \omega$ ,  $C$  is called an  $S$ -Cantor, if

$$\text{Sp}(C) \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in S} n2.$$

4) An odd Cantor is one that is an  $\{2n + 1 : n < \omega\}$ -Cantor. An even Cantor is one that is an  $\{2n : n < \omega\}$ -Cantor.

Now the statement we speak about is

**Definition 3.3.** Let (St) mean: the set  $\omega^{\geq 2}$  is the union of less than  $2^{\aleph_0}$  Cantors each of them odd or even.

**Problem 3.4.** Is (St) consistent with ZFC?

**Claim 3.5.** Let  $\{C_i : i < \alpha\}$  be a family of odd and even Cantors,  $\omega^{\geq 2} = \bigcup_{i < \alpha} C_i$ .

Then  $2^{\aleph_0} \leq |\alpha|^+$ .

*Proof.* Let for  $\eta, \nu \in \omega^{\geq 2}$ ,  $\rho = p(\eta, \nu)$  be defined by  $\rho(2n) = \eta(n)$ ,  $\rho(2n + 1) = \nu(n)$ , and then let  $\eta = \text{pr}_1(\rho)$ ,  $\nu = \text{pr}_2(\rho)$ .

Now for any even  $C$ , and  $\eta$  there is at most one  $\nu$  such that  $p(\eta, \nu) \in C$ ; why? if  $\nu_0, \nu_1$  are such  $\nu$ 's,  $\rho_\ell = p(\eta, \nu_\ell)$ , then, by the definition of  $p(-, -)$ , for some  $m < \omega$ ,  $\rho_0 \upharpoonright m = \rho_1 \upharpoonright m$ ,  $\rho_0(m) \neq \rho_1(m)$ . If  $m = 2n$  then  $\rho_\ell(m) = \rho_\ell(2n) = \eta(n)$  so they are equal, contradiction. If  $m = 2n + 1$ , then  $(\rho_0(m) \neq \rho_1(m))$  and  $\rho_0 \upharpoonright m = \rho_1 \upharpoonright m$  is a splitting point of  $C$ , however  $m$  is odd and  $C$  is an even Cantor,

a contradiction. So really there is at most one  $\nu$ , and let  $\varrho(\eta, C)$  be the unique  $\nu$  such that  $p(\eta, \nu) \in C$  if there is one and  $\eta$  otherwise.

Similarly if  $C$  is odd and  $\eta \in {}^\omega 2$ , then for at most one  $\nu$ ,  $p(\nu, \eta) \in C$  and let  $\varrho(\eta, C)$  be  $\nu$  for this  $\eta$ , and let  $\varrho(\eta, C) = \eta$  otherwise. Our definition of the function  $\varrho$  does not contradict, because no Cantor is odd and even.

Let for  $\eta \in {}^\omega 2$ ,  $\text{Dp}(\eta) = \{\varrho(\eta, C_i) : i < \alpha\}$ . So clearly  $\text{Dp}(\eta)$  is a subset of  ${}^\omega 2$  of cardinality  $\leq |\alpha|$ .

Now if  $\eta, \nu \in {}^\omega 2$ , by hypothesis  $\rho = p(\eta, \nu)$  belongs to some  $C_i$ . If  $C_i$  is odd this implies  $\nu = \varrho(\eta, C_i) \in \text{Dp}(\eta)$  and if  $C_i$  is even this implies  $\eta = \varrho(C_i, \nu) \in \text{Dp}(\nu)$ .

If  $|\alpha|^+ < 2^{\aleph_0}$  we can easily find a counterexample.  $\square_{3.5}$

**Claim 3.6.** *Assume not (St).*

1) If  $S_n \subseteq {}^\omega$  are infinite pairwise almost disjoint (for  $n \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ ),  $C_i (i < \alpha < 2^{\aleph_0})$  are Cantors, each an  $S_n$ -Cantor for some  $n$  (or just an  $S_n \cup S_2$ -Cantor for some  $n$ ),  $C$  is a Cantor such that for every  $\eta \in C \cap {}^{\omega > 2}$ ,  $\ell \in \{0, 1\}$ , there is  $\nu$ , such that  $\eta \triangleleft \nu \in \text{Sp}(C)$ ,  $\nu \in \bigcup_{k \in S_\ell} {}^k 2$ .

Then there is  $\eta \in C \setminus \bigcup_{i < \alpha} C_i \setminus {}^{\omega > 2}$ .

2) Similarly for  $S_n \subseteq {}^{\omega > 2}$

*Proof.* 1) We can find a Cantor  $C' \subseteq C$ , and  $0 = k(0) < k(1) < \dots < k(n) < \dots < \omega$  such that :

(\*) if  $\eta \in {}^{k(n)} 2$ , then there are exactly two  $\nu \in {}^{k(n+1)} 2 \cap C'$ ,  $\eta \triangleleft \nu$ , and if they are  $\nu_1, \nu_2$  and  $m := \min\{m : \nu_1(m) \neq \nu_2(m)\}$  then  $m \in S_0 \cup S_1$  but  $\notin S_2 \cup (S_0 \cap S_1)$ . Moreover  $m \in S_0$  iff  $n$  is even.

Let  $A = \{\eta \upharpoonright k(n) : n < \omega, \eta \in C'\}$ , so  $A \subseteq C'$ . Clearly there is an isomorphism  $f$ , of the models  $({}^{\omega \geq 2}, \triangleleft), (C', \triangleleft)$ .

Let  $C'_i = \{f(\eta) : \eta \in C', \eta \in C_i\}$ , it is easy to check that each  $C'_i$  is countable, or the union of a countable set and a Cantor which is odd or is even.

We can find odd Cantor  $C'_i (\alpha \leq i < \alpha\omega)$  such that all countable sets we mentioned are covered by them. Now by - “not (St)” there is  $\eta \in {}^{\omega \geq 2}$  such that  $\eta \notin \bigcup_{i < \alpha\omega} C'_i$  (as  $\alpha\omega < 2^{\aleph_0}$ ) and  $f^{-1}(\eta)$  is the required elements.

2) Similarly.  $\square_{3.6}$

Now<sup>1</sup>

**Claim 3.7.** *Assume not(St).*

1) *The monadic theory  $T$  is undecidable.*

*Proof.* Below let  $P$  vary on Cantors and not that We can repeat the proof of [She75] with small adaptation (and prove  $T$  is undecidable). That is, the change needed is in [She75, 7.4] which has a set-theoretic hypothesis (CH or the Baire-like hypothesis mentioned above), so we repeat it with the needed changes below.

$\square_{3.7}$

**Lemma 3.8.** *Assume not(St) and let  $J$  be an index-set of cardinality at most  $2^{\aleph_0}$ ,*

<sup>1</sup>We have added 3.7(1) and 3.8 in 2019

1) Assume the  $D_i (i \in J)$  countable dense subsets of  ${}^{\omega}>2$  and  $D = \bigcup_{i \in J} D_i$  and  $\bar{D} = \langle D_i : i \in J \rangle^2$ . Then there is  $Q \subseteq {}^{\omega}2 \setminus D, Q = Q[\bar{D}]$  such that for every Cantor  $P$  :

- (A) if  $P \cap D \subseteq D_i (i \in J)$  and  $D_i$  is dense in  $P$  then  $|P \cap Q| < 2^{\aleph_0}$
- (B) if for some  $i \in J$  the sets  $P \cap D_i, P \setminus D_i$  are dense in  $P$  then  $P \cap Q \neq \emptyset$ .

2) For some such  $\bar{D}$  we can strengthen clause (B) above to

- (B) if  $P$  is a Cantor and for every  $i \in J$  the set  $D_i \cap P$  is nowhere-dense in  $P$  then for every , dense subsets  $D_1^*, D_2^*$  of  $P \cap D$  we can find  $D_1^\bullet \subseteq D_1^*, D_2^\bullet \subseteq D_2^*$  satisfying for any  $P$  we have: is  $P \cap D_1^\bullet, P \cap D_2^\bullet$  are dense in  $P$  then  $P \cap Q \neq \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* 1) Let  $\{P_\alpha : 0 < \alpha < 2^{\aleph_0}\}$  be any enumeration of the Cantor sets. We define  $x_\alpha, \alpha < 2^{\aleph_0}$  by induction on  $\alpha$ .

For  $\alpha = 0, x_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  is arbitrary.

For any  $\alpha > 0$ , if  $P_\alpha$  does not satisfy the assumptions of (B) then let  $x_\alpha = x_0$  and if  $P$  satisfies the assumptions of (B) (hence in particular  $D$  is dense in  $P$ ) let  $x_\alpha \in P_\alpha - \bigcup \{P_\beta : \beta < \alpha, (\exists i \in J)(P_\beta \cap D \subseteq D_i \text{ and } D \text{ is dense in } P_\beta)\} = D$ .

This is possible; to prove this let  $\mathcal{U} = \{\beta < \alpha : \text{there is } i \in J \text{ such that } P_\beta \cap D \subseteq D_i\}$  and for  $\beta \in \mathcal{U}$  let  $i_\beta \in J$  be such that  $P_\beta \subseteq D_{i_\beta}$ . Let  $i(*) \in J$  be such that  $P \cap D_{i(*)}, P \setminus D_{i(*)}$  are dense in  $P$ . Now we apply 3.6(2), (or 3.6(1) if we restrict the  $D_i$ -s, does not matter)

So by (St) and the hypothesis  $|P_\alpha \cap D| < 2^{\aleph_0}$  there exists such  $x_\alpha$ .

Now let  $Q = \{x_\alpha : \alpha < 2^{\aleph_0}\}$ . If  $P$  satisfies the assumptions of (A), then  $P \in \{P_\alpha : 0 < \alpha < 2^{\aleph_0}\}$ . Hence for some  $\alpha, P = P_\alpha$ , hence  $P \cap D \subseteq \{x_\beta : \beta < \alpha\}$ , so  $|P \cap D| < 2^{\aleph_0}$ . If  $P = P_\alpha$  satisfies the assumption of (B) then  $x_\alpha \in P_\alpha, x_\alpha \in Q$ , hence  $P_\alpha \cap Q \neq \emptyset$ .

2) Similarly.

So we have proved the lemma. □<sub>3.8</sub>

*Remark 3.9.* We can interpret the monadic theory of  $(\mathbb{R}, <)$  in  $T$ , but the converse was not clear at the time, but looking at it again probably we can carry the proof for  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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