

# Series of lectures on Generalized Descriptive Set Theory

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## 1 An introduction to generalized descriptive set theory

Generalized descriptive set theory is the generalization of descriptive set theory to uncountable cardinals. During this notes,  $\kappa$  will be an uncountable cardinal that satisfies  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ , unless otherwise is stated.

### First Session

The aim of this talk is to introduce the notions of  $\kappa$ -Borel class,  $\kappa$ - $\Delta_1^1$  class,  $\kappa$ -Borel\* class, and show the relation between these classes.

**Definition 1.1** (The Generalized Baire space  $\mathbf{B}(\kappa)$ ). *Let  $\kappa$  be an uncountable cardinal. The generalized Baire space is the set  $\kappa^\kappa$  endowed with the following topology. For every  $\eta \in \kappa^{<\kappa}$ , define the following basic open set*

$$N_\eta = \{f \in \kappa^\kappa \mid \eta \subseteq f\}$$

*the open sets are of the form  $\bigcup X$  where  $X$  is a collection of basic open sets.*

**Definition 1.2** (The Generalized Cantor space  $\mathbf{C}(\kappa)$ ). *Let  $\kappa$  be an uncountable cardinal. The generalized Cantor space is the set  $2^\kappa$  endowed with the following topology. For every  $\eta \in 2^{<\kappa}$ , define the following basic open set*

$$N_\eta = \{f \in 2^\kappa \mid \eta \subseteq f\}$$

*the open sets are of the form  $\bigcup X$  where  $X$  is a collection of basic open sets.*

**Definition 1.3** ( $\kappa$ -Borel class). *Let  $S \in \{\mathbf{B}(\kappa), \mathbf{C}(\kappa)\}$ . The class  $\kappa$ -Borel( $S$ ) of all  $\kappa$ -Borel sets in  $S$  is the least collection of subsets of  $S$  which contains all open sets and is closed under complements, unions and intersections both of length at most  $\kappa$ .*

**Definition 1.4.** *Let  $S \in \{\mathbf{B}(\kappa), \mathbf{C}(\kappa)\}$ .*

- *$X \subset S$  is a  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$  set if there is a set  $Y \subset S \times S$  a closed set such that  $\text{pr}(Y) = \{x \in S \mid \exists y \in S (x, y) \in Y\} = X$ .*
- *$X \subset S$  is a  $\Pi_1^1(\kappa)$  set if  $S \setminus X$  is a  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$  set.*
- *$X \subset S$  is a  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa)$  set if  $X$  is a  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$  set and a  $\Pi_1^1(\kappa)$  set.*

**Definition 1.5** ( $\kappa$ -Borel\*-set in  $\mathbf{B}(\kappa), \mathbf{C}(\kappa)$ ). *Let  $S \in \{2^\kappa, \kappa^\kappa\}$ .*

1. *A subset  $T \subset \kappa^{<\kappa}$  is a tree if for all  $f \in T$  with  $\alpha = \text{dom}(f) > 0$  and for all  $\beta < \alpha$ ,  $f \upharpoonright \beta \in T$  and  $f \upharpoonright \beta < f$ .*
2. *A tree  $T$  is a  $\kappa^+, \lambda$ -tree if does not contain chains of length  $\lambda$  and its cardinality is less than  $\kappa^+$ . It is closed if every chain has a unique supremum in  $T$ .*
3. *A pair  $(T, h)$  is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code if  $T$  is a closed  $\kappa^+, \lambda$ -tree,  $\lambda \leq \kappa$ , and  $h$  is a function with domain  $T$  such that if  $x \in T$  is a leaf, then  $h(x)$  is a basic open set and otherwise  $h(x) \in \{\cup, \cap\}$ .*
4. *For an element  $\eta \in S$  and a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code  $(T, h)$ , the  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-game  $B^*(T, h, \eta)$  is played as follows. There are two players, **I** and **II**. The game starts from the root of  $T$ . At each move, if the game is at node  $x \in T$  and  $h(x) = \cap$ , then **I** chooses an immediate successor  $y$  of  $x$  and the game continues from this  $y$ . If  $h(x) = \cup$ , then **II** makes the choice. At limits the game continues from the (unique) supremum of the previous moves. Finally, if  $h(x)$  is a basic open set, then the game ends, and **II** wins if and only if  $\eta \in h(x)$ .*

5. A set  $X \subseteq S$  is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-set if there is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code  $(T, h)$  such that for all  $\eta \in S$ ,  $\eta \in X$  if and only if **II** has a winning strategy in the game  $B^*(T, h, \eta)$ .

We will write  $\mathbf{II} \uparrow B^*(T, h, \eta)$  when **II** has a winning strategy in the game  $B^*(T, h, \eta)$ .

**Example 1.1.** Let  $\mu < \kappa$  be a regular cardinal, we say that  $X \subseteq \kappa$  is a  $\mu$ -club if  $X$  is an unbounded set and it is closed under  $\mu$ -limits.

Let  $\mu < \kappa$  be a regular cardinal. For all  $\eta, \xi \in 2^\kappa$  we say that  $\eta$  and  $\xi$  are  $E_{\mu\text{-club}}^2$  equivalent if the set  $\{\alpha < \kappa \mid \eta(\alpha) = \xi(\alpha)\}$  contains a  $\mu$ -club.

The relation  $E_{\omega\text{-club}}^2$  is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\* set. Let us define the following Borel\*-code  $(T, h)$ :

- $T = \{f \in \kappa^{<\omega+2} \mid f \text{ is strictly increasing}\}$ .
- For  $f$  not a leave,  $h(f) = \cup$  if  $\text{dom}(f)$  is even and  $h(f) = \cap$  if  $\text{dom}(f)$  is odd.
- To define  $h(f)$  for a leave  $f$ , first define the set  $L(g) = \{f \in \kappa^{\omega+1} \mid g \subseteq f\}$  for all  $g \in T$  with domain  $\omega$ , and  $\gamma_g = \sup_{n < \omega} (g(n))$ . Let  $h \upharpoonright L(g)$  be a bijection between  $L(g)$  and the set  $\{N_p \times N_q \mid p, q \in \kappa^{\gamma_g+1}, p(\gamma_g) = q(\gamma_g)\}$ .

Let us show that  $(T, h)$  codes  $E_{\omega\text{-club}}^2$ . Suppose  $(\eta, \xi) \in E_{\omega\text{-club}}^2$ , so there is an  $\omega$ -club  $C$  such that  $\forall \alpha \in C$   $\eta(\alpha) = \xi(\alpha)$ . The following is a winning strategy for **II** in the game  $B^*(T, h, (\eta, \xi))$ . For every even  $n < \omega$ , if the game is at  $f$  with  $\text{dom}(f) = n$ , **II** chooses an immediate successor  $f'$  of  $f$ , such that  $f \subset f'$  and  $f'(n) \in C$ . Since  $C$  is closed under  $\omega$  limits, after  $\omega$  moves the game continues at  $g \in \kappa^\omega$  strictly increasing with  $\gamma = \sup_{n < \omega} (g(n)) \in C$ . So there is  $G$  an immediate successor of  $g$ , such that  $h(G) = N_{\eta \upharpoonright \gamma} \times N_{\xi \upharpoonright \gamma}$ . Finally if **II** chooses  $G$  in the  $\omega$  move, then **II** wins.

For the other direction, suppose  $(\eta, \xi) \notin E_{\omega\text{-club}}^2$ , so there is  $A \subset S_\omega^\kappa$  stationary ( $S_\omega^\kappa$  is the set of  $\omega$ -cofinal ordinals below  $\kappa$ ) such that for all  $\alpha \in S$ ,  $\eta(\alpha) \neq \xi(\alpha)$ .

We will show that for every  $\sigma$  strategy of **II**,  $\sigma$  is not a winning strategy. Let  $\sigma$  be an strategy for **II**, this mean that  $\sigma$  is a function from  $\kappa^{<\omega+1} \rightarrow \kappa$ . Notice that if **II** follows  $\sigma$  as a strategy, then when the game is at  $f$ ,  $\text{dom}(f) = n$  even, **II** chooses  $f'$  such that  $f \subset f'$  and  $f'(n) = \sigma((f(0), f(1), \dots, f(n-1)))$ . Let  $C$  be the set of closed points of  $\sigma$ ,  $C = \{\alpha < \kappa \mid \sigma(\alpha^{<\omega}) \subseteq \alpha\}$ ,  $C$  is unbounded and closed under  $\omega$ -limits. Therefore  $C \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\gamma$  be the least element of  $C \cap A$  that is an  $\omega$ -limit of elements of  $C$ , and let  $\{\gamma_n\}_{n < \omega}$  be a sequence of elements of  $C$  cofinal to  $\gamma$ . The following is a winning strategy for **I** in the game  $B^*(T, h, (\eta, \xi))$ , if **II** uses  $\sigma$  as an strategy.

When the game is at  $f$  with  $\text{dom}(f) = n$ ,  $n$  odd, then **I** chooses an immediate successor  $f'$  of  $f$ , such that  $f \subset f'$  and  $f'(n)$  is the least element of  $\{\gamma_n\}_{n < \omega}$  that is bigger than  $f(n-1)$ . This element always exists because  $\{\gamma_n\}_{n < \omega}$  is cofinal to  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma \in C$ ,  $\gamma$  is a closed point of  $\sigma$ . Since **I** is following  $\sigma$  as a strategy and  $\gamma$  is a closed point of  $\sigma$ , after  $\omega$  moves the game continues at  $g \in \kappa^\omega$  strictly increasing with  $\gamma = \sup_{n < \omega} (g(n)) \in C \cap A$ . Since  $\eta(\gamma) \neq \xi(\gamma)$ , there is no  $G$  immediate successor of  $g$ , such that  $(\eta, \xi) \in h(G)$ . So it does not matter what **II** chooses in the  $\omega$  move, **I** will win.

The previous definitions are the generalization of the notions of Borel,  $\Delta_1^1$ , and Borel\* from descriptive set theory, the spaces  $\omega^\omega$  and  $2^\omega$ . A classical result in descriptive set theory states that the Borel class, the  $\Delta_1^1$  class, and the Borel\* class are the same. This doesn't hold in generalized descriptive set theory as we will see.

**Theorem 1.6** ([1], Thm 17).  $\kappa\text{-Borel} \subseteq \kappa\text{-Borel}^*$

*Proof.* Let us prove something even stronger.  $X$  is a  $\kappa$ -Borel set if and only if there is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code  $(T, h)$  such that  $(T, h)$  codes  $X$  and  $T$  is a  $\kappa^+, \omega$ -tree.

Let us define the sets  $(B_i)_{i \leq \kappa^+}$  by:

- $B_0 = \{N_p \mid p \in 2^{<\kappa}\}$ , the set of basic open sets.
- If  $\alpha = \beta + n$  for  $n$  an odd natural number and  $\beta$  a limit ordinal or 0, then  $B_\alpha = B_{\beta+n-1} \cup \{\cap \mathcal{B} \mid \mathcal{B} \subseteq B_{\beta+n-1}, |\mathcal{B}| \leq \kappa\}$ .
- If  $\alpha = \beta + n$  for  $n$  an even positive natural number and  $\beta$  a limit ordinal or 0, then  $B_\alpha = B_{\beta+n-1} \cup \{\cup \mathcal{B} \mid \mathcal{B} \subseteq B_{\beta+n-1}, |\mathcal{B}| \leq \kappa\}$ .
- If  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal, then  $B_\alpha = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} B_\beta$ .

We will show by induction over  $\alpha$  that for every  $X \in B_\alpha$ , there is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code  $(T, h)$  such that  $(T, h)$  codes  $X$  and  $T$  is a  $\kappa^+, \omega$ -tree.

For  $\alpha = 0$ . If  $X \in B_0$ , then  $T = \{\emptyset\}$  and  $h(\emptyset) = X$  is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code that codes  $X$ .

Suppose  $\alpha = \beta + n$  for  $n$  an even natural number and  $\beta$  a limit ordinal or 0 is such that for all  $X \in B_\alpha$ , there is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code  $(T, h)$  such that  $(T, h)$  codes  $X$  and  $T$  is a  $\kappa^+, \omega$ -tree. Suppose  $X \in B_{\alpha+n+1}$ , so either

$X \in B_\alpha + n$  or  $X = \bigcap \mathcal{B}$  for some  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq B_{\beta+n}$  with  $|\mathcal{B}| = \gamma \leq \kappa$ . Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{X_i\}_{i < \gamma}$ , by the induction hypothesis we know that there are  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code  $\{(T_i, h_i)\}_{i < \gamma}$  such that  $(T_i, h_i)$  codes  $X_i$  and  $T_i$  is a  $\kappa^+, \omega$ -tree, for all  $i < \gamma$ . Let  $\mathcal{T} = \{r\} \cup \bigcup_{i < \gamma} T_i \times \{i\}$  be the tree ordered by  $r < (x, j)$  for all  $(x, j) \in \bigcup_{i < \gamma} T_i \times \{i\}$ , and  $(x, i) < (y, j)$  if and only if  $i = j$  and  $x < y$  in  $T_i$ . Let  $T \subseteq \kappa^{<\omega}$  be a tree isomorphic to  $\mathcal{T}$  and let  $\mathcal{G} : T \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$  be a tree isomorphism. If  $\mathcal{G}(x) \neq r$ , then denote  $\mathcal{G}(x)$  by  $(\mathcal{G}_1(x), \mathcal{G}_2(x))$ . Define  $h$  by  $h(x) = \cap$  if  $\mathcal{G}(x) = r$ , and  $h(x) = h_{\mathcal{G}_2(x)}(\mathcal{G}_1(x))$ .

Let us show that  $(T, h)$  codes  $X$ . Let  $\eta \in X$ , so  $\eta \in X_i$  for all  $i < \gamma$ . If at the beginning **I** chooses  $x$ , then **II** follows the winning strategy from the game  $B^*(T_{\mathcal{G}_2(x)}, h_{\mathcal{G}_2(x)}, \eta)$ , choosing the element given by  $\mathcal{G}^{-1}$ . We conclude that **II**  $\uparrow$   $B^*(T, h, \eta)$ . Let  $\eta \notin X$ , so there is  $i < \gamma$  such that  $\eta \notin X_i$ , so **II** has no winning strategy for the game  $B^*(T_i, h_i, \eta)$ . Since at the beginning **I** can choose  $x$  such that  $\mathcal{G}_2(x) = i$ , **II** cannot have a winning strategy for the game  $B^*(T, h, \eta)$ . Otherwise **II** would have a winning strategy the game  $B^*(T_i, h_i, \eta)$ .

The case  $\alpha = \beta + n$  for  $n$  an odd natural number and  $\beta$  a limit ordinal or 0 is similar, just make  $h(x) = \cup$  if  $\mathcal{G}(x) = r$  when constructing  $(T, h)$ .

Suppose  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal such that for all  $\beta < \alpha$ , for all  $X \in B_\beta$ , there is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code  $(T, h)$  such that  $(T, h)$  codes  $X$  and  $T$  is a  $\kappa^+, \omega$ -tree. Let  $X \in B_\alpha$ , since  $B_\alpha = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} B_\beta$  there is  $\beta < \alpha$  such that  $X \in B_\beta$ . By the induction hypothesis, there is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code  $(T, h)$  such that  $(T, h)$  codes  $X$  and  $T$  is a  $\kappa^+, \omega$ -tree.  $\square$

## Second Session

**Theorem 1.7** ([1], Thm 17). 1.  $\kappa$ -Borel\*  $\subseteq \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ .

2.  $\kappa$ -Borel  $\subseteq \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ .

3.  $\kappa$ -Borel  $\subseteq \Delta_1^1(\kappa)$ .

*Proof.* 1. Let  $X$  be a  $\kappa$ -Borel\* set, there is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\* code  $(T, h)$  such that  $X$  is coded by  $(T, h)$ .

Since  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ , we can code the strategies  $\sigma : T \rightarrow T$  by elements of  $\kappa^\kappa$ .

**Claim 1.8.** *The set  $Y = \{(\eta, \xi) \mid \xi \text{ is a code of a winning strategy for } \mathbf{II} \text{ in } B^*(T, h, \eta)\}$  is closed.*

*Proof.* Let  $(\eta, \xi)$  be an element not in  $Y$ . So  $\xi$  is not a winning strategy for **II** in  $B^*(T, h, \eta)$ , there is  $\alpha < \kappa$  such that for every  $\zeta \in N_{\xi \upharpoonright \alpha}$ ,  $\zeta$  is not a winning strategy for **II** in  $B^*(T, h, \eta)$ . Otherwise  $T$  would have a branch of length  $\kappa$ . Because of the same reason, there is  $\beta < \kappa$  such that for every  $f \in N_{\eta \upharpoonright \beta}$ ,  $\zeta \in N_{\xi \upharpoonright \alpha}$ ,  $\zeta$  is not a winning strategy for **II** in  $B^*(T, h, f)$ . So  $N_{\eta \upharpoonright \beta} \times N_{\xi \upharpoonright \alpha}$  is a subset of the complement of  $Y$ .  $\square$

Since  $pr(Y) = X$ , we are done.

2. It follows from Theorem 1.6 and (1).

3. It follows from (2) and the fact that  $\kappa$ -Borel sets are closed under complement.  $\square$

It has been proved, under the assumption  $V = L$ , that  $\kappa$ -Borel\*  $= \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ . It was first proved in [1] Theorem 18, the idea of this proof is to show that the filter of  $\omega$ -clubs is  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ -complete and  $\kappa$ -Borel\*. This result was later improve in [2] Theorem 7 to show that the relations  $E_{\mu\text{-club}}^\kappa$  is  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ -complete and  $\kappa$ -Borel\*, where  $\eta, \xi \in \kappa^\kappa$  are  $E_{\mu\text{-club}}^\kappa$  related if the set  $\{\alpha < \kappa \mid \eta(\alpha) = \xi(\alpha)\}$  contains an  $\mu$ -club. Recently in [4] Theorem 3.1 these results were improve to show that the inclusion modulo the non-stationary ideal (below) is  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ -complete, which implies that the relations  $E_{\mu\text{-club}}^2$  are  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ -complete. Because of its applications for future sessions, we will prove (under the assumption  $(V = L)$ ) that the inclusion modulo the non-stationary ideal is  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ -complete, this will implies the consistency of  $\kappa$ -Borel\*  $= \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ .

**Definition 1.9** (Inclusion modulo non-stationaries). *For  $\eta, \xi \in 2^\kappa$  and a stationary  $S \subseteq \kappa$ , we write  $\eta \sqsubseteq_S \xi$  if  $(\eta^{-1}\{1\}) \setminus (\xi^{-1}\{1\}) \cap S$  is non-stationary. If  $S = S_\mu^\kappa$ , we denoted  $\sqsubseteq_S$  by  $\sqsubseteq_\mu$ .*

If  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are quasi-orders respectively on  $2^\kappa$ , then we say that  $Q_1$  is *Borel-reducible* to  $Q_2$  if there exists a  $\kappa$ -Borel map  $f : 2^\kappa \rightarrow 2^\kappa$  such that for all  $\eta, \xi \in 2^\kappa$  we have  $\eta Q_1 \xi \iff f(\eta) Q_2 f(\xi)$  and this is also denoted by  $Q_1 \leq_B Q_2$ .

A quasi-order is  $\Sigma_1^1$ -complete, if it is  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$  and every  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$  quasi-order is Borel-reducible to it.

**Theorem 1.10** ([4], Thm 3.1). *( $V = L$ ) The quasi-order  $\sqsubseteq_\mu$  is  $\Sigma_1^1$ -complete, for every regular  $\mu < \kappa$ .*

To prove Theorem 1.10 we need to make some preparations before we start with the proof.

**Definition 1.11.** • Let us define a class function  $F_\diamond: On \rightarrow L$ . For all  $\alpha$ ,  $F_\diamond(\alpha)$  is a pair  $(X_\alpha, C_\alpha)$  where  $X_\alpha, C_\alpha \subseteq \alpha$ , if  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal, then  $C_\alpha$  is either a club or the empty set, and  $C_\alpha = \emptyset$  when  $\alpha$  is not a limit ordinal. We let  $F_\diamond(\alpha) = (X_\alpha, C_\alpha)$  be the  $<_L$ -least pair such that for all  $\beta \in C_\alpha$ ,  $X_\beta \neq X_\alpha \cap \beta$  if  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal and such pair exists and otherwise we let  $F_\diamond(\alpha) = (\emptyset, \emptyset)$ .

- We let  $C_\diamond \subseteq On$  be the class of all limit ordinals  $\alpha$  such that for all  $\beta < \alpha$ ,  $F_\diamond \upharpoonright \beta \in L_\alpha$ . Notice that for every regular cardinal  $\alpha$ ,  $C_\diamond \cap \alpha$  is a club.

**Definition 1.12.** For a given regular cardinal  $\alpha$  and a subset  $A \subset \alpha$ , we define the sequence  $(X_\gamma, C_\gamma)_{\gamma \in A}$  to be  $(F_\diamond(\gamma))_{\gamma \in A}$ , and the sequence  $(X_\gamma)_{\gamma \in A}$  to be the sequence of sets  $X_\gamma$  such that  $F_\diamond(\gamma) = (X_\gamma, C_\gamma)$  for some  $C_\gamma$ .

By  $ZF^-$  we mean  $ZFC+(V=L)$  without the power set axiom. By  $ZF^\diamond$  we mean  $ZF^-$  with the following axiom:

“For all regular cardinals  $\mu < \alpha$  if  $(S_\gamma, D_\gamma)_{\gamma \in \alpha}$  is such that for all  $\gamma < \alpha$ ,  $F_\diamond(\gamma) = (S_\gamma, D_\gamma)$ , then  $(S_\gamma)_{\gamma \in S_\mu^\alpha}$  is a diamond sequence.”

**Lemma 1.13** ([4], Lemma 3.4).  $(V=L)$  For any  $\Sigma_1$ -formula  $\varphi(\eta, x)$  with parameter  $x \in 2^\kappa$ , a regular cardinal  $\mu < \kappa$ , the following are equivalent for all  $\eta \in 2^\kappa$ :

- $\varphi(\eta, x)$
- $S \setminus A$  is non-stationary, where  $S = \{\alpha \in S_\mu^\kappa \mid X_\alpha = \eta^{-1}\{1\} \cap \alpha\}$  and

$$A = \{\alpha \in C_\diamond \cap \kappa \mid \exists \beta > \alpha (L_\beta \models ZF^\diamond \wedge \varphi(\eta \upharpoonright \alpha, x \upharpoonright \alpha) \wedge r(\alpha))\}$$

where  $r(\alpha)$  is the formula “ $\alpha$  is a regular cardinal”.

Now we sketch the proof of 1.10.

*Proof of Theorem 1.10 (sketch).* Suppose  $Q$  is a  $\Sigma_1^1$  quasi-order on  $2^\kappa$ .

There is a  $\Sigma_1$ -formula of set theory  $\psi(\eta, \xi) = \psi(\eta, \xi, x) = \exists k \varphi(k, \eta, \xi, x) \vee \eta = \xi$  with  $x \in 2^\kappa$ , such that for all  $\eta, \xi \in 2^\kappa$ ,

$$(\eta, \xi) \in Q \Leftrightarrow \psi(\eta, \xi),$$

we added  $\eta = \xi$  to  $\psi(\eta, \xi)$ , to ensure that when we reflect  $\psi(\eta \upharpoonright \alpha, \xi \upharpoonright \alpha)$  we get a reflexive relation. Let  $r(\alpha)$  be the formula “ $\alpha$  is a regular cardinal” and  $\psi^Q(\kappa)$  be the sentence with parameter  $\kappa$  that asserts that  $\psi(\eta, \xi)$  defines a quasi-order on  $2^\kappa$ . For all  $\eta \in 2^\kappa$  and  $\alpha < \kappa$ , let

$$T_{\eta, \alpha} = \{p \in 2^\alpha \mid \exists \beta > \alpha (L_\beta \models ZF^\diamond \wedge \psi(p, \eta \upharpoonright \alpha, x \upharpoonright \alpha) \wedge r(\alpha) \wedge \psi^Q(\alpha))\}.$$

Let  $(X_\alpha)_{\alpha \in S_\mu^\kappa}$  be the diamond sequence of Definition 1.12, and for all  $\alpha \in S_\mu^\kappa$ , let  $\mathcal{X}_\alpha$  be the characteristic function of  $X_\alpha$ . Define  $\mathcal{F}: 2^\kappa \rightarrow 2^\kappa$  by

$$\mathcal{F}(\eta)(\alpha) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathcal{X}_\alpha \in T_{\eta, \alpha} \text{ and } \alpha \in S_\mu^\kappa \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Claim 1.14.**  $\mathcal{F}$  is a reduction of  $Q$  into  $\sqsubseteq_\mu$ .

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## Third Session

As it was sketch above, the combinatorial properties of  $L$  are essential for the reduction shown on Theorem 1.10. There are three different variations of Lemma 1.13, each variation is used to define a Borel reduction.

**Lemma 1.15** ([1]).  $(V=L)$  For any  $\Sigma_1$ -formula  $\varphi(\eta, x)$  with parameter  $x \in 2^\kappa$ , the following are equivalent for all  $\eta \in 2^\kappa$ :

- $\varphi(\eta, x)$
- $A = \{\alpha < \kappa \mid \exists \beta > \alpha (L_\beta \models ZF^- \wedge \varphi(\eta \upharpoonright \alpha, x \upharpoonright \alpha) \wedge r(\alpha))\}$  contains a club, where  $r(\alpha)$  is the formula “ $\alpha$  is a regular cardinal”.

This variation was the one used in [1] to prove Theorem 1.15.

**Lemma 1.16** ([2]). ( $V = L$ ) For any  $\Sigma_1$ -formula  $\varphi(\eta, x)$  with parameter  $x \in 2^\kappa$ , a regular cardinal  $\mu < \kappa$ , and a stationary set  $S \subset S_\mu^\kappa$ , the following are equivalent for all  $\eta \in 2^\kappa$ :

- $\varphi(\eta, x)$
- $S \setminus A$  is non-stationary, where

$$A = \{\alpha \in S \mid \exists \beta > \alpha (L_\beta \models \varphi(\eta \upharpoonright \alpha, x \upharpoonright \alpha) \wedge r(\alpha) \wedge s(\alpha))\}$$

where  $r(\alpha)$  is the formula “ $\alpha$  is a regular cardinal”, and  $s(\alpha)$  states that  $S \cap \alpha$  is stationary and  $S \cap \alpha \subset S_\mu^\alpha$  in the sense that we required  $\beta$  to be large enough to witness that every element of  $S \cap \alpha$  has cofinality  $\mu$ .

This Lemma was the one used in [2] to show that the relations  $E_{\mu\text{-club}}^\kappa$  is  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ -complete under the assumption  $V = L$ . This is different from Lemma 1.15 because of the stationary set  $S$ . At the same time, in Lemma 1.16 is different from 1.13. In Lemma 1.16  $S$  is fixed from the beginning and it is independent from  $\eta$  and in Lemma 1.13  $S$  depends on  $\eta$  and the diamond sequence. This is the reason why Lemma 1.16 cannot be used to prove Theorem 1.10, and the reason to use  $\text{ZF}^\diamond$  and  $C_\diamond$  to fix a diamond sequence  $(X_\gamma)_{\gamma \in S_\mu^\kappa}$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.13.* Let  $\mu < \kappa$  be a regular cardinal. Suppose that  $\eta \in 2^\kappa$  is such that  $\varphi(\eta, x)$  holds. Let  $\theta$  be a cardinal large enough such that

$$L_\theta \models \text{ZF}^\diamond \wedge \varphi(\eta, x) \wedge r(\kappa).$$

For each  $\alpha < \kappa$ , let

$$H(\alpha) = \text{Sk}(\alpha \cup \{\kappa, \eta, x\})^{L_\theta}$$

and  $\bar{H}(\alpha)$  the Mostowski collapse of  $H(\alpha)$ . Let

$$D = \{\alpha < \kappa \mid H(\alpha) \cap \kappa = \alpha\}.$$

Then  $D$  is a club set and  $D \cap C_\diamond$  is a club. Since  $H(\alpha)$  is an elementary submodel of  $L_\theta$  and the Mostowski collapse  $\bar{H}(\alpha)$  is equal to  $L_\beta$  for some  $\beta > \alpha$ , we have  $D \cap C_\diamond \subseteq A$ .

Suppose  $\eta \in 2^\kappa$  is such that  $\varphi(\eta, x)$  does not hold. Let  $\mu < \kappa$  be a regular cardinal. Let  $\theta$  be a large enough cardinal such that

$$L_\theta \models \text{ZF}^\diamond \wedge \neg \varphi(\eta, x) \wedge r(\kappa).$$

Let  $C$  be an unbounded set which is closed under  $\mu$ -limits (a  $\mu$ -club). Let

$$H(\alpha) = \text{Sk}(\alpha \cup \{\kappa, C, \eta, x, (X_\gamma, C_\gamma)_{\gamma \in S_\mu^\kappa}\})^{L_\theta}.$$

Let

$$D = \{\alpha \in S_\mu^\kappa \mid H(\alpha) \cap \kappa = \alpha\}$$

Notice that since  $H(\alpha)$  is an elementary substructure of  $L_\theta$ , then  $H(\alpha)$  calculates all cofinalities correctly below  $\alpha$ . Then  $D$  is an unbounded set, closed under  $\mu$ -limits. Let  $S = \{\alpha \in S_\mu^\kappa \mid X_\alpha = \eta^{-1}\{1\} \cap \alpha\}$  and  $\alpha_0$  be the least ordinal in  $(\lim_\mu D) \cap S$  (where  $\lim_\mu D$  is the set of ordinals of  $D$  that are  $\mu$ -cofinal limits of elements of  $D$ ). Since  $\alpha_0 \in \lim_\mu D$ ,  $\alpha_0 > \mu$ . By the elementarity of each  $H(\alpha)$  we conclude that  $\alpha_0 \in C$ .

Let  $\bar{\beta}$  be such that  $L_{\bar{\beta}}$  is equal to the Mostowski collapse of  $H(\alpha_0)$ . We will show that  $\alpha_0 \notin A$ . Suppose, towards a contradiction, that  $\alpha_0 \in A$ , thus  $\alpha_0 \in C_\diamond \cap \kappa$ . There exists  $\beta > \alpha_0$  such that

$$L_\beta \models \text{ZF}^\diamond \wedge \varphi(\eta \upharpoonright \alpha_0, x \upharpoonright \alpha_0) \wedge r(\alpha_0).$$

Since  $\varphi(\eta, x)$  is a  $\Sigma_1$ -formula,  $\beta$  is a limit ordinal greater than  $\bar{\beta}$ .

**Claim 1.17.**  $L_\beta$  satisfies the following:

1. For all  $\gamma \in S \cap \alpha_0$ ,  $\gamma$  has cofinality  $\mu$ .
2.  $S \cap \alpha_0$  is a stationary subset of  $\alpha_0$ .
3.  $D \cap \alpha_0$  is a  $\mu$ -club subset of  $\alpha_0$ .

*Proof.* 1.  $H(\alpha_0)$  calculates all cofinalities correctly below  $\alpha_0$ . Thus  $L_{\bar{\beta}}$  calculates all cofinalities correctly below  $\alpha_0$ . Since  $\beta$  is greater than  $\bar{\beta}$ ,  $L_\beta$  calculates all cofinalities correctly below  $\alpha_0$ . Since  $S \cap \alpha_0 \subseteq S_\mu^\kappa$  in  $L$ , then  $S \cap \alpha_0 \subseteq S_\mu^\kappa$  holds in  $L_\beta$ .

2. Since  $\alpha_0 \in C_\diamond \cap \kappa$  and  $L_\beta$  satisfies  $\text{ZF}^\diamond$  and  $r(\alpha_0)$ ,  $L_\beta$  satisfies that  $S \cap \alpha_0$  is a stationary subset of  $\alpha_0$ .

3. Let  $\alpha < \alpha_0$  be such that  $L_\beta \models cf(\alpha) = \mu \wedge \bigcup(D \cap \alpha) = \alpha$ , we will show that  $L_\beta \models \alpha \in D \cap \alpha_0$ . Since  $L_\beta$  calculates all cofinalities correctly below  $\alpha_0$ ,  $L \models cf(\alpha) = \mu \wedge \bigcup(D \cap \alpha) = \alpha$ .  $D$  is a  $\mu$ -club in  $L$ , thus  $L \models \alpha \in D$ . Since  $\alpha < \alpha_0$ ,  $L \models \alpha \in D \cap \alpha_0$ . We will finish the proof by showing that  $L \models \alpha \in D \cap \alpha_0$  implies  $L_\beta \models \alpha \in D \cap \alpha_0$ .

Notice that  $H(\alpha_0)$  is a definable subset of  $L_\theta$  and  $D$  is a definable subset of  $L_\theta$ . By elementarity,  $D \cap \alpha_0$  is a definable subset of  $H(\alpha_0)$ , we conclude that  $D \cap \alpha_0$  is a definable subset of  $L_\beta$  and  $D \cap \alpha_0 \in L_\beta$ . Therefore  $L_\beta \models \alpha \in D \cap \alpha_0$ . □

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Let us continue with the proof of Theorem 1.10.

*Proof.*

**Claim 1.18.** *If  $\eta \dot{Q} \xi$ , then  $T_{\eta, \alpha} \subseteq T_{\xi, \alpha}$  for club-many  $\alpha$ 's.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\psi(\eta, \xi, x) = \exists k \varphi(k, \eta, \xi, x)$  holds and let  $k$  witnesses that. Let  $\theta$  be a cardinal large enough such that  $L_\theta \models \text{ZF}^\diamond \wedge \varphi(k, \eta, \xi, x) \wedge r(\alpha)$ . For all  $\alpha < \kappa$  let  $H(\alpha) = \text{Sk}(\alpha \cup \{\kappa, k, \eta, \xi, x\})^{L_\theta}$ . The set  $D = \{\alpha < \kappa \mid H(\alpha) \cap \kappa = \alpha \wedge H(\alpha) \models \psi^Q(\alpha)\}$  is a club. Using the Mostowski collapse we have that

$$D' = \{\alpha < \kappa \mid \exists \beta > \alpha (L_\beta \models \text{ZF}^\diamond \wedge \varphi(k \upharpoonright \alpha, \eta \upharpoonright \alpha, \xi \upharpoonright \alpha, x \upharpoonright \alpha) \wedge r(\alpha) \wedge \psi^Q(\alpha))\}$$

contains a club. For all  $\alpha \in D'$  and  $p \in T_{\eta, \alpha}$  we have that

$$\exists \beta_1 > \alpha (L_{\beta_1} \models \text{ZF}^\diamond \wedge \psi(p, \eta \upharpoonright \alpha, x \upharpoonright \alpha) \wedge r(\alpha) \wedge \psi^Q(\alpha))$$

and

$$\exists \beta_2 > \alpha (L_{\beta_2} \models \text{ZF}^\diamond \wedge \psi(\eta \upharpoonright \alpha, \xi \upharpoonright \alpha, x \upharpoonright \alpha) \wedge r(\alpha) \wedge \psi^Q(\alpha)).$$

Therefore, for  $\beta = \max\{\beta_1, \beta_2\}$  we have that

$$L_\beta \models \text{ZF}^\diamond \wedge \psi(p, \eta \upharpoonright \alpha, x \upharpoonright \alpha) \wedge \psi(\eta \upharpoonright \alpha, \xi \upharpoonright \alpha, x \upharpoonright \alpha) \wedge r(\alpha) \wedge \psi^Q(\alpha).$$

Since  $\psi^Q(\alpha)$  holds and so transitivity holds for  $\psi(\eta, \xi)$  in  $L_\beta$ , we conclude that

$$L_\beta \models \text{ZF}^\diamond \wedge \psi(p, \xi \upharpoonright \alpha, x \upharpoonright \alpha) \wedge r(\alpha) \wedge \psi^Q(\alpha)$$

so  $p \in T_{\xi, \alpha}$  and  $T_{\eta, \alpha} \subseteq T_{\xi, \alpha}$ . This holds for all  $\alpha \in D'$ . □

By the previous claim, we conclude that if  $\eta \dot{Q} \xi$ , then there is a  $\mu$ -club  $C$  such that for every  $\alpha \in C$  it holds that  $\mathcal{X}_\alpha \in T_{\eta, \alpha} \Rightarrow \mathcal{X}_\alpha \in T_{\xi, \alpha}$ . Therefore  $(\mathcal{F}(\eta)^{-1}\{1\} \setminus \mathcal{F}(\xi)^{-1}\{1\}) \cap C = \emptyset$ , and  $\mathcal{F}(\eta) \sqsubseteq_\mu \mathcal{F}(\xi)$ .

For the other direction, suppose  $\neg \psi(\eta, \xi, x)$  holds. Let  $S = \{\alpha \in S_\mu^\kappa \mid X_\alpha = \eta^{-1}\{1\} \cap \alpha\}$ . Since  $(X_\gamma)_{\gamma \in S_\mu^\kappa}$  is a diamond sequence,  $S$  is a stationary set. By Lemma 1.13 we know that  $S \setminus A$  is stationary, where

$$A = \{\alpha \in C_\diamond \cap \kappa \mid \exists \beta > \alpha (L_\beta \models \text{ZF}^\diamond \wedge \psi(\eta \upharpoonright \alpha, \xi \upharpoonright \alpha, x \upharpoonright \alpha) \wedge r(\alpha))\}.$$

Since for all  $\alpha \in S \setminus A$  we have that  $X_\alpha = \eta^{-1}\{1\} \cap \alpha$ , so  $\mathcal{X}_\alpha \in T_{\eta, \alpha}$ . We conclude that for all  $\alpha \in S \setminus A$ ,  $\mathcal{F}(\eta)(\alpha) = 1$ . On the other hand, for all  $\alpha \in S \setminus A$  it holds that

$$\forall \beta > \alpha (L_\beta \not\models \text{ZF}^\diamond \wedge \psi(\eta \upharpoonright \alpha, \xi \upharpoonright \alpha, x \upharpoonright \alpha) \wedge r(\alpha))$$

so

$$\forall \beta > \alpha (L_\beta \not\models \text{ZF}^\diamond \wedge \psi(\mathcal{X}_\alpha, \xi \upharpoonright \alpha, x \upharpoonright \alpha) \wedge r(\alpha)).$$

Therefore

$$\forall \beta > \alpha (L_\beta \not\models \text{ZF}^\diamond \wedge \psi(\mathcal{X}_\alpha, \xi \upharpoonright \alpha, x \upharpoonright \alpha) \wedge r(\alpha) \wedge \psi^Q(\alpha))$$

we conclude that  $\mathcal{X}_\alpha \notin T_{\xi, \alpha}$ , and  $\mathcal{F}(\xi)(\alpha) = 0$ . Hence, for all  $\alpha \in S \setminus A$ ,  $\mathcal{F}(\eta)(\alpha) = 1$  and  $\mathcal{F}(\xi)(\alpha) = 0$ . Since  $S \setminus A$  is stationary, we conclude that  $\mathcal{F}(\eta)^{-1}\{1\} \setminus \mathcal{F}(\xi)^{-1}\{1\}$  is stationary and  $\mathcal{F}(\eta) \not\sqsubseteq_\mu \mathcal{F}(\xi)$ . □

**Theorem 1.19** ([1], Thm 18).  $(V = L) \kappa\text{-Borel}^* = \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ .

*Proof.* Because of Example 1.1 and the previous Lemma, it is enough to prove the following Claim.

**Claim 1.20.** Assume  $f: 2^\kappa \rightarrow 2^\kappa$  is a Borel function and  $B \subseteq 2^\kappa$  is Borel\*. Then  $f^{-1}[B]$  is Borel\*.

Let  $(T_B, H_B)$  be a Borel\*-code for  $B$ . Define the Borel\*-code  $(T_A, H_A)$  by letting  $T_B = T_A$  and  $H_A(b) = f^{-1}[H_B(b)]$  for every branch  $b$  of  $T_B$ . Let  $A$  be the Borel\*-set coded by  $(T_A, H_A)$ . Clearly,  $\mathbf{II} \uparrow B^*(T_B, H_B, \eta)$  if and only if  $\mathbf{II} \uparrow B^*(T_A, H_A, f^{-1}(\eta))$ , so  $f^{-1}[B] = A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 1.21** ([7], Corollary 34). Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$  sets. There are  $\kappa$ -Borel\* sets  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  such that  $A \subseteq C_0$ ,  $B \subseteq C_1$ , and  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  are duals.

**Theorem 1.22** ([1], Theorem 17).  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa) \subseteq \kappa$ -Borel\*

**Lemma 1.23** ([3], Corollary 3.2). It is consistently that  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa) \subsetneq \kappa$ -Borel\*  $\subsetneq \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ .

**Definition 1.24.** Fix a bijection  $\pi: \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \kappa$ . For every  $\eta \in \kappa^\kappa$  define the  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure  $\mathcal{A}_\eta$  with domain  $\kappa$  as follows: For every relation  $P_m$  with arity  $n$ , every tuple  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  in  $\kappa^n$  satisfies

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in P_m^{\mathcal{A}_\eta} \iff \eta(\pi(m, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)) \geq 0.$$

**Theorem 1.25** ([1], Theorem 18). 1.  $\kappa$ -Borel\*  $\subsetneq \Delta_1^1(\kappa)$

2.  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa) \subsetneq \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$

*Proof.* 1. Let  $\xi \mapsto (T_\xi, h_\xi)$  be a continuous coding of the  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-codes with  $T$  a  $\kappa^+$ - $\omega$ -tree, such that for all  $\kappa^+$ - $\omega$ -tree,  $T$ , and  $h$ , there is  $\xi$  such that  $T_\xi, h_\xi = (T, h)$ .

**Claim 1.26.** The set  $B = \{(\eta, \xi) \mid \eta \text{ is in the set coded by } (T_\xi, h_\xi)\}$  is  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$  and is not  $\kappa$ -Borel, otherwise  $D = \{\eta \mid (\eta, \eta) \notin B\}$  would be Borel (Hint: use the set  $C = \{(\eta, \xi, \sigma) \mid \sigma \text{ is a winning strategy for } \mathbf{II} \text{ in } B^*(T_\xi, h_\xi, \eta)\}$ ).

2.

**Claim 1.27.** There is  $A \subseteq 2^\kappa \times 2^\kappa$  such that if  $B \subseteq 2^\kappa$  is a  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$  set, then there is  $\eta \in 2^\kappa$  such that  $B = \{\xi \mid (\xi, \eta) \in A\}$  (Hint: the construction used in the classical case works too).

The set  $D = \{\eta \mid (\eta, \eta) \in A\}$  is  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$  but not  $\Pi_1^1(\kappa)$ .  $\square$

**Question 1.28.** Is it consistent that  $\Delta_1^1 = \kappa$ -Borel\*?

**Definition 1.29** (The isomorphism relation). Assume  $T$  is a complete first order theory in a countable vocabulary. We define  $\cong_T$  as the relation

$$\{(\eta, \xi) \in \kappa^\kappa \times \kappa^\kappa \mid (\mathcal{A}_\eta \models T, \mathcal{A}_\xi \models T, \mathcal{A}_\eta \cong \mathcal{A}_\xi) \text{ or } (\mathcal{A}_\eta \not\models T, \mathcal{A}_\xi \not\models T)\}.$$

**Theorem 1.30** ([1], Theorem 70). If  $T$  is a classifiable theory, then  $\cong_T$  is  $\Delta_1^1$ .

**Theorem 1.31** ([1], Theorem 87). Suppose that for all  $\gamma < \kappa$ ,  $\gamma^\omega < \kappa$  and  $T$  is a stable unsuperstable countable theory. Then  $E_{\omega\text{-club}}^2 \leq_c \cong_T^\kappa$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 1.32** ([1], Theorem 79). Suppose that  $\kappa = \lambda^+ = 2^\lambda$  and  $\lambda^{<\lambda} = \lambda$ .

1. If  $T$  is unstable or superstable with OTOP, then  $E_{\lambda\text{-club}}^2 \leq_c \cong_T^\kappa$ .

2. If  $\lambda \geq 2^\omega$  and  $T$  is superstable with DOP, then  $E_{\lambda\text{-club}}^2 \leq_c \cong_T^\kappa$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 1.33.** ( $V = L$ ) Suppose that  $\kappa$  is the successor of a regular uncountable cardinal. If  $T$  is a non-classifiable countable theory, then  $\cong_T$  is a  $\Sigma_1^1$ -complete relation.

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