On relatively analytic and Borel subsets

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Abstract

Define \mathfrak{z} to be the smallest cardinality of a function $f: X \to Y$ with $X, Y \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ such that there is no Borel function $g \supseteq f$. In this paper we prove that it is relatively consistent with ZFC to have $\mathfrak{b} < \mathfrak{z}$ where \mathfrak{b} is, as usual, smallest cardinality of an unbounded family in ω^{ω} . This answers a question raised by Zapletal.

We also show that it is relatively consistent with ZFC that there exists $X \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ such that the Borel order of X is bounded but there exists a relatively analytic subset of X which is not relatively coanalytic. This answers a question of Mauldin.

The following is an equivalent definition of \mathfrak{z} :

$$\mathfrak{z} = \min\{|X| : X \subseteq 2^{\omega}, \exists Y \subseteq X \mid Y \text{ is not Borel in } X\}$$

For one direction we can use for each $Y \subseteq X$ its characteristic function $f: X \to 2$. For the other direction use that a function is Borel iff the inverse image of each basic open set is Borel.

The following answers a question raised by Zapletal [6] see appendix A.

Theorem 1 It is relatively consistent with ZFC that $\mathfrak{b} < \mathfrak{z}$.

Define $p \in \mathbb{P}(A)$ for $A \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ iff p is a finite set of consistent sentences of the form:

- 1. " $x \in \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{nm}$ " where $x \in A, n \in \omega$, or
- 2. " $x \notin U_{nm}$ " where $x \in 2^{\omega}$, $n, m \in \omega$, or
- 3. " $[s] \subseteq U_{nm}$ " where $s \in 2^{<\omega}$, $n, m \in \omega$.

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By consistent we simply mean the following:

- p cannot contain both " $x \in \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{nm}$ " and " $x \notin U_{nk}$ " for some x, n, k, and
- p cannot contain both " $x \notin U_{nm}$ " and " $[x \upharpoonright k] \subseteq U_{nm}$ " for some x.n, m, k.

The ordering on $\mathbb{P}(A)$ is given by inclusion: $p \leq q$ iff $p \supseteq q$. Note that the set A enters into the picture only in sentence of type (1).

This partial order is from Miller [2] where there are versions for all countable Borel orders (this is for Σ_3^0). It can be looked on as a generalization of almost disjoint forcing of Jensen and Solovay. I learned about describing almost disjoint forcing as sets of sentences from Jack Silver.

Now suppose that G is $\mathbb{P}(A)$ -generic over V. Define

$$U_{nm}^G = \bigcup \{ [s] : "[s] \subseteq U_{nm}" \in G \} \text{ and } W_n^G = \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{nm}^G$$

Lemma 2 For any $x \in V \cap 2^{\omega}$

1. $x \notin U_{nm}^G$ iff " $x \notin U_{nm}$ " $\in G$ 2. $x \in W_n^G$ iff " $x \in \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{nm}$ " $\in G$ 3. $x \in A$ iff $x \in \bigcup_{n < \omega} W_n^G$

Proof

To prove (1) working in V, fix $x \in 2^{\omega}$ and $n, m < \omega$. The following set is dense:

$$D_{x,n,m} = \{ p \in \mathbb{P}(A) : \exists k \quad ``[x \upharpoonright k] \subseteq U_{nm}" \in p \text{ or } ``x \notin U_{nm}" \in p \}$$

To see this note that if " $x \notin U_{nm}$ " is not in p we can always find k large enough so that $p \cup \{ [x \upharpoonright k] \subseteq U_{nm} \}$ is a consistent set of sentences. Now suppose $x \in U_{nm}^G$, then for some k we have that " $[x \upharpoonright k] \subseteq U_{nm}$ " $\in G$ and hence by consistency, " $x \notin U_{nm}$ " $\notin G$. On the other hand, if " $x \notin U_{nm}$ " $\notin G$, then since $D_{x,n,m}$ is dense for some k we have that " $[x \upharpoonright k] \subseteq U_{nm}$ " $\in G$ and hence $x \in U_{nm}^G$.

To prove (2) note that the following set is dense:

$$D_{x,n} = \{ p \in \mathbb{P}(A) : \exists k "x \notin U_{nk}" \in p \text{ or } "x \in \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{nm}" \in p \}$$

To see this note that if " $x \in \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{nm}$ " $\notin p$, then for large k (so that U_{nk} is not mentioned in p), the sentences $p \cup \{ x \notin U_{nk} \}$ are consistent.

To prove (3) note that if $x \in A$ then the following is dense:

$$D_x = \{ p \in \mathbb{P}(A) : \exists n "x \in \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{nm}" \in p \}$$

and we can only assert " $x \in \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{nm}$ " for $x \in A$. QED

Note that it follows from the Lemma that $A \cap V = (\bigcup_{n < \omega} W_n^G) \cap V$ and so that A is a Σ_3^0 relative to the ground model reals.

Lemma 3 $\mathbb{P}(A)$ is ccc.

 Proof

This is a standard Δ -systems argument. Suppose two conditions p and q agree on all sentences of the form:

$$"[s] \subseteq U_{nm}"$$

and also they agree on all sentences of the form:

"
$$x \in \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{nm}$$
" or " $x \notin U_{nm}$ "

whenever x is mentioned in both p and q. Then $p \cup q$ is consistent. QED

Next we must prove that $\mathbb{P}(A)$ does not add a dominating real. Working in V, for $Y \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ countable define $p \in \mathbb{P}(A)_Y$ iff $p \in \mathbb{P}(A)$ and

$$\forall x, n, k \ (``x \notin U_{nk}" \in p \text{ or } ``x \in \cap_{m < \omega} U_{nm}" \in p) \to x \in Y \}.$$

Or in other words, $\mathbb{P}(A)_Y$ are the conditions in $\mathbb{P}(A)$ which only mention elements of Y.

Lemma 4 Suppose $p \in \mathbb{P}(A)$ and $q \in \mathbb{P}(A)_Y$. Then p and q are compatible iff r and q are compatible where $r = p \setminus \{ ``x \in \cap_{m \le \omega} U_{nm} ": x \notin Y, n \le \omega \}$

Proof

Incompatibility cannot arise between sentences of type (1) and (3). That is, any pair of the form:

$$"[s] \subseteq U_{nm}", \quad "x \in \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{nm}"$$

is consistent. It follows that the " $x \in \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{nm}$ " $\in p$ for which $x \notin Y$ cannot conflict with the sentences of q since by definition q cannot mention any x which is not in Y.

QED

Define. $T = (p, (t_i, n_i, m_i : i < N))$ is a Y-template iff

- 1. $p \in \mathbb{P}(A)_Y, t_i \in 2^{<\omega}, n_i, m_i, N \in \omega,$
- 2. if " $y \in \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{n_i m}$ " $\in p$, then $y \notin [t_i]$, and
- 3. if " $[s] \subseteq U_{n_i m_i}$ " $\in p$, then $[s] \cap [t_i] = \emptyset$.

Define. For $\vec{x} = (x_i : i < N) \in \prod_{i < N} [t_i]$

$$p(\vec{x}) = p \cup \{ "x_i \notin U_{n_i m_i}" : i < N \}$$

Note that by the definition of Y-template that $p(\vec{x}) \in \mathbb{P}(A)$, i.e., is consistent, for every $\vec{x} \in \prod_{i < N} [t_i]$.

Lemma 5 Suppose that $|\vdash \tau \in \omega$, there exists $\Sigma \subseteq \mathbb{P}(A)_Y$ a maximal antichain deciding τ , and $(p, (t_i, n_i, m_i : i < N))$ is a Y-template. Then there exists $k < \omega$ so that for every $\vec{x} \in \prod_{i < N} [t_i]$ there exists $q \in \mathbb{P}(A)_Y$ such that $p(\vec{x}) \cup q \in \mathbb{P}(A)$ and $q \mid \vdash \tau < k$.

Proof

For $q \in \mathbb{P}(A)_Y$ define

$$U_q = \{ \vec{x} \in \prod_{i < N} [t_i] : p(\vec{x}) \cup q \in \mathbb{P}(A) \}$$

Note that U_q is open. To see this, suppose $\vec{x} \in U_q$ so that $p(\vec{x}) \cup q \in \mathbb{P}(A)$. Note that although some x_i might be in Y it can't be that " $x_i \notin U_{n_im_i}$ " $\in p(\vec{x})$ and " $x_i \in \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{n_im}$ " $\in q$, because they are compatible. Hence, there must be a sufficiently small neighborhood of x_i say $t'_i = x_i \upharpoonright k_i \supseteq t_i$ with the properties that

- 1. if " $z \in \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{n_i m}$ " $\in p \cup q$, then $z \notin [t'_i]$, and
- 2. if " $[s] \subseteq U_{n_im_i}$ " $\in p \cup q$, then $[s] \cap [t'_i] = \emptyset$.

Hence, $\vec{x} \in \prod_{i < N} [t'_i] \subseteq U_q$.

Now since $\Sigma \subseteq \mathbb{P}(A)_Y$ is a maximal antichain we know that

$$\cup \{ U_q : q \in \Sigma \} = \prod_{i < N} [t_i]$$

So by compactness since each U_q is open, there exists a finite $F \subseteq \Sigma$ such that

$$\cup \{U_q : q \in F\} = \prod_{i < N} [t_i]$$

and since each $q \in \Sigma$ decides τ , the Lemma follows. QED

In order to prove the full result we must show that the iteration does not add a dominating real. To do this we prove the following stronger property (see Bartoszynski and Judah [1] definition 6.4.4):

Lemma 6 The poset $\mathbb{P}(A)$ is really $\sqsubseteq^{\text{bounded}}$ -good, i.e., for every name τ for an element of ω^{ω} there exists $g \in \omega^{\omega}$ such that for any $x \in \omega^{\omega}$ if there exists $p \in \mathbb{P}(A)$ such that $p \models \forall^{\infty} n \ x(n) < \tau(n)$, then $\forall^{\infty} n \ x(n) < g(n)$.

Proof

Suppose that $|\vdash \tau \in \omega^{\omega}$. Using ccc get $Y \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ countable so that for every $n < \omega$ there exists a maximal antichain $\Sigma \subseteq \mathbb{P}(A)_Y$ which decides $\tau(n)$. List all Y-templates as $(T_n : n < \omega)$. By Lemma 5 there exists $g \in \omega^{\omega}$ with the property that for every $l < \omega$ and n < l if

$$T_n = (p, (t_i, n_i, m_i : i < N))$$

then for every $\vec{x} \in \prod_{i < N} [t_i]$ there exists $q \in \mathbb{P}(A)_Y$ such that $p(\vec{x}) \cup q \in \mathbb{P}(A)$ and $q \models \tau(l) < g(l)$. (To get g(l) apply Lemma 5 to $\tau = \tau(l)$ and each of the templates $(T_n : n < l)$ and then take g(l) to be the maximum of all the k's.)

Now suppose that $p_0 | \vdash \forall l > l_0 \ x(l) < \tau(l)$ and

$$p_0 = p \cup \{ z_i \in \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{n'_i, m} : i < N' \} \cup \{ x_i \notin U_{n_i m_i} : i < N \}$$

where $p \in \mathbb{P}(A)_Y$ and $z_i, x_i \notin Y$.

Take t_i sufficiently long so that $t_i \subseteq x_i$ and

$$T = (p, (t_i, n_i, m_i : i < N))$$

is a Y-template. Assume that l_0 is sufficiently large so that $T = T_k$ for some $k < l_0$. By our construction for each $l > l_0$, there exists $q \in \mathbb{P}(A)_Y$ such that $p(\vec{x}) \cup q \in \mathbb{P}(A)$ and $q \models \tau(l) < g(l)$. But by Lemma 4 this means that $p_0 \cup q \in \mathbb{P}(A)$ and hence x(l) < g(l). QED

The above proof is similar to that of Lemma 6.5.8 [1].

Now we prove Theorem 1. Starting with a model of CH we iterate with finite support ω_2 times

$$\mathbb{P}_{\alpha+1} = \mathbb{P}_{\alpha} * \overset{\circ}{\mathbb{P}} (\overset{\circ}{A_{\alpha}})$$

where we dovetail to list all $A \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ of size ω_1 in the final model. Since the finite support iteration of really $\sqsubseteq^{\text{bounded}}$ -good ccc forcing adds no dominating real (see Bartoszynski and Judah [1] Theorem 6.5.4), we have that in the resulting model $\mathfrak{b} = \omega_1$. On the other hand by Lemma 2 we have that $\mathfrak{z} = \omega_2$.

QED

Define (see Zapletal [6] Appendix A)

$$\mathfrak{sn} = \min\{|X| : X \subseteq \mathcal{T}, \forall A \ \Sigma_1^1 \ X \cap A \neq X \cap WF\}$$

where \mathcal{T} is the set of ω -trees and WF is the set of well-founded trees. An equivalent definition is:

$$\mathfrak{sn} = \min\{|X| : X \subseteq 2^{\omega} \exists A \ \Sigma_1^1 \ \forall B \ \Pi_1^1 \ X \cap A \neq X \cap B\}$$

The equivalence is easy to show because the set of well-founded trees is a universal Π_1^1 set. It is not hard to see that $\mathfrak{z} \leq \mathfrak{sn}$. So we have the relative consistency of $\mathfrak{b} < \mathfrak{sn}$.

The following proposition is mostly due to Rothberger [5]. It implies that we must go up to at least the third level of the Borel hierarchy to get the consistency of $\mathfrak{b} < \mathfrak{sn}$. It shows why $\mathbb{P}(A)$ which makes $A \cap V$ a Σ_3^0 relative to the ground model reals cannot be improved to a forcing which makes it a relative Σ_2^0 .

Proposition 7 For κ an infinite cardinal the following are equivalent:

- 1. $\mathfrak{b} > \kappa$
- 2. For all $X \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ with $|X| \leq \kappa$ and for all Σ_1^1 sets $A \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ there exists a Σ_2^0 set $B \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ such that $X \cap A = X \cap B$.
- 3. For all $X \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ with $|X| \leq \kappa$ and for all Σ_2^0 sets $A \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ there exists a Π_2^0 set $B \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ such that $X \cap A = X \cap B$.
- 4. For all $X \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ with $|X| \leq \kappa$ and for all countable $A \subseteq X$ there exists $a \Pi_2^0$ set $B \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ such that $A = X \cap B$.

Proof

 $(2) \rightarrow (3)$ and $(3) \rightarrow (4)$ are trivial. To see $(1) \rightarrow (2)$ let

$$A = \{ x \in 2^{\omega} : \exists y \in \omega^{\omega} \ (x, y) \in C \}$$

where $C \subseteq 2^{\omega} \times \omega^{\omega}$ is closed. Suppose that $A \cap X = \{x_{\alpha} : \alpha < \kappa\}$. Choose $y_{\alpha} \in \omega^{\omega}$ so that $(x_{\alpha}, y_{\alpha}) \in C$ for each $\alpha < \kappa$. Since $\mathfrak{b} > \kappa$ we can choose $z_n \in \omega^{\omega}$ for $n < \omega$ so that for all $\alpha < \kappa$ there exists $n < \omega$ with $y_{\alpha} \leq z_n$ (pointwise). Define

$$C_n = \{(x, y) \in C : y \le z_n\}$$

 C_n is compact and therefore so is its projection:

$$A_n = \{ x \in 2^\omega : \exists y (x, y) \in C_n \}$$

But $A \cap X = (\bigcup_{n < \omega} A_n) \cap X$.

To see (4) \rightarrow (1) let $X \subseteq \omega^{\omega}$ with $|X| = \kappa$. Now since ω^{ω} is homeomorphic to $[\omega]^{\omega}$ and $[\omega]^{\omega} \subseteq P(\omega) \simeq 2^{\omega}$ by applying (4) we can find a Π_2^0 set $G \subseteq P(\omega)$ such that

$$G \cap (X \cup [\omega]^{<\omega}) = [\omega]^{<\omega}$$

But note that $F = P(\omega) \setminus G$ is a σ -compact set which is disjoint from $[\omega]^{<\omega}$, i.e. a subset of $[\omega]^{\omega} \simeq \omega^{\omega}$ and covers X. But is easy to show that for any σ -compact subset F of ω^{ω} there exists $f \in \omega^{\omega}$ such that $g \leq f$ for all $g \in F$. QED

Remark. One way to get the consistency of $\mathfrak{b} < \mathfrak{z} < \mathfrak{sn}$ is as follows: Start with a ground model of $2^{\omega} = \omega_1$, $2^{\omega_1} = \omega_2$, and $2^{\omega_2} = \omega_{17}$. Do a finite support iteration of $\mathbb{P}(A_{\alpha})$ for $\alpha < \omega_3$, so that for limit ordinals α we take $A_{\alpha} = A$ (the universal Σ_1^1 -set) and for successor ordinals α we take $|A_{\alpha}| = \omega_1$ as in the above proof. In the final model we will have $\mathfrak{b} = \omega_1$ since it is an iteration of really $\sqsubseteq^{\text{bounded}}$ -good ccc partial orders. Also we will have $\mathfrak{z} \leq \omega_2$ because $2^{\omega_2} = \omega_{17}$ and $2^{\omega} = \omega_3$. We also have $\mathfrak{z} \geq \omega_2$ because of dovetailing over all A of size ω_1 . And we will have $\mathfrak{sn} = \omega_3 = \mathfrak{c}$ because we have cofinally often used the universal Σ_1^1 -set.

The following Theorem answers a question of Dan Mauldin (see [4] problem 7.8 and [3] p.212).

Theorem 8 It is relatively consistent with ZFC that there exist a separable metric space X such that the Borel order of X is bounded, but not every relatively analytic subset of X is Borel in X.

Proof

We use almost exactly the same partial order but with one crucial difference. Instead of using arbitrary subsets $A \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ we let $B \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ be a fixed universal Π_3^0 set. The partial order $\mathbb{P}(B)$ is Borel, ccc, and adds a generic Σ_3^0 set whose intersection with the ground model is the same as B's with the ground model.

Define. A partially ordered set \mathbb{P} is very Souslin iff

- 1. \mathbb{P} is ccc,
- 2. $\mathbb{P}, \leq \{(p,q) \in \mathbb{P}^2 : p,q \text{ incompatible }\}$ are Σ_1^1 , and
- 3. { $\Sigma \in \mathbb{P}^{\omega}$: Σ enumerates a maximal antichain } is Σ_1^1 .

We will need the following Lemma:

Lemma 9 (Zapletal [6] see Appendix C, Lemmas C.0.14 and C.0.17) Suppose \mathbb{P} is a very Souslin real partial order and \mathbb{P}^{ω_2} the countable support iteration of \mathbb{P} . Then

$$V^{\mathbb{P}^{\omega_2}} \models \mathfrak{sn} = \omega_1.$$

Lemma 9 does not require large cardinals (LC) as many of Zapletal's results do. It does mean that partial order $\mathbb{P}(A)$ is not very Souslin even when A is taken to be analytic. However, if we change A to make it Borel, then it is very Souslin:

Lemma 10 For B Borel the partial order $\mathbb{P}(B)$ is very Souslin.

Proof The following sets are Borel:

1. $\mathbb{P}(B)$ 2. $\{(p,q) \in \mathbb{P}(B) \times \mathbb{P}(B) : p \subseteq q\}$ 3. $\{(p,q) \in \mathbb{P}(B) \times \mathbb{P}(B) : p \text{ and } q \text{ are incompatible }\}$ 4. $\{(p,Y) : Y \in [2^{\omega}]^{\omega} \text{ and } p \in \mathbb{P}(B)_Y\}$ 5. $\{((T_n : n < \omega), Y) : Y \in [2^{\omega}]^{\omega} \text{ and } \{T_n : n < \omega\} = \text{ all } Y\text{-templates }\}$

Next we verify that being a maximal antichain in $\mathbb{P}(B)$ is Σ_1^1 .

Claim. $\Sigma \subseteq \mathbb{P}(B)$ is a maximal antichain iff

- 1. Σ is an antichain and
- 2. there exists $Y \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ countable and $(T_n : n < \omega)$ such that
 - $\Sigma \subseteq \mathbb{P}(B)_Y$ and
 - $(T_n : n < \omega)$ enumerates the set of all Y-templates

and for all n if $T_n = (p, (t_i, n_i, m_i : i < N))$, then there exists K, $(t_i^j : j < K)$, and $(q_j : j < K)$ such that

- (a) $\prod_{i < N} [t_i] = \bigcup_{j < K} \prod_{i < N} [t_i^j]$
- (b) $q_j \in \Sigma$
- (c) $q_j \cup p \in \mathbb{P}(B)$
- (d) " $y \in \bigcap_{m < \omega} U_{n_i,m}$ " $\in q_j \to y \notin [t_i^j]$
- (e) "[s] $\subseteq U_{n_i m_i}$ " $\in q_j \to [t_i^j] \cap [s] = \emptyset$

Proof

Condition (2) is just a detailed restatement of Lemma 5 and its proof. It guarantees by Lemma 4 that every $p \in \mathbb{P}(B)$ is compatible with some $q \in \Sigma$. This proves the claim and the lemma easily follows.

QED

Hence by Zapletal's Lemma 9 if we iterated $\mathbb{P}(B)$ with countable support ω_2 times then in the resulting model $\mathfrak{sn} = \omega_1$. Hence there is some $X \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ of size ω_1 with a relatively analytic set which is not relatively coanalytic. (Actually the proof of Lemma 9 shows that the ground model reals would do for such an X). But note that every Π_3^0 set occurs as a cross section of our universal Π_3^0 -set B and by Lemma 2 becomes Σ_3^0 with respect to the ground model. Hence it is easy to see that for every $X \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ of size ω_1 for every Σ_3^0 B there exists a $\Pi_3^0 C$ such that $X \cap B = X \cap C$. This proves Theorem 8. QED

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Appendix

(Not intended for publication, electronic version only.) Our first proof of $\mathfrak{b} < \mathfrak{sn}$ used large cardinals and the following Lemma:

Lemma 11 (Zapletal [6] Thm 5.4.12) (LC) Suppose \mathbb{P} is a real, proper, universally Baire forcing such that

$$V^{\mathbb{P}} \models V \cap \omega^{\omega} is \ unbounded \ in \leq^*$$

Then

$$V^{\mathbb{P}^{\omega_2}} \models V \cap \omega^{\omega} is \ unbounded \ in \leq^*$$

where \mathbb{P}^{ω_2} stands for the ω_2 iteration with countable support of \mathbb{P} .

The hypothesis (LC) stands for large cardinals, for example, unboundedly many measurable Woodin cardinals would be enough. In other words for a nice enough forcing, not adding a dominating real is preserved by the iteration. It is easy to get a two step iteration so that neither step adds a dominating real but the two steps do. For example, force ω_1 -Cohen reals followed by the Hechler partial order of the ground model.

Fix $A \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ a universal Σ_1^1 set, i.e., it is lightface Σ_1^1 and every boldface Σ_1^1 occurs as a cross section via some effective homeomorphism of $2^{\omega} \times 2^{\omega}$ and 2^{ω} . In this case the partial order $\mathbb{P}(A)$ is Σ_1^1 , ccc, and determined by a real - so it satisfies the hypothesis of the Lemma.