

Remark 3.4 A Dedekind Finite Borel Set

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Asaf Karagila pointed out that Remark 3.4 in my paper, A Dedekind finite Borel set [5], directly contradicts Theorem 3.3 (c) in Does GCH imply AC locally? by A. Kanamori and D. Pincus [3]. Neither of the papers provides a proof.¹ Here we give a proof of Remark 3.4 [5].

The Feferman-Levy model \mathcal{N} is described in Cohen [1] p.143, Jech [2] p.142, and in the on-line only appendix to Miller [4]. We use the notation from [4]. $\mathcal{C}ol$ is the Levy collapse of \aleph_ω , $\mathcal{C}ol_n$ the collapse of \aleph_k for $k < n$, $G_n = \mathcal{C}ol_n \cap G$ where G $\mathcal{C}ol$ -generic over M . The model \mathcal{N} is the symmetry model $M \subseteq \mathcal{N} \subseteq M[G]$ determined by the group \mathcal{H} of automorphism of $\mathcal{C}ol$ which finitely permute finitely many of the collapsing maps domains and the filter of subgroups generated by $(H_n : n < \omega)$ where

$$H_n = \{\rho \in \mathcal{H} : \forall p \in \mathcal{C}ol_n \rho(p) = p\}.$$

Definition 1 Let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \omega \times \omega \rightarrow \omega$ be a fixed bijection, i.e., a pairing function. For each $n \in \omega$ define the map $\pi_n : 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$ by:

$$\pi_n(x) = y \text{ iff } \forall m \in \omega \ y(m) = x(\langle n, m \rangle).$$

Definition 2 In the Feferman-Levy model \mathcal{N} , take $F_n = M[G_n] \cap 2^\omega$. Define $B = \{x \in 2^\omega : \forall n \ \pi_n(x) \in F_{n+1} \setminus F_n \text{ or } [\pi_n(x) \in F_n \text{ and } \pi_n(x) = \pi_{n+1}(x)]\}$.

The set B is uncountable because there is a map h from B onto 2^ω . Define h by $h(x) = \pi_n(x)$ iff $\pi_n(x) = \pi_m(x)$ for all $m > n$. Such an n must exist because for any x there exists n such that $x \in F_n$ and hence $\pi_m(x) \in F_n$ for all m . It is easy to check that h maps B onto 2^ω .

Proposition 3 In the Feferman-Levy model \mathcal{N} the set B has the property that there is no one-to-one map taking 2^ω into B .

¹Aki Kanomori tells me that Theorem 3.3 (c) was incorrectly stated. Instead of \mathcal{N} it should be the Solovay-type inner model $\mathcal{N}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{N}$. This is the model $HOD(\omega ON)$ of \mathcal{N} . See page 155 of **Consequences of the Axiom of Choice** by Rubin and Howard who call \mathcal{N}_0 Truss's model.

Proof

Suppose for contradiction that there is in \mathcal{N} a one-to-one map $f : 2^\omega \rightarrow B$.

Define

$$C_n = \{x \in B : \forall m > n \ \pi_m(x) = \pi_n(x)\}$$

and note that $B = \bigcup_n C_n$ and each C_n is countable.

Let

$$p \Vdash \overset{\circ}{f} : 2^\omega \rightarrow \overset{\circ}{B} \text{ is one-to-one}$$

and suppose that $p \in \mathcal{C}ol_n$ and H_n (the subgroup of \mathcal{H} which is the identity on $\mathcal{C}ol_n$) fixes $\overset{\circ}{f}$. Since C_n is countable and f is one-to-one, we may choose $N \gg n$ and $q \leq p$ such that

$$q \Vdash f^{-1}(\overset{\circ}{C}_n) \subseteq \overset{\circ}{F}_N.$$

Now let $\overset{\circ}{x}_N$ be a canonical name for a real which codes the generic collapse of \aleph_N . The important property it has is that $x_N \in F_{N+1} \setminus F_N$ and its values are completely determined by N^{th} coordinate of the generic filter and not any earlier ones, e.g., the $\leq n$ coordinates. Take $r \leq q$ such that

$$r \Vdash \overset{\circ}{f}(\overset{\circ}{x}_N) = \overset{\circ}{y}, \pi_n(\overset{\circ}{y}) = \tau, \text{ and } \tau \in \overset{\circ}{F}_{n+1} \setminus \overset{\circ}{F}_n$$

where τ is a $\mathcal{C}ol_{n+1}$ -name for an element of 2^ω . For G $\mathcal{C}ol$ -generic over M and containing r note that $\tau^{G_{n+1}} \in M[G_{n+1}] \setminus M[G_n]$. So we can find k and $r_0, r_1 \leq r$ such that

- r_0 and r_1 are the same on every coordinate except n ,
- $r_0 \Vdash \tau(k) = 0$, and
- $r_1 \Vdash \tau(k) = 1$.

Now let $\rho \in \mathcal{H}$ be an automorphism of $\mathcal{C}ol$ which fixes every coordinate except n and makes $\rho(r_0)$ and r_1 compatible. To do this move the domain of $r_0 \upharpoonright (\{n\} \times \omega)$ disjoint from the domain of r_1 . Since $\rho \in H_n$ it fixes $\overset{\circ}{f}$, i.e., $\rho(\overset{\circ}{f}) = \overset{\circ}{f}$. Since ρ fixes the N^{th} coordinate $\rho(\overset{\circ}{x}_N) = \overset{\circ}{x}_N$. But this means that

$$\rho(r_0) \Vdash \pi_n(\overset{\circ}{f}(\overset{\circ}{x}_N))(k) = 0$$

and

$$r_1 \Vdash \pi_n(\overset{\circ}{f}(\overset{\circ}{x}_N))(k) = 1$$

which contradicts that $\rho(r_0)$ and r_1 are compatible.

QED

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