

# Elementary Set Theory

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# Structures of Numbers

- ▶ We've defined  $(\omega, +_\omega, \cdot_\omega, <_\omega)$ , via either operations on ordinals or operations on cardinals.

- ▶  $(\mathbb{Z}, +_\mathbb{Z}, \cdot_\mathbb{Z}, <_\mathbb{Z})$  is defined as:  $\mathbb{Z} = \omega \times \omega / \approx_1$ , where

$$(a, b) \approx_1 (c, d) \Leftrightarrow a +_\omega d = c +_\omega b$$

$$(a, b) +_\mathbb{Z} (c, d) = (a +_\omega c, b +_\omega d)$$

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$$(a, b) <_\mathbb{Z} (c, d) \Leftrightarrow a +_\omega d <_\omega c +_\omega b$$

- ▶  $\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Z} \times (\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}) / \approx_2$ , where

$$(p, q) \approx_2 (r, s) \Leftrightarrow p \cdot_\mathbb{Z} s = q \cdot_\mathbb{Z} r$$

The reader should try to define  $+_\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\cdot_\mathbb{Q}$  and  $<_\mathbb{Q}$ .

- ▶  $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of Dedekind cuts, and  $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ .

# Homework 4.1

1. Define  $+\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\cdot\mathbb{Q}$  and  $<\mathbb{Q}$  and verify that your definitions are independent of the choice of representatives.
2. Exercises in Ch4: 1-5.

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Suppose  $\mathbb{R} = \{c_k \mid k < \omega\}$ . Construct a  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $r \neq c_k$  for all  $k$ . Use the theorem of Nested Closed Intervals. Start with an interval  $I_0$  such that  $c_0 \notin I_0$ . For each  $n < \omega$ , choose an interval  $I_{n+1}$  inductively such that

- ▶  $I_{n+1} \subset I_n$ ,  $|I_{n+1}| \leq |I_n|/3$  and
- ▶  $c_i \notin I_{n+1}$ , for  $i \leq n + 1$ .

This produces a nested sequence  $\langle I_n : n < \omega \rangle$ . Let  $r$  be such that  $\{r\} = \bigcap_n I_n$ . This  $r$  works as desired.  $\square$

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In fact, there is a natural bijection between  $\mathcal{P}(\omega)$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  via “continuous fractions” (连分数) .

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## Some beautiful continuous fractions

$$\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} = [1; 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots]$$

$$\sqrt{2} = [1; 2, 2, 2, 2, \dots]$$

$$e = [2; 1, 2, 1, 1, 4, 1, 1, 6, 1, 1, 8, 1, 1, 10, 1, 1, 12, 1, 1, \dots]$$

Generalized continuous fractions [see wikipedia]

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1^2}{2 + \frac{3^2}{2 + \frac{5^2}{2 + \frac{7^2}{2 + \ddots}}}}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1^2}{3 + \frac{2^2}{5 + \frac{3^2}{7 + \frac{4^2}{9 + \ddots}}}}}$$



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## The Order-type of $\mathbb{Q}$

- ▶ A linear ordering  $(P, <)$  is **dense** if for all  $a < b$  there exists  $c$  s.t.  $a < c < b$ .  $P$  is **unbounded** if it has neither a least nor a greatest element.
- ▶ A set  $D \subset P$  is a **dense subset** if for all  $a < b \in P$ , there exists  $d \in D$  s.t.  $a < d < b$ .  $D$  is a **bounded above** in  $P$  if there exist  $e \in P$  s.t. for all  $a \in D$ ,  $a < e$ . (or simply  $D < e$ )
- ▶ A linear ordering  $(P, <)$  is **complete** if every nonempty bounded subset of  $P$  has a least upper and a largest lower bound.

## Theorem 2 (Cantor)

*Any two countable unbounded dense linear orderings are isomorphic.*

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#### PROOF.

Prove the uniqueness only.

- ▶ Let  $C, C'$  be two such linear orderings, and  $P \subset C, P' \subset C'$  be the two countable unbounded dense subset repectively.
- ▶ Let  $f : P \rightarrow P'$  be an isomorphism. Then  $F : C \rightarrow C'$  is defined as: for  $x \in C$ ,

$$F(x) = \sup\{f(t) \mid t \in P \wedge t \leq x\}$$

- ▶ Verify that  $F$  is an isomorphism.



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### Theorem 4

*Let  $(P, <)$  be a dense unbounded linear ordering. Then there is a complete unbounded linear ordering  $(C, \prec)$  s.t.*

- 1.  $P \subset C$  and  $<, \prec$  agree on  $P$ .*
- 2.  $P$  is dense in  $C$ .*

- ▶ If  $P$  is countable, then  $C \cong \mathbb{R}$ .
- ▶ If  $P$  is not countable,  $C$  is not necessarily unique.

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## Dedekind cut

- ▶ A **D-cut** is a pair of disjoint set of rationals  $(A, B)$  s.t.  
 $A \cup B = \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $A <_{\mathbb{Q}} B$  and  $A$  has no maximal elements.
- ▶  $(A, B) < (C, D)$  iff  $A \subsetneq C$ .  
 $(A, B) + (C, D) = (A +_{\mathbb{Q}} C, B +_{\mathbb{Q}} D)$ . Thus  
 $-(A, B) = (- (B \setminus \{\min B\}), - (A \cup \{\min B\}))$ .  
For  $(A, B), (C, D) >_{\mathbb{Q}} 0_{\mathbb{Q}}$ ,  
$$(A, B) \cdot (C, D) = (\mathbb{Q} - BD, BD)$$
- ▶  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$  forms a field, and
  - ▶ If  $x < y$  then  $x + z < y + z$ .
  - ▶ If  $x < y$  and  $z > 0$  then  $x \cdot z < y \cdot z$ .
- ▶ As  $(\mathbb{R}, <)$  is complete,  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <, 0, 1)$  is a complete ordered field. In fact, every complete ordered field is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <, 0, 1)$ .

# Trees

## Definitions

- ▶ A **tree** is a partially ordered set  $(T, <_T)$  s.t. for every  $t \in T$ , the set  $(\cdot, t)_T = \{s \in T \mid s <_T t\}$  is well-ordered.
- ▶ The **height** of  $t$  in  $T$ ,  $\text{ht}_T(t) = \text{ordertype}(\cdot, t)_T$ .
- ▶ The  **$\alpha$ -th level** of  $T$ ,  $\text{Lev}_\alpha T = \{t \in T \mid \text{ht}_T(t) = \alpha\}$ .
- ▶ The **height** of  $T$ ,  $\text{ht } T = \min\{\alpha \mid \text{Lev}_\alpha T = \emptyset\}$ .
- ▶ A **chain** of  $T$  is a  $<_T$ -well-ordered subset of  $T$ . ( $\alpha$ -chain).
- ▶ A **path**  $P$  is a chain which is also an initial part of  $T$ , i.e.,  $(\cdot, t) \subset T$  for every  $t \in P$ . ( $\alpha$ -path).

- ▶ A **branch** of  $T$  is a maximal chain/path of  $T$ . ( $\alpha$ -branch). The set of all branches of  $T$  is denoted as  $B_T$ .
- ▶ A **cofinal branch** is a branch that intersects each level of  $T$ . The set of all cofinal branches of  $T$  is denoted as  $[T]$ .
- ▶  $A \subset T$  is an **antichain** if members of  $A$  are pairwise **incompatible**, i.e.  $\forall s, t \in A (s \neq t \implies s \perp_T t)$ , where
 
$$s \perp_T t \iff s \not\leq_T t \wedge t \not\leq_T s.$$
- ▶ If  $T$  is a tree and  $s, t \in T$ , define  $\delta_{st} = (\cdot, s)_T \cap (\cdot, t)_T$  and  $n_{st} = \text{ordertype}(\delta_{st})$ .



# Order a tree linearly

- ▶  $<^\omega 2$  and  $<^\omega \omega$  carry natural tree orderings:

$$f \sqsubseteq g \iff f \text{ is an initial segment of } g.$$

- ▶ The general  **$X$ -ary** tree  $(<^\alpha X, \sqsubseteq)$  is defined similarly for any set  $X$  and  $\alpha \in \text{Ord}$ .
- ▶ Only consider subtrees  $T \subseteq <^\omega 2$  or  $<^\omega \omega$  that are downward closed under  $\sqsubseteq$ .

Let  $<_X$  be a linear ordering of  $X$ , then the **lexicographical ordering**  $\prec$  of  $T$  is defined by  $s \prec t$  iff

1.  $s \sqsubseteq t$  or
2.  $s \not\sqsubseteq t \wedge t \not\sqsubseteq s \wedge s(n_{st}) <_X t(n_{st})$ .

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## Proposition 5

Let  $T$  be a tree.

1. If  $s, t, u \in T$ , then  $R_{stu} = \{\delta_{st}, \delta_{tu}, \delta_{su}\}$  has  $\leq 2$  elements, and  $p, q \in R_{stu} \implies p \subseteq q \vee q \subseteq p$ .
2.  $\prec$  is a linear ordering of  $T$  which extends  $\sqsubset$ .
3. For every  $t \in T$ ,  $T^t = \{s \in T \mid t \sqsubset s\}$  is an interval in  $(T, \prec)$ .

PROOF.

1. Key:  $R_{stu}$  is linearly ordered by  $\sqsubset$ .
2. By the definition of  $\prec$
3. Suppose  $s, s' \in T^t$ ,  $\sigma \in T$  and  $s \prec \sigma \prec s'$ .  
 $\delta_{s,s'} \sqsupseteq \delta_{s,\sigma} \cap \delta_{s',\sigma} = \min\{\delta_{s,\sigma}, \delta_{s',\sigma}\}$ . If not equal, then  $s(n_{s,s'}) = \sigma(n_{s,s'}) = s'(n_{s,s'})$ , but  $s(n_{s,s'}) < s'(n_{s,s'})$ . □

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The lexicographical ordering of  ${}^{<\omega}\mathbb{Z}$  is an unbounded dense linear order ( $\cong \mathbb{Q}$ ), its extension to  $T \cup B_T$  is complete ( $\cong \mathbb{R}$ ).

# The Standard Topology of $\mathbb{R}$

- ▶ The standard topology over  $\mathbb{R}$  is induced by the standard linear ordering: using intervals of the form

$$(a, b), \quad a \leq b \in \mathbb{Q},$$

as basis.

- ▶ For the Baire space  $\mathcal{N} = {}^\omega\omega$ , the basis consists of sets of the form:  $s \in {}^{<\omega}\omega$ ,

$$O_s = \{f \in \mathcal{N} \mid s \sqsubset f\}.$$

- ▶ The continuum is the unique linear ordering that is dense, unbounded, complete and **separable**.

# Separability & c.c.c.

- ▶ (Suslin's Problem). Is it still true if “separable” is replaced by “**countable chain condition**” (**c.c.c**), i.e., there is no uncountable pairwise-disjoint collection of open intervals?
- ▶ A linear ordering is a **Suslin line** if it is dense, unbounded, complete, c.c.c but not separable.
- ▶  $\mathbb{R}$  is separable and has c.c.c. In general,  
*If  $X$  is separable, then  $X$  has c.c.c.*

- ▶ The product of two separable spaces is separable. However, separability is not preserved under arbitrary products (for  $\geq (2^\omega)^+$  factors).
- ▶  $\neg$ SH implies that the product of two c.c.c spaces is not necessarily c.c.c. (see Homework 4.2 problem #3). Strangely, if c.c.c is preserved by products with two factors, then it is preserved by arbitrary products.

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## Suslin's Hypothesis (SH)

There are no Suslin lines/trees.

SH turns out to be independent of ZFC.

## Homework 4.2

1. Prove Proposition 5.
2. Prove Proposition 6.
3. If  $X$  is a Suslin line, then  $X^2$  is not c.c.c.

Hint: construct  $\{U_\alpha = (a_\alpha, b_\alpha) \times (b_\alpha, c_\alpha) \mid \alpha < \omega_1\}$ , s.t.

- a.  $a_\alpha < b_\alpha < c_\alpha$
  - b.  $(a_\alpha, b_\alpha) \neq \emptyset$  and  $(b_\alpha, c_\alpha) \neq \emptyset$
  - c. for every  $\xi < \alpha$ ,  $b_\xi \notin (a_\alpha, c_\alpha)$ .
4. Exercises in Ch4: 8-13, 15, 18

## Plan

We shall discuss three properties of sets of reals:

- ▶ The Perfect Set Property
- ▶ The Property of Baire
- ▶ Lebesgue Measurability

# Size of Closed Sets

Consider  $\mathbb{R}$  together with its standard topology and metric.

$$d(a, b) = |a - b|.$$

Some simple counting:

- ▶ There are  $\mathfrak{c}$  many open sets.
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- ▶ Every nonempty open set has size  $\mathfrak{c}$ .

What about the size of closed sets? The answer is what Cantor considered as an evidence to his famous Hypothesis (CH).

## Theorem

Every closed set either is countable or has size  $\mathfrak{c}$ .

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QUESTION: Why are  $P$  perfect and  $C$  countable?



# Perfect sets in $\mathcal{N} = {}^\omega\omega$

## Proposition 12

1.  $F \subseteq \mathcal{N}$  is closed iff  $F = [T]$  for some tree  $T \subseteq {}^{<\omega}\omega$  with  $\text{ht}(T) = \omega$ .
2. If  $f$  is an isolated point of a closed set  $F \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ , then there is  $n \in \omega$  s.t.  $\forall g \in F (f \neq g \rightarrow f \restriction n \neq g \restriction n)$ .
3. A closed set  $F \subseteq \mathcal{N}$  is perfect iff

$$T_F = \{f \restriction n \mid f \in F, n < \omega\}$$

is a perfect tree.

## Definition 13

A tree  $T \subseteq {}^{<\omega}\omega$  is **perfect** iff for every  $t \in T$ , there exist  $s_1, s_2 \in T$  s.t.  $t \sqsubset s_1$  and  $t \sqsubset s_2$ , but  $s_1, s_2$  are incomparable.

# Cantor-Bendixson for $\mathcal{N}$

PROOF.

For each  $T \subseteq {}^{<\omega}\omega$ , define

$$T' = \{t \in T \mid \exists s_1, s_2 \in T (t \sqsubset s_1 \wedge t \sqsubset s_2 \wedge s_1 \perp_T s_2)\}$$

Iterate the process

$$T_0 = T, T_{\alpha+1} = (T_\alpha)' \text{ and } T_\lambda = \bigcap_{\alpha < \lambda} T_\alpha \text{ for limit } \lambda,$$

till it stops, say at  $\tau$ . Then  $\tau < \omega_1$ , and

- ▶ Each  $[T_\alpha] - [T_{\alpha+1}]$  is countable, as  $T_\alpha$  is countable. ( $\alpha < \tau$ )
- ▶ If  $T_\tau \neq \emptyset$ , then it is perfect.
- ▶  $[\bigcap T_\alpha] = \bigcap [T_\alpha]$ .

Hence  $[T] - [T_\tau] = \bigcup_{\alpha < \tau} ([T_\alpha] - [T_{\alpha+1}])$  is countable



## Definition 14

Fix a set  $X$ .

- ▶ An **algebra of sets** is a collection  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  s.t.
  - (i)  $X \in \mathcal{S}$ .
  - (ii)  $U, V \in \mathcal{S} \implies U \cup V \in \mathcal{S}$ .
  - (iii)  $U \in \mathcal{S} \implies X - U \in \mathcal{S}$ .
- ▶ A collection  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  forms an **ideal** if
  - (i)  $X \notin \mathcal{I}$ .
  - (ii)  $U, V \in \mathcal{I} \implies U \cup V \in \mathcal{I}$ .
  - (iii)  $U \in \mathcal{I} \wedge V \subset U \implies V \in \mathcal{I}$ .
- ▶ A  **$\sigma$ -algebra ( $\sigma$ -ideal)** is an algebra (ideal) closed under countable union, i.e.
  - (iv)  $\{U_n \mid n \in \omega\} \subseteq \mathcal{S} \implies \bigcup_n U_n \in \mathcal{S}$ .



## $\sigma$ -Algebra, II

- ▶  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.
- ▶ For every  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ , there is a smallest ( $\sigma$ -)algebra containing  $\mathcal{A}$ , which is the intersection of all ( $\sigma$ -)algebras containing  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- ▶ A set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is **Borel** if it belongs to the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra that contains all open sets.
- ▶ The Lebesgue measurable sets form a  $\sigma$ -algebra.
- ▶ The sets having the Baire property form a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

# Borel Hierarchy, I

## Definition 15

For each  $\alpha < \omega_1$ ,

$\Sigma_1^0$  = the collection of all open sets;

$\Pi_1^0$  = the collection of all closed sets;

$\Sigma_\alpha^0 = \{\bigcup_n A_n \mid \text{each } A_n \in \Pi_\beta^0, \text{ some } \beta < \alpha\}$

$\Pi_\alpha^0 = \{\overline{A} \mid A \in \Sigma_\alpha^0\}$  (where  $\overline{A} = \mathbb{R} \setminus A$ )

$\Delta_\alpha^0 = \Sigma_\alpha^0 \cap \Pi_\alpha^0$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \Sigma_1^0 & & \Sigma_2^0 & \cdots & \Sigma_\alpha^0 & & \Sigma_{\alpha+1}^0 & \cdots \\
 \overline{A} \Big| & \swarrow \cap A_i & \Big| \overline{A} & & \overline{A} \Big| & \swarrow \cap A_i & \Big| \overline{A} & \\
 \Pi_1^0 & \searrow \cup A_i & \Pi_2^0 & \cdots & \Pi_\alpha^0 & \searrow \cup A_i & \Pi_{\alpha+1}^0 & \cdots
 \end{array}$$

# Borel Hierarchy, II

- ▶  $\Delta_1^1$  = the collection of all Borel sets.
- ▶ The construction ends at  $\alpha = \omega_1$ .
- ▶ The elements of each  $\Sigma_\alpha^0$  (or  $\Pi_\alpha^0$ ) are Borel sets.
- ▶ For  $\alpha < \beta < \omega_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_\alpha^0 &\subset \Sigma_\beta^0, & \Sigma_\alpha^0 &\subset \Pi_\beta^0, \\ \Pi_\alpha^0 &\subset \Pi_\beta^0, & \Pi_\alpha^0 &\subset \Sigma_\beta^0\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ All inclusions above are strict.
- ▶ The collection  $\bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} \Sigma_\alpha^0 = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} \Pi_\alpha^0$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

- ▶ Every irrational number has a unique representation by an infinite continued fraction.

$$x = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{\ddots + \frac{1}{a_n + \frac{1}{\ddots}}}}$$

where  $a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  for  $i \geq 1$ .

- ▶ Let  $A$  be the set of all irrational numbers that correspond to sequences  $\langle a_i : i < \omega \rangle$  with the following property:

*there exists an infinite subsequence  $\langle a_{k_i} : i < \omega \rangle$  such that for every  $i < \omega$ ,  $a_{k_i}$  is a factor of  $a_{k_{i+1}}$ .*

- ▶  $A$  is not Borel. (Assume  $\text{AC}_\omega$ )
- ▶  $A$  is constructed in ZF, however, it cannot be proven to be non-Borel in ZF alone.

# Meager Sets

## Definition 16

- ▶ A set  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is **nowhere dense** if its closure has empty interior.
- ▶  $X$  is of **the first category (or meager)** if it is the union of countably many nowhere dense sets. A non-meager set is called a set of **the second category**. A set is **comeager** if its complement is meager.
- ▶ A set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  has **the property of Baire** if there exists an open set  $G$  such that  $G \Delta A$  is meager.

The collection of meager sets is a  $\sigma$ -ideal, and the collection of sets that have the property of Baire is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

# The Baire Category Theorem

## Theorem 17 (The Baire Category Theorem)

*If  $\{D_n \mid n < \omega\}$  are dense open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  (or  $\mathcal{N}$ ), then the intersection  $D = \bigcap_n D_n$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

Equivalent versions:

- ▶ Replace “dense” by “comeager”.
- ▶ Every open set (in particular  $\mathbb{R}$ ) is not meager.

# Baire Category for $\mathcal{N}$

Note that

- ▶ Sets of the form  $O_s$ ,  $s \in {}^{<\omega}\omega$ , form a basis.
- ▶ Every open dense subset of  $\mathcal{N}$  corresponds to a maximal antichain in the sequential tree  ${}^{<\omega}\omega$ .

## Theorem 18 (The Baire Category Theorem for $\mathcal{N}$ )

*Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_n \mid n < \omega\}$  be a family of maximal antichains of the sequential tree  $T = {}^{<\omega}\omega$ . Then for every  $s \in T$ , there is a cofinal branch  $f \in {}^\omega\omega$  such that*

- ▶  $s \sqsubset f$ , and
- ▶ for each  $n$ , there is exactly one  $t_n \in A_n$  such that  $t_n \sqsubset f$ .

# Lebesgue Measurable

The standard definition of Lebesgue measure uses the **outer measure**:

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## Definition 19

- ▶ A set  $A$  is **Lebesgue measurable** if there exist an  $F_\sigma$ -set  $F$  and a  $G_\delta$ -set  $G$  such that  $F \subset A \subset G$  and  $\mu^*(G - F) = 0$ .

When  $A$  is measurable, write  $\mu(A)$  instead of  $\mu^*(A)$ .

- ▶ A set  $A$  is **null** if  $\mu^*(A) = 0$ .

In addition to the properties mentioned before, we add a few more:

- ▶  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -additive: If  $\{A_n \mid n < \omega\}$  are pairwise disjoint and measurable, then

$$\mu(\bigcup_n A_n) = \sum_n \mu(A_n).$$

- ▶  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite: If  $A$  is measurable, then there exist measurable sets  $A_n$  ( $n < \omega$ ) such that

$$A = \bigcup_n A_n \text{ and } \mu(A_n) < \infty \text{ for each } n.$$

- ▶ Every null set is measurable. The null sets form a  $\sigma$ -ideal and contain all singletons.

## (Lebesgue) Measure on $\mathcal{N}$

The above theory of Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  can be carried over to  $(\mathcal{N}, \mu)$ , where  $\mu$  is the extension of the product measure  $\nu$  on open sets in  $\mathcal{N}$  induced by the probability measure on  $\omega$  such that

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Thus for every nonempty sequence  $s \in {}^{<\omega}\omega$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(O_s) &= \prod_{n \in \text{dom}(s)} \nu(\{s(n)\}) \\ &= \prod_{n \in \text{dom}(s)} 1/2^{s(n)+1}.\end{aligned}$$

## Homework 4.3

1. Prove Proposition 12.
2. Show that  $\bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} \Sigma_\alpha^0 =$  the collection of all Borel sets.
3. Show that the collection of Lebesgue measurable sets (of reals) form a  $\sigma$ -algebra.
4. Show that the collection of sets (of reals) having the property of Baire forms a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

# Solovay model

## Theorem (Solovay 1970)

*Assume the existence of an (a strongly) inaccessible cardinal is consistent with ZFC. Then there is an inner model of  $ZF + \text{Dependent Choice}^1$  such that every set of reals*

- ▶ *is Lebesgue measurable,*
- ▶ *has the perfect set property, and*
- ▶ *has the Baire property.*

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<sup>1</sup> $\text{HOD}_{\text{Ord}^\omega}$  or  $L(\mathbb{R})$ , computed in the generic extension  $V[G]$  by Levy's poset  $\text{Coll}(\omega, <\kappa)$ , which collapses all cardinals below the least inaccessible  $\kappa$  to  $\omega$ .

# The inaccessible cardinal

## Theorem

1. (Shelah 1984) *The inaccessible cardinal is not necessary for the Baire property.*
2. (Specker 1957, Solovay 1970) *The existence of an inaccessible cardinal is equivalent to the statement that every set of reals has the perfect set property.*
3. (Shelah 1984) *If every  $\Sigma^1_3$  set of reals is Lebesgue measurable then  $(\aleph_1)^V$  is inaccessible in  $L$ . So the inaccessible is also necessary.*

*Moreover, Shelah also construct a model (without using an inaccessible cardinal) in which every  $\Delta^1_3$  set of reals is Lebesgue measurable.*