# BOREL REDUCIBILITY AND HIGHER SET THEORY

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# Borel reducibility.

**Definition.** Let E, F be analytic equivalence relations on X, Y. Say that  $E \leq F$  if there is a Borel function  $h: X \to Y$  which is a reduction  $\forall x_0, x_1 \in X \ x_0 E \ x_1 \leftrightarrow h(x_0) F \ h(x_1).$ 

**Example.**  $E_0$  on  $2^{\omega}$ , connecting x, y if  $x \Delta y$  is finite.

**Example.**  $F_2$  on  $(2^{\omega})^{\omega}$ , connecting x, y if rng(x) = rng(y).

**Example.**  $E_{K_{\sigma}}$  on  $\omega^{\omega}$  connecting x, y if x - y is bounded.

# Main challenge.

Proving that  ${\cal E}$  is not reducible to  ${\cal F}$ 

**Definition.** A property  $\Phi$  of equivalence relations is a Borel reducibility invariant if  $\Phi(F)$  and  $E \leq F$  implies  $\Phi(E)$ .

**A dream.** Finding reducibility invariants that connect to higher stages of the cumulative hierarchy, similar to Shelah's classification of models.

# Forcing.

**Interpretations.** Every Polish space and analytic subset of a Polish space have canonical interpretation in any generic extension. Denoted by same letter.

**Shoenfield absoluteness.** Every  $\Pi_2^1$  sentence is absolute between forcing extensions.

**Example.** If E, F are analytic equivalence relations on X, Y and  $h : X \to Y$  is a function, the statement "h is a reduction" is  $\Pi_2^1$  and therefore absolute.

**Example.** If E, F are Borel then the statement  $E \leq F$  is  $\Pi_2^1$  and therefore absolute.

# Pinned names and equivalence relations.

**Definition.** (Kanovei) Let E be an analytic equivalence relation on X. A P-name  $\tau$  for an element of X is E-pinned if  $P \times P \Vdash \tau_l E \tau_r$ .

**Definition.**  $\tau$  is *E*-*trivial* if there is a point  $x \in X$  such that  $P \Vdash \tau E \dot{x}$ .

**Definition.** *E* is *pinned* if every *E*-pinned name on every poset is trivial.

**Main fact.** "E is pinned" is a reducibility invariant.

**Example.**  $F_2$  is not pinned.

**Proof.** Let *P* be the collapse of  $2^{\omega}$  to  $\omega$ . Let  $A \subset 2^{\omega}$  be uncountable and let  $\tau$  be a *P*-name for an enumeration of *A* in the generic extension in ordertype  $\omega$ . This is a nontrivial pinned name.

**Remark.** All pinned names for  $F_2$  can be represented in this way.

**Question.** (Kechris) Is  $F_2$  minimal among the unpinned equivalence relations?

**Example.**  $E_{K_{\sigma}}$  is pinned.

Proof. Let P be a poset and  $\tau$  a pinned  $E_{K_{\sigma}}$ name. There is a condition  $p \in P$  and a number n such that for every  $m \in \omega$  the possibilities for  $\tau(m)$  are at most n far apart below p. Let  $x \in \omega^{\omega}$  be a point defined by x(m) =the least number k such that there is  $q \leq p$  with  $q \Vdash \tau(\check{m}) = \check{k}$ . Then  $p \Vdash \tau E_{K_{\sigma}} \check{x}$  and  $\tau$  is pinned.

**Remark.**  $E_{K_{\sigma}}$  is not the  $\leq$ -largest pinned equivalence relation.

**Question.** Is there  $a \le largest$  pinned equivalence relation?

# Other features of pinned equivalence relations

**Theorem.** The following are equivalent for an analytic equivalence relation E:

- *E* is unpinned;
- *E* is unpinned in all generic extensions;
- there is a nontrivial pinned name in every poset collapsing  $\aleph_1$  to  $\aleph_0$ .

If E is Borel on X then the set  $\{A \subset X : E \upharpoonright A$ is pinned} is  $\Pi_1^1$  on  $\Sigma_1^1$ .

# A partial dichotomy.

**Theorem.** Let  $\kappa$  be a measurable cardinal. Let W be the Solovay choiceless model derived from  $\kappa$ . The following are equivalent for any Borel equivalence relation E in W:

- *E* is unpinned;
- $F_2 \leq E$ .

For analytic equivalence relation E,  $E_{\omega_1} \leq_w E$  must be added to the second item.

# Equivalence relation on names.

**Definition.** Let E be an equivalence relation on a Polish space X. Let P, Q be posets and  $\tau, \sigma$  be P, Q-names for elements of X. Say that  $\langle P, \tau \rangle \overline{E} \langle Q, \alpha \rangle$  if  $P \times Q \Vdash \tau E \sigma$ .

**Fact.**  $\overline{E}$  is an equivalence relation on pinned names.

**Question.** How many  $\overline{E}$  classes are there? On which posets do they live?

#### The pinned cardinal

**Definition.** Let E be an analytic equivalence relation on a Polish space X. The pinned cardinal  $\kappa(E)$  is the smallest  $\kappa$  such that every pinned name  $\tau$  has a  $\overline{E}$ -equivalent on a poset of size  $< \kappa$ .

- $\kappa(E)$  can be equal to  $\infty$ ;
- $\kappa(E) = \aleph_1$  if E is pinned as a definitory matter.
- **Fact.** if  $E \leq F$  then  $\kappa(E) \leq \kappa(F)$ .

#### Basic features of the pinned cardinal.

Bounds:

- $\kappa(E) < \beth_{\omega_1}$  if *E* is Borel;
- $\kappa(E)$  <the first measurable if  $\kappa(E) < \infty$ ;
- $\kappa(E) = \infty$  iff  $E_{\omega_1}$  is weakly reducible to E.

**Operations:** 

• 
$$\kappa(E^+) \le (2^{<\kappa(E)})^+;$$

•  $\kappa(\prod_I E_n) \leq \max(\kappa(E_n))$  whenever *I* is a Borel ideal on  $\omega$  and  $=_I$  is pinned.

# Examples.

- $\kappa(F_{\alpha}) = \beth_{\alpha}^+;$
- there are Borel equivalence relations  $E_{\alpha}$  for each countable  $\alpha > 0$  such that provably  $\kappa(E_{\alpha}) = \aleph_{\alpha};$
- there is Borel E such that provably  $\kappa(E) = (\aleph_{\omega}^{\aleph_0})^+;$
- there is analytic E such that under MA,  $\kappa(E) = \aleph_2$  iff Chang's conjecture holds;

**Question.** What is the pinned cardinal of the measure equivalence?

# The $\aleph_{\alpha}$ example.

**Definition.** A  $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ -sentence  $\phi$  is *set-like* if there is a binary relation e such that  $\phi$  proves that e is extensional and well-founded.

**Theorem.** Let  $\phi$  be set-like and  $E_{\phi}$  be the isomorphism of countable models of  $\phi$ . Then  $\kappa(E_{\phi})$  =the least cardinal  $\kappa$  such that  $\phi$  has no model of size  $\kappa$ .

**Exercise.** By induction on  $0 \neq \alpha \in \omega_1$  build sentences  $\phi_{\alpha}$  such that the sentence has models of all sizes  $\langle \aleph_{\alpha} \rangle$  but no model of size  $\aleph_{\alpha}$ .

To  $\phi_{\alpha}$ , add a sentence saying "e is an extensional well-founded relation of rank  $\alpha$ ". This does not change the cardinal, since  $|V_{\omega+\alpha}| \geq \aleph_{\alpha}$ .

#### The cardinal arithmetic example.

**1.** Find sentences  $\phi, \psi$  such that  $\phi$  has models of size  $\leq \aleph_{\omega}$  and  $\psi$  has models of size  $\leq \aleph_0$ . Let  $\theta$  be the sentence " $A \models \phi, B \models \psi$ , and C is a collection of pairwise distinct maps from B to A". Add an extensional well-founded relation of rank  $\leq \omega + \omega + 2$ . Then  $\kappa(E_{\theta}) = (\aleph_{\omega}^{\aleph_0})^+$ .

2. Find sentences  $\phi$ ,  $\psi$  such that  $\phi$  has models of size  $\leq \aleph_{\omega+1}$  and  $\psi$  has models of size  $\leq \mathfrak{c}$ . Let  $\nu = \psi \lor \phi$ , and add an extensional wellfounded relation of rank  $\leq \omega + \omega + 2$ . Then  $\kappa(E_{\nu}) = \max(\aleph_{\omega+1}, \mathfrak{c})^+$ .

**3.**  $E_{\theta}$  is not Borel reducible to  $E_{\nu}$  since SCH fails in a forcing extension and so  $\kappa(E_{\theta}) < \kappa(E_{\nu})$  is consistent.

#### Chang Conjecture Example.

# **Fact.** Under MA, CC is equivalent to $\begin{pmatrix} \omega_2 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \omega \\ \omega \end{pmatrix}^1_{\omega}$ .

Let  $f: X \times X \to \omega$  be a universal  $F_{\sigma}$ -function. Let  $A \subset X^{\omega}$  be the coanalytic set of y such that  $\operatorname{rng}(y) \times \operatorname{rng}(y)$  contains no infinite rectangle on which f is constant. Let E be  $(F_2 \upharpoonright A) \cup (\tilde{A} \times \tilde{A})$ . This is an analytic equivalence relation.

If MA and CC holds then no pinned name  $\tau$  can have  $|\operatorname{rng}(\tau)|^V \ge \aleph_2$  and so  $\kappa(E) = \aleph_2$ . If CC fails, let  $g: \omega_2 \times \omega_2 \to \omega$  be a counterexample to the partition, let  $h: \omega_2 \to X$  be such that  $g = f \circ h$ , and let  $\tau$  be a  $\operatorname{Coll}(\omega, \omega_2)$ -name for  $\operatorname{rng}(h)$ . So  $\kappa(E) > \aleph_2$ .

# Pinned names and posets.

**Fact.** Nontrivial pinned names cannot live on proper posets. They mostly live on collapse posets.

**Example.** If  $\tau$  is an  $F_2$ -pinned name then there is a set  $A \subset 2^{\omega}$  such that  $\Vdash \operatorname{rng}(\tau) = \check{A}$ .

**Definition.** Let E be an analytic equivalence relation on X and  $\tau$  an E-pinned name on some P.  $\kappa(\tau)$  is the unique cardinal  $\kappa$  if it exists such that a poset Q carries an  $\overline{E}$ -equivalent to  $\tau$  if and only if Q collapses  $\kappa$  to  $\aleph_0$ .

**Definition.** *E* is cardinalistic if  $\kappa(\tau)$  exists for every *E*-pinned name  $\tau$ .

# Examples of cardinalistic relations.

**Theorem.** Every orbit equivalence relation is cardinalistic.

**Theorem.** The cardinalistic property is preserved under Friedman–Stanley jump, product modulo an ideal J such that  $=_J$  is pinned.

Fact. To be cardinalistic is a reducibility invariant.

# Nonexamples of cardinalistic relations.

**Definition.** The mutual domination equivalence relation E on  $X = (\omega^{\omega})^{\omega}$  connects points x, y if for every n there is m such that x(n) is modulo finite dominated by y(m) and vice versa.

**Theorem.** If there is a modulo finite increasing  $\omega_2$ -sequence of points in  $\omega^{\omega}$ , then E is not cardinalistic.

**Proof.** Let  $\langle z_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \omega_2 \rangle$  be the increasing sequence, let *P* be the Namba forcing adding a cofinal sequence  $\langle \alpha_n : n \in \omega \rangle$ , and let  $\tau = \langle x_{\alpha_n} : n \in \omega \rangle$ .

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# Hjorth's turbulence.

**Definition.** Let E, F be analytic equivalence relations on X, Y. E is F-ergodic if for every Borel homomorphism  $h : X \to Y$ , there is an F-class with comeager h-preimage.

- turbulence applies to orbit equivalence relations only-dynamic concept;
- turbulent equivalences are *F*-ergodic for every *F* classifiable by countable structures;
- useful only in Baire category context.

# Turbulence generalized.

- independent of any dynamical context;
- compares certain generic extensions;
- ergodicity results;
- can be tailored to measure context etc.

# Motivating restatement of turbulence.

**Definition.** Let *G* act on *X* continuously. Let  $P_G$  be the Cohen poset on *G*, with generic  $\dot{g}$ . Let  $P_X$  be the Cohen poset on *X*, with generic  $\dot{x}$ .

**Theorem.** The following are equivalent:

1. the action is generically turbulent;

2.  $P_G \times P_X \Vdash V[\dot{x}] \cap V[\dot{g} \cdot \dot{x}] = V.$ 

# Trimness and variations.

**Definition.** Let *E* be an analytic equivalence relation on *X*. *E* is *trim* if for every pair  $V[G_0], V[G_1]$ of generic extensions containing respective *E*related points  $x_0, x_1$ , if  $V[G_0] \cap V[G_1] = V$  then  $x_0 E x$  for some  $x \in V$ .

Generalization I.  $\mathfrak{P}$ -trimness results from restricting the extensions to posets with property  $\mathfrak{P}$ .

**Generalization II.**  $\omega$ -trimness results from considering infinitely many extensions.

# Connection with pinned property.

**Definition.** Let  $\tau, \sigma$  be P, Q-names respectively for elements of X. Say that  $\langle P, \tau \rangle \ \hat{E} \langle Q, \sigma \rangle$  is for every  $p \in P$  and every  $q \in Q$  there are generic extensions V[G], V[H] such that

- $p \in G \subset P$ ,  $q \in H \subset Q$ ;
- $V[G] \cap V[H] = 0;$
- $tau/G \ E \ \sigma/H$ .

**Fact.**  $\hat{E}$  is an equivalence relation on trim names, an equivalence is trim if there are non-trivial trim names etc.

# Main properties.

- all variants of trimness are reducibility invariants;
- trimness and proper-trimness are absolute between forcing extensions;
- trim is equivalent to the conjunction of pinned and proper-trim;
- proper-trim is equivalent to Cohen-trim.

**Theorem.** Let J be the ideal on  $2^{<\omega}$  generated by branches. The relation  $=_J$  is trim.

**Proof.** Let  $x_0 \in V[G_0]$ ,  $x_1 \in V[G_1]$  are  $=_{J^-}$  related points. Assume  $V[G_0] \cap V[G_1] = V$  and  $x_0 \neq_J x$  for every  $x \in V$ . Work for contradiction.

Let  $T = \{t \in 2^{<\omega} : x_0 \upharpoonright [t] \neq_J y \text{ for any } y \in V\}$ . This is a tree with no terminal nodes, containing 0. It is in  $V[G_0] \cap V[G_1]$ , so in V. Pick an infinite branch  $b \in V$ .

There is  $t \in b$  such that  $x_0 \upharpoonright [t] = y_0 \upharpoonright [t]$  off b. Then  $x_0 \upharpoonright [t]$  off b is in V, contradicting the definition of T. **Theorem.**  $F_2$  is proper-trim.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $V[G_0]$ ,  $V[G_1]$  are proper generic extensions containing  $F_2$ -related points  $x_0, x_1$ . Suppose that  $V[G_0] \cap V[G_1] = V$ . Work to find  $x \in V$  with  $x F_2 x_0$ .

For every  $z \in \operatorname{rng}(x_0) \cap \operatorname{rng}(x_1)$ ,  $z \in V[G_0] \cap V[G_1] = V$ . Thus,  $\operatorname{rng}(x_0) = \operatorname{rng}(x_1)$  is a subset of V and an element of V.

Since  $V[G_0]$  is proper,  $rng(x_0)$  is countable in V and so there is  $x \in V$  such that  $rng(x) = rng(x_0)$  and so  $x F_2 x_0$  as required.

**Theorem.** Let J be the ideal on  $A = \prod_{n \in \omega} (n + 1)$  generated by graphs of functions. Then  $=_J$  is not Cohen-trim.

**Proof.** Let *P* be the poset of partial finite functions from *A* to 2 ordered by inclusion, adding  $\dot{x} \in 2^A$ . Find generic filters  $G_0, G_1 \subset P$  such that  $\dot{x}/G_0 =_J \dot{x}/G_1$  and  $V[G_0] \cap V[G_1] = 0$ .

The poset Q adding the two generics consists of conditions  $q = \langle p_0, p_1 \rangle$  where  $p_0, p_1 \in P$  with the same domain such that  $\{a \in \text{dom}(p_0) :$  $p_0(a) \neq p_1(a)\}$  is a graph of a partial function.

Key: if  $p \Vdash \tau \subset Ord$  is not in V, then there are extensions  $p_0, p_1 \leq p$  which differ at just one entry and an ordinal  $\alpha$  such that  $p_0 \Vdash \check{\alpha} \in \tau$ and  $p_1 \Vdash \check{\alpha} \notin \tau$ .

# Ergodicity in category

**Definition.** Let E, F be analytic equivalence relations on X, Y, and t a Polish topology on X. Say that E is F-t-ergodic if for every Borel homomorphism  $h : X \to Y$  there is an F-class with t-comeager preimage.

**Example.**  $E_0$  is id-*t*-ergodic where *t* is the usual topology on  $2^{\omega}$ .

**Fact.** Different topologies may give different ergodicity properties.

**Theorem.** If E is not proper-trim, then there is a Polish topology t on X with meager classes such that for every proper-trim F, E is F-tergodic.

**Proof.** Let  $\tau$  be a nontrivial trim name on the Cohen poset. Let t be an associated Polish topology on X (B is meager if  $P \Vdash \tau \notin B$ ). This topology works.

Suppose that  $h: X \to Y$  is a Borel homomorphism of E to proper-trim F. Let  $G, H \subset P$  be generic filters such that  $\tau/G \to \tau/H$  and  $V[G] \cap V[H] = V$ . Then  $h(\tau/G) \to h(\tau/H)$ , and proper-trimness of F shows that there is  $y \in Y \cap V$  such that  $h(\tau/G) \to y$ . Then  $h^{-1}[y]_F$  is *t*-comeager.

# Corollaries.

Let J be the ideal on  $2^{<\omega}$  generated by branches.

**Corollary.** If *E* is an orbit equivalence of a turbulent action, then *E* is  $=_J$ -ergodic. (*E* is not proper-trim while *E* is.)

**Corollary.** If *F* is an equivalence classifiable by countable structures then  $=_J$  is *F*-ergodic. ( $=_J$  is not Cohen- $\omega$ -trim while *F* is.)

# Ergodicity in measure

**Definition.** Let E, F be analytic equivalence relations on X, Y, let  $\mu$  be a Borel probability measure on X. Say that E is F- $\mu$ -ergodic if for every Borel homomorphism  $h: X \to Y$  there is an F-class with preimage of full  $\mu$ -mass.

**Example.**  $E_0$  is id- $\mu$ -ergodic for the usual probability measure  $\mu$  on  $2^{\omega}$ .

**Fact.** Ergodicity in measure in  $K_{\sigma}$  equivalence relations closely relates to concentration of measure.

# Concentration of measure.

**Definition.** A sequence  $\langle X_n, d_n, \mu_n, \varepsilon_n, \delta_n \rangle$  has *concentration of measure* if

- $X_n$  is a (finite) set with metric  $d_n$  and probability measure  $\mu_n$ ;
- $\varepsilon_n, \delta_n > 0$  are real numbers tending to zero;
- for every set  $A \subset X_n$  of  $\mu_n$ -mass  $> \delta_n$ , the  $\varepsilon_n$ -neighborhood of A has  $\mu_n$ -mass > 1/2.

Fact. Many examples such as n-dimensional spheres with the usual measure and metric.

**Theorem.** Let  $\langle X_n, d_n, \mu_n, \varepsilon_n, \delta_n \rangle$  have concentration of measure. Let

- $X = \prod_n X_n, \mu = \prod_n \mu_n;$
- $x \in y$  if there is m such that for all n,  $d_n(x(n), y(n)) \leq m\delta_n$ .

Then E is  $F-\mu$ -ergodic for every proper-trim equivalence relation F.

**Proof.** Add  $\mu$ -random points  $x, y \in X$  such that  $\forall n \ d_n(x(n), y(n) \leq \delta \text{ and } V[x] \cap V[y] = V$ .

The poset consists of all pairs  $q = \langle B_q, s_q, t_q \rangle$ where  $B_q \subset X$  is a Borel positive set,  $s_q, t_q \in$  $\prod_{n \in m} X_n$ , for all  $n \in m \ d_n(s_q(n), t_q(n)) \leq \delta$ , and  $B_q \subset [s_q]$ .

The ordering is defined by  $r \leq q$  if  $B_r \subset B_q, s_q \subset s_r t_q \subset t_r$ , and  $B_r \cdot t_r \subset B_q \cdot t_q$ . The names  $\dot{x}, \dot{y}$  are defined as  $\dot{x} = \bigcup_{q \in G} s_q$  and  $\dot{y} = \bigcup_{q \in G} t_q$ .

The fact that  $V[x] \cap V[y] = V$  uses the concentration of measure assumption.

**Corollary.**  $E_2$  is F- $\mu$ -ergodic for every equivalence relation F classifiable by countable structures.

Here, the equivalence relation  $E_2$  on  $X = 2^{\omega}$ relates points x, y if  $\sum \{1/n+1 : x(n) \neq y(n)\} < \infty$ . The measure  $\mu$  is the usual measure on the space  $2^{\omega}$ .

# Separation properties of equivalence relations.

**Fact.** (Martin–Solovay) If MA for  $\kappa$  holds and  $A_0, A_1 \subset X$  are disjoint sets of size  $\leq \kappa$ , then there is a  $K_{\sigma}$  set  $B_0$  such that  $A_0 \subset B_0$  and  $A_1 \cap B_0 = 0$ .

**Question.** Does something similar hold for quotient spaces X/E for various equivalence relations E?

**Fact.** Possessing a separation property is a reducibility invariant.

# A correct generalization of Martin–Solovay.

**Main tool.** If MA  $\sigma$ -centered for  $\kappa$  holds,  $G \subset X^n$  is an  $F_{\sigma}$  set and  $A \subset X$  is *G*-free, then there is a  $K_{\sigma}$  set *B* such that  $A \subset B$  and *B* is *G*-free.

**Example.** To separate disjoint sets  $A_0, A_1 \subset X$ , apply the tool to  $Y = X \times 2$ , G connecting distinct points with the same X coordinate, and  $A = (A_0 \times \{0\}) \cup (A_1 \times \{1\})$ .

**Fact.** In ZFC, there is a  $G_{\delta}$ -graph  $G \subset X^2$  and a set  $A \subset X$  of size  $\aleph_1$  which is G-free and every analytic G-free set has countable intersection with A.

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#### Where separation holds.

**Theorem.** If Martin's Axiom for  $\sigma$ -centered holds at  $\kappa$ , then the separation property holds for  $E_{K_{\sigma}}$  at  $\kappa$ .

**Proof.** Let  $A_0, A_1 \subset \omega^{\omega}$  be  $E_{K_{\sigma}}$ -unrelated sets of size  $\leq \kappa$ . Apply the tool to  $Y = X \times 2$ , Gconnecting distinct points with  $E_{K_{\sigma}}$ -equivalent X coordinates, and  $A = (A_0 \times \{0\}) \cup (A_1 \times \{1\})$ .

**Question.** Let J be an analytic P-ideal on  $\omega$ . Does separation hold for  $=_J$ ?

#### Where separation fails.

**Theorem.** There is a sequence  $\langle x_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \omega_1 \rangle$  of pairwise  $F_2$ -inequivalent points of  $X = (2^{\omega})^{\omega}$ such that no analytic  $F_2$ -invariant set  $A \subset X$ cuts out a stationary-costationary piece.

**Proof.** Let  $x_{\alpha}$  be points such that the sets  $\operatorname{rng}(x_{\alpha}) \subset 2^{\omega}$  continuously increase with respect to inclusion. Let  $A \subset X$  be an analytic  $F_2$ -invariant set. Let  $P = \operatorname{Coll}(\omega, \omega_1)$ , let  $\tau$  be a name for an element of X enumerating  $\bigcup_{\alpha} \operatorname{rng}(x_{\alpha})$  and let p decide the statement  $\tau \in \dot{A}$ .

If  $p \Vdash \tau \in \dot{A}$  then  $\{\alpha : x_{\alpha} \in A\}$  contains a club, if  $p \Vdash \tau \notin \dot{A}$  then  $\{\alpha : x_{\alpha} \notin A\}$  contains a club.

#### *I*-sequences.

**Definition.** Let *E* be an analytic equivalence relation on *X*, *I* a  $\sigma$ -ideal on a cardinal  $\kappa$ . A sequence  $\langle x_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \kappa \rangle$  is an *I*-sequence if for every analytic *E*-invariant set *A*,  $\{\alpha : x_{\alpha} \in A\} \in$ *I* or  $\{\alpha : x_{\alpha} \notin A\} \in I$ .

**Fact.** Not having an *I*-sequence is a reducibility invariant. **Theorem.** Every unpinned equivalence relation has an *I*-sequence for I = the nonstationary ideal on  $\omega_1$ .

**Proof.** Let *E* be an unpinned equivalence relation on a space *X*. Let  $\tau$  be a nontrivial pinned *P*-name for *E*, where  $|P| = \aleph_1$ .

Let  $\langle M_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \omega_1 \rangle$  be an  $\in$ -tower of continuous elementary submodels. Let  $x_{\alpha} \in X$  represent the unique *E*-class of  $\tau/g$  where  $g \subset M_{\alpha} \cap P$  is generic.  $\langle x_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \omega_1 \rangle$  is an *I*-sequence.

Suppose that  $A \subset X$  is analytic *E*-invariant and  $p \Vdash \tau \in \dot{A}$ . Whenever *N* is a countable elementary submodel, there is  $\alpha \in \omega_1$  such that  $P \cap N = P \cap M_{\alpha}$ . Then  $x_{\alpha} \in A$ . **Theorem.** (MA) If J is an analytic P-ideal then  $=_J$  has no I-sequence for a normal  $\sigma$ -ideal I.

**Proof.** Find a submeasure  $\mu$  on  $\omega$  such that  $J = \{a \subset \omega : \lim_{n \to \infty} \mu(a \setminus n) = 0\}$ . Let  $d(x, y) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \mu(x \Delta y \setminus n)$  for  $x, y \in X = \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ . Work with I =the nonstationary ideal on  $\omega_1$ . Let  $\langle x_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \omega_1 \rangle$  be a sequence.

Either there is  $x \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\{\alpha : d(x_{\alpha}, x) < \varepsilon\}$  is stationary costationary.

Or, there is a club C and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $d(x_{\alpha}, x_{\beta}) > \varepsilon$  if  $\alpha \neq \beta \in C$ . Let  $C = S_0 \cup S_1$  be a partition into stationary sets. Use the graph theorem to find a  $K_{\sigma}$ -set  $A \subset X$  such that  $d(x_{\alpha}, A) \geq \varepsilon$  if  $\alpha \in S_0$  and  $x_{\beta} \in A$  if  $\beta \in S_1$ .

Let 
$$B = \{x \in X : d(x, A) \ge \varepsilon\}.$$

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**Theorem.** (MA) If *E* is classifiable by countable structures, then *E* has no *I*-sequence for any normal  $< \aleph_2$ -complete ideal.

**Proof.** Deal with  $E = F_2$ , I =nonstationary ideal on  $\omega_2$ . Let  $\langle x_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \omega_2 \rangle$  be a sequence. Let  $a = \{z \in 2^{\omega} : \{\alpha : z \in \operatorname{rng}(x_{\alpha})\}$  contains a club $\}$ . The set  $a \subset 2^{\omega}$  is countable.

Use normality to pick points  $\langle z_{\alpha} : \alpha \in C \rangle$  such that  $z_{\alpha} \in \operatorname{rng}(x_{\alpha}) \setminus \bigcup_{\beta \in \alpha} \operatorname{rng}(x_{\beta})$ . Let  $C = S_0 \cup S_1$  be a partition into stationary sets. Use the graph theorem to find a  $K_{\sigma}$ -set  $A \subset 2^{\omega}$  such that  $A \cap \operatorname{rng}(x_{\alpha}) = 0$  if  $\alpha \in S_0$  and  $A \cap \operatorname{rng}(x_{\alpha}) = \{z_{\alpha}\}$  if  $\alpha \in S_1$ .

Let  $B = \{x \in X : \operatorname{rng}(x) \cap A = 0\}.$ 

**Theorem.** (MA) Let *E* be the mutual domination equivalence. *E* has an *I*-sequence where *I* is the nonstationary ideal on  $\omega_2$  restricted to  $cof(\omega)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\langle z_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \omega_2 \rangle$  be a modulo finite increasing sequence in  $\omega^{\omega}$ . If  $cof(\alpha) = \omega$  then let  $x_{\alpha} = \langle z_{\alpha_n} : n \in \omega \rangle$  for  $\alpha_n \to \alpha$ .  $\langle x_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \omega_2 \cap cof(\omega) \rangle$  is an *I*-sequence.

If  $A \subset X$  is an analytic *E*-invariant set, let  $P = \text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_2)$ , let  $\tau$  be a *P*-name for  $\langle z_{\alpha_n} : n \in \omega \rangle$ for  $\alpha_n \to \omega_2^V$ . If  $p \Vdash \tau \in A$  then there is a club  $C \subset \omega_2$  such that  $\forall \alpha \in C \ x_\alpha \in A$ .