

# Topics in Logic: Generalized Descriptive Set Theory

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# 1 Generalized Baire spaces

Generalized descriptive set theory is the generalization of descriptive set theory to uncountable cardinals. For a background on classical descriptive set theory see [11] or [12]. We will denote by  $\kappa^\kappa$  the set of functions  $f : \kappa \rightarrow \kappa$ ,  $2^\kappa$  the set of functions  $f : \kappa \rightarrow 2$ , and  $\kappa^{<\kappa}$  the set of functions  $f : \alpha \rightarrow \kappa$  where  $\alpha < \kappa$ . During these notes,  $\kappa$  will be an uncountable cardinal that satisfies  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ , unless otherwise is stated.

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

## 1.1 Topology

**Definition 1.1.**  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\kappa)$  is an ideal if the following holds:

- $\mathcal{I} \neq \emptyset$ ,
- for all  $x \in \mathcal{I}$ , if  $y \subseteq x$ , then  $y \in \mathcal{I}$ ,
- if  $x, y \in \mathcal{I}$ , then  $x \cup y \in \mathcal{I}$ .

An ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  is  $< \kappa$ -complete if it is closed under the union of size less than  $\kappa$ . An ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  is proper if  $\mathcal{I} \neq \mathcal{P}(\kappa)$ .

**Example 1.1.** The set of bounded subsets of  $\kappa$ ,  $\{X \subseteq \kappa \mid \exists \alpha < \kappa \forall \beta \in X (\beta < \alpha)\}$ , form an ideal.

**Definition 1.2** (Ideal topology). Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a  $< \kappa$ -complete proper ideal on  $\kappa$  that extends the ideal of bounded sets. The ideal topology associated to  $\mathcal{I}$  is the topology generated by the following basic open sets. For every  $A \in \mathcal{I}$ ,  $\xi \in \kappa^A$  we define the basic open set  $N_\xi$  by

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

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

**Definition 1.3** (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 1.4** (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.

**Exercise 1.1.** Show that the topology in the previous definition is the ideal topology associated to the ideal of bounded sets.

## 1.2 Borel sets

**Definition 1.5** ( $\kappa$ -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 1.6.** Let us define the following hierarchy.

- $\Sigma_1^0 = \{X \subseteq \kappa^\kappa \mid X \text{ is open}\}$
- $\Pi_1^0 = \{X \subseteq \kappa^\kappa \mid X \text{ is closed}\}$
- $\Sigma_\alpha^0 = \{\bigcup_{\gamma < \kappa} A_\gamma \mid A_\gamma \in \bigcup_{1 \leq \beta < \alpha} \Pi_\beta^0\}$
- $\Pi_\alpha^0 = \{\kappa^\kappa \setminus X \mid X \in \Sigma_\alpha^0\}$

**Exercise 1.2.** Show that  $\kappa$ -Borel =  $\bigcup_{\alpha < \kappa^+} \Sigma_\alpha^0$ .

**Exercise 1.3.** Let  $S \in \{\mathbf{B}(\kappa), \mathbf{C}(\kappa)\}$  and  $B \subset S$ . If  $B$  be the minimal collection that contains all the open sets and is closed under unions and intersections both of length at most  $\kappa$ , then  $B$  is the class  $\kappa$ -Borel( $S$ )

**Definition 1.7.** 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.

Let  $\theta \in \{2, \kappa\}$ . A subset  $T \subset \theta^{<\kappa}$  is a tree if for all  $f \in T$  with  $\alpha = \text{dom}(f) > 0$  and for all  $\beta < \alpha$ ,  $f \restriction \beta \in T$  and  $f \restriction \beta < f$ . In a similar way we can define trees on  $\theta^{<\kappa} \times \theta^{<\kappa}$  and  $\theta^{<\kappa} \times \theta^{<\kappa} \times \theta^{<\kappa}$ . We say that a tree  $T \subseteq \theta^{<\kappa}$  is pruned if for all  $f \in T$  and  $\beta > \alpha = \text{dom}(f)$ , there is  $g \in T$  such that  $f = g \restriction \alpha$  and  $\beta = \text{dom}(g)$ . We define the body of a pruned tree  $T$  as the set

$$[T] = \{\eta \in \theta^\kappa \mid \forall \alpha < \kappa, \eta \restriction \alpha \in T\}.$$

**Exercise 1.4.** Show that  $A \subseteq \kappa^\kappa$  is closed if and only if there is a pruned tree of  $\kappa^{<\kappa}$  such that  $[T] = A$ .

A sequence  $\langle \eta_i \mid i < \gamma \rangle$  is a chain of length  $\gamma$ , if for all  $i < j$ ,  $\eta_i < \eta_j$ .

**Definition 1.8** ( $\kappa$ -Borel\*-set in  $\mathbf{B}(\kappa), \mathbf{C}(\kappa)$ ). Let  $S \in \{2^\kappa, \kappa^\kappa\}$ .

1. 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  $T$ .
2. 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  $h(x) \in \{\cup, \cap\}$ .
3. 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  $\eta \in h(x)$ .
4. 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  $B^*(T, h, \eta)$ .

**Exercise 1.5.** Let  $S \in \{2^\kappa, \kappa^\kappa\}$ . We define  $\kappa$ -Borel\*\*-sets in  $S$  by changing 2. in the previous definition for the following

- 2'. 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 an open set and otherwise  $h(x) \in \{\cup, \cap\}$ .

Show that  $X \subseteq S$  is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*\*-set if and only if it is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-set.

Recall that  $\kappa$  satisfies  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ , so it is regular. A set  $X \subseteq \kappa$  is a club on  $\kappa$  if  $X$  is unbounded and any sequence  $\langle \alpha_i \mid i < \gamma \rangle$  such that  $\gamma < \kappa$  and for all  $\alpha_i \in X$ , satisfies  $\bigcup_{i < \gamma} \alpha_i \in X$ .

**Exercise 1.6.** Show that the following set is an ideal:

$$\{X \subseteq \kappa \mid \text{exists a club } C \subseteq \kappa (X \cap C = \emptyset)\}.$$

**Example 1.2.** 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  $=_\mu^2$  equivalent if the set  $\{\alpha < \kappa \mid \eta(\alpha) = \xi(\alpha)\}$  contains a  $\mu$ -club.

The relation  $=_\omega^2$  is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\* set. Let us define the following  $\kappa$ -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  $h \restriction L(g)$  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  $=_\omega^2$ . Suppose  $\eta =_\omega^2 \xi$ , 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  $h(G) = N_{\eta \upharpoonright \gamma+1} \times N_{\xi \upharpoonright \gamma+1}$ . Finally if **II** chooses  $G$  in the  $\omega$  move, then **II** wins.

For the other direction, suppose  $\eta \neq_\omega^2 \xi$ , 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  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $\eta(\alpha) \neq \xi(\alpha)$ .

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.

**Definition 1.9.** Let  $T$  be an tree without infinite branches. For all  $t \in T$ , we define  $\text{rk}(t)$  as follows:

- If  $t$  is a leaf, then  $\text{rk}(t) = 0$ .
- If  $t$  is not a leaf, then  $\text{rk}(t) = \cup \{\text{rk}(t') + 1 \mid t'^- = t\}$ , where  $t'^-$  is the immediate predecessor of  $t'$ .
- If  $T$  is not empty and has a root,  $r$ , then the rank of  $T$  is denoted by  $\text{rk}(T)$  and is equal to  $\text{rk}(r)$ .

**Exercise 1.7.** Show that if  $A \subseteq \kappa^\kappa$  and  $T = \{f \upharpoonright \alpha : f \in A, \alpha < \kappa\}$ , then  $[T]$  is the closure of  $A$ .

**Exercise 1.8.** Show that if  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\kappa$ -Borel\* sets, then  $A \cup B$  and  $A \cap B$  are  $\kappa$ -Borel\* sets.

**Exercise 1.9.** Let  $(T, h)$  be a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code. Show that if  $T$  is a  $\kappa^+, \omega$ -tree, then for all  $\eta$ ,  $B^*(T, h, \eta)$  is determined, i.e. **II** has a winning strategy if and only if **I** doesn't have a winning strategy.

**Exercise 1.10.** 1. Prove Claim 1.11. (Hint: Use the previous exercise.)

2. Prove Claim 1.12.

**Theorem 1.10** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov), [5], Thm 17).  $\kappa$ -Borel  $\subseteq \kappa$ -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.

We will show by induction over  $\alpha$  that for every  $X \in \Sigma_\alpha^0$ , there is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code  $(T, h)$  such that  $(T, h)$  codes  $X$  and  $T$  is a  $\kappa^+, \omega$ -tree.

For  $\alpha = 1$ . If  $X \in \Sigma_\alpha^0$ , then there is  $\mathcal{B}$  a family of basic open sets such that  $X = \bigcup \mathcal{B}$ . Since  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ ,  $|\mathcal{B}| = \kappa$ . So there is  $\beta < \kappa$  such that  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_i \mid i < \beta\}$ . Let  $T = \{\emptyset\} \cup \{(0, i) \mid i < \beta\}$ ,  $h(\emptyset) = \cup$ , and  $h((0, i)) = B_i$ , clearly this is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code that codes  $X$ .

Suppose  $\alpha$  is such that for all  $\beta < \alpha$  and  $X \in \Sigma_\beta^0$ , there is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code  $(T, h)$  such that  $(T, h)$  codes  $X$  and  $T$  is a  $\kappa^+, \omega$ -tree.

**Claim 1.11.** For all  $\beta < \alpha$  and  $X \in \Pi_\beta^0$ ,  $X$  is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\* set.

Suppose  $X \in \Sigma_\alpha^0$ , so  $X = \bigcup_{\gamma < \kappa} A_\gamma$ , where  $A_\gamma \in \bigcup_{1 \leq \beta < \alpha} \Pi_\beta^0$ . By the previous claim we know that there are  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-codes  $\{(T_\gamma, h_\gamma)\}_{\gamma < \kappa}$  such that  $(T_\gamma, h_\gamma)$  codes  $A_\gamma$  and  $T_\gamma$  is a  $\kappa^+, \omega$ -tree, for all  $\gamma$ . Let  $\mathcal{T} = \{r\} \cup \bigcup_{\gamma < \kappa} T_\gamma \times \{\gamma\}$  be the tree ordered by  $r < (x, j)$  for all  $(x, j) \in \bigcup_{\gamma < \kappa} T_\gamma \times \{\gamma\}$ , and  $(x, \gamma) < (y, j)$  if and only if  $\gamma = j$  and  $x < y$  in  $T_\gamma$ . 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  $h(x) = \cup$  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 there is  $\gamma < \kappa$ , such that  $\eta \in X_\gamma$ . **II** starts by choosing  $\mathcal{G}^{-1}(x, \gamma)$ , where  $x$  is the root of  $T_\gamma$ . **II** continues playing with the winning strategy from the game  $B^*(T_\gamma, h_\gamma, \eta)$ , choosing the element given by  $\mathcal{G}^{-1}$ . We conclude that **II**  $\uparrow B^*(T, h, \eta)$ .

Let  $\eta \notin X$ , so for all  $\gamma < \kappa$ ,  $\eta \notin X_\gamma$ , so **II** has no winning strategy for the game  $B^*(T_\gamma, h_\gamma, \eta)$ . Thus **II** cannot have a winning strategy for the game  $B^*(T, h, \eta)$ .

Let  $(T, h)$  be a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code that codes  $X$  and  $T$  is a  $\kappa^+$ ,  $\omega$ -tree. We will use induction over the rank of  $T$ , to show that  $X$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel.

If  $rk(T) = 0$ , then  $T$  has only one node  $r$ , thus  $X = h(r)$  and  $X$  is a basic open set. Let  $\alpha < \kappa^+$  be such that for all  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code  $(T', h')$  with  $T'$   $\kappa^+$ ,  $\omega$ -tree and  $rk(T') < \alpha$ ,  $(T', h')$  codes a  $\kappa$ -Borel set. If  $rk(T) = \alpha$ , then let  $B = \{t \in T \mid t^- = r\}$ , where  $r$  is the root of  $T$ . For all  $t \in B$ , define the code  $(T_t, h_t)$  as follows:

- $T_t = \{x \in T \mid t \leq x\}$ ,
- $h_t = h \upharpoonright T_t$ .

Since  $rk(T) = \alpha$ , for all  $t \in B$ ,  $rk(T_t) < \alpha$ . By the induction hypothesis,  $(T_t, h_t)$  codes a  $\kappa$ -Borel set  $X_t$ .

**Claim 1.12.** • If  $h(r) = \cup$ , then  $X = \cup_{t \in B} X_t$ .

- If  $h(r) = \cap$ , then  $X = \cap_{t \in B} X_t$ .

Since the class of  $\kappa$ -Borel sets is closed under unions and intersections of length  $\kappa$ , the proof follows from the previous claim.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.13** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov), [5], 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 1.14.** 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 1.10 and (1).

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

### 1.3 Separation theorem

**Definition 1.15.** A dual of a  $\kappa$ -Borel\* set  $B$  is the set  $B^d = \{\eta \mid \mathbf{I} \uparrow B^*(T, h, \eta)\}$  where  $(T, h)$  satisfy  $B = \{\eta \mid \mathbf{II} \uparrow B^*(T, h, \eta)\}$ .

Notice that the dual of a  $\kappa$ -Borel\* set is not unique.

**Definition 1.16.** If  $T$  is a tree on  $\kappa^{<\kappa} \times \kappa^{<\kappa}$  and  $f \in \kappa^\kappa$ , let

$$T(f) = \{g \upharpoonright \alpha \mid (f \upharpoonright \alpha, g \upharpoonright \alpha) \in T\}.$$

**Exercise 1.11.** Show that if  $A \subseteq \kappa^\kappa$  is  $\Pi_1^1(\kappa)$ , then there is a tree  $T$  such that for all  $f \in \kappa^\kappa$ ,

$$f \in A \Leftrightarrow T(f) \text{ has no branch of length } \kappa.$$

Let us denote by  $TO$  the set of trees that don't have branches of length  $\kappa$ .

**Definition 1.17.** • Let  $T$  and  $S$  be trees. Then  $T$  is order preservingly embeddable into  $S$ ,  $T \leq S$ , if there is a function  $f : T \rightarrow S$  such that for all  $t <_T t'$  implies  $f(t) <_S f(t')$ .

- If  $T$  is a tree, then  $\sigma T$  is the tree of all initial segments of branches of  $T$  ordered by end-extension. We say that  $T \ll T'$  if and only if  $\sigma T \leq T'$ .

**Definition 1.18.** • If  $A$  is a  $\Pi_1^1(\kappa)$  set and  $T$  is a tree such that

$$f \in A \Leftrightarrow T(f) \text{ has no branch of length } \kappa,$$

and  $J \in TO$  we define  $A^{T,J}$  as the set  $\{f \in \kappa^\kappa \mid T(f) \leq J\}$ .

- If  $A$  is a  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$  set and  $T$  is a tree such that

$$f \in A \Leftrightarrow T(f) \text{ has a branch of length } \kappa,$$

and  $J \in TO$  we define  $A_{T,J}$  as the set  $\{f \in \kappa^\kappa \mid J \ll T(f)\}$ .

**Exercise 1.12.** 1. Let  $A$  is a  $\Pi_1^1(\kappa)$  set and  $T$  is a tree such that

$$f \in A \Leftrightarrow T(f) \text{ has no branch of length } \kappa,$$

and  $J \in TO$ . Show that  $A^{T,J} \subseteq A$ .

2. Let  $A$  is a  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$  set and  $T$  is a tree such that

$$f \in A \Leftrightarrow T(f) \text{ has a branch of length } \kappa,$$

and  $J \in TO$ . Show that  $A \subseteq A_{T,J}$ .

**Lemma 1.19** (Covering property, Mekler-Väänänen, [14], Proposition 11). Suppose  $A$  is a  $\Pi_1^1(\kappa)$  set and  $T$  is a tree such that

$$f \in A \Leftrightarrow T(f) \text{ has no branch of length } \kappa,$$

and  $B \subseteq A$  is a  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$  set. Then there is an element  $J \in TO$  such that  $B \subseteq A^{T,J}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be a tree such that

$$f \in B \Leftrightarrow S(f) \text{ has a branch of length } \kappa.$$

Let  $T'$  be the set of triples  $(f \restriction \alpha, g \restriction \alpha, h \restriction \alpha)$  such that  $g \restriction \alpha \in T(f)$  and  $h \restriction \alpha \in S(f)$ . Notice that  $T'$  has no branch of length  $\kappa$ , otherwise  $B \setminus A \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $f \in B$  and let  $\langle h \restriction \alpha \mid \alpha < \kappa \rangle$  be a branch in  $S(f)$  of length  $\kappa$ . For  $g \restriction \alpha \in T(f)$ , let  $\varrho : T(f) \rightarrow T'$  be defined as  $\varrho(g \restriction \alpha) = (f \restriction \alpha, g \restriction \alpha, h \restriction \alpha)$ . It is clear that  $\varrho$  is an order preserving embedding. Thus  $f \in A^{T,T'}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 1.20** (Mekler-Väänänen, [14], Proposition 32). Let  $T$  be a tree on  $\kappa^{<\kappa} \times \kappa^{<\kappa}$  and  $J$  a tree with no branches of length  $\kappa$ . The sets

$$B_0 = \{f \in \kappa^\kappa \mid T(f) \leq J\},$$

$$B_1 = \{f \in \kappa^\kappa \mid J \ll T(f)\}$$

are  $\kappa$ -Borel\* set and duals.

*Proof.* Let  $H$  be the set of sequences  $(\eta_0, (d_0, t_0), \eta_1, (d_1, t_1), \dots, \eta_\delta, (d_\delta, t_\delta))$  satisfying the following:

- for all  $\alpha \leq \delta$ ,  $d_\alpha \in \{0, 1\}$ .
- $d_\alpha = 1$  if and only if  $\alpha = \delta$ ,  $t_\delta = \emptyset$ .
- $\langle t_\alpha \mid \alpha < \delta \rangle$  is a chain in  $J$ .
- For all  $\alpha \leq \delta$ ,  $\eta_\alpha \in \kappa^\alpha$ , and  $\langle \eta_\alpha \mid \alpha \leq \delta \rangle$  is a chain in  $\kappa^{<\kappa}$ .

Let  $K$  be the set of initial segments of the elements of  $H$ , ordered by end-extension (i.e.  $x, y \in K$  are such that  $x < y$  if and only if there is  $\bar{a} \in H$  such that  $x, y$  are initial segments of  $\bar{a}$  and  $x$  is an initial segment of  $y$ ). notice that  $K$  is isomorphic to a  $\kappa^+, \kappa$ -tree. Thus we can construct a Borel\*-code with  $K$ . Let us define  $h : K \rightarrow \{\cup, \cap\} \cup \Sigma_1^0$ , let  $\bar{a} \in K$  be such that  $\langle \eta \in \kappa^{<\kappa} \mid \eta \in \bar{a} \rangle$  has length  $\delta$

$$h(\bar{a}) = \begin{cases} \cup & \text{if } \bar{a} \text{ ends with } \eta_\alpha \in \kappa^{<\kappa}, \\ \cap & \text{if } \bar{a} \text{ ends with } (d_\alpha, t_\alpha) \text{ and } d_\alpha = 0 \text{ or } \bar{a} = \langle \rangle, \\ \{f \in \kappa^\kappa \mid (f \restriction \delta, \eta_\delta) \notin T\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Claim 1.21.** 1.

$$T(f) \leq J \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{II} \text{ has a winning strategy for } B^*(K, h, f).$$

2.

$$J \ll T(f) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{I} \text{ has a winning strategy for } B^*(K, h, f).$$

*Proof.* 1. Let us suppose that  $T(f) \leq J$  and  $G : T(f) \rightarrow J$  witnesses it. Let us define the following strategy for  $\mathbf{II}$ , if  $(f \upharpoonright \delta, \eta_\delta) \notin T$ ,  $\mathbf{II}$  chooses  $(1, \emptyset)$ . Otherwise,  $\eta_\delta \in T(f)$ , and  $\mathbf{II}$  chooses  $(0, G(\eta_\delta))$ . It is clear that this is a winning strategy for  $\mathbf{II}$ . For the other direction, let  $\rho$  be a winning strategy for  $\mathbf{II}$ . When the game is at  $\bar{a}$  ending in  $\eta_\alpha$  and the strategy  $\rho$  says that  $\mathbf{II}$  has choose  $(0, t_\alpha)$ , then  $\eta_\alpha \in T(f)$ , so  $G(\eta_\alpha) = t_\alpha$  is an embedding.

2. Let us suppose  $J \ll T(f)$  and  $G : \sigma J \rightarrow T(f)$  witnesses it. Let us define the following strategy for  $\mathbf{I}$ , suppose the game is at  $\bar{a}$  ending with  $(0, t_\alpha)$ , so  $\langle t_\beta \mid \beta < \alpha \rangle$  is a chain in  $J$ . Thus  $\mathbf{I}$  should choose  $G(\langle t_\beta \mid \beta \leq \alpha \rangle)$ . It clear that this is a winning strategy for  $\mathbf{I}$ . The other direction is similar as in the previous item. □

**Theorem 1.22** (Separation property, Mekler-Väänänen, [14], 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.*

*Proof.* Since  $B$  is  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ ,  $\kappa^\kappa \setminus B$  is  $\Pi_1^1(\kappa)$  and there is  $T$  a tree such that

$$f \in \kappa^\kappa \setminus B \Leftrightarrow T(f) \text{ has no branch of length } \kappa,$$

and  $A \subseteq \kappa^\kappa \setminus B$ . Thus by the covering property, there is  $J \in TO$  such that  $A \subseteq (\kappa^\kappa \setminus B)^{T, J}$ . By the previous exercise,  $B \subseteq B_{T, J}$ . From Definition 1.18

$$(\kappa^\kappa \setminus B)^{T, J} = \{f \in \kappa^\kappa \mid T(f) \leq J\},$$

$$B_{T, J} = \{f \in \kappa^\kappa \mid J \ll T(f)\}.$$

The proof follows from Lemma 1.20. □

**Theorem 1.23** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov), [5], Theorem 17).  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa) \subseteq \kappa\text{-Borel}^*$

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa)$  set. Let  $B = \mathbf{B}(\kappa) \setminus A$ , by Theorem 1.22, 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. Since  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  are duals,  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  are disjoint. So  $C_0 \cap B = \emptyset$ , then  $A = C_0$ ,  $B = C_1$ . □

**Corollary 1.24** (Mekler-Väänänen, [14], Corollary 35).  *$X$  is  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa)$  if there is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code  $(T, h)$  that codes  $X$  and*

$$\mathbf{II} \uparrow B^*(T, h, \eta) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{I} \nmid B^*(T, h, \eta)$$

for all  $\eta \in \kappa^\kappa$  the game is determined.

**Exercise 1.13.** *Prove the claims of the following proof.*

**Theorem 1.25** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov), [5], Theorem 18). 1.  $\kappa\text{-Borel} \subsetneq \Delta_1^1(\kappa)$

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  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa)$  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  $\Pi_1^1(\kappa)$ . □

From the previous results, we can see that

$$\kappa\text{-Borel} \subsetneq \Delta_1^1(\kappa) \subsetneq \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$$

and

$$\Delta_1^1(\kappa) \subseteq \kappa\text{-Borel}^* \subseteq \Sigma_1^1(\kappa).$$

Therefore we are missing to determine whether one of the following holds:

- $\Delta_1^1(\kappa) \subsetneq \kappa\text{-Borel}^* \subsetneq \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ ;
- $\Delta_1^1(\kappa) \subsetneq \kappa\text{-Borel}^* = \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ ;
- $\Delta_1^1(\kappa) = \kappa\text{-Borel}^* \subsetneq \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ .

As we will see, only case has not been answered.

**Question 1.28.** *Is the following consistent  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa) = \kappa\text{-Borel}^* \subsetneq \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ ?*

## 2 Reductions

Let  $\beta, \theta \in \{2, \kappa\}$ , and  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be equivalence relations on  $\beta^\kappa$  and  $\theta^\kappa$ , respectively. We say that  $E_1$  is *reducible* to  $E_2$  if there is a function  $f: \beta^\kappa \rightarrow \theta^\kappa$  that satisfies

$$(\eta, \xi) \in E_1 \iff (f(\eta), f(\xi)) \in E_2.$$

We call  $f$  a *reduction* of  $E_1$  to  $E_2$  and we denote by  $E_1 \hookrightarrow_r E_2$  the existence of a reduction of  $E_1$  to  $E_2$ . It is clear that  $E_1 \hookrightarrow_r E_2$  holds if and only if  $E_1$  doesn't have more equivalence classes than  $E_2$ .

**Definition 2.1** (Reductions). *Apart from a “cardinality” reduction,  $\hookrightarrow_r$ , we define the following notions which allow us to have a better spectrum of complexities.*

- **Borel reduction.** *A function  $f: \beta^\kappa \rightarrow \theta^\kappa$  is said to be  $\kappa$ -Borel if for any open set  $A \subseteq \theta^\kappa$ ,  $f^{-1}[A]$  is a  $\kappa$ -Borel set. The existence of a  $\kappa$ -Borel reduction of  $E_0$  to  $E_1$  is denoted by  $E_0 \hookrightarrow_B E_1$ .*
- **Continuous reduction.** *The existence of a continuous reduction of  $E_0$  to  $E_1$  is denoted by  $E_0 \hookrightarrow_c E_1$ .*
- **Lipschitz reduction.** *For all  $\eta, \xi \in \beta^\kappa$ , denote*

$$\Delta(\eta, \xi) := \min(\{\alpha < \kappa \mid \eta(\alpha) \neq \xi(\alpha)\} \cup \{\kappa\}).$$

*A function  $f: \beta^\kappa \rightarrow \theta^\kappa$  is said to be Lipschitz if for all  $\eta, \xi \in \beta^\kappa$ ,*

$$\Delta(\eta, \xi) \leq \Delta(f(\eta), f(\xi)).$$

*The existence of a Lipschitz reduction of  $E_0$  to  $E_1$  is denoted by  $E_0 \hookrightarrow_L E_1$ .*

### 2.1 Basic reductions

**Fact 2.2** (Folklore). *If  $f: \kappa^\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^\kappa \times \kappa^\kappa$  is a continuous functions, then for all  $\kappa$ -Borel  $X \subseteq \kappa^\kappa \times \kappa^\kappa$ ,  $f^{-1}[X]$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel.*

*Proof.* Let us proceed by induction over  $\Sigma_\alpha^0$ . Since  $f$  is continuous, if  $X \in \Sigma_1^0$ , then  $f^{-1}[X]$  is open. Thus  $X$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel. Let us suppose that  $\alpha < \kappa^+$  is such that for all  $\beta < \alpha$ , if  $X \in \Sigma_\beta^0$ , then  $f^{-1}[X]$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel. Let  $X \in \Pi_\beta^0$ , for some  $\beta < \alpha$ . Then,  $X = \kappa^\kappa \setminus A$ , for some  $A \in \Sigma_\beta^0$ . It is clear that  $f^{-1}[X] = \kappa^\kappa \setminus f^{-1}[A]$ . By the induction hypothesis  $f^{-1}[A]$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel, so  $f^{-1}[X]$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel.

Let  $X \in \Sigma_\alpha^0$ . So,  $X = \bigcup_{\gamma < \kappa} A_\gamma$ , where  $A_\gamma \in \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \Pi_\beta^0$ . It is easy to see that  $f^{-1}[X] = \bigcup_{\gamma < \kappa} f^{-1}[A_\gamma]$ . As it was proved above,  $A_\gamma$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel, therefore  $X$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel.  $\square$

**Exercise 2.1.** *Show that if  $f: \kappa^\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^\kappa$  is a  $\kappa$ -Borel function, then for all  $\kappa$ -Borel $^*$  set  $B \subseteq \kappa^\kappa$ ,  $f^{-1}[B]$  is a  $\kappa$ -Borel $^*$  set.*

**Fact 2.3** (Folklore). *Suppose  $E_0 \hookrightarrow_r E_1$ . Then the following hold:*

- *If  $E_1$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel and  $E_0 \hookrightarrow_B E_1$ , then  $E_0$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel.*
- *If  $E_1$  is  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa)$  and  $E_0 \hookrightarrow_B E_1$ , then  $E_0$  is  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa)$ .*



- If  $E_1$  is open and  $E_0 \hookrightarrow_c E_1$ , then  $E_0$  is open.

*Proof.* It follows from the previous exercise and the following claim.

**Claim 2.4.**  $\kappa^\kappa \times \kappa^\kappa$  and  $\kappa^\kappa$  are homeomorphic.

*Proof.* Let  $g : \kappa \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \times \kappa$  be a bijection, we denote  $g(\alpha)$  by  $(g_1(\alpha), g_2(\alpha))$ . Let us define  $F : \kappa^\kappa \times \kappa^\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^\kappa$  by  $F((\eta_0, \eta_1))(\alpha) = h(\alpha) = \eta_{g_1(\alpha)}(g_2(\alpha))$ . Let us show that  $F$  is a homeomorphism.

**Injective.** Let us assume, towards contradiction, that there are  $(\eta_0, \eta_1)$  and  $(\xi_0, \xi_1)$  such that  $F((\eta_0, \eta_1)) = F((\xi_0, \xi_1))$ . Thus, for all  $\alpha < \kappa$ ,  $\eta_{g_1(\alpha)}(g_2(\alpha)) = \xi_{g_1(\alpha)}(g_2(\alpha))$ . Let  $A_0 = \{\alpha < \kappa \mid g_1(\alpha) = 0\}$  and  $A_1 = \{\alpha < \kappa \mid g_1(\alpha) = 1\}$ . Therefore, for all  $\alpha \in A_0$ ,  $\eta_0(g_2(\alpha)) = \xi_0(g_2(\alpha))$  and for all  $\alpha \in A_1$ ,  $\eta_1(g_2(\alpha)) = \xi_1(g_2(\alpha))$ . Finally, since  $g$  is a bijection,  $g_2[A_0] = g_2[A_1] = \kappa$ , for all  $\beta < \kappa$ ,  $\eta_0(\beta) = \xi_0(\beta)$  and  $\eta_1(\beta) = \xi_1(\beta)$ . a contradiction.

**Surjective.** Let  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  as before. Let  $\eta \in \kappa^\kappa$ . Let us define  $\xi_0$  by  $\xi_0(g_2(\alpha)) = \eta(\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \in A_0$ . Let us define  $\xi_1$  by  $\xi_1(g_2(\alpha)) = \eta(\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \in A_1$ . Clearly  $F((\xi_1, \xi_0)) = \eta$ .

**Continuity.** Let  $\alpha < \kappa$ , and  $\eta, \xi_0$  and  $\xi_1$  be such that  $(\xi_0, \xi_1) \in F^{-1}[N_{\eta \upharpoonright \alpha}]$ . So, for all  $\beta < \alpha$ ,  $\eta(\beta) = F(\xi_0, \xi_1)(\beta) = \xi_{g_1(\beta)}(g_2(\beta))$ . Let  $\gamma = \sup\{g_2(\beta) \mid \beta < \alpha\}$  and  $(\zeta_0, \zeta_1) \in N_{\xi_0 \upharpoonright \gamma} \times N_{\xi_1 \upharpoonright \gamma}$ . Clearly for all  $\beta < \alpha$ ,  $F((\zeta_0, \zeta_1))(\beta) = \zeta_{g_1(\beta)}(g_2(\beta)) = \xi_{g_1(\beta)}(g_2(\beta)) = F((\xi_0, \xi_1))(\beta) = \eta(\beta)$ . Thus  $N_{\xi_0 \upharpoonright \gamma} \times N_{\xi_1 \upharpoonright \gamma} \subseteq F^{-1}[N_{\eta \upharpoonright \alpha}]$ .

**Open sets.** Let  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 < \kappa$ , and  $\eta, \xi_0$  and  $\xi_1$  be such that  $\eta \in F[N_{\xi_0 \upharpoonright \alpha_0} \times N_{\xi_1 \upharpoonright \alpha_1}]$ . Let  $\gamma = \sup\{g_2^{-1}(x, \beta) \mid x \in \{0, 1\} \ \& \ \beta < \max(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)\}$ ,  $\zeta \in N_{\eta \upharpoonright \gamma}$ , and  $\vartheta_0$  and  $\vartheta_1$  be such that  $F((\vartheta_0, \vartheta_1)) = \zeta$ , thus for all  $\beta < \gamma$ ,  $F((\vartheta_0, \vartheta_1))(\beta) = \nu_{g_1(\beta)}(g_2(\beta)) = \zeta(\beta) = \eta(\beta)$ . We conclude that  $N_{\eta \upharpoonright \gamma} \in F[N_{\xi_0 \upharpoonright \alpha_0} \times N_{\xi_1 \upharpoonright \alpha_1}]$ .  $\square$

If  $E_0 \hookrightarrow_B E_1$ , then we would have  $[f \times f]^{-1}[E_1] = E_0$  and since  $E_1$  is Borel\*, this yield  $E_0$  to be Borel\*.  $\square$

**Fact 2.5** (Folklore). *Let  $E$  be a  $\kappa$ -Borel equivalence relation. Then the equivalence classes of  $E$  are  $\kappa$ -Borel.*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \kappa^\kappa$ , and let us define  $f : \kappa^\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^\kappa \times \kappa^\kappa$  as  $f(\eta) = (\eta, x)$ . It is clear that  $f$  is continuous. On the other hand  $[x]_E$  (the  $E$ -equivalence class of  $x$ ) is equal to  $f^{-1}[(\kappa^\kappa \times \{x\}) \cap E]$ . Clearly  $\kappa^\kappa \times \{x\}$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel and since  $E$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel, by Fact 2.2  $f^{-1}[(\kappa^\kappa \times \{x\}) \cap E]$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6** (Mangraviti-Motto Ros, [13]). *Let  $E_1$  be a  $\kappa$ -Borel equivalence relation with  $\gamma \leq \kappa$  equivalence classes and  $E_2$  be an equivalence relation with  $\theta$  equivalence classes. If  $\gamma \leq \theta$ , then  $E_1 \hookrightarrow_B E_2$ .*

*Proof.* Let us choose  $\langle y_i \mid i < \gamma \rangle$  representatives of each  $E_1$ -equivalence class and  $\langle x_i \mid i < \theta \rangle$  representatives of each  $E_2$ -equivalence class. Let us define  $F : \kappa^\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^\kappa$  as  $F(\eta) = x_i$ , where  $i < \gamma$  is such that  $\eta E_1 y_i$ . Since  $\gamma \leq \theta$ ,  $F$  is well defined.

**Claim 2.7.**  $\eta E_1 \xi$  if and only if  $F(\eta) E_2 F(\xi)$ .

*Proof.* By the way  $F$  was defined, it is enough to prove that  $\eta E_1 \xi$  if and only if  $x_i E_2 x_j$ , where  $i$  and  $j$  are such that  $\eta E_1 y_i$  and  $\xi E_1 y_j$ . Since  $E_1$  is an equivalence relation,  $\eta E_1 \xi$  if and only if  $y_i E_1 y_j$ .

If  $\eta E_1 \xi$ , then  $y_i E_1 y_j$  and  $i = j$ . We conclude that  $x_i = x_j$  and  $x_i E_2 x_j$ . The other direction is similar.  $\square$

Let us show that  $F$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel. Let  $X \subseteq \kappa^\kappa$  be an open set. Then,

$$F^{-1}[X] = \bigcup_{x_i \in X} [y_i]_{E_1}.$$

By the previous fact,  $[y_i]_{E_1}$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel for all  $i < \gamma$ . Since  $\gamma \leq \kappa$ ,  $\bigcup_{x_i \in X} [y_i]_{E_1}$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel.  $\square$

**Definition 2.8** (Counting classes). *Let  $0 < \varrho \leq \kappa$  be a cardinal. Let us define the equivalence relation  $0_\varrho \in \kappa^\kappa \times \kappa^\kappa$  as follows:  $\eta 0_\varrho \xi$  if and only if one of the following holds:*

- $\varrho$  is finite:
  - $\eta(0) = \xi(0) < \varrho - 1$ ;
  - $\eta(0), \xi(0) \geq \varrho - 1$ .
- $\varrho$  is infinite:
  - $\eta(0) = \xi(0) < \varrho$ ;
  - $\eta(0), \xi(0) \geq \varrho$ .

**Lemma 2.9** (Moreno, [16]). *Let  $E$  be a Borel equivalence relation with  $\varrho \leq \kappa$  equivalence classes. Then*

$$E \hookrightarrow_B 0_\varrho \text{ and } 0_\varrho \hookrightarrow_L E.$$

*If  $E$  is not open, then  $E \not\hookrightarrow_c 0_\varrho$ .*

*Proof.* It is clear that for all  $0_\varrho$  is open, then by Lemma 2.6,  $E \hookrightarrow_B 0_\varrho$ .

Let show the case  $\varrho \geq \omega$ , let  $\langle x_i \mid i \leq \varrho \rangle$  representatives of each  $E$ -equivalence class. Clearly the function

$$F(\eta) = \begin{cases} x_{\eta(0)+1} & \text{if } \eta(0) < \varrho, \\ x_0 & \eta(0) \geq \varrho. \end{cases}$$

is Lipschitz and a reduction from  $0_\varrho$  to  $E$ , i.e.  $0_\varrho \hookrightarrow_L E$ .

Finally, suppose  $E \hookrightarrow_c 0_\varrho$ . Since  $0_\varrho$  is open, by Fact 2.3,  $E$  is open. □

Let us define  $E_0^{<\kappa}$ , the *equivalence modulo bounded*, as:

$$E_0^{<\kappa} := \{(\eta, \xi) \in 2^\kappa \times 2^\kappa \mid \exists \alpha < \kappa [\forall \beta > \alpha (\eta(\beta) = \xi(\beta))]\}.$$

Let  $id_2$  be the identity relation of  $2^\kappa$ .

**Exercise 2.2.** Show that  $E_0^{<\kappa}$  is an equivalence relation.

**Theorem 2.10** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov), [5] Theorem 34). 1.  $E_0^{<\kappa}$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel.

2.  $id_2 \hookrightarrow_c E_0^{<\kappa}$ .

*Proof.* 1. Let us denote by  $[\kappa]^{<\kappa}$  the set of subsets of  $\kappa$  of size smaller than  $\kappa$ . Clearly

$$E_0^{<\kappa} = \bigcup_{A \in [\kappa]^{<\kappa}} \bigcap_{\alpha \notin A} \{(\eta, \xi) \mid \eta(\alpha) = \xi(\alpha)\}$$

and  $\{(\eta, \xi) \mid \eta(\alpha) = \xi(\alpha)\}$  is open.

2. Let  $(A_i)_{i < \kappa}$  be a partition of  $\kappa$  such that for all  $i < \kappa$ ,  $|A_i| = \kappa$ . Let us define  $F : 2^\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^\kappa$  by  $F(\eta)(\alpha) = \eta(i)$  if and only if  $\alpha \in A_i$ . Clearly, if  $\eta = \xi$ , then  $F(\eta) = F(\xi)$  and  $F(\eta) E_0^{<\kappa} F(\xi)$ . If  $\eta \neq \xi$ , then there is  $i < \kappa$  such that  $\eta(i) \neq \xi(i)$ . So

$$A_i \subseteq \{\alpha < \kappa \mid F(\eta)(\alpha) \neq F(\xi)(\alpha)\}.$$

Since  $|A_i| = \kappa$ , we conclude that  $F(\eta)$  and  $F(\xi)$  are not  $E_0^{<\kappa}$  equivalent. □

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $S \subseteq \kappa$  be an unbounded set. We say that a function  $f : \kappa^\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^\kappa$  is  $S$ -recursive if there is a function  $H : \kappa^{<\kappa} \rightarrow \kappa^{<\kappa}$  such that for all  $\alpha \in S$  and  $\eta \in \kappa^\kappa$ ,  $f(\eta)(\theta) = H(\eta \upharpoonright \alpha)(\theta)$  for all  $\theta < \min(S \setminus (\alpha + 1))$ .

**Exercise 2.3** (Moreno, [16]). Let  $S \subseteq \kappa$  be unbounded and  $f : \kappa^\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^\kappa$  an  $S$ -recursive function.

1.  $f$  is continuous.

2. If  $S$  is a club that satisfies the following:

(†)  $\alpha_m = \min(S)$  is such that for all  $\eta, \xi \in \kappa^\kappa$  and  $\beta < \alpha_m$ ,  $\eta \upharpoonright \beta = \xi \upharpoonright \beta$  implies  $f(\eta) \upharpoonright \beta = f(\xi) \upharpoonright \beta$ .

Then  $f$  is Lipschitz.

**Exercise 2.4** (Moreno, [16]). 1. Find  $S \subseteq \kappa$  and a function  $f$ , such that  $f$  is  $S$ -recursive but not  $\kappa$ -recursive.

2. Find  $S \subseteq \kappa$  and a function  $f$ , such that  $f$  is  $\kappa$ -recursive but not  $S$ -recursive.

## 2.2 Equivalence modulo $S$

**Definition 2.12.** We say that a set  $S \subseteq \kappa$  is stationary if for all club  $C \subseteq \kappa$ ,  $S \cap C \neq \emptyset$ .

Notice that if  $S \subseteq \kappa$  is stationary and  $C \subseteq \kappa$  is a club, then  $S \cap C$  is stationary.

**Definition 2.13.** Given  $S \subseteq \kappa$  and  $\theta \in \{2, \kappa\}$ , we define the equivalence relation  $=_S^\theta \subseteq \theta^\kappa \times \theta^\kappa$ , as follows

$$\eta =_S^\theta \xi \iff \{\alpha < \kappa \mid \eta(\alpha) \neq \xi(\alpha)\} \cap S \text{ is non-stationary.}$$

It is clear that  $=_S^\theta \neq \theta^\kappa \times \theta^\kappa$  if and only if  $S$  is stationary.

**Exercise 2.5.** Show that  $\eta =_S^\theta \xi$  if and only if there is a club  $C \subseteq \kappa$ , such that  $C \cap S \subseteq \{\alpha < \kappa \mid \eta(\alpha) = \xi(\alpha)\}$ .

**Exercise 2.6.** Show that if  $C$  is a club, then the set of limits of  $C$  is also a club.

**Exercise 2.7.** Prove Lemma 2.14

**Lemma 2.14** (Monotonicity, Fernandes-Moreno-Rinot, [3] Lemma 2.7 ). Suppose  $\theta, \theta', \lambda, \lambda' \in \{2, \kappa\}$  are such that  $\theta \leq \theta', \lambda \leq \lambda'$ , and,  $X \subseteq X'$  and  $S \subseteq S'$  are stationary sets such that  $=_{X'}^{\theta'} \hookrightarrow_c =_S^\lambda$ , then  $=_X^\theta \hookrightarrow_c =_{S'}^{\lambda'}$ .

**Definition 2.15.** Let  $(T, h)$  be a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code and  $\alpha < \kappa$ . Let  $(T_\alpha, h_\alpha) = (T, h) \upharpoonright \alpha$  be the  $\alpha$ -approximation of  $(T, h)$  defined by  $T_\alpha = T \cap \alpha^{<\omega}$  and  $h_\alpha = h \upharpoonright T_\alpha$ .

We say that a  $\kappa$ -Borel equivalence relation  $E \subseteq 2^\kappa \times 2^\kappa$  has an approximation if there is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\*-code,  $(T, h)$ , such that the following hold

- $T$  doesn't have infinite branches,
- $(T, h)$  codes  $E$ ,
- there is a club  $C$  such that for all  $\alpha \in C$ ,  $(T, h) \upharpoonright \alpha$  codes an equivalence relation  $E_\alpha$ ,
- for all  $\alpha \in C$  and leaf  $l \in T \cap \alpha^{<\omega}$ , there are  $\eta, \xi \in 2^{<\alpha}$  such that  $h_\alpha(l) = N_\eta \times N_\xi$ .

**Lemma 2.16** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov), [4] Theorem 11). Let  $E$  be a  $\kappa$ -Borel equivalence relation with an approximation  $(T, h)$  and  $C \subseteq \kappa$ . For all stationary set  $S \subseteq \kappa$ ,  $E \hookrightarrow_c =_S^\kappa$ .

*Proof.* Since  $E$  is approximated by  $(T, h)$  and  $C \subseteq \kappa$ ,  $(T, h) \upharpoonright \alpha$  is an equivalence relation for all  $\alpha \in C$ . Let us denote these equivalence relations by  $E_\alpha$ . For all  $\alpha \in C$ , let  $\langle x_i^\alpha \mid 0 < i < \kappa \rangle$  be an enumeration of the  $E_\alpha$ -equivalence classes. Let us define the function  $F : \kappa^\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^\kappa$  by

$$F(\eta)(\alpha) = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } \alpha \in C \text{ and } \eta \in x_i^\alpha, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let us show that  $\eta E \xi$  if and only if  $F(\eta) =_S^\kappa F(\xi)$ .

If  $\eta E \xi$ , then  $\mathbf{II}$  has a winning strategy  $\sigma$  for the game  $B^*(T, h, (\eta, \xi))$ . Notice that the set  $D = \{\alpha < \kappa \mid \sigma(\alpha^{<\omega}) \subseteq \alpha\}$  is a club, thus for all  $\alpha \in C \cap D$ ,  $\sigma$  is a winning strategy of  $\mathbf{II}$  for the game  $B^*(T_\alpha, h_\alpha, (\eta, \xi))$ . We conclude that  $\eta E_\alpha \xi$  and  $F(\eta)(\alpha) = F(\xi)(\alpha)$ . We conclude that  $C \cap D \subseteq \{\alpha < \kappa \mid F(\eta)(\alpha) = F(\xi)(\alpha)\}$  and  $\{\alpha < \kappa \mid F(\eta)(\alpha) \neq F(\xi)(\alpha)\} \cap S$  is non-stationary. So  $F(\eta) =_S^\kappa F(\xi)$ .

From Exercise 1.9 and a similar argument, it is possible to show that there is a club  $D \subseteq \kappa$  such that  $C \cap D \subseteq \{\alpha < \kappa \mid F(\eta)(\alpha) \neq F(\xi)(\alpha)\}$ . Thus  $\{\alpha < \kappa \mid F(\eta)(\alpha) \neq F(\xi)(\alpha)\} \cap S$  is stationary. So  $F(\eta) \neq_S^\kappa F(\xi)$ .

**Exercise 2.8.** Show that  $F$  is  $C$ -recursive and continuous.

□

**Exercise 2.9.** Prove Lemma 2.17.

**Lemma 2.17** (Fernandes-Moreno-Rinot, [3] Lemma 2.10). Suppose  $\kappa$  is such that  $|\kappa| = |2^\lambda|$  for some  $\lambda < \kappa$ , and  $X, S \subseteq \kappa$  be stationary sets. Show that if  $=_X^2 \hookrightarrow_c =_S^2$ , then  $=_X^\kappa \hookrightarrow_c =_S^\kappa$ .

(Hint: Similar to Fact 2.10 (2).) Use the following two facts:

- If  $\langle D_i \mid i < \gamma < \kappa \rangle$  is a sequence of clubs of  $\kappa$ , then  $\bigcap_{i < \gamma} D_i$  is a club of  $\kappa$ .
- If  $S \subseteq \kappa$  is stationary and  $\langle S_i \mid i < \gamma < \kappa \rangle$  is a sequence of disjoint subsets of  $S$  such that  $\bigcup_{i < \gamma} S_i = S$ , then there is  $j < \gamma$ , such that  $S_j$  is a stationary set of  $\kappa$ .

Show that the following function  $F$  is a reduction:

- Let  $h : \kappa \rightarrow 2^\lambda$  is a bijection.
- Define  $\pi : \kappa^\kappa \rightarrow (2^\kappa)^\lambda$  by  $\pi(\eta) = \langle \eta_i \mid i < \lambda \rangle$  where

$$\eta_i(\alpha) = h(\eta(\alpha))(i).$$

- Let  $f : 2^\kappa \rightarrow 2^\kappa$  a continuous reduction from  $=_X^2$  to  $=_S^2$ .
- Define  $F : \kappa^\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^\kappa$  by  $F(\eta) = \zeta$ , where  $\pi(\eta) = \langle \eta_i \mid i < \lambda \rangle$  and  $\pi(\zeta) = \langle f(\eta_i) \mid i < \lambda \rangle$ .

## 2.3 The approximation lemma

**Definition 2.18** (*S*-approximation). Let  $\theta \in \{2, \kappa\}$  and let  $S \subseteq \kappa$  be a stationary set, we say that an equivalence relation  $E \subseteq \theta^\kappa \times \theta^\kappa$  has an *S*-approximation if there is  $\langle E_\alpha \mid \alpha < \kappa \rangle$  a sequence of relations,  $E_\alpha \subseteq \theta^\alpha \times \theta^\alpha$ , such that the following hold:

1. There is  $C \subseteq \kappa$  a club such that for all  $\alpha \in C$ ,  $E_\alpha$  is an equivalence relation.
2. For all  $\eta, \xi \in \theta^\kappa$ , if  $\eta E \xi$ , then there is  $D \subseteq C$  a club, such that for all  $\alpha \in D$ ,

$$\eta \restriction \alpha E_\alpha \xi \restriction \alpha.$$

3. For all  $\eta, \xi \in \theta^\kappa$ , if  $\neg(\eta E \xi)$ , then there is  $S' \subseteq S$  a stationary set, such that for all  $\alpha \in S'$ ,

$$\neg(\eta \restriction \alpha E_\alpha \xi \restriction \alpha).$$

**Lemma 2.19** (Approximation lemma in  $\kappa^\kappa$ ). Suppose  $\theta \in \{2, \kappa\}$ ,  $S \subseteq \kappa$  is a stationary set, and  $E \subseteq \theta^\kappa \times \theta^\kappa$  is an equivalence relation with an *S*-approximation,  $\langle E_\alpha \mid \alpha < \kappa \rangle$ . Then

$$E \hookrightarrow_{L=\kappa_S}^\kappa.$$

*Proof.* Let  $C \subseteq \kappa$  be the club that witnesses that  $\langle E_\alpha \mid \alpha < \kappa \rangle$  is an *S*-approximation. For all  $\alpha \in C$ , let  $\langle x_i^\alpha \mid 0 < i < \kappa \rangle$  be an enumeration of the  $E_\alpha$ -equivalence classes (this can be done since  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ ). Let us define  $F : \theta^\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^\kappa$  as follows:

$$F(\eta)(\alpha) = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } \alpha \in C \text{ and } \eta \restriction \alpha \in x_i^\alpha, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let us show that  $\eta E \xi$  if and only if  $F(\eta) \equiv_S^\kappa F(\xi)$ .

**Claim 2.20.**  $\eta E \xi$  implies  $F(\eta) \equiv_S^\kappa F(\xi)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\eta, \xi \in \theta^\kappa$  are such that  $\eta E \xi$ . Since  $\langle E_\alpha \mid \alpha < \kappa \rangle$  is an *S*-approximation, by Definition 2.18 item 2, there is a club  $D \subseteq C$  such that for all  $\alpha \in D$ ,

$$\eta \restriction \alpha E_\alpha \xi \restriction \alpha.$$

So, for all  $\alpha \in D \cap S$ ,  $F(\eta)(\alpha) = F(\xi)(\alpha)$ . Thus  $\{\alpha < \kappa \mid \eta(\alpha) \neq \xi(\alpha)\} \cap S$  is non-stationary and we conclude that  $F(\eta) \equiv_S^\kappa F(\xi)$ .  $\square$

**Claim 2.21.**  $\neg(\eta E \xi)$  implies  $\neg(F(\eta) \equiv_S^\kappa F(\xi))$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\eta, \xi \in \theta^\kappa$  are such that  $\neg(\eta E \xi)$ . Since  $\langle E_\alpha \mid \alpha < \kappa \rangle$  is an *S*-approximation, by Definition 2.18 item 3, there is a stationary subset  $S' \subseteq S$  such that for all  $\alpha \in S'$ ,

$$\neg(\eta \restriction \alpha E_\alpha \xi \restriction \alpha).$$

So, for all  $\alpha \in C \cap S'$ ,  $F(\eta)(\alpha) \neq F(\xi)(\alpha)$ . Thus  $C \cap S' \subseteq \{\alpha < \kappa \mid \eta(\alpha) \neq \xi(\alpha)\} \cap S$  is stationary and we conclude that  $\neg(F(\eta) \equiv_S^\kappa F(\xi))$ .  $\square$

**Claim 2.22.**  $F$  is  $C$ -recursive

*Proof.* Let us define  $H : \theta^{<\kappa} \rightarrow \kappa^{<\kappa}$  as follows:

$$H(\eta \restriction \alpha) = \begin{cases} F(\eta) \restriction \alpha' & \text{if } \alpha \in C \text{ and } \alpha' = \min(C \setminus (\alpha + 1)), \\ \bar{0}_\alpha & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Where  $\bar{0}_\alpha$  is the function constant to 0 with domain  $\alpha$ . Clearly, if  $\alpha, \beta \in C$  are such that  $\beta < \alpha$ , then  $H(\eta \restriction \beta) \subseteq H(\eta \restriction \alpha)$ .

Let us show that  $H$  is well define. Let  $\eta, \xi \in \theta^\kappa$  and  $\alpha \in C$  are such that  $\eta \restriction \alpha = \xi \restriction \alpha$ . Let  $\alpha' = \min(C \setminus (\alpha + 1))$ . Clearly for all  $\beta < \alpha'$  such that  $\beta \notin C$ ,  $F(\eta)(\beta) = 0 = F(\xi)(\beta)$ . So  $F(\eta) \restriction \alpha' \restriction \beta = 0 = F(\xi) \restriction \alpha' \restriction \beta$  for all  $\beta \in \alpha' \setminus C$ . On the other hand, by the definition of  $F$ , for all  $\beta < \alpha'$  such that  $\beta \in C$ ,  $F(\eta)(\beta) = i$  and  $F(\xi)(\beta) = j$ , where  $\eta \restriction \beta \in x_i^\beta$  and  $\xi \restriction \beta \in x_j^\beta$ . Since  $\eta \restriction \beta = \xi \restriction \beta$  and  $E_\beta$  is an equivalence relation (since  $\beta \in C$ ),  $x_i^\beta = x_j^\beta$ , and  $i = j$ . Thus  $F(\eta) \restriction \alpha' \restriction \beta = F(\xi) \restriction \alpha' \restriction \beta$  for all  $\beta \in \alpha' \cap C$ . We conclude that  $F(\eta) \restriction \alpha' = F(\xi) \restriction \alpha'$ ,  $H(\eta \restriction \alpha) = H(\xi \restriction \alpha)$  and  $H$  is well defined.

Finally, from the way  $H$  was defined, for all  $\alpha \in C$  and  $\eta \in \theta^\kappa$ ,  $F(\eta)(\beta) = H(\eta \restriction \alpha)(\beta)$  for all  $\beta < \min(S \setminus (\alpha + 1))$ .  $\square$

Notice that for all  $\beta < \min(C)$  and  $\eta \in \theta^\kappa$ ,  $F(\eta)(\beta) = 0$ . By Exercise 2.3,  $F$  is Lipschitz.  $\square$

### 3 Combinatorics

#### 3.1 Filter reflection

**Definition 3.1.** We say that a stationary set  $S \subseteq \kappa$  reflects at  $\alpha$  if  $S \cap \alpha$  is stationary at  $\alpha$ , where  $cf(\alpha) > \omega$ .

We say that a stationary set  $S \subseteq \kappa$  reflects to  $X$  if for all  $\alpha \in X$ ,  $S$  reflects at  $\alpha$ . We say that  $S$  strongly reflects to  $X$  if for all stationary  $Z \subseteq S$  there is  $Y \subseteq X$ , such that  $Z$  reflects to  $Y$ .

Recall that the cofinality of an ordinal  $\alpha$ ,  $cf(\alpha)$ , is the smallest cardinal  $\gamma$  such that there is a function  $G : \gamma \rightarrow \alpha$ , such that for all  $\beta < \alpha$ , there is  $\theta < \gamma$ , such that  $\beta < G(\theta)$ . For all regular cardinal  $\gamma < \kappa$ , define  $S_\gamma^\kappa$  as the set of ordinals below  $\kappa$  with cofinality  $\gamma$ .

**Lemma 3.2** (Aspero-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov)-Moreno, [1] Proposition 2.8). Suppose  $\gamma < \lambda < \kappa$  are regular cardinals. If  $S_\gamma^\kappa$  strongly reflects to  $S_\lambda^\kappa$ , then  $=_\gamma^\kappa \rightarrow_c =_\lambda^\kappa$ .

*Proof.* For all  $\alpha \in S_\lambda^\kappa$ , let  $E_\alpha$  be the equivalence relation defined by

$$\eta E_\alpha \xi \iff \{\beta < \alpha \mid \eta(\beta) \neq \xi(\beta)\} \cap S_\gamma^\kappa \text{ is non-stationary in } \alpha.$$

Let  $\langle x_i^\alpha \mid 0 < i < \kappa \rangle$  be an enumeration of the  $E_\alpha$ -equivalence classes. Let us define the function  $F : \kappa^\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^\kappa$  by

$$F(\eta)(\alpha) = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } \alpha \in S_\lambda^\kappa \text{ and } \eta \in x_i^\alpha, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let us show that  $\eta =_\gamma^\kappa \xi$  if and only if  $F(\eta) =_\lambda^\kappa F(\xi)$ .

Suppose  $\eta =_\gamma^\kappa \xi$ . There is a club  $C \subseteq \kappa$ , such that  $C \cap S_\gamma^\kappa \subseteq \{\alpha < \kappa \mid \eta(\alpha) = \xi(\alpha)\}$ . Thus for all  $\alpha \in C \cap S_\lambda^\kappa$  limit in  $C$ ,  $C \cap S_\gamma^\kappa \cap \alpha \subseteq \{\beta < \alpha \mid \eta(\beta) = \xi(\beta)\}$  and  $\eta E_\alpha \xi$ . Therefore there is a club  $D \subseteq \kappa$  (the limits of  $C$ ) such that  $D \cap S_\lambda^\kappa \subseteq \{\alpha < \kappa \mid F(\eta)(\alpha) = F(\xi)(\alpha)\}$ . we conclude that  $F(\eta) =_\lambda^\kappa F(\xi)$ .

Suppose  $\eta \neq_\gamma^\kappa \xi$ . Then  $Z = \{\alpha < \kappa \mid \eta(\alpha) \neq \xi(\alpha)\} \cap S_\gamma^\kappa$  is stationary. By strong reflection, there is a stationary  $Y \subseteq X$  such that  $Z$  reflects to  $Y$ . Thus, for all  $\alpha \in Y$ ,  $Z \cap \alpha$  is stationary in  $\alpha$ . Since  $Z \cap \alpha \subseteq \{\beta < \alpha \mid \eta(\beta) \neq \xi(\beta)\} \cap S_\gamma^\kappa$ , for all  $\alpha \in Y$ ,  $\{\beta < \alpha \mid \eta(\beta) \neq \xi(\beta)\} \cap S_\gamma^\kappa$  is stationary in  $\alpha$ . Therefore for all  $\alpha \in Y$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\xi$  have different equivalence classes in  $E_\alpha$  and  $F(\eta)(\alpha) \neq F(\xi)(\alpha)$ . We conclude that  $F(\eta) \neq_\lambda^\kappa F(\xi)$ .

Same as in Exercise 2.8,  $F$  is  $S_\lambda^\kappa$ -recursive and continuous.  $\square$

**Definition 3.3.**  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\delta)$  is a filter over  $\delta$  if the following holds:

- $\delta \in \mathcal{F}$ ,
- for all  $x \in \mathcal{F}$ , if  $x \subseteq y$ , then  $y \in \mathcal{F}$ ,
- if  $x, y \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $x \cap y \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Given a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  over  $\delta$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{F}^+$  the set  $\{A \subseteq \delta \mid \forall B \in \mathcal{F} (A \cap B \neq \emptyset)\}$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\kappa)$  be a filter over  $\kappa$ . For any set  $\mathbf{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  induces an equivalence relation over the space  $\mathbf{R}^\kappa$ . Let  $\sim_{\mathcal{F}}^{\mathbf{R}}$  be the following relation:

$$\eta \sim_{\mathcal{F}}^{\mathbf{R}} \xi \iff \exists W \in \mathcal{F} (W \subseteq \{\alpha < \kappa \mid \eta(\alpha) = \xi(\alpha)\})$$

**Exercise 3.1.** Show that for any filter  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $\sim_{\mathcal{F}}^{\mathbf{R}}$  is an equivalence relation.

We say that an equivalence relation  $E$  is filtered if and only if there is a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $\eta E \xi \iff \eta \sim_{\mathcal{F}}^{\mathbf{R}} \xi$ .

**Exercise 3.2.** Show that the following are filtered equivalence relations:

1.  $id_2$ .
2.  $0_\kappa$ .
3.  $E_0^{<\kappa}$ .
4.  $=_S^2$  where  $S \subseteq \kappa$  is stationary.

**Exercise 3.3.** Show that  $0_\varrho$  is not a filtered relation when  $\varrho < \kappa$ .

Let us define  $E_0^{<\kappa, \kappa}$ , the equivalence modulo bounded over  $\kappa^\kappa$ , as:

$$E_0^{<\kappa, \kappa} := \{(\eta, \xi) \in \kappa^\kappa \times \kappa^\kappa \mid \exists \alpha < \kappa [\forall \beta > \alpha (\eta(\beta) = \xi(\beta))]\}.$$

**Exercise 3.4.** 1. Show that  $E_0^{<\kappa, \kappa}$  is a filtered equivalence relation.

2. Prove that for any stationary set  $S \subseteq \kappa$ ,  $E_0^{<\kappa, \kappa} \hookrightarrow_L =_S^\kappa$ .

**Definition 3.5.** Suppose  $S \subseteq \kappa$  is a stationary set and  $\vec{\mathcal{F}} = \langle \mathcal{F}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle$  is a sequence of filters, i.e. for all  $\alpha \in S$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha$  is a filter over  $\alpha$ . We say that  $\vec{\mathcal{F}}$  captures clubs if and only if for every club  $C \subseteq \kappa$ , the set  $\{\alpha \in S \mid C \cap \alpha \notin \mathcal{F}_\alpha\}$  is non-stationary.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $\omega < \lambda < \kappa$  be a regular cardinal. For all  $\alpha \in S_\lambda^\kappa$ , let  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha$  be the club filter of  $\alpha$ . Clearly  $\vec{\mathcal{F}} = \langle \mathcal{F}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S_\lambda^\kappa \rangle$  captures clubs.

**Definition 3.6.** Suppose  $X, S \subseteq \kappa$  are stationary sets, and  $\vec{\mathcal{F}} = \langle \mathcal{F}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle$  is a sequence of filters. We say that  $X \vec{\mathcal{F}}$ -reflects to  $S$  if and only if  $\vec{\mathcal{F}}$  captures clubs, and for every stationary set  $Y \subseteq X$ , the set  $\{\alpha \in S \mid Y \cap \alpha \in \mathcal{F}_\alpha^+\}$  is stationary.

We say that  $X \mathfrak{f}$ -reflects to  $S$  if and only if there exists a sequence  $\vec{\mathcal{F}}$  over a stationary subset  $S' \subseteq S$  such that  $X \vec{\mathcal{F}}$ -reflects to  $S'$ .

**Exercise 3.5.** Prove Lemma 3.7.

**Lemma 3.7** (Monotonicity, Fernandes-Moreno-Rinot, [3] Lemma 2.4 ). Suppose  $Y \subseteq X \subseteq \kappa$  and  $S \subseteq T \subseteq \kappa$  are stationary sets. If  $X \mathfrak{f}$ -reflects to  $S$ , then  $Y \mathfrak{f}$ -reflects to  $T$ .

**Lemma 3.8** (Fernandes-Moreno-Rinot, [3] Lemma 2.8 ). If  $X \mathfrak{f}$ -reflects to  $S$ , then  $=_X^\kappa \hookrightarrow_L =_S^\kappa$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\vec{\mathcal{F}} = \langle \mathcal{F}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S' \rangle$  witnesses that  $X \mathfrak{f}$ -reflects to  $S$ . For every  $\alpha \in S'$ , define an equivalence relation  $\sim_\alpha$  over  $\kappa^\alpha$  by letting  $\eta \sim_\alpha \xi$  iff there is  $W \in \mathcal{F}_\alpha$  such that  $W \cap X \subseteq \{\beta < \alpha \mid \eta(\beta) = \xi(\beta)\}$ . As there are at most  $|\kappa^\alpha|$  many equivalence classes and as  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ , we can enumerate the equivalence classes  $[\eta]_{\sim_\alpha}$ ,  $\langle x_i^\alpha \mid 0 < i < \kappa \rangle$ . Next, define a map  $f : \kappa^\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^\kappa$  by letting for all  $\eta \in \kappa^\kappa$  and  $\alpha < \kappa$ :

$$f(\eta)(\alpha) := \begin{cases} i & \text{if } \alpha \in S' \text{ and } [\eta \restriction \alpha]_{\sim_\alpha} = x_i^\alpha; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $f$  is Lipschitz and  $S'$ -recursive. To show that it is a reduction from  $=_X^\kappa$  to  $=_S^\kappa$ , let  $\eta, \xi$  be arbitrary elements of  $\kappa^\kappa$ .

- $\eta =_X^\kappa \xi$ : There is a club  $C$  such that  $C \cap X \subseteq \{\beta < \kappa \mid \eta(\beta) = \xi(\beta)\}$ . Since  $\vec{\mathcal{F}}$  captures clubs, there is a club  $D \subseteq \kappa$  such that, for all  $\alpha \in D \cap S'$ ,  $C \cap \alpha \in \mathcal{F}_\alpha$ .

**Claim 3.9.**  $D \cap \{\alpha \in S \mid f(\eta)(\alpha) \neq f(\xi)(\alpha)\} = \emptyset$ , so  $f(\eta) =_S^\kappa f(\xi)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha \in D$  be arbitrary. If  $\alpha \notin S'$ , then  $f(\eta)(\alpha) = 0 = f(\xi)(\alpha)$ .

If  $\alpha \in S'$ , then for  $W := C \cap \alpha$ , we have that  $W \in \mathcal{F}_\alpha$  and  $W \cap X \subseteq \{\beta < \alpha \mid \eta(\beta) = \xi(\beta)\}$ , so that  $[\eta \restriction \alpha]_{\sim_\alpha} = [\xi \restriction \alpha]_{\sim_\alpha}$  and  $f(\eta)(\alpha) = f(\xi)(\alpha)$ .  $\square$

- $\eta \neq_X^\kappa \xi$ : So  $Y := \{\beta \in X \mid \eta(\beta) \neq \xi(\beta)\}$  is stationary. Since  $\vec{\mathcal{F}} = \langle \mathcal{F}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S' \rangle$  witnesses that  $X \mathfrak{f}$ -reflects to  $S$ ,  $T := \{\alpha \in S' \mid Y \cap \alpha \in \mathcal{F}_\alpha^+\}$  is stationary. Now, for every  $\alpha \in T$  and any  $W \in \mathcal{F}_\alpha$ ,  $W \cap Y \cap \alpha \neq \emptyset$ . So that  $W \cap Y \cap \alpha \subseteq W \cap X$ ,  $W \cap X \not\subseteq \{\beta < \alpha \mid \eta(\beta) = \xi(\beta)\}$ , and  $[\eta \restriction \alpha]_{\sim_\alpha} \neq [\xi \restriction \alpha]_{\sim_\alpha}$ . It follows that  $T \subseteq \{\alpha \in S' \mid f(\eta)(\alpha) \neq f(\xi)(\alpha)\}$ , so that  $f(\eta) \neq_S^\kappa f(\xi)$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 3.6.** Prove Lemma 3.10.

**Lemma 3.10** (Fernandes-Moreno-Rinot, [3] Lemma 2.17). Suppose  $X, Y, Z$  are stationary subsets of  $\kappa$ , with  $X \cap Y = \emptyset$ . Prove the following:

1. If  $X \mathfrak{f}$ -reflects to  $Y$  and  $Y \mathfrak{f}$ -reflects to  $X$ , then there is a function simultaneously witnessing

$$=_X \hookrightarrow_L =_Y \text{ \& } =_Y \hookrightarrow_L =_X.$$

2. If  $Z \mathfrak{f}$ -reflects to  $Y$  and  $Z \mathfrak{f}$ -reflects to  $X$ , then there is a function simultaneously witnessing

$$=_Z \hookrightarrow_L =_Y \text{ \& } =_Z \hookrightarrow_L =_X.$$

### 3.2 Diamond principle

**Definition 3.11.** For a given cardinal  $\lambda$  and a stationary set  $S \subseteq \lambda$ ,  $\diamond_\lambda(S)$  is the statement that there is a sequence  $\langle D_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle$  such that

- For all  $\alpha \in S$ ,  $D_\alpha \subseteq \alpha$ .
- For all  $A \subseteq \lambda$ , the set  $\{\alpha \in S \mid D_\alpha = A \cap \alpha\}$  is stationary.

**Exercise 3.7.** Show that if  $\lambda$  is an infinite cardinal and  $S \subseteq \lambda^+$  is a stationary set. Then  $\diamond_{\lambda^+}(S)$  implies  $\lambda^+ = |\mathcal{P}(\lambda)| = 2^\lambda$ .

**Lemma 3.12** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikow), [5] Theorem 60). Let  $S \subseteq \kappa$  be stationary and suppose that  $\diamond_\kappa(S)$ . Then

$$E_0^{<\kappa} \hookrightarrow_{L=S}^2$$

*Proof.* Let  $\langle D_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle$  be a sequence that witnesses  $\diamond_\kappa(S)$ . For all  $\alpha \in S$ , let  $\eta_\alpha : \alpha \rightarrow 2$  be the function

$$\eta_\alpha(\beta) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \beta \in D_\alpha; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For all  $\alpha \in S$  let  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha$  be the filter  $\{Z \subseteq \alpha \mid \exists \beta < \alpha (Z \cup \beta = \alpha)\}$ , and  $\sim_\alpha$  the equivalent relation induced by  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha$ . Define  $f : 2^\kappa \rightarrow 2^\kappa$  by:

$$f(\eta)(\alpha) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \eta_\alpha \in [\eta \restriction \alpha]_{\sim_\alpha}; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is clear that  $f$  is Lipschitz.

- Suppose  $\eta E_0^{<\kappa} \xi$ . Thus there is  $\beta < \kappa$  such that for all  $\alpha > \beta$ ,  $\eta \restriction \alpha \sim_\alpha \xi \restriction \alpha$ . Then, for all  $\alpha > \beta$ ,  $f(\eta)(\alpha) = f(\xi)(\alpha)$ . In particular, for all  $\alpha \in S \cap \beta$ , so  $f(\eta) =_S^2 f(\xi)$ .
- Suppose  $\neg(\eta E_0^{<\kappa} \xi)$ . There is an unbounded set  $S \subseteq \kappa$ , such that  $\forall \alpha \in A$ ,  $\eta(\alpha) \neq \xi(\alpha)$ . So there is a club  $C \subseteq \kappa$ , such that  $A \subseteq C$  and for all  $\alpha \in C$ ,  $\alpha$  a limit of  $C$ ,  $\neg(\eta \restriction \alpha \sim_\alpha \xi \restriction \alpha)$ . Thus  $[\eta \restriction \alpha]_{\sim_\alpha} \neq [\xi \restriction \alpha]_{\sim_\alpha}$ . On the other hand, by  $\diamond_\kappa(S)$ , the set

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \{\alpha < \kappa \mid \eta \restriction \alpha = \eta_\alpha\} \\ &= \{\alpha < \kappa \mid (\eta \restriction \alpha)^{-1}[1] = \eta_\alpha^{-1}[1]\} \\ &= \{\alpha < \kappa \mid \eta^{-1}[1] \cap \alpha = D_\alpha\} \end{aligned}$$

is stationary. So, for all  $\alpha \in C \cap R$ ,  $\eta_\alpha \in [\eta \restriction \alpha]_{\sim_\alpha}$  and  $\eta_\alpha \notin [\xi \restriction \alpha]_{\sim_\alpha}$ . We conclude that for all  $\alpha \in C \cap R$ ,  $f(\eta)(\alpha) = 1$  and  $f(\eta)(\alpha) = 0$ . Since  $R$  is stationary,  $C \cap R$  is stationary and  $f(\eta) \neq_S^2 f(\xi)$ . □

**Definition 3.13.** We say that  $X$   $\vec{\mathcal{F}}$ -reflects with  $\diamond$  to  $S$  iff  $\vec{\mathcal{F}}$  captures clubs and there exists a sequence  $\langle Y_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle$  such that, for every stationary  $Y \subseteq X$ , the set  $\{\alpha \in S \mid Y_\alpha = Y \cap \alpha \text{ \& } Y \cap \alpha \in \mathcal{F}_\alpha^+\}$  is stationary.

We say that  $X$   $\mathfrak{f}$ -reflects with  $\diamond$  to  $S$  if and only if there exists a sequence  $\vec{\mathcal{F}}$  over a stationary subset  $S' \subseteq S$  such that  $X$   $\vec{\mathcal{F}}$ -reflects with  $\diamond$  to  $S'$ .

**Lemma 3.14** (Fernandes-Moreno-Rinot, [3] Claim 2.14.1). Let  $X, S \subseteq \kappa$  be stationary sets such that  $X$   $\mathfrak{f}$ -reflects with  $\diamond$  to  $S$ . There is  $S' \subseteq S$  stationary, a sequence  $\langle \eta_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S' \rangle$ , and  $\langle \bar{\mathcal{F}}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S' \rangle$  such that, for every stationary  $Y \subseteq X$  and every  $\eta \in \kappa^\kappa$ , the set  $\{\alpha \in S' \mid \eta_\alpha = \eta \restriction \alpha \text{ \& } Y \cap \alpha \in \bar{\mathcal{F}}_\alpha\}$  is stationary.

*Proof.* Let  $S'' \subseteq \kappa$ ,  $\vec{\mathcal{F}} = \langle \mathcal{F}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S'' \rangle$  and  $\langle Y_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S'' \rangle$  witness together that  $X$   $\mathfrak{f}$ -reflects with  $\diamond$  to  $S$ . Let  $S' := \{\alpha \in S'' \mid Y_\alpha \in \mathcal{F}_\alpha^+\}$ . For each  $\alpha \in S'$ , let  $\bar{\mathcal{F}}_\alpha$  be the filter over  $\alpha$  generated by  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha \cup \{Y_\alpha\}$ .

Let  $C$  be the set of limit points of  $X$  and  $B := X \setminus C$ , so,  $C$  is a club and  $B$  is not stationary and has cardinality  $\kappa$ . Let  $\{a_\beta \mid \beta \in B\}$  be an enumeration of  $\kappa^{<\kappa}$ . Then, for each  $\alpha \in S'$ , let  $\eta_\alpha := (\bigcup \{a_\beta \mid \beta \in Y_\alpha \cap B\}) \cap (\alpha \times \alpha)$ .

**Claim 3.15.**  $\langle \eta_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S' \rangle$  is as wanted.

*Proof.* Let  $\eta \in \kappa^\kappa$  and  $Y \subseteq X$  stationary. Let  $f : \kappa \rightarrow B$  be the unique function to satisfy that, for all  $\epsilon < \kappa$ ,  $a_{f(\epsilon)} = \eta \restriction \epsilon$ . Notice that  $Y \cap C$  is a stationary subset of  $X$  disjoint from  $\text{Im}(f)$ . In particular,  $Y' = (Y \cap C) \cup \text{Im}(f)$  is a stationary subset of  $X$ , and hence  $G := \{\alpha \in S' \mid Y_\alpha = Y' \cap \alpha \text{ \& } Y' \cap \alpha \in \bar{\mathcal{F}}_\alpha^+\}$  is a stationary subset of  $S'$ .

Now, as  $\vec{\mathcal{F}}$  captures clubs, let us fix a club  $D \subseteq \kappa$  such that, for all  $\alpha \in D \cap S'$ ,  $C \cap \alpha \in \mathcal{F}_\alpha$ . Therefore  $T = \{\alpha \in G \cap D \mid f[\alpha] \subseteq \alpha \text{ \& } \eta[\alpha] \subseteq \alpha\}$  is a stationary subset of  $S'$ . Let us show that for all  $\alpha \in T$ ,  $\eta_\alpha = \eta \restriction \alpha$  and  $Y \cap \alpha \in \bar{\mathcal{F}}_\alpha$ . Let  $\alpha \in T$ .

- Since  $\alpha \in D$ ,  $C \cap \alpha \in \mathcal{F}_\alpha \subseteq \bar{\mathcal{F}}_\alpha$ . Since  $\alpha \in G$ ,  $Y' \cap \alpha = Y_\alpha \in \bar{\mathcal{F}}_\alpha$ . Therefore, the intersection  $Y' \cap C \cap \alpha$  is in  $\bar{\mathcal{F}}_\alpha$ . But  $Y' \cap C \cap \alpha = Y \cap C \cap \alpha$ , and hence the superset  $Y \cap \alpha$  is in  $\bar{\mathcal{F}}_\alpha$ , as well.
- Since  $\alpha \in G$ ,  $Y_\alpha = Y' \cap \alpha$  and  $Y_\alpha \cap B = \text{Im}(f) \cap \alpha$ . Since  $f[\alpha] \subseteq \alpha$ ,  $f[\alpha] \subseteq Y_\alpha \cap B \subseteq \text{Im}(f)$ . As  $\eta[\alpha] \subseteq \alpha$ , we get that  $\eta \restriction \alpha = \eta \cap (\alpha \times \alpha)$ . Recalling the definition of  $f$  and the definition of  $\eta_\alpha$ , it follows that  $\eta \restriction \alpha \subseteq \eta_\alpha \subseteq \eta$ , so that  $\eta_\alpha = \eta \restriction \alpha$ .

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**Exercise 3.8.** Prove Lemma 3.16.

**Theorem 3.16** (Fernandes-Moreno-Rinot, [3] Theorem 2.14). *If  $X$   $\mathfrak{f}$ -reflects with  $\diamond$  to  $S$ , then  $=_X^\kappa \hookrightarrow_L =_S^2$ . Hint: Similar to Lemma 3.12). Use the previous lemma to guess the equivalence classes.*

**Exercise 3.9.** Suppose  $\diamond_\kappa(S)$  holds. Show that the following holds: there is a sequence  $\langle f_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle$  such that

- for all  $\alpha \in S$ ,  $f_\alpha : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ ,
- for all  $f \in \kappa^\kappa$ , the set  $\{\alpha \in S \mid f_\alpha = f \restriction \alpha\}$  is stationary.

**Exercise 3.10.** Let  $\text{id}_\kappa$  be the identity relation in the space  $\kappa^\kappa$ . Show that  $\text{id}_\kappa \hookrightarrow_L \text{id}_2$ .

### 3.3 Reflection of $\Pi_2^1$ -sentences

In this session we will focus on proving the consistency of  $\kappa\text{-Borel}^* = \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ . This was initially proved by Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein in [5].

**Theorem 3.17** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov), [5] Theorem 18). *If  $V = L$ , then  $\kappa\text{-Borel}^* = \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ .*

We will show another proof which shows that  $\kappa\text{-Borel}^* = \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$  holds under certain reflection principle.

A  $\Pi_2^1$ -sentence  $\phi$  is a formula of the form  $\forall X \exists Y \varphi$  where  $\varphi$  is a first-order sentence over a relational language  $\mathcal{L}$  as follows:

- $\mathcal{L}$  has a predicate symbol  $\epsilon$  of arity 2;
- $\mathcal{L}$  has a predicate symbol  $\mathbb{X}$  of arity  $m(\mathbb{X})$ ;
- $\mathcal{L}$  has a predicate symbol  $\mathbb{Y}$  of arity  $m(\mathbb{Y})$ ;
- $\mathcal{L}$  has infinitely many predicate symbols  $(\mathbb{A}_n)_{n \in \omega}$ , each  $\mathbb{A}_n$  is of arity  $m(\mathbb{A}_n)$ .

**Definition 3.18.** A cardinal  $\lambda$  is  $\Pi_2^1$ -indescribable if for every  $\Pi_2^1$ -sentence  $\phi$  and a set  $A \subseteq V_\lambda$  with  $(V_\kappa, \in, A) \models \phi$ , there is  $\alpha < \kappa$  such that  $(V_\alpha, \in, A \cap \alpha) \models \phi$ .

**Exercise 3.11.** Show that if  $\kappa$  is  $\Pi_2^1$ -indiscernible cardinal, then  $\text{Reg}(\kappa) = \{\alpha < \kappa \mid cf(\alpha) = \alpha\}$ , the set of regular cardinals below  $\kappa$ , is stationary.

We say that an equivalence relation  $E$  is  $\Sigma_1^1$ -complete if it is a  $\Sigma_1^1$  equivalence relation and for all  $\Sigma_1^1$  equivalence relation,  $R$ ,  $R \hookrightarrow_B E$ .

Let us show that if  $\kappa$  is  $\Pi_2^1$ -indiscernible cardinal, then  $=_{\text{Reg}}^\kappa$  is a  $\Sigma_1^1$ -complete equivalence relation.

**Theorem 3.19** (Aspero-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov)-Moreno, [1] Thm 3.7). *If  $\kappa$  is a  $\Pi_2^1$ -indescribable cardinal, then  $=_{\text{Reg}}^\kappa$  is  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ -complete.*

*Proof.* Let  $E$  be a  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$  equivalence relation on  $\kappa^\kappa$ . Then there is a closed set  $C$  on  $\kappa^\kappa \times \kappa^\kappa \times \kappa^\kappa$  such that  $\eta E \xi$  if and only if there exists  $\zeta \in \kappa^\kappa$  such that  $(\eta, \xi, \zeta) \in C$ . Let us define  $U = \{(\eta \restriction \alpha, \xi \restriction \alpha, \zeta \restriction \alpha) \mid (\eta, \xi, \zeta) \in C \text{ \& } \alpha < \kappa\}$ , and for every  $\gamma < \kappa$  define  $C_\gamma = \{(\eta, \xi, \zeta) \in \gamma^\gamma \times \gamma^\gamma \times \gamma^\gamma \mid \forall \alpha < \gamma (\eta \restriction \alpha, \xi \restriction \alpha, \zeta \restriction \alpha) \in U\}$ . Let  $E_\gamma \subset \gamma^\gamma \times \gamma^\gamma$  be the relation defined by  $(\eta, \xi) \in E_\gamma$  if and only if there exists  $\zeta \in \gamma^\gamma$  such that  $(\eta, \xi, \zeta) \in C_\gamma$ . Since  $E$  is an equivalence relation, it follows that  $E_\gamma$  is reflexive and symmetric, but not necessary transitive. Let  $\langle x_i^\alpha \mid 0 < i < \kappa \rangle$  be an enumeration for the equivalence classes of  $E_\alpha$ , when  $E_\alpha$  is an equivalence relation. Let us define the reduction by

$$F(\eta)(\alpha) = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } E_\alpha \text{ is an equivalence relation, } \eta \restriction \alpha \in \alpha^\alpha \text{ and } \eta \in x_i^\alpha \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let us prove that if  $(\eta, \xi) \in E$ , then  $F(\eta) =_{\text{reg}}^\kappa F(\xi)$ . Suppose  $(\eta, \xi) \in E$ . Then there is  $\zeta \in \kappa^\kappa$  such that  $(\eta, \xi, \zeta) \in C$  and for all  $\alpha < \kappa$  we have that  $(\eta \restriction \alpha, \xi \restriction \alpha, \zeta \restriction \alpha) \in U$ . On the other hand, we know that there is



a club  $D$  such that for all  $\alpha \in D \cap \text{Reg}(\kappa)$ ,  $\eta \restriction \alpha, \xi \restriction \alpha, \zeta \restriction \alpha \in \alpha^\alpha$ . We conclude that for all  $\alpha \in D \cap \text{Reg}(\kappa)$ , if  $E_\alpha$  is an equivalence relation, then  $(\eta, \xi) \in E_\alpha$ . Therefore, for all  $\alpha \in D \cap \text{Reg}(\kappa)$ ,  $F(\eta)(\alpha) = F(\xi)(\alpha)$ , so  $F(\eta) =_{\text{Reg}}^\kappa F(\xi)$ . Let us prove that if  $(\eta, \xi) \notin E$ , then  $F(\eta) \neq_{\text{Reg}}^\kappa F(\xi)$ . Suppose  $\eta, \xi \in \kappa^\kappa$  are such that  $(\eta, \xi) \notin E$ . We know that there is a club  $D$  such that for all  $\alpha \in D \cap \text{Reg}(\kappa)$ ,  $\eta \restriction \alpha, \xi \restriction \alpha \in \alpha^\alpha$ .

Notice that because  $C$  is closed  $(\eta, \xi) \notin E$  is equivalent to

$$\forall \zeta \in \kappa^\kappa (\exists \alpha < \kappa (\eta \restriction \alpha, \xi \restriction \alpha, \zeta \restriction \alpha) \notin U),$$

so the sentence  $(\eta, \xi) \notin E$  is a  $\Pi_1^1$  property of the structure  $(V_\kappa, \in, U, \eta, \xi)$ . On the other hand, the sentence  $\forall \zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3 \in \kappa^\kappa [((\zeta_1, \zeta_2) \in E \wedge (\zeta_2, \zeta_3) \in E) \rightarrow (\zeta_1, \zeta_3) \in E]$  is equivalent to the sentence  $\forall \zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3, \theta_1, \theta_2 \in \kappa^\kappa [\exists \theta_3 \in \kappa^\kappa (\psi_1 \vee \psi_2 \vee \psi_3)]$ , where  $\psi_1, \psi_2$  and  $\psi_3$  are, respectively, the formulas  $\exists \alpha_1 < \kappa (\zeta_1 \restriction \alpha_1, \zeta_2 \restriction \alpha_1, \theta_1 \restriction \alpha_1) \notin U$ ,  $\exists \alpha_2 < \kappa (\zeta_2 \restriction \alpha_2, \zeta_3 \restriction \alpha_2, \theta_2 \restriction \alpha_2) \notin U$ , and  $\forall \alpha_3 < \kappa (\zeta_1 \restriction \alpha_3, \zeta_3 \restriction \alpha_3, \theta_3 \restriction \alpha_3) \in U$ . Therefore, the sentence  $\forall \zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3 \in \kappa^\kappa [((\zeta_1, \zeta_2) \in E \wedge (\zeta_2, \zeta_3) \in E) \rightarrow (\zeta_1, \zeta_3) \in E]$  is a  $\Pi_2^1$  property of the structure  $(V_\kappa, \in, U)$ . It follows that the sentence

$$(D \text{ is unbounded in } \kappa) \wedge ((\eta, \xi) \notin E) \wedge (E \text{ is an equivalence relation}) \wedge (\kappa \text{ is regular})$$

is a  $\Pi_2^1$  property of the structure  $(V_\kappa, \in, U, \eta, \xi)$ . By  $\Pi_2^1$  reflection, we know that there are stationary many  $\gamma \in \text{Reg}(\kappa)$  such that  $\gamma$  is a limit point of  $D$ ,  $E_\gamma$  is an equivalence relation, and  $(\eta \restriction \gamma, \xi \restriction \gamma) \notin E_\gamma$ . We conclude that there are stationary many  $\gamma \in \text{Reg}(\kappa)$  such that  $f_\gamma(\eta) \neq f_\gamma(\xi)$ , and hence  $F(\eta) \neq_{\text{reg}}^\kappa F(\xi)$   $\square$

As we can see from the previous theorem,  $\Pi_2^1$  reflection implies that  $=_{\text{Reg}}^\kappa$  is  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ -complete. Unfortunately  $=_{\text{Reg}}^\kappa$  is not necessarily  $\kappa$ -Borel\*. As we saw,  $=_\omega^\kappa$  is a  $\kappa$ -Borel\* equivalence relation. Therefore, if there is a  $\Pi_2^1$  reflection notion on the set  $\{\alpha < \kappa \mid cf(\alpha) = \omega\}$ , then we conclude that  $\kappa\text{-Borel}^* = \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ . Let us define a notion of reflection on ordinals of cofinality  $\omega$ .

**Definition 3.20.** For sets  $N$  and  $x$ , we say that  $N$  sees  $x$  iff  $N$  is transitive, p.r.-closed, and  $x \cup \{x\} \subseteq N$ .

Suppose that a set  $N$  sees an ordinal  $\alpha$ , and that  $\phi = \forall X \exists Y \varphi$  is a  $\Pi_2^1$ -sentence, where  $\varphi$  is a first-order sentence in the above-mentioned language  $\mathcal{L}$ . For every sequence  $(A_n)_{n \in \omega}$  such that, for all  $n \in \omega$ ,  $A_n \subseteq \alpha^{m(A_n)}$ , we write

$$\langle \alpha, \in, (A_n)_{n \in \omega} \rangle \models_N \phi$$

to express that the two hold:

1.  $(A_n)_{n \in \omega} \in N$ ;
2.  $\langle N, \in \rangle \models (\forall X \subseteq \alpha^{m(\mathbb{X})})(\exists Y \subseteq \alpha^{m(\mathbb{Y})})[\langle \alpha, \in, X, Y, (A_n)_{n \in \omega} \rangle \models \varphi]$ , where:
  - $\in$  is the interpretation of  $\epsilon$ ;
  - $X$  is the interpretation of  $\mathbb{X}$ ;
  - $Y$  is the interpretation of  $\mathbb{Y}$ , and
  - for all  $n \in \omega$ ,  $A_n$  is the interpretation of  $\mathbb{A}_n$ .

We write  $\alpha^+$  for  $|\alpha|^+$ , and write  $\langle \alpha, \in, (A_n)_{n \in \omega} \rangle \models_{H_{\alpha^+}} \phi$

$$\langle \alpha, \in, (A_n)_{n \in \omega} \rangle \models_{H_{\alpha^+}} \phi.$$

**Definition 3.21.** Let  $\kappa$  be a regular and uncountable cardinal, and  $S \subseteq \kappa$  stationary.

$\text{DI}_S^*(\Pi_2^1)$  asserts the existence of a sequence  $\vec{N} = \langle N_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle$  satisfying the following:

1. for every  $\alpha \in S$ ,  $N_\alpha$  is a set of cardinality  $< \kappa$  that sees  $\alpha$ ;
2. for every  $X \subseteq \kappa$ , there exists a club  $C \subseteq \kappa$  such that, for all  $\alpha \in C \cap S$ ,  $X \cap \alpha \in N_\alpha$ ;
3. whenever  $\langle \kappa, \in, (A_n)_{n \in \omega} \rangle \models \phi$ , with  $\phi$  a  $\Pi_2^1$ -sentence, there are stationarily many  $\alpha \in S$  such that  $|N_\alpha| = |\alpha|$  and  $\langle \alpha, \in, (A_n \cap (\alpha^{m(A_n)}))_{n \in \omega} \rangle \models_{N_\alpha} \phi$ .

The principle  $\text{DI}_S^*(\Pi_2^1)$  provide us the reflection principle that we need, let us show that there is a  $\Sigma_1^1$ -complete quasi-order of  $2^\kappa$ . If  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are quasi-orders on  $\mathbb{B}_1, \mathbb{B}_2 \in \{2^\kappa, \kappa^\kappa\}$ , respectively, then we say that  $Q_1$  is *Borel-reducible* to  $Q_2$  if there exists a  $\kappa$ -Borel map  $f: \mathbb{B}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_2$  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  $Q_1 \hookrightarrow_B Q_2$ .

**Definition 3.22.** Given a stationary subset  $S \subseteq \kappa$ , we define a quasi-order  $\subseteq^S$  over  $2^\kappa$  by letting, for any two elements  $\eta: \kappa \rightarrow 2$  and  $\xi: \kappa \rightarrow 2$ ,

$$\eta \subseteq^S \xi \text{ iff } \{\alpha \in S \mid \eta(\alpha) > \xi(\alpha)\} \text{ is nonstationary.}$$

**Lemma 3.23** (Transversal lemma, Fernandes-Moreno-Rinot, [2], Prop 3.1). *Suppose that  $\langle N_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle$  is a  $\text{DI}_S^*(\Pi_2^1)$ -sequence, for a given stationary  $S \subseteq \kappa$ . For every  $\Pi_2^1$ -sentence  $\phi$ , there exists a transversal  $\langle \eta_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle \in \prod_{\alpha \in S} N_\alpha$  satisfying the following.*

*For every  $\eta \in \kappa^\kappa$ , whenever  $\langle \kappa, \in, (A_n)_{n \in \omega} \rangle \models \phi$ , there are stationarily many  $\alpha \in S$  such that*

1.  $\eta_\alpha = \eta \restriction \alpha$ , and
2.  $\langle \alpha, \in, (A_n \cap (\alpha^{m(\mathbb{A}_n)}))_{n \in \omega} \rangle \models_{N_\alpha} \phi$ .

**Exercise 3.12.** *There is a first-order sentence  $\psi_{\text{fnc}}$  in the language with binary predicate symbols  $\epsilon$  and  $\mathbb{X}$  such that, for every ordinal  $\alpha$  and every  $X \subseteq \alpha \times \alpha$ ,*

$$(X \text{ is a function from } \alpha \text{ to } \alpha) \text{ iff } (\langle \alpha, \in, X \rangle \models \psi_{\text{fnc}}).$$

**Exercise 3.13.** *Let  $\alpha$  be an ordinal. Suppose that  $\phi$  is a  $\Sigma_1^1$ -sentence involving a predicate symbol  $\mathbb{A}$  and two binary predicate symbols  $\mathbb{X}_0, \mathbb{X}_1$ . Denote  $R_\phi := \{(X_0, X_1) \mid \langle \alpha, \in, A, X_0, X_1 \rangle \models \phi\}$ . Then there are  $\Pi_2^1$ -sentences  $\psi_{\text{Reflexive}}$  and  $\psi_{\text{Transitive}}$  such that:*

1.  $(R_\phi \supseteq \{(\eta, \eta) \mid \eta \in \alpha^\alpha\}) \text{ iff } (\langle \alpha, \in, A \rangle \models \psi_{\text{Reflexive}})$ ;
2.  $(R_\phi \text{ is transitive}) \text{ iff } (\langle \alpha, \in, A \rangle \models \psi_{\text{Transitive}})$ .

**Definition 3.24.** *Denote by  $\text{Lev}_3(\kappa)$  the set of level sequences in  $\kappa^{<\kappa}$  of length 3:*

$$\text{Lev}_3(\kappa) := \bigcup_{\tau < \kappa} \kappa^\tau \times \kappa^\tau \times \kappa^\tau.$$

*Fix an injective enumeration  $\{\ell_\delta \mid \delta < \kappa\}$  of  $\text{Lev}_3(\kappa)$ . For each  $\delta < \kappa$ , we denote  $\ell_\delta = (\ell_\delta^0, \ell_\delta^1, \ell_\delta^2)$ . We then encode each  $T \subseteq \text{Lev}_3(\kappa)$  as a subset of  $\kappa^5$  via:*

$$T_\ell := \{(\delta, \beta, \ell_\delta^0(\beta), \ell_\delta^1(\beta), \ell_\delta^2(\beta)) \mid \delta < \kappa, \ell_\delta \in T, \beta \in \text{dom}(\ell_\delta^0)\}.$$

**Theorem 3.25** (Fernandes-Moreno-Rinot, [2], Thm 3.5). *Suppose  $\text{DI}_S^*(\Pi_2^1)$  holds for a given stationary  $S \subseteq \kappa$ . For every analytic quasi-order  $Q$  over  $\kappa^\kappa$ ,  $Q \hookrightarrow_B \subseteq^S$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $Q$  be an analytic quasi-order over  $\kappa^\kappa$ . Fix a tree  $T$  on  $\kappa^{<\kappa} \times \kappa^{<\kappa} \times \kappa^{<\kappa}$  such that  $Q = \text{pr}([T])$ , that is,

$$(\eta, \xi) \in Q \iff \exists \zeta \in \kappa^\kappa \forall \tau < \kappa (\eta \restriction \tau, \xi \restriction \tau, \zeta \restriction \tau) \in T.$$

We shall be working with a first-order language having a 5-ary predicate symbol  $\mathbb{A}$  and binary predicate symbols  $\mathbb{X}_0, \mathbb{X}_1, \mathbb{X}_2$  and  $\epsilon$ . By Exercise 3.12, for each  $i < 3$ , let us fix a sentence  $\psi_{\text{fnc}}^i$  concerning the binary predicate symbol  $\mathbb{X}_i$  instead of  $\mathbb{X}$ , so that

$$(X_i \in \kappa^\kappa) \text{ iff } (\langle \kappa, \in, A, X_0, X_1, X_2 \rangle \models \psi_{\text{fnc}}^i).$$

Define a sentence  $\varphi_Q$  to be the conjunction of four sentences:  $\psi_{\text{fnc}}^0$ ,  $\psi_{\text{fnc}}^1$ ,  $\psi_{\text{fnc}}^2$ , and

$$\forall \tau \exists \delta \forall \beta [\epsilon(\beta, \tau) \rightarrow \exists \gamma_0 \exists \gamma_1 \exists \gamma_2 (\mathbb{X}_0(\beta, \gamma_0) \wedge \mathbb{X}_1(\beta, \gamma_1) \wedge \mathbb{X}_2(\beta, \gamma_2) \wedge \mathbb{A}(\delta, \beta, \gamma_0, \gamma_1, \gamma_2))].$$

Set  $A := T_\ell$  as in Definition 3.24. Evidently, for all  $\eta, \xi, \zeta \in \mathcal{P}(\kappa \times \kappa)$ , we get that

$$\langle \kappa, \in, A, \eta, \xi, \zeta \rangle \models \varphi_Q$$

iff the two hold:

1.  $\eta, \xi, \zeta \in \kappa^\kappa$ , and
2. for every  $\tau < \kappa$ , there exists  $\delta < \kappa$ , such that  $\ell_\delta = (\eta \restriction \tau, \xi \restriction \tau, \zeta \restriction \tau)$  is in  $T$ .

Let  $\phi_Q := \exists X_2 (\varphi_Q)$ . Then  $\phi_Q$  is a  $\Sigma_1^1$ -sentence involving predicate symbols  $\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{X}_0, \mathbb{X}_1$  and  $\epsilon$  for which the induced binary relation

$$R_{\phi_Q} := \{(\eta, \xi) \in (\mathcal{P}(\kappa \times \kappa))^2 \mid \langle \kappa, \in, A, \eta, \xi \rangle \models \phi_Q\}$$

coincides with the quasi-order  $Q$ . Now, appeal to Exercise 3.13 with  $\phi_Q$  to receive the corresponding  $\Pi_2^1$ -sentences  $\psi_{\text{Reflexive}}$  and  $\psi_{\text{Transitive}}$ . Then, consider the following two  $\Pi_2^1$ -sentences:

- $\psi_Q^0 := \psi_{\text{Reflexive}} \wedge \psi_{\text{Transitive}} \wedge \phi_Q$ , and
- $\psi_Q^1 := \psi_{\text{Reflexive}} \wedge \psi_{\text{Transitive}} \wedge \neg(\phi_Q)$ .

Let  $\vec{N} = \langle N_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle$  be a  $\text{DI}_S^*(\Pi_2^1)$ -sequence. Appeal to Lemma 3.23 with the  $\Pi_2^1$ -sentence  $\psi_Q^1$  to obtain a corresponding transversal  $\langle \eta_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle \in \prod_{\alpha \in S} N_\alpha$ . Note that we may assume that, for all  $\alpha \in S$ ,  $\eta_\alpha \in {}^\alpha\alpha$ , as this does not harm the key feature of the chosen transversal.

For each  $\eta \in \kappa^\kappa$ , let

$$Z_\eta := \{\alpha \in S \mid A \cap \alpha^5 \text{ and } \eta \restriction \alpha \text{ are in } N_\alpha\}.$$

**Claim 3.26.** *Suppose  $\eta \in \kappa^\kappa$ . Then  $S \setminus Z_\eta$  is nonstationary.*

*Proof.* Fix primitive-recursive bijections  $c : \kappa^2 \leftrightarrow \kappa$  and  $d : \kappa^5 \leftrightarrow \kappa$ . Given  $\eta \in \kappa^\kappa$ , consider the club  $D_0$  of all  $\alpha < \kappa$  such that:

- $\eta[\alpha] \subseteq \alpha$ ;
- $c[\alpha \times \alpha] = \alpha$ ;
- $d[\alpha \times \alpha \times \alpha \times \alpha \times \alpha] = \alpha$ .

Now, as  $c[\eta]$  is a subset of  $\kappa$ , by the choice  $\vec{N}$ , we may find a club  $D_1 \subseteq \kappa$  such that, for all  $\alpha \in D_1 \cap S$ ,  $c[\eta] \cap \alpha \in N_\alpha$ . Likewise, we may find a club  $D_2 \subseteq \kappa$  such that, for all  $\alpha \in D_2 \cap S$ ,  $d[A] \cap \alpha \in N_\alpha$ .

For all  $\alpha \in S \cap D_0 \cap D_1 \cap D_2$ , we have

- $c[\eta \restriction \alpha] = c[\eta \cap (\alpha \times \alpha)] = c[\eta] \cap c[\alpha \times \alpha] = c[\eta] \cap \alpha \in N_\alpha$ , and
- $d[A \cap \alpha^5] = d[A] \cap d[\alpha^5] = d[A] \cap \alpha \in N_\alpha$ .

As  $N_\alpha$  is p.r.-closed, it then follows that  $\eta \restriction \alpha$  and  $A \cap \alpha^5$  are in  $N_\alpha$ . Thus, we have shown that  $S \setminus Z_\eta$  is disjoint from the club  $D_0 \cap D_1 \cap D_2$ .  $\square$

For all  $\eta \in \kappa^\kappa$  and  $\alpha \in Z_\eta$ , let:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\eta, \alpha} := \{p \in \alpha^\alpha \cap N_\alpha \mid \langle \alpha, \in, A \cap \alpha^5, p, \eta \restriction \alpha \rangle \models_{N_\alpha} \psi_Q^0\}.$$

Finally, define a function  $f : \kappa^\kappa \rightarrow 2^\kappa$  by letting, for all  $\eta \in \kappa^\kappa$  and  $\alpha < \kappa$ ,

$$f(\eta)(\alpha) := \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \alpha \in Z_\eta \text{ and } \eta_\alpha \in \mathcal{P}_{\eta, \alpha}; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Exercise 3.14.**  *$f$  is Borel.*

**Claim 3.27.** *Suppose  $(\eta, \xi) \in Q$ . Then  $f(\eta) \subseteq^S f(\xi)$ .*

*Proof.* As  $(\eta, \xi) \in Q$ , let us fix  $\zeta \in \kappa^\kappa$  such that, for all  $\tau < \kappa$ ,  $(\eta \restriction \tau, \xi \restriction \tau, \zeta \restriction \tau) \in T$ . Define a function  $g : \kappa \rightarrow \kappa$  by letting, for all  $\tau < \kappa$ ,

$$g(\tau) := \min\{\delta < \kappa \mid \ell_\delta = (\eta \restriction \tau, \xi \restriction \tau, \zeta \restriction \tau)\}.$$

As  $(S \setminus Z_\eta)$ ,  $(S \setminus Z_\xi)$  and  $(S \setminus Z_\zeta)$  are nonstationary, let us fix a club  $C \subseteq \kappa$  such that  $C \cap S \subseteq Z_\eta \cap Z_\xi \cap Z_\zeta$ . Consider the club  $D := \{\alpha \in C \mid g[\alpha] \subseteq \alpha\}$ . We shall show that, for every  $\alpha \in D \cap S$ , if  $f(\eta)(\alpha) = 1$  then  $f(\xi)(\alpha) = 1$ .

Fix an arbitrary  $\alpha \in D \cap S$  satisfying  $f(\eta)(\alpha) = 1$ . In effect, the following three conditions are satisfied:

1.  $\langle \alpha, \in, A \cap \alpha^5 \rangle \models_{N_\alpha} \psi_{\text{Reflexive}}$ ,
2.  $\langle \alpha, \in, A \cap \alpha^5 \rangle \models_{N_\alpha} \psi_{\text{Transitive}}$ , and
3.  $\langle \alpha, \in, A \cap \alpha^5, \eta_\alpha, \eta \restriction \alpha \rangle \models_{N_\alpha} \phi_Q$ .

In addition, since  $\alpha$  is a closure point of  $g$ , by definition of  $\varphi_Q$ , we have

$$\langle \alpha, \in, A \cap \alpha^5, \eta \restriction \alpha, \xi \restriction \alpha, \zeta \restriction \alpha \rangle \models \varphi_Q.$$

As  $\alpha \in S$  and  $\varphi_Q$  is first-order,

$$\langle \alpha, \in, A \cap \alpha^5, \eta \restriction \alpha, \xi \restriction \alpha, \zeta \restriction \alpha \rangle \models_{N_\alpha} \varphi_Q,$$

so that, by definition of  $\phi_Q$ ,

$$\langle \alpha, \in, A \cap \alpha^5, \eta \restriction \alpha, \xi \restriction \alpha \rangle \models_{N_\alpha} \phi_Q.$$

By combining the preceding with clauses (2) and (3) above, we infer that the following holds, as well:

$$(4) \langle \alpha, \in, A \cap \alpha^5, \eta_\alpha, \xi \restriction \alpha \rangle \models_{N_\alpha} \phi_Q.$$

Altogether,  $f(\xi)(\alpha) = 1$ , as sought.  $\square$

**Claim 3.28.** *Suppose  $(\eta, \xi) \in \kappa^\kappa \times \kappa^\kappa \setminus Q$ . Then  $f(\eta) \not\leq^S f(\xi)$ .*

*Proof.* As  $(S \setminus Z_\eta)$  and  $(S \setminus Z_\xi)$  are nonstationary, let us fix a club  $C \subseteq \kappa$  such that  $C \cap S \subseteq Z_\eta \cap Z_\xi$ . As  $Q$  is a quasi-order and  $(\eta, \xi) \notin Q$ , we have:

1.  $\langle \kappa, \in, A \rangle \models \psi_{\text{Reflexive}}$ ,
2.  $\langle \kappa, \in, A \rangle \models \psi_{\text{Transitive}}$ , and
3.  $\langle \kappa, \in, A, \eta, \xi \rangle \models \neg(\phi_Q)$ .

so that, altogether,

$$\langle \kappa, \in, A, \eta, \xi \rangle \models \psi_Q^1.$$

Then, by the choice of the transversal  $\langle \eta_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle$ , there is a stationary subset  $S' \subseteq S \cap C$  such that, for all  $\alpha \in S'$ :

1.  $\langle \alpha, \in, A \cap \alpha^5 \rangle \models_{N_\alpha} \psi_{\text{Reflexive}}$ ,
2.  $\langle \alpha, \in, A \cap \alpha^5 \rangle \models_{N_\alpha} \psi_{\text{Transitive}}$ ,
3.  $\langle \alpha, \in, A \cap \alpha^5, \eta \restriction \alpha, \xi \restriction \alpha \rangle \models_{N_\alpha} \neg(\phi_Q)$ , and
4.  $\eta_\alpha = \eta \restriction \alpha$ .

By Clauses (3') and (4'), we have that  $\eta_\alpha \notin \mathcal{P}_{\xi, \alpha}$ , so that  $f(\xi)(\alpha) = 0$ .

By Clauses (1'), (2') and (4'), we have that  $\eta_\alpha \in \mathcal{P}_{\eta, \alpha}$ , so that  $f(\eta)(\alpha) = 1$ .

Altogether,  $\{\alpha \in S \mid f(\eta)(\alpha) > f(\xi)(\alpha)\}$  covers the stationary set  $S'$ , so that  $f(\eta) \not\leq^S f(\xi)$ .  $\square$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.25  $\square$

**Corollary 3.29.** *Suppose  $\text{DI}_S^*(\Pi_2^1)$  holds for a given stationary  $S \subseteq \kappa$ .*

*For every analytic equivalence relation  $E$  over  $\kappa^\kappa$ ,  $E \hookrightarrow_B =_S^2$ .*

As we have seen, the equivalence relations  $=_\mu^\kappa$  and  $=_\mu^2$  play a crucial role. It is clear that  $\text{DI}_\mu^*(\Pi_2^1)$  implies  $=_\mu^\kappa \hookrightarrow_B =_\mu^2$ .

**Question 3.30.** *Is  $=_\mu^\kappa \hookrightarrow_B =_\mu^2$  a theorem of ZFC?*

## 4 The Isomorphism relation

Denote by  $S^m(A)$  the set of all consistent types over  $A$  in  $m$  variables (modulo change of variables), and  $S(A) = \cup_{m < \omega} S^m(A)$ .

- We say that  $T$  is  $\xi$ -stable if for any set  $A$ ,  $|A| \leq \xi$ ,  $|S(A)| \leq \xi$ .
- We say that  $T$  is stable if there is an infinite  $\xi$ , such that  $T$  is  $\xi$ -stable.
- We say that  $T$  is unstable if there is no infinite  $\xi$ , such that  $T$  is  $\xi$ -stable.
- We say that  $T$  is superstable if there is an infinite  $\xi$  such that for all  $\xi' > \xi$ ,  $T$  is  $\xi'$ -stable.

**Definition 4.1** (OTOP). *A theory  $T$  has the omitting type order property (OTOP) if there is a sequence  $(\varphi_m)_{m < \omega}$  of first order formulas such that for every linear order  $l$  there is a model  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $n$ -tuples  $a_t$  ( $t \in l$ ) of members of  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $n < \omega$ , such that  $s < t$  if and only if there is a  $k$ -tuple  $c$  of members of  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $k < \omega$ , such that for every  $m < \omega$ ,*

$$\mathcal{M} \models \varphi_m(c, a_s, a_t).$$

The non-forking notion  $\downarrow$  and the isolation notion  $F_\omega^a$  (Chapter 4 [19]) are needed to define the DOP.

**Definition 4.2** (DOP). *A theory  $T$  has the dimensional order property (DOP) if there are  $F_\omega^a$ -saturated models  $(M_i)_{i < 3}$ ,  $M_0 \subseteq M_1 \cap M_2$ ,  $M_1 \downarrow_{M_0} M_2$ , and the  $F_\omega^a$ -prime model over  $M_1 \cup M_2$  is not  $F_\omega^a$ -minimal over  $M_1 \cup M_2$ .*

**Definition 4.3.**

- We say that  $T$  is classifiable if  $T$  is superstable without DOP and without OTOP. These theories are divided into:
  - shallow;
  - non-shallow (deep).
- We say that  $T$  is non-classifiable if it satisfies one of the following:
  1.  $T$  is stable unsuperstable;
  2.  $T$  is superstable and has DOP;
  3.  $T$  is superstable and has OTOP;
  4.  $T$  is unstable.

**Theorem 4.4** (Main Gap, Shelah [19, XII, Theorem 6.1]). *Let  $T$  be a first order countable complete theory and denote by  $I(\lambda, T)$  the number of non-isomorphic models of  $T$  of size  $\lambda$ .*

1. *If  $T$  is not superstable or (is superstable) deep or has the DOP or has the OTOP, then for every uncountable  $\lambda$ ,  $I(\lambda, T) = 2^\lambda$ .*
2. *If  $T$  is shallow superstable without the DOP and without the OTOP (i.e. classifiable and shallow), then for every  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $I(\aleph_\alpha, T) < \beth_{\omega_1}(|\alpha|)$ .*

**Theorem 4.5** (Morley's Conjecture, Shelah [19, XIII, Theorem 3.7]). *Let  $T$  be a countable complete first-order theory. Then for  $\lambda > \mu \geq \aleph_0$ ,  $I(\lambda, T) \geq I(\mu, T)$  except when  $\lambda > \mu = \aleph_0$ ,  $T$  is complete,  $\aleph_1$ -categorical not  $\aleph_0$ -categorical.*

## 4.1 Coding structures

We can code structures of any size (not bigger than  $\kappa$ ) with elements of  $\kappa^\kappa$ .

**Definition 4.6.** *Let  $\omega \leq \mu \leq \kappa$  be a cardinal and  $\mathbb{L} = \{Q_m \mid m \in \omega\}$  be a countable relational language. Fix a bijection  $\pi_\mu$  between  $\mu^{<\omega}$  and  $\mu$ . For every  $\eta \in \kappa^\kappa$  define the structure  $\mathcal{A}_{\eta \upharpoonright \mu}$  with domain  $\mu$  as follows: For every tuple  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  in  $\mu^n$*

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in Q_m^{\mathcal{A}_{\eta \upharpoonright \mu}} \Leftrightarrow Q_m \text{ has arity } n \text{ and } \eta(\pi_\mu(m, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)) > 0.$$

Notice that the structure  $\mathcal{A}_\eta \upharpoonright \alpha$  is not necessary coded by the function  $\eta \upharpoonright \alpha$ .

**Exercise 4.1.** *There is a club  $C_\pi$  such that for all  $\alpha \in C_\pi$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_\eta \upharpoonright \alpha = \mathcal{A}_{\eta \upharpoonright \alpha}$*

For every first-order theory in a relational countable language (not necessarily complete), we have coded the models of  $T$  of size  $\mu \leq \kappa$  in the GBS,  $\kappa^\kappa$ . In the same way we can define these structures in the GCS,  $2^\kappa$ .

**Definition 4.7.** *Let  $\omega \leq \mu \leq \kappa$  be a cardinal and  $T$  a first-order theory in a relational countable language. We define the isomorphism relation of models of size  $\mu$ ,  $\cong_T^\mu \subseteq \kappa^\kappa \times \kappa^\kappa$ , as the relation*

$$\{(\eta, \xi) \mid (\mathcal{A}_{\eta \upharpoonright \mu} \models T, \mathcal{A}_{\xi \upharpoonright \mu} \models T, \mathcal{A}_{\eta \upharpoonright \mu} \cong \mathcal{A}_{\xi \upharpoonright \mu}) \text{ or } (\mathcal{A}_{\eta \upharpoonright \mu} \not\models T, \mathcal{A}_{\xi \upharpoonright \mu} \not\models T)\}$$

Let us denote by  $\cong_T$  the isomorphism relation of models of size  $\kappa$  of  $T$  (i.e.  $\cong_T^\kappa$ ). To simplify notation we will refer to  $\cong_T$  as the isomorphism relation of  $T$ . We will also denote by  $\mathcal{A}_\eta$  the structure  $\mathcal{A}_{\eta \upharpoonright \kappa}$ , for obvious reasons.

**Exercise 4.2.** *Let  $T$  be a first-order theory in a relational countable language. Show that the isomorphism relation of  $T$ ,  $\cong_T$ , in the space  $\kappa^\kappa$  is continuous reducible to the isomorphism relation of  $T$  in  $2^\kappa$ .*

**Exercise 4.3.** *Prove Proposition 4.8.*

**Proposition 4.8** (Moreno, [16] Proposition 5.28). *Let  $\omega < \mu < \delta \leq \kappa$  be cardinals. For all first-order countably theory in a relational countable language  $T$ , not necessarily complete,*

$$\cong_T^\mu \hookrightarrow_c \cong_T^\delta.$$

(Hint: Use Theorem 4.5 and  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ .)

**Exercise 4.4.** *Prove 4.9.*

**Proposition 4.9** (Moreno, [16] Proposition 5.30). *Let  $\kappa = \aleph_\gamma$  be such that  $\beth_{\omega_1}(|\gamma|) \leq \kappa$  and  $\kappa = \lambda^+ = 2^\lambda$ . Suppose  $T_1$  is classifiable shallow,  $T_2$  classifiable non-shallow, and  $T_3$  non-classifiable. Then*

$$\cong_{T_1} \hookrightarrow_B 0_\kappa \hookrightarrow_L \cong_{T_3}^\lambda \hookrightarrow_c \cong_{T_2}.$$

(Hint: Use Theorem 4.4).

## 4.2 The Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé game

Let  $\mathcal{P}_\kappa$  denote by  $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(\kappa)$  the set of subsets of  $\kappa$  of size less than  $\kappa$ .

**Definition 4.10** (The Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé game). *Fix an enumeration  $\{X_\gamma\}_{\gamma < \kappa}$  of the elements of  $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(\kappa)$  and an enumeration  $\{f_\gamma\}_{\gamma < \kappa}$  of all the functions with both the domain and range in  $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(\kappa)$ . For every pair of structures  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  with domain  $\kappa$ , the  $\text{EF}_\omega^\alpha(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is a game played by players **I** and **II** as follows.*

*In the  $n$ -th move, first **I** chooses an ordinal  $\beta_n < \kappa$  such that  $X_{\beta_{n-1}} \subseteq X_{\beta_n}$ . Then **II** chooses an ordinal  $\theta_n < \kappa$  such that  $X_{\beta_n} \subseteq \text{dom}(f_{\theta_n}) \cap \text{ran}(f_{\theta_n})$  and  $f_{\theta_{n-1}} \subseteq f_{\theta_n}$  (if  $n = 0$  then  $X_{\beta_{n-1}} = \emptyset$  and  $f_{\theta_{n-1}} = \emptyset$ ). The game finishes after  $\omega$  moves. The player **II** wins if  $\bigcup_{i < \omega} f_{\theta_i} : A \rightarrow B$  is a partial isomorphism. Otherwise the player **I** wins.*

**Definition 4.11** (Restricted game). *For every  $\alpha \leq \kappa$  the game  $\text{EF}_\omega^\alpha(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright_\alpha, \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright_\alpha)$  on the restrictions  $\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright_\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{B} \upharpoonright_\alpha$  of the structures  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  with domain  $\kappa$  is defined as follows:*

*In the  $n$ -th move, first **I** chooses an ordinal  $\beta_n < \alpha$  such that  $X_{\beta_n} \subseteq \alpha$  and  $X_{\beta_{n-1}} \subseteq X_{\beta_n}$ . Then **II** chooses an ordinal  $\theta_n < \alpha$  such that  $\text{dom}(f_{\theta_n}), \text{ran}(f_{\theta_n}) \subseteq \alpha$ ,  $X_{\beta_n} \subseteq \text{dom}(f_{\theta_n}) \cap \text{ran}(f_{\theta_n})$  and  $f_{\theta_{n-1}} \subseteq f_{\theta_n}$  (if  $n = 0$  then  $X_{\beta_{n-1}} = \emptyset$  and  $f_{\theta_{n-1}} = \emptyset$ ). The game ends after  $\omega$  moves. Player **II** wins if  $\bigcup_{i < \omega} f_{\theta_i} : A \upharpoonright_\alpha \rightarrow B \upharpoonright_\alpha$  is a partial isomorphism. Otherwise player **I** wins. If  $\alpha = \kappa$  then this is the same as the standard EF-game which is usually denoted by  $\text{EF}_\omega^\kappa$ .*

*We will write  $\mathbf{I} \uparrow \text{EF}_\omega^\alpha(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright_\alpha, \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright_\alpha)$  when **I** has a winning strategy in the game  $\text{EF}_\omega^\alpha(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright_\alpha, \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright_\alpha)$ . Similarly for **II**.*

**Lemma 4.12** (Hyttinen-Moreno, [9] Lemma 2.4). *If  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are structures with domain  $\kappa$ , then the following hold:*

- $\mathbf{II} \uparrow \text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \iff \exists C \subseteq \kappa$  a club, such that  $\mathbf{II} \uparrow \text{EF}_\omega^\alpha(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright_\alpha, \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright_\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \in C$ .
- $\mathbf{I} \uparrow \text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \iff \exists C \subseteq \kappa$  a club, such that  $\mathbf{I} \uparrow \text{EF}_\omega^\alpha(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright_\alpha, \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright_\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \in C$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to see that if  $\sigma : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \kappa$  is a winning strategy for **II** in the game  $\text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright_\kappa, \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright_\kappa)$ , then  $\sigma \upharpoonright \alpha^{<\alpha}$  is a winning strategy for **II** in the game  $\text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright_\alpha, \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright_\alpha)$  if  $\sigma[\alpha^{<\alpha}] \subseteq \alpha$ . So  $\mathbf{II} \uparrow \text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright_\alpha, \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright_\alpha)$  for  $\alpha$  a closed point of  $\sigma$ .

We conclude that if  $\mathbf{II} \uparrow \text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright_\kappa, \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright_\kappa)$ , then  $\mathbf{II} \uparrow \text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright_\alpha, \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright_\alpha)$  for club-many  $\alpha$ . The same holds for **I**. To show the other direction, notice that  $\text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright_\kappa, \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright_\kappa)$  is a determined game, so if **II** doesn't have a winning strategy, then **I** has a winning strategy. Therefore, if **II** doesn't have a winning strategy in the game  $\text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright_\kappa, \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright_\kappa)$ , then  $\mathbf{I} \uparrow \text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright_\alpha, \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright_\alpha)$  for club-many  $\alpha$ , and **II** cannot have a winning strategy in  $\text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright_\alpha, \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright_\alpha)$  for club-many  $\alpha$ .  $\square$

**Definition 4.13.** *Assume  $T$  is a complete first order theory in a countable vocabulary. For every  $\alpha < \kappa$  and  $\eta, \xi \in \kappa^\kappa$ , we write  $\eta R_{EF}^\alpha \xi$  if one of the following holds,  $\mathcal{A}_\eta \upharpoonright_\alpha \not\models T$  and  $\mathcal{A}_\xi \upharpoonright_\alpha \not\models T$ , or  $\mathcal{A}_\eta \upharpoonright_\alpha \models T$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_\xi \upharpoonright_\alpha \models T$  and  $\mathbf{II} \uparrow \text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A}_\eta \upharpoonright_\alpha, \mathcal{A}_\xi \upharpoonright_\alpha)$ .*

**Lemma 4.14** (Hyttinen-Moreno, [9] Lemma 2.7). *For every complete first order theory  $T$  in a countable vocabulary, there are club many  $\alpha$  such that  $R_{EF}^\alpha$  is an equivalence relation.*

*Proof.* Define the following functions:

- $h_1 : \kappa \rightarrow \kappa$ ,  $h_1(\alpha) = \gamma$  where  $f_\gamma$  is the identity function of  $X_\alpha$ .
- $h_2 : \kappa \rightarrow \kappa$ ,  $h_2(\alpha) = \gamma$  where  $f_\alpha^{-1} = f_\gamma$ .
- $h_3 : \kappa^2 \rightarrow \kappa$ ,  $h_3(\alpha, \beta) = X_\alpha \cup X_\beta = X_\gamma$ .
- $h_4 : \kappa \rightarrow \kappa$ ,  $h_4(\alpha) = \text{rang}(f_\alpha) = X_\gamma$ .
- $h_5 : \kappa \rightarrow \kappa$ ,  $h_5(\alpha) = \text{dom}(f_\alpha) = X_\gamma$ .
- $h_6 : \kappa^2 \rightarrow \kappa$ ,  $h_6(\alpha, \beta) = \gamma$  where  $f_\alpha \circ f_\beta = f_\gamma$ ,  $f_\alpha \circ f_\beta$  is defined on the set  $f_\beta^{-1}[\text{rang}(f_\beta) \cap \text{dom}(f_\alpha)]$ .

Each of these functions defines a club,

- $C_i = \{\gamma < \kappa \mid \forall \alpha < \gamma (h_i(\alpha) < \gamma)\}$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, 4, 5\}$ .
- $C_i = \{\gamma < \kappa \mid \forall \beta, \alpha < \gamma (h_i(\alpha, \beta) < \gamma)\}$  for  $i \in \{3, 6\}$ .

Denote by  $C$  the club  $\cap_{i=1}^6 C_i$ . We will show that for every  $\alpha \in C$ ,  $R_{EF}^\alpha$  is an equivalence relation.

By definition  $\eta \ R_{EF}^\alpha \ \xi$  implies that either both  $\mathcal{A}_\eta$  and  $\mathcal{A}_\xi$  are models of  $T$  or non of them is a model of  $T$ . Thus  $R_{EF}^\alpha = R^- \cup R^+$ , where  $R^-$  is the restriction of  $R_{EF}^\alpha$  to the set  $A = \{\eta \in \kappa \mid \mathcal{A}_\eta \not\models T\}$  and  $R^+$  is the restriction of  $R_{EF}^\alpha$  to the complement of  $A$ . Since  $R^- \cap R^+ = \emptyset$ , it is enough to prove that  $R^-$  and  $R^+$  are equivalence relations.

By definition it is easy to see that  $R^- = A \times A$ , therefore  $R^-$  is an equivalence relation. Now we will prove that  $R^+$  is an equivalence relation.

### Reflexivity

By the way  $C_1$  was defined, for every  $\beta < \alpha$ ,  $h_1(\beta) < \alpha$  and  $f_{h_1(\beta)}$  is the identity function of  $X_\beta$ . Therefore, the function  $\sigma((\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)) = h_1(\beta_n)$  is a winning strategy for **II** in the game  $\text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A}_\eta \restriction_\alpha, \mathcal{A}_\eta \restriction_\alpha)$ .

### Symmetry

Let  $\sigma$  be a winning strategy for **II** in the game  $\text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A}_\eta \restriction_\alpha, \mathcal{A}_\xi \restriction_\alpha)$ . Since  $\alpha \in C_2$  and  $\sigma((\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)) < \alpha$ , we know that  $h_2(\sigma((\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n))) < \alpha$ . Notice that if  $\cup_{i < \omega} f_{\theta_i} : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$  is a partial isomorphism from  $\mathcal{A}_\eta \restriction_\alpha$  to  $\mathcal{A}_\xi \restriction_\alpha$ , then  $\cup_{i < \omega} f_{h_2(\theta_i)} = \cup_{i < \omega} f_{\theta_i}^{-1}$  is a partial isomorphism from  $\mathcal{A}_\xi \restriction_\alpha$  to  $\mathcal{A}_\eta \restriction_\alpha$ . Therefore, the function  $\sigma'((\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)) = h_2(\sigma((\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)))$  is a winning strategy for **II** in the game  $\text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A}_\xi \restriction_\alpha, \mathcal{A}_\eta \restriction_\alpha)$ .

### Transitivity

Let  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  be two winning strategies for **II** on the games  $\text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A}_\eta \restriction_\alpha, \mathcal{A}_\xi \restriction_\alpha)$  and  $\text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A}_\xi \restriction_\alpha, \mathcal{A}_\zeta \restriction_\alpha)$ , respectively.

For a given tuple  $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$  let us construct by induction the tuples  $(\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$ ,  $(\beta'_0, \beta'_1, \dots, \beta'_{2n}, \beta'_{2n+1})$ , and the functions  $f_{(1,n)}$ ,  $g_n$  and  $f_{(2,n)}$ :

1. Let  $\beta'_0 = \beta_0$  and for  $i > 0$ , let  $\beta'_{2i}$  be the least ordinal such that  $X_{\beta'_{2i-1}} \cup X_{\beta_i} = X_{\beta'_{2i}}$ .
2.  $f_{(1,i)} := f_{\sigma_1((\beta'_0, \beta'_1, \dots, \beta'_{2i-1}, \beta'_{2i}))}$ .
3.  $\gamma_i$  is the ordinal such that  $X_{\gamma_i} = \text{rang}(f_{(1,i)})$ .
4.  $g_i := f_{\sigma_2((\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_i))}$ .
5.  $\beta'_{2i+1}$  is the ordinal such that  $X_{\beta'_{2i+1}} = \text{dom}(g_i)$ .
6.  $f_{(2,i)} := f_{\sigma_1((\beta'_0, \beta'_1, \dots, \beta'_{2i}, \beta'_{2i+1}))}$ .

Define the function  $\sigma : \alpha^{<\omega} \rightarrow \alpha$  by  $\sigma((\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)) = \theta_n$ , where  $\theta_n$  is the ordinal such that  $f_{\theta_n} = g_n \circ (f_{(2,n)} \restriction_{f_{(2,n)}^{-1}[\text{dom}(g_n)]})$ . It is easy to check that for every  $n$ , the tuples  $(\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$  and  $(\beta'_0, \beta'_1, \dots, \beta'_{2n+1})$  are elements of  $\alpha^{<\omega}$ , and the functions  $f_{(1,n)}$ ,  $g_n$ ,  $f_{(2,n)}$  and  $f_{\theta_n}$  are well defined; it is also easy to check that  $\sigma((\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n))$  is a valid move.

Let us show that  $\cup_{n < \omega} f_{\theta_n}$  is a partial isomorphism. It is clear that  $\text{rang}(f_{(2,n)}) \subseteq \text{rang}(f_{(1,n+1)})$ . By 3 and 4 in the induction, we can conclude that  $\text{rang}(f_{(2,n)})$  is a subset of  $\text{dom}(g_{n+1})$ . Then  $\text{rang}(\cup_{n < \omega} (f_{(2,n)})) \subseteq \text{dom}(\cup_{n < \omega} (g_n))$ , so

$$\cup_{n < \omega} (g_n \circ (f_{(2,n)} \restriction_{f_{(2,n)}^{-1}[\text{dom}(g_n)]})) = \cup_{n < \omega} (g_n) \circ \cup_{n < \omega} (f_{(2,n)}).$$

Since  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are winning strategies, we know that  $\cup_{n < \omega} (g_n)$  and  $\cup_{n < \omega} (f_{(2,n)})$  are partial isomorphism. Therefore  $\cup_{n < \omega} f_{\theta_n}$  is a partial isomorphism and  $\sigma$  is a winning strategy for **II** on the game  $\text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A}_\eta \restriction_\alpha, \mathcal{A}_\zeta \restriction_\alpha)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.15.** *Suppose  $\eta, \xi \in \kappa^\kappa$ . Then the following hold:*

- $\eta \ R_{EF}^\kappa \ \xi \iff \exists C \subseteq \kappa$  a club, such that  $\eta \ R_{EF}^\alpha \ \xi$  for all  $\alpha \in C$ .
- $\neg(\eta \ R_{EF}^\alpha \ \xi) \iff \exists C \subseteq \kappa$  a club, such that  $\neg(\eta \ R_{EF}^\alpha \ \xi)$  for all  $\alpha \in C$ .

## 4.3 Classifiable theories

The reason to introduce these games is that we can characterize classifiable theories with these games.

**Theorem 4.16** (Shelah, [19], XIII Theorem 1.4). *If  $T$  is a classifiable theory, then every two models of  $T$  that are  $L_{\infty, \kappa}$ -equivalent are isomorphic.*

**Theorem 4.17** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov), [5], Theorem 10).  *$L_{\infty, \kappa}$ -equivalence is equivalent to  $\text{EF}_\omega^\kappa$ -equivalence.*

From these two theorems we know that if  $T$  is a classifiable theory, then for any  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  models of  $T$  with domain  $\kappa$ ,

$$\mathbf{II} \uparrow \text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \iff \mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{B}$$

$$\mathbf{I} \uparrow \text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \iff \mathcal{A} \not\cong \mathcal{B}.$$

**Theorem 4.18** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov), [5], Theorem 70). *If  $T$  is a classifiable theory, then  $\cong_T$  is  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa)$ .*

*Proof.* Notice that the  $\text{EF}_\omega^\kappa$  game can be coded as a  $\kappa$ -Borel\* game taking at the leaves the open sets given by partial isomorphisms.  $\square$

From Lemma 4.12, we know the following two hold for any  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  models of a classifiable theory (with domain  $\kappa$ ):

- $\mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{B} \iff \mathbf{II} \uparrow \text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A} \restriction_\alpha, \mathcal{B} \restriction_\alpha)$  for club-many  $\alpha$ .
- $\mathcal{A} \not\cong \mathcal{B} \iff \mathbf{I} \uparrow \text{EF}_\omega^\kappa(\mathcal{A} \restriction_\alpha, \mathcal{B} \restriction_\alpha)$  for club-many  $\alpha$ .

Clearly  $R_{EF}^\kappa$  coincide with  $\cong_T$  when  $T$  is classifiable. So

- $\eta \cong_T^\kappa \xi \iff \exists C \subseteq \kappa$  a club, such that  $\eta R_{EF}^\alpha \xi$  for all  $\alpha \in C$ .
- $\neg(\eta \cong_T^\alpha \xi) \iff \exists C \subseteq \kappa$  a club, such that  $\neg(\eta R_{EF}^\alpha \xi)$  for all  $\alpha \in C$ .

**Theorem 4.19** (Hyttinen-Moreno, [9] Theorem 2.8). *Assume  $T$  is a countable complete classifiable theory over a countable vocabulary,  $S \subseteq \kappa$  a stationary set, and  $\mu$  a regular cardinal. Then  $\cong_T^\kappa \hookrightarrow_L =_\kappa^\kappa$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from the approximation lemma (Lemma 2.19), Lemma 4.14, and Lemma 4.12.  $\square$

**Exercise 4.5.** *Prove Theorem 4.20.*

**Theorem 4.20** (Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov)-Moreno, [7] Lemma 2). *Assume  $T$  is a countable complete classifiable theory over a countable vocabulary. Let  $S \subseteq \kappa$  a stationary set. If  $\diamond_S$  holds, then  $\cong_T^\kappa \hookrightarrow_L =_\kappa^2$ .*

## 5 Further results

### 5.1 Borel sets, $\Delta_1^1$ sets, Borel\* sets and $\Sigma_1^1$ sets

**Theorem 5.1** (Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov), [6], Corollary 3.2). *It is consistent that  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa) \subsetneq \kappa\text{-Borel}^* \subsetneq \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ .*

**Lemma 5.2** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov), [5], Corollary 14). *The set  $\{(\eta, \xi) \in \kappa^\kappa \times \kappa^\kappa \mid \mathcal{A}_\eta \cong \mathcal{A}_\xi\}$  is  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ .*

**Theorem 5.3** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov), [5], Theorem 24). *A set  $B \subseteq \kappa^\kappa$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel and closed under permutations if and only if there is a sentence  $\varphi$  in  $L_{\kappa+\kappa}$  such that  $B = \{\eta \in \kappa^\kappa \mid \mathcal{A}_\eta \models \varphi\}$ .*

**Theorem 5.4** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Kulikov).

1. Let  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa > 2^\omega$ . If  $T$  is classifiable and shallow, then  $\cong_T$  is  $\kappa$ -Borel. ([5], Theorem 68)
2. If  $T$  is classifiable non-shallow, then  $\cong_T$  is  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa)$  not  $\kappa$ -Borel. ([5], Theorem 69 and 70)
3. If  $T$  is unstable or stable with the OTOP or superstable with the DOP and  $\kappa > \omega_1$ , then  $\cong_T$  is not  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa)$ . ([5], Theorem 71)
4. If  $T$  is stable unsuperstable, then  $\cong_T$  is not  $\kappa$ -Borel. ([5], Theorem 72)



## 5.2 Non-reducible results

**Theorem 5.5** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov), [5], Theorem 52). *Assume GCH,  $\mu < \kappa$  a regular cardinal such that if  $\kappa = \lambda^+$ , then  $\mu \leq cf(\lambda)$ . Then in a cofinality and GCH preserving forcing extension, there stationary sets  $K(A) \subseteq S_\mu^\kappa$  for each  $A \subseteq \kappa$  such that  $=_{K(A)}^\kappa \not\rightarrow_B =_{K(B)}^\kappa$  if and only if  $A \not\subseteq B$ .*

**Theorem 5.6** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov), [5], Theorem 56). *For a cardinal  $\kappa$  which is a successor of a regular cardinal or it is inaccessible, there is a cofinality-preserving forcing extension in which for all regular  $\lambda < \kappa$ , the relations  $=_\lambda^\kappa$  are  $\hookrightarrow_B$ -incomparable with each other.*

**Theorem 5.7** (Dense non-reduction; Fernandes-Moreno-Rinot, [3] Corollary 6.19). *There exists a cofinality-preserving forcing extension in which:*

- For all stationary subsets  $X, S$  of  $S$ , there exist stationary subsets  $X' \subseteq X$  and  $Y' \subseteq Y$  such that  $=_{X'}^2 \not\rightarrow_B =_{Y'}^\kappa$ .
- For all two disjoint stationary subsets  $X, Y$  of  $\kappa$ ,  $=_X^2 \not\rightarrow_B =_Y^\kappa$ .

**Theorem 5.8** (Friedman-Hyttinen-Weinstein(Kulikov), [5] Theorem 77). *If a first order countable complete theory over a countable vocabulary  $T$  is classifiable, then  $=_\omega^2 \not\rightarrow_c \cong_T$ .*

## 5.3 Reflections

**Theorem 5.9** (Shelah, [20] Claim 2.3). *For an uncountable cardinal  $\lambda$ , and a stationary subset  $S \subseteq S_{\neq cf(\lambda)}^{\lambda^+}$ , the following are equivalent:*

- $2^\lambda = \lambda^+$ ,
- $\diamond_{\lambda^+}(S)$ .

**Definition 5.10.** *For a stationary  $S \subseteq \kappa$ ,  $\diamond_S^{++}$  asserts the existence of a sequence  $\langle K_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle$  satisfying the following:*

1. for every infinite  $\alpha \in S$ ,  $K_\alpha$  is a set of size  $|\alpha|$ ;
2. for every  $X \subseteq \kappa$ , there exists a club  $C \subseteq \kappa$  such that, for all  $\alpha \in C \cap S$ ,  $C \cap \alpha, X \cap \alpha \in K_\alpha$ ;
3. the following set is stationary in  $[H_{\kappa^+}]^{<\kappa}$ :

$$\{M \in [H_{\kappa^+}]^{<\kappa} \mid M \cap \kappa \in S \text{ \& \; } \text{clps}(M, \in) = (K_{M \cap \kappa}, \in)\}.$$

**Theorem 5.11** (Sakai, [18] Prop 1.4).  $\diamond_S^{++}$  holds in  $L$ .

**Lemma 5.12** (Fernandes-Moreno-Rinot, [3], Thm 4.10). *For every stationary  $S \subseteq \kappa$ ,  $\diamond_S^{++}$  implies  $\text{DI}_S^*(\Pi_2^1)$ .*

**Definition 5.13.** *Let  $\mathbb{S}$  be the poset of all pairs  $(k, \mathcal{B})$  with the following properties:*

1.  $k$  is a function such that  $\text{dom}(k) < \kappa$ ;
2. for each  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(k)$ ,  $k(\alpha)$  is a transitive model of  $\text{ZF}^-$  of size  $\leq \max\{\aleph_0, |\alpha|\}$ , with  $k \restriction \alpha \in k(\alpha)$ ;
3.  $\mathcal{B}$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{P}(\kappa)$  of size  $\leq \text{dom}(k)$ ;

$(k', \mathcal{B}') \leq (k, \mathcal{B})$  in  $\mathbb{S}$  if the following holds:

- (i)  $k' \supseteq k$ , and  $\mathcal{B}' \supseteq \mathcal{B}$ ;
- (ii) for any  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  and any  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(k') \setminus \text{dom}(k)$ ,  $B \cap \alpha \in k'(\alpha)$ .

**Lemma 5.14** (Sakai, [18] Prop 1.5). *For every stationary  $S \subseteq \kappa$ ,  $V^\mathbb{S} \models \diamond_S^{++}$ .*

**Corollary 5.15** (Fernandes-Moreno-Rinot, [3] Lemma 4.10 and Proposition 4.14). *There exists a  $< \kappa$ -closed  $\kappa^+$ -cc forcing extension in which  $\text{DI}_S^*(\Pi_2^1)$  holds for all  $\dot{S} \subseteq \kappa$  stationary set ( $S$  stationary in  $V$ ).*

Since  $\diamond_S^{++}$  holds in  $L$ , in  $L$  we have  $\kappa\text{-Borel}^* = \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ . Also there is a  $< \kappa$ -closed  $\kappa^+$ -cc forcing which forces  $\kappa\text{-Borel}^* = \Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ .

**Definition 5.16.** *For a given cardinal  $\lambda = \mu^+$  and a stationary set  $S \subseteq \lambda$ ,  $\diamond_S^+$  is the statement that there is a sequence  $\langle \mathcal{A}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle$  such that*

- For all  $\alpha \in S$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_\alpha \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\alpha)$  and  $|\mathcal{A}_\alpha| \leq \mu$ .
- If  $Z \subseteq \lambda$ , then there exists a club  $C \subseteq \lambda$  such that

$$C \cap S \subseteq \{\alpha \in S \mid Z \cap \alpha \in \mathcal{A}_\alpha \text{ \& } C \cap \alpha \in \mathcal{A}_\alpha\}.$$

**Lemma 5.17** (Fernandes-Moreno-Rinot, [3] Corollary 4.12). *It is consistent that  $\diamond_S^+$  holds, but  $\diamond_S^{++}$  fails.*

**Theorem 5.18** (Fernandes-Moreno-Rinot, [3] Corollary 5.7). *If  $\kappa$  is strongly inaccessible, then in the forcing extension by  $\text{Add}(\kappa, \kappa^+)$ , for all stationary subsets  $X, S$  of  $\kappa$ , the following are equivalent:*

1.  $X$   $\mathfrak{f}$ -reflects to  $S$ ;
2. every stationary subset of  $X$  reflects in  $S$ .

**Theorem 5.19** (Fernandes-Moreno-Rinot, [3] Corollary 5.12). *There exists a cofinality-preserving forcing extension in which, for all stationary subsets  $X, S$  of  $\kappa$ ,  $X$  does not  $\mathfrak{f}$ -reflects to  $S$ .*

## 5.4 Model theory

The smallest ordinal  $\alpha$  such that  $A \in \Sigma_\alpha^0 \cup \Pi_\alpha^0$  is called the Borel rank of  $A$  and denoted by  $rk_B(A)$ . Given a theory  $T$ , let us denote by  $B(\kappa, T)$  the rank  $rk_B(\cong_T)$ .

**Theorem 5.20** (Descriptive Main Gap; Mangraviti-Motto Ros, [13] Theorem 1.9). *Let  $\kappa > 2^\omega$ . If  $T$  is classifiable shallow of depth  $\alpha$ , then  $B(\kappa, T) \leq 4\alpha$ .*

A theory  $T$  is  $\kappa$ -categorical if there is only one model of  $T$  of size  $\kappa$  up to isomorphism. A theory  $T$  is categorical in  $\kappa$  if  $T$  is  $\kappa$ -categorical.

**Theorem 5.21** (Morley's categoricity theorem, [17] Theorem 5.6). *Let  $T$  be a first-order countable complete theory. If  $T$  is categorical in one uncountable cardinal, then  $T$  is categorical in every uncountable cardinal.*

**Theorem 5.22** (Mangraviti-Motto Ros, [13] Theorem 3.3). *Let  $T$  be a countable first-order theory in a countable vocabulary (not necessarily complete).  $T$  is  $\kappa$ -categorical if and only if  $rk_B(\cong_T) = 0$ , i.e.  $\cong_T$  is clopen.*

**Theorem 5.23** (Strictly stable; Hyttinen-Kulikov-Moreno, [7] Corollary 2). *Suppose that  $\kappa = \lambda^+$  and  $\lambda^\omega = \lambda$ . If  $T_1$  is a classifiable theory and  $T_2$  is a stable unsuperstable theory, then  $\cong_{T_1} \hookrightarrow_c \cong_{T_2}$  and  $\cong_{T_2} \not\hookrightarrow_B \cong_{T_1}$ .*

**Theorem 5.24** (Unsuperstable; Moreno, [15] Corollary 4.12). *Suppose  $\kappa = \lambda^+ = 2^\lambda$  and  $\lambda^\omega = \lambda$ . If  $T_1$  is a classifiable theory, and  $T_2$  is an unsuperstable theory, then  $\cong_{T_1} \hookrightarrow_c \cong_{T_2}$  and  $\cong_{T_2} \not\hookrightarrow_B \cong_{T_1}$ .*

**Theorem 5.25** (Borel reducibility Main Gap; Moreno, [16] Theorem 5.5). *Let  $\mathfrak{c} = 2^\omega$ . Suppose  $\kappa = \lambda^+ = 2^\lambda$  and  $2^\mathfrak{c} \leq \lambda = \lambda^{\omega_1}$ . If  $T_1$  is a countable complete classifiable shallow theory,  $T_2$  is a countable complete classifiable theory not shallow, and  $T_3$  is a countable complete non-classifiable theory, then the following hold:*

1. **Classifiable vs Non-classifiable.** For  $T = T_1, T_2$  there is  $\gamma < \kappa$  such that:

$$\cong_T \hookrightarrow_c =_{\gamma}^2 \hookrightarrow_c \cong_{T_3} \text{ and } \cong_{T_3} \not\hookrightarrow_B \cong_T.$$

2. **Shallow vs Non-shallow.** If  $\kappa = \aleph_\mu$  is such that  $\beth_{\omega_1}(\mu) \leq \kappa$ , then

$$\cong_{T_1} \hookrightarrow_B 0_\kappa \hookrightarrow_B \cong_{T_2} \hookrightarrow_c \cong_{T_3}.$$

In particular,

$$\cong_{T_3} \not\hookrightarrow_B \cong_{T_2} \not\hookrightarrow_r 0_\kappa \not\hookrightarrow_r \cong_{T_1}.$$

**Theorem 5.26** ( $L$ -Main Gap Dichotomy; Hyttinen-Kulikov-Moreno, [8] Theorem 4.11). *( $V = L$ ). Suppose  $\kappa = \lambda^+$  and  $\lambda$  is a regular uncountable cardinal. If  $T$  is a countable first-order theory in a countable vocabulary, not necessarily complete, then one of the following holds:*

- $\cong_T$  is  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa)$ .
- $\cong_T$  is  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ -complete.

**Theorem 5.27** (Main Gap Dichotomy; Moreno, [16] Theorem 5.16). *Let  $\kappa$  be inaccessible, or  $\kappa = \lambda^+ = 2^\lambda$  and  $2^\mathfrak{c} \leq \lambda = \lambda^{\omega_1}$ . There exists a  $< \kappa$ -closed  $\kappa^+$ -cc forcing extension in which for any countable first-order theory in a countable vocabulary (not necessarily complete),  $T$ , one of the following holds:*

- $\cong_T$  is  $\Delta_1^1(\kappa)$ .
- $\cong_T$  is  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ -complete.

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