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# Applying Set Theory 

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#### Abstract

We prove some results in set theory as applied to general topology and model theory. In particular, we study $\aleph_{1}$-collectionwise Hausdorff, Chang Conjecture for logics with Malitz-Magidor quantifiers and monadic logic of the real line by odd/even Cantor sets.


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## 1. Introduction

In $\S 2$ we prove a result in general topology saying: if $\diamond_{\aleph_{1}}^{*}$ then any normal space is $\aleph_{1}$ - CWH (= collectionwise Hausdorff ); done independently of and in parallel to Fleisner and Alan D. Taylor.

In $\S 3$ we prove the Chang Conjecture for Magidor-Malitz Quantifiers. A recent related piece of work is [1].

In $\S 4$ we prove the Monadic Theory of the tree ${ }^{\omega>} 2$ is complicated under a quite weak set theoretic assumption. Earlier [2] proved this (i.e., the result on the monadic logic) assuming CH or at least a consequence of it.

The present note was circulated in the Spring of 1979 in a collection; it include each of the sections (as well as other preprints) but those three were not published. However, Ref. [3]. have results related to Section 3; in particular it was conjectured there (in Remark 2.15) that there are two non-principal ultrafilters of $\omega$ with no common lower bound in the Rudin Keisler order; a conjecure which had been refuted in [4].

Later, Gurevich-Shelah [5] proved undecidability in ZFC, with further developments then more in Shelah [6], still the older proof gives information not covered by them. For more see [4,7,8].

The results are old, still in particular, $\S 2$ gives a direct proof of the result compared to others and $\S 4$ gives a considerably more transparent easier proof of the later result of [5] but with an extra weak hypothesis.

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## 2. A Note in General Topology If $\diamond_{\aleph_{1}}^{*}$ Then Any Normal Space is $\aleph_{1}-\mathbf{C W H}$ (=Collectionwise HAUSDORFF)

The normal Moore space problem has been a major theme in general topology, see the recent survey Dow-Tall [9]. In this connection, Fleissner ([10], p. 6) proved: $(\mathbf{V}=\mathbf{L})$ every normal first countable (topological) space is CWH (CWH means collectionwise Hausdorff). He used a strengthening of diamond. The author proved Fleissner strengthening (for $\aleph_{1}$ ) does not follow from $\mathrm{ZFC}+\diamond_{\aleph_{1}}^{+}$(see [11], Th. 5, p. 31). Here we prove nevertheless $\diamond_{\aleph_{1}}^{*}$ implies every normal first countable space is $\aleph_{1}-\mathrm{CWH}$.

The central idea of the proof in $\S 2$ is inspired by one key idea in Fleissner [10]. Fleissner implicitly used a stronger combinatorial principle $\diamond_{S S}$. In 1979 , the author and independently both Fleissner and Alan D. Taylor all saw (as mentioned in $[12,13]$ that a weaker principle, $\diamond_{\omega_{1}}^{*}$, would suffice. Later Smith and Szeptycki [12] derive better results. On more recent results on diamond and strong negation, see [14] and references there.

Definition 1. Below $\delta$ always denotes a limit ordinal $\left(<\omega_{1}\right)$. For transparency, below we refer to the following equivalent form of $\diamond{ }_{\omega_{1}}^{*}$.

Definition 2. Let $\diamond_{\aleph_{1}}^{*}$ mean that there exist a sequence $\left\langle\mathbf{g}_{\delta}: \delta<\omega_{1}\right\rangle$ where $\mathbf{g}_{\delta}=\left\langle\bar{g}^{\delta, k}: k<\omega\right\rangle$ is of the form $\bar{g}^{\delta, k}=\left\langle g_{n}^{\delta, k}: n<\omega\right\rangle$, where $g_{n}^{\delta, k}: \delta \rightarrow \omega$ has the property that, for any sequence $\bar{g}=\left\langle g_{n}: n<\omega\right\rangle$ with $g_{n}:\left\{\delta: \delta<\omega_{1}\right\} \rightarrow \omega$, there is a club (closed unbounded) set $C \subseteq \omega_{1}$ such that, for each $\gamma \in C$, there is $k=k(\gamma) \in \omega$ with

$$
\bar{g} \upharpoonright \gamma:=\left\langle g_{n} \upharpoonright \gamma: n<\omega\right\rangle=\bar{g}^{\gamma, k}=\left\langle g_{n}^{\gamma, k}: n<\omega\right\rangle .
$$

Theorem 1. Assume $\diamond_{\aleph_{1}}^{*}$. If $X$ is Hausdorff first countable normal and $|X|=\aleph_{1}$ then $X$ is $C W H$.
Proof. Let $\left\langle\mathbf{g}_{\delta}: \delta<\omega_{1}\right\rangle$ be as in Definition 2.
Without loss of generality $X_{*}=\left\{\delta: \delta<\omega_{1}\right\} \subseteq X$ and $X_{*}$ is closed discrete in the space $X$. Let $U_{n}^{\delta}(n<\omega)$ be a basis of open neighborhoods of $\delta$ (for $\delta<\omega_{1}$ ). We shall define by induction on $\alpha<\omega_{1}$ a limit ordinal $\gamma_{\alpha}<\omega_{1}$ and $\left\langle f_{n}(\gamma): n<\omega, \gamma<\gamma_{\alpha}\right\rangle$ such that $\gamma_{\alpha}$ is increasing continuous with $\alpha$ and $\gamma_{0}=0$. For $\alpha=0$ choose $\gamma_{\alpha}=\omega ; f_{n}(\gamma)=0$. For limit $\alpha$ let $\gamma_{\alpha}$ be $\cup\left\{\gamma_{\beta}: \beta<\alpha\right\}$. For $\alpha=\beta+1$ if $\gamma_{\alpha}>\alpha$ then we let $\gamma_{\alpha}=\gamma_{\beta}+\omega$ and let $f_{n}(\gamma)=0$ for $\gamma \in\left[\gamma_{\beta}, \gamma_{\alpha}\right)$. Finally assume that $\alpha=\delta^{*}, \gamma_{\delta^{*}}=\delta^{*}$ so $\delta^{*} \in X_{*}$.

We have chosen above the functions $\left\langle g_{n}^{\delta^{*}, k}: n<\omega, k<\omega\right\rangle$ with $g_{n}^{\delta^{*}, k}: \delta^{*} \rightarrow \omega$; now for each $n, k<\omega$ let $A_{\ell}^{\delta^{*}, n, k}=\cup\left\{U_{g_{n}^{\delta^{*}, k}(\delta)}^{\delta}: \delta<\delta^{*}, f_{n}(\delta)=\ell\right\}$ (for $n<\omega, \ell<2$ ). Call $k<\omega$ good for $\delta^{*}$ when for infinitely many (pairs) $n, \ell$ we have

$$
B_{\ell}^{\delta^{*}, n, k}:=\operatorname{cl}\left(A_{\ell}^{\delta^{*}, n, k}\right) \cap\left(X_{*} \backslash \delta^{*}\right) \neq \varnothing .
$$

We let $\gamma_{\alpha}=\gamma_{\delta^{*}+1}=\min \left\{\delta: \delta>\delta^{*}\right.$ and if $\ell<2$ and $n, k<\omega$ and $B_{\ell}^{\delta^{*}, n, k} \neq \varnothing$ then $\left.\left(\delta^{*}, \delta\right) \cap B_{\ell}^{\delta^{*}, n, k} \neq \varnothing\right\}$.

Now we choose $f_{n} \upharpoonright\left[\delta^{*}, \gamma_{\alpha}\right)$ such that for any $k$ good for $\delta^{*}$, for some $n, \ell, \delta \geq \delta^{*}$ we have

$$
f_{n}(\delta)=1-\ell\left(\text { for } \delta \in \operatorname{cl}\left(A_{\ell}^{\delta^{*}, n, k}\right)\right)
$$

Then we complete arbitrarily the $f_{n}$ so that its domain is $\gamma_{\alpha}$.
Thus we have defined $f_{n}(n<\omega)$ with $f_{n}: \omega_{1} \rightarrow 2$. For each $n$ the sets $f_{n}^{-1}\{1\} \cap$ $X_{*}, f_{n}^{-1}\{0\} \cap X_{*}$ form a partition of $X_{*}$, both are closed and discrete subsets of $X$. But $X$ is normal. So there are functions $g_{n}: X_{*} \rightarrow \omega$ for $n<\omega$ so that letting for $\ell=0,1$

$$
A_{\ell}^{n}=\cup\left\{U_{g_{n}(\delta)}^{\delta}: \delta \in X_{*}, f_{n}(\delta)=\ell\right\}
$$

we have

$$
A_{0}^{n} \cap A_{1}^{n}=\varnothing
$$

Let $g_{n}^{+}$be any function from $\omega_{1}$ to $\omega$ extending $g_{n}$. For some closed unbounded set $C \subseteq X_{*}$ we have: $\delta^{*} \in C \Rightarrow(\exists k)\left(\left\langle g_{n}^{+} \upharpoonright \delta^{*}: n<\omega\right\rangle=\left\langle g_{n}^{\delta^{*}, k}: n<\omega\right\rangle\right)$. Let the first such $k$ be denoted $k\left(\delta^{*}\right)$. Without loss of generality every $\delta^{*} \in C$ satisfy $\gamma_{\delta^{*}}=\gamma$ hence if $\delta^{*} \in C \wedge n<\omega \wedge k<\omega \wedge \ell<2$ and $B_{\ell}^{\delta^{*}, n, k}=\operatorname{cl}\left(A_{\ell}^{\delta^{*}, n, k}\right) \cap\left(X_{*} \backslash \delta^{*}\right) \neq \varnothing$ then $\min \left(B_{\ell}^{\delta^{*}, n, k}\right)<\min \left(C \backslash\left(\delta^{*}+1\right)\right)$.

For $\delta^{*} \in C$ now $k\left(\delta^{*}\right)$ cannot be good for $\delta^{*}$, (by the definition).
Now for at least one $n$ (in fact, for infinitely many $n$-s) we have $\operatorname{cl}\left(A_{\ell}^{n} \mid \delta^{*}\right) \cap\left(X_{*} \backslash \delta^{*}\right)=$ $\varnothing$ for $\ell \in\{0,1\}$, let $n\left(\delta^{*}\right)$ be the first such $n$.

Define
$B_{n}=\left\{\delta:\right.$ for some $\delta^{*} \in C \cup\{0\}$ we have $\delta^{*} \leq \delta<\min (C \backslash \delta)$ and $n=\max \left\{n\left(\delta^{*}\right), n(\delta)\right\}$

Now $\bigcup_{n}\left(g_{n} \upharpoonright B_{n}\right)$ almost exhibits $X_{*}$ has the right sequence of neighborhoods. Now we can deal with each $B_{n}$ separately (just choose $\mathscr{U}_{n}$ by induction on $n$ such that $\mathscr{U}_{n}$ is open, $\mathscr{U}_{n} \cap X_{*}=B_{n}$ and $\mathscr{U}_{n} \subseteq X \backslash c \ell\left(\bigcup_{\ell<n} \mathscr{U}_{\ell}\right)$, possible by normality).

By dealing as follows with each interval $\left[\delta^{*}, \min \left(C \backslash\left(\delta^{*}+1\right)\right)\right.$ for $\delta^{*} \in C \cup\{0\}$ we have $U_{g_{n}(\delta)}^{\delta}\left(\delta \in B_{n}\right)$ as required.

That is, for $\gamma \in C \cup\{0\}$ with $\gamma^{+}$its successor in $C$, choose a (countable) family of pairwise disjoint open sets $\mathscr{U}_{\gamma}(\beta)$ for $\beta \in X_{*} \wedge \gamma \leq \beta<\gamma^{+}$, with $\beta \in \mathscr{U}_{\gamma}(\beta)$, this is possible as in the choice of the $\mathscr{U}_{n}$ 's.

Now for $\beta \in X_{*}$ we let $W_{\beta}=\mathscr{U}_{n(\beta)} \cap \mathscr{U}_{\gamma(\beta)}(\beta) \cap \mathscr{U}_{g_{n(\beta)}(\beta)}^{\beta}$ where:

- $\gamma(\gamma)=\max (C \cap(\beta+1))$
- $m(\beta)=\max \left\{n\left(\delta^{*}\right), n\left(\left(\delta^{*}\right)^{+}\right): \delta^{*}=\max (C \cap \beta) \leq \beta<\left(\delta^{*}\right)^{+}\right\}$

Finally $\left\langle W_{\beta}: \beta \in X_{*}\right\rangle$ is a sequence of pairwise disjoint open sets of $X$ with $\beta \in X_{*} \Rightarrow$ $\beta \in W_{\beta}$, so we are done.

Remark 1. As in [10] it suffices to assume every point in the space has a neighborhood basis of cardinality $\aleph_{1}$.

## 3. Chang Conjecture for Magidor-Malitz Quantifiers

Silver (see [15]) had proved the consistency of Chang conjecture, i.e.,
$\oplus \quad$ any model $M$ with universe $\aleph_{2}$ (and countable signature $=$ vocabulary) $\tau$, has an elementary submodel $N,\left(\|N\|=\aleph_{1},\left|N \cap \omega_{1}\right|=\aleph_{0}\right)$

Silver did this by starting with a model $\mathbf{V}$ with $\kappa$ Ramsey (in fact, something weaker suffices), forcing MA and then collapsing $\kappa$ to $\aleph_{2}$ by $\mathbb{P}_{\text {Set }}^{\kappa}=\left\{f: \operatorname{Dom}(f) \subseteq\left\{\mu: \aleph_{1}<\right.\right.$ $\mu<\kappa, \mu$ a cardinal $\}$ has cardinality $\leq \aleph_{1}$, and for some $\alpha<\omega_{1},(\forall \mu \in \operatorname{Dom} f)(f(\mu)$ is a function from $\alpha$ to $\mu)\}$. See also Koszmider [16] for a topological application.

We can ask whether this submodel $N$ can inherit more properties from $M$.
Definition 3. Let us define a (technical variant of) Magidor-Malitz quantifiers. $M \models\left(Q^{n} \bar{x}\right) \varphi\left(x_{1}\right.$, $\left.\ldots, x_{n}\right)$ means that there is a set $A \subseteq M, A$ is of cardinality $\|M\|$ such that $\left(\forall a_{1} \ldots a_{n} \in\right.$ A) $\varphi\left(a_{1} \ldots a_{n}\right)$.

The result is that:
Claim 1. In $\oplus$ above, we can have $N$ an elementary submodel of $M$ even for the logic $\mathbb{L}\left(Q^{0}, Q^{1}, \ldots\right)_{n<\omega}$. So e.g., Suslinity of trees is preserved.

For this we need the following.
Definition 4. Call a forcing $\mathbb{P}$ suitable when for any sequence $\left\langle p_{i}: i<\omega_{1}\right\rangle$ of members of $\mathbb{P}$ there is a set $\mathscr{U} \subseteq \omega_{1}$ of cardinality $\aleph_{1}$ such that: for any finite $u \subseteq \mathscr{U}$ there is $q \in \mathbb{P}$ such that $\bigwedge_{i \in u} q \geq p_{i}$.

Claim 2. Forcing by suitable forcing preserves satisfaction of sentences of Magidor-Malitz quantifiers for models of power $\aleph_{1}$.

See ([17], 1.5-13, p. 34).
Claim 3. There is a suitable forcing $\mathbb{P},|\mathbb{P}|=2^{\aleph_{1}}$, such that in $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}}$ : if $\mathbb{Q}$ is a suitable forcing of power $\aleph_{1}, \underset{\sim}{M}$ a $\mathbb{Q}$-name of a model of power $\aleph_{1}$, in a language $L \in \mathbf{V}$, universe $\aleph_{1}$, then there is a directed $\mathbf{G} \subseteq \mathbb{P}$, which determines $\underset{\sim}{M}$ as $M$ and such that for any sentence $\psi$ from the $\mathbb{L}\left(Q^{0}, Q^{1}, \ldots\right)$ (the variant of Magidor-Malitz logic from Definition 3)

$$
\Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}} " \underset{\sim}{M} \models \psi^{\prime} \text { implies } M \models \psi \text {. }
$$

Proof. Just iterate the required forcing notions, with direct limit (i.e., finite support) and remember it is known that suitability is preserved under iteration, i.e., Claim 2.

## Proof of Main result Claim 1:

Do as Silver, start with $\mathbf{V} \mid=" \kappa$ Ramsey", force by $\mathbb{P}$ from Claim 3, and then use $\mathbb{P}_{\text {Set }}^{\kappa}$. The rest is as in his proof.

But we have to choose $G$ as in Definition 3, and notice that more is reflected to the submodel he uses, (just check the definition carefully) and work a little, and remember that $\aleph_{1}$-complete forcing preserves satisfaction of sentences in $\mathbb{L}\left(Q^{0}, \ldots\right)$ (and $\mathbb{P}_{\text {Set }}^{\kappa}$ is $\aleph_{1}$ complete).

## 4. A Remark on the Monadic Theory of Order

In [2] we prove the undecidability of the monadic theory of (the order) $R$, assuming CH , or the weaker Baire-like hypothesis that $\mathbb{R}$ is not the union of fewer than continuum sets of first category sets. This condition is weaken below to "not (St) at least for $T$ where a closely related theory is the monadic theory $T$ of $M=(\omega \geq 2, \triangleleft)$ where ${ }^{\omega \geq 2} 2$ is the set of sequences of zeros and ones of length $\leq \omega, \triangleleft$ is the (partial) order of being initial segment. $T$ is closely related to Rabin's monadic theory of $\left({ }^{\omega>} 2, \triangleleft\right)$ which he proved decidable [18]. We prove here that the statement " $\neg(\mathrm{St})$ " implies the undecidability of $T$ (and all results on its complexity, see [2] and the paper of Gurevich on the subject) but it was not clear (at that time) whether ( St ) is consistent with ZFC.

Definition 5. A Cantor [set] C is a non-empty subset of ${ }^{\omega \geq 2} 2$ with the properties
(a) C is closed under initial segments,
(b) if $\eta$ has length $\omega$ then $\eta \in C \equiv(\forall n)(\eta \upharpoonright n \in C)$,
(c) $\eta \in C \cap^{\omega>} 2$ implies $\eta \frown\langle 0\rangle \in C$ or $\eta \frown\langle 1\rangle \in C$,
(d) for every $\eta \in C \cap^{\omega>} 2$, there is $v \in C \cap^{\omega>} 2 \eta \triangleleft v$ and $v \frown\langle 0\rangle \in C, v \frown\langle 1\rangle \in C$.

Definition 6. (1) For a Cantor $C$, the set of its splitting points is $\operatorname{Sp}(C)=\left\{\eta \in{ }^{\omega>} 2: \eta \frown\right.$ $\langle 0\rangle \in C$ and $\eta \frown\langle 1\rangle \in C\}$.
(2) For a set $A \subseteq{ }^{\omega>} 2, C$ is an $A$-Cantor, if $\mathrm{Sp}(C) \subseteq A$.
(3) For a set $S \subseteq \omega, C$ is called an $S$-Cantor, if

$$
\mathrm{Sp}(C) \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in S}^{n_{2}} 2
$$

(4) An odd Cantor is one that is an $\{2 n+1: n<\omega\}$-Cantor. An even Cantor is one that is an $\{2 n: n<\omega\}$-Cantor.

Now the statement we speak about is
Definition 7. Let ( St ) mean: the set ${ }^{\omega} 2$ is the union of less than $2^{\aleph_{0}}$ Cantors each of them odd or even.

Problem 1. Is (St) consistent with ZFC ?; solved in [4].

Claim 4. Let $\left\{C_{i}: i<\alpha\right\}$ be a family of odd and even Cantors, ${ }^{\omega \geq 2}=\bigcup_{i<\alpha} C_{i}$. Then $2^{\aleph_{0}} \leq|\alpha|^{+}$.
Proof. Let for $\eta, v \in{ }^{\omega} 2, \rho=p(\eta, v)$ be defined by $\rho(2 n)=\eta(n), \rho(2 n+1)=v(n)$, and then let $\eta=\operatorname{pr}_{1}(\rho), v=\operatorname{pr}_{2}(\rho)$.

Now for any even $C$, and $\eta$ there is at most one $v$ such that $p(\eta, v) \in C$; why? if $v_{0}, v_{1}$ are such $v^{\prime} s, \rho_{\ell}=p\left(\eta, v_{\ell}\right)$, then, by the definition of $p(-,-)$, for some $m<$ $\omega, \rho_{0} \upharpoonright m=\rho_{1} \upharpoonright m, \rho_{0}(m) \neq \rho_{1}(m)$. If $m=2 n$ then $\rho_{\ell}(m)=\rho_{\ell}(2 n)=\eta(n)$ so they are equal, contradiction. If $m=2 n+1$, then $\left(\rho_{0}(m) \neq \rho_{1}(m)\right.$ and) $\rho_{0} \upharpoonright m=\rho_{1} \upharpoonright m$ is a splitting point of $C$, however $m$ is odd and $C$ is an even Cantor, a contradiction. So really there is at most one $v$, and let $\varrho(\eta, C)$ be the unique $v p(\eta, v) \in C$ if there is one and $\eta$ otherwise.

Similarly if $C$ is odd and $\eta \in{ }^{\omega} 2$, then for at most one $v, p(\nu, \eta) \in C$ and let $\varrho(\eta, C)$ be $v$ for this $\eta$, and let $\varrho(\eta, C)=\eta$ otherwise. Our definition of the function $\varrho$ does not contradict, because no Cantor is odd and even.

Let for $\eta \in{ }^{\omega} 2, \operatorname{Dp}(\eta)=\left\{\varrho\left(\eta, C_{i}\right): i<\alpha\right\}$. So clearly $\operatorname{Dp}(\eta)$ is a subset of ${ }^{\omega} 2$ of cardinality $\leq|\alpha|$.

Now if $\eta, v \in \omega^{\omega} 2$, by hypothesis $\rho=p(\eta, v)$ belongs to some $C_{i}$. If $C_{i}$ is odd this implies $v=\varrho\left(\eta, C_{i}\right) \in \operatorname{Dp}(\eta)$ and if $C_{i}$ is even this implies $\eta=\varrho\left(C_{i}, v\right) \in \operatorname{Dp}(v)$.

If $|\alpha|^{+}<2^{\aleph_{0}}$ we can easily find a counterexample.
Definition 8. Assume $\neg(\mathrm{St})$.
If $S_{n} \subseteq \omega$ are infinite pairwise almost disjoint (for $n \in\{0,1,2\}$ ), $C_{i}\left(i<\alpha<2^{\aleph_{0}}\right)$ are Cantors, each an $S_{n}$-Cantor for some $n$ (or just an $S_{n} \cup S_{2}$-Contor for some $n$ ), $C$ is a Cantor for every $\eta \in C \cap^{\omega>} 2, \ell \in\{0,1\}$, there is $v$, such that $\eta \triangleleft v \in \operatorname{Sp}(C), v \in \underset{k \in S_{\ell}}{ }{ }^{k}{ }_{2}$.

Then there is $\eta \in C \backslash \bigcup_{i<\alpha} C_{i} \backslash{ }^{\omega>} 2$.
(2) Similarly for $S_{n} \subseteq{ }^{\omega>} 2$

Proof. (1) We can find a Cantor $C^{\prime} \subseteq C$, and $0=k(0)<k(1)<\ldots<k(n)<\ldots<\omega$ :
(*) if $\eta \in{ }^{k(n)} 2$, then there are exactly two $v \in{ }^{k(n+1)} 2 \cap C^{\prime}, \eta \triangleleft v$, and if they are $v_{1}, v_{2}$ and $m:=\min \left\{m: v_{1}(m) \neq v_{2}(m)\right\}$ then $m \in S_{0} \cup S_{1}$ but $\notin S_{2} \cup\left(S_{0}, \cap S_{1}\right)$. Moreover $m \in S_{0}$ if $n$ is even.

Let $A=\left\{\eta \upharpoonright k(n): n<\omega, \eta \in C^{\prime}\right\}$, so $A \subseteq C^{\prime}$. Clearly there is an isomorphism $f$, of the models $(\omega \geq 2, \triangleleft),\left(C^{\prime}, \triangleleft\right)$.

Let $C_{i}^{\prime}=\left\{f(\eta): \eta \in C^{\prime}, \eta \in C_{i}\right\}$, it is easy to check that each $C_{i}^{\prime}$ is countable, or the union of a countable set and a Cantor which is odd or is even.

We can find odd Cantor $C_{i}^{\prime}(\alpha \leq i<\alpha \omega)$ all countable sets we mentioned are covered by them. Now by—" $\neg(\mathrm{St})$ " there is $\eta \in{ }^{\omega \geq 2} 2 \eta \notin \underset{i<\alpha \omega}{\bigcup} C_{i}^{\prime}$ (as $\alpha \omega<2^{\aleph_{0}}$ ) and $f^{-1}(\eta)$ is the required elements.
(2) Similarly.
(Now we have added Claim 5 and Definition 9 in 2019).
Claim 5. Assume $\neg(\mathrm{St})$. (1) The monadic theory $T$ is undecidable.
Proof. Below let $P$ vary on Cantors and note that we can repeat the proof of [2] with small adaptation (and prove $T$ is undecidable). That is, the change needed is in ([2], (7.4)) which has a set-theoretic hypothesis (CH or the Baire-like hypothesis mentioned above), so we repeat it with the needed changes below.

Definition 9. Assume $\neg(\mathrm{St})$ and let $J$ be an index-set of cardinality at most $2^{\aleph_{0}}$, (1) Assume the $D_{i}(i \in J)$ countable dense subsets of ${ }^{\omega>} 2$ and $D=\bigcup_{i \in J} D_{i}$ and $\bar{D}=\left\langle D_{i}: i \in J\right\rangle$ (The main case
is that the $D_{i}$-s are pairwise almost disjoint). Then there is $Q \subseteq{ }^{\omega} 2 \backslash D, Q=Q[\bar{D}]$ such that for every Cantor $P$ :
(A) if $P \cap D \subseteq D_{i}(i \in J)$ and $D_{i}$ is dense in $P$ then $|P \cap Q|<2^{\aleph_{0}}$
(B) if for some $i \in J$ the sets $P \cap D_{i}, P \backslash D_{i}$ are dense in $P$ then $P \cap Q \neq \varnothing$.
(2) For some such $\bar{D}$ we can strengthen clause (B) above to
(B) if $P$ is a Cantor and for every $i \in J$ the set $D_{i} \cap P$ is nowhere-dense in $P$ then for every, dense subsets $D_{1}^{*}, D_{2}^{*}$ of $P \cap D$ we can find $D_{1}^{\bullet} \subseteq D_{1}^{*}, D_{2}^{*} \subseteq D_{2}^{*}$ satisfying for any $P$ we have: is $P \cap D_{1}^{\bullet}, P \cap D_{2}^{\bullet}$ are dense in $P$ then $P \cap Q \neq \varnothing$.

Proof. (1) Let $\left\{P_{\alpha}: 0<\alpha<2^{\aleph_{0}}\right\}$ be any enumeration of the Cantor sets. We define $x_{\alpha}, \alpha<2^{\aleph_{0}}$ by induction on $\alpha$.

For $\alpha=0, x_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}$ is arbitrary.
For any $\alpha>0$, if $P_{\alpha}$ does not satisfy the assumptions of (B) then let $x_{\alpha}=x_{0}$ and if $P$ satisfies the assumptions of (B) (hence in particular $D$ is dense in $P$ ) let $x_{\alpha} \in P_{\alpha}-\bigcup\left\{P_{\beta}\right.$ : $\beta<\alpha,(\exists i \in J)\left(P_{\beta} \cap D \subseteq D_{i}\right.$ and $D$ is dense in $\left.\left.P_{\beta}\right)\right\}=D$.

This is possible; to prove this let $\mathscr{U}=\left\{\beta<\alpha\right.$ : there is $i \in J$ such that $\left.P_{\beta} \cap D \subseteq D_{i}\right\}$ and for $\beta \in \mathscr{U}$ let $i_{\beta} \in J$ be such that $P_{\beta} \subseteq D_{i_{\beta}}$ Let $i(*) \in J$ be such that $P \cap D_{i(*)}, P \backslash D_{i(*)}$ are dense in $P$. Now we apply Definition 8(2), (or Definition 8(1) if we restrict the $D_{i}$-s, does not matter).

So by (St) and the hypothesis $\left|P_{\alpha} \cap D\right|<2^{\aleph_{0}}$ there exists such $x_{\alpha}$.
Now let $Q=\left\{x_{\alpha}: \alpha<2^{\aleph_{0}}\right\}$. If $P$ satisfies the assumptions of (A), then $P \in\left\{P_{\alpha}: 0<\right.$ $\left.\alpha<2^{\aleph_{0}}\right\}$. So for some $\alpha, P=P_{\alpha}$, hence $P \cap D \subseteq\left\{x_{\beta}: \beta<\alpha\right\}$, so $|P \cap D|<2^{\aleph_{0}}$. If $P=P_{\alpha}$ satisfies the assumption of (B) then $x_{\alpha} \in P_{\alpha}, x_{\alpha} \in Q$, hence $P_{\alpha} \cap Q \neq \varnothing$.
(2) Similarly.

So we have proved the lemma.
Definition 10. We can interpret the monadic theory of $(R,<)$ in $T$, but the converse was not clear at the time, but looking at it again probably we can carry the proof for $\mathbb{R}$.

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