

# Dropping Polishness

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# How do we “generalize” descriptive set theory?

Recall that a space is *Polish* if it is separable and completely metrizable. I can think of three ways...

- 1 Dropping separability: the prototypical space is  $\kappa^\omega$ , where  $\kappa$  has the discrete topology. It is completely metrizable, but not necessarily separable. (Ask Sergey Medvedev...)
- 2 Dropping everything: the prototypical space is  $\kappa^{\kappa}$  with the  $<\kappa$ -box-topology, where  $\kappa$  has the discrete topology and it satisfies  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ . (Ask Sy Friedman...)
- 3 Dropping Polishness: consider questions of “descriptive set-theoretic flavor” in spaces that are separable and metrizable, but not necessarily **completely** metrizable. (Ask Arnie Miller...)

From now on, we will assume that every space is separable and metrizable, but not necessarily Polish.

## How do you define complexity then?

$\Gamma$  will always be one of the following (boldface) pointclasses.

- $\Sigma_\xi^0$  or  $\Pi_\xi^0$ , where  $\xi$  is an ordinal such that  $1 \leq \xi < \omega_1$  (these are the *Borel pointclasses*).
- $\Sigma_n^1$  or  $\Pi_n^1$ , where  $n$  is an ordinal such that  $1 \leq n < \omega$  (these are the *projective pointclasses*).

We will assume that the definition of a  $\Gamma$  subset of a Polish space is well-known, and recall that it can be generalized to arbitrary spaces as follows.

### Definition

Fix a pointclass  $\Gamma$ . Let  $X$  be a space. We will say that  $A \subseteq X$  is a  $\Gamma$  subset of  $X$  if there exists a Polish space  $T$  containing  $X$  as a subspace such that  $A = B \cap X$  for some  $\Gamma$  subset  $B$  of  $T$ .

In the case of the Borel pointclasses, this is not really necessary, because the usual definition works in arbitrary spaces. But we prefer to give a unified treatment.

The following “reassuring” proposition can be proved by induction on  $\Gamma$ .

### Proposition

*Fix a pointclass  $\Gamma$ . Let  $X$  be a space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- *$A$  is a  $\Gamma$  subset of  $X$ .*
- *For every space  $T$  containing  $X$  as a subspace there exists a  $\Gamma$  subset  $B$  of  $T$  such that  $A = B \cap X$ .*

One could also define the so-called *ambiguous pointclasses* as follows.

- Let  $\Delta_\xi^0 = \Sigma_\xi^0 \cap \Pi_\xi^0$  for every ordinal  $\xi$  such that  $1 \leq \xi < \omega_1$ .
- Let  $\Delta_n^1 = \Sigma_n^1 \cap \Pi_n^1$  for every ordinal  $n$  such that  $1 \leq n < \omega$ .

However, they would not add any interesting content to our results. Therefore, we will exclude them from our discussion.

The only exception is  $\Delta_1^0 = \text{clopen}$ .

# Illustrious precedents

## Definition

The *Baire order*  $\text{ord}(X)$  of a space  $X$  is the minimum ordinal  $\alpha$  such that  $\Sigma_\alpha^0(X) = \text{Borel}(X)$ .

Examples:

- $\text{ord}(X) = 1$  if and only if  $X$  is discrete.
- $\text{ord}(X) \leq 2$  whenever  $X$  is countable, and  $\text{ord}(\mathbb{Q}) = 2$ .
- $\text{ord}(X) \leq \omega_1$  for every space.
- $\text{ord}(X) = 3$  if  $X$  is a Luzin set. (Recall that an uncountable set of reals  $X$  is a *Luzin set* if every uncountable subset of  $X$  is non-meager. They exist under CH.)
- $\text{ord}(X) = 2$  if  $X$  is a Sierpiński set. (Recall that an uncountable set of reals  $X$  is a *Sierpiński set* if every uncountable subset of  $X$  is non-null. They exist under CH.)

### Theorem (Lebesgue)

$\text{ord}(X) = \omega_1$  for every uncountable Polish space  $X$ .

Banach asked whether we can “drop Polishness”...

### Conjecture (Banach)

$\text{ord}(X) = \omega_1$  for every uncountable space  $X$ .

### Theorem (Miller, 1979)

*It is consistent that*  $\text{ord}(X) = \omega_1$  for every uncountable space  $X$ .

### Theorem (Kunen)

*Assume CH. Then for every  $\alpha$  such that  $1 \leq \alpha < \omega_1$  there exists a space  $X$  such that  $\text{ord}(X) = \alpha$ .*

Miller improved this by showing that CH can be weakened to the existence of a Luzin set.

# Perfect set property: the classical case

## Definition

Let  $X$  be a space and  $\Gamma$  a pointclass. We will say that  $X$  has the *perfect set property for  $\Gamma$  subsets* (briefly, the  $\text{PSP}(\Gamma)$ ) if every  $\Gamma$  subset of  $X$  is either countable or it contains a copy of  $2^\omega$ .

One of the classical problems of descriptive set theory consists in determining for which pointclasses  $\Gamma$  the statement “Every Polish space has the  $\text{PSP}(\Gamma)$ ” holds. The following three famous theorems essentially solve this problem.

## Theorem

- (Suslin) *Every Polish space has the  $\text{PSP}(\text{analytic})$ .*
- (Gödel) *Assume  $V = L$ . Then no uncountable Polish space has the  $\text{PSP}(\text{coanalytic})$ .*
- (Davis) *Assume the axiom of Projective Determinacy. Then every Polish space has the  $\text{PSP}(\text{projective})$ .*

## Perfect set property: the non-Polish case

But what happens in arbitrary (that is, not necessarily Polish) spaces? By the following simple proposition, the problem described above becomes trivial.

Recall that a subset  $B$  of an uncountable Polish space  $T$  is a *Bernstein set* if  $B \cap K \neq \emptyset$  and  $(T \setminus B) \cap K \neq \emptyset$  for every copy  $K$  of  $2^\omega$  in  $T$ . It is easy to see that Bernstein sets exist in ZFC. Since  $2^\omega \approx 2^\omega \times 2^\omega$ , every Bernstein set has size  $\mathfrak{c}$ .

### Proposition

*Let  $X$  be a Bernstein set in some uncountable Polish space. Then  $X$  does not have the PSP( $\Gamma$ ) for any pointclass  $\Gamma$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $\Gamma$  be a pointclass. Then  $X$  itself is an uncountable  $\Gamma$  subset of  $X$  that does not contain any copy of  $2^\omega$ .





# Thank you for your attention



# and good night!

## Perfect set property: the non-Polish case, II

Much less trivial, however, is to determine the status of the statement

*“For every space  $X$ , if  $X$  has the  $\text{PSP}(\Gamma)$  then  $X$  has the  $\text{PSP}(\Gamma')$ ”*

as  $\Gamma, \Gamma'$  range over all pointclasses of complexity at most analytic. We will give a complete solution to this problem. The case “ $\text{PSP}(\text{analytic})$  vs.  $\text{PSP}(\text{closed})$ ” turned out to be the most interesting one... Do you think they're equivalent or not?

### Theorem

*The following are equivalent.*

- *For every space  $X$ , if  $X$  has the  $\text{PSP}(\text{closed})$  then  $X$  has the  $\text{PSP}(\text{analytic})$ .*
- $\mathfrak{b} > \omega_1$ .

We will prove the interesting half of the above theorem.

## A first attempt (suggested by Kunen)

Assume  $\mathfrak{b} = \omega_1$ . We want to construct a space  $X$  such that

- Every uncountable closed subset of  $X$  contains a copy of  $2^\omega$ , but
- There exists an uncountable analytic subset of  $X$  that contains no copies of  $2^\omega$ .

Using  $\mathfrak{b} = \omega_1$ , fix a family  $Z = \{f_\alpha : \alpha \in \omega_1\} \subseteq \omega^\omega$  such that

- $Z$  is unbounded (there exists no  $g \in \omega^\omega$  such that  $f <^* g$  for all  $f \in Z$ ),
- $Z$  is well-ordered ( $f_\alpha <^* f_\beta$  whenever  $\alpha < \beta$ ).

$X$  will be a subspace of  $T = (\omega + 1)^\omega \approx 2^\omega$ , where

$\omega + 1 = \omega \cup \{\omega\}$  is the converging sequence with limit  $\omega$ .

Also define  $T_n = \{x \in T : x(n) = \omega\}$  for every  $n \in \omega$ , so that

$$T = \omega^\omega \cup \bigcup_{n \in \omega} T_n.$$

Define

$$X = Z \cup \bigcup_{n \in \omega} T_n \subseteq (\omega + 1)^\omega$$

### Lemma

Let  $Z$  be an unbounded family. Then

- $\text{cl}(Z)$  is not compact, where the closure is taken in  $\omega^\omega$ ,
- $\text{cl}(Z) \not\subseteq \omega^\omega$ , where the closure is taken in  $(\omega + 1)^\omega$ .

### Lemma

Let  $Z$  be a **well-ordered** unbounded family of size  $\omega_1$ .  
Then, for every uncountable  $Y \subseteq Z$ ,

- $\text{cl}(Y)$  is not compact, where the closure is taken in  $\omega^\omega$ ,
- $\text{cl}(Y) \not\subseteq \omega^\omega$ , where the closure is taken in  $(\omega + 1)^\omega$ .

Since each  $T_n \approx (\omega + 1)^\omega$  is compact,  $Z$  is a  $G_\delta$  subset of  $X$ .  
So, by the second lemma,  $Z$  witnesses that  $X$  does not have the PSP( $G_\delta$ ). In particular,  $X$  does not have the PSP(analytic).

## What goes wrong? (And how do we fix it?)

We still have to show that every uncountable closed subset of  $X$  contains a copy of  $2^\omega$ .

### Dream

*Is it true that  $\text{cl}(Y) \cap \bigcup_{n \in \omega} T_n$  is uncountable whenever  $Y \subseteq Z$  is uncountable?*

### Reality

*If  $Z$  consists only of increasing functions, then*

$$\text{cl}(Z) \cap \bigcup_{n \in \omega} T_n \subseteq \{s \frown \langle \omega, \omega, \dots \rangle : s \in \omega^{<\omega}\},$$

*which is countable!*

The solution comes from a property of certain subsets of  $2^\omega$ . Since the speaker is just a romantic little guy, he decided to name it after the lovely area of Vienna where he lives...

# Introducing



**the Grinzing property!**

# The Grinzing property

## Definition

We will say that a subset  $W$  of  $2^\omega$  has the *Grinzing property* (briefly, the GP) if it is uncountable and for every uncountable  $Y \subseteq W$  there exist uncountable subsets  $Y_\alpha$  of  $Y$  for  $\alpha \in \omega_1$  such that  $\text{cl}(Y_\alpha) \cap \text{cl}(Y_\beta) = \emptyset$  whenever  $\alpha \neq \beta$ , where the closure is taken in  $2^\omega$ .

Notice that an uncountable  $W \subseteq 2^\omega$  has the GP if and only if every subset of  $W$  of size  $\omega_1$  has the GP.

Could the whole  $2^\omega$  have the GP?

## Theorem

- Assume CH. Then  $2^\omega$  does not have the GP.
- Assume MA +  $\neg$ CH. Then  $2^\omega$  has the GP.

## Why do we care?

As we have just seen, it is consistent that **all** uncountable subsets of  $2^\omega$  have the GP. Therefore, it seems likely that there exists at least **one** in ZFC...

### Question

*Is it possible to prove in ZFC that there exists a subset of  $2^\omega$  with the GP?*

This would allow us to finish the proof of the main theorem!

Let  $W$  be a subset of  $2^\omega$  with the GP such that  $|W| = \omega_1$ .

Fix an injective enumeration  $W = \{g_\alpha : \alpha \in \omega_1\}$ .

	Old "proof"	New proof
$T$	$(\omega + 1)^\omega$	$(\omega + 1)^\omega \times 2^\omega$
$T_n$	$\{x \in (\omega + 1)^\omega : x(n) = \omega\}$	$\{x \in (\omega + 1)^\omega : x(n) = \omega\} \times 2^\omega$
$Z$	$\{f_\alpha : \alpha \in \omega_1\}$	$\{\langle f_\alpha, g_\alpha \rangle : \alpha \in \omega_1\}$

Notice that each  $T_n \approx (\omega + 1)^\omega \times 2^\omega \approx 2^\omega$  as before.



Define

$$X = Z \cup \bigcup_{n \in \omega} T_n \subseteq (\omega + 1)^\omega \times 2^\omega$$

### The PSP(analytic) still fails

As before,  $Z$  is a  $G_\delta$  subset of  $X$ . If  $Z$  contained a copy of  $2^\omega$ , then  $\pi[Z]$  would too, where  $\pi : \omega^\omega \times 2^\omega \rightarrow \omega^\omega$  is the projection on the first coordinate.

### Thanks to the GP, we can finally prove the PSP(closed)

As before, we have to prove that  $\text{cl}(Y) \cap \bigcup_{n \in \omega} T_n$  is uncountable for every uncountable  $Y \subseteq Z$ . The difference is that now, it **will** be enough to prove  $\text{cl}(Y) \cap \bigcup_{n \in \omega} T_n \neq \emptyset$  for every such  $Y$ . In fact,  $Y$  will be in the form  $\{\langle f_\alpha, g_\alpha \rangle : \alpha \in S\}$  for some uncountable  $S \subseteq \omega_1$ . Then look at

$$\{g_\alpha : \alpha \in S\} \subseteq W$$

and use the fact that  $W$  has the GP.



## OK then. Why is it non-empty?

Fix an uncountable  $Y \subseteq Z$ . We have to prove that

$$\text{cl}(Y) \cap \bigcup_{n \in \omega} T_n \neq \emptyset.$$

Since being a well-ordered unbounded family is preserved by taking uncountable subsets, we can assume that  $Y = Z$ .

By an old lemma, there exists  $f \in (\omega + 1)^\omega \setminus \omega^\omega$  and a sequence  $\langle \alpha_n : n \in \omega \rangle$  of elements of  $\omega_1$  such that

$$\langle f_{\alpha_n} : n \in \omega \rangle \longrightarrow f$$

Since  $2^\omega$  is compact, there exists  $g \in 2^\omega$  and a subsequence of  $\langle g_{\alpha_n} : n \in \omega \rangle$  that converges to  $g$  in  $2^\omega$ .

It follows that the corresponding subsequence of  $\langle \langle f_{\alpha_n}, g_{\alpha_n} \rangle : n \in \omega \rangle$  converges to  $\langle f, g \rangle$ , which is clearly an element of  $\bigcup_{n \in \omega} T_n$ .



# A set with the Grinzing property in ZFC

## Theorem (Todorčević)

*There exists a subtree  $\mathcal{T}$  of  $\omega^{<\omega_1}$  and a system  $\langle K_s : s \in \mathcal{T} \rangle$  of perfect subsets of  $2^\omega$  satisfying the following properties.*

- *Each level of  $\mathcal{T}$  is countable and non-empty.*
- *$K_t \subsetneq K_s$  whenever  $t \supsetneq s$ .*
- *$K_s \cap K_t = \emptyset$  whenever  $s \perp t$ .*

Since there are no strictly descending  $\omega_1$ -sequences of closed subsets of  $2^\omega$ , any tree  $\mathcal{T}$  as above must be Aronszajn.

Miller found a mistake in my “proof” of the following result, and kindly supplied a new one, based on the above theorem.

## Corollary (Miller)

*There exists a subset of  $2^\omega$  with the GP.*

## Proof of Miller's result

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\langle K_s : s \in \mathcal{T} \rangle$  be given by Todorćević's theorem. Let  $W = \{w_s : s \in \mathcal{T}\}$  where each  $w_s \in K_s$  and they are distinct. We will show that  $W$  has the GP.

Fix an uncountable  $Y \subseteq W$  and let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the subtree of  $\mathcal{T}$  generated by  $\{s \in \mathcal{T} : w_s \in Y\}$ . Assume without loss of generality that  $\{t \in \mathcal{S} : t \supseteq s\}$  is uncountable for every  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ .

Notice that  $\mathcal{S}$  cannot be Souslin, otherwise forcing with  $\mathcal{S}$  would yield a strictly descending  $\omega_1$ -sequence of closed subsets of  $2^\omega$ , contradicting the fact that  $\omega_1$  is preserved.

So we can fix an uncountable antichain  $\langle s_\alpha : \alpha \in \omega_1 \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{S}$ . It is easy to check that setting  $Y_\alpha = Y \cap K_{s_\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \in \omega_1$  yields uncountable subsets of  $Y$  with pairwise disjoint closures in  $2^\omega$ .



## No finer distinctions are possible

At this point, it seems natural to ask whether finer distinctions are possible. Consider for example the following questions.

- Is it consistent that there exists a space with the PSP(Borel) but not the PSP(analytic)?
- Is it consistent that there exists a space with the PSP( $G_\delta$ ) but not the PSP( $\Pi_3^0$ )?

The following result shows that the answer to such questions (and several other variants of them) is “no”.

### Theorem (Solecki, 1994)

*Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a family of closed subsets of a Polish space  $T$ . Let  $A$  be an analytic subset of  $T$ . Then one of the following holds.*

- 1  $A \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{J}$  for some countable  $\mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ .
- 2 There exists a  $G_\delta$  subset  $G$  of  $T$  such that  $G \subseteq A$  and  $G \not\subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{J}$  for every countable  $\mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ .

## Corollary

Let  $X$  be a space with the PSP( $G_\delta$ ). Then  $X$  has the PSP(analytic).

**Proof:** Without loss of generality, assume that  $X$  is a subspace of  $T = [0, 1]^\omega$ . Define

$$\mathcal{I} = \{K \subseteq T : K \text{ is closed in } T \text{ and } |X \cap K| < \omega_1\}.$$

Let  $A$  be an analytic subset of  $T$  such that  $A \cap X$  is uncountable. Since  $\omega_1$  has uncountable cofinality, condition (1) cannot hold. Therefore, condition (2) must hold for some  $G_\delta$  subset  $G$  of  $T$ . In particular  $G \cap X$  is uncountable, so it contains a copy of  $2^\omega$  by the PSP( $G_\delta$ ). Since  $G \subseteq A$ , it follows that  $A \cap X$  contains a copy of  $2^\omega$ , which is what we needed to show.



# The complete picture

## Theorem

Consider the following conditions on a space  $X$ .

- 1  $X$  has the PSP(analytic).
- 2  $X$  has the PSP( $G_\delta$ ).
- 3  $X$  has the PSP( $F_\sigma$ ).
- 4  $X$  has the PSP(closed).
- 5  $X$  has the PSP(open).
- 6  $X$  has the PSP(clopen).

The implications  $(1) \leftrightarrow (2) \rightarrow (3) \leftrightarrow (4) \rightarrow (5) \rightarrow (6)$  hold for every space  $X$ . The implication  $(2) \leftarrow (3)$  holds for every space  $X$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{b} > \omega_1$ . There exist ZFC counterexamples to the implications  $(4) \leftarrow (5)$  and  $(5) \leftarrow (6)$ .

# Generalizing the Grinzing property

## Definition

Fix cardinals  $\kappa, \lambda$  such that  $\omega_1 \leq \kappa \leq \mathfrak{c}$  and  $\lambda \leq \kappa$ . We will say that a subset  $W$  of  $2^\omega$  has the  $(\kappa, \lambda)$ -Grinzing property (briefly, the  $(\kappa, \lambda)$ -GP) if  $|W| \geq \kappa$  and for every  $Y \subseteq W$  such that  $|Y| \geq \kappa$  there exist subsets  $Y_\alpha$  of  $Y$  for  $\alpha \in \lambda$  such that  $|Y_\alpha| \geq \kappa$  for each  $\alpha$  and  $\text{cl}(Y_\alpha) \cap \text{cl}(Y_\beta) = \emptyset$  whenever  $\alpha \neq \beta$ , where the closure is taken in  $2^\omega$ .

Just like in the case of the ordinary GP, a subset  $W$  of  $2^\omega$  of size at least  $\kappa$  has the  $(\kappa, \lambda)$ -GP if and only if every subset of  $W$  of size  $\kappa$  has the  $(\kappa, \lambda)$ -GP.

Also, it is clear that the  $(\kappa, \lambda)$ -GP gets stronger as  $\lambda$  gets bigger. Furthermore, the  $(\omega_1, \omega_1)$ -GP is simply the GP.



It is easy to show that  $2^\omega$  has the  $(\kappa, \omega)$ -GP for every cardinal  $\kappa \leq \mathfrak{c}$  of uncountable cofinality. The following proposition shows that the restriction on the cofinality is really necessary.

### Proposition

*Let  $\kappa$  be a cardinal of countable cofinality such that  $\omega_1 < \kappa < \mathfrak{c}$ . Then no subset of  $2^\omega$  has the  $(\kappa, 2)$ -GP.*

Some of the “old” results generalize in a straightforward way.

### Theorem

- *Assume MA. Then  $2^\omega$  has the  $(\kappa, \kappa)$ -GP for every  $\kappa < \mathfrak{c}$  of uncountable cofinality.*
- *Assume  $\mathfrak{b} = \kappa$ . Then  $2^\omega$  does not have the  $(\kappa, \omega_1)$ -GP.*

In particular, as we have already seen, the statement

*“ $2^\omega$  has the  $(\mathfrak{c}, \mathfrak{c})$ -GP”*

is false under CH. Can it be consistently true?

**Theorem (Miller, 1983)**

*It is consistent that for every  $Y \subseteq 2^\omega$  of size  $\mathfrak{c}$  there exists a continuous function  $f : 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$  such that  $f[Y] = 2^\omega$ .*

**Corollary**

*It is consistent that  $2^\omega$  has the  $(\mathfrak{c}, \mathfrak{c})$ -GP.*

The following fundamental question remains open.

**Question**

*For which cardinals  $\kappa, \lambda$  such that  $\omega_1 \leq \lambda \leq \kappa \leq \mathfrak{c}$  and  $\kappa$  has uncountable cofinality is it possible to prove in ZFC that there exists a **subset** of  $2^\omega$  with the  $(\kappa, \lambda)$ -GP?*

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Notice that the  $\kappa$ -PSP( $\Gamma$ ) gets stronger as  $\kappa$  gets smaller and as  $\Gamma$  gets bigger.

Also, it is clear that the  $\omega_1$ -PSP( $\Gamma$ ) is simply the PSP( $\Gamma$ ).

As an example, we can rephrase a classical theorem using this terminology.

## Theorem (Sierpiński)

*Every Polish space has the  $\omega_2$ -PSP( $\Sigma_2^1$ ).*

# The Holy Grail

The following is the most general question that we can imagine on this subject.

## Question

*What is the status of the statement*

*“For every space  $X$ , if  $X$  has the  $\kappa$ -PSP( $\Gamma$ ) then  $X$  has the  $\kappa'$ -PSP( $\Gamma'$ )”*

*as  $\kappa, \kappa'$  range over all uncountable cardinals and  $\Gamma, \Gamma'$  range over all pointclasses?*

Notice that the “complete picture” can be viewed as a partial answer to the above question, in the case where  $\kappa = \kappa' = \omega_1$  and  $\Gamma, \Gamma'$  are at most analytic.

## Question

*Can we generalize the “complete picture” from  $\omega_1$  to an arbitrary uncountable cardinal  $\kappa$ ?*

In other words, can we substitute everywhere “PSP( $\Gamma$ )” with “ $\kappa$ -PSP( $\Gamma$ )” and “ $\omega_1$ ” with “ $\kappa$ ”?

It turns out that the following is the only missing ingredient.

## Question

*Does  $\mathfrak{b} = \kappa$  imply that there exists a space with the  $\kappa$ -PSP(closed) but not the  $\kappa$ -PSP(analytic)?*

The proof that we have given in the case  $\kappa = \omega_1$  would go through under the following assumption.

*“There exists a subset of  $2^\omega$  with the  $(\kappa, \omega_1)$ -GP”*

We do not know whether the above holds for every  $\kappa$  of uncountable cofinality (or even regular uncountable).

## What about PSP(coanalytic)?

Recall that  $\text{PSP}(\text{analytic}) \leftrightarrow \text{PSP}(G_\delta)$  by Solecki's theorem.  
It easily follows that  $\text{PSP}(\text{coanalytic}) \rightarrow \text{PSP}(\text{analytic})$ .

### Proposition (Miller)

*There exists a space  $X$  with the PSP(analytic) but not the PSP(coanalytic).*

**Proof:** Let  $\text{WO} \subseteq \omega^\omega$  be the set of codes of well-orderings of  $\omega$ .  
For each infinite  $\alpha < \omega_1$ , let  $z_\alpha \in \text{WO}$  be a code for a well-ordering of  $\omega$  of type  $\alpha$ .

Define  $Z = \{z_\alpha : \omega \leq \alpha < \omega_1\}$  and  $X = Z \cup (\omega^\omega \setminus \text{WO}) \subseteq \omega^\omega$ .  
Now apply the following classical results.

- $\text{WO}$  is a coanalytic subset of  $\omega^\omega$ .
- If  $A \subseteq \text{WO}$  is an analytic subset of  $\omega^\omega$ , then  $\{\text{order type of } x : x \in A\}$  is bounded in  $\omega_1$ .



# A new proof of a theorem of Todorčević?

Given an infinite cardinal  $\kappa$ , recall that a subset  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is  $\kappa$ -dense if  $|U \cap D| = \kappa$  for every non-empty open  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $BA_\kappa$  denote the following statement.

*Whenever  $D, E$  are  $\kappa$ -dense subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , there exists a homeomorphism  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $h[D] = E$ .*

Theorem (Cantor, 1895)

$BA_\omega$  holds.

Theorem (Baumgartner, 1984)

Assume PFA. Then  $BA_{\omega_1}$  holds.

Theorem (Todorčević, 1988)

Assume  $\mathfrak{b} = \kappa$ . Then  $BA_\kappa$  does not hold.

Assume that there exists a subset of  $2^\omega$  with the  $(\kappa, \omega_1)$ -GP for every regular  $\kappa$  such that  $\omega_1 \leq \kappa \leq \mathfrak{c}$ . Then we could give a new proof of the result of Todorćević.

Assume that  $\kappa = \mathfrak{b}$ . The new “proof” would actually give two  $\kappa$ -dense sets which are distinguished by a concrete property.

**A  $\kappa$ -dense  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  with the  $(\kappa, \omega_1)$ -GP.**

Fix a base  $\{U_n : n \in \omega\}$  for  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $K_n \subseteq U_n$  for  $n \in \omega$  such that  $K_n \approx 2^\omega$ . Let  $W_n$  be a subset of  $K_n$  of size  $\kappa$  with the  $(\kappa, \omega_1)$ -GP. One can easily check that  $D = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} W_n$  is  $\kappa$ -dense in  $\mathbb{R}$  and has the  $(\kappa, \omega_1)$ -GP.

**A  $\kappa$ -dense  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  without the  $(\kappa, \omega_1)$ -GP.**

Fix a closed nowhere dense  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  such that  $K \approx 2^\omega$ . Using the assumption  $\kappa = \mathfrak{b}$ , let  $Z \subseteq K$  be such that  $|Z| = \kappa$  and  $Z$  does not have the  $(\kappa, \omega_1)$ -GP. Extend  $Z$  to a  $\kappa$ -dense subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ . It is clear that  $E$  does not have the  $(\kappa, \omega_1)$ -GP.





**Thank you for your attention**



**and good night!**