

## **Ladder mice**

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Will work in  $ZF + AD + V = L(\mathbb{R})$ .

### Definition 0.1.

Given inner model  $M$  and complexity class  $\Gamma$ ,  $M$  is  $\Gamma$ -correct if

$$\mathbb{R} \cap M \models \varphi(x) \iff \mathbb{R} \models \varphi(x),$$

for all formulas  $\varphi \in \Gamma$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R} \cap M$ .

### Definition 0.2.

For  $n < \omega$ ,  $\Delta_n^1(\omega_1)$  denotes the set of reals which are  $\Delta_n^1$  in a countable ordinal:

$$x \in \Delta_n^1(\omega_1)$$

iff there is  $\xi < \omega_1$  and  $\Sigma_n^1$  formulas  $\varphi, \psi$  such that for all  $w \in \text{WO}_\xi$ , all  $n < \omega$ ,

$$n \in x \iff \varphi(w, n) \iff \neg\psi(w, n).$$

Equivalently, there is a  $\xi < \omega_1$  and a  $\Sigma_n^1$  formula  $\varphi$  such that for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$y = x \iff \varphi(w, y).$$

### Theorem 0.3.

$\mathbb{R} \cap L_{\omega_1^{\text{ck}}} = \Delta_1^1$  (no ordinal parameters).  
 $L_{\omega_1^{\text{ck}}}$  is  $\Sigma_0^1$ -correct but not  $\Sigma_1^1$ -correct.

### Theorem 0.4.

$\mathbb{R} \cap L = \Delta_2^1(\omega_1)$ .  
 $L$  is  $\Sigma_2^1$ -correct but not  $\Sigma_3^1$ -correct.

The following results are due to Martin, Mitchell, Steel, Woodin (see [7]):

### Theorem 0.5.

$\mathbb{R} \cap M_1 = \Delta_3^1(\omega_1)$ .  
 $M_1$  is  $\Sigma_2^1$ -correct but not  $\Sigma_3^1$ -correct.

### Theorem 0.6.

$\mathbb{R} \cap M_2 = \Delta_4^1(\omega_1)$ .  
 $M_2$  is  $\Sigma_4^1$ -correct but not  $\Sigma_5^1$ -correct.

### Theorem 0.7.

$\mathbb{R} \cap M_3 = \Delta_5^1(\omega_1)$ .  
 $M_3$  is  $\Sigma_4^1$ -correct but not  $\Sigma_5^1$ -correct.

Etc through  $M_{2n}, M_{2n+1}$ .

## Theorem 0.8 (Anti-correctness for $L_{\omega_1^{\text{ck}}}, \Pi_1^1$ ).

Let  $M = L_{\omega_1^{\text{ck}}}$ . Then we have:

- $(\Pi_1^1)^V \upharpoonright M$  is  $(\Sigma_1^1)^M$  (Spector-Gandy)
- $(\Pi_1^1)^M$  is  $(\Sigma_1^1)^V \upharpoonright M$ , (Ville?)

uniformly recursively so: there are recursive  $\varphi \mapsto \psi_\varphi$  and  $\varphi \mapsto \varrho_\varphi$  such that for all  $\varphi$  which are  $\Pi_1^1$  formulas,  $\psi_\varphi, \varrho_\varphi$  are  $\Sigma_1^1$  formulas, and for all  $x \in \mathbb{R} \cap M$ ,

$$V \models \varphi(x) \iff M \models \psi_\varphi(x),$$

and

$$M \models \varphi(x) \iff V \models \varrho_\varphi(x).$$

## Theorem 0.9.

$(\Sigma_3^1)^V \upharpoonright (\mathbb{R} \cap L)$  is not  $L$ -definable;

even

$(\Sigma_3^1)^V \upharpoonright \omega$  is not  $L$ -definable.

In fact, there are  $\Delta_3^1$  reals which are not  $L$  (e.g.  $0^\#$ )

## Theorem 0.10 (Anti-correctness for $M_1, \Pi_3^1$ ).

We have:

- $(\Pi_3^1)^V \upharpoonright M_1$  is  $(\Sigma_3^1)^{M_1}$ , (Woodin)
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Likewise for  $M_{2n}, M_{2n+1}$  and  $\Pi_{2n+3}^1, \Sigma_{2n+3}^1$ , for all  $n$ .

### Definition 0.11.

The  $L(\mathbb{R})$  language is language of set theory augmented with a constant  $\dot{\mathbb{R}}$  for  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$\Sigma_n^{\mathcal{J}_\alpha(\mathbb{R})}$  and  $\Pi_n^{\mathcal{J}_\alpha(\mathbb{R})}$  always in  $L(\mathbb{R})$  language.

### Definition 0.12.

For  $n \geq 1$ :

- $\Sigma_1^{\mathbb{R}}$  denotes  $\Sigma_1$ ,
- $\Pi_n^{\mathbb{R}}$  denotes  $\neg \Sigma_n^{\mathbb{R}}$ ,
- $\Sigma_{n+1}^{\mathbb{R}}$  denotes  $\exists^{\mathbb{R}} \Pi_n^{\mathbb{R}}$ .

so  $\Pi_1^{\mathbb{R}} = \Pi_1$

### Definition 0.13.

Let  $\alpha \in \text{OR}$  and  $n \geq 1$ .

$\text{OD}_{\alpha n}$  denotes the set of  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for some  $\xi < \omega_1$  and some  $\Sigma_n$  formula  $\varphi$ ,

$$y = x \iff \mathcal{J}_\alpha(\mathbb{R}) \models \varphi(w, x)$$

for all  $w \in \text{WO}_\xi$  and all  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Likewise  $\text{OD}_{\alpha n}^{\mathbb{R}}$ , but with  $\Sigma_n^{\mathbb{R}}$  replacing  $\Sigma_n$ .

We will first consider the case  $\alpha = 1$ , so  $\mathcal{J}_\alpha(\mathbb{R}) = \mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Remark 0.14.**

For  $n \geq 1$ ,  $(\Sigma_n^{\mathbb{R}})^{\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R})}$  is recursively equivalent to  $\Sigma_n^{\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R})}$ .

So for  $\alpha = 1$  case, will just write “ $\Sigma_n$ ” and “ $\Pi_n$ ”.

### Corollary 0.15.

Let  $M_{<\omega} = \text{stack}_{n<\omega} M_n^\#$ .

We have:

- $\text{OD}_{11}^{\mathbb{R}} = \text{OD}_{11} = M_{<\omega} \cap \mathbb{R}$ .
- $M_{<\omega}$  is projectively correct but not  $\Sigma_2^{\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R})}$ -correct.

### Theorem 0.16 (Woodin, [1]).

Let  $\lambda$  be a limit ordinal. Then  $\text{OD}_{\lambda 1} = \mathbb{R} \cap M$  for a mouse  $M$ .

### Remark 0.17.

Rudominer [3] showed that  $\text{OD}_{\alpha n}^{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cap M$  for certain other  $(\alpha, n)$  with  $[\alpha, \alpha]$  projective-like:  $\alpha \leq \omega_1^{\omega_1}$  and either  $\text{cof}(\alpha) > \omega$  or  $[\text{cof}(\alpha) \leq \omega$  and  $n = 1]$ .



Ladder mice:

### Definition 0.18.

$M$ -ladder the least mouse  $M$  such that there is  $\langle \theta_n \rangle_{n < \omega}$  such that:

- $\theta_n$  is an  $M$ -cardinal,
- $M_n^\#(M|\theta_n) \triangleleft M$  and  $M_n^\#(M|\theta_n) \models$  “ $\theta_n$  is Woodin”.

Write  $M_{\text{ld}} = M$ .

### Remark 0.19.

- $M_{\text{ld}} \models$  “there are no Woodin cardinals”.
- $M_{\text{ld}} \not\models$  ZFC.

### Theorem 0.20 (Rudominer, Woodin).

$$\text{OD}_{12}^{\mathbb{R}} = \text{OD}_{12} = \mathbb{R} \cap M_{\text{ld}}.$$

### Theorem 0.21 (S., [4]).

Assume  $ZF + AD + V = L(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  $\alpha$  with  $[\alpha, \alpha]$  a projective-like gap and either:

- $\alpha$  is a limit of countable cofinality, or
- $\alpha = \beta + 1$  where  $\beta$  does not end a strong gap.

Then:

- $OD_{\alpha n} = OD_{\alpha n}^{\mathbb{R}}$ .
- There is a mouse  $M$  such that  $OD_{\alpha n} = \mathbb{R} \cap M$ .

### Remark 0.22.

Rudominer [3] proved other instances, e.g. projective-like  $[\alpha, \alpha]$  where  $\alpha$  has uncountable cofinality.

Recall:

- $[\alpha, \beta]$  is a gap iff this interval is maximal such that  $\mathcal{J}_\alpha(\mathbb{R}) \preceq_1 \mathcal{J}_\beta(\mathbb{R})$ .
- A gap  $[\alpha, \beta]$  is projective-like iff  $\mathcal{J}_\alpha(\mathbb{R}) \not\equiv \text{KP}$ .
- The non-projective-like gaps are divided into weak and strong.

### Theorem 0.23 (?).

Assume  $ZF + AD + V = L(\mathbb{R})$ , and let  $[\alpha, \alpha]$  be as before. Then there is a real  $x_0$  such that for all reals  $x$ , there is an  $(x, x_0)$ -mouse  $M = M_{\text{id}}^\alpha(x, x_0)$  analogous to  $M_{\text{id}}$ , and there is  $\bar{\alpha}$  and a cofinal  $\Sigma_1$ -elementary

$$\sigma : \mathcal{J}_{\bar{\alpha}}(\mathbb{R}^M) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_\alpha(\mathbb{R}),$$

such that:

- $\Pi_2^{\mathcal{J}_\alpha(\mathbb{R})}(\{x_0\})$  is  $\Sigma_2^{\mathcal{J}_{\bar{\alpha}}(\mathbb{R}^M)}(\{x_0\})$ ,
- $\Pi_2^{\mathcal{J}_{\bar{\alpha}}(\mathbb{R}^M)}(\{x_0\})$  is  $\Sigma_2^{\mathcal{J}_\alpha(\mathbb{R})}(\{x_0\})$ ,

uniformly recursively.

### Remark 0.24.

(Maybe this follows from DST arguments already? But IMT proof should be new; [4].)

Ladder mice at end of weak/strong gaps (see paper):

**Theorem 0.25 (S., [4]).**

*Let  $[\alpha, \beta]$  be a weak gap, or  $\beta = \gamma + 1$  where  $\gamma$  ends a strong gap. Then for a cone of reals  $x$ , there is an  $x$ -mouse  $M_{\text{id}}^\beta(x)$  definable from  $x$  over  $\mathcal{J}_\beta(\mathbb{R})$ , analogous to  $M_{\text{id}}$  over  $\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R})$ .*

$M_{\text{id}}^\beta(x)$  has infinitely many Woodins; a “ladder” ascends to its least Woodin.

**Remark 0.26.**

$M_{\text{id}}^\beta(x)$  is defined using earlier work of Steel, S., analysing  $\mathcal{J}_\beta(\mathbb{R})$  as a derived model [6].

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- $x, w \in {}^\omega\omega$ ,
- $\vec{y} : \omega \rightarrow \text{OR}$  is the interlacing of  $\langle y_n \rangle_{n < \omega}$  with  $y_n : \omega \rightarrow \text{OR}$  for each  $n$ ,
- $(\psi_{\varphi,n}, x, w, y_n) \in [T_n]$  for all  $n$ ,
- $\vec{y} \upharpoonright n$  involves only entries from  $y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}$ .

Then

$$p[T_\varrho] = \{x \mid \mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}) \models \varrho(x)\}.$$

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If  $N'$  is projectively correct and  $\mathbb{R}^N \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{N'}$ , there is a natural embedding

$$\pi_{NN'} : T_\varrho^N \rightarrow T_\varrho^{N'}.$$

In particular,  $\pi_{NV} : T_\varrho^N \rightarrow T_\varrho$ , so  $p[T_\varrho^N] \subseteq p[T_\varrho]$ .

Consider  $N = M_{\text{id}}$ . For reals  $x \in M_{\text{id}}$ ,

$$(T_{\varrho}^{M_{\text{id}}})_x \text{ is illfounded} \implies (T_{\varrho})_x \text{ is illfounded} \implies \mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}) \models \varrho(x).$$

But the converse is not clear; maybe there are reals  $x \in M_{\text{id}}$  such that

$$(T_{\varrho}^{M_{\text{id}}})_x \text{ is wellfounded}$$

but

$$(T_{\varrho})_x \text{ is illfounded, so } \mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}) \models \varrho(x).$$

### Theorem 0.27 (Woodin, [2]).

*There is  $\gamma < \omega_2^{M_{\text{id}}}$  such that for all  $x \in M_{\text{id}}$ , the following are equivalent:*

- $\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}) \models \varrho(x)$
- $(T_{\varrho})_x$  is illfounded
- $(T_{\varrho}^{M_{\text{id}}})_x$  is illfounded or has rank  $\geq \gamma$ .

So  $M_{\text{id}}$  knows  $\Sigma_2^{\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R})}$  truth. Proof uses stationary tower forcing.

Recall  $OD_{12} = OD_{12}^{\mathbb{R}}$ .

**Theorem 0.28 (Rudominer,  $\approx$  2000).**

$$\mathbb{R} \cap M_{\text{Id}} \subseteq OD_{12}.$$

**Theorem 0.29 (Woodin, 2018, [2]).**

$$OD_{12} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \cap M_{\text{Id}}.$$

**Theorem 0.30 (Rudominer, Woodin).**

$$OD_{12} = \mathbb{R} \cap M_{\text{Id}}.$$

### Remark 0.31.

Steel showed that  $M_{\text{Id}}$  can definably identify the parameter  $\gamma$ .

What about anti-correctness?

$$(M_{\text{Id}}, \Pi_2^{\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R})})$$

is analogous to  $(M_1^\#, \Pi_3^1)$  and to  $(L_{\omega_1^{\text{ck}}}, \Pi_1^1)$ .

Want recursive functions  $\varphi \mapsto \psi_\varphi$  and  $\varphi \mapsto \varrho_\varphi$  such that for all  $\Pi_2$  formulas  $\varphi$ ,  $\psi_\varphi$  and  $\varrho_\varphi$  are  $\Sigma_2$  and for all  $x \in \mathbb{R} \cap M_{\text{Id}}$ ,

$$\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}) \models \varphi(x) \iff \mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}^{M_{\text{Id}}}) \models \psi_\varphi(x) \quad (1)$$

and

$$\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}^{M_{\text{Id}}}) \models \varphi(x) \iff \mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}) \models \varrho_\varphi(x). \quad (2)$$

For (2), use Rudominer's earlier work.

For (1), need more.

Recall for  $M_1$ , and  $\varphi$  is  $\Pi_3^1$ :

$$\mathbb{R} \models \varphi(x) \iff \mathbb{R}^{M_1} \models \psi_\varphi(x),$$

$\psi_\varphi$  is  $\Sigma_3^1$ ,  $\psi_\varphi(x)$  says “there is a  $\Pi_2^1$ -iterable  $\varphi(x)$ -prewitness”.

### Definition 0.32.

Consider  $\Pi_3^1$  formula

$$\varphi(u) \iff \forall z \tau(u, z),$$

where  $\tau$  is  $\Sigma_2^1$ .

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . A  $\varphi(x)$ -prewitness is a pair  $(N, \delta)$  such that:

- (i)  $N$  is a premouse,
- (ii)  $x \in N$ ,
- (iii)  $N \models \text{ZF}^- + \text{“}\delta \text{ is Woodin”}$ ,
- (iv)  $N \models \text{“it is forced by the extender algebra at } \delta \text{ that } \tau(x, \dot{z})$ , where  $\dot{z}$  is the generic real”.

### Theorem 0.33 (Woodin).

For all  $x \in \mathbb{R} \cap M_1$  and  $\Pi_3^1$  formulas  $\varphi$ , the following are equivalent:

- $\mathbb{R} \models \varphi(x)$ ,
- there is an iterable  $\varphi(x)$ -prewitness,
- there is a  $\Pi_2^1$ -iterable  $\varphi(x)$ -prewitness  $N \in \text{HC}^{M_1}$ ,
- $\mathbb{R}^{M_1} \models \psi_\varphi(x)$ .



We want, for  $\Pi_2$  formulas  $\varphi$ , a  $\Sigma_2$  formula  $\psi_\varphi$  such that:

$$\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}) \models \varphi(x) \iff \mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}^{M_{\text{id}}}) \models \psi_\varphi(x).$$

$\psi_\varphi(x)$  should say “there is a  $\Pi_1$ -iterable  $\varphi(x)$ -prewitness”.

### Remark 0.34.

- $\Pi_1$ -iterability is  $\Pi_1^{\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R})}$ .
- $M_{\text{id}}$  is  $\Sigma_1^{\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R})}$ -correct.
- Every  $\Pi_1$ -iterable premouse  $P \in \text{HC}^{M_{\text{id}}}$  is iterable.

What is a  $\varphi(x)$ -prewitness (for  $\Pi_2$  formulas  $\varphi$ )?

- Analogue to  $\varphi(x)$ -prewitness for  $\Pi_3^1$  formulas  $\varphi$ ?
- Not enough Woodinness in segments of  $M_{\text{id}}$  for a direct analogue...

### Definition 0.35.

An  $n$ -partial ladder is a premouse  $N$  such that for some  $\vec{\theta}$ ,

- $\vec{\theta} = \langle \theta_i \rangle_{i \leq n}$  is a strictly increasing  $(n + 1)$ -tuple of ordinals of  $N$ ,
- $\theta_i$  is an  $N$ -cardinal for all  $i \leq n$ ,
- $\theta_n^{++N}$  is the largest cardinal of  $N$ ,
- $N$  is closed under  $M_k^\#$ , for each  $k < \omega$ ,
- $M_i^\#(N|\theta_i)$  is the Q-structure for  $\theta_i$ , for each  $i \leq n$ , and  $\theta_i$  is the least such  $\theta$ .

Write  $\vec{\theta}^N = \vec{\theta}$ .

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Fix  $\Sigma_2$  formula  $\varrho$ . Let  $N, \theta$  be such that  $N \models \text{“}\theta \text{ is a cardinal and } \theta^{++} \text{ exists”}$  and  $N$  is  $M_k^\#$ -closed for all  $k < \omega$ . Write

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Given  $N', \theta'$  as above with  $\theta < \theta'$  and  $N|\theta^{+N} = N'|\theta^{+N'}$ , write

$$\pi_{\theta\theta'}^{NN'} : S_\theta^N \rightarrow S_{\theta'}^{N'}.$$

for the canonical embedding

$$\pi : T_\varrho^{N[g]} \rightarrow T_\varrho^{N'[g']},$$

where  $g, g'$  are as above with  $g'$  being  $(N[g], \text{Col}(\omega, \theta'))$ -generic.

### Fact 0.1 (Hjorth).

$S_\theta^N, S_{\theta'}^{N'}, \pi_{\theta\theta'}^{NN'}$  are independent of  $g, g'$ ; so they are in  $N'$ .

Let  $\varphi(x) = \neg\varrho(x)$  be  $\Pi_2$ . For a  $\varphi(x)$ -witness, we want roughly:

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- $(s_0, t_0) \in (S_{\theta'_0}^{P'_0})_{\varrho(x)}$  with  $\text{lh}(s_0, t_0) = 1$ ,

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0.2 Player 2 plays:

- A **1-partial ladder**  $P_1$  such that  $P'_0|(\theta'_0)^{+P'_0} \triangleleft P_1 \triangleleft P'_0$ ,

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- $(s_0, t_0) \in (S_{\theta'_0}^{P'_0})_{\varrho(x)}$  with  $\text{lh}(s_0, t_0) = 1$ ,

0.2 Player 2 plays:

- A **1-partial ladder**  $P_1$  such that  $P'_0|_{(\theta'_0)^{+P'_0}} \triangleleft P_1 \triangleleft P'_0$ ,

1.1 Player 1 plays:

- A correct **tree**  $\mathcal{T}_1$  on  $P_1$  which is above  $\theta'_0$  and based on  $P_1|_{\theta_1}$ ; let  $P'_1 = M_\infty^{\mathcal{T}_1}$  and  $\theta'_1 = \theta_1^{P'_1}$ ,
- $(s_1, t_1) \in (S_{\theta'_1}^{P'_1})_{\varrho(x)}$  with  $\pi_{\theta'_0 \theta'_1}^{P'_0 P'_1}(s_0, t_0) \triangleleft (s_1, t_1)$  and  $\text{lh}(s_1, t_1) = 2$ ,



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- an (iterable) 0-partial ladder premouse  $P_0$  with  $x \in P_0$

where player 2 wins the following game  $\mathcal{G}_x^{P_0}$ :

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1.2 Player 2 plays:

- A **2-partial ladder**  $P_2$  such that  $P'_1|(\theta'_1)^{+P'_1} \triangleleft P_2 \triangleleft P'_1$ ,

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1.2 Player 2 plays:

- A **2-partial ladder**  $P_2$  such that  $P'_1|_{(\theta'_1)^{+P'_1}} \triangleleft P_2 \triangleleft P'_1$ ,

2.1 etc,

2.2 etc...

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The first player to break a rule loses; otherwise player 2 wins.

### Lemma 0.37.

If  $P_0$  is iterable and player 2 has a winning strategy for  $\mathcal{G}_x^{P_0}$  then  $\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}) \models \varphi(x)$ .

### Proof.

Suppose  $\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}) \models \neg\varphi(x)$ , so  $\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}) \models \varrho(x)$ , i.e.

$$\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}) \models \exists^{\mathbb{R}} w \psi(w, x)$$

where  $\psi$  is  $\Pi_1$ . Let  $(w, \vec{y})$  be such that  $(x, w, \vec{y}) \in [T_\varrho^V]$ .

Let  $\vec{z} \in {}^\omega\mathbb{R}$  yield ranks of all ordinals in  $\vec{y}$ , w.r.t. the prewellorders of the scales.

Let  $T_0$  on  $P_0$  be the  $(w, \vec{z})$ -genericity iteration at  $\theta_0$ . Let  $P'_0 = M_\infty^{T_0}$ . Let

$$(s_0, \tilde{t}_0) = (w, \vec{y}) \upharpoonright 1.$$

Let  $(s_0, t_0)$  be such that whenever  $g$  is  $(P'_0, \text{Col}(\omega, \theta'_0))$ -generic,

$$\pi^{P'_0[g], V}(s_0, t_0) = (s_0, \tilde{t}_0).$$

Let  $P_1 \triangleleft P'_0$  be played by player 2.

Iterate  $P_1$  above  $\theta'_0$ , to make  $(w, \vec{z})$  generic....etc.

...Tree on  $P_0$  with unbounded drops, contradiction. □

### Definition 0.38 (Pseudo-definition).

Let  $P_0$  be a 0-partial ladder and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{P_0}$ . Let  $\Delta_0 \in P_0$ . We say that  $(P_0, \Delta_0)$  is a  $\varphi(x)$ -prewitness iff  $\Delta_0$  is a winning strategy in the game  $\mathcal{G}_x^{*(P_0, \Delta_0)}$ , which is played as is  $\mathcal{G}_x^{P_0}$ , except that:

- all trees  $\mathcal{T}_n$  are trivial,
- Player 2 must play move  $(n+1).2$  according to  $\Delta_n$ ,
- At move  $(n+1).2$ , player 2 must ensure that  $\Delta_{n+1} \in P_{n+1}$ , where

$$\Delta_{n+1} = \text{tail strategy determined by } \Delta_n, s_n, t_n.$$

(See paper for formal definition.)

### Definition 0.39.

Let  $\langle \theta_n \rangle_{n < \omega}$  be the “rungs” of the ladder of  $M_{\text{ld}}$ . Let

$$S_{\infty}^{M_{\text{ld}}} = \text{dirlim}_{n < \omega} S_{\theta_n}^{M_{\text{ld}}}$$

under the maps  $\pi_{\theta_n \theta_m}^{M_{\text{ld}}}$ .

(Recall  $\varphi(u)$  is  $\Pi_2$  and  $\varrho(u) \iff \neg\varphi(u)$ .)

### Lemma 0.40.

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{M_{\text{ld}}}$ . The following are equivalent:

- $\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{R}) \models \varphi(x)$ ,
- $x \notin p[T_{\varrho}]$ ,
- $(T_{\varrho})_x$  is wellfounded,
- $x \notin p[S_{\infty}^{M_{\text{ld}}}]$ ,
- $(S_{\infty}^{M_{\text{ld}}})_x$  is wellfounded,
- there is a  $\varphi(x)$ -prewitness  $(P, \Delta)$  such that  $P \triangleleft M_{\text{ld}} \upharpoonright \omega_1^{M_{\text{ld}}}$ ,
- $M_{\text{ld}} \models$  “there is a  $\varphi(x)$ -prewitness  $(P, \Delta) \in \text{HC}$  such that  $P$  is  $\Pi_1$ -iterable”.

(The last item gives  $\psi_{\varphi}(x)$ .)

## Proof Sketch.

Suppose  $x \in M_{\text{Id}}$  but  $x \notin p[S_{\infty}^{M_{\text{Id}}}]$ , so  $(S_{\infty}^{M_{\text{Id}}})_x$  is wellfounded.

We want a  $\varphi(x)$ -prewitness  $P \triangleleft M_{\text{Id}} | \omega_1^{M_{\text{Id}}}$ .

Given  $s, t$  with  $\text{lh}(s, t) = n$ , say  $(P, \Delta)$  is a  $(\varphi(x), s, t)$ -prewitness iff  $P$  is an  $n$ -partial ladder,  $(s, t) \in S_{\theta_n}^P$ , and player 2 wins from position  $(P, \Delta, s, t)$ .

Let

$$\pi_{\theta_n \infty} : S_{\theta_n}^{M_{\text{Id}}} \rightarrow S_{\infty}^{M_{\text{Id}}}$$

be the direct limit map.

## SUBCLAIM.

For each  $n < \omega$  and each  $(s, t) \in S_{\theta_n}^{M_{\text{Id}}}$  with  $\text{lh}(s, t) = n$ , there is a  $(\varphi(x), s, t)$ -prewitness  $P \triangleleft M_{\text{Id}} | \theta_n^{+M_{\text{Id}}} \triangleleft P$ .

## Proof.

By induction on  $S_{\infty}^{M_{\text{Id}}}$ -rank of  $\pi_{\theta_n \infty}(s, t)$ , using condensation. □

It follows that there is a  $(\varphi(x), \emptyset, \emptyset)$ -prewitness  $P \triangleleft M_{\text{Id}} | \omega_1^{M_{\text{Id}}}$ . □

## Theorem (S.).

Assume  $ZF + AD + V = L(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  $\alpha$  be such that  $[\alpha, \alpha]$  is a projective-like gap and either  $\alpha$  is a limit of countable cofinality, or  $\alpha = \beta + 1$  where  $\beta$  does not end a strong gap. Then:

- $OD_{\alpha n} = OD_{\alpha n}^{\mathbb{R}}$ .
- There is a mouse  $M$  such that  $OD_{\alpha n} = \mathbb{R} \cap M$ .

## Proof setup.

Consider  $n = 2$ . The foregoing adapts to  $\mathcal{J}_\alpha(\mathbb{R})$  on a certain cone of  $x$ , giving

$$OD_{\alpha 2}(x) = OD_{\alpha 2}^{\mathbb{R}}(x) = M_{\text{id}}^\alpha(x) \cap \mathbb{R}$$

for the “ $\alpha$ -ladder”  $M_{\text{id}}^\alpha(x)$  for such  $x$ .

For lightface version, consider (cf. [8] and [5])

$M =$  output of the Q-local local  $K^c$ -construction of  $M_{\text{id}}^\alpha(x)$ .

Show

$$OD_{\alpha 2} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \cap M \subseteq OD_{\alpha 2}^{\mathbb{R}}.$$

Similar for  $n > 2$ . □

## End of weak gap

Example:  $[\alpha, \beta]$  is weak, and for  $P_g(x)$  the corresponding mouse on a cone of  $x$ ,

$$\omega = \rho_1^{P_g(x)} < \lambda^{P_g(x)} < \text{OR}^{P_g(x)},$$

$\lambda^P \notin \rho_1^{P_g(x)}$ ,  $(\lambda^P)^+ < \text{OR}^P$ , and  $\Sigma_1^{\mathcal{J}_\beta(\mathbb{R})}$  is  $\mu$ -reflecting. (see [6]).

### Definition 0.41.

For an  $X$ -premouse  $R$ , say that  $R$  is relevant if there is  $\delta = \delta_0^R < \text{OR}^R$  such that:

- $R \models$  “ $\delta$  is the least Woodin  $> \text{rank}(X)$ ”,
- $R = P_g(R|\delta)$ ,
- $R|\delta$  is  $P_g$ -closed.

### Definition 0.42.

For relevant  $R$ , let:

- $\langle \alpha_n^R \rangle_{n < \omega}$  be the canonical  $\omega$ -sequence cofinal in  $\text{OR}^R$ ,
- $\gamma_n^R = \sup(\delta_0^R \cap \text{Hull}_1^{R|\alpha_n^R}(X \cup \{\rho_1^R\}))$ ,
- $t_n^R = \text{Th}_1^R(X \cup \gamma_n^R \cup \{\rho_1^R\})$ .

### Definition 0.43 (Ladder mouse at end of weak gap).

For a cone of  $y$ ,  $M_{\text{id}}^{P_g}(y)$  is the least relevant mouse  $N$  such that letting  $\delta = \delta_0^N$ , for each  $n < \omega$ , there is a relevant  $R \triangleleft N|\delta$  with  $t_n^R = t_n^N$  (after substituting  $\rho_1^R$  for  $\rho_1^N$ ).





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