

The search for mathematical truth

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The projective sets

Definition

A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is *projective* if it can be generated from the open subsets of \mathbb{R}^n in finitely many steps of taking complements and images by continuous functions,

$$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Definition

Suppose that $A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$. A function f *uniformizes* A if for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$:

- ▶ if there exists $y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $(x, y) \in A$ then $(x, f(x)) \in A$.

Two questions of Luzin

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1. *Suppose $A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ is projective. Can A be uniformized by a projective function?*
2. *Suppose $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is projective. Is A Lebesgue measurable and does A have the property of Baire?*

Luzin's questions are questions about $\langle \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}), \mathbb{N}, \cdot, +, \in \rangle$

Both questions are unsolvable on the basis of the ZFC axioms

Determinacy and the answers to Luzin's questions

Suppose $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. There is an associated infinite game involving two players.

- ▶ The players alternate choosing $\epsilon_i \in \{0, 1\}$.
- ▶ After infinitely many moves an infinite binary sequence $\langle \epsilon_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ is defined.
- ▶ Player I wins this run of the game if

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_i / 2^i \in A$$

otherwise Player II wins.

Definition

The set A is *determined* if there is a winning strategy for one of the players in the game associated to A .

The Axiom of Determinacy (AD)

Definition (Mycielski-Steinhaus)

Axiom of Determinacy (AD): Every set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is determined.

Lemma (Axiom of Choice)

There is a set $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ such that A is not determined.

Corollary

AD is false.

Projective Determinacy (PD)

Definition

Projective Determinacy (PD): Every projective set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is determined.

Theorem

Assume every projective set is determined.

- (1) (Mycielski-Steinhaus) *Every projective set has the property of Baire.*
- (2) (Mycielski-Swierczkowski) *Every projective set is Lebesgue measurable.*
- (3) (Moschovakis) *Every projective set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ can be uniformized by a projective function.*

Key questions

Is PD even consistent and if consistent, is PD true?

Basic notions: Logical definability from parameters

- ▶ A set N is *transitive* if $A \subset N$ for all $A \in N$.
- ▶ A transitive set N is an *ordinal* if (N, \in) is a totally ordered set.
- ▶ ω is the least infinite ordinal, $(\omega, \in) \cong (\mathbb{N}, <)$.
- ▶ ω_1 is the least uncountable ordinal.

Definition

Suppose N is a transitive set. A subset $X \subseteq N$ is logically definable in (N, \in) from parameters if for some formula $\varphi[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ and for some parameters $a_1, \dots, a_n \in N$,

$$X = \{a \in N \mid (N, \in) \models \varphi[a, a_1, \dots, a_n]\}$$

Basic notions: Elementary embeddings

Definition

Suppose N and M are transitive sets. A function $j : N \rightarrow M$ is an *elementary embedding* if for all logical formulas $\varphi[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ and all $a_0, \dots, a_n \in N$,

$$(N, \in) \models \varphi[a_0, \dots, a_n] \text{ if and only if } (M, \in) \models \varphi[j(a_0), \dots, j(a_n)]$$

Lemma

Suppose that $j : N \rightarrow M$ is an elementary embedding and that $N \models \text{ZFC}$. Then the following are equivalent.

- (1) j is not the identity.
- (2) There is an ordinal $\beta \in N$ such that $j(\beta) \neq \beta$.

Strong axioms of infinity: large cardinal axioms

Basic template for large cardinal axioms

A cardinal κ is a large cardinal if there exists an elementary embedding,

$$j : V \rightarrow M$$

such that M is a transitive class and κ is the least ordinal such that $j(\alpha) \neq \alpha$.

- ▶ Requiring M be close to V yields a hierarchy of large cardinal axioms:
 - ▶ simplest case is where κ is a *measurable cardinal*.
- ▶ $M = V$ contradicts the Axiom of Choice.

The validation of Projective Determinacy

Theorem (Martin-Steel)

Assume there are infinitely many Woodin cardinals. Then every projective set is determined.

Theorem

The following are equivalent.

- (1) Every projective set is determined.*
- (2) For each $k < \omega$ there is a countable (iterable) transitive set N such that*

$$N \models \text{ZFC} + \text{“There exist } k \text{ Woodin cardinals”},$$

PD is the missing (and true) axiom for $\langle \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}), \mathbb{N}, \cdot, +, \in \rangle$

- Is there such an axiom for V itself?**

Mathematical truth and two modest claims

- ▶ Large cardinal axioms predict facts about our world.

Prediction

There will be no contradiction discovered from PD (by any means) before the year 3010.

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- ▶ A controversial claim.

Claim

*Consistency claims for large cardinal axioms **require** a conception of the Universe of Sets in which large cardinals axioms are true.*

- ▶ *This ultimately requires that questions such as that of the Continuum Hypothesis also be resolved*
 - ▶ *or an explanation of the exact nature of the ambiguity.*

Basic notions: The cumulative hierarchy

- ▶ If X is a set then $\mathcal{P}(X)$ denotes the set of all subsets of X :

$$\mathcal{P}(X) = \{Y \mid Y \subseteq X\}.$$

The von Neumann cumulative hierarchy of sets

1. $V_0 = \emptyset$.
2. (Successor case) $V_{\alpha+1} = \mathcal{P}(V_\alpha)$.
3. (Limit case) $V_\alpha = \cup\{V_\beta \mid \beta < \alpha\}$.

The effective cumulative hierarchy: L

The definable power set

For each set X , $\mathcal{P}_{\text{Def}}(X)$ denotes the set of all $Y \subseteq X$ such that X is logically definable in the structure (X, \in) from parameters in X .

- ▶ (Axiom of Choice) $\mathcal{P}_{\text{Def}}(X) = \mathcal{P}(X)$ if and only if X is finite.
- ▶ $\mathcal{P}_{\text{Def}}(V_{\omega+1}) \cap \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ is exactly the projective sets.

Gödel's constructible universe, L

Define L_α by induction on α as follows.

1. $L_0 = \emptyset$,
2. (Successor case) $L_{\alpha+1} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{Def}}(L_\alpha)$,
3. (Limit case) $L_\alpha = \cup\{L_\beta \mid \beta < \alpha\}$.

L is the class of all sets X such that $X \in L_\alpha$ for some ordinal α .

The axiom $V = L$, the projective sets, and large cardinals

Theorem

Assume $V = L$.

- (1) (Gödel) *Every projective set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ can be uniformized by a projective function.*
- (2) (Gödel) *There is a projective set which is not Lebesgue measurable:*
 - ▶ *there is a projective wellordering of the reals.*
- (3) (Scott) *There are no measurable cardinals:*
 - ▶ *there are no (interesting) large cardinals.*

(meta) Corollary

$V \neq L$.

Basic notions: Enlargements of L , generalizing the projective sets

Definition

1. $L_0(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$,
2. (Successor case) $L_{\alpha+1}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathcal{P}_{\text{Def}}(L_\alpha(\mathbb{R}))$,
3. (Limit case) $L_\alpha(\mathbb{R}) = \cup\{L_\beta(\mathbb{R}) \mid \beta < \alpha\}$.

$L(\mathbb{R})$ is the class of all sets a such that $a \in L_\alpha(\mathbb{R})$ for some α .

- ▶ $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \cap L(\mathbb{R})$ is a transfinite extension of the hierarchy of the projective sets.
- ▶ Assuming there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals then $L(\mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}$.

Suppose $\Gamma \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$. Then one defines $L(\Gamma, \mathbb{R})$ by setting $L_0(\Gamma, \mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R} \cup \Gamma \cup \{\Gamma\}$.

Forcing axioms

Definition

Suppose \mathbb{B} is a complete Boolean algebra and κ is a cardinal.

The κ -Baire Category Theorem holds for \mathbb{B} if the following holds in Ω where Ω is the Stone space of \mathbb{B} .

- ▶ Suppose \mathcal{A} is a family of open dense subsets of Ω and $|\mathcal{A}| \leq \kappa$. Then $\bigcap \mathcal{A}$ is dense in Ω .

- ▶ The ω_1 -Baire Category Theorem *cannot* hold for all complete Boolean algebras.

Question

For which complete Boolean algebras \mathbb{B} can the ω_1 -Baire Category Theorem hold for \mathbb{B} ?

Stationary sets in ω_1

Definition

1. A cofinal set $C \subseteq \omega_1$ is *closed and unbounded* if for all limit ordinals $\alpha < \omega_1$, if $C \cap \alpha$ is cofinal in α then $\alpha \in C$.
2. A set $S \subset \omega_1$ is *stationary* if

$$S \cap C \neq \emptyset$$

for all closed unbounded sets $C \subset \omega_1$.

Assuming the Axiom of Choice, there exist sets $S \subset \omega_1$ such that both S and $\omega_1 \setminus S$ are stationary.

Stationary set preserving

Definition

A complete Boolean algebra \mathbb{B} is *stationary set preserving* if the following holds for all $c \in \mathbb{B}$ with $c > 0$, for all sequences

$$\langle b_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$$

of elements of \mathbb{B} , and for all stationary sets $S \subseteq \omega_1$.

- ▶ If $c \leq \bigvee \{b_\alpha \mid \beta < \alpha < \omega_1\}$ for all $\beta < \omega_1$,

then there exists $\eta \in S$ and $0 < d \leq c$ such that

- ▶ $d \leq \bigvee \{b_\alpha \mid \beta < \alpha < \eta\}$ for all $\beta < \eta$.

Martin's Maximum

Theorem (Foreman, Magidor, Shelah)

Suppose that \mathbb{B} is a complete Boolean algebra and that the ω_1 -Baire Category Theorem holds for \mathbb{B} .

Then \mathbb{B} is stationary set preserving.

Definition (Foreman, Magidor, Shelah)

Martin's Maximum: The ω_1 -Baire Category Theorem holds for all stationary set preserving complete Boolean algebras.

Theorem (Foreman, Magidor, Shelah)

Suppose there is a supercompact cardinal. Then there is a stationary set preserving complete Boolean algebra \mathbb{B} such that

$$V^{\mathbb{B}} \models \text{Martin's Maximum.}$$

Consequences of Martin's Maximum

Theorem (Foreman, Magidor, Shelah)

Assume Martin's Maximum. Then $2^{\aleph_0} = \aleph_2$.

Theorem (Martin's Maximum)

Suppose that

$$\pi : C([0, 1]) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$$

is an algebra homomorphism of $C([0, 1])$ into a Banach algebra \mathcal{A} .

Then π is continuous.

Second generation results

Lemma

There are 2 infinite total orders such that every infinite total order contains an isomorphic copy of them.

- ▶ $(\mathbb{Z}^+, <)$ and $(\mathbb{Z}^-, <)$

Theorem (Martin's Maximum: J. Moore)

There are 5 uncountable total orders such that every uncountable total order contains an isomorphic copy of one of them.

The Brown-Douglas-Filmore Problem

Question (Brown-Douglas-Filmore)

Suppose that

$$\pi : \mathcal{B}(H)/\mathcal{K}(H) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(H)/\mathcal{K}(H)$$

is an automorphism. Must π be an inner automorphism?

Theorem (CH: Phillips and Weaver)

There is an automorphism of $\mathcal{B}(H)/\mathcal{K}(H)$ which is not an inner automorphism.

Theorem (Martin's Maximum: I. Farah)

Every automorphism of $\mathcal{B}(H)/\mathcal{K}(H)$ is an inner automorphism.

Is Martin's Maximum true?

Definition

Suppose that κ is a infinite regular cardinal. $H(\kappa)$ is the set of all sets X such that there is a transitive set Y such that

1. $X \in Y$,
2. $|Y| < \kappa$.

Several interesting cases.

1. $H(\omega_1)$. This is logically equivalent to $V_{\omega+1}$.
2. $H(c^+)$. This is logically equivalent to $V_{\omega+2}$.
3. $H(\omega_2)$.
 - ▶ Assuming CH, $H(\omega_2)$ is logically equivalent to $V_{\omega+2}$.
 - ▶ Assuming Martin's Maximum, $H(\omega_2)$ is *not* logically equivalent to $V_{\omega+2}$.

The structure $(H(\omega_2), \mathcal{I}_{\text{NS}})$

Definition

\mathcal{I}_{NS} is the ideal of all non-stationary subsets of ω_1 .

Lemma (Martin's Maximum)

Suppose that φ is a Π_2 sentence and that there is a stationary set preserving Boolean algebra \mathbb{B} such that

$$V^{\mathbb{B}} \models "H(\omega_2) \models \varphi"$$

Then $H(\omega_2) \models \varphi$.

Π_2 -maximality

Observation

Martin's Maximum is attempting to maximize the Π_2 -theory of $(H(\omega_2), \mathcal{I}_{\text{NS}})$.

Definition

A Π_2 -sentence φ is Ω -satisfiable for $(H(\omega_2), \mathcal{I}_{\text{NS}})$ if there is a complete Boolean algebra \mathbb{B} such that

$$V^{\mathbb{B}} \models "(H(\omega_2), \mathcal{I}_{\text{NS}}) \models \varphi".$$

- ▶ No requirement that \mathbb{B} be stationary set preserving.

Theorem (Π_2 -Maximality)

Assume there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals. There is a partial order $\mathbb{P}_{\max} \in L(\mathbb{R})$ such that the following hold.

- (1) \mathbb{P}_{\max} is homogeneous and ω -closed.
- (2) $L(\mathbb{R})^{\mathbb{P}_{\max}} \models \text{ZFC}$.
- (3) Suppose that φ is a Π_2 -sentence which is Ω -satisfiable for $(H(\omega_2), \mathcal{I}_{\text{NS}})$. Then

$$L(\mathbb{R})^{\mathbb{P}_{\max}} \models "(H(\omega_2), \mathcal{I}_{\text{NS}}) \models \varphi".$$

The Axiom (*)

1. $L(\mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}$.
2. There is an $L(\mathbb{R})$ -generic filter $G \subset \mathbb{P}_{\max}$ such that

$$H(\omega_2) \subset L(\mathbb{R})[G].$$

Extending the Axiom (*) to $H(c^+)$: Universally Baire sets

Definition (Feng-Magidor-Woodin)

A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is *universally Baire* if for all topological spaces Ω and for all continuous functions $\pi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, the preimage of A by π has the property of Baire in the space Ω .

Theorem

Suppose that there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and suppose $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is universally Baire.

Then every set $B \in L(A, \mathbb{R}) \cap \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ is universally Baire.

An abstract generalization of the projective sets

Theorem (Martin-Steel, Woodin)

Suppose that there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and suppose $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is universally Baire.

Then A is determined.

Theorem (Steel)

Suppose that there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and suppose $A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ is universally Baire.

Then A can be uniformized by a universally Baire function.

The ultimate forcing axiom?

The Axiom $(*)^+$

There is a proper class of measurable Woodin cardinals. Let Γ be the collection of all universally Baire sets.

1. $\Gamma = L(\Gamma) \cap \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$.
2. *There is an $L(\Gamma)$ -generic filter $G \subset \mathbb{P}_{\max}$ such that*

$$H(c^+) \subset L(\Gamma)[G].$$

- The Axiom $(*)^+$ implies the Axiom $(*)$.

Measuring the complexity of universally Baire sets: calibrating Axiom $(*)^+$

Definition

Suppose A and B are subsets of \mathbb{R} .

1. A is *borel reducible* to B , $A \leq_{\text{borel}} B$, if there is a borel function $\pi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that
 - ▶ either $A = \pi^{-1}[B]$ or $A = \mathbb{R} \setminus \pi^{-1}[B]$.
2. A and B are *borel bi-reducible* if $A \leq_{\text{borel}} B$ and $B \leq_{\text{borel}} A$.
3. The *borel degree* of A is the equivalence class of all sets which are borel bi-reducible with A .

Theorem (Martin-Steel, Martin, Wadge)

Assume there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals.

Then the borel degrees of the universally Baire sets are linearly ordered by borel reducibility and moreover this is a wellorder.

Claim

The Axiom () is the ultimate forcing axiom as far as the structure of $H(\omega_2)$ is concerned. This is certified by:*

- ▶ *The Π_2 -Maximality Theorem.*
- ▶ *The extension of (*) to $(*)^+$.*

Theorem

Assume there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and that the Axiom () holds.*

Then $H(\omega_2)$ is logically bi-interpretable with $H(\omega_1)$.

Conclusion

The ultimate forcing axiom logically reduces $H(\omega_2)$ to $H(\omega_1)$.

In search of V ... a generic-multiverse of sets?

Suppose that M is a countable transitive set and that

$$M \models \text{ZFC}.$$

Let \mathbb{V}_M be the smallest set of countable transitive sets such that $M \in \mathbb{V}_M$ and such that for all pairs, (M_1, M_2) , of countable transitive sets, if

1. $M_1 \models \text{ZFC}$,
2. M_2 is a generic extension of M_1 ,
3. $M_1 \in \mathbb{V}_M$ or $M_2 \in \mathbb{V}_M$,

then both M_1 and M_2 are in \mathbb{V}_M .

Definition

\mathbb{V}_M is the *generic-multiverse* generated from M .

Evaluating truth in the generic-multiverse...

Theorem

For each sentence φ there is a sentence φ^ such that for all countable transitive sets M if*

$$M \models \text{ZFC}$$

then the following are equivalent.

1. $M \models \varphi^*$,
2. For all $N \in \mathbb{V}_M$, $N \models \varphi$.

The generic-multiverse view of truth

A Π_2 -sentence, φ , is a generic-multiverse truth if φ holds in each universe of the generic-multiverse generated by V .

Theorem

Suppose there is a proper class of strongly inaccessible cardinals. Then the following are equivalent in the generic-multiverse view of truth (each if true implies the truth of the other).

1. $L(\mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}$.
2. $L(\mathbb{R}) \not\models \text{Axiom of Choice}$.

Ω -logic

(The logic of the generic-multiverse)

Definition

Suppose φ is a Π_2 -sentence. Then

$$\models_{\Omega} \varphi$$

if φ holds in all generic extensions of V .

Theorem

Suppose there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and that φ is a Π_2 -sentence.

Then φ is a generic-multiverse truth if and only if $\models_{\Omega} \varphi$.

Universally Baire sets and strong closure

Definition

Suppose that $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is universally Baire and suppose that M is a countable transitive set such that $M \models \text{ZFC}$.

Then M is *strongly A -closed* if for all countable transitive sets N such that N is a generic extension of M ,

$$A \cap N \in N.$$

The definition of $\vdash_{\Omega} \varphi$

Definition

Suppose there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals. Suppose that φ is a Π_2 -sentence.

Then $\vdash_{\Omega} \varphi$ if there exists a set $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ such that:

1. A is universally Baire,
2. for all countable transitive sets, $M \models \text{ZFC}$, if M is strongly A -closed then

$$M \models “\vdash_{\Omega} \varphi”.$$

The Ω Conjecture

Theorem (Ω Soundness)

Suppose that there exists a proper class of Woodin cardinals and suppose that φ is Π_2 -sentence.

If $\vdash_{\Omega} \varphi$ then $\models_{\Omega} \varphi$

Definition (Ω Conjecture)

Suppose that there exists a proper class of Woodin cardinals and suppose that φ is a Π_2 -sentence.

Then $\models_{\Omega} \varphi$ if and only if $\vdash_{\Omega} \varphi$.

Theorem

The Ω Conjecture is invariant across the generic-multiverse.

The Ω Conjecture and generic-multiverse view of truth

Definition

1. T_0 is the set of sentences φ such that $\models_{\Omega} "H(\omega_2) \models \varphi"$.
2. T is the set of Π_2 -sentences φ such that $\models \varphi$.

Theorem

Suppose that there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and that the Ω Conjecture holds.

Then T is (recursively) reducible to T_0 .

Claim

*If there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and the Ω Conjecture holds then the generic-multiverse view of truth is **not** viable.*

The generic-multiverse view of truth is simply a form of formalism; it reduces truth to Third Order Number Theory.

Claim

*If there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and the Ω Conjecture holds then **there is no (mathematical) evidence that the Continuum Hypothesis has no answer.***

Gödel's transitive class HOD

Definition

HOD is the class of all sets X such that there exist $\alpha \in \text{Ord}$ and $Y \subseteq \alpha$ such that

1. Y is definable in V_α without parameters,
2. $X \in L[Y]$.

► (ZF) The Axiom of Choice holds in HOD.

HOD and the Ω Conjecture

Definition

A set $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ is *ordinal definable* if there exists an ordinal α such that A is definable in V_α without parameters.

Theorem

Suppose that there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and that for all sets $A \subset \mathbb{R}$, if A is ordinal definable then A is universally Baire.

Then $\text{HOD} \models$ “ The Ω Conjecture ”.

$\text{HOD}^{L(A, \mathbb{R})}$ and large cardinal axioms

Definition

Suppose that $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Then $\text{HOD}^{L(A, \mathbb{R})}$ is the class HOD as defined within $L(A, \mathbb{R})$.

Definition

Suppose that $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is universally Baire.

Then $\Theta^{L(A, \mathbb{R})}$ is the supremum of the ordinals α such that there is a surjection, $\pi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \alpha$, such that $\pi \in L(A, \mathbb{R})$.

Theorem

Suppose that there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and that A is universally Baire.

Then $\Theta^{L(A, \mathbb{R})}$ is a Woodin cardinal in $\text{HOD}^{L(A, \mathbb{R})}$.

$\text{HOD}^{L(A, \mathbb{R})}$ and enlargements of L

Theorem (Steel)

Suppose that there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and let $\delta = \Theta^{L(\mathbb{R})}$.

Then $\text{HOD}^{L(\mathbb{R})} \cap V_\delta$ is a Mitchell-Steel inner model.

Theorem

Suppose that there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals.

*Then $\text{HOD}^{L(\mathbb{R})}$ is **not** a Mitchell-Steel inner model.*

Ultimate L

(Conjecture) The axiom scheme for $V = \text{ultimate } L$

There is a proper class of Woodin cardinals. Further for each sentence φ , if φ holds in V then there is a universally Baire set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\text{HOD}^{L(A, \mathbb{R})} \cap V_{\Theta} \models \varphi$$

where $\Theta = \Theta^{L(A, \mathbb{R})}$.

Two possible futures

Future 1: The axiom “ $V = \text{ultimate } L$ ” is false

Assume there is a proper class of supercompact cardinals. The following must hold.

- ▶ *There is a ordinal definable set $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ which is not universally Baire.*
- ▶ *Let Γ be the set of all universally Baire sets. Then $\Gamma = L(\Gamma) \cap \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$.*

Future 2: The axiom “ $V = \text{ultimate } L$ ” is possibly true

Assume there is a proper class of supercompact cardinals. The following must hold.

- ▶ *There exists an infinite cardinal κ such that*

$$\kappa^+ = (\kappa^+)^{\text{HOD}}$$

(meta) Conjecture

This axiom “ $V = \text{ultimate } L$ ” will be validated on the basis of compelling and accepted principles of infinity just as the axiom PD has been.

- ▶ *This axiom will reduce all questions of Set Theory to axioms of infinity,*
 - ▶ *ending the age of (forcing) independence.*