

Reflection of stationary sets and GDST

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If κ is a weakly compact cardinal, every stationary subset of κ reflects at a regular cardinal $\alpha < \kappa$.

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The quasi-order \subseteq^S over 2^κ is nothing but $\leq^S \cap (2^\kappa \times 2^\kappa)$.

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Under some cardinal arithmetic assumptions the following can be proved:

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Question

Is $=_{\lambda}^{\kappa}$ Borel-reducible to $=_{\lambda}^2$, i.e. $=_{\lambda}^{\kappa} \leq_c =_{\lambda}^2$, for all λ ?

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If κ is strongly inaccessible, then in the forcing extension by $\text{Add}(\kappa, \kappa^+)$, for all two disjoint stationary subsets X, S of κ , the following are equivalent:

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

$Add(\omega, \kappa)$

Theorem

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Suppose $\vec{\mathcal{F}} = \langle \mathcal{F}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle$ is a θ -complete sequence. Suppose \mathbb{P} is a forcing notion with θ -cc and κ -stationary-cc, and $X \subseteq \kappa$ is a stationary set such that X $\vec{\mathcal{F}}$ -reflects to S . Then \mathbb{P} forces that X $\vec{\mathcal{f}}$ -reflects to S .

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$$\eta \upharpoonright \alpha \sim_{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}}^{\theta} \xi \upharpoonright \alpha \text{ iff } F(\eta)(\alpha) = F(\xi)(\alpha).$$

Characterization of Filter Reflection

Theorem

Let $X, S \subseteq \kappa$ be stationary sets. The following are equivalent:

1. X \mathfrak{f} -reflects to S .
2. There is $\vec{\mathcal{F}} = \langle \mathcal{F}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S \rangle$ and $F : 2^\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^\kappa$ a reduction from $=_X^2$ to $=_S^\kappa$ that captures $\vec{\mathcal{F}}$.

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2. There is a reduction $F : 2^\kappa \rightarrow 2^\kappa$ from $=_X^2$ to $=_S^2$ such that for all $\alpha \in S$ the set

$$\{\eta \upharpoonright_\alpha^{-1} [\gamma] \mid \eta \in 2^\kappa \ \& \ F(\eta)(\alpha) = \gamma\}$$

is a filter.

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$$\leq^X \leftrightarrow_c \leq^S.$$

The Main Gap

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Let $\kappa = \lambda^+$. If $\text{cof}(\omega)$ \mathfrak{f} -reflects with \diamond to $\text{cof}(\omega)$ and $\text{cof}(\lambda)$ \mathfrak{f} -reflects with \diamond to $\text{cof}(\lambda)$, then the isomorphism relation of any classifiable theory is continuous reducible to the isomorphism relation of any non-classifiable theory.

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MM implies that for $\kappa = \lambda^+$, λ a singular strong limit of uncountable cofinality, it holds

$$=_{\omega}^{\kappa} \leftrightarrow_c =_{\omega_1}^2.$$

Remains Open

Is the following consistently true?

For all $S \subseteq \kappa$ stationary,

$$=^{\kappa}_S \not\rightarrow_c =^2_S.$$

Thank you