

# $(\Omega\text{-})$ Provably $\Delta_1$ Games

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If  $\phi$  is a formula and  $T$  is a theory, we write  $T \models_{\Omega} \phi$  if for all generic extensions  $V[g]$  of  $V$  and all ordinals  $\alpha$ ,

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A set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  is universally Baire if for every compact Hausdorff space  $X$  and every continuous  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f^{-1}[A]$  has the property of Baire (i.e., it differs from an open set by a meager set). We denote by  $\Gamma^\infty$  the class of all universally Baire sets.

- 1 If  $T$  is a tree on  $\omega \times \kappa$ , we write

$$p[T] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \exists f \in \kappa^\omega (x \upharpoonright n, f \upharpoonright n) \in T\}.$$

## Theorem (Feng-Magidor-Woodin)

Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ . The following are equivalent:

- 1  $A$  is universally Baire;
- 2 For every cardinal  $\kappa$ , there exist some ordinal  $\lambda$  and a pair of trees  $T, S$  on  $\omega \times \lambda$  such that  $A = p[T]$  and

$$p[T] = \mathbb{R} \setminus p[S]$$

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The following is immediate:

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- 1 for all universally Baire  $B \subset \mathbb{R}$ , there is a  $B$ -model, and
- 2 there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals.

Then, there is a universally Baire  $B \subset \mathbb{R}$  such that whenever  $M$  is a  $B$ -model, one of the following holds:

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## Conjecture

*The following are  $(\Omega)$ -equivalent over  $ZFC + CH +$  proper class of Woodin limits of Woodin cardinals:*

- 1 *Open determinacy for games of length  $\omega_1$ ;*
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Suppose the former holds and let  $f$  be by  $\sigma$ . Thus, there is a model  $N$  of ZFC, an elementary embedding  $j : M \rightarrow N$ , and an  $N$ -generic filter  $g$  such that  $f \in N[g]$  and

$$N[g] \models f \in \{f \in 2^{\omega_1} : (L_{j(\kappa)}[f], f) \models \phi(f, j(\delta))\}.$$

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Proof. We construct a model  $M$  in which all games of length  $\omega_1$  definable from  $\mathbb{R}$  are determined. Using standard techniques, one can then find a model in which all games definable from ordinal and real parameters, together with  $\mathbb{R}$ , are determined.



- Let  $N$  be a countable model of ZFC with a measure on a cardinal greater than a measurable Woodin cardinal and let  $\Sigma$  be an iteration strategy for  $N$ . Let  $\{s_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1\}$  be an enumeration of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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Thank you.