# Definable Hamel bases and $AC_{\omega}(\mathbb{R})$

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### Abstract

There is a model of ZF with a  $\Delta_3^1$  definable Hamel bases in which  $AC_{\omega}(\mathbb{R})$  fails.

Answering a question from [9, p. 433] it was shown in [1] that there is a Hamel basis in the Cohen–Halpern–Lévy model. In this paper we show that in a variant of this model, there is a projective, in fact  $\Delta_3^1$ , Hamel basis.

Throughout this paper, by a Hamel basis we always mean a basis for  $\mathbb{R}$ , construed as a vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We denote by E the Vitali equivalence relation, xEy iff  $x-y\in\mathbb{Q}$  for  $x,y\in\mathbb{R}$ . We also write  $[x]_E=\{y\colon yEx\}$  for the E-equivalence class of x. A transversal for the set of all E-equivalence classes picks exactly one member from each  $[x]_E$ . The range of any such transversal is also called a Vitali set.

A set  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}$  is a Luzin set iff  $\Lambda$  is uncountable but  $\Lambda \cap M$  is at most countable for every meager set  $M \subset \mathbb{R}$ . A set  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$  is a Sierpiński set iff S is uncountable but  $S \cap N$  is at most countable for every null set  $N \subset \mathbb{R}$  ("null" in the sense of Lebesgue measure). A set  $B \subset \mathbb{R}$  is a Bernstein set iff  $B \cap P \neq \emptyset \neq P \setminus B$  for every perfect set  $P \subset \mathbb{R}$ . A Burstin basis is a Hamel basis which is also a Bernstein set. It is easy to see that  $B \subset \mathbb{R}$  is a Burstin basis iff B is a Hamel basis and  $B \cap P \neq \emptyset$  for every perfect  $P \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

By  $\mathsf{AC}_{\omega}(\mathbb{R})$  we mean the statement that for all sequences  $(A_n \colon n < \omega)$  such that  $\emptyset \neq A_n \subset \mathbb{R}$  for all  $n < \omega$  there is some choice function  $f \colon \omega \to \mathbb{R}$ , i.e.,  $f(n) \in A_n$  for all  $n < \omega$ .

D. Pincus and K. Prikry study the Cohen-Halpern-Lévy model H in [9]. The model H is obtained by adding a countable set of Cohen reals (say over L) without adding their enumeration; H does not satisfy  $AC_{\omega}(\mathbb{R})$ . It is shown in [9] that there is a Luzin set in H, so that in  $\mathbb{ZF}$ , the existence of a Luzin set does not even imply  $AC_{\omega}(\mathbb{R})$ . [1, Theorems 1.7 and 2.1] show that in H there is a Bernstein set as well as a Hamel basis. As in  $\mathbb{ZF}$  the existence of a Hamel basis implies the existence of a Vitali set, the latter also reproves Feferman's result (see [9]) according to which there is a Vitali set in H.

Therefore, in ZF the conjunction of the following statements (1), (3), and (5) (which in ZF implies (4)) does not yield  $AC_{\omega}(\mathbb{R})$ .

- (1) There is a Luzin set.
- (2) There is a Sierpiński set.
- (3) There is a Bernstein set.
- (4) There is a Vitali set.

- (5) There is a Hamel basis.
- (6) There is a Burstin basis.
- (2) is false in H, see [1, Lemma 1.6]. We aim to prove that in  $\mathsf{ZF}$ , the conjunction of all of these statements does not imply  $\mathsf{AC}_{\omega}(\mathbb{R})$ , even if the respective sets are required to be projective. What we have at this point is:

**Theorem 0.1** There is a model of ZF plus  $\neg AC_{\omega}(\mathbb{R})$  in which the following hold true.

- (a) There is a  $\Delta_2^1$  Luzin set.
- (b) There is a  $\Delta_2^1$  Sierpiński set.
- (c) There is a  $\Delta_3^1$  Bernstein set.
- (d) There is a  $\Delta_3^1$  Hamel basis.

## 1 Jensen's perfect set forcing, revisited.

In what follows, we shall mostly think of reals as elements of the Cantor space  $^{\omega}2$ . We shall need a variant of the Cohen-Halpern-Lévy model. In order to construct our model, we need to introduce a variant of Jensen's variant of Sacks forcing, see [6] (see also [7, Definition 6.1]), which we shall call  $\mathbb{P}$ . The reason why we can't work with Jensen's forcing directly is that it does not seem to have the Sacks property (see e.g. [2, Definition 2.15]).

By way of notation, if  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a forcing and N > 0 is any ordinal, then  $\mathbb{Q}(N)$  denotes the finite support product of N copies of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , ordered component-wise. In this paper, we shall only consider  $\mathbb{Q}(N)$  for  $N \leq \omega$ . If  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal, then  $<_{J_{\alpha}}$  denotes the canonical well-ordering of  $J_{\alpha}$ , see [10, Definition 5.14 and p. 79], and  $<_L = \bigcup \{<_{J_{\alpha}} : \alpha \text{ is a limit ordinal } \}$ .

Let us work in L until further notice. Let us first define  $(\alpha_{\xi}, \beta_{\xi}: \xi < \omega_{1})$  as follows:  $\alpha_{\xi}$  = the least  $\alpha > \sup(\{\beta_{\bar{\xi}}: \bar{\xi} < \xi\})$  such that  $J_{\alpha} \models \mathsf{ZFC}^{-},^{2}$  and  $\beta_{\xi}$  = the least  $\beta > \alpha_{\xi}$  such that  $\rho_{\omega}(J_{\beta}) = \omega$  (see [10, Definition 11.22];  $\rho_{\omega}(J_{\beta}) = \omega$  is equivalent with  $\mathcal{P}(\omega) \cap J_{\beta+\omega} \not\subset J_{\beta}$ ).

We shall also make use of a sequence  $(f_{\xi}: \xi < \omega)$  which is defined as follows. Let  $(\bar{f}_{\xi}: \xi < \omega)$  be defined by the following trivial recursion:  $\bar{f}_{\xi}$  be the  $<_L$ -least f such that  $f \in ({}^{\omega}J_{\omega_1} \cap J_{\omega_1}) \setminus \{\bar{f}_{\bar{\xi}}: \bar{\xi} < \xi\}$ . Then if  $\pi$  denotes the Gödel pairing function, see [10, p. 35], we let  $f_{\pi((\xi_1, \xi_2))} = \bar{f}_{\xi_1}$ . We will then have that  $f_{\xi} \in J_{\alpha_{\xi}}$  for all  $\xi$ , and for each  $f \in ({}^{\omega}J_{\omega_1} \cap J_{\omega_1})$  the set of  $\xi$  such that  $f = f_{\xi}$  is cofinal in  $\omega_1$ .

Let us then define  $(\mathbb{P}_{\xi}, \mathbb{Q}_{\xi} : \xi \leq \omega_1)$ . Each  $\mathbb{P}_{\xi}$  will consist of perfect trees  $T \subset {}^{<\omega}2$  such that if  $T \in \mathbb{P}_{\xi}$  and  $s \in T$ , then  $T_s = \{t \in T : t \subset s \vee s \subset t\} \in \mathbb{P}_{\xi}$  as well.<sup>3</sup> Each  $\mathbb{P}_{\xi}$  will be construed as a p.o. by stipulating  $T \leq T'$  (T "is stronger than" T') iff  $T \subset T'$ . We will have that  $\mathbb{P}_{\xi} \in J_{\alpha_{\xi}}$  and  $\mathbb{P}_{\bar{\xi}} \subset \mathbb{P}_{\xi}$  whenever  $\bar{\xi} \leq \xi \leq \omega_1$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The reader unfamiliar with the *J*-hierarchy may read  $L_{\alpha}$  instead of  $J_{\alpha}$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Here, ZFC<sup>-</sup> denotes ZFC without the power set axiom. Every  $J_{\alpha}$  satisfies the strong form of AC according to which every set is the surjective image of some ordinal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>We denote by  $x \subset y$  the fact that x is a (not necessarily proper) subset of y.

To start with, let  $\mathbb{P}_0$  be the set of all basic clopen sets  $U_s = \{t \in {}^{<\omega}2 \colon t \subset s \lor s \subset t\}$ , where  $s \in {}^{\omega}2$ . If  $\lambda \leq \omega_1$  is a limit ordinal, then  $\mathbb{P}_{\lambda} = \bigcup \{\mathbb{P}_{\xi} \colon \xi < \lambda\}$ .

Now fix  $\xi < \omega_1$ , and suppose that  $\mathbb{P}_{\xi}$  has already been defined. We shall define  $\mathbb{Q}_{\xi}$  and  $\mathbb{P}_{\xi+1}$ .

Let  $g_{\xi} \in {}^{\omega}J_{\alpha_{\xi}}$  be the following  $\omega$ -sequence. If there is some  $N < \omega$  such that  $f_{\xi}$  is an  $\omega$ -sequence of subsets of  $\mathbb{P}_{\xi}(N)$ , each of which is predense in  $\mathbb{P}_{\xi}(N)$ , then for each  $n < \omega$  let  $g_{\xi}(n)$  be the open dense set

$$\{(T_1,\ldots,T_N)\in\mathbb{P}_{\xi}(N)\colon\exists (T_1',\ldots,T_N')\in f_{\xi}(n)\,(T_1,\ldots,T_N)\leq (T_1',\ldots,T_N')\},\$$

and write  $N_{\xi}=N$ . Otherwise we just set  $g_{\xi}(n)=\mathbb{P}_{\xi}(1)$  for each  $n<\omega$ , and write  $N_{\xi}=1$ . Let  $d_{\xi}$  be the  $<_{J_{\beta_{\xi}+\omega}}$ -least  $d\in{}^{\omega\times\omega}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{P}_{\xi})\cap J_{\alpha_{\xi}})\cap J_{\beta_{\xi}+\omega}$  such that

- (i) for each  $(n, N) \in \omega \times \omega$ , d(n, N) is an open dense subset of  $\mathbb{P}_{\xi}(N)$  which exists in  $J_{\beta_{\xi}}$ ,
- (ii) for each  $N < \omega$  and each open dense subset D of  $\mathbb{P}_{\xi}(N)$  which exists in  $J_{\beta_{\xi}}$  there is some  $n < \omega$  with  $d(n, N) \subset D$ ,
- (iii)  $d(n, N_{\xi}) \subset g_{\xi}(n)$  for each  $n < \omega$ , and
- (iv)  $d(n+1,N) \subset d(n,N)$  for each  $(n,N) \in \omega \times \omega$ .

Let us now look at the collection of all systems  $(T_s^m : m < \omega, s \in {}^{<\omega}2)$  with the following properties.

- (a)  $T_s^m \in \mathbb{P}_{\xi}$  for all m, s,
- (b) for each  $T \in \mathbb{P}_{\xi}$  there are infinitely many  $m < \omega$  with  $T_{\emptyset}^{m} = T$ ,
- (c)  $T_t^m \leq T_s^m$  for all  $m, t \supset s$ ,
- (d) stem $(T_{s-0}^m)$  and stem $(T_{s-1}^m)$  are incompatible elements of  $T_s^m$  for all m, s,
- (e) if  $(m,s) \neq (m',s')$ , where m,m' < n and lh(s) = lh(s') = n+1 for some n, then  $stem(T_s^m)$  and  $stem(T_{s'}^m)$  are incompatible, and
- (f) for all  $N \leq n < \omega$  and all pairwise different  $(m_1, s_1), \ldots, (m_N, s_N)$  with  $m_1, \ldots, m_N < n$  and  $s_1, \ldots, s_N \in {}^{n+1}2,$

$$(T_{s_1}^{m_1}, \dots, T_{s_N}^{m_N}) \in d_{\xi}(n, N).$$

It is easy to work in  $J_{\beta_{\xi}+\omega}$  and construct initial segments  $(T_s^m\colon m<\omega,s\in$  $<\omega 2, \text{lh}(s)\leq n)$  of such a system by induction on  $n<\omega$ . Notice that (f) formulates a constraint only for  $m_1,\ldots,m_N<\text{lh}(s_1)-1=\ldots=\text{lh}(s_N)-1$ , and writing  $n=\text{lh}(s_1)-1$ , there are  $\sum_{N=1}^n\frac{(n\cdot 2^{n+1})!}{(n\cdot 2^{n+1}-N)!}$  (i.e., finitely many) such constraints.

We let  $(T_{s,\xi}^m\colon m<\omega,s\in {}^{<\omega}2)$  be the  $<_{\beta_{\xi}+\omega}$ -least such system  $(T_s^m\colon m<\omega,s\in {}^{<\omega}2)$ . For every  $m<\omega,s\in {}^{<\omega}2$ , we let

$$A^m_{s,\xi} = \bigcap_{n \geq \mathrm{lh}(s)} (\bigcup_{\substack{t \supset s \\ \mathrm{lh}(t) = n}} T^m_t) = \{ \mathrm{stem}(T^m_{t,\xi}) \upharpoonright k \colon t \supset s, k < \omega \}.$$

Notice that (e) implies that

(1) 
$$A_{s,\xi}^m \cap A_{s',\xi}^{m'}$$
 is finite, unless  $m = m'$  and  $s \subset s'$  or  $s' \subset s$ .

(1) will imply that  $A^m_{s,\xi}$  and  $A^{m'}_{s',\xi}$  will be incompatible in every  $\mathbb{P}_{\eta}$ ,  $\eta > \xi$ , unless m = m' and  $s \subset s'$  or  $s' \subset s$ .

We set  $\mathbb{Q}_{\xi} = \{A_{s,\xi}^m : m < \omega, s \in {}^{<\omega}2\}$ . Finally, we set  $\mathbb{P}_{\xi+1} = \mathbb{P}_{\xi} \cup \mathbb{Q}_{\xi}$ .

Lemma 1.1 Let  $N < \omega$ ,  $\xi < \omega_1$ .

$$D = \{(T_1, \dots, T_N) \in \mathbb{Q}_{\varepsilon}(N) \colon stem(T_i) \perp stem(T_i) \text{ for } i \neq j\}$$

is dense in  $\mathbb{P}_{\varepsilon+1}(N)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(T_1, \ldots, T_N) \in \mathbb{P}_{\xi+1}(N)$ . For  $i \in \{1, \ldots, N\}$  such that  $T_i \in \mathbb{P}_{\xi}$  pick some  $m_i < \omega$  such that  $T_i = T_{\emptyset,\xi}^{m_i}$ , and write  $s_i = \emptyset$ . This is possible by (b). If  $i \in \{1, ..., N\}$  is such that  $T_i \in \mathbb{Q}_{\xi}$ , then say  $T_i = A_{s_i, \xi}^{m_i}$ . Now pick  $n > \max(\{m_1, ..., m_N\})$  and  $t_1 \supset s_1, ..., t_N \supset s_N$  such that  $\text{lh}(t_1) = ... = \text{lh}(t_N) =$ n+1 and the  $(m_i, t_i)$  are pairwise different.

Then by (e) the finite sequences stem $(T_{t_i,\xi}^{m_i})$  are pairwise incompatible, so that by  $A_{t_i,\xi}^{m_i} \leq T_{t_i,\xi}^{m_i}, \text{ the } A_{t_i,\xi}^{m_i} \text{ are pairwise incompatible. But then } (A_{t_i,\xi}^{m_1},\ldots,A_{t_N,\xi}^{m_N}) \in D$  and  $(A_{t_i,\xi}^{m_1},\ldots,A_{t_N,\xi}^{m_N}) \leq (T_1,\ldots,T_N). \ \Box$ 

**Lemma 1.2 (Sealing)** Let  $N < \omega$ ,  $\xi < \omega_1$ . If  $D \in J_{\beta_{\xi}}$  is predense in  $\mathbb{P}_{\xi}(N)$ , then D is predense in all  $\mathbb{P}_{\eta}(N)$ ,  $\eta \geq \xi$ ,  $\eta \leq \omega_1$ .

*Proof* by induction on  $\eta$ . The cases  $\eta = \xi$  and  $\eta$  being a limit ordinal are trivial. Suppose  $\eta \geq \xi$ ,  $\eta < \omega_1$ , and D is predense in  $\mathbb{P}_{\eta}(N)$ . Write  $D' = \{(T_1, \ldots, T_N) \in$  $\mathbb{P}_{\eta}(N) \colon \exists (T'_1, \dots, T'_N) \in D(T_1, \dots, T_N) \leq (T'_1, \dots, T'_N) \}.$  As  $\beta_{\xi} \leq \beta_{\eta}, D' \in J_{\beta_{\xi}}$  and by (ii) and (iv) there is some  $n_0 < \omega$  with  $d_n(n, N) \subset D'$  for every  $n > n_0$ .

To show that D' (and hence D) is predense in  $\mathbb{P}_{n+1}(N)$ , by Lemma 1.1 it suffices to show that for all  $(T_1, \ldots, T_N) \in \mathbb{Q}_{\eta}(N)$  there is some  $(T'_1, \ldots, T'_N) \in \mathbb{Q}_{\eta}(N)$ ,  $(T'_1,\ldots,T'_N) \leq (T_1,\ldots,T_N)$ , and  $(T'_1,\ldots,T'_N)$  is below some element of D'. So let  $(A^{m_1}_{s_1,\eta},\ldots,A^{m_N}_{s_N,\eta}) \in \mathbb{Q}_{\eta}(N)$  be arbitrary. Let

$$n > \max(\{n_0, N-1, m_1, \dots, m_N, \text{lh}(s_1), \dots, \text{lh}(s_N)\}),$$

and let  $t_1 \supset s_1, \ldots, t_N \supset s_N$  be such that  $lh(t_1) = \ldots = lh(t_N) = n+1$ . By increasing n further if necessary, we may certainly assume that  $t_1, \ldots, t_N$  are picked in such a way that  $(m_1, t_1), \ldots, (m_N, t_N)$  are pairwise different. Then

$$(T_{t_1,\eta}^{m_1},\ldots,T_{t_N,\eta}^{m_N}) \in d_{\eta}(n,N) \subset D'$$

by (f). But

$$(A_{t_1,\eta}^{m_1},\ldots,A_{t_N,\eta}^{m_N}) \le (T_{t_1,\eta}^{m_1},\ldots,T_{t_N,\eta}^{m_N})$$

and also

$$(A_{t_1,\eta}^{m_1},\ldots,A_{t_N,\eta}^{m_N}) \leq (A_{s_1,\eta}^{m_1},\ldots,A_{s_N,\eta}^{m_N}),$$

which means that  $(A^{m_1}_{s_1,\eta},\ldots,A^{m_N}_{s_N,\eta})$  is compatible with an element of D'.  $\square$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Here, stem $(T_i) \perp \text{stem}(T_i)$  means that the stem of  $T_i$  is incompatible with the stem of  $T_i$ .

Corollary 1.3 Let  $N < \omega, \xi < \omega_1$ .

$$\{(T_1,\ldots,T_N)\in\mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{E}}(N)\colon stem(T_i)\perp stem(T_j)\ for\ i\neq j\}$$

is predense in  $\mathbb{P}(N)$ .

**Lemma 1.4** Let  $N < \omega$ .  $\mathbb{P}(N)$  has the c.c.c.

*Proof.* Let  $A \subset \mathbb{P}(N)$  be a maximal antichain,  $A \in L$ . Let  $j: J_{\beta} \to J_{\omega_2}$  be elementary and such that  $\beta < \omega_1$  and  $\{\mathbb{P}, A\} \subset \operatorname{ran}(j)$ . Write  $\xi = \operatorname{crit}(j)$ . We have that  $j^{-1}(\mathbb{P}(N)) = \mathbb{P}(N) \cap J_{\xi} = \mathbb{P}_{\xi}(N)$  and  $j^{-1}(A) = A \cap J_{\xi} = A \cap \mathbb{P}_{\xi}(N) \in J_{\beta}$  is a maximal antichain in  $\mathbb{P}_{\xi}(N)$ . Moreover,  $\beta_{\xi} > \beta$ , so that by Lemma 1.3  $A \cap \mathbb{P}_{\xi}(N)$  is predense in  $\mathbb{P}(N)$ . This means that  $A = A \cap \mathbb{P}_{\xi}$  is countable.  $\square$ 

**Lemma 1.5** Let  $N < \omega$ .  $(c_1, \ldots c_N) \in {}^N({}^\omega 2)$  is  $\mathbb{P}(N)$ -generic over L iff for all  $\xi < \omega_1$  there is an injection  $t : \{1, \ldots, N\} \to \mathbb{Q}_{\xi}$  such that for all  $i \in \{1, \ldots, N\}$ ,  $c_i \in [t(i)]$ .

*Proof.* "\imp": This readily follows from Corollary 1.3.

" $\Leftarrow$ ": Let  $A \subset \mathbb{P}(N)$  be a maximal antichain,  $A \in L$ . By Lemma 1.4, we may certainly pick some  $\xi < \omega_1$  with  $A \subset \mathbb{P}_{\xi}(N)$  and  $A \in J_{\alpha_{\xi}}$ . Say  $n_0$  is such that  $d_{\xi}(n,N) \subset \{(T_1,\ldots,T_N) \in \mathbb{P}_{\xi} \colon \exists (T'_1,\ldots,T'_N) \in A(T_1,\ldots,T_N) \leq (T'_1,\ldots,T'_N)\}$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . By our hypothesis, we may pick pairwise different  $(m_1,s_1),\ldots,(m_N,s_N)$  with  $\mathrm{lh}(s_1) = \ldots = \mathrm{lh}(s_N) = n+1$  for some  $n \geq n_0$  and  $c_i \in [T^{m_i}_{s_i},\xi]$  for all  $i \in \{1,\ldots,N\}$ . But then  $(T^{m_1}_{s_i,\xi},\ldots,T^{m_N}_{s_N})$  is below an element of A, which means that the generic filter given by  $(c_1,\ldots,c_N)$  meets A.  $\square$ 

**Corollary 1.6** Let  $N < \omega$ , and let  $(c_1, \ldots c_N) \in {}^{N}({}^{\omega}2)$  be  $\mathbb{P}(N)$ -generic over L. If  $x \in L[(c_1, \ldots c_N)]$  is  $\mathbb{P}$ -generic over L, then  $x \in \{c_1, \ldots c_N\}$ .

*Proof.* If  $x \in L[(c_1, \ldots c_N)]$  is  $\mathbb{P}$ -generic over L, then  $(c_1, \ldots c_N, x) \in {}^{N+1}({}^{\omega}2)$  is  $\mathbb{P}(N+1)$ -generic over L, hence  $x \notin L[(c_1, \ldots c_N)]$ . Contradiction!  $\square$ 

Corollary 1.7 Let  $N < \omega$ , and let  $(c_1, \ldots c_N) \in {}^N({}^{\omega}2)$  be  $\mathbb{P}(N)$ -generic over L. Then inside  $L[(c_1, \ldots c_N)]$ ,  $\{c_1, \ldots c_N\}$  is a (lightface)  $\Pi_2^1$  set.

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi(x)$  express that for all  $\xi < \omega_1$  there is some  $T \in \mathbb{Q}_{\xi}$  such that  $x \in [T]$ . The formula  $\varphi(x)$  may be written in a  $\Pi_2^1$  fashion, and it defines  $\{c_1, \ldots c_N\}$  inside  $L[(c_1, \ldots c_N)]$ .  $\square$ 

**Lemma 1.8 (Sacks property)** Let  $N < \omega$ , and let g be  $\mathbb{P}(N)$ -generic over L. For each  $f: \omega \to \omega$ ,  $f \in L[a]$ , there is some  $g \in L$  with domain  $\omega$  such that for each  $n < \omega$ ,  $f(n) \in g(n)$  and f Card $f(g(n)) \leq (n+1) \cdot 2^{n+1}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\tau \in L^{\mathbb{P}(N)}$ ,  $\tau^g = f$ . Let  $(A_n \colon n < \omega) \in L$  be such that for each n,  $A_n$  is a maximal antichain of  $\vec{T} \in \mathbb{P}(N)$  such that  $\exists m < \omega \vec{T} \Vdash \tau(\check{n}) = \check{m}$ . We may pick some  $\xi < \omega_1$  such that  $\bigcup \{A_n \colon n < \omega\} \subset \mathbb{P}_{\xi}(N)$  and  $(A_n \colon n < \omega) = f_{\xi}$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>In what follows, the only thing that will matter is that the bound on Card(g(n)) only depends on n and not on the particular q.

By Lemma 1.5, there are pairwise different  $(m_1, s_1), \ldots, (m_N, s_N)$  such that

$$(A_{s_1,\xi}^{m_1},\ldots,A_{s_N,\xi}^{m_N}) \in g.$$

Let

$$n > \max(\{N-1, m_1, \dots, m_N, \ln(s_1), \dots, \ln(s_N)\}).$$

If  $t_1 \supset s_1, \ldots, t_N \supset t_N$  are such that  $lh(t_1) = \ldots = lh(t_N) = n+1$ , then  $(T_{t_1,\xi}^{m_1},\ldots,T_{t_N,\xi}^{m_N}) \in d_{\xi}(n,N) \subset A_n$ , so that also

$$\exists m < \omega \left( T_{t_1, \mathcal{E}}^{m_1}, \dots, T_{t_N, \mathcal{E}}^{m_N} \right) \Vdash \tau(\check{n}) = \check{m}.$$

Therefore, if we let

$$g(n) = \{ m < \omega \colon \exists t_1 \supset s_1, \dots \exists t_N \supset t_N \left( \operatorname{lh}(t_1) = \dots = \operatorname{lh}(t_N) = n + 1 \land (T_{t_1,\xi}^{m_1}, \dots, T_{t_N,\xi}^{m_N}) \mid \vdash \tau(\check{n}) = \check{m} \right) \},$$

then  $(A^{m_1}_{s_1,\xi},\dots,A^{m_N}_{s_N,\xi}) \Vdash \tau(\check{n}) \in (g(n))\check{}$ , hence  $f(n) \in g(n)$ , and  $\operatorname{Card}(g(n)) = N \cdot 2^{n+1} \leq (n+1) \cdot 2^{n+1}$  for all but finitely many n.  $\square$ 

# 2 The variant of the Cohen-Helpern-Lévy model.

Let us force with  $\mathbb{P}(\omega)$  over L, and let g be a generic filter. Let  $c_n$ ,  $n < \omega$ , denote the Jensen reals which g adds. Let us write  $A = \{c_n : n < \omega\}$  for the set of those Jensen reals. The model

$$H=H(L)=\mathsf{HOD}_{A\cup\{A\}}^{L[g]}$$

of all sets which inside L[g] are hereditarily definable from parameters in  $OR \cup A \cup \{A\}$  is the variant of the Cohen–Halpern–Lévy model (over L) which we shall work with. For the case of Jensen's original forcing this model was first considered in [4].

For any finite  $a \subset A$ , we write L[a] for the model constructed from the finitely many reals in a.

## **Lemma 2.1** Inside H, A is a (lightface) $\Pi_2^1$ set.

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi(-)$  be the  $\Pi_2^1$  formula from the proof of Lemma 1.7. If  $H \models \varphi(x)$ ,  $x \in L[a]$ ,  $a \in [A]^{<\omega}$ , then  $L[a] \models \varphi(x)$  by Shoenfield, so  $x \in a \subset A$ . On the other hand, if  $c \in A$ , then  $L[c] \models \varphi(c)$  and hence  $H \models \varphi(c)$  again by Shoenfield.  $\square$ 

Fixing some Gödelization of formulae (or some enumeration of all the rud functions, resp.) at the outset, each L[a],  $a \in [A]^{<\omega}$ , comes with a unique canonical global well–ordering  $<_a$  of L[a] by which we mean the one which is induced by the natural order of the elements of a and the fixed Gödelization device in the usual fashion. The assignment  $a \mapsto <_a$ ,  $a \in [A]^{<\omega}$ , is hence in H.<sup>6</sup> This is a crucial fact.

Let us fix a bijection

(2) 
$$e: \omega \to \omega \times \omega$$
,

and let us write  $((n)_0, (n)_1) = e(n)$ .

We shall also make use the following. Cf. [1, Lemma 1.2].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>More precisely, the ternary relation consisting of all (a, x, y) such that  $x <_a y$  is definable over H.

**Lemma 2.2** (1) Let  $a \in [A]^{<\omega}$  and  $X \subset L[a]$ ,  $X \in H$ , say  $X \in \mathsf{HOD}_{b \cup \{A\}}^{L[g]}$ , where  $b \supseteq a, b \in [A]^{<\omega}$ . Then  $X \in L[b]$ .

- (2) There is no well-ordering of the reals in H.
- (3) A has no countable subset in H.
- (4)  $[A]^{<\omega}$  has no countable subset in H.

Proof sketch. (1) Every permutation  $\pi \colon \omega \to \omega$  induces an automorphism  $e_{\pi}$  of  $\mathbb{P}(\omega)$  by sending p to q, where  $q(\pi(n)) = p(n)$  for all  $n < \omega$ . It is clear that no  $e_{\pi}$  moves the canonical name for A, call it A. Let us also write  $\dot{c}_n$  for the canonical name for  $c_n$ ,  $n < \omega$ . Now if a, and b are as in the statement of (1), say  $b = \{c_{n_1}, \ldots, c_{n_k}\}$ , if  $p, q \in \mathbb{P}(\omega)$ , if  $\pi \upharpoonright \{n_1, \ldots, n_k\} = \mathrm{id}, p \upharpoonright \{n_1, \ldots, n_k\}$  is compatible with  $q \upharpoonright \{n_1, \ldots, n_k\}$ , and  $\mathrm{supp}(\pi(p)) \cap \mathrm{supp}(q) \subseteq \{n_1, \ldots, n_k\}$ , if  $x \in L$ , if  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_m$  are ordinals, and if  $\varphi$  is a formula, then

$$p \Vdash_{L}^{\mathbb{P}(\omega)} \varphi(\check{x}, \check{\alpha}_{1}, \dots \check{\alpha}_{m}, \dot{c}_{n_{1}}, \dots \dot{c}_{n_{k}}, \dot{A}) \iff \pi(p) \Vdash_{L}^{\mathbb{P}(\omega)} \varphi(\check{x}, \check{\alpha}_{1}, \dots \check{\alpha}_{m}, \dot{c}_{n_{1}}, \dots \dot{c}_{n_{k}}, \dot{A})$$

and  $\pi(p)$  is compatible with q, so that the statement  $\varphi(\check{x}, \check{\alpha}_1, \dots \check{\alpha}_m, \dot{c}_{n_1}, \dots \dot{c}_{n_k}, \dot{A})$  will be decided by conditions  $p \in \mathbb{P}(\omega)$  with  $\operatorname{supp}(p) \subseteq \{n_1, \dots, n_k\}$ . But every set in L[b] is coded by a set of ordinals, so if X is as in (1), this shows that  $X \in L[b]$ .

- (2) Every real is a subset of L. Hence by (1), if L[g] had a well–ordering of the reals in  $\mathsf{HOD}^{L[g]}_{a\cup\{A\}}$ , some  $a\in[A]^{<\omega}$ , then every real of H would be in L[a], which is nonsense.
- (3) Assume that  $f: \omega \to A$  is injective,  $f \in H$ . Let  $x \in {}^{\omega}\omega$  be defined by  $x(n) = f((n)_0)((n)_1)$ , so that  $x \in H$ . By (1),  $x \in L[a]$  for some  $a \in [A]^{<\omega}$ . But then  $\operatorname{ran}(f) \subset L[a]$ , which is nonsense, as there is some  $n < \omega$  such that  $c_n \in \operatorname{ran}(f) \setminus a$ .

(4) This readily follows from (3). 
$$\Box$$
 (Lemma 2.2)

Let us recall another standard fact.

(3) If 
$$a, b \in [A]^{<\omega}$$
, then  $L[a] \cap L[b] = L[a \cap b]$ .

To see this, let us assume without loss of generality that  $a \setminus b \neq \emptyset \neq b \setminus a$ , and say  $a \setminus b = \{c_n : n \in I\}$  and  $b \setminus a = \{c_n : n \in J\}$ , where I and J are non-empty disjoint finite subsets of  $\omega$ . Then  $a \setminus b$  and  $b \setminus a$  are mutually  $\mathbb{P}(I)$ - and  $\mathbb{P}(J)$ -generic over  $L[a \cap b]$ . But then  $L[a] \cap L[b] = L[a \cap b][a \setminus b] \cap L[a \cap b][b \setminus a] = L[a \cap b]$ , cf. [10, Problem 6.12].

For any  $a \in [A]^{<\omega}$ , we write  $\mathbb{R}_a = \mathbb{R} \cap L[a]$  and  $\mathbb{R}_a^+ = \mathbb{R}_a \setminus \bigcup \{\mathbb{R}_b \colon b \subsetneq a\}$ .  $(\mathbb{R}_a^+ \colon a \in [A]^{<\omega})$  is a partition of  $\mathbb{R}$ : By Lemma 2.2 (1),

(4) 
$$\mathbb{R} \cap H = \bigcup \{ \mathbb{R}_a^+ \colon a \in [A]^{<\omega} \},$$

and  $\mathbb{R}_a \cap \mathbb{R}_b = \mathbb{R}_{a \cap b}$  by (3), so that

(5) 
$$\mathbb{R}_a^+ \cap \mathbb{R}_b^+ = \emptyset \text{ for } a, b \in [A]^{<\omega}, a \neq b.$$

For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we shall also write a(x) for the unique  $a \in [A]^{<\omega}$  such that  $x \in \mathbb{R}_a^+$ , and we shall write  $\#(x) = \operatorname{Card}(a(x))$ .

Adrian Mathias showed that in the original Cohen–Halpern–Lévy model there is an definable function which assigns to each x an ordering  $<_x$  such that  $<_x$  is a well–ordering iff x can be well–ordered, cf. [8, p. 182]. The following is a special simple case of this, adapted to the current model H.

**Lemma 2.3** (A. Mathias) In H, the union of countably many countable sets of reals is countable.

*Proof.* Let us work inside H. Let  $(A_n : n < \omega)$  be such that for each  $n < \omega$ ,  $A_n \subset \mathbb{R}$  and there exists some surjection  $f : \omega \to A_n$ . For each such pair n, f let  $y_{n,f} \in {}^{\omega}\omega$  be such that  $y_{n,f}(m) = f((m)_0)((m)_1)$ . If  $a \in [A]^{<\omega}$  and  $y_{n,f} \in \mathbb{R}_a$ , then  $A_n \in L[a]$ . By (3), for each n there is a unique  $a_n \in [A]^{<\omega}$  such that  $A_n \in L[a_n]$  and  $b \supset a_n$  for each  $b \in [A]^{<\omega}$  such that  $A_n \in L[b]$ . Notice that  $A_n$  is also countable in  $L[a_n]$ .

Using the function  $n \mapsto a_n$ , an easy recursion yields a surjection  $g \colon \omega \to \bigcup \{a_n \colon n < \omega\}$ : first enumerate the finitely many elements of  $a_0$  according to their natural order, then enumerate the finitely many elements of  $a_1$  according to their natural order, etc. As A has no countable subset,  $\bigcup \{a_n \colon n < \omega\}$  must be finite, say  $a = \bigcup \{a_n \colon n < \omega\} \in [A]^{<\omega}$ . But then  $\{A_n \colon n < \omega\} \subset L[a]$ . (We don't claim  $(A_n \colon n < \omega) \in L[a]$ .)

For each  $n < \omega$ , we may now let  $f_n$  the  $<_a$ -least surjection  $f : \omega \to A_n$ . Then  $f(n) = f_{(n)_0}((n)_1)$  for  $n < \omega$  defines a surjection from  $\omega$  onto  $\bigcup \{A_n : n < \omega\}$ , as desired.  $\square$  (Lemma 2.3)

The following is not true in the original Cohen–Halpern–Lévy model. Its proof exploits the Sacks property, Lemma 1.8.

**Lemma 2.4** (1) Let  $M \in H$  be a null set in H. There is then a  $G_{\delta}$  null set M' with  $M' \supset M$  whose code is in L.

(2) Let  $M \in H$  be a meager set in H. There is then an  $F_{\sigma}$  meager set M' with  $M' \supset M$  whose code is in L.

*Proof.* (1) Let  $M \in H$  be a null set in H.

Let us work in H. Let  $(\epsilon_n \colon n < \omega)$  be any sequence of positive reals. Let  $\bigcup_{s \in X} U_s \supset H$ , where  $X \subset {}^{<\omega}2$  and  $\mu(\bigcup \{U_s \colon s \in X\}) \leq \epsilon_0$ . Let  $e \colon \omega \to X$  be onto. Let  $(k_n \colon n < \omega)$  be defined by:  $k_n =$  the smallest k (strictly bigger than  $k_{n-1}$  if n > 0) such that  $\mu(\bigcup \{U_s \colon s \in e^n \omega \setminus k\}) \leq \epsilon_n$ . Write  $k_{-1} = 0$ . We then have that  $\mu(\bigcup \{U_s \colon s \in e^n [k_{n-1}, k_n)\}) \leq \epsilon_n$  for every  $n < \omega$ .

Now fix  $\epsilon > 0$ . Let

$$\epsilon_n = \frac{\epsilon}{n \cdot 2^{2n+2}},$$

and let  $(k_n : n < \omega)$  and  $e : \omega \to {}^{<\omega} 2$  be such that  $\bigcup_{s \in X} U_s \supset H$  and  $\mu(\bigcup \{U_s : s \in e^n[k_{n-1}, k_n)\}) \le \epsilon_n$  for every  $n < \omega$ . We may now apply Lemma 1.8 inside L[a] for some  $a \in [A]^{<\omega}$  such that  $\{e, (k_n : n < \omega)\} \subset L[a]$  and find a function  $g \in L$  with domain  $\omega$  such that for each  $n < \omega$ , g(n) is a finite union  $U_n$  of basic open sets such that  $\{U_s : s \in e^n[k_{n-1}, k_n)\} \subset U_n$  and  $\mu(U_n) \le \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$ . But then  $\mathcal{O} = \bigcup \{O_n : n < \omega\} \supset M$  is open,  $\mathcal{O}$  is coded in L (i.e., there is  $Y \in L$ ,  $Y \subset {}^{<\omega} 2$ , with  $\mathcal{O} = \bigcup \{U_s : s \in Y\}$ ), and  $\mu(\mathcal{O}) \le \epsilon$ .

 $<sup>^7 \</sup>mathrm{Here},\, \mu$  denotes Lebesge measure.

We may hence for every  $n < \omega$  let  $\mathcal{O}_n$  be an open set with  $\mathcal{O}_n \supset M$ ,  $\mu(\mathcal{O}_n) \leq \frac{1}{n+1}$ , and whose code in L is  $<_L$ -least among all the codes giving such a set. Then  $\bigcap \{\mathcal{O}_n : n < \omega\}$  is a  $G_\delta$  null set with code in L and which covers M.

(2) Let  $M \in H$  be a meager set in H, say  $M = \bigcup \{N_n : n < \omega\}$ , where each  $N_n$  is nowhere dense.

Let us again work in H. It is easy to verify that a set  $P \subset {}^{\omega}2$  is nowhere dense iff there is some  $z \in {}^{\omega}2$  and some strictly increasing  $(k_n : n < \omega)$  such that for all  $n < \omega$ ,

(6) 
$$\{x \in {}^{\omega}2 \colon x \upharpoonright [k_n, k_{n+1}) = z \upharpoonright [k_n, k_{n+1})\} \cap P = \emptyset.$$

Look at  $f: \omega \to \omega$ , where  $f(m) = k_{n+1}$  for the least n with  $m \le k_n$ . We may first apply Lemma 1.8 inside L[a] for some  $a \in [A]^{<\omega}$  such that  $f \in L[a]$  and get a function  $g: \omega \to \omega$ ,  $g \in L$ , such that  $g(m) \ge f(m)$  for all  $m < \omega$ . Write  $\ell_0 = 0$  and  $\ell_{n+1} = g(\ell_n)$ , so that for each n there is some n' with

(7) 
$$\ell_n \le k_{n'} < k_{n'+1} \le \ell_{n+1}.$$

Define  $e : \omega \to \omega$  by  $e(n) = \sum_{q=0}^n (q+1) \cdot 2^{q+1}$ . We may now apply Lemma 1.8 inside L[a] for some  $a \in [A]^{<\omega}$  such that  $f \in L[a]$  and get some  $n \mapsto (z_i^n : i \le (n+1) \cdot 2^{n+1})$  inside L such that for all  $n, i, z_i^n : e(n) \to 2$ , and for all n there is some i with  $z \upharpoonright e(n) = z_i^n$ . From this we get some  $z' : \omega \to \omega, z' \in L$ , such that for all n there is some n' with  $z' \upharpoonright [\ell_{n'}, \ell_{n'+1}) = z \upharpoonright [\ell_{n'}, \ell_{n'+1})$ . But then, writing

(8) 
$$D = \{ x \in {}^{\omega}2 \colon \exists n \, x \upharpoonright [\ell_{e(n)}, \ell_{e(n+1)}) = z' \upharpoonright [\ell_{e(n)}, \ell_{e(n+1)}) \},$$

 $D \in L$ , and D is open and dense.

We may hence for every  $n < \omega$  let  $\mathcal{O}_n$  be an open dense set with  $\mathcal{O}_n \cap N_n = \emptyset$ , whose code in L is  $<_L$ -least among all the codes giving such a set. Then  $\bigcup \{^{\omega} 2 \setminus \mathcal{O}_n : n < \omega\}$  is an  $F_{\sigma}$  meager set with code in L and which covers M.  $\square$ 

Corollary 2.5 In H, there is a  $\Delta_2^1$  Sierpiński set as well as a  $\Delta_2^1$  Luzin set.

*Proof.* There is a  $\Delta_2^1$  Luzin set in L. By Lemma 2.4 (2), any such set is still a Luzin set in H. The same is true with "Luzin" replaced by "Sierpiński" and Lemma 2.4 (2) replaced by Lemma 2.4 (1).  $\square$ 

**Lemma 2.6** In H, there is a  $\Delta_3^1$  Bernstein set.

*Proof.* In this proof, let us think of reals as elements of the Cantor space  $^{\omega}2$ . Let us work in H.

We let

$$B = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \exists \text{ even } n (2^n < \#(x) \le 2^{n+1})\}$$
 and  $B' = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \exists \text{ odd } n (2^n < \#(x) \le 2^{n+1})\}.$ 

Obviously,  $B \cap B' = \emptyset$ .

Let  $P \subset \mathbb{R}$  be perfect. We aim to see that  $P \cap B \neq \emptyset \neq P \cap B'$ .

Say  $P = [T] = \{x \in {}^{\omega}2 : \forall n \ x \upharpoonright n \in T\}$ , where  $T \subseteq {}^{<\omega}2$  is a perfect tree. Modulo some fixed natural bijection  ${}^{<\omega}2 \leftrightarrow \omega$ , we may identify T with a real. By (4), we may pick some  $a \in [A]^{<\omega}$  such that  $T \in L[a]$ . Say  $Card(a) < 2^n$ , where n is even.

Let  $b \in [A]^{2^{n+1}}$ ,  $b \supset a$ , and let  $x \in \mathbb{R}_b^+$ . In particular,  $\#(x) = 2^{n+1}$ . It is easy to work in L[b] and construct some  $z \in [T]$  such that  $x \leq_T z \oplus T$ ,  $^8$  e.g., arrange that if  $z \upharpoonright m$  is the  $k^{\text{th}}$  splitting node of T along z, where  $k \leq m < \omega$ , then z(m) = 0 if x(k) = 0 and z(m) = 1 if x(k) = 1.

If we had  $\#(z) \leq 2^n$ , then  $\#(z \oplus T) \leq \#(z) + \#(T) < 2^n + 2^n = 2^{n+1}$ , so that  $\#(x) < 2^{n+1}$  by  $x \leq_T z \oplus T$ . Contradiction! Hence  $\#(z) > 2^n$ . By  $z \in L[b]$ ,  $\#(z) \leq 2^{n+1}$ . Therefore,  $z \in P \cap B$ .

The same argument shows that  $P \cap B' \neq \emptyset$ . B (and also B') is thus a Bernstein set.

We have that  $x \in B$  iff

$$\exists a \in [A]^{<\omega} \exists \text{ even } n \exists J_{\alpha}[a]$$
$$(x \in J_{\alpha}[a] \land 2^{n} < \operatorname{Card}(a) \leq 2^{n+1} \land \forall b \subseteq a \, \forall J_{\beta}[b] x \notin J_{\beta}[b]),$$

which is true iff

$$\forall a \in [A]^{<\omega} \, \forall J_{\alpha}[a] \, (x \in J_{\alpha}[a] \to \exists a' \subset a \, \exists \text{ even } n \, \exists J_{\alpha'}[a']$$
$$(x \in J_{\alpha'}[a'] \land 2^n < \text{Card}(a) < 2^{n+1} \land \forall b \subseteq a' \, \forall J_{\beta}[b]x \notin J_{\beta}[b]).$$

By Lemma 2.1, this shows that B is  $\Delta_3^1$ .  $\square$ 

Recall that for any  $a \in [A]^{<\omega}$ , we write  $\mathbb{R}_a = \mathbb{R} \cap L[a]$ . Let us now also write  $\mathbb{R}_{< a} = \operatorname{span}(\bigcup \{\mathbb{R}_b \colon b \subsetneq a\})$ , and  $\mathbb{R}_a^* = \mathbb{R}_a \setminus \mathbb{R}_{< a}$ . In particular,  $\mathbb{R}_{<\emptyset} = \{0\}$  by our above convention that  $\operatorname{span}(\emptyset) = \{0\}$ , and  $\mathbb{R}_{\emptyset}^* = (\mathbb{R} \cap L) \setminus \{0\}$ .

The proof of Claim 2.8 below will show that

(9) 
$$\mathbb{R} \cap H = \operatorname{span}(\bigcup \{\mathbb{R}_a^* : a \in [A]^{<\omega}\}).$$

Also, we have that  $\mathbb{R}_a^* \subset \mathbb{R}_a^+$ , so that by (5),

(10) 
$$\mathbb{R}_a^* \cap \mathbb{R}_b^* = \emptyset \text{ for } a, b \in [A]^{<\omega}, a \neq b.$$

**Lemma 2.7** In H, there is a  $\Delta_3^1$  Hamel basis.

*Proof.* We call  $X \subset \mathbb{R}_a^*$  linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}_{\leq a}$  iff whenever

$$\sum_{n=1}^{m} q_n \cdot x_n \in \mathbb{R}_{\leq a},$$

where  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , and  $q_n \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $x_n \in X$  for all  $n, 1 \leq n \leq m$ , then  $q_1 = \ldots = q_m = 0$ . In other words,  $X \subset \mathbb{R}_a^*$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}_{< a}$  iff

$$\operatorname{span}(X) \cap \mathbb{R}_{< a} = \{0\}.$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Here,  $(x \oplus y)(2n) = x(n)$  and  $(x \oplus y)(2n+1) = y(n), n < \omega$ .

We call  $X \subset \mathbb{R}_a^*$  maximal linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}_{< a}$  iff X is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}_{< a}$  and no  $Y \supseteq X$ ,  $Y \subset \mathbb{R}_a^*$  is still linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}_{< a}$ . In particular,  $X \subset \mathbb{R}_{\emptyset}^* = (\mathbb{R} \cap L) \setminus \{0\}$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}_{< \emptyset} = \{0\}$  iff X is a Hamel basis for  $\mathbb{R} \cap L$ .

For any  $a \in [A]^{<\omega}$ , we let  $b_a = \{x_i^a : i < \theta^a\}$ , some  $\theta^a \le \omega_1$ , be the unique set such that

- (i) for each  $i < \theta^a$ ,  $x_i^a$  is the  $<_a$ -least  $x \in \mathbb{R}_a^*$  such that  $\{x_j^a : j < i\} \cup \{x\}$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}_{< a}$ , and
- (ii)  $b_a$  is maximal linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}_{< a}$ .

By the above crucial fact, the function  $a \mapsto b_a$  is well-defined and exists inside H. In particular,

$$B = \bigcup \{b_a \colon a \in [A]^{<\omega}\}\$$

is an element of H.

We claim that B is a Hamel basis for the reals of H, which will be established by Claims 2.8 and 2.9.

## Claim 2.8 $\mathbb{R} \cap H \subset \operatorname{span}(B)$ .

Proof of Claim 2.8. Assume not, and let  $n < \omega$  be the least size of some  $a \in [A]^{<\omega}$  such that  $\mathbb{R}_a^* \setminus \operatorname{span}(B) \neq \emptyset$ . Pick  $x \in \mathbb{R}_a^* \setminus \operatorname{span}(B) \neq \emptyset$ , where  $\operatorname{Card}(a) = n$ .

We must have n > 0, as  $b_{\emptyset}$  is a Hamel basis for the reals of L. Then, by the maximality of  $b_a$ , while  $b_a$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}_{< a}$ ,  $b_a \cup \{x\}$  cannot be linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}_{< a}$ . This means that there are  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $q \neq 0$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , and  $q_n \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $x_n \in b_a$  for all  $n, 1 \leq n \leq m$ , such that

$$z = q \cdot x + \sum_{n=1}^{m} q_n \cdot x_n \in \mathbb{R}_{< a}.$$

By the definition of  $\mathbb{R}_{\langle a \rangle}$  and the minimality of  $n, z \in \text{span}(\bigcup \{b_c : c \subseteq a\})$ , which then clearly implies that  $x \in \text{span}(\bigcup \{b_c : c \subseteq a\}) \subset \text{span}(B)$ .

This is a contradiction!  $\Box$  (Claim 2.8)

#### Claim 2.9 B is linearly independent.

Proof of Claim 2.9. Assume not. This means that there are  $1 \leq k < \omega$ ,  $a_i \in [A]^{<\omega}$  pairwise different,  $m_i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m_i \geq 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , and  $q_n^i \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $x_n^i \in b_{a_i}$  for all i and n with  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $1 \leq n \leq m_i$  such that

(11) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{m_1} q_n^1 \cdot x_n^1 + \ldots + \sum_{n=1}^{m_k} q_n^k \cdot x_n^k = 0.$$

By the properties of  $b_{a_i}$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{m_i} q_n^i \cdot x_n^i \in \mathbb{R}_{a_i}^*$ , so that (11) buys us that there are  $z_i \in \mathbb{R}_{a_i}^*$ ,  $z_i \neq 0$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , such that

$$(12) z_1 + \ldots + z_k = 0.$$

There must be some i such that there is no j with  $a_j \supseteq a_i$ , which implies that  $a_j \cap a_i \subseteq a_i$  for all  $j \neq i$ . Let us assume without loss of generality that  $a_j \cap a_1 \subseteq a_1$  for all  $j, 1 < j \leq k$ .

Let  $a_1 = \{c_\ell : \ell \in I\}$ , where  $I \in [\omega]^{<\omega}$ , and let  $a_j \cap a_1 = \{c_\ell : \ell \in I_j\}$ , where  $I_j \subsetneq I$ , for  $1 < j \leq l$ .

In what follows, a  $nice\ name\ au$  for a real is a name of the form

(13) 
$$\tau = \bigcup_{n,m < \omega} \{(n,m)^{\vee}\} \times A_{n,m},$$

where each  $A_{n,m}$  is a maximal antichain of conditions of the forcing in question deciding that  $\tau(\check{n}) = \check{m}$ .

We have that  $z_1$  is  $\mathbb{P}(I)$ -generic over L, so that we may pick a nice name  $\tau_1 \in L^{\mathbb{P}(I)}$  for  $z_1$  with  $(\tau_1)^{g \upharpoonright I} = z_1$ . Similarly, for  $1 < j \le k$ ,  $z_j$  is  $\mathbb{P}(I_j)$ -generic over  $L[g \upharpoonright (\omega \setminus I)]$ , so that we may pick a nice name  $\tau_j \in L[g \upharpoonright (\omega \setminus I)]^{\mathbb{P}(I_j)}$  for  $z_j$  with  $(\tau_j)^{g \upharpoonright I_j} = z_j$ . We may construe each  $\tau_j$ ,  $1 < j \le k$ , as a name in  $L[g \upharpoonright (\omega \setminus I)]^{\mathbb{P}(I)}$  by replacing each  $p \colon I_j \to \mathbb{P}$  in an antichain as in (13) by  $p' \colon I \to \mathbb{P}$ , where  $p'(\ell) = p(\ell)$  for  $\ell \in I_j$  and  $p'(\ell) = \emptyset$  otherwise. Let  $p \in g \upharpoonright I$  be such that

$$p \Vdash_{L[g \upharpoonright (\omega \setminus I)]}^{\mathbb{P}(I)} \tau_1 + \tau_2 + \ldots + \tau_k = 0.$$

We now have that inside  $L[g \upharpoonright (\omega \setminus I)]$ , there are nice  $\mathbb{P}(I)$ -names  $\tau'_j$ ,  $1 < j \leq k$  (namey,  $\tau_j$ ,  $1 < j \leq k$ ), such that still inside  $L[g \upharpoonright (\omega \setminus I)]$ 

- (1)  $p \Vdash^{\mathbb{P}(I)} \tau_1 + \tau'_2 + \ldots + \tau'_k = 0$ , and
- (2) for all j,  $1 < j \le k$  and for all p in one of the antichains of the nice name  $\tau'_j$ , supp $(p) \subseteq I_j$ .

By Lemma 1.4, the nice names  $\tau_1, \tau'_2, \ldots, \tau'_k$  may be coded by reals, and both (1) and (2) are arithmetic in such real codes for  $\tau_1, \tau'_2, \ldots, \tau'_k$ , so that by  $\tau_1 \in L^{\mathbb{P}(I)}$  and  $\Sigma^1_1$ -absoluteness between L and  $L[g \upharpoonright (\omega \setminus I)]$  there are inside L nice  $\mathbb{P}(I)$ -names  $\tau'_j, 1 < j \leq k$ , such that in L, (1) and (2) hold true. But then, writing  $z'_j = (\tau'_j)^{g \upharpoonright I}$ , we have by (2) that  $z'_j \in \mathbb{R}_{I_j}$  for  $1 < j \leq k$ , and  $z_1 + z'_2 + \ldots + z'_k = 0$  by (1). But then  $z_1 \in \mathbb{R}_I^* \cap \mathbb{R}_{< I}$ , which is absurd.

We now have that  $x \in B$  iff

$$\exists a \in [A]^{<\omega} \ \exists J_{\alpha}[a] \ \exists (x_i \colon i \leq \theta) \in J_{\alpha}[a] \ \exists X \subset \theta + 1 \ (\text{ the } x_i \text{ enumerate the first} \\ \theta + 1 \text{ reals in } J_{\alpha}[a] \text{ acc. to } <_a \land \theta \in X \land x = x_\theta \land$$

 $\forall i \in \theta \setminus X \exists J_{\beta}[a] J_{\beta}[a] \models \{x_j : j \in X \cap i\} \cup \{x_i\} \text{ is not linearly independent over } \mathbb{R}_{< a} \land \forall i \in X \forall J_{\beta}[a] J_{\beta}[a] \models \{x_j : j \in X \cap i\} \cup \{x_i\} \text{ is linearly independent over } \mathbb{R}_{< a}),$ 

which is true iff

$$\forall a \in [A]^{<\omega} \ \forall J_{\alpha}[a] \ \forall (x_i : i \leq \theta) \in J_{\alpha}[a] \ \forall X \subset \theta + 1 \ ((\text{ the } x_i \text{ enumerate the first} \theta + 1 \text{ reals in } J_{\alpha}[a] \text{ acc. to } <_a \land x = x_{\theta} \land$$

 $\forall i \in (\theta+1) \setminus X \exists J_{\beta}[a] J_{\beta}[a] \models \{x_j : j \in X \cap i\} \cup \{x_i\} \text{ is not linearly independent over } \mathbb{R}_{< a} \land \forall i \in X \, \forall J_{\beta}[a] J_{\beta}[a] \models \{x_j : j \in X \cap i\} \cup \{x_i\} \text{ is linearly independent over } \mathbb{R}_{< a}) \rightarrow \theta \in X).$ 

By Lemma 2.1, this shows that B is  $\Delta_3^1$ .  $\square$ 

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