

Divergent Models with the Failure of the Continuum Hypothesis ^{*†‡}

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Abstract

We construct divergent models of AD^+ along with the failure of the Continuum Hypothesis (CH) under various assumptions. Divergent models of AD^+ plays an important role in descriptive inner model theory; all known analyses of HOD in AD^+ models (without extra iterability assumptions) are carried out in the region below the existence of divergent models of AD^+ . Our results are the first step toward resolving various open questions concerning the length of definable prewellorderings of the reals and principles implying $\neg\text{CH}$, like MM, that divergent models shed light on, see Question [5.1](#).

1 Introduction

In this paper, we identify the reals \mathbb{R} with $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$, the set of all infinite sequences of natural numbers equipped with the Baire topology.

Definition 1.1 *Suppose M and N are transitive models of AD^+ . We say that M and N are divergent models of AD^+ if there are sets of reals $A \in M$ and $B \in N$ such that $A \notin N$ and $B \notin M$.*

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If M, N are divergent models of AD^+ , then the Wadge hierarchies of M, N “diverge”, or equivalently $\wp(\mathbb{R}) \cap M \not\subseteq N$ and $\wp(\mathbb{R}) \cap N \not\subseteq M$. Woodin has shown that letting $\Gamma = \wp(\mathbb{R}) \cap M \cap N$, then $\Gamma = \wp(\mathbb{R}) \cap L(\Gamma, \mathbb{R})$ and furthermore, $L(\Gamma, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{DC}$. The upper-bound consistency strength of divergent models of AD^+ , as shown by Woodin, is the existence of a Woodin cardinal which is a limit of Woodin cardinals. This bound is conjectured to be exact.¹ Divergent models of AD^+ plays a very important role in descriptive inner model theory; virtually, all known analyses of HOD in strong AD^+ models are carried out below this bound (see cf. [Sar14], [ST23]).

Working in a universe satisfying CH, Woodin constructed divergent models of AD^+ [Far10]. We prove that it is consistent that there are divergent models of AD^+ while CH fails.

Theorem 1.2 *Suppose CH holds and there are two sets of reals A, B such that*

- $(\mathbb{R}, A)^\sharp, (\mathbb{R}, B)^\sharp$ exist and are \aleph_1 -universally Baire,
- $L(A, \mathbb{R}), L(B, \mathbb{R})$ are models of AD^+ such that letting $H_A = \text{HOD}^{L(A, \mathbb{R})}$ and $H_B = \text{HOD}^{L(B, \mathbb{R})}$, there is some $\alpha < \min\{\omega_1^{H_A}, \omega_1^{H_B}\}$ such that the α -th real in the canonical well-order of H_A is different from the α -th real in the canonical well-order of H_B .

Let \mathbb{P} be the standard ccc forcing that adds ω_2 many Cohen reals and $g \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ be V -generic. Then in $V[g]$, there are A^*, B^* and embeddings j_A, j_B such that

1. $j_A : L(A, \mathbb{R}^V) \rightarrow L(A^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]}), j_B : L(B, \mathbb{R}^V) \rightarrow L(B^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]})$ fix all ordinals, and
2. $L(A^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]}), L(B^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]})$ are divergent models of AD^+ .

Corollary 1.3 *Con(ZFC+ there is a Woodin limit of Woodin cardinals) implies Con(CH fails and there are divergent models of AD^+).*

Proof. By results of Woodin’s (see [Far10]), the hypothesis of Theorem 1.2 is consistent relative to the existence of a Woodin limit of Woodin cardinals. The corollary follows from Theorem 1.2. \square

The following theorem is folklore. We include the proof here for self-containment. It is used in the proof of Corollary 1.5. A forcing \mathbb{P} is said to be *weakly proper* if whenever $g \subset \mathbb{P}$ is V -generic, for any ordinal α , $\wp_{\omega_1}^{V[g]}(\alpha) \subset \wp_{\omega_1}^V(\alpha)$. Γ_∞ denotes the collection of universally Baire sets.

¹It has come to my attention recently that G. Sargsyan (unpublished) has shown this.

Theorem 1.4 *Assume there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is universally Baire. Suppose \mathbb{P} is weakly proper. Then for any V -generic $g \subseteq \mathbb{P}$, there is some universally Baire set $B \in V$ such that letting B^* be the canonical interpretation of B in $V[g]$, A is Wadge reducible to B^* .*

Corollary 1.5 *Assume there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals. Suppose A, B are as in the hypothesis of Theorem 1.2. Furthermore, assume that $\Gamma_\infty \subset L(A, \mathbb{R}) \cap L(B, \mathbb{R})$. Let \mathbb{P} be the forcing that adds ω_2 Cohen reals and $g \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ be V -generic. Then in $V[g]$, $\Gamma_\infty \subset L(A^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]}) \cap L(B^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]})$.*

Now we address the question of whether the hypothesis of Corollary 1.5 is consistent. We construct divergent models of AD^+ that contain the collection of universally Baire sets from a strong hypothesis. We are hopeful that with recent advancement in descriptive inner model theory, this hypothesis can be shown to be consistent.

Definition 1.6 *Let \mathcal{M} be a hybrid premouse. We say that \mathcal{M} is **appropriate premouse** if $\mathcal{M} = (|\mathcal{M}|, \in, \mathbb{E}, \mathbb{S})$ is an amenable J -structure that satisfies:*

1. *the predicate \mathbb{S} codes (\mathcal{P}_0, Σ) , where $\mathcal{P}_0 = (\mathcal{M}|\delta_0)^{\#2}$ for some Woodin cardinal δ_0 such that \mathcal{P}_0 is an lsa hod premouse and Σ is the short-tree strategy of \mathcal{P}_0 ;³*
2. *there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and a Woodin limit of Woodin cardinals $> \delta_0$ as witnessed by a fine-extender sequence (in the sense of [Ste10]) coded by \mathbb{E} ;*
3. *for any set generic h , Σ has a canonical interpretation Σ^h in $V[h]$; more precisely, there is a term-relation τ such that for all generic h , $\tau^h = \Sigma^h$;*
4. *in all generic extensions $V[g]$ of V for which \mathcal{P}_0 is countable, $\Sigma^g \notin (\Gamma_\infty)^{V[g]}$ but letting $\Gamma(\mathcal{P}_0, \Sigma^g)$ be the set of A such that there is a countable \mathcal{T} according to Σ^g such that $A \leq_w \Sigma_{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{T})}^g$, then $\Gamma(\mathcal{P}_0, \Sigma^g) = (\Gamma_\infty)^{V[g]}$. This essentially says that all lower-level strategies of Σ^g or its iterates are in $(\Gamma_\infty)^{V[g]}$.*

(\mathcal{M}, Ψ) is an appropriate mouse if \mathcal{M} is an appropriate premouse and Ψ is an iteration strategy for \mathcal{M} such that if $i : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ be an iteration according to Ψ , then for any \mathcal{N} -generic g , $i(\tau)^g = (\Psi_N)_{\mathcal{P}_0}^{sh} \upharpoonright \mathcal{N}[g]$, here $(\Psi_N)_{\mathcal{P}_0}^{sh}$ is the restriction of the tail strategy Ψ_N on N to short trees on \mathcal{P}_0 .

²By this we mean \mathcal{P}_0 is the first active initial segment of \mathcal{M} extending $\mathcal{M}|\delta_0$.

³See [ST23] for a detailed theory of lsa hod mice. Roughly, \mathcal{P}_0 is a hod mouse with the largest Woodin cardinal δ_0 and the least $< \delta_0$ -strong cardinal is a limit of Woodin cardinals.

It is not known if the existence of an appropriate mouse is consistent; a weaker version of this is shown to be consistent in [ST19] and plays a key role in determining the exact consistency strength of Woodin’s Sealing of the Universally Baire sets. Property 4, namely the assumption on Σ , is an abstraction of properties of excellent mice defined in [ST19] and is the key property that allows us to prove Theorem 1.7. The intuition giving rise to 4 comes from the construction of models of LSA – over – UB in [ST19], where the LSA model is generated by a pair (\mathcal{P}, Σ) such that Σ is a short-tree strategy for an lsa-type hod premouse \mathcal{P} and $\Gamma(\mathcal{P}, \Sigma) = \Gamma_\infty$. In the proof of Theorem 1.7, we use this property to show that Γ_∞ (in a generic extension of the appropriate mouse) is in both divergent models, by showing the interpretation of τ by the generic is in both models. The main difference between an appropriate mouse and an excellent mouse lies in property 2. We do not yet have a theory of layered-hod mice that reaches the level of “ZFC+ there is a Woodin cardinal which is a limit of Woodin cardinals” (WLW), but such a theory exists for least-branch hod mice ([Ste22]), so it seems very plausible that the existence of appropriate mice is consistent.⁴

The following property abstracts out some of the features of countable substructures of models obtained by fully-backgrounded constructions (see cf. [Ste10, Nee02]). We say that V satisfies *countable self-iterability* if for any cardinal δ and any countable $X \prec V_{\delta+1}$, the transitive collapse M of X is fully iterable with δ -universally Baire strategy Λ ; furthermore, letting $\tau : M \rightarrow X$ be the uncollapse map, Λ is τ -realizable, i.e. whenever $\pi : M \rightarrow N$ is an iteration map according to Λ with $|N| < \omega_1$, there is some $\sigma : N \rightarrow V_{\delta+1}$ such that $\tau = \sigma \circ \pi$.

Theorem 1.7 *Suppose $V = L[\vec{E}]$ is an extender model such that in V , there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and countable self-iterability holds. Suppose there is an appropriate mouse (\mathcal{M}, Ψ) such that $\Psi \in \Gamma_\infty$. Then in some generic extension of \mathcal{M} , there are divergent models of AD^+ N_1, N_2 such that $\Gamma_\infty \subset N_1 \cap N_2$.*

Remark 1.8 *Theorem 1.7 relates to Question 5.1(i) in light of recent development in the core model induction; in particular, one can show under MM that Γ_∞ contains very complicated mice, e.g. there are Wadge initial segments Γ such that $L(\Gamma) \models \text{AD}_\mathbb{R} + “\Theta$ is regular” and much more. One can hope that MM implies the existence of mice that satisfies WLW with universally Baire iteration strategies. 5.1(ii) is a weakening of 5.1(i) as MM implies $\delta_2^1 = \omega_2$. If 5.1(ii) was true, then Γ_∞ is “large” in that $o(\Gamma_\infty) > \omega_2$. It is open whether $o(\Gamma_\infty)$ could be $> \omega_3$.*

⁴What is missing from [Ste22] is a theory of short-tree strategy mice in the least-branch hierarchy.

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2 Preliminaries

Let Θ be the supremum of ordinals γ such that there is a surjection from \mathbb{R} onto γ . A very useful extension of the Axiom of Determinacy, AD , is a theory called AD^+ isolated by Woodin. AD^+ consists of the following statements.

- $\text{DC}_{\mathbb{R}}$.
- Every set of reals has an ∞ -Borel code. (An ∞ -Borel code is a pair (S, φ) where S is a set of ordinals and φ is a formula of set theory. Let $\mathfrak{B}_{(S, \varphi)} = \{r \in \mathbb{R} : L[S, r] \models \varphi(S, r)\}$. (S, φ) is an ∞ -Borel code for a set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ if and only if $A = \mathfrak{B}_{(S, \varphi)}$.)
- **Ordinal Determinacy**, which is the statements that for every $\lambda < \Theta$, $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, and continuous function $\pi : {}^\omega \lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the two player game on λ with payoff set $\pi^{-1}(X)$ is determined.

It is conjectured that under $\text{ZF} + \text{DC}_{\mathbb{R}}$, AD implies AD^+ . All known models of AD satisfy AD^+ .

For any model M of AD^+ , the ordinal Θ^M is defined to be the supremum of ordinals γ such that there is a surjection from \mathbb{R} onto γ in M . For any set of reals A in M , let $w(A)$ denote the Wadge rank of A in M . A basic result due to R. Solovay, is that Θ^M is supremum of the Wadge ranks of sets of reals A in M .

We summarize basic facts about (weakly) homogeneously Suslin and universally Baire sets we need. For a more detailed discussion, the reader should consult for example [Ste09].

Given an uncountable cardinal κ , and a set Z , $\text{meas}_{\kappa}(Z)$ denotes the set of all κ -additive measures on $Z^{<\omega}$. If $\mu \in \text{meas}_{\kappa}(Z)$, then there is a unique $n < \omega$ such that $Z^n \in \mu$ by κ -additivity; we let this $n = \dim(\mu)$. If $\mu, \nu \in \text{meas}_{\kappa}(Z)$, we say that μ *projects to* ν if $\dim(\nu) = m \leq \dim(\mu) = n$ and for all $A \subseteq Z^m$,

$$A \in \nu \Leftrightarrow \{u : u \restriction m \in A\} \in \mu.$$

In this case, there is a natural embedding from the ultrapower of V by ν into the ultrapower of V by μ :

$$\pi_{\nu,\mu} : Ult(V, \nu) \rightarrow Ult(V, \mu)$$

defined by $\pi_{\nu,\mu}([f]_\nu) = [f^*]_\mu$ where $f^*(u) = f(u \upharpoonright m)$ for all $u \in Z^n$. A tower of measures on Z is a sequence $\langle \mu_n : n < k \rangle$ for some $k \leq \omega$ such that for all $m \leq n < k$, $\dim(\mu_n) = n$ and μ_n projects to μ_m . A tower $\langle \mu_n : n < \omega \rangle$ is *countably complete* if the direct limit of $\{Ult(V, \mu_n), \pi_{\mu_m, \mu_n} : m \leq n < \omega\}$ is well-founded. We will also say that the tower $\langle \mu_n : n < \omega \rangle$ is well-founded.

Recall we identify the set of reals \mathbb{R} with the Baire space ${}^\omega\omega$.

Definition 2.1 Fix an uncountable cardinal κ . A function $\bar{\mu} : \omega^{<\omega} \rightarrow \text{meas}_\kappa(Z)$ is a **κ -complete homogeneity system** with support Z if for all $s, t \in \omega^{<\omega}$, writing μ_t for $\bar{\mu}(t)$:

1. $\text{dom}(\mu_t) = \text{dom}(t)$,
2. $s \subseteq t \Rightarrow \mu_t$ projects to μ_s .

Often times, we will not specify the support Z ; instead, we just say $\bar{\mu}$ is a κ -complete homogeneity system.

A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is **κ -homogeneous** iff there is a κ -complete homogeneity system $\bar{\mu}$ such that

$$A = S_{\bar{\mu}} =_{\text{def}} \{x : \bar{\mu}_x \text{ is countably complete}\}.$$

A is *homogeneous* if it is κ -homogeneous for all κ . Let Hom_∞ be the collection of all homogeneous sets.

Definition 2.2 Fix an uncountable cardinal κ . A function $\bar{\mu} : \omega^{<\omega} \rightarrow \text{meas}_\kappa(Z)$ is a **κ -complete weak homogeneity system** with support Z if it is injective and for all $t \in \omega^{<\omega}$:

1. $\text{dom}(\mu_t) \leq \text{dom}(t)$,
2. if μ_t projects to ν , then there is some $i < \text{dom}(\mu_t)$ such that $\nu = \mu_{t \upharpoonright i}$.

A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is **κ -weakly homogeneous** iff there is a κ -complete weak homogeneity system $\bar{\mu}$ such that

$$A = W_{\bar{\mu}} =_{\text{def}} \{x : \exists (i_k : k < \omega) \in \omega^\omega \langle \mu_{x \upharpoonright i_k} : k < \omega \rangle \text{ is well-founded}\}.$$

A is *weakly homogeneous* if it is κ -weakly homogeneous for all κ . Let $w\text{Hom}_\infty$ be the collection of all weakly homogeneous sets.

Definition 2.3 $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is κ -**universally Baire** if there are trees $T, U \subseteq (\omega \times ON)^{<\omega}$ that are κ -absolutely complemented, i.e. $A = p[T] = \mathbb{R} \setminus p[U]$ and whenever \mathbb{P} is a forcing such that $|\mathbb{P}| < \kappa$ and $g \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ is V -generic, in $V[g]$, $p[T] = \mathbb{R} \setminus p[U]$. In this case, we let $A_g = p[T]$ be the canonical interpretation of A in $V[g]$.

A is **universally Baire** if A is κ -universally Baire for all κ . Let Γ_∞ be the collection of all universally Baire sets.

We remark that if A is κ -universally Baire as witnessed by pairs (T_1, U_1) and (T_2, U_2) and $\mathbb{P} \in V_\kappa$ and $g \subset \mathbb{P}$ is V -generic, then $A_g = p[T_1] = p[T_2]$, i.e. A_g does not depend on the choice of absolutely complemented trees that witness A is κ -universally Baire. A similar remark applies to κ -(weakly) homogeneously Suslin sets.

Suppose there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals. The following are some standard results about universally Baire sets we will use throughout our paper. The proof of these results can be found in [Ste09].

1. $\text{Hom}_\infty = \text{wHom}_\infty = \Gamma_\infty$.
2. For any $A \in \Gamma_\infty$, $L(A, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+$; furthermore, given such an A , there is a $B \in \Gamma_\infty$ such that $B \notin L(A, \mathbb{R})$ and $A \in L(B, \mathbb{R})$. In fact, A^\sharp is an example of such a B .
3. Suppose $A \in \Gamma_\infty$. Let B be the code for the first order theory with real parameters of the structure (HC, \in, A) (under some reasonable coding of HC by reals). Then $B \in \Gamma_\infty$ and if g is V -generic for some forcing, then in $V[g]$, $B_g \in \Gamma_\infty$ is the code for the first order theory with real parameters of $(HC^{V[g]}, \in, A_g)$.

Under the same hypothesis, the results above also imply that

- Γ_∞ is closed under Wadge reducibility,
- if $A \in \Gamma_\infty$, then $\neg A \in \Gamma_\infty$,
- if $A \in \Gamma_\infty$ and g is V -generic for some forcing, then there is an elementary embedding $j : L(A, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L(A_g, \mathbb{R}_g)$, where $\mathbb{R}_g = \mathbb{R}^{V[g]}$.

Finally, the reader should consult [Ste10] for the basics of inner model theory. This is the background needed to follow the proof of Theorem 1.7. Consult [ST23, ST19] for more information on the theory of short-tree strategy mice related to lshod mice and appropriate mice; we will not need this material in this paper, however.

In the following, we fix a natural coding of (ω_1, ω_1) -iteration strategies for countable mice by sets of reals, e.g. we fix a function $\tau : HC \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that codes elements of HC by reals as in [Woo10, Chapter 2] and $Code : \wp(HC) \rightarrow \wp(\mathbb{R})$ is the induced function given by: $Code(A) = \tau[A]$.

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Proof.[Proof of Theorem 1.2] Fix A, B, \mathbb{P}, g as in the statement of the theorem. Let $\mathbb{R}_g = \mathbb{R}^{V[g]}$. Let α be the least such that letting x_A be the α -th real in the canonical well-order of H_A and x_B be the α -th real in the canonical well-order of H_B , then $x_A \neq x_B$.

Let (U, φ) and (W, ψ) be ∞ -Borel codes for A, B respectively. Let $s \in (\wp_{\omega_1}(\omega_2))^{V[g]}$. Note that s is added by a countable suborder of \mathbb{P} by the countable chain condition of \mathbb{P} . Let $\mathbb{R}_s = \mathbb{R}^{V[s]}$ and define A_s by: for all $x \in \mathbb{R}_s$,

$$x \in A_s \Leftrightarrow L[U, x] \models \varphi[x, U].$$

We define B_s using (W, ψ) in a similar fashion. Let

$$M_s = L(A_s, \mathbb{R}_s),$$

and

$$N_s = L(B_s, \mathbb{R}_s),$$

Claim 1: Suppose $t \in (\wp_{\omega_1}(\omega_2))^{V[g]}$ and $s \subseteq t$. Then the map $\pi_{s,t}^A : M_s \rightarrow M_t$ defined by: $\pi_{s,t}^A \upharpoonright \mathbb{R}_s \cup ON = id$ and $\pi_{s,t}^A(A_s) = A_t$ is an elementary embedding. Similarly, $\pi_{s,t}^B$ is an elementary embedding.

Proof. We prove the statement for A . This follows from [Woo10, Theorem 10.63, 2.27–2.29] and [Far10, Theorem 6.3, 6.4]. The key points are:

- All sets of reals in $L(A, \mathbb{R})$ are \aleph_1 -universally Baire, as $(\mathbb{R}, A)^\sharp$ is \aleph_1 -universally Baire.
- The suborder of \mathbb{P} adding s is weakly proper and countable, so $\pi_{\emptyset,s}^A \upharpoonright ON = id$ and $\pi_{\emptyset,s}^A(A) = A_s$ is the canonical interpretation of A in $V[s]$.

□

Let M_∞ be the direct limit of $\mathcal{F}_A = \{M_s, \pi_{s,t}^A : s \subseteq t \in (\wp_{\omega_1}(\omega_2))^{V[g]}\}$ and N_∞ be the direct limit of $\mathcal{F}_B = \{N_s, \pi_{s,t}^B : s \subseteq t \in (\wp_{\omega_1}(\omega_2))^{V[g]}\}$.

Claim 2: M_∞, N_∞ are well-founded.

Proof. The directed systems $\mathcal{F}_A, \mathcal{F}_B$ consist of well-founded models and the directed relation (\subseteq) is in fact countably directed, i.e. if $(s_n : n < \omega)$ is such that for all n , $s_n \in (\wp_{\omega_1}(\omega_2))^{V[g]}$, then there is some $s \in (\wp_{\omega_1}(\omega_2))^{V[g]}$ such that $s_n \subseteq s$ for all n . Therefore, M_∞, N_∞ are well-founded as any witness that M_∞ (N_∞) is ill-founded has preimage in some M_s (N_s). \square

Let

$$\pi^A : L(A, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_\infty = L(A_\infty, \mathbb{R}_g)$$

and

$$\pi^B : L(B, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_\infty = L(B_\infty, \mathbb{R}_g)^5$$

be the direct limit maps. Note that $\pi^A \upharpoonright ON = \pi^B \upharpoonright ON = id$. Now we claim that M_∞, N_∞ are divergent models of AD^+ in $V[g]$. This finishes the proof of the theorem.

We note that $\pi^A(x_A) = x_A$ is the α -th real in the canonical well order of HOD^{M_∞} . This follows from the fact that π^A is elementary and fixes all ordinals. Similarly, $\pi^B(x_B) = x_B$ is the α -th real in the canonical well order of HOD^{M_∞} . If M_∞, N_∞ are compatible, then the α -th real in HOD^{M_∞} must be equal to the α -th real in HOD^{N_∞} . To see this, suppose without loss of generality $\wp(\mathbb{R})^{M_\infty} \subseteq \wp(\mathbb{R})^{N_\infty}$. Suppose $\beta \leq \Theta^{N_\infty}$ is such that $\wp(\mathbb{R})^{M_\infty} = \{A \in N_\infty : w(A) < \beta\}$. This easily gives HOD^{M_∞} is OD in N_∞ and that the canonical well-order of OD -reals in M_∞ is compatible with the canonical well-order of OD -reals in N_∞ . So $x_A = x_B$. Contradiction. \square

Proof.[Proof of Theorem 1.4] Fix A, \mathbb{P}, g as in the statement of the theorem. Let κ be a measurable cardinal such that

- $\mathbb{P} \in V_\kappa$.
- A is κ -homogeneous.
- Every κ -homogeneously Suslin set in $V[g]$ is universally Baire in $V[g]$.

Let $\bar{\mu} = (\mu_s : s \in \omega^{<\omega})$ be a homogeneous system witnessing A is κ -homogeneously Suslin, i.e.

$$x \in A \Leftrightarrow (\mu_{x \upharpoonright i} : i < \omega) \text{ is countably complete.}$$

⁵It is clear that $\mathbb{R}^{M_\infty} = \mathbb{R}^{N_\infty} = \mathbb{R}_g$.

Since $\mathbb{P} \in V_\kappa$, for each $s \in \omega^{<\omega}$, there is $\nu \in meas_\kappa(\kappa^{|s|})$ in V such that $\nu^* = \mu_s$, where $\nu^* = \{A \in V[g] : \exists B \in \nu(B \subseteq A)\}$ is the canonical extension of ν in $V[g]$. By the weak properness of \mathbb{P} , there is a countable set of measures $\sigma \subset meas_\kappa(\bigcup_n \kappa^n)$ in V such that

$$\bar{\mu} \subseteq \sigma^* = \{\nu^* : \nu \in \sigma\}.$$

In V , let $\bar{\nu} = (\nu_s : s \in \omega^{<\omega})$ be an enumeration of σ such that

- (i) for each $s \in \omega^{<\omega}$, ν_s concentrates on $\kappa^{|s|}$;
- (ii) if ν_t projects to ν , then there is some $i < dom(\nu_t)$ such that $\nu_{t|i} = \nu$.

Now define the following set B , which is just the κ -homogeneously Suslin set given by $\bar{\nu}$: for $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$x \in B \Leftrightarrow (\nu_{x|k} : k < \omega) \text{ is countably complete.}$$

Let B^* be the canonical extension of B induced by $\bar{\nu}^* = (\nu_s^* : s \in \omega^{<\omega})$ in $V[g]$. Thus, B^* is κ -homogeneously Suslin and hence is universally Baire in $V[g]$. Let $f : \omega^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega^{<\omega}$ be:

$$f(s) = t \text{ where } t \text{ is such that } \mu_s = \nu_t^*.$$

By the properties of $\bar{\nu}$ and $\bar{\mu}$, we have

- (a) $f(s)$ has the same length as s for every $s \in \omega^{<\omega}$.
- (b) f is order preserving, i.e. if s_0 is an initial segment of s_1 then $f(s_0)$ is an initial segment of $f(s_1)$.

Let $\hat{f} : \mathbb{R}^{V[g]} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{V[g]}$ be the continuous map induced by f :

$$\hat{f}(x) = \bigcup_{i < \omega} f(x|i).$$

We have for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^{V[g]}$:

$$\begin{aligned} x \in A &\Leftrightarrow (\mu_{x|i} : i < \omega) \text{ is countably complete} \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\nu_{f(x|i)}^* : i < \omega) \text{ is countably complete} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \hat{f}(x) \in B^* \end{aligned}$$

Thus \hat{f} witnesses A is Wadge reducible to B^* .

□

Proof.[Proof of Corollary 1.5] First note that \mathbb{P} is weakly proper so we can apply Theorem 1.4. Now note that

$$o(\Gamma_\infty)^{V[g]} = \sup[j_A \restriction o(\Gamma_\infty^V)] = \sup[j_B \restriction o(\Gamma_\infty^V)]. \quad (1)$$

Here, $o(\Gamma_\infty)$ is the length of the Wadge prewellorder on Γ_∞ . To see 1, note that for each $X \in \Gamma_\infty$, $j_A(X), j_B(X) \in \Gamma_\infty^{V[g]}$ ⁶ and is the canonical interpretation of X , so $j_A(X) = j_B(X)$. Now apply Theorem 1.4 to see that $j_A \restriction \Gamma_\infty^V = j_B \restriction \Gamma_\infty^V$ is cofinal in $\Gamma_\infty^{V[g]}$.

Finally, for each $X \in \Gamma_\infty$, X is Wadge reducible to A ($X \leq_w A$) in $L(A, \mathbb{R})$. To see this, note that $A \notin \Gamma_\infty$. Otherwise, by the facts mentioned at the end of Section 2, there is some $C \in \Gamma_\infty$ such that $A \in L(C, \mathbb{R})$; furthermore, $C^\# \in \Gamma_\infty$, so $C^\# \notin L(A, \mathbb{R})$. This contradicts $\Gamma_\infty \subset L(A, \mathbb{R})$. Since $A \notin \Gamma_\infty$, $\Gamma_\infty \subset L(A, \mathbb{R})$, and $L(A, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+$, the claim is established.

By elementarity $j_A(X) \leq_w A^*$. By (1), $\Gamma_\infty^{V[g]} \subset L(A^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]})$. Similarly, $\Gamma_\infty^{V[g]} \subset L(B^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]})$ \square

4 Divergent models of AD^+ over UB

In this section, we give the proof of Theorem 1.7. The proof closely resembles Woodin's original proof of the existence of divergent models of AD^+ in [Far10, Section 6]; the reader is advised to consult that proof for details we omit here.

Let \mathcal{M}, Ψ be as in the statement of the theorem and assume this is a minimal such mouse. Let $\mathcal{P}_0 = (\mathcal{M} \restriction \delta_0)^\#$ be as in clause 1 of Definition 1.6. Let $\lambda = \lambda^{\mathcal{M}} > \delta_0$ be the Woodin limit of Woodin cardinals of \mathcal{M} . Let $c \in V$ be a Cohen real over \mathcal{M} and let $A \in \Gamma_\infty$ be such that c is OD in $L(A, \mathbb{R})$.

The existence of A follows from countable self-iterability and the argument in [Far10, Section 6.2]. We sketch a proof here. A codes a pair $(P, \Lambda \restriction HC)$ where P is the transitive collapse of a countable $X \prec V_{\delta+1}$ such that $c \in X$ and δ is large enough that δ -universally Baire sets are universally Baire, and Λ is a δ -universally Baire strategy of P . P is an extender model since $V = L[\vec{E}]$ is an extender model. Therefore, A is universally Baire. So $L(A, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+$. By replacing P by $\text{Hull}^P(\{c\})$ we may assume P projects to ω and Λ is the unique iteration strategy for P . Since $c \in P$, P is an extender model, and $\Lambda \restriction HC$ can be extended to a unique $\omega_1 + 1$ -iteration strategy for P in $L(A, \mathbb{R})$, the direct limit of all countable nondropping iterates of M via Λ is defined and is OD in $L(A, \mathbb{R})$ and hence c is OD in $L(A, \mathbb{R})$.

⁶This follows from [Woo10, Theorem 10.63]. The maps j_A, j_B maps each $X \in \Gamma_\infty^V$ to its canonical interpretation in $V[g]$.

We may and do choose A such that $\text{Code}(\Psi) <_w A$ as witnessed by a real x^* .⁷ To see such an A exists, suppose $\text{Code}(\Psi) = p[T] = \mathbb{R} \setminus p[U]$, where T, U are trees witnessing $\text{Code}(\Psi)$ is δ -universally Baire for some δ . By choosing A coding the first order theory of $(HC, \in, (P, \Lambda))$ with real parameters such that

- P is the transitive collapse of some countable $X \prec V_{\gamma+1}$ and
- $(T, U) \in X$ for γ sufficiently large that Λ , the strategy for P , is universally Baire,

we can compute Ψ from A as follows. Note that Λ exists by countable self-iterability and since $\Lambda \in \Gamma_\infty$, so is A . Let $x \in \text{Code}(\Psi) = p[T]$, let $\pi : P \rightarrow N$ be the iteration map that is induced by a genericity iteration according to Λ to make x generic for the extender algebra at the first Woodin cardinal of N ; we assume the first Woodin cardinal is $< \gamma$. Let (T^*, U^*) be the image of (T, U) under the transitive collapse map τ and $(\tilde{T}, \tilde{U}) = \pi(T^*, U^*)$. We claim that $N[x] \models x \in p[\tilde{T}]$; otherwise, since \tilde{T}, \tilde{U} are absolutely complemented for forcings of size the first Woodin cardinal of N , $N[x] \models x \in p[\tilde{U}]$. Since Λ is a τ -realizable strategy, there is an embedding $\sigma : N \rightarrow V_{\gamma+1}$ such that $\tau = \sigma \circ \pi$. This easily gives $x \in p[U]$. Contradiction. Similarly, if $x \in p[U]$, then $N[x] \models x \in p[\tilde{U}]$. The above calculations show that $\text{Code}(\Psi)$ is projective in $\text{Code}(\Lambda)$: for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x \in \text{Code}(\Psi)$ if and only if there is a non-dropping, countable tree \mathcal{T} with last model N according to Λ such that letting $\pi : P \rightarrow N$ be the iteration map, $x \in p[\pi(T^*)]$. By the choice of A , $\text{Code}(\Psi)$ is Wadge reducible to A .

Say c is the α -th real in the canonical well-order of $HOD^{L(A, \mathbb{R})}$. Let $C = B^\sharp$, where B codes the first order theory of (HC, \in, A) with real parameters; again, $C \in \Gamma_\infty$ and hence $L(C, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+$. Let $\pi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ be the map induced by a countable iteration according to Ψ above \mathcal{P}_0 such that

1. letting $\lambda^* = \pi(\lambda)$, then $(C \restriction \lambda^*, \mathbb{R} \restriction \lambda^*)$ is in $\mathcal{N}[g]$, where $g \in V$ is \mathcal{N} -generic for $\pi(W_\lambda^{\mathcal{M}}) =_{\text{def}} W_{\lambda^*}^{\mathcal{N}}$, the λ^* -generator extender algebra of \mathcal{N} at λ^* ,⁸
2. $\mathbb{R} \cap L[C \restriction \lambda^*] = \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g]}$ and $L(C \restriction \lambda^*, \mathbb{R} \restriction \lambda^*) \prec L(C, \mathbb{R})$,
3. $c, x^* \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g]}$.

⁷This means x^* induces a continuous function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $a \in \text{Code}(\Psi)$ if and only if $f(a) \in A$. Recall the function Code introduced in Section 2 that codes subsets of HC by sets of reals in a natural way.

⁸Since CH holds in V , we identify (\mathbb{R}, C) with a subset of ω_1 that codes it in a reasonable way.

The proof of these items, making substantial use of the fact that λ is Woodin limit of Woodin cardinals, is the same as in [Far10, Section 6.3]. So in $\mathcal{N}[g]$, there is an \aleph_1 -universally Baire set A^9 and two reals c, x such that

4. $L(A, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+$,
5. c is Cohen over \mathcal{N} and c is the α -th real in the canonical well-order of $HOD^{L(A, \mathbb{R})}$,
6. $\pi(\tau)^g <_w A$ as witnessed by x .¹⁰

We note that clauses 4 and 5 follow from clause 2; clause 6 follows from clause 3 and the choice of A .

Say $p \in g$ forces (4)–(6). Note that by appropriateness of \mathcal{N} (clauses 3 and 4) and (6), in $\mathcal{N}[g]$, $\Gamma_\infty \subset L(A, \mathbb{R})$. Let $g_1 \times g_2 \subset W_{\lambda^*}^{\mathcal{N}} \times W_{\lambda^*}^{\mathcal{N}}$ be \mathcal{N} -generic and contains (p, p) . In $\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]$, for $i \in \{1, 2\}$, there is a triple (A_i, c_i, x_i) satisfying (4)–(6) for $\mathcal{N}[g_i]$. As in [Far10, Section 6.3] and the proof of Theorem 1.2, in $\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]$, there are sets A_1^*, A_2^* and embeddings $\pi_i : L(A_i, \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g_i]}) \rightarrow L(A_i^*, \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]})$ that fix the ordinals.

By (6), we have that $\pi(\tau)^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]} = \pi(\tau)^{\mathcal{N}[g_2 \times g_1]} \in L(A_i^*, \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]})$ for $i \in \{1, 2\}$. Therefore, by appropriateness,

$$\Gamma_\infty^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]} \subset L(A_1^*, \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]}) \cap L(A_2^*, \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]}). \quad (2)$$

As in [Far10, Section 6.3], $\pi_1(c_1) = c_1 \neq \pi_2(c_2) = c_2$ as c_1, c_2 are mutually generic over \mathcal{N} . So in $\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]$

$$L(A_1^*, \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]}), L(A_2^*, \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]}) \text{ are divergent models of } \text{AD}^+. \quad (3)$$

By elementarity of π applied to (2) and (3), in a generic extension of \mathcal{M} , there are divergent models of AD^+ M_1, M_2 such that $\Gamma_\infty \subset M_1 \cap M_2$.

Remark 4.1 *We note in the construction above, letting g be a generic over \mathcal{M} such that in $\mathcal{M}[g]$ there are divergent models M_1, M_2 as above, letting $\Delta = M_1 \cap M_2 \cap \wp(\mathbb{R})$, then $\Gamma_\infty^{\mathcal{M}[g]} \subsetneq \Delta$. This is because $\tau_g \in M_1 \cap M_2$. By a result of Woodin, $L(\Delta) \cap \wp(\mathbb{R}) = \Delta$ and $L(\Delta) \models \text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}}$, therefore, there are Suslin co-Suslin sets in $M_1 \cap M_2$ that are not universally Baire.*

⁹In $\mathcal{N}[g]$, $C \restriction \lambda^*$ is \aleph_1 -universally Baire, not necessarily fully universally Baire.

¹⁰Recall that τ is the term relation in \mathcal{M} that interprets the short-tree strategy Σ in all generic extensions of \mathcal{M} .

5 Open questions

We collect some open problems concerning divergent models of AD^+ . First, we do not know if divergent models of AD^+ is consistent with or follows from various other strong hypotheses that imply CH fails.

Question 5.1 1. Does MM imply there are divergent models of AD^+ ?

2. Is the theory “there are divergent models of $\text{AD}^+ + \delta_2^1 = \omega_2$ ” consistent?

One way to answer the following question is to show it is possible to construct appropriate mice.

Question 5.2 Is the theory “there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and there are divergent models of AD^+ M and N such that $\Gamma_\infty \subset M \cap N$ ” consistent?

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