

MULTIPLE SEPARATION THEOREMS

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ABSTRACT. We prove multiple separation theorems for duals of Spector pointclasses.

1. INTRODUCTION

The aim of this article is to prove an effective version of the multiple separation theorems of classical descriptive set theory (see Kuratowski [3, pp. 510–512] or Liapunov [4]). The effective version is formulated for duals of Spector pointclasses closed under \exists^{ω^ω} of \forall^{ω^ω} and is proved by exploiting the pre-well-ordering theory of such pointclasses, as described in Moschovakis [5, Chapter 4]. By specializing the bold-face version of our result to the case where the Spector pointclass is a member of the analytic hierarchy, we recover the classical results in [3, 4].

In the classical theory, P. S. Novikov was the first to formulate and establish multiple separation theorems. He did this at the first two levels of the projective hierarchy for the operation of countable intersection (see [3, pp. 510–512]). This was later generalized to δ -s operations of greater complexity by Liapunov in a sequence of papers culminating with [4]. More recent treatments of the problem are to be found in Davies et al. [1] and Saint-Pierre [6].

The next section is devoted to preliminaries, and the main result will be proved in §3.

2. PRELIMINARIES

The set of natural numbers will be denoted by ω , and $P(\omega)$ will denote the powerset of ω . For any nonempty set $N \subseteq P(\omega) - \{\emptyset\}$, the δ -s operation Φ_N on a sequence of sets is defined as

$$\Phi_N(E_0, E_1, \dots) = \bigcup_{\eta \in N} \bigcap_{n \in \eta} E_n$$

or

$$x \in \Phi_N(E_0, E_1, \dots) \leftrightarrow (\exists \eta \in N)(\forall n \in \eta)(x \in E_n).$$

The set N is called the *base* of the δ -s operation Φ_N .

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A set $N \subseteq P(\omega) - \{\emptyset\}$ is said to be *complete* if

$$\eta \in N \& \eta \subseteq \eta' \subseteq \omega \rightarrow \eta' \in N.$$

The base of a δ -s operation can always be chosen to be complete. Indeed, if Φ_N is a δ -s operation, then set $\bar{N} = \Phi_N(D_0, D_1, \dots)$ where $D_n = \{\eta \subseteq \omega : n \in \eta\}$, $n \geq 0$.

It is easy to verify that \bar{N} is complete and that $\Phi_N = \Phi_{\bar{N}}$. For further information on δ -s operations, the reader is referred to Kantorovich and Livenson [2].

Following Moschovakis [5, p. 207], we say that Γ is a *Spector pointclass* if

- (a) Γ contains all semirecursive pointsets and is closed under \vee , $\&$, \exists^ω , and \forall^ω ;
- (b) Γ is ω -parametrized;
- (c) Γ is normed; and
- (d) Γ has the substitution property.

The dual of a pointclass Γ will be denoted by $\neg\Gamma$, and we write Δ for $\Gamma \cap \neg\Gamma$. If Γ is a pointclass and $X = \omega^k \times (\omega^\omega)^l$, we say that a sequence $\{E_n, n \geq 0\}$ of subsets of X is *uniformly* in Γ if $x \in E_n$, as a relation in n and x , belongs to Γ . For unexplained terminology, the reader is referred to [5].

3. MAIN RESULTS

The proof of the multiple separation theorem rests on the

Covering lemma. Suppose Γ is a Spector pointclass closed under \forall^ω or \exists^ω . Let $N \subseteq P(\omega) - \{\emptyset\}$ be complete, and assume that N belongs to $\neg\Gamma$. Let $\eta_0 \subseteq \omega$ be such that $\eta_0 \notin N$ and η_0 belongs to $\neg\Gamma$. Then there is $\eta^* \subseteq \omega$ such that $\eta_0 \subseteq \eta^*$, $\eta^* \notin N$, and η^* belongs to Δ .

Proof. If η_0 belongs to Γ , we can take $\eta^* = \eta_0$. So we assume that η_0 does not belong to Γ . Let φ be a Γ -norm on $\omega - \eta_0$. Define

$$\eta_1 = \{m \in \omega : \{n : m \leq_\varphi^* n\} \notin N\}.$$

Claim. η_1 belongs to Γ .

Let us assume the claim and complete the proof of the lemma.

Observe that $\eta_0 \subseteq \eta_1$. For if $m \in \eta_0$, then $\{n : m \leq_\varphi^* n\} = \emptyset \notin N$, so $m \in \eta_1$. Since $\eta_0 \notin \Gamma$ and $\eta_1 \in \Gamma$, we can choose $m_0 \in \eta_1 - \eta_0$. Set

$$\eta^* = \{n \in \omega : m_0 \leq_\varphi^* n\}.$$

Then, as is easily checked, $\eta_0 \subseteq \eta^*$ and $\eta^* \notin N$ because $m_0 \in \eta_1$. Plainly, $\eta^* \in \Gamma$. To see that $\eta^* \in \neg\Gamma$ as well, note that

$$\eta^* = \{n \in \omega : \neg(n <_\varphi^* m_0)\}$$

since $m_0 \notin \eta_0$. So $\eta^* \in \Delta$ and we are done.

For the claim, assume first that Γ is closed under \forall^ω . We will now show that

$$(1) \quad m \in \eta_1 \leftrightarrow (\forall \eta)[(\forall n)(n \in \eta \rightarrow \neg(n <_\varphi^* m)) \rightarrow \eta \notin N].$$

Equivalence (1) will imply that $\eta_1 \in \Gamma$. To prove (1), assume that $m \in \eta_1$ and that $\eta \subseteq \{n \in \omega : \neg(n <_\varphi^* m)\}$. It is easy to see that

$$(2) \quad \{n \in \omega : \neg(n <_\varphi^* m)\} = \begin{cases} \eta_0 & \text{if } m \in \eta_0, \\ \{n \in \omega : m \leq_\varphi^* n\} & \text{if } m \notin \eta_0. \end{cases}$$

In either case, η is contained in a set which does not belong to N , so $\eta \notin N$, since N is complete. Conversely, assume that $m \notin \eta_1$. Let $\eta = \{n \in \omega : \neg(n <_\phi^* m)\}$, so $\eta = \{n \in \omega : m \leq_\phi^* n\}$ as $m \notin \eta_0$. Since $m \notin \eta_1$, it follows that $\eta \in N$. This establishes (1).

Next, assume that Γ is closed under $\exists\omega^\omega$. We will now show that

$$(3) \quad m \in \eta_1 \leftrightarrow (\exists\eta)[\eta \notin N \& (\forall n)(\neg(n <_\phi^* m) \rightarrow n \in \eta)].$$

Equivalence (3) will imply that $\eta_1 \in \Gamma$. To prove (3), let $m \in \eta_1$. Set $\eta = \{n \in \omega : \neg(n <_\phi^* m)\}$. By (2), $\eta \notin N$, which proves the right-hand side of (3). Conversely, suppose $m \notin \eta_1$ and let $\eta \subseteq \omega$ be such that $\{n \in \omega : \neg(n <_\phi^* m)\} \subseteq \eta$. It follows that $\{n \in \omega : m \leq_\phi^* n\} \subseteq \eta$; hence, $\eta \in N$ as N is complete. This establishes (3) and the proof is complete. \square

We are now ready to prove an effective version of the multiple separation theorem for duals of Spector pointclasses. Statement (a) in the theorem is known in the classical literature as the multiple second principle of separation, while statement (b) is called the multiple first principle of separation.

Multiple separation theorem. *Suppose Γ is a Spector pointclass closed under $\forall\omega^\omega$ or $\exists\omega^\omega$. Let N be a complete nonempty subset of $P(\omega) - \{\emptyset\}$, and assume that N belongs to $\neg\Gamma$. Let $\{E_n, n \geq 0\}$ be a sequence of subsets of X which is uniformly in $\neg\Gamma$.*

- (a) *Then there is a sequence $\{C_n, n \geq 0\}$ of subsets of X which is uniformly in Γ and such that $E_n - \Phi_N(E_0, E_1, \dots) \subseteq C_n$ for every $n \geq 0$, and $\Phi_N(C_0, C_1, \dots) = \emptyset$.*
- (b) *If $\Phi_N(E_0, E_1, \dots) = \emptyset$, then there is a sequence $\{B_n, n \geq 0\}$ of subsets of X which is uniformly in Δ and such that $E_n \subseteq B_n$ for every $n \geq 0$, and $\Phi_N(B_0, B_1, \dots) = \emptyset$.*

Proof. Set $E = \Phi_N(E_0, E_1, \dots)$. Next, observe that

$$(4) \quad x \notin E \leftrightarrow (\exists\eta \in \Delta(x))[\eta \notin N \& (\forall n)(x \in E_n \rightarrow n \in \eta)].$$

The implication ' \leftarrow ' in (4) follows immediately from the definition of E and the fact that N is complete. For the reverse implication, let $x \notin E$. Set $\eta_0 = \{n \in \omega : x \in E_n\}$ so that η_0 belongs to $\neg\Gamma(x)$ and $\eta_0 \notin N$. By the Covering lemma relativized to x , there is η in $\Delta(x)$ such that $\eta \notin N$ and $\eta_0 \subseteq \eta$. This η witnesses the right-hand side of (4).

It now follows from (4) and the theorem on restricted quantification [5, 4D.3] that $X - E$ belongs to Γ . Furthermore, by the strong Δ -selection principle [5, 4D.6], there is a Γ -recursive partial function $f: X \rightarrow P(\omega)$ such that

$$f(x) \downarrow \leftrightarrow x \in X - E$$

and

$$x \in X - E \rightarrow f(x) \notin N \& (\forall n)(x \in E_n \rightarrow n \in f(x)).$$

Define

$$R(x, n) \leftrightarrow x \notin E \& n \in f(x).$$

Plainly, R is in Γ . Set $C_n = \{x \in X : R(x, n)\}$, $n \geq 0$, so that the sequence $\{C_n, n \geq 0\}$ is uniformly in Γ . If $x \in E_n - E$, then $R(x, n)$, so $x \in C_n$. Suppose next that $x \in \Phi_N(C_0, C_1, \dots)$. It follows that $\{n \in \omega : x \in C_n\} =$

$\{n \in \omega : R(x, n)\}$ belongs to N , since N is complete. Hence, the set $\{n \in \omega : R(x, n)\}$ is nonempty, so $x \notin E$. It follows that $f(x) \downarrow$ and, since then $f(x) = \{n \in \omega : R(x, n)\}$, $f(x)$ must belong to N , yielding a contradiction. So $\Phi_N(C_0, C_1, \dots) = \emptyset$. This completes the proof of (a).

To prove (b), assume that $E = \emptyset$. Let $S(x, n) \leftrightarrow x \in E_n$, so S is in $\neg\Gamma$. As $E = \emptyset$, it follows that $S(x, n) \rightarrow R(x, n)$. Since Γ is normed, $\neg\Gamma$ has the separation property [5, 4B.10, 4B.11]. It follows that there is a relation Q in Δ such that

$$S(x, n) \rightarrow Q(x, n) \quad \text{and} \quad Q(x, n) \rightarrow R(x, n).$$

Set $B_n = \{x \in X : Q(x, n)\}$, $n \geq 0$. Then the sequence $\{B_n, n \geq 0\}$ is uniformly in Δ and $E_n \subseteq B_n$ for every $n \geq 0$. Moreover, $\Phi_N(B_0, B_1, \dots) = \emptyset$ since $B_n \subseteq C_n$ for every $n \geq 0$. This proves (b). \square

Remark. The condition in the theorem above that N be complete is not restrictive when Γ is closed under \forall^{ω^ω} . For then N can be replaced by $\overline{N} = \Phi_N(D_0, D_1, \dots)$ and \overline{N} belongs to $\neg\Gamma$ since N does and $\neg\Gamma$ is closed under \exists^{ω^ω} . More generally, if $\neg\Gamma$ is closed under Φ_N , then N can be replaced by \overline{N} .

As mentioned in the introduction, the classical multiple separation theorems at the first and second levels of the projective hierarchy are now immediate consequences of the bold-face version of our result by taking $\Gamma = \Pi_1^1$ or Σ_2^1 [5, p. 207]. Under Projective Determinacy, Π_n^1 (n odd) and Σ_k^1 (k even) are Spector pointclasses [5, 6B.2] and so the bold-face version of our result will yield multiple separation theorems for Σ_n^1 (n odd) and Π_k^1 (k even).

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