

generic vopenka cardinals + models of ZF
in few \aleph_1 -sized sets.

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main thm. equiv. are:

- (1) ZFC + \exists gen. vopenka cardinals.
- (2) ZF + DC + $S_{\aleph_1} = \sum_2^1 + \theta = \aleph_2$.
- (3) ZF + DC + $2^{\aleph_1} \not\leq |S_{\aleph_1}|$.
↖ no inj.

outline. con(1) \Rightarrow con(2) :

κ gen. vopenka $\Rightarrow \kappa$ gen. vopenka in L
 $\Rightarrow L(\mathbb{R}) \stackrel{L^{Con(w, \kappa)}}{=} (2)$

(2) \Rightarrow (3) easy.

con(3) \Rightarrow con(1) : (3) $\Rightarrow \aleph_1^V$ is a
gen. vopenka cardinal in L , in fact in
every model of choice.

note. can remove DC.

can replace S_{\aleph_1} by S_{∞} .

[$S_\kappa = \kappa$ -sized sets.]

can replace $\not\leq$ by $\not\leq^*$: no surjection

defn. (ZF)

$$S_{\aleph_1} = \{ A \subset {}^\omega \omega : A = pB \text{ for some } B \subset {}^\omega \omega \times \aleph_1^\omega, B \text{ closed} \}.$$

$$= \{ A \subset {}^\omega \omega : A = p[T] \text{ for some tree } T \text{ on } \omega \times \omega_1 \}.$$

θ = least ordinal not a surj. image of \mathbb{R}

$$\text{ZFC} \vdash \theta = \aleph_2 \leftrightarrow \text{CH}.$$

note. (a) $|S_{\aleph_1}| \leq^* 2^{\aleph_1}$, i.e. has a

surj. $2^{\aleph_1} \rightarrow S_{\aleph_1}$.

(b) $\sum_2^1 \subset S_{\aleph_1}$ (Shoenfield)

} what about the reverse?

in ZFC :

(a) fix $A \subset {}^\omega \omega$, $|A| = \aleph_1$. every $B \subset A$ is \aleph_1 -sushin. so $2^{\aleph_1} \leq |S_{\aleph_1}|$
+ hence $2^{\aleph_1} = |S_{\aleph_1}|$.

(b) CH \Rightarrow every set of reals is in S_{\aleph_1} .
 $\Rightarrow S_{\aleph_1} \neq \sum_2^1$.

© $MA + \neg CH \Rightarrow \bigcup_{\tilde{\Sigma}_2^1} \Sigma_2^1 \subset \tilde{\Sigma}_2^1$

(i.e., $\tilde{\Sigma}_2^1$ closed under unions of size \aleph_1)

(Martin-Solovay)

then we every ~~$\tilde{\Sigma}_2^1$~~ set is the union

of \aleph_1 Σ_1^1 sets.

so in part., even $ZFC + S_{\aleph_1} = \tilde{\Sigma}_2^1$ doesn't have cons. strength. (cf. (2) of main thm.) *)

in ZF,

$2^{\aleph_1} \neq |S_{\aleph_1}| \Rightarrow \aleph_1 \neq 2^{\aleph_0}$ by above

arg for (a)

$\Rightarrow \aleph_1^{\aleph_1}$ is a strong limit in L (in fact,

in every such model of choice)

$\Rightarrow \aleph_1^{\aleph_1}$ is inaccessible in L .

def. (ZFC) a generic Vopenka cardinal is

$\kappa > \aleph_0$ s.t. f.a. κ -sequences $(M_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa)$

of structures of card. $< \kappa$ in a common

1^{st} order language of size $< \kappa$,

*) but don't know what happens with

$ZF + DC + S_\infty = \tilde{\Sigma}_2^1$

$\exists \alpha, \beta < \kappa$ distinct

$\exists \mathcal{P} \quad V^{\mathcal{P}} \models \exists \text{cl. embedding } M_\alpha \rightarrow M_\beta.$

note. WLOG assume $M_\alpha \in H_\kappa$ f.a. α .

WLOG $\mathcal{P} = \text{Con}(w, M_\alpha).$

def. (ZFC) a gen. ropenka cardinal is an inaccessible ropenka-like cardinal.

note: (ZFC) κ gen. ropenka-like $\Rightarrow \kappa$

strong limit:

for $\alpha < \kappa$: consider \mathcal{L} with α unary predicate symbols. has 2^α structures on $\{0\}$ with no generic e.e.

gen. ropenka-like cardinals can be singular (equivalent with inf. many w -erds cardinals)

note. (ZFC) κ is generic ropenka iff

$(V_\kappa; V_{\kappa+1}; \epsilon) \models \text{GBC} + \text{gen. ropenka principle.} \nearrow$

defined by bagaria-jitman-schindler

note. (ZFC) κ generic ropenka \Rightarrow

κ is gen. ropenka.

let $M, N \in L$. if there is an e.e. $M \rightarrow N$

in $V^{\mathbb{P}}$, then there is an e.e. $M \rightarrow N$

in $L^{\text{Cor}(w, M)}$.

(same for any inv model.)

definition. (ZFC) $A \subset H_\kappa$ is generically

hereditary iff

① all elems. of A are structures for an 1^{st} order language.

② A is downward closed under generic e.e.

(i.e., if $M \xrightarrow[\text{e.e.}]{\text{in } V^{\text{Cor}(w, M)}} N \in A$, then $M \in A$)

proposition. (ZFC) let κ be inaccessible. TFAE.

① κ is gen. ropenka.

② every gen. hereditary $A \subset H_\kappa$ is

$$\sum_{\alpha < \kappa} H_\alpha$$

③ there are $< 2^\kappa$ gen. hereditary subsets of H_κ .

proof ① \Rightarrow ② of proposition

κ gen. regular.

let $A \subset H_\kappa$ gen. hereditary, set of \mathcal{L} -structures.

let $B = \{M \in H_\kappa \setminus A : M \text{ an } \mathcal{L}\text{-model}\}$,

B is upward closed.

clai. B is the upward closure of some

$B_0 \subset B$ with $\overline{B_0} < \kappa$.

pf. of clai: if not, get $(M_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa)$

$\subset B$ s.t. $\forall \alpha < \beta < \kappa$ there is no

gen. e.e. $M_\alpha \rightarrow M_\beta$.

let N_α code $M_\alpha \oplus (\alpha; \epsilon)$. there is then

no pair $\alpha, \beta < \kappa, \alpha \neq \beta$ with a gen. e.e.

$N_\alpha \rightarrow N_\beta$. \neg (claim)

$B_0 \in H_\kappa$. we show A is $\sum_1^{H_\kappa}(B_0)$.

" \exists gen. e.e. $M \rightarrow N$ " is \sum_1

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see
thm. (bagaria - gitna - schndru) \leftarrow in fact, folklore.
 TFAE.

① \exists gen. e.e. $M \rightarrow N$.

② II has a w.s. in $G(M, N)$:

I	x_0	x_1	\dots
II	y_0	y_1	\dots

II wins iff f.a. $n < w$,

$$t_p^M(x_0, \dots, x_n) = t_p^N(y_0, \dots, y_n).$$

③ I has no w.s.

so : $\neg \exists$ gen. e.e. (\Rightarrow)

\exists w.s. for I (\Rightarrow)

\exists rank function on the game tree

so this is Σ_1 .

② \Rightarrow ③ trivial.

③ \Rightarrow ① since κ is not gen. ropin'ka-like,
 witnessed by $(M_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa)$. for every

$$S \subset \kappa \text{ define } A_S = \{M_\alpha : \alpha \in S\}$$

A_S^* = downward closure of A_S with respect
 to gen. e.e.

claim. $S_0 \neq S_1 \Rightarrow A_{S_0}^* \neq A_{S_1}^*$

proof. w.l.o.g., $\exists \alpha \in S_0 \setminus S_1$.

so $M_\alpha \in A_{S_0} \subset A_{S_0}^*$.

but $M_\alpha \notin A_{S_1}^* : M_\alpha \notin A_{S_1}^*$, and

M_α doesn't e.e. into any other M_β
 $\neg(\text{claim})(\text{prop.})$

note: proposition holds for regular cardinals
in $\prod_{\sim 1} H_k$ in place of $\sum_{\sim 1} H_k$.

to prove the main thm.:

lem 1. (ZF) let $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $T \in L[x]$ be a
tree on $\omega \times \lambda$, $\lambda \in \text{OR}$. assume $\sum_1 V$ is
gen. regular ~~is regular~~ in $L[x]$.

then $p[T]$ is \sum_2^1 in V .

proof: $\gamma = |\lambda| + L[x]$, so $T \in L_\gamma[x]$.

clm. $\forall z \in \mathbb{R} \quad TFAE$.

① $z \in p[T]$

② $\exists \text{cm. } \bar{\gamma} \ \exists \bar{T} \in L_{\bar{\gamma}}[x] \left(z \in p[\bar{T}] \right.$
 $\left. + \exists \text{e.e. } \pi : (L_{\bar{\gamma}}[x], \epsilon, x, \bar{T}) \rightarrow (L_\gamma[x], \epsilon, x, T) \right)$

pf.: ① \Rightarrow ② $z \in p[T]$, say $(z, f) \in [T]$,
 $f \in \omega_\lambda$. take a sholem hull.

② \Rightarrow ①: $p[\bar{T}] \subset p[T]$. \dashv

note: $\forall f \exists$ e.e. as in ② \Leftrightarrow

$L[x] \models \exists$ gen. e.e. as in ②.

$\lambda = \aleph_1^V$.

in $L[x]$, let $A = \{M \in H_\lambda : \exists$ gen. e.e.

$M \rightarrow (L_\gamma[x]; \in, x, T)\}$

by the proposition, A is $(\sum_{\sim 1} H_\kappa) L[x] =$

$(\sum_{\sim 1}) L_\kappa[x]$, so A is $\sum_{\sim 1} HC$.

by the claim, $p[T]$ is $\sum_{\sim 1} HC$, so $\sum_{\sim 2}$. \dashv
(lemma 1)

lea 2. (ZF) assume $2^{\aleph_1} \neq |S_{\aleph_1}|$. | Q: does this
in ω_1 is
regular?

then \aleph_1^V is gen. vopenka-like in every ω
model of ZFC.

proof: it suff. to show \aleph_1^V has a
"vopenka-like" property in V :

def. let \mathcal{L} be a ctm. language + let
 $(M_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1)$ be a seq. of \mathcal{L} structures,
 M_α is on $\mu_\alpha < \omega_1$ f.e. $\alpha < \omega_1$. then
 \exists dist. $\alpha, \beta < \omega_1$ \exists e.e. $M_\alpha \rightarrow M_\beta$.

(g's lemma 2)

proof of def: WLOG each M_α has dy. the
 system functions.

let $\mathcal{L}' = \mathcal{L} \cup \{c_n : n \in \omega\}$
 \uparrow
 constant symbols

for $\alpha < \omega_1$, $f \in \mu_\alpha^\omega$, expand M_α to
 \mathcal{L}' -structure M_α^f : $c_n^{M_\alpha^f} = f(n)$.

fix bijection $\mathcal{L}' \rightarrow \omega$.

let $\text{Code}(\text{Th}(M_\alpha^f)) \in \mathbb{R}$ code $\text{Th}(M_\alpha^f)$.

for $A \subset \mathbb{N}_1^1$ define

$$A^* = \{ \text{Code}(\text{Th}(M_\alpha^f)) : \alpha \in A \wedge f \in \mu_\alpha^\omega \}$$

note A^* is \mathbb{N}_1^1 -recursive.

because $2^{\mathbb{N}_1^1} \not\subseteq |S_{\mathbb{N}_1^1}|$, we get A_0, A_1
 $A \neq B$, with $A^* = B^*$.

w.l.o.g., $\exists \alpha \in A_0 \setminus A_1$.

take a surjective $f: \omega \rightarrow \mu_\alpha$ (inverse of M_α).

$\text{code}(\text{Th}(M_\alpha^f)) \in A_0^*$. So

$\text{code}(\text{Th}(M_\alpha^f)) \in A_1^*$.

So $\text{th}(M_\alpha^f) = \text{th}(M_\beta^g)$, for $\beta \in A_1$,
 $g \in \mu_\beta^\omega$.
 so $\beta \neq \alpha$.

$$\text{let } F = \text{Hull}^{M_\alpha}(\text{ran}(f)) \prec M_\alpha$$

$$G = \text{Hull}^{M_\beta}(\text{ran}(g)) \prec M_\beta$$

then $F \cong G \prec M_\beta$.

f surj. \rightarrow M_α

i.e.

$$\exists e.e. M_\alpha \rightarrow M_\beta.$$

(clear, less?)

recall the main th: equiconsistent are:

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- ② ZF + DC + $S_{\aleph_1} = \sum_2^1 + \theta = \aleph_2$
- ③ ZF + DC + $2^{\aleph_1} \neq |S_{\aleph_1}|$.

proof: con (1) \Rightarrow con (2)

let κ be gen. vopenka in L . let $G \subset \text{Con}(w, < \kappa)$ be L -gen. ~~WTS~~ WTS

$$L(\mathbb{R})^{L[G]} \neq \textcircled{2}$$

$$\aleph_1^{L(\mathbb{R})^{L[G]}} = \aleph_1^{L[G]} = \kappa$$

$$\aleph_2^{L[G]} = \aleph_2^{L(\mathbb{R})^{L[G]}} = \kappa^+$$

$$L[G] \neq \text{CH}, \text{ so } L(\mathbb{R})^{L[G]} \neq \emptyset = \aleph_2$$

or just λ -surtin.

let $A \in L(\mathbb{R})^{L[G]}$ be \aleph_1 -surtin, $A = p[T]$,

some $T \in L(\mathbb{R})^{L[G]}$ on $w \times \lambda$, $\lambda \in \text{OR}$.

$T \text{ OD}_x^{L(\mathbb{R})^{L[G]}}$, some $x \in \mathbb{R}^{L[G]}$.

wlog, x codes $G \cap \text{Con}(w, < \alpha+1)$, for $\alpha < \kappa$.

$$\text{so } L[x] = L[G \cap \text{Con}(w, < \alpha+1)]$$

by homogeneity, $T \in L[x]$.

κ gen. vopenka in $L[x]$ (preserved by small forcing)

by lemma 1, $p[T]$ is \sum_2^1 .
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② \Rightarrow ③ easy.

Con (3) \Rightarrow con (1) : assume ③. by
lem 3, N_1^V is generic vopěnka-like in
 L . by DC, N_1^V is regular in L .
so N_1^V is generic vopěnka in L .

trevor 4.

recall : TFA equivalent.

① ZFC + \exists gen. ropeňka cardinal

② ZF + DC + $2^{\aleph_1} \neq |S_{\aleph_1}|$

"
{ $A \subset \omega_\omega : A$ is ω_1 -suden }

recall : ZF + $2^{\aleph_1} \neq |S_{\aleph_1}| \Rightarrow$

\aleph_1^V is gen. ropeňka-like in L.

defin. κ is gen. ropeňka-like ~~(gvr)~~ (gvr-like)

if f.a. first order lang \mathcal{L} , $|\mathcal{L}| < \kappa$, and for
any seq. $(M_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa)$ of \mathcal{L} -structures, $|M_\alpha| < \kappa$,
then in $\alpha < \beta < \kappa$ + a gen. e.e. $j : M_\alpha \rightarrow M_\beta$.
(w.l.o.f., in $V^{G(\omega, M_\alpha)}$).

recall. gvr-like \Rightarrow strong limit.

fact. gvr-like $\Rightarrow |V_\kappa| = \kappa$

so can replace $|M_\alpha| < \kappa$ by $M_\alpha \in V_\kappa$.

defin. κ is gen. ropeňka (gvr) if it is
gvr-like + regular (\Rightarrow inaccessible)

we'll show for a singular cardinal κ , TFAE :

① κ is gv-like

② κ is a limit of ω -erdoes cardinals

moreover, the least gv-like cardinal is regular
(+ hence gv).

def. (baumgartner) η is ω -erdoes if f.a. club

$C \subset \eta$ + any regressive $f: [C]^{<\omega} \rightarrow \eta$,
 $f(a) < \min(a)$

f has a homogeneous subset of otp ω .

($f \upharpoonright [C]^n$ is constant f.a. $n < \omega$).

facts. ① η ω -erdoes \Rightarrow inaccessible.

$$\forall \alpha < \eta \quad \eta \rightarrow (w)_\alpha^{<w}$$

(for all $f: [\eta]^{<w} \rightarrow \alpha$, f has a hom. set of ~~size~~
otp ω).

② $\forall \alpha \geq 2$ the least η s.t. $\eta \rightarrow (w)_\alpha^{<w}$ is
 ω -erdoes (schmerl)

virtual large cardinal characterizations:

lem. TFAE, for $2 \leq \alpha < \eta$.

① $\eta \rightarrow (w)_\alpha^{<w}$.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \forall A \subset V_\gamma \quad \exists \text{ gen. e.e. } j: (V_\gamma; \epsilon, A) \rightarrow (V_\gamma; \epsilon, A) \\ \text{with } \text{crit}(j) > \alpha.$$

proof $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \textcircled{2}$: see gitman-schindler, "virtual large cardinal" for $A = \emptyset$.

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}: \text{ let } f: [\gamma]^{<\omega} \rightarrow \alpha.$$

by $\textcircled{2}$, \exists gen. e.e. $j: (V_\gamma; \epsilon, f) \rightarrow (V_\gamma; \epsilon, f)$ with $\kappa = \text{crit}(j) > \alpha$. $\kappa_n = j^n(\kappa)$.

$(\kappa_n : n < \omega)$ is hom. for f (silver).

$$\text{example: } f(\kappa_0, \kappa_3) = f(\kappa_{10}, \kappa_{18}).$$

$$\forall \xi < \kappa_0 \quad f(\xi, \kappa_0) = f(\xi, \kappa_5) \text{ by elt. of } j^5.$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\kappa_0, \kappa_3) = f(\kappa_0, \kappa_8) \text{ by elt. of } j^3$$

$$\parallel \\ f(\kappa_{10}, \kappa_{18}) \text{ by elt. of } j^{10}.$$

existence of hom. set for f of otp ω is absolute.

proposition. let λ be ω -erdős, or a lim of ω -erdős cardinals.

$\textcircled{1}$ λ is gr-like.

$\textcircled{2}$ λ is a lim of gr cardinals.

proof: hypothesis $(\Rightarrow) \forall \alpha < \lambda \quad \lambda \rightarrow (\omega)_\alpha^{<\omega}$.

① ~~for~~ for \mathcal{L}, \vec{M} as in defn. of gv-like,
by the lea, for gen. e.e. $j: (V_\lambda; \epsilon, \vec{M}) \rightarrow (V_\lambda; \epsilon, \vec{M})$,
 $\text{crit}(j) > |\mathcal{L}|$. let $\kappa = \text{crit}(j)$.

$$j \upharpoonright M_\kappa : M_\kappa \rightarrow j(M_\kappa) = M_{j(\kappa)} \text{ is a}$$

gen. el. embedding.

② follows from lea + proof that ω -huge (\Rightarrow)
vopenka. (don't need A.) \dashv

Corollary. ① least limit of ω -ordinals cardinals is
a generic vopenka-like and singular.

② least inaccessible limit of ω -ordinals cardinals
is gv but not mahlo.

\Rightarrow ω -ordinals cardinals are necessary here.

defn. κ is club gv iff κ is gv-like, ~~iff~~
witnessed by elt. embeddings with critical point
in any gv club.

(this is equivalent to $(V_\kappa; V_{\kappa+1}; \epsilon) \models \text{gvp}^*$,
 \nearrow
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ad also equivalent to κ is a virtual
woodin cardinal.)

note. for $M_\alpha = (V_{\alpha+1}; \epsilon, \{\alpha\})$, critical pt. of
any gen. e.e. $M_\alpha \rightarrow M_\beta$ ex. ord is weakly compact.

so: ① κ is gr-like $\Rightarrow \kappa$ is a limit of
weakly compact cardinals.

② κ is club gr-like $\Rightarrow \kappa$ is a stat. limit
of weakly compact

$\Rightarrow \kappa$ is mahlo

$\Rightarrow \kappa$ is regular.

th. assume λ is gr-like, but not club gr.

(e.g., λ is singular, or reglar but not mahlo),

then λ is a limit of ω -erds cardinals.

proof: if not, then $\exists \alpha_0 < \lambda \forall \beta < \lambda \beta \not\rightarrow (w)_{\alpha_0}^{<\omega}$.

by l.e.a., can choose $A_\beta \subset V_\beta$ s.t.

$\neg \exists$ gen. e.e. $(V_\beta; \epsilon, A_\beta) \rightarrow (V_\beta; \epsilon, A_\beta)$ with
crit $> \alpha_0$. let $\vec{A} = (A_\beta : \beta < \lambda)$.

let $\vec{L}, \vec{H} +$ a club $C \subset \lambda$ when λ is not
club gr.

for $\alpha < \lambda$, let $\delta_\alpha = \min(C \setminus \alpha)$

$$\rho_\alpha = \max(\delta_\alpha, \text{rank } M_\alpha)$$

$$N_\alpha = (V_{\rho_\alpha+1}; \epsilon, \{\alpha\}, \vec{A} \upharpoonright_{\alpha+1}, (C \cap (\delta_\alpha+1)), \vec{A} \upharpoonright_{\delta_\alpha+1}, (\xi)_{\xi \leq \max(\alpha_0, |\mathcal{X}|)})$$

λ gr-like, so $\exists \alpha < \beta < \lambda \exists$ gen. e.e. $j: N_\alpha \rightarrow N_\beta$
with $\alpha_0 < \text{cnt}(j) \leq \alpha$.

$j \upharpoonright M_\alpha: M_\alpha \rightarrow M_\beta$ is a gen. e.e.,
so $\text{cnt}(j) \notin C$

let $\kappa = \text{cnt}(j)$.

$\delta_\kappa = \text{least elt. } \gamma \in C \geq \kappa + \text{len} > \kappa$.

$\delta'_\kappa = C\text{-pred. of } \delta_\kappa$. $\delta'_\kappa < \kappa$.

$j(\delta'_\kappa) = \delta'_\kappa + j \text{ pres. } C$.

so $j(\delta_\kappa) = \delta_\kappa$. so $j \upharpoonright V_{\delta_\kappa}$ is a gen. e.e.

$(V_{\delta_\kappa}; \epsilon, A_{\delta_\kappa}) \rightarrow (V_{\delta_\kappa}; \epsilon, A_{\delta_\kappa})$. Contradiction.