

# A formalization of Borel determinacy in Lean

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- That generates a sequence  $\langle n_i \rangle_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ . Alice wins iff the generated sequence belongs to  $A$ , the set of winning sequences.

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# Axiom of Extensionality

Two sets are equal if and only if they contain exactly the same members.  
 $\forall u(u \in X \iff u \in Y) \implies X = Y$

## Axiom of the Unordered Pair

Given any two sets, we can form a new set containing precisely those two sets.  $\forall a \forall b \exists c \forall x (x \in c \iff (x = a \vee x = b))$

# Axiom of Specification (Separation / Comprehension)

We can form a subset of an existing set consisting of all elements that satisfy a given property.  $\forall X \forall p \exists Y \forall u (u \in Y \iff (u \in X \wedge \phi(u, p)))$

## Axiom of the Sum Set (Union)

Given a collection of sets (which is itself a set), we can form a new set containing all the elements that belong to at least one set in the collection.

$$\forall X \exists Y \forall u (u \in Y \iff \exists z (z \in X \wedge u \in z))$$

## Axiom of the Power Set

For any set, we can form a new set that contains all possible subsets of the original set.  $\forall X \exists Y \forall u (u \in Y \iff u \subseteq X)$

# Axiom of Infinity

This axiom postulates the existence of at least one set with infinitely many elements. A common example is the set of natural numbers (or a set that can be put into one-to-one correspondence with it).

$$\exists S [\emptyset \in S \wedge (\forall x \in S)[x \cup \{x\} \in S]]$$

# Axiom of Replacement

If  $F$  is a function, then for any  $X$  there exists a set  $\{F(x) : x \in X\}$

$$(\forall x \forall y \forall z [\phi(x, y, p) \wedge \phi(x, z, p) \implies y = z]) \implies (\forall X \exists Y \forall y [y \in Y \iff (\exists x \in X) \phi(x, y, p)])$$

# Axiom of Foundation (Regularity)

This axiom prevents the existence of infinite descending chains of set membership; every nonempty set has an  $\in$ -minimal element.

$$\forall S [S \neq \emptyset \implies (\exists x \in S) [S \cap x = \emptyset]]$$

# Axiom of Choice

Given any collection of non-empty sets, it is possible to select one element from each set, even if the collection is infinite and there is no specific rule for making the selection.  $\forall x \in a \exists y A(x, y) \implies \exists f \forall x \in a A(x, f(x))$

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- Will we not run into troubles while proving statements about more complicated winning sets in our game?

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- When we say ‘open game’, ‘closed game’, ‘Borel game’ we only consider e.g. openness of  $[T]$  in  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  with the product topology

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- The key difference is that the box topology allows infinitely many factors in the basis element to be proper open subsets, while the product topology requires all but finitely many to be the entire space.

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- If for every possible move  $a_{2n}$  by Player I, there existed a response  $a_{2n+1}$  by Player II leading to a position from which Player I loses, then the initial position  $p$  would be losing for Player I, which contradicts our assumption.

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## Remarks on Axiom of Choice (from Kechris)

- Theorem 20.1 (Determinacy of Open/Closed Games) generally requires the **Axiom of Choice** due to the single-valuedness condition in the definition of a strategy. A strategy specifies a unique move for each possible history.

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Set some specific universe  $u$ . Define a notion of **pre-set** inductively:

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inductive PSet : Type (u + 1)
| mk (a : Type u) (A : a → PSet) : PSet
```

## ZFC version used in Lean 4: sets as pre-set quotients

Define extensional equivalence on pre-sets. Define ZFC sets by quotienting pre-sets by extensional equivalence.

## ZFC version used in Lean 4: classes

Define classes as sets of ZFC sets. Then the rest is usual set theory.

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def Class :=  
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- if you were to formalize that ALL games are determined, Mizar would certainly not be your best assistant: determinacy of all games implies Axiom of Determinacy, which is known to contradict the Axiom of Choice.

# Alexander Grothendieck (1928-2014)

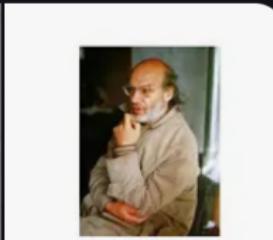
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# Throwback: How can you expect tax-payers to believe in this? (Inter-universal Teichmüller theory)

$$\{\pm 1\} \curvearrowright (-l^* < \dots < -2 < -1 < 0 < 1 < 2 < \dots < l^*)$$
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$$\Downarrow \phi_{\pm}^{\Theta^{\text{ell}}}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pm & \longrightarrow & \pm \\ \nearrow & & \searrow \\ \pm & \mathbb{F}_l^{*\pm} \curvearrowright & \pm \\ \uparrow & \mathcal{D}^{\circledast\pm} = & \downarrow \\ \pm & \mathcal{B}(\underline{X}_K)^0 & \pm \\ \nwarrow & & \swarrow \\ \pm & \dots & \pm \end{array}$$

# Grothendieck, 1970



# Grothendieck, Lasserre, France, 2013

