

Higher dimension partition principles in uncountable Hausdorff spaces

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Galvin's problem and Polish grids

Definition (Galvin's problem in dimension d)

G_d is the statement: There is a bound $N < \omega$ such that for every finite colouring $c : [\mathbb{R}]^d \rightarrow k$, there exists $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ homeomorphic to \mathbb{Q} such that $|c([Y]^d)| \leq N$.

Inamdar (2024) proved that G_2 is true with $N = 2$.

Definition (Polish grid principle in dimension d)

PG_d is the statement: For every sequence (X_0, \dots, X_{d-1}) of perfect polish spaces and every finite colouring $\gamma : \prod_{i < d} X_i \rightarrow k$, there exists somewhere dense subspaces $Y_i \subseteq X_i$ such that $\prod_{i < d} Y_i$ is monochromatic.

Galvin's problem and Polish grids

Theorem (Raghavan & Todorcevic, 2023)

$$2^{\aleph_0} \leq \aleph_{d-2} \implies \neg G_d.$$

Theorem (Lambie-Hanson & Zucker, 2024)

$$2^{\aleph_0} \leq \aleph_{d-2} \implies \neg PG_d.$$

Goal: Find a family of partition principle (parametrized by dimension) that holds in every model of $2^{\aleph_0} \leq \aleph_{d-2}$ and implies $\neg G_d$ and $\neg PG_d$.

Unordered products

Definition

For sets A_0, \dots, A_{d-1} , define the *unordered product*

$$\circledast_{i < d} A_i := \{\{a_0, \dots, a_{d-1}\} : a_i \in A_i, i \neq j \Rightarrow a_i \neq a_j\} \subseteq [\bigcup_{i < d} A_i]^d$$

Definition

$B_d^*(\kappa)$ is the statement: For any Hausdorff space X with $|X| = \kappa$, there is a colouring $c : [X]^d \rightarrow \omega$ such that if $A_0, \dots, A_{d-1} \subseteq X$ and each A_i is homeomorphic to \mathbb{Q} , then $c[\circledast_{i < d} A_i] = \omega$.

Theorem

$$n \leq d - 2 \implies B_d^*(\aleph_n).$$

Taking $A_0 = \dots = A_{d-1}$ and $X = \mathbb{R}$, we get $B_d^*(2^{\aleph_0}) \implies \neg G_d$.

$$\text{So } 2^{\aleph_0} \leq \aleph_{d-2} \implies B_d^*(2^{\aleph_0}) \implies \neg G_d.$$

$$B_d^{\circledast}(2^{\aleph_0}) \implies \neg PG_d$$

$$B_d^{\circledast}(\kappa)$$

For any Hausdorff space X with $|X| = \kappa$, there is $c : [X]^d \rightarrow \omega$ such that if $A_i \subseteq X$ are homeomorphic to \mathbb{Q} , then $c[\circledast_{i < d} A_i] = \omega$.

$$PG_d$$

For every sequence (X_0, \dots, X_{d-1}) of perfect polish spaces and every finite colouring $\gamma : \prod_{i < d} X_i \rightarrow k$, there exists somewhere dense subspaces $Y_i \subseteq X_i$ such that $\prod_{i < d} Y_i$ is monochromatic.

1. Apply $B_d^{\circledast}(2^{\aleph_0})$ to $X = \bigsqcup_{i < d} X_i$ to get $c : [X]^d \rightarrow \omega$.
 2. If $Y_i \subseteq X_i$ is somewhere dense, then there is $A_i \subseteq Y_i$ homeomorphic to \mathbb{Q} and $c[\circledast_{i < d} A_i] = \omega$.
 3. Define $c' : \prod_{i < d} X_i \rightarrow \omega$ by
 $c'((x_0, \dots, x_{d-1})) = c(\{x_0, \dots, x_{d-1}\})$.
- So $2^{\aleph_0} \leq \aleph_{d-2} \implies B_d^{\circledast}(2^{\aleph_0}) \implies \neg PG_d$.

Summary

Question

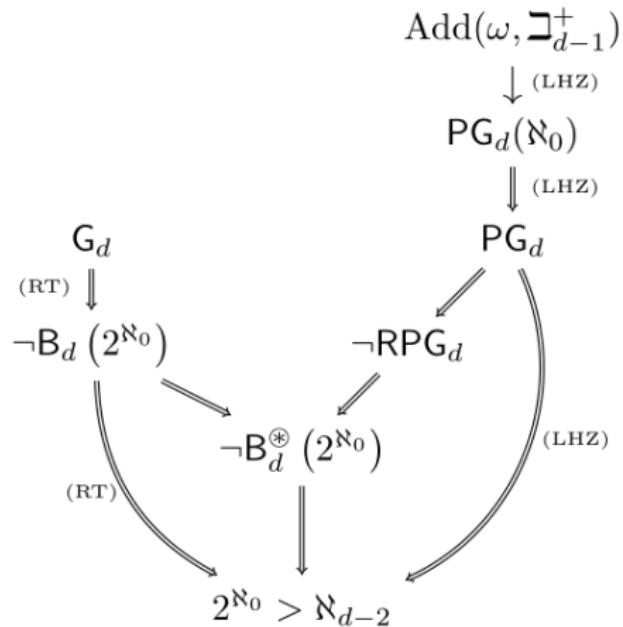
Is G_d consistent for any $d \geq 3$?

Question

Is it consistent that $2^{\aleph_0} > \aleph_{d-2}$ but $\neg PG_d$?

Question

Is it consistent that $\neg G_d$ and $\neg B_d$? That $\neg PG_d$ and $\neg RPG_d$?



Thank you!

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