

# The hereditarily ordinal definable sets in models of determinacy

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## Plan:

- I. Set theory as a foundation for mathematics.
- II. Models of AD, and their HOD's.
- III. Pure extender models.
- IV.  $\text{HOD}^M$  as a mouse.

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- (1) A set  $A \subseteq \omega^\omega$  is *determined* iff one of the players in  $G_A$  has a winning strategy.
- (2)  $\Gamma$  *determinacy* is the assertion that all  $A \in \Gamma$  are determined.  
AD is the assertion that all  $A \subseteq \omega^\omega$  are determined.

ZFC proves there are non-determined  $A$ . The proof uses the axiom of choice.

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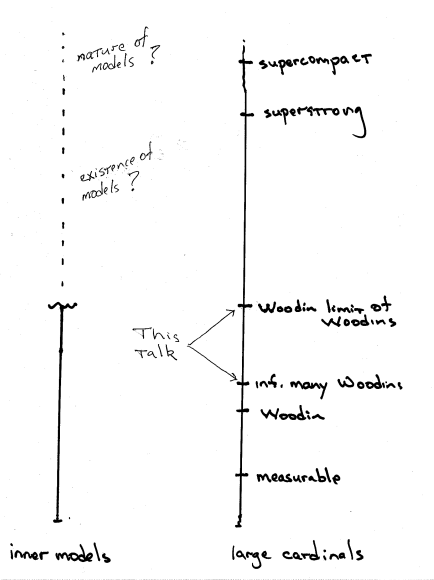
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- (5) In the region we understand, there are three intertwined types of model “at the center”:
- (a) canonical models of AD,
  - (b) their HOD's,
  - (c) pure extender models.
- (The *triple helix*.)



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*If there are arbitrarily large Woodin cardinals, then for any pointclass  $\Gamma$  properly contained in  $Hom_\infty$ , every set of reals in  $L(\Gamma, \mathbb{R})$  is in  $Hom_\infty$ , and thus  $L(\Gamma, \mathbb{R}) \models AD^+$ .*

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# Ordinal definability

A set is OD just in case it is definable over the universe of sets from ordinal parameters.

A set is in HOD just in case it, all its members, all members of members, etc., are OD.

Theorem (Gödel, late 30s?)

*Assume ZF; then  $HOD \models ZFC$ .*

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Such a theory has been developed for  $M$  below the minimal model of  $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{“}\Theta \text{ is regular.”}$



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## Definition (Suslin representations)

Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $\kappa \in \text{OR}$ ; then  $A$  is  $\kappa$ -Suslin iff there is a tree  $T$  on  $\omega \times \kappa$  such that  $A = p[T] = \{x \mid \exists f \forall n (x \upharpoonright n, f \upharpoonright n) \in T\}$ .

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Assume  $AD^+$ ; then the following are equivalent:

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- (2) Every set of reals is Suslin,
- (3)  $\Theta = \theta_\lambda$ , for some limit  $\lambda$ .

## Theorem (Woodin late 90s)

*If there are arbitrarily large Woodin limits of Woodin cardinals, then for some  $\Gamma \subsetneq \text{Hom}_\infty$ ,  $L(\Gamma, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}_\mathbb{R}$ .*

In fact  $\text{AD}_\mathbb{R}$  is weaker than a Woodin limit of Woodins. Its exact consistency strength is known.

The computation uses the theory of  $\text{HOD}^M$ , for  $M \models \text{AD}^+$ .

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**Remark.** The extenders in a coherent sequence appear in order of their strength, without leaving gaps.

Proper class premice are sometimes called extender models.

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I must choose  $\xi$  so that this ultrapower makes sense.

*Round  $\lambda$ , for  $\lambda$  limit:* II picks a branch  $b$  of  $\mathcal{T}$  which is cofinal in  $\lambda$ , and we set

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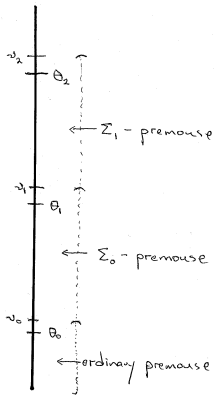
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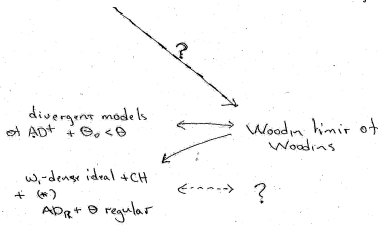
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