

A game in the reals

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Definition 1. If $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, we define the game \mathbb{G}_X as follows:

I	s_0	s_1	s_2	s_3	\dots
II	i_0	i_1	i_2	i_3	\dots

where s_n is a finite binary sequence and $i_n \in \{0, 1\}$.

We say that player I wins the game if the concatenated sequence $(s_n, i_n : n < \omega)$ is in the set X .

Theorem 2 (Davis).

- (1) X is perfect if and only if I has a winning strategy in \mathbb{G}_X .
- (2) X is countable if and only if II has a winning strategy in \mathbb{G}_X .

Question 3. *Can we generalize Davis' theorem?*

I. A GAME ON TREES

Instead of the tree of finite binary sequences, we play a similar game in the tree of binary sequences of arbitrary length δ .

We replace the notion of countable with "*Every limit is a finite-support limit*".

Definition 4.

$$\mathbb{Q}_{<\delta} = \{f : \delta \longrightarrow 2 \mid f(\alpha) \neq 0 \text{ for only finitely many } \alpha\text{'s}\}$$

We modify the game:

Definition 5. Let T be an arbitrary binary tree of height δ . We define the game \mathbb{G}_T as follows:

I	s_0	s_1	s_2	s_3	\dots
II	s_0	s_1	s_2	s_3	\dots

where $s_n \in 2^{<\delta}$ and $i_n \in \{0, 1\}$.

We say that player I wins the game if the concatenated sequence $(s_n, i_n : n < \omega)$ is an element of the tree T .

Then we get the following generalization of Davis' theorem:

Theorem 6. *The following are equivalent for a tree of height δ :*

- (1) $T \cong \mathbb{Q}_{<\delta}$
- (2) *player II has a winning strategy in the game \mathbb{G}_T*

II. AN APPLICATION

In $V^{\text{Coll}(\omega_1, < \kappa)}$ (κ supercompact), the following principle holds true:

GRP: Let \mathbb{G} be an arbitrary game. If player II wins the game \mathbb{G} played on any structure of size \aleph_1 , then player II wins the game in the real world.

where "played on a structure" means that the players' moves are restricted to that particular structure.

Using theorem 6, it can easily be seen:

Proposition 7. *GRP implies the following reflection principle QR:*

if $\text{cf}(\delta) \geq \omega_2$ and T is a tree such that $T_{<\gamma} \cong \mathbb{Q}_{<\gamma}$ for all $\gamma < \delta$ then $T_{<\delta} \cong \mathbb{Q}_{<\delta}$

Corollary 8. *If κ is supercompact, then*
$$V^{\text{Coll}(\omega_1, <\kappa)} \models \text{QR}$$

The principle QR implies the reflection of stationary subsets of $\{\alpha < \omega_2 : \text{cf}(\alpha) = \omega\}$.