

## Sierpiński-Zygmund functions that are Darboux, almost continuous, or have a perfect road

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**Abstract.** In this paper we show that if the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  is not a union of less than continuum many of its meager subsets then there exists an almost continuous Sierpiński–Zygmund function having a perfect road at each point. We also prove that it is consistent with ZFC that every Darboux function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous on some set of cardinality continuum. In particular, both these results imply that the existence of a Sierpiński–Zygmund function which is either Darboux or almost continuous is independent of ZFC axioms. This gives a complete solution of a problem of Darji [4]. The paper contains also a construction (in ZFC) of an additive Sierpiński–Zygmund function with a perfect road at each point.

### 1 Introduction

Our terminology is standard. In particular, the symbols  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  stand for the sets of all: positive integers, integers, rationals and reals, respectively. We shall consider only real-valued functions of one real variable. No distinction is made between a function and its graph. The family of all functions from a set  $X$  into  $Y$  will be denoted by  $Y^X$ . The symbol  $\text{card}(X)$  will stand for the cardinality of a set  $X$ . The cardinality of  $\mathbb{R}$  is denoted by  $c$ . If  $A$  is a planar set, we denote its  $x$ -projection by  $\text{dom}(A)$ . For  $f, g \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$  the notation  $[f = g]$  means the set  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}: f(x) = g(x)\}$ .

If  $\mathcal{I}$  is an ideal of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov}(\mathcal{I}) &= \min\{\text{card}(\mathcal{F}): \mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{I} \text{ \& \ } \bigcup \mathcal{F} = \mathbb{R}\} \\ \text{non}(\mathcal{I}) &= \min\{\text{card}(A): A \subset \mathbb{R} \text{ \& \ } A \notin \mathcal{I}\}. \end{aligned}$$

(See [5].) The ideal of all meager subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{M}$ . Recall also the following definitions.

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- $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is of *Sierpiński-Zygmund type* (shortly,  $f \in SZ$ , or  $f$  is of S-Z type) if its restriction  $f|_M$  is discontinuous for each set  $M \subset \mathbb{R}$  with  $\text{card}(M) = \mathfrak{c}$  [17].
- $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a *perfect road* at  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  if there exists a perfect set  $C$  such that  $x$  is a bilateral limit point of  $C$  and  $f|_C$  is continuous at  $x$ . We say that  $f$  is of *perfect road type* (shortly,  $f \in PR$ , or  $f$  is of PR type) if  $f$  has a perfect road at each point [13].
- $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be *almost continuous* (in the sense of Stallings) if each open subset of the plane containing  $f$  contains also a continuous function  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  [18].
- $F: \mathbb{R} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a *connectivity function* if the graph of its restriction  $F|_X$  is connected (in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ) for every connected  $X \subset \mathbb{R} \times [0, 1]$ .
- $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *extendable* if there is a connectivity function  $F: \mathbb{R} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $F(x, 0) = f(x)$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Recall also that if  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  intersects every *blocking set*, i.e., a closed set  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  whose domain is a non-degenerate interval, then  $f$  is almost continuous [9]. It is also well-known that each almost continuous function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is connected [18] and therefore that it has the Darboux property.

In [4], Darji constructed (in ZFC) an example of an S-Z function of perfect road type and asked whether there exists an almost continuous (or just Darboux) S-Z function. Examples of such functions under additional set theoretical assumptions are known. For example, Ceder [2] showed that under the assumption of the Continuum Hypothesis CH there exists a connectivity (hence Darboux) S-Z function, and Kellum [10] noticed that Ceder's function is in fact almost continuous. In Section 2 we will generalize both constructions (Ceder's and Darji's) by showing that under the assumption that  $\text{cov}(\mathcal{N}) = \mathfrak{c}$  (which is somewhat weaker than CH or Martin's Axiom MA [16, 5]) there exists an almost continuous S-Z function of PR type. On the other hand, in Section 5 we will show that there is a model of ZFC in which there is no Darboux S-Z function. Thus, some additional set theoretical assumptions are necessary in all of the examples mentioned above.

Sections 3 and 4 contain the constructions related to that from Section 2. In particular, Section 3 deals with the functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous with respect to the qualitative topology on the domain and the natural topology on the range. In Section 4 we give a ZFC example of an additive S-Z function of PR type, generalizing the result of Darji from [4].

## 2 An almost continuous S-Z function of PR type

In our construction we will use the following easy and well known lemma.

**Lemma 1.** [8] *Suppose  $U \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. Then there exists a  $G_\delta$  set  $M$  containing  $U$  and a continuous function  $g: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $g|_U = f$ .*  $\square$

The next lemma is a modification of [4, Lemma 3].

**Lemma 2.** *There exists a sequence  $\langle \langle H_\alpha, p_\alpha \rangle : \alpha < \mathfrak{c} \rangle$  such that*

- (1)  $H_\alpha \cup \{p_\alpha\} \subset \mathbb{R}$  is a compact perfect set and  $p_\alpha$  is a bilaterally limit point of  $H_\alpha$ ;
- (2)  $H = \bigcup_{\alpha < \mathfrak{c}} H_\alpha$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ;
- (3)  $H_\alpha \cap H_\beta = \emptyset$  for every  $\alpha < \beta < \mathfrak{c}$ ;
- (4) for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  there exists continuum many  $\gamma < \mathfrak{c}$  such that  $x = p_\gamma$ .

*Proof.* Let  $K$  be a linearly independent perfect set. (See [7] or [11, p. 270].) Pick a proper perfect subset  $P$  of  $K$ , and let  $\{s_{\alpha,n} : \alpha < \mathfrak{c} \text{ \& } n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}\}$  be a one-to-one enumeration of  $K \setminus P$ . Moreover, let  $\{p_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$  be an enumeration of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  there exists continuum many  $\gamma < \mathfrak{c}$  with  $p_\gamma = x$ . By induction on  $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}$  choose sequences  $\langle q_{\alpha,n} : \alpha < \mathfrak{c} \text{ \& } n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} \rangle$  of non-zero rationals and  $\langle C_{\alpha,n} : \alpha < \mathfrak{c} \text{ \& } n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} \rangle$  of perfect sets such that for every  $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$

$$C_{\alpha,n} \subset \left( p_\alpha, p_\alpha + \frac{1}{n} \right) \cap (q_{\alpha,n} s_{\alpha,n} + P),$$

where for  $b < a$  we will understand  $(a, b)$  as the interval  $(b, a)$ . Next, for each  $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}$  define  $H_\alpha = \bigcup \{C_{\alpha,n} : n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}\}$ . It is easy to see that the family  $\{H_\alpha \subset \mathbb{R} : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$  has the desired properties.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.** *Assuming  $\text{cov}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathfrak{c}$ , there exists an almost continuous S-Z function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which has a perfect road at each point.*

*Proof.* For  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  we denote  $L(A) = A \times \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\{x_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$  be a one-to-one enumeration of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\{g_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$  an enumeration of all continuous functions defined on  $G_\delta$  subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Construct, by induction on  $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}$ , a sequence  $\langle \langle C_\alpha, D_\alpha \rangle : \alpha < \mathfrak{c} \rangle$  such that for every  $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}$

- (1)  $D_\alpha \subset \text{dom}(g_\alpha) \setminus \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} (C_\beta \cup D_\beta)$  is an at most countable set such that  $g_\alpha|_{D_\alpha}$  is a dense subset of  $g_\alpha \setminus \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} (g_\beta \cup L(C_\beta \cup D_\beta))$ ;
- (2)  $C_\alpha$  is equal to a set  $H_\gamma$  from Lemma 2 such that  $x_\alpha = p_\gamma$  and  $C_\alpha$  is disjoint from  $\{x_\beta : \beta \leq \alpha\} \cup \bigcup_{\beta \leq \alpha} D_\beta \cup \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} C_\beta$ .

The choice as in (2) can be made, since the set  $\{x_\beta : \beta \leq \alpha\} \cup \bigcup_{\beta \leq \alpha} D_\beta$  has cardinality less than continuum, and there are continuum many pairwise disjoint sets  $H_\gamma$  with  $p_\gamma = x_\alpha$ .

Now, define the values  $f(x_\alpha)$  of the function  $f$  by induction on  $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}$  as follows.

- (a)  $f(x_\alpha) = g_\beta(x_\alpha)$  provided  $x_\alpha \in D_\beta$  for some  $\beta < \mathfrak{c}$ .
- (b)  $f(x_\alpha) \in \{y \in \mathbb{R} : |y - f(x_\beta)| < |x_\alpha - x_\beta|\} \setminus \{g_\gamma(x_\alpha) : \gamma \leq \alpha\}$  provided  $x_\alpha \in C_\beta$  for some  $\beta < \mathfrak{c}$ . (Note that  $f(x_\beta)$  is already defined since, by (2),  $\beta < \alpha$ .)
- (c)  $f(x_\alpha) \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{g_\gamma(x_\alpha) : \gamma \leq \alpha\}$  otherwise.

We will show that  $f$  has the desired properties.

First notice that, by (b),  $f|(C_\beta \cup \{x_\beta\})$  is continuous at  $x_\beta$  for every  $\beta < \mathfrak{c}$ . Therefore,  $f \in PR$ .

To prove that  $f \in SZ$ , by Lemma 1 it is enough to show that  $\text{card}(\{f = g_\beta\}) < \mathfrak{c}$  for each  $\beta < \mathfrak{c}$ . But  $\{f = g_\beta\} \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \leq \beta} D_\alpha \cup \{x_\alpha : \alpha < \beta\}$ , so  $\text{card}(\{f = g_\beta\}) < \mathfrak{c}$ . Hence,  $f \in SZ$ .

To verify that  $f$  is almost continuous choose a blocking set  $F \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . It is enough to show that  $f \cap F \neq \emptyset$ . To see this, note that there exist a non-degenerate interval  $J \subset \text{dom}(F)$  and an upper semicontinuous function  $h: J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $h \subset F$ . (See [10, Lemma 1].) Thus there exists an  $\alpha_0 < \mathfrak{c}$  such that  $g_{\alpha_0} = h|C(h)$ , where  $C(h)$  denotes the set of all points at which  $h$  is continuous. Then  $\text{dom } g_{\alpha_0}$  is residual in  $J$  and  $g_{\alpha_0} \subset F$ . In particular, if  $S$  is the set of all  $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}$  such that  $\text{dom}(g_\alpha \cap F)$  is residual in some non-degenerate interval  $I$  then  $S \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $\alpha = \min S$  and  $I$  be a non-degenerate interval such that  $\text{dom}(g_\alpha \cap F)$  is residual in  $I$ . But  $F$  is closed and  $g_\alpha$  is continuous. So,  $g_\alpha|I \subset F$ . Moreover, by the minimality of  $\alpha$ , for each  $\beta < \alpha$  the set  $I \cap [g_\beta = g_\alpha] \subset \text{dom}(g_\beta \cap F)$  is nowhere dense in  $I$ . Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} I \cap \text{dom} \left[ g_\alpha \setminus \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} (g_\beta \cup L(C_\beta \cup D_\beta)) \right] \\ = (I \cap \text{dom}(g_\alpha)) \setminus \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} (I \cap ([g_\beta = g_\alpha] \cup C_\beta \cup D_\beta)) \neq \emptyset, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\text{cov}(\mathcal{H}) = \mathfrak{c}$ . Thus, by (1),  $I \cap D_\alpha \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x \in I \cap D_\alpha$ . Then, by (a),  $\langle x, f(x) \rangle = \langle x, g_\alpha(x) \rangle \in f \cap F$ .  $\square$

*Remark.* Note that an S-Z function of perfect road type is not extendable. (See [4].) So, Theorem 1 gives a new and easy example of an almost continuous function that has a perfect road at each point and is not an extendable function. The first example of such a function was constructed (in ZFC) in [15].

### 3 The qualitative case

Now we shall consider  $\mathbb{R}$  with the fine topology  $q$  generated by the ideal  $\mathcal{H}$ . This topology is called the *qualitative* topology. Recall that a set  $G$  is open in the qualitative topology if it can be written in the form  $U \setminus P$ , where  $U$  is open in the Euclidean topology and  $P$  is of the first category. (Note that it is an example of a  $*$ -topology in the sense of Hashimoto [6] or  $\mathcal{F}$ -topology in the sense of Vaidyanathaswamy [19] with respect to the ideal  $\mathcal{H}$  of meager sets.)

For a set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  and a function  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we say that  $f$  is *q-continuous* at a point  $x_0 \in A$  if  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$  as a real function defined on the subspace  $A$  of the space  $\langle \mathbb{R}, q \rangle$ .

**Lemma 3.** *For every set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  and a function  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,*

- (1) *if  $A \in \mathcal{H}$ , then  $f$  is  $q$ -continuous;*
- (2) *if  $f$  is continuous, then it is  $q$ -continuous;*

(3) if  $A$  is  $q$ -dense in itself and  $f$  is  $q$ -continuous, then  $f$  is continuous.

*Proof.* Statements (1) and (2) are evident. For (3), see [12, Th. 4] or [3, Cor. 1.1.8].  $\square$

**Proposition 1.** *If  $\text{cov}(\mathcal{C}) = \text{non}(\mathcal{C}) = \mathfrak{c}$  then there exists an almost continuous function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of perfect road type such that  $f|_M$  is not  $q$ -continuous for every  $M \notin \mathcal{C}$ .*

*Proof.* Assume  $M \notin \mathcal{C}$ . Then  $M$  is not  $q$ -nowhere dense. So, there exists an interval  $I$  such that  $M \cap I$  is  $q$ -dense in itself. In particular,  $M \cap I \notin \mathcal{C}$ , so  $\text{card}(M \cap I) = \mathfrak{c}$ . Let  $f$  be the function constructed in Theorem 1. Then  $f|(M \cap I)$  is discontinuous so, by Lemma 3,  $f|(M \cap I)$  is not  $q$ -continuous. Therefore,  $f|_M$  also is not  $q$ -continuous.  $\square$

#### 4 An additive S-Z function of PR type

**Theorem 2.** *There exists an additive Sierpiński–Zygmund function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of perfect road type.*

*Proof.* Let  $\widehat{H} = \{h_\alpha: \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$  be a Hamel basis which contains the set  $H$  constructed in Lemma 2 and let  $\{g_\alpha: \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$  be a well-ordering of all continuous functions defined on  $G_\delta$  subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . For each  $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}$  choose a set  $\widehat{H}_\alpha$  and an  $\widehat{f}(h_\alpha)$  such that

- (a)  $\widehat{H}_\alpha$  is equal to a set  $H_\gamma$  from Lemma 2 such that  $h_\alpha = p_\gamma$  and  $\widehat{H}_\alpha$  is disjoint from  $\{h_\beta: \beta \leq \alpha\}$ ;
- (b)  $\widehat{f}(h_\alpha) \neq qg_\beta(x) - f_\alpha(t)$  for all  $\beta \leq \alpha$ ,  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $x \in \text{lin}(\{h_\beta: \beta \leq \alpha\})$  and  $t \in \text{lin}(\{h_\beta: \beta < \alpha\})$ , where  $\text{lin}(A)$  denotes the linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  generated by  $A$ , and  $f_\alpha$  is the additive extension of  $\widehat{f}|_{\{h_\beta: \beta < \alpha\}}$ .

Moreover, if  $h_\alpha \in \widehat{H}_\beta$  for some  $\beta < \mathfrak{c}$  then, by (a),  $\beta < \alpha$  and we will additionally require that

- (c)  $|\widehat{f}(h_\alpha) - \widehat{f}(h_\beta)| \leq |h_\alpha - h_\beta|$ .

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the additive extension of  $\widehat{f}: \widehat{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

To prove that  $f$  is a function of S-Z type it is enough to verify that  $\text{card}(f \cap g_\alpha) < \mathfrak{c}$  for every  $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}$ . So, fix  $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}$  and assume that  $f(x) = g_\alpha(x)$ . Let  $\gamma$  be the first ordinal such that  $x \in \text{lin}(\{h_\beta: \beta \leq \gamma\})$ . Then  $x = ph_\gamma + t_0$ , where  $p \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $t_0 \in \text{lin}(\{h_\beta: \beta < \gamma\})$ . So  $h_\gamma = qx - t$ , where  $q = p^{-1} \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $t = qt_0 \in \text{lin}(\{h_\beta: \beta < \gamma\})$ . Moreover,  $\widehat{f}(h_\gamma) = f(h_\gamma) = qf(x) - f(t) = qg_\alpha(x) - f(t)$ , so  $\gamma < \alpha$ . Thus, by (b),  $[f = g_\alpha] \subset \text{lin}(\{h_\beta: \beta < \alpha\})$  and  $\text{card}(f \cap g_\alpha) < \mathfrak{c}$ .

Now we shall verify that  $f$  has a perfect road at each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . For  $x = h_\alpha \in \widehat{H}$  it is obvious by (c), since  $f|_{(\widehat{H}_\alpha \cup \{h_\alpha\})}$  is continuous at  $h_\alpha$ . So, assume that  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n q_i h_{\alpha_i}$ , where all  $q_i$  are rationals. Then  $x$  is a bilaterally limit point of a perfect set  $\widehat{H}_x = \sum_{i=1}^n q_i \widehat{H}_{\alpha_i} \cup \{x\}$  and  $f|_{\widehat{H}_x}$  is continuous at  $x$ .  $\square$

## 5 A model with no Darboux S-Z function

In this section we will show that in the iterated perfect set (Sacks) model there is no Darboux Sierpiński-Zygmund function. We will describe here only those properties of this model that are necessary to follow the argument. More details can be found in [14] and [1].

Let  $V$  be a model of ZFC+CH and let  $V[G_{\omega_2}]$  be a model of ZFC+c =  $\omega_2$  obtained as a generic extension of  $V$  over the forcing  $\mathbb{P}$ , which is a countable support iteration of the perfect set (Sacks) forcing. Then  $V$  and  $V[G_{\omega_2}]$  have the same cardinals. Moreover, in  $V[G_{\omega_2}]$  there exists an increasing sequence  $\langle V[G_\alpha]: \alpha \leq \omega_2 \rangle$  (of proper classes in  $V[G_{\omega_2}]$ , given by a formula) with the following properties. ( $V[G_\alpha]$  is a generic extension of  $V$  obtained by extending  $V$  with the part  $G_\alpha$  of  $G_{\omega_2}$  which belongs to the  $\alpha$ -iteration of Sacks forcing.)

- (A) CH holds in  $V[G_\alpha]$  for every  $\alpha < \omega_2$ .
- (B) For every  $\alpha < \omega_2$  of uncountable cofinality and every  $s \in 2^\omega \cap V[G_\alpha]$  there exists  $\beta < \alpha$  such that  $s \in V[G_\beta]$ .
- (C) For every  $\alpha < \omega_2$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a < b$ , there exists  $s \in (a, b) \cap (V[G_{\omega_2}] \setminus V[G_\alpha])$  (a Sacks number over  $V[G_\alpha]$ ) such that for every  $x \in \mathbb{R} \cap (V[G_{\omega_2}] \setminus V[G_\alpha])$  there exists a continuous function  $g \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}} \cap V[G_{\omega_2}]$  coded in  $V[G_\alpha]$  (i.e., such that  $g|_{\mathbb{Q}} \in V[G_\alpha]$ ) with the property that  $g(x) = s$ .

Property (A) follows immediately from the fact that CH holds in  $V$  and we iterate forcings of cardinality  $\mathfrak{c}$ . Properties (B) and (C) can be found in [1, Thm. 3.3(a)] and in [14, Sec. 4, p. 581], respectively.

Note also, that property (B) can be modified as follows.

- (B') For every  $\alpha < \omega_2$  of uncountable cofinality and every  $p \in (\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Q}} \cup \mathbb{R}) \cap V[G_\alpha]$  there exists  $\beta < \alpha$  such that  $p \in V[G_\beta]$ .

The part concerning  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  follows from the fact that a real number can be identified with its binary representation, i.e., a function  $s: \omega \rightarrow 2$ . This also implies the part for  $p \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Q}}$ , since any such  $p$  can be identified with  $\hat{p}: \mathbb{Q} \times \omega \rightarrow 2$ ,  $\hat{p}(q, n) = p(q)(n)$ , and further, with a function from  $2^\omega$  by identifying  $\mathbb{Q} \times \omega$  with  $\omega$  via bijection from  $V$ .

Now, let  $h \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}} \cap V[G_{\omega_2}]$  be an SZ function and let  $a = \inf h[\mathbb{R}]$ ,  $b = \sup h[\mathbb{R}]$ . Then  $-\infty \leq a < b \leq \infty$ . We will show that  $(a, b) \not\subset h[\mathbb{R}]$ .

To prove this let  $C(\mathbb{R})$  stand for the set of all continuous functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  and define, for  $\beta < \omega_2$ ,

$$S_\beta = h \left[ \mathbb{R} \cap V[G_\beta] \right] \cup \bigcup \left\{ \{x, y\} : (\exists g \in C(\mathbb{R}) \cap V[G_{\omega_2}]) (g|_{\mathbb{Q}} \in V[G_\beta] \ \& \ \langle x, y \rangle \in g \cap h) \right\}.$$

Note that, by (A), the set  $(\mathbb{R} \cup \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Q}}) \cap V[G_\beta]$  has cardinality  $\leq \omega_1$  and that  $\text{card}(h \cap g) \leq \omega_1$  for every  $g \in C(\mathbb{R}) \cap V[G_{\omega_2}]$ . So,  $\text{card}(S_\beta) \leq \omega_1$  for every  $\beta < \omega_2$ . Define  $\Gamma: \omega_2 \rightarrow \omega_2$  by putting  $\Gamma(\beta) = \sup \{ \gamma(x) : x \in S_\beta \}$ , where

$\gamma(x) = \min\{\beta: x \in V[G_\beta]\}$ , and let  $\alpha < \omega_2$  be of uncountable cofinality such that  $\Gamma(\beta) < \alpha$  for every  $\beta < \alpha$ . Then, by (B'),

- (i)  $h(x) \in V[G_\alpha]$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R} \cap V[G_\alpha]$ ;
- (ii)  $h \cap g \subset V[G_\alpha]$  for every  $g \in C(\mathbb{R})$  coded in  $V[G_\alpha]$ .

Now, let  $s \in (a, b) \cap (V[G_{\omega_2}] \setminus V[G_\alpha])$  be a number from (C). It is enough to prove that  $s \notin h[\mathbb{R}]$ .

But  $s \notin h[\mathbb{R} \cap V[G_\alpha]]$  by (i). So, let  $x \in \mathbb{R} \cap (V[G_{\omega_2}] \setminus V[G_\alpha])$ . It is enough to show that  $h(x) \neq s$ . But, by (C), there exists a continuous function  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  coded in  $V[G_\alpha]$  such that  $g(x) = s$ . So,  $h(x) \neq s$ , since otherwise  $\langle x, s \rangle \in h \cap g$  and, by (ii),  $s \in V[G_\alpha]$ . This contradiction finishes the proof.  $\square$

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