

*POSSIBLY THERE IS NO UNIFORMLY
COMPLETELY RAMSEY NULL SET OF SIZE 2^ω*

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Abstract. We show that under the axiom CPA_{cube} there is no uniformly completely Ramsey null set of size 2^ω . In particular, this holds in the iterated perfect set model. This answers a question of U. Darji.

1. Introduction. The class of uniformly completely Ramsey null sets (UCR_0 sets) was defined and investigated in [Da], and also in [N1] and [N2]. In this paper we continue the investigation of this class and other kinds of small sets defined analogously. The main purpose of this paper is to give a full answer to the problem of U. Darji (see [Da, Question 1]) whether there is always an UCR_0 set of size continuum. We show that under the axiom CPA_{cube} there is no such set. In particular, since by Theorem 7.0.4 of [CP], CPA_{cube} holds in the iterated perfect set model, there is no such set in this model. Thus the answer to Darji's question is negative.

2. Definitions. We identify $[\omega]^\omega$ with a subset of 2^ω . We often identify $[\omega]^{\leq\omega}$ with the space 2^ω via the standard isomorphism. For example, if $x, y \in 2^\omega$, then $x \subseteq y$ means that $\forall n \in \omega \ x(n) \leq y(n)$. If $s \in [\omega]^{<\omega}$, $A \in [\omega]^\omega$ and $\max s < \min A$ then we define $[s, A] = \{x \in [\omega]^\omega : s \subseteq x \subseteq s \cup A\}$. These sets are called the *Ellentuck neighborhoods*. Moreover let $[s, A]^{\leq\omega} = \{x \subseteq \omega : s \subseteq x \subseteq s \cup A\}$.

We denote by $\psi_{s,A}$ the standard homeomorphism $\psi : 2^\omega \rightarrow [s, A]^{\leq\omega}$ defined by $\psi(x) = s \cup \{a_n : x(n) = 1\}$, where $A = \{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ with $a_0 < a_1 < a_2 < \dots$.

Recall that $X \subseteq [\omega]^\omega$ is *completely Ramsey null* (for short, X is CR_0) if for every Ellentuck neighborhood $[s, A]$ there exists $B \in [A]^\omega$ such that $[s, B] \cap X = \emptyset$, and X is *completely Ramsey* (X is CR) if for every $[s, A]$ there exists $B \in [A]^\omega$ such that $[s, B] \cap X = \emptyset \vee [s, B] \subseteq X$. A set $X \subseteq 2^\omega$ is *uniformly completely Ramsey null* if for every continuous function

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$F : 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$ and for every $Y \subseteq X$, $F^{-1}[Y]$ is completely Ramsey. We then write $X \in \text{UCR}_0$. We will use the following characterization of UCR_0 sets given in [N1]: A set $X \subseteq 2^\omega$ is UCR_0 if for each continuous function $F : 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$ there exists $A \in [\omega]^\omega$ such that $|F[P(A)] \cap X| \leq \omega$.

We will use the following definitions from [CP]:

- A subset C of the product $\prod_{n \in \omega} 2^\omega$ of Cantor sets is said to be a *perfect cube* if $C = \prod_{n \in \omega} C_n$, where $C_n \in \text{Perf}(2^\omega)$ for each n .
- Let $\mathcal{F}_{\text{cube}}$ stand for the family of all continuous injections from a perfect cube C onto a set $P \in \text{Perf}(2^\omega)$. The elements of $\mathcal{F}_{\text{cube}}$ are called *cubes*.
- We say that a family $\mathcal{E} \subseteq \text{Perf}(2^\omega)$ is $\mathcal{F}_{\text{cube}}$ -dense (or *cube-dense*) in $\text{Perf}(2^\omega)$ provided

$$\forall f \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{cube}} \exists g \in \mathcal{E} (g \subseteq f \wedge \text{ran}(g) \in \mathcal{E}).$$

- Define

$$s_0^{\text{cube}} = \left\{ 2^\omega \setminus \bigcup \mathcal{E} : \mathcal{E} \text{ is } \mathcal{F}_{\text{cube}}\text{-dense in } \text{Perf}(2^\omega) \right\}.$$

Throughout this note we will use one fixed bijection $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \omega \times \omega \rightarrow \omega$. For each $A \in [\omega]^\omega$ and $n < \omega$ we define $(A)_n = \{a_{\langle k, n \rangle} : k \in \omega\}$ where $A = \{a_0, a_1, a_2 \dots\}$ and $a_0 < a_1 < a_2 < \dots$.

Finally, for a finite set $A \in [\omega]^{<\omega}$ we define $(A)_n = \{a_{\langle k, n \rangle} : k \in \omega \wedge \langle k, n \rangle \leq r\}$ where $A = \{a_0, a_1, \dots, a_r\}$ and $a_0 < a_1 < \dots < a_r$.

For $X \subseteq (2^\omega)^2$ we denote by $X_{(x)}$ and $X^{(y)}$ the *x-section* and *y-section* of X , respectively (i.e. $X_{(x)} = \{y : \langle x, y \rangle \in X\}$, $X^{(y)} = \{x : \langle x, y \rangle \in X\}$).

For completeness we briefly outline the definition of Σ and $w\Sigma\text{QN}$ sets (see [BRR]).

We say that a sequence of functions $f_k : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ converges *quasinormally* to 0 ($f_k \xrightarrow{\text{QN}} 0$) if there is a sequence $\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0$ such that $\forall x \in X \forall_k^\infty f_k(x) < \varepsilon_k$.

We say that a sequence of functions $f_k : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ (Σ) converges to 0 if $\forall x \in X \sum_{k=1}^\infty f_k(x) < \infty$.

A topological space X is a Σ space if for each sequence of continuous functions $f_k : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, if $f_k \rightarrow 0$ pointwise then there is a subsequence k_l such that $f_{k_l} \xrightarrow{(\Sigma)} 0$.

Analogously, X is a $w\Sigma\text{QN}$ space if for each sequence of continuous functions $f_k : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, if $f_k \xrightarrow{(\Sigma)} 0$ then there is a subsequence k_l such that $f_{k_l} \xrightarrow{\text{QN}} 0$.

3. \mathcal{F} - UCR_0 sets. The following terminology will be useful in our proof.

DEFINITION 3.1. Suppose that \mathcal{F} is an arbitrary family of Borel functions from 2^ω to 2^ω . We say that $X \subseteq 2^\omega$ is an \mathcal{F} - UCR_0 set if for every $F \in \mathcal{F}$ and every $Y \subseteq X$, $F^{-1}[Y]$ is completely Ramsey.

First note that \mathcal{F} -UCR₀ is a σ -ideal and if $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{G}$ then \mathcal{G} -UCR₀ \subseteq \mathcal{F} -UCR₀. In what follows we shall consider this general definition for the following families of functions from 2^ω to 2^ω :

- 1-1 = all one-to-one continuous functions.
- Count = all continuous functions with countable preimages of points.
- 1-1-Borel = all one-to-one Borel functions.
- Count-Borel = all Borel functions with countable preimages of points.

Note that in [N2], a special case of this definition was considered for \mathcal{F} being the family of all Borel functions from 2^ω to 2^ω .

FACT 3.2. 1-1-Borel-UCR₀ = Count-Borel-UCR₀.

Proof. The inclusion \supseteq is obvious. Conversely, let $X \in$ 1-1-Borel-UCR₀. Let $Y \subseteq X$ and let $[s, E]$ be an Ellentuck neighborhood. Let $B : 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$ be a Borel mapping with countable preimages of points.

Since $\forall_{y \in 2^\omega} |(\text{Graph}(B))^{(y)}| \leq \omega$, by the Luzin–Novikov Theorem (see for instance [Ke, Theorem 18.10]) there are Borel sets $b_n \subseteq (2^\omega)^2$ such that $\bigcup_{n \in \omega} b_n = \text{Graph}(B)$ and $\forall_{y \in 2^\omega} |b_n^{(y)}| \leq 1$. Define A_n for $n \in \omega$ by letting $A_n = \pi_x[b_n]$. Then $\bigcup_{n \in \omega} A_n = 2^\omega$, since $2^\omega = \pi_x[\text{Graph}(B)] = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} \pi_x[b_n] = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} A_n$. Since $A_n \in \Sigma_1^1$, A_n is completely Ramsey, hence there exists an Ellentuck neighborhood $[s_1, E_1] \subseteq [s, E]$ and $n_0 \in \omega$ such that $[s_1, E_1] \subseteq A_{n_0}$.

Define $B_1 = B \upharpoonright [s_1, E_1]$. It is easy to see that B_1 is one-to-one. There is an $i \in 2$ and an Ellentuck neighborhood $[s_2, E_2] \subseteq [s_1, E_1]$ such that $[s_2, E_2] \subseteq B_1^{-1}[\mathcal{C}_{\langle i \rangle}]$, where $\mathcal{C}_s = \{x \in 2^\omega : s \subseteq x\}$. Next, let $B_2 : [s_1, E_1]^{<\omega} \rightarrow 2^\omega$ be an extension of $B_1 \upharpoonright [s_2, E_2]$ to a one-to-one Borel function. Since $X \in$ 1-1-Borel-UCR₀, there exists $E_3 \in [E_2]^\omega$ such that

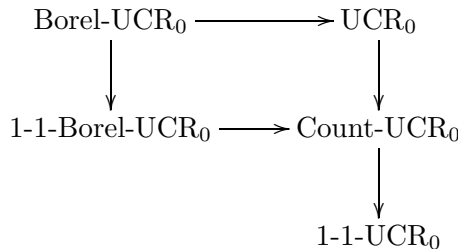
$$[s_2, E_3] \subseteq B_2^{-1}[Y] \vee [s_2, E_3] \cap B_2^{-1}[Y] = \emptyset.$$

Hence

$$[s_2, E_3] \subseteq B^{-1}[Y] \vee [s_2, E_3] \cap B^{-1}[Y] = \emptyset.$$

This proves that $X \in$ Count-Borel-UCR₀. ■

Thus we have the following diagram of inclusions:



Next, we reformulate the characterization of UCR_0 sets from Theorem 1 of [N1] in our more general language:

THEOREM 3.3. *Suppose that \mathcal{F} is a family of Borel functions from 2^ω to 2^ω . Assume that:*

1. *For each $s \in [\omega]^{<\omega}$, $E \in [\omega]^\omega$ such that $\max(s) < \min(E)$ and $F \in \mathcal{F}$ we have $F \circ \psi_{s,E} \in \mathcal{F}$.*
2. *For every perfect set $P \subseteq 2^\omega$ there exist $F \in \mathcal{F}$ and $X \subseteq P$ such that $f^{-1}[X] \notin \text{CR}$.*

Then for every $X \subseteq 2^\omega$ the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $X \in \mathcal{F}\text{-UCR}_0$.
- (2) $\forall F \in \mathcal{F} \exists A \in [\omega]^\omega |F[P(A)] \cap X| \leq \omega$.

Proof. The proof is essentially the same as the proof of Theorem 1 in [N1]. We use assumption 2 to assure that there is no perfect set in $\mathcal{F}\text{-UCR}_0$. Assumption 1 is necessary in the proof of the implication (2) \Rightarrow (1). ■

Unfortunately, we do not know of any examples of sets distinguishing the properties Borel-UCR_0 , UCR_0 , Count-UCR_0 , 1-1-UCR_0 , 1-1-Borel-UCR_0 .

4. Main result

THEOREM 4.1. *Every 1-1-UCR_0 set is an s_0^{cube} set.*

Proof. By Fact 1.0.3 from [CP] it is enough to consider functions defined on the entire space $(2^\omega)^\omega$. So, suppose that $f : \prod_{n \in \omega} 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$ is a cube. Let

$$F : 2^\omega \rightarrow (2^\omega)^\omega, \quad F(Z) = ((Z)_n)_{n \in \omega}.$$

Note that a variant of this function has been used in [N2] to prove that every UCR_0 set is an (s_0^2) set.

We show that F is continuous. Let $Z \in 2^\omega$ and $(W_n)_{n < n_0}$ be a finite sequence of open subsets of 2^ω and suppose that $F(Z) \in \prod_{n < n_0} W_n \times \prod_{n \geq n_0} 2^\omega$. Then we can find $K_0 \in \omega$ such that for every $B \in 2^\omega$, if $B \cap K_0 = Z \cap K_0$ and $n < n_0$ then $(B)_n \in W_n$. Therefore F is continuous. It is also easy to see that $f \circ F$ is one-to-one, because f is a cube and F is one-to-one.

Let X be a 1-1-UCR_0 set. Then there is a set $A \in [\omega]^\omega$ such that $|(f \circ F)[P(A)] \cap X| \leq \omega$. Let $\{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ be an increasing enumeration of the elements of A . We define $\Xi : (2^\omega)^\omega \rightarrow P(A)$ by

$$a_{2\langle k,n \rangle} \in \Xi((x_n)_{n \in \omega}) \Leftrightarrow x_n(k) = 0, \quad a_{2\langle k,n \rangle + 1} \in \Xi((x_n)_{n \in \omega}) \Leftrightarrow x_n(k) = 1.$$

CLAIM 4.2. *The image $F[\Xi[(2^\omega)^\omega]]$ is a perfect cube in $(2^\omega)^\omega$, denoted by C .*

Proof. Define $E_{k,n} = \{a_{2\langle k,n \rangle}, a_{2\langle k,n \rangle + 1}\}$. It is clear that $(E_{k,n})_{k,n \in \omega}$ is a partition of A into 2-element subsets.

Define

$$D_n = \left\{ x \in 2^\omega : x \subseteq \bigcup_{k \in \omega} E_{k,n} \wedge \forall_{k \in \omega} |E_{k,n} \cap x| = 1 \right\}.$$

These sets are perfect. We will show that

$$F[\Xi[(2^\omega)^\omega]] = \prod_{n \in \omega} D_n.$$

“ \subseteq ”: Let $(x_n) \in F[\Xi[(2^\omega)^\omega]]$ and fix $n_0 \in \omega$. Let $B \in \Xi[(2^\omega)^\omega]$ be such that $(x_n)_{n \in \omega} = F(B)$. Obviously, $B \in P(A)$. From the definition of F we conclude that

$$\forall_{n \in \omega} x_n = (B)_n.$$

It easily follows from the definition of Ξ that $\text{ran}(\Xi) \subseteq [\omega]^\omega$. Therefore, let $\{b_0, b_1, \dots\}$ be an increasing enumeration of the elements of B .

Since from the definition of Ξ we easily see that $\forall_{k,n \in \omega} |B \cap E_{k,n}| = 1$, we have $\forall_{k,n \in \omega} b_{\langle k,n \rangle} \in E_{k,n}$. Hence, $(B)_{n_0} = \{b_{\langle k,n_0 \rangle} : k \in \omega\}$ and therefore $x_{n_0} = (B)_{n_0} \subseteq \bigcup_{k \in \omega} E_{k,n_0}$ and $\forall_{k \in \omega} |E_{k,n_0} \cap x_{n_0}| = 1$. Finally, $x_{n_0} \in D_{n_0}$.

“ \supseteq ”: Let $(x_n)_{n \in \omega} \in \prod_{n \in \omega} D_n$. Define $x = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} x_n$. Since $x_n \in D_n$, we conclude that $(x_n)_{n \in \omega}$ are pairwise disjoint and $\forall_{k,n \in \omega} |E_{k,n} \cap x| = 1$. Let $\{b_0, b_1, \dots\}$ be an increasing enumeration of the elements of x . Then $\forall_{k,n \in \omega} b_{\langle k,n \rangle} \in E_{k,n}$. Hence $F(x) = (x_n)_{n \in \omega}$.

Now, define $(z_n)_{n \in \omega} \in (2^\omega)^\omega$ by

$$z_n(k) = 0 \Leftrightarrow a_{2\langle k,n \rangle} \in x, \quad z_n(k) = 1 \Leftrightarrow a_{2\langle k,n \rangle + 1} \in x.$$

Since $\Xi((z_n)_{n \in \omega}) = x$, we finally obtain $F(\Xi((z_n)_{n \in \omega})) = (x_n)_{n \in \omega}$, therefore $(x_n)_{n \in \omega} \in F[\Xi[(2^\omega)^\omega]]$. This finishes the proof of the Claim.

Thus we obtain $|f[C] \cap X| \leq \omega$. Since next we can find a perfect cube $D \subseteq C$ such that $f[D] \cap X = \emptyset$, we finally conclude that X is an s_0^{cube} set. ■

COROLLARY 4.3. *Assume CPA_{cube} . Then every 1-1- UCR_0 set has size $\leq \omega_1$ and $2^\omega = \omega_2$ holds.*

Proof. This follows immediately from Proposition 1.0.4 of [CP] (stating that under CPA_{cube} , $s_0^{\text{cube}} \subseteq [2^\omega]^{\leq \omega_1}$) and from the previous theorem. ■

COROLLARY 4.4. *Under the axiom CPA_{cube} there is no UCR_0 set of size 2^ω . In particular, this holds in the iterated perfect set model.*

This answers a question of Darji from [Da]. ■

Recall the following notion of smallness considered in [Sc]. We say that $X \subseteq 2^\omega \times 2^\omega$ has *property* (s_0^2) if every set $P \times Q \in \text{Perf} \times \text{Perf}$ has a subset $P_1 \times Q_1 \in \text{Perf} \times \text{Perf}$ disjoint from X . It was proven in [Sc] that the class of (s_0^2) sets is a σ -ideal on $2^\omega \times 2^\omega$. It was also proven in [N2] that every UCR_0 set is an (s_0^2) set. Note that Theorem 4.1 is a strengthening of this result, since we have the following easy fact:

OBSERVATION 4.5. *Every s_0^{cube} set is an (s_0^2) set.*

Proof. Let $X \in s_0^{\text{cube}}$. Suppose that $P, Q \subseteq 2^\omega$ are perfect sets. We may assume that $P \approx 2^\omega$ and $Q \approx 2^\omega$. Let h_P, h_Q be arbitrary homeomorphisms between $\prod_{n \in \omega} 2^\omega$ and P, Q , respectively. Define the following cube:

$$f : \prod_{n \in \omega} 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega \times 2^\omega, \quad f((x_n)_{n \in \omega}) = \langle h_P((x_{2n})_{n \in \omega}), h_Q((x_{2n+1})_{n \in \omega}) \rangle.$$

Since $X \in s_0^{\text{cube}}$ there exists a subcube $g \subseteq f$, $g : \prod_{n \in \omega} C_n \rightarrow 2^\omega \times 2^\omega$ ($C_n \in \text{Perf}$), such that $\text{ran}(g) \cap X = \emptyset$. We define two perfect sets, P_1 and Q_1 , by putting

$$P_1 = h_P \left[\prod_{n \in \omega} C_{2n} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad Q_1 = h_Q \left[\prod_{n \in \omega} C_{2n+1} \right].$$

It is easy to see that P_1, Q_1 are perfect sets and $P_1 \times Q_1 \subseteq \text{ran}(g)$. Therefore $(P_1 \times Q_1) \cap X = \emptyset$ and $P_1 \times Q_1 \subseteq P \times Q$. This proves that $X \in (s_0^2)$. ■

5. Thin sets related to trigonometric series. In this section we briefly discuss the relation between thin sets related to trigonometric series and \mathcal{F} -UCR₀ sets.

THEOREM 5.1. *Let $X \subseteq 2^\omega$ be a Σ set and let $h : 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$ be a continuous one-to-one function. Then $h^{-1}[X] \in \text{CR}_0$. In particular, every Σ set is a 1-1-UCR₀ set.*

Proof. Since every continuous image of a Σ set is a Σ set, it is sufficient to show that $X \cap [\omega]^\omega \in \text{CR}_0$. We notice that for every Ellentuck neighborhood $[s, A]$ the set $[s, A]^{\leq \omega}$ is homeomorphic to 2^ω , hence finally it is enough to show that there exists $A \in [\omega]^\omega$ such that $[A]^\omega \cap X = \emptyset$.

We will make use of the following sequence of functions $f_n : 2^\omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined in [BRR] and used there to prove that $2^\omega \notin \text{wQN}$:

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|\{i \leq n : x(i) = 1\}|} & \text{if } x(n) = 1, \\ \frac{1}{n+1} & \text{if } x(n) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Obviously $f_n \in C(2^\omega)$. One easily checks that $f_n(x) \rightarrow 0$ for each $x \in 2^\omega$. By assumption, there exists a subsequence $(f_{n_k})_{k \in \omega}$ such that $\sum_{k \in \omega} f_{n_k}(x) < \infty$ for each $x \in X$. Let $A = \{n_{k_0}, n_{k_1}, \dots\}$. Suppose that $B \in [A]^\omega$. Clearly $B = \{n_{k_{r_0}}, n_{k_{r_1}}, \dots\}$ where $(r_l)_{l \in \omega}$ is an increasing sequence of natural numbers. Moreover,

$$f_{n_{k_{r_l}}}(B) = \frac{1}{|\{s \leq n_{k_{r_l}} : s \in B\}|} = \frac{1}{l+1}.$$

Thus $\sum_{k \in \omega} f_{n_k}(B) = \infty$ so $B \notin \{x : \sum_{k \in \omega} f_{n_k}(x) < \infty\}$. Therefore

$$[A]^\omega \cap \left\{x : \sum_{k \in \omega} f_{n_k}(x) < \infty\right\} = \emptyset.$$

This proves that $[A]^\omega \cap X = \emptyset$. ■

THEOREM 5.2. *Let $X \subseteq 2^\omega$ be a $w\Sigma\text{QN}$ set and let $h : 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$ be a continuous one-to-one function. Then $h^{-1}[X] \in \text{CR}_0$. In particular, every $w\Sigma\text{QN}$ set is a 1-1- UCR_0 set.*

Proof. As in the proof of Theorem 5.1, it is enough to show that there exists $A \in [\omega]^\omega$ such that $X \cap [A]^\omega = \emptyset$.

We will slightly modify the functions from the previous proof. Namely, set

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 2^{-|\{i \leq n : x(i)=1\}|} & \text{if } x(n) = 1, \\ 2^{-(n+1)} & \text{if } x(n) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Obviously $f_n \in C(2^\omega)$. Let $x \in 2^\omega$. Then

$$\sum_{n \in \omega} f_n(x) \leq \sum_{n \in \omega} 2^{-(n+1)} + \sum_{n \in \omega} 2^{-(n+1)} < \infty.$$

Since $X \in w\Sigma\text{QN}$ there exists a subsequence (n_k) such that $f_{n_k} \upharpoonright X \xrightarrow{\text{QN}} 0$. Then there exists a sequence $(\varepsilon_k)_{k \in \omega}$ of positive numbers converging to zero such that

$$X \subseteq \{x \in 2^\omega : \forall_k^\infty f_{n_k}(x) < \varepsilon_k\}.$$

Next, choose an increasing sequence $(i_j)_{j \in \omega}$ of natural numbers such that $1/2^{j+1} > \varepsilon_{i_j}$. Let $A = \{n_{i_0}, n_{i_1}, n_{i_2}, \dots\}$. Suppose that $B \in [A]^\omega$. Clearly $B = \{n_{i_{r_0}}, n_{i_{r_1}}, n_{i_{r_2}}, \dots\}$, where $(r_l)_{l \in \omega}$ is an increasing sequence of natural numbers. Moreover,

$$f_{n_{i_{r_l}}}(B) = 2^{-|\{s \leq n_{i_{r_l}} : s \in B\}|} = 2^{-(l+1)} \geq 2^{-(r_l+1)} > \varepsilon_{i_{r_l}}.$$

Thus $\exists_k^\infty f_{n_k}(x) > \varepsilon_k$. Therefore $[A]^\omega \cap \{x : \forall_k^\infty f_{n_k}(x) < \varepsilon_k\} = \emptyset$. This proves that $[A]^\omega \cap X = \emptyset$. ■

Unfortunately, we are still unable to prove that every Σ set is a UCR_0 set. Even, we do not know whether every γ -set is a UCR_0 set.

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