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THE REAPING AND SPLITTING NUMBERS OF NICE IDEALS

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Abstract. We examine the splitting number $\mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{B})$ and the reaping number $\mathfrak{r}(\mathbf{B})$ of quotient Boolean algebras $\mathbf{B} = \mathcal{P}(\omega)/\mathcal{I}$ where \mathcal{I} is an F_{σ} ideal or an analytic P-ideal. For instance we prove that under Martin's Axiom $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$ for all F_{σ} ideals \mathcal{I} and for all analytic P-ideals \mathcal{I} with the BW property (and one cannot drop the BW assumption). On the other hand under Martin's Axiom $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$ for all F_{σ} ideals and all analytic P-ideals \mathcal{I} (in this case we do not need the BW property). We also provide applications of these characteristics to the ideal convergence of sequences of real-valued functions defined on the reals.

1. Introduction. Let **B** be a Boolean algebra. A set *S* is a *splitting set* for **B** if for every nonzero $b \in \mathbf{B}$ there is an $s \in S$ such that $b \cdot s \neq 0 \neq b \cdot (-s)$. A set $D \subseteq \mathbf{B} \setminus \{0\}$ is *weakly dense* if for every $b \in \mathbf{B}$ there is $d \in D$ such that $d \leq b$ or $d \leq -b$. By the *splitting number* of **B** we mean the cardinal $\mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{B}) = \min\{|S| : S \text{ is a splitting set for } \mathbf{B}\}$, and by the *reaping number* of **B** we mean $\mathfrak{r}(\mathbf{B}) = \min\{|D| : D \text{ is weakly dense in } \mathbf{B}\}$. Many results on $\mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{B})$ and $\mathfrak{r}(\mathbf{B})$ for various Boolean algebras can be found in [23].

In the following we assume that if \mathcal{I} is an ideal on ω then $[\omega]^{<\omega} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ and $\omega \notin \mathcal{I}$.

For a set $A \subseteq \omega$ we put $A^0 = A$ and $A^1 = \omega \setminus A$.

Let \mathcal{I} be an ideal on ω . We denote by $\mathcal{I}^+ = \mathcal{P}(\omega) \setminus \mathcal{I}$ the *coideal* of \mathcal{I} . A set $A \mathcal{I}$ -splits B if both $B \cap A^0, B \cap A^1$ are in \mathcal{I}^+ . A family $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+$ is \mathcal{I} -unsplittable if no single set \mathcal{I} -splits all members of \mathcal{R} . An \mathcal{I} -splitting family is a family $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ such that each $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ is \mathcal{I} -split by at least one $S \in \mathcal{S}$.

In this paper we are interested in the splitting and reaping numbers of quotient Boolean algebras of the form $\mathbf{B} = \mathcal{P}(\omega)/\mathcal{I}$ where \mathcal{I} is an F_{σ} ideal or an analytic P-ideal on ω (see Section 2 for definitions). We then write $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\mathcal{I})$ and $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\mathcal{I})$. In this case the definitions of $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I})$

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and $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I})$ can be rephrased in the following manner:

$$\begin{split} \mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) &= \min\{|\mathcal{S}| : \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+, \, \mathcal{S} \text{ is an } \mathcal{I}\text{-splitting family}\},\\ \mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) &= \min\{|\mathcal{R}| : \mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+, \, \mathcal{R} \text{ is } \mathcal{I}\text{-unsplittable}\}. \end{split}$$

In the case of the ideal $\mathcal{I} = \text{Fin}$ of all finite subsets of ω , we obtain the classical cardinal characteristics of the continuum: $\mathfrak{s} = \mathfrak{s}(\text{Fin})$ and $\mathfrak{r} = \mathfrak{r}(\text{Fin})$ (see e.g. [2] and [27]). It is well known that \mathfrak{s} and \mathfrak{r} are uncountable, and if we assume Martin's Axiom (MA) then $\mathfrak{s} = \mathfrak{r} = \mathfrak{c}$.

In Section 3 we show that $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}), \mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I})$ are uncountable for every F_{σ} ideal (Proposition 3.1), and that if we assume MA then $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$ for every F_{σ} ideal (Theorem 3.2).

In Section 4 we prove that $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I})$ is uncountable for every analytic P-ideal (Proposition 4.1), and that if we assume MA then $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$ for every analytic P-ideal (Theorem 4.2).

In [9] it is proved that $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \omega \Leftrightarrow$ the ideal \mathcal{I} does not have the BW property (see Section 2 for the definition). We prove that if we assume MA then $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$ for all analytic P-ideals \mathcal{I} with the BW property (Theorem 4.3).

The splitting, reaping and other cardinal characteristics (e.g. \mathfrak{a} , \mathfrak{p} and \mathfrak{t}) of the quotient Boolean algebras $\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\mathcal{I}$ were already considered in some papers; see e.g. [1], [3], [8], [13], [15], [16] and [26].

In Section 5 we apply the results on $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I})$ and $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I})$ to the ideal convergence of sequences of real-valued functions defined on the reals.

2. Preliminaries

2.1. Nice ideals. By identifying sets of natural numbers with their characteristic functions, we equip $\mathcal{P}(\omega)$ with the Cantor-space topology and therefore we can assign topological complexity to ideals of sets of integers. In particular, an ideal \mathcal{I} is F_{σ} (resp. *analytic*) if it is an F_{σ} (resp. analytic) subset of the Cantor space.

An ideal \mathcal{I} is a *P*-*ideal* if for every countable family $\{A_n : n \in \omega\} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ there is $A \in \mathcal{I}$ such that $A_n \setminus A$ is finite for every $n \in \omega$.

A map $\phi : \mathcal{P}(\omega) \to [0, \infty]$ is a submeasure on ω if $\phi(\emptyset) = 0$ and $\phi(A) \leq \phi(A \cup B) \leq \phi(A) + \phi(B)$ for all $A, B \subseteq \omega$. In what follows we assume that $\phi(\{n\}) < \infty$ for every submeasure ϕ and $n \in \omega$. A submeasure ϕ is lower semicontinuous (we will write lsc for short) if for all $A \subseteq \omega$ we have $\phi(A) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \phi(A \cap \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\})$. For a submeasure ϕ we write

$$\operatorname{Fin}(\phi) = \{ A \subseteq \omega : \phi(A) < \infty \}, \quad \operatorname{Exh}(\phi) = \{ A \subseteq \omega : \|A\|_{\phi} = 0 \},$$

where $||A||_{\phi} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \phi(A \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}).$

THEOREM 2.1 ([21], [25]). Let \mathcal{I} be an ideal on ω (not necessarily proper).

- (1) \mathcal{I} is an F_{σ} ideal $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{I} = \operatorname{Fin}(\phi)$ for some lsc submeasure ϕ on ω .
- (2) \mathcal{I} is an analytic P-ideal $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{I} = \text{Exh}(\phi)$ for some lsc submeasure ϕ on ω .

2.1.1. *Examples.* For many examples of nice ideals see e.g. [16] or [7]. Below we list some of them.

- (1) The ideal Fin is an F_{σ} P-ideal.
- (2) Let $f: \omega \to [0,\infty)$ be such that $\sum_{n \in \omega} f(n) = \infty$. The summable ideal generated by f,

$$\mathcal{I}_f = \Big\{ A \subseteq \omega : \sum_{n \in A} f(n) < \infty \Big\},$$

is an F_{σ} ideal [21].

(3) The ideal of sets of asymptotic density 0,

$$\mathcal{I}_d = \left\{ A \subseteq \omega : \limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{|A \cap \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}|}{n} = 0 \right\},\$$

is an analytic P-ideal (and it is not an F_{σ} ideal).

(4) Let $f: \omega \to [0, \infty)$ be such that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f(i) = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(n)}{\sum_{i \in n} f(i)} = 0.$$

The Erdős–Ulam ideal generated by f,

$$\mathcal{EU}_f = \left\{ A \subseteq \omega : \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\sum_{i \in A \cap n} f(i)}{\sum_{i \in n} f(i)} = 0 \right\},\$$

is an analytic P-ideal [17]. Note that \mathcal{I}_d is an Erdős–Ulam ideal.

- (5) Assume that I_n are pairwise disjoint intervals on ω , and μ_n is a measure that concentrates on I_n . Then $\phi = \sup_n \mu_n$ is a lower semicontinuous submeasure and $\text{Exh}(\phi)$ is called the *density ideal generated* by $(\mu_n)_n$. It is known that Erdős–Ulam ideals are density ideals.
- (6) The van der Waerden ideal

 $\mathcal{W} = \{A \subseteq \omega : A \text{ does not contain arithmetic progressions} \\ \text{of arbitrary length} \}$

is an F_{σ} ideal (and it is not a P-ideal). (7) The eventually different ideal

$$\mathcal{ED} = \{A \subseteq \omega \times \omega : \exists m, n \in \omega \ \forall k \ge n \ (|\{i \in \omega : (k, i) \in A\}| \le m)\}$$

is an F_{σ} ideal (and it is not a P-ideal).

2.2. Ideal convergence. Let \mathcal{I} be an ideal on ω and $A \subseteq \omega$. We say that a sequence $(x_n)_{n \in A}$ of reals is \mathcal{I} -convergent to $x \in \mathbb{R}$ if $\{n \in A : |x_n - x| \geq \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{I}$ for every $\varepsilon > 0$. We say that an ideal \mathcal{I} on ω has the *BW* property $(\mathcal{I} \in BW, \text{ for short})$ if for every bounded sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \omega}$ of reals there exists $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ such that $(x_n)_{n \in A}$ is \mathcal{I} -convergent [9].

Proposition 2.2 ([9]).

- (1) Every F_{σ} ideal has the BW property (hence Fin, summable ideals, W and \mathcal{ED} have the BW property).
- (2) Erdős–Ulam ideals (and \mathcal{I}_d) do not have the BW property.
- (3) A density ideal does not have the BW property if and only if it is an Erdős–Ulam ideal.

THEOREM 2.3 ([9]). Let \mathcal{I} be an ideal on ω . Then $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \omega \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{I}$ does not have the BW property.

2.3. Big intersections. Below we present some auxiliary results which we will need later (however they seem to be interesting on their own).

LEMMA 2.4. Let \mathcal{I} be an ideal on ω . There is a function $x : \mathcal{P}(\omega) \to \{0, 1\}$ such that

$$\bigcap \{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \notin \mathcal{I}$$

for every finite and nonempty family $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$.

Proof. Let \mathcal{J} be a maximal ideal such that $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$. For $A \in \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ we define

$$x(A) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } A \notin \mathcal{J}, \\ 1 & \text{if } A \in \mathcal{J}. \end{cases}$$

Since $A^{x(A)} \notin \mathcal{J}$ for every A, and \mathcal{J} is a maximal ideal, we have $\bigcap \{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \notin \mathcal{J}$. Thus $\bigcap \{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \notin \mathcal{I}$.

COROLLARY 2.5. Let $\mathcal{I} = \operatorname{Fin}(\phi)$ be an F_{σ} ideal. There is $x : \mathcal{P}(\omega) \to \{0,1\}$ such that

$$\phi\Big(\bigcap\{A^{x(A)}:A\in\mathcal{A}\}\Big)=\infty$$

for every finite and nonempty family $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$.

Proof. Apply Lemma 2.4 and note that $A \notin \mathcal{I} \Leftrightarrow \phi(A) = \infty$.

COROLLARY 2.6. Let $\mathcal{I} = \text{Exh}(\phi)$ be an analytic P-ideal. There is $x : \mathcal{P}(\omega) \to \{0,1\}$ such that

$$\left\| \bigcap \{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \right\|_{\phi} > 0$$

for every finite and nonempty family $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$.

Proof. Apply Lemma 2.4 and note that $A \notin \mathcal{I} \Leftrightarrow ||A||_{\phi} > 0$.

Below we show that for ideals with the BW property we can obtain a strengthening of the above result.

LEMMA 2.7. Let $\mathcal{I} = \text{Exh}(\phi)$ be an analytic P-ideal. The ideal \mathcal{I} has the BW property if and only if there are $\delta > 0$ and $x : \mathcal{P}(\omega) \to \{0, 1\}$ such that

$$\left\| \bigcap \{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \right\|_{\phi} \ge \delta$$

for every finite and nonempty family $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) By [9, Theorem 3.6] there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for every finite partition $A_1 \cup \cdots \cup A_n = \omega$ there exists $1 \le i \le n$ with $||A_i||_{\phi} \ge \delta$. We will show that this δ is as required.

For every finite and nonempty family $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ we define

$$C_{\mathcal{A}} = \left\{ x \in \{0,1\}^{\mathcal{P}(\omega)} : \left\| \bigcap \{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \right\|_{\phi} \ge \delta \right\}.$$

We will show that

- (1) $C_{\mathcal{A}} \neq \emptyset;$
- (2) $C_{\mathcal{A}}$ is a closed set in $\{0, 1\}^{\mathcal{P}(\omega)}$;
- (3) the family $\{C_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{A} \text{ is finite and nonempty}\}$ is centered.

Then using compactness of the topological space $\{0,1\}^{\mathcal{P}(\omega)}$ we get

 $x \in \bigcap \{ C_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{A} \text{ is finite and nonempty} \}.$

It is easy to see that this x is as required. Thus, the proof will be finished as soon as we derive (1)-(3).

(1) Take any finite and nonempty $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$. Since the family

$$\left\{ \bigcap \{A^{s(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} : s \in \{0,1\}^{\mathcal{A}} \right\}$$

is a finite partition of ω , there is $s \in \{0,1\}^{\mathcal{A}}$ with $\|\bigcap \{A^{s(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\}\|_{\phi} \ge \delta$. Then any $x \in \{0,1\}^{\mathcal{P}(\omega)}$ such that $s \subseteq x$ belongs to $C_{\mathcal{A}}$.

(2) Take any finite and nonempty $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$. Since $S = \{x \upharpoonright \mathcal{A} : x \in C_{\mathcal{A}}\}$ $\subseteq \{0,1\}^{\mathcal{A}}$ is finite and $C_{\mathcal{A}} = \bigcup_{s \in S} \{x \in \{0,1\}^{\mathcal{P}(\omega)} : s \subseteq x\}, C_{\mathcal{A}}$ is a finite union of basic clopen sets, hence closed.

(3) Take any finite and nonempty $\mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$. Since $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_1 \cup \cdots \cup \mathcal{A}_n$ is finite, $C_{\mathcal{A}} \neq \emptyset$ by (1). On the other hand, it is not difficult to see that $C_{\mathcal{A}} \subseteq C_{\mathcal{A}_1} \cap \cdots \cap C_{\mathcal{A}_n}$.

(\Leftarrow) Let $\delta > 0$ and $x : \mathcal{P}(\omega) \to \{0, 1\}$ be such that

$$\left\| \bigcap \{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \right\|_{\phi} \ge \delta$$

for every finite and nonempty family $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$.

By [9, Theorem 3.6], \mathcal{I} has the BW property if and only if there is $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for every $N \in \omega$ and every partition A_1, \ldots, A_N of ω there is $i \leq N$ with $||A_i||_{\phi} \geq \varepsilon$.

Let $\varepsilon = \delta$. Let $N \in \omega$ and $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_N\}$ be a partition of ω . Then there is $i \leq N$ with $x(A_i) = 0$ (otherwise $\bigcap \{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} = \emptyset$, hence $\|\bigcap \{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\}\|_{\phi} = 0 < \delta$). Thus $A_i \supseteq \bigcap \{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$, hence

$$\|A_i\|_{\phi} \ge \left\| \bigcap \{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \right\|_{\phi} \ge \delta = \varepsilon. \quad \blacksquare$$

3. F_{σ} ideals

PROPOSITION 3.1. Let $\mathcal{I} = \operatorname{Fin}(\phi)$ be an F_{σ} ideal. Then $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}), \mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) \geq \omega_1$.

Proof. $(\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) \geq \omega_1)$ Let $\mathcal{S} = \{S_n : n \in \omega\} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+$. We will show that \mathcal{S} is not an \mathcal{I} -splitting family, i.e. we will construct an $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ such that for every $n \in \omega$, either $A \cap S_n^0 \in \mathcal{I}$ or $A \cap S_n^1 \in \mathcal{I}$.

Let $\varepsilon \in \{0,1\}^{\omega}$ be a sequence such that $\bigcap_{i \leq n} S_i^{\varepsilon_i} \in \mathcal{I}^+$ for every $n \in \omega$. By lsc of ϕ , we can find finite sets F_n $(n \in \omega)$ such that $F_n \subseteq \bigcap_{i \leq n} S_i^{\varepsilon_i}$ and $\phi(F_n) \geq n$.

Let $A = \bigcup_n F_n$. Then $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ and $A \cap S_n^{1-\varepsilon_n} \subseteq \bigcup_{i < n} F_i \in \mathcal{I}$ for every $n \in \omega$.

 $(\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) \geq \omega_1)$ Let $\mathcal{R} = \{R_n : n \in \omega\} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+$. We will show that \mathcal{R} is not an \mathcal{I} -unsplittable family, i.e. we will construct a set $A \subseteq \omega$ such that $R_n \cap A^0 \in \mathcal{I}^+$ and $R_n \cap A^1 \in \mathcal{I}^+$ for every $n \in \omega$.

By lsc of ϕ , we can find pairwise disjoint finite sets $F_{i,n}^k$ $(i, n \in \omega$ and $k \in \{0,1\}$) such that $F_{i,n}^k \subseteq R_n$ and $\phi(F_{i,n}^k) \geq i$ for every $i, n \in \omega$ and $k \in \{0,1\}$.

Let $A = \bigcup_{i,n\in\omega} F_{i,n}^0$. If $n\in\omega$ and $k\in\{0,1\}$, then $R_n\cap A^k\supseteq\bigcup_{i\in\omega} F_{i,n}^k$ and hence $R_n\cap A^k\in\mathcal{I}^+$.

THEOREM 3.2. Assume MA. Let $\mathcal{I} = \operatorname{Fin}(\phi)$ be an F_{σ} ideal. Then $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$.

Proof. $(\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c})$ Let $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ be such that $|\mathcal{S}| = \kappa < \mathfrak{c}$. We will show that \mathcal{S} is not an \mathcal{I} -splitting family.

Let $x : \mathcal{P}(\omega) \to \{0, 1\}$ be as in Corollary 2.5. Let $\mathcal{F} = \{S^{x(S)} : S \in \mathcal{S}\}$ and $\mathbb{P} = [\omega]^{<\omega} \times [\mathcal{F}]^{<\omega}$. For $(s, A), (t, B) \in \mathbb{P}$ we define $(s, A) \leq (t, B)$ if

(1) $s \supseteq t$, (2) $A \supseteq B$, and (3) $s \setminus t \subseteq \bigcap B$.

Then it is not difficult to show that $\langle \mathbb{P}, \leq \rangle$ is a ccc poset.

Define

$$D_F = \{(s, A) \in \mathbb{P} : F \in A\} \quad \text{for every } F \in \mathcal{F}, \\ D_n = \{(s, A) \in \mathbb{P} : \phi(s) > n\} \quad \text{for every } n \in \omega.$$

It is easy to see that D_F is dense for every F. We show that D_n is also dense for every n.

Let $(s, A) \in \mathbb{P}$ and $A = \{F_0, \ldots, F_{m-1}\}$. Let $F_i = S_i^{x(S_i)}$ with $S_i \in \mathcal{S}$ for i < m. Since $\bigcap A = \bigcap_{i < m} F_i = \bigcap_{i < m} S_i^{x(S_i)}$, we have $\phi(\bigcap A) = \infty$. By lsc of ϕ there is a finite set $t \subseteq \bigcap A$ such that $\phi(t) > n$. Then $(s \cup t, A) \in D_n$ and $(s \cup t, A) \leq (s, A)$.

By Martin's Axiom, there is a filter $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ such that $G \cap D_n \neq \emptyset$ and $G \cap D_F \neq \emptyset$ for every $n \in \omega$ and $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Let

$$X = \bigcup \{s : (s, A) \in G\}.$$

Clearly $X \in \mathcal{I}^+$, and X is not \mathcal{I} -split by any member of \mathcal{S} because if $F = S^{x(S)} \in \mathcal{F}$ and $(s, A) \in G \cap D_F$, then $X \cap S^{1-x(S)} \subseteq s$ and hence $X \cap S^{1-x(S)} \in \mathcal{I}$.

 $(\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c})$ Let $\kappa < \mathfrak{c}$ and $\mathcal{F} = \{F_{\alpha} : \alpha < \kappa\} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+$. We will show that there is a set which \mathcal{I} -splits all members of \mathcal{F} .

Let $\mathbb{P} = 2^{<\omega}$. Then $\langle \mathbb{P}, \supseteq \rangle$ is a ccc poset. Define

$$D_{\alpha,n} = \{ s \in \mathbb{P} : \phi(s^{-1}(0) \cap F_{\alpha}) > n \land \phi(s^{-1}(1) \cap F_{\alpha}) > n \}$$

for every $n \in \omega$ and $\alpha < \kappa$. Using lsc of ϕ it is not difficult to show that the sets $D_{\alpha,n}$ are dense in \mathbb{P} .

By Martin's Axiom, there is a filter $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ such that $G \cap D_{\alpha,n} \neq \emptyset$ for every $n \in \omega$ and $\alpha < \kappa$. Let

$$f = \bigcup G$$
 and $X = f^{-1}(0)$.

It is easy to see that $X \in \mathcal{I}^+$. We will show that X \mathcal{I} -splits all sets in \mathcal{F} .

Let $\alpha < \kappa$. For any $n \in \omega$ there is $s_n \in G \cap D_{\alpha,n}$. Since $F_{\alpha} \cap X^i \supseteq F_{\alpha} \cap s_n^{-1}(i)$ for i = 0, 1 and every n, we have $\phi(F_{\alpha} \cap X^i) > n$ for i = 0, 1 and every n, and so $F_{\alpha} \cap X^i \in \mathcal{I}^+$ (i = 0, 1).

4. Analytic P-ideals

PROPOSITION 4.1. Let $\mathcal{I} = \text{Exh}(\phi)$ be an analytic *P*-ideal. Then $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) \geq \omega_1$.

Proof. Let $\mathcal{F} = \{F_n \in \mathcal{I}^+ : n \in \omega\}$. We will show that there is a set which \mathcal{I} -splits all members of \mathcal{F} .

Let $\delta_n > 0$ be such that $||F_n||_{\phi} > \delta_n$ for every $n \in \omega$. Let $\langle G_n : n \in \omega \rangle$ be a sequence such that $\{G_n : n \in \omega\} = \{F_n : n \in \omega\}$ and $\{k \in \omega : G_k = F_n\}$ is infinite for each $n \in \omega$. Let $f : \omega \to \omega$ be such that $G_n = F_{f(n)}$ for every $n \in \omega$. We will construct sequences $\langle s_n : n \in \omega \rangle$ and $\langle t_n : n \in \omega \rangle$ such that

(1) s_n, t_n are finite, (2) $s_n, t_n \subseteq G_n \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ for every $n \in \omega$, (3) $s_n \cap s_k = \emptyset, t_n \cap t_k = \emptyset$ and $s_n \cap t_k = \emptyset$ for every $n, k \in \omega$, (4) $\phi(s_n) > \delta_{f(n)}, \phi(t_n) > \delta_{f(n)}$.

Suppose that we have already constructed s_i, t_i for $i \leq n$. Let $s = s_0 \cup \cdots \cup s_n$ and $t = t_0 \cup \cdots \cup t_n$. Let $G = G_{n+1} \setminus (s \cup t)$. Since $s \cup t$ is finite we have $\|G\|_{\phi} > \delta_{f(n+1)}$. By the definition of $\|\cdot\|_{\phi}$ and lsc of ϕ there is a finite set $s_{n+1} \subseteq G \setminus \{0, 1, \ldots, n\}$ with $\phi(s_{n+1}) > \delta_{f(n+1)}$. Applying the definition of $\|\cdot\|_{\phi}$ and lsc of ϕ again, there is a finite set $t_{n+1} \subseteq G \setminus s_{n+1}$ with $\phi(t_{n+1}) > \delta_{f(n+1)}$.

Let $X = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} s_n$. Then $s_n \subseteq G_n \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} = F_0 \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ for every $n \in f^{-1}(0)$. Thus $\phi(X \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}) \ge \phi(s_n) > \delta_0 > 0$ for every $n \in f^{-1}(0)$, hence $||X||_{\phi} \ge \delta_0 > 0$. We will show that X \mathcal{I} -splits all sets in the family \mathcal{F} .

First of all, we will show that $F_k \cap X \in \mathcal{I}^+$. Let $i \in \omega$. Then there is $n \in f^{-1}(k)$ with n > i. Then

$$\phi((F_k \cap X) \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, i-1\}) = \phi((G_n \cap X) \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, i-1\})$$

$$\geq \phi((G_n \cap X) \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}) \ge \phi(s_n) > \delta_k$$

Thus $||F_k \cap X||_{\phi} \ge \delta_k > 0.$

Using the same argument as above one can show that $F_k \setminus X \in \mathcal{I}^+$.

THEOREM 4.2. Assume MA. Let $\mathcal{I} = \text{Exh}(\phi)$ be an analytic P-ideal. Then $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$.

Proof. Let $\kappa < \mathfrak{c}$ and $\mathcal{F} = \{F_{\alpha} : \alpha < \kappa\} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+$. Let $\delta_{\alpha} > 0$ be such that $\|F_{\alpha}\|_{\phi} > \delta_{\alpha}$ for every $\alpha < \kappa$.

Let $\mathbb{P} = 2^{<\omega}$. Then $\langle \mathbb{P}, \supseteq \rangle$ is a ccc poset. Define

$$D_{\alpha,n} = \left\{ s \in \mathbb{P} : \phi\left((F_{\alpha} \cap s^{-1}(i)) \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} \right) > \delta_{\alpha} \text{ for } i = 0, 1 \right\}$$

for every $n \in \omega$ and $\alpha < \kappa$. It is not difficult to show that $D_{\alpha,n}$ is dense in \mathbb{P} .

By Martin's Axiom, there is a filter $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ such that $G \cap D_{\alpha,n} \neq \emptyset$ for every $n \in \omega$ and $\alpha < \kappa$. Let $f = \bigcup G$ and $X = f^{-1}(0)$. Then $X \in \mathcal{I}^+$ and $X \mathcal{I}$ -splits all sets in \mathcal{F} .

THEOREM 4.3. Assume MA. Let $\mathcal{I} = \text{Exh}(\phi)$ be an analytic P-ideal with the BW property. Then $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$.

Proof. Let $S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ be such that $|S| = \kappa < \mathfrak{c}$. We will show that S is not an \mathcal{I} -splitting family.

Let $\delta > 0$ and $x : \mathcal{P}(\omega) \to \{0, 1\}$ be as in Lemma 2.7.

Let $\mathcal{F} = \{S^{x(S)} : S \in \mathcal{S}\}$ and $\mathbb{P} = [\omega]^{<\omega} \times [\mathcal{F}]^{<\omega}$. For $(s, A), (t, B) \in \mathbb{P}$ we define $(s, A) \leq (t, B)$ if

$$s \supseteq t, \quad A \supseteq B, \quad s \setminus t \subseteq \bigcap B.$$

Then it is not difficult to show that $\langle \mathbb{P}, \leq \rangle$ is a ccc poset.

Define

$$D_n = \{ (s, A) \in \mathbb{P} : \phi(s \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}) > \delta/2 \} \quad \text{for every } n \in \omega,$$

$$D_F = \{ (s, A) \in \mathbb{P} : F \in A \} \quad \text{for every } F \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Clearly D_F is dense for every $F \in \mathcal{F}$. We will show that the sets D_n are dense.

Let $(s, A) \in \mathbb{P}$ and $A = \{F_0, \dots, F_{m-1}\}$. Let $F_i = S_i^{x(S_i)}$ with $S_i \in \mathcal{S}$ for i < m. Since $\bigcap A = \bigcap_{i < m} F_i = \bigcap_{i < m} S_i^{x(S_i)}$, we have $\|\bigcap A\|_{\phi} \ge \delta$. Since

$$\left\|\bigcap A\right\|_{\phi} = \lim_{k \to \infty} \phi\left(\bigcap A \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, k-1\}\right)$$

it follows that $\phi(\bigcap A \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}) > \delta/2$. By lsc of ϕ there is a finite set $t \subseteq \bigcap A \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ such that $\phi(t) > \delta/2$. Then $(s \cup t, A) \in D_n$ and $(s \cup t, A) \leq (s, A)$.

By Martin's Axiom, there is a filter $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ such that $G \cap D_n \neq \emptyset$ and $G \cap D_F \neq \emptyset$ for every $n \in \omega$ and $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Let

$$X = \bigcup \{s : (s, A) \in G\}.$$

Clearly, $||X||_{\phi} \geq \delta/2$ so $X \in \mathcal{I}^+$, and X is not \mathcal{I} -split by any member of \mathcal{S} because if $S \in \mathcal{S}$, $F = S^{x(S)}$, and $(s, A) \in G \cap D_F$, then $X \cap S^{1-x(S)} \subseteq s$.

5. Applications. It is not difficult to prove that the Bolzano–Weierstrass theorem (that every bounded sequence of reals has a convergent subsequence) fails if we consider sequences of functions instead of reals (i.e. there exists a uniformly bounded sequence $(f_n)_{n\in\omega}$ of real-valued functions defined on \mathbb{R} such that no subsequence of $(f_n)_{n\in\omega}$ is pointwise convergent). The ideal version of this result is presented below (in this case we have to consider two cases: either \mathcal{I} is a "somewhere" maximal ideal or not).

Let \mathcal{I} be an ideal on ω and $A \subseteq \omega$. We say that a sequence $(f_n)_{n \in A}$ of realvalued functions defined on a set X is *pointwise* \mathcal{I} -convergent to $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$ if for every $x \in X$ the sequence of reals $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$ is \mathcal{I} -convergent to f(x). (See [18], [20] and [6] for description of pointwise \mathcal{I} -limits of continuous functions; in [12], [5] and [11] the authors also consider an ideal version of discrete convergence and equal convergence of sequences of functions.)

For an ideal \mathcal{I} on ω and $A \subseteq \omega$ we define the ideal $\mathcal{I} \upharpoonright A = \{B \subseteq \omega : B \cap A \in \mathcal{I}\}.$

PROPOSITION 5.1. Let \mathcal{I} be an ideal on ω . Let $f_n : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ $(n \in \omega)$ be a uniformly bounded sequence of functions.

- (1) If \mathcal{I} is a maximal ideal then $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$ is pointwise \mathcal{I} -convergent.
- (2) If there is $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ such that $\mathcal{I} \upharpoonright A$ is a maximal ideal then the subsequence $(f_n)_{n \in A}$ is pointwise \mathcal{I} -convergent.

Proof. (1) Follows from the fact that every bounded sequence of reals is \mathcal{I} -convergent, for each maximal ideal \mathcal{I} .

(2) Follows from (1). \blacksquare

PROPOSITION 5.2. Let \mathcal{I} be an ideal on ω such that $\mathcal{I} \upharpoonright A$ is not maximal for any $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$. There exists a uniformly bounded sequence of functions $f_n : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ $(n \in \omega)$ such that $(f_n)_{n \in A}$ is not pointwise \mathcal{I} -convergent for any $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$.

Proof. Let $\{0,1\}^{\omega} = \{s_{\alpha} : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$ and $\mathbb{R} = \{x_{\alpha} : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$. We define $f_n : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ by $f_n(x_{\alpha}) = s_{\alpha}(n) \ (n \in \omega, \alpha < \mathfrak{c})$.

Let $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$. Then there are $B, C \subseteq \omega$ such that $A = B \cup C, B \cap C = \emptyset$ and $B, C \in \mathcal{I}^+$.

Let α be such that $s_{\alpha}(n) = 0$ for $n \in B$ and $s_{\alpha}(n) = 1$ for $n \in C$.

Since $\mathcal{I}^+ \ni C \subseteq \{n : f_n(x_\alpha) \neq 0\}$ and $\mathcal{I}^+ \ni B \subseteq \{n : f_n(x_\alpha) \neq 1\}$, the sequence $(f_n)_{n \in A}$ is not \mathcal{I} -convergent.

Saks asked (see [24]) whether for every uniformly bounded sequence $(f_n)_{n\in\omega}$ of real-valued functions defined on \mathbb{R} there exists an infinite set $A \subseteq \omega$ such that the subsequence $(f_n(x))_{n\in A}$ is convergent for uncountably many $x \in \mathbb{R}$. This question was answered in the negative by Sierpiński [24] under the assumption of the Continuum Hypothesis (CH). Later, Fuchino and Plewik [14] proved that if $\mathfrak{s} > \omega_1$ then the answer to the question is positive. In fact, they proved that for every uniformly bounded sequence $f_n : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ and every $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ with $|X| < \mathfrak{s}$ there exists an infinite $A \subseteq \omega$ such that $(f_n \upharpoonright X)_{n \in A}$ is pointwise convergent. The ideal versions of these results are presented below.

First, if \mathcal{I} is a "somewhere" maximal ideal then the answer to the ideal version of Saks' question is positive (by Proposition 5.1).

Second, if $\mathcal{I} \notin BW$ then there exists (in ZFC) a uniformly bounded sequence $f_n : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ $(n \in \omega)$ such that for every $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ the subsequence $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$ is not pointwise \mathcal{I} -convergent for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$. (Indeed, let $(x_n)_{n \in \omega}$ be a bounded sequence such that $(x_n)_{n \in A}$ is not \mathcal{I} -convergent for any $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$. Then the functions $f_n(x) = x_n$ $(n \in \omega, x \in \mathbb{R})$ are as required.) Thus, the answer to the ideal version of Saks' question is negative.

Below (Corollaries 5.4 and 5.7) we prove that in the third case (i.e. $\mathcal{I} \in BW$ and $\mathcal{I} \upharpoonright A$ is not a maximal ideal) the answer to the ideal version of Saks' question is independent of ZFC for F_{σ} ideals and analytic P-ideals.

PROPOSITION 5.3. Let \mathcal{I} be an ideal on ω . If $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$ then there exists a uniformly bounded sequence $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$ of real-valued functions defined on \mathbb{R} such that for every $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ the subsequence $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$ is \mathcal{I} -convergent for less than \mathfrak{c} many $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Let $\mathbb{R} = \{x_{\alpha} : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$ and $\mathcal{I}^+ = \{A_{\alpha} : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$. We define $f_n : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f_n(x_{\alpha}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } n \in S_{\alpha}, \\ 1 & \text{for } n \in \omega \setminus S_{\alpha}, \end{cases}$$

where $S_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{I}^+$ is a set that \mathcal{I} -splits the family $\{A_{\beta} : \beta < \alpha\}$ (there is one since $|\alpha| < \mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I})$).

Let $A = A_{\beta} \in \mathcal{I}^+$. We will show that the subsequence $(f_n(x_{\alpha}))_{n \in A}$ is not \mathcal{I} -convergent for every $\alpha > \beta$, and that will finish the proof.

Let $\alpha > \beta$. Then $\{n \in A : f_n(x_\alpha) = 0\} = A_\beta \cap S_\alpha \in \mathcal{I}^+$ and $\{n \in A : f_n(x_\alpha) = 1\} = A_\beta \setminus S_\alpha \in \mathcal{I}^+$. Thus $(f_n(x_\alpha))_{n \in A}$ is not \mathcal{I} -convergent.

COROLLARY 5.4. Assume CH. Let \mathcal{I} be an F_{σ} ideal or an analytic P-ideal on ω . There exists a uniformly bounded sequence $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$ of real-valued functions defined on \mathbb{R} such that $\{x : (f_n(x))_{n \in A} \text{ is } \mathcal{I}\text{-convergent}\}$ is countable for every $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$.

Proof. Apply Proposition 5.3 and Proposition 3.1 or 4.1 respectively.

PROPOSITION 5.5. Let \mathcal{I} be an ideal on ω with the BW property. Let $f_n : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ $(n \in \omega)$ be a uniformly bounded sequence of functions. Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be such that $|X| < \mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I})$. There exists $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ such that $(f_n \upharpoonright X)_{n \in A}$ is pointwise \mathcal{I} -convergent.

Proof. The proof is a slight modification of the proof of [14, Lemma 4]. We provide it for completeness.

Let $|X| = \kappa < \mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I})$. For every $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ let $C_x^y = \{n \in \omega : f_n(x) < y\}$. Let $\mathcal{C} = \{C_x^q : q \in \mathbb{Q}, x \in X\}$. Since $|\mathcal{C}| < \mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I})$, there exists $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ such that $A \cap C \in \mathcal{I}$ or $A \setminus C \in \mathcal{I}$ for every $C \in \mathcal{C}$.

We claim that $(f_n \upharpoonright X)_{n \in A}$ is \mathcal{I} -convergent to the function $f : X \to \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x) = \inf\{y \in \mathbb{R} : \{n \in A : f_n(x) < y\} \in \mathcal{I}^+\} = \inf\{y \in \mathbb{R} : A \cap C_x^y \in \mathcal{I}^+\}.$

Let $x \in X$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. Let $B_1 = \{n \in A : f_n(x) < f(x) - \varepsilon\}$ and $B_2 = \{n \in A : f_n(x) > f(x) + \varepsilon\}.$

Since $\{n \in A : |f_n(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon\} = B_1 \cup B_2$, it is enough to show that $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{I}$.

Suppose that $B_1 \in \mathcal{I}^+$. Since $A \cap C_x^{f(x)-\varepsilon} = B_1 \in \mathcal{I}^+$, it follows that $f(x) = \inf\{y \in \mathbb{R} : A \cap C_x^y \in \mathcal{I}^+\} \leq f(x) - \varepsilon$, a contradiction.

Suppose that $B_2 \in \mathcal{I}^+$. Let $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ be such that $f(x) < q < f(x) + \varepsilon$. Since $B_2 \subseteq A \setminus C_x^q$, we have $A \setminus C_x^q \notin \mathcal{I}$. But $C_x^q \in \mathcal{C}$ and \mathcal{C} does not \mathcal{I} -split A, so $A \cap C_x^q \in \mathcal{I}$. Thus $f(x) = \inf\{y \in \mathbb{R} : A \cap C_x^y \in \mathcal{I}^+\} \ge q$, a contradiction.

REMARK 5.6. The assumption that \mathcal{I} has the BW property is necessary in Proposition 5.5. Indeed, let \mathcal{I} be an ideal without the BW. By Theorem 2.3, $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \omega$. If $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$ is the sequence defined before Proposition 5.3, and $X = \{0\}$, then $|X| < \mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I})$, but $(f_n \upharpoonright X)_{n \in A} = (x_n)_{n \in A}$ is not \mathcal{I} -convergent for any $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$.

COROLLARY 5.7. Assume MA and $\neg CH$. Let \mathcal{I} be an F_{σ} ideal, or an analytic P-ideal with the BW property, on ω . For every uniformly bounded sequence $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$ of real-valued functions defined on \mathbb{R} there exists $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ such that the subsequence $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$ is \mathcal{I} -convergent for uncountably many $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Apply Proposition 5.5 and Theorems 3.2 and 4.3 respectively.

Mazurkiewicz [22] proved that if one takes a uniformly bounded sequence of continuous functions $f_n : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ $(n \in \omega)$ then there always exist a perfect set $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and an infinite set $A \subseteq \omega$ such that $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$ is convergent for every $x \in P$. (Since perfect sets are uncountable, his result yields a positive answer to Saks' question in the realm of continuous functions.) In [10] it is proved that the ideal version of Mazurkiewicz's result holds for F_{σ} ideals and for analytic P-ideals with the BW property.

Mazurkiewicz's result shows (taking into account that perfect sets are of cardinality \mathfrak{c}) that for a uniformly bounded sequence $(f_n)_{n\in\omega}$ of continuous functions one always finds an infinite $A \subseteq \omega$ such that the subsequence $(f_n(x))_{n\in A}$ is convergent for \mathfrak{c} many $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Of course, Sierpiński's result shows that under CH there is a uniformly bounded sequence $(f_n)_{n\in\omega}$ such that there is no infinite $A \subseteq \omega$ such that $(f_n(x))_{n\in A}$ is convergent for \mathfrak{c} many $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Ciesielski and Pawlikowski [4] proved that it is consistent with the axioms of ZFC that for every uniformly bounded sequence $(f_n)_{n\in\omega}$ of real-valued functions defined on \mathbb{R} there exists an infinite $A \subseteq \omega$ such that $(f_n(x))_{n\in A}$ is convergent for \mathfrak{c} many $x \in \mathbb{R}$. We do not know if the result of Ciesielski and Pawlikowski can be generalized to ideal convergence.

It is known (see e.g. [4] or [19]) that under MA for every uniformly bounded sequence $(f_n)_{n\in\omega}$ of real-valued functions defined on \mathbb{R} and every $|X| < \mathfrak{c}$ there exists an infinite $A \subseteq \omega$ such that the subsequence $(f_n \upharpoonright X)_{n \in A}$ is pointwise convergent, and on the other hand, there exists a uniformly bounded sequence $(f_n)_{n\in\omega}$ of real-valued functions defined on \mathbb{R} such that for every infinite $A \subseteq \omega$ the subsequence $(f_n(x))_{n\in A}$ is convergent for less than \mathfrak{c} many $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

COROLLARY 5.8. Assume MA. Let \mathcal{I} be an F_{σ} ideal, or an analytic P-ideal with the BW property, on ω . For every uniformly bounded sequence

 $(f_n)_{n\in\omega}$ of real-valued functions defined on \mathbb{R} and every $|X| < \mathfrak{c}$ there exists $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ such that the subsequence $(f_n \upharpoonright X)_{n\in A}$ is pointwise \mathcal{I} -convergent.

Proof. Apply Proposition 5.5 and Theorems 3.2 or 4.3 respectively.

COROLLARY 5.9. Assume MA. Let \mathcal{I} be an F_{σ} ideal or an analytic *P*-ideal on ω . There exists a uniformly bounded sequence $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$ of realvalued functions defined on \mathbb{R} such that for every $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ the subsequence $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$ is \mathcal{I} -convergent for less than \mathfrak{c} many $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Apply Proposition 5.3 and Theorems 3.2 or 4.2 respectively.

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