

Martin's Axiom and initially ω_1 -compact spaces

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Take the space to have base set βX and simply declare the points of $\beta X \setminus X$ to be isolated. The points of X retain their original neighborhood bases.

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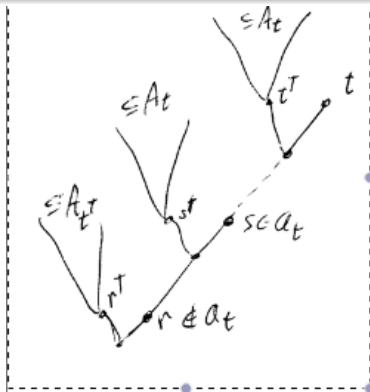
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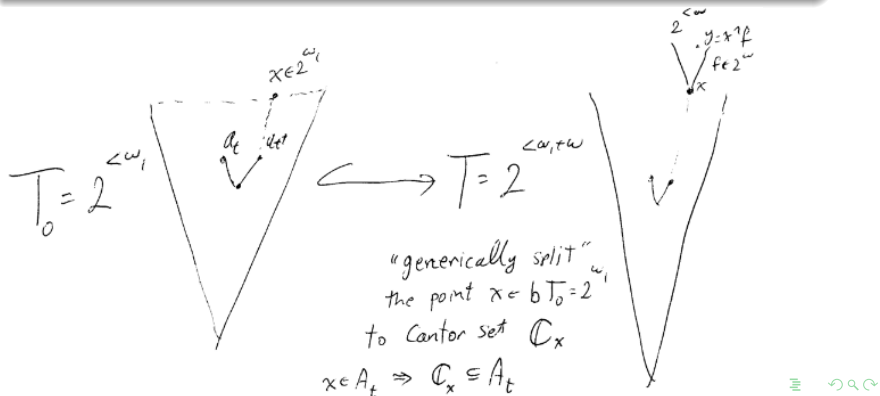
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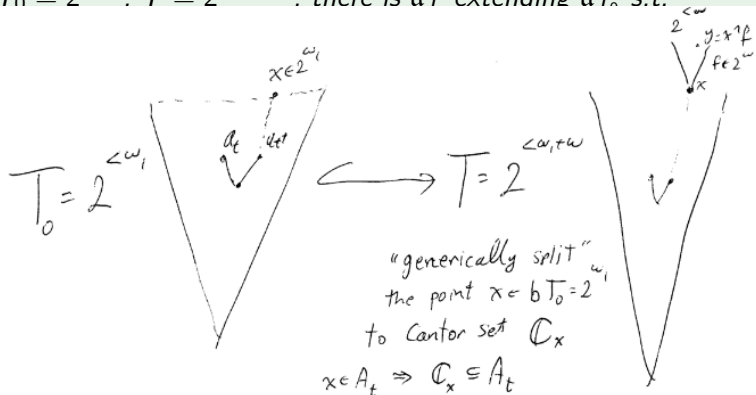
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Our bT is βX and it has the desired property that every $Y \in [bT \cap 2^{\omega_2}]^{\leq \omega_1}$ accumulates to points in X , thus there is a first-countable initially ω_1 -compact space of cardinality greater than c .

Proof.

We skip the proof of part 1.

To prove parts 2 and 3, we note that the space we get from \mathfrak{a}_{T_ω} maps perfectly onto the space we get from \mathfrak{a}_{T_R} . I.e. our only points are the t_α with neighborhoods given by $A_{t_\alpha}^\dagger$. It suffices to show that this space remains initially ω_1 -compact.

We just consider countably compact.

Assume that $\dot{A} = \{\dot{\xi}_n : n \in \omega\}$ is a Q -name of an infinite set of successor ordinals. Assume that for all $q \in Q$, and all finite $L \subset \text{Succ}(\omega_2)$, there is $q' < q$ and an n such that $q' \Vdash t_{\dot{\xi}_n} \in A_{t_\beta}$ for each $\beta \in L$ (a typical neighborhood of the point $\vec{1}$).

For each uncountable limit λ , choose finite $F_\lambda \subset \lambda$, n_λ , and $q_\lambda \in Q$, so that for $n \geq n_\lambda$, if $q_\lambda \Vdash \dot{x}_n \in A_{t_{\lambda+1}}^\dagger$ then $q_\lambda \Vdash \dot{x}_n \in A_{t_\beta}^\dagger$ for some $\beta \in F_\lambda$.

But now, there is a stationary S and fixed \bar{q}, \bar{n}, F so that $(q_\lambda, n_\lambda, F_\lambda) = (\bar{q}, \bar{n}, F)$ for all $\lambda \in S$.

However, it now follows that $Y = \{t_\xi : (\exists q' < \bar{q}) \xi \in \dot{A}\}$ must have compact closure, since its closure misses $\{t_{\lambda+1} : \lambda \in S\}$.