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Definability of small puncture sets. (English summary)

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We say that a set P punctures a family of sets \mathcal{A} if its intersection with each set in \mathcal{A} is non-empty. Let κ be an infinite cardinal, and let \mathcal{X} be a class of Hausdorff spaces. A pointclass Γ is called κ -chromatic-on- \mathcal{X} if every Γ -measurable \aleph_0 -dimensional digraph on a space $X \in \mathcal{X}$ satisfies a weak analogue of the Kechris-Solecki-Todorćević dichotomy theorem [A. S. Kechris, S. Solecki and S. B. Todorćević, *Adv. Math.* **141** (1999), no. 1, 1–44; MR1667145 (2000e:03132)] characterizing the existence of Borel colorings relative to κ . Let $\check{\Gamma}$ denote the pointclass of complements of sets in Γ . We say that $Y \subseteq X$ is weakly \aleph_0 -universally Baire if $\pi^{-1}(Y)$ has the Baire property for every continuous function $\pi: 2^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow X$.

The following general theorem is proved.

Suppose that Γ is a κ -chromatic-on- \mathcal{X} pointclass, $X \in \mathcal{X}$, E is a $\check{\Gamma}$ -measurable, weakly \aleph -universally Baire equivalence relation on X , and $\mathcal{A} \subseteq [X/E]^{\leq \aleph_0}$ is Γ -measurable. Then at least one of the following holds:

- (1) There is a set of cardinality strictly less than κ puncturing \mathcal{A} .
- (2) There is a pairwise disjoint subset of \mathcal{A} of cardinality \mathfrak{c} .

Moreover, if there is no surjection from a cardinal strictly less than κ to \mathfrak{c} , then exactly one of the above conditions holds.

This result is then used to establish refinements for several distinguished pointclasses. Also, the authors discuss the definability of the puncture sets obtained from the proofs.

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