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# On the Boolean Structure Generated by $Q$-Points of $\omega^{*}$ 

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We prove that under $\mathfrak{p}=\operatorname{cf}(\mathfrak{c})$ is $\mathrm{RO}\left(\mathscr{P}\left((\omega) /\right.\right.$ /fin, $\left.\subseteq^{*}\right)$ isomorphic to the Boolean completion of the partial order of nowhere-dense subsets of $\omega^{*}$ defining Q -points (ordered downwards by inclusion).

## Introduction and motivation

In this paper we study Boolean properties of a (naturally defined) ordering of the system of nowhere-dense subsets of $\omega^{*}$ which defines Q-points in the sense, that Q-points of $\omega^{*}$ are exactly those points of $\omega^{*}$ (ultrafilters) which are not in the union of these nwd sets. This study is a continuation of a work which originally arose from two different motivations.

The first motivation is that of [V2] namely to study natural partial orders (e.g. absolutely convergent and divergent series ordered as in comparison and ratio comparison test) from set-theoretic and Boolean-theoretic point of view. In [V2] it was shown that under $\mathfrak{p}=\operatorname{cf}(\mathfrak{c})\left(\omega_{1}=\operatorname{cf}(\mathfrak{c})\right.$ resp.) Boolean completions of these ordering of divergent (convergent resp.) series are isomorphic to $\mathrm{RO}(\mathscr{P}(\omega) /$ fin) - the Boolean completion of the algebra of subsets of natural numbers modulo the ideal of finite sets.

The second motivation is that of [V1], namely a new type (besides topological and combinatorial) of definitions of points of $\omega^{*}$ as those outside of the union of a system of nowhere-dense subsets of $\omega^{*}$ (which leads to new existence theorems for points of $\omega^{*}$ ). These systems of nowhere-dense subsets of $\omega^{*}$ are those connected to the definition of the very point, i.e. filters on $\omega$ which are connected to series, partitions, etc.

Moreover, in [V1] these two motivations met in an observation that the ordering of divergent series is the same as the ordering of nowhere-dense system induced

[^0]by series. So, in general (see [V1]) having $\mathbb{F}$ a system of nowhere-dense subsets of $\omega^{*}$ it defines points, which we can call $\mathbb{F}$-points (in special cases these are rapids, Q-points, etc.) laying outside the union of $\mathbb{F}$. That is, $j \in \omega^{*}$ is an $\mathbb{F}$-point iff $j \in \omega^{*} \backslash \bigcup \mathbb{F}$. Considering $\mathbb{F}$ as being ordered by inclusion upwards the dominating number $\mathfrak{D}(\mathbb{F}, \subseteq)$ is the number of nwd sets necessary to cover the same portion of $\omega^{*}$ as the whole $\mathbb{F}$ does. By this way we get existence theorems of type $\mathfrak{n}\left(\omega^{*}\right)>\mathfrak{D}(\mathbb{F}, \subseteq)$ implies there are $\mathbb{F}$-points $\left(\mathfrak{n}\left(\omega^{*}\right)\right.$ is the Novák number i.e. the minimal number of nwd sets necessary to cover the whole $\omega^{*}$ ).

Further, the system ( $\mathbb{F}_{r}$ ' $\subseteq$ ) defining rapid ultrafilters was shown in [V1] to be Boolean isomorphic (after completion) to $\mathscr{P}(\omega) /$ /fin. So a new type of problems occured, namely, having a system $\mathbb{F}$ of nwd subsets of $\omega^{*}$ ordered by inclusion, look to it downwards and ask about the Boolean type of this ordering.
In this paper we investigate the Boolean structure of $\left(\mathbb{F}_{q}, \subseteq\right)$, where $\mathbb{F}_{q}$ is the (canonical) system of nwd subsets of $\omega^{*}$ defining Q -points and we show (surprisingly) it is again isomorphic to that of $\mathscr{P}(\omega)$ /fin (after necessary completion).

## Notations

Let $\omega$ denotes the set of natural numbers, [ $\omega]^{\omega \omega}$ is the system of all infinite subsets of $\omega,[\omega]^{<\omega}$ is the system of all finite subsets of $\omega, \mathscr{P}(\omega) /$ fin is the Boolean algebra of subsets of $\omega$ modulo ideal of finite sets (sometimes seen as $[\omega]^{\omega}$ ). The Stone space of algebra $\mathscr{P}(\omega) /$ fin is denoted $\omega^{*}=\operatorname{St}(\mathscr{P}(\omega) /$ fin $)$ and equipped with the topology generated by base consisting of sets of form:

$$
A^{*}=\{j: j \text { is a uniform ultrafilter on } \omega \text { and } A \in j\},
$$

where $A \subseteq \omega$.
For an ideal $\mathscr{I}$ on $\omega, \mathscr{F}$, denotes the dual filter. Filters on $\omega$ can be viewed (represented) as subsets of $\omega^{*}$ in the following way:

$$
\delta(\mathscr{F})=\bigcap\left\{A^{*}: A \in \mathscr{F}\right\}
$$

is the closed set corresponding to $\mathscr{F}$. Note that $\delta(\mathscr{F} . g)$ is nowhere-dense iff $\mathscr{I}$ is tall (i.e. $\left.\left(\forall X \in[\omega]^{\omega}\right)\left(\exists Y \in[X]^{\omega}\right)(Y \in \mathscr{I})\right)$.
The set $\mathscr{R} \subseteq[\omega]^{<\omega \backslash} \backslash\{\theta\}$ is said to be a (finitary) partition of $\omega$ if $\bigcup \mathscr{R}=\omega$ and elements of $\mathscr{R}$ are pairwise disjoint. $\mathbb{R}$ is the system of all (finitary) partitions of $\omega$. (In following we omit the adjective finitary.) The set $\mathscr{A} \subseteq[\omega]^{<\omega} \backslash\{\phi\}$ is said to be a partial partition of $\omega$ if elements of $\mathscr{A}$ are pairwise disjoint and $|\mathscr{A}|<\aleph_{0} . \mathbb{P R}$ is the system of all partial partitions of $\omega$. Elements of $\mathbb{R}$ are denoted by $\mathscr{R}, \mathscr{S}, \mathscr{T}, \mathscr{W}$ and elements of $\mathbb{P R}$ by $\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B}, \mathscr{C}$ respectively.

[^1]For $\mathscr{R} \in \mathbb{R}$ we define the ideal

$$
\mathscr{I}_{\sharp}=\{X \subseteq \omega:(\exists k \in \omega)(\forall R \in \mathscr{R})|R \cap X| \leq k\},
$$

denote $\mathscr{F}_{\mathscr{H}}=\mathscr{F}_{\mathscr{S}}$, For partitions $\mathscr{R}, \mathscr{S}$ we write $\mathscr{R} \preccurlyeq \mathscr{S}$ if $\mathscr{S}_{\mathscr{R}} \supseteq \mathscr{I}_{\mathscr{\prime}}$ and $\mathscr{R} \approx \mathscr{S}$ if $\mathscr{I}_{t}=\mathscr{I}_{s p}$.
For $\mathscr{R}, \mathscr{S} \in \mathbb{R}, \mathscr{R}$ is said to be a refinement of $\mathscr{S}$ (denoted by $\mathscr{R} \sqsubseteq \mathscr{S}$ ) if $(\forall R \in \mathscr{R})(\exists S \in \mathscr{S})(R \subseteq S)$. For $\mathscr{A} \in \mathbb{P} \mathbb{R}$ we denote $\mathrm{r}(\mathscr{A})=\mathscr{A} \cup\{\{i\}: i \notin \bigcup \mathscr{A}\}$. Note that $\mathrm{r}(\mathscr{A})$ is a partition. For $\mathscr{A} \in \mathbb{P} \mathbb{R}, \mathscr{R} \in \mathbb{R}, \mathscr{A}$ is said to be the partial refinement of $\mathscr{R}$ if $\mathrm{r}(\mathscr{A}) \sqsubseteq \mathscr{R}$. Denote $\mathscr{R} \cap \cap \mathscr{S}=\{R \cap S: R \in \mathscr{R}, S \in \mathscr{S}\} \backslash\{\emptyset\}$ the roughest refinement of $\mathscr{R}$ and $\mathscr{S}$. For $\mathscr{R} \in \mathbb{R}$ and $X \subseteq \omega$ define $\mathscr{R} \upharpoonright X=$ $=\mathrm{r}(\{R \cap X: R \in \mathscr{R} \& R \cap X \neq \emptyset\})$.

Recall for a Boolean algebra $A, \mathrm{c} A=\sup \{|X|: X$ is a pairwise disjoint family in $A\}$ (cellularity of $A$ ), $c a=c_{A} a=c(A \upharpoonright a)$ and $\pi A=\min \{|X|: X$ dense in $A\}$ (density of $A$ ).

## Basic facts

It is easy to see that $\mathscr{I}_{\mathscr{s}}=\mathscr{P}(\omega)$ exactly for $\mathscr{R}$ such that $(\exists k)(\forall R \in R)(|R| \leqq k)$. Denote $\mathbb{R}^{0}$ the set of such $\mathscr{R}$ 's, let $\mathbb{R}^{+}=\mathbb{R} \backslash \mathbb{R}^{0}$. Note that for $\mathscr{R}, \mathscr{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{0}$ is $\mathscr{R} \approx \mathscr{S}$. It can be shown easily that

$$
\mathscr{R} \preccurlyeq \mathscr{S} \text { iff }(\exists k)(\forall R \in \mathscr{R})(|\{S \in \mathscr{S}: R \cap S \neq \emptyset\}| \leq k) .
$$

Particularly, $\mathscr{R} \sqsubseteq \mathscr{S}$ iff $\mathscr{R} \preccurlyeq \mathscr{S}$ with $k=1$. It is easy to prove that $\mathscr{R}$ and $\mathscr{S}$ are incompatible (denoted by $\mathscr{R} \perp \mathscr{S})$ iff $(\exists k)(\forall R \in \mathscr{R})(\forall S \in \mathscr{S})(|R \cap S| \leq k)$, i.e. $\mathscr{R} \cap \cap \mathscr{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{0}$. It is obvious that $\mathscr{R} \cap \cap \mathscr{S} \preccurlyeq \mathscr{R}, \mathscr{S}$. In the case $\mathscr{R} \preccurlyeq \mathscr{S}$, $\mathscr{R} \cap \cap \mathscr{S} \approx \mathscr{R}$ holds.

Define

$$
[\mathscr{R}]=\left\{\mathscr{S} \in \mathbb{R}: \mathscr{I}_{\mathscr{H}}=\mathscr{I}_{\mathscr{H}}\right\}=\{\mathscr{S} \in \mathbb{R}: \mathscr{R} \approx \mathscr{S}\},
$$

denote $\mathbb{R}^{*}=\mathbb{R}^{+} / \approx$ with order

$$
[\mathscr{R}] \leq[\mathscr{S}] \text { if } \mathscr{R} \preccurlyeq \mathscr{S} \text {, i.e. } \mathscr{I}_{s p} \supseteq \mathscr{I}_{\mathscr{\prime}} .
$$

By [J], $\mathscr{R}$ and $\mathscr{S}$ are compatible iff [ $\mathscr{R}]$ and [ $\mathscr{S}]$ are compatible and $\operatorname{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right) \cong \operatorname{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{+}, \preccurlyeq\right)$ holds.

Denote

$$
\mathbb{F}_{q}=\left\{\delta\left(\mathscr{F}_{\mathscr{R}}\right): \mathscr{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{+}\right\} .
$$

In [V1] it is shown that

$$
j \text { is a Q-point of } \omega^{*} \text { iff } j \in \omega^{*} \backslash \bigcup_{: \in \mathbb{R}^{+}} \delta\left(\mathscr{F}_{x}\right) \text { iff } j \notin \bigcup \mathbb{F}_{q} .
$$

Observe that $\delta\left(\mathscr{F}_{: x}\right)$ is nowhere-dense for all $\mathscr{R} \in \mathbb{R}$.

Since $\mathscr{R} \preccurlyeq \mathscr{S}$ iff $\mathscr{I}_{\mathscr{N}} \supseteq \mathscr{I}_{\mathscr{\prime}}$ iff $\delta\left(\mathscr{F}_{\mathscr{\prime}}\right) \subseteq \delta\left(\mathscr{F}_{s y}\right)$, the Boolean algebras $\operatorname{RO}\left(\mathbb{F}_{q}, \subseteq\right)$, $\mathrm{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right)$ and $\mathrm{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{+}, \preccurlyeq\right)$ are all isomorphic.

The partial ordered set $\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right)$ is separative, because for $\mathscr{R}, \mathscr{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$such that $\mathscr{R} \not \mathscr{S}$, i.e. $\mathscr{S}_{\mathscr{R}} \neq \mathscr{I}_{\mathscr{S}}, \mathscr{R} \upharpoonright X \preccurlyeq \mathscr{R}$ and $(\mathscr{R} \upharpoonright X) \perp \mathscr{S}$ hold, where $X \in \mathscr{I}_{\mathscr{S}} \backslash \mathscr{I}_{\mathscr{H}}$. Hence $\mathbb{R}^{*}$ can be considered as the dense subset of its completion $\operatorname{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right)$.

The theorem. Now we are ready to state our main result.
Theorem. If $\mathfrak{p}=\operatorname{cf}(\mathfrak{c})$, then the Boolean algebras $\operatorname{RO}\left(\mathbb{F}_{q}, \subseteq\right)$ and $\mathrm{RO}\left(\mathbb{P}(\omega) /\right.$ fin, $\left.\subseteq{ }^{*}\right)$ are isomorphic.

The idea of the proof is analogous to that of [V2], namely to construct isomorphic dense trees in algebras using the following.

Lemma 1 [BSV, BS]. Let $\tau, \lambda \geq \mathcal{N}_{0}, \mu \geq 2$ be cardinals, $A$ a $(\tau, \cdot, \mu)$-now-here-distributive Boolean algebra having a $\lambda$-closed dense subset $D$. Let $A$ be ( $\kappa, \cdot, 2$ )-distributive for each $\kappa<\tau$. If $\pi(A)=\mu^{\ll}$, then there is a dense subset $T \subseteq D$ of $A$ such that $(T, \geq)$ is a tree of height $\tau$ and each $t \in$ Thas $\mu^{<\lambda}$ immediate succesors.

We show that presumptions of Lemma 1 are fulfilled for $\tau=\lambda=\mathfrak{p}, \mu=2$, $A=\operatorname{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right), D=\mathbb{R}^{*}$. Recall that (not only under $\left.\mathfrak{p}=\operatorname{cf}(\mathrm{c})\right) 2^{<\boldsymbol{p}}=\mathrm{c}$ holds.

Lemma 2. Below each $\mathscr{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$there are c-many pairwise incompatible elements from $\mathbb{R}^{+}$.

Proof. We know that there is a system $\left\{A_{\mathrm{x}}: \alpha<\mathfrak{c}\right) \subseteq[\omega]^{\omega}$ such that every two sets of this system are almost disjoint (i.e. $\left.(\forall \alpha, \beta<c)\left(\left|A_{\alpha} \cap A_{\beta}\right|<\omega\right)\right)$. Denote $\mathscr{R}=\left\{R_{n}: n \in \omega\right\}$, wlog assume that $\lim \left|R_{n}\right|=+\infty$. Define $\mathscr{R}_{x}=\mathrm{r}\left(\left\{R_{n}: n \in A_{x}\right\}\right)$, clearly $R_{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$. Obviously every $\mathscr{R}_{x}$ is a refinement of $\mathscr{R}$, hence $\mathscr{R}_{x} \leqslant \mathscr{R}$. For each $\alpha, \beta<\mathfrak{c}, \mathscr{R}_{\alpha}$ and $\mathscr{R}_{\beta}$ are incompatible, because if $k=\max \left\{\left|R_{n}\right|: n \in A_{\alpha} \cap A_{\beta}\right\}+1$, then $\left(\forall S \in \mathscr{R}_{x}\right)\left(\forall T \in \mathscr{T}_{\beta}\right)(|S \cap T| \leq k)$, i.e. $R_{x} \cap \cap R_{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^{0}$.
Lemma 3. For every $a \in \operatorname{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right)^{+}$is $c a \geq c$.
Proof. Because $\mathbb{R}^{*}$ is dense in $\operatorname{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right)$, it is sufficient to prove it for $\mathbb{R}^{*}$. Since the compatibility in $\mathbb{R}^{*}$ corresponds to the compatibility in $\mathbb{R}^{+}$, below each [ $\mathscr{R}]$ we can find $c$-many pairwise incompatible elements (namely $\{[\mathscr{R}]: \alpha<c\}$, where $\left\{\mathscr{R}_{\alpha}: \alpha<c\right\}$ are those from Lemma 2).

Lemma 4. $\pi\left(\operatorname{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right)\right)=c$.
Proof. Because $\mathbf{c} 1 \geq \mathfrak{c}$, there does not exist a dense subset of type $<\mathfrak{c}$, and for a dense subset $\mathbb{R}^{*},\left|\mathbb{R}^{*}\right|=c$ holds.

Lemma 5. $\mathrm{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right)$ is $(\mathrm{cf}(\mathrm{c}), \cdot, 2)$-nowhere-distributive.
Proof. $\mathbb{R}^{*} \upharpoonright a$ is dense in $\operatorname{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right) \upharpoonright a$ and $c\left(\mathbb{R O}\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right) \upharpoonright a\right) \geq c$ too, hence $\left|\mathbb{R}^{*}\right| a \mid=\mathrm{c}$ too. Decompose $\mathbb{R}^{*} \mid a=\bigcup\left\{S_{\alpha}: \alpha<\operatorname{cf}(\mathrm{c})\right\}$ so that $\left|S_{\alpha}\right|^{+}<\mathrm{c}$ for all
$\alpha<\operatorname{cf}(\mathrm{c})$. By $[\mathrm{BV}]$ every $S_{\alpha}$ has disjoint refinement $P_{x}$. The system $\left\{P_{\alpha}: \alpha<\operatorname{cf}(\mathrm{c})\right\}$ cannot have a common refinement as $\bigcup P_{x}$ is dense in $\operatorname{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right) \upharpoonright a$ and $\mathrm{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right) \upharpoonright a$ has no atoms.

Lemma 6. $\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right)$ is $\mathfrak{p}$-closed.
Proof. Using the theorem of Bell [B], it is enough for every descending sequence in $\mathbb{R}^{*}$ of length $<\mathfrak{p}$ to find a $\sigma$-centered p.o. set and less than $\mathfrak{p}$-many dense sets such that any filter (in the ground model) that meets each of these dense sets produces a partition from $\mathbb{R}^{+}$laying below the given descending sequence (in the ground model).

Let for $\kappa<\mathfrak{p},\left\{\mathscr{R}_{x}: \alpha<\kappa\right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{+}$be such that $\alpha \leq \beta$ implies $\left[\mathscr{R}_{a}\right] \leq\left[\mathscr{R}_{\beta}\right]$. Put

$$
P=\left\{(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{R}): \mathscr{A} \in \mathbb{P} \mathbb{R} \&(\exists \alpha<\kappa)\left(\mathscr{R} \approx \mathscr{R}_{\alpha}\right)\right\}
$$

and the ordering $(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{R}) \unlhd(\mathscr{B}, \mathscr{S})$ if $\mathscr{A}$ is a prolongation of $\mathscr{B}$ (i.e. $\mathscr{A} \supseteq \mathscr{B}), \mathscr{R}$ is a refinement of $\mathscr{S}$ (i.e. $\mathscr{R} \sqsubseteq \mathscr{P}$ ) and the prolonging part $\mathscr{A} \backslash \mathscr{B}$ is a partial refinement of partition $\mathscr{R}$ (i.e. $\mathrm{r}(\mathscr{A} \backslash \mathscr{B}) \sqsubseteq \mathscr{R}$ ).

For fixed $\mathscr{A} \in \mathbb{P R}$, put $P_{\mathscr{A}}=\{(\mathscr{B}, \mathscr{R}) \in P: \mathscr{B}=\mathscr{A}\} . P_{\mathscr{A}}$ is centered, because for $\left\{\left(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{S}_{i}\right): i \leq m\right\}$, where $\mathscr{S}_{i} \approx \mathscr{R}_{\alpha_{1}}$ and $\left\{\alpha_{1}\right\}$ is non-descending, the element $(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{S})$, where $\mathscr{S}$ is the roughest common refinement of $\left\{\mathscr{S}_{i}\right\}$ and $\mathscr{S} \approx \mathscr{R}_{x_{m}}$, is below every $\left(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{S}_{i}\right)$. Hence $P$ is $\sigma$-centered, because $|\mathbb{P R}|=\aleph_{0}$.

The following ( $<\mathfrak{p}$-many) sets are dense in $P$ :

- for $k \in \omega, X_{k}=\{(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{R}): k \in \bigcup \mathscr{A}\}$, as $\{\mathscr{A} \cup\{\{k\}\}, \mathscr{R}) \unlhd(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{R})$;
- for $k \in \omega, \quad Y_{k}=\{(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{R}):(\exists A \in \mathscr{A})|A|>k\}$, as $(\mathscr{A} \cup\{\mathscr{R}\}, \mathscr{R}) \leq(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{R})$, where $R$ is a set of $\mathscr{R}$ disjoint with every $A \in \mathscr{A}$ and $|R|>k$;
- for $\alpha<\kappa, Z_{\alpha}=\left\{(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{R}): \mathscr{R} \leqslant \mathscr{R}_{\alpha}\right\}$, as $\left(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{R} \cap \cap \mathscr{R}_{\alpha}\right) \unlhd(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{R})$.

Let $G \subseteq P$ be a filter that meets every $X_{k}, Y_{k}$ and $Z_{x}$. Put

$$
\mathscr{W}=\bigcup\{\mathscr{A}:(\exists \mathscr{R})(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{R}) \in G\} .
$$

$\mathscr{W}$ is obviously a partition of $\omega$ and $\mathscr{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$(because every $G \cap Y_{k} \neq \emptyset$ and if $W_{1} \in \mathscr{A}_{1}, W_{2} \in \mathscr{A}_{2}$ with $\left(\mathscr{A}_{1}, \mathscr{R}_{1}\right) \in G,\left(\mathscr{A}_{2}, \mathscr{R}_{2}\right) \in G$ there is $\mathscr{B} \supseteq \mathscr{A}_{1}, \mathscr{A}_{2}$ i.e. $W_{1}, W_{2} \in \mathscr{B}$ i.e. $W_{1} \cap W_{2}=\emptyset$ ). We prove that $\mathscr{W} \preccurlyeq \mathscr{R}_{\alpha}$ for every $\alpha<\kappa$. Take $(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{R}) \in G \cap Z_{x}$, hence $\mathscr{R} \leqslant \mathscr{R}_{x}$. We show $\mathscr{W} \leqslant \mathscr{R}$, i.e. there exists a $k \in \omega$ such that for every $W \in \mathscr{W},|\{R \in \mathscr{R}: R \cap W \neq \emptyset\}| \leq k$ holds. If $W \notin \mathscr{A}$, then there exists a $(\mathscr{B}, \mathscr{S}) \in G$ such that $W \in \mathscr{B} \backslash \mathscr{A}$. Since $G$ is a filter, there exists a $(\mathscr{C}, \mathscr{T}) \in G$ below $(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{R})$ and $(\mathscr{B}, \mathscr{S})$. We have $\mathscr{B} \subseteq \mathscr{C}$ and $\mathscr{C} \backslash \mathscr{A}$ is a partial refinement of $\mathscr{R}$. Then $\mathscr{B} \backslash \mathscr{A} \subseteq \mathscr{C} \backslash \mathscr{A}$ is a partial refinement of $\mathscr{R}$ too, hence $|\{R \in \mathscr{R}: R \cap W \neq \emptyset\}| \leq 1$. As $\mathscr{A}$ is finite, it is sufficient to take $k=$ $\max \{|\{R \in \mathscr{R}: R \cap W \neq \emptyset\}|: W \in \mathscr{A}\}+1$.

Lemma 7. $\operatorname{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right)$ is $(\kappa, \cdot, 2)$-distributive for all $\kappa<\mathfrak{p}$.
Proof. $\lambda$-closedness of a dense subset implies $\kappa$-distributivity for all $\kappa<\lambda$.

Proof of the Theorem. By Lemma 1 there exists a dense tree $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{*}$ of height $\mathfrak{p}$ and each $t \in T$ has $2^{<\boldsymbol{p}}=\mathfrak{c}$ immediate succesors. Denote $P_{\alpha}$ levels of $T$ for $\alpha<\mathfrak{p}$. Obviously $D=\bigcup\left\{P_{\alpha+1}: \alpha<\mathfrak{p}\right\}$ is a dense subset of $\mathrm{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right)$ too. As $D$ is clearly isomorphic to $\bigcup\left\{{ }^{\alpha} c: \alpha<\mathfrak{p}\right\}$ ordered by the inverse inclusion, which is the (canonical) dense subset of complete Boolean algebra $\operatorname{Col}(\mathfrak{c}, \mathfrak{p})$, we have $\operatorname{RO}\left(\mathbb{R}^{*}, \leq\right) \cong \operatorname{Col}(\mathfrak{c}, \mathfrak{p})$. Using the results of $[B P S]$ under $\mathfrak{p}=\mathrm{cf}(\mathfrak{c})$ the same is the case for $\mathrm{RO}\left(\mathscr{P}(\omega) /\right.$ fin, $\left.\subseteq^{*}\right)$. It means that under $\mathfrak{p}=\operatorname{cf}(\mathfrak{c}), \mathrm{RO}\left(\mathbb{F}_{q}, \subseteq\right)$ and $\mathrm{RO}\left(\mathscr{P}(\omega) / \mathrm{fin}, \subseteq^{*}\right)$ are isomorphic.

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