

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

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We prove that under  $p = \text{cf}(c)$  is  $\text{RO}(\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\text{fin}, \subseteq^*)$  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  $p = \text{cf}(c)$  ( $\omega_1 = \text{cf}(c)$  resp.) Boolean completions of these ordering of divergent (convergent resp.) series are isomorphic to  $\text{RO}(\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\text{fin})$  – 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

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by series. So, in general (see [VI]) 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  $j \in \omega^* \setminus \bigcup \mathbb{F}$ . 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  $\mathfrak{n}(\omega^*) > \mathfrak{d}(\mathbb{F}, \subseteq)$  implies there are  $\mathbb{F}$ -points ( $\mathfrak{n}(\omega^*)$  is the Novák number i.e. the minimal number of nwd sets necessary to cover the whole  $\omega^*$ ).

Further, the system  $(\mathbb{F}, \subseteq)$  defining rapid ultrafilters was shown in [VI] to be Boolean isomorphic (after completion) to  $\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\text{fin}$ . So a new type of problems occurred, 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  $(\mathbb{F}_q, \subseteq)$ , 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  $\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\text{fin}$  (after necessary completion).

#### Notations

Let  $\omega$  denotes the set of natural numbers,  $[\omega]^\omega$  is the system of all infinite subsets of  $\omega$ ,  $[\omega]^{<\omega}$  is the system of all finite subsets of  $\omega$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\text{fin}$  is the Boolean algebra of subsets of  $\omega$  modulo ideal of finite sets (sometimes seen as  $[\omega]^\omega$ ). The Stone space of algebra  $\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\text{fin}$  is denoted  $\omega^* = \text{St}(\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\text{fin})$  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  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $\omega$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_\mathcal{I}$  denotes the dual filter. Filters on  $\omega$  can be viewed (represented) as subsets of  $\omega^*$  in the following way:

$$\delta(\mathcal{F}) = \bigcap \{A^*: A \in \mathcal{F}\}$$

is the closed set corresponding to  $\mathcal{F}$ . Note that  $\delta(\mathcal{F}_\mathcal{I})$  is nowhere-dense iff  $\mathcal{I}$  is tall (i.e.  $(\forall X \in [\omega]^\omega)(\exists Y \in [X]^\omega)(Y \in \mathcal{I})$ ).

The set  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq [\omega]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  is said to be a (finitary) partition of  $\omega$  if  $\bigcup \mathcal{A} = \omega$  and elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  are pairwise disjoint.  $\mathbb{R}$  is the system of all (finitary) partitions of  $\omega$ . (In following we omit the adjective finitary.) The set  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq [\omega]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  is said to be a partial partition of  $\omega$  if elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  are pairwise disjoint and  $|\mathcal{A}| < \aleph_0$ .  $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{R}$  is the system of all partial partitions of  $\omega$ . Elements of  $\mathbb{R}$  are denoted by  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}$  and elements of  $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{R}$  by  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$  respectively.

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For  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathbb{R}$  we define the ideal

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

denote  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_{\mathcal{R}} = \overline{\mathcal{F}}_{\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{R}}}$ . For partitions  $\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{S}$  we write  $\mathcal{R} \preceq \mathcal{S}$  if  $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{R}} \supseteq \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{S}}$ , and  $\mathcal{R} \approx \mathcal{S}$  if  $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{R}} = \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{S}}$ .

For  $\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$  is said to be a refinement of  $\mathcal{S}$  (denoted by  $\mathcal{R} \sqsubseteq \mathcal{S}$ ) if  $(\forall R \in \mathcal{R})(\exists S \in \mathcal{S})(R \subseteq S)$ . For  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{P}\mathbb{R}$  we denote  $r(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{C} \cup \{\{i\} : i \notin \bigcup \mathcal{C}\}$ . Note that  $r(\mathcal{C})$  is a partition. For  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{P}\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to be the partial refinement of  $\mathcal{R}$  if  $r(\mathcal{C}) \sqsubseteq \mathcal{R}$ . Denote  $\mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{S} = \{R \cap S : R \in \mathcal{R}, S \in \mathcal{S}\} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  the roughest refinement of  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$ . For  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $X \subseteq \omega$  define  $\mathcal{R} \upharpoonright X = r(\{R \cap X : R \in \mathcal{R} \text{ \& } R \cap X \neq \emptyset\})$ .

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

### Basic facts

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

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

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

Define

$$[\mathcal{R}] = \{\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{R} : \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{R}} = \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{S}}\} = \{\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{R} : \mathcal{R} \approx \mathcal{S}\},$$

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

$$[\mathcal{R}] \leq [\mathcal{S}] \text{ if } \mathcal{R} \preceq \mathcal{S}, \text{ i.e. } \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{R}} \supseteq \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{S}}.$$

By [J],  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  are compatible iff  $[\mathcal{R}]$  and  $[\mathcal{S}]$  are compatible and  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq) \cong \text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^+, \preceq)$  holds.

Denote

$$\mathbb{F}_q = \{\delta(\overline{\mathcal{F}}_{\mathcal{R}}) : \mathcal{R} \in \mathbb{R}^+\}.$$

In [V1] it is shown that

$$j \text{ is a Q-point of } \omega^* \text{ iff } j \in \omega^* \setminus \bigcup_{\mathcal{R} \in \mathbb{R}^+} \delta(\overline{\mathcal{F}}_{\mathcal{R}}) \text{ iff } j \notin \bigcup \mathbb{F}_q.$$

Observe that  $\delta(\overline{\mathcal{F}}_{\mathcal{R}})$  is nowhere-dense for all  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Since  $\mathcal{A} \leq \mathcal{S}$  iff  $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}} \supseteq \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{S}}$ , iff  $\delta(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}}) \subseteq \delta(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{S}})$ , the Boolean algebras  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{F}_q, \subseteq)$ ,  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq)$  and  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^+, \leq)$  are all isomorphic.

The partial ordered set  $(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq)$  is separative, because for  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \not\leq \mathcal{S}$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}} \not\supseteq \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{S}}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright X \leq \mathcal{A}$  and  $(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright X) \perp \mathcal{S}$  hold, where  $X \in \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{S}} \setminus \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}}$ . Hence  $\mathbb{R}^*$  can be considered as the dense subset of its completion  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq)$ .

**The theorem.** Now we are ready to state our main result.

**Theorem.** *If  $\mathfrak{p} = \text{cf}(c)$ , then the Boolean algebras  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{F}_q, \subseteq)$  and  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{P}(\omega)/\text{fin}, \subseteq^*)$  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  $\tau, \lambda \geq \aleph_0$ ,  $\mu \geq 2$  be cardinals,  $A$  a  $(\tau, \cdot, \mu)$ -nowhere-distributive Boolean algebra having a  $\lambda$ -closed dense subset  $D$ . Let  $A$  be  $(\kappa, \cdot, 2)$ -distributive for each  $\kappa < \tau$ . If  $\pi(A) = \mu^{<\lambda}$ , then there is a dense subset  $T \subseteq D$  of  $A$  such that  $(T, \geq)$  is a tree of height  $\tau$  and each  $t \in T$  has  $\mu^{<\lambda}$  immediate successors.*

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

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

**Proof.** We know that there is a system  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha < c\} \subseteq [\omega]^\omega$  such that every two sets of this system are almost disjoint (i.e.  $(\forall \alpha, \beta < c)(|A_\alpha \cap A_\beta| < \omega)$ ). Denote  $\mathcal{A} = \{R_n : n \in \omega\}$ , wlog assume that  $\lim |R_n| = +\infty$ . Define  $\mathcal{A}_\alpha = r(\{R_n : n \in A_\alpha\})$ , clearly  $R_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Obviously every  $\mathcal{A}_\alpha$  is a refinement of  $\mathcal{A}$ , hence  $\mathcal{A}_\alpha \leq \mathcal{A}$ . For each  $\alpha, \beta < c$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{A}_\beta$  are incompatible, because if  $k = \max\{|R_n| : n \in A_\alpha \cap A_\beta\} + 1$ , then  $(\forall S \in \mathcal{A}_\alpha)(\forall T \in \mathcal{A}_\beta)(|S \cap T| \leq k)$ , i.e.  $R_\alpha \cap R_\beta \in \mathbb{R}^0$ .

**Lemma 3.** *For every  $a \in \text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq)^+$  is  $ca \geq c$ .*

**Proof.** Because  $\mathbb{R}^*$  is dense in  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq)$ , it is sufficient to prove it for  $\mathbb{R}^*$ . Since the compatibility in  $\mathbb{R}^*$  corresponds to the compatibility in  $\mathbb{R}^+$ , below each  $[\mathcal{A}]$  we can find  $c$ -many pairwise incompatible elements (namely  $\{[\mathcal{A}_\alpha] : \alpha < c\}$ , where  $\{\mathcal{A}_\alpha : \alpha < c\}$  are those from Lemma 2).

**Lemma 4.**  $\pi(\text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq)) = c$ .

**Proof.** Because  $c1 \geq c$ , there does not exist a dense subset of type  $< c$ , and for a dense subset  $\mathbb{R}^*$ ,  $|\mathbb{R}^*| = c$  holds.

**Lemma 5.**  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq)$  is  $(\text{cf}(c), \cdot, 2)$ -nowhere-distributive.

**Proof.**  $\mathbb{R}^* \upharpoonright a$  is dense in  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq) \upharpoonright a$  and  $c(\text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq) \upharpoonright a) \geq c$  too, hence  $|\mathbb{R}^* \upharpoonright a| = c$  too. Decompose  $\mathbb{R}^* \upharpoonright a = \bigcup \{S_\alpha : \alpha < \text{cf}(c)\}$  so that  $|S_\alpha|^+ < c$  for all

$\alpha < \text{cf}(c)$ . By [BV] every  $S_\alpha$  has disjoint refinement  $P_\alpha$ . The system  $\{P_\alpha : \alpha < \text{cf}(c)\}$  cannot have a common refinement as  $\bigcup P_\alpha$  is dense in  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq) \upharpoonright a$  and  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq) \upharpoonright a$  has no atoms.

**Lemma 6.**  $(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq)$  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  $\mathfrak{p}$ .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  $\kappa < \mathfrak{p}$ ,  $\{\mathcal{R}_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^+$  be such that  $\alpha \leq \beta$  implies  $[\mathcal{R}_\alpha] \leq [\mathcal{R}_\beta]$ . Put

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

and the ordering  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R}) \leq (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{S})$  if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a prolongation of  $\mathcal{B}$  (i.e.  $\mathcal{A} \supseteq \mathcal{B}$ ),  $\mathcal{R}$  is a refinement of  $\mathcal{S}$  (i.e.  $\mathcal{R} \sqsubseteq \mathcal{S}$ ) and the prolonging part  $\mathcal{A} \setminus \mathcal{B}$  is a partial refinement of partition  $\mathcal{R}$  (i.e.  $r(\mathcal{A} \setminus \mathcal{B}) \sqsubseteq \mathcal{R}$ ).

For fixed  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{P}\mathbb{R}$ , put  $P_{\mathcal{A}} = \{(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{R}) \in P : \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A}\}$ .  $P_{\mathcal{A}}$  is centered, because for  $\{(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}_i) : i \leq m\}$ , where  $\mathcal{S}_i \approx \mathcal{R}_{\alpha_i}$  and  $\{\alpha_i\}$  is non-descending, the element  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S})$ , where  $\mathcal{S}$  is the roughest common refinement of  $\{\mathcal{S}_i\}$  and  $\mathcal{S} \approx \mathcal{R}_{\alpha_m}$ , is below every  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}_i)$ . Hence  $P$  is  $\sigma$ -centered, because  $|\mathbb{P}\mathbb{R}| = \aleph_0$ .

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

- for  $k \in \omega$ ,  $X_k = \{(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R}) : k \in \bigcup \mathcal{A}\}$ , as  $\{\mathcal{A} \cup \{\{k\}\}, \mathcal{R}\} \leq (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R})$ ;
- for  $k \in \omega$ ,  $Y_k = \{(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R}) : (\exists A \in \mathcal{A}) |A| > k\}$ , as  $(\mathcal{A} \cup \{\mathcal{R}\}, \mathcal{R}) \leq (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R})$ , where  $R$  is a set of  $\mathcal{R}$  disjoint with every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $|R| > k$ ;
- for  $\alpha < \kappa$ ,  $Z_\alpha = \{(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R}) : \mathcal{R} \leq \mathcal{R}_\alpha\}$ , as  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{R}_\alpha) \leq (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R})$ .

Let  $G \subseteq P$  be a filter that meets every  $X_k$ ,  $Y_k$  and  $Z_\alpha$ . Put

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

$\mathcal{W}$  is obviously a partition of  $\omega$  and  $\mathcal{W} \in \mathbb{R}^+$  (because every  $G \cap Y_k \neq \emptyset$  and if  $W_1 \in \mathcal{A}_1$ ,  $W_2 \in \mathcal{A}_2$  with  $(\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{R}_1) \in G$ ,  $(\mathcal{A}_2, \mathcal{R}_2) \in G$  there is  $\mathcal{B} \supseteq \mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2$  i.e.  $W_1, W_2 \in \mathcal{B}$  i.e.  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \emptyset$ ). We prove that  $\mathcal{W} \leq \mathcal{R}_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha < \kappa$ . Take  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R}) \in G \cap Z_\alpha$ , hence  $\mathcal{R} \leq \mathcal{R}_\alpha$ . We show  $\mathcal{W} \leq \mathcal{R}$ , i.e. there exists a  $k \in \omega$  such that for every  $W \in \mathcal{W}$ ,  $|\{R \in \mathcal{R} : R \cap W \neq \emptyset\}| \leq k$  holds. If  $W \notin \mathcal{A}$ , then there exists a  $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{S}) \in G$  such that  $W \in \mathcal{B} \setminus \mathcal{A}$ . Since  $G$  is a filter, there exists a  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{T}) \in G$  below  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R})$  and  $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{S})$ . We have  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{A}$  is a partial refinement of  $\mathcal{R}$ . Then  $\mathcal{B} \setminus \mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{A}$  is a partial refinement of  $\mathcal{R}$  too, hence  $|\{R \in \mathcal{R} : R \cap W \neq \emptyset\}| \leq 1$ . As  $\mathcal{A}$  is finite, it is sufficient to take  $k = \max \{|\{R \in \mathcal{R} : R \cap W \neq \emptyset\}| : W \in \mathcal{A}\} + 1$ .

**Lemma 7.**  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq)$  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  $2^{<\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{c}$  immediate successors. Denote  $P_\alpha$  levels of  $T$  for  $\alpha < \mathfrak{p}$ . Obviously  $D = \bigcup \{P_{\alpha+1} : \alpha < \mathfrak{p}\}$  is a dense subset of  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq)$  too. As  $D$  is clearly isomorphic to  $\bigcup \{\mathfrak{c} : \alpha < \mathfrak{p}\}$  ordered by the inverse inclusion, which is the (canonical) dense subset of complete Boolean algebra  $\text{Col}(\mathfrak{c}, \mathfrak{p})$ , we have  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq) \cong \text{Col}(\mathfrak{c}, \mathfrak{p})$ . Using the results of [BPS] under  $\mathfrak{p} = \text{cf}(\mathfrak{c})$  the same is the case for  $\text{RO}(\mathscr{P}(\omega)/\text{fin}, \subseteq^*)$ . It means that under  $\mathfrak{p} = \text{cf}(\mathfrak{c})$ ,  $\text{RO}(\mathbb{R}^*, \leq)$  and  $\text{RO}(\mathscr{P}(\omega)/\text{fin}, \subseteq^*)$  are isomorphic.

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