

Scales and combinatorial covering properties

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- 2 an ω -cover, if for each finite $F \subseteq X$ there exists $U \in \mathcal{U}$, such that $F \subseteq U$.

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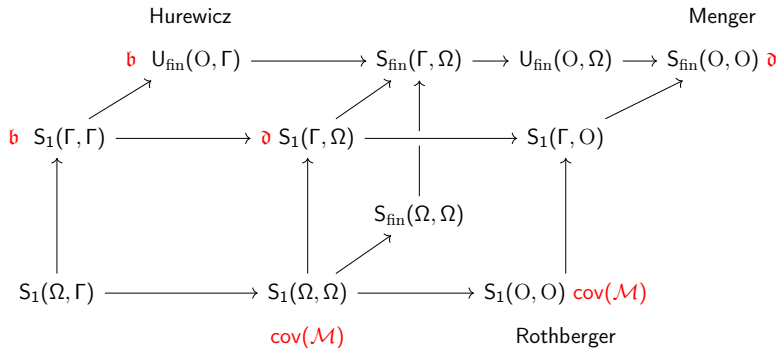
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Theorem (Bartoszyński, Shelah)

Let X be a \mathfrak{b} -scale. Then $X \cup \text{Fin}$ is Hurewicz but not σ -compact.

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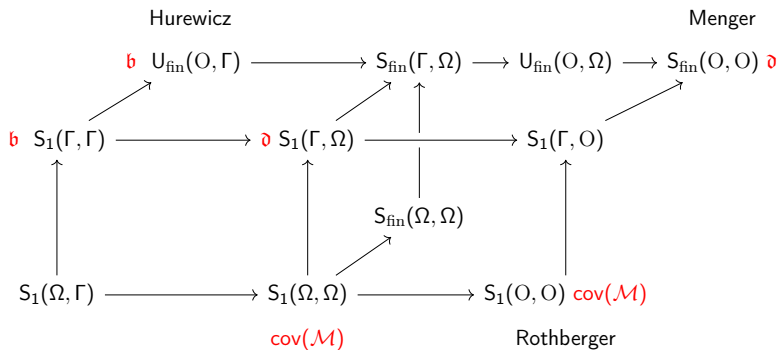
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$$S(x, U) = \{f \in C_p(X) : f(x) \in U\}$$

where $x \in X$ and U is an open subset of \mathbb{R} .

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In the Miller model, the product of two sets that are \mathfrak{d} -concentrated is $S_1(\Gamma, \Omega)$. In particular if X is \mathfrak{d} -concentrated, then X^n is $S_1(\Gamma, \Omega)$ for each $n \in \omega$.

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It is consistent with CH that there exists a set Y satisfying $S_1(\Omega_{\text{Bor}}, \Omega_{\text{Bor}})$ and \mathfrak{b} -scale X such that $(X \cup \text{Fin}) \times Y$ is not Menger.

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