

# THE REAPING AND SPLITTING NUMBERS OF NICE IDEALS

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ABSTRACT. We examine the splitting number  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{B})$  and the reaping number  $\mathfrak{r}(\mathbf{B})$  of quotient Boolean algebras  $\mathbf{B} = \mathcal{P}(\omega)/\mathcal{I}$  over  $F_\sigma$  ideals and analytic P-ideals. For instance we prove that under Martin's axiom  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$  for all  $F_\sigma$  ideals and analytic P-ideals with BW property (and one cannot drop the assumption about BW property). On the other hand we prove that under Martin's axiom  $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$  for all  $F_\sigma$  ideals and analytic P-ideals (in this case we do not need the assumption about BW property). We also provide applications of these characteristics to the ideal convergence of sequences of real-valued functions defined on reals.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be a Boolean algebra. A set  $S$  is a *splitting set* for  $\mathbf{B}$  if for every nonzero  $b \in \mathbf{B}$  there is an  $s \in S$  such that  $b \cdot s \neq 0 \neq b \cdot (-s)$ . A set  $D \subseteq \mathbf{B} \setminus \{0\}$  is *weakly dense* if for every  $b \in \mathbf{B}$  there is  $d \in D$  such that  $d \leq b$  or  $d \leq -b$ . By the *splitting number* of  $\mathbf{B}$  we mean the cardinal  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{B}) = \min\{|S| : S \text{ is a splitting set for } \mathbf{B}\}$ , and by the *reaping number* of  $\mathbf{B}$  we mean  $\mathfrak{r}(\mathbf{B}) = \min\{|D| : D \text{ is weakly dense in } \mathbf{B}\}$ . Many results on  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{B})$  and  $\mathfrak{r}(\mathbf{B})$  for various Boolean algebras can be found in [23].

In the sequel we assume that if  $\mathcal{I}$  is an ideal on  $\omega$  then  $[\omega]^{<\omega} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$  and  $\omega \notin \mathcal{I}$ .

For a set  $A \subseteq \omega$  we put  $A^0 = A$  and  $A^1 = \omega \setminus A$ .

Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\omega$ . By  $\mathcal{I}^+ = \mathcal{P}(\omega) \setminus \mathcal{I}$  we denote the *coideal* of  $\mathcal{I}$ . A set  $A$   $\mathcal{I}$ -splits  $B$  if both  $B \cap A^0, B \cap A^1 \in \mathcal{I}^+$ . A family  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -*unsplittable* if no single set  $\mathcal{I}$ -splits all members of  $\mathcal{R}$ . An  $\mathcal{I}$ -*splitting family* is a family  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$  such that each  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -split by at least one  $S \in \mathcal{S}$ .

In this paper we are interested in the splitting and reaping numbers of quotient Boolean algebras of the form  $\mathbf{B} = \mathcal{P}(\omega)/\mathcal{I}$  where  $\mathcal{I}$  is an  $F_\sigma$  ideal or analytic P-ideal on  $\omega$  (see Section 2 for definitions of  $F_\sigma$  and analytic P-ideals). We write then  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\mathcal{I})$  and  $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\mathcal{I})$ . In this case the definitions of  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I})$  and  $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I})$  can be rephrased in the following manner:

$$\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \min\{|\mathcal{S}| : \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+, \mathcal{S} \text{ is an } \mathcal{I}\text{-splitting family}\},$$

and

$$\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) = \min\{|\mathcal{R}| : \mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+, \mathcal{R} \text{ is } \mathcal{I}\text{-unsplittable}\}.$$

In the case of the ideal  $\mathcal{I} = \text{Fin}$  of all finite subsets of  $\omega$ , we obtain the classical cardinal characteristics of the continuum:  $\mathfrak{s} = \mathfrak{s}(\text{Fin})$  and  $\mathfrak{r} = \mathfrak{r}(\text{Fin})$  (see e.g. [2])

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and [27]). It is well known that  $\mathfrak{s}$  and  $\mathfrak{r}$  are uncountable and if we assume Martin's Axiom (MA) then  $\mathfrak{s} = \mathfrak{r} = \mathfrak{c}$ .

In Section 3 we show that  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}), \mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I})$  are uncountable for every  $F_\sigma$  ideal (Proposition 3.1) and we prove that if we assume MA then  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$  for every  $F_\sigma$  ideal (Theorem 3.2).

In Section 4 we prove that  $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I})$  is uncountable for every analytic P-ideal (Proposition 4.1) and we also prove that if we assume MA then  $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$  for every analytic P-ideal (Theorem 4.2).

In [9] the authors proved that  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \omega \iff$  the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  does not have BW property (see Section 2 for the definition of BW property). We prove that if we assume MA then  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$  for analytic P-ideals with BW property (Theorem 4.3).

The splitting, reaping and other cardinal characteristics (e.g.  $\mathfrak{a}$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\mathfrak{t}$ ) of the quotient Boolean algebras  $\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\mathcal{I}$  were already considered in some papers, see e.g. [1], [3], [8], [13], [15], [16] and [26].

In Section 5 we apply the results on  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I})$  and  $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I})$  to the ideal convergence of sequences of real-valued functions defined on reals.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

**2.1. Nice ideals.** By identifying sets of natural numbers with their characteristic functions, we equip  $\mathcal{P}(\omega)$  with the Cantor-space topology and therefore we can assign topological complexity to ideals of sets of integers. In particular, an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  is  $F_\sigma$  (resp. *analytic*) if it is an  $F_\sigma$  (resp. analytic) subset of the Cantor space.

An ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  is a *P-ideal* if for every countable family  $\{A_n : n \in \omega\} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$  there is  $A \in \mathcal{I}$  such that  $A_n \setminus A$  is finite for every  $n \in \omega$ .

A map  $\phi : \mathcal{P}(\omega) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is a *submeasure on  $\omega$*  if  $\phi(\emptyset) = 0$  and  $\phi(A) \leq \phi(A \cup B) \leq \phi(A) + \phi(B)$  for all  $A, B \subseteq \omega$ . In the sequel we assume that  $\phi(\{n\}) < \infty$  for every submeasure  $\phi$  and  $n \in \omega$ . A submeasure  $\phi$  is *lower semicontinuous* (we will write *lsc* for short) if for all  $A \subseteq \omega$  we have  $\phi(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(A \cap \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\})$ . For a submeasure  $\phi$  we write

$$\text{Fin}(\phi) = \{A \subseteq \omega : \phi(A) < \infty\}$$

and

$$\text{Exh}(\phi) = \left\{ A \subseteq \omega : \|A\|_\phi = 0 \right\},$$

where  $\|A\|_\phi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(A \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\})$ .

**Theorem 2.1** ([21],[25]). *Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\omega$  (not necessarily proper).*

- (1)  $\mathcal{I}$  is an  $F_\sigma$  ideal  $\iff \mathcal{I} = \text{Fin}(\phi)$  for some lsc submeasure  $\phi$  on  $\omega$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{I}$  is an analytic P-ideal  $\iff \mathcal{I} = \text{Exh}(\phi)$  for some lsc submeasure  $\phi$  on  $\omega$ .

**2.1.1. Examples.** For many examples of nice ideals see e.g. [16] or [7]. Below we list some of them.

- (1) The ideal  $\text{Fin}$  is an  $F_\sigma$  P-ideal.
- (2) Let  $f : \omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be such that  $\sum_{n \in \omega} f(n) = \infty$ . The *summable ideal generated by  $f$*

$$\mathcal{I}_f = \left\{ A \subseteq \omega : \sum_{n \in A} f(n) < \infty \right\}$$

is an  $F_\sigma$  ideal ([21]).

- (3) The *ideal of sets of asymptotic density 0*

$$\mathcal{I}_d = \left\{ A \subseteq \omega : \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|A \cap \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}|}{n} = 0 \right\}$$

is an analytic P-ideal (and it is not an  $F_\sigma$  ideal).

- (4) Let  $f: \omega \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  be such that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f(i) = +\infty \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{\sum_{i \in n} f(i)} = 0.$$

The *Erdős-Ulam ideal generated by  $f$*

$$\mathcal{E}\mathcal{U}_f = \left\{ A \subseteq \omega : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i \in A \cap n} f(i)}{\sum_{i \in n} f(i)} = 0 \right\}$$

is an analytic P-ideal ([17]). Note that the ideal  $\mathcal{I}_d$  is an Erdős-Ulam ideal.

- (5) Assume that  $I_n$  are pairwise disjoint intervals on  $\omega$ , and  $\mu_n$  is a measure that concentrates on  $I_n$ . Then  $\phi = \sup_n \mu_n$  is a lower semicontinuous submeasure and  $\text{Exh}(\phi)$  is called the *density ideal generated by  $(\mu_n)_n$* . It is known that Erdős-Ulam ideals are density ideals.
- (6) The *van der Waerden ideal*

$$\mathcal{W} = \{ A \subseteq \omega : A \text{ does not contain arithmetic progressions of arbitrary length} \}$$

is an  $F_\sigma$  ideal (and it is not a P-ideal).

- (7) The *eventually different ideal*

$$\mathcal{E}\mathcal{D} = \{ A \subseteq \omega \times \omega : \exists m, n \in \omega \forall k \geq n (|\{i \in \omega : (k, i) \in A\}| \leq m) \}$$

is an  $F_\sigma$  ideal (and it is not a P-ideal).

**2.2. Ideal convergence.** Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\omega$  and  $A \subseteq \omega$ . We say that a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in A}$  of reals is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  if  $\{n \in A : |x_n - x| \geq \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{I}$  for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We say that an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $\omega$  has *BW property* ( $\mathcal{I} \in \text{BW}$ , for short) if for every bounded sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \omega}$  of reals there exists  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$  such that  $(x_n)_{n \in A}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent ([9]).

**Proposition 2.2** ([9]). (1) *Every  $F_\sigma$  ideal has BW property (hence Fin, summable ideals,  $\mathcal{W}$  and  $\mathcal{E}\mathcal{D}$  have BW property as well).*

- (2) *Erdős-Ulam ideals (and  $\mathcal{I}_d$ ) do not have BW property.*

- (3) *A density ideal does not have BW-property if and only if it is an Erdős-Ulam ideal.*

**Theorem 2.3** ([9]). *Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\omega$ . Then  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \omega \iff \mathcal{I}$  does not have BW property.*

**2.3. Big intersections.** Below we presents some auxiliary results which we will need later (however they seem to be interesting on their own).

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\omega$ . There is a function  $x: \mathcal{P}(\omega) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that*

$$\bigcap \{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \notin \mathcal{I}$$

*for every finite and nonempty family  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a maximal ideal such that  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$ . For  $A \in \mathcal{P}(\omega)$  we define

$$x(A) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } A \notin \mathcal{J} \\ 1 & \text{if } A \in \mathcal{J}. \end{cases}$$

Since  $A^{x(A)} \notin \mathcal{J}$  for every  $A$  and  $\mathcal{J}$  is a maximal ideal, so  $\bigcap\{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \notin \mathcal{J}$ . Thus  $\bigcap\{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \notin \mathcal{I}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{I} = \text{Fin}(\phi)$  be an  $F_\sigma$  ideal. There is  $x : \mathcal{P}(\omega) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that*

$$\phi\left(\bigcap\{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\}\right) = \infty$$

for every finite and nonempty family  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ .

*Proof.* Apply Lemma 2.4 and note that  $A \notin \mathcal{I} \iff \phi(A) = \infty$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $\mathcal{I} = \text{Exh}(\phi)$  be an analytic  $P$ -ideal. There is  $x : \mathcal{P}(\omega) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that*

$$\left\| \bigcap\{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \right\|_\phi > 0$$

for every finite and nonempty family  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ .

*Proof.* Apply Lemma 2.4 and note that  $A \notin \mathcal{I} \iff \|A\|_\phi > 0$ .  $\square$

Below we show that for ideals with BW property we can obtain a strengthening of the above result.

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $\mathcal{I} = \text{Exh}(\phi)$  be an analytic  $P$ -ideal. The ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  has BW property if and only if there are  $\delta > 0$  and  $x : \mathcal{P}(\omega) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that*

$$\left\| \bigcap\{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \right\|_\phi \geq \delta$$

for every finite and nonempty family  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) By [9, Theorem 3.6] there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for every finite partition  $A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n = \omega$  there exists  $1 \leq i \leq n$  with  $\|A_i\|_\phi \geq \delta$ . We will show that this  $\delta$  is the required one.

For every finite and nonempty family  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$  we define

$$C_{\mathcal{A}} = \left\{ x \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathcal{P}(\omega)} : \left\| \bigcap\{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \right\|_\phi \geq \delta \right\}.$$

We will show that

- (1)  $C_{\mathcal{A}} \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (2)  $C_{\mathcal{A}}$  is a closed set in  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathcal{P}(\omega)}$ ;
- (3) the family  $\{C_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{A} \text{ is finite and nonempty}\}$  is centered.

Then using compactness of the topological space  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathcal{P}(\omega)}$  we get

$$x \in \bigcap\{C_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{A} \text{ is finite and nonempty}\}.$$

It is easy to see that this  $x$  is as required. Thus, the proof will be finished as soon as we show properties (1)–(3).

- (1). Take any finite and nonempty  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ . Since the family

$$\left\{ \bigcap\{A^{s(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} : s \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathcal{A}} \right\}$$

is a finite partition of  $\omega$ , so there is  $s \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathcal{A}}$  with  $\|\bigcap\{A^{s(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\}\|_{\phi} \geq \delta$ . Then any  $x \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathcal{P}(\omega)}$  such that  $s \subseteq x$  belongs to  $C_{\mathcal{A}}$ .

(2). Take any finite and nonempty  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ . Since  $S = \{x \upharpoonright \mathcal{A} : x \in C_{\mathcal{A}}\} \subseteq \{0, 1\}^{\mathcal{A}}$  is finite and  $C_{\mathcal{A}} = \bigcup_{s \in S} \{x \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathcal{P}(\omega)} : s \subseteq x\}$ , so  $C_{\mathcal{A}}$  is a finite union of basic clopen sets, hence closed.

(3). Take any finite and nonempty  $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_n \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ . Since  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{A}_n$  is finite, so  $C_{\mathcal{A}} \neq \emptyset$  by (1). On the other hand, it is not difficult to see that  $C_{\mathcal{A}} \subseteq C_{\mathcal{A}_1} \cap \dots \cap C_{\mathcal{A}_n}$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $\delta > 0$  and  $x : \mathcal{P}(\omega) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be such that

$$\left\| \bigcap \{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \right\|_{\phi} \geq \delta$$

for every finite and nonempty family  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ .

By [9, Theorem 3.6],  $\mathcal{I}$  has BW property if and only if there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for every  $N \in \omega$  and every partition  $A_1, \dots, A_N$  of  $\omega$  there is  $i \leq N$  with  $\|A_i\|_{\phi} \geq \varepsilon$ .

Let  $\varepsilon = \delta$ . Let  $N \in \omega$  and  $A_1, \dots, A_N$  be a partition of  $\omega$ . Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_N\}$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is a partition of  $\omega$  so there is  $i \leq N$  with  $x(A_i) = 0$  (otherwise  $\bigcap\{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} = \emptyset$  hence  $\|\bigcap\{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\}\|_{\phi} = 0 < \delta$ ). Thus  $A_i \supseteq \bigcap\{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$ , hence

$$\|A_i\|_{\phi} \geq \left\| \bigcap \{A^{x(A)} : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \right\|_{\phi} \geq \delta = \varepsilon.$$

□

### 3. $F_{\sigma}$ IDEALS

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{I} = \text{Fin}(\phi)$  be an  $F_{\sigma}$  ideal. Then  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}), \mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) \geq \omega_1$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) \geq \omega_1$ .) Let  $\mathcal{S} = \{S_n : n \in \omega\} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+$ . We will show that  $\mathcal{S}$  is not an  $\mathcal{I}$ -splitting family i.e. we will construct an  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$  such that  $A \cap S_n^0 \in \mathcal{I}$  or  $A \cap S_n^1 \in \mathcal{I}$  for every  $n \in \omega$ .

Let  $\varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}^{\omega}$  be a sequence such that  $\bigcap_{i \leq n} S_i^{\varepsilon_i} \in \mathcal{I}^+$  for every  $n \in \omega$ . By lsc of  $\phi$ , we can find finite sets  $F_n$  ( $n \in \omega$ ) such that  $F_n \subseteq \bigcap_{i \leq n} S_i^{\varepsilon_i}$  and  $\phi(F_n) \geq n$ .

Let  $A = \bigcup_n F_n$ . Then  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$  and  $A \cap S_n^{1-\varepsilon_n} \subseteq \bigcup_{i < n} F_i \in \mathcal{I}$  for every  $n \in \omega$ .

( $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) \geq \omega_1$ .) Let  $\mathcal{R} = \{R_n : n \in \omega\} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+$ . We will show that  $\mathcal{R}$  is not an  $\mathcal{I}$ -unsplitting family i.e. we will construct a set  $A \subseteq \omega$  such that  $R_n \cap A^0 \in \mathcal{I}^+$  and  $R_n \cap A^1 \in \mathcal{I}^+$  for every  $n \in \omega$ .

By lsc of  $\phi$ , we can find pairwise disjoint finite sets  $F_{i,n}^k$  ( $i, n \in \omega, k \in \{0, 1\}$ ) such that  $F_{i,n}^k \subseteq R_n$  and  $\phi(F_{i,n}^k) \geq i$  for every  $i, n \in \omega, k \in \{0, 1\}$ .

Let  $A = \bigcup_{i,n \in \omega} F_{i,n}^0$ . If  $n \in \omega$  and  $k \in \{0, 1\}$ , then  $R_n \cap A^k \supseteq \bigcup_{i \in \omega} F_{i,n}^k$  and hence  $R_n \cap A^k \in \mathcal{I}^+$ . □

**Theorem 3.2.** *Assume MA. Let  $\mathcal{I} = \text{Fin}(\phi)$  be an  $F_{\sigma}$  ideal. Then  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$ .) Let  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$  be such that  $|\mathcal{S}| = \kappa < \mathfrak{c}$ . We will show that  $\mathcal{S}$  is not an  $\mathcal{I}$ -splitting family.

Let  $x : \mathcal{P}(\omega) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be as in Corollary 2.5. Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{S^{x(S)} : S \in \mathcal{S}\}$  and  $\mathbb{P} = [\omega]^{<\omega} \times [\mathcal{F}]^{<\omega}$ . For  $(s, A), (t, B) \in \mathbb{P}$  we define  $(s, A) \leq (t, B)$  if

- (1)  $s \supseteq t$ , and
- (2)  $A \supseteq B$ , and
- (3)  $s \setminus t \subseteq \bigcap B$ .

Then it is not difficult to show that  $\langle \mathbb{P}, \leq \rangle$  is a ccc poset.

Define

- (1)  $D_F = \{(s, A) \in \mathbb{P} : F \in A\}$  for every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- (2)  $D_n = \{(s, A) \in \mathbb{P} : \phi(s) > n\}$  for every  $n \in \omega$ ,

It is easy to see that  $D_F$  is dense for every  $F$ . We show that  $D_n$  is also dense for every  $n$ .

Let  $(s, A) \in \mathbb{P}$  and  $A = \{F_0, \dots, F_{m-1}\}$ . Let  $F_i = S_i^{x(S_i)}$ ,  $S_i \in \mathcal{S}$  for  $i < m$ . Since  $\bigcap A = \bigcap_{i < m} F_i = \bigcap_{i < m} S_i^{x(S_i)}$ , so  $\phi(\bigcap A) = \infty$ . By lsc of  $\phi$  there is a finite set  $t \subseteq \bigcap A$  such that  $\phi(t) > n$ . Then  $(s \cup t, A) \in D_n$  and  $(s \cup t, A) \leq (s, A)$ .

Applying Martin's Axiom, there is a filter  $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  such that  $G \cap D_n \neq \emptyset$  and  $G \cap D_F \neq \emptyset$  for every  $n \in \omega$  and  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ . Let

$$X = \bigcup \{s : (s, A) \in G\}.$$

Clearly  $X \in \mathcal{I}^+$ , and  $X$  is not  $\mathcal{I}$ -split by any member of  $\mathcal{S}$  because if  $F = S^{x(S)} \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $(s, A) \in G \cap D_F$ , then  $X \cap S^{1-x(S)} \subseteq s$  and hence  $X \cap S^{1-x(S)} \in \mathcal{I}$ .

( $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$ .) Let  $\kappa < \mathfrak{c}$  and  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+$ . We will show that there is a set which  $\mathcal{I}$ -splits all members of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Let  $\mathbb{P} = 2^{<\omega}$ . Then  $\langle \mathbb{P}, \supseteq \rangle$  is a ccc poset.

Define

$$D_{\alpha, n} = \{s \in \mathbb{P} : \phi(s^{-1}(0) \cap F_\alpha) > n \wedge \phi(s^{-1}(1) \cap F_\alpha) > n\}$$

for every  $n \in \omega$  and  $\alpha < \kappa$ . Using lsc of  $\phi$  it is not difficult to show that sets  $D_{\alpha, n}$  are dense in  $\mathbb{P}$ .

Applying Martin's Axiom, there is a filter  $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  such that  $G \cap D_{\alpha, n} \neq \emptyset$  for every  $n \in \omega$  and  $\alpha < \kappa$ . Let

$$f = \bigcup G \text{ and } X = f^{-1}(0).$$

Then it is easy to see that  $X \in \mathcal{I}^+$ . We will show that  $X$   $\mathcal{I}$ -splits all sets in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Let  $\alpha < \kappa$ . For any  $n \in \omega$  there is  $s_n \in G \cap D_{\alpha, n}$ . Since  $F_\alpha \cap X^i \supseteq F_\alpha \cap s_n^{-1}(i)$  for  $i = 0, 1$  and every  $n$ , we have  $\phi(F_\alpha \cap X^i) > n$  for  $i = 0, 1$  and every  $n$ , and so  $F_\alpha \cap X^i \in \mathcal{I}^+$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ).  $\square$

#### 4. ANALYTIC P-IDEALS

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{I} = \text{Exh}(\phi)$  be an analytic P-ideal. Then  $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) \geq \omega_1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_n \in \mathcal{I}^+ : n \in \omega\}$ . We will show that there is a set which  $\mathcal{I}$ -splits all members of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Let  $\delta_n > 0$  be such that  $\|F_n\|_\phi > \delta_n$  for every  $n \in \omega$ . Let  $\langle G_n : n \in \omega \rangle$  be a sequence such that  $\{G_n : n \in \omega\} = \{F_n : n \in \omega\}$  and  $\{k \in \omega : G_k = F_n\}$  is infinite for each  $n \in \omega$ . Let  $f : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  be such that  $G_n = F_{f(n)}$  for every  $n \in \omega$ . We will construct sequences  $\langle s_n : n \in \omega \rangle$  and  $\langle t_n : n \in \omega \rangle$  such that

- (1)  $s_n, t_n$  are finite,
- (2)  $s_n, t_n \subseteq G_n \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$  for every  $n \in \omega$ ,
- (3)  $s_n \cap s_k = \emptyset$ ,  $t_n \cap t_k = \emptyset$  and  $s_n \cap t_k = \emptyset$  for every  $n, k \in \omega$ ,
- (4)  $\phi(s_n) > \delta_{f(n)}$ ,  $\phi(t_n) > \delta_{f(n)}$ .

Suppose that we have already constructed  $s_i, t_i$  for  $i \leq n$ . Let  $s = s_0 \cup \dots \cup s_n$  and  $t = t_0 \cup \dots \cup t_n$ . Let  $G = G_{n+1} \setminus (s \cup t)$ . Since  $s \cup t$  is finite so  $\|G\|_\phi > \delta_{f(n+1)}$ . By the definition of  $\|\cdot\|_\phi$  and lsc of  $\phi$  there is a finite set  $s_{n+1} \subseteq G \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$  with  $\phi(s_{n+1}) > \delta_{f(n+1)}$ . Applying the definition of  $\|\cdot\|_\phi$  and lsc of  $\phi$  again, there is a finite set  $t_{n+1} \subseteq G \setminus s_{n+1}$  with  $\phi(t_{n+1}) > \delta_{f(n+1)}$ .

Let  $X = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} s_n$ . Then  $s_n \subseteq G_n \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} = F_0 \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$  for every  $n \in f^{-1}(0)$ . Thus  $\phi(X \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}) \geq \phi(s_n) > \delta_0 > 0$  for every  $n \in f^{-1}(0)$ , hence  $\|X\|_\phi \geq \delta_0 > 0$ . We will show that  $X$   $\mathcal{I}$ -splits all sets in the family  $\mathcal{F}$ .

First of all, we will show that  $F_k \cap X \in \mathcal{I}^+$ . Let  $i \in \omega$ . Then there is  $n \in f^{-1}(k)$  with  $n > i$ . Then  $\phi((F_k \cap X) \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, i-1\}) = \phi((G_n \cap X) \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, i-1\}) \geq \phi((G_n \cap X) \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}) \geq \phi(s_n) > \delta_k$ . Thus  $\|F_k \cap X\|_\phi \geq \delta_k > 0$ .

Using the same argument as above one can show that  $F_k \setminus X \in \mathcal{I}^+$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** *Assume MA. Let  $\mathcal{I} = \text{Exh}(\phi)$  be an analytic P-ideal. Then  $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\kappa < \mathfrak{c}$  and  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+$ . Let  $\delta_\alpha > 0$  be such that  $\|F_\alpha\|_\phi > \delta_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha < \kappa$ .

Let  $\mathbb{P} = 2^{<\omega}$ . Then  $\langle \mathbb{P}, \supseteq \rangle$  is a ccc poset.

Define

$$D_{\alpha,n} = \{s \in \mathbb{P} : \phi((F_\alpha \cap s^{-1}(i)) \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}) > \delta_\alpha \text{ for } i = 0, 1\}$$

for every  $n \in \omega$  and  $\alpha < \kappa$ . It is not difficult to show that  $D_{\alpha,n}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{P}$ .

Applying Martin's Axiom, there is a filter  $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  such that  $G \cap D_{\alpha,n} \neq \emptyset$  for every  $n \in \omega$  and  $\alpha < \kappa$ . Let

$$f = \bigcup G \text{ and } X = f^{-1}(0).$$

Then  $X \in \mathcal{I}^+$  and  $X$   $\mathcal{I}$ -splits all sets in  $\mathcal{F}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** *Assume MA. Let  $\mathcal{I} = \text{Exh}(\phi)$  be an analytic P-ideal with BW property. Then  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$  be such that  $|\mathcal{S}| = \kappa < \mathfrak{c}$ . We will show that  $\mathcal{S}$  is not an  $\mathcal{I}$ -splitting family.

Let  $\delta > 0$  and  $x : \mathcal{P}(\omega) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be as in Lemma 2.7.

Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{S^{x(S)} : S \in \mathcal{S}\}$  and  $\mathbb{P} = [\omega]^{<\omega} \times [\mathcal{F}]^{<\omega}$ . For  $(s, A), (t, B) \in \mathbb{P}$  we define  $(s, A) \leq (t, B)$  if

- (1)  $s \supseteq t$ , and
- (2)  $A \supseteq B$ , and
- (3)  $s \setminus t \subseteq \bigcap B$ .

Then it is not difficult to show that  $\langle \mathbb{P}, \leq \rangle$  is a ccc poset.

Define

- (1)  $D_n = \{(s, A) \in \mathbb{P} : \phi(s \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}) > \frac{\delta}{2}\}$  for every  $n \in \omega$ ,
- (2)  $D_F = \{(s, A) \in \mathbb{P} : F \in A\}$  for every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Clearly  $D_F$  is dense for every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ . We will show that sets  $D_n$  are dense.

Let  $(s, A) \in \mathbb{P}$  and  $A = \{F_0, \dots, F_{m-1}\}$ . Let  $F_i = S_i^{x(S_i)}$ ,  $S_i \in \mathcal{S}$  for  $i < m$ . Since  $\bigcap A = \bigcap_{i < m} F_i = \bigcap_{i < m} S_i^{x(S_i)}$ , so  $\|\bigcap A\|_\phi \geq \delta$ . Since  $\|\bigcap A\|_\phi = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \phi(\bigcap A \setminus$

$\{0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$  so  $\phi(\bigcap A \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}) > \frac{\delta}{2}$ . By lsc of  $\phi$  there is a finite set  $t \subseteq \bigcap A \setminus \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$  such that  $\phi(t) > \frac{\delta}{2}$ . Then  $(s \cup t, A) \in D_n$  and  $(s \cup t, A) \leq (s, A)$ .

Applying Martin's Axiom, there is a filter  $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  such that  $G \cap D_n \neq \emptyset$  and  $G \cap D_F \neq \emptyset$  for every  $n \in \omega$  and  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ . Let

$$X = \bigcup \{s : (s, A) \in G\}.$$

Clearly,  $\|X\|_\phi \geq \frac{\delta}{2}$  so  $X \in \mathcal{I}^+$ , and  $X$  is not  $\mathcal{I}$ -split by any member of  $\mathcal{S}$  because if  $S \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $F = S^{x(S)}$ , and  $(s, A) \in G \cap D_F$ , then  $X \cap S^{1-x(S)} \subseteq s$ .  $\square$

## 5. APPLICATIONS

It is not difficult to prove that the Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem (that every bounded sequences of reals has a convergent subsequence) fails if we consider sequences of functions instead of reals (i.e. there exists a uniformly bounded sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$  of real-valued functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that no subsequence of  $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$  is pointwise convergent). The ideal versions of this result is presented below (in this case we have to consider two cases: either  $\mathcal{I}$  is a "somewhere" maximal ideal or not).

Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\omega$  and  $A \subseteq \omega$ . We say that a sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in A}$  of real-valued functions defined on a set  $X$  is *pointwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent* to  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  if for every  $x \in X$  the sequence of reals  $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $f(x)$ . (See [18], [20] and [6] for description of pointwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -limits of continuous functions; in [12], [5] and [11] the authors consider also ideal version of discrete and equal convergence of sequences of functions.)

For an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $\omega$  and  $A \subseteq \omega$  we define the ideal  $\mathcal{I} \upharpoonright A = \{B \subseteq \omega : B \cap A \in \mathcal{I}\}$ .

**Proposition 5.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\omega$ . Let  $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $n \in \omega$ ) be a uniformly bounded sequence of functions.*

- (1) *If  $\mathcal{I}$  is a maximal ideal then  $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$  is pointwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent.*
- (2) *If there is  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$  such that  $\mathcal{I} \upharpoonright A$  is a maximal ideal then the subsequence  $(f_n)_{n \in A}$  is pointwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent.*

*Proof.* (1). Follows from the fact that every bounded sequence of reals is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent for a maximal ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ .

(2). Follows from (1).  $\square$

**Proposition 5.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\omega$  such that  $\mathcal{I} \upharpoonright A$  is not maximal for any  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ . There exists a uniformly bounded sequence of functions  $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $n \in \omega$ ) such that  $(f_n)_{n \in A}$  is not pointwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent for any  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\{0, 1\}^\omega = \{s_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$  and  $\mathbb{R} = \{x_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$ . We define  $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f_n(x_\alpha) = s_\alpha(n)$  ( $n \in \omega, \alpha < \mathfrak{c}$ ).

Let  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ . Then there are  $B, C \subseteq \omega$  such that  $A = B \cup C$ ,  $B \cap C = \emptyset$  and  $B, C \in \mathcal{I}^+$ .

Let  $\alpha$  be such that  $s_\alpha(n) = 0$  for  $n \in B$  and  $s_\alpha(n) = 1$  for  $n \in C$ .

Since  $\mathcal{I}^+ \ni C \subseteq \{n : f_n(x_\alpha) \neq 0\}$  and  $\mathcal{I}^+ \ni B \subseteq \{n : f_n(x_\alpha) \neq 1\}$ , so  $(f_n)_{n \in A}$  is not  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent.  $\square$

Saks asked the question (see [24]) if for every uniformly bounded sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$  of real-valued functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  there exists an infinite set  $A \subseteq \omega$

such that the subsequence  $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$  is convergent for uncountably many  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . This question was answered in the negative by Sierpiński ([24]) under the assumption of the Continuum Hypothesis (CH). Later, Fuchino and Plewik proved ([14]) that if  $\mathfrak{s} > \omega_1$  then the answer to the question is positive. In fact, they proved that for every uniformly bounded sequence  $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and every  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $|X| < \mathfrak{s}$  there exists an infinite  $A \subseteq \omega$  such that  $(f_n \upharpoonright X)_{n \in A}$  is pointwise convergent. The ideal versions of these results are presented below.

First, if  $\mathcal{I}$  is a “somewhere” maximal ideal then the answer to ideal version of Saks question is positive (by Proposition 5.1).

Second, if an ideal  $\mathcal{I} \notin \text{BW}$  then there exists (in ZFC) a uniformly bounded sequence  $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $n \in \omega$ ) such that for every  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$  the subsequence  $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$  is not pointwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . (Indeed, let  $(x_n)_{n \in \omega}$  be a bounded sequence such that  $(x_n)_{n \in A}$  is not  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent for any  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ . Then the functions  $f_n(x) = x_n$  ( $n \in \omega, x \in \mathbb{R}$ ) are as required.) Thus, the answer to ideal version of Saks question is negative.

Below (Corollaries 5.4 and 5.6) we prove that in the third case (i.e.  $\mathcal{I} \in \text{BW}$  and  $\mathcal{I} \upharpoonright A$  is not a maximal ideal) the answer to ideal version of Saks question is independent of ZFC for  $F_\sigma$  ideals and analytic P-ideals.

**Proposition 5.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\omega$ . If  $\mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathfrak{c}$  then there exists a uniformly bounded sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$  of real-valued functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that for every  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$  the subsequence  $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent for less than  $\mathfrak{c}$  many  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{R} = \{x_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$  and  $\mathcal{I}^+ = \{A_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$ . We defined  $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f_n(x_\alpha) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } n \in S_\alpha, \\ 1 & \text{for } n \in \omega \setminus S_\alpha, \end{cases}$$

where  $S_\alpha \in \mathcal{I}^+$  is a set that  $\mathcal{I}$ -splits the family  $\{A_\beta : \beta < \alpha\}$  (there is one since  $|\alpha| < \mathfrak{r}(\mathcal{I})$ ).

Let  $A = A_\beta \in \mathcal{I}^+$ . We will show that the subsequence  $(f_n(x_\alpha))_{n \in A}$  is not  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent for every  $\alpha > \beta$  and that will finish the proof.

Let  $\alpha > \beta$ . Then  $\{n \in A : f_n(x_\alpha) = 0\} = A_\beta \cap S_\alpha \in \mathcal{I}^+$  and  $\{n \in A : f_n(x_\alpha) = 1\} = A_\beta \setminus S_\alpha \in \mathcal{I}^+$ . Thus  $(f_n(x_\alpha))_{n \in A}$  is not  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.4.** *Assume CH. Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an  $F_\sigma$  ideal or analytic P-ideal on  $\omega$ . There exists a uniformly bounded sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$  of real-valued functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\{x : (f_n(x))_{n \in A} \text{ is } \mathcal{I}\text{-convergent}\}$  is countable for every  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ .*

*Proof.* Apply Proposition 5.3 and Proposition 3.1 or 4.1 respectively.  $\square$

**Proposition 5.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\omega$  with BW property. Let  $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $n \in \omega$ ) be a uniformly bounded sequence of functions. Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $|X| < \mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I})$ . There exists  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$  such that  $(f_n \upharpoonright X)_{n \in A}$  is pointwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent.*

*Proof.* The proof is a slight modification of the proof of [14, Lemma 4]. We provide it for the completeness.

Let  $|X| = \kappa < \mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I})$ . For every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  let  $C_x^y = \{n \in \omega : f_n(x) < y\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{C} = \{C_x^q : q \in \mathbb{Q}, x \in X\}$ . Since  $|\mathcal{C}| < \mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I})$ , so there exists  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$  such that  $A \cap C \in \mathcal{I}$  or  $A \setminus C \in \mathcal{I}$  for every  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ .

We claim that  $(f_n \upharpoonright X)_{n \in A}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to the function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = \inf\{y \in \mathbb{R} : \{n \in A : f_n(x) < y\} \in \mathcal{I}^+\} = \inf\{y \in \mathbb{R} : A \cap C_x^y \in \mathcal{I}^+\}$ .

Let  $x \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let  $B_1 = \{n \in A : f_n(x) < f(x) - \varepsilon\}$  and  $B_2 = \{n \in A : f_n(x) > f(x) + \varepsilon\}$ .

Since  $\{n \in A : |f_n(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon\} = B_1 \cup B_2$ , so it is enough to show that  $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{I}$ .

Suppose that  $B_1 \in \mathcal{I}^+$ . Since  $A \cap C_x^{f(x)-\varepsilon} = B_1 \in \mathcal{I}^+$ , so  $f(x) = \inf\{y \in \mathbb{R} : A \cap C_x^y \in \mathcal{I}^+\} \leq f(x) - \varepsilon$ , a contradiction.

Suppose that  $B_2 \in \mathcal{I}^+$ . Let  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  be such that  $f(x) < q < f(x) + \varepsilon$ . Since  $B_2 \subseteq A \setminus C_x^q$ , so  $A \setminus C_x^q \notin \mathcal{I}$ . But  $C_x^q \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  does not  $\mathcal{I}$ -split  $A$ , so  $A \cap C_x^q \in \mathcal{I}$ . So  $f(x) = \inf\{y \in \mathbb{R} : A \cap C_x^y \in \mathcal{I}^+\} \geq q$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

*Remark.* The assumption that  $\mathcal{I}$  has BW property is necessary in Proposition 5.5. Indeed, let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal without BW. By Theorem 2.3,  $\mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I}) = \omega$ . If  $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$  is the sequence defined above Proposition 5.3, and  $X = \{0\}$ , then  $|X| < \mathfrak{s}(\mathcal{I})$  but  $(f_n \upharpoonright X)_{n \in A} = (x_n)_{n \in A}$  is not  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent for any  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$ .

**Corollary 5.6.** *Assume MA and  $\neg$ CH. Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an  $F_\sigma$  ideal or analytic P-ideal with BW property on  $\omega$ . For every uniformly bounded sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$  of real-valued functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  there exists  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$  such that the subsequence  $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent for uncountably many  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

*Proof.* Apply Proposition 5.5 and Theorems 3.2 and 4.3 respectively.  $\square$

Mazurkiewicz proved [22] that if one takes a uniformly bounded sequence of continuous functions  $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $n \in \omega$ ) then there always exists a perfect set  $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and an infinite set  $A \subseteq \omega$  such that  $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$  is convergent for every  $x \in P$ . (Since perfect sets are uncountable so his result yields a positive answer to Saks question in the realm of continuous functions.) In [10] the authors proved that ideal version of Mazurkiewicz's result holds for  $F_\sigma$  ideals and analytic P-ideals with BW property.

Mazurkiewicz's result shows (taking into account that perfect sets are of cardinality  $\mathfrak{c}$ ) that for a uniformly bounded sequence of continuous functions  $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$  one always finds an infinite  $A \subseteq \omega$  such that the subsequence  $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$  is convergent for  $\mathfrak{c}$  many  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Of course, Sierpiński's result shows that under CH there is a uniformly bounded sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$  such that there is no infinite  $A \subseteq \omega$  such that  $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$  is convergent for  $\mathfrak{c}$  many  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Ciesielski and Pawlikowski [4] proved that it is consistent with the axioms of ZFC that for every uniformly bounded sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$  of real-valued functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  there exists an infinite  $A \subseteq \omega$  such that the subsequence  $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$  is convergent for  $\mathfrak{c}$  many  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . We do not know if the result of Ciesielski and Pawlikowski can be generalized for ideal convergence.

It is known (see e.g. [4] or [19]) that assuming MA for every uniformly bounded sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$  of real-valued functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  and every  $|X| < \mathfrak{c}$  there exists an infinite  $A \subseteq \omega$  such that the subsequence  $(f_n \upharpoonright X)_{n \in A}$  is pointwise convergent, and on the other hand, there exists a uniformly bounded sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$  of real-valued functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that for every infinite  $A \subseteq \omega$  the subsequence  $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$  is convergent for less than  $\mathfrak{c}$  many  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Corollary 5.7.** *Assume MA. Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an  $F_\sigma$  ideal or analytic P-ideal with BW property on  $\omega$ . For every uniformly bounded sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$  of real-valued functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  and every  $|X| < \mathfrak{c}$  there exists  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$  such that the subsequence  $(f_n \upharpoonright X)_{n \in A}$  is pointwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent.*

*Proof.* Apply Proposition 5.5 and Theorems 3.2 or 4.3 respectively.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.8.** *Assume MA. Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an  $F_\sigma$  ideal or analytic  $P$ -ideal on  $\omega$ . There exists a uniformly bounded sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \omega}$  of real-valued functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that for every  $A \in \mathcal{I}^+$  the subsequence  $(f_n(x))_{n \in A}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent for less than  $\mathfrak{c}$  many  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

*Proof.* Apply Proposition 5.3 and Theorems 3.2 or 4.2 respectively.  $\square$

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