

CON($u > i$)

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Summary. We prove here the consistency of $u > i$ where:

$$u = \text{Min} \{ |X| : X \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega) \text{ generates a non-principle ultrafilter} \},$$

$$i = \text{Min} \{ |\mathcal{A}| : \mathcal{A} \text{ is a maximal independent family of subsets of } \omega \}.$$

In this we continue Goldstern and Shelah [G1Sh388] where $\text{Con}(r > u)$ was proved using a similar but different forcing. We were motivated by Vaughan [V] (which consists of a survey and a list of open problems). For more information on the subject see [V] and [G1Sh388].

1 The single forcing

1.1 Definition. Let I be a proper ideal on ω containing the finite subsets. We define a forcing notion Q_I :

$$p \in Q_I \text{ iff } p = (H, E, A) = (H^p, E^p, A^p) \text{ where}$$

- (a) E is an equivalence relation on $\text{Dom } E \subseteq \omega$,
- (b) $\omega \setminus \text{Dom } E \in I$,
- (c) each E -equivalence class belongs to I ,
- (d) $A = \{x : x \in \text{Dom } E, x = \text{Min}(x/E)\}$,
- (e) H is a function, $\text{Dom } H = \omega$,
- (f) for each $n \in \omega$, $H(n)$ is a function from ${}^A\{-1, 1\}$ to $\{-1, 1\}$ which depends on finitely many places only from $A \cap \{0, \dots, n\}$, i.e. for some finite $w(n) \subseteq A \cap \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$,

$$[\eta, v \in {}^A\{-1, 1\} \ \& \ \eta \upharpoonright w(n) = v \upharpoonright w(n) \Rightarrow H(n)[\eta] = H(n)[v]].$$

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For $i \in A$, we let x_i be the function that maps $\eta \in {}^A\{-1, 1\}$ to $\eta(i)$. So $H(n)$ can be written as a Boolean combination of the functions x_i ($i \in A, i \leq n$). We prefer to view $H(n)$ as a Boolean expression in the formal variables x_i (using operations max, min, $-$, and constants -1 and 1),

- (g) if $n \in A$, $H(n)$ is x_n ,
- (h) if $n \in \text{Dom } E \setminus A$, $n \in E$ and $i \in A$ then $H(n)$ is x_i or $-x_i$.

We define the partial order \leq (on Q_I) by $p \leq q$ if:

- (α) $\text{Dom } E^p \supseteq \text{Dom } E^q$, $\text{Dom } E^q$ is a union of a family of E^p -equivalence classes,
- (β) $E^p \upharpoonright \text{Dom } E^q$ refines E^q (hence $A^q \subseteq A^p$),
- (γ) if $H^p(n) = x_i$, $n \in \text{Dom } E^p$, then $H^q(n) = H^q(i)$; if $H^p(n) = -x_i$, $n \in \text{Dom } E^p$, then $H^q(n) = -H^q(i)$,
- (δ) if $n \in \omega \setminus \text{Dom } E^p$, then $*$

$$H^q(n)[x_i: i \in A^q] = H^p(n)[\dots, x_i, \dots, H^q(j)[\dots, x_\varepsilon, \dots]_{\varepsilon \in A^q}, \dots]_{j \in A^p \setminus A^q}.$$

1.1A Remark. The reader may worry about the absence of conditions for the case where $n \in \text{Dom } E^p \setminus \text{Dom } E^q$ [especially if $n = \min(\text{Dom } E^p \setminus \text{Dom } E^q)$]. The crucial difference between this forcing and the one in [GlSh388] is precisely that we don't impose any conditions other than (γ) in this case.

1.2 Claim. 1) $Q_I = (Q_I, \leq)$ is a partial order.

2) If $p \in Q_I$ and $E = E^p$ then $Q_I \upharpoonright \{q: q \geq p\}$ is isomorphic to $Q_{I/E}$ as follows: let $h: \text{Dom } E \rightarrow \omega$ be $h(n) = |A^p \cap \text{Min}(n/E)|$, $J = \{B \subseteq \omega: \{n: h(n) \in B\} \in I\}$, then $Q_I \upharpoonright \{q: q \geq p\}$ is isomorphic to Q_J .

1.3 Definition. \dot{z}_{Q_I} is (the Q_I -name for) the set

$$\{n: \text{for some } p \in Q_{Q_I}, H^p(n) \text{ is constantly } 1\}.$$

1.4 Claim. 1) If $i < \omega$ and $A^p \cap (i+1) = \emptyset$ then $H^p(i)$ is constant.

- 2) $p \Vdash \dot{z}_{Q_I}(n) = \varepsilon$ ($\varepsilon = -1$ or $\varepsilon = 1$) iff $H^p(n)$ is constantly ε .
- 3) For each n the set $\{p \in Q_I: H^p(n) \text{ is constant}\}$ is a dense subset of Q_I .
- 4) If $p \in Q_I$, then

$$[\omega \setminus \{n: \text{there are } p_{-1}, p_1 \geq p \text{ such that } p_\varepsilon \Vdash \dot{z}_{Q_I}(n) = \varepsilon \text{ for } \varepsilon = +1, -1\}] \in I.$$

Proof. E.g.

4) Let $p \in Q_I$, $n \in \text{Dom } E$. We shall construct p_{-1}, p_1 as required. Let $\varepsilon \in \{-1, 1\}$, $i = \text{Min}(n/E^p)$, $E^{p_\varepsilon} = E^p \upharpoonright (\text{Dom } E^p \setminus n/E)$, $A^{p_\varepsilon} = A^p \setminus \{i\}$. Lastly H^{p_ε} is defined as follows: $H^{p_\varepsilon}(j)$ is:

- (a) constantly ε if $j \in i/E$, $H^p(j) = H^p(n)$,
- (b) constantly $-\varepsilon$ if $j \in i/E$, $H^p(j) = -H^p(n)$,
- (c) for $j \in \omega \setminus \text{Dom}(E^p)$, $\eta \in A^{p_\varepsilon} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ we let

$$(H^{p_\varepsilon}(j))(\eta) = (H^p(j))(\eta \cup \{\langle i, H^{p_\varepsilon}(i) \rangle\}),$$

- (d) for $j \in \text{Dom}(E^p) \setminus (n/E^p)$ we act as in (c), or less formally

$$H^{p_\varepsilon}(j) = H^p(j). \quad \square_{1.4}$$

Remark. In similar cases later we shall be less formal.

* Here x_i is just -1 or 1 not the function x_i

1.5 Conclusion. \Vdash_{Q_I} “ I does not generate a maximal ideal in V^{Q_I} ”.

1.6 Definition. 1) $p \leq_n q$ iff $p \leq q$ and $[k \in A^p \ \& \ |A^p \cap k| < n \Rightarrow k \in A^q]$.

2) If $\mathcal{u} \subseteq A^p$, $h: \mathcal{u} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ then $q = p^{[h]}$ is defined as follows:

$$A^q = A^p \setminus \mathcal{u},$$

$$E^q = E^p \upharpoonright \left(\bigcup_{i \in A^p \setminus \mathcal{u}} i/E^p \right),$$

$H^q(n)$ is: $H^p(n)$ where we substitute $h(i)$ for x_i for $i \in \mathcal{u}$, so in particular: if $n \in i/E^p$, $i \in \mathcal{u}$, $H^p(n) = x_i$ then $H^q(n) = h(i)$ and if $n \in i/E^p$, $i \in \mathcal{u}$, $H^p(n) = -x_i$ then $H^q(n) = -h(i)$.

1.7 Claim. 1) If $p \leq q$, \mathcal{u} a (finite) initial segment of A^p , $H^q(i)$ is constant for each $i \in \mathcal{u}$ then for some unique $h: \mathcal{u} \rightarrow \{1, -1\}$ we have $p \leq p^{[h]} \leq q$.

2) If $p \in Q_I$, \mathcal{u} is a finite initial segment of A^p then:

(i) for each $h \in \mathcal{u} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ we have $p \leq p^{[h]} \in Q_I$,

(ii) $\{p^{[h]}: h \in \mathcal{u} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}\}$ is predense above p , and

(iii) for each such $h: \mathcal{u} \rightarrow \{1, -1\}$ we have $H^{p^{[h]}}(i)$ is constant for each $i \in \mathcal{u}$.

3) If $p \in Q_I$, \mathcal{u} a finite initial segment of A^p , $|\mathcal{u}| = n$, $p^{[h]} \leq q \in Q_I$ then for some $r \in Q_I$, $p \leq_n r \leq q$, $r^{[h]} = q$.

4) \leq_n is a partial order on Q_I , $[p \leq_{n+1} q \Rightarrow p \leq_n q \Rightarrow p \leq q]$.

1.8 Claim. If $p \in Q_I$, $n < \omega$ are given, τ a Q_I -name of an ordinal, then there is $q \in Q_I$, $p \leq_n q$ and (letting $\mathcal{u} = \{i \in A^p: |A^p \cap i| < n\}$):

(*)₁ for every $h \in \mathcal{u} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$, $q^{[h]}$ forces a value to τ ,

(*)₂ for some set v of $\leq 2^n$ ordinals, $q \Vdash \text{“}\tau \in v\text{”}$.

Proof. By 1.7(2)(ii), 1.7(3), and 1.7(4). \square

1.9 Definition. Let I be an ideal on ω containing the finite subsets of ω .

1) E is an I -equivalence relation if:

(a) $\text{Dom } E \subseteq \omega$,

(b) $\omega \setminus \text{Dom } E \in I$,

(c) each E -equivalence class is in I .

2) $E_1 \leq E_2$ if (both are I -equivalence relations and):

(i) $\text{Dom } E_2 \subseteq \text{Dom } E_1$,

(ii) $E_1 \upharpoonright \text{Dom } E_2$ refines E_2 ,

(iii) $\text{Dom } E_2$ is the union of a family of E_1 -equivalence classes.

3) $GM_I(E)$ is the following game. It lasts ω moves. In the n th move the first player chooses an I -equivalence relation E_n^1 , $[n=0 \Rightarrow E_0^1 = E]$, $[n > 0 \Rightarrow E_{n-1}^2 \leq E_n^1]$, and the second player chooses an I -equivalence relation E_n^2 such that $E_n^1 \leq E_n^2$. In the end, the second player wins if

$$\bigcup \{ \text{Dom } E_n^2 \setminus \text{Dom } E_n^1 : n > 0 \} \in I \quad (\text{otherwise the first player wins}).$$

1.10 Claim. 1) The game $GM_I(E)$ is not determined when I is a maximal ideal.

2) $\mathcal{P}(\omega) \setminus I \models \text{ccc}$ is enough.

Proof. 1) As each player can imitate the other's strategy.

2) Easy, too, and will not be used in this paper.

1.11 Claim. Suppose $p \in Q_I$, \mathfrak{I} a Q_I -name of a function from ω to ordinals, $m < \omega$ and I a maximal (non-principal) ideal on ω (or just: the first player has no winning strategy in $GM_I(E^p)$). Then for some q , $p \leq_m q \in Q_I$, and letting $A^q = \{i_\ell: \ell < \omega\}$ (in increasing order), $q^{[h]}$ forces a value to $\mathfrak{I} \upharpoonright (i_\ell + 1)$ for any $h: \{i_0, \dots, i_\ell\} \rightarrow \{1, -1\}$ and any $\ell \geq m$ (but $\ell < \omega$).

Proof. For this we let $E = E^p \upharpoonright [\bigcup \{i/E^p: i \in A^p \text{ and } |i \cap A^p| \geq m\}]$ and we shall define a strategy for the first player in $GM_I(E)$ during which the first player, on the side, chooses $p_0 \leq p_1 \leq \dots$.

Then as this is not a winning strategy, in some play in which the first player uses his strategy he loses and then $\langle p_\ell: \ell < \omega \rangle$ will have an upper bound as required.

In the n th move, the first player in addition to choosing E_n^1 chooses q_n, p_n, \mathcal{u}_n such that:

- (a) $p_0 = q_0 = p$,
- (b) $p_n \leq_{m+n} p_{n+1}$,
- (c) \mathcal{u}_0 is $\{i \in A^{p_0}: |i \cap A^{p_0}| < m\}$,
- (d) $\mathcal{u}_{n+1} = \mathcal{u}_n \cup \{\text{Min}(A^{q_{n+1}} \setminus \mathcal{u}_n)\}$, so $|\mathcal{u}_n| = m + n$,
- (e) $E_n^1 = E^{p_n} \upharpoonright \left(\text{Dom } E^{p_n} \setminus \bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{u}_n} i/E^{p_n} \right)$,
- (f) q_{n+1} is as follows:
 - (f₁) $\text{Dom } E^{q_{n+1}} = \text{Dom } E^{p_n}$,
 - (f₂) $x E^{q_{n+1}} y$ iff (α) or (β) or (γ) holds where
 - (α) $x E_n^2 y$,
 - (β) $x, y \in (\text{Dom } E^{p_n} \setminus \text{Dom } E_n^2) \& x E^{p_n} y$ and for some $k \in \mathcal{u}_n$ we have $x, y \in k/E^{p_n}$,
 - (γ) $x, y \in \bigcup \left\{ k/E^{p_n}: k \in \text{Dom } E^{p_n}, k \notin \text{Dom } E_n^2 \text{ and } k \notin \bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{u}_n} i/E^{p_n} \right\}$,
 - (f₃) $H^{q_{n+1}}(\ell)$ is: first case $\ell \in \omega \setminus \text{Dom } E^{p_n}$ then

$$H^{q_{n+1}}(\ell) = H^{p_n}(\ell) \quad \text{or more exactly}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & H^{q_{n+1}}(\ell)[\dots, x_j, \dots]_{j \in A^{q_{n+1}}} \\ &= H^{p_n}(\ell)[\dots, x_j, \dots, H^{q_{n+1}}(k)(\dots, x_{e_j}, \dots)]_{\substack{j \in A^{q_{n+1}} \\ k \in A^{p_n} \setminus A^{q_{n+1}}}} \end{aligned}$$

[no vicious circle as only $H^{q_{n+1}}(k)$ such that $k < \ell$ count];

second case $\ell \in \text{Dom } E^{p_n} \setminus A^{q_{n+1}}$, $H^{p_n}(\ell) = x_i$ then

$$H^{q_{n+1}}(\ell) = H^{q_{n+1}}(i);$$

third case $\ell \in \text{Dom } E^{p_n} \setminus A^{q_{n+1}}$, $H^{p_n}(\ell) = -x_i$ then

$$H^{q_{n+1}}(\ell) = -H^{q_{n+1}}(i);$$

fourth case $\ell \in A^{p_n} \setminus A^{q_{n+1}}$, then

$$H^{q_{n+1}}(\ell) = H^{p_n}(\text{Min } \ell / E^{q_{n+1}}),$$

(g) $p_n \leq_{m+n} q_{n+1} \leq_{m+n+1} p_{n+1}$,

(h) if $h \in {}^{(\omega_{n+1})}\{-1, +1\}$ then $p_{n+1}^{[h]}$ forces a value to $\mathfrak{I} \upharpoonright ((\text{Max } \mathcal{u}_{n+1}) + 1)$.

(i) W.l.o.g. $\text{Min } \text{Dom } E_n^2 > \text{Max } \mathcal{u}_{n+1}$ so $\text{Dom } E^{p_n} \setminus \text{Dom } E_n^2 \subseteq \bigcup \{k/E^{q_{n+1}}: k \in \mathcal{u}_{n+1}\}$.

Now this strategy is well defined by Claim 1.8. In the n th move, if $n=0$ define p_0, q_0 by (a), \mathcal{u}_0 by (c), and E_0^1 by (e). In the $(n+1)$ -th move first define q_{n+1} by (f) [and check (g)], then use (d), to define \mathcal{u}_{n+1} then choose p_{n+1} by (h) and 1.8, and lastly (e) to choose E_{n+1}^1 (the actual move). Now we can try to define a condition q as required in 1.11: $E^q = \lim_{n < \omega} E^{p_n}$ (i.e. $\text{Dom } E^q = \bigcap_{n < \omega} \text{Dom } E^{p_n}$, $x E^q y$ iff for every n

large enough, $xE^{p_n}y$), $H^q(m)$ will be $H^{p_n}(m)$ for any large enough n (it is eventually constant) (formalistically its set of variables is decreasing, but the material one converges).

Now $\bigwedge_n p_n \leq_{m+n} q$, but is $q \in Q_I$? Not necessarily; however, if

$$(\omega \setminus \text{Dom } E^q) = \bigcap_{n < \omega} (\omega \setminus \text{Dom } p^n) = \omega \setminus \bigcup \{i/E^{p^n} : i \in u_n, n < \omega\}$$

is in I , it does; and this occurs if the second player wins the play, which occurs for some such play (in which player I uses the strategy defined above) as by 1.10 player I has no winning strategy. $\square_{1.11}$

1.12 Conclusion. If I is a maximal ideal, then Q_I is ${}^\omega\omega$ -bounding and even has the Sacks property. (See definitions in [Sh-b] or [Sh-f, VI, Sect. 2].)

1.13 Claim. Assume I is a maximal ideal on ω (also $\mathcal{P}(\omega)/I \models \text{ccc}$ suffices). Then Q_I is proper (and even $(< \omega_1)$ -proper and $(< \omega_1)$ -strongly proper).

Proof. Essentially combining the proofs of 1.10, 1.11; i.e. we simulate two plays, each finite initial segment is in the model, we take care of each Q_I -name of an ordinal from the model eventually, and take care that the second player wins at least one of them. \square

2 The maximal independent family

2.1 Definition. 1) For a family \mathcal{B} of subsets of ω and partial function h from \mathcal{B} to $\{1, -1\}$ let $\mathcal{B}^h = \bigcap \{A^{h(A)} : A \in \mathcal{B} \cap \text{Dom } h\}$

$$\text{where } A^1 = A, \quad A^{-1} = \omega \setminus A.$$

2) $FF(\mathcal{B})$ is the family of finite partial functions from \mathcal{B} to $\{1, -1\}$.

3) \mathcal{A} denotes a family of subsets of ω which is independent

$$(\text{i.e. } h \in FF(\mathcal{A}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}^h \text{ infinite}).$$

4) $AP = \{(\mathcal{A}, A) : A \subseteq \omega \text{ infinite, } \mathcal{A} \text{ a countable independent family of subsets of } \omega, \text{ moreover, } [h \in FF(\mathcal{A}) \Rightarrow |A \cap \mathcal{A}^h| = \aleph_0]\}$.

5) The order \leq on AP is

$$(\mathcal{A}_1, A_1) \leq (\mathcal{A}_2, A_2) \text{ iff } \mathcal{A}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{A}_2 \text{ \& } A_2 \subseteq^* A_1$$

$$(A_1 \subseteq^* A_2 \text{ means } A_1 \setminus A_2 \text{ is finite}).$$

6) For any \mathcal{A} ,

for $A \subseteq \omega$ let $\mathcal{D}(A) = \{h \in FF(\mathcal{A}) : A \cap \mathcal{A}^h \text{ is finite}\}$ and

$\text{id}_{\mathcal{A}} = \{A \subseteq \omega : \mathcal{D}(A) \text{ is dense in } FF(\mathcal{A})\}$ equivalently:

$\text{id}_{\mathcal{A}} = \{A \subseteq \omega : \text{for every } h_0 \in FF(\mathcal{A}) \text{ for some } h_1,$

$h_0 \subseteq h_1 \in FF(\mathcal{A}) \text{ and } A \cap \mathcal{A}^{h_1} \text{ is finite}\}$

[it is an ideal, increasing with \mathcal{A} – why? If $A \in \text{id}_{\mathcal{A}}$, $\mathcal{A}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{A}_2$, $h_2 \in FF(\mathcal{A}_2)$ then $h_1 = h_2 \upharpoonright \mathcal{A}_1 \in FF(\mathcal{A}_1)$ so there is $h' \in FF(\mathcal{A}_1)$ extending h_1 , $A \cap \mathcal{A}^{h'} = \emptyset$, hence $A \cap \mathcal{A}^{h_2 \cup h'} = \emptyset$ as required] (if \mathcal{A} is infinite we get the same ideal if we require

“empty” in the definition of $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A})$ instead of “finite”). Note that for every dense $\mathcal{D} \subseteq FF(\mathcal{A})$, we have $\bigcap_{h \in \mathcal{D}} (\omega \setminus \mathcal{A}^h)$ belongs to $\text{id}_{\mathcal{A}}$.

7) In 6) let $\text{fil}_{\mathcal{A}}$ be the dual filter.

2.2 Claim. 1) If $(\mathcal{A}_n, A_n) \leq (\mathcal{A}_{n+1}, A_{n+1})$ for $n < \omega$, in AP, then for some A , $(\bigcup_m \mathcal{A}_m, A) \in AP$ and

$$(\forall n) \left[(\mathcal{A}_n, A_n) \leq \left(\bigcup_m \mathcal{A}_m, A \right) \right].$$

2) If $(\mathcal{A}, A) \in AP$ then for some $B \subseteq A$, $B \notin \mathcal{A}$ and

$$(\mathcal{A}, A) \leq (\mathcal{A} \cup \{B\}, A) \in AP.$$

3) If $(\mathcal{A}, A) \in AP$, E an equivalence relation on ω , each equivalence class finite, then for some B :

$$(\mathcal{A}, A) \leq (\mathcal{A}, B) \in AP,$$

$$E \upharpoonright B \text{ is equality.}$$

4) If $(\mathcal{A}, A) \in AP$, E an equivalence relation on ω , $h_0 \in FF(\mathcal{A})$ then for some h_1 , B we have:

(a) $h_0 \subseteq h_1 \in FF(\mathcal{A})$;

(b) $(\mathcal{A}, A) \leq (\mathcal{A}, B) \in AP$;

(c) $E \upharpoonright (\mathcal{A}^{h_1} \cap B)$ is equality or has one equivalence class.

Proof. E.g.

1) Let $FF(\mathcal{A}_n) = \{h_{n,\ell} : \ell < \omega\}$; now choose by induction on n $\langle k_{n,m,\ell} : m \leq n, \ell \leq n \rangle$ such that: $k_{n,m,\ell} \in A_n \cap \mathcal{A}_n^{h_{m,\ell}}$ [possible as $h_{m,\ell} \in FF(\mathcal{A}_n)$ as $\mathcal{A}_m \subseteq \mathcal{A}_n$ (when $m \leq n$)]. Lastly let $A = \{k_{n,m,\ell} : n < \omega, m \leq n, \ell \leq n\}$.

2) Let $FF(\mathcal{A}) = \{h_n : n < \omega\}$, and choose by induction on n , $k_n^1 \in A \cap \mathcal{A}^{h_n} \setminus \{k_\ell^1 : \ell < n\}$ and $k_n^2 \in A \cap \mathcal{A}^{h_n} \setminus \{k_\ell^2 : \ell \leq n\}$. Then let $B = \{k_n^1 : n < \omega\}$.

3) Let $FF(\mathcal{A}) = \{h_n : n < \omega\}$, choose by induction on $n < \omega$, $k_n \in A \cap \mathcal{A}^{h_n} \setminus \bigcup \{k_\ell/E : \ell < n\}$. Let $B = \{k_n : n < \omega\}$.

(Note that $\bigcup \{k_\ell/E : \ell < n\}$ is finite as each E -equivalence class is finite.)

4) Let $\{h^n : n < \omega\} = \{h \in FF(\mathcal{A}) : h_0 \subseteq h\}$. Now we try to choose by induction on n , $k_n \in \mathcal{A}^{h^n} \setminus \bigcup \{k_\ell/E : \ell < n\}$. If we succeed let $h_1 = h_0$ and $B = (A \setminus \mathcal{A}^{h_0}) \cup \{k_n : n < \omega\}$, clearly it is as required. So assume that for some n , we have chosen k_0, \dots, k_{n-1} but we cannot choose k_n . Now try to choose by induction on $\ell \leq n$, $h^{n,\ell} \in FF(\mathcal{A})$ increasing with ℓ , such that: $h^{n,0} = h^n$, and $\mathcal{A}^{h^{n,\ell+1}} \cap (k_\ell/E)$ is finite. If we succeed, $\mathcal{A}^{h^{n,n}} \cap \bigcup_{\ell < n} (k_\ell/E)$ is finite (as a finite union of finite sets), while $\mathcal{A}^{h^{n,n}} \setminus \bigcup_{\ell < n} (k_\ell/E)$ is empty by the choice of n . So necessarily for some $\ell < n$, $h^{n,\ell}$ is defined while we cannot define $h^{n,\ell+1}$. Let $h_1 = h^{n,\ell}$, $B = (\mathcal{A}^{h_1} \cap (k_\ell/E)) \cup (A \setminus \mathcal{A}^{h_1})$; clearly they are as required. \square

2.3 Claim (CH). There is $\langle (\mathcal{A}_i, A_i) : i < \omega_1 \rangle$, such that (let $\mathcal{A}_* = \bigcup_{i < \omega_1} \mathcal{A}_i$):

(a) $(\mathcal{A}_i, A_i) \in AP$,

(b) $i < j < \omega_1 \Rightarrow (\mathcal{A}_i, A_i) \leq (\mathcal{A}_j, A_j)$,

(c) $\mathcal{A}_{i+1} \setminus \mathcal{A}_i \neq \emptyset$,

(d) for each i for some $A \in \mathcal{A}_{i+2} \setminus \mathcal{A}_i$, $A \subseteq A_i$,

(e) for any $A \subseteq \omega$ and $h_0 \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*)$ there is h_1 such that:

$$h_0 \subseteq h_1 \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*),$$

$$\mathcal{A}_*^{h_0} \subseteq A \text{ or } \mathcal{A}_*^{h_1} \cap A = \emptyset,$$

(f) for any equivalence relation E on ω and $h_0 \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*)$ there is h_1 such that:

$$h_0 \subseteq h_1 \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*),$$

$E \upharpoonright \mathcal{A}^{h_1}$ is equality or has one equivalence class,

(g) if E is an equivalence relation on ω , each equivalence class finite, then for some i , $E \upharpoonright A_i$ is the equality,

(h) $\text{id}_{\mathcal{A}_*}$ is the ideal generated by $\{\omega \setminus A_i : i < \omega_1\}$; moreover, for every $A \in \text{id}_{\mathcal{A}_*}$ for unboundedly many $i < \omega_1$, $A \cap A_i = \emptyset$,

(i) for $n \neq m$ for uncountably many i , $n \in A_i$ & $m \notin A_i$,

(j) \mathcal{A}_* is a maximal independent family.

Proof. Straightforward. \square

3 The iteration

3.1 Theorem. ($2^{\aleph_0} = \aleph_1$, $2^{\aleph_1} = \aleph_2$, $\diamond_{\{\delta < \aleph_2 : cf \delta = \aleph_1\}}$). There is a forcing notion P such that:

- (i) P is proper of cardinality \aleph_2 satisfying \aleph_2 - c.c.
- (ii) Forcing with P preserves cardinalities and cofinalities, $V^P \models 2^{\aleph_0} = \aleph_2$.
- (iii) In V^P , $u = \aleph_2 > \aleph_1 = i$.

Remark. We prove more on V^P .

Proof. Let (\mathcal{A}_i, A_i) ($i < \omega_1$), \mathcal{A}_* be as in 2.3. We define a CS iteration $\bar{Q} = \langle P_\alpha, Q_\beta : \alpha \leq \omega_2, \beta < \omega_2 \rangle$, each Q_β of the form Q_{I_β} , I_β a P_β -name of a maximal ideal on ω (containing all finite subsets of ω) such that:

- (*) if in $V^{P_{\omega_2}}$, I is a P_{ω_2} -name of a maximal non-principal ideal on ω then for some α , $I_\alpha \subseteq I$.

This is possible as $\diamond_{\{\delta < \aleph_2 : cf(\delta) = \aleph_1\}}$ holds. Let $P = P_{\omega_2}$.

Now each Q_α is proper (1.13) of cardinality \aleph_1 , for $\alpha < \aleph_2 \Vdash_{P_\alpha}$ "CH", P_α has a dense subset of power \aleph_1 (proved by induction on $\alpha < \omega_2$) hence ([Sh-b] or [Sh-f, III]) $P = P_{\omega_2}$ satisfies (i). Now (ii) follows. ($2^{\aleph_0} > \aleph_1$, as each Q_α adds a new real.)

Now $u > \aleph_1$ by (*) above and 1.5, hence (as $2^{\aleph_0} = \aleph_2$) $u = \aleph_2$. We are left with proving $i = \aleph_1$; of course, it suffices to prove that \mathcal{A}_* is a maximal independent subfamily of $\mathcal{P}(\omega)$.

Now we shall prove for $\alpha \leq \omega_2$ the following four statements; clearly \otimes_α^4 (for $\alpha = \omega_2$) gives the maximality of \mathcal{A} and thus finishes the proof of 3.1:

\otimes_α^1 in V^{P_α} , for every sequence $\langle \tau_n : n < \omega \rangle \in V^P$ of ordinals, and $f : \omega \rightarrow \omega$ diverging to infinity, f from V , there is $\langle w_n : n < \omega \rangle \in V$ such that: $\bigwedge_n \tau_n \in w_n$ and $|w_n| \leq 1 + f(n)$.

(This is " P_α has the Sacks property" which each Q_α satisfies by 1.11, and P_α satisfies by the preservation theorem [Sh-f, VI, Sect. 2] (or [Sh-b, V4.3] – where we use also ω -properness there, but it holds here; or see [Sh326, Appendix 2.4]).)

\otimes_α^2 in V^{P_α} , for every dense open $A \subseteq \omega^{>} \omega$, there is B such that: $B \in V$, $B \subseteq A$, B dense open subset of $\omega^{>} \omega$ (we can replace $\omega^{>} \omega$ by e.g. $\omega^{>} 2$ or $\omega^{>} \{-1, 1\}$).

To show that each individual Q_α has this property, let $p \in Q_I$, $p \Vdash "A \subseteq \omega" \text{ is dense open}$. We follow the proof of 1.11, but in point (h) we require now that for some fixed enumeration $\langle \omega_n : n < \omega \rangle$ of the basic open neighborhoods of ω^ω :

$$p_{n+1} \Vdash "v_n \subseteq A" \text{ for some basic open } v_n \subseteq \omega_n \text{ (not a name!).}$$

This can be achieved as follows. Given q_{n+1} , fix an enumeration $\langle h_i : i < 2^{n+m+1} \rangle$ of all $h \in (\omega_{n+1}) \setminus \{-1, 1\}$. Define conditions $p_{n+1, i}$ such that $q_{n+1} \leq_{n+m+1} p_{n+1, i} \leq_{n+m+1} p_{n+1, i+1}$ and $p_{n+1, i} \Vdash "v_n^{i+1} \subseteq A"$, where the v_n^i 's are basic open neighborhoods such that $v_n^{i+1} \subseteq v_n^i$ and $v_n^0 = \omega_0$. This is possible since A is dense open. Then put $p_{n+1} = p_{n+1, 2^{n+m+1}-1}$, and $v_n = v_n^{2^{n+m+1}}$.

The property just shown for every individual Q_α is preserved under CS iterations by [Sh-f, XVIII, 3.7] or [Sh-f, VI, 2.x].

\otimes_α^3 every member of $(\text{id}_{\mathcal{A}_*})^{V^{P_\alpha}}$ is included in a member of $(\text{id}_{\mathcal{A}_*})^V$.

(Why? It follows by \otimes_α^2 and the definition of $\text{id}_{\mathcal{A}}$ – note that if $A \in \text{id}_{\mathcal{A}_*}$ in V^{V_α} then for some $i < \omega_1$, $A \in \text{id}_{\mathcal{A}_i}$ [see 2.1(6)], now letting $\mathcal{A}_i = \{B_n : n < \omega\}$, if $A \in \text{id}_{\mathcal{A}_i}$ then $\{h : \text{for some } n, h : \{B_0, \dots, B_{n-1}\} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\} \text{ and we have } A \cap \mathcal{A}_i^h = \emptyset\}$ is open and dense, hence it includes some dense open [in $FF(\mathcal{A}_i)$] set $Y \subseteq \{h : \text{for some } n, h : \{B_0, \dots, B_{n-1}\} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}\}$ from V , let $A^Y = \bigcap_{h \in Y} (\omega \setminus \mathcal{A}^h)$, so $A^Y \in V$, $A^Y \in \text{id}_{\mathcal{A}_i} \subseteq \text{id}_{\mathcal{A}_*}$ and $A \subseteq A^Y$.)

\otimes_α^4 in V^{P_α} , for each $h^* \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*)$ for every $A \subseteq \mathcal{A}_*^{h^*}$, either A includes a member of $(\text{fil}_{\mathcal{A}_*})^V + \mathcal{A}_*^{h^*}$ (see definition below) or A is disjoint to some \mathcal{A}_*^h , $h^* \subseteq h \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*)$, where $(\text{fil}_{\mathcal{A}_*})^V + \mathcal{A}_*^{h^*} = \{X \subseteq \omega : \text{there is } A \in (\text{fil}_{\mathcal{A}_*})^V \text{ such that } A \cap \mathcal{A}_*^{h^*} \subseteq X\}$.

Note: that by \oplus_α^3 , \oplus_α^4 is equivalent to

\otimes_α^5 in V^{P_α} for each $h^* \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*)$ for every $A \subseteq \mathcal{A}_*^{h^*}$ for some h , $h^* \subseteq h \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*)$ and $A \cap \mathcal{A}_*^h = \emptyset$ or $\mathcal{A}_*^h \subseteq A$.

[Why? Clearly $\otimes_\alpha^4 \Rightarrow \otimes_\alpha^5$. So assume \otimes_α^5 and we shall prove \otimes_α^4 , so let $h^* \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*)$. If for some h , $h^* \subseteq h \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*)$ we have $A \cap \mathcal{A}_*^h = \emptyset$ then the second possibility in the conclusion of \otimes_α^4 holds. If there is no such h , then (by \otimes_α^5 applied to h) for every h , $h^* \subseteq h \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*)$, there is h' such that: $h \subseteq h' \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*)$ and $\mathcal{A}_*^{h'} \subseteq A$. So $\mathcal{A}_*^{h'} \setminus A$ belongs to $(\text{id}_{\mathcal{A}_*})^{V^{P_\alpha}}$ hence by \otimes_α^3 we know $\mathcal{A}_*^{h'} \setminus A$ is a subset of some $A' \in (\text{id}_{\mathcal{A}_*})^V$ which is as required in the first possibility of the conclusion of \otimes_α^4 .]

We prove \otimes_α^4 by induction on α . For notational simplicity let $h^* = \emptyset$.

First case: $\alpha = 0$ – by 2.3, part (e).

Second case: $\alpha = \beta + 1$. We work in V^{P_β} .

So let $p \in Q_{I_\beta}$, $A \subseteq \omega$ a Q_{I_β} -name of a subset of ω , p forces A is a counterexample. By 1.2(2) without loss of generality p is trivial; i.e. E^p is equality on ω (replacing I_β by some I_β/E) and by 1.11 without loss of generality from $r_{Q_{I_\beta}} \upharpoonright n$ we can compute $A \cap (n+1)$.

If for some $q \in {}^n\{1, -1\}$, $n < \omega$, $Y_q = \{m : p^{[q]} \Vdash "m \notin A"\}$ is not in $\text{fil}_{\mathcal{A}_*}$ (we can use $p^{[q]}$ as p is trivial); then note: $Y_q \in V^{P_\beta}$ and V^{P_β} satisfies the induction hypothesis

so apply it to Y_ϱ , but the first possibility in \oplus_β^4 fails. Hence there is $h \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*)$ for which $\mathcal{A}_*^h \cap Y_\varrho = \emptyset$, so $p^{|\ell|} \Vdash \text{“}\mathcal{A}_*^h \cap \mathcal{A} = \emptyset\text{”}$ as required. So assume that there is no such ϱ . Remember $\omega > \{1, -1\} = \bigcup_n \{1, -1\}$.

Now for each $\varrho \in \omega > \{1, -1\}$ and $m \in Y_\varrho$ there is $q = q_{\varrho, m}$ where $p^{|\ell|} \leq q \in Q_{I_\beta}$ such that $q \Vdash \text{“}m \in \mathcal{A}\text{”}$; by an assumption in the beginning of the second case, there is $v_{\varrho, m}$, $\varrho \leq v_{\varrho, m} \in \omega > \{1, -1\}$ (\leq means being an initial segment) such that $p^{|\ell|} \Vdash_{Q_{I_\beta}} \text{“}m \in \mathcal{A}\text{”}$. Let $n: \omega \rightarrow \omega$ be defined by (note: $\ell g v_{\varrho, m} \geq \ell g \varrho$)

$$h(n) = \text{Max}[\{n+1\} \cup \{\ell g(v_{\varrho, m}) : \varrho \in n \geq \{1, -1\}, m \leq n, m \in Y_\varrho\}].$$

So by \otimes_β^3 and 2.3(h), for each $\varrho \in \omega > \{1, -1\}$ there is $i(\varrho) \in \omega_1$ such that $A_{i(\varrho)} \subseteq Y_\varrho$. So for some $i(*) < \omega_1$ for every $i \geq i(*)$, $\bigwedge_{\varrho \in \omega > \{1, -1\}} A_i \subseteq^* Y_\varrho$. Let $f: \omega \rightarrow \omega$ be such that: $\bigwedge_n h(n) \leq f(n)$ and for $\varrho \in n \{1, -1\}$, $n < \omega$, $A_{i(*)} \setminus Y_\varrho \subseteq f(n)$; there is such $f \in V^{P_\beta}$, hence such $f \in V$ (by \otimes_β^1). Choose by induction on $\ell < \omega$, $n_\ell \in A_{i(*)} \cup \{0\}$ as follows: $n_0 = 0$, $n_{\ell+1}$ is the first $n \in A_{i(*)}$ such that $n > n_\ell$ and $\bigwedge_{m \leq n_\ell} f(m) < n$ (possible as $A_{i(*)}$ is

infinite). Define an equivalence relation E^0 on ω : $m E^0 k$ iff $\bigvee_\ell (m, k \in [n_{3\ell}, n_{3\ell+3}])$.

This is an equivalence relation on ω with each class finite, and $E^0 \in V$ as $f \in V$. So by 2.3(g) there is i_1 , $i(*) < i_1 < \omega_1$ such that $|A_{i_1} \cap [n_{3\ell}, n_{3\ell+3}]| \leq 1$ for every ℓ . Define an equivalence relation E^1 on A_{i_1} : $m E^1 k$ iff $m, k \in A_{i_1}$ and $[m = k \vee k < m \leq f(k) \vee m < k \leq f(m)]$. E^1 is an equivalence relation by the defining property of i_1 . Easily $E^1 \in V$, each E^1 -equivalence class has at most two members. Define an equivalence relation E^2 on ω : $m E^2 k$ iff $m = k$ or $m E^1 k$. So again applying 2.3(g) for some i_2 with $i_1 < i_2 < \omega$, we have: each E^2 -equivalence class contains at most one member of A_{i_2} . By 2.3(h), without loss of generality $A_{i_2} \subseteq (A_{i(*)} \cap A_{i_1}) \cap [0, f(0)]$. As we could rename $i(*)$ as i_2 , without loss of generality:

$$n \in A_{i(*)} \cup \{0\} \Rightarrow f(n) < \text{Min}[A_{i(*)} \setminus (n+1)].$$

Let $\langle k(n) : n < \omega \rangle$ list $A_{i(*)} \cup \{0\}$, and for $\varrho \in \omega > \{1, -1\}$ let v_ϱ be such that $\varrho \leq v_\varrho \in \omega > \{1, -1\}$, $p^{|\ell|} \Vdash \text{“}k(n+1) \in \mathcal{A}\text{”}$. It is easy to check v_ϱ exists: $k(n+1) \in A_\varrho$ as $A_{i(*)} \setminus Y_\varrho \subseteq f(k(n)) < k(n+1)$ and $k(n+1) \in A_{i(*)}$, and $\ell g(v_\varrho, k(n+1)) \leq h(k(n+1)) \leq f(k(n+1)) < k(n+2)$, so any $v, v_\varrho, k(m+1) \leq v \in \omega > \{1, -1\}$ will be as required.

Now if $B \subseteq \omega$, satisfies $[\ell, m \in B \ \& \ \ell \neq m \Rightarrow |\ell - m| > 2]$ and, $[\ell \in B \Rightarrow \ell > 2]$, then we can define p_B which is potentially an element of Q_{I_β} (and $> p$), as follows:

- $\text{Dom}(E^{p_B}) = \omega \setminus \bigcup \{[k(n-1), k(n+1)) : n \in B\}$,
- E^{p_B} is the identity,
- $H^{p_B}(i) = x_i$ for $i \in \text{Dom } E^{p_B}$,
- if $\ell \in \omega \setminus \text{Dom}(E^{p_B})$, so for some $n \in B$, $k(n-1) \leq \ell < k(n+1)$ and we want to define

$$H(\ell)(\varrho) = v_\varrho \upharpoonright_{k(n-1)(\ell)}$$

but some $\varrho(m)$, $m < \ell$ should be computed by $H(\ell)$, so we define $H(\ell)$ by induction on ℓ , naturally. Let us do it more formally: Suppose $k(n-1) \leq \ell < k(n+1)$, and $H(m)$ has been defined for $m < \ell$. To define $H^{p_B}[x_i : i \in A^{p_B}]$ (the x_i again represent just minus one's and one's), find

$$\varrho = \langle \dots, x_i, \dots, H^{p_B}(j)[\dots, x_\varrho, \dots], \dots \rangle_{\substack{i \in k(n-1) \cap \text{Dom } E^p \\ j \in k(n-1) \cap \text{Dom } E^p}},$$

and let

$$H^{p_B}[x_i: i \in A^{p_B}] = v_{\ell} \upharpoonright_{k(n-1)}(\ell).$$

Easily:

(*) if $\bigcup_{n \in B} [k(n-1), k(n+1)] \in I_{\beta}$ then $p \leq p_B \in Q_{L_{\beta}}$ and

$$p_B \Vdash_{Q_{L_{\beta}}} \text{“}\{k(n): n \in B\} \subseteq A\text{”}.$$

So it suffices to find $B \subseteq \omega$ such that: $\bigcup [k(n-1), k(n+1)] \in I_{\beta}$ and $\{k(n): n \in B\} \in \text{fil}_{\mathcal{A}_*}$ or just for some $h \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*)$, $\{k(n): n \in B_0\} \in \text{fil}_{\mathcal{A}_* + \mathcal{A}_*^h}$ (remember \oplus_{α}^5).

As in the paragraph above for some $B_0 \subseteq \omega$, $\{k(n): n \in B\} \in \text{fil}_{\mathcal{A}_*}$, and $[m, n \in B_0 \ \& \ m \neq n \Rightarrow |m-n| > 2]$. We can find contradictory $h_1, h_2 \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*)$, so $\mathcal{A}_*^{h_1} \cap \mathcal{A}_*^{h_2} = \emptyset$ so without loss of generality $\mathcal{A}_*^{h_1} \in I_{\beta}$, so $B = \{k(n): n \in \mathcal{A}_*^{h_1}\}$ and $n \in B_0$ is as required. [Note that actually $\ell g(v_{\ell, m}) = \max\{m, \ell g \ell\}$ is O.K.]

Third case: α limit: By 3.2 below applied with $\alpha, \bar{Q} \upharpoonright \alpha, (\text{fil}_{\mathcal{A}})^V, \{\omega \setminus \mathcal{A}_*^h: h \in FF(\mathcal{A}_*)\}$ here standing for δ, \bar{Q}, D, F there. $\square_{3.1}$

3.2 Lemma. Suppose

(a) D is a family of non-empty subsets of ω , containing the co-bounded subsets, closed under (finite) intersection and for every countable $\mathcal{B} \subseteq D$ for some $A \in D$ we have $\bigwedge_{B \in \mathcal{B}} A \subseteq^* B$; we denote by $[D]$ the filter D generates,

(b) F is a family of subsets of ω , $X \in F \Rightarrow X \notin [D]$,

(c) D is Ramsey; i.e. if $\langle A_n: n < \omega \rangle$ is a partition of $\omega, \omega \setminus A_n \in D$ then we can find $k_n \in A_n, \{k_n: n < \omega\} \in D, **$

(d) if $X \subseteq \omega, X \notin [D]$ then for some $A \in F, X \subseteq^* A$,

(e) if $X \subseteq \omega$ and $X \cap A = \emptyset$ for some $A \in D$ then $X \subseteq B$ for some $B \in D$.

If $\bar{Q} = \langle P_{\alpha}, Q_{\beta}: \alpha \leq \delta, \beta < \delta \rangle$ is a CS proper iteration of ${}^{\omega}\omega$ -bounding proper forcing notions, such that for $\alpha < \delta, \Vdash_{P_{\alpha}} \text{“if } X \subseteq \omega, X \notin [D]^{V^{P_{\alpha}}}$ then for some $A \in F, X \subseteq^* A\text{”}$ [i.e. (d) holds in $V^{P_{\alpha}}$] then this holds for $\alpha = \delta$.

Proof. Also here we could have used the general preservation theorems of [Sh-f, XVIII, Sect. 2] (see 3.11 there).

Let $p \in P_{\delta}, p \Vdash \text{“}X \subseteq \omega\text{”}$, it suffices to find $q, p \leq q \in P_{\delta}$ and either $A \in F$ such that $q \Vdash_{P_{\delta}} \text{“}X \subseteq^* A\text{”}$ or $A \in D, q \Vdash_{P_{\delta}} \text{“}A \subseteq^* X\text{”}$. As each P_{α} ($\alpha \leq \delta$) is ${}^{\omega}\omega$ -bounding (by the preservation theorem [Sh-f, VI, Sect. 2], proof of \otimes_1 in 3.1), $[D]$ is a Ramsey filter in $V^{P_{\alpha}}$ for $\alpha \leq \delta$.

For sufficiently large χ , let $N \prec (H(\chi), \varepsilon, <^*)$ be countable such that p, X, F, D, \bar{Q} belong to N . We can assume that for no $\alpha \in \delta \cap N$ and p' satisfying $p \leq p' \in N \cap P_{\delta}$ and $q \in P_{\alpha}$ such that $p' \upharpoonright \alpha \leq q, q$ is (N, P_{α}) -generic and $G_{\alpha} \subseteq P_{\alpha}$ generic over V such that $q \in G_{\alpha}$ do we have in $V[G_{\alpha}]$

$$\{n: p' \Vdash_{P_{\alpha}/G_{\alpha}} \text{“}n \notin X\text{”}\} \notin [D]^{V[G_{\alpha}]}$$

(as in $V[G_{\alpha}]$, (d) still holds).

** Equivalently in the following game player I has no winning strategy: I chooses $A_n \in [D]$, II chooses $k_n \in A_n$; player II wins the play if $\{k_n: n < \omega\} \in [D]$. The filter $\text{fil}_{\mathcal{A}_*}$ has a base linearly ordered by \subseteq^* into order type ω_1^* , and is therefore a p -filter. It is also a q -filter by 2.3(g). It is well known that a filter is Ramsey iff it is simultaneously a p -filter and a q -filter

Without loss of generality $\delta = \omega$, $X \cap \{n\}$ is a P_n -name above p (more exactly, above $p \upharpoonright n$) (as in [Sh-b] or [Sh-f, III]). We can find $\langle p_\ell^0: \ell < \omega \rangle \in N$, $\langle k_\ell: \ell < \omega \rangle \in N$, $p_\ell^0 \Vdash_{P_\omega} "k_\ell \in X"$, $p_\ell^0 \leq p_{\ell+1}^0 \in P_\omega$, $\{k_\ell: \ell < \omega\} \in D$ (use the game).

Let $A^* \in D$ be such that $(\forall A \in D \cap N)[A^* \subseteq^* A]$ and $A^* \subseteq \{k_\ell: \ell < \omega\}$.

We define by induction on n , p_n , q_n such that:

- (a) $q_n \in P_n$, $q_{n+1} \upharpoonright n = q_n$, q_n is (N_n, P_n) -generic,
- (b) p_n is a P_n -name of a member of $P_\omega \cap N$,
- (c) $p_n \leq q_n$,
- (d) $p_n \leq p_{n+1}$,
- (e) if $q_n \in G_n \subseteq P_n$, G_n generic over V , then in $V[G_n]$ we can find $\langle p_\ell^n: \ell < \omega \rangle \in N[G_n] \cap (P_\delta/G_n)$, $p_n[G_n] \leq p_\ell^n \leq p_{\ell+1}^n$, $\{p_\ell^n: \ell < \omega\} \subseteq P_\omega/G_n$, and for some $B_n \in D \cap N$, $p_\ell^n \Vdash_{P_\omega/G_n} "B_n \cap \ell \subseteq X \cap \ell"$, and $A^* \subseteq B_n$.

If we succeed, $\bigcup_n q_{n+1} \upharpoonright \{n\} \in P_\delta$ force $X \supseteq A^*$. (Why? By our assumption, $p_{n+1}[G_{n+1}]$ decides the truth value of " $n \in X$ ". If $n \in A^*$, then the existence of p_{n+1}^+ and (N, P_{n+1}) -genericity of q_{n+1} assure us that no $q' \geq q$ can force n not to be in X . The p_ℓ^n for $n \neq \ell$ are needed only to keep the inductive argument going.) For $n=0$ – we have taken care of it choosing p_ℓ^0, A^* . So let us do the induction step and work in $V[G_n]$ ($q_n \in G_n \subseteq P_n$, G_n generic over V).

So $\langle p_\ell^n: \ell < \omega \rangle \in N[G_n]$ is defined. Working in $V[G_n]^{Q_n}$ we can find, for each ℓ , $\langle p_m^{n,\ell}: m < \omega \rangle$, $p_\ell^n \leq p_m^{n,\ell} \leq p_{m+1}^{n,\ell}$ in P_ω/G_{n+1} , $p_m^{n,\ell} \Vdash "X \cap m \supseteq Y_\ell^n \cap m, Y_\ell^n \in D"$ (use D is Ramsey); so there are Q_n -names for them, Y_ℓ^n , $\langle p_m^{n,\ell}: m < \omega \rangle$. Clearly without loss of generality those Q_n -names belong to $N[G_n]$. Hence, for $\ell < \omega$ there is $p'_{n,\ell} \in Q_n \cap N[G_n]$, $p_\ell^n \leq p'_{n,\ell} \in P_\omega/G_n$, $p'_{n,\ell}$ forces $Y_\ell^n = Y_\ell^n$ (so is as above), so without loss of generality $\langle p'_{n,\ell}, Y_\ell^n: \ell < \omega \rangle \in N[G_n]$, and there is $Y \in D \cap N$, $\bigwedge_\ell Y \subseteq^* Y_\ell^n$.

Necessarily, $A^* \subseteq^* Y$. Note: $Y_\ell^n \cap \ell = B \cap \ell \supseteq A^* \cap \ell$, also the function $h: \omega \rightarrow \omega$, defined by $h(\ell) = \text{Min}\{n: n > \ell \text{ and } \sup(Y \setminus Y_\ell^n) < n\}$ belongs to $N[G_n]$. As D is Ramsey, for some $\{k_i: i < \omega\} \in D \cap N[G_n]$, $\bigwedge_i h(k_i) < k_{i+1}$, so for some i^* ,

$[i^* \leq k \in A^* \Rightarrow (k, h(k)) \cap A^* = \emptyset]$ (we use the forcing being ${}^\omega$ -bounding to get D in N rather than in $N[G_n]$). So for some ℓ , $A^* \subseteq Y_\ell^n$ and we can continue. Choose $q_{n+1} \in P_{n+1}$, $q_{n+1} \upharpoonright n = q_n$, $q_{n+1}(n) \in Q_n$ is $(N[G_n], Q_n[G_n])$ -generic and above $p'_{n,\ell}$ and is as required. $\square_{3.2}$

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