## A TREE-ARROWING GRAPH

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#### Abstract

We answer a variant of a question of Rödl and Voigt by showing that, for a given infinite cardinal $\lambda$, there is a graph $G$ of cardinality $\kappa=\left(2^{\lambda}\right)^{+}$such that for any colouring of the edges of $G$ with $\lambda$ colours, there is an induced copy of the $\kappa$-tree in $G$ in the set theoretic sense with all edges having the same colour.


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## 1. Introduction

$\mathcal{G}=(V, E)$ is a graph with vertex set $V$ and edge set $E$, where $E \subseteq[V]^{2}$. The graph $\mathcal{H}=(W, F)$ is a subgraph of $\mathcal{G}$ if $W \subseteq V$ and $F \subseteq E$, it is an induced subgraph if $F=E \cap[W]^{2}$. If $\lambda$ is a cardinal, the partition relation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{G} \rightarrow(\mathcal{H})_{\lambda}^{2} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

means that if $c: E \rightarrow \lambda$ is any colouring of the edges of $\mathcal{G}$ with $\lambda$ colours, then there is an induced copy of $\mathcal{H}$ in $\mathcal{G}$ in which all the edges have the same colour. There is a related notion $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow(\mathcal{H})_{\lambda}^{1}$, for vertex colourings of graphs. However, there is an essential difference since, for any given graph $\mathcal{H}$ and any $\lambda$, there is

[^0]some $\mathcal{G}$ such that $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow(\mathcal{H})_{\lambda}^{1}$ holds. This is not true for edge-colourings; Hajnal and Komjath [2] proved the consistency of a negative answer, and Shelah [5] proved that a positive answer is also consistent. It is therefore of some interest to have instances of graphs $\mathcal{H}$ such that (1) holds for some $\mathcal{G}$, and then, of course, one can ask for the smallest such $\mathcal{G}$.

Rödl and Voigt [4] (see also [3]) proved a result of this kind by showing that for any infinite cardinal $\lambda$ and a suitably large $\kappa$, there is a graph $\mathcal{G}_{\kappa}$ of cardinality $\kappa$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{G}_{\kappa} \rightarrow\left(\mathcal{T}_{\kappa}\right)_{\lambda}^{2} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

holds, where $\mathcal{T}_{\kappa}$ is the tree in which every vertex has degree $\kappa$ (see below). More precisely, 'suitably large' means that the ordinary partition relation

$$
\operatorname{cf}(\kappa) \rightarrow(\omega)_{\lambda}^{3}
$$

holds so that, by $[1], \kappa \geq\left(2^{2^{\lambda}}\right)^{+}$; in fact, they showed in this case that the ubiquitous shift-graph on $\kappa$ works. Rödl and Voigt [4] then asked, what is the smallest cardinal $\kappa$ such that (2) holds? It is easily seen that (2) is false if $\kappa \leq 2^{\lambda}$, and they conjectured that it holds (for some suitable graph $\mathcal{G}_{\kappa}$ ) if $\kappa=\left(2^{\lambda}\right)^{+}$. In this paper we prove that (2) holds with $\mathcal{T}_{\kappa}$ replaced by $\mathcal{T}(\kappa)$, a related graph which we call the transitive $\kappa$-tree defined in the next section.

## 2. Preliminaries

For an infinite cardinal $\kappa$ we denote by ${ }^{<\omega} \kappa$ the set of all increasing finite sequences of ordinals in $\kappa$. The length of an element $s=\left\langle s_{0}, \ldots, s_{n-1}\right\rangle \in{ }^{<\omega} \kappa$ is denoted by $\ln (s)=n$. Also, we define

$$
\max (s)= \begin{cases}-1 & \text { if } s=\langle \rangle, \text { the empty sequence, } \\ s_{\ell n(s)-1} & \text { if } \ln (s)>0\end{cases}
$$

If $s=\left\langle s_{0}, \ldots, s_{n-1}\right\rangle$ and $t=\left\langle t_{0}, \ldots, t_{m-1}\right\rangle$ are two elements of ${ }^{\langle\omega} \kappa$, we write $s \triangleleft t$ to denote the fact that $s$ is a proper initial segment of $t$, that is $n<m$ and $s_{i}=t_{i}$ for $i<n$, and in this case we write $s=t \mid n$. We also write $s=t_{*}$ if $m=n+1$ and $s \triangleleft t$. If $s, t$ are distinct and $\triangleleft$-incomparable we write $s \perp t$. The $\kappa$-tree of height $\omega$ is the graph $\mathcal{T}_{\kappa}$ on ${ }^{<\omega} \kappa$ with edge set

$$
E_{\kappa}=\left\{\{s, t\}: s, t \in{ }^{<\omega} \kappa \wedge s=t_{*}\right\} .
$$

We shall also consider a related graph, the transitive $\kappa$-tree of height $\omega$, which is the graph $\mathcal{T}(\kappa)$ on ${ }^{<\omega} \kappa$ with edge set

$$
F_{\kappa}=\left\{\{s, t\}: s, t \in \epsilon^{<\omega} \kappa \wedge s \triangleleft t\right\} .
$$

We shall prove the following theorem.

Theorem 2.1. Let $\lambda$ be an infinite cardinal, and let $\kappa=\left(2^{\lambda}\right)^{+}$. Then there is a graph $G_{\kappa}$ of cardinality $\kappa$ such that

$$
G_{\kappa} \rightarrow(\mathcal{T})_{\lambda}^{2}
$$

where $\mathcal{T}$ is $\mathcal{T}(\kappa)$.
Remark. Instead of $\kappa=\left(2^{\lambda}\right)^{+}$, it is enough that $\kappa$ be any regular cardinal such that $|\alpha|^{\lambda}<\kappa$ holds for all $\alpha<\kappa$. The same proof works.

The construction of a suitable $\mathcal{G}_{\kappa}$ depends upon the following (slightly weaker version of a) theorem of Shelah [7] (or more [8, 3.5]):
(•) Let $\lambda$ be an infinite cardinal, $\kappa=\left(2^{\lambda}\right)^{+}, S=\left\{\alpha<\kappa: \operatorname{cf}(\alpha)=\lambda^{+}\right\}$. Then there are a sequence $\bar{C}=\left\langle C_{\delta}: \delta \in S\right\rangle$ and a sequence $\overline{h^{*}}=\left\langle h_{\delta}^{*}: \delta \in S\right\rangle$ such that $C_{\delta}$ is a club in $\delta$ having order type $\lambda^{+}, h_{\delta}^{*}: C_{\delta} \rightarrow 2$ and such that, for any club $K$ in $\kappa$, there is a stationary subset $B_{K}$ of $S \cap K$ such that for each $\delta \in B_{K}$ and each $i<2, \min \left(C_{\delta}\right) \in K$ and the set

$$
D_{K}(\delta, i)=\left\{\alpha \in C_{\delta} \cap K: h_{\delta}^{*}(\alpha)=i \wedge \min \left(C_{\delta} \backslash(\alpha+1)\right) \in K\right\}
$$

is cofinal in $\delta$.
Remarks. 1. The result is also true if 2 , the range of each $h_{\delta}^{*}$, is replaced by $\lambda$; also, if $\kappa=\lambda^{++}$, we can also require that $D_{K}(\delta, i)$ be a stationary subset of $\delta$ for each $\delta \in B_{K}$ and $i<\lambda$ (see [8]).
2. If $2^{\lambda}>\lambda^{+}$, then the following stronger assertion is true (see Shelah [6]): (••) There is a sequence $\bar{C}=\left\langle C_{\delta}: \delta \in S\right\rangle$ such that $C_{\delta}$ is a club in $\delta$ having order type $\lambda^{+}$and, for any club $K$ in $\kappa$ and any stationary subset $S^{\prime} \subseteq S$, there is a stationary subset $B_{K} \subseteq S^{\prime} \cap K$ such that $C_{\delta} \subseteq K$ for each $\delta \in B_{K}$. Using this result instead of $(\cdot)$, the proof of Theorem 2.1 for the case when $2^{\lambda}>\lambda^{+}$may be slightly simplified.

We will prove that Theorem 2.1 holds with the graph $G_{\kappa}=(\kappa, \mathcal{E})$, where

$$
\mathcal{E}=\left\{\{\alpha, \beta\}: \beta \in S \wedge \min \left(C_{\beta}\right)<\alpha<\beta \wedge h_{\beta}^{*}\left(\sup \left(\alpha \cap C_{\beta}\right)\right)=0\right\},
$$

and the $C_{\beta}$ and $h_{\beta}^{*}$ are as described in ( $\bullet$ ).
3. The case $\mathcal{T}=\mathcal{T}(\kappa)$

We prove the result for the case of the transitive tree $T(\kappa)$.
Proof: Let $c: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \lambda$ be any $\lambda$-colouring of the edges of $G_{\kappa}$. For each $\zeta \in \lambda$ consider the following two-person game $\mathcal{G}_{\zeta}$. The game has $\omega$ moves. At the $n$-th stage the first player $P_{1}$ chooses ordinals $\alpha_{n}, \beta_{n}$, and then the second player $P_{2}$ chooses two ordinals $\gamma_{n}, \delta_{n}$ so that

$$
\begin{gather*}
\alpha_{n}<\beta_{n}<\gamma_{n}<\delta_{n}<\kappa,  \tag{3}\\
\delta_{m}<\alpha_{n} \quad(m<n) . \tag{4}
\end{gather*}
$$

The player $P_{2}$ is declared the winner in a play of the game if he succeeds in choosing the $\gamma_{n}$ so that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\{\gamma_{m}, \gamma_{n}\right\} \in \mathcal{E}, \quad c\left(\left\{\gamma_{m}, \gamma_{n}\right\}\right)=\zeta \quad(m<n<\omega) \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\{\xi, \gamma_{n}\right\} \notin \mathcal{E} \text { for } \xi \in\left(\alpha_{m}, \beta_{m}\right) \text { and } m \leq n<\omega \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

(As usual, $(\alpha, \beta)$ denotes the open interval $\{\xi: \alpha<\xi<\beta\}$ and $[\alpha, \beta]$ is the corresponding closed interval.)

The proof of the theorem depends upon the following two facts:
Fact A: For some $\zeta<\lambda, P_{2}$ has a winning strategy for the game $\mathcal{G}_{\zeta}$.
Fact B: If $P_{2}$ can win $\mathcal{G}_{\zeta}$, then the graph $G_{\kappa}$ contains an induced copy of $\mathcal{T}(\kappa)$ with all edges coloured $\zeta$.

Proof of Fact B. We assume that $\zeta<\lambda$ and that the second player $P_{2}$ has a winning strategy $\sigma_{\zeta}$ for the game $\mathcal{G}_{\zeta}$. We shall define ordinals $\alpha_{s}, \beta_{s}, \gamma_{s}, \delta_{s}$ for $s$ a vertex of $\mathcal{T}(\kappa)$ so that the following conditions are satisfied:
(a) For each $s$ the sequence

$$
\left\langle\left(\alpha_{s \mid i}, \beta_{s \mid i}, \gamma_{s \mid i}, \delta_{s \mid i}\right): i<\ln (s)\right\rangle
$$

consists of the first $2 \ell n(s)$ moves in a proper play of the game $\mathcal{G}_{\zeta}$ in which $P_{2}$ uses the winning strategy $\sigma_{\zeta}$.
(b) $\gamma_{s} \neq \gamma_{t}$ if $s \neq t$.
(c) If $s \perp t$, then $\left\{\gamma_{s}, \gamma_{t}\right\} \notin \mathcal{E}$.

Since (5) holds, these conditions imply that the map $s \mapsto \gamma_{s}$ is an embedding of the tree $\mathcal{T}(\kappa)$ into the graph $G_{\kappa}$ and all the edges of the image have colour $\zeta$.

In fact, we shall choose the $\alpha_{s}, \beta_{s}, \gamma_{s}, \delta_{s}$ so that (a) holds and so that the following condition is satisfied:
(d) For any vertices $s, t$ of $\mathcal{T}(\kappa)$, if $s \perp t$, then

EITHER (i) $\left[\gamma_{s}, \delta_{s}\right] \subset \bigcup_{i \leq \ell n(t)}\left(\alpha_{t \mid i}, \beta_{t \mid i}\right)$,
OR (ii) $\left[\gamma_{t}, \delta_{t}\right] \subset \bigcup_{i \leq \ell n(s)}\left(\alpha_{s \mid i}, \beta_{s \mid i}\right)$.
The conditions (a) and (d), and the fact that $P_{2}$ is using the winning strategy $\sigma_{\zeta}$, ensure that (b) and (c) also hold.

We define $\alpha_{s}, \beta_{s}, \gamma_{s}, \delta_{s}$ by induction on $\max (s)$. Let $\alpha_{\langle \rangle}=0, \beta_{\langle \rangle}=1$, and then let $\left(\gamma_{\langle \rangle}, \delta_{\langle \rangle}\right)$be $P_{2}$ 's response in the game $\mathcal{G}_{\zeta}$ using his winning strategy $\sigma_{\zeta}$. Now let $0 \leq \xi<\kappa$, and suppose that we have suitably defined $\alpha_{s}, \beta_{s}, \gamma_{s}, \delta_{s}$ for all vertices $s$ of $\mathcal{T}(\kappa)$ such that $\max (s)<\xi$. We need to define these when $\max (s)=\xi$.

Let $\left\langle t_{i}: i<\theta(\xi)\right\rangle$ be an enumeration of all the nodes $s$ of $\mathcal{T}(\kappa)$ with $\max (s)=\xi$. Then $1 \leq \theta(\xi) \leq 2^{\lambda}<\kappa$. Now inductively choose the $\alpha_{t_{i}}, \beta_{t_{i}}, \gamma_{t_{i}}, \delta_{t_{i}}$ for $i<\theta(\xi)$ so that

$$
\alpha_{t_{i}}=\delta_{\left(t_{i}\right) *}+1
$$

and if $i=0, \beta_{t_{i}}=\alpha_{i_{0}}+1$ and if $i>0$

$$
\beta_{t_{\mathrm{i}}}=\sup \left\{\delta_{s}+2: \max (s)<\xi \text { or } s=t_{j} \text { for some } j<i\right\}
$$

The corresponding pairs ( $\gamma_{t_{i}}, \delta_{t_{i}}$ ) are determined by the strategy $\sigma_{\zeta}$. With these choices it is easily seen that (a) continues to hold; we have to check that (d) also holds when $s \perp t$ and $\max (s)=\xi$ or $\max (t)=\xi$.

If $\max (s)=\max (t)=\xi$, then $s=t_{i}$ and $t=t_{j}$, where say $i<j$. Then

$$
\alpha_{t}=\delta_{t_{*}}+1<\beta_{s}<\gamma_{s}<\delta_{s}<\beta_{t},
$$

and so (d)(i) holds.
Suppose $\max (s)<\xi=\max (t)$. Then by the induction hypothesis, either (i) or (ii) of (d) holds when we replace $t$ by $t_{*}$. Suppose first that (d)(i) holds. Then for some $m \leq \ln \left(t_{*}\right)$ we have that

$$
\alpha_{t-\mid m}<\gamma_{s}<\delta_{s}<\beta_{t_{*} \mid m} .
$$

It follows that (d)(i) also holds for $s$ and $t$ since $t\left|m=t_{*}\right| m$. Now suppose that (d)(ii) holds so that, for some $m \leq \ell n(s)$,

$$
\alpha_{s \mid m}<\gamma_{t_{*}}<\delta_{t_{*}}<\beta_{s \mid m}
$$

Then, by the definitions of $\alpha_{t}$ and $\beta_{t}$, it follows that

$$
\alpha_{t}=\delta_{t_{*}}+1 \leq \beta_{s}<\gamma_{s}<\delta_{s}<\beta_{t},
$$

so that again (d)(i) holds for $s$ and $t$. Similarly, if $\max (t)<\xi=\max (s)$.
Proof of Fact $A$. We have to show that $P_{2}$ wins the game $\mathcal{G}_{\zeta}$ for some $\zeta<\lambda$. Suppose for a contradiction that this is false. Since the games are open and hence determined, it follows that $P_{1}$ has a winning strategy, say $\tau_{\zeta}$, for the game $\mathcal{G}_{\zeta}$ for every $\zeta<\lambda$.

For convenience we write $c(\{\alpha, \beta\})=-1$ if $\{\alpha, \beta\} \notin \mathcal{E}$, so that $c$ is defined on all pairs $\{\alpha, \beta\} \in[\kappa]^{2}$. For each bounded subset $X \subseteq \kappa$ define an equivalence relation $e_{X}$ on $S \backslash(\sup (X)+1)$ so that $\beta e_{X} \gamma$ holds if and only if
(i) $\beta, \gamma \in S$ and $\sup (X)<\beta, \gamma<\kappa$;
(ii) $c(\{\alpha, \beta\})=c(\{\alpha, \gamma\})$ for all $\alpha \in X$;
(iii) $X \cap C_{\beta}=X \cap C_{\gamma}$, (iv) for $\alpha \in X, \alpha \leq \min \left(C_{\beta}\right) \Leftrightarrow \alpha \leq \min \left(C_{\gamma}\right)$, $\operatorname{tp}\left(\alpha \cap C_{\beta}\right)=\operatorname{tp}\left(\alpha \cap C_{\gamma}\right)$ and $h_{\beta}^{*}\left(\sup \left(\alpha \cap C_{\beta}\right)\right)=h_{\gamma}^{*}\left(\sup \left(\alpha \cap C_{\gamma}\right)\right)$ (for $\left.\alpha>\min \left(C_{\beta}\right)\right)$.

Note that the equivalence relation $e_{X}$ has at most $\left(\lambda^{+}\right)^{|X|} \leq 2^{\lambda|X|}$ classes. Also, if $Y \subseteq X$, then $\beta e_{X} \gamma \Rightarrow \beta e_{Y} \gamma$.

Since $\kappa=\left(2^{\lambda}\right)^{+}$, there is a continuous increasing sequence of ordinals $\left\langle\rho_{\eta}: \eta<\kappa\right\rangle$ in $\kappa$ such that the following two conditions hold:
(o) If $X \subseteq \rho_{\eta},|X| \leq \lambda$ and $\rho_{\eta}<\beta<\kappa$, then there is some $\gamma \in\left(\rho_{\eta}, \rho_{\eta+1}\right)$ such that $\beta e_{X} \gamma$
(oo) $\rho_{\eta}$ is closed under $\tau_{\zeta}$ for all $\zeta<\lambda$. In other words, if at the $n$-th stage of a play in the game $\mathcal{G}_{\zeta}$, player $P_{2}$ chooses $\gamma_{n}<\delta_{n}<\rho_{\eta}$, then $P_{1}$ 's response using $\tau_{\zeta}$ is to choose $\alpha_{n+1}, \beta_{n+1}$ so that $\delta_{n}<\alpha_{n+1}<\beta_{n+1}<\rho_{\eta}$.

Since $K=\left\{\rho_{\eta}: \eta<\kappa\right\}$ is a club in $\kappa$, there is some $\delta \in S$ such that $\min \left(C_{\delta}\right) \in$ $K$ and, for $\varepsilon \in\{0,1\}$,

$$
A_{\varepsilon}=\left\{\alpha \in C_{\delta} \cap K: h_{\delta}^{*}(\alpha)=\varepsilon \wedge \min \left(C_{\delta} \backslash(\alpha+1)\right) \in K\right\}
$$

is an unbounded subset of $\delta$. Let $C_{\delta}=\left\{i_{\sigma}: \sigma<\lambda^{+}\right\}$, where $i_{0}<i_{1}<\cdots$.
We claim that the following assertion holds for some $\zeta<\lambda$.
$(*)_{\zeta}$ : If $X \subseteq \delta,|X| \leq \lambda$, then there are $\sigma<\lambda^{+}$and $\gamma$ such that (a) $\sup (X)<$ $i_{\sigma}<\gamma<i_{\sigma+1}$, (b) $i_{\sigma} \in A_{0}$, (c) $\gamma e_{X} \delta$, and (d) $c(\gamma, \delta)=\zeta$.
For suppose the claim is false. Then, for each $\zeta<\lambda$ there is a counter-example $X_{\zeta}$. Let $X=\bigcup\left\{X_{\zeta}: \zeta<\lambda\right\}$. Then $X \subseteq \delta$ and $|X| \leq \lambda$ and so, for some $\alpha \in A_{0}$, $\sup (X)<\alpha<\delta$. There are $\eta<\kappa$ and $\sigma<\lambda^{+}$such that $\alpha=\rho_{\eta}=i_{\sigma}$, and therefore, by the choice of $\rho_{\eta+1}$, there is $\gamma$ such that $\rho_{\eta}<\gamma<\rho_{\eta+1}$ and $\gamma e_{X} \delta$. Since $\alpha=i_{\sigma} \in A_{0}, i_{\sigma+1}=\min \left(C_{\delta} \backslash(\alpha+1)\right) \in K$. So $\rho_{\eta+1} \leq i_{\sigma+1}$. Therefore, $\sup \left(C_{\delta} \cap \gamma\right)=i_{\sigma}$, and since $\alpha=i_{\sigma} \in A_{0}$, we have that $h_{\delta}^{*}\left(\sup \left(C_{\delta} \cap \gamma\right)\right)=0$. Therefore, $\{\gamma, \delta\}$ is an edge of $G$ and there is some $\zeta \in \lambda$ such that $c(\gamma, \delta)=\zeta$. But this contradicts the choice of $X_{\zeta} \subseteq X$, and hence $(*)_{\zeta}$ holds for some $\zeta<\lambda$.

By induction on $n<\omega$ we now choose ordinals $\alpha_{n}, \beta_{n}, \gamma_{n}, \delta_{n}$ in $\delta$ and $\sigma(n)<\lambda^{+}$ so that the following conditions are satisfied:
A: $\left\langle\left(\alpha_{m}, \beta_{m}, \gamma_{m}, \delta_{m}\right): m \leq n\right\rangle$ is an intial segment of a play in the game $\mathcal{G}_{\zeta}$ in which $P_{1}$ uses the winning strategy $\tau_{\zeta}$.
B: $\alpha_{0}, \beta_{0}<\min \left(C_{\delta}\right)$.
$\mathrm{C}: \gamma_{n}=\min \left\{\gamma: \gamma>i_{\sigma(2 n)} \wedge \gamma e_{X_{n}} \delta \wedge c(\gamma, \delta)=\zeta\right\}$, where

$$
X_{n}=\bigcup\left\{\left\{\alpha_{\ell}, \beta_{\ell}, \gamma_{\ell}, \delta_{\ell}\right\}: \ell<n\right\} \cup\left\{\alpha_{n}, \beta_{n}\right\} \cup \bigcup\left\{\left\{i_{\sigma(\ell)}, i_{\sigma(\ell)+1}\right\}: \ell<2 n\right\}
$$

D: $\delta_{n}=i_{\sigma(2 n+1)}$.
E : For $n>0,\left[\alpha_{n}, \beta_{n}\right] \subseteq\left(\delta_{n-1}, i_{\sigma(2 n-1)+1}\right)$.
F: $i_{\sigma(n)}$ belongs to $A_{0}$ or $A_{1}$ according as $n$ is even or odd and $\sigma(n)+1<\sigma(n+1)$.
We have to prove that it is possible to choose the $\alpha_{n}$ etc., so that these conditions are satisfied. Clearly (B) holds since, by (oo), the first moves by $P_{1}$ using the stategy $\tau_{\zeta}$ are $\alpha_{0}<\beta_{0}<\rho_{0}$ and $\rho_{0} \leq \min \left(C_{\delta}\right) \in K$. By $(*)_{\zeta}$, there are $\sigma(0)<\lambda^{+}$
and $\gamma$ such that $i_{\sigma(0)} \in A_{0}, i_{\sigma(0)}<\gamma<i_{\sigma(0)+1}, \gamma e_{X_{0}} \delta$, where $X_{0}=\left\{\alpha_{0}, \beta_{0}\right\}$ and $c(\gamma, \delta)=\zeta$; let $\gamma_{0}$ be the least such $\gamma$. Now let $\sigma(1)>\sigma(0)+1$ be minimal so that $i_{\sigma(1)} \in A_{1}$, and put $\delta_{0}=i_{\sigma(1)}$. Now suppose that $n>0$ and that the $\alpha_{m}, \beta_{m}, \gamma_{m}, \delta_{m}, \sigma(2 m)$ and $\sigma(2 m+1)$ have been suitably defined for all $m<n$. Let $\rho \in K$ be minimal such that $\rho>\delta_{n-1}$. $P_{1}$ chooses $\alpha_{n}, \beta_{n}$ using the strategy $\tau_{\zeta}$ so that $\delta_{n-1}<\alpha_{n}<\beta_{n}<\rho$. Since $\delta_{n-1}=i_{\sigma(2 n-1)} \in A_{1}$, it follows that $i_{\sigma(2 n-1)+1} \in K$ and hence $\rho \leq i_{\sigma(2 n-1)+1}$. Now by $(*)_{\zeta}$, there are $\sigma(2 n)$ and $\gamma$ so that $i_{\sigma(2 n)} \in A_{0}, i_{\sigma(2 n)}<\gamma<i_{\sigma(2 n)+1}, \gamma e_{X_{n}} \delta$ (where $X_{n}$ is as described in (C)), and $c(\gamma, \delta)=\zeta$; let $\gamma_{n}$ be the least such $\gamma$. Note that, since $i_{\sigma(2 n)} \in A_{0}, i_{\sigma(2 n)+1}=\min \left(C_{\delta} \backslash\left(i_{\sigma(2 n)}+1\right)\right) \in K$. Finally, choose a minimal ordinal $\sigma(2 n+1)>\sigma(2 n)+1$ so that $\delta_{n}=i_{\sigma(2 n+1)} \in A_{1}$. This completes the definition of the $\alpha_{n}$ etc., so that (A)-(F) hold.

By (C) it follows that $c\left(\gamma_{n}, \delta\right)=\zeta$ for all $n<\omega$, and hence $c\left(\gamma_{m}, \gamma_{n}\right)=\zeta$ holds for all $m<n<\omega$ since $\gamma_{m} \in X_{n}$ and $\gamma_{n} e_{X_{n}} \delta$. There is no edge of $G_{\kappa}$ from $\delta$ to $\left(\alpha_{0}, \beta_{0}\right)$ since $\beta_{0}<\min \left(C_{\delta}\right)$. Since $\gamma_{n} e_{X_{n}} \delta$ and $\beta_{0} \in X_{n}$, it follows that $\beta_{0}<\min \left(C_{\gamma_{n}}\right)$ also, and so there is no edge from $\gamma_{n}$ to ( $\alpha_{0}, \beta_{0}$ ) either. By the construction, for $0<m<\omega, i_{\sigma(2 m-1)}<\alpha_{m}<\beta_{m}<i_{\sigma(2 m-1)+1}$, and hence $C_{\delta} \cap\left(\alpha_{m}, \beta_{m}\right)=\emptyset$. Therefore, for any $\xi \in\left(\alpha_{m}, \beta_{m}\right), h_{\delta}^{*}\left(\sup \left(\xi \cap C_{\delta}\right)\right)=$ $h_{\delta}^{*}\left(i_{\sigma(2 m-1)}\right)=1$ by (F), and so there is no edge of $G$ from $\delta$ to ( $\alpha_{m}, \beta_{m}$ ). If $0<m<n<\omega$, then $\gamma_{n} e_{X_{n}} \delta$ and therefore,

$$
\operatorname{tp}\left(\alpha_{m} \cap C_{\gamma_{n}}\right)=\operatorname{tp}\left(\alpha_{m} \cap C_{\delta}\right)=\operatorname{tp}\left(\beta_{m} \cap C_{\delta}\right)=\operatorname{tp}\left(\beta_{m} \cap C_{\gamma_{n}}\right) .
$$

Therefore, for any $\xi \in\left(\alpha_{m}, \beta_{m}\right)$, it follows that

$$
h_{\gamma_{n}}^{*}\left(\sup \left(\xi \cap C_{\gamma_{n}}\right)\right)=h_{\gamma_{n}}^{*}\left(\sup \left(\alpha_{m} \cap C_{\gamma_{n}}\right)\right)=h_{\delta}^{*}\left(\sup \left(\alpha_{m} \cap C_{\delta}\right)\right)=1
$$

and so there are no edges of $G$ from $\gamma_{n}$ to $\left(\alpha_{m}, \beta_{m}\right)$ either.
Thus we have produced a play in the game $\mathcal{G}_{\zeta}$ in which $P_{1}$ uses the strategy $\tau_{\zeta}$ but the second player $P_{2}$ wins! This contradicts the assumption that $\sigma_{\zeta}$ is a winning strategy for the first player, and completes the proof.

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