

COLOURING OF SUCCESSOR OF REGULAR AGAIN  
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ABSTRACT. We prove that for regular cardinals  $\theta < \partial$  and  $\lambda = \partial^+$  the colouring property  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \lambda, \theta)$  almost always holds. The only exceptions are when  $\theta$  is an uncountable limit regular cardinal and  $\lambda$  carries a uniform  $\theta$ -complete filter which is not  $\theta^+$ -complete. The result is nearly optimal

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§ 0. INTRODUCTION

We prove a strong colouring theorem. The connection between purely combinatorial theorems and topological constructions is known for many years. Several results in general topology were proved using the property  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \mu, \sigma, \theta)$ , see recently [JS15], [She19], the later by improving the existence result on  $\text{Pr}_1$ . We continue [She19] but the proof is self contained (except in the conclusion 1.3); see history and background in [She94]. Note that [She97, §4] states more than it proved.

Recall:

**Definition 0.1.** 1) Assume  $\lambda \geq \mu \geq \sigma + \theta_0 + \theta_1$ ,  $\bar{\theta} = (\theta_0, \theta_1)$ , see 0.4(1). Assume further that  $\theta_0, \theta_1 \geq \aleph_0$  but  $\sigma$  may be finite

Let  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \mu, \sigma, \bar{\theta})$  mean that there is  $\mathbf{c} : [\lambda]^2 \rightarrow \sigma$  witnessing it, which means:

(\*)<sub>c</sub> if (a) then (b), where:

- (a) for  $\iota = 0, 1$ ,  $\mathbf{i}_\iota < \theta_\iota$  and  $\bar{\zeta}^\iota = \langle \zeta_{\alpha, i}^\iota : \alpha < \mu, i < \mathbf{i}_\iota \rangle$  are sequences of ordinals of  $\lambda$  without repetitions, and  $\text{Rang}(\bar{\zeta}^0), \text{Rang}(\bar{\zeta}^1)$  are disjoint and  $\gamma < \sigma$
- (b) there are  $\alpha_0 < \alpha_1 < \mu$  such that  $\forall i_0 < \mathbf{i}_0, \forall i_1 < \mathbf{i}_1, \mathbf{c}\{\zeta_{\alpha_0, i_0}^0, \zeta_{\alpha_1, i_1}^1\} = \gamma$  and  $\zeta_{\alpha_0, i_0}^0 < \zeta_{\alpha_1, i_1}^1$ .

2) Above if  $\theta_0 = \theta = \theta_1$  then we may write  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \mu, \sigma, \theta)$ .

In the previous paper [She19] we proved, e.g.  $\text{Pr}_1(\aleph_3, \aleph_3, 2, (\aleph_0, \aleph_1))$  which means that the sequences  $\bar{\zeta}^\iota$  are finite at the first coordinate and countable, possibly infinite at the second.

In this paper we prove e.g. that  $\text{Pr}_1(\aleph_3, \aleph_3, \aleph_3, \aleph_1)$  holds, which means that countable infinite sequences can be taken in both coordinates. Actually, the theorem says that, in particular,  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda, \theta)$  holds whenever  $\theta = \text{cf}(\theta) > \aleph_0$  and  $\lambda = \theta^{++}$ .

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**Definition 0.2.** 1) A filter  $D$  on a set  $I$  is uniform when for every subset  $A$  of  $I$  of cardinal  $< |I|$ , the set  $I \setminus A \in D$ ; all our filters will be uniform

2) A filter  $D$  on a set  $I$  is weakly  $\theta$ -saturated when  $\theta \geq |I|$  and there is no partition of  $I$  to  $\theta$  sets from  $D^+$ ,

3) We say the filter  $D$  on a set  $I$  is  $\theta$ -saturated when the Boolean algebra  $\mathcal{P}(I)/D$  satisfies the  $\theta$ -c.c.

**Fact 0.3.** 1) If  $D$  is a  $\theta$ -complete filter on  $\lambda$  and is not  $\theta$ -saturated then it is not weakly  $\theta$ -saturated.

2) If  $\theta = \sigma^+$  and  $D$  is a  $\theta$ -complete filter on  $\theta$ , then  $D$  is not weakly  $\theta$ -saturated.

3) If  $n \geq 1$  and  $\lambda = \sigma^n$  and  $D$  is a (uniform)  $\sigma^+$ -complete filter on  $\lambda$  then  $D$  is not weakly  $\sigma^{+n}$ -saturated

*Proof.* 1) Obvious and well known

2) By [Sol71],

3) Let  $\mu$  be the minimal cardinal such that  $D$  is not  $\mu^+$ -complete, so clearly  $\mu \in [\sigma^+, \lambda]$  hence  $\mu$  is a successor cardinal. So there is a function  $f$  from  $\lambda$  into  $\mu$  such that for every subset  $A$  of  $\mu$  of cardinality  $< \mu$ ,  $f^{-1}(A) = \emptyset \pmod{D}$ . Let  $E$  be the family of subsets  $A$  of  $\mu$  such that  $f^{-1}(A) \in D$ . Clearly  $E$  is a (uniform)  $\mu$ -complete filter on  $\mu$  hence by part (2) is not weakly  $\mu$ -saturated, let  $\langle A_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \mu \rangle$

be a partition of  $\mu$  to set from  $E^+$ . Now  $\langle f^{-1}(A_\varepsilon) : \varepsilon < \mu \rangle$  witnesses the desired conclusion.

□<sub>0.3</sub>

*Notation 0.4.* 1) We denote infinite cardinals by  $\lambda, \mu, \kappa, \theta, \vartheta$  while  $\sigma$  denote a finite or infinite cardinal. We denote ordinals by  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \varepsilon, \zeta, \xi$ . Natural numbers are denoted by  $k, \ell, m, n$  and  $\iota \in \{0, 1, 2\}$

1A) Let  $D$  denote a filter on an infinite set  $\text{dom}(D)$

2) For a set  $A$  of ordinals let  $\text{nacc}(A) = \{\alpha \in A; \alpha > \sup(A \cap \alpha)\}$  and  $\text{acc}(A) = A \setminus \text{nacc}(A)$  For regular  $\lambda > \kappa$  let  $S_\kappa^\lambda = \{\delta < \lambda : \text{cf}(\delta) = \kappa\}$ .

## § 1. A COLOURING THEOREM

Our aim is to prove

**Theorem 1.1.**  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \lambda, \theta, \theta)$  and even  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda, \theta)$  holds provided that:

- (a)  $\lambda = \partial^+, \partial = \text{cf}(\partial) \geq \theta = \text{cf}(\theta) > \aleph_0$
- (b) there is no  $\theta$ -complete not  $\theta^+$ -complete uniform weakly  $\theta$ -saturated filter on  $\lambda$ .

*Remark 1.2.* 1) The case of  $\theta$  colours, i.e. proving only  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \lambda, \theta, \theta)$  is easier so we prove it first.

2) If  $\lambda = \aleph_2, \theta = \aleph_0$ , then  $\text{Pr}_1(\aleph_2, \aleph_2, \aleph_2, \aleph_0)$  holds by [She97], so (by monotonicity in  $\theta$ ), the restriction  $\theta > \aleph_0$  is not serious

3) We can omit the “weakly” in 1.1(b) because the filter is  $\theta$ -complete by 0.3(1).

4) If  $\theta, \lambda$  fail clause (b) of 1.1 then  $\theta$  is (possibly weakly) inaccessible cardinal and is a large cardinal in some sense.

5) By monotonicity of  $\text{Pr}_1$  in  $\theta$ , if clause (b) of 1.1 holds for some regular  $\theta' \in (\theta, \partial)$  this suffice

6) We use  $\partial > \theta$  rather than  $\partial \geq \theta$  only in proving  $(*)_2$  in Stage C of the proof

*Proof.* Stage A: We begin exactly as in earlier proofs. We let  $(\kappa_1, \kappa_2) = (\theta, \lambda)$ . Let  $S \subseteq S_\theta^\lambda$  be stationary and  $h : \lambda \rightarrow \lambda$  be such that  $\alpha < \lambda \Rightarrow h(\alpha) < 1 + \alpha, h \upharpoonright (\lambda \setminus S)$  is constantly zero and  $S_\gamma^* := \{\delta \in S : h(\delta) = \gamma\}$  is a stationary subset of  $\lambda$  for every  $\gamma < \lambda$ . Let  $F_\iota : \lambda \rightarrow \kappa_\iota$  for  $\iota = 1, 2$  be such that for every  $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) \in (\kappa_1 \times \kappa_2)$  the set  $W_{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2}(\beta) = \{\gamma \in S_\beta^* : F_\iota(\gamma) = \varepsilon_\iota \text{ for } \iota = 1, 2\}$  is a stationary subset of  $\lambda$  for every  $\beta < \lambda$ .

For  $\iota = 1, 2$  and  $\rho \in {}^\omega \lambda$  let  $F_\iota(\rho) = \langle F_\iota(\rho(\ell)) : \ell < \ell g(\rho) \rangle$ .

Let  $\bar{e} = \langle e_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda \rangle$  be such that

- ⊙<sub>1</sub> (a) if  $\alpha = 0$  then  $e_\alpha = \emptyset$
- (b) if  $\alpha = \beta + 1$  then  $e_\alpha = \{\beta\}$
- (c) if  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal then  $e_\alpha$  is a club of  $\alpha$  of order type  $\text{cf}(\alpha)$  disjoint to  $S_\theta^\lambda$  hence to  $S$ .

In other cases (not here) instead  $h$  we use a sequence  $\langle h_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda \rangle$  of functions,  $h_\alpha : e_\alpha \rightarrow \theta$  and use e.g.  $\langle h_{\gamma_\ell(\beta, \alpha)}(\gamma_{\ell+1}(\beta, \alpha)) : \ell < k(\beta, \alpha) \rangle$  and  $\rho_h$ , but this is not necessary here.

Now (using  $\bar{e}$ ) for  $\alpha < \beta < \lambda$ , let

$$\gamma(\beta, \alpha) := \min\{\gamma \in e_\beta : \gamma \geq \alpha\}.$$

Let us define  $\gamma_\ell(\beta, \alpha)$ :

$$\gamma_0(\beta, \alpha) = \beta,$$

$$\gamma_{\ell+1}(\beta, \alpha) = \gamma(\gamma_\ell(\beta, \alpha), \alpha) \text{ (if well defined).}$$

If  $\alpha < \beta < \lambda$ , let  $k(\beta, \alpha)$  be the maximal  $k < \omega$  such that  $\gamma_k(\beta, \alpha)$  is defined (equivalently is equal to  $\alpha$ ) and let  $\rho_{\beta, \alpha} = \rho(\beta, \alpha)$  be the sequence

$$\langle \gamma_0(\beta, \alpha), \gamma_1(\beta, \alpha), \dots, \gamma_{k(\beta, \alpha)-1}(\beta, \alpha) \rangle.$$

Let  $\gamma_{\ell t}(\beta, \alpha) = \gamma_{k(\beta, \alpha)-1}(\beta, \alpha)$  where  $\ell t$  stands for last.

Let

$$\rho_h = \langle h(\gamma_\ell(\beta, \alpha)) : \ell < k(\beta, \alpha) \rangle$$

and we let  $\rho(\alpha, \alpha)$  and  $\rho_h(\alpha, \alpha)$  be the empty sequences. Now clearly:

$$\odot_2 \text{ if } \alpha < \beta < \lambda \text{ then } \alpha \leq \gamma(\beta, \alpha) < \beta$$

hence

$$\odot_3 \text{ if } \alpha < \beta < \lambda, 0 < \ell < \omega, \text{ and } \gamma_\ell(\beta, \alpha) \text{ is well defined, then}$$

$$\alpha \leq \gamma_\ell(\beta, \alpha) < \beta$$

and

$$\odot_4 \text{ if } \alpha < \beta < \lambda, \text{ then } k(\beta, \alpha) \text{ is well defined and letting } \gamma_\ell := \gamma_\ell(\beta, \alpha) \text{ for } \ell \leq k(\beta, \alpha) \text{ we have}$$

$$\alpha = \gamma_{k(\beta, \alpha)} < \gamma_{\ell t}(\beta, \alpha) = \gamma_{k(\beta, \alpha)-1} < \cdots < \gamma_1 < \gamma_0 = \beta$$

$$\text{and } \alpha \in e_{\gamma_{\ell t}(\beta, \alpha)}$$

i.e.  $\rho(\beta, \alpha)$  is a (strictly) decreasing finite sequence of ordinals, starting with  $\beta$ , ending with  $\gamma_{\ell t}(\beta, \alpha)$  of length  $k(\beta, \alpha)$ .

Note that if  $\alpha \in S, \alpha < \beta$  then  $\gamma_{\ell t}(\beta, \alpha) = \alpha + 1$ .

Also

$$\odot_5 \text{ if } \delta \text{ is a limit ordinal and } \delta < \beta < \lambda, \text{ then for some } \alpha_0 < \delta \text{ we have:}$$

$\alpha_0 \leq \alpha < \delta$  implies:

- (i) for  $\ell < k(\beta, \delta)$  we have  $\gamma_\ell(\beta, \delta) = \gamma_\ell(\beta, \alpha)$
- (ii)  $\delta \in \text{nacc}(e_{\gamma_{\ell t}(\beta, \delta)}) \Leftrightarrow \delta = \gamma_{k(\beta, \delta)}(\beta, \delta) = \gamma_{k(\beta, \delta)}(\beta, \alpha) \Leftrightarrow \neg[\gamma_{k(\beta, \delta)}(\beta, \delta) = \delta > \gamma_{k(\beta, \delta)}(\beta, \alpha)]$
- (iii)  $\rho(\beta, \delta) \trianglelefteq \rho(\beta, \alpha)$ ; i.e. is an initial segment
- (iv)  $\delta \in \text{nacc}(e_{\gamma_{\ell t}(\beta, \delta)})$  (here always holds if  $\delta \in S$ ) implies:
  - $\rho(\beta, \delta) \hat{\ } \langle \delta \rangle \trianglelefteq \rho(\beta, \alpha)$  hence
  - $\rho_h(\beta, \delta) \hat{\ } \langle h(\beta, \delta)(\delta) \rangle \trianglelefteq \rho_h(\beta, \alpha)$ .
- (v) if  $\text{cf}(\delta) = \partial$  then we have  $\gamma_{\ell t}(\beta, \delta) = \delta + 1$  so  $\delta \in \text{nacc}(e_{\gamma_{\ell t}(\beta, \delta)})$
- (vi) if  $\text{cf}(\delta) = \partial$  and  $\delta \in e_\gamma$ , then necessarily  $\gamma = \delta + 1$ .

Why? Just let

$$\alpha_0 = \text{Max}\{\sup(e_{\gamma_\ell(\beta, \delta)} \cap \delta) + 1 : \ell < k(\beta, \delta) \text{ and } \delta \notin \text{acc}(e_{\gamma_\ell(\beta, \delta)})\}.$$

Notice that if  $\ell < k(\beta, \delta) - 1$  then  $\delta \notin \text{acc}(e_{\gamma_\ell(\beta, \delta)})$  follows.

Note that the outer maximum (in the choice of  $\alpha_0$ ) is well defined as it is over a finite non-empty set of ordinals. The inner sup is on the empty set (in which case we get zero) or is the maximum (which is well defined) as  $e_{\gamma_\ell(\beta, \delta)}$  is a closed subset of  $\gamma_\ell(\beta, \delta), \delta < \gamma_\ell(\beta, \delta)$  and  $\delta \notin \text{acc}(e_{\gamma_\ell(\beta, \delta)})$  - as this is required. For clauses (v),

(vi) recall  $\delta \in S_\delta^\lambda$  and  $e_\gamma \cap S_\delta^\lambda = \emptyset$  when  $\gamma$  is a limit ordinal and  $e_\gamma = \{\gamma - 1\}$  when  $\gamma$  is a successor ordinal.

- ⊙<sub>6</sub> (a) if  $\alpha < \beta < \lambda, \ell < k(\beta, \alpha), \gamma = \gamma_\ell(\beta, \alpha)$  then  $\rho(\beta, \alpha) = \rho(\beta, \gamma) \hat{\ } \rho(\gamma, \alpha)$   
and  $\rho_h(\beta, \alpha) = \rho_h(\beta, \gamma) \hat{\ } \rho_h(\gamma, \alpha)$
- (b) if  $\alpha_0 < \dots < \alpha_k$  and  $\rho(\alpha_k, \alpha_0) = \rho(\alpha_k, \alpha_{k-1}) \hat{\ } \dots \hat{\ } \rho(\alpha_1, \alpha_0)$  then this holds for any sub-sequence of  $\langle \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_k \rangle$ .
- ⊙<sub>7</sub> let  $F'_\iota$  be  $F_\iota \circ h$  for  $\iota = 1, 2$ ; so  $F'_1$  is a function from  $\lambda$  into  $\theta$  and  $F'_2$  is a function from  $\lambda$  into  $\lambda$ .

Stage B:

Let

- ⊞<sub>2</sub>  $\mathbf{T} = \{\bar{t} : \bar{t} = \langle t_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda \rangle \text{ satisfies } t_\alpha \in [\lambda]^{<\theta} \text{ and } t_\alpha \subseteq \lambda \setminus \alpha\}$ .
- ⊞<sub>3</sub> for  $\varepsilon < \theta$  and  $\bar{t} \in \mathbf{T}$  let  $A_{\bar{t}, \varepsilon}$  be the set of  $\gamma < \lambda$  such that for some  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$  we have:
  - (a)  $\alpha_0 < \alpha_1 < \lambda$  and<sup>1</sup>  $(\zeta, \xi) \in t_{\alpha_0} \times t_{\alpha_1} \Rightarrow \zeta < \xi$
  - (b) for every  $(\zeta, \xi) \in t_{\alpha_0} \times t_{\alpha_1}$  for some  $\ell$  we have:
    - (α)  $\ell < k(\xi, \zeta)$
    - (β)  $\gamma_\ell(\xi, \zeta) = \gamma$
    - (γ) if  $k < k(\xi, \zeta)$  then  $F'_1(\gamma) \geq F'_1(\gamma_k(\xi, \zeta))$  and  $F'_1(\gamma) \geq \varepsilon$
    - (δ) if  $k < \ell$  then  $F'_1(\gamma_k(\xi, \zeta)) < F'_1(\gamma)$ .

We define:

- ⊞<sub>4</sub>  $D = \{A \subseteq \lambda : A \text{ includes } A_{\bar{t}, \varepsilon} \text{ for some } \bar{t} \in \mathbf{T}, \varepsilon < \theta\}$ .

Now note:

- ⊞<sub>5</sub> (a) if  $\bar{s}, \bar{t} \in \mathbf{T}, \varepsilon \leq \zeta < \theta$  and  $(\forall \alpha < \lambda)(s_\alpha \subseteq t_\alpha)$ , then  $A_{\bar{t}, \zeta} \subseteq A_{\bar{s}, \varepsilon}$
- (b) if  $\bar{s} \in \mathbf{T}, \varepsilon < \theta, g$  is an increasing function from  $\lambda$  to  $\lambda$  and  $\bar{t} = \langle t_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda \rangle$  is defined by  $t_\alpha = s_{g(\alpha)}$  then  $A_{\bar{t}, \varepsilon} \subseteq A_{\bar{s}, \varepsilon}$ .

[Why? Read the definitions.]

- ⊞<sub>6</sub> (a) the intersection of any  $< \theta$  members of  $D$  is a member of  $D$ , equivalently includes the set  $A_{\bar{t}, \zeta}$  for some  $\bar{t} \in \mathbf{T}, \zeta < \theta$
- (b) for every  $\beta < \lambda$  for some  $\bar{t} \in \mathbf{T}, A_{\bar{t}, 0} \subseteq [\beta, \lambda)$
- (c) if  $\bar{t} \in \mathbf{T}$  and  $\alpha < \lambda \Rightarrow t_\alpha \neq \emptyset$  then  $\bigcap \{A_{\bar{t}, \varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \theta\} = \emptyset$
- (d)  $D$  is upward closed.
- (e)  $\lambda$  belongs to  $D$

[Why? For clause (a) assume  $A_\varepsilon \in D$  for  $\varepsilon < \varepsilon(*) < \theta$  then for some  $\zeta_\varepsilon < \theta$  and  $\bar{t}_\varepsilon \in \mathbf{T}$  we have  $A_\varepsilon \supseteq A_{\bar{t}_\varepsilon, \zeta_\varepsilon}$ . Define  $t_\alpha = \bigcup \{t_\alpha^\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \varepsilon(*)\}$  for  $\alpha < \lambda$  and  $\zeta = \sup\{\zeta_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \varepsilon(*)\}$ ; as the cardinal  $\theta$  is regular, clearly  $|t_\alpha| \leq \sum_{\varepsilon < \varepsilon(*)} |t_\alpha^\varepsilon| < \theta$

and obviously  $t_\alpha \subseteq [\alpha, \lambda)$  hence  $\bar{t} = \langle t_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda \rangle \in \mathbf{T}$  and similarly  $\zeta < \theta$ . Easily  $A_{\bar{t}, \zeta} \subseteq A_{\bar{t}_\varepsilon, \zeta_\varepsilon}$  for every  $\varepsilon < \varepsilon(*)$ , see ⊞<sub>5</sub>(a) so we are done proving clause (a). For clause (b) define  $t_\alpha = \{\beta + \alpha + 1\}$  and recalling ⊞<sub>3</sub>(b)(β) and ⊙<sub>4</sub> check that

<sup>1</sup>If we choose to add here “ $t_{\alpha_0} \subseteq \alpha_1$ ”, then we would a problem in proving clause ⊞<sub>5</sub>(b).

$A_{\bar{t},0} \subseteq [\beta, \lambda)$ . Also clause (c) obviously holds because  $\gamma \in A_{\bar{t},\varepsilon} \Rightarrow F'_1(\gamma) \geq \varepsilon$  by  $\boxplus_3(b)(\gamma)$  and  $F'_1$  is a function from  $\lambda$  to  $\theta$  and clauses (d),(e) hold trivially by the definition.]

- $\boxplus_7$  (a)  $\emptyset \notin D$   
 (b)  $D$  is a filter on  $\lambda$ , equivalently  $A_{\bar{t},\varepsilon} \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\bar{t}, \varepsilon$ ; also  $D$  is uniform  $\theta$ -complete, not  $\theta^+$ -complete.

[Why? Clause (a) is a major point, proved in Stage C below. That is, by  $\boxplus_6(a)$ , (d) the only missing point is to show  $A_{\bar{t},\zeta} \neq \emptyset$ , (in fact,  $|A_{\bar{t},\zeta}| = \lambda$ ). For clause (b) by (a) and  $\boxplus_6(a)$ , (d), (e),  $D$  is a  $\theta$ -complete filter and the statement that  $D$  is uniform holds by  $\boxplus_6(b)$  and not  $\theta^+$ -complete holds by  $\boxplus_6(c)$ .]

Note also

- $\boxplus_8$   $D$  is not weakly  $\theta$ -saturated.

[Why? By  $\boxplus_7$  and clause (b) in the assumptions of the theorem.]

Stage C:

In this stage we accomplish the proof of the missing point in  $\boxplus_7(a)$  from above, so we shall prove “ $A_{\bar{t},\varepsilon}$  is non-empty (in fact, has cardinality  $\lambda$ )” when :

- $\boxplus$  (a)  $t_\alpha \subseteq \lambda \setminus \alpha$  for  $\alpha < \lambda$   
 (b)  $|t_\alpha| < \theta$   
 (c)  $\varepsilon < \theta$ .

To start we note that:

- $(*)_1$  without loss of generality  $t_\alpha \neq \emptyset$  and  $\alpha < \min(t_\alpha)$ .

[Why? First, recalling  $\boxplus_5(a)$  we can replace  $\bar{t}$  by  $\bar{t} = \langle t_\alpha \cup \{\alpha\} : \alpha < \lambda \rangle$ , so we may assume that each  $t_\alpha$  is not empty. Second, let  $\bar{t}' = \langle t'_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda \rangle$ ,  $t'_\alpha = t_{\alpha+1}$ , so easily  $\bar{t}'$  satisfies  $(*)_1$  and  $A_{\bar{t}',\varepsilon} \subseteq A_{\bar{t},\varepsilon}$  by clause  $\boxplus_5(b)$ .]

Now

- $(*)_2$  we can find  $\mathcal{U}_1^{\text{dn}}, \varepsilon^{\text{dn}}$  such that:  
 (a)  $\mathcal{U}_1^{\text{dn}} \subseteq S_0^*$  is stationary in  $\lambda$ , see stage A on  $S_0^*$   
 (b)  $\alpha < \delta \in \mathcal{U}_1^{\text{dn}} \Rightarrow t_\alpha \subseteq \delta$   
 (c)  $\varepsilon^{\text{dn}} < \theta$   
 (d) if  $\delta \in \mathcal{U}_1^{\text{dn}}$  then for arbitrarily large  $\alpha < \delta$  we have  $\zeta \in t_\alpha \Rightarrow \text{Rang}(F_1(\rho_h(\delta, \zeta))) \subseteq \varepsilon^{\text{dn}} < \kappa_1 = \theta$ .

[Why? Clearly  $E_0 = \{\delta < \lambda : \delta \text{ is a limit ordinal such that } \alpha < \delta \Rightarrow t_\alpha \subseteq \delta\}$  is a club of  $\lambda$ . For every  $\delta \in S_0^* \cap E_0$  and  $\alpha < \delta$  we can find  $\varepsilon_{\delta,\alpha}^{\text{dn}}$  as in clauses (c),(d) of  $(*)_2$  and so recalling that  $\text{cf}(\delta) = \partial > \theta > |t_\delta|$  it follows that there is  $\varepsilon_\delta^{\text{dn}}$  such that  $\delta = \sup\{\alpha < \delta : \varepsilon_{\delta,\alpha}^{\text{dn}} = \varepsilon_\delta^{\text{dn}}\}$ . Then recalling  $\lambda = \text{cf}(\lambda) > \theta$  we can choose  $\varepsilon^{\text{dn}}$  such that the set  $\mathcal{U}_1^{\text{dn}} = \{\delta \in S_0^* \cap E_0 : \varepsilon_\delta^{\text{dn}} = \varepsilon^{\text{dn}}\}$  is stationary. So  $(*)_2$  holds indeed.]

- $(*)_3$  We can find  $\mathcal{U}_1^{\text{up}}, \alpha_1^*, \varepsilon^{\text{up}}$  such that:  
 (a)  $\mathcal{U}_1^{\text{up}} \subseteq S_0^*$  is stationary  
 (b)  $h \upharpoonright \mathcal{U}_1^{\text{up}}$  is constantly 0, actually follows by (a), see Stage A  
 (c)  $\alpha_1^* < \lambda$  satisfies  $\alpha_1^* < \min(\mathcal{U}_1^{\text{up}})$  and  $\varepsilon^{\text{up}} < \theta$

(d) if  $\delta \in \mathcal{W}_1^{\text{up}}$  and  $\alpha \in [\alpha_1^*, \delta)$  and  $\beta \in t_\delta$  then :

- $\rho_{\beta, \delta} \hat{\langle \delta \rangle} \trianglelefteq \rho_{\beta, \alpha}$
- $\text{Rang}(F_1(\rho_h(\beta, \delta))) \subseteq \varepsilon^{\text{up}}$ .

[Why? For every  $\delta \in S_0^* \subseteq S$  and  $\zeta \in t_\delta$  let  $\alpha_{1, \delta, \zeta} < \delta$  be such that  $(\forall \alpha)(\alpha \in [\alpha_{1, \delta, \zeta}, \delta) \Rightarrow \rho_{\zeta, \delta} \hat{\langle \delta \rangle} \trianglelefteq \rho_{\zeta, \alpha})$ , it exists by  $\odot_5$  of Stage A.

Let

- $\alpha_{1, \delta} = \sup\{\alpha_{1, \delta, \zeta} : \zeta \in t_\delta\}$
- $\varepsilon_\delta^{\text{up}} = \sup\{F_1'(\gamma_\rho(\zeta, \delta))(\ell) + 1 : \zeta \in t_\delta \text{ and } \ell < k(\zeta, \delta)\} \cup \{\sup \text{Rang}(F_1(\rho_h(\zeta, \delta))) + 1 : \zeta \in t_\delta\}$ ; as  $\text{cf}(\delta) = \partial = \text{cf}(\partial) > \theta$  and  $\theta = \text{cf}(\theta) > |t_\delta|$ , necessarily  $\alpha_{1, \delta} < \delta$  and  $\varepsilon_\delta^{\text{up}} < \theta$ .

Lastly, there are  $\alpha_1^* < \lambda$  and  $\varepsilon^{\text{up}} < \kappa_1 = \theta$  and  $\mathcal{W}_1^{\text{up}} \subseteq S_0^*$  as required by using Fodor lemma. So  $(*)_3$  holds indeed.]

Now let  $E = \{\delta < \lambda : \delta \text{ is a limit ordinal } > \alpha_1^* \text{ such that } \delta = \sup(\mathcal{W}_1^{\text{dn}} \cap \delta) \text{ and } \alpha < \delta \Rightarrow t_\alpha \subseteq \delta\}$ , it is a club of  $\lambda$  because  $\alpha_1^* < \lambda$  by  $(*)_3(c)$  and  $\mathcal{W}_1^{\text{dn}}$  is an unbounded subset of  $\lambda$  by  $(*)_2(a)$ , and  $t_\alpha$  is a subset of  $\lambda$  of cardinality  $< \theta$  hence is bounded.

Choose  $\varepsilon(*) = \max\{\varepsilon^{\text{up}} + 1, \varepsilon^{\text{dn}} + 1, \varepsilon + 1\}$  where  $\varepsilon$  is from  $\boxplus(c)$ , so  $\varepsilon(*) < \theta$  and choose  $\delta_2 \in E \cap S$  such that  $F_1'(\delta_2) = \varepsilon(*)$ . Next choose  $\alpha_2 \in \mathcal{W}_1^{\text{up}} \setminus (\delta_2 + 1)$  and let  $\alpha^* \in (\alpha_1^*, \delta_2)$  be large enough such that  $\zeta \in (\alpha^*, \delta_2) \wedge \xi \in t_{\alpha_2} \Rightarrow \rho(\xi, \delta_2) \hat{\langle \delta_2 \rangle} \triangleleft \rho(\xi, \zeta)$ . Now choose  $\delta_1 \in \mathcal{W}_1^{\text{dn}} \cap (\alpha^*, \delta_2)$  and  $\alpha^{**} \in (\alpha^*, \delta_1)$  be such that  $\alpha \in (\alpha^{**}, \delta_1) \wedge \xi \in t_{\alpha_2} \Rightarrow \rho(\xi, \delta_1) \hat{\langle \delta_1 \rangle} \triangleleft \rho(\xi, \alpha)$ .

Next let  $\ell_* < \text{lg}(\rho(\alpha_2, \delta_1))$  be such that:

- $F_1(\rho_h(\alpha_2, \delta_1))(\ell_*) = \max \text{Rang} F_1(\rho_h(\alpha_2, \delta_1))$
- under this restriction  $\ell_*$  is minimal.

Now let  $\gamma_* = \rho(\alpha_2, \delta_1)(\ell_*)$ .

Lastly, choose  $\alpha_1 \in (\alpha^{**}, \delta_1)$  which is as in  $(*)_2(d)$  with respect to  $\delta_1$ , i.e. such that:

$(*)_5$  if  $\zeta \in t_{\alpha_1}$  then  $\text{Rang} F_1(\rho_h(\delta_1, \zeta)) \subseteq \varepsilon^{\text{dn}}$ .

Now we shall prove that the pair  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  is as required. So let  $(\zeta, \xi) \in t_{\alpha_1} \times t_{\alpha_2}$ ; now by our choices

$(*)_6$   $\rho(\xi, \zeta) = \rho(\xi, \alpha_2) \hat{\rho}(\alpha_2, \delta_2) \hat{\rho}(\delta_2, \delta_1) \hat{\rho}(\delta_1, \zeta)$  and  $\rho(\alpha_2, \delta_1) = \rho(\alpha_2, \delta_2) \hat{\rho}(\delta_2, \delta_1)$

So

- $(*)_7$   $\text{Rang}(F_1(\rho_h(\xi, \alpha_2))) \subseteq \varepsilon^{\text{up}} \leq \varepsilon(*)$
- $(*)_8$   $\text{Rang}(F_1(\rho_h(\delta_1, \zeta))) \subseteq \varepsilon^{\text{dn}} \leq \varepsilon(*)$
- $(*)_9$   $\varepsilon(*) = F_1 \circ h(\delta_2) \in \text{Rang}(F_1(\rho_h(\alpha_2, \delta_1)))$ , see  $(*)_6$  and (before and after)  $\odot_1$ .

[Why? Recall that  $\delta_2$  was chosen in  $E \cap S$  such that  $F_1'(\delta_2) = \varepsilon(*)$ .]

Hence



- (\*)<sub>10</sub> in  $\boxplus_3(b)$  for our  $\bar{t}$  and the pair  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ , our  $\gamma_*$  (chosen before (\*)<sub>5</sub>) is gotten, witnessing  $\gamma_* \in A_{\bar{t}, \varepsilon(*)} \subseteq A_{\bar{t}, \varepsilon}$  as first  $\varepsilon < \varepsilon(*)$ , by the choice of  $\varepsilon(*)$ , and second if  $(\zeta, \xi) \in t_{\alpha_1} \times t_{\alpha_2}$  then  $\ell = \ell g(\rho(\xi, \alpha_2)) + \ell_*$  is as required in  $\boxplus_3(b)$  for  $\bar{t}$  by (\*)<sub>6</sub> – (\*)<sub>9</sub>

So we are done proving  $\boxplus_7(a)$ .

Stage D: By  $\boxplus_8$

- ⊗<sub>1</sub> there is  $F_* : \lambda \rightarrow \theta$  such that  $\varepsilon < \theta \Rightarrow F_*^{-1}(\{\varepsilon\}) \neq \emptyset \pmod D$ .

We first deal with the easier version with  $\theta$  colours, i.e. proving  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \lambda, \theta, \theta)$ .

We now define the colouring  $\mathbf{c}_1 : [\lambda]^2 \rightarrow \theta$  by:

- ⊗<sub>2</sub> if  $\alpha < \beta < \lambda$  then  $\mathbf{c}_1\{\alpha, \beta\}$  is  $F_*(\gamma_{\ell(\beta, \alpha)}(\beta, \alpha))$  where  $\ell(\beta, \alpha) = \min\{\ell < k(\beta, \alpha) : F'_1(\gamma_\ell(\beta, \alpha)) = \max \text{Rang}(F'_1(\rho(\beta, \alpha)))\}$ .

To prove that the colouring  $\mathbf{c}_1$  really witnesses  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \lambda, \theta, \theta)$ , our task is to prove:

- ⊗<sub>3</sub> given  $\bar{t} \in \mathbf{T}$  and  $\iota < \theta$  there are  $\alpha < \beta$  such that:
- $\zeta \in t_\alpha \wedge \xi \in t_\beta \Rightarrow \mathbf{c}_1\{\zeta, \xi\} = \iota$ .

[Why does ⊗<sub>3</sub> holds? Let  $B_\iota = \{\gamma < \lambda : F_*(\gamma) = \iota\}$ . By the choice of  $F_*$  we know that  $B_\varepsilon \neq \emptyset \pmod D$ . Focus on  $A_{\bar{t}, \varepsilon}$  for the specific  $\bar{t} \in \mathbf{T}$  and any  $\varepsilon < \theta$ . Since  $A_{\bar{t}, \varepsilon} \in D$  we conclude that  $B_\varepsilon \cap A_{\bar{t}, \varepsilon} \neq \emptyset$ .

Fix an ordinal  $\gamma \in B_\iota \cap A_{\bar{t}, \varepsilon}$ . By the very definition of  $A_{\bar{t}, \varepsilon}$  in  $\boxplus_3$  we choose  $\alpha < \beta < \lambda$  and  $\gamma \in B_\iota$  such that for every  $(\zeta, \xi) \in t_\alpha \times t_\beta$  there exists  $\ell < k(\xi, \zeta)$  for which  $\gamma_\ell(\xi, \zeta) = \gamma$  and  $F'_1(\gamma) \geq F'_1(\gamma_k(\xi, \zeta))$  whenever  $k < k(\xi, \zeta)$  and  $F_1(\gamma) \geq \varepsilon$  and  $F'_1(\gamma) > F'_1(\gamma_k(\xi, \zeta))$  whenever  $k < \ell$ . Let  $\ell(\xi, \zeta)$  be this  $\ell$ , in fact, this  $\ell$  is unique (for the pair  $(\zeta, \xi)$ ).

Now  $\mathbf{c}_1\{\zeta, \xi\} = F_*(\gamma_{\ell(\xi, \zeta)}(\xi, \zeta))$  (by ⊗<sub>2</sub>) which equals  $F_*(\gamma)$  (by the choice of  $\ell(\xi, \zeta)$ ) which equals  $\iota$  (since  $\gamma \in B_\iota$ ). Hence ⊗<sub>3</sub> holds and we finish Stage D.]

Stage E: The full theorem: the case of  $\lambda$  colors

Let  $h', h''$  be functions from  $\theta$  into  $\theta, \omega$  respectively such that the mapping  $\zeta \mapsto (h'(\zeta), h''(\zeta))$  is onto  $\theta \times \omega$  and moreover each such pair is gotten  $\theta$  times.

We have to define a colouring  $\mathbf{c}_2 : [\lambda]^2 \rightarrow \lambda$  exemplifying  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda, \theta)$ .

This is done as follows using  $h', h''$  and  $F_*$  from ⊗<sub>1</sub>:

- ⊕<sub>1</sub> for  $\alpha < \beta < \lambda$  we let
- <sub>1</sub>  $\zeta = \zeta(\beta, \alpha) := h'(\mathbf{c}_1\{\beta, \alpha\})$ , necessarily  $< \theta$
  - <sub>2</sub>  $n = n(\beta, \alpha) := h''(\mathbf{c}_1\{\beta, \alpha\})$ , necessarily  $< \omega$
  - <sub>3</sub>  $m = m(\beta, \alpha)$  is the  $n$ -th member of  $\{k < k(\beta, \alpha) : F'_1(\gamma_k(\beta, \alpha)) = \zeta\}$  when there is such  $m$  and is zero otherwise
  - <sub>4</sub> we define  $\mathbf{c}_2$  as follows: for  $\alpha < \beta$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_2\{\alpha, \beta\}$  is  $F'_2(\gamma_{m(\beta, \alpha)}(\beta, \alpha))$  recalling that  $F'_2$ , a function from  $\lambda \text{ to } \lambda$  is from  $\odot_2$  from the end of stage A.

To prove that  $\mathbf{c}_2$  indeed exemplifies  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda, \theta)$  it suffice to prove (this is the task of the rest of the proof)

- ⊕<sub>2</sub> assume  $\bar{t} \in \mathbf{T}$  and  $j_* < \lambda$  and we shall find  $\alpha < \beta$  such that  $t_\alpha \subseteq \beta$  and  $(\zeta, \xi) \in t_\alpha \times t_\beta \Rightarrow \mathbf{c}_2\{\zeta, \xi\} = j_*$ .

Toward this:

- ⊕<sub>3</sub> (a) we apply  $(*)_3$  to our  $\bar{t}$ , getting  $\varepsilon^{\text{up}}, \mathcal{U}_1^{\text{up}}, \alpha_1^*$  as there
- (b) we apply  $(*)_2$  to our  $\bar{t}$  getting  $\mathcal{U}_1^{\text{dn}}, \varepsilon^{\text{dn}}$
- (c) let  $\varepsilon^{\text{md}} = \max\{\varepsilon^{\text{up}} + 1, \varepsilon^{\text{dn}} + 1\}$ .

We can find  $g_2, \mathcal{U}_2^{\text{up}}, \gamma_*, \alpha_2^*, m_2^*$  such that:

- ⊕<sub>4</sub> (a)  $\gamma_* < \lambda$  satisfies  $F_2(\gamma_*) = j_*$  and  $F_1(\gamma_*) = \varepsilon^{\text{md}}$
- (b)  $\mathcal{U}_2^{\text{up}} \subseteq S_{\gamma_*}^*$  is stationary such that  $\delta \in \mathcal{U}_2^{\text{up}} \Rightarrow F_2'(\delta) = F_2(h(\delta)) = F_2(\gamma_*) = j_* \wedge F_1'(\delta) = F_1(h(\delta)) = F_1(\gamma_*) = \varepsilon^{\text{md}}$
- (c)  $g_2$  is a function with domain  $\mathcal{U}_2^{\text{up}}$  such that  $\delta \in \mathcal{U}_2^{\text{up}} \Rightarrow \delta < g_2(\delta) \in \mathcal{U}_1^{\text{up}}$
- (d)  $\alpha_2^*$  satisfies  $\alpha_1^* < \alpha_2^* < \min(\mathcal{U}_2^{\text{up}})$
- (e) if  $\delta \in \mathcal{U}_2^{\text{up}}$  and  $\alpha \in [\alpha_2^*, \delta)$  and  $\beta \in t_{g_2(\delta)}$  then
  - $\rho(g_2(\delta), \delta) \hat{\ } \langle \delta \rangle \trianglelefteq \rho(g_2(\delta), \alpha)$  hence
  - $\rho_{\beta, \delta} \hat{\ } \langle \delta \rangle \trianglelefteq \rho_{\beta, \alpha}$
- (f)  $m_2^*$  satisfies: for every  $\delta \in \mathcal{U}_2^{\text{up}}$ , the cardinality of the set  $\{\ell < k(g_2(\delta), \delta) : F_1'(\gamma_\ell(g_2(\delta), \delta)) = \varepsilon^{\text{md}}\}$  which may be zero.

[Why? First choose  $\gamma_*$  as in clause (a) of  $\oplus_4$  (possible by the choice of  $F_0, F_1, F_2$  in the beginning of Stage A; hence  $\delta \in S_{\gamma_*} \Rightarrow F_2'(\delta) = F_2(h(\delta))F_2(\gamma_*) = j_*$  and  $F_1'(\delta) = F_1(h(\delta)) = F_1(\gamma_*) = \varepsilon^{\text{md}}$  (by the choice of  $F_1'$  in  $\odot_7$  recalling the definitions of  $h, F_1'$ ). Second, define  $g' : S_{\gamma_*}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_1^{\text{up}}$  such that  $\delta \in S_{\gamma_*}^* \Rightarrow \delta < g'(\delta) \in \mathcal{U}_1^{\text{up}}$ . Third, for each  $\delta \in S_{\gamma_*}^* \setminus (\alpha_1^* + 1)$ , find  $\alpha'_{2,\delta} < \delta$  above  $\alpha_1^*$  and  $m_{2,\delta}$  such that the parallel of clauses (e),(f) (with  $g'$  here instead of  $g_2$  there) of  $\oplus_4$  holds. Fourth, use Fodor lemma to get a stationary  $\mathcal{U}_2^{\text{up}} \subseteq S_{\gamma_*}^*$  such that  $\langle (\alpha'_{2,\delta}, m_{2,\delta}) : \delta \in \mathcal{U}_2^{\text{up}} \rangle$  is constantly  $(\alpha_2^*, m_2^*)$  and lastly let  $g_2 = g' \upharpoonright \mathcal{U}_2^{\text{up}} \setminus (\alpha_2^* + 1)$ . Now it is easy to check that  $\oplus_4$  holds indeed.]

Next

- ⊕<sub>5</sub> if  $\delta \in \mathcal{U}_2^{\text{up}}$  then:
  - (a)  $F_1'(\delta) = \varepsilon^{\text{md}}$
  - (b) if  $\alpha \in [\alpha_2^*, \delta), \xi \in t_{g_2(\delta)}$  then  $u = \{\ell < k(\xi, \alpha) : F_1'(\gamma_\ell(\xi, \alpha)) = \varepsilon^{\text{md}}\}$  has  $> m_2^*$  members and if  $\ell$  is the  $m_2^*$ -th member of  $u$  then  $\gamma_\ell(\xi, \alpha) = \delta$ .

Why? Clause (a) holds by  $\oplus_4(a)$ , (b). For clause (b) use clause (a) and the demands on  $m_2^*$ . That is

- (a)  $\rho(\xi, \alpha) = \rho(\xi, g_2(\delta)) \hat{\ } \rho(g_2(\delta), \delta) \hat{\ } \rho(\delta, \alpha)$   
[Why? by  $(*)_3, \oplus_4(e)$ ]
- (b)  $\text{Rang}(\rho_h(\alpha, g_2(\delta))) \subseteq \varepsilon^{\text{up}} \subseteq \varepsilon^{\text{md}}$   
[Why? by  $(*)_2$ ]
- (c) the set  $\{\ell < k(g_2(\delta), \delta) : F_1'(\gamma_\ell(g_2(\delta), \delta)) = \varepsilon^{\text{md}}\}$  has  $m_2^*$  members  
[why? by  $\oplus_4(f)$ ]
- (d)  $F_1'(\gamma_0(\delta, \alpha)) = F_1'(\delta) = \varepsilon^{\text{md}}$   
[Why? by  $\oplus_4(a), (b)$ ]
- (e) if  $\ell_*$  is the  $m_2^*$ -th member of  $\{\ell : F_1'(\gamma_\ell(\xi, \alpha)) = \varepsilon^{\text{md}}\}$  then  $\gamma_{\ell_*}(\xi, \alpha) = \delta$   
[Why? putting the above together]

So  $\oplus_5$  holds indeed.

Now choose  $\varepsilon(*) < \theta$  such that  $h'(\varepsilon(*)) = \varepsilon^{\text{md}}$  and  $h''(\varepsilon(*)) = m_2^*$ .

Next, let  $E = \{\delta < \lambda : \delta \text{ limit ordinal} > \alpha_2^* \text{ such that } \delta = \sup(\mathcal{W}_1^{\text{dn}} \cap \delta) \text{ and } \alpha < \delta \Rightarrow g_2(\alpha) < \delta\}$ .

Lastly,

- $\oplus_6$  choose  $\delta_1 < \delta_2$  such that
- (a)  $\delta_1 \in \mathcal{W}_1^{\text{dn}} \cap E$
  - (b)  $\delta_2 \in \mathcal{W}_2^{\text{up}} \cap E \setminus (\delta_1 + 1)$
  - (c)  $\mathbf{c}_1\{\delta_2, \delta_1\} = \varepsilon(*)$ ,

[Why does such a pair  $(\delta_1, \delta_2)$  exist? By Stage D applied to  $\bar{s} = \langle s_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda \rangle$  where  $s_\alpha = \{\min(\mathcal{W}_s^{\text{dn}} \cap E \setminus \alpha), \min(\mathcal{W}_2^{\text{up}} \cap E \setminus \alpha)\}$ .

That is, we can find ordinals  $\alpha < \beta < \lambda$  such that: for every  $(\zeta, \xi) \in (s_\alpha \times s_\beta)$  we have  $\mathbf{c}_1\{\xi, \zeta\} = \varepsilon^{\text{md}}$ .

Let  $\delta_1 = \min(\mathcal{W}_1^{\text{dn}} \cap E \setminus \alpha)$  and let  $\delta_2 = \min(\mathcal{W}_1^{\text{up}} \cap E \setminus \beta)$ .

So  $(\delta_1, \delta_2) \in (s_\alpha \times s_\beta)$  hence clearly  $\delta_1 < \delta_2$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_1\{\delta_1, \delta_2\} = \varepsilon(*)$ ,  $\delta_1 \in \mathcal{W}_1^{\text{dn}} \cap E$  and  $\delta_2 \in \mathcal{W}_1^{\text{up}} \cap E$ . So the pair  $(\delta_1, \delta_2)$  is as promised in in  $\oplus_6$ ]

Now let  $\beta = g_2(\delta_2)$  and choose  $\alpha \in \mathcal{W}_2^{\text{dn}} \cap \delta_1 \setminus (\alpha_2^* + 1)$ . Easy to check that  $\alpha, \beta$  are as required.

So we have finished proving Theorem 1.1.  $\square_{1.1}$

**Conclusion 1.3.** *If  $\lambda = \partial^+$ ,  $\partial > \theta$  are regular, then  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda, \theta)$  except possibly when the statement  $\boxplus$  holds where:*

- $\boxplus$  (a) *there is a  $\theta$ -complete not  $\theta^+$ -complete uniform filter on  $\lambda$  and*
- (b)  $\partial = \theta^+$
- (c)  *$\theta$  is a regular limit uncountable cardinal.*

*Proof.* Case 1:  $\partial = \chi^{++}$  so  $> \aleph_1$

By monotonicity of  $\text{Pr}_1$  in  $\theta$ , without loss of generality  $\theta = \chi^+$ , hence  $\theta \geq \aleph_1$  and there is no  $\theta$ -complete weakly  $\theta$ -saturated filter on  $\theta^{+2} = \chi^{+3} = \partial^+ = \lambda$  by 0.3(3) so we can use Theorem 1.1 noting  $\theta = \text{cf}(\theta) > \aleph_0$ .

Case 2:  $\partial = \aleph_1$

In this case necessarily  $\theta = \aleph_0, \partial = \aleph_1, \lambda = \aleph_2$  and the result hold by [She97].

Case 3:  $\partial = \chi^+, \chi$  singular

As  $\theta$  is regular, necessarily  $\theta < \chi$  and we can apply Theorem [She19, 2.5=Le16] with  $(\lambda, \theta^+, \theta)$  here standing for  $(\lambda, \theta_1, \theta_0)$  there, ( $\lambda$  is indeed a successor of regular because  $\partial$  is regular, and  $\theta$  is regular; if we like to allow  $\theta$  singular we should have used  $(\lambda, \theta^{++}, \theta^+)$  here standing for  $(\lambda, \theta_1, \theta_0)$  there). So we get that  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda, (\theta^+, \theta))$  holds. Hence by monotonicity  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda, (\theta, \theta))$  holds which means that also  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda, \theta)$  holds as promised.

Case 4:  $\partial = \chi^+ > \aleph_1, \chi$  a regular limit cardinal.

If  $\chi > \theta$  we can repeat the proof of case 3 relying on [She19], so without loss of generality we have  $\theta = \chi$ . Now in  $\boxplus$ , clauses (b) and (c) hold but it should fail hence by  $\boxplus(a)$  fail, which give clause (b) in Theorem 1.1 hence we can apply 1.1 as in Case 1.

Case 5:  $\partial$  is a limit cardinal

Still  $\partial$  is regular  $> \theta$  and we continue as in Case 3.  $\square_{1.3}$

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