

## HOMOGENEOUS FORCING

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ABSTRACT. Assume  $\kappa = \aleph_0$  or  $\kappa = \kappa^{<\kappa} > \aleph_0$ , usually an inaccessible.

We shall deal with iterated forcings preserving  ${}^{\kappa}>\text{Ord}$  and not collapsing cardinals along a linear order. The aim is to have homogeneous ones, so that for some natural ideals on  ${}^{\kappa}2$ , we get a model of  $\text{ZF} + \text{DC}_{\kappa} +$  “modulo this ideal, every set is equivalent to a  $\kappa$ -Borel one.”

The main application is improving the consistency result of Kellner and Shelah [KS11], and Horowitz and Shelah [HS] on saccharinity. But presently, the homogeneity is only forcing  $(Q_t, \mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q},t})$ .

### § 0. INTRODUCTION

§ 0(A). **Aim.** Fix  $\kappa = \kappa^{<\kappa}$  (maybe  $\aleph_0$ ) and we consider homogeneous iteration of  $(< \kappa)$ -complete forcing notions, with a version of  $\kappa^+$ -cc, preserving those properties.

To get homogeneity we intend to iterate along a linear order which is quite homogeneous (and so not well-ordered).

Ever since Solovay’s celebrated work [Sol70], we know about the connection between the following two issues:

- <sub>1</sub> Forcing notions  $\mathbb{P}$  with lots of automorphisms. E.g. for small  $\mathbb{P}' < \mathbb{P}$  and two relevant  $\mathbb{P}$ -names  $\eta_1, \eta_2$ , generic for the same relevant forcing  $\mathbb{Q}$  over  $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}'}$ , there is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{P}$  over  $\mathbb{P}'$  mapping  $\eta_1$  to  $\eta_2$ .
- <sub>2</sub> Models of  $\text{ZF} + \text{DC} +$  “every set of reals is equivalent to a Borel set modulo the null ideal (or other reasonable ideal)”. (The relevant forcing  $\mathbb{Q}$  was Random Real forcing for the null ideal — and e.g. for the meagre ideal, Cohen forcing.)

Concerning the classical case of Lebesgue measurability, another formulation is “no non-measurable set is easily definable,” formulated<sup>1</sup> in  $\mathbf{L}[\mathbb{R}]$ . See the history and more in [RS04], [RS06].

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References like e.g. [Sh:950, Th0.2=<sub>L</sub>y<sub>5</sub>] mean that the internal label of Theorem 0.2 in Sh:950 is ‘y5.’ The reader should note that the version in my website is usually more up-to-date than the one in arXiv. This is publication number 1257 on Saharon Shelah’s list.

<sup>1</sup>That is, •<sub>2</sub> holds for an inner model  $\mathbf{L}[\mathcal{P}(\kappa)]^{\mathbf{V}}$  with  $\mathbf{V} \models \text{ZFC}$ , so in  $\mathbf{V}$  all ‘reasonable’ sets are ‘measurable’ for this ideal.

This applies to other ideals  $\text{id}(\mathbb{Q}, \eta)$  for a definable forcing notion  $\mathbb{Q}$  (mainly a ccc one) and a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -name  $\eta$  of a real. Generally, it was not so easy to build such forcing notions: it required one to prove the existence of amalgamation in the relevant class of forcings. In Kellner-Shelah [KS11] it was suggested to look at so-called saccharine pairs  $(\mathbb{Q}, \eta)$ , where  $\mathbb{Q}$  is very non-homogeneous. (E.g. forcing with  $\mathbb{Q}$  adds just one  $(\mathbb{Q}, \eta)$ -generic, so we have few cases we need to build automorphisms for.)

*Notation 0.1.* 1)  $\text{id}_{\partial}(\mathbb{Q}, \eta) = \text{id}_{<\partial}(\mathbb{Q}, \eta)$  is the ideal consisting of the union of  $< \partial$  Borel sets  $\mathbf{B}$  such that  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}} \text{“}\eta \notin \mathbf{B}\text{”}$ .

2) Let  $\text{id}_{\leq\partial}(\mathbb{Q}, \eta)$  be  $\text{id}_{<\partial^+}(\mathbb{Q}, \eta)$ .

3)  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \varepsilon, \zeta$  will denote ordinals;  $\delta$  will be a limit ordinal if not stated otherwise.

4)  $S_{\kappa}^{\lambda} := \{\delta < \lambda : \text{cf}(\delta) = \kappa\}$

5) Recall that  $\mathbb{L}_{\sigma, \sigma}$  is defined like first-order logic, but allowing  $\bigwedge_{i < \alpha} \varphi_i$  for  $\alpha < \lambda$  and  $(\exists \dots x_i \dots)_{i \in I} \varphi$  with  $I$  of cardinality  $< \sigma$ .

Comparing [KS11] to the older results:

- <sub>1.1</sub> The forcing  $\mathbb{Q}$  collapsed no cardinal, but was not ccc; this<sup>2</sup> we consider a drawback.
- <sub>1.2</sub> The model, as in those older results, does satisfy  $\text{ZF} + \text{DC}$ .
- <sub>1.3</sub> The iteration was along a homogeneous linear order.
- <sub>1.4</sub> We get only a weak version of measurability, the ideal being  $\text{id}_{\leq \aleph_1}(\mathbb{Q}, \eta)$  instead of  $\text{id}_{< \aleph_1}(\mathbb{Q}, \eta)$ .

Alternatively,

- '<sub>1.4</sub> Use  $\text{id}_{< \aleph_1}(\eta, \mathbb{Q}) + X$ , where  $X$  is the set  $\{\eta[\mathbf{G}] : \mathbf{G} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^{\mathbf{L}} \text{ is generic over } \mathbf{L}\}$ .

The next step was Horowitz-Shelah [HS], where:

- <sub>2.1</sub> The forcing is ccc, which is a plus.
- <sub>2.2</sub> The model only satisfies  $\text{ZF}$ ; we do not get  $\text{DC}$  or even  $\text{AC}_{\aleph_0}$  — not so good.
- <sub>2.3</sub> Again, the iteration is along a homogeneous linear order.
- <sub>2.4</sub> This ideal is again  $\text{id}_{\leq \aleph_1}(\eta, \mathbb{Q})$  (or as in •'<sub>1.4</sub> above).

Here (in 4.1) we regain both ccc (as in •<sub>2.1</sub>) as well as  $\text{DC}$  (as in •<sub>1.2</sub>). Moreover, we can demand  $\text{DC}_{\aleph_1}$  (or more — see §1) which is a significant plus.

We continue [She04b], [She], but do not rely on them. Instead of defining iterations we introduce them axiomatically and allow  $\kappa > \aleph_0$  (in the support), but it suffices here to demand that the memory is a set, not an ideal. Unlike [She04b], the present paper does not address forcing  $\mathfrak{a} > \mathfrak{d}$ . Earlier continuations of [She04b], [She] were the parallels  $[S^+a]$  and  $[S^+b]$  (and later, their descendants  $[S^+c]$ ,  $[S^+d]$  — all in preparation). There, as in [She04b], we sometimes replace the set  $I_s^{\mathfrak{s}}$  (see 1.1) by an ideal (sometimes the whole) and use more general definable forcing notions.

In our iteration we are allowed to replace  $\aleph_0$  by some  $\kappa = \kappa^{<\kappa}$ , so the forcing notions are  $(< \kappa)$ -complete  $\kappa^+$ -cc. But we need a forcing notion analogous to the one in [HS]: this will hopefully be done in  $[S^+e]$ .

<sup>2</sup>Note that Solovay uses Levy collapse of an inaccessible, but the later versions use ccc ones.

## § 0(B). Preliminaries.

**Hypothesis 0.2.** 1)  $\kappa = \kappa^{<\kappa}$  (mainly  $\aleph_0$  or an inaccessible).

2)  $\partial$  is a regular cardinal  $> \kappa$ .

3)  $D$  a normal filter on  $\kappa^+$  such that  $S_\kappa^{\kappa^+} := \{\delta < \kappa^+ : \text{cf}(\delta) = \kappa\} \in D$ .

**Definition 0.3.** Let  $\mathbb{Q}$  be a forcing notion.

1) We say  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a *strong  $\kappa$ -forcing* (or ‘ $(\kappa, 1)$ -forcing’) when:

(A) If  $\kappa = \aleph_0$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}$  is Knaster (and hence ccc).

(B) When  $\kappa > \aleph_0$ :

- <sub>1</sub>  $\mathbb{Q}$  satisfies  $*_{\kappa, D}^1$  (which means a strong version of the  $\kappa^+$ -cc; see below in 0.3(4) and more in [She22, 0.2(B)(2)<sub>a=Lx2</sub>]).
- <sub>2</sub>  $\mathbb{Q}$  is  $(< \kappa)$ -complete.
- <sub>3</sub> Any increasing sequence of length  $< \kappa$  has a lub.<sup>3</sup>

2)  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a *weak  $\kappa$ -forcing* (or ‘ $(\kappa, 2)$ -forcing’) when:

(A) If  $\kappa = \aleph_0$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a ccc forcing.

(B) As in (1)(B).

3) Whenever we write ‘a  $\kappa$ -forcing,’ we mean the strong version.

4) For  $D$  a normal filter on  $\kappa^+$  containing  $S_{\text{cf}(\kappa)}^{\kappa^+}$ , we say the forcing notion  $\mathbb{Q}$  satisfies  $*_{\kappa, D}^1$  when:

$\kappa = \aleph_0$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  is ccc, or  $\kappa > \aleph_0$  and

\*<sub>a</sub> Given a sequence  $\langle p_i : i < \kappa^+ \rangle$  of members of  $\mathbb{P}$ , there is a set  $C \in D$  and a regressive function  $\mathbf{h}$  on  $C$  such that

$$\alpha, \beta \in C \wedge \mathbf{h}(\alpha) = \mathbf{h}(\beta) \Rightarrow \text{‘} p_\alpha \text{ and } p_\beta \text{ have a lub. ’}$$

*Notation 0.4.* 1) Here  $\mathfrak{s}$  will denote a combinatorial template (that is, a member of  $\mathbf{T}$  — see Definition 1.1).

2) Here  $\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}$  will denote ATIs (*abstract template iterations*); i.e. members of  $\mathbf{Q}_{\text{pre}}$  (the weakest version — see Definition 1.4).

3)  $L$  is a linear order (usually  $L \subseteq L_{\mathfrak{s}}$ ) and  $r, s, t \in L$ .

$L_+$  is derived from  $L$ , with  $\infty, t, t(+) \in L_+$  for  $t \in L$ . (See below in 1.1(2).)

4)  $L_{\mathfrak{s}}$  or  $L_{\mathbf{q}}$  will be the relevant linear order for  $\mathfrak{s}$  or  $\mathbf{q}$ , etc.

5)  $\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$  denote forcing notions as in Definition 0.3 (which means quasi-orders).

<sup>3</sup> It seems sufficient to just demand

- <sub>1</sub> Instead of clause (2)<sub>a</sub> of [She22, 0.2(B)<sub>=Lx2</sub>], we use the game of length  $\varepsilon$  of [She00] (with  $\varepsilon$  a limit ordinal  $< \kappa$ ; the natural choice is  $\varepsilon = \partial$ ).
- <sub>2</sub>  $\mathbb{Q}$  strategically  $\zeta$ -complete for every  $\zeta < \kappa$ .
- <sub>3</sub> Any increasing  $\partial$ -sequence has a lub, for one  $\partial = \text{cf}(\partial)$ .

§ 1. THE FRAME

**Definition 1.1.** 0) Let  $\mathbf{T}$  be the class of  $(\partial, \kappa)$ -combinatorial templates (defined below), assuming  $\partial = \text{cf}(\partial) > \kappa$ . If  $\partial = \infty$  we may omit it.

1) A  $(\kappa, \partial)$ -CT (a  $(\kappa, \partial)$ -combinatorial template)  $\mathfrak{s}$  consists of:

(a) A linear order  $L$  (we could have used ‘partial’; it does not really matter for our purposes).

We may write  $x \in \mathfrak{s}$  instead of  $x \in L$ , or  $x <_{\mathfrak{s}} y$  instead of  $x <_L y$ .

(b) A sequence  $\langle I_t : t \in L \rangle = \langle I_t^{\mathfrak{s}} : t \in L_{\mathfrak{s}} \rangle = \langle I_t[\mathfrak{s}] : t \in L[\mathfrak{s}] \rangle$ , where  $I_t = I_t^{\mathfrak{s}} \subseteq \{s \in L : s <_L t\} \subseteq L_{\mathfrak{s}}$  has cardinality  $< \partial$ .

(c) A set  $S_t = S_t^{\mathfrak{s}}$  (say, of ordinals) for  $t \in L$ .

2) We define  $t(+)$ ,  $L_x$ , and so forth as follows:

(a) For  $x = t \in L$ , let  $L_x = \{s \in L : s <_L t\}$ .

(b) For  $t \in L$  and  $x = t(+)$ , let  $L_x := \{s \in L : s \leq_L t\}$ .

(c) Naturally,  $\langle t : t \in L \rangle \wedge \langle t(+) : t \in L \rangle \wedge \langle \infty \rangle$  is without repetition.

(d)  $L_+ = L_+^{\mathfrak{s}} := \{t, t(+) : t \in L\} \cup \{\infty\}$

(e)  $<_{L_+}$  is the closure, to a linear order, of the set

$$\{t < t(+) : t \in L\} \cup \{s(+) < t : s <_L t\} \cup \{t(+) < \infty : t \in L\}.$$

(f) Let  $L_{\mathfrak{s}, \infty} := L_{\mathfrak{s}}$ .

3) For  $L \subseteq L_{\mathfrak{s}}$ , we define  $\mathfrak{s} \upharpoonright L \in \mathbf{T}$  as follows.

- <sub>1</sub>  $L_{\mathfrak{s} \upharpoonright L} := L$
- <sub>2</sub>  $I_t^{\mathfrak{s} \upharpoonright L} := I_t^{\mathfrak{s}} \cap L_{\mathfrak{s}}$ .

4) For  $s \in L_{\mathfrak{s}}$ , let  $\mathfrak{s} \upharpoonright s := \mathfrak{s} \upharpoonright L_{\mathfrak{s}, s}$ .

5) We call  $L \subseteq L_{\mathfrak{s}}$  *closed* (really, ‘ $\mathfrak{s}$ -closed’) when  $t \in L \Rightarrow I_t^{\mathfrak{s}} \subseteq L$  (e.g.  $L \leq L_{\mathfrak{s}}$ ).

6) We say  $\mathfrak{s}$  is *closed* when  $I_t^{\mathfrak{s}}$  is  $\mathfrak{s}$ -closed for every  $t \in L_{\mathfrak{s}}$ .

7) Let  $\sigma(\mathfrak{s}) := \min\{\partial > \kappa^+ : \partial = \text{cf}(\partial) \text{ and } s \in L_{\mathfrak{s}} \Rightarrow |I_s^{\mathfrak{s}}| < \partial\}$ .

8) We say  $\pi$  is an *isomorphism from  $\mathfrak{s}_1$  onto  $\mathfrak{s}_2$*  (for  $\mathfrak{s}_1, \mathfrak{s}_2 \in \mathbf{T}$ ) when

$$\pi : L_{\mathfrak{s}_1} \rightarrow L_{\mathfrak{s}_2}$$

is an order-preserving function mapping  $I_t^{\mathfrak{s}_1}$  onto  $I_{\pi(t)}^{\mathfrak{s}_2}$  for each  $t \in L_{\mathfrak{s}_1}$ .

**Definition 1.2.** We define a two-place relation  $\leq_{\mathbf{T}}$  (obviously a partial order) on the class of combinatorial templates by:

$$\mathfrak{s}_1 \leq_{\mathbf{T}} \mathfrak{s}_2 \text{ iff}$$

- (a)  $L_{\mathfrak{s}_1} \subseteq L_{\mathfrak{s}_2}$  as linear orders.
- (b) If  $s \in L_{\mathfrak{s}_1}$  then  $I_s^{\mathfrak{s}_1} = I_s^{\mathfrak{s}_2}$ .

**Claim 1.3.** 1)  $\leq_{\mathbf{T}}$  is indeed a partial order on  $\mathbf{T}$ .

2) If  $\langle \mathfrak{s}_{\varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \delta \rangle$  is  $\leq_{\mathbf{T}}$ -increasing then  $\bigcup_{\varepsilon < \delta} \mathfrak{s}_{\varepsilon}$  (naturally defined) exists, is a  $\leq_{\mathbf{T}}$ -lub, and is unique.

*Proof.* Easy.

□<sub>1.3</sub>

**Definition 1.4.** 1)  $\mathbf{Q}_s^{\text{wk}}$  is the class of weak  $\mathfrak{s}$ -ATIs (see below), and

$$\mathbf{Q}_{\text{wk}} := \bigcup_{\mathfrak{s} \in \mathbf{T}} \mathbf{Q}_s^{\text{wk}}.$$

(ATI stands for *abstract template iterations*.)

2) For  $\mathfrak{s}$  a combinatorial template, we say  $\mathfrak{q}$  is a *weak  $\mathfrak{s}$ -ATI* when it consists of:<sup>4</sup>

- (A)  $\mathfrak{s} \in \mathbf{T}$  (We may write  $L_{\mathfrak{q}}$  for  $L_{\mathfrak{s}}$ , etc.)
- (B) (a) A weak  $\kappa$ -forcing notion  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathfrak{q}}$  (as in Definition 0.3(2)).
  - (b) For  $t \in L$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_t \leq \mathbb{P}_{t(+)} \leq \mathbb{P}$  are weak  $\kappa$ -forcing notions. (This includes  $t = \infty$ , in which case  $\mathbb{P}_t = \mathbb{P}$ .)
  - (c) For  $t \in L$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}_t$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_t$ -name of a weak  $\kappa$ -forcing with set of elements  $S_t = S(t)$ .
  - (d) (See 0.3(1)(B)•<sub>3</sub>.) If  $\kappa > \aleph_0$  and  $t \in L$ , then there is  $\mathbf{H}_t : {}^{\kappa} S_t \rightarrow S_t$  such that:
    - <sub>1</sub>  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_t}$  “if  $\eta \in {}^{\kappa} S_t$  is  $\leq_{\mathbb{Q}_t}$ -increasing then  $\mathbf{H}_t(\eta)$  is a lub of  $\{\eta(i) : i < \ell g(\eta)\}$ ”.
    - <sub>2</sub> If  $\eta \in {}^2 S_t$  and  $\{\eta(0), \eta(1)\}$  has a  $\leq_{\mathbb{Q}_t}$ -lub then  $\mathbf{H}_t(\eta)$  is that lub.
  - (e) If  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  then  $p$  is a function with domain  $\text{dom}(p) \in [L_{\mathfrak{s}}]^{<\kappa}$  and support  $\text{supp}(p) \in [L_{\mathfrak{s}}]^{<\kappa}$ , with  $\text{supp}(p) \supseteq \text{dom}(p)$ . (See more in clause (E)(c).)
- (C) (a) [**Notation:**] If  $L \subseteq L_{\mathfrak{s}}$  then  $\mathbb{P}_L := \mathbb{P} \upharpoonright \{p : \text{supp}(p) \subseteq L\}$ .
  - (b) If  $L$  is  $\mathfrak{s}$ -closed then  $\mathbb{P}_L$  is a weak  $\kappa$ -forcing and  $\mathbb{P}_L \leq \mathbb{P}$ .
  - (c) For  $t \in L_{\mathfrak{q}}^+$ , let  $\mathbb{P}_t := \mathbb{P}_{L_{\mathfrak{q},t}}$ .
- (D)  $\bar{\eta} := \langle \eta_t : t \in L \rangle$  with  $\eta_t$  a  $\mathbb{P}_{t(+)}$ -name of a member of  ${}^{S(t)}2$ , but we identify  $\eta_t \in {}^{S(t)}2$  with  $\{\alpha : \eta_t(\alpha) = 1\}$  such that:
  - (a)  $\eta_t(a) = 1 \Leftrightarrow a \in \mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}}$ , where  $\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}}$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{t(+)}$ -generic over  $\mathbf{V}$ .
  - (b) For  $\mathfrak{s}$ -closed  $L$ ,  $\bar{\eta} \upharpoonright L$  is a generic of  $\mathbb{P}_L$ .
- (E) (a)  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  iff
  - ( $\alpha$ )  $p$  is a function.
  - ( $\beta$ )  $\text{dom}(p) \in [L_{\mathfrak{s}}]^{<\kappa}$
  - ( $\gamma$ ) For  $s \in \text{dom}(p)$ ,  $p(s)$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_s$ -name of a member of  $\mathbb{Q}_s$ .  
More specifically, it is of the form  $\mathbf{B}(\dots, \eta_{t_j}(\varepsilon_j), \dots)_{j < j_{p(s)}}$ , where
    - <sub>1</sub>  $t_j \in I_s$
    - <sub>2</sub>  $\varepsilon_j \in S_{t_j}$
    - <sub>3</sub>  $j_{p(s)} \leq \kappa$
    - <sub>4</sub>  $\mathbf{B}$  is a  $\kappa$ -Borel function<sup>5</sup> from  $({}^{j_{p(s)}}2)$  into some  $\mathcal{U}_{p(s)} \in [S_s]^{<\kappa}$ .
- (b) The truth value of  $p \leq_{\mathbb{P}} q$  is computed in  $\mathbf{V}[\bar{\eta} \upharpoonright A]$ , where
 
$$A = \text{dom}(q) \cup \bigcup \{I_s : s \in \text{dom}(q)\}.$$
  - (c)  $\text{supp}(p) := \text{dom}(p) \cup \{\gamma_{p(s),j} : s \in \text{dom}(p), j < j_{p(s)}\}$
  - (d)  $\eta_s :=$ 

$$\{p(s)(\dots, \eta_{t_{p(s),j}}(\varepsilon_{p(s),j}), \dots)_{j < j_{p(s)}}[\mathbf{G}], \dots\} : p \in \mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_{t(+)}, t \in \text{dom}(p)\}$$
 exists and is well-founded, noting that  $p(s) \in S_s$  is computed from  $\langle \eta_t[\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_{L(s)}}] : t \in I_s \rangle$ .

<sup>4</sup>So  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathfrak{q}}$ , etc. We may omit  $\mathfrak{s}$  or  $\mathfrak{q}$  when it is clear from context.

<sup>5</sup>The point is absoluteness.

- (e) For  $x \in L_+$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_x \models 'p \leq q'$  iff
- <sub>1</sub>  $\text{dom}(p) \subseteq \text{dom}(q) \subseteq L_x$
  - <sub>2</sub> If  $s \in \text{dom}(p)$  then  $p \upharpoonright L_s \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_s} 'p(s) \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_s} q(s)'$ .
- (f) Similar to clause (e), but for  $\mathbb{P}$ . (This actually follows by setting  $x = \infty$ .)

**Definition 1.5.** 1) We define  $\mathbf{Q}_s^{\text{st}}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}$ , and say ‘*strong ATI*’ when we replace “weak  $\kappa$ -forcing” by “strong  $\kappa$ -forcing” in 1.4, clauses (B)(a), (C)(a).

2) We define  $\mathbf{Q}_{\text{pre}}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}_s^{\text{pre}}$  as in Definition 1.4, replacing “weak  $\kappa$ -forcing” by “forcing” in clauses (B)(a), (C)(a).

3) Let  $\mathbf{Q}_0, \mathbf{Q}_1, \mathbf{Q}_2$  be shorthand for  $\mathbf{Q}_{\text{pre}}, \mathbf{Q}_{\text{wk}}$ , and  $\mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}$ , respectively.

4) When we omit the subscripts, we mean ‘pre.’ (But not in 1.8(2) below, however.)

5) If  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{pre}}$  and  $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$ , then  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L$  is defined by  $\mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{p}} := \mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}} \upharpoonright L$  and  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{p}} := \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L}$ .

6) We define “ $\pi$  is an isomorphism from  $\mathbf{q}$  onto  $\mathbf{p}$ ” naturally.

*Remark 1.6.* 1) Recall that  $L_{\mathbf{q}}$  is just a linear order and not necessarily a well-ordering.

2) As a consequence, for a given  $\mathbf{q}$ ,  $\langle \mathbb{Q}_s : s \in L_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle$  does not necessarily determine  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$ , but if  $\mathfrak{s}$  is as in [She04b, §2] then it is unique.

**Observation 1.7.** Let  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{pre}}$ .

1) If  $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$  is  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed,  $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$ , and  $p \upharpoonright L \leq_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}} q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L}$ , then

$$r := (p \upharpoonright (\text{dom}(p) \setminus L)) \cup q$$

is a lub of  $p$  and  $q$ .

2) For  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed  $L$ , we have  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L} \models "p \leq q"$  iff

- <sub>1</sub>  $\text{dom}(p) \subseteq \text{dom}(q) \subseteq L$
- <sub>2</sub> If  $s \in \text{dom}(p)$  then for some  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed  $L_1$  satisfying  $I_s^{\mathbf{q}} \subseteq L_1 \subseteq L \cap L_{\mathbf{q}, s}$ , we have  $q \upharpoonright L_1 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{L_1}} "p(s) \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_s} q(s)"$ .

3) Like (2)•<sub>2</sub>, replacing “for some” with “for every.”

4) If  $\mathbf{q}$  is closed, then in (2)•<sub>2</sub> we can choose  $L_1 = I_s^{\mathbf{q}}$ .

*Proof.* 1) Note

$$(*)_1 \quad r \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$$

[Why? First,  $r$  is a well-defined function. Second,  $\text{dom}(r) \in [L_{\mathbf{q}}]^{<\kappa}$ , and third  $s \in \text{dom}(r) \Rightarrow 'r(s)$  is as required in 1.4(2)(E)(a)( $\gamma$ ).’ So by 1.4(2)(E)(a) we are done.]

$$(*)_2 \quad \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}} \models 'p \leq r'$$

We have to check 1.4(2)(E)(e). Now •<sub>1</sub> is trivial, as  $\text{dom}(p \upharpoonright L) \subseteq \text{dom}(q) \subseteq L$ ; as for •<sub>2</sub>, let  $s \in \text{dom}(r)$  and exactly one of the following cases will occur.

**Case 1:**  $s \in \text{dom}(p) \setminus L$ .

In this case,  $r(s) = p(s)$ , so

$$r \upharpoonright L_s \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{L_s}} "p(s) \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_s} r(s)"$$

holds trivially.

**Case 2:**  $s \in \text{dom}(p) \cap L$ .

Recalling  $\mathbb{P}_L \Vdash "(p \upharpoonright L) \leq q"$  and  $\mathbb{P}_L \triangleleft \mathbb{P}$  (by 1.4(2)(C)(b)), we have

$$q \upharpoonright I_s \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{I_s}} "p(s) \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_s} r(s)",$$

so as  $r(s) = q(s)$  we are done.

**Case 3:**  $s \in \text{dom}(q) \setminus \text{dom}(p)$ .

Also in this case,  $r(s) = q(s)$  is well-defined (and there is no demand on  $q(s)$ ) so we are done.

$$(*)_3 \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}} \Vdash 'q \leq r'$$

As  $r \upharpoonright \text{dom}(q) = q$ , this is trivial.

$$(*)_4 \text{ If } \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}} \Vdash "p \leq r' \wedge q \leq r'" \text{ then } \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}} \Vdash r \leq r'.$$

Easy as well.

2,3,4) Also straightforward. □<sub>1.7</sub>

**Definition 1.8.** 1) Let  $\mathbf{q}_1 \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{q}_2$  (or  $\mathbf{q}_1 \leq_{\mathbf{Q}}^{\text{wk}} \mathbf{q}_2$ ) mean:

- (a)  $\mathbf{q}_\ell$  is a weak  $\mathfrak{s}_\ell$ -ATI for  $\ell = 1, 2$  (where  $\mathfrak{s}_\ell = \mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}_\ell}$ ; recall that  $\mathbf{q}_\ell$  determines  $\mathfrak{s}_\ell$ ).
- (b)  $\mathfrak{s}_1 \leq_{\mathbf{T}} \mathfrak{s}_2$
- (c)  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2}$
- (d)  $\mathbb{Q}_t^{\mathbf{q}_1} = \mathbb{Q}_t^{\mathbf{q}_2}$  for  $t \in L_{\mathfrak{s}_1}$ .
- (e)  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2}} "\eta_t^{\mathbf{q}_1} = \eta_t^{\mathbf{q}_2}"$  (and so  $S_{\mathbf{q}_1}(t) = S_{\mathbf{q}_2}(t)$ ) for  $t \in L_{\mathfrak{s}_1}$ .

2) We define  $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}}^{\text{pre}}$  as above, changing clause (a) to ' $\mathbf{q}_\ell \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{pre}}$ ' and omitting clause (c). (I.e. we do not require  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2}$ .)

We define  $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}_2} := \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \upharpoonright \mathbf{Q}_2$ .

2A) If  $\mathbf{r} \leq_{\mathbf{Q}}^{\text{pre}} \mathbf{q}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$ , then we define  $q := p \upharpoonright \mathbf{r}$  as follows:

- <sub>1</sub>  $\text{dom}(q) = \text{dom}(p) \cap L_{\mathbf{r}}$
- <sub>2</sub> If  $s \in \text{dom}(q)$  then  $q(s) = p(s)$  (recalling 1.2(b)).

3) If  $\langle \mathbf{q}_\alpha : \alpha < \delta \rangle$  is  $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -increasing then " $\mathbf{q} := \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathbf{q}_\alpha$ " will mean the following:

- (a)  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}$
- (b)  $\mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}} := \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha}$
- (c)  $\mathbf{q}_\alpha \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{q}$  for all  $\alpha < \delta$ .
- (d) [Follows] If  $s \in L_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha}$  then  $\mathbb{Q}_s^{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbb{Q}_s^{\mathbf{q}_\alpha}$  and  $\eta_s^{\mathbf{q}} = \eta_s^{\mathbf{q}_\alpha}$ .

4) We say  $\bar{\mathbf{q}} = \langle \mathbf{q}_\alpha : \alpha < \alpha_* \rangle$  is  $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -increasing continuous if it is  $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -increasing and  $\mathbf{q}_\delta = \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathbf{q}_\alpha$  for every limit  $\delta < \alpha_*$ .

*Remark 1.9.* 1) Note that in parts (3),(4) of Definition 1.8, for a given  $\langle \mathbf{q}_\alpha : \alpha < \delta \rangle$ , it is not *a priori* clear that such  $\mathbf{q}$  exists — and even if it does, whether it is unique.

2) Regarding 1.8(1)(c), does “ $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1} \leq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2}$ ” follow by 1.4(2)(C)(a), as  $L_{\mathfrak{s}_1}$  is  $\mathbf{q}_2$ -closed by Definition 1.2? This is not clear. (See 1.6(2).)

We can only show that given  $\mathbf{q}_2$  and a  $\mathbf{q}_2$ -closed  $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}_1}$ , we have  $(\mathbf{q}_2 \upharpoonright L) \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{q}_2$ .

**Observation 1.10.** 1) Assume  $\mathbf{q}_1 \leq_{\mathbf{Q}}^{\text{pre}} \mathbf{q}_2$ .

(A) If  $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2}$ , then we have (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (b), where:

(a)  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2} \models “p \leq q”$

(b) If  $s \in \text{dom}(p)$  then  $s \in \text{dom}(q) \wedge q \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q}_1, s} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1, s}} “p(s) \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_s} q(s)”$ .

(B) If  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2} \models “p \not\leq q”$  and  $s \in \text{dom}(p) \cap L_{\mathbf{q}_1}$ , then

$q \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q}_1, s} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1, s}} “p(s) \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_s} q(s)”$ .

(C) Assume

(a)  $L_1^2 \triangleleft L_2^2 \trianglelefteq L_{\mathbf{q}_2}$

(b)  $\bigwedge_{\ell=1}^2 [L_\ell^1 = L_\ell^2 \cap L_{\mathbf{q}_1}]$

(c)  $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2 \upharpoonright L_1^2}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1 \upharpoonright L_2^2}$ .

(d)  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2, L_1^2} \models q \upharpoonright L_1^1 \leq p^+$ .

If in addition,  $p^+ \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2 \upharpoonright L_1^1}$  is  $\leq_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2}}$ -above  $q \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q}_1 \upharpoonright L_1^1}$  and  $p \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q}_1 \upharpoonright L_1^1}$ , then  $\{p, p^+, q\}$  have a common upper bound in  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2 \upharpoonright L_2^2}$ .

2) If  $x \in L_{\mathfrak{s}}^+$  then  $\mathfrak{s} \upharpoonright L_x \in \mathbf{T}$  and

$\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_s \Rightarrow \mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L_x \in \mathbf{Q}_{\mathfrak{s}_q \upharpoonright x}$ . (See 1.1(4) and 1.4(3).)

3) Assume  $\mathbf{q}_1 \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{q}_2$ .

Then

(a) If  $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}_1}$  then  $L$  is  $\mathbf{q}_1$ -closed iff  $L$  is  $\mathbf{q}_2$ -closed.

(b) If  $L_1 \subseteq L_2$ ,  $L_1$  is  $\mathbf{q}_1$ -closed, and  $L_2$  is  $\mathbf{q}_2$ -closed (so  $L_\iota \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}_\iota}$  for  $\iota = 1, 2$ ) then

•<sub>1</sub>  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1, L_1} \leq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2, L_2}$

•<sub>2</sub> If  $p_\iota \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\iota, L_\iota}$  for  $\iota = 1, 2$  and  $p_1 = p_2 \upharpoonright L_1$  then

$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1, L_1} \models “p_1 \leq q” \Rightarrow p_2$  and  $q$  are compatible in  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2, L_2}$ .

*Proof.* 1A) First assume  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2} \models “p \leq q”$  (i.e. clause (A)(a)). Then for every  $s \in \text{dom}(p)$ , we have  $s \in \text{dom}(q)$  (by 1.4(2)(E)(a) and 1.2) and

$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1, s}} “q \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q}_1, s} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1, s}} ‘p(s) \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_s} q(s)’”$

by 1.7(3). Together we get clause (A)(b).

[No clue why this is in red. Just say ‘ok’ and I’ll revert it.]

Now assume clause (A)(b). So  $\text{dom}(p) \subseteq \text{dom}(q)$ , and by 1.7(2) we get  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2} \models “p \leq q”$ .

1B) Similar proof.

1C) Use the proof of 1.7(1).

2),3) Easy. □<sub>1.10</sub>



**Claim 1.11.** *If  $\langle \mathbf{q}_\alpha : \alpha < \delta \rangle$  is  $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -increasing continuous (Note: when  $\kappa > \aleph_0$  this does NOT mean that  $\langle \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha} : \alpha < \delta \rangle$  is  $\subseteq$ -increasing continuous!) and  $\text{cf}(\delta) \geq \kappa$ , then  $\bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathbf{q}_\alpha$  exists and is unique.*

*Proof.* Straightforward — anyhow, we shall use 2.1. □<sub>1.11</sub>

**Claim 1.12.** [Assume  $\kappa = \aleph_0$ .]

1) *In the definition of  $\mathbf{Q}_{\text{wk}}$  (1.4(2)), we may omit clause (B)(b).*

2) *Similarly in 1.5(1), replacing ‘weak’ by ‘strong.’*

*Remark 1.13.* See more in the proof of 2.6; in particular, proving 1.12(2) for  $\kappa > \aleph_0$ .

*Proof.* 1) The  $\Leftarrow$  direction is obvious. For ‘ $\Rightarrow$ ,’ let  $\langle p_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa^+ \rangle \in \kappa^+ \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$ .

Without loss of generality,  $\langle \text{dom}(p_\alpha) : \alpha < \kappa^+ \rangle$  is a  $\Delta$ -system with heart  $u \in [L_{\mathbf{q}}]^{< \aleph_0}$ . Let  $t_0 <_{L_{\mathbf{q}}} \dots <_{L_{\mathbf{q}}} t_{n-1}$  list  $u$ , and let  $t_n := \infty$ .

We choose  $p_\ell \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, t_\ell}$  increasing with  $\ell$  such that

$$p_\ell \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, t_\ell}} (\exists^{\kappa^+} \alpha < \kappa^+) [p_\alpha \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q}, t_\ell} \in \mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, t_\ell}}].$$

2) For the strong case, recall 0.3(1)(B) $\bullet_3$ . □<sub>1.12</sub>

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**Claim 2.1.** 1) If  $\bar{\mathbf{q}} = \langle \mathbf{q}_\alpha : \alpha < \delta \rangle$  is  $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}_{\text{wk}}}$ -increasing continuous (see 1.8(4)) then  $\mathbf{q}_\delta := \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathbf{q}_\alpha$  exists and is unique, belongs to  $\mathbf{Q}_{\text{wk}}$ , and  $\bar{\mathbf{q}} \hat{\ } \langle \mathbf{q}_\delta \rangle$  is  $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -increasing continuous.

2) Similarly for  $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}}$ .

*Remark 2.2.* Note that this is not a repeat of 1.11, as we have dropped the assumption on  $\text{cf}(\delta)$ .

*Proof.* 1) Let  $\mathfrak{s}_\alpha := \mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha}$  and  $L_\alpha := L_{\mathfrak{s}_\alpha}$  for  $\alpha < \delta$ .

Note that  $\mathfrak{s} = \mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}} := \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathfrak{s}_\alpha$  is well defined, but when  $\text{cf}(\delta) < \kappa$  we cannot choose  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}} := \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha}$ . We have to choose  $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}_\delta$  as follows:

- (\*)<sub>1</sub> (a)  $\mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}} = \mathfrak{s}_\delta := \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathfrak{s}_\alpha$ , and let  $L_\delta := L_{\mathfrak{s}, \delta}$ .
- (b)  $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$  iff
  - <sub>1</sub>  $\text{dom}(p) \in [L_{\mathfrak{s}, \delta}]^{< \kappa}$
  - <sub>2</sub> If  $s \in \text{dom}(p)$  then  $p \upharpoonright \{s\} \in \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha}$ .
- (c) ‘ $p \leq_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}} q$ ’ is defined by 1.7(2); that is,
 
$$(\forall s \in \text{dom}(p)) [q \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q}_\beta} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\beta}} \text{“} p(s) \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_s} q(s)\text{”}],$$
 where  $\beta = \beta(s) := \min\{\alpha < \delta : s \in L_\alpha\}$ .

Let  $\bar{\mathbf{q}} = \langle \mathbf{q}_\alpha : \alpha \leq \delta \rangle$ . Easily,

- (\*)<sub>2</sub> (a)  $\alpha < \delta \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$  (As partial orders, of course.)
- (b) If  $\beta < \delta$  and  $L \subseteq L_\beta$  is  $\mathfrak{s}_\delta$ -closed, then  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\beta, L}$ .
- (c)  $L \subseteq L_\delta$  is  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed iff  $L \cap L_\alpha$  is  $\mathbf{q}_\alpha$ -closed for every  $\alpha < \delta$ .
- (d) If  $L$  is  $\mathfrak{s}_\delta$ -closed then  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L} = \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha, L \cap L_\alpha}$  (defined as above).

Why? Obvious, but we will elaborate.

**Clause (a):** Let  $\alpha < \delta$ .

First, if  $p \in \mathbb{P}_\alpha$ , then by (\*)<sub>2.1</sub>+(\*)<sub>2.2</sub> below we have  $p \in \mathbb{P}_\delta$ .

- (\*)<sub>2.1</sub>  $\text{dom}(p) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha}$  is of cardinality  $< \kappa$ , by 1.4(2)(E)(a)( $\alpha$ ), ( $\beta$ ).  $L_\alpha \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}_\delta}$  by (\*)<sub>1</sub>(a), so  $p$  satisfies (\*)<sub>1</sub>(b)•<sub>1</sub>.
- (\*)<sub>2.2</sub> If  $s \in \text{dom}(p)$  then  $p \upharpoonright \{s\} \in \mathbb{P}_\alpha$  by 1.4(2)(E)(a), hence  $p \upharpoonright \{s\} \in \mathbb{P}_\delta$ .

Second, assume  $p, q \in \mathbb{P}_\alpha$ . Then

$$\mathbb{P}_\alpha \models \text{“} p \leq q \text{”} \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}_\delta \models \text{“} p \leq q \text{”}$$

by (\*)<sub>2</sub>(b) and 1.10(1)(B).

**Clauses (b)-(d):** Similarly.

- (\*)<sub>3</sub> (a)  $\alpha < \delta \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$
- (b) If  $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$  is  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed then  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$ .
- (c)  $\langle \eta_s : s \in L_\delta \rangle$  is a generic for  $\mathbb{P}_\delta$ .

(d) If  $L \subseteq L_\delta$  is  $\mathfrak{s}$ -closed then  $\langle \eta_s : s \in L \rangle$  is a generic for  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathfrak{q}_\delta \upharpoonright L}$ .

To prove clause (a), let  $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathfrak{q}}$ . Now by the assumptions  $\langle \mathfrak{s}_{\mathfrak{q}_\beta} : \beta < \delta \rangle$  is increasing. So by the choice of  $\mathfrak{s}_{\mathfrak{q}}$ , if  $s \in \text{dom}(p)$  then there is an  $\alpha_s < \delta$  such that  $s \in L_{\alpha_s} \setminus \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha_s} L_\beta$ . So easily, recalling  $(*)_1(c)$ ,  $p_\alpha := p \upharpoonright (\text{dom}(p) \cap L_\alpha)$  satisfies

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathfrak{q}_\alpha} \models "p_\alpha \leq q" \Rightarrow p \text{ and } q \text{ are compatible in } \mathbb{P}_{\mathfrak{q}}.$$

(See 1.7(1). Even their union, as defined as in 1.7(1), is okay.)

So clause (a) holds. The proof of clause (b) is similar.

As for (c), let  $\mathbf{G}_\delta \subseteq \mathbb{P}_\delta$  be generic over  $\mathbf{V}$ . By clause (a),  $\mathbf{G}_\alpha := \mathbf{G}_\delta \cap \mathbb{P}_\alpha$  is a generic subset of  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$  for  $\alpha < \delta$ . So  $p \in \mathbf{G}_\delta \Rightarrow p \upharpoonright L_\alpha \in \mathbf{G}_\alpha$ , recalling  $p \in \mathbb{P}_\delta \Rightarrow p \upharpoonright L_\delta \leq_{\mathbb{P}_\delta} p$ .

Also,

$$p \in \mathbb{P}_\delta \wedge \bigwedge_{\alpha < \delta} [p \upharpoonright L_\alpha \in \mathbf{G}_\alpha] \Rightarrow p \in \mathbf{G}_\delta$$

because  $\mathbb{P}_\delta$  is  $(< \kappa)$ -complete, and  $\mathbb{P}_\delta \models " \bigwedge_{\alpha < \delta} [p \upharpoonright L_\alpha \leq q]"$  implies  $\mathbb{P}_\delta \models "p \leq q"$ .

So clause (c) holds. Clause (d) is proved similarly.

Next,

$(*)_4$  If  $L$  is  $\mathfrak{s}_\delta$ -closed then  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathfrak{q}_\delta, L}$  is a weak  $\kappa$ -forcing.

Why? If  $\kappa = \aleph_0$  then  $\langle \mathbb{P}_{\mathfrak{q}_\alpha, L \cap L_\alpha} : \alpha < \delta \rangle$  is a  $\ll$ -increasing continuous sequence of ccc forcing notions with union  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathfrak{q}_\delta, L}$ , and so this is known. Therefore assume  $\kappa > \aleph_0$  and then prove that  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathfrak{q}_\delta, L}$  satisfies  $*_{\kappa, D}^1$  for  $D$  and  $\kappa$  as in 0.3(4).

Let  $\langle p_i : i < \kappa^+ \rangle \in \kappa^+(\mathbb{P}_L)$  be given. First, let  $u_i := \text{dom}(p_i)$ , so  $u_i \in [L]^{< \kappa}$ . As  $\kappa = \kappa^{< \kappa}$ , there are  $C$  and  $\mathbf{h}$  such that:

- $(*)_{4.1}$  (a)  $C \in D$  and  $\alpha \in C \Rightarrow \text{cf}(\alpha) = \kappa$ .
- (b)  $\mathbf{h}$  is a regressive function on  $C$ .
- (c) If  $\zeta \in \text{rang}(\mathbf{h})$ , then for some  $v_\zeta \subseteq L$  we have

$$i \neq j \in C \wedge \mathbf{h}(i) = \mathbf{h}(j) = \zeta \Rightarrow u_i \cap u_j = v_\zeta.$$

- $(*)_{4.2}$  (a) Without loss of generality  $\zeta \in \text{rang}(\mathbf{h}) \Rightarrow C_\zeta := \mathbf{h}^{-1}(\{\zeta\}) \in D^+$ .
- (b) For  $s \in L_{\mathfrak{q}_\delta}$  let  $\alpha(s) := \min\{\alpha : s \in L_{\mathfrak{q}_\alpha}\}$ .

[Why? For clause (a) recall that  $D$  is a normal filter on  $\kappa^+$ .]

The proof splits into cases.

**Case 1:**  $\text{cf}(\delta) \leq \kappa$ .

Without loss of generality  $\delta \leq \kappa$ , hence there is a function  $\mathbf{g} : \kappa^+ \rightarrow \kappa \cap (\delta + 1)$  such that  $i < \kappa^+ \Rightarrow p_i \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathfrak{q}_{\mathbf{g}(i)}}$ . Without loss of generality,  $\text{dom}(p_i) = \mathbf{g}(i)$  and  $\mathbf{g}(i)$  is a limit ordinal (recalling  $\kappa = \text{cf}(\kappa) > \aleph_0$ ).

Now, using  $\mathfrak{q}_\alpha \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{wk}}$  for  $\alpha < \delta$ , consider  $\langle p_i \upharpoonright L_{\mathfrak{q}_\alpha} : i < \kappa^+ \rangle$ . There are  $C_\alpha \in D$  and  $\mathbf{h}_\alpha$  (a regressive function on  $C_\alpha$ ) as follows from ' $\mathbb{P}_{\mathfrak{q}_\alpha}$  satisfies  $*_{\kappa, D}^1$ '.

Now, recalling  $\kappa = \kappa^{< \kappa}$  and  $(\forall \gamma \in C)[\text{cf}(\gamma) = \kappa]$ , we can find  $C_*$  and  $\mathbf{h}_*$  such that

(\*)<sub>4.3</sub> (a)  $C_* \in D$  and

$$C_* \subseteq \{j \in C : i < j \wedge s \in u_i \Rightarrow j \in C_{\alpha(s)} \wedge (\exists k \in C \cap j)[\mathbf{h}(j) = \mathbf{h}(k)]\}.$$

(b)  $\mathbf{h}_*$  is a regressive function on  $C_*$ .

(c) If  $j \in C_*$  and  $\zeta \leq \mathbf{g}(j)$ , then  $\mathbf{h}_*(j)$  codes  $\mathbf{h}_\zeta(j)$ .

(d) If  $j_1, j_2 \in C_*$ ,  $\mathbf{h}_*(j_1) = \mathbf{h}_*(j_2)$ , and  $\mathbf{g}(j_1) = \zeta$  then  $\mathbf{g}(j_2) = \zeta$  and  $\mathbf{h}_\zeta(j_1) = \mathbf{h}_\zeta(j_2)$ .

[Why? Easy, but we elaborate.

Let  $C_1^* := \{\delta < \kappa^+ : \delta \text{ a limit ordinal, } \alpha < \delta \Rightarrow \delta \in C_\alpha\}$ . So  $C_1^* \in D$ , as  $D_\alpha$  is a normal filter on  $\kappa^+$  and every  $C_\alpha$  belongs to  $D$  by our choices. As  $C_1^*$  and  $C$  belong to the filter  $D$ , clearly  $C_2^* := C_1^* \cap C$  does as well.

As  $\kappa = \kappa^{<\kappa}$ , there is a one-to-one function from  ${}^{\kappa^>}(\kappa^+) \cup \bigcup_{\alpha < \kappa} \alpha^{(\kappa^+)}$  into  $\kappa^+$  such that

$$\beta < \kappa^+ \wedge \eta \in {}^{\kappa^>}(\beta + \kappa) \Rightarrow \text{cd}(\eta) < \beta + \kappa.$$

[No idea what ‘cd’ is; it hasn’t been defined anywhere]

Let  $C_3^* := \{\delta < \kappa^+ : \alpha < \delta \wedge \eta \in {}^2\beta \Rightarrow \mathbf{h}(\eta) < \delta\}$ ; it is a club of  $\kappa^+$ , hence  $C_* := C_2^* \cap C_3^* \in D$ .

Lastly, define the function  $h_*$  with domain  $C_*$  by  $\delta \mapsto \text{pr}(\langle \mathbf{h}_*(p_\delta \upharpoonright \varepsilon) : \varepsilon < \mathbf{g}(\delta) \rangle)$ . It is easy to check that  $C_*$  and  $h_*$  are as desired. ]

(\*)<sub>4.4</sub> If  $p, q \in \mathbb{P}_\delta$ ,  $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \delta$ ,  $\alpha_2 \subseteq \text{dom}(p) \cap \text{dom}(q)$  (for transparency), and for  $\ell = 1, 2$ ,  $\{p \upharpoonright \alpha_\ell, q \upharpoonright \alpha_\ell\}$  has a  $\leq_{\mathbb{P}_{\alpha_\ell}}$ -lub  $r_\ell$ , then  $r_1$  and  $r_2 \upharpoonright \alpha_1$  are not equivalent.

(That is,  $\gamma < \alpha_1 \Rightarrow r_1(\gamma) \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_\delta} r_2(\gamma) \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_\delta} r_2(\gamma)$ .)

$[r_2(\gamma) \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_\delta} r_2(\gamma) \text{ is true, but uninteresting. I don't see anything else this could have been referring to, and can probably be deleted.}]$

[Why? Easy.]

(\*)<sub>4.5</sub> If  $i, j \in C_*$  with  $\mathbf{g}_*(i) = \mathbf{g}_*(j)$ , then

$$(\forall \alpha < \delta)[p_i \upharpoonright \alpha, p_j \upharpoonright \alpha \text{ has a } \leq_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha}\text{-lub}],$$

hence  $p_i, p_j$  have a  $\leq_{\mathbb{P}_\delta}$ -lub.

[Why? Easy.]

Together we are done. That is,  $C_*$  and  $\mathbf{h}_*$  are as required.

**Case 2:**  $\text{cf}(\delta) > \kappa^+$ .

For some  $\alpha < \delta$ ,  $\{p_i : i < \kappa^+\} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha}$  so the conclusion is obvious.

**Case 3:**  $\text{cf}(\delta) = \kappa^+$ .

Without loss of generality  $\delta = \kappa^+$ ; hence

(\*)<sub>4.5</sub> In clause (\*)<sub>4.1</sub>, without loss of generality, for each  $\zeta \in \text{rang}(\mathbf{h})$  and  $i \in C$  satisfying  $\mathbf{h}(i) = \zeta$ , we have

- $v_\zeta \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}_i}$  and  $i < j \in C \Rightarrow p_i \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_j}$ .
- $C_*$  and  $\mathbf{h}_*$  are as in (\*)<sub>4.3</sub>.

Now easily  $i, j \in C_* \wedge \mathbf{h}_*(i) = \mathbf{h}_*(j) \Rightarrow$  “ $p_i$  and  $p_j$  are comparable.”

So clearly we have proved  $(*)_4$ .

$$(*)_5 \quad \mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{wk}}$$

[Why? We have to check all clauses of Definition 1.4; this is straightforward by  $(*)_1$ – $(*)_4$ .]

$$(*)_6 \quad \mathbf{q}_\alpha \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{q}_\delta \text{ for } \alpha < \delta.$$

[Why? We should check Definition 1.8(1). Clause (a) holds by  $(*)_5$ . Clause (b) holds by  $(*)_1$ (a) (recalling  $\mathbf{p} \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{q} \Rightarrow \mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{p}} \leq_{\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{q}}$  and 1.3(2)). Clause (c) is covered by  $(*)_3$ (a), and clauses (d) and (e) are obvious.]

$$(*)_7 \quad \mathbf{q}_\delta = \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathbf{q}_\alpha$$

[Why? We should check Definition 1.8(3):

**Clause (a):** ( $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}$ )

Holds by  $(*)_5$ .

**Clause (b):** ( $\mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{q}_\delta} = \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha}$ )

Holds by  $(*)_1$ (a), recalling  $\mathbf{q}_\alpha \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{q}_\beta \Rightarrow \mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha} \leq_{\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{q}_\beta}$  and Claim 1.3(2).

**Clause (c):** ( $\mathbf{q}_\alpha \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{q}$ )

Holds by  $(*)_6$ .]

2) Similarly, as the Knaster condition is preserved by the union of  $\triangleleft$ -increasing continuous chains.

So we are done proving 2.1. □<sub>2.1</sub>

**Claim 2.3.** 1) We have ‘(A) implies (B),’ where:

- (A)(a)  $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}$
- (b)  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{r}}$ -name of a strong  $\kappa$ -forcing.
- (b)<sup>+</sup> Moreover, it is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{r}|L_0}$ -name, where  $L_0 \subseteq L \trianglelefteq L_{\mathbf{r}}$  is  $\mathbf{r}$ -closed.
- (B) There are  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}$  and  $t_* \in L_{\mathbf{q}} \setminus L_{\mathbf{r}}$  such that
  - (a)  $\mathbf{r} \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{q}$
  - (b)  $L_{\mathbf{q}} = L + \{t_*\} + (L_{\mathbf{r}} \setminus L)$  as linear orders.
  - (c)  $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{q}, t_*} = \mathbb{Q}$  and  $I_{t_*}^{\mathbf{q}} = L_0$ .

2) Identical to part (1), but replacing ‘strong’ by ‘weak’ everywhere (so of interest only when  $\kappa = \aleph_0$ ) and adding to the antecedent:

(A)(c)  $L_0$  is  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed and  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{r}, L_0} \triangleleft_{L_{\sigma, \sigma}} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{r}}$ , where  $\sigma = (2^\kappa)^+$ . (See 0.1(5).)

3) In part (2) we can weaken (A)(c) to

(A)(c)’ If  $\kappa = \aleph_0$  then  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L_0}} \text{“MA}_{\aleph_1}\text{”}$ .

*Proof.* Easy, recalling 1.12. □<sub>2.3</sub>

**Claim 2.4.** 1) For every  $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}$  and<sup>6</sup>  $\partial = \text{cf}(\partial) \geq \sigma(\mathbf{r})$  (see 1.1(7)) satisfying  $(\forall \alpha < \partial)[|\alpha|^{2^\kappa} < \partial]$ , there is a  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}$  such that:

- (A) $_{\partial}^1$  (a)  $\mathbf{r} \leq_{\mathbf{Q}_2} \mathbf{q}$   
 (b)  $\|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}\| = \|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{r}}\|^{<\partial}$   
 (B) $_{\partial}^1$  (a)  $\mathbf{q}$  satisfies  $\text{cf}(L_{\mathbf{q}}) \geq \partial$ .  
 (b) If  $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$  then  $\text{cf}(L_{\mathbf{q},t}) \geq \partial$ .  
 (c) If  $L \triangleleft L_{\mathbf{q}}$  is of cofinality  $\geq \partial$ ,  $L_0 \subseteq L$  is  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed,  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L_0}$ -name of a weak  $\kappa$ -forcing of cardinality  $< \partial$ , and  
*[As I said, the clause that  $L_0 \subseteq L$  is  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed had already been added. It needs to be mentioned before you start talking about  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L_0}$ -names.]*

$$\kappa = \aleph_0 \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{r},L_0} \prec_{\mathbb{L}_{\sigma,\sigma}} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{r}}$$

(where  $\sigma := (2^\kappa)^+$ ) then

- For some  $s \in L$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},s}$ -name and

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},s}} \text{“}\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{q},s} \text{ and } \mathbb{Q} \text{ are isomorphic”}.$$

2) Similar to part (1), but  $\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{wk}}$ ,  $(\forall \alpha < \partial)[|\alpha|^\kappa < \partial]$ , and

- (A) $_{\partial}^2$  (a)  $\mathbf{r} \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{q}$   
 (b) As above.  
 (B) $_{\partial}^2$  (a) As above.  
 (b) As above.  
 (c) Like (B) $_{\partial}^1$ (c), but replacing ‘weak  $\kappa$ -forcing’ by ‘strong  $\kappa$ -forcing’ and omitting  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{r},L_0} \prec_{\mathbb{L}_{\sigma,\sigma}} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{r}}$ .

3) Like part (1), but replacing

$$\text{“}\kappa = \aleph_0 \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{r},L_0} \prec_{\mathbb{L}_{\sigma,\sigma}} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{r}}\text{”}$$

by  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{r},L_0}} \text{“MA}_{\aleph_1}\text{”}$ .

(We shall call the resulting clauses (A) $_{\partial}^{0.5}$  and (B) $_{\partial}^{0.5}$ .)

*Proof.* 1) We shall prove more. Let  $\mathbf{Q}_*$  be the class of  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_2$  satisfying (A) $_{\partial}^1$ . Consider the statement

- ⊞ If  $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbf{Q}_*$  then there exists  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_*$  such that:  
 (a)  $\mathbf{p} \leq_{\mathbf{Q}_2} \mathbf{q}$   
 (b) There is  $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$  such that  $s \in L_{\mathbf{p}} \Rightarrow s <_{L_{\mathbf{q}}} t$ .  
 (c) If  $t \in L_{\mathbf{p}}$ ,  $L_0 \subseteq L$  is  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed, and  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L_0}$ -name of a weak  $\kappa$ -forcing of cardinality  $< \partial$ , then  $\bullet_1$  or  $\bullet_2$  holds, where  
 • $_1$  For some  $s \in L_{\mathbf{q},t}$  we have  

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}} \text{“}\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{q},s} \text{ and } \mathbb{Q} \text{ are not isomorphic”}.$$
  
 • $_2$   $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}} \text{“}\mathbb{Q} \text{ is not ccc”}.$

<sup>6</sup> If we omit “ $\partial = \text{cf}(\partial) \geq \sigma(\mathbf{r})$ ,” then in 2.3 we need to expand by  $S'_s \subseteq S_{\mathbf{q},s}$  of cardinality  $< \partial$  for  $s \in L$ , and make further changes.

We shall prove that  $\boxplus$  is both true and sufficient, together proving part (1).

**Why  $\boxplus$  is true:**

Let

$$\mathcal{Y} := \{(t, L, \mathbb{Q}) : t \in L \cup \{\infty\}, L \text{ a } \mathbf{p}\text{-closed subset of } L_{\mathbf{p},t} \text{ of cardinality } < \partial, \text{ and } \mathbb{Q} \text{ a } \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}\text{-name of a forcing notion with set of elements an ordinal } < \partial\}.$$

Easily,  $|\mathcal{Y}| \leq \|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{p}}\|^{<\partial}$ , hence we can find a sequence  $\langle (t_\alpha, L_\alpha, \mathbb{Q}_\alpha) : \alpha < |\mathcal{Y}| \rangle$  listing  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

Now we choose  $\mathbf{p}_\alpha$  by induction on  $\alpha \leq |\mathcal{Y}|$  such that

- $\oplus_\alpha^1$  (a)  $\mathbf{p}_\alpha \in \mathbf{Q}_*$
- (b)  $\mathbf{p}_0 := \mathbf{p}$
- (c)  $\langle \mathbf{p}_\beta : \beta \leq \alpha \rangle$  is  $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -increasing continuous.
- (d) If  $\alpha = \beta + 1$ , then one of the following hold:
  - <sub>1</sub>  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{p}_\beta}}$  “ $\mathbb{Q}_\beta$  is not ccc” and  $\mathbf{p}_\alpha = \mathbf{p}_\beta$ .
  - <sub>2</sub> For some  $s_\beta$ ,  $L_{\mathbf{p}_\alpha} \setminus L_{\mathbf{p}_\beta} = \{s_\beta\}$ ,  $L_{\mathbf{p}_\beta, t_\beta} < s_\beta < L_{\mathbf{p}_\alpha} t_\beta$ , and  $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p}_\alpha, s_\beta} = \mathbb{Q}_\beta$ .

Why can we carry the induction? The base case is covered by clause (b), and for  $\alpha$  a limit ordinal we use Definition 2.1. For  $\alpha \leq |\mathcal{Y}|$  successor let  $\alpha = \beta + 1$ .

So  $\boxplus$  does indeed hold.

**Why  $\boxplus$  is sufficient:**

We choose  $\mathbf{q}_\alpha$  by induction on  $\alpha \leq \partial$  such that

- $\oplus_\alpha^2$  (a)  $\mathbf{q}_\alpha \in \mathbf{Q}_*$
- (b)  $\mathbf{q}_0 := \mathbf{p}$
- (c)  $\langle \mathbf{q}_\beta : \beta \leq \alpha \rangle$  is  $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -increasing continuous.
- (d) If  $\alpha = \beta + 1$  then  $\boxplus$  is satisfied, with  $(\mathbf{q}_\beta, \mathbf{q}_\alpha)$  standing in for  $(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ .

We can carry the induction, using  $\boxplus$  for  $\alpha$  a successor. Now,

$$\oplus_3 \mathbf{q}_\partial \text{ is as required.}$$

Why? We shall check 2.4(1)(A),(B).

**Clauses (A)(a),(b):** This means  $\mathbf{q}_\partial \in \mathbf{Q}_*$ , which holds by  $\oplus_\partial^2$ .

**Clause (B)(a):** This says  $\text{cf}(L_{\mathbf{q}}) \geq \partial$ .

It holds because  $\langle L_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha} : \alpha < \partial \rangle$  is increasing continuous and  $L_{\mathbf{q}_\beta}$  is bounded in  $L_{\mathbf{q}_{\beta+1}}$ , by  $\boxplus$ (b) and  $\oplus_\alpha^2$ (d).

**Clause (B)(b):**

Similarly, using  $\boxplus$ (c) we can find  $L_0 \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}_\partial, t}$  as required, because

$$\kappa = \aleph_0 \Rightarrow (\forall \alpha < \partial) [|\alpha|^{\aleph_1} < \partial],$$

because necessarily  $L_0 \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}_\beta}$  for some  $\beta < \partial$ , and by our choice of  $\mathbf{q}_{\beta+1}$ .

**Clause (B)(b):** Similarly to (B)(b).

So we are done proving part (1).

2) Repeat the proof of part (1) using  $\mathbf{Q}_2$ .

3) Straightforward.  $\square_{2.4}$

**Definition 2.5.** We say  $\mathbf{q}$  is *strongly* ( $< \partial$ )-homogeneous when

- If  $L_\ell \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$  is  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed for  $\ell = 1, 2$  and  $\pi_1$  is an isomorphism from  $L_1$  onto  $L_2$  mapping  $\mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L_1$  to  $\mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L_2$ , then there is an automorphism  $\pi_2$  of  $L_{\mathbf{q}}$  extending  $\pi_1$  and mapping  $\mathbf{q}$  to itself. Hence it induces an automorphism  $\hat{\pi}_2$  of  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$  (e.g. mapping  $\eta_t$  to  $\eta_{\pi_2(t)}$ ).

**Claim 2.6.** 1) If  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_\ell$  for  $\ell \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$  is  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed, then  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}/\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$  is a  $(\kappa, \ell)$ -forcing. (See 0.3.)

2)  $(\mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}, \leq_{\mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}})$  satisfies amalgamation.

3) For  $\kappa = \aleph_0$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}_1$  satisfies a weak version of amalgamation:<sup>7</sup>

- (\*) If  $\mathbf{q}_0 \in \mathbf{Q}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_0 \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{q}_\ell$  for  $\ell = 1, 2$ ,  $L_{\mathbf{q}_1} \cap L_{\mathbf{q}_2} = L_{\mathbf{q}_0}$ , and  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_0}}$  “ $\text{MA}_{\aleph_1}$ ” then there is a  $\mathbf{q}_3 \in \mathbf{Q}_1$  such that  $\mathbf{q}_\ell \leq \mathbf{q}_3$  for  $\ell = 0, 1, 2$ .

4) In (3)(\*) above, we may replace  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_0}}$  “ $\text{MA}_{\aleph_1}$ ” with the demand “ $\mathbf{q}_0 \triangleleft_{\mathbb{L}_{\sigma, \sigma}} \mathbf{q}_1$ ,” where  $\sigma := (2^{\aleph_0})^+$ .

*Proof.* 1) **Case 1:**  $\kappa > \aleph_0$  (so the choice of  $\ell$  is immaterial).

Proving “ $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}/\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$  is  $(< \kappa)$ -complete” is easy, when  $\kappa > \aleph_0$ . So it suffices to do the following:

- ⊞ (a) Assume  $p_* \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}}$  “ $q_\alpha \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}/\mathbb{G}_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}}$  for  $\alpha < \kappa^+$ ”.
- (b) Now find  $p_{**} \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$  above  $p_*$  and  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$ -names  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $h$  as required in  $*_{\kappa, D}$ .

Now

- (\*)<sub>1</sub> For each  $\alpha < \kappa^+$ , we can choose  $\langle p_{\alpha, \iota}, q_{\alpha, \iota} : \iota < \iota(\alpha) \leq \kappa \rangle$  such that
  - (a) For  $\iota < \iota(\alpha)$ ,  $p_{\alpha, \iota} \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$  is above  $p_*$ , and
 
$$p_{\alpha, \iota} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}} “q_\alpha = q_{\alpha, \iota}^*.”$$
  - (b) Without loss of generality,  $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{q},L} \models “(q_{\alpha, \iota}^* \upharpoonright L) \leq p_{\alpha, \iota}”$  for  $\iota < \iota(\alpha)$ .
  - (c) Therefore,  $r_{\alpha, \iota} := p_{\alpha, \iota} \cup (q_{\alpha, \iota}^* \upharpoonright (L_{\mathbf{q}} \setminus L))$  is a  $\leq_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}}$ -lub of  $p_\alpha$  and  $q_\alpha^*$ .
  - (d)  $\langle p_{\alpha, \iota} : \iota < \kappa \rangle$  is a maximal antichain of  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$ .

Next,

- (\*)<sub>2</sub> There are  $C$ ,  $h$ , and  $\bar{u}$  such that
  - (a)  $C \in D$
  - (b)  $h$  is a pressing-down function on  $C$
  - (c)  $\bar{u} = \langle u_\zeta : \zeta \in \text{rang}(h) \rangle$
  - (d) If  $\zeta \in \text{rang}(h)$  then
    - <sub>1</sub> The set  $S_\zeta := h^{-1}(\{\zeta\})$  belongs to  $D^+$ , and  $\iota(\alpha) = j(\zeta)$  for  $\alpha \in S_\zeta$ .
    - <sub>2</sub>  $\langle \text{dom}(r_\alpha) : \alpha \in S_\zeta \rangle$  is a  $\Delta$ -system with heart  $u_\zeta$ .

<sup>7</sup>For  $\kappa > \aleph_0$  this is not interesting, and is already covered by 2.10(1).



Next,

- (\*)<sub>3</sub> For each  $\zeta \in \text{rang}(h)$ ,  $\iota < j(\zeta)$ , and  $t \in u_\zeta$ , recalling  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},t}} \text{“}\underline{\mathbb{Q}}_t \text{ satisfies } *_{\kappa,D}\text{”}$ , there are  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},t}$ -names  $\underline{C}_{\zeta,t,\iota}$  and  $h_{\zeta,t}$  witnessing  $*_{\kappa,D}$ .

Let (e.g.)  $\varepsilon := \omega$ . We repeat the process  $\varepsilon$  times, and then we use  $\underline{\mathbf{H}}_{\mathbf{q},t}$  from 1.4(2)(B)(d) and ‘ $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ ,’ and we get

- (\*)<sub>4</sub> There are  $C_*$ ,  $h_*$ ,  $\bar{u}^*$ , and  $\bar{S}^* = \langle S_\zeta^* : \zeta \in \text{rang}(h_*) \rangle$  as in (\*)<sub>2</sub>, but for  $\langle r_{\alpha,\iota}^* : \alpha \in S_\zeta^*, \iota < j(\zeta) \leq \kappa \rangle$  such that (repeating ourselves a bit)
- (a)  $r_{\alpha,\iota}^* \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$ , and  $r_{\alpha,\iota}^* \upharpoonright L \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}} \text{“}\underline{q}_\alpha \leq r_{\alpha,\iota}^* \text{ in } \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}/\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}\text{”}$ .
  - (b) For  $\alpha \in S_\zeta^*$ , the sequence  $\langle r_{\alpha,\iota}^* : \iota < j(\zeta) \rangle$  is a maximal antichain of  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$  above  $p_*$ .
  - (c) If  $\zeta \in \text{rang}(h_*)$ ,  $t \in u_\zeta^*$ , and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in S_\zeta^*$ , then
 
$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},t}} \text{“}r_{\alpha_1}^*(t), r_{\alpha_2}^*(t) \text{ have a lub in } \underline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\mathbf{q},t}\text{”}.$$

The rest of the proof of part (1) for  $\kappa > \aleph_0$  should be clear.

**Case 2:**  $\kappa = \aleph_0$  and  $\ell = 1$ .

Well known.

**Case 3:**  $\kappa = \aleph_0$  and  $\ell = 2$ .

Like Case 1, but simpler.

2) So assume

- (\*)<sub>0</sub> for  $\ell = 0, 1, 2$ ,
- (a)  $\mathbf{q}_\ell \in \mathbf{Q}_2$
  - (b)  $\mathbf{q}_0 \leq_{\mathbf{Q}_2} \mathbf{q}_\ell$
  - (c)  $L_{\mathbf{q}_1} \cap L_{\mathbf{q}_2} = L_{\mathbf{q}_0}$  for transparency.
- (\*)<sub>1</sub> Let  $L$  be a linear order with set of elements  $L_{\mathbf{q}_1} \cup L_{\mathbf{q}_2}$ , and  $L_{\mathbf{q}_\ell} \subseteq L$  as linear orders.
- (\*)<sub>2</sub> We define  $\mathfrak{s} \in \mathbf{T}$  such that  $L_{\mathfrak{s}} = L$  and  $I_{\mathfrak{s},t} = I_{\mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}_0},t}$  for  $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}_\ell}$ .
- (\*)<sub>3</sub> We define  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\mathfrak{s}}^2$  above  $\mathbf{q}_\ell$  (for  $\ell \leq 2$ ) naturally.

We have to prove that  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_2$ ; being  $(<\kappa)$ -complete (with  $\kappa > \aleph_0$ ) is easy, satisfying  $*_{\kappa,D}$  is a consequence of 2.6(1), and being closed under finite products and composition.

3) Like part (1), but easier.

4) The point here is proving the implication ‘(A)  $\Rightarrow$  (B),’ where

- (A) (a)  $\mathbb{P}_0 \leq \mathbb{P}_\ell$  (for  $\ell = 1, 2$ ) are ccc forcing notions.
- (b)  $\mathbb{P}_0 \prec_{\mathbb{L}_{\sigma,\sigma}} \mathbb{P}_1$
- (B)  $\mathbb{P} := \mathbb{P}_1 *_{\mathbb{P}_0} \mathbb{P}_2$  is ccc.

Why does this hold?

Assume  $(p_{\alpha,1}, p_{\alpha,2}) \in \mathbb{P}_1 *_{\mathbb{P}_0} \mathbb{P}_2$  for  $\alpha < \omega_1$ , and let  $\langle q_{\alpha,i} : i < \iota_\alpha \leq \omega \rangle$  be a maximal antichain of  $\mathbb{P}_0$  such that each  $q_{\alpha,i}$  forces a truth value to ‘ $p_{\alpha,1} \in \mathbb{P}_1/\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_0}$ ’ and to ‘ $p_{\alpha,2} \in \mathbb{P}_2/\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_0}$ .’ Similarly, for  $\alpha, \beta < \omega_1$ , let  $\langle q_{\alpha,\beta,i} : i < \iota(\alpha, \beta) \leq \omega \rangle$  be a maximal antichain of  $\mathbb{P}_0$  such that each  $q_{\alpha,\beta,i}$  forces a truth value to ‘ $p_{\alpha,i}$  and  $q_{\beta,i}$  are compatible in  $\mathbb{P}_\ell/\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_0}$  for  $\ell = 1, 2$ .’

Now, finding a sequence  $\langle p'_{\alpha,1} : \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle \in {}^{\omega_1}\mathbb{P}_0$  similar enough to  $\langle p_{\alpha,1} : \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$  over

$$\{q_{\alpha,\iota} : \alpha < \omega_1, \iota < \iota(\alpha)\} \cup \{q_{\alpha,\beta,i} : \alpha, \beta < \omega_1, i < \iota(\alpha, \beta)\}$$

will contradict “ $\mathbb{P}_2$  satisfies the ccc.”

□<sub>2.6</sub>

**Claim 2.7.** 1) Assume  $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbf{Q}_2$ ,  $L_\ell$  is a  $\mathbf{p}$ -closed subset of  $L_{\mathbf{p}}$  (for  $\ell = 1, 2$ ), and  $\pi : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  is an isomorphism which induces an isomorphism  $\hat{\pi} : \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{p},L_1} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{p},L_2}$ .

Then we can find  $\mathbf{q}$ ,  $\pi_1$ ,  $L_1^+$ ,  $L_2^+$  such that

- (a)  $\mathbf{p} \leq_{\mathbf{Q}_2} \mathbf{q}$
- (b) For  $\ell = 1, 2$ ,  $L_\ell \subseteq L_\ell^+ \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$ ,  $L_\ell^+$  is  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed, and  $L_{\mathbf{p}} \subseteq L_1^+$ .
- (c)  $\pi_1 \supseteq \pi$  is an isomorphism from  $L_1^+$  onto  $L_2^+$  which induces an isomorphism  $\hat{\pi}_1 : \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{p},L_1^+} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{p},L_2^+}$ .

2) ‘If (A) then (B),’ where

- (A) (a)  $\bar{\mathbf{q}} = \langle \mathbf{q}_\alpha : \alpha \leq \delta_* \rangle$  is  $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -increasing continuous.
- (b)  $\langle \alpha_\varepsilon = \alpha(\varepsilon) : \varepsilon < \zeta \rangle$  is an increasing continuous sequence of ordinals with limit  $\delta_*$ .
- (c)  $L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^1$  and  $L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^2$  are  $\mathbf{q}_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}$ -closed subsets of  $L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}$ .
- (d)  $\pi_\varepsilon : L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^1 \rightarrow L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^2$  is order-preserving and onto.
- (e)  $\pi_\varepsilon$  is an isomorphism from  $\mathbf{q}_{\alpha(\varepsilon)} \upharpoonright L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^1$  onto  $\mathbf{q}_{\alpha(\varepsilon)} \upharpoonright L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^2$ .
- (f)  $L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^1, L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^2, \pi_\varepsilon$  are increasing continuously with  $\varepsilon$ .
- (g) For  $\ell = 1, 2$ , if  $L_{\mathbf{q}_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}} \not\subseteq L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)+1}^\ell$  then  $L_{\mathbf{q}_{\alpha(\varepsilon)+1}} \subseteq L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)+2}^\ell$ .
- (B)  $\pi := \bigcup_{\varepsilon < \zeta} \pi_\varepsilon$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbf{q}_{\delta_*}$ .

*Proof.* 1) By 2.6(2).

2) Easy.

□<sub>2.7</sub>

**Definition 2.8.** 1) For  $\iota = \frac{1}{2}, 2$ , we say  $\mathbf{q}$  is  $(\partial, \iota)$ -saturated when it satisfies 2.4( $\iota$ )(B) $_{\partial}^{\iota}$ .

2) We say  $\bar{\mathbf{q}} = \langle \mathbf{q}_\alpha : \alpha < \alpha_* \rangle$  is  $(\partial, \iota)$ -saturated when:

- (a)  $\bar{\mathbf{q}}$  is  $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}_\iota}$ -increasing continuous, recalling 1.5(3) and 1.8(2).
- (b)  $\mathbf{q}_\alpha$  is  $(\partial, \iota)$ -saturated for  $\alpha < \alpha_*$  non-limit.

*Remark 2.9.* Recall 1.5(3), so e.g. we denote  $\mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_{\text{wk}}$  by  $\mathbf{Q}_1, \mathbf{Q}_2$ , respectively. We may replace them by other classes.

**Claim 2.10.** 1) If  $\lambda = \lambda^{<\partial}$  and  $\partial = \text{cf}(\partial) > \kappa$  (recalling  $\mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}} = \mathbf{Q}_{\kappa, \partial}^{\text{st}}$ ) then there is a  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\kappa, \partial}^{\text{st}}$  such that

- (a)  $L_{\mathbf{q}}$  and  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$  have cardinality  $\lambda$ .
- (b)  $\mathbf{q}$  is strongly homogeneous.
- (c)  $\mathbf{q}$  is  $(\partial, 1)$ -saturated.

2) We can combine part (1) with 2.6(3); that is, if  $\partial = \text{cf}(\partial) > \kappa = \aleph_0$  and  $\lambda = \lambda^{<\partial}$ , then there exists a  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\kappa, \partial}^{\text{wk}}$  such that

- (a)  $L_{\mathbf{q}}$  has cardinality  $\lambda$ .

- (b)  $\mathbf{q}$  is strongly homogeneous, when we restrict ourselves to an  $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$  such that  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}} \text{“MA}_{\aleph_1}$ ”.
- (c)  $\mathbf{q}$  is  $(\partial, \frac{1}{2})$ -saturated.

3) Similarly for the  $\prec_{L_{\sigma,\sigma}}$ -version.

*Proof.* 1) By 2.7.

2,3) Easy as well.

□<sub>2.10</sub>

§ 3. MORE ON THE ITERATION

**Definition 3.1.** 1) For  $\iota \leq 5$ , we say  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a  $(\kappa, \iota)$ -forcing when

- (A) (a) If  $\iota = 0$  it is a forcing.
- (b) If  $\iota = 1$  it is a weak  $\kappa$ -forcing.
- (c) If  $\iota = 2$  then it is a strong  $\kappa$ -forcing.
- (B) If  $\iota = 3$  then  $\mathbb{Q} = (Q, \leq, \text{tr}) = (\mathbb{Q}, \leq_{\mathbb{Q}}, \text{tr}_{\mathbb{Q}})$  satisfies the following.
  - (a) It is a strong  $\kappa$ -forcing. (Of course, clauses (b),(c) restrict it even further.)
  - (b)  $\text{tr}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is a function  $\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\kappa)$ .
  - (c) For each  $x \in \mathcal{H}(\kappa)$ , for some  $\partial(x) = \partial_{\mathbb{Q}}(x) \in [2, \kappa]$ , any  $< 1 + \partial(x)$  members of  $\{p \in \mathbb{Q} : \text{tr}(p) = x\}$  have a common upper bound.
- (C) If  $\iota = 4$  then as in (B), but we add
  - (d) If  $\sigma < \kappa$  then  $\{p \in \mathbb{Q} : \partial(\text{tr}(p)) \geq \sigma\}$  is dense.
- (D) If  $\iota = 5$  then as in (B), but  $\partial(x) = \kappa$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

2) For  $\iota \leq 5$ , let  $\mathbf{Q}_{\iota}$  be the class of  $\mathbf{q}$  such that<sup>8</sup>

- (A)  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{pre}}$
- (B) If  $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$  then  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},t}} \text{“}\mathbb{Q}_t \text{ is an } \iota\text{-forcing”}$ , and if  $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$  is  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed then  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$  is a  $(\kappa, \iota)$ -forcing.
- (C) If  $\iota = 3, 4, 5$  then
  - <sub>1</sub> If  $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$  and  $s \in \text{dom}(p)$ , then  $\text{tr}_{\mathbb{Q}_s}(p(s))$  is an object, not just a name.
  - <sub>2</sub> If  $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$  is  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed then  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$  is a  $(\kappa, 2)$ -forcing.
- (D) If  $\iota = 4$  then in addition to •<sub>1</sub> and •<sub>2</sub>,
  - <sub>3</sub> If  $\partial < \kappa$  and  $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$  is  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed then
$$\{p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}} : (\forall s \in \text{dom}(p)) [\partial_{\mathbb{Q}_s}(p(s)) \geq \partial]\}$$
is dense in  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$ .

3) For  $\iota \leq 5$ , let  $\mathbf{Q}_{\partial, \kappa}^{\iota}$  be the class of  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\iota}$  such that  $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}} \Rightarrow |I_{\mathbf{q},t}| < \kappa$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  is strongly  $(< \partial)$ -homogeneous.

**Claim 3.2.** For  $\iota = 3, 4, 5$ , we can repeat the work done for  $\iota = 2$  (i.e.  $\mathbf{Q}_2$ ) in §1-2.

*Proof.* Repeating previous proofs, using Definition 3.1. □<sub>3.2</sub>

**Definition 3.3.** If clause (A) holds, then we define  $\mathbb{P}_{\bar{s}}$  as in clause (B), where:

- (A) (a)  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_1$  and  $\kappa = \aleph_0$ .
- (b)  $\bar{s} \in {}^{\alpha}L_{\mathbf{q}}$  and  $u_i \subseteq \alpha$  for  $i < \alpha$ .
- (c)  $L_{\mathbf{q}} \models \text{“}s_i < s_j \text{”}$  for  $i < j < \alpha$ .
- (d)  $u_i := \{j < i : s_j \in I_{\mathbf{q},s_i}\}$

<sup>8</sup>We may just demand that for  $\mathbf{q}$ -closed  $L$ , we have that

$$\{p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L} : s \in \text{dom}(p) \Rightarrow \text{tr}_{\mathbb{Q}_s}(p(s)) \text{ is an object}\}$$

is dense. In this case, if  $\kappa > \aleph_0$  then this follows.

(e)  $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{q},s_i}$  is definable from  $\bar{\eta}_i = \langle \eta_{s_j} : j \in u_i \rangle$  (say we have a definition  $\bar{\varphi}_{i,\bar{\eta}}$  for any  $\bar{\eta} \in X_i := \prod_{\varepsilon \in u_i} S_\varepsilon 2$ , where  $S_\varepsilon := S_{\mathbf{q},s_\varepsilon}$ ).

(B)  $\mathbb{P}_{\bar{s}} := \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}} \upharpoonright L$ , where

$L := \{p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}} : \text{dom}(p) \subseteq \{s_i : i < \alpha\}, \text{ and if } s_i \in \text{dom}(p) \text{ then } \text{supp}(p(s_i)) \subseteq \{s_j : j \in u_i\}\}.$

**Claim 3.4.** 1) For  $\kappa = \aleph_0$  and  $\mathbf{q}, n, \bar{s}, X_i$  (for  $i < \alpha$ ) as in 3.3(A)(e), we have  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},\bar{s}} < \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$  when

$\boxplus_1$  If  $i < \alpha$  then the demand on  $\mathbb{Q}_{\bar{\varphi}_i, \bar{\eta}}$  holds absolutely (i.e. even after forcing by any  $\kappa$ -forcing).

$\boxplus_2$  Assuming  $\mathbf{G} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$  is generic over  $\mathbf{V}$  and  $\bar{\eta} = \langle \eta_t[\mathbf{G}] : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle$ , we have:

if  $\mathbf{V}[\langle \eta_{s_j} : j \in u_i \rangle] \models \text{“}\mathcal{J} \text{ is a maximal antichain of } \mathbb{Q}[\langle \eta_{s_j} : j \in u_i \rangle]\text{”}$  then  
 $\bar{\mathbf{V}}[\bar{\eta} \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q},s_i}] \models \text{“}\mathcal{J} \text{ is a maximal antichain of } \mathbb{Q}[\bar{\eta} \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q},s_i}]\text{”}$  for  $i < \alpha$ .

2)  $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^2$  from [HS, Defs. 2,4,5] satisfies the criteria above. Moreover, so does any Suslin ccc forcing.

3) Similarly to parts (1), (2) for  $\bar{s} = \langle s_\alpha : \alpha < \alpha_* \rangle$ , where  $s_\alpha \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$  is  $<_{\mathbf{q}}$ -increasing.

*Proof.* 1,2) By (3).

3) Straightforward by induction on  $\alpha_*$ . □<sub>3.4</sub>

§ 4. A CONSEQUENCE

We prove the result promised in the introduction, continuing Kellner-Shelah [KS11] and Horowitz-Shelah [HS].

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $\kappa = \aleph_0$ ,  $\partial = (2^{\aleph_0})^+$  (or just  $\partial = \partial^{\aleph_0} = \text{cf}(\partial)$ ,  $\partial > 2^{\aleph_0}$  for simplicity), and  $\lambda = \lambda^{<\partial}$ .*

*Let  $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{N}$  be special, in the sense of [HS, Definitions 2,4] (and so  $T_{\mathbf{n}}$  is a finite-branching subtree of  ${}^{\omega}>\omega$  as defined there). Let  $(\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^2, \eta_{\mathbf{n}}^2)$  be as in [HS, Definition 5], except that we restrict ourselves to the (dense) subset of  $p \in \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^2$  such that for some  $m \ll \text{lg}(\text{tr}_p(\alpha))$ ,*

$$\nu \in p(\alpha) \Rightarrow \text{nor}(\text{suc}_{p_{\bar{w}}}(\nu)) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{m}$$

(as done in the proof of [HS, Claim 21]).

*Then there is a  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\kappa, \partial}^2$  such that:*

- (a)  $L_{\mathbf{q}}$  has cardinality  $\lambda$ ,  $\text{cf}(L_{\mathbf{q}}) = \text{cf}(\lambda)$ , and  $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}} \Rightarrow |I_{\mathbf{q}, t}| < \lambda$ .
- (b) For every  $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{q}, t} = \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^2[\mathbf{V}^{\bar{\eta}} \upharpoonright t]$ , so  $\eta_t \in \lim T_{\mathbf{n}}$  is  $\eta_{\mathbf{n}}^2$  (recalling [HS] — that is, 3.4(2)).
- (c)  $\mathbf{q}$  is strongly ( $< \partial$ )-homogeneous (see 2.5).
- (d) Letting  $\mathbf{V}_0 = \mathbf{V}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}_2 = \mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}}$ , and  $\mathbf{V}_1 = \text{HOD}(\{\bar{\eta} \upharpoonright u : u \in [L_{\mathbf{q}}]^{<\partial}\})$ :
  - ( $\alpha$ )  $\mathbf{V}_1 \models \text{ZF} + \text{DC}_{<\partial}$
  - ( $\beta$ ) In  $\mathbf{V}_1$ , modulo the ideal

$$J = J_{\mathbf{n}, <\partial} := \text{id}_{<\partial}(\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^2, \eta_{\mathbf{n}}^2),$$

we have:

- <sub>1</sub>  $\lim(T_{\mathbf{n}}) \equiv \{\eta_t : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}\} \pmod{J}$
- <sub>2</sub> Every subset of  $\lim(T_{\mathbf{n}})$  is equivalent to a Borel set modulo  $J$ .

*Remark 4.2.* 1) The difference with the results in [HS] is that there we do not have “ $\mathbf{V}_1$  satisfies  $\text{AC}_{\aleph_0}$ ” (to say nothing of DC), whereas here we have DC (even  $\text{DC}_{<\partial}$ , with  $\partial > \aleph_1$ ).<sup>9</sup>

2) In  $\text{id}_{<\partial}(\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^2, \eta_{\mathbf{n}}^2)$ , is the ‘ $< \partial$ ’ necessary? ([HS, Definition 18] uses  $\text{id}_{\leq \aleph_1}$ , in our notation.) That is, can we use  $\text{id}_{\leq \aleph_0}(\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^2, \eta_{\mathbf{n}}^2)$ ?

For this we have to use “amoeba for  $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}$ ,” hence we have to prove stronger amalgamation (which is far from clear). But see 4.5 below.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}$  be the set of  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}$  which satisfy 4.1(b). Now we can replace  $\mathbf{Q}$  by  $\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}$  in 2.6, and we rely on 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5 below. □<sub>4.1</sub>

**Claim 4.3.** *For  $\mathbf{q}$  as in 4.1,*

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}} \text{“if } \eta \in \lim(T_{\mathbf{n}}) \text{ is } (\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^2, \eta_{\mathbf{n}}^2)\text{-generic over } \mathbf{V} \text{ then } \eta \in \{\eta_s : s \in L_{\mathbf{q}}\}\text{”}.$$

*Proof.* We continue [HS, p.15, Claim 21] (but there it sufficed to consider iterations of finite length).

So assume

$$(*)_1 \ p_* \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}} \text{“}\eta \in \lim(T_{\mathbf{n}})\text{”}.$$

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<sup>9</sup>As wrongly stated in [JS93], for the ideal of meagre sets.

(\*)<sub>2</sub> For  $n < \omega$ , let  $\bar{p}_n := \langle p_{n,\ell} : \ell < \omega \rangle$  be a maximal antichain of  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$  such that  $p_{n,\ell} \Vdash \eta \upharpoonright n = \nu_{n,\ell}$ .

Let  $L_* := \bigcup_{n,\ell < \omega} \text{supp}(p_{n,\ell}) \cup \text{supp}(p_*)$ ; it is a countable subset of  $L_{\mathbf{q}}$ .

(\*)<sub>3</sub> (a) For  $\eta \in T_{\mathbf{n}}$ , define:

$$W_{\mathbf{n},\eta} := \{w \subseteq \text{suc}_{T_{\mathbf{n}}}(\eta) : \text{nor}_{\eta}^{\mathbf{n}}(w) \geq 2\}.$$

(b) For  $n < \omega$  define  $\Lambda_n := \{\eta \in T_{\mathbf{n}} : \ell g(\eta) < n\}$ , so  $T_{\mathbf{n}} = \bigcup_{n < \omega} \Lambda_n$ .

(c) Define

- <sub>1</sub>  $S_n := \{\bar{w} = \langle w_{\eta} : \eta \in \Lambda_n \rangle : w_{\eta} \in W_{\mathbf{n},\eta}\}$  for  $n < \omega$ .
- <sub>2</sub>  $S := \bigcup_{n < \omega} S_n$
- <sub>3</sub>  $(S, \trianglelefteq)$  is a tree with  $\omega$  levels such that each level is finite.
- <sub>4</sub>  $\lim(S) = \{\bar{w} = \langle w_{\eta} : \eta \in T_{\mathbf{n}} \rangle : \bar{w} \upharpoonright \Lambda_n \in S_n \text{ for every } n\}$ .

(d) For  $\bar{w} \in \lim(S)$  let

$$\mathbf{B}_{\bar{w}} := \{\rho \in \lim(T_{\mathbf{n}}) : \text{for every } n \text{ large enough, } \rho \upharpoonright (n+1) \in w_{\rho \upharpoonright n}\}.$$

(\*)<sub>4</sub> So  $\mathbf{B}_{\bar{w}} = \bigcup_{m < \omega} \mathbf{B}_{\bar{w},m}$ , where

$$\mathbf{B}_{\bar{w},m} := \{\rho \in \lim(T_{\mathbf{n}}) : (\forall n \geq m)[\rho \upharpoonright (n+1) \in w_{\rho \upharpoonright n}]\}$$

is a closed subset of  $\lim(T_{\mathbf{n}})$ .

As proved there,

(\*)<sub>5</sub> For  $\iota = 1, 2$ ,  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^{\iota}} \text{“}\eta_{\mathbf{n}}^{\iota} \in B_{\bar{w}}\text{”}$  for every  $\bar{w} \in \lim(S)^{\mathbf{V}}$ .

Hence as in [HS],

⊠ By (\*)<sub>1</sub>, it suffices to prove  $p_* \not\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}} \text{“}\eta \in \mathbf{B}_{\bar{w}} \text{ for some } \bar{w} \in \lim(S)^{\mathbf{V}}\text{”}$ .

Toward contradiction, assume

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}} \text{“}\eta \text{ is generic for } (\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^2, \eta_{\mathbf{n}}^2) \text{ over } \mathbf{V}\text{”},$$

or we just choose  $\langle p_{\bar{w}} : \bar{w} \in \lim(S) \rangle$  such that  $p_* \leq p_{\bar{w}}$  and  $p_{\bar{w}} \Vdash \eta \in \mathbf{B}_{\bar{w}}$ . Note that for  $r \in \text{dom}(p_{\bar{w}})$ ,  $\text{tr}(p_{\bar{w}}(r))$  is an object (not just a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},s}$ -name) because  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\partial,\kappa}^2$ . We continue as there. □<sub>4.3</sub>

**Claim 4.4.** 1) Forcing with  $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^2$  adds a Cohen real.

2) If  $\mathbb{Q}$  adds a Cohen real then  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}} \text{“}(\lim T_{\mathbf{n}})^{\mathbf{V}} \in \text{id}_{\leq \aleph_0}(\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^2, \eta_{\mathbf{n}}^2)\text{”}$ .

*Proof.* See [HS, Claim 19]. □<sub>4.4</sub>

**Claim 4.5.** In the conclusion of Claim 4.1, we can replace  $\text{id}_{< \partial}(\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^2, \eta_{\mathbf{n}}^2)$  by the ideal  $J' := \text{id}_{\leq \aleph_0}(\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^2, \eta_{\mathbf{n}}^2) + Y$ , where in  $\mathbf{V}_1$  we define

$$Y := \bigcup \{ \mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{V}_1} : \mathbf{B} \text{ is a Borel subset of } T_{\mathbf{n}} \text{ defined in } \mathbf{V}_0 \text{ such that } \Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^2} \text{“}\eta_{\mathbf{n}}^2 \notin \mathbf{B}\text{”} \}.$$

*Proof.* The same proof as in 4.1; that is, in clause (d)( $\beta$ ) we use the ideal  $J'$  above instead of  $J_{\mathbf{n}, < \partial}$ . □<sub>4.5</sub>

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**Definition 4.6.** 1) Let  $\Phi_\kappa$  be the set of pairs  $(\bar{\varphi}, \nu)$  such that

- (a)  $\bar{\varphi}$  is a definition of a  $\kappa^+$ -cc forcing notion  $\mathbb{Q}_i = \mathbb{Q}_{\bar{\varphi}, i}$  in  $\mathcal{H}(\kappa^+)$  from a parameter  $i \in {}^\kappa\mathcal{H}(\kappa)$ .
- (b)  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}_{\bar{\varphi}, i}} \text{“}\nu \in {}^\kappa\mathcal{H}(\kappa)\text{”}$ ; naturally the generic, but this is not necessary.
- (c) Moreover, any  $\kappa$ -forcing preserves the properties of (a) and (b), and

$$\text{“}p \in \mathbb{Q}_{\bar{\varphi}, i}, p \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_{\bar{\varphi}, i}} q, \langle p_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \varepsilon_* \rangle \text{ is a } \mathbb{Q}_{\bar{\varphi}, i}\text{-MAC”}$$

will be absolutely between  $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}_1}$  and  $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}_2}$ , where  $\mathbb{P}_\ell := \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\ell}$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_1 \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{q}_2$ , and  $c_i \in \mathbf{V}[\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1}]$ .

(A  $\mathbb{Q}$ -MAC is a maximal antichain of the the forcing notion  $\mathbb{Q}$ .)

2) For  $(\bar{\varphi}, \nu) \in \Phi_\kappa$  and  $\partial > \kappa$ , we define the ideal  $\text{id}(\bar{\varphi}, \nu)$  on  $\mathcal{P}({}^\kappa\mathcal{H}(\kappa))$  as usual.

**Claim 4.7.** *Assume  $\lambda = \lambda^{<\partial}$  and  $\partial = \text{cf}(\partial) > 2^\kappa$ . Then there is  $\mathbf{q}$  such that*

- (A)  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\kappa, \partial}$ ,  $L_{\mathbf{q}}$  has cardinality  $\lambda$ , and  $\text{cf}(L_{\mathbf{q}}) = \text{cf}(\lambda)$ .
- (B) For every  $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$  there are  $(\bar{\varphi}_t, \nu) \in \Phi_\kappa$  and  $c_t$  (a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, I_t}$ -name of a member of  ${}^\kappa\mathcal{H}(\kappa)$ ) such that  $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{q}, t} = (\mathbb{Q}_{\bar{\varphi}_t, c_t})^{\mathbf{V}^{[n]}}$ , and let  $\nu_t$  be chosen naturally.
- (C) For every  $c$  (a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$ -name of a member of  ${}^\kappa\mathcal{H}(\kappa)$ ), letting  $X := \{t \in L_{\mathbf{q}} : (\bar{\varphi}_t, c_t) = (\bar{\varphi}, c)\}$  and  $Y := \{\nu_t : t \in X\}$ , we have
  - (a)  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_t} Y \notin \text{id}_{<\partial}(\mathbb{Q}_{\bar{\varphi}_t, \nu_t})$

*[Don't recall coloring in this subscript, but it's probably because  $t$  isn't defined in clause (C), and only appears as a bound variable in the definitions of  $X$  and  $Y$ . If you meant this as a continuation of 'for all  $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$ ,' I can just repeat that phrase again and change the indices to something else.]*

- (b) Letting  $\mathbf{V}_0 = \mathbf{V}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}_2 = \mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}}$ , and

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = \text{HOD}^{\mathbf{V}_2}(\{\bar{\eta} \upharpoonright L : L \in [L_t]^{<\partial}\}, \{Y\}, \mathbf{V})$$

then  $\mathbf{V}_1$  is a model of  $\text{ZF} + \text{DC}_{<\partial} + \text{“every } Z \subseteq Y \subseteq {}^\kappa\mathcal{H}(\kappa) \text{ is equal to a } \kappa\text{-Borel set modulo the ideal generated by}$

$$\text{id}_{<\partial}(\mathbb{Q}_{\bar{\varphi}, c}, \nu) \cup \{{}^\kappa\mathcal{H}(\kappa) \setminus Y\} \cup \{{}^\kappa\mathcal{H}(\kappa)^{\mathbf{V}^{[\bar{\eta} \upharpoonright L_t]}} : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}\}\text{”}.$$

- (c) If  $(\mathbb{Q}_{\bar{\varphi}, c}, \nu)$  does not commute with itself (see below) then we can use the ideal  $\text{id}_{<\partial}(\mathbb{Q}_{\bar{\varphi}, c}, \nu) \cup \{{}^\kappa\mathcal{H}(\kappa) \setminus Y\}$ .
- (d) If we restrict the parameter  $c_t$  to be from  $\mathbf{V}$ , we can use  $\mathbf{V}_1$  for all  $(\bar{\varphi}, c)$ .

*Remark 4.8.* In 4.7(C)(c) the assumption is very weak. It fails for Cohen reals and Random reals. By [She94], [She04a], among ccc Suslin forcings  $\mathbb{Q}$  (see [JS88]) if  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not bounding then only Cohen forcings do not commute with themselves.

Probably among the bounding ones, ‘Random real’ is the only one.

*Proof.* Straightforward. □<sub>4.7</sub>

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