

UNIVERSAL GRAPHS BETWEEN A STRONG LIMIT SINGULAR AND ITS POWER

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ABSTRACT. The paper settles the problem of the consistency of the existence of a single universal graph between a strong limit singular and its power. Assuming that in a model of **GCH** κ is supercompact and the cardinals $\theta < \kappa$, $\lambda > \kappa$ are regular, as an application of a more general method, we obtain a forcing extension in which $\text{cf}(\kappa) = \theta$, the Singular Cardinal Hypothesis fails at κ and there exists a universal graph at cardinality $\lambda \in (\kappa, 2^\kappa)$.

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§ 0. INTRODUCTION

§ 0(A). **Background.**

The existence of universal graphs at infinite cardinalities has received extensive investigation (where we mean that the graph G is universal at cardinality $|G|$ if every graph of the same cardinality is isomorphic to some induced subgraph of G). According to the classical result [Rad64], the so called countable random graph is a universal graph at \aleph_0 (which is also unique, up to isomorphism). A classical result (which now follows as a standard induction argument) establishes the existence of a κ^+ -saturated graph on the set 2^κ [CK73]. Consequently, there exists a graph on 2^κ into which every graph on κ^+ embeds (and we can replace κ^+ , 2^κ , κ^+ -saturated with κ , $2^{<\kappa}$, κ -special). Therefore, assuming **GCH**, there exists a universal graph at every infinite cardinality. (However, concerning certain proper classes of graphs the situation is more intricate, even for the countable case, see [FK97], [Kom89], [KS95], [CS16], [KS19].) Regarding the problem of universal objects in more complex theories (i.e., beyond graphs) and the relevance of the present work in model theory, readers may consult the survey [She21] or earlier works such as [Dža05]. See also recent publications such as [She20] and [Sheb]. Another related question, the existence of universal Aronszajn trees has been extensively studied as well, see [Tod07], [DS21], and most recently [BNMV23].

However, without assuming **GCH**, it is generally much more challenging to construct universal objects. Furthermore, after adding κ^{++} Cohen subsets to a regular κ , there are no universal graphs on κ^+ , as shown in [KS92].

Regarding positive results, for regular cardinals $\kappa < \lambda$, there consistently exists a universal graph of size λ , while $2^\kappa > \lambda$ [She90]. Moreover, the argument presented in [She90] also provides a universal ω -edge colored graph on ω_1 assuming $\neg\mathbf{CH}$. Features of this method will be used in this paper. However, a recent study [SS21] proved that assuming $\neg\mathbf{CH}$, the existence of a universal graph on ω_1 does not imply the existence of a universal ω -edge colored graph on ω_1 . Furthermore, it should be noted that when considering specific classes of graphs, there are both negative [Koj98] and positive results [Mek90] for universal objects and weak universal families. (Given a class \mathcal{K}_λ of models each of which is of cardinality λ , $\kappa < \lambda < 2^\kappa$, we say that the family $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{K}_\lambda$ is a weak universal family for \mathcal{K}_λ if every $G \in \mathcal{K}_\lambda$ embeds into some $G_* \in \mathcal{F}$, and $|\mathcal{F}| < 2^\kappa$.) It is also consistent that there exists a singular κ , $2^\kappa > \kappa^+$, and there is no universal graph on κ^+ [FT10][Theorem 3.3] (and it follows from their proof that κ is strong limit). For more consistency results in the absence of **GCH**, see [She93] and [DS04]. It is worth mentioning that dealing with the case $\lambda = \kappa^+$ was considerably easier in all the aforementioned cases.

In this paper, we investigate universal graphs in the interval between a strong limit singular cardinal and its power. The motivation for this question stems from the following observations. Recall that the cardinal exponentiation 2^{\aleph_0} can be quite large and at the same time relevant forcing axioms such as **MA** may hold. Similarly, for $\mu = \aleph_1 = 2^{\aleph_0}$, 2^μ can be large, or for $\mu = \mu^{<\mu}$, parallel results hold for forcing notions that are, for example, $< \mu$ -complete and satisfy a strong form of μ^+ -cc (the strong form is necessary, see [Shear]). On the other hand, much less is known for strong limit singular cardinals μ , and thus the existence of universals serves as a central test problem for examining the consistency of forcing axioms at μ .

In this paper, we continue the work of Džamonja-Shelah in [DS03], which demonstrated the consistency of the statement $(*)$ assuming the existence of a supercompact cardinal.

- $(*)$ (a) μ is strong limit singular and $\mu^{++} < 2^\mu$,
- (b) there is a graph G_* of cardinality μ^{++} which is universal for graphs of cardinality μ^+ (equivalently there is a sequence $\bar{G} = \langle G_\alpha : \alpha < \mu^{++} \rangle$ of graphs each of cardinality μ^+ , universal for the family of such graphs).

for the case $\text{cf}(\mu) = \aleph_0$, and later Cummings-Džamonja-Magidor-Morgan-Shelah proved this for arbitrary cofinality in [CDM⁺17]. Earlier, Mekler-Shelah [MS89] had proved such consistency results replacing (b) with uniformization principles; also starting naturally with a supercompact cardinal. Later, $(*)$ was proved to be consistent for small singular μ 's too, see [CDM16], [Dav17].

Our goal is to address the naturally arising problem by replacing weak universal families (in the sense of $(*)$ (b)) with single universal objects and by considering λ in the range of $(\mu, 2^\mu)$ instead of restricting it to μ^+ . Thus, we formulate the following assertions:

- $(*)^+$ (a) μ is strong limit singular and $\mu^{++} < 2^\mu$,
- (b) there is a universal graph G_* in μ^+ , i.e. universal for graphs of cardinality μ^+ , G_* itself is of cardinality μ^+ ,
- $(b)^+$ as (b), but changing μ^+ for some cardinal in $(\mu, 2^\mu)$.

To initiate our proof, we consider a supercompact cardinal κ as our starting point. We demonstrate, as part of a more general axiomatic framework, that a stronger version of a universal on $\lambda > \kappa$ (e.g., $\lambda = \kappa^+$) is sufficient to guarantee the existence of a universal graph on λ even after forcing with a \mathbb{P} that satisfies the axiomatic requirements. We first establish a general framework for the preparatory forcing, followed by the construction of a strong universal graph suited to the present framework, as in [She90]. (It is worth noting that certain large cardinal hypotheses are essential, as the failure of the Singular Cardinal Hypothesis itself implies the existence of an inner model with the Mitchell order $o(\kappa) = \kappa^{++}$ for a measurable cardinal κ ; in fact, these are equiconsistent [Git91].)

The organization of the paper is as follows. In §1 we introduce the concept of $(\lambda, \kappa) - i$ ($i = 1, 2$) systems, and in Claim 1.5 we prove that extending a ground model already admitting some strong version of universal using such a $(\lambda, \kappa) - i$ system results in a model with the desired universal object. In §2 we prove that Prikry forcing, Magidor forcing and Radin forcing give rise to a $(\lambda, \kappa) - 1$ system provided the relevant filters satisfy some reasonable directedness assumptions. In §3(A) we prepare the ground, in Claim 3.2 build the framework to force $(\lambda, \kappa) - 1$ systems using a supercompact cardinal. In §3(B) we construct a forcing for obtaining the strong universal, that fits in the framework in Claim 3.2.

In works in preparation we intend to replace graphs by more general classes; much of our work is not specific to graphs. Also for consistency of $(*)^+$ for a small singular μ , e.g. $\mu = \aleph_\omega = \beth_\omega$ [PS].

§ 0(B). **Preliminaries.** We are interested in universal objects in the class of graphs, i.e. models of the first order language admitting no functions, only a single symmetric, nonreflexive binary relation. Under ordinals we always mean von Neumann ordinals, and for a set X the symbol $|X|$ always refers to the smallest ordinal with the same cardinality. If f is a mapping with $\text{dom}(f) \supseteq X$, then $f \upharpoonright X = \{f(x) : x \in X\}$, i.e. the pointwise image of X . For a set X the symbol $\mathcal{P}(X)$ denotes the power set of X , while if κ is an ordinal we use the standard notation $[X]^\kappa$ for $\{Y \in \mathcal{P}(X) : |Y| = \kappa\}$, similarly for $[X]^{<\kappa}$, $[X]^{<=\kappa}$, etc. By a sequence we mean a function on an ordinal, where for a sequence $\bar{s} = \langle s_\alpha : \alpha < \text{dom}(\bar{s}) \rangle$ the length of \bar{s} (in symbols $\ell g(\bar{s})$) denotes $\text{dom}(\bar{s})$. Moreover, for sequences \bar{s}, \bar{t} let $\bar{s} \hat{\ } \bar{t}$ denote the natural concatenation (of length $\ell g(\bar{s}) + \ell g(\bar{t})$). For a set X , and ordinal α we use ${}^\alpha X = \{\bar{s} : \ell g(\bar{s}) = \alpha, \text{ran}(\bar{s}) \subseteq X\}$, and for cardinals λ, κ we use the symbol $\lambda^\kappa = |{}^\kappa \lambda|$ (that is, the least ordinal equivalent to it).

We call a set $T \subseteq {}^{<\alpha} X$ a tree (where α is an ordinal), if T is downward closed, i.e. whenever $\bar{t} \in T$, $\gamma < \ell g(\bar{t})$, we have $\bar{t} \upharpoonright \gamma \in T$. We call \bar{t} a leaf, if there is no $\bar{s} \in T$ for which $\bar{t} \subsetneq \bar{s}$.

Regarding iterated forcing and quotient forcing we will mostly use the terminology of the survey [Bau76]. However we adhere to the following conventions.

Convention 0.1. Regarding forcing we follow the convention that “ $p \leq q$ ” means that q is stronger, i.e. giving more information.

Convention 0.2. A notion of forcing \mathbb{P} is $<\mu$ -directed closed ($<\mu$ -closed, resp.), if for any directed (increasing, resp.) system $\{p_\alpha : \alpha < \nu < \mu\}$ there exists a common upper bound p_* in \mathbb{P} .

A filter $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ is κ -complete, if for each $\{F_\alpha : \alpha < \nu < \kappa\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ we have $\bigcap_{\alpha < \nu} F_\alpha \in \mathcal{F}$. A partial order P is $<\mu$ -directed, if for each $\{p_\alpha : \alpha < \nu < \mu\} \subseteq P$, there exists a common upper bound $p_* \in P$. (For example, if $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ is a κ -complete filter on X , then \mathcal{F} is $<\kappa$ -directed with respect to the relation \supseteq).

§ 1. THE FRAMEWORK AND DEDUCING THE CONSISTENCY RESULTS

§ 1(A). What We Do.

In the present paper we introduce a general framework and apply it for the class of graphs.

We shall start with a large cardinal, such as a Laver indestructible supercompact, or with forcing a relative of it. We then have a two step forcing.

First, a forcing \mathbb{P} with the following three properties:

- (a) preserving the largeness of κ ,
- (b) moreover, in $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}}$ there is a normal κ -complete filter D on κ such that $(D, * \supseteq)$ is λ^+ -directed for a suitable cardinal $\lambda < 2^\kappa$,
- (c) preparing the ground for the results we like to have on λ , e.g. has a strong version of “there is a universal graph in $\lambda, \lambda < 2^\kappa$ ”.

Second, a forcing \mathbb{Q} (in $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}}$) such that:

- (d) \mathbb{Q} makes κ singular,

(e) preserves κ is strong limit and 2^κ large.

Thirdly,

(f) to get the desired property of λ , we use \mathbb{Q} that fits in the framework in Definition 1.2 below,

(g) then prove the existence of a universal object using the framework

In §1(B) Definition 1.2 defines the family of (λ, κ) -systems fitting (f), then we deduce the existence of universal graphs in λ (a case of (g)).

In §2 we shall prove that classical forcings for making κ singular fit our framework, i.e. satisfy (d)-(g).

In §3 we shall deal with finding \mathbb{P} as in (a),(b),(c), so we have to combine the specific forcing (say forcing a universal graph in λ , i.e. clause (c)) and guaranteeing the existence of e.g. a normal ultrafilter of which is λ^+ -complete in a suitable sense (i.e. clause (b)).

§ 1(B). (λ, κ) -systems.

The following is standard, but we have to include these definitions in order to avoid ambiguity, thus clarify what we mean under κ -Borel sets.

Definition 1.1. Assume that μ is a cardinal, Y is a set.

- (1) We let $\mathcal{B}_\mu \subseteq \mathcal{P}(Y^2)$ denote the set of μ -Borel subsets of Y^2 , i.e. $\mathcal{B}_\mu(Y^2) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(Y^2)$ is the smallest family that satisfies
- for each function $f : \text{dom}(f) \rightarrow 2$ with $\text{dom}(f) \in [Y]^{<\aleph_0}$ the basic open set (wrt. the product topology)

$$[f] := \{g \in Y^2 : g \supseteq f\} \in \mathcal{B}_\mu(Y^2),$$

- whenever $\langle B_i : i \in \mu \rangle$ is a sequence with $(\forall i < \mu) B_i \in \mathcal{B}_\mu(Y^2)$, necessarily $\bigcup_{i \in \mu} B_i \in \mathcal{B}_\mu(Y^2)$,
 - $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}_\mu(Y^2) : (Y^2 \setminus B) \in \mathcal{B}_\mu(Y^2)$.
- (2) we say that the tree

$$T \subseteq {}^{<\omega} \{\cup, \neg, [f] : f : \text{dom}(f) \rightarrow 2, \text{dom}(f) \in [Y]^{<\aleph_0}\}$$

is a code for a set in $\mathcal{B}_\mu(Y^2)$ (in symbols, $T \in \text{code}_\mu(Y)$), if

- $T \setminus \{\langle \rangle\}$ is nonempty, moreover, it has a stem $s \in T$ of length 1 (i.e. $\ell g(s) = 1$, and for each $t \in T$ with $\ell g(t) > 1$ $s \subseteq t$),
- T is well-founded, and
- for each $t \in T \setminus \{\langle \rangle\}$ we have that

t is a leaf of $T \iff t(\ell g(t) - 1) = [f]$ for a partial function f above,

- for each $t \in T \setminus \{\langle \rangle\}$, if $t(\ell g(t) - 1) = \neg$, then neither does T branch at t , nor is t a leaf (that is, $\exists! t' \in T$, $\ell g(t') = \ell g(t) + 1$, $t \subsetneq t'$), and
- for each $t \in T \setminus \{\langle \rangle\}$ with $t(\ell g(t) - 1) \neq \neg$, t has at most μ -many immediate successors, that is,

$$|\{s \in T : t \subsetneq s, \ell g(s) = \ell g(t) + 1\}| \leq \mu$$

(equivalently, $|T| \leq \mu$),

- (3) we can define the evaluation B_T for $T \in \text{code}_\mu(Y)$ in the obvious fashion, by induction on the rank of T . If $T = \{\langle [f] \rangle\}$, then we let $B_T = [f]$. Otherwise, T necessarily has a stem $s = \langle s(0) \rangle = \langle \cup \rangle$, or $s = \langle \neg \rangle$. For each $t \in T$, $\ell g(t) = 2$ we can naturally define the tree T_t below t , i.e.

$$T_t = \{u : \langle s(0) \rangle \wedge u \in T, s(0) \wedge u \supseteq t\}.$$

Now if $s(0)$ is the symbol \cup , then we let

$$B_T = \bigcup_{t \in T, \ell g(t)=2} B_{T_t}.$$

Otherwise, if $s(0) = \neg$, then there exists a unique $t \in T$, $\ell g(t) = 2$, and we let

$$B_T = {}^Y 2 \setminus B_{T_t}.$$

- (4) Using the natural identification between ${}^Y 2$, and $\mathcal{P}(Y)$, we can talk about μ -Borel subsets of $\mathcal{P}(Y)$, $\mathcal{B}_\mu(\mathcal{P}(Y))$, and so about codes for μ -Borel subsets of $\mathcal{P}(Y)$.

Definition 1.2.

1) We say \mathbf{r} is a $(\lambda, \kappa) - 1$ -system when $\mathbf{r} = (\mathbb{R}, \dot{X}, \leq_{\text{pr}}, \mathcal{S}) = (\mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{r}}, \dot{X}_{\mathbf{r}}, \leq_{\mathbf{r}, \text{pr}}, \mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{r}})$ satisfies the following

- (a) κ is strongly inaccessible,
- (b) $\lambda \in [\kappa^+, 2^\kappa)$,
- (c) \mathbb{R} is a forcing notion preserving “ κ is strong limit”,
- (d) \dot{X} is an \mathbb{R} -name of a subset of κ ,
- (e) $\leq_{\text{pr}} \subseteq \leq_{\mathbb{R}}$ is a quasi-order,
- (f) for each $p \in \mathbb{R}$ we have $\mathcal{S}_p \subseteq \{\bar{q} \in {}^\kappa \mathbb{R} : p \leq_{\text{pr}} q_\varepsilon \text{ for every } \varepsilon < \kappa\}$,
- (g) whenever $p \in \mathbb{R}$, τ are such that $p \Vdash_\tau \tau \in \{0, 1\}$ (a truth value), then:
 - (*) there are $\bar{q} \in \mathcal{S}_p$, $\bar{Y} = \langle Y_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle \in {}^\kappa V_\kappa$, $\bar{\mu} = \langle \mu_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle \in {}^\kappa \kappa$ and $\bar{T} = \langle T_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$, where
 - ₁ each $T_\varepsilon \in \mathbf{V}$ is a code for a μ_ε -Borel set $B_\varepsilon \in \mathcal{B}_{\mu_\varepsilon}(\mathcal{P}(Y_\varepsilon))$ (in the sense of Definition 1.1 (2), (4)),
 - ₂ $q_\varepsilon \Vdash \tau = 1 \iff \dot{X} \cap Y_\varepsilon \in B_{T_\varepsilon}$;
- (h) for each $p \in \mathbb{R}$, and for each sequence $\langle \bar{q}_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda \rangle$ with $\forall \alpha < \lambda \bar{q}_\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_p$, there exists $q_* \in \mathbb{R}$ such that for every $\alpha < \lambda$ there exists $\varepsilon_\alpha < \kappa$ such that $q_{\alpha, \varepsilon_\alpha} \leq_{\mathbb{R}} q_*$.

2) We say \mathbf{r} is a $(\lambda, \kappa) - 2$ -system when above in clause (g) we restrict ourselves to τ 's that are $\mathbb{R}_{\dot{X}}$ -names, where $\mathbb{R}_{\dot{X}} < \mathbb{R}$ is the complete subforcing adding only $\dot{X}[\mathbf{G}]$ (in other words, if $\mathbf{G} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is generic over \mathbf{G} , then letting $Z = \dot{X}[\mathbf{G}]$, $\mathbf{V}[Z]$ is a $\mathbb{R}_{\dot{X}}$ -generic extension of \mathbf{V});

2A) We may omit the 1 in “1-system”, so that “ (λ, κ) -system” is always meant as “ $(\lambda, \kappa) - 1$ -system”.

3) We say \mathbf{r} is nice when the forcing $\mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{r}}$ does not collapse any cardinal.

Discussion 1.3.

1) Here we only deal with the question “when is there a universal graph in the cardinal λ ?”.

2) Of course, in Definition 1.2, we are interested in the case $\Vdash_{\mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{r}}} \text{“}\kappa \text{ is singular”}$.

3) There are such \mathbf{r} 's: Prikry forcing, Magidor forcing, cases of Radin forcing, see Claim 2.1 and onwards. (In the specific case of Prikry forcing (g) can be simplified, as Y_ε will be an ordinal below κ , and the name τ will depend on the finite set in which the Prikry generic set meets the ordinal Y_ε .)

The following notion is necessary to phrase the framework for the main result (Claim 1.5).

Definition 1.4. Suppose that κ, λ are cardinals.

- 1) We let K_κ denote the class of edge colored graphs with the set of colors indexed by κ , so formally it is defined as follows. The model M belongs to K_κ , iff
 - (a) $M = (|M|, R_\varepsilon^M)_{\varepsilon < \kappa}$,
 - (b) R_ε^M is a symmetric irreflexive two-place relation on $|M|$,
 - (c) $\langle R_\varepsilon^M : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$ is a partition of $\{(a, b) : a \neq b \in |M|\}$.
- 2) $(K_\kappa)_\lambda$ is the class of graphs in K_κ that have λ -many vertices, i.e. for $M \in K_\kappa$ we have

$$M \in (K_\kappa)_\lambda \iff ||M|| = \lambda.$$

Claim 1.5.

- 1) Assume that
 - (i) $\iota \in \{1, 2\}$,
 - (ii) κ, λ are fixed cardinals, $\kappa < \lambda < 2^\kappa$,
 - (iii) $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbf{V}$ is a $(\lambda, \kappa) - \iota$ -system, and let $\mathbf{V}_\iota = \mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{R}_\mathbf{r}}$ if $\iota = 1$; $\mathbf{V}_\iota = \mathbf{V}[X_\mathbf{r}]$ in case of $\iota = 2$.
 - (iv) there is a universal member of $(K_\kappa)_\lambda$ (in \mathbf{V}),

Then

$$\mathbf{V}_\iota \models \text{"there is a universal graph of cardinality } \lambda \text{"}$$

- 2) Moreover, in general, if (i)-(iii) hold, and
 - (iv)^x (in \mathbf{V}) there is a weak universal family of size χ in $(K_\kappa)_\lambda$, i.e. a system $\langle M_i : i < \chi \rangle$, for which for each $M \in (K_\kappa)_\lambda$ there exists $i_0 < \chi$ such that M can be embedded into M_{i_0} (in the sense of K_κ),

then

$$(1.1) \quad \mathbf{V}_\iota \models \begin{array}{l} \exists \langle G_i : i < \chi \rangle : \\ \odot_1 (\forall i < \chi) G_i \text{ is a graph on } \lambda, \\ \odot_2 \text{ and for every graph } G \text{ of size } \lambda \text{ there is } i_0 < \chi, \\ \text{s.t. } G \text{ can be embedded into } G_{i_0}. \end{array}$$

Proof. (Claim 1.5) First note that it suffices to prove 2), as 1) is just a special case with χ being equal to 1.

- (*)₁ Let (in \mathbf{V}) $\langle (U_\vartheta, \xi_\vartheta, Z_\vartheta) : \vartheta < \kappa \rangle$ list

$$\{(U, \xi, Z) : \begin{array}{l} Z \in V_\kappa, \xi < \kappa \text{ is a cardinal,} \\ U \text{ is a code for an } \xi - \text{Borel subset of } Z \end{array}\},$$

Assume that

- (*)₂ there is a sequence $\bar{M} = \langle M_\delta : \delta < \chi \rangle$ in $(K_\kappa)_\lambda$ that forms a universal sequence for $(K_\kappa)_\lambda$ (in the universe \mathbf{V} , of course) i.e. \bar{M} witnesses (iv)^x;

where $M_\delta = (\lambda, \dots, R_\varepsilon^{M_\delta}, \dots)_{\varepsilon < \kappa}$. It is enough to prove that \mathbf{V}_ι satisfies (1.1).

Now we define the sequence of \mathbb{R}_r -names \mathcal{G}_δ ($\delta < \chi$) for graphs as follows.

- (*)₃ (a) the set of nodes of \mathcal{G}_δ is λ (and so $R^{\mathcal{G}_\delta} \subseteq \lambda \times \lambda$),
- (b) for $\alpha \neq \beta < \lambda$ let the truth value of “ $(\alpha, \beta) \in R^{\mathcal{G}_\delta}$ ” is defined as follows. For the unique $\vartheta < \kappa$ with $(\alpha, \beta) \in R_\vartheta^{M_\delta}$ we demand

$$\mathbf{V}_\iota \models (\alpha, \beta) \in R^{\mathcal{G}_\delta} \iff \dot{X} \cap Z_\vartheta \in B_{U_\vartheta}.$$

So clearly

- (*)₄ for each $\delta < \chi$ \mathcal{G}_δ is an \mathbb{R}_r -name for a graph with set of nodes λ .

Hence it suffices to prove:

- (*)₅ \Vdash “ $\mathbf{V}_\iota \models \langle \mathcal{G}_\delta : \delta < \chi \rangle$ is a universal sequence in the class of graphs of size λ ”.

So why does (*)₅ hold? Assume

- (*)_{5.1} $p \Vdash$ “ $\mathcal{G}_* \in \mathbf{V}_\iota$ is a graph with set of nodes λ ”.

Let $\langle (\alpha_\gamma, \beta_\gamma) : \gamma < \lambda \rangle \in \mathbf{V}$ list the set of pairs (α, β) such that $\alpha < \beta < \lambda$. For each $\gamma < \lambda$ (considering the \mathbb{R}_r -names T_γ for the truth value of $(\alpha_\gamma, \beta_\gamma) \in R^{\mathcal{G}_*}$) clause (g) of Definition 1.2 1) gives $\bar{q}_\gamma = \langle q_{\gamma, \varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle \in \mathcal{S}_p$, $\bar{\zeta}_\gamma = \langle \zeta_{\gamma, \varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle \in {}^\kappa \kappa$ and $\bar{T}_\gamma = \langle T_{\gamma, \varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$, $\langle Y_{\gamma, \varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$ such that for each $\gamma < \lambda$ and $\varepsilon < \kappa$

- ₁ $T_{\gamma, \varepsilon}$ is a code for a $\zeta_{\gamma, \varepsilon}$ -Borel subset of $\mathcal{P}(Y_{\gamma, \varepsilon})$ (in the sense of Definition 1.1 (2)-(4))
- ₂ $q_{\gamma, \varepsilon} \Vdash_{\mathbb{R}} (\alpha_\gamma, \beta_\gamma) \in R^{\mathcal{G}_*} \iff \dot{X} \cap Y_{\gamma, \varepsilon} \in B_{T_{\gamma, \varepsilon}}$.

Now by clause (h) of Definition 1.2 1), there are $q_* \in \mathbb{R}$, $\langle \varepsilon_\gamma = \varepsilon(\gamma) : \gamma < \lambda \rangle \in {}^\lambda \kappa$ such that:

- ₃ q_* is above $q_{\gamma, \varepsilon(\gamma)}$ for every $\gamma < \lambda$,

and recalling the enumeration from (*)₁, there exists $\langle \vartheta_\gamma = \vartheta(\gamma) : \gamma < \lambda \rangle \in {}^\lambda \kappa$ such that

- ₄ $(T_{\gamma, \varepsilon(\gamma)}, \zeta_{\gamma, \varepsilon(\gamma)}, Z_{\gamma, \varepsilon(\gamma)}) = (U_{\vartheta(\gamma)}, \xi_{\vartheta(\gamma)}, Y_{\vartheta(\gamma)})$ holds for every $\gamma < \lambda$.

Now we define the model $M_* \in (K_\kappa)_\lambda \cap \mathbf{V}$ as follows:

- (*)_{5.3} (a) $M_* = (\lambda, (R_\alpha^{M_*})_{\alpha < \kappa})$, where
- (b) for every $\vartheta \in \kappa$ we have

$$R_\vartheta^{M_*} = \{(\alpha_\gamma, \beta_\gamma) : (\gamma < \lambda) \wedge (\vartheta(\gamma) = \vartheta)\}.$$

Clearly

- (*)_{5.4} $M_* \in (K_\kappa)_\lambda$ (with the underlying set of nodes being λ), M_* belongs to \mathbf{V} .

Now choose a suitable $\delta < \chi$ and a function f so that:

- (*)_{5.5} $f : M_* \rightarrow M_\delta$ is an embedding, $f \in \mathbf{V}$

[which exists by (*)₂.] Finally it remains to check that

- (*)_{5.6} $q_* \Vdash$ “ f is an embedding of \mathcal{G}_* into \mathcal{G}_δ ”.

Recall that $q_* \geq q_{\gamma, \varepsilon(\gamma)}$ for each $\gamma < \lambda$ by \bullet_3 . Fix $\gamma < \lambda$. Using \bullet_2 and \bullet_4 we get

$$(1.2) \quad q_{\gamma, \varepsilon(\gamma)} \leq q_* \Vdash (\alpha_\gamma, \beta_\gamma) \in R^{G_*} \Leftrightarrow \underline{X} \cap Z_{\vartheta(\gamma)} \in BU_{\vartheta(\gamma)}.$$

Also, note that by $(*)_{5.3}$ the color of the pair $(\alpha_\gamma, \beta_\gamma)$ in M_* is $\vartheta(\gamma)$, i.e. $(\alpha_\gamma, \beta_\gamma) \in R_{\vartheta(\gamma)}^{M_*}$, and as $f : M_* \rightarrow M_\delta$ is an embedding, clearly

$$(f(\alpha_\gamma), f(\beta_\gamma)) \in R_{\vartheta(\gamma)}^{M_\delta}.$$

Recalling $(*)_3$, we obtain

$$(1.3) \quad \Vdash [(f(\alpha_\gamma), f(\beta_\gamma)) \in R^{G_\delta} \iff \underline{X} \cap Z_{\vartheta(\gamma)} \in BU_{\vartheta(\gamma)}].$$

Finally, combining (1.2) and (1.3) we obtain

$$q_* \Vdash [(\alpha_\gamma, \beta_\gamma) \in R^{G_*} \iff (f(\alpha_\gamma), f(\beta_\gamma)) \in R^{G_\delta}],$$

as desired.

□_{Claim1.5}

Naturally we can ask:

Question 1.6.

- 1) What can we say about universals in $(K_\kappa)_\lambda$?
- 2) An old open problem concerns the case of the theory of triangle free graphs [Mek90], and similarly it is open for T_{feq} (equivalently T_{ceq} , see [Sheb]). On T_{feq} we refer the reader to [She93], or [DS04], and on consistent instances of non-existence of universals in case of T_{ceq} see [Sheb].
- 3) Moreover, what can we say about (Mod_T, \prec) for T simple? Or even NSOP_2 ? (of cardinality $< \kappa$). We have to be more careful because of, e.g. function symbols.

A work in preparation deals with 1.6 2), 3). Concerning 1.6 1) we have the following negative result (note that this does not reflect on Claim 1.5):

Claim 1.7. *Assume κ is strong limit singular and $\kappa < \lambda < 2^\kappa$. Then in $(K_\kappa)_\lambda$ there is no universal member.*

Proof. By [She06, Thm 1.13 and 1.14 (2) on RGCH]

- $(*)_0$ there is a regular $\sigma \in (\text{cf}(\kappa), \kappa)$ such that $\lambda^{[\sigma, \kappa]} = \lambda$, i.e. there is $\mathcal{P}' \subseteq \{u \subseteq \lambda : |u| \leq \kappa\}$ of cardinality λ such that every $u \subseteq \lambda$ of cardinality $\leq \kappa$ is the union $< \sigma$ members of \mathcal{P}' .

Therefore, as $\sigma = \text{cf}(\sigma) > \text{cf}(\kappa)$, replacing each $u \in \mathcal{P}'$ with a collection $u_\alpha \in [u]^{< \kappa}$ ($\alpha < \text{cf}(\kappa)$) satisfying $u = \bigcup_{\alpha < \text{cf}(\kappa)} u_\alpha$ we obtain

- $(*)_1$ there is $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \{u \subseteq \lambda : |u| < \kappa\}$ of cardinality λ such that every $u \subseteq \lambda$ of cardinality $\leq \kappa$ is the union $< \sigma$ members of \mathcal{P} .

Fix $M_* \in (K_\kappa)_\lambda$ and we shall prove that it is not universal; without loss of generality the universe of M_* is λ . Now for each $u \in \mathcal{P}$ and $\alpha < \lambda$ let

$$v(\alpha, u, M_*) = \{\varepsilon < \kappa : \text{for some } \beta \in u \text{ we have } (\alpha, \beta) \in R_\varepsilon^{M_*}\},$$

so $v(\alpha, u, M_*) \subseteq \kappa$ has cardinality $< \kappa$. Let

$$\mathcal{P}_1 = \{w \in [v(\alpha, u, M_*)]^{\leq \text{cf}(\kappa)} : u \in \mathcal{P}, \alpha \in \lambda\},$$

so

- $(*)_2$ $\mathcal{P}_1 \subseteq [\kappa]^{\leq \text{cf}(\kappa)}$.

Now

$$(*)_3 \quad |\mathcal{P}_1| \leq |\mathcal{P}| + 2^{<\kappa} \leq \lambda < 2^\kappa = \kappa^{\text{cf}(\kappa)}.$$

Hence

$$(*)_4 \quad \text{we can find } v \subseteq \kappa \text{ of cardinality } \text{cf}(\kappa) \text{ which is not in } \mathcal{P}_1, \text{ moreover, } u \in \mathcal{P}_1 \Rightarrow |u \cap v| < \text{cf}(\kappa),$$

which is justified by the following argument: Let $\langle v_\gamma : \gamma < 2^\kappa \rangle$ be a sequence of members of $[\kappa]^{\text{cf}(\kappa)}$ with any two having intersection of cardinality $< \text{cf}(\kappa)$, hence for every $u \in \mathcal{P}_1$, $\{\gamma < 2^\kappa : |u \cap v_\gamma| = \text{cf}(\kappa)\}$ has cardinality $\leq 2^{\text{cf}(\kappa)} < \kappa$, so all but $\leq \lambda$ of the v_γ 's are as required.

Now consider the following N :

- (*)₅ (a) $N = (A \cup B, \dots, R_\varepsilon^N, \dots)_{\varepsilon < \kappa}$ belongs to $(K_\kappa)_{\sigma^{\text{cf}(\kappa)}}$, where $|A| = \sigma$, $|B| = \sigma^{\text{cf}(\kappa)}$, $A \cap B = \emptyset$,
- (b) $R_\varepsilon^N \neq \emptyset$ iff $\varepsilon \in v$,
- (c) letting $\langle \varepsilon_i : i < \text{cf}(\kappa) \rangle$ list v (from $(*)_4$), for every sequence $\bar{\alpha} = \langle \alpha_i : i < \text{cf}(\kappa) \rangle$ in A with no repetitions there is $\beta = \beta(\bar{\alpha}) \in B$ such that $(\alpha_i, \beta) \in R_{\varepsilon_i}^N$ for $i < \text{cf}(\kappa)$.

Now if g embeds N into M_* then since $|\text{Rang}(g \upharpoonright A)| = \sigma < \kappa$, by $(*)_1$ it is the case that for some $\{u_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \partial < \sigma\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}$, we have $\text{Rang}(g \upharpoonright A) = \cup\{u_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \partial\}$. Now as $|A| = \sigma = \text{cf}(\sigma)$ but $\partial < \sigma$, there is $\varepsilon < \partial$ such that $|u_\varepsilon \cap \text{Rang}(g \upharpoonright A)| \geq \sigma \geq \text{cf}(\kappa)$ so we can choose pairwise distinct $\alpha_i \in A$ ($i < \text{cf}(\kappa)$) such that $\{g(\alpha_i) : i < \text{cf}(\kappa)\} \subseteq u_\varepsilon$. Let $\beta = \beta(\bar{\alpha}) \in B$ given by $(*)_5(c)$. So $g(\beta)$ is well defined and we get an easy contradiction by $(*)_4$.

This shows that N cannot be embedded into M_* , hence we are done. $\square_{1.7}$

Remark 1.8. In fact, the argument above could be modified so that it work with weaker assumptions: the conditions $\beth_\omega(\text{cf}(\kappa)) < \kappa$, and $(\alpha < \kappa \rightarrow |\alpha|^{\text{cf}(\kappa)} < \kappa)$ together are sufficient.

§ 2. PROVING KNOWN FORCINGS FIT THE FRAMEWORK

§ 2(A). Near a Large Singular.

Here we do not collapse cardinals, just change cofinalities.

Claim 2.1. *There is a nice (λ, κ) -system \mathbf{r} such that $\mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbb{P}$ when the following hold:*

- (A) (a) $\kappa < \lambda < 2^\kappa$ are cardinals,
- (b) D is a normal ultrafilter on κ ,
- (c) if $\mathcal{A} \subseteq D$ has cardinality $\leq \lambda$, then for some $B \in D$ we have $(\forall A \in \mathcal{A})(B \subseteq A \text{ mod } [\kappa]^{<\kappa})$, (e.g. D is generated by a \subseteq_κ^* -decreasing sequence of length of a regular cardinal $> \lambda$),
- (d) \mathbb{P} is the Prikry forcing for D (so \mathbb{P} changes the cofinality of κ to \aleph_0 and adds no bounded subset of κ and satisfies the κ^+ -c.c.).

Proof. Recalling the definition of Prikry forcing for D :

- (*)₁ (a) $p \in \mathbb{P}$ iff $p = (w, A) = (w_p, A_p)$, where $w_p \in [\kappa]^{<\aleph_0}$ and $A_p \in D$ and $[0, \max w_p] \cap A = \emptyset$,
 (b) $p \leq_{\mathbb{P}} q$ iff $w_p \subseteq w_q \subseteq w_p \cup A_p$ and $A_p \supseteq A_q$.

We define the system \mathbf{r} by letting:

- (*)₂ (a) $\kappa_{\mathbf{r}} = \kappa$,
 (b) $\lambda_{\mathbf{r}} = \lambda$,
 (c) $\mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbb{P}$,
 (d) $\underline{X}_{\mathbf{r}}$ = the Prikry generic sequence = $\cup\{w_p : p \in \mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}}\}$,
 (e) $\leq_{\text{pr}} = \leq_{\mathbf{r}, \text{pr}}$ is defined by $p \leq_{\text{pr}} q$ iff $w_p = w_q \wedge A_p \supseteq A_q$ (and $p, q \in \mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{r}}$),
 (f) for $p \in \mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbb{P}$ let $\mathcal{S}_p = \mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{r}, p} := \{\bar{q} : \bar{q} = \langle q_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$ and for some $B \in D$ we have $B \subseteq A_p$ and $\{A_{q_\varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \kappa\}$ list $\{A : A \subseteq A_p$ and $A \equiv B \text{ mod } [\kappa]^{<\kappa}\}$.

We still have to prove that \mathbf{r} is as required, namely, that \mathbf{r} satisfies conditions listed in Definition 1.2 1).

Now clauses (a)-(f) from Definition 1.2 1) hold trivially. For clause (g) fix p, τ , with $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \text{“}\tau \in \{0, 1\}\text{”}$. Recall the following well-known fact:

- (*)₃ if $p \in \mathbb{P}$, $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \text{“}\tau \in \{0, 1\}\text{”}$, then for some $A' \subseteq A_p$, $A' \in D$ we have: if $\alpha \in \kappa$ and $u \subseteq A_p \cap \alpha$ is finite then $(w_p \cup u, A' \setminus \alpha)$ forces a value for τ .

[For the sake of completeness we prove (*)₃: by the Prikry-lemma, for each $s \in [A_p]^{<\aleph_0}$ there exists $A_s \subseteq A_p \setminus ((\max s) + 1)$, $A_s \in D$, such that $(w \cup s, A_s)$ decides the value of τ . Now let A' be the diagonal intersection of A_s 's ($s \in [A_p]^{<\aleph_0}$), pedantically $\Delta_{\alpha < \kappa}(\bigcap_{s \in [\alpha+1]^{<\aleph_0}} A_s)$, it is straightforward to check that A' works.]

So given $p \in \mathbb{P}$, γ and τ as in clause (g) from Definition 1.2, let $A' \subseteq A_p$ be as in (*)₃ and let $\bar{q} = \langle q_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$ be defined by: $q_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{P}$, $w_{q_\varepsilon} = w_p$ and $\{A_{q_\varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \kappa\}$ list $\{A \subseteq A_p : A \equiv A' \text{ mod } [\kappa]^{<\kappa}\}$.

We still have to choose the $Y_\varepsilon, T_\varepsilon$. For each ε choose $\zeta_\varepsilon \in A_{q_\varepsilon}$ such that $A_{q_\varepsilon} \setminus \zeta_\varepsilon = A' \setminus \zeta_\varepsilon$. Clause (*)₃ ensures that there is a function $f : [A_p \cap \zeta_\varepsilon]^{<\aleph_0} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ in \mathbf{V} such that $q_\varepsilon \Vdash \tau = f(X \cap \zeta_\varepsilon)$. This means we can let $Y_\varepsilon = \gamma_\varepsilon$, and choose a γ_ε -Borel code T_ε such that whenever $w \in B_{T_\varepsilon}$ necessarily $w \in [\gamma_\varepsilon]^{<\aleph_0}$, and

$$q_\varepsilon \Vdash (\tau = 1) \iff (X \cap \zeta_\varepsilon) \in B_{T_\varepsilon}.$$

Lastly, for clause (h), assume $p \in \mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbb{P}$ and $\bar{q} = \langle \bar{q}_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda \rangle$ satisfies $\bar{q}_\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_p$. So for each $\alpha < \lambda$ there exists $B_\alpha \subseteq A_p$ such that $\{A_{q_{\alpha, \varepsilon}} : \varepsilon < \kappa\}$ lists $\{A \in D : A \subseteq A_p, A \equiv B_\alpha \text{ mod } [\kappa]^{<\kappa}\}$, hence by clause (A)(c) of the assumption of the claim, there is $B \in D$, a subset of A_p such that $B \subseteq B_\alpha \text{ mod } [\kappa]^{<\kappa}$ for each $\alpha \in \lambda$ and let $q_* = (w_p, B)$ so clearly $p \leq_{\text{pr}} q_*$. Also for each $\alpha < \lambda$, for some $\zeta < \kappa$ we have $B \setminus \zeta \subseteq B_\alpha$. Finally, because $\bar{q}_\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_p$ we have that for some $\varepsilon < \kappa$ $A_{q_{\alpha, \varepsilon}} = (B_\alpha \setminus \zeta) \cup (A_p \cap \zeta) \supseteq B$ hence $q_{\alpha, \varepsilon} \leq q_*$.

We still have to prove that \mathbf{r} is nice but as \mathbb{P} satisfies the κ^+ -c.c., and by the Prikry lemma this is obvious. $\square_{2.1}$

Claim 2.2. *There is a (λ, κ) -1-system $\mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{r}}$ with $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{r}}} \models \text{cf}(\kappa) = \theta$, when (B) holds:*

- (B) (a) $\theta = \text{cf}(\theta) < \theta_* < \kappa < \lambda < 2^\kappa$,
 (b) $\bar{D} = \langle D_i : i < \theta \rangle$ is a sequence of normal ultrafilters on κ , increasing in Mitchell order, i.e. $i < j \Rightarrow D_i \in \text{MosCol}(\kappa \mathbf{V} / D_j)$,
 (c) each D_i ($i < \theta$) is $< \lambda^+$ -directed mod $[\kappa]^{< \kappa}$, i.e. satisfies the condition (A)(c) from Claim 2.1.

Moreover, the forcing \mathbb{R}_θ changes the cofinality of κ to θ , preserves each cardinal and the function $\mu \mapsto 2^\mu$, satisfies the κ^+ -c.c. Moreover, we can prescribe that in $\mathbf{V}^\mathbb{P}$ there is no new subset of θ_* .

Proof. Using [Kru07, Proposition 2.1], condition (b) implies the following.

Subclaim 2.3. *If $\bar{D} = \langle D_i : i < \theta \rangle$ is an increasing (w.r.t. the Mitchell order) sequence of normal ultrafilters on κ , $\theta \leq \kappa$, then there exists a coherent sequence $\langle \bar{U}_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa + 1 \rangle$, $\bar{U}_\varepsilon = \langle U_\varepsilon(\alpha) : \alpha < o^U(\varepsilon) \rangle$ for some function $o^U : \kappa + 1 \rightarrow \kappa$ such that $\bar{D} = \bar{U}_\kappa$, which means:*

- (\top)_a for each $\varepsilon \leq \kappa$, $\alpha < o^U(\varepsilon)$ $U_\varepsilon(\alpha)$ is an ε -complete normal ultrafilter on ε ,
 (\top)_b moreover, for each $\varepsilon \leq \kappa$ and $\alpha < o^U(\varepsilon)$, letting $\mathbf{j}_{\varepsilon, \alpha} : \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \text{MosCol}(\varepsilon \mathbf{V} / U_{\varepsilon, \alpha})$ be the associated elementary embedding, we have

$$(\mathbf{j}_{\varepsilon, \alpha}(\bar{U} \upharpoonright \varepsilon))_\varepsilon = \langle U_\varepsilon(\beta) : \beta < \alpha \rangle,$$

- (\top)_c $\langle U_\kappa(\alpha) : \alpha < o^U(\kappa) \rangle = \langle D_\alpha : \alpha < \theta \rangle$.

Now we define the forcing $\mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}}$ to be the Magidor forcing associated with the sequence $\bar{D} = \bar{U}_\kappa = \langle U_\kappa(\alpha) : \alpha \leq \theta \rangle$, (see also [Mag78], or [Git10]), here we use the definition from [Git10, Definition 5.22]

Definition 2.4. Define $\mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}}$ to be the following (auxiliary) poset.

- (*)₁ Let $p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, d_{n+1} = \langle \kappa, A_\kappa \rangle \rangle \in \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}}$, iff
 (a) $A_\kappa \in \bigcap \bar{U}_\kappa = \bigcap_{\alpha < \theta} U_{\kappa, \alpha}$,
 (b) each d_j ($j \leq n$) is of the form
 • either $\langle \varepsilon, A_\varepsilon \rangle$ for some $\varepsilon < \kappa$, where $o^U(\varepsilon) > 0$, moreover,

$$A_\varepsilon \in \bigcap \bar{U}_\varepsilon = \bigcap_{\gamma < o^U(\varepsilon)} U_{\varepsilon, \gamma},$$
 (this case we define $\kappa(d_j) = \varepsilon$),
 • or $d_j = \varepsilon$, when $o^U(\varepsilon) = 0$ (and we let $\kappa(d_j) = d_j = \varepsilon$).
 (c) $\kappa(d_0) < \kappa(d_1) < \dots < \kappa(d_n) < \kappa(d_{n+1}) = \kappa$,
 (d) moreover, for each $j \leq n$, if d_{j+1} is a pair, then $\kappa(d_j) < \min A_{\kappa(d_{j+1})}$.

(*)₂ We define

$$p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, d_{n+1} = \langle \kappa, A_\kappa \rangle \rangle \leq q = \langle e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m, e_{m+1} = \langle \kappa, B_\kappa \rangle \rangle,$$

if

- (a) $m \geq n$, and
 (b) there exists a sequence $0 \leq i_0 < i_1 < \dots < i_n < j_{n+1} = m + 1$ such that for each $j \leq n + 1$ we have
 • $\kappa(d_j) = \kappa(e_{i_j})$, and
 • $B_{\kappa(d_j)} \subseteq A_{\kappa(d_j)}$,
 (c) moreover, for each $k \leq m$ not of the form i_j ($j \leq n + 1$), if $i_+ = \min\{i_j : j \leq n + 1, i_j > k\}$, then

$$B_{\kappa(e_k)} \cup \{\kappa(e_k)\} \subseteq A_{\kappa(d_{i_+})}.$$

(*₃) Now if we define the pairwise disjoint sets Y_α ($\alpha < \theta$) as

$$\delta \in Y_\alpha \iff o^U(\delta) = \alpha,$$

then

$$\{p \in \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}} : p \geq \langle \langle \kappa, \bigcup_{\alpha < \theta} Y_\alpha \rangle \rangle\}$$

is the Magidor forcing changing the cofinality of κ to $\max\{\omega, \text{cf}(\theta)\}$.

Definition 2.5. We define $p \leq_* q$ to be true iff $p \leq q$ and $\ell g(p) = \ell g(q)$.

We define the system \mathbf{r} by letting:

- (*₄) (a) $\kappa_{\mathbf{r}} = \kappa$,
 (b) $\lambda_{\mathbf{r}} = \lambda$,
 (c) $\mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{r}} = \{p \in \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}} : p \geq \langle \langle \kappa, \bigcup_{\alpha < \theta} Y_\alpha \rangle \rangle\}$,
 (d) let $\bar{X}_{\mathbf{r}}$ be the generic sequence, i.e.
 $\bar{X}_{\mathbf{r}} = \cup \{\{\kappa(d_j) : j < \ell g(p)\} : p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{\ell g(p)-1} \rangle \in \mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}}\} \setminus \{\kappa\}$,
 (e) $\leq_{\text{pr}} = \leq_{\mathbf{r}, \text{pr}}$ is defined by $p \leq_{\text{pr}} q$ iff $p \leq_* q$,
 (f) for $p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, d_{n+1} = \langle \kappa, A_{p, \kappa} \rangle \rangle \in \mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbb{P}$, let

$$\mathcal{S}_p = \mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{r}, p} := \left. \begin{array}{l} \bar{q} : \bar{q} = \langle q_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle, \text{ where} \\ (\bullet_1) q_\varepsilon = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, \langle \kappa, A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \rangle \rangle, \text{ and} \\ \text{for some } B \in \bigcap \bar{U}_\kappa \text{ we have} \\ (\bullet_2) B \subseteq A_{p, \kappa}, \text{ and} \\ (\bullet_3) \{A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} : \varepsilon < \kappa\} \text{ lists } \{A_* : A_* \subseteq A_{p, \kappa} \wedge A_* \equiv B \pmod{[\kappa]^{< \kappa}}\} \end{array} \right\}.$$

It is known that \bar{X} is a club of κ of order type θ , moreover, if condition $\langle \langle \beta \rangle, \langle \kappa, A \rangle \rangle$ is in the generic filter (for some $\beta < \kappa$, $o^U(\beta) = 0$, then the forcing adds no new subset to β . Therefore (it is not difficult to see that) by $(\Upsilon)_b$ the set $\{\beta < \kappa : o^U(\beta) = 0\} \in U_{\kappa, 0}$, and so we can limit ourselves to the subposet consisting of conditions above $\langle \langle \beta \rangle, \langle \kappa, \bigcup_{\alpha < \theta} Y_\alpha \rangle \rangle$ for some $\beta \geq \theta_*$. In order to finish the proof of Claim 2.2 it suffices to verify that the forcing defined in (*₃) is a (λ, κ) -1-system.

Subclaim 2.6. *If $\langle \bar{U}_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa + 1 \rangle$ is a coherent sequence, where the ultrafilters $\{U_\kappa(\alpha) : \alpha < o^{\bar{U}}(\kappa)\}$ are $< \lambda^+$ -directed mod $[\kappa]^{< \kappa}$, then the forcing $\mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}}$ from Definition 2.4 is a (λ, κ) -1-system.*

Proof. Now we have only to check the requirements of Definition 1.2 1). Recall the following properties of the Magidor forcing, see [Git10, Sec. 5.1 and 5.2].

Fact 2.7. (*Prikry Lemma*) *For each $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}}$ and each formula $\sigma(x_0, \dots, x_m)$ there exists $q \geq_* p$, $q \parallel \sigma(x_0, \dots, x_m)$ (i.e. either $q \Vdash \sigma(x_0, \dots, x_m)$, or $q \Vdash \neg \sigma(x_0, \dots, x_m)$).*

Notation 2.8. If $p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, d_{n+1} = \langle \kappa, A_{p, \kappa} \rangle \rangle \in \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}}$, and $i \leq n + 1$, then $q \upharpoonright (\kappa(d_i) + 1)$ refers to the condition $\langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_i \rangle$.

Fact 2.9. *Suppose that $\mathbf{G} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}}$ is generic over \mathbf{V} , $p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, d_{n+1} = \langle \kappa, A_{p, \kappa} \rangle \rangle \in \mathbf{G}$, $i \leq n + 1$, $d_i = \langle \kappa(d_i), A_{\kappa(d_i)} \rangle$, then the filter $\mathbf{G} \upharpoonright (\kappa(d_i) + 1) := \{q \upharpoonright (\kappa(d_i) + 1) : q \in \mathbf{G}\}$ is \mathbf{V} -generic over the Prikry forcing $\mathbb{P}_{\bar{U} \upharpoonright (\kappa(d_i) + 1)}$ associated with the coherent sequence $\langle \bar{U}_\delta = \langle U_\delta(\gamma) : \gamma < o^U(\delta) \rangle : \delta \leq \kappa(d_i) \rangle$.*

The Prikry Lemma and the subforcing $\mathbb{P}_{\bar{U} \upharpoonright (\delta + 1)}$ together give the following.

Fact 2.10. For each $\delta < \kappa$, $p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, d_{n+1} = \langle \delta, A_{p,\delta} \rangle \rangle \in \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U} \upharpoonright (\delta+1)}$ and each formula $\sigma(x_0, \dots, x_m)$ there exists $q \in \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U} \upharpoonright (\delta+1)}$,

$$q \geq_* p \text{ (in the sense of } \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U} \upharpoonright (\delta+1)}),$$

such that for some $A \in \bigcap \bar{U}_\kappa$ we have

$$q \wedge \langle \kappa, A \rangle \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}}} \sigma(x_0, \dots, x_m).$$

Lemma 2.11. Suppose that $\sigma(x_0, \dots, x_m)$ is a formula, $\delta < \kappa$, $p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n \rangle \in \mathbf{G} \upharpoonright (\kappa(d_n) + 1)$, $\delta = \kappa(d_n)$, the filter $\mathbf{G} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}}$ is generic over \mathbf{V} (so that $p = p' \upharpoonright (\delta + 1)$ for some $p' \in \mathbf{G}$, and $p' \Vdash \delta \in \bar{X}_\tau$).

Then there exists $q \in \mathbf{G} \upharpoonright (\delta + 1)$, $\mathbb{P}_{\bar{U} \upharpoonright (\delta+1)} \models q \geq p$, such that for some $A \in \bigcap \bar{U}_\kappa$ letting $q' = q \wedge \langle \kappa, A \rangle$ we have $q' \in \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}}$ and

$$(2.1) \quad q' = q \wedge \langle \kappa, A \rangle \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}}} \sigma(x_0, \dots, x_m).$$

Proof. This is a standard density argument: First using Fact 2.9 $\mathbf{G} \upharpoonright (\delta + 1) \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U} \upharpoonright (\delta+1)}$ is generic, and so by Fact 2.10 there exists $q \in \mathbf{G} \upharpoonright (\delta + 1)$,

$$q \geq p \text{ (in the sense of } \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U} \upharpoonright (\delta+1)}),$$

such that for some $A \in \bigcap \bar{U}_\kappa$ the condition $q \wedge \langle \kappa, A \rangle \in \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}}$ decides about σ . \square

Similarly to the case of Prikry forcing, this has the following consequence.

Claim 2.12. For each $p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, \langle \kappa, A_{p,\kappa} \rangle \rangle \in \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}}$ and τ (with $p \Vdash \tau \in \{0, 1\}$) there exists a set $A' \in \bigcap \bar{U}_\kappa$, $A' \subseteq A_{p,\kappa}$, such that the condition $p' = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, \langle \kappa, A' \rangle \rangle$ satisfies the following:

Whenever $\alpha \in A_{p,\kappa}$, $q = \langle e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m, \langle \kappa, A_{q,\kappa} \rangle \rangle \geq p' = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, \langle \kappa, A' \rangle \rangle$ are given with $\kappa(e_m) \leq \alpha$, and q forces a value to τ , then so does

$$q' = \langle e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m, \langle \kappa, A' \cap (\alpha, \kappa) \rangle \rangle,$$

i.e.

$$q' \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}}} \text{“}\tau = 1\text{”}.$$

Proof. For each $\alpha \in A_{p,\kappa}$ define $B_\alpha \subseteq A_{p,\kappa}$ so that whenever

$$q = \langle e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m, e_{m+1} = \langle \kappa, A_{q,\kappa} \rangle \rangle \geq p$$

(with $\kappa(e_0), \kappa(e_1), \dots, \kappa(e_m) \leq \alpha$) decides the value of τ , then so does

$$q' = \langle e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{m+1} = \langle \kappa, B_\alpha \rangle \rangle.$$

This can be done easily: first for each possible e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m choose a set $B_{e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m} \subseteq (\alpha, \kappa)$ with

$$\langle e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m, \langle \kappa, B_{e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m} \rangle \rangle \text{ deciding the value of } \tau,$$

if such a B_{e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m} exists, otherwise just let $B_{e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m} = A_{p,\kappa} \cap (\alpha, \kappa)$. Second, let $B_\alpha = \bigcap_{e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m} B_{e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m}$. Now it is easy to check that the diagonal intersection $A' = \Delta_{\alpha \in A_{p,\kappa}} B_\alpha \in \bigcap \bar{U}_\kappa$ works (note that the intersection of normal measures is a normal filter). \square

Claim 2.13. For every $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U}}$ and τ , if $p \Vdash \tau \in \{0, 1\}$, then we can choose $\bar{q} = \langle q_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle \in \mathcal{P}_p$, $\langle \gamma_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$, $\langle T_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$, $\langle Y_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$, where each T_ε is a code for a γ_ε -Borel subset of $\mathcal{P}(Y_\varepsilon)$ such that

$$q_\varepsilon \Vdash \tau = 1 \iff (X \cap \gamma_\varepsilon) \in B_{T_\varepsilon}.$$

Proof. First if $p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, \langle \kappa, A_{p,\kappa} \rangle \rangle \in \mathbb{P}$, \mathcal{T} are in the Lemma, let $A' = A'(p, \mathcal{T}) \subseteq A_{p,\kappa}$ be given by Claim 2.12 and

($*_5$) let $\bar{q} = \langle q_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle \in \mathcal{S}_p$ be defined by: $q_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{P}$, $q_\varepsilon = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, \langle \kappa, A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \rangle \rangle$ where $\{A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} : \varepsilon < \kappa\}$ lists $\{A_* \subseteq A_{p,\kappa} : A_* \equiv A' \pmod{[\kappa]^{<\kappa}}\}$.

We still have to choose $\gamma_\varepsilon, T_\varepsilon, Y_\varepsilon$. For each ε choose $\zeta_\varepsilon \in A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \setminus \kappa(d_n)$ such that

$$(2.2) \quad A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \setminus (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) = A' \setminus (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1).$$

Now we claim that q_ε forces that \mathcal{T} only depends on $\mathbf{G} \upharpoonright (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1)$ in the following sense:

Subclaim 2.14. *If $q_\varepsilon \in \mathbf{G}$, then for some $q^* \in \mathbf{G}$ with $q^* \geq q_\varepsilon$ and $\delta \leq \zeta_\varepsilon$,*

$$q^* \upharpoonright (\delta + 1) \wedge \langle \kappa, A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \setminus (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) \rangle \parallel \text{“}\mathcal{T} = 1\text{”}.$$

Proof. First observe that if $q_\varepsilon \in \mathbf{G}$, then by genericity there is some $\delta \leq \zeta_\varepsilon$, and $q' \geq q_\varepsilon$, $q' \in \mathbf{G}$, such that

$$(2.3) \quad q' \Vdash \max(X \cap (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) = \delta),$$

i.e.

$$(2.4) \quad q' = \langle e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m, e_{m+1} = \langle \kappa, A_{q'} \rangle \rangle,$$

and for some $k \leq m$ we have

$$(2.5) \quad [\kappa(e_k) = \delta] \wedge [A_{q', \kappa(e_{k+1})} \cap (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) = \emptyset].$$

Now by Lemma 2.11 there is some $q^* \in \mathbf{G}$, $A^* \in \bigcap \bar{U}_\kappa$ with

$$(2.6) \quad q^* \upharpoonright (\delta + 1) \wedge \langle \kappa, A^* \rangle \parallel \text{“}\mathcal{T} = 1\text{”},$$

w.l.o.g. $q^* \geq q' \geq q_\varepsilon$. But then by the construction of $A' = A(p, \mathcal{T})$ we have

$$(2.7) \quad q^* \upharpoonright (\delta + 1) \wedge \langle \kappa, A' \setminus (\delta + 1) \rangle \parallel \text{“}\mathcal{T} = 1\text{”}.$$

Therefore, as $A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \setminus (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) = A' \setminus (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1)$ by (2.2) (and $\delta \leq \zeta_\varepsilon$ by (2.3)),

$$A' \setminus (\delta + 1) \subseteq A' \setminus (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) = A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \setminus (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1),$$

thus

$$(2.8) \quad q^* \upharpoonright (\delta + 1) \wedge \langle \kappa, A' \setminus (\delta + 1) \rangle \leq q^* \upharpoonright (\delta + 1) \wedge \langle \kappa, A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \setminus (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) \rangle.$$

This means that by (2.7)

$$q^* \upharpoonright (\delta + 1) \wedge \langle \kappa, A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \setminus (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) \rangle \parallel \text{“}\mathcal{T} = 1\text{”},$$

so recalling that $q_\varepsilon \leq q^*$, and $q^* \in \mathbf{G}$, we are done. □_{Subclaim2.14}

Now we claim that

$$(2.9) \quad q^* \geq q^* \upharpoonright (\delta + 1) \wedge \langle \kappa, A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \setminus (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) \rangle.$$

To this end first recall, that

$q^* = \langle d_0^*, d_1^*, \dots, d_\ell^*, d_{\ell+1}^* = \langle \kappa, A_{q^*} \rangle \rangle \geq q' \geq q_\varepsilon = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, d_{n+1} = \langle \kappa, A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \rangle \rangle$, where $\kappa(d_n) \leq \zeta_\varepsilon$ (by the choice of ζ_ε), and q' is from (2.10). Moreover, (2.5) implies that

$$q' = q' \upharpoonright (\delta + 1) \wedge \langle e_{k+1}, e_{k+2}, \dots, e_m, e_{m+1} = \langle \kappa, A_{q'} \rangle \rangle,$$

where

$$A_{q', \kappa(e_{k+1})} \cap (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) = \emptyset.$$

Now by $q' \leq q^*$ necessarily (for some $j \leq \ell$) $\kappa(d_j^*) = \delta$, and

$$(2.10) \quad q^* = q^* \upharpoonright (\delta + 1) \wedge \langle d_{j+1}^*, d_{j+2}^*, \dots, d_\ell^*, d_{\ell+1}^* = \langle \kappa, A_{q'} \rangle \rangle,$$

and

$$(2.11) \quad A_{q^*, \kappa(d_{j+1}^*)} \cap (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) = \emptyset.$$

Then one the one hand,

$$A^{**} := \bigcup_{i \in (j, \ell+1]} (A_{q^*, \kappa(e_i)} \cup \{\kappa(e_i)\}) \cap (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) = \emptyset,$$

and on the other hand,

$$A^{**} \subseteq A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa},$$

since $q^* \geq q_\varepsilon$, so $A^{**} \subseteq A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \setminus (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1)$, and recalling (2.10) we can conclude that (2.9) holds, indeed.

By Subclaim 2.14 $q_\varepsilon \in \mathbf{G}$ implies that there is always a $q^* \in \mathbf{G}$ and $\delta \leq \zeta_\varepsilon$ such that $q^* \upharpoonright (\delta + 1) \wedge \langle \kappa, A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \setminus (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) \rangle$ decides the value of \mathcal{T} , and by (2.9)

$$q^* \upharpoonright (\delta + 1) \wedge \langle \kappa, A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \setminus (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) \rangle \in \mathbf{G}.$$

It is not difficult to check (using the definition of the partial order) that for every $q^{**} = \langle e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m \rangle \in \bigcup_{\delta \leq \zeta_\varepsilon} \mathbb{P}_{\bar{U} \upharpoonright (\delta+1)}$

$$q^{**} \in \mathbf{G} \iff (\{\kappa(e_i) : i \leq m\} \subseteq X \cap (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) \subseteq \{\kappa(e_i) : i \leq m\} \cup (\cup \{A_{q^{**}, \kappa(e_i)} : i \leq m\})).$$

Therefore, for any $q^{**} \geq q_\varepsilon$ with

$$q^{**} \wedge \langle \kappa, A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \setminus (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) \rangle \Vdash \mathcal{T} = 1,$$

fix the forced value $j_{q^{**}} \in \{0, 1\}$:

$$q^{**} \wedge \langle \kappa, A_{q_\varepsilon, \kappa} \setminus (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) \rangle \Vdash \mathcal{T} = j_{q^{**}},$$

and fix the code $T_{q^{**}}$ for the 2^{ζ_ε} -Borel subset of $\mathcal{P}(\zeta_\varepsilon)$ with

$$q^{**} \in \mathbf{G} \iff X \cap (\zeta_\varepsilon + 1) \in B_{T_{q^{**}}}.$$

Finally, let T_ε be the code for the 2^{ζ_ε} -Borel subset of $\mathcal{P}(\zeta_\varepsilon)$ defined as

$$B_{T_\varepsilon} = \cup \{B_{T_{q^{**}}} : q^{**} \geq q_\varepsilon, j_{q^{**}} = 1\}.$$

Then

$$q_\varepsilon \Vdash (\mathcal{T} = 1) \iff ((X \cap \zeta_\varepsilon) \in B_{T_\varepsilon}),$$

and choosing $\gamma_\varepsilon = 2^{\zeta_\varepsilon}$, $Y_\varepsilon = \zeta_\varepsilon$ works, which completes the proof of Claim 2.13.

□Claim2.13

□Subclaim2.6

Finally it remains to verify clause (h) from Definition 1.2. Fix $p \in \mathbb{P}$ and $\bar{q}_\alpha = \langle q_{\alpha, \varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle \in \mathcal{S}_p$ ($\alpha < \lambda$). Now recall ((*)₄) ((f)), and let $A'_\alpha \in \bigcap \bar{U}_\kappa = \bigcap_{\beta < \theta} U_{\kappa, \beta}$ the set corresponding to the sequence \bar{q}_α , i.e. (if $d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, d_{n+1} = \langle \kappa, A_{p, \kappa} \rangle$ denote the components of p)

$$(2.12) \quad \bar{q}_\alpha = \langle q_{\alpha, \varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle \text{ where } q_{\alpha, \varepsilon} = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, \langle \kappa, A_{q_{\alpha, \varepsilon}, \kappa} \rangle \rangle \text{ and } \{A_{q_{\alpha, \varepsilon}, \kappa} : \varepsilon < \kappa\} \text{ lists } \{A_* : A_* \subseteq A_{p, \kappa} \text{ and } A_* = A'_\alpha \text{ mod } [\kappa]^{< \kappa}\}.$$

Then for each fixed $\beta < \theta$ as $A'_\alpha \in U_{\kappa, \beta}$ ($\forall \alpha < \lambda$), using (B) ((c)) there is a pseudointersection in $U_{\kappa, \beta}$, i.e. a set $B_\beta \in U_{\kappa, \beta}$ such that $B_\beta \subseteq A_{p, \kappa}$, and

(*₆) for each $\alpha < \lambda$ $|B_\beta \setminus A'_\alpha| < \kappa$.

Now taking the union of these pseudointersections, clearly

(*₇) $B_* = \bigcup_{\beta < \theta} B_\beta \in \bigcap \bar{U}_\kappa$.

Therefore (*₆) implies (recalling $\theta < \kappa$)

(*₈) for each $\alpha < \lambda$: $|B_* \setminus A'_\alpha| < \kappa$, and we can infer that for some $\zeta_\alpha < \kappa$:

$$B_* \cap (\zeta_\alpha, \kappa) \subseteq A'_\alpha.$$

At this point we are ready to define q_* . We let $q_* = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, \langle \kappa, B_* \rangle \rangle$, clearly $p \leq q_*$ as $B_* \subseteq A_{p, \kappa}$. Moreover, for any fixed $\alpha < \lambda$ by (2.12) there exists some $\varepsilon < \kappa$ with the property that

(*₉) $A_{q_{\alpha, \varepsilon, \kappa}} \cap (\zeta_\alpha, \kappa) = A'_\alpha \cap (\zeta_\alpha, \kappa) \supseteq B_* \cap (\zeta_\alpha, \kappa)$, and

(*₁₀) $A_{q_{\alpha, \varepsilon, \kappa}} \cap (\zeta_\alpha + 1) = B_* \cap (\zeta_\alpha + 1)$,

so $B_* \subseteq A_{q_{\alpha, \varepsilon, \kappa}}$, thus concluding $q_{\alpha, \varepsilon} \leq_* q_*$.

□_{2.2}

Next we will give another example of a (λ, κ) -system, the Radin forcing, provided the measure sequence satisfies a similar $< \lambda^+$ -directedness condition.

Definition 2.15. In order to state the following claim we need to prepare and introduce the notions below.

- (i) Let κ be a cardinal $\mathbf{j} : \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ be an elementary embedding (into a transitive inner model \mathbf{M}) with $\text{crit}(\mathbf{j}) = \kappa$. We call the sequence $\bar{F} = \langle F(\alpha) : \alpha < \text{dom}(\bar{F}) \rangle$ a \mathbf{j} -sequence of ultrafilters, if
 - (a) $F(0) = \kappa$,
 - (b) $F(\alpha) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{V}_\kappa)$ for every $\alpha < \text{dom}(\bar{F})$,
 - (c) and for each $0 < \alpha < \text{dom}(\bar{F})$, $\forall X \subseteq \mathbf{V}_\kappa$: $[X \in F(\alpha) \text{ iff } (\bar{F} \upharpoonright \alpha) \in \mathbf{j}(X)]$.
- (ii) for each ultrafilter sequence \bar{F} that is a \mathbf{j} -sequence witnessed by some suitable \mathbf{j} we let $\kappa(\bar{F})$ denote the critical point of the witnessing \mathbf{j} , thus the F_α 's are concentrated on $\mathbf{V}_{\kappa(\bar{F})}$. For each ordinal α we mean $\kappa(\alpha) = \alpha$.
- (iii) for an ultrafilter sequence \bar{F} that is a \mathbf{j} -sequence witnessed by some suitable \mathbf{j} we reserve the notation $\bigcap \bar{F}$ for the intersection of all $F(\alpha)$'s but $F(0)$, i.e. :

$$\bigcap \bar{F} := \bigcap_{0 < \alpha < \text{dom}(\bar{F})} F_*(\alpha).$$

Therefore, for each $\alpha < \text{dom}(\bar{F})$ $F(\alpha)$ is a κ -complete normal ultrafilter on \mathbf{V}_κ , where under normality we mean that for each sequence $\langle X_\beta : \beta < \kappa \rangle$ in $F(\alpha)$ the diagonal intersection

$$\Delta_{\beta < \kappa} X_\beta = \{ \bar{f} : \forall \gamma < \kappa(\bar{f}) : \bar{f} \in X_\gamma \} \in F(\alpha).$$

We will work with ultrafilter sequences \bar{F}_* according to that almost every element of $V_{\kappa(\bar{F}_*)}$ is itself an ultrafilter sequence, i.e. the $F_*(\alpha)$'s are concentrated on the following classes:

- (iii) Let $A^{(n)}$ ($n \in \omega$) be the following sequence of classes

$$A^{(0)} = \{ \bar{F} : \bar{F} \text{ is a } \mathbf{j}\text{-sequence of ultrafilters for some } \mathbf{j} : \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{M} \},$$

and

$$A^{(n+1)} = \{\bar{F} \in A^{(n)} : \forall \alpha \in \text{dom}(\bar{F}) \setminus \{0\} V_{\kappa(\bar{F})} \cap A^{(n)} \in F(\alpha)\}.$$

Finally let

$$\mathbf{A} = \bigcap_{n \in \omega} A^{(n)}.$$

(iv) For any set $X \subseteq A^{(0)}$ and a set I of ordinals let

$$X \upharpoonright I = \{\bar{F} \in X : \kappa(\bar{F}) \in I\}.$$

Claim 2.16. *There is a (λ, κ) -system such that $\mathbb{R}_x = \mathbb{P}$ when the following hold:*

- (C) (a) $\theta_* < \kappa < \lambda < 2^\kappa$,
 (b) \bar{F}_* is an ultrafilter sequence consisting of κ -complete ultrafilters on \mathbf{V}_κ , $\bar{F}_* \in \mathbf{A}$.
 (c) there exists $f : \kappa \rightarrow \kappa$ such that

$$\{\bar{F} : \text{dom}(\bar{F}) < f(\kappa(\bar{F}))\} \in \bigcap \bar{F}_* = \bigcap_{0 < \alpha < \text{dom}(\bar{F}_*)} F_*(\alpha),$$

(i.e. when for a witnessing \mathbf{j} for \bar{F}_* the inequality $\mathbf{j}(f)(\kappa) \geq \text{dom}(\bar{F}_*)$ holds, for instance this holds if $\text{dom}(\bar{F}_*) \leq (2^{2^\kappa})^{\mathbf{M}}$),

- (d) $\bigcap \bar{F}_* = \bigcap_{0 < \alpha < \text{dom}(\bar{F}_*)} F_*(\alpha)$ is $< \lambda^+$ -directed in the following sense. For every sequence $\langle X_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda \rangle$ in $\bigcap \bar{F}_*$ there exists $X_* \in \bigcap \bar{F}_*$ such that

$$\forall \alpha < \lambda \exists \beta < \kappa : X_* \upharpoonright (\beta, \kappa) \subseteq X_\alpha.$$

- (e) $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}_{\bar{F}_*}$ is the Radin forcing for \bar{F}_* (see Definition 2.17 below), so preserves the function $\mu \mapsto 2^\mu$, moreover, we can prescribe that in $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}}$ there is no new subset of θ_* , and \mathbb{P} satisfies the κ^+ -c.c.

Proof. We will use the definition of the Radin forcing from [Git10, Definition 5.2]. Observe that the definition only depends on $\bigcap \bar{F}_*$.

Definition 2.17. [Git10, Definition 5.2] For an ultrafilter sequence $\bar{F}_* \in \mathbf{A}$ we define the Radin forcing \mathbb{P} to be the collection of finite sequences of the form $p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, d_{n+1} = \langle \bar{F}_*, A_{p,\kappa} \rangle \rangle$, where

- (*₁) (a) $A_{p,\kappa} \in \bigcap \bar{F}_* = \bigcap_{0 < \alpha < \text{dom}(\bar{F}_*)} F_*(\alpha)$, $A_{p,\kappa} \in \mathbf{A}$,
 (b) each d_j ($j \leq n$) is either of the form
- $\langle \bar{F}_{d_j}, A_{d_j} \rangle$ where $\bar{F}_{d_j} \in \mathbf{A}$, $A_{d_j} \subseteq \mathbf{A}$, moreover,

$$A_{d_j} \in \bigcap \bar{F}_{d_j} = \bigcap_{0 < \gamma < \text{dom}(\bar{F}_{d_j})} F_{d_j}(\gamma).$$

If $\varepsilon = \kappa(\bar{F}_{d_j})$ we may refer to $\langle \bar{F}_{d_j}, A_{d_j} \rangle$ as $\langle \bar{F}_{p,\varepsilon}, A_{p,\varepsilon} \rangle$, and we also define $\kappa(d_j) = \kappa(\bar{F}_{d_j})$.

- or $d_j = \varepsilon$ for some $\varepsilon < \kappa$ (when we let $\kappa(d_j) = \varepsilon$).
- (c) $\kappa(d_0) < \kappa(d_1) < \dots < \kappa(d_n) < \kappa(d_{n+1}) = \kappa$,
 (d) moreover, for each $j \leq n$ if d_{j+1} is a triplet, then $A_{p,\kappa(d_{j+1})} \cap V_{\kappa(d_j)} = \emptyset$.

(*₂) For the sequences

$$p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, d_{n+1} = \langle \bar{F}_*, A_{p,\kappa} \rangle \rangle,$$

$$q = \langle e_0, e_1, \dots, e_n, e_{n+1} = \langle \bar{F}_*, A_{q,\kappa} \rangle \rangle$$

we let $p \leq q$, if

- (a) $m \geq n$, and
- (b) there exists a sequence $0 \leq i_0 < i_1 < \dots < i_n < j_{n+1} = m$ such that for each $j \leq n+1$ we have
 - $\kappa(d_j) = \kappa(e_{i_j})$,
 - and

$$\text{either } \bar{F}_{p,\kappa(d_j)} = \bar{F}_{q,\kappa(e_{i_j})} \text{ and } A_{q,\kappa(e_{i_j})} \subseteq A_{p,\kappa(d_j)},$$

$$\text{or } d_j = e_{i_j} = \kappa(d_j) = \kappa(e_{i_j}),$$

- (c) moreover, for each $l \leq m$ not of the form i_j ($j \leq n+1$), if $i_l = \min\{i_j : j \leq n+1, i_j > l\}$, then

$$A_{q,\kappa(e_k)} \cup \{\bar{F}_{q,\kappa(e_k)}\} \subseteq A_{p,\kappa(d_l)}.$$

Definition 2.18. We define $p \leq_* q$ to be true iff $p \leq q$ and $\ell g(p) = \ell g(q)$.

We define the system \mathbf{r} by letting:

- (*₃) (a) $\kappa_{\mathbf{r}} = \kappa$,
- (b) $\lambda_{\mathbf{r}} = \lambda$,
- (c) $\mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbb{P}$,
- (d) let $X_{\mathbf{r}}$ be the generic sequence, i.e.

$$X_{\mathbf{r}} = \cup \{ \{ \kappa(d_j), \bar{F}_{p,\kappa(d_j)} : j < \ell g(p) \} : p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{\ell g(p)-1} \rangle \in \mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}} \} \setminus \{ \kappa \},$$

- (e) $\leq_{\text{pr}} = \leq_{\mathbf{r}, \text{pr}}$ is defined by $p \leq_{\text{pr}} q$ iff $p \leq_* q$,

- (f) for $p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, d_{n+1} = \langle \bar{F}_*, A_{p,\kappa} \rangle \rangle \in \mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbb{P}$ let

$$\mathcal{S}_p = \mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{r}, p} := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{q} : \bar{q} = \langle q_{\varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle, \text{ where} \\ (\bullet_1) q_{\varepsilon} = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, \langle \bar{F}_*, A_{q_{\varepsilon}, \kappa} \rangle \rangle, \text{ and} \\ \text{for some } B \in \bigcap \bar{F}_* \text{ we have} \\ (\bullet_2) B \subseteq A_{p,\kappa}, \text{ and} \\ (\bullet_3) \{ A_{q_{\varepsilon}, \kappa} : \varepsilon < \kappa \} \text{ lists } \{ A_* : A_* \subseteq A_{p,\kappa} \wedge A_* = B \pmod{[\kappa]^{<\kappa}} \} \end{array} \right\}.$$

Now we check the requirements of Definition 1.2.

It is known that if a condition $\langle \langle \beta \rangle, \langle \bar{F}_*, A_{\kappa} \rangle \rangle$ is in the generic filter (for some $\beta < \kappa$) then the forcing adds no new subset of β . This implies that as $\bigcap \bar{F}_* \subseteq F_*(0)$, which is concentrated on the ordinals, i.e. on κ itself, w. l. o. g. we can assume that $\langle \beta, \langle \bar{F}_*, A \rangle \rangle \in \mathbf{G}$ for some $\beta \geq \theta_*$.

Now we have only to check the requirements of Definition 1.2. Recall the following properties of the Radin forcing, see [Git10, Sec. 5.1].

Fact 2.19. (*Prikry Lemma*) For each $p \in \mathbb{P}$ and each formula $\sigma(x_0, \dots, x_m)$ there exists $q \geq_* p$, $q \parallel \sigma(x_0, \dots, x_m)$ (i.e. either $q \Vdash \sigma(x_0, \dots, x_m)$, or $q \Vdash \neg \sigma(x_0, \dots, x_m)$).

The following claims, which complete the proof of Claim 2.16 have the same proofs as in the case of Magidor forcing. In Claim 2.20 condition (C)/(c) is essential for the argument.

Claim 2.20. For each $p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{n+1} = \langle \bar{F}_*, A_{p,\kappa} \rangle \rangle \in \mathbb{P}$, τ (with $p \Vdash \tau \in \{0, 1\}$) there exists a set $A' \in \bigcap \bar{F}_*$, $A' \subseteq A_{p,\kappa}$, such that whenever $q = \langle e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m, \langle \bar{F}_*, A_{q,\kappa} \rangle \rangle \geq p' = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, \langle \bar{F}_*, A' \rangle \rangle$, $\alpha \geq \kappa(e_m)$ are given and q forces a value for τ , then so does

$$q' = \langle e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m, \langle \bar{F}_*, A' \upharpoonright (\alpha, \kappa) \rangle \rangle.$$

Claim 2.21. Suppose $p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{n+1} = \langle \bar{F}_*, A_{p,\kappa} \rangle \rangle \in \mathbb{P}_{\bar{F}_*}$, τ (with $p \Vdash \tau \in \{0, 1\}$), and $\alpha \geq \kappa(d_n)$. If $p \in \mathbf{G}$, $\mathbf{G} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\bar{F}_*}$ is generic over \mathbf{V} , then there exists

$$q = \langle e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{m+1} = \langle \bar{F}_*, A_{p,\kappa} \rangle \rangle \in \mathbb{P}_{\bar{F}_*},$$

$$q \in \mathbf{G},$$

where $\kappa(e_m) \leq \alpha$, $A_{q,\kappa} \cap \mathbf{V}_{\alpha+1} = \emptyset$, and there exists $A \subseteq A_{p,\kappa}$, $A \in \bigcap \bar{F}_*$, such that

$$q \upharpoonright (\kappa(e_m) + 1) \wedge \langle \bar{F}_*, A \rangle \parallel \tau = 1.$$

Claims 2.20, 2.21 implies the following.

Claim 2.22. For each $p = \langle d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{n+1} = \langle \bar{F}_*, A_{p,\kappa} \rangle \rangle \in \mathbb{P}$, τ (with $p \Vdash \tau \in \{0, 1\}$) there exists a set $A' \in \bigcap \bar{F}_*$, $A' \subseteq A_{p,\kappa}$, such that whenever $\alpha < \kappa$, and

$$p' = p \upharpoonright (\alpha + 1) \wedge \langle \bar{F}_*, A_{p,\kappa} \upharpoonright (\alpha + 1) \cup A' \upharpoonright (\alpha, \kappa) \rangle \in \mathbf{G},$$

$\mathbf{G} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\bar{F}_*}$ is a generic filter, then there exists $q \in \mathbf{G}$, q is of the form

$$q = q \upharpoonright (\alpha + 1) \wedge \langle \bar{F}_*, A' \upharpoonright (\alpha, \kappa) \rangle,$$

and

$$q \parallel \tau = 1.$$

Claim 2.23. Suppose that $p \in \mathbb{P}$ and τ . If $p \Vdash \tau \in \{0, 1\}$, then there exists $\bar{q} = \langle q_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle \in \mathcal{S}_p$, $\langle \gamma_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle \in {}^\kappa \kappa$, $\langle Y_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle \in {}^\kappa \mathbf{V}_\kappa$, $\langle T_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$, such that each T_ε is a code for a γ_ε -Borel subset of $\mathcal{P}(Y_\varepsilon)$, and

$$q_\varepsilon \Vdash (\tau = 1) \iff (X \cap Y_\varepsilon) \in B_{T_\varepsilon}.$$

□Claim2.16

§ 3. THE PREPARATORY FORCING

§ 3(A). The general framework. This subsection is devoted to the preparatory forcing, in Claim 3.2 we provide a general framework to force a $(\lambda, \kappa) - 1$ system.

First we are going to define a variant of Mathias forcing, for which we need to recall the notations from Definition 2.15 (ii), (iv), so if $I \subseteq \kappa$, $A \subseteq V_\kappa$, then

$$A \upharpoonright I = \{x \in A : \kappa(x) \in I\},$$

where $\kappa(\alpha) = \alpha$ if α is an ordinal, $\kappa(\bar{F}) = \text{crit}(\mathbf{j})$ for the elementary embedding \mathbf{j} if \bar{F} is a \mathbf{j} -sequence (and for every other x , we can let $\kappa(x) = -1$). Using this convention we will have Mathias forcing for filters in the context of Radin forcing, too, not only filters concentrated on κ .

Definition 3.1. For D a $< \kappa$ -centered system (i.e. generating a κ -complete filter D^*) on $\bigcup D \subseteq \mathbf{V}_\kappa$ (so $D^* \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\bigcup D)$) we let $\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}_D$ be the following forcing notion:

- (A) $p \in \mathbb{Q}$ iff
- (a) $p = (w, A) = (w_p, A_p)$, and for some $\sigma_p < \kappa$ we have
 - (b) $w_p \subseteq \mathbf{V}_\kappa$, $w_p = w_p \upharpoonright [0, \sigma_p)$ (so $w_p \in \mathbf{V}_\kappa$ holds, too)
 - (c) $A_p \subseteq \cup D$, $A_p \in D^*$ and $A_p = A_p \upharpoonright [\sigma_p, \kappa)$.
- (B) $\mathbb{Q} \models p \leq q$ iff
- (a) $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$,
 - (b) $w_p \subseteq w_q \subseteq w_p \cup A_p$,
 - (c) $A_p \supseteq A_q$,
- (C) $w = \cup \{w_p : p \in \mathbf{G}\}$.

Claim 3.2. *If (A) and (B) hold, then so does (C), where:*

- (A) $\mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{V}_0, \kappa, \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{G}_\kappa, \mathbf{V}_1)$ satisfies:
- (a) \mathbf{V}_0 is a universe of set theory,
 - (b) in \mathbf{V}_0 κ is supercompact and $\mathbf{h} : \kappa \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\kappa)$ is a Laver diamond,
 - (c) \mathbf{p} is the Easton support iteration $\langle \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{p}, \alpha}, \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p}, \beta} : \alpha \leq \kappa, \beta < \kappa \rangle = \langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha^0, \mathbb{Q}_\beta^0 : \alpha \leq \kappa, \beta < \kappa \rangle$ built as specified Definition 3.4 $(\bullet)_I - (\bullet)_{II}$, and $(\bullet)_a - (\bullet)_b$ using \mathbf{h} (essentially as in Laver [Lav78]) and let $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{p}, \kappa}$ (hence for $\alpha < \kappa$ also $\mathbb{P}_\alpha^0 \in V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}_0}$),
 - (d) $\mathbf{G}_\kappa = \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{p}, \kappa} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{p}}$ is generic over \mathbf{V}_0 and $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}_1 = \mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\kappa]$.
- (B) (a) $\kappa < \lambda < \chi = \chi^\lambda$ (in \mathbf{V}_0 , of course),
- (b) $\mathbb{P}_\chi^1 = \langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1, \mathbb{Q}_\beta^1 : \alpha \leq \chi, \beta < \chi \rangle \in \mathbf{V}_1$ is an iteration with $< \kappa$ support such that \mathbb{P}_χ^1 is λ^+ -c.c. and $< \kappa$ -directed closed, preserving cardinals,
- (c) for each $\alpha < \chi$

$$\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1} \models |\mathbb{Q}_\alpha^1| \leq \chi.$$

- (d) for the set $S^* \subseteq \chi$ there is a system $\langle \underline{D}_\delta : \delta \in S^* \rangle \in \mathbf{V}_1$, \underline{D}_δ is a \mathbb{P}_δ^1 -name of a subset of $\mathcal{P}^{\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\delta^1}}(V_\kappa)$, and if

$$(3.1) \quad \mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\delta^1} \models \begin{array}{l} \underline{D}_\delta \text{ generates a } \kappa\text{-complete filter, satisfying} \\ (\forall \alpha < \kappa) |(\cup \underline{D}_\delta) \upharpoonright \alpha| < \kappa \end{array}$$

then the forcing \mathbb{Q}_δ^1 , $\delta \in S^*$ is of the form Q_{D_δ} , the forcing from

Definition 3.1. Moreover, we assume that each $D \in [\mathcal{P}^{\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\chi^1}}(V_\kappa)]^{\leq \lambda}$ that satisfies (3.1) appears as a D_δ for some $\delta \in S^*$, i.e.

$$(\#) \quad \mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\chi^1} \models \forall D \in [\mathcal{P}(V_\kappa)]^{\leq \lambda} : \\ \text{[if } D \text{ generates a } < \kappa\text{-complete filter, and}$$

$$\forall \alpha < \kappa : |(\cup D) \upharpoonright \alpha| < \kappa,$$

then $(D = D_\delta \text{ for some } \delta \in S^*).$]

- (C) in $\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\chi^1}$ we have 2^κ is χ , and the following.
- (a) There is a κ -complete normal ultrafilter U , which is $< \lambda^+$ -directed mod $[\kappa]^{< \kappa}$.

- (b) (Setting for Magidor forcing:) There is a sequence $\bar{U} = \langle U_i : i < \kappa \rangle$ of normal ultrafilters on κ , strictly increasing in the Mitchell order, i.e. $i < j \Rightarrow U_i \in \text{MosCol}(\kappa)(\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}_x^1})/U_j$, such that each U_i is $< \lambda^+$ -directed mod $[\kappa]^{< \kappa}$.
- (c) (Setting for Radin forcing:) For any $\Upsilon \geq \kappa$ and η there is a κ -complete fine normal ultrafilter W on $[\Upsilon]^{< \kappa}$ such that for the elementary embedding \mathbf{j}_W of $\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_1^{\mathbb{P}_x^1}}$ with critical point κ we have (letting \bar{U} denote the measure sequence associated to \mathbf{j}_W):

- (\star) for every $\sigma \leq \min(\text{dom}(\bar{U}, \eta))$ if the filter $\bigcap(\bar{U} \upharpoonright \sigma) = \bigcap_{\gamma < \sigma} U_\gamma$ concentrates on a set $X \subseteq V_\kappa$ with $(\forall \alpha < \kappa) |X \upharpoonright \alpha| < \kappa$, then $\bigcap(\bar{U} \upharpoonright \sigma)$ is $< \lambda^+$ -directed in the following sense: Whenever $\langle A_i : i < \lambda \rangle$ ($\forall i < \lambda A_i \in \bigcap(\bar{U} \upharpoonright \sigma)$) is given, there exists $A_* \in \bigcap(\bar{U} \upharpoonright \sigma)$ such that

$$(3.2) \quad \forall i \in \lambda \exists \delta_i < \kappa : A_* \upharpoonright [\delta_i, \kappa) \subseteq A_i.$$

In particular κ is supercompact.

Remark 3.3. This continues Džamonja-Shelah [DS03].

Proof. First we have to construct the iteration \mathbb{P}^0 using the Laver function $\mathbf{h} : \kappa \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\kappa) \in \mathbf{V}_0$. The construction $\mathbb{P}^0 = \langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha^0, \mathbb{Q}_\beta^0 : \alpha \leq \kappa, \beta < \kappa \rangle$ goes by induction, we follow [Lav78], only with a slight technical modification which we will need in the proof of (C)((b)).

Let \mathbf{h} be as in [Lav78] (i.e.

- (\bullet_1) for each $\lambda \geq \kappa$, $x \in \mathcal{H}(\lambda^+)$ there exists a κ -complete fine normal ultrafilter U on $[\lambda]^{< \kappa}$ such that for the associated elementary embedding \mathbf{j}_U

$$\mathbf{j}_U(\mathbf{h})(\kappa) = x).$$

Definition 3.4. We define $\mathbb{P}^0 = \langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha^0, \mathbb{Q}_\beta^0 : \alpha \leq \kappa, \beta < \kappa \rangle$ and $\langle \mu_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa \rangle$ by induction. If $\langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha^0, \mathbb{Q}_\beta^0 : \alpha < \gamma, \beta < \gamma \rangle$ are already defined, then

- (\bullet_I) if γ is strongly inaccessible then \mathbb{P}_γ^0 is the direct limit (i.e. we use bounded support),
- (\bullet_{II}) otherwise let \mathbb{P}_γ^0 be the inverse limit of \mathbb{P}_β^0 's ($\beta < \gamma$) (i.e. for a function p with $\text{dom}(f) = \gamma$ $p \in \mathbb{P}_\gamma^0$ iff $(\forall \beta < \gamma) p \upharpoonright \beta \in \mathbb{P}_\beta^0$). .

Second,

- (\bullet_a) if $\sup\{\mu_\alpha : \alpha < \gamma\} \leq \gamma$, and γ is strongly inaccessible, moreover, $\mathbf{h}(\gamma)$ happens to be of the form $\langle Q_*, \mu_*, \bar{U} \rangle$, where Q_* is a \mathbb{P}_γ^0 -name for a $< \gamma$ -directed closed notion of forcing, μ_* is an ordinal, \bar{U} is a (possibly trivial) \mathbb{P}_γ^0 -name, then let

$$\mathbb{Q}_\gamma^0 = Q_*, \quad \mu_\gamma = \mu_*.$$

- (\bullet_b) In the remaining case let \mathbb{Q}_γ^0 be the trivial forcing, $\mu_\gamma = \gamma$.

Recall $\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 \subseteq \mathbb{P}_\kappa^0$ is generic over \mathbf{V}_0 so that $\mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0] = \mathbf{V}_1$, and let $\mathbf{G}_\chi^1 \subseteq \mathbb{P}_\chi^1$ be generic over \mathbf{V}_1 , let $\mathbf{V}_2 = \mathbf{V}_1[\mathbf{G}_\chi^1] = \mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1]$. Note that as $|\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0| = \kappa$ and $\kappa < \lambda$, (B)(a) implies that

- (\boxtimes) $_1$ $\mathbf{V}_1 = \mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0] \models \chi^\lambda = \chi^{\lambda \cdot \kappa} = \chi$, thus $\text{cf}(\chi) > \lambda$ is preserved, too.

Since κ is strongly inaccessible, and \mathbb{P}^0 is an Easton support iteration, where \mathbb{Q}_β^0 is $< \alpha$ -closed for $\alpha < \beta$, and for stationarily many α 's $|\mathbb{P}_\alpha^0| = \alpha$ (actually for each strongly inaccessible cardinal α), by standard arguments

(\boxtimes)₂ \mathbb{P}_κ^0 has the κ -cc (so forcing with it preserves the regularity of κ),

moreover

(\boxtimes)₃ \mathbb{P}_κ^0 preserves κ to be strongly inaccessible.

Also note that as \mathbb{P}_χ^1 is $< \kappa$ -closed

(\boxtimes)₄ $V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}_2} = V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}_1}$, and $\mathbf{V}_2 \models$ “ κ is still strongly inaccessible.”

First observe that because of our cardinal arithmetic assumptions $\chi^\kappa \leq \chi^\lambda = \chi$ in (B)(a), and as $|\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0| = \kappa$, not only do we have (\boxtimes)₁ $(\chi^\lambda)^{\mathbf{V}_1} = \chi^{\lambda \cdot \kappa} = \chi$, but by an easy induction (and by the λ^+ -cc) $|\mathbb{P}_\chi^1|^{\mathbf{V}_1} = \chi$, so

(\boxtimes)₅ $|\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1| = \chi$ up to equivalence (and so obviously χ^+ -cc).

Recalling $\chi^\lambda = \chi$ again, clearly

(\boxtimes)₆ $\mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1] \models 2^\chi = (2^\chi)^{\mathbf{V}_0}$,

(\boxtimes)₇ $\mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1] \models 2^\kappa = \chi$.

Definition 3.5. We have to introduce the following objects.

- (\bullet)₂ Let $\mathbf{j} : \mathbf{V}_0 \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ be an elementary embedding with critical point κ such that $(\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{h}))(\kappa) = \langle \mathbb{P}_\chi^1, \chi^+, \check{\emptyset} \rangle$ ($\check{\emptyset} = \emptyset$ is the canonical name for the empty set) and $\mathbf{j}(\kappa) > \chi$, ${}^x\mathbf{M} \subseteq \mathbf{M}$,
- (\bullet)₃ Let $\langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha^0, \mathbb{Q}_\beta^0 : \alpha \leq \mathbf{j}(\kappa), \beta < \mathbf{j}(\kappa) \rangle = \mathbf{j}(\langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha^0, \mathbb{Q}_\beta^0 : \alpha \leq \kappa, \beta < \kappa \rangle)$ so $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^0 = \mathbb{P}_\chi^1$, and
- (\bullet)₄ let $\mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)} = \mathbf{j}(\mathbb{P}_\chi^1)$, i.e.

(a $\mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}$ -name for a $< \mathbf{j}(\kappa)$ -directed closed notion of forcing) ^{\mathbf{M}} .

(Recall that \mathbb{P}_χ^1 is a \mathbb{P}_κ^0 -name for the iteration $\langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1, \mathbb{Q}_\beta^1 : \alpha \leq \chi, \beta < \chi \rangle \in \mathbf{V}_0^{\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0}$.)

Similarly to (\boxtimes)₄, recalling ${}^xM \subseteq M$,

(\boxtimes)₈ $V_\kappa^{\mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]} = V_\kappa^{\mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0]} = V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}_2}$, and $(\kappa$ is strongly inaccessible) ^{$\mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]$} .

From now on we will identify $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1$ with the $(\kappa + 1)$ -step iteration $\mathbb{P}_{\kappa+1}^0$, and also

(\boxtimes)₉ $\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 = \mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1$ is a generic subset of $\mathbb{P}_{\kappa+1}^0 = \mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1$ (over \mathbf{V}_0).

Remark 3.6. Having completed the requirements of Claim 3.2 we remark that given a scheme for an iteration fitting all our assumptions except perhaps ((B))(d), it is easy to adapt it to have (#) using $\chi^\lambda = \chi$ (\boxtimes)₁.

Now we can prove the statements in 3.2(C).

Case 1: First we verify 3.2(C)(a).

We would like to find an appropriate κ -complete ultrafilter in $\mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1]$, for which we will use the basic trick: using the elementary embedding $\mathbf{j} : \mathbf{V}_0 \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$, then extending \mathbf{V}_0 with $\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1$, and extending \mathbf{M} with $\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 (= \mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1)$, and finding a single condition in $\mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)} * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)} / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ compatible with $\{\mathbf{j}(p \upharpoonright \{\kappa\}) = \mathbf{j}(p) \upharpoonright \{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)\} : p \in \mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1\}$ giving us sufficient information (just as if there existed some

lifting $\tilde{\mathbf{j}} : \mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1] \rightarrow \mathbf{M}[\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbf{H}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}]$ of \mathbf{j} extending it). (Here the quotient $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)} / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ is formally

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)} / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 = \{(p \upharpoonright (\kappa, \mathbf{j}(\kappa)), q) : (p, q) \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}\},$$

and

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)} / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 \models (p \upharpoonright (\kappa, \mathbf{j}(\kappa)), q) \leq (p' \upharpoonright (\kappa, \mathbf{j}(\kappa)), q'),$$

if there exists $p_* \in \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ such that

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)} \models (p_* \hat{\wedge} p \upharpoonright (\kappa, \mathbf{j}(\kappa)), q) \leq (p_* \hat{\wedge} p' \upharpoonright (\kappa, \mathbf{j}(\kappa)), q').$$

We will need the following facts.

Fact 3.7. *The filter $\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ is generic over \mathbf{M} as well, and the forcing notions $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ and $(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_\gamma) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ ($\gamma \leq \mathbf{j}(\chi)$) are well defined and $< \chi^+$ -directed closed in $\mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]$.*

Proof. Note that $\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ is generic, as $\mathbb{P}_{\kappa+1}^0 \subseteq \mathbf{M} \subseteq \mathbf{V}_0$.

For the second assertion we first recall that a pair $(p, q) \in (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ iff $p = p_0 \upharpoonright (\kappa, \mathbf{j}(\kappa))$ for some $p_0 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0$, and $(\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0} q \in \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)})^{\mathbf{M}}$. We only have to refer to the construction of the iteration Definition 3.4 i.e. recall that

- (i) $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\chi^1}$ is a $< \kappa$ -support iteration of $< \kappa$ -directed closed forcing notions”, and
- (ii) for each $\alpha \leq \beta < \kappa$ we have that $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\beta^0}$ “ \mathbb{Q}_β^0 is $< \beta$ -directed closed”, and is the trivial forcing if $\beta < \sup\{\mu_\varrho : \varrho < \beta\}$ (in particular, if $\beta < \sup\{\mu_\varrho : \varrho < \alpha\}$),
- (iii) for each $\alpha < \beta < \kappa$, where β is limit and $\text{cf}(\beta) < \mu_\alpha$ the iteration \mathbb{P}_β^0 is the inverse limit of \mathbb{P}_δ^0 's ($\delta < \beta$).

So using [Bau78, Thm. 5.5], for each $\alpha < \beta < \kappa$ the quotient $(\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1) / \mathbf{G}_\alpha^0$ (of the $\kappa + 1$ -long iteration $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1 = \mathbb{P}_{\kappa+1}^0$) is $< \beta$ -directed closed in $\mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\alpha^0]$ provided $\beta \leq \sup\{\mu_\varrho : \varrho < \alpha\}$, and \mathbb{P}_α^0 has the β -cc. (In typical applications \mathbb{Q}_α^0 is the trivial forcing.) Thus by elementarity (letting $\alpha = \kappa + 1$, $\beta = \chi^+ = \mu_\kappa$, recalling $\mathbb{P}_{\kappa+1}^0$ has the χ^+ -cc by $(\boxtimes)_5$, and $(\chi^+)^{\mathbf{M}} = \chi^+$ by $\times \mathbf{M} \subseteq \mathbf{M}$):

$$\mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0] \models \text{”}(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 \text{ is } < \chi^+ \text{-directed closed.} \text{”}$$

□

Fact 3.8. $\mathbf{V}_1 \models \text{”}(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_\gamma) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 \text{ is } < \chi^+ \text{-directed closed.} \text{”}$

Fact 3.8 follows from the fact below.

Fact 3.9. $\mathbf{V}[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1] \models \times \mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0] \subseteq \mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]$.

Proof. For, pick a name \tilde{f} for a function $\tilde{f} : \chi \rightarrow \mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]$, and observe that w.l.o.g. we can assume that $\tilde{f} : \chi \rightarrow \text{ORD}$, i.e. for each $\alpha < \chi$, $\tilde{f}(\alpha)$ is an ordinal, in particular $\text{ran}(\tilde{f}) \subseteq \mathbf{M}$. Now for each α there exists a maximal antichain $A_\alpha = \{a_i^\alpha : i < |A_\alpha|\} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\kappa+1}^0$, and $\{x_i^\alpha : i < |A_\alpha|\} \subseteq \mathbf{M}$, s.t. $a_i^\alpha \Vdash \tilde{f}(\alpha) = x_i^\alpha$. As $\mathbb{P}_{\kappa+1}^0 = \mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1$ is of power χ , we have $|A_\alpha| \leq \chi$ trivially, therefore as \mathbf{M} is closed under sequences of length χ ($(\bullet)_2$, Definition 3.5) $\langle (x_i^\alpha, a_i^\alpha) : \alpha < \chi, i < |A_\alpha| \rangle \in M$, which means that there is indeed a name $g \in \mathbf{M}$, such that $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1} \tilde{f} = g$. $\square_{\text{Fact 3.9}}$

Definition 3.10. (In $\mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]$) for $\zeta \in S^*$ we let

- (1) $\varepsilon_\zeta \in \mathbf{V}[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_{\zeta+1}^1]$ denote the generic subset of $V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}^1}$ (or just κ) given by \mathbb{Q}_ζ^1 , i.e.

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_{\zeta+1}^1} \varepsilon_\zeta = \cup \{ \varepsilon : \exists A : (\varepsilon, A) \in \mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{Q}_\zeta^1} \}$$

(after identifying $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_{\zeta+1}^1 = \mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * (\mathbb{P}_\zeta^1 * \mathbb{Q}_\zeta^1)$ with $(\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\zeta^1) * \mathbb{Q}_\zeta^1$).

- (2) Define \mathcal{N}_ζ to be a set of $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\zeta^1$ -names of subsets of V_κ containing exactly one name from each equivalence class, i.e. no $A \neq B \in \mathcal{N}_\zeta$ satisfy $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\zeta^1} A = B$, but each set in the extension is represented.

Observe that (as $(\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\zeta^1) * \mathbb{Q}_\zeta^1, \mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\zeta^1 \in \mathbf{M}$) we can assume that

$$(\boxtimes)_{10} \mathcal{N}_\zeta \subseteq \mathbf{M},$$

and as $|V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}^2}| = \kappa$, and by the λ^+ -cc (B) b

$$(\boxtimes)_{11} |\mathcal{N}_\zeta| \leq |\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\zeta^1|^\lambda = \chi,$$

so by ${}^x\mathbf{M} \subseteq \mathbf{M}$:

$$(\boxtimes)_{12} \mathcal{N}_\zeta \in \mathbf{M}, \text{ and } \mathbf{j} \upharpoonright \mathcal{N}_\zeta \in \mathbf{M}.$$

- (3) Using the notation

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Q}_\zeta^1} = \{ A \in \mathcal{N}_\zeta : (\varepsilon, A) \in \mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{Q}_\zeta^1} \text{ for some } \varepsilon \},$$

note that $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Q}_\zeta^1} \in \mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_{\zeta+1}^1]$ (so $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Q}_\zeta^1}$ is a $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_{\zeta+1}^1$ -name for a set of $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\zeta^1$ -names). Now similarly

$$\mathbf{j} \text{``} \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Q}_\zeta^1} = \{ \mathbf{j}(A) : A \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Q}_\zeta^1} \} \in \mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_{\zeta+1}^1] \subseteq \mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]$$

is a set of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\zeta)}$ -names, and each of which collection corresponds to a $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\zeta^1 / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ -name, we can define the $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\zeta)} / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ -name $A'_{\mathbf{j}(\zeta)} \in \mathbf{M}$ for a subset of $V_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}$ so that

$$(\text{in } \mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0] :) \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\zeta)} / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0} A'_{\mathbf{j}(\zeta)} = \cap \{ \mathbf{j}(A) : A \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Q}_\zeta^1} \}.$$

Claim 3.11. *There is a sequence $\langle q_\zeta : \zeta \leq \chi \rangle \in \mathbf{V}[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1]$ such that:*

- (*)_{1.1} (a) $q_\zeta \in (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$, and if $\varepsilon < \zeta \leq \chi$, then $q_\varepsilon \leq q_\zeta$,
 (b) $q_\zeta \in (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\zeta)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ (i.e. $q_\zeta \upharpoonright \mathbf{j}(\kappa) \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0} q_\zeta(\mathbf{j}(\kappa)) \in \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\zeta)}$),
 (c) whenever $p \in \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 \cap (\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\zeta^1)$ then

$$(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 \Vdash \mathbf{j}(p) \leq q_\zeta$$

(i.e. $\mathbf{j}(p) \leq q_\zeta$ in the order of the quotient forcing $(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$),

- (d) whenever A is a $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\zeta^1$ -name of a subset of κ (so $\mathbf{j}(A)$ is a $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\zeta)}$ -name for a subset of $\mathbf{j}(\kappa)$) then for $\kappa \in \text{ORD}$

$$q_\zeta \Vdash_{(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\zeta)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0} \kappa \in \mathbf{j}(A).$$

- (e) if $\zeta \in S^*$ (from (#) of d) then we have the following: If $D_\zeta := D_\zeta[\mathbf{G}_\zeta^1]$ generates a κ -complete filter on V_κ (in $\mathbf{V}_1[\mathbf{G}_\zeta^1] = \mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\zeta^1]$) then (in $\mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]$ in the poset $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)} / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$)

$$(3.3) \quad (q_{\zeta+1}(\mathbf{j}(\kappa))(\mathbf{j}(\zeta))) \geq \left(\varepsilon_\zeta \cup \left(A'_{\mathbf{j}(\zeta)} \upharpoonright \{ \kappa \} \right), A'_{\mathbf{j}(\zeta)} \upharpoonright (\kappa + 1, \mathbf{j}(\kappa)) \right).$$

(In this generality this will be relevant for the proof (c). For D_ζ 's for which $D_\zeta \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\kappa)$ it is enough to ensure that if for each $A \in D_\zeta$ we have $\kappa \in \mathbf{j}(A)$ (forced by q_ζ), then $q_{\zeta+1} \Vdash \kappa \in \mathbf{j}(\varepsilon_\zeta)$.)

Proof. Working in $\mathbf{V}_2 = \mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}]$ we can define the q_η 's ($\eta \leq \chi$, $q_\eta \in (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\eta)})/\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$) by induction on η . Assume that q_ξ 's ($\xi < \eta$) are chosen and (a) – (e) hold. First we choose q'_ξ satisfying (a), (c), (e) which we will then further strengthen to get $q_\xi \geq q'_\xi$.

Recalling Fact 3.8, let $q'_0 \in (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(0)})/\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0/\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ be the empty condition.

For η limit we choose $q'_\eta \in (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\eta)})/\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ to be an upper bound of the increasing sequence $\langle q_\xi : \xi < \eta \rangle$ satisfying (c). Now it follows from standard arguments that q'_η satisfies (c), even if $\mathbb{P}_{\kappa}^0 * \mathbb{P}_{\eta}^1$ is bigger than the direct limit of $\mathbb{P}_{\kappa}^0 * \mathbb{P}_{\xi}^1$'s ($\xi < \eta$), (in the case $\mathbb{P}_{\kappa}^0 * \mathbb{P}_{\eta}^1 = \bigcup_{\xi < \eta} \mathbb{P}_{\kappa}^0 * \mathbb{P}_{\xi}^1$ it is automatic), but for completeness we elaborate:

If $p \in \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ is fixed, $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\kappa}^0 * \mathbb{P}_{\xi}^1$, then for each $\xi < \eta$ let $p_\xi \in \mathbb{P}_{\kappa}^0 * \mathbb{P}_{\xi}^1 \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\kappa+1}^0$ be such that $p \restriction \kappa \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\kappa}^0} p(\kappa) \restriction \xi = p_\xi(\kappa)$. Now if $\text{cf}(\eta) < \kappa$, then $\sup\{\mathbf{j}(\xi) : \xi < \eta\} = \mathbf{j}(\eta)$, and so $\mathbf{j}(p)$ is the least upper bound for the system $\{\mathbf{j}(p_\xi(\kappa)) = \mathbf{j}(p_\xi(\mathbf{j}(\kappa))) : \xi < \eta\}$, and

$$(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)})/\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 \Vdash \mathbf{j}(p_\xi) \leq q_\xi$$

by our hypothesis. If $\text{cf}(\eta) \geq \kappa$, then by the κ -cc of \mathbb{P}_{κ}^0 (\boxtimes)₂ there exists a $\xi < \eta$ such that

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\kappa}^0} p(\kappa) = p(\kappa) \restriction \xi,$$

and so $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\kappa}^0 * \mathbb{P}_{\xi}^1$ (remember, \mathbb{P}_{χ}^1 is a $< \kappa$ support iteration). This in turn implies

$$(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)})/\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 \Vdash \mathbf{j}(p) \leq q_\xi \leq q'_\eta.$$

If $\eta = \xi + 1$ is a successor and

- if $\xi \notin S^*$,

then using simply the $\langle 2^\chi \rangle^+$ -directed closedness of $(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)})/\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ (by Fact 3.8) define $q'_\eta \in (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\xi+1)})/\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ to be an upper bound of $q_\xi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\xi)}$ and the set $\{\mathbf{j}(p) : p \in (\mathbb{P}_{\kappa}^0 * \mathbb{P}_{\xi+1}^1) \cap \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0\}$.

Otherwise,

- if $\xi \in S^*$,

(where $\eta = \xi + 1$) then recall that by the definition of $\mathbb{Q}_{\xi+1}^1$ each $p \in (\mathbb{P}_{\kappa}^0 * \mathbb{P}_{(\xi+1)}^1)$ the coordinate $(p(\kappa))(\xi + 1)$ is a $(\mathbb{P}_{\kappa}^0 * \mathbb{P}_{\xi}^1)$ -name for a pair (ε, A) with $\varepsilon = \varepsilon \restriction (0, \gamma)$ for some $\gamma < \kappa$, and where $A \subseteq V_{\kappa}^{\mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa}^0 * \mathbf{G}_{\xi}^1]}$, $A = A \restriction [\gamma, \kappa)$. Note that D_ξ generates a $< \kappa$ -closed filter on V_{κ} , therefore $\mathbf{j}(D_\xi)$ generates a $< \mathbf{j}(\kappa)$ -closed filter on $V_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}$. We claim that

(3.4)

$$\mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0] \Vdash \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\xi+1)}/\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 \Vdash q'_\xi \wedge (\varepsilon_\xi, A'_{\mathbf{j}(\xi)}) \geq \mathbf{j}(p) \text{ whenever } p \in \mathbb{P}_{\kappa}^0 * \mathbb{P}_{\xi+1}^1 \cap \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0,$$

where $q'_\xi \wedge (\varepsilon_\xi, A'_{\mathbf{j}(\xi)})$ denotes the condition that agrees with q'_ξ on coordinates below $\mathbf{j}(\xi)$, and $(\varepsilon_\xi, A'_{\mathbf{j}(\xi)})$ at $\mathbf{j}(\xi)$. Note that by our hypothesis it suffices to check that

$$\forall p \in \mathbb{P}_{\kappa}^0 * \mathbb{P}_{\xi+1}^1 \cap \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 : (\varepsilon_\xi, A'_{\mathbf{j}(\xi)}) \geq \mathbf{j}(p)(\mathbf{j}(\xi)).$$

But a contradiction may only arise if for some $x = \mathbf{j}(x) \in V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}_1}$ it were the case that

$$\mathbf{j}(p) \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\xi)+1}} \mathbf{j}(x) \in \mathbf{j}(\varepsilon_\xi) (= \mathbf{j}(\varepsilon)_{\mathbf{j}(\xi)}),$$

equivalently,

$$p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_{\xi+1}^1} x \in \varepsilon_\xi,$$

while

$$q'_\xi \wedge (\varepsilon_\xi, \mathcal{A}'_{\mathbf{j}(\xi)}) \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\xi)+1} / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0} x = \mathbf{j}(x) \notin \mathbf{j}(\varepsilon)_{\mathbf{j}(\xi)}$$

(or the other way around). However, this is impossible as clearly $x \in \varepsilon_\xi$ by $p \in \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ and the very definition of ε_ξ , and by the fact that $q'_\xi \wedge (\varepsilon_\xi, \mathcal{A}'_{\mathbf{j}(\xi)})$ forces $\mathbf{j}(\varepsilon)_{\mathbf{j}(\xi)} \upharpoonright \kappa = \varepsilon_\xi$.

Having the claim established we can choose $q'_{\xi+1}$ so that $q'_{\xi+1}(\mathbf{j}(\kappa))(\mathbf{j}(\xi))$ satisfies (3.3) (with $\zeta = \xi$), hence (e) as well.

Finally, for (d), first note that we can assume $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{N}_\eta$, so there are at most χ -many such names. Now choosing an increasing sequence of conditions $\langle q''_\gamma : \gamma < \chi \rangle$ in $(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\eta)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ with $q''_0 = q'_\eta$, we can decide for each name \underline{X} the statement $\kappa \in \mathbf{j}(\underline{X})$. So using the $< \chi^+$ -directed closedness of $(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\eta)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ in $\mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]$ (Fact 3.8), we can choose q_η to be an upper bound of the sequence $\langle q''_\gamma : \gamma < \chi \rangle$, yielding (d) as desired.

Finally, q_χ is defined to be an upper bound of the q_η 's ($\eta < \chi$).

□_{Claim3.11}

Fact 3.12. *By the definition of $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1$, and the way q_χ was constructed, we have:*

(\boxtimes)₁₃ *For each $\delta \in S^*$, if D_δ generates a κ -complete ultrafilter on V_κ , then*

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\kappa+1}^0} \forall \mathcal{A} \in D_\delta \exists \alpha < \kappa \text{ s.t. } (\varepsilon_\delta \upharpoonright (\alpha, \kappa) \subseteq \mathcal{A}),$$

(\boxtimes)₁₄ *moreover, (in $\mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]$) by e*

$$q_\chi \Vdash_{(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0} \forall d \left(\kappa(d) = \kappa \wedge d \in \bigcap_{\mathcal{A} \in D_\delta} \mathbf{j}(\mathcal{A}) \right) \rightarrow (d \in \mathbf{j}(\varepsilon_\delta))$$

(where $\kappa(d)$ is defined in Definition 2.15 (ii)).

(\boxtimes)₁₅ *If $\delta \in S^*$, then ε_δ is a pseudointersection of D_δ .*

\mathbf{j} and q_χ defines the normal ultrafilter

$$(\bullet)_5 \quad D^\bullet = \{ \mathcal{A}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0] : \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\kappa+1}^0} \mathcal{A} \subseteq \kappa, q_\chi \Vdash \text{“}\kappa \in \mathbf{j}(\mathcal{A})\text{”} \} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\kappa),$$

(\boxtimes)₁₆ *and if $D_\delta \subseteq D^\bullet$, then $\varepsilon_\delta \in D^\bullet$.*

This together with (#) complete the proof of ((C))(a).

Case 2: For 3.2(C)(b) we proceed as follows. In $\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_1^1}$ we have to find a sequence

$\bar{U} = \langle U_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa \rangle$ of normal measures on κ increasing in the Mitchell order, such that each U_α satisfies our closedness properties, namely, whenever $\langle X_\nu : \nu < \lambda \rangle$ is a sequence in U_α , there exists $X' \in U_\alpha$, $|X' \setminus X_\nu| < \kappa$ for each $\nu < \lambda$. Let U_0 be the normal ultrafilter provided by appealing to ((C))(a) which we have already proved.

Working in $\mathbf{V}_1[\mathbf{G}_\chi^1] = \mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1]$ we will construct the sequence by induction, so fixing $\alpha < \kappa$, we assume that U_β 's are already defined for $\beta < \alpha$. So we

- (\bullet)₆ let \bar{U} be a $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1 = \mathbb{P}_{\kappa+1}^0$ -name for $\langle U_\beta : \beta < \alpha \rangle \in \mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1]$, where $1_{\mathbb{P}_{\kappa+1}^0}$ forces that $\bar{U} = \langle U_\beta : \beta < \alpha \rangle$ is an increasing sequence of κ -complete normal ultrafilters w.r.t. the Mitchell-order of length α , each U_β is $<\lambda^+$ -directed modulo $[\kappa]^{<\kappa}$.

and fix an elementary embedding $\mathbf{j}_* : \mathbf{V}_0 \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_*$ with critical point κ , ${}^x\mathbf{M}_* \subseteq \mathbf{M}_*$ with

$$(3.5) \quad \mathbf{j}_*(\mathbf{h})(\kappa) = \langle \mathbb{P}_\chi^1, \chi^+, \bar{U} \rangle$$

(recall the definition of $\mathbf{h}(\bullet)$ ₁, this is possible). We are going to define a normal ultrafilter U_α associated with \mathbf{j}_* , above the U_β 's w.r.t. the Mitchell-order.

Defining $\mathbb{P}'_* = \mathbf{j}_*(\mathbb{P}^1)$, and letting $(\mathbb{P}'_*)_{\mathbf{j}_*(\kappa)} = \mathbf{j}_*(\mathbb{P}^0_\kappa)$, observe that by the definition of \mathbb{P}^0_κ (Definition 3.4)

$$\mathbf{j}_*(\mathbb{P}^0_\kappa * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1) = (\mathbb{P}'_*)_{\mathbf{j}_*(\kappa)} * (\mathbb{P}'_*)_{\mathbf{j}_*(\chi)},$$

and

$$(\mathbb{P}'_*)_{\kappa+1} = \mathbb{P}^0_\kappa * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1.$$

Now our fixed $\mathbf{G}^0_{\kappa+1} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^0_{\kappa+1}$ is generic over \mathbf{V}_0 and also over \mathbf{M}_* .

With a slight abuse of notation (in the proof of Case 2 from now on, in order to avoid notational awkwardness) we will refer to $(\mathbb{P}'_*)_{\mathbf{j}_*(\kappa)}$ as $\mathbb{P}^0_{\mathbf{j}_*(\kappa)}$, and to $(\mathbb{P}'_*)_{\mathbf{j}_*(\chi)}$ as $\mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}_*(\chi)}$; moreover, observe that all the preceding facts and claims hold in this setting, we only used that $\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{h}(\kappa)) = \langle \mathbb{P}_\chi^1, \chi^+, \bar{x} \rangle$ for some name \bar{x} , which obviously holds for \mathbf{j}_* as well (where \bar{x} is not arbitrary anymore). In this new setting we appeal to Claim 3.11, obtaining the condition $q_\chi^* \in \mathbb{P}^0_{\mathbf{j}_*(\kappa)+1} / \mathbf{G}^0_{\kappa+1}$, and the κ -complete normal ultrafilter

$$(3.6) \quad D_*^\bullet = \{A[\mathbf{G}^0_{\kappa+1}] : \mathbf{M}_*[\mathbf{G}^0_{\kappa+1}] \models "q_\chi^* \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}^0_{\mathbf{j}_*(\kappa)} * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}_*(\chi)} / \mathbf{G}^0_{\kappa+1}} \kappa \in \mathbf{j}_*(A)"\}$$

(which is a κ -complete normal ultrafilter over $\mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}^0_{\kappa+1}]$, belonging to $\mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}^0_{\kappa+1}]$) and $<\lambda^+$ -directed w.r.t. \supseteq^* . We only need to prove the following claim, implying that the filter D_*^\bullet dominates $\{U_\beta : \beta < \alpha\}$ w.r.t. the Mitchell order:

Claim 3.13. *For each $\beta < \alpha$ there exists a sequence $\langle W_\gamma : \gamma < \kappa \rangle \in \mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}^0_{\kappa+1}]$, where*

- for D_*^\bullet -many $\gamma < \kappa$ the set W_γ is an ultrafilter over γ ,
- for each $X \in \mathcal{P}(\kappa) \cap \mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}^0_{\kappa+1}]$

$$X \in U_\beta \iff \{\gamma < \kappa : (X \cap \gamma) \in W_\gamma\} \in D_*^\bullet.$$

Proof. Using (reinterpreting) (3.5)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma < \kappa : \mathbf{h}(\gamma) = \langle \bar{x}_\gamma, \mu_\gamma, \bar{y}_\gamma \rangle, \text{ where } \bar{y}_\alpha \text{ is a } \mathbb{P}^0_{\gamma+1}\text{-name} \\ \text{for a sequence of subsets of } \mathcal{P}(\gamma) \text{ of length } \alpha, \\ \bar{x}_\alpha = \mathbb{Q}^0_\alpha, \end{array} \right\} \in D_*^\bullet \cap \mathbf{V}_0.$$

Now suppose that $\beta < \alpha$ is fixed. Since \bar{x}_γ is name for a sequence of length α , we can easily get a name for its β 'th coordinate. This way, we can fix $Y \in D_*^\bullet \cap \mathbf{V}_0$, and the sequence $\langle W_\gamma : \gamma < \kappa \rangle$ such that

- (\blacktriangle)₁ for each $\gamma \in Y$, W_γ is a $\mathbb{P}^0_{\gamma+1}$ -name for a subset of $\mathcal{P}(\gamma)$ (the β 'th coordinate of \bar{x}_γ), and
- (\blacktriangle)₂ $\mathbf{j}_*(\langle W_\gamma : \gamma < \kappa \rangle)(\kappa) = U_\beta$.

In what follows, we will prove that the natural candidate $W_\gamma = \mathbb{W}_\gamma[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]$ ($\gamma < \kappa$) works (utilizing standard arguments, so a reader familiar with this kind of proofs can jump to Case 3).

For a fixed $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1$ -name $\underline{X} \in \mathbf{V}_0$ (for a subset of κ) define the $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1$ -name $\underline{Z}_X \in \mathbf{V}_0$ as follows.

$$(3.7) \quad 1_{\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1} \Vdash \underline{Z}_X = \{\gamma < \kappa : \underline{X} \upharpoonright \gamma \in \mathbb{W}_\gamma\},$$

We only have to verify that

$$(3.8) \quad \underline{X}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0] \in \underline{U}_\beta[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0] \text{ iff } \underline{Z}_X[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0] \in D_*^\bullet.$$

But the latter is defined (by (3.6)) as

$$\begin{aligned} & \underline{Z}_X[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0] \in D_*^\bullet, \\ & \Updownarrow \\ & (\text{in } \mathbf{M}_*[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]) \ q_\chi^* \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}_*(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}_*(\chi)}} / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0} \ \kappa \in \mathbf{j}_*(\underline{Z}_X), \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, as $\mathbf{j}_*(\mathbb{W})(\kappa) = \underline{U}_\beta$ by (3.7), and

$$\mathbf{M}_*[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1] \models (q_\chi^* \Vdash \kappa \in \mathbf{j}_*(\underline{Z}_X) \iff q_\chi^* \Vdash \mathbf{j}_*(\underline{X}) \upharpoonright \kappa \in \underline{U}_\beta)$$

(since $\mathbf{j}_*(\mathbb{W}_\gamma : \gamma < \kappa)(\kappa) = \underline{U}_\beta$), we observe that in order to get (3.8) it suffices to show the following

$$(3.9) \quad \underline{X}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0] \in \underline{U}_\beta[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0] \text{ iff } q_\chi^* \Vdash \mathbf{j}_*(\underline{X}) \upharpoonright \kappa \in \underline{U}_\beta.$$

But then by the elementarity of \mathbf{j}_* (and $\text{crit}(\mathbf{j}_*) = \kappa$)

$$\forall \alpha < \kappa, \forall p \in \mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1 : \ p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1} \check{\alpha} \in \underline{X} \iff \mathbf{j}_*(p) \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}_*(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}_*(\chi)}} \check{\alpha} \in \mathbf{j}_*(\underline{X}),$$

and recalling $p \in \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ implies $q_\chi^* \geq \mathbf{j}_*(p)$ in the quotient forcing $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}_*(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}_*(\chi)} / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ we get that

$$(*)_1 \text{ (in } \mathbf{M}_*[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1]) \text{ the condition } q_\chi^* \text{ forces } \mathbf{j}_*(\underline{X}) \upharpoonright \kappa \text{ to be equal to } \underline{X}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0].$$

This yields (3.9), completing the proof of Case 2. \square

Case 3: For 3.2(C)(c). We fix $\Upsilon > \kappa$, and η , and we would like to define the κ -complete fine normal ultrafilter \mathbf{W} on $[\Upsilon]^{<\kappa}$ that satisfies \star from (c). First we redefine the elementary embedding \mathbf{j} from Definition 3.5 (as well as $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0, \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}$):

Definition 3.14.

- (\bullet)₁ Let $\rho = |2^{(\Upsilon \cdot \chi)^\kappa} + \eta|$, and
- (\bullet)₂ define $\mathbf{j} : \mathbf{V}_0 \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ to be an elementary embedding with critical point κ such that $(\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{h}))(\kappa) = \langle \mathbb{P}_\chi^1, \rho^+, \check{\emptyset} \rangle$ ($\check{\emptyset} = \emptyset$ is the canonical name for the empty set) and $\mathbf{j}(\kappa) > \rho$, ${}^\rho \mathbf{M} \subseteq \mathbf{M}$,
- (\bullet)₃ Let $\langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha^0, \mathbb{Q}_\beta^0 : \alpha \leq \mathbf{j}(\kappa), \beta < \mathbf{j}(\kappa) \rangle = \mathbf{j}(\langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha^0, \mathbb{Q}_\beta^0 : \alpha \leq \kappa, \beta < \kappa \rangle)$ so $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^0 = \mathbb{P}_\chi^1$, and let $\mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)} = \mathbf{j}(\mathbb{P}_\chi^1)$.

Similarly as in Facts 3.7, 3.8, 3.9 we can get the following.

Fact 3.15. *The filter $\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ is generic over \mathbf{M} as well, and the forcing notions $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ and $(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ ($\gamma \leq \mathbf{j}(\chi)$) are well defined and $< |2^\Upsilon + \eta|^+$ -directed closed in $\mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]$.*

Fact 3.16. $\mathbf{V}_1 \models \text{“}(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 \text{ is } < |2^\Upsilon + \eta|^+ \text{-directed closed.} \text{”}$

Fact 3.8 follows from the fact below.

Fact 3.17. $\mathbf{V}[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1] \models 2^{\Upsilon+\eta} \mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0] \subseteq \mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]$.

Using this new \mathbf{j} , we will extract the ultrafilter $W \subseteq \mathcal{P}([\Upsilon]^{<\kappa})$ (in the sense of $\mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]$), and the sequence of ultrafilters \bar{U} as well from the information provided by $\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 = \mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1$, and $q_\chi \in (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ (given by Claim 3.11), and then we will prove that it is indeed a measure sequence corresponding to the elementary embedding \mathbf{j}_W . Obviously,

$$(\odot_1) \ \mathbf{j}(\kappa) > \chi, \ ^\chi M \subseteq M.$$

Observe that Claim 3.11 is true in this setting as well, and let the master condition $q_\chi \in (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$ be given by it. First we claim that by possibly extending q_χ , we can assume that

$$(\odot_2) \ \text{For each } A \in \mathcal{P}([\Upsilon]^{<\kappa}) \cap \mathbf{V}_2 \text{ the condition } q_\chi \in (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0 \text{ decides about (the truth value of) “} \mathbf{j} \text{“} \Upsilon \in \mathbf{j}(A) \text{” (in } \mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0]).$$

To this end we first count the possible A 's. Recall that \mathbb{P}_χ^1 is $<\kappa$ -closed ($((B))$) / (b)

$$[\chi]^{<\kappa} \cap \mathbf{V}_2 = [\chi]^{<\kappa} \cap \mathbf{V}_1 = [\chi]^{<\kappa} \cap \mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0],$$

and as $|\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0| = \kappa$,

$$(3.10) \quad |[\Upsilon]^{<\kappa} \cap \mathbf{V}_2| \leq (\Upsilon \cdot \chi)^\kappa.$$

Second, as $|\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1| = \chi$, we have

$$(3.11) \quad \mathbf{V}_2 = \mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1] \models \mathcal{P}([\chi]^{<\kappa}) \leq (2^{(\chi \cdot \Upsilon)^\kappa})^{\mathbf{V}_0} \leq \rho.$$

Now using Fact 3.8 we can extend q_χ to another condition q_* in (at most) ρ -many steps (in $(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}) / \mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0$) so that

$$(\odot_3) \ \text{for each name } \underline{A} \text{ for a subset of } [\chi]^{<\kappa}$$

$$\mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0] \models q_* \parallel \mathbf{j} \text{“} \Upsilon \in \underline{A},$$

and so (by possibly replacing q_χ by q_*) (\odot_2) holds, indeed. Now we can define the κ -complete, fine, normal ultrafilter

$$(3.12) \quad W = \{ \underline{A}[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1] \in [\Upsilon]^{<\kappa} : q_\chi \Vdash \mathbf{j} \text{“} \Upsilon \in \mathbf{j}(\underline{A}) \} \in \mathbf{V}_2,$$

Now let $\mathbf{j}_W : \mathbf{V}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_W = \text{Mos}([\Upsilon]^{<\kappa} \mathbf{V}_2 / W)$ be the corresponding elementary embedding, and let $\bar{U} = \langle U_\alpha : \alpha < \text{dom}(\bar{U}) \rangle$ be the ultrafilter sequence of maximal length associated to \mathbf{j}_W , that is, the following holds in \mathbf{V}_2 .

$$(\exists_1) \ U_0 = \kappa, \text{ and for each } \alpha \in \text{dom}(\bar{U}), \ \alpha > 0 \text{ the set } U_\alpha \subseteq \mathcal{P}(V_\kappa) \text{ is a } \kappa\text{-complete normal ultrafilter satisfying}$$

$$\forall A \subseteq V_\kappa : A \in U_\alpha \iff U \restriction \alpha \in \mathbf{j}_W(A)$$

$$(\text{therefore for each } \alpha < \text{dom}(\bar{U}), \ U \restriction \alpha \in \mathbf{M}_W),$$

$$(\exists_2) \ \bar{U} \notin \mathbf{M}_W.$$

The following two claims complete the proof of 3.2((C))(c) as we study the ultrafilter sequence $\bar{U} \restriction (\min(\text{dom}(\bar{U}), \eta)$.

Claim 3.18. For every ultrafilter sequence $\bar{F} \in \mathbf{M}_W$ with $\kappa(\bar{F}) = \kappa$ there exists a $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}$ -name $\bar{F}' \in \mathbf{M}$ for an ultrafilter sequence with $\kappa(\bar{F}') = \kappa$ such that for each name \underline{A} for a subset of $V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1]}$ we have

$$\bar{F} \in \mathbf{j}_W(\underline{A}[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1]) \iff \mathbf{M}[\mathbf{G}_{\kappa+1}^0] \models q_* \Vdash \bar{F}' \in \mathbf{j}(\underline{A}).$$

Claim 3.19. Suppose that $\sigma \leq \min(\text{dom}(\bar{U}, \eta))$, and assume $\{\bar{F}'_i : i < \sigma\} \subseteq \mathbf{M}$ is a set of $(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)})$ -names for ultrafilter sequences with $\kappa(\bar{F}'_i) = \kappa$ ($i < \sigma$).

If the filter

$$F_* = \bigcap_{i < \sigma} \{A \subseteq V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}_2} : q_\chi \Vdash \bar{F}'_i \in \mathbf{j}(A)\}$$

satisfies $(\forall \alpha < \kappa) : |\cup F_* \upharpoonright \alpha| < \kappa$, then F_* is λ^+ -directed in the sense that for any system $\langle X_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda \rangle$ in F_* there is a set $X' \in F_*$ s.t. for each $\alpha < \lambda$ there exists $\delta < \kappa$ with $X' \upharpoonright [\delta, \kappa] \subseteq X_\alpha$.

Proof. (Claim 3.18) Instead of factoring through our elementary embeddings (after forcing) we provide a direct calculation. Fix the ultrafilter sequence $\bar{F} \in \mathbf{M}_W$, and pick a function $f \in \mathbf{V}_2$, $\text{dom}(f) = [\Upsilon]^{<\kappa}$, $\mathbf{j}_W(f)(\mathbf{j}_W \ulcorner \Upsilon \urcorner) = \bar{F}$, where we can assume that

$$(3.13) \quad \forall x \in \text{dom}(f) \ f(x) \text{ is a u.f. sequence with } \kappa(f(x)) = \text{otp}(\kappa \cap x).$$

Now we can fix a $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1$ -name $\underline{f} \in \mathbf{V}_0$ of f , such that $1_{\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1}$ forces (3.13). Now as $\underline{f} \in \mathbf{V}_0$ is a $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1$ -name for a function with $\text{dom}(f) = [\Upsilon]^{<\kappa}$, by elementarity $\mathbf{j}(\underline{f})$ is a $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}$ -name for a function with domain $[\mathbf{j}(\Upsilon)]^{<\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}$. Now, as $\mathbf{j} \ulcorner \Upsilon \urcorner \in \mathbf{M} \cap [\mathbf{j}(\Upsilon)]^{\leq \rho}$, there is a name $\underline{F}' \in \mathbf{M}$ such that

$$(3.14) \quad \mathbf{M} \models \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}} \mathbf{j}(\underline{f})(\mathbf{j} \ulcorner \Upsilon \urcorner) = \underline{F}'.$$

It only remains to check that for each $X \subseteq V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}_2}$ the conditions " $F' \in \mathbf{j}_W(X)$ " and " $q_* \Vdash \underline{F}' \in \mathbf{j}(X)$ " are equivalent. More precisely, we prove the following.

(o) For every fixed $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1$ -name \underline{X} for a subset of $V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}_2}$

$$F \in \mathbf{j}_W(\underline{X}[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1]) \iff q_* \Vdash \underline{F}' \in \mathbf{j}(\underline{X}).$$

As $F = \mathbf{j}_W(f)(\mathbf{j}_W \ulcorner \Upsilon \urcorner)$ we can reformulate the lhs. of the statement as

$$\mathbf{V}[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1] \models \{y \in [\Upsilon]^{<\kappa} : f(y) \in X\} \in W,$$

i.e. for some $p \in \mathbf{V}_0[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1]$

$$p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1} \{y \in [\Upsilon]^{<\kappa} : \underline{f}(y) \in \underline{X}\} \in \underline{W}.$$

Now for the the $\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 * \mathbb{P}_\chi^1$ -name $\underline{C} := \{y \in [\Upsilon]^{<\kappa} : \underline{f}(y) \in \underline{X}\}$ we have (by (\odot_2) and (3.12))

$$(3.15) \quad \underline{C}[\mathbf{G}_\kappa^0 * \mathbf{G}_\chi^1] \in W \iff q_* \Vdash \mathbf{j} \ulcorner \Upsilon \urcorner \in \mathbf{j}(\underline{C}).$$

(Recall that q_* decides this by (\odot_3) as \underline{C} is a name for a subset of $[\Upsilon]^{<\kappa}$.) Now

$$(\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{j}(\kappa)}^0 * \mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{j}(\chi)}}) \mathbf{j}(\underline{C}) = \mathbf{j}(\{y \in [\Upsilon]^{<\kappa} : \underline{f}(y) \in \underline{X}\}) = (\{y \in [\mathbf{j}(\Upsilon)]^{<\mathbf{j}(\kappa)} : \underline{\mathbf{j}}(\underline{f})(y) \in \mathbf{j}(\underline{X})\}),$$

so the rhs. of (3.15) is equivalent to

$$(3.16) \quad q_* \Vdash \mathbf{j}(\underline{f})(\mathbf{j} \ulcorner \Upsilon \urcorner) \in \mathbf{j}(\underline{X}),$$

so recalling the definition of \underline{F}' , $\Vdash \mathbf{j}(\underline{f})(\mathbf{j} \ulcorner \Upsilon \urcorner) = \underline{F}'$ by (3.14) (3.16) is clearly equivalent to $q_* \Vdash \underline{F}' \in \mathbf{j}(\underline{X})$, therefore (o) holds, as desired. $\square_{\text{Claim 3.18}}$

Proof. Fix $\langle \underline{F}'_i : i < \sigma \rangle$ as in the Claim 3.18.

We only have to recall how we constructed q_χ , which ensures the existence of the desired pseudointersection. Fix a sequence $\langle X_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda \rangle$ in the filter F_* . Now let $D' = \{X_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda\}$, which is equal to D_ζ for some $\zeta < \chi$ by (#) from our assumptions (B)/d. Now by our assumptions

$$(\forall i < \sigma) (\forall X \in D_\zeta) q_\chi \Vdash \underline{F}'_i \in \mathbf{j}(X),$$

so since $A'_{\mathbf{j}(\zeta)}$ is the name for the intersection of the $\mathbf{j}(A)$'s, where A runs over the $< \kappa$ -complete filter generated by D_ζ (Definition 3.10) $A'_{\mathbf{j}(\zeta)}$

$$(\forall i < \sigma) q_\chi \Vdash \underline{F}'_i \in A'_{\mathbf{j}(\zeta)}.$$

Finally, recalling Definition 3.10 and (3.3) from Claim 3.11 we get that for the generic sequence ε_ζ (which is a pseudointersection of the $D' = D_\zeta$)

$$q_{\zeta+1} \Vdash \mathbf{j}(\varepsilon_\zeta) \upharpoonright (\kappa + 1) = \varepsilon_\zeta \cup (A'_{\mathbf{j}(\zeta)} \upharpoonright [\kappa, \kappa + 1)),$$

which means

$$(\forall i < \sigma) q_\chi \Vdash \overline{\underline{F}'_i} \in \mathbf{j}(\varepsilon_\zeta),$$

and we are done. □_{Claim3.19}

□_{Lemma3.2}

§ 3(B). The preliminary forcing for obtaining $(\kappa, \lambda) - 1$ systems together with a universal in $(K_\kappa)_\lambda$.

This subsection deals with the application of Claim 3.2, we show that it is possible to force a universal object in $(K_\kappa)_\lambda$ with a notion of forcing satisfying requirements from Claim 3.2.

Conclusion 3.20. *Assume*

- κ is supercompact,
- $\kappa < \lambda < \chi = \chi^\lambda$,
- λ is regular,
- $(\forall \theta)(\theta \in \text{Card} \wedge \kappa \leq \theta < \lambda \Rightarrow 2^\theta = \theta^+)$, and
- $\sigma = \text{cf}(\sigma) < \kappa$.

Then for some forcing extension $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}}$ preserving cardinals $\geq \kappa$ and cofinalities $> \kappa$ and $\leq \sigma$, we have that in $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}}$:

- (1) $2^\kappa = \chi$,
- (2) κ is a strong limit singular of cofinality σ ,
- (3) and there is a universal graph in cardinality λ .

Proof. We shall use 1.2, but we have to justify it. That is, we need a forcing fitting in the scheme in Claim 3.2 with $\mathbf{V}_0 = \mathbf{V}$, specifying the $(< \kappa)$ -directed-complete iteration $\mathbb{P}_\chi^1 = \langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1, \mathbb{Q}_\beta^1 : \alpha \leq \chi, \beta < \chi \rangle \in \mathbf{V}_1 = \mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}^0_\kappa}$ in which we are free to choose \mathbb{Q}_β 's on β 's outside $S^* \subseteq \chi$. (And then conclusion (C)/ (a) or (b) with Claim 1.5 together with Claim 2.1 or 2.2 will give the desired consistency result.) Our task is to construct (in \mathbf{V}_1) a suitable iteration \mathbb{P}_χ^1 , and to check that \mathbb{P}_χ^1

- (\mathfrak{T})₁ is $< \kappa$ -directed closed,
- (\mathfrak{T})₂ is of cardinality χ (up to equivalence),
- (\mathfrak{T})₃ has the λ^+ -c.c.,

- (\mathfrak{T})₄ does not collapse any cardinals, and
- (\mathfrak{T})₅ $\mathbf{V}_1 \models \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\chi^1}$ “there is a universal graph in $(K_\kappa)_\lambda$ ”,
- (\mathfrak{T})₆ and we can choose $S^* \in [\chi \setminus \{0,1\}]^\chi$, $S^* \in \mathbf{V}_1$, $|\chi \setminus S^*| = \chi$, and the \mathbb{P}_δ^1 -names \underline{D}_δ ($\delta \in S^*$) satisfying $((B))(d)$ from Claim 3.2.

We will do the same as in [She90], we define (in \mathbf{V}_1)

- (1) \mathbb{Q}_0^1 to be the forcing of χ -many stationary sets of λ , any two intersecting in a set of size smaller than κ ,
- (2) \mathbb{Q}_β^1 for $\beta \in \chi \setminus (S^* \cup \{0\})$ the main iteration from [She90] just with κ -many colors (i.e. in the class K_κ instead of simple graphs, which is just equivalent to K_2): forcing a generic random graph, and the embeddings into it with $< \kappa$ -support partial functions.

We need to check that the iteration is indeed λ^+ -cc, which will be ensured by showing that (in \mathbf{V}_1) \mathbb{Q}_0^1 is λ^+ -cc, and in $(\mathbf{V}_1)^{\mathbb{Q}_0^1}$ the iteration of \mathbb{Q}_α^1 's ($0 < \alpha < \chi$), i.e. $\mathbb{P}_\chi^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1$ has the κ^+ -cc.

First for future reference we have to remark that by the construction of \mathbb{P}_κ^0

- (*)₁ in $\mathbf{V}_1 = \mathbf{V}_0^{\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0}$ κ is still strongly inaccessible (as we noted in $(\boxtimes)_3$). As $|\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0| = \kappa$ our cardinal arithmetic assumptions above κ are also preserved.

Working in \mathbf{V}_1 , the next lemma concerns the first step \mathbb{Q}_0^1 which we can define to be $Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa)$ as in [Bau76, Sec. 6.], see below (b) in Definition 3.22.

Lemma 3.21. *In \mathbf{V}_1 there exists a forcing poset \mathbb{Q}_0^1 that is $< \kappa$ -directed closed, of power χ , having the λ^+ -cc, preserving cardinals from $(\kappa, \lambda]$, and*

$$\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{Q}_0^1} \models \exists \{S_\alpha : \alpha < \chi\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\lambda), \text{ a system of stationary sets s.t. } \forall \alpha < \beta < \chi : |S_\alpha \cap S_\beta| < \kappa.$$

Proof.

Definition 3.22. First we define the following auxiliary posets.

- (a) For a regular cardinal μ we let $Q'(\lambda, \chi, \mu)$ be the set of functions f satisfying
 - (i) $\text{dom}(f) \in [\chi]^{< \mu}$,
 - (ii) for each $\alpha \in \text{dom}(f)$ $f(\alpha) \in [\lambda]^{< \mu}$,
 - with $f \leq g$, iff
 - (iii) $\text{dom}(f) \subseteq \text{dom}(g)$,
 - (iv) $\forall \alpha \in \text{dom}(f) : f(\alpha) \subseteq g(\alpha)$,
 - (v) for each $\alpha \neq \beta \in \text{dom}(f) : f(\alpha) \cap f(\beta) = g(\alpha) \cap g(\beta)$.
- (b) Let $Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa) \subseteq \prod_{\mu \in \text{Reg} \cap [\kappa, \lambda]} Q'(\lambda, \chi, \mu)$ be the collection of the following functions f
 - (i) $(\forall \mu < \nu \in \text{Reg} \cap [\kappa, \lambda], (\forall \alpha \in \text{dom}(f_\mu)) : f_\mu(\alpha) \subseteq f_\nu(\alpha))$
 - with the pointwise ordering inherited from the full product $\prod_{\mu \in \text{Reg} \cap [\kappa, \lambda]} Q'(\lambda, \chi, \mu)$.

Definition 3.23. We let $\mathbb{Q}_0^1 = Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa) \in \mathbf{V}_1$.

For later reference we note the following. Recall that $\chi^\lambda = \chi$ holds by our assumptions.

Observation 3.24. *For each $\mu \in \text{Reg} \cap [\kappa, \lambda]$ $|Q'(\lambda, \chi, \mu)| \leq \chi^{< \mu} \cdot \lambda^{< \mu} = \chi$. Therefore $|\mathbb{Q}_0^1| = \chi$.*

By [Bau76, Lemma 6.3], recalling $(\sigma \in \text{Card} \cap [\kappa, \lambda]) \rightarrow (2^\sigma = \sigma^+)$ by our premises, so $\lambda^{< \lambda} = \lambda$ we have the following.

Claim 3.25. $Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa)$ is λ^+ -cc, $<\kappa$ -directed closed, preserving cofinalities and cardinals.

Clearly

(\dagger)₁ every directed subset of power less than κ in $\mathbb{Q}_0^1 = Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa)$ has a least upper bound.

Now obviously, in $\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{Q}_0^1}$

(\dagger)₂ the generic subsets S_α ($\alpha < \chi$) defined by $\Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}_0^1} S_\alpha = \cup\{f_\kappa(\alpha) : f \in \mathbf{G}\}$ form a κ -almost disjoint system, i.e. if $\alpha < \beta$, then $\Vdash |S_\alpha \cap S_\beta| < \kappa$,

we only need to verify that

(\dagger)₃ for each $\alpha < \chi$ the subset

$$S_\alpha \text{ is a stationary subset of } \lambda,$$

which is a standard argument, but for the sake of completeness we elaborate. (In fact, recalling [Bau76, Lemmas 6.3-6.5.] with the aid of the following it is easy to argue that $(S_\alpha \cap E_{\geq \kappa}^\lambda)$ i.e. restricting S_α to points of cofinality at least κ is stationary.)

Claim 3.26. [Bau76, Lemmas 6.3-6.5.] *The notion of forcing $Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa)$ is equivalent to the two-step iteration $Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa^+) * Q'(\lambda, \chi, \kappa, F)$ where*

$$\mathbf{V}_1^{Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa^+)} \models \begin{array}{l} \bullet F_\alpha \text{ } (\alpha \in \chi) \text{ is the generic sequence in } [\lambda]^\lambda \text{ (given by } Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa^+)), \\ \bullet Q'(\lambda, \chi, \kappa, F) \subseteq Q'(\lambda, \chi, \kappa) \text{ defined by} \\ [f \in Q'(\lambda, \chi, \kappa, F) \iff \forall \alpha \in \text{dom}(f) f(\alpha) \subseteq F_\alpha]. \end{array}$$

Moreover, $Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa^+)$ is $<\kappa^+$ -closed, (in $\mathbf{V}_1^{Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa^+)}$), and $Q'(\lambda, \chi, \kappa, F)$ has the $\kappa^+ - \text{cc}$.

Looking at the definition of the forcing $Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa)$, if we are given a condition p , and a $Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa)$ -name \dot{C}_* for a club set in λ , first recall that $Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa)$ is $<\kappa$ -closed (Claim 3.26), in particular $<\omega_1$ -closed, as κ is strongly inaccessible. We can define an increasing sequence p^j ($j < \omega$) in $Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa)$ with $p^0 = p$, and an increasing sequence of ordinals ϱ_j ($j < \kappa$) satisfying $p^j \Vdash \varrho_j \in \dot{C}_*$, and if $j < k$, then $\sup \cup \{p_\lambda^j(\beta) : \beta \in \text{dom}(p_\lambda^j)\} < \varrho_k$. This is possible, as $|\text{dom}(p_j)| < \lambda$, as well as $|p_\lambda^j(\beta)| < \lambda$, and λ is regular. Then clearly any upper bound of the p^j 's forces $\varrho_\omega := \sup\{\varrho_j : j < \omega\} \in \dot{C}_*$, but as the least upper bound does not say anything about the statements $\varrho_\omega \in S_\beta$ ($\beta < \chi$) we can extend it to a condition p' with $\varrho_\omega \in p'_\mu(\alpha)$ for each $\mu \in \text{Reg} \cap [\kappa, \lambda]$ (thus $p' \Vdash \varrho_\omega \in S_\alpha \cap \dot{C}_*$). This completes the proof of Lemma 3.21. $\square_{\text{Lemma3.21}}$

As \mathbb{Q}_0^1 as already defined in Definition 3.23 we can define the iteration $\langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1, \mathbb{Q}_\beta^1 : \alpha \leq \chi, \beta < \chi \rangle$ for which we have to choose a suitable S^* .

Definition 3.27. We let $0, 1 \notin S^* \subseteq \chi$ be such that $|S^*| = \chi$, $|\chi \setminus S^*| = \chi$.

Definition 3.28. We let $\langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1, \mathbb{Q}_\beta^1 : \alpha \leq \chi, \beta < \chi \rangle$ be the following $<\kappa$ -support iteration. The definition of the \mathbb{P}_β^1 -name \mathbb{Q}_β^1 goes by induction on β as follows, distinguishing three cases. But first

- ⊗ we have to remark that in steps with $\beta \in S^*$ we will only assume that \underline{D}_β is a \mathbb{P}_β^1 -name for a system of subsets if $V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}^1}$, where

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1} \underline{D}_\beta \in [\mathcal{P}(V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}^1})]^{\leq \lambda},$$

first we will deduce some properties of \mathbb{P}_χ^1 based on only this weak assumption up until the end of the proof of Lemmas 3.35 and 3.34 and then we will verify that the \underline{D}_β 's ($\beta \in S^*$) can be suitably chosen (during the inductive process of defining the iteration \mathbb{P}_χ^1) so that the iteration fulfills all our remaining demands from $(\mathfrak{T})_1$ - $(\mathfrak{T})_6$. This will be a standard bookkeeping argument.

- ⊗ Similarly, for steps in $\chi \setminus S^* \setminus \{0, 1\}$ up until the end of the proof of Lemmas 3.35 and 3.34 we only assume that $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1} \underline{M}_\beta \in (K_\kappa)_\lambda$, i.e. is a \mathbb{P}_β^1 -name for a κ -colored graph on λ .
- For every $M = \langle |M|, R_\alpha^M : \alpha < \kappa \rangle \in (K_\kappa)_\lambda$ we will use the notation $c_M : [\lambda]^2 \rightarrow \kappa$ denoting the color of the edge between i and j , i.e.

$$c_M(i, j) = \alpha \iff (i, j) \in R_\alpha^M.$$

Case (1): $\beta = 1$.

Let $\mathbb{Q}_1^1 \in \mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{Q}_0^1}$ be the forcing for obtaining a random κ -colored graph on λ with conditions of power $< \kappa$, i.e. $q \in \mathbb{Q}_1^1$ iff

- (i) $q \subseteq \{[i R_\gamma j] : i \neq j < \lambda, \gamma < \kappa\}$,
- (ii) $\forall i \neq j < \lambda$ we have

$$([i R_\gamma j], [i R_{\gamma'} j] \in q) \implies (\gamma = \gamma'),$$

- (iii) $|q| < \kappa$,

with the usual ordering. Then

- (\diamond)₁ the generic object $\underline{M}_* = \langle \lambda, \underline{R}_\alpha^{M_*} : \alpha < \kappa \rangle$ satisfies

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_2^1} \langle \underline{R}_\alpha^{M_*} : \alpha < \kappa \rangle \text{ is a partition of } [\lambda]^2.$$

Case (2): $\beta \in \chi \setminus S^* \setminus \{0, 1\}$.

In order to define $\mathbb{Q}_\beta^1 \in \mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1}$ (formally a \mathbb{P}_β^1 -name $\mathbb{Q}_\beta^1 \in \mathbf{V}_1$) we first need to work in $\mathbf{V}'_1 = \mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_1^1} (= \mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{Q}_0^1})$ as preparation. Let Υ be a large enough regular cardinal, and define the continuous increasing chain $\overline{N}_\beta = \langle N_{\beta, \gamma} : \gamma < \lambda \rangle \in \mathbf{V}'_1$ so that

- $\beta, \mathbb{P}_\beta^1, \langle \overline{N}_\gamma : \gamma \in \beta \setminus S^* \setminus \{0, 1\} \rangle, \mathbf{G}_1^1 \in N_{\beta, 0}$ (the generic filter over \mathbb{P}_1^1),
- $\kappa + 1 \subseteq N_{\beta, 0}$,
- for each $\gamma < \lambda$:
 - (\bullet)_a $N_{\beta, \gamma} \prec (\mathcal{H}(\Upsilon)^{\mathbf{V}'_1}, \in)$,
 - (\bullet)_b $|N_{\beta, \gamma}| < \lambda$,
 - (\bullet)_c $N_{\beta, \gamma} \cap \lambda$ is an initial segment of λ
 - (\bullet)_d $N_{\beta, \gamma} \cap \lambda < N_{\beta, \gamma+1} \cap \lambda$,
 - (\bullet)_e for $\varepsilon < \lambda$ limit $N_{\beta, \varepsilon} = \bigcup_{\gamma < \varepsilon} N_{\beta, \gamma}$,

and

- (\diamond)₂ let $\xi_\beta(\gamma) = N_{\beta, \gamma} \cap \lambda$ ($\gamma < \lambda$).

So the set $\{\xi_\beta(\gamma) : \gamma < \lambda\}$ is a club subset of λ , and as S_β is stationary (Lemma 3.21) the set $C_\beta = \text{cl}(S_\beta \cap \{\xi_\beta(\gamma) : \gamma < \lambda\})$ (i.e. the smallest closed set containing $S_\beta \cap \{\xi_\beta(\gamma) : \gamma < \lambda\}$) is a club. Therefore the system $\langle N_{\beta,\gamma} : \gamma < \lambda \wedge \xi_\beta(\gamma) \in C_\beta \rangle$ (after reparametrizing) clearly satisfies $(\bullet)_a$, hence we can assume that

$$(\diamond)_3 \ \{\xi_\beta(\gamma + 1) : \gamma \in \lambda\} \subseteq S_\beta,$$

and we let

$$(\diamond)_4 \ N_\beta^* = \{\xi_\beta(\gamma) : \gamma \in \lambda\}.$$

For later reference we remark that the κ -almost disjointness of the S_α 's and $(\diamond)_3$ together implies

$$(\diamond)_5 \ \text{if } \beta \neq \alpha < \chi \text{ then } |\{\xi_\beta(\delta + 1) : \delta \in \lambda\} \cap \{\xi_\alpha(\delta + 1) : \delta \in \lambda\}| < \kappa.$$

Now the forcing $\mathbb{Q}_\beta^1 \in \mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1}$ is defined so that it shall give an embedding f_β of the κ -colored graph $M_\beta \in \mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1}$ into M_* , formally defined by

$$(\diamond)_6 \ q \in \mathbb{Q}_\beta^1, \text{ iff}$$

(i) q is a set of elementary conditions of the following form

- $[f_\beta(i) = j]$, where $j \in \{\xi_\beta(\nu + 1) : \kappa i \leq \nu < \kappa(i + 1)\}$ (so necessarily $i < j$),
- $[j \notin \text{ran}(f_\beta)]$ for some $j < \lambda$,

(this is necessary for the κ -cc),

(ii) the collection q corresponds to a partial injection, and free of any explicitly contradictory subset of terms, by which we mean that

- (a) there are no $i, j \in \lambda$ s.t. $[f_\beta(i) = j], [j \notin \text{dom}(f_\beta)] \in q$,
- (b) there are no $i, j_0 \neq j_1 \in \lambda$ s.t. $[f_\beta(i) = j_0], [f_\beta(i) = j_1] \in q$,
- (c) there are no $[f_\beta(i_0) = j_0], [f_\beta(i_1) = j_1] \in q$ s.t. $c_{M_\beta}(i_0, i_1) \neq c_{M_*}(j_0, j_1)$.

Note that f_β 's are automatically injective by (i).

(iii) $|q| < \kappa$.

Case (3): $\beta \in S^*$.

As \underline{D}_β is a \mathbb{P}_β^1 -name for a system of subsets of $V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}_1}$, if additionally for each $\alpha < \kappa$ $|(\cup \underline{D}_\beta) \upharpoonright \alpha| < \kappa$ holds (and if \underline{D}_β generates a proper κ -complete filter), then we define \mathbb{Q}_β^1 to be the Mathias forcing \mathbb{Q}_{D_β} from Definition 3.1, otherwise we can let \mathbb{Q}_β^1 to be the trivial forcing. Note that this requirement ensures that

$$(\diamond)_7 \ \text{if } (w, A) \in \mathbb{Q}_\beta^1, \text{ then } |w| < \kappa.$$

This completes Definition 3.28.

Now it is straightforward to check that each \mathbb{Q}_α^1 is (forced to be) $< \kappa$ -directed closed, so \mathbb{P}_χ^1 is a $< \kappa$ -support iteration of $< \kappa$ -directed closed posets, \mathbb{P}_χ^1 itself is $< \kappa$ -directed closed by [Bau78, Thm 2.7]. (In particular it does not add any new sequence of length $< \kappa$.) Since forcing M_* goes by $< \kappa$ -approximations ($\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_1^1} (\underline{q} \in \mathbb{Q}_1^1) \rightarrow (|\underline{q}| < \kappa)$), we have:

Observation 3.29. *For each $\beta \in \chi \setminus S^* \setminus \{0, 1\}$ forcing with \mathbb{Q}_β^1 over $\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1}$ adds an embedding $f_\beta : M_\beta \rightarrow M_*$.*

We already saw that $\mathbb{P}_1^1 = \mathbb{Q}_0^1$ is λ^+ -cc (Lemma 3.21), now we prove that in $\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_1^1}$ the quotient forcing $\mathbb{P}_\chi^1 / \mathbf{G}_1^1$ has the κ^+ -cc (no matter how we choose the \mathbb{P}_β^1 -name \underline{D}_β , or \underline{M}_β , at first only assumed to satisfy \circledast for $2 \leq \beta < \chi$), after which not only

will the λ^+ -ccness of $\mathbb{P}_1^1 * (\mathbb{P}_\chi^1 / \mathbf{G}_1^1)$ follow (and of \mathbb{P}_χ^1 , too), but some easy calculation will be sufficient for ensuring $(\tau)_{2-(\tau)_6}$. In order to prove the antichain condition we will need some technical preparation, the same way as in [She90]. Recalling that each \mathbb{P}_α^1 is $< \kappa$ -closed (and $(\diamond)_7$) is straightforward to prove (by induction on α) that

(*)₂ The set

$$D_\alpha^\bullet = \{p \in \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1 : \forall \gamma \in \text{dom}(p) \begin{array}{l} (\beta \in S^*) \rightarrow [\exists w_\gamma \in \mathbf{V}_1 \text{ s.t. } \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\gamma^1} p(\gamma) = (\check{w}_\gamma, \check{A}_\gamma)] \\ (\beta \notin S^*) \rightarrow [\exists s_\gamma \in \mathbf{V}_1 \text{ s.t. } \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\gamma^1} p(\gamma) = \check{s}_\gamma] \end{array}\}$$

is a dense subset of \mathbb{P}_α^1 .

(*)₃ Therefore, in the quotient forcing $\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1 / \mathbf{G}_1^1$ (as defined in [Bau78], or see below) the set

$$D_\alpha^0 = \{p \in \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1 / \mathbf{G}_1^1 : \exists q_0 \in \mathbf{G}_1^1 : \langle q_0 \rangle \cup p \in D_\alpha^\bullet\} \in \mathbf{V}'_1$$

is dense (where $\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1 / \mathbf{G}_1^1 = \{p \upharpoonright (\text{dom}(p) \setminus \{0\}) : p \in \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1\} \in \mathbf{V}'_1$, and $p \leq_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1 / \mathbf{G}_1^1} q$, iff for some $r_0 \in \mathbf{G}_1^1 \subseteq \mathbb{P}_1^1$: $\langle r_0 \rangle \cup p \leq_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1} \langle r_0 \rangle \cup q$).

(*)₄ With a slight abuse of notation (in order to avoid further notational awkwardness) we will identify each condition $p \in D_\alpha^0 \subseteq \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1 / \mathbf{G}_1^1$ with the function on the same domain, but for each $\gamma \in \text{dom}(p)$

- if $\beta \in S^*$ then writing $p(\beta) = (w, \check{A})$ (instead of some \mathbb{P}_β^1 -name satisfying $\langle q_0 \rangle \cup p \upharpoonright \beta \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1} p(\beta) = (\check{w}, \check{A})$ for some $q_0 \in \mathbf{G}_1^1$),
- if $\beta \notin S^*$, $\beta > 0$, then writing $p(\beta) = s$, where s is a set of symbols as in Case (1), (2) in Definition 3.28 (instead of $\langle q_0 \rangle \cup p \upharpoonright \beta \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1} p(\beta) = \check{s}$ for some $q_0 \in \mathbf{G}_1^1$).

Note that (as \mathbb{P}_1^1 is $< \kappa$ -closed and $D_\alpha^0 \subseteq \mathbf{V}_1$)

(*)₅ for any $\alpha \leq \chi$, and increasing sequence $\bar{p} = \langle p_\zeta : \zeta < \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$ in D_α^0 if $\bar{p} \in \mathbf{V}'_1$, then \bar{p} has a least upper bound in $\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1 / \mathbf{G}_1^1$, which we will denote by $\lim_{\zeta < \varepsilon} p_\zeta$, and this limit is in D_α^0 . For the sake of completeness we include the formal definition of $\lim_{\zeta < \varepsilon} p_\zeta$. The limit of $\bar{p} = \langle p_\zeta : \zeta < \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$ is the function p^* , where

- (a) $\text{dom}(p^*) = \bigcup_{\zeta < \varepsilon} \text{dom}(p_\zeta)$,
- (b) for $\beta \in S^* \cap \text{dom}(p^*)$ $p^*(\beta) = (\bigcup_{\zeta < \varepsilon} w_{p_\zeta(\beta)}, \check{A}_\beta)$, where $p_\zeta(\beta) = (w_{p_\zeta(\beta)}, A_{p_\zeta(\beta)})$, and \check{A}_β is the \mathbb{P}_β^1 -name defined so that $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1} \check{A}_\beta = \bigcap_{\zeta < \varepsilon} A_{p_\zeta(\beta)}$ holds,
- (c) for $\beta \in \chi \setminus S^*$, $\beta > 0$, set $p^*(\beta) = \bigcup_{\zeta < \varepsilon} p_\zeta(\beta)$.

Definition 3.30. In \mathbf{V}'_1 for each $\alpha \leq \chi$, $\delta \leq \lambda$, for each condition $p \in D_\alpha^0$ we define $p^{[\delta]}$ to be the function with $\text{dom}(p^{[\delta]}) = \text{dom}(p)$, and

- (a) if $1 \in \text{dom}(p)$, then $p^{[\delta]}(1) = \{[i R_\gamma j] \in p(1) : i, j < \delta\}$,
- (b) for $1 < \beta \in \text{dom}(p) \cap S^*$ we let $p^{[\delta]}(\beta) = p(\beta)$,
- (c) otherwise (for $1 < \beta \in \text{dom}(p) \setminus S^*$) we let

$$p^{[\delta]}(\beta) = \{[f_\beta(i) = j] \in p(\beta) : i, j < \max\{\xi_\beta(\gamma) : \gamma < \lambda, \xi_\beta(\gamma) \leq \delta\}\} \cup \{[j \notin \text{ran}(f_\beta)] \in p(\beta) : j < \max\{\xi_\beta(\gamma) : \gamma < \lambda, \xi_\beta(\gamma) \leq \delta\}\}.$$

Observe that, because of each p and each $p(\beta)$ ($\beta \in \text{dom}(p)$) has support of size $< \kappa$, and $\lambda > \kappa$ is regular,

- (*)₆ for each $\alpha \leq \chi$, $p \in D_\alpha^0 \subseteq (\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1)$ we have $p^{[\delta]} = p$ for every large enough δ , and
 (*)₇ clearly $p^{[\delta]} \upharpoonright \beta = (p \upharpoonright \beta)^{[\delta]}$ (for $\beta < \chi$).

Note that for $p \in D_\alpha^0 \subseteq \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1$ the reduced function $p^{[\delta]}$ is in \mathbf{V}'_1 (even in \mathbf{V}_1), but is not necessarily a condition in $\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1$. Nevertheless,

- (*)₈ for $p \leq q \in D_\alpha^0$ with $p^{[\delta]}, q^{[\delta]} \in D_\alpha^0$ (i.e. if they are conditions in $\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1$) we obviously have $p^{[\delta]} \leq q^{[\delta]}$.

It is straightforward to check the following (by induction on α).

Observation 3.31. For each $\alpha \leq \chi$, $p \in D_\alpha^0$ and $\delta < \lambda$

- a) $p^{[\delta]}$ is an actual condition (i.e. belongs to $D_\alpha^0 \subseteq \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1$), iff for every $\beta \in \text{dom}(p)$
- $p^{[\delta]} \upharpoonright \beta \in \mathbb{P}_\beta^1$, and
 - (letting $\delta_\beta^- = \max(N_\beta^* \cap (\delta + 1))$)
- (3.17) $(\forall i_0, j_0, i_1, j_1) \text{ if } [f_\beta(i_0) = j_0], [f_\beta(i_1) = j_1] \in p(\beta), \text{ then :}$
 $j_0, j_1 < \delta_\beta^- \longrightarrow p^{[\delta]} \upharpoonright \beta \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1} c_{M_\beta}(i_0, i_1) = c_{M_*}(j_0, j_1).$

b) In particular, for limit α

$$p^{[\delta]} \in \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1 \iff \left[(\text{for cofinally many } \varepsilon < \alpha) : p^{[\delta]} \upharpoonright \varepsilon \in \mathbb{P}_\varepsilon^1 \right],$$

c) while for $\alpha = \beta + 1$

$$p^{[\delta]} \in \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1 \iff p^{[\delta]} \upharpoonright \beta \in \mathbb{P}_\beta^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1 \text{ and (3.17) holds.}$$

The following notion and lemma is of central importance.

Definition 3.32. In $\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_1^1}$ for $\alpha \leq \chi$ define

$$D_\alpha^* = \{p \in D_\alpha^0 : (\forall \delta < \lambda) p^{[\delta]} \in \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1\}.$$

Having Observation 3.31 in our mind it is easy to check the following.

- (*)₉ Whenever $\langle p_\zeta : \zeta < \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$ is an increasing sequence in D_α^* , then $\lim_{\zeta < \varepsilon} p_\zeta \in D_\alpha^*$.

This leads to the statements about how $p \in D_\alpha^*$ and $p \upharpoonright \beta \in D_\beta^*$ ($\beta < \alpha$) relate to each other.

Observation 3.33. For each $\alpha \leq \chi$, $p \in D_\alpha^0$

- a) $p \in D_\alpha^*$, iff for every $\beta \in \text{dom}(p)$ and for every $\delta < \lambda$

$$p \upharpoonright \beta \in D_\beta^*,$$

and (letting $\delta_\beta^- = \max(N_\beta^* \cap (\delta + 1))$)

- (3.18) $(\forall i_0, j_0, i_1, j_1) \text{ if } [f_\beta(i_0) = j_0], [f_\beta(i_1) = j_1] \in p(\beta), \text{ then:}$
 $j_0, j_1 < \delta_\beta^- \longrightarrow p^{[\delta]} \upharpoonright \beta \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1} c_{M_\beta}(i_0, i_1) = c_{M_*}(j_0, j_1).$

b) In particular, for limit α

$$p \in D_\alpha^* \iff (\text{for cofinally many } \varepsilon < \alpha) : p \upharpoonright \varepsilon \in D_\varepsilon^*,$$

c) while for $\alpha = \beta + 1$

$$p \in D_\alpha^* \iff [p \upharpoonright \beta \in D_\beta^*] \text{ and [for each } \delta < \lambda \text{ (3.18) holds for } \beta.]$$

We are ready to state the two lemmas on which the correctness of the entire construction depends. Lemma 3.35 makes it possible to enumerate and embed all possible graphs on λ into M_* , which can be proved relying on Lemma 3.34.

Lemma 3.34. *For $\alpha \leq \chi$*

$$\blacksquare_\alpha^1 \quad \mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1} \models D_\alpha^* \text{ is dense in } \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1/\mathbf{G}_\alpha^1.$$

Lemma 3.35. *For every $\alpha \leq \chi$*

$$\blacksquare_\alpha^2 \quad \mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1} \models \mathbb{P}_\alpha^1/\mathbf{G}_\alpha^1 \text{ has the } \kappa^+ \text{-cc.}$$

Proof. We proceed by induction, and prove Lemmas 3.34 and 3.35 simultaneously: More exactly we prove Lemma 3.34 for α provided that both Lemmas holds for β 's less than α , and we verify the κ^+ -cc property for \mathbb{P}_α^1 assuming that D_α^* is a dense subset of $\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1/\mathbf{G}_\alpha^1$. For $\alpha \leq 2$ (when $\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1/\mathbf{G}_\alpha^1$ is essentially the forcing \mathbb{Q}_1^1 of the random graph Case (1) of Definition 3.28) the statement \blacksquare_α^1 clearly holds, moreover, \blacksquare_α^2 holds recalling $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$.

Suppose we know that for each $\varepsilon < \alpha$ \blacksquare_α^1 and \blacksquare_α^2 hold. Assume first that α is limit. If $\text{cf}(\alpha) \geq \kappa$, then $\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1 = \bigcup_{\varepsilon < \alpha} \mathbb{P}_\varepsilon^1$, $D_\alpha^* = \bigcup_{\varepsilon < \alpha} D_\varepsilon^*$, so the latter is dense, we are done.

Second, if α is limit, but $\text{cf}(\alpha) < \kappa$, then let $\langle \eta_\theta : \theta < \text{cf}(\alpha) \rangle$ be a continuous increasing sequence with limit α , let $p_{-1} \in D_\alpha^0$ be arbitrary. We will choose the increasing sequence $\langle p_\theta : \theta < \text{cf}(\alpha) \rangle$ in D_α^0 with $p_0 \geq p_{-1}$, and $p_\theta \upharpoonright \eta_\theta \in D_{\eta_\theta}^*$. This would suffice as for each $\theta < \text{cf}(\alpha)$ the sequence $p_\varrho \upharpoonright \eta_\varrho$ ($\varrho < \text{cf}(\alpha)$) is eventually in $D_{\eta_\theta}^*$, so for $p^* = \lim_{\varrho < \text{cf}(\alpha)} p_\varrho$ using (*) we have $p^* \upharpoonright \eta_\theta \in D_{\eta_\theta}^*$, leading to

$$(\forall \theta < \text{cf}(\alpha)) p^* \upharpoonright \eta_\theta \in D_{\eta_\theta}^*,$$

so by b) we are done. For the construction of the p_θ 's, as D_α^0 and $D_{\eta_\theta}^*$'s are $< \kappa$ -closed we only have to ensure that $p_\theta \in D_\alpha^0$ can be chosen so that not only $p_\theta \geq p_\varrho$ ($\varrho < \theta$), but $p_\theta \upharpoonright \eta_\theta \in D_{\eta_\theta}^*$. Now applying the induction hypothesis, we can find $p_\theta^* \in D_{\eta_\theta}^*$ such that it extends $(\lim_{\varrho < \theta} p_\varrho) \upharpoonright \eta_\theta$ (in $\mathbb{P}_{\eta_\theta}^1/\mathbf{G}_{\eta_\theta}^1$). Finally, let p_θ be the least upper bound of p_θ^* and $(\lim_{\varrho < \theta} p_\varrho)$ (in fact for θ limit we did not even have to appeal to the induction hypothesis if $\bar{\eta}$ is continuous).

Third, if $\alpha = \beta + 1$, let $p_{-1} \in D_\alpha^0$ be arbitrary and we will extend $p_{-1} \upharpoonright \beta$ to $p^* \in D_\beta^*$ (using \blacksquare_β^1) in such a way that the right hand side of Observation 3.33 c) holds for $p = p^* \cup \langle p_{-1}(\beta) \rangle$ (so that $p \in D_\alpha^*$, $p \geq p_{-1}$).

For this, let $\{j_\theta : \theta < \nu\}$ enumerate $\{j < \lambda : [f_\beta(i) = j] \in p_{-1}(\beta) \text{ for some } i < \lambda\}$ in increasing order, and we can fix the system $\{i_\theta : \theta < \nu\}$ so that

$$(\odot)_1 \quad \{i_\theta : \theta < \nu\} \text{ is such that for each } \theta [f_\beta(i_\theta) = j_\theta] \in p_{-1}(\beta).$$

Note that by Definition 3.28/Case (2)/ (i)

$$(\odot)_2 \quad \text{for each } \theta: i_\theta < j_\theta,$$

and also we can choose γ_θ for each $\theta < \nu$ such that $\xi_\beta(\gamma_\theta) = j_\theta$, thus

$$(\odot)_3 \quad \text{we have}$$

$$\{j < \lambda : \exists i < \lambda [f_\beta(i) = j] \in p_{-1}(\beta)\} = \{j_\theta : \theta < \nu\} = \{\xi_\beta(\gamma_\theta) : \theta < \nu\}.$$

Now we construct the increasing sequence $\langle p_\theta : \theta < \nu \rangle$ in D_β^* with the properties

$$(\alpha) \quad p_{-1} \upharpoonright \beta \leq p_0,$$

(β) for each $\theta < \nu$, for each $\varepsilon_0 < \varepsilon_1 < \theta$

$$p_\theta^{[\xi_\beta(\gamma_{\varepsilon_1+1})]} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1} c_{M_\beta}(i_{\varepsilon_0}, i_{\varepsilon_1}) = c_{M_*}(j_{\varepsilon_0}, j_{\varepsilon_1}).$$

This clearly suffices, as we can let $p^* = \lim_{\theta < \nu} p_\theta \in D_\beta^*$, and then $p = p^* \cup \langle p_{-1}(\beta) \rangle$ belongs to D_α^* , (\blacksquare) $_\alpha^1$ follows, indeed. (To see that the condition p belongs to D_α^* , recall $j_{\varepsilon_1} = \xi_\beta(\gamma_{\varepsilon_1})$ so $\xi_\beta(\gamma_{\varepsilon_1} + 1)$ is the minimal $\delta < \lambda$ with $p^{[\xi_\beta(\gamma_{\varepsilon_1+1})]}(\beta)$ containing the symbol $[f_\beta(i_{\varepsilon_1}) = j_{\varepsilon_1}]$, therefore by Observation 3.33 c) we are done.)

Appealing to the induction hypothesis, let $p_0 \in D_\beta^*$, $p_0 \geq p_{-1}$. Using the $< \kappa$ -closedness of D_β^* ($(*)_9$) it is enough to deal with the successor case, that is, for each θ choose $p_{\theta+1}$ such that $p_{\theta+1}^{[\xi_\beta(\gamma_{\theta+1})]}$ forces that the partial function $i_\varepsilon \mapsto j_\varepsilon$ ($\varepsilon \leq \theta$) is an embedding of $M_\beta \upharpoonright \{i_\varepsilon : \varepsilon \leq \theta\}$ into $M_* \upharpoonright \{j_\varepsilon : \varepsilon \leq \theta\}$. Using again ($*$) $_9$

(\odot) $_6$ it suffices to show that for each $\varepsilon < \theta$ and $q \geq p_{-1} \upharpoonright \beta$, where $q \in D_\beta^*$, there exists $q' \in D_\beta^*$, $q' \geq q$

$$q'^{[\xi_\beta(\gamma_{\theta+1})]} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1} c_{M_\beta}(i_\varepsilon, i_\theta) = c_{M_*}(j_\varepsilon, j_\theta).$$

We will see that this follows from the following (formally) more general lemma, stated here for later reference.

Lemma 3.36. *For every $\beta \leq \chi$, $q \in D_\beta^*$, $\delta < \lambda$, $i', i'' < \max(N_\beta^* \cap (\delta + 1))$ there exists $q' \in D_\beta^*$, $q' \geq q$ such that*

$$q'^{[\delta]} \text{ forces a value to } c_{M_\beta}(i', i'').$$

Moreover, if q satisfies

$$(3.19) \quad \begin{aligned} & (\forall \gamma \in \text{dom}(q) \setminus S^*) (\forall i, j) : \\ & [([f_\beta(i) = j]) \in q(\gamma) \setminus q^{[\delta]}(\gamma)] \longrightarrow (j = \max(N_\gamma^* \cap (\delta + 1)) \wedge j < \delta) \\ & \text{and } (q(1) = q^{[\delta]}(1)) \end{aligned}$$

(hence $\delta \notin N_\gamma^*$ for $\gamma \in \text{dom}(q) \setminus S^*$), then there exists q' for which additionally:

$$(\forall \gamma \in \text{dom}(q') \setminus S^*) : q'(\gamma) \setminus q'^{[\delta]}(\gamma) = q(\gamma) \setminus q^{[\delta]}(\gamma).$$

(Here we remark that lemma is for every β , and uses the κ^+ -cc property of $\mathbb{P}_\beta^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1$, but we will only apply it to our fixed β , for proving (\odot) $_6$, that is, to complete the proof of $((\blacksquare)_\beta^1 \wedge (\blacksquare)_\beta^1) \rightarrow (\blacksquare)_\alpha^1$.)

Proof. (Lemma 3.36) So fix $q \in D_\beta^*$, let ϱ be chosen so that $\xi_\beta(\varrho) = \max(N_\beta^* \cap (\delta + 1))$, so $i', i'' < \xi_\beta(\varrho) \leq \delta$, and recall that for the model $N_{\beta, \varrho} \prec (\mathcal{H}^{\mathbf{V}_1}(\mathcal{T}), \in)$ we know that $i', i'', M_\beta, \mathbb{P}_\beta^1, \mathbf{G}_1^1 \in N_{\beta, \varrho}$ (and thus $\mathbb{P}_\beta^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1 \in N_{\beta, \varrho}$). So we can find $A \in N_{\beta, \varrho}$ such that A is a maximal antichain in $D_\beta^* \subseteq \mathbb{P}_\beta^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1$, each $p \in A$ decides the value of $c_{M_\beta}(i', i'')$. But as $\mathbb{P}_\beta^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1$ has the κ^+ -cc, and $\kappa + 1 \subseteq N_{\beta, \varrho}$ we have that $A \subseteq N_{\beta, \varrho}$.

So

(\boxplus) $_1$ let $q' \in D_\beta^*$ be a common upper bound of q and some $q'' \in A$.

We have to argue that not only $q' \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1} c_{M_\beta}(i', i'') = c_*$ (for some $c_* < \kappa$) but

$$(3.20) \quad q'^{[\delta]} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1} c_{M_\beta}(i', i'') = c_*.$$

For (3.20) it is enough to prove that $q''^{[\delta]} = q''$, because then $q'^{[\delta]} \geq q''^{[\delta]} = q''$ (by ($*$) $_8$), which decides $c_{M_\beta}(i', i'')$, yielding (3.20), as we wanted. But as $q'' \in N_{\beta, \varrho}$,

and $\lambda \cap N_{\beta, \varrho} = \xi_\beta(\varrho) \leq \delta$, we have $\text{dom}(q'') \subseteq N_{\beta, \varrho}$. Now for each $\zeta \in \text{dom}(q'') \setminus S^* \setminus \{0, 1\}$ we have $\langle N_{\zeta, \iota} : \iota < \lambda \rangle \in N_{\beta, \varrho}$ (recall Case (2) from Definition 3.28), so $\xi_\beta(\varrho)$ is an accumulation point of the $\xi_\zeta(\iota)$'s. Hence we get that

(\boxplus)₂ for each $\zeta \in \text{dom}(q'') \setminus S^* \setminus \{0, 1\}$ $\xi_\beta(\varrho) = \xi_\zeta(\iota)$ for some $\iota < \lambda$ (in fact, for $\iota = \xi_\beta(\varrho)$),

so $q''^{[\xi_\beta(\varrho)]} = q''^{[\delta]} = q''$, we are done.

Finally, for the moreover part, if $\gamma \in \text{dom}(q) \setminus S^*$, let $\delta_\gamma^- = \max(N_\gamma \cap (\delta + 1))$, and define i_γ^- to be the unique ordinal s.t.

$$(3.21) \quad [f_\gamma(i_\gamma^-) = \delta_\gamma^-] \in q(\gamma)$$

(if there exists). Note that our conditions on q imply that if i_γ^- is defined, then $i_\gamma^- < \delta_\gamma^-$, and by our conditions (3.19)

$$\delta_\gamma^- < \delta.$$

Now by induction and by the first part define $q'' \geq q$ such that for every $\gamma \in \text{dom}(q'') \setminus S^*$ with i_γ^- defined

$$([f_\gamma(i) = j] \in q''^{[\delta]}(\gamma)) \rightarrow q''^{[\delta]} \upharpoonright \gamma \text{ decides the value } c_{M_\gamma}(i, i_\gamma^-),$$

and

$$([f_\gamma(i) = j] \in q''^{[\delta]}(\gamma)) \rightarrow q''^{[\delta]}(1) \text{ decides the value } c_{M_*}(j, \delta_\gamma^-)$$

(in fact this latter follows from $j, \delta_\gamma^- < \delta$ and (3.21)). Now clearly $q''^{[\delta]} \geq q^{[\delta]}$, and we can define the condition q' to be the least upper bound of $q''^{[\delta]}$ and q (which is just adding symbols $[f_\gamma(i_\gamma^-) = \delta_\gamma^-] \in q(\gamma)$): this is possible, as for every γ with i_γ^- defined we have that $q''^{[\delta]} \upharpoonright \gamma$ forces that $q''^{[\delta]}(\gamma) \cup \{[f_\gamma(i_\gamma^-) = \delta_\gamma^-]\}$ is indeed a partial embedding.

□_{Lemma3.36}

Turning back to the statement from (\odot)₆, as $j_\varepsilon < j_\theta = \xi_\beta(\gamma_\theta) < \xi_\beta(\gamma_\theta + 1)$ we also have $i_\varepsilon, i_\theta < \xi_\beta(\gamma_\theta)$ (thus obviously $i_\varepsilon, i_\theta < \xi_\beta(\gamma_\theta + 1)$). Apply the lemma with $\delta = \xi_\beta(\gamma_\theta + 1)$, $i' = i_\varepsilon$, $i'' = i_\theta$,

(\odot)₇ let $q' \in D_\beta^*$ be given by the lemma, so

$$(3.22) \quad q' \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1} c_{M_\beta}(i_\varepsilon, i_\theta) = c_{M_*}(j_\varepsilon, j_\theta)$$

(which is obvious, as

(\odot)₈ $q' \geq p_{-1} \upharpoonright \beta$, and p_{-1} is a proper condition in D_α^0 with $[f_\beta(i_\theta) = j_\theta]$, $[f_\beta(i_\varepsilon) = j_\varepsilon] \in p_{-1}(\beta)$, hence $q' \wedge \langle p_{-1}(\beta) \rangle$, too).

It remains to argue that

$$(3.23) \quad q'^{[\xi_\beta(\gamma_\theta+1)]} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1} c_{M_\beta}(i_\varepsilon, i_\theta) = c_{M_*}(j_\varepsilon, j_\theta).$$

But $q'^{[\xi_\beta(\gamma_\theta+1)]} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\beta^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1} c_{M_\beta}(i_\varepsilon, i_\theta) = c_*$ (for some $c_* < \kappa$) and if $[j_\varepsilon R_{c_*} j_\theta] \notin q'^{[\xi_\beta(\gamma_\theta+1)]}(1)$ (so does not belong to $q'(1)$), then adding $[j_\varepsilon R_{c_*+1} j_\theta]$ to the first coordinate of q' would lead to a contradiction with (3.22). This verifies that assuming the induction hypotheses for β , the assertion (\blacksquare) _{α} ¹ holds, i.e. the set $D_{\beta+1}^* = D_\alpha^*$ is dense in $\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1$.

Now assuming that D_α^* is dense we are ready to prove that $\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1$ has the κ^+ -cc. So let $\langle p_\gamma : \gamma < \kappa^+ \rangle$ be an antichain in D_α^* . By extending each p_γ

(\odot)₉ we can assume that for each $\gamma < \kappa^+$

- (i) for each $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_\gamma)$, for each $i_0, i_1, j_0 < j_1$ with $[f_{\beta'}(i_0) = j_0], [f_{\beta'}(i_1) = j_1] \in p_\gamma(\beta')$ the condition $p^{[j_1]} \upharpoonright \beta'$ decides the value $c_{M_{\beta'}}(i_0, i_1)$,
- (ii) for each $\gamma < \kappa^+$ the condition $p_\gamma(1)$ is a complete graph on some set L_γ with its edges colored, i.e.

$$L_\gamma = \{i < \lambda : \exists i' < \lambda \exists \varepsilon < \kappa [i R_\varepsilon i'] \in p_\gamma(1)\},$$

$$\text{so } (\forall i, j \in L_\gamma) (\exists \delta < \kappa) : [i R_\delta j] \in p_\gamma(1).$$

- (iii) for each $\gamma < \kappa^+$ and $\beta' \neq \beta'' \in \text{dom}(p_\gamma) \setminus S^* \setminus \{0, 1\}$ we have

$$\{\xi_{\beta'}(\rho + 1) : \rho < \lambda\} \cap \{\xi_{\beta''}(\rho + 1) : \rho < \lambda\} \subseteq L_\gamma$$

(recall that $|\{\xi_{\beta'}(\rho + 1) : \rho < \lambda\} \cap \{\xi_{\beta''}(\rho + 1) : \rho < \lambda\}| < \kappa$ by $(\diamond)_5$),

- (iv) for each $\gamma < \kappa^+$ and $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_\gamma) \setminus S^* \setminus \{0, 1\}$, for each $j < \lambda$ if either $[j \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})] \in p_\gamma(\beta')$, or $[f_{\beta'}(i) = j] \in p_\gamma(\beta')$ (for some $i < \lambda$), then $j \in L_\gamma$,

- (v) for each $\gamma < \kappa^+$, $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_\gamma)$ and $j < \lambda$, if $j \in L_\gamma$, then

$$(j \in \{\xi_{\beta'}(\rho + 1) : \rho < \lambda\}) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{either} & [j \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})] \in p_\gamma(\beta') \\ \text{or (for some } i) & [f_{\beta'}(i) = j] \in p_\gamma(\beta'), \end{cases}$$

- (vi) the set $L_\gamma \subseteq \lambda$ is closed, of limit order type,

[This is possible, a simple induction using Lemma 3.36, and the fact

$$[f_\beta(i) = j] \in p_\gamma(\beta) \rightarrow j \in N_\beta^*$$

(and $(*)_9$) yield that there is $p'_\gamma \geq p_\gamma$ in D_α^* , with $(p'_\gamma \upharpoonright \beta)^{[j_1]}$ determining the value $c_{M_\beta}(i_0, i_1)$ whenever $[f_{\beta_0}(i_0) = j_0] \in p_\gamma(\beta_0)$, $[f_{\beta_1}(i_1) = j_1] \in p_\gamma(\beta_1)$ (for some $j_0 < j_1$, or if either of the i 's belongs to the universe of $p_\gamma(1)$). Now repeating this ω -many times we get a condition satisfying (i). Then we can obtain an even stronger condition satisfying (ii)-(vi) by only adding symbols of the form $[j \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})]$ at coordinates $1 < \beta' \in \chi \setminus S^*$ and extending also $p'_\gamma(1)$.]

As κ is strongly inaccessible in \mathbf{V}_1 (by $(*)_1$), and in $\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_1^1}$ (as \mathbb{P}_1^1 is $< \kappa$ -closed), we can apply the delta system lemma, so w.l.o.g. $\langle \text{dom}(p_\gamma) : \gamma < \kappa^+ \rangle$ forms a delta system. By applying the delta system lemma again we can assume that for each $\beta' \in \cap \{\text{dom}(p_\gamma) : \gamma < \kappa\} \setminus S^*$ each of the following systems of sets forms a delta system:

- L_γ ($\gamma < \kappa^+$),
- $I_\gamma(\beta') = \left\{ i : \begin{array}{l} [f_{\beta'}(i) = j] \in p_\gamma(\beta') \vee \exists j \in [\xi_{\beta'}(\kappa i), \xi_{\beta'}(\kappa(i+1))] \\ [j \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})] \in p_\gamma(\beta') \end{array} \right\} (\gamma < \kappa^+).$

Therefore (recalling that each $i < \lambda$ has κ -many possible images) there are $\xi \neq \zeta < \kappa^+$, such that p_ξ and p_ζ has no explicitly contradictory terms on the coordinates concerning the κ -colored graphs, and agreeing in the first part of the condition on the coordinates dedicated to Mathias forcing, under which we mean the following (w.l.o.g. we can assume that $\xi = 0$, $\zeta = 1$):

- $(\odot)_{10}$ for each $i, j \in L_0(1) \cap L_1(1)$ there exists some $\varepsilon < \kappa$ s.t. $[i R_\varepsilon j] \in p_0(1) \cap p_1(1)$,
- $(\odot)_{11}$ for $\beta' \in \chi \setminus S^* \setminus \{0, 1\}$ (if $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cap \text{dom}(p_1)$) the set $p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta')$ determines a partial injection from a subset of λ to a subset of λ , i.e. satisfies (ii) (a), (b) (from Definition 3.28 Case (2)),

(\odot)₁₂ for $\beta \in S^* \cap \text{dom}(p_0) \cap \text{dom}(p_1)$ $p_0(\beta) = (w_\beta, \underline{A}_{0,\beta})$, $p_1(\beta) = (w_\beta, \underline{A}_{1,\beta})$ for some $w_\beta \in [V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}_1}]^{<\kappa}$, and \mathbb{P}_β^1 -names $\underline{A}_{0,\beta}$, $\underline{A}_{1,\beta}$.

Now p_0 and p_1 appear as good candidates for a compatible pair in our supposed antichain, but we cannot take just the upper bound coordinate wise, as for coordinates $\beta' > 1$ outside S^* it will not necessarily force that $p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta')$ is an embedding of $\underline{M}_{\beta'}$ to \underline{M}_* . Although it is not immediate, the following claim shows that we can construct a common upper bound, which will complete the proof of $(\blacksquare)_\alpha^2$ for α .

Claim 3.37. *There exists a condition $q \in D_\alpha^*$ extending both p_0 and p_1 .*

Proof. (\bullet)₁ By adding symbols of the form $[j \notin \text{ran}(f_\beta)]$ to $p_0(\beta)$, $p_1(\beta)$ we can assume the following (not harming (\odot)₁₁)

- (\bullet)_{1a} for $1 < \beta \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1)$ if $[f_\beta(i) = j_\theta] \in p_0(\beta) \cup p_1(\beta)$ holds for no i then $[j_\theta \notin \text{ran}(f_\beta)] \in p_0(\beta) \cap p_1(\beta)$,
- (\bullet)_{1b} whenever $\beta' \neq \beta'' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1)$, $j^* \in \{\xi_{\beta'}(\rho + 1) : \rho < \lambda\} \cap \{\xi_{\beta''}(\rho + 1) : \rho < \lambda\} \cap j_\varrho$ and there is no i with $[f_{\beta'}(i) = j^*] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_0(\beta'')$ then $[j^* \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})] \in p_0(\beta') \cap p_1(\beta')$,
- (\bullet)₂ Let $\{j_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \varrho\}$ be a continuous increasing sequence for which,
 - (\bullet)_{2a} whenever $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1) \setminus S^*$, and j is such that either $[j \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta')$, or $[f_{\beta'}(i) = j] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta')$ for some i , then $j = j_\theta$ for some $\theta < \varrho$. (Therefore, $L_0 \cup L_1 = \{j : [j R_\nu j'] \in p_0(1) \cup p_1(1) \text{ for some } j' < \lambda, \nu < \kappa\} \subseteq \{j_\theta : \theta < \varrho\}$.)
 let $j_\varrho = \sup\{j_\theta : \theta < \varrho\}$, let $j_{\varrho+1}$ be an ordinal which is bigger than $\min(N_{\beta'}^* \setminus j_\varrho)$ for any $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1) \setminus S^*$.
- (\bullet)₃ We construct the increasing sequence $\langle q_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \varrho + 2 \rangle$ in D_α^* satisfying

$$q_\varepsilon^{[j_\varepsilon]} \geq p_0^{[j_\varepsilon]}, p_1^{[j_\varepsilon]},$$

- (\bullet)₄ and also we require that for each $\varepsilon < \varrho$ the strict inequality $q_\varepsilon(\beta') \geq q_\varepsilon^{[j_\varepsilon]}(\beta')$ is possible if and only if $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1) \setminus \{1\}$ and $(\delta_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^- = \max(N_{\beta'}^* \cap (j_\varepsilon + 1)) < j_\varepsilon$ hold, and then for each such β' the difference

$$q_\varepsilon(\beta') \setminus q_\varepsilon^{[j_\varepsilon]}(\beta') = \begin{cases} \{[f_{\beta'}(i) = (\delta_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^-]\}, & \text{if } [f_{\beta'}(i) = (\delta_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^-] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta'), \\ \{[(\delta_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^- \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})]\}, & \text{if } [(\delta_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^- \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta'), \end{cases}$$

While otherwise, if neither $[(\delta_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^- \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})]$ belongs to $p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta')$ nor is there an i with $[f_{\beta'}(i) = (\delta_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^-] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta')$, then $q_\varepsilon(\beta') = q_\varepsilon^{[j_\varepsilon]}(\beta')$. (Since for the generic embedding $f_{\beta'}$ $\text{ran}(f_{\beta'}) \subseteq N_{\beta'}^*$ must hold, roughly speaking q_ε contains all the information from p_0 and p_1 strictly below j_ε .)

Now we claim that provided the sequence $\langle q_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \varrho + 2 \rangle$ exists there is a common upper bound of p_0 and p_1 .

Observation 3.38. $q_{\varrho+1}$ is an upper bound of p_0 and p_1 .

Claim 3.39. *There exists a sequence $\langle q_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \varrho + 2 \rangle$ satisfying (\bullet)₃, (\bullet)₄.*

Proof. We define q_0 to be the upper bound of $p_0^{[j_0]}$ and $p_1^{[j_0]}$ to satisfy (\bullet)_{1a}, (\bullet)_{1b}: For $\beta' \in S^*$ if $p_0(\beta') = (w_{\beta'}, \underline{A}_{0,\beta'})$, $p_1(\beta') = (w_{\beta'}, \underline{A}_{1,\beta'})$ then we let $s_0(\beta') = (w, \underline{B}_{\beta'})$ (where $\underline{B}_{\beta'}$ is the $\mathbb{P}_{\beta'}^1$ -name satisfying $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\beta'}^1} \underline{B}_{\beta'} = \underline{A}_{0,\beta'} \cap \underline{A}_{1,\beta'}$). Because of $q_0 = q_0^{[j_0]}$ (by (\bullet)₃), and recalling (\odot)₉/(iv) for $\gamma = 0, 1$, $q_0(1)$ can only be the empty condition. Furthermore, for $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1) \setminus S^*$, $\beta' > 1$ we let

$$(\Delta)_1 \quad q_0(\beta') = \{[j \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta') : j < j_0 \wedge j \leq \sup(N_{\beta'}^* \cap j_0)\}.$$

So $q_0, q_0^+ \in D_\alpha^0$ in fact belong to D_α^* , and we obviously have $(\bullet)_3, (\bullet)_4$.

Now suppose that q_θ 's are already defined for $\theta < \varepsilon$, and we shall construct q_ε , but we need to deal with limit and successor ε 's differently.

Case A: ε is limit.

Let $s_\varepsilon = \lim_{\theta < \varepsilon} q_\theta \in D_\alpha^*$, we argue that we can choose a suitable extension of s_ε to be q_ε . For q_ε we only extend s_ε on coordinates $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1) \setminus (\{1\} \cup S^*)$. So fix such a β' . First, if $j_\varepsilon \notin N_{\beta'}^*$ (hence $N_{\beta'}^*$ is bounded in j_ε) then we let $q_\varepsilon(\beta') = s_\varepsilon(\beta')$. Second, if $j_\varepsilon \in N_{\beta'}^*$, and it is an accumulation point of $N_{\beta'}^*$, then again we do nothing, we just let $q_\varepsilon(\beta') = s_\varepsilon(\beta')$. But if j_ε is a successor of $(j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^- = \max(N_{\beta'}^* \cap j_\varepsilon)$ in $N_{\beta'}^*$, then first note that

$$(\Delta)_2 \quad p_0^{[j_\varepsilon]}(\beta') \cup p_1^{[j_\varepsilon]}(\beta') \subseteq p_0^{[(j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^-]}(\beta') \cup p_1^{[(j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^-]}(\beta') \cup \{[j_\theta \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})] : j_\theta \geq (j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^- \} \cup \{[f_{\beta'}(i) = (j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^-] : i < (j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^- \}$$

(in fact j 's between two consecutive element of $N_{\beta'}^*$ are irrelevant in terms of the forcing and the embedding $f_{\beta'}$). Moreover, as ε is limit (and $\langle j_\theta : \theta < \varrho + 2 \rangle$ is closed by $(\bullet)_2$) there is $\theta \in \varepsilon$ with $j_\theta \in ((j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^-, j_\varepsilon)$, and by $(\bullet)_3, (\bullet)_4$ we have (for such θ)

$$(\Delta)_3 \quad q_\theta(\beta') \subseteq s_\varepsilon(\beta') \subseteq s_\varepsilon^{[(j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^-]}(\beta') \cup \{[(j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^- \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})], [f_{\beta'}(i) = (j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^-] : i < (j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^- \}.$$

Again

$$(\Delta)_4 \quad s_\varepsilon(\beta') \supseteq p_0^{[(j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^-]}(\beta') \cup p_1^{[(j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^-]}(\beta'), \text{ and}$$

$$(\Delta)_5 \quad s_\varepsilon(\beta') \supseteq (p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta')) \cap \{[(j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^- \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})], [f_{\beta'}(i) = (j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^-] : i < (j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^- \}.$$

so there is no problem adding $\{[j_\theta \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta') : (j_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^- < j_\theta < j_\varepsilon\}$ to $s_\varepsilon(\beta')$ obtaining $q_\varepsilon(\beta')$. In each of the cases it is also easy to check $(\bullet)_4$.

Case B: $\varepsilon = \theta + 1$.

We summarize first which symbols the $q_\varepsilon(\beta')$'s ($\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1)$) would have to include in order for q_ε to satisfy $q_\varepsilon^{[j_\varepsilon]} \geq p_0^{[j_\varepsilon]}, p_1^{[j_\varepsilon]}$, and $(\bullet)_4$. Of course only the case $\beta' \notin S^*$ is relevant.

$(\Delta)_6$ for $\beta' = 1$ the set to cover is

$$(3.24) \quad p_0^{[j_\varepsilon]}(1) \cup p_1^{[j_\varepsilon]}(1) \setminus q_\theta(1) = \{[j_\theta R_\tau j] \in p_0(0) \cup p_1(0) : j < j_\theta, \tau < \kappa\}.$$

By $(\bullet)_{2a}$

$(\Delta)_7$ for $1 < \beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1) \setminus S^*$ the set $q_\varepsilon(\beta')$ has to include the set

$$(3.25) \quad \{[f_{\beta'}(i) = j_\theta] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta') : i \in \lambda\}$$

(which is actually either a singleton, or the empty set) and

$$(3.26) \quad \{[j \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta') : j \in ((\delta_\theta^{\beta'})^-, \delta_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^- \} \cup \{j_\theta\} \setminus \{j_\varepsilon\}$$

(where $(\delta_\theta^{\beta'})^- = \sup(N_{\beta'}^* \cap (j_\theta + 1))$, $(\delta_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^- = \sup(N_{\beta'}^* \cap (j_\varepsilon + 1))$, possibly $(\delta_\theta^{\beta'})^- = (\delta_\varepsilon^{\beta'})^- \leq j_\theta$). Recall that if $[f_{\beta'}(i) = j_\theta] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta')$ for some i , then necessarily $j_\theta \in N_{\beta'}^*$, hence $(\delta_\theta^{\beta'})^- = j_\theta$.

First we are going to extend q_θ to a condition q_θ^+ with $q_\theta^+(1)$ including the set in (3.24), and for $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1) \setminus S^*$ the condition $q_\theta^+(\beta')$ including the set in (3.25).

Subclaim 3.40. *There exists $q_\theta^+ \geq q_\theta$ in D_α^* with*

- (*)_a $q_\theta^+(1) \supseteq \{[j_\theta R_\tau j] \in p_0(0) \cup p_1(0) : j < j_\theta, \tau < \kappa\}$,
- (*)_b for each $0 < \beta' \notin S^*$

$$q_\theta^+(\beta') \ni [j_\theta \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})], \text{ if } [j_\theta \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta'),$$

$$q_\theta^+(\beta') \supseteq \{[f_{\beta'}(i) = j_\theta] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta') : i < j_\theta\},$$

while

- (*)_c $q_\theta^+(1) \subseteq q_\theta^{+[j_\theta]}(1) \cup \{[j R_\nu j_\theta] : j < j_\theta, \nu < \kappa\}$,
- (*)_d and for each $1 < \beta' \notin S^*$

$$q_\theta^+(\beta') \subseteq q_\theta^{+[(j_\theta^{\beta'})^-]}(\beta') \cup \{[f_{\beta'}(i) = j_\theta] : i < j_\theta\} \cup \{[j_\theta \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})]\}.$$

Assuming the subclaim (which guarantees that q_θ^+ satisfies $(\bullet)_4$) we only have to add symbols of the form $[j \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})]$ (sets in (3.26)) to the $q_\theta^+(\beta')$'s to obtain the condition $q_{\theta+1} = q_\varepsilon$ satisfying $(\bullet)_3$ and $(\bullet)_4$, therefore Subclaim 3.40 will finish the proof of Claim 3.39

Proof. (Subclaim 3.40)

- (\blacktriangle)₁ For each fixed β' where $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1)$ with $[f_{\beta'}(i) = j_\theta] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta')$ for some i let $i_\theta^{\beta'}$ denote this unique i .

Now observe that

- (\blacktriangle)₂ for each β' with $i_\theta^{\beta'}$ defined, for each $j' < j_\theta$ with $[f_{\beta'}(i') = j'] \in q_\theta(\beta')$ for some i' note that $i' < j' \leq (\delta_\theta^{\beta'})^- = j_\theta$ and $i_\theta^{\beta'} < (\delta_\theta^{\beta'})^- = j_\theta$, so we can apply Lemma 3.36, and thus each condition q in D_α^* can be extended to $q' \in D_\alpha^*$ with $q'^{[j_\theta]}$ deciding the color $c_{M_{\beta'}}(i', i_\theta^{\beta'})$.

So enumerating all possible pairs (β', i') (that are as in (\blacktriangle)₂) and recalling $(*)_9$ we infer that

- (\blacktriangle)₃ for some $q^* \geq q_\theta$ the condition $q^{*[j_\theta]} \upharpoonright \beta' \in D_\alpha^*$ decides the color $c_{M_{\beta'}}(i', i_\theta^{\beta'})$ for all such pairs from $\{(\beta', i') : \beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1), \exists j [f_{\beta'}(i') = j] \in q_\theta\}$,
- (\blacktriangle)₄ repeat this for pairs in $\{(\beta', i') : \exists j [f_{\beta'}(i') = j] \in q^{*[j_\theta]}\}$, and let $q^{**} \in D^*$ be the condition obtained after countable many such steps,

so

- (\blacktriangle)₅ the condition $q^{**} \in D_\alpha^*$, $q^{**} \geq q_\theta$ with $q^{**[j_\theta]} \upharpoonright \beta'$ deciding the color $c_{M_{\beta'}}(i', i_\theta^{\beta'})$ for all $(\beta', i') \in \{(\beta', i') : \beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1), \exists j [f_{\beta'}(i') = j] \in q^{**[j_\theta]}(\beta')\}$,

Finally recall that by $(\bullet)_4$ $q_\theta(1) = q_\theta^{[j_\theta]}(1)$, and for each $\beta' \in \text{dom}(q_\theta) \setminus S^*$ then $q_\theta(\beta') \setminus q_\theta^{[j_\theta]}(\beta')$ can only be non-empty if $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1)$ (and if it is indeed non-empty then it is a singleton $[j_\theta \notin \text{ran}(f_{\beta'})]$ or $[f_{\beta'}(i) = j_\theta]$, where $(\delta_\theta^{\beta'})^- < j_\theta$).

- (\blacktriangle)₆ This means that after possibly replacing $q_\theta^{**}(\beta')$ by $q_\theta^{**[j_\theta]}(\beta') \cup q_\theta(\beta')$ using (\blacktriangle)₅ it is easy to see that we get a condition $q^{**} \in D_\alpha^*$ (which still satisfies both $(\bullet)_4$ and $(\blacktriangle)_5$).

Now we are at the position to construct the desired q_θ^+ as an extension of q^{**} . (In order to include the symbols listed in $(*)_a$, and $(*)_b$ for β' 's with $(\delta_\theta^{\beta'})^- = j_\theta$, but constructing a proper condition in D_α^*), our task is to determine the color $\nu(j^*, j_\theta) = c_{M^*}(j^*, j_\theta)$ (i.e. add $[j^* R_{\nu(j^*, j_\theta)} j_\theta]$ to $q^{**}(1)$) for each j^* and β' such that

- $[f_{\beta'}(i_\theta^{\beta'}) = j_\theta] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta')$,
- and for some i^* $[f_{\beta'}(i^*) = j^*] \in q^{**[j_\theta]}(\beta')$,

so that $\nu(j^*, j_\theta) = c_{M_{\beta'}}(i^*, i_\theta^{\beta'})$ (this latter value is the color forced by $q^{**[j_\theta]} \upharpoonright \beta'$ by $(\blacktriangle)_5$). Then adding also the symbols $[f_{\beta'}(i_\theta^{\beta'}) = j_\theta] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta')$ will work.

So fix a pair j^*, j_θ as above. Now we will make use of the preparations $(\odot)_9$ and $(\bullet)_1$ and show that there are no contradicting demands concerning the value of $\nu(j^*, j_\theta)$. We distinguish the following cases.

Case (1): for some $\nu^* < \kappa$ we have $[j^* R_{\nu^*} j_\theta] \in p_0(1) \cup p_1(1)$.

Then necessarily $j^* = j_\eta$ for some $\eta < \theta$, and the only option is to

$$(3.27) \quad \text{put } [j_\eta R_{\nu^*} j_\theta] \in q_\varepsilon^+(1),$$

i.e. define $\nu(j_\eta, j_\theta) = \nu^*$. Note that this implies $j_\eta, j_\theta \in L_0$. Pick an arbitrary $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1)$ satisfying $[f_{\beta'}(i_\theta^{\beta'}) = j_\theta] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta')$ and for some i^* $[f_{\beta'}(i^*) = j_\eta] \in q^{**}(\beta')$.

If $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0)$, then by $(\odot)_9/(v)$, which implies that both $[f_{\beta'}(i_\theta^{\beta'}) = j_\theta]$, $[f_{\beta'}(i^*) = j_\eta] \in p_0(\beta')$, so by $(\odot)_9/(i)$ $p_0^{[j_\theta]} \upharpoonright \beta'$ forces a value to $c_{M_{\beta'}}(i^*, i_\theta^{\beta'})$. Hence, $q^{**[j_\theta]} \upharpoonright \beta' \geq q_\theta^{[j_\theta]} \upharpoonright \beta' \geq p_0^{[j_\theta]} \upharpoonright \beta'$ forces the same value for $c_{M_{\beta'}}(i^*, i_\theta^{\beta'})$ (by our hypothesis on q_θ $(\bullet)_3$), which is ν^* .

Otherwise, assume that $\beta' \notin \text{dom}(p_0)$ (so necessarily $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_1)$ and $[f_{\beta'}(i_\theta^{\beta'}) = j_\theta] \in p_1(\beta')$, and $j_\theta \in L_1$). Then again (by our construction and $(\bullet)_1/(\bullet)_{1a}$) the only way that $[f_{\beta'}(i^*) = j_\eta] \in q_\theta$ can happen for some i^* is when $[f_{\beta'}(i^*) = j_\eta] \in p_1(\beta')$, but then $(\odot)_9/(iv)$ implies that $j_\eta \in L_1$, so $[j_\eta R_{\nu^*} j_\theta] \in p_1(\beta')$ is a member of $p_1(\beta')$, too, and then we can proceed as in the case above (i.e. arguing that $p_1^{[j_\theta]} \upharpoonright \beta' \Vdash c_{M_{\beta'}}(i^*, i_\theta^{\beta'}) = \nu^*$).

Case (2): for no $\nu^* < \kappa$ do we have $[j^* R_{\nu^*} j_\varepsilon] \in p_0(1) \cup p_1(1)$.

Case (2A): $j^* = j_\eta$ for some $\eta < \theta$ (so by (ii) necessarily $|\{j_\eta, j_\theta\} \cap (L_0 \setminus L_1)| = |\{j_\eta, j_\theta\} \cap (L_1 \setminus L_0)| = 1$).

We can assume, that $j_\eta \in L_0 \setminus L_1$, $j_\theta \in L_1 \setminus L_0$. This means that

- $(\blacktriangle)_7$ for no β' does there exist i such that $[f_{\beta'}(i) = j_\eta] \in p_1(\beta')$, and similarly, $[f_{\beta'}(i) = j_\theta] \in p_0(\beta')$ is impossible

by our assumption $(\odot)_9/(iv)$ on p_0 and p_1 . So by $(\bullet)_1/(\bullet)_{1a}$ $[f_{\beta'}(i) = j_\eta] \in q_\theta(\beta')$ is only possible for any $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1)$ if $[f_{\beta'}(i) = j_\eta] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta')$, so this case necessarily $[f_{\beta'}(i) = j_\eta] \in p_0(\beta')$. Summing up, for each β' with the prospective q_θ^+ forcing $j_\eta \in L_0 \setminus L_1$, $j_\theta \in L_1 \setminus L_0$ to be in the range of $f_{\beta'}$ the only possibility is that

$$(3.28) \quad [f_{\beta'}(i_\theta^{\beta'}) = j_\theta] \in p_1(\beta'), \text{ and}$$

$$(3.29) \quad \text{for some } i^* [f_{\beta'}(i^*) = j_\eta] \in p_0(\beta').$$

Now we argue that at most one such $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1)$ may exist (then by $(\blacktriangle)_5$ we can put $[j^* R_{\nu^*} j_\varepsilon] \in q_\theta^+(\beta')$ with $\nu^* < \kappa$ defined by $q^{**[j_\theta]} \upharpoonright \beta' \Vdash c_{M_{\beta'}}(i^*, i_\theta^{\beta'}) = \nu^*$, and we are done).

So assume on the contrary, let $\beta' \neq \beta''$ be such that (3.28) (3.29) hold. Then clearly $\beta', \beta'' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cap \text{dom}(p_1)$, and $j_\theta, j_\eta \in \{\xi_{\beta'}(\rho+1) : \rho < \lambda\} \cap \{\xi_{\beta''}(\rho+1) : \rho < \lambda\}$, then by our assumption (on all the p_γ 's) $(\odot)_9/(iii)$ contradicts $(\blacktriangle)_7$.

Case (2B): j^* is not of the form j_θ for any $\theta < \varepsilon$.

This case we argue that at most one $\beta' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1)$ could exist with $[f_{\beta'}(i_\theta^{\beta'}) = j_\theta] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta')$ satisfying that for some $i^* [f_{\beta'}(i^*) = j^*] \in q^{**}(\beta')$. (Then again by $(\blacktriangle)_5$ we can put $[j^* R_{\nu^*} j_\theta] \in q_\theta^+(\beta')$ with $\nu^* < \kappa$, $q^{**[j_\theta]} \upharpoonright \beta' \Vdash c_{M_{\beta'}}(i^*, i_\theta^{\beta'}) = \nu^*$.)

So if there are $\beta' \neq \beta'' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1)$ with

- $[f_{\beta'}(i^*) = j^*] \in q_\theta(\beta')$ for some i^* ,
- $[f_{\beta''}(i^{**}) = j^*] \in q_\theta(\beta'')$ for some i^{**} ,
- $[f_{\beta'}(i_\theta^{\beta'}) = j_\theta] \in p_0(\beta') \cup p_1(\beta')$,
- $[f_{\beta''}(i_\theta^{\beta''}) = j_\theta] \in p_0(\beta'') \cup p_1(\beta'')$,

then again as in Case (2A) we can get to an easy contradiction (i.e. $\beta', \beta'' \in \text{dom}(p_0) \cup \text{dom}(p_1)$, and $j^* \in \{\xi_{\beta'}(\rho+1) : \rho < \lambda\} \cap \{\xi_{\beta''}(\rho+1) : \rho < \lambda\}$, hence $(\bullet)_1/(\bullet)_{1b}$ implies $[j^* \notin \text{ran}(f_\beta)] \in p_0(\beta') \cap p_1(\beta')$, similarly for β'' . Now recall $q^{**} \geq q_\theta$ and $(\bullet)_4$).

□Subclaim3.40

□Claim3.39

□Claim3.37

□Lemmas3.34and3.35

Having proven that \mathbb{P}_χ^1 (and each \mathbb{P}_α^1 , $\alpha \leq \chi$) is the composition of a λ^+ -cc and a κ^+ -cc forcing, so itself λ^+ -cc, we have $(\top)_3$. Moreover, recall Claim 3.25 and that $\mathbb{Q}_0^1 = Q(\lambda, \chi, \kappa)$, so \mathbb{Q}_0^1 does not collapse any cardinal, while $\mathbb{P}_\chi^1/\mathbf{G}_1^1$ is κ^+ -cc, $< \kappa$ -closed, so \mathbb{P}_χ^1 being the composition of the forcings preserving cardinals itself does not collapse any cardinal, we get $(\top)_4$. An easy calculation yields the following.

Claim 3.41. *For each $\alpha < \chi$ we have $\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1} \models |\mathbb{Q}_\alpha^1| \leq \chi$. Therefore, up to equivalence \mathbb{P}_χ^1 is of power χ .*

Proof. For $\mathbb{P}_1^1 = \mathbb{Q}_0^1$ we already know $|\mathbb{Q}_1^1|$ by Observation (3.24). We have to prove the two statements simultaneously by induction on α . As \mathbb{P}_χ^1 is a $< \kappa$ -support iteration, and $\chi^{< \kappa} \leq \chi^\lambda = \chi$, by our premises it is enough to prove for the successor case. So for each $\alpha < \chi$ it is enough to show that $\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1} \models |\mathbb{Q}_\alpha^1| \leq \chi$. For $\alpha = 1$ as \mathbb{Q}_1^1 is a forcing of a κ -colored random graph on λ with conditions of size $< \kappa$ we get that $|\mathbb{Q}_1^1| = \lambda^{< \kappa} \leq \chi$ (in fact $|\mathbb{Q}_1^1| = \lambda$).

For α with $1 < \alpha \notin S^*$ (so Definition 3.28 Case (2)). Again, each condition in \mathbb{Q}_α^1 can be coded by a partial function of size $< \kappa$ on λ to $\lambda+1$, so $|\mathbb{Q}_\alpha^1| = \lambda^{< \kappa} \leq \chi$.

Finally, for $\alpha \in S^*$ (Definition 3.28 Case (3)), $\mathbb{Q}_\alpha^1 = \mathbb{Q}_{D_\alpha}^1$ is the Mathias type forcing from Definition 3.1, where D_α is a system of subsets of $V_\kappa^{\mathbf{V}_1}$ generating a

κ -complete filter, so $|\mathbb{Q}_\alpha^1| \leq (2^{|V_\kappa|})^{\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1}} = (2^\kappa)^{\mathbf{V}_1^{\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1}} \leq \chi$ (because $|\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1| = \chi$, \mathbb{P}_α^1 is λ^+ -cc, and we assumed $(\chi^\lambda)^{\mathbf{V}_1} = \chi$).

□_{Lemma3.41}

So now we are ready to complete the definition of \mathbb{P}_χ^1 by prescribing the names \underline{D}_δ ($\delta \in S^*$) and \underline{M}_δ ($1 < \delta \notin S^*$), which are standard easy bookkeeping arguments (using $|\mathbb{P}_\chi^1| = \chi$ and the λ^+ -cc), but for the sake of completeness we elaborate. This will prove $(\tau)_5$ and $(\tau)_6$, so complete the proof of Conclusion 3.20.

Claim 3.42. *The system of \underline{D}_δ 's can be chosen so that for every \mathbb{P}_χ^1 -name \underline{D} with $\mathbf{V}_1 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\chi^1} \underline{D} \in [\mathcal{P}(V_\kappa)]^{\leq \lambda}$ there exists a $\delta \in S^*$, such that for the \mathbb{P}_δ^1 -name \underline{D}_δ we have $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\chi^1} \underline{D} = \underline{D}_\delta$*

Proof. It is obvious that by $\chi^\lambda = \chi$ (so $\text{cf}(\chi) > \lambda$) and the λ^+ -cc for every such \underline{D} there is a nice \mathbb{P}_δ^1 -name for some $\delta < \chi$. As forcing with the $< \kappa$ -closed \mathbb{P}_χ^1 does not add new elements to V_κ we get that for each δ there are $\chi^{\kappa \cdot \lambda} = \chi$ -many such nice names. Also, as $|S^*| = \chi$ we can partition $S^* = \bigcup_{\alpha < \chi} S_\alpha^*$ with $S_\alpha^* \cap \alpha = \emptyset$, $|S_\alpha^*| = \chi$, we can let $\langle \underline{D}_\delta : \delta \in S_\alpha^* \rangle$ list the nice names for subsets of $\mathcal{P}(V_\kappa)$. □_{Claim3.42}

A similar calculation yields the following.

Claim 3.43. *The system of \underline{M}_δ 's can be chosen so that for every \mathbb{P}_χ^1 -name for a κ -colored graph \underline{M} on λ there exists a $1 < \delta \notin S^*$, such that for the \mathbb{P}_δ^1 -name \underline{M}_δ we have $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\chi^1} \underline{M} = \underline{M}_\delta$.*

Proof. Easy.

□_{Claim3.43}

□_{3.20}

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