

HOMOGENEOUS FORCING

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

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

The main application is improving the consistency result of Kellner and Shelah [KS11], and Horowitz and Shelah [HS] on saccharinity. But presently, we only have many automorphisms of the index set L and therefore of the iteration of iterands Q ; we do not have homogeneity of Q , and we do not have automorphisms mapping names of Q -reals onto each other.

§ 0. INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

- ₁ Forcing notions \mathbb{P} with lots of automorphisms. E.g. for small $\mathbb{P}' < \mathbb{P}$ and two relevant \mathbb{P} -names η_1, η_2 , generic for the same relevant forcing \mathbb{Q} over $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}'}$, there is an automorphism of \mathbb{P} over \mathbb{P}' mapping η_1 to η_2 .
- ₂ Models of $\mathbf{ZF} + \mathbf{DC} +$ “every set of reals is equivalent to a Borel set modulo the null ideal (or other reasonable ideal)”. (The relevant forcing \mathbb{Q} was Random Real forcing for the null ideal — another prominent case: for the meagre ideal, Cohen forcing.)

Concerning the classical case of Lebesgue measurability, another formulation is “no non-measurable set is easily definable,” formulated¹ in $\mathbf{L}[\mathbb{R}]$. See the history and more in [RS04], [RS06].

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

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

Notation 0.1. 0) Given κ , the Borel sets are the smallest family of subsets of 2^κ containing all basic sets of the form $\{\nu \in 2^\kappa : \nu(\alpha) = i\}$ and closed under complements and union of $\leq \kappa$ many sets.

- 1) $\text{id}_{<\partial}(\mathbb{Q}, \eta)$ is the ideal consisting of the union of $< \partial$ many Borel sets \mathbf{B} such that $\Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}} \text{“}\eta \notin \mathbf{B}\text{”}$.
- 2) Let $\text{id}_{\leq \partial}(\mathbb{Q}, \eta)$ be $\text{id}_{<\partial^+}(\mathbb{Q}, \eta)$.
- 3) $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \varepsilon, \zeta$ will denote ordinals; δ will be a limit ordinal if not stated otherwise.
- 4) $S_\kappa^\lambda := \{\delta < \lambda : \text{cf}(\delta) = \kappa\}$.
- 5) Recall that $\mathbb{L}_{\sigma, \sigma}$ is defined like first-order logic, but allowing $\bigwedge_{i < \alpha} \varphi_i$ for $\alpha < \sigma$ and $(\exists \dots x_i \dots)_{i \in I}$ with I of cardinality $< \sigma$.

Comparing [KS11] to the older results (such as Solovay):

- _{1.1} The forcing \mathbb{Q} collapsed no cardinal, but was not ccc; this² we consider a drawback.
- _{1.2} The model, as in those older results, does satisfy $\text{ZF} + \text{DC}$.
- _{1.3} The iteration was along a homogeneous linear order.
- _{1.4} We get only a somewhat weaker version of measurability, the ideal being $\text{id}_{\leq \aleph_1}(\mathbb{Q}, \eta)$ instead of $\text{id}_{<\aleph_1}(\mathbb{Q}, \eta)$.

Alternatively,

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

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

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

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

We continue [She04b], [She], but do not rely on them. Instead of defining iterations we introduce them axiomatically and allow $\kappa > \aleph_0$ (in the support), but it suffices here to demand that the memory is a set, not an ideal. Unlike [She04b], the present paper does not address forcing $\mathfrak{a} > \mathfrak{d}$. Earlier continuations of [She04b] and [She] were the parallel papers, in preparation, with preliminary number F2009 and F2029 (and later, their descendants F2330 and F2329). There, as in [She04b],

² Note that Solovay uses Levy collapse of an inaccessible, but the later versions use ccc ones (mainly for the meagre ideal).

we sometimes replace the set $I_{\mathfrak{s}}^{\mathfrak{s}}$ (see 1.1) by an ideal (sometimes the whole power set) and use more general definable forcing notions.

In our iteration we are allowed to replace \aleph_0 by some $\kappa = \kappa^{<\kappa}$, so the forcing notions are $(<\kappa)$ -complete κ^+ -cc. But we need a forcing notion analogous to the one in [HS]: this will hopefully be done in a continuation (in preparation, preliminary number F2261).

§ 0(B). Preliminaries.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3) Whenever we just write ‘a κ -forcing,’ we mean the strong version.

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

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

*_a Given a sequence $\langle p_i : i < \kappa^+ \rangle$ of members of \mathbb{P} , there is a set⁴ $C \in D$ and a regressive function \mathbf{h} on C such that

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

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

2) Here $\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}$ will denote ATIs (*abstract template iterations*); i.e. members of \mathbf{Q}_{pre} (the weakest version — see Definition 1.5).

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

³ It seems sufficient to just demand

- ₁ Instead of clause (2)_a of [She22, 0.2(B)_{=Lx2}], we use the game of length ε of [She00] (with ε a limit ordinal $< \kappa$; the natural choice is $\varepsilon = \partial$).
- ₂ \mathbb{Q} is strategically ζ -complete for every $\zeta < \kappa$.
- ₃ There exists some $\theta \in \text{Reg}$ such that any increasing θ -sequence has a lub.

⁴ Yes! Not just ‘ $C \in D^+$,’ see [She22].

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

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

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

§ 1. THE FRAME

Definition 1.1. 0) Let \mathbf{T} be the class of (∂, κ) -combinatorial templates (defined below), assuming $\partial = \text{cf}(\partial) > \kappa$.

(∂ serves as an upper bound on the cardinality of some objects in the template: if there is no upper bound, we may write $\partial = \infty$ or we may omit it.)

1) A (∂, κ) -CT (a (∂, κ) -combinatorial template) \mathfrak{s} consists of:

(a) A linear order $L_{\mathfrak{s}}$ (we could have used ‘partial order’; it does not really matter for our purposes).

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

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

2) For $\mathfrak{s} \in \mathbf{T}$, we add new objects $t(+)$ for all $t \in L_{\mathfrak{s}}$, as well as ∞ , and define $L_{\mathfrak{s}}^+$, $L_{\mathfrak{s},x}^+$, $L_{\mathfrak{s},x}^+$, etc. as follows.

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

(b) Naturally, $\langle t : t \in L_{\mathfrak{s}} \rangle \wedge \langle t(+): t \in L_{\mathfrak{s}} \rangle \wedge \langle \infty \rangle$ is without repetition.

(c) $<_{L_{\mathfrak{s}}^+}$ is the closure, to a linear order, of the set

$$\{t < t(+): t \in L_{\mathfrak{s}}\} \cup \{s(+)< t: s <_{L_{\mathfrak{s}}} t\} \cup \{t(+)< \infty: t \in L_{\mathfrak{s}}\}.$$

(d) For $t \in L_{\mathfrak{s}}^+$, let $L_{\mathfrak{s},t} := \{s \in L_{\mathfrak{s}} : s <_{L_{\mathfrak{s}}} t\}$ and $L_{\mathfrak{s},t}^+ := \{s \in L_{\mathfrak{s}}^+ : s <_{L_{\mathfrak{s}}^+} t\}$.

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

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

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

5) We call $L \subseteq L_{\mathfrak{s}}$ *closed* (really, ‘ \mathfrak{s} -closed’) when $t \in L \Rightarrow I_t^{\mathfrak{s}} \subseteq L$. (E.g., if $L \trianglelefteq L_{\mathfrak{s}}$ is an end-extension of L).

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

7) If $t \in L_{\mathfrak{s}}$ and $L \subseteq L_{\mathfrak{s}}$, we may abuse notation and write L_t in place of $L \cap L_{\mathfrak{s},t}$.

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) $L_{\mathfrak{s}_1} \subseteq L_{\mathfrak{s}_2}$ as linear orders.
- (b) We use in \mathfrak{s}_1 and \mathfrak{s}_2 the same ∞ and $t(+)$ for all $t \in L_{\mathfrak{s}_1}$.
- (c) If $t \in L_{\mathfrak{s}_1}$ then $I_t^{\mathfrak{s}_1} = I_t^{\mathfrak{s}_2}$ (hence $L_{\mathfrak{s}_1}$ is \mathfrak{s}_2 -closed).

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

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

Proof. Easy. □_{1.3}

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

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

(ATI stands for *abstract template iterations*.)

Definition 1.5. For \mathfrak{s} a combinatorial template, we say \mathbf{q} is a *weak \mathfrak{s} -ATI* when it consists of the objects

- $\mathfrak{s} \in \mathbf{T}$ (we write $L_{\mathbf{q}}$ and $L_{\mathbf{q},t}$ instead of $L_{\mathfrak{s}}$ and $L_{\mathfrak{s},t}$),
- a quasiorder \mathbb{P}
- for all $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$:
 - a “ground model” set S_t ,
 - in case $\kappa > \aleph_0$, a “ground model” function $\mathbf{H}_t : {}^{\kappa} > (S_t) \rightarrow S_t$, and
 - names (for a suitable poset, see below) \mathbb{Q}_t and η_t ,

such that the following is satisfied:

- (A) (a) \mathbb{P} is a weak κ -forcing notion (as in Definition 0.3(2)).
- (b) If $p \in \mathbb{P}$ then p is a function with domain $\text{dom}(p) \in [L_{\mathbf{q}}]^{<\kappa}$.
- (B) For $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}^+$, we define $\mathbb{P}_t := \{p \in \mathbb{P} : \text{dom}(p) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q},t}\}$ (with the order from \mathbb{P}), and require:
 - (a) \mathbb{P}_t is a weak κ -forcing, and
 - (b) $\mathbb{P}_t < \mathbb{P}$ (a complete subforcing).
 So a \mathbb{P} -generic filter $\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}}$ canonically gives us, for each $s \in L_{\mathbf{q}}^+$, a \mathbb{P}_s -generic (over \mathbf{V}) filter, which we call $\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_s}$.
- (C) For $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$,
 - (a) \mathbb{Q}_t is a \mathbb{P}_t -name,
 - (b) \mathbb{P}_t forces that \mathbb{Q}_t is a weak κ -forcing with set of elements S_t .
 - (c) η_t is a $\mathbb{P}_{t(+)}$ -name of a member of ${}^{S_t}2$, (which we may identify with the subset $\eta_t^{-1}(1)$ of S_t),
 - (d) $\mathbb{P}_{t(+)}$ forces that $\eta_t^{-1}(1)$ is $\mathbb{Q}_t[\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_t}]$ -generic over $\mathbf{V}[\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_t}]$.
 - (e) We set $\bar{\eta} := \langle \eta_t : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle$ (a \mathbb{P} -name).
- (D) (a) We require that $p \in \mathbb{P}$ iff: p is a function with $\text{dom}(p) \in [L_{\mathbf{q}}]^{<\kappa}$, and for $s \in \text{dom}(p)$, $p(s)$ is a \mathbb{P}_s -name of a member of \mathbb{Q}_s (i.e., of S_s) of the following specific form: $p(s) = \mathbf{B}(\dots, \eta_{t_j^{p(s)}}(\varepsilon_j^{p(s)}), \dots)_{j < j_{p(s)}}$, where
 - ₁ $t_j^{p(s)} \in I_s$, $\varepsilon_j^{p(s)} \in S_{t_j}$ and $j_{p(s)} \leq \kappa$.
 - ₂ \mathbf{B} is a κ -Borel function⁵ from $({}^{j_{p(s)}}2)$ to S_s such that the image has cardinality $\leq \kappa$. More concretely: There is (in V) a $S'_{p(s)} \in [S_s]^{<\kappa}$ such that the image of \mathbf{B} is subset of S' .
- (b) If $\varepsilon, \zeta \in S_s$, then we require that the truth value of $\varepsilon \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_s} \zeta$ is similarly defined by such a κ -Borel function $\mathbf{B}_{s,\varepsilon,\zeta}$ (this time, the possible values of $\mathbf{B}_{s,\varepsilon,\zeta}$ are the truth values 0 and 1).

⁵ That is, a function where the pre-image of every element of S_s is a $\leq \kappa$ -Borel set. (The point here is absoluteness.)

- (E) (a) Note that a \mathbb{P}_s -generic filter lets us evaluate the $\mathbb{P}_{t_j^{p(s)}(+)}$ -names $\eta_{t_j^{p(s)}}$, and therefore the value of the Borel function $p(s)$. This way we get a \mathbb{P}_s -name for the value, which we may write as $p(s)[\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_s}]$ or as $p(s)(\bar{\eta} \upharpoonright s)$.
- (b) We require that $\eta_t^{-1}(1) = \{p(t)[\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_t}] : p \in \mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_t(+)}\}$.
- (c) XXXX So we know that $p \in \mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}}$ implies:
 (*) For all $t \in \text{dom}(p)$, $\nu_t(p(t)(\bar{\nu} \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q},t})) = 1$.
 It is unclear whether the converse automatically holds, if not we probably require it, then prove it later when we construct the iteration?
- (F) We require that $p \leq q$ in \mathbb{P} iff
 (a) $\text{dom}(p) \subseteq \text{dom}(q)$
 (b) If $s \in \text{dom}(p)$ then $q \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q},s} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_s} 'p(s)[\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_s}] \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_s} q(s)[\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_s}]'$.
 (Note that for $p \in \mathbb{P}$ and $s \in L_{\mathbf{q}}^+$ we have $p \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q},s}$ is in $\mathbb{P}_{s,\cdot}$)
 Note that this is a requirement and *not* a definition, unlike the classical case.
- (G) (a) Given $p \in \mathbb{P}$ and $s \in \text{dom}(p)$, let $\text{supp}(p(s))$ be the set of all coordinates used in the Borel function $p(s)$ (i.e., the $t_j^{p(s)}$), as well as those used in the Borel function $\mathbf{B}_{s,\varepsilon,\zeta}$ (calculating whether $\varepsilon \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_s} \zeta$) for all ε, ζ in $S'_{p(s)}$. So $|\text{supp}(p(s))| \leq \kappa$.
- (b) Set $\text{supp}(p) := \text{dom}(p) \cup \bigcup_{s \in \text{dom}(p)} \text{supp}(p(s)) \in [L_{\mathbf{q}}]^{\leq \kappa}$.
- (c) Note that $\text{supp}(p) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q},t}$ iff $\text{dom}(p) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q},t}$, i.e., iff $p \in \mathbb{P}_t$.
- (d) (Generalizing \mathbb{P}_s as the restriction to L_s :)
 For $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$ \mathfrak{s} -closed, we set $\mathbb{P}_L := \{p \in \mathbb{P} : \text{supp}(p) \subseteq L\}$ (with the order of \mathbb{P}), and require
- ₁ \mathbb{P}_L is a weak κ -forcing, and
 - ₂ $\mathbb{P}_L \triangleleft \mathbb{P}$.
 - ₃ $\bar{\eta} \upharpoonright L$ is a generic of \mathbb{P}_L . (Elaborate? XXXXXX)
 - ₄ Note that if L is closed, then so is L_s for any $s \in L_{\mathbf{q}}^+$, and therefore $\mathbb{P}_{L_s} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_L$ and $\mathbb{P}_{L_s} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_s$.
- (H) If $\kappa > \aleph_0$ and $t \in L_s$, then there is

$$\mathbf{H}_t : {}^{\kappa >} (S_t) \rightarrow S_t$$

such that:

- (a) $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_t}$ “if $\eta \in {}^{\kappa >} (S_t)$ is $\leq_{\mathbb{Q}_t}$ -increasing then $\mathbf{H}_t(\eta)$ is a lub of $\{\eta(i) : i < \ell g(\eta)\}$ ”.
- (b) If $\eta \in {}^2 S_t$ and $\{\eta(0), \eta(1)\}$ has a $\leq_{\mathbb{Q}_t}$ -lub then $\mathbf{H}_t(\eta)$ is some lub.
- (I) When dealing with different ATIs $\mathbf{q}\mathfrak{s}$, instead of $\mathbb{P}, \leq, \mathbb{P}_t, S_t, \mathbb{Q}_t$, etc we may write $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}, \leq_{\mathbf{q}}, \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},t}, S_{\mathbf{q},t}, \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{q},t}$ etc, to indicate that we mean the component of the respective \mathbf{q} .

Remark 1.6. 1) Recall that $L_{\mathbf{q}}$ is just a linear order and not necessarily a well-ordering. More concretely, we do not even exclude the possibility that there is an infinite sequence $(s_n)_{n \in \omega}$ with $s_{n+1} \in I_{s_n}$.

2) As a consequence: Given L_s and a sequence of (e.g., Definitions for) \mathbb{Q}_s , it is not clear whether there is an according iteration \mathbb{P} ; nor whether it is unique.

(In contrast, the usual forcing iteration assumes that the index set is wellordered, and we always get a welldefined iteration from a sequence of iterands.)

3) But if \mathfrak{s} is as in [She04b, §2], then it is unique.

Definition 1.7. 1) We define \mathbf{Q}_s^{st} , \mathbf{Q}_{st} , and say ‘*strong ATI*’ when we replace “weak κ -forcing” by “strong κ -forcing” wherever it appears in 1.5.

2) We define \mathbf{Q}_{pre} , $\mathbf{Q}_s^{\text{pre}}$ as in Definition 1.5, replacing “weak κ -forcing” by “forcing” wherever it appears in 1.5.

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

4) When we omit the subscripts, we mean ‘weak.’

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

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

7) We define \mathbf{Q}_{ℓ}^* (for $\ell = 0, 1, 2$, or pre, wk and st) as the class of $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\ell}$ such that

$$s \in L_{\mathbf{q}} \Rightarrow |S_{\mathbf{q}, s}| < \partial.$$

(We shall only use ∂ starting with 2.4.)

Observation 1.8.

- If $p \in \mathbb{P}$ and $L \subseteq \text{dom}(p)$, then $p \upharpoonright L \in \mathbb{P}$ and $p \upharpoonright L \leq p$. If additionally L is closed, then $p \upharpoonright L \in \mathbb{P}_L$.
- If $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$ is closed, and $p \in \mathbb{P}_L$, σ a \mathbb{P}_L -name and $\varphi(x)$ a formula absolute between forcing extensions, then $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_L} \varphi(\sigma)$ iff $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \varphi(\sigma)$.
- If $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$ is closed, and p, q in \mathbb{P}_L , then $p \leq q$ iff (F) holds for \mathbb{P}_L , i.e., iff
 - $\text{dom}(p) \subseteq \text{dom}(q)$, and
 - If $s \in \text{dom}(p)$ then $q \upharpoonright L_s \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{L_s}} 'p(s)[\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_{L_s}}] \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_s} q(s)[\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_{L_s}}]'$.
- If $p \leq q$ in \mathbb{P} and $s \in L$, then $p \upharpoonright L_s \in \mathbb{P}_s$ and $q \upharpoonright L_s \leq p \upharpoonright L_s$; and the same holds for \mathbb{P}_L and $\mathbb{P}_{L, s}$ for L closed.

Proof. Easy. □

Observation 1.9. Let $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{pre}}$.

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

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

is a lub of p and q .

2) For \mathbf{q} -closed L , we have $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L} \models$ “ $p \leq q$ ” iff⁶ ($p, q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L}$ and)

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

3) Like (2), but in •₂ we replace “for some” with “for every.”

3A) Like (2), but in •₂ we demand $L_1 = I_s^{\mathbf{q}}$.

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

Proof. 1) Note

⁶ Note that $\text{dom}(p) \subseteq \text{dom}(q) \subseteq L$ does not imply $\text{supp}(p) \subseteq \text{supp}(q)$; we could add that demand, but have chosen not to.

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

[Why? First, r is a well-defined function. Second, $\text{dom}(r) \in [L_{\mathbf{q}}]^{<\kappa}$, and third, for $s \in \text{dom}(r)$, $r(s)$ is a Borel function as required.]

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

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

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

We have to check 1.5(F). Now (a) is trivial, as $\text{dom}(p \upharpoonright L) \subseteq \text{dom}(q) \subseteq L$; as for (b), let $s \in \text{dom}(p)$ and we have two possibilities to check: If $s \in \text{dom}(p) \setminus L$, then again $r(s) = p(s)$, so this is clear. So assume that $s \in \text{dom}(p) \cap L$. We have to show that $r \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q},s}$ forces that $r(s) \geq p(s)$. But $r \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q},s} \leq q \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q},s}$, and $r(s) = q(s)$, and $q \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q},s}$ forces that $q(s) \geq p(s)$.

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

Easy as well.

2-4) Also straightforward. □_{1.9}

Definition 1.10. 1) Let $\mathbf{q}_1 \leq_{\mathbf{Q}}^{\text{wk}} \mathbf{q}_2$ mean:

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

2) We define $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}}^{\text{pre}}$ as above, changing clause (a) to ' $\mathbf{q}_\ell \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{pre}}$ ' and weakening clause (c) to ' $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2}$ '.

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

XXX what is \mathbf{Q}_2 ? Also, if you are not completely embedded, how can you formulate that it is forces that both \mathbb{Q}_t are the same?

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

- ₁ $\text{dom}(q) = \text{dom}(p) \cap L_{\mathbf{r}}$
- ₂ If $s \in \text{dom}(q)$ then $q(s) = p(s)$ (recalling 1.2(b) and 1.5(D)(a)).

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

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

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

Remark 1.11. 1) Note that in parts (3),(4) of Definition 1.10, for a given $\langle \mathbf{q}_\alpha : \alpha < \delta \rangle$, it is not *a priori* clear that such \mathbf{q} exists — and even if it does, whether it is unique.

2) Regarding 1.10(1)(c), does “ $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1} < \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2}$ ” follow by 1.5(G)(d), as $L_{\mathfrak{s}_1}$ is \mathbf{q}_2 -closed by Definition 1.2? This is not clear. (See 1.6(2).)

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

Observation 1.12. 1) Assume $\mathbf{q}_1 \leq_{\mathbf{Q}}^{\text{pre}} \mathbf{q}_2$.

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

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

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

(B) If $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2} \Vdash “p \leq q”$ and $s \in \text{dom}(p) \cap L_{\mathbf{q}_1}$, then

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

(C) Assume there exist $L_1^1, L_1^2, L_2^1, L_2^2$ such that:

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

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

(c) $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2 \upharpoonright L_1^2}$ and $q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1 \upharpoonright L_2^1}$.

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

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

XXX what does this mean? Please check all indices i, j, k in \mathbf{q}_i, L_k^j .

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

$\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\mathfrak{s}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L_x \in \mathbf{Q}_{\mathfrak{s} \upharpoonright L_x}$. (See 1.1(4) and 1.5(F)(d).)

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

Then

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

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

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

•₂ If $p_\iota \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\iota, L_\iota}$ for $\iota = 1, 2$, $p_1 = p_2 \upharpoonright L_1$, and $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_1, L_1} \Vdash “p_1 \leq q”$, then p_2 and q are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2, L_2}$.

Proof. 1A) First assume $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2} \Vdash “p \leq q”$ (i.e. clause (A)(a)). Then for every $s \in \text{dom}(p)$, we have $s \in \text{dom}(q)$ (by 1.5(D)(a) and 1.2) and

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

by 1.9(3A). Together we get clause (A)(b).

Now assume clause (A)(b). So $\text{dom}(p) \subseteq \text{dom}(q)$, and by 1.9(2) we get $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_2} \Vdash “p \leq q”$. (Note that closedness holds, so 1.9(2) applies.)

1B) Similar proof.

1C) Use the proof of 1.9(1).

2-3) Easy. □_{1.12}

Claim 1.13. *If $\langle \mathbf{q}_\alpha : \alpha < \delta \rangle$ is a $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -increasing continuous sequence of (∂, κ) -combinatorial templates (Note: when $\kappa > \aleph_0$ this does NOT mean that $\langle \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha} : \alpha < \delta \rangle$ is \subseteq -increasing continuous!) and $\text{cf}(\delta) \geq \kappa$, then $\bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathbf{q}_\alpha$ exists and is unique.*

Proof. Straightforward — anyhow, we shall use 2.1 for $\mathbf{Q} \in \{\mathbf{Q}_{\text{wk}}, \mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}\}$. $\square_{1.13}$

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Claim 2.1. 1) If $\bar{\mathbf{q}} = \langle \mathbf{q}_\alpha : \alpha < \delta \rangle$ is $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}_{\text{wk}}}$ -increasing continuous (see 1.10(4)) then $\mathbf{q}_\delta := \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathbf{q}_\alpha$ exists and is unique, belongs to \mathbf{Q}_{wk} , and $\bar{\mathbf{q}} \hat{\ } \langle \mathbf{q}_\delta \rangle$ is $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -increasing continuous.

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

Remark 2.2. Note that this is not a repeat of 1.13, as we have dropped the assumption on $\text{cf}(\delta)$.

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

Note that $\mathfrak{s} = \mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}} := \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathfrak{s}_\alpha$ is well defined (by 1.3),⁷ but when $\text{cf}(\delta) < \kappa$ we cannot choose $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}} := \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha}$. We have to choose $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}_\delta$ as follows:

(*)₁ (a) $\mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}} = \mathfrak{s}_\delta := \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathfrak{s}_\alpha$, and let $L_\delta := L_{\mathfrak{s}_\delta}$.

(b) $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$ iff
 •₁ $\text{dom}(p) \in [L_{\mathfrak{s}, \delta}]^{< \kappa}$
 •₂ If $s \in \text{dom}(p)$ then $p \upharpoonright \{s\} \in \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha}$.

(Recall 1.5(D)(a).)

(c) ‘ $p \leq_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}} q$ ’ is defined by 1.9(2); that is, $\text{dom}(p) \subseteq \text{dom}(q)$ and

$$(\forall s \in \text{dom}(p)) [q \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q}_\beta} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\beta}} \text{“} p(s) \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_s} q(s)\text{”}],$$

where $\beta = \beta(s) := \min\{\alpha < \delta : s \in L_\alpha\}$. (Recall 1.9(3A) and note that $I_{\mathfrak{s}_\delta, s} = I_{\mathfrak{s}_\beta, s}$.)

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

(*)₂ (a) $\alpha < \delta \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$ (As partial orders, of course.)

(b) If $\beta < \delta$ and $L \subseteq L_\beta$ is \mathfrak{s}_δ -closed, then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\beta, L}$.

(c) $L \subseteq L_\delta$ is \mathbf{q} -closed iff $L \cap L_\alpha$ is \mathbf{q}_α -closed for every $\alpha < \delta$.

(d) If L is \mathfrak{s}_δ -closed then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L}$ is defined from $\langle \mathbf{q}_\alpha \upharpoonright (L \cap L_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha}) : \alpha < \delta \rangle$, as \mathbf{q}_δ was defined from $\langle \mathbf{q}_\alpha : \alpha < \delta \rangle$.

Why? Obvious, but we will elaborate.

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

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

(*)_{2.1} $\text{dom}(p) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha}$ is of cardinality $< \kappa$, by 1.5(D)(a). Also, $L_\alpha \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}_\delta}$ by (*)₁(a), so p satisfies (*)₁(b)•₁.

(*)_{2.2} If $s \in \text{dom}(p)$ then $p \upharpoonright \{s\} \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha}$ by 1.5(D)(a), hence $p \upharpoonright \{s\} \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\delta}$.

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

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

by (*)₂(b) and 1.12(1)(B).

⁷ Really, the linear order on $L_{\mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}}}$ is

$$L_{\mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}}} \models \text{“} s < t \text{”} \Leftrightarrow (\exists \alpha < \delta) [L_{\mathfrak{s}_\alpha} \models \text{“} s < t \text{”}],$$

recalling that $L_{\mathfrak{s}_\alpha}$ is increasing with α (as linear orders).

Clauses (b)-(d): Similarly.

So $(*)_2$ does indeed hold.

- $(*)_3$ (a) $\alpha < \delta \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$
 (b) If $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$ is \mathbf{q} -closed then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$.
 (c) $\bar{\eta} = \langle \eta_s : s \in L_\delta \rangle$ is a generic for $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\delta}$.
 (That is, $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\delta}} \mathbf{V}[\bar{\eta}] = \mathbf{V}[\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\delta}}]$.)
 (d) If $L \subseteq L_\delta$ is \mathfrak{s} -closed then $\langle \eta_s : s \in L \rangle$ is a generic for $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\delta \upharpoonright L}$.
 (e) Clause 1.5(C)(d) holds.

To prove clause (a), let $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$. By the assumptions, $\langle \mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}_\beta} : \beta < \delta \rangle$ is increasing. So easily, recalling $(*)_1$ (c), letting $p_\beta := p \upharpoonright (\text{dom}(p) \cap L_\beta)$ for $\beta \in [\alpha, \delta)$, we have

$$(*)_\beta \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha} \models "p_\alpha \leq q" \Rightarrow p \text{ and } q \text{ are compatible in } \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}.$$

See 1.9(1). This is okay even for $p = p_\delta$ which are the union of $\langle p_\beta : \beta \in [\alpha, \delta) \rangle$.

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

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

Also,

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

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

Together, $\langle \eta_s : s \in L_\alpha \rangle$ determines \mathbf{G}_α for $\alpha < \delta$ and $\langle \mathbf{G}_\alpha : \alpha < \delta \rangle$ determines \mathbf{G}_δ , hence $\langle \eta_s : s \in \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} L_\alpha \rangle$ determines \mathbf{G}_δ .

So clause (c) holds. Clauses (d) and (e) are proved similarly.

Next,

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

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

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

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

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

[Why? This holds not by the Δ -system lemma, but by its proof (using Fodor's Lemma).]

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

[Why? For clause (a), recall that D is a normal filter on κ^+ .]

The proof of $(*)_4$ now splits into cases.

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

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

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

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

$(*)_{4.3}$ (a) $C_* \in D$ and

$$C_* \subseteq \left\{ j \in C \cap \bigcap_{\zeta < \kappa} C_\zeta : (\exists k \in C \cap j)[\mathbf{h}(j) = \mathbf{h}(k)] \right\}.$$

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

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

[Why? Easy, but we elaborate.

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

As $\kappa = \kappa^{<\kappa}$, there is a one-to-one function $\text{cd} : {}^{\kappa^>}(\kappa^+) \rightarrow \kappa^+$ such that

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

Let

$$C_2^* := \left\{ \zeta < \kappa^+ : \bar{\alpha} \in {}^{\kappa^>}\zeta \Rightarrow \text{cd}(\bar{\alpha}) < \zeta \right\};$$

it is a club of κ^+ , hence $C_* := C_1^* \cap C_2^* \cap C \in D$.

Lastly, define the function \mathbf{h}_* with domain C_* by

$$\zeta \mapsto \text{cd}(\langle g(\zeta) \rangle \wedge \langle \mathbf{h}_\alpha(\zeta) : \alpha < \mathbf{g}(\delta) \rangle).$$

It is easy to check that C_* and \mathbf{h}_* are as desired.]

$(*)_{4.4}$ If $i, j \in C_*$ with $\mathbf{h}_*(i) = \mathbf{h}_*(j)$, then

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

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

[Why? Easy. (By 0.3(1)(B)•₃.)]

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

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

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

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

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

(*)_{4.5} In clause (*)_{4.1}, without loss of generality, for each $\zeta \in \text{rang}(\mathbf{h})$ and $i \in \mathbf{h}^{-1}(\{\zeta\})$, we have

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

(Recall from (*)_{4.1}(c) that $\text{dom}(p_i) \cap \text{dom}(p_j)$ is constant for all $i, j \in \mathbf{h}^{-1}(\{\zeta\})$; we denoted this set by v_ζ .)

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

So clearly we have proved (*)₄.

(*)₅ $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{wk}}$

[Why? We have to check all clauses of Definition 1.5; this is straightforward by (*)₁–(*)₄.]

(*)₆ $\mathbf{q}_\alpha \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{q}_\delta$ for $\alpha < \delta$.

[Why? We should check Definition 1.10(1). Clause (a) holds by (*)₅. Clause (b) holds by (*)₁(a) (recalling $\mathbf{p} \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{q} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{p}} \leq_{\mathbf{T}} \mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}}$ and 1.3(2)). Clause (c) is covered by (*)₃(a), and clauses (d) and (e) are obvious.]

(*)₇ $\mathbf{q}_\delta = \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathbf{q}_\alpha$

[Why? We should check Definition 1.10(3):

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

Holds by (*)₅.

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

Holds by (*)₁(a), recalling $\mathbf{q}_\alpha \leq_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{q}_\beta \Rightarrow \mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}_\alpha} \leq_{\mathbf{T}} \mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}_\beta}$ and Claim 1.3(2).

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

Holds by (*)₆.]

2) Similarly, as in the nontrivial case $\kappa = \aleph_0$, the Knaster condition is preserved by the union of \ll -increasing continuous chains.

So we are done proving 2.1. □_{2.1}

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proof. Easy. □_{2.3}

Claim 2.4. 1) For every $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}^*$ — that is, with⁸ $\partial = \text{cf}(\partial) > \sup_{t \in L_{\mathbf{r}}} |S_{\mathbf{r},t}|$ such that $(\forall \alpha < \partial)[|\alpha|^{2^\kappa} < \partial]$ — there is a $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}^*$ such that:

- (A) _{∂} ¹ (a) $\mathbf{r} \leq_{\mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}^*} \mathbf{q}$
 (b) $\|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}\| \leq \|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{r}}\|^{<\partial}$
 (c) [Follows] $|S_{\mathbf{q},t}| < \partial$ for all $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$.
 (B) _{∂} ¹ (a) \mathbf{q} satisfies $\text{cf}(L_{\mathbf{q}}) \geq \partial$.
 (b) If $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$ then $\text{cf}(L_{\mathbf{q},t}) \geq \partial$.
 (c) If $L \triangleleft L_{\mathbf{q}}$ is of cofinality $\geq \partial$, $L_0 \subseteq L$ is \mathbf{q} -closed, \mathbb{Q} is a $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L_0}$ -name of a weak κ -forcing of cardinality $< \partial$, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

3) Like part (1), but replacing

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

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

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

Proof. 1) We shall prove more. Let \mathbf{Q}_* be the class of $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}^*$ satisfying (A) _{∂} ¹. (E.g. $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbf{Q}_*$.) Consider the statement

- ⊞ If $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbf{Q}_*$ then there exists $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_*$ such that:
 (a) $\mathbf{p} \leq_{\mathbf{Q}_*} \mathbf{q}$
 (b) There is $t_* \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$ such that $(\forall s \in L_{\mathbf{p}})[s <_{L_{\mathbf{q}}} t_*]$.
 (c) If $t \in L_{\mathbf{p}}$, $L_0 \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q},t}$ is \mathbf{q} -closed, and \mathbb{Q} is a $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L_0}$ -name of a weak κ -forcing of cardinality $< \partial$, then \bullet_1 or \bullet_2 holds, where

⁸ If we omit “ $\partial = \text{cf}(\partial) > \sup_{t \in L_{\mathbf{r}}} |S_{\mathbf{r},t}|$,” then in 2.3 we need to expand by $S'_s \subseteq S_{\mathbf{q},s}$ of cardinality $< \partial$ for $s \in L$, and make further changes.

- ₁ For some $s \in L_{\mathbf{q},t}$ we have

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}} \text{“}\underline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\mathbf{q},s} \cong \underline{\mathbb{Q}}\text{”}.$$
- ₂ $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}} \text{“}\underline{\mathbb{Q}} \text{ is not ccc”}.$

We shall prove that \boxplus is both true and sufficient, which is more than is needed to prove part (1).

Why \boxplus is true:

Let

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

[Is this well-defined? t is defined in terms of L and L is defined in terms of t .]

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

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

- \oplus_α^1 (a) $\mathbf{p}_\alpha \in \mathbf{Q}_*$
- (b) $\mathbf{p}_0 := \mathbf{p}$
- (c) $\langle \mathbf{p}_\beta : \beta \leq \alpha \rangle$ is $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -increasing continuous.
- (d) If $\alpha = \beta + 1$, then
 - ₁ If $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{p}_\beta}} \text{“}\underline{\mathbb{Q}}_\beta \text{ is not a strong } \kappa\text{-forcing”}$ then $\underline{\mathbb{Q}}'_\beta := (\kappa^{>2}, \triangleleft)$, and if it is, then $\underline{\mathbb{Q}}'_\beta := \underline{\mathbb{Q}}_\beta$.
 - ₂ For some $s_\beta, L_{\mathbf{p}_\alpha} \setminus L_{\mathbf{p}_\beta} = \{s_\beta\}, L_{\mathbf{p}_\beta, t_\beta} < s_\beta <_{L_{\mathbf{p}_\alpha}} t_\beta$, and $\underline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\mathbf{p}_\alpha, s_\beta} = \underline{\mathbb{Q}}'_\beta$.

Why can we carry the induction? The base case is covered by clause (b), and for α a limit ordinal we use Claim 2.1. For $\alpha \leq |\mathcal{Y}|$ successor we use Claim 2.3 (with $\mathbf{p}_\beta, L_\alpha, L_{\mathbf{p}_\beta, t_\beta}, \underline{\mathbb{Q}}'_\alpha, s_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\alpha$ here standing in for $\mathbf{r}, L_0, L_1, \underline{\mathbb{Q}}, t_*, \mathbf{q}$ there).

So \boxplus does indeed hold.

Why \boxplus is sufficient:

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

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

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

- \oplus_3 \mathbf{q}_∂ is as required.

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

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

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

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

Clause (B)(b):

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

$$(\forall \alpha < \partial)[|\alpha|^{2^\kappa} < \partial],$$

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

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

So we are done proving part (1).

2) Repeat the proof of part (1), but this time we choose $\mathbf{Q}_* := \mathbf{Q}_{\text{wk}}^*$.

3) Straightforward. $\square_{2.4}$

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

- If $L_\ell \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$ is \mathbf{q} -closed and of cardinality $< \partial$ for $\ell = 1, 2$, and π_1 is an isomorphism from L_1 onto L_2 mapping $\mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L_1$ to $\mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L_2$, then there is an automorphism π_2 of $L_{\mathbf{q}}$ extending π_1 and mapping \mathbf{q} to itself. Hence it induces an automorphism $\hat{\pi}_2$ of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$ (e.g. mapping η_t to $\eta_{\pi_2(t)}$).

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

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

3) For $\kappa = \aleph_0$, \mathbf{Q}_1 satisfies a weak version of amalgamation:⁹

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

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

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

Proving “ $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}/\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L}$ is $(< \kappa)$ -complete” is easy when $\kappa > \aleph_0$, and the existence of least upper bounds follows as well. So it suffices to do the following:

- \boxplus (a) Assume $p_* \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L}} \text{“} \dot{q}_\alpha \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}/\mathbb{G}_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L}} \text{ for } \alpha < \kappa^+\text{”}$.
- (b) Now find $p_{**} \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L}$ above p_* and $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L}$ -names \dot{C}, \dot{h} as required in $\ast_{\kappa, D}^1$.

Now

(*)₁ For each $\alpha < \kappa^+$, we can choose $\langle p_{\alpha, \iota}, q_{\alpha, \iota} : \iota < \iota(\alpha) \leq \kappa \rangle$ such that:¹⁰

(a) For $\iota < \iota(\alpha)$, $p_{\alpha, \iota} \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L}$ is above p_* , and

$$p_{\alpha, \iota} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L}} \text{“} \dot{q}_\alpha = q_{\alpha, \iota} \text{”}.$$

(b) Without loss of generality, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L} \models \text{“} (q_{\alpha, \iota}^* \upharpoonright L) \leq p_{\alpha, \iota} \text{”}$ for $\iota < \iota(\alpha)$.

(c) Therefore, $r_{\alpha, \iota} := p_{\alpha, \iota} \cup (q_{\alpha, \iota} \upharpoonright (L_{\mathbf{q}} \setminus L))$ is a $\leq_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}}$ -lub of p_α and $q_{\alpha, \iota}$.

⁹For $\kappa > \aleph_0$ this is not interesting, and is already covered by 2.10(1).

¹⁰Ignoring the trivial case, we can assume $\iota(\alpha) := \kappa$.

(d) $\langle p_{\alpha,\iota} : \iota < \kappa \rangle$ is a maximal antichain of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$.

[Why? Because $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$ satisfies the κ^+ -cc.]

Next,¹¹

- (*)₂ There are C_ι , h_ι , and \bar{u}_ι (for $\iota < \kappa$) such that
 - (a) $C_\iota \in D$
 - (b) h_ι is a pressing-down function on C_ι .
 - (c) $\bar{u}_\iota = \langle u_\zeta^\iota : \zeta \in \text{rang}(h_\iota) \rangle$
 - (d) If $\zeta \in \text{rang}(h_\iota)$ then
 - ₁ The set $S_\zeta^\iota := h_\iota^{-1}(\{\zeta\})$ belongs to D^+ .
 - ₂ $\langle \text{dom}(r_{\alpha,\iota}) : \alpha \in S_\zeta^\iota \rangle$ is a Δ -system with heart u_ζ^ι .
 - (e) If $\alpha, \beta \in C_\iota$ and $h_\iota(\alpha) = h_\iota(\beta)$, then $q_{\alpha,\iota}$ and $q_{\beta,\iota}$ have a lub.
- (*)₃ (a) Without loss of generality, C_ι is constant in ι ; call this set C .
- (b) Without loss of generality, $\langle \text{rang}(h_\iota) : \iota < \kappa \rangle$ is a sequence of pairwise disjoint sets.
- (c) Let j be a $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$ -name of a function $\kappa^+ \rightarrow \kappa$ such that for $\mathbf{G} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$ generic over \mathbf{V} , we have

$$\dot{j}(\alpha)[\mathbf{G}] = \iota \text{ iff } p_{\alpha,\iota} \in \mathbf{G}.$$

[Why? Straightforward.]

- (*)₄ Let $\mathbf{G} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$ be generic over \mathbf{V} .
 - (a) Let $j_\bullet := \dot{j}[\mathbf{G}]$. We have $C \in D$ (so j_\bullet is a function from C into κ).
 - (b) $h_\bullet : C \rightarrow \kappa^+$ will be defined as $\alpha \mapsto h_{j_\bullet(\alpha)}(\alpha)$.

Now,

- (*)₅ (a) h_\bullet is regressive.
 - (b) If $\alpha, \beta \in C$ with $h_\bullet(\alpha) = h_\bullet(\beta)$, then
 - ₁ $j_\bullet(\alpha) = j_\bullet(\beta)$
 - ₂ $q_{\alpha,j_\bullet(\alpha)}$ and $q_{\beta,j_\bullet(\beta)}$ have a lub in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$ (and hence in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}[\mathbf{G}]$), noting that $q_\alpha[\mathbf{G}] = q_{\alpha,j_\bullet(\alpha)}$ and $q_\beta[\mathbf{G}] = q_{\beta,j_\bullet(\beta)}$.

[Also straightforward.]

This finishes the proof of Case 1 (that is, $\kappa > \aleph_0$).

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

Well-known.

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

Like Case 1, but simpler.

2) So assume

- (*)₀ for $\ell = 0, 1, 2$,
 - (a) $\mathbf{q}_\ell \in \mathbf{Q}_2$
 - (b) $\mathbf{q}_0 \leq_{\mathbf{Q}_2} \mathbf{q}_\ell$
 - (c) $L_{\mathbf{q}_1} \cap L_{\mathbf{q}_2} = L_{\mathbf{q}_0}$ for transparency.

¹¹ See details in the proof of (*)₄ in the proof of 2.1(1).

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

We have to prove that $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_2$. Being $(<\kappa)$ -complete (with $\kappa > \aleph_0$) is easy; satisfying $*_{\kappa,D}^1$ or Knaster is a consequence of 2.6(1).

- 3) Like part (1), but easier.
- 4) The point here is proving the implication ‘(A) \Rightarrow (B),’ where

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

Why does this hold?

Assume $(p_{\alpha,1}, p_{\alpha,2}) \in \mathbb{P}_1 *_{\mathbb{P}_0} \mathbb{P}_2$ for $\alpha < \omega_1$, and we need to prove that for some $\alpha < \beta < \alpha_0$, $(p_{\alpha,1}, p_{\alpha,2})$ and $(p_{\beta,1}, p_{\beta,2})$ have a common upper bound in $\mathbb{P}_1 *_{\mathbb{P}_0} \mathbb{P}_2$.

[α_0 isn’t defined or used anywhere.]

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

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

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

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

Let us elaborate on what we mean by ‘similar enough.’

- (*)₁ If $\alpha < \omega_1$ then q_α and $p'_{\alpha,1}$ are compatible in \mathbb{P}_0 .
- (*)₂ For $\alpha < \beta < \omega_1$ and $i < \iota(\alpha, \beta)$, we have ‘(a) \Rightarrow (b),’ where
 - (a) There is no $r \in \mathbb{P}_1$ such that $p_{1,\alpha} \leq_{\mathbb{P}_1} r$, $p_{1,\beta} \leq_{\mathbb{P}_1} r$, $q_{\alpha,\beta,i} \leq_{\mathbb{P}_1} r$, and $q_{\alpha,\beta,i} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_1}$ “ $p_{\alpha,2}$ and $p_{\beta,2}$ are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_2 / \mathbb{P}_1$ ”.
 - (b) There is no $r \in \mathbb{P}_0$ such that $p_{1,\alpha} \leq_{\mathbb{P}_1} r$, $p_{1,\beta} \leq_{\mathbb{P}_1} r$, $q_{\alpha,\beta,i} \leq_{\mathbb{P}_1} r$, and $q_{\alpha,\beta,i} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_1}$ “ $p'_{\alpha,2}$ and $p'_{\beta,2}$ are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_2 / \mathbb{P}_1$ ”.

Now for $\alpha < \omega_1$, let $p_{\alpha,1}^+ \in \mathbb{P}_0$ be a common upper bound for $p'_{\alpha,1}$ and q_α . Hence the conditions $p_{\alpha,1}^+$ and $p_{\alpha,2}$ are compatible in \mathbb{P}_2 , and let $p_{\alpha,2}^+ \in \mathbb{P}_2$ be such a common upper bound. As \mathbb{P}_2 satisfies the ccc, there are $\alpha < \beta < \omega_1$ such that $p_{\alpha,2}^+$ and $p_{\beta,2}^+$ have a common upper bound — call it $r_{\alpha,\beta} \in \mathbb{P}_2$. Therefore $r_{\alpha,\beta}$ is an upper bound of $\{p'_{\alpha,1}, p'_{\alpha,2}, p_{\alpha,2}, p_{\beta,2}\}$.

We know $q_{\alpha,\beta,i} \leq_{\mathbb{P}_2} r$ for some $i < \iota(\alpha, \beta)$, so necessarily $q_{\alpha,\beta,i} \in \mathbb{P}_0$ forces that $p_{\alpha,2}$ and $p_{\beta,2}$ have a common upper bound in \mathbb{P}_2 and that $p'_{\alpha,1}$ and $p'_{\beta,1}$ have a common upper bound in \mathbb{P}_2 (hence in \mathbb{P}_0).

But this implies

$$q_{\alpha,\beta,i} \Vdash \text{“}p_{\alpha,1} \text{ and } p_{\beta,1} \text{ have a common upper bound in } \mathbb{P}_2\text{”}.$$

All together, by the definition of $\mathbb{P} := \mathbb{P}_1 *_{\mathbb{P}_0} \mathbb{P}_2$, the conditions $(p_{\alpha,1}, p_{\alpha,2})$ and $(p_{\beta,1}, p_{\beta,2})$ are compatible in \mathbb{P} , finishing the proof. $\square_{2.6}$

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

Then we can find \mathbf{q} , π_1 , L_1^+ , L_2^+ such that

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

2) 'If (A) then (B),' where

- (A) (a) $\bar{\mathbf{q}} = \langle \mathbf{q}_\alpha : \alpha \leq \delta_* \rangle \subseteq \mathbf{Q}_2^*$ is $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -increasing continuous.
- (b) $\langle \alpha_\varepsilon = \alpha(\varepsilon) : \varepsilon < \zeta \rangle$ is an increasing continuous sequence of ordinals with limit δ_* .
- (c) $L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^1$ and $L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^2$ are $\mathbf{q}_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}$ -closed subsets of $L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}$.
- (d) $\pi_\varepsilon : L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^1 \rightarrow L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^2$ is order-preserving and onto.
- (e) π_ε induces an isomorphism from $\mathbf{q}_{\alpha(\varepsilon)} \upharpoonright L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^1$ onto $\mathbf{q}_{\alpha(\varepsilon)} \upharpoonright L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^2$.
- (f) $L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^1, L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}^2, \pi_\varepsilon$ are increasing continuously with ε .
- (g) For $\ell = 1, 2$, if $L_{\mathbf{q}_{\alpha(\varepsilon)}} \not\subseteq L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)+1}^\ell$ then $L_{\mathbf{q}_{\alpha(\varepsilon)+1}} \subseteq L_{\alpha(\varepsilon)+2}^\ell$.
- (B) $\pi := \bigcup_{\varepsilon < \zeta} \pi_\varepsilon$ is an automorphism of \mathbf{q}_{δ_*} .

Proof. 1) By 2.6(2).

2) Easy. □_{2.7}

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

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

- (a) $\bar{\mathbf{q}}$ is $\leq_{\mathbf{Q}_\ell}$ -increasing continuous, recalling 1.7(3) and 1.10(2).
- (b) \mathbf{q}_α is (∂, ℓ) -saturated for $\alpha < \alpha_*$ non-limit.

Remark 2.9. Recall 1.7(3), so e.g. we denote \mathbf{Q}_{st} and \mathbf{Q}_{wk} by $\mathbf{Q}_1, \mathbf{Q}_2$, respectively. We may replace them by other classes.

Claim 2.10. 1) If $\lambda = \lambda^{<\partial}$ and $\partial = \text{cf}(\partial) > \kappa$ (recalling \mathbf{Q}_{st}^* is from 1.7(7) and $\lambda, \partial, \kappa$ are from Hypothesis 0.2) then there is a $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\text{st}}$ such that

- (a) $L_{\mathbf{q}}$ and $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$ have cardinality λ .
- (b) \mathbf{q} is strongly homogeneous.
- (c) \mathbf{q} is $(\partial, 2)$ -saturated.

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

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

3) *Similarly for the $\prec_{\mathbb{L}_{\sigma,\sigma}}$ -version.*

Proof. 1) By 2.7.

2,3) Easy as well.

□_{2.10}

§ 3. MORE ON THE ITERATION

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

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

2) For $\iota \leq 5$, let \mathbf{Q}_{ι} be the class of \mathbf{q} such that¹²

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

$$\{p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}} : (\forall s \in \text{dom}(p)) [\partial_{\mathbb{Q}_s}(p(s)) \geq \sigma]\}$$
 is dense in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$.

3) For $\iota \leq 5$, let $\mathbf{Q}'_{\partial, \theta}$ be the class of $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\iota}$ such that

$$t \in L_{\mathbf{q}} \Rightarrow |I_{\mathbf{q},t}| < \partial$$

and \mathbf{q} is strongly $(< \theta)$ -homogeneous.

Claim 3.2. 1) For $\iota = 0, 1, 2$, the definition of \mathbf{Q}_{ι} in 3.1(2) agrees with the one in 1.7.

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

Proof. 1) Easy to check.

2) Repeating previous proofs, using Definition 3.1. □_{3.2}

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

¹²We may just demand that for \mathbf{q} -closed L , we have that

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

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

- (A) (a) $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_1$ and $\kappa = \aleph_0$.
 (b) $\bar{s} = \langle s_i : i < \alpha \rangle \in {}^\alpha(L_{\mathbf{q}})$ and $u_i \subseteq \alpha$ for $i < \alpha$.
 (c) $L_{\mathbf{q}} \models "s_i < s_j"$ for $i < j < \alpha$.
 (d) $u_i := \{j < i : s_j \in I_{\mathbf{q},s_i}\}$
 (e) $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{q},s_i}$ is definable from $\bar{\eta}_i = \langle \eta_{s_j} : j \in u_i \rangle$ (say we have a definition $\bar{\varphi}_{i,\bar{\eta}}$ for any $\bar{\eta} \in X_i := \prod_{\varepsilon \in u_i} S_\varepsilon 2$, where $S_\varepsilon := S_{\mathbf{q},s_\varepsilon}$).

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

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

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

- \boxplus_1 If $i < \alpha$ *then the demand on* $\mathbb{Q}_{\bar{\varphi}_i,\bar{\eta}}$ *holds absolutely (i.e. even after forcing by any* κ -*forcing).*
 \boxplus_2 *Assuming* $\mathbf{G} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$ *is generic over* \mathbf{V} *and* $\bar{\eta} = \langle \eta_t[\mathbf{G}] : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle$, *we have:*
if $\mathbf{V}[\langle \eta_{s_j} : j \in u_i \rangle] \models " \mathcal{J} \text{ is a maximal antichain of } \mathbb{Q}[\langle \eta_{s_j} : j \in u_i \rangle]"$ *then*
 $\mathbf{V}[\bar{\eta} \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q},s_i}] \models " \mathcal{J} \text{ is a maximal antichain of } \mathbb{Q}[\bar{\eta} \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q},s_i}]"$ *for* $i < \alpha$.

2) $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}^2$ from [HS, Defs. 2,4,5] satisfies the criteria above. Moreover, so does any Suslin ccc forcing (see [JS88]).

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

Proof. 1,2) By (3).

3) Straightforward by induction on α_* . □_{3.4}

§ 4. A CONSEQUENCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

we have:

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

Remark 4.2. 1) The difference from the results in [HS] is that there we do not have “ \mathbf{V}_1 satisfies AC_{\aleph_0} ” (to say nothing of DC), whereas here we have DC (even $\text{DC}_{<\theta}$, with $\theta > \aleph_1$).¹³

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

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

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

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

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

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

So assume

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

¹³ As wrongly stated in [JS93], for the ideal of meagre sets.

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

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

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

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

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

(c) Define

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

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

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

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

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

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

As proved there,

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

Hence as in [HS],

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

Toward contradiction, assume

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

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

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

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

Proof. See [HS, Claim 19]. □_{4.4}

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (A) $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Q}_{\partial, \kappa}$, $L_{\mathbf{q}}$ has cardinality λ , and $\text{cf}(L_{\mathbf{q}}) = \text{cf}(\lambda)$.
- (B) For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$ there are $(\bar{\varphi}_t, \nu) \in \Phi_\kappa$ and c_t (a $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}, L_t}$ -name of a member of ${}^\kappa\mathcal{H}(\kappa)$) such that $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{q}, t} = (\mathbb{Q}_{\bar{\varphi}_t, c_t})^{\mathbf{V}^{[n]}}$, and let ν_t be chosen naturally.
- (C) For every c (a $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}$ -name of a member of ${}^\kappa\mathcal{H}(\kappa)$), letting $X := \{t \in L_{\mathbf{q}} : (\bar{\varphi}_t, c_t) = (\bar{\varphi}, c)\}$ and $Y := \{\nu_t : t \in X\}$, we have
 - (a) $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}} Y \notin \text{id}_{<\theta}(\mathbb{Q}_{\bar{\varphi}, c}, \nu)$
 - (b) Let $\mathbf{V}_0 := \mathbf{V}$, $\mathbf{V}_2 := \mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}}}$, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proof. Straightforward. □_{4.7}

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