

**PROBLEM LIST**  
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**Problem 1 (Steel):** Formulate a background condition for the  $K^c$ -construction and prove a form of UBH for iteration trees on (levels) of  $K^c$ .

For instance, take the background conditions for  $K^c$  in CMIP (or require something even weaker, like ultrapowers by background extenders are closed under  $2^\omega$  sequences). Suppose  $M$  is transitive such that  $M^\omega \subseteq M$  and there is a  $\Sigma_2$  elementary embedding  $\pi : M \rightarrow V$  and  $\mathcal{T}$  is an iteration tree on  $(K^c)^M$  such that  $lh(\mathcal{T}) = \omega$  and  $\mathcal{T}$  has no drops. Can there be distinct cofinal branches  $b, c$  of  $\mathcal{T}$  such that there are realization maps  $\sigma_b : \mathcal{M}_b^\mathcal{T} \rightarrow K^c$ ,  $\sigma_c : \mathcal{M}_c^\mathcal{T} \rightarrow K^c$  with the property that

$$\pi = \sigma_b \circ i_b^\mathcal{T} = \sigma_c \circ i_c^\mathcal{T}?$$

**Problem 2 (Zeman):** Assume every function  $f : \omega_2 \cap \text{cof}(\omega_1) \rightarrow \omega_2$  is bounded by a canonical function on a club. Does there exist a sharp mouse  $\mathcal{M}$  with a measurable  $\kappa$  such that  $\sigma^\mathcal{M}(\kappa) \geq 2$ ?

**Remark 0.1.** • *The theory “for every function  $f : \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_1$  is bounded on a club by a canonical function” is equiconsistent with “in  $K$ , there is an inaccessible limits of measurable cardinals”.*

- *The forcing direction is due to Larson-Woodin, Larson-Shelah; the inner model direction is due to Deiser-Donder.*

**Problem 3 (Trang):** Are the following theories equiconsistent?

- (a) ZF + DC +  $\omega_1$  is supercompact.
- (b) ZF + DC +  $\omega_1$  is strongly compact.
- (c) ZFC + there is a proper class of Woodin limit of Woodin cardinals.

**Remark 0.2.** 1. *One can add  $\text{AD}^+$  to the theories (a) and (b) above.*

2. *The theories*

- (i) *ZF + DC +  $\omega_1$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -supercompact.*
- (ii) *ZF + DC +  $\omega_1$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -strongly compact.*
- (iii) *ZFC + there is a measurable cardinal.*

*are equiconsistent.*

- 3. *The theory “ZF + AD +  $\omega_1$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -strongly compact” follows from ZF + AD. The theory “ZF + AD +  $\omega_1$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -supercompact” is equiconsistent with “ZFC + there are  $\omega^2$  many Woodin cardinals” (Woodin) and therefore is strictly stronger than ZF + AD.*

4. The theory “ZF + DC +  $\omega_1$  is  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ -strongly compact” is equiconsistent with  $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{DC}$  while the theory “ZF + DC +  $\omega_1$  is  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ -supercompact” is strictly stronger (Trang-Wilson).

**Problem 4 (Adolf):** Let  $\kappa$  be a singular cardinal and let  $\mathcal{W}$  be a premouse with  $ON \cap W = \kappa$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{M}_1, \mathcal{M}_2$  are sound, countably iterable premice such that  $\rho_\omega(\mathcal{M}_1) = \rho_\omega(\mathcal{M}_2) = \kappa$ . Is  $\mathcal{M}_1 \trianglelefteq \mathcal{M}_2$  or  $\mathcal{M}_2 \trianglelefteq \mathcal{M}_1$ ?

**Remark 0.3.** The above question has positive answer in the case  $\kappa > \omega$  is regular, cf. “Stacking mice” (Jensen, Schimmerling, Schindler, Steel) and the case  $\kappa$  is singular with  $\text{cof}(\kappa) > \omega$  (Adolf).

**Problem 5 (Steel):** Develop the theory of strategy mice with long extenders.

**Problem 6 (Schlutzenberg):** Are there models  $V, W$  of ZFC with  $V$  an inner model of  $W$ ,  $W$  is not class generic over  $V$  such that no set in  $W \setminus V$  is set generic over  $V$ ?

**Problem 7 (Wilson):** Are the following theories equiconsistent?

- (i) ZFC + there is a Woodin cardinal.
- (ii) ZFC +  $\omega_2$  is a weak Vopenka cardinal (i.e. there is no sequence  $(B_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_2)$  of structures of size at most  $\omega_1$  in a common signature of size at most  $\omega_1$  such that for all  $\alpha, \beta < \omega_2$ , the number of homomorphisms from  $B_\alpha \rightarrow B_\beta$  is 0 if  $\alpha < \beta$  and 1 otherwise.

**Remark 0.4.** • It is almost true that  $\text{Con}(i)$  implies  $\text{Con}(ii)$ .

- (ii) implies  $\neg\text{CH}$ .

**Problem 8 (Steel):** Let  $\text{AD}_2$  be the theory:

1. ZF + DC +  $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \Theta$  is regular.
2. Letting  $\text{Hom} = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $HS$  be the set of all homogeneity systems for subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , for  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \text{Hom}$ , define  $\text{Code}(\mathcal{A}) = \{\bar{\mu} \in HS : S_{\bar{\mu}} \in \mathcal{A}\}$ . For every  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \text{Hom}$ ,  $\text{Code}(\mathcal{A})$  is Suslin (i.e. there is a tree  $T$  on  $\Theta \times \gamma$  for some  $\gamma$  such that  $\text{Code}(\mathcal{A}) = p[T]$ ).
3. There is a normal fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\text{Hom})$ .
4. Let  $R \subseteq \text{Hom} \times \mathcal{P}(\text{Hom})$  and  $\forall A \exists B R(A, B)$  then there is a function  $f : \text{Hom} \times \text{Hom} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Hom})$  such that  $\forall A, B R(A, f(A, B))$ .
5. Let  $R \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\text{Hom}) \times \mathcal{P}(\text{Hom})$  and  $\forall \mathfrak{A} \subseteq \text{Hom} \exists \mathfrak{B} \subseteq \text{Hom} R(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$  then there is an  $f$  such that whenever  $\mathfrak{X} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\text{Hom})$  and  $\mathfrak{X}$  is a surjective image of  $\text{Hom}$  then
  - (i)  $\forall \mathfrak{A} \in \mathfrak{X} \exists \mathfrak{B} \in f(\mathfrak{X}) R(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$ .
  - (ii)  $f(\mathfrak{X})$  is a surjective image of  $\text{Hom}$ .

(a) Is  $\text{AD}_2$  consistent?

(b) Is (1) + (2) consistent?

(c) For  $Y \subseteq \text{Hom}^\omega$ , let  $G_Y^1$  be the game where players  $I, II$  take turns to play homogeneity systems  $\bar{\mu}_i$  for  $i < \omega$ ,  $II$  wins the run iff  $\langle S_{\bar{\mu}_i} : i < \omega \rangle \in Y$ . We say  $G^1$ -determinacy holds if for every  $Y \subseteq \text{Hom}^\omega$ ,  $G_Y^1$  is determined. Does  $G^1$ -determinacy follow from  $\text{AD}_2$ ?

- (d) Does (1)-(4) imply  $\Theta^+$  is regular?
- (e) Does  $\Theta^+$  is regular + (1)-(4) imply (5)?
- (f) Define the class  $Hom_\infty^2$  to be the collection of homogeneously Suslin subsets of  $Hom$  in a natural way. What is the theory of  $L(Hom_\infty^2)$ ? Does  $L(Hom_\infty^2) \models AD_2$ ?
- (g) Is the UB powerset  $\mathcal{A}_\infty$  a subset of  $Hom_\infty^2$ ?

**Remark 0.5.** • (1) implies every set of reals is homogeneously Suslin and every set of reals is coded by an element of  $\Theta^\omega$ .

- Given  $X \subseteq Hom \times Hom$ , let  $G_X^0$  be the game where  $I, II$  take turns to play measures  $(\mu_{s_i} : i < \omega)$  ( $I$ 's plays) and  $(\nu_{s_i} : i < \omega)$  ( $II$ 's plays),  $I$  wins iff  $(S_{\bar{\mu}}, S_{\bar{\nu}}) \in X$ .  $G^0$ -determinacy is the statement  $G_X^0$  is determined for every  $X \subseteq Hom \times Hom$ .  $G^0$ -determinacy follows from (1)-(3).
- (4) is equivalent to the statement in  $V^{Coll(\omega, \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))}$ , the countable axiom of choice holds for relations on  $\omega \times \mathbb{R}$ .
- (1)-(5) implies  $\Theta^+$  is regular.
- Assume  $\kappa$  is supercompact and  $g \subset Coll(\omega, 2^{2^\kappa})$  is  $V$ -generic, then  $Hom_\infty^2$  is sealed, and  $L(Hom_\infty^2) \cap \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) = Hom_\infty^2$ ; therefore,  $L(Hom_\infty^2) \models AD_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

**Problem 9 (Trang):** Suppose  $AD$  holds and  $\mathbb{P}$  is a nontrivial set forcing.

- (a) If  $1 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \check{\mathbb{R}} \subsetneq \dot{\mathbb{R}}$ , must  $AD$  fail in  $V^{\mathbb{P}}$ ?
- (b) Can there be a nontrivial elementary embedding  $j : V \rightarrow V[g]$  for any  $V$ -generic  $g \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ ?
- (c) Are there models  $M, N$  of  $AD$  such that  $M$  is an inner model of  $N$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^M$  is uncountable in  $N$ , and  $\omega_1^M < \omega_1^N$ ?

**Remark 0.6.** • Chan-Jackson and Ikegami-Trang show that the answer to (a) is "yes" if  $\mathbb{P}$  is a surjective image of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- Schlutzenberg shows that there cannot be any elementary embedding  $j : V[g] \rightarrow V$  if  $g$  adds a new set of ordinals.
- Using techniques of Velikovic-Woodin, if  $\mathbb{P}$  adds a real, then  $\omega_1^V < \omega_1^{V[g]}$ .

**Problem 10 (Wilson):** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a nontrivial class of structures (e.g. graphs, trees, well-founded labeled trees). Let  $VP(\mathcal{C})$  say for every proper class of structures in  $\mathcal{C}$  there is a homomorphism from one to another. What are the possible consistency strengths of principles of the form  $VP(\mathcal{C})$  for "natural"  $\mathcal{C}$ ?

**Remark 0.7.** The consistency strength of the following classes is known:

- (i)  $VP(\text{graphs}) : VP$
- (ii)  $VP(2\text{-labeled trees})$ : virtual  $VP/ON$  is virtually Woodin for supercompactness
- (iii)  $VP(\text{wellfounded } 2\text{-labeled trees})$ : virtual weak  $VP/ON$  is virtually Woodin
- (iv)  $VP(\text{well-founded trees}) : ZFC$