

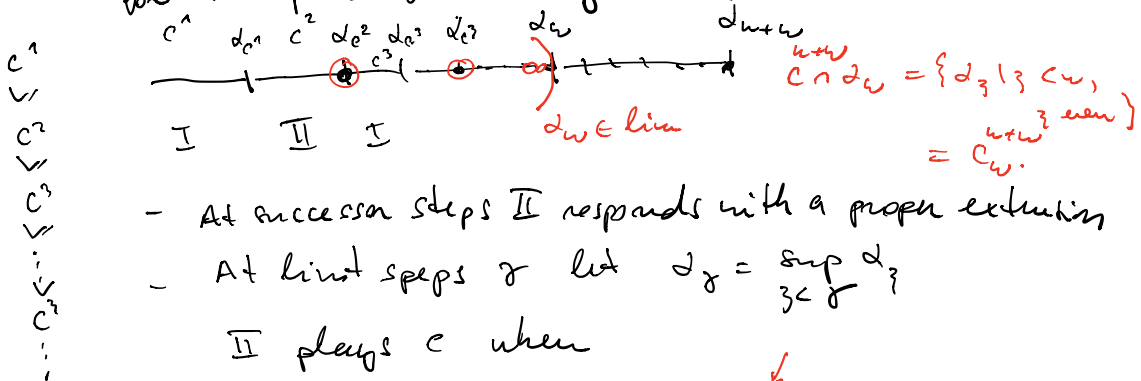
⑧ Forcing a $\square(\kappa)$ -sequence; κ regular.

\mathbb{P} is defined as follows:

- Conditions: sequences $c = (c_\gamma \mid \gamma \leq \alpha, \text{ limit})$ s.t.
 - c_γ is a club subset of γ
 - $\forall \bar{\gamma} \in \text{lim}(c_\gamma)$ then $c_{\bar{\gamma}} = c_\gamma \cap \bar{\gamma}$
- Ordering end-extensions: $c \leq c'$ iff $c \supseteq c'$.

(1) \mathbb{P} is strategically κ -closed.

Proof like the proof of strategic $(\kappa+1)$ -closure for the poset for adding a \square_κ -sequence.



- At successor steps II responds with a proper extension
- At limit steps σ let $\alpha_\sigma = \sup_{\gamma < \sigma} \alpha_\gamma$

II plays c when

$$c^\sigma = \bigcup_{\bar{\sigma} < \sigma} c^{\bar{\sigma}} \cup \{ \langle \alpha_\sigma, c \rangle \}$$

$$\text{when } c = \{ \alpha_\gamma \mid \gamma < \sigma \wedge \gamma \text{ even} \}$$

To see that $c^\sigma \in \mathbb{P}$: The main part is to check the coherence. (The sets on the c^σ are clubs by construction, routine.) But if $\bar{\gamma} \in \text{lim}(c)$

then $\bar{\gamma} = \alpha_{\bar{\sigma}}$ for some limit $\bar{\sigma} < \sigma$. Then $c \cap \bar{\gamma} = c \cap \alpha_{\bar{\sigma}} = \{ \alpha_\gamma \mid \gamma < \bar{\sigma} \wedge \gamma \text{ even} \} = c^{\bar{\sigma}}$

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is a coherent sequence, i.e.

- C_α is a club in α
- if $\beta \in \text{lim}(C_\alpha)$ then $C_\beta = C_\alpha \cap \beta$.

(2) The sequence $(C_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \text{lim } \kappa^+)$ does not have a thread in $V[G]$.

Proof Assume \dot{C} is a \mathbb{P} -name and $p \in \mathbb{P}$ s.t. $p \Vdash \dot{C}$ is a club in $\check{\kappa}$

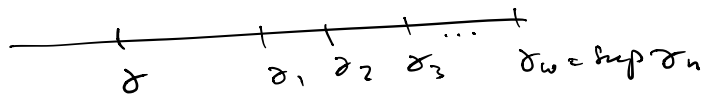
We can find $\delta < \kappa$ and $p_0 \leq p$ s.t.

$$p_0 \Vdash \check{\delta} \in \dot{C}$$

Now inductively construct a descending sequence of conditions $(p_n \mid n \in \omega)$ and a strictly ascending sequence of ordinals $(\delta_n \mid n \in \omega)$ s.t.

$$(i) \delta_n, p_n < \delta_{n+1}, p_{n+1} \text{ and } \delta_0 = \delta$$

$$(ii) p_n \Vdash \delta_n \in \dot{C}$$



Now construct $p^* \leq p_n$ by letting

$$p^* = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} p_n \cup \{ \langle \delta_n, \{ \delta_n \mid n \in \omega - \{0\} \} \rangle \}$$

then $p^* \Vdash \delta_n \in \dot{C}$ all $n \in \omega$, so since

$$p^* \Vdash \dot{C} \text{ is a club in } \check{\kappa}$$

we also have

$$p^* \Vdash \delta_\omega \in \text{lim}(\dot{C})$$

Notice also that

$$p^* \Vdash \dot{C}_{\delta_\omega} = \{ \delta_n \mid n \in \omega - \{0\} \}$$

So since $p^* \Vdash \check{y} \in \check{C}$, we have

$$p^* \Vdash \check{C} \cap \check{y}_\alpha \neq \check{C}_{\check{y}_\alpha}$$

It follows:

$$p^* \Vdash \check{C} \text{ is not a thread through } (\check{C}_z \mid z \in \text{lim } \alpha \cap \kappa^+).$$

Now we can get this way a dense set of such p^* . \square

⑨ Assume $(a_\alpha \mid \alpha < \kappa)$ is a \diamond_κ -sequence where κ is regular and \mathbb{P} is a κ -closed poset. Then $(a_\alpha \mid \alpha < \kappa)$ is a \diamond_κ -sequence in any generic extension via \mathbb{P} .

Proof Suppose not. Then we can find \mathbb{P} -terms \check{A}, \check{C} and some $p \in \mathbb{P}$ s.t.

$$p \Vdash \check{A} \subseteq \check{\kappa} \cap \check{C} \text{ is a club in } \check{\kappa} \cap \check{A} \cap \alpha \neq \check{a}_\alpha \text{ all } \alpha \in \check{C}$$

Using the κ -closure of \mathbb{P} , inductively construct a descending chain of conditions $(p_\beta \mid \beta < \kappa)$ and a normal sequence of ordinals $(\gamma_\beta \mid \beta < \kappa)$ s.t.

- $p_\beta \Vdash \check{y}_\beta \in \check{C}$
- For each $z < \gamma_\beta$: $p_\beta \Vdash z \in \check{A}$ or $p_\beta \Vdash z \notin \check{A}$

Then if we let

$$A = \{z < \kappa \mid p_\beta \Vdash z \in \check{A} \text{ some } \beta\}$$

$$C = \{\gamma_\beta \mid \beta < \kappa\}$$

Then $A, C \in V$, $A \subseteq \kappa$, C is a club in κ and

$$A \cap \gamma_\beta \neq a_{\gamma_\beta} \text{ all } \beta < \kappa$$

which witnesses that $(a_\alpha \mid \alpha < \kappa)$ is not a \diamond_κ -sequence in V . Contradiction. \square

⑩ Vopěnka Algebra

Theorem (Vopěnka late 60's) Every set of ordinals is ^{set-}generic over HOD . In fact (Woodin) if x is a set of ordinals then

$$\text{HOD}_{\{x\}} = \text{HOD}[G_x]$$

where G_x is a filter generic for Vopěnka algebra over HOD .

Hence, if $V \models \text{ZFC}$ then every $x \in V$ is ^{set-}generic over HOD .

Recall if B is a Boolean algebra we view $B^+ = B - \{0_B\}$ as a forcing poset. But we often abuse the notation and write B in place of B^+ .

Assume $\alpha \in \text{On}$ and $x \in \mathcal{P}(\alpha)$. We define a Boolean algebra B^* as follows:

- $A \in B^* \Leftrightarrow A \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\alpha)) \cap \text{OD}$
- Ordering: $A \leq B$ iff $A \subseteq B$

Notice: B^* is OD-complete, i.e. if $(A_i \mid i < \beta)$ is a sequence of elements of B^* and this sequence is OD then $\bigcup_{i < \beta} A_i, \bigcap_{i < \beta} A_i \in B^*$.

Fix a definable

$$\pi : \text{OD} \longrightarrow {}^{\omega} \text{On}$$

which to each $z \in \text{OD}$ assigns its code. Recall $(\alpha, \varphi, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k)$ is a code for z iff

z is the unique object u s.t. $\forall \alpha \models \varphi(\alpha, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k)$

Here we code φ as a member of ω .

So for instance the map π defined by
 $\pi(z) = \text{the } <^* \text{ least code of } z$
 is an example of such a definable bijection.

We let

$$\mathbb{B} = \pi \upharpoonright \mathbb{B}^*$$

$$\text{and } \leq_{\mathbb{B}} = \pi \left[\leq \cap (\mathbb{B}^* \times \mathbb{B}^*) \right]$$

then $(\mathbb{B}, \leq_{\mathbb{B}}) \in \text{HOD}$ and

$$\pi \upharpoonright \mathbb{B}^* : (\mathbb{B}^*, \leq) \rightarrow (\mathbb{B}, \leq_{\mathbb{B}})$$

is an OD isomorphism between (\mathbb{B}^*, \leq) and $(\mathbb{B}, \leq_{\mathbb{B}})$.

In what follows we work either with \mathbb{B} or \mathbb{B}^*
 (but meaning \mathbb{B}^*) and understand that anything
 can be transferred to the "other side" via π .

\mathbb{B} or \mathbb{B}^* is called the Vopenka algebra.

- (1) Assume G^* is OD-generic for \mathbb{B}^* , i.e.
 $G^* \cap D \neq \emptyset$ whenever $D \in \text{OD}$ is dense in \mathbb{B}^* .
 then $\bigcap G^*$ is a singleton.

Proof For each $\zeta < \alpha$ let

$$A_{\zeta}^0 = \{a \in \mathcal{P}(\alpha) \mid \zeta \notin a\}$$

$$A_{\zeta}^1 = \{a \in \mathcal{P}(\alpha) \mid \zeta \in a\}$$

then $A_{\zeta}^0 \cup A_{\zeta}^1 = \mathcal{P}(\alpha) \in G^*$ and $A_{\zeta}^0 \cap A_{\zeta}^1 = \emptyset$.

So for each $\zeta < \alpha$ exactly one of A_{ζ}^0, A_{ζ}^1 is in G^* .

Letting

$$\gamma = \{\alpha \mid A_\alpha \in G^*\}$$

we get

$$\bigcap G^* = \{\gamma\} \quad \square$$

(2) Recall we fixed $x \in \mathcal{P}(A)$. Define

$$G_x^* = \{A \in \mathcal{B}^* \mid x \in A\}$$

Then G_x^* is an OD-generic filter for \mathcal{B}^* .

Proof Obviously G_x^* is a filter.

OD-genericity: Assume $D \in \text{OD}$ is dense in \mathcal{B}^* .

Then $\bigcup D = \mathcal{P}(A)$; otherwise $\mathcal{P}(A) \setminus \bigcup D \neq \emptyset$

but $\mathcal{P}(A) \setminus \bigcup D \in \mathcal{B}^*$, so there would be some $A \in D$ (by density) s.t. $A \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A) \setminus \bigcup D$.

Contradiction. Since $\bigcup D = \mathcal{P}(A)$ there must be some $A \in D$ s.t. $x \in A$. This means: $D \cap G_x^* \neq \emptyset$. \square

Now by (1): $\{x\} = \bigcap G_x^*$. Now everything can be transferred to HOD via π . We let

$$G_x = \pi[G_x^*]$$

and show $x \in \text{HOD}[G_x]$. We actually now show

$$(3) \quad \text{HOD}_{\{x\}} = \text{HOD}[G_x].$$

The inclusion \supseteq is easy, as $\text{HOD} \subseteq \text{HOD}_{\{x\}}$

and $G_x \in \text{HOD}_{\{x\}}$.

To see $\text{HOD}_{\{x\}} \subseteq \text{HOD}[G_x]$:

Since $\text{HOD}_{\{x\}} \models \text{ZFC}$ it suffices to show that $\forall y \in \beta$ for some $\beta \in \text{On}$ then $y \in \text{HOD}_{\{x\}} \Rightarrow y \in \text{HOD}[G_x]$.

So consider such a $y \in \text{HOD}_{\{x\}}$. This means we have a formula $\varphi(u, v, w_1, \dots, w_n)$ and ordinals $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k$ s.t.

For every $z < \beta$:

$$(3.1) \quad z \in y \Leftrightarrow \forall \varphi(z, x, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k)$$

Let

$$A_z^* = \{z \in \mathcal{P}(a) \mid \forall \varphi(z, x, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k)\}$$

and notice that $A_z^* \in \mathcal{B}^*$, and by (3.1)

$$z \in y \Leftrightarrow x \in A_z^* \Leftrightarrow A_z^* \in G_x^*$$

So we can write a \mathcal{B}^* -term y^* for y :

$$y^* = \{ \langle A_z^*, z \rangle \mid z < \beta \}$$

Then $y^* \dot{G}_x^* = y$. Now using the isomorphism π we can transfer everything to HOD and get a \mathcal{B} -term $\dot{y} \in \text{HOD}$ s.t.

$$\dot{y} \dot{G}_x = \dot{y}^* \dot{G}_x^* = y. \quad \square (3)$$

The above is just a basic form of Vopenka algebra and has many variations. E.g. one can add \mathbb{R}^n to HOD .