

Cardinal characteristics and finite support iteration

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Forcing notions $\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}, \dots$

Names: $V^{\mathbb{P}}$ $\underline{x} \in V^{\mathbb{P}} \iff \underline{x} \subseteq \mathbb{P} \times V^{\mathbb{P}}$
or $V^{\mathbb{P}} \times \mathbb{P}?$

Evaluation: $\underline{x}^G = \underline{x}[\textcolor{red}{G}] = \{ \underline{y}[\textcolor{red}{G}] : \exists p \in \textcolor{red}{G} : (p, \underline{y}) \in \underline{x} \}$

Forcing thm: $V \models p \Vdash \varphi(\underline{x}) \iff \forall \textcolor{red}{G} \subseteq \mathbb{P} : V[\textcolor{red}{G}] \models \varphi(\underline{x}[\textcolor{red}{G}])$
(V -generic)

Composition: If $\mathbb{P} \Vdash \mathbb{Q}$ is a forcing notion, then

$$\mathbb{P} * \mathbb{Q} := \{ (p, \underline{q}) \in \mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{Q} : p \Vdash \underline{q} \in \mathbb{Q} \} \cap {}^H(\mathcal{Q})$$

Identify $\mathbb{P}$ with $\mathbb{P} \times \{1_{\mathbb{Q}}\} \triangleleft \mathbb{P} * \mathbb{Q}$

General maxim:

adding desired objects is easy

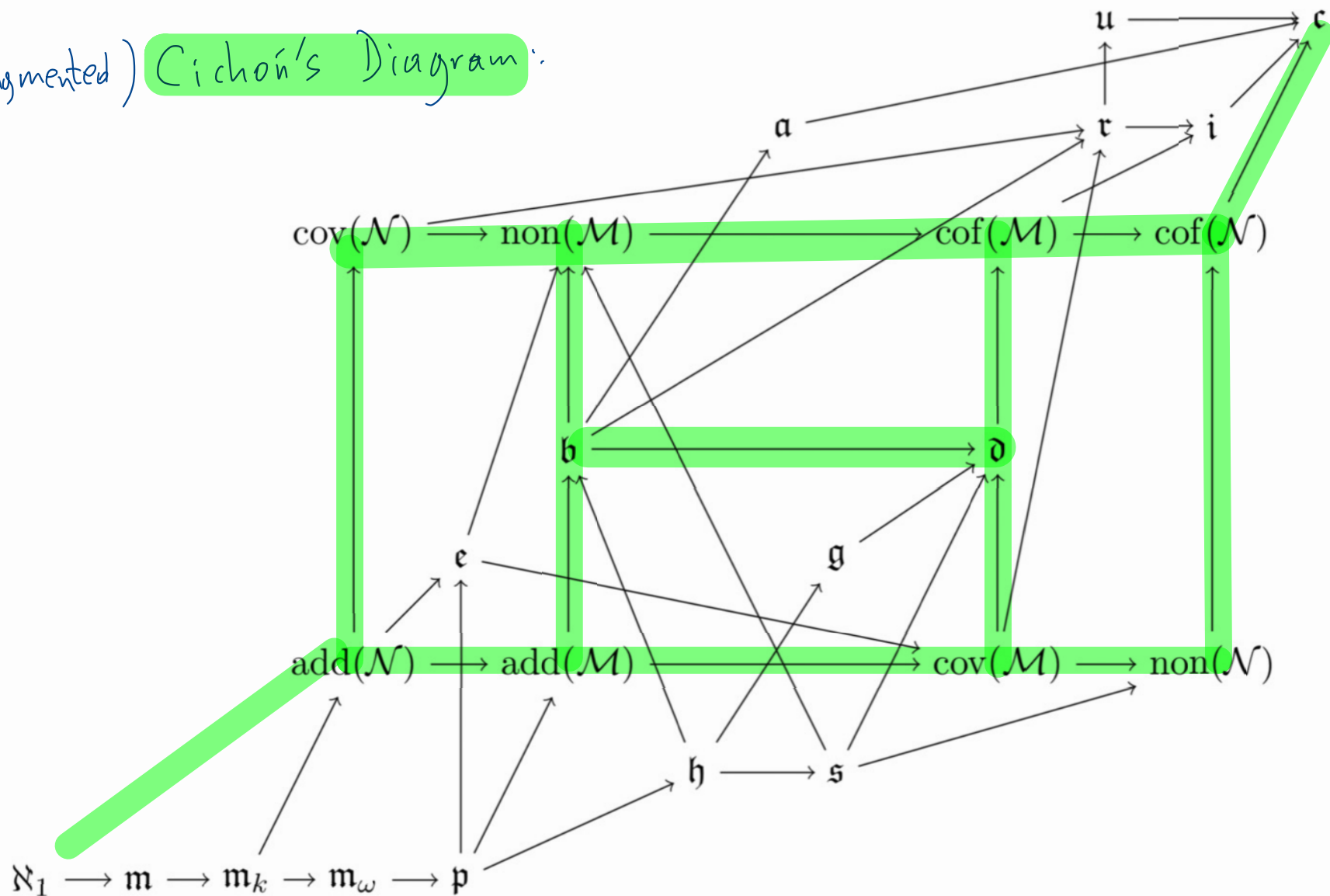
avoiding undesired objects is ~~hard~~
needs work

add many reals

avoid collapsing cardinals

Cardinal characteristics of the continuum

(Augmented) Cichoń's Diagram:



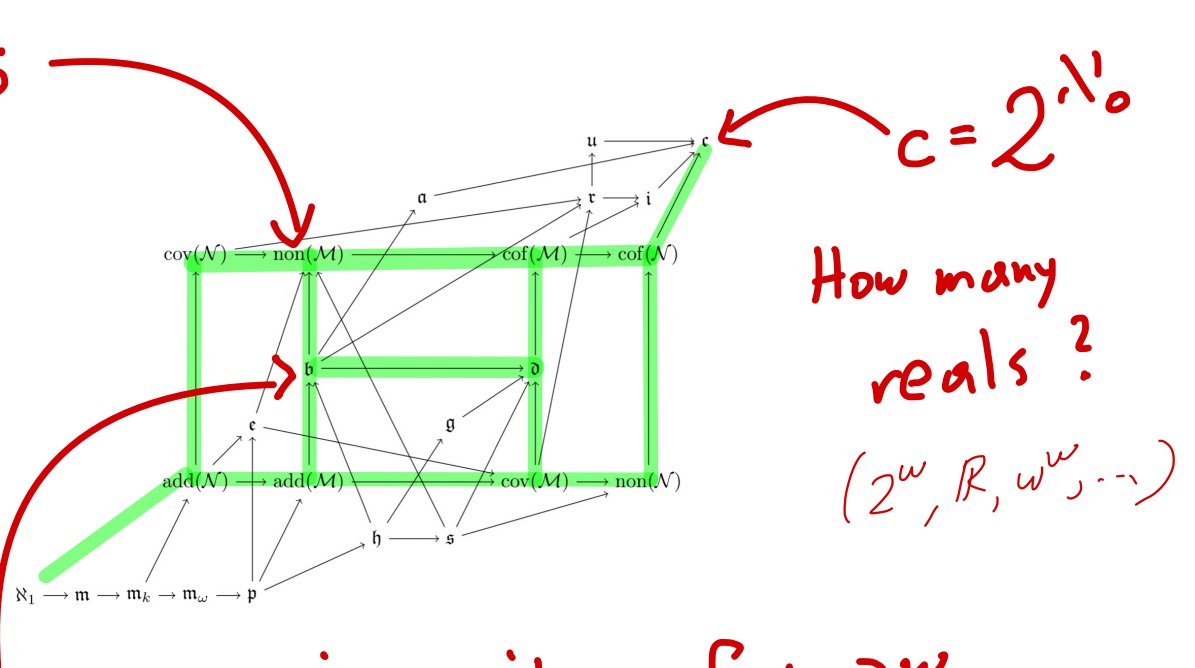
$\text{non}(\mathcal{M}) =$ How many reals

do you need so that
no meager set
contains all of them

Special meager sets $\subseteq \omega^\omega$:

$$M_g = \{f \mid \forall^\infty n: f(n) \neq g(n)\}$$

$$f R_{\text{nonM}} g \Leftrightarrow \forall^\infty n: f(n) \neq g(n)$$



$b =$ How many functions $f: \omega \rightarrow \omega$

do you need so that no $g: \omega \rightarrow \omega$

dominates all of them?

$$f \leq^* g \Leftrightarrow \exists n_0 \forall n \geq n_0: f(n) \leq g(n)$$

$$f R_b g$$

More general cardinal characteristics:

Let $X, Y \in \{2^w, w^w\}$. We consider binary relations $R \subseteq X \times Y$ with the following properties:

$$R = \bigcup_k R(k)$$

Each $R(k)$ closed.

$\forall g: \{f \mid f R(k) g\}$ meager

$$\forall f \exists g f R g$$

Examples: $f \leq^* g$

$$f R_{\text{non}} g: \forall^\infty n: f(n) \neq g(n)$$

$$b_{\leq^*} = b \quad d_{\leq^*} = d$$

$$b_{R_{\text{non}}} = \text{non}(\mathcal{M}) \quad d_{R_{\text{non}}} = \text{cov}(\mathcal{M})$$

Def

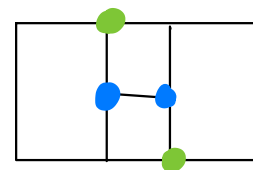
$$b_R = \min \{ |B| : B \subseteq X, \forall y \in Y : B \not\subseteq R y \}$$

$$\exists x \in B: x \not R y$$

$$d_R = \min \{ |D| : D \subseteq Y, \forall x \in X : x \not R D \}$$

$$\exists y \in D: x \not R y$$

(Note: $d_R = b_{\neg R}$, but $\neg R$ is usually not F_σ)
 $b_R = d_{\neg R}$



Cichoń's Diagram, assuming CH



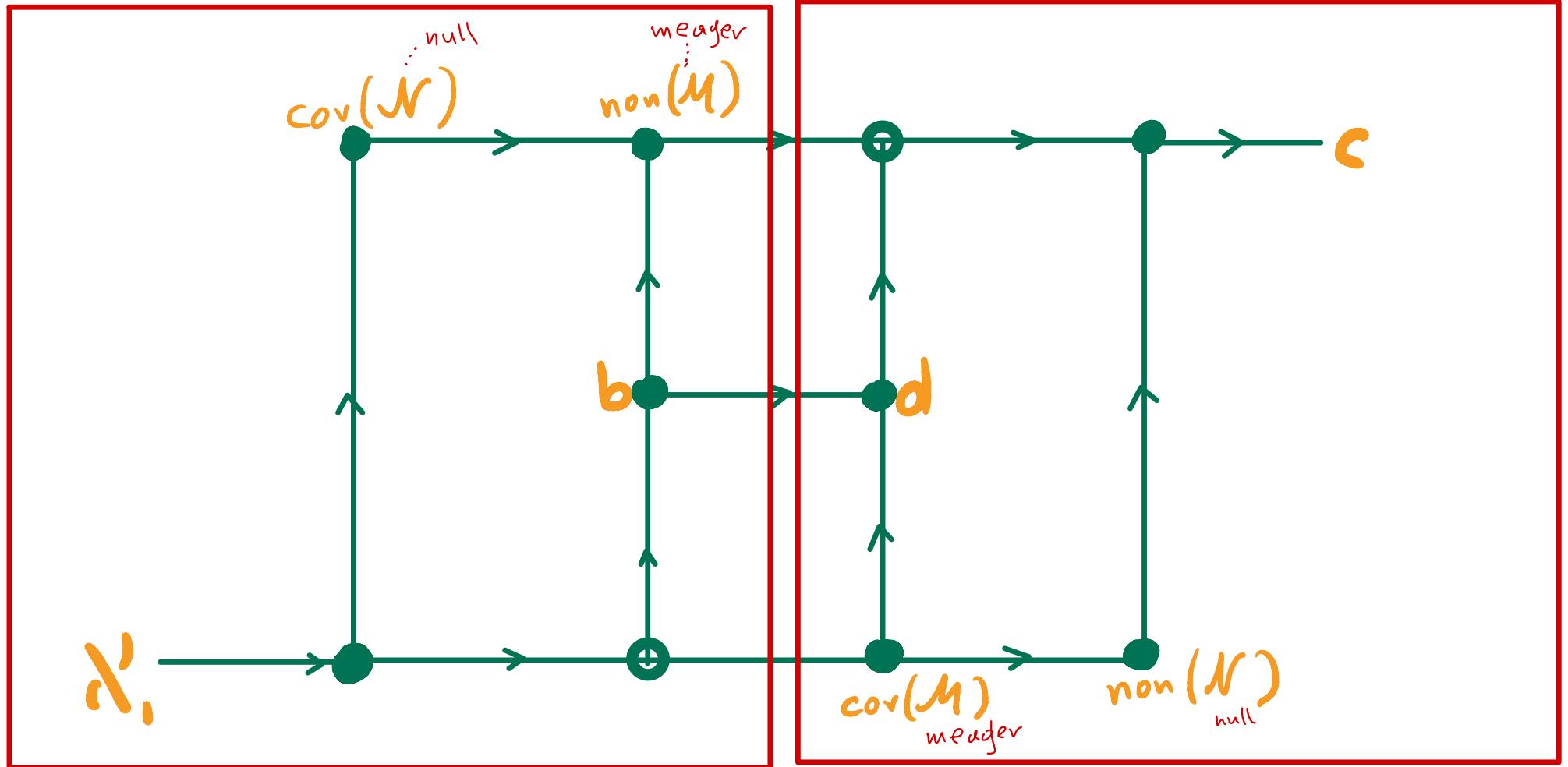
Cichoń's Diagram, assuming $\text{MA} + \neg \text{CH}$

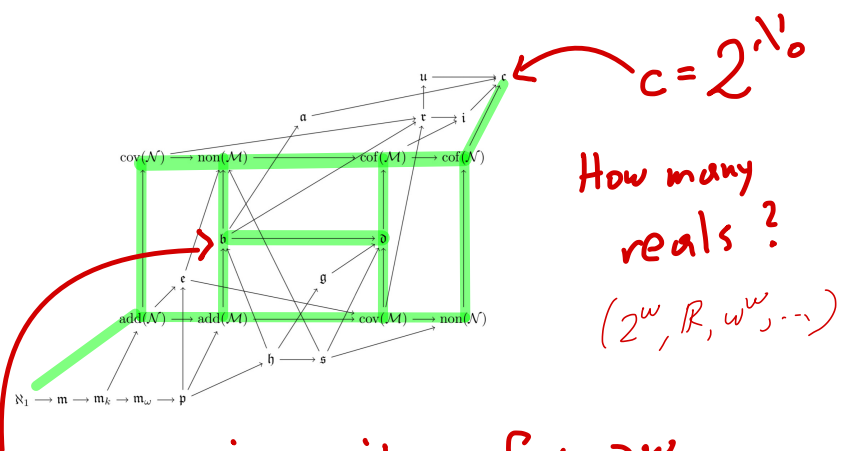


Cohen's universe $\text{Con}(\text{ZFC} + 2^{\aleph_0} = \aleph_2)$

$\aleph_1 \downarrow$

$\aleph_2 \downarrow$





How to increase b .

consistent
($\text{con} (b \geq \aleph_2)$):

Iterate forcing extensions:

$V, V^{G_0}, V^{G_0 * G_1}, \dots$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\omega_2 \text{ many}}$

In each step add a real that dominates the previous universe.

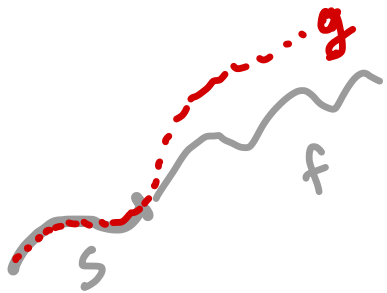
(really?)
In the end, every set of size $\aleph_1$ is dominated.

Hedler forcing

Successor step for increasing b :

$$\mathbb{P} = \left\{ (s, f) : s \in {}^\omega \omega, f \in {}^\omega \omega \right. \\ \left. \forall k \ s(k) \geq f(k) \right\}$$

$$(s', f') \leq (s, f) \Leftrightarrow \\ s' \geq s, f' \geq f$$



so $\forall k \in \text{dom}(s') : s'(k) \geq f'(k) \geq f(k)$

$$(s, f) \Vdash g \geq s, g \geq f$$

Hence g dominates all old functions.

Limit step w :

When we have defined

$$\mathbb{P}_0 \subseteq \mathbb{P}_1 \subseteq \mathbb{P}_2 \subseteq \dots$$

$$\{1\} \quad \mathbb{P}_0 * \underline{\mathbb{Q}}_0 \quad \mathbb{P}_1 * \underline{\mathbb{Q}}_1$$

$$\text{Let } \mathbb{P}_w = \bigcup_{n < w} \mathbb{P}_n$$

"direct limit"
"finite support limit"

"All" nice properties of the $\mathbb{P}_n$
are inherited by $\mathbb{P}_w$.

Result: $\text{Con}(b = c = \aleph_2)$
Similarly $\text{Con}(b = c = \kappa)$
for regular κ .

(What happens in limit stages?)

$$P_0 \subseteq P_1 \subseteq P_2 \subseteq \dots$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \{1\} & P_0 * \underline{Q_0} & P_1 * \underline{Q_1} \end{array}$$

⊕

If all $\underline{Q_i}$ are ccc, then all P_i will be ccc.

If all $\underline{Q_i}$ are of size $\leq \aleph_1$, then all P_i ($i < \omega_2$)
are "morally" $\leq \aleph_1$
(dense subset)

(CH preserved)

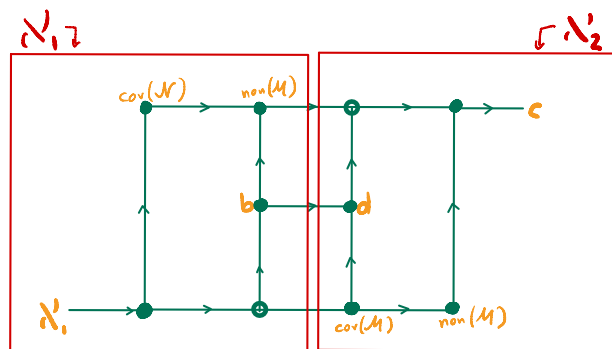
$$[\forall i: |Q_i| = c \Rightarrow P_i \Vdash c = \aleph_1]$$

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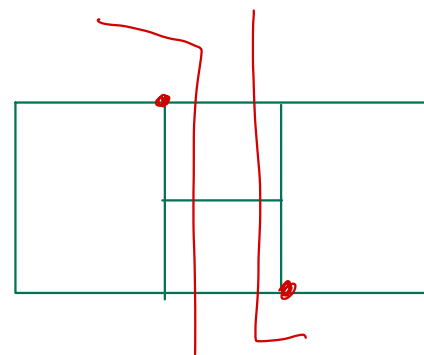
If all Q_i are nontrivial,
then $P_{i+\omega}$ adds a Cohen real over V^{P_i}

Consequences of Cohen reals

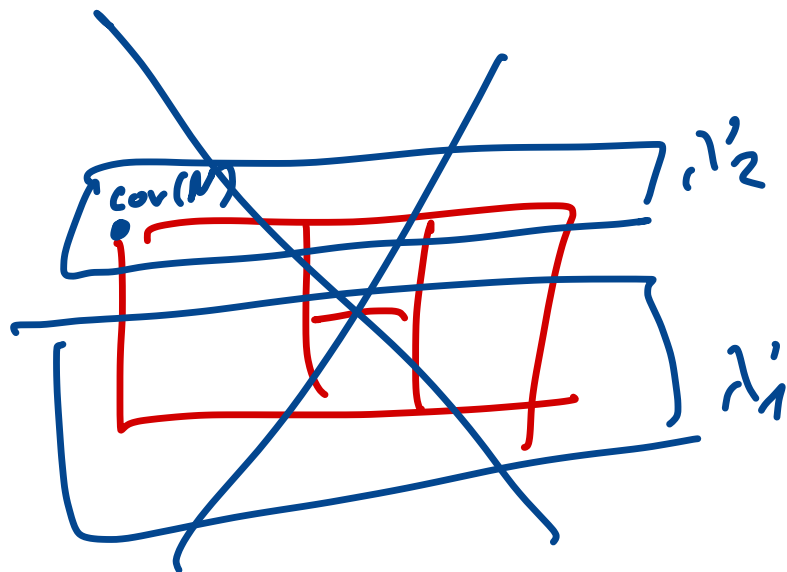
Cohen's universe



Finite support iteration, length δ_{limit}



$\omega < \delta$ regular



$(c_i : i < \delta)$
 $\uparrow$
 i th limit

$\{c_i : i < \delta\}$ size δ
 non meager!

$\text{non}(M) \leq \delta$

$\text{cov}(M) \geq \delta$

How to get $\aleph_1 < b < c$?

"SMALL FORCING"

E.g. $b = \aleph_3$, $c = \aleph_8$



Assume $V \models C \leq \aleph_8^{1/2} = \aleph_8^{1/2}$

Iterate forcing extensions $\delta := \omega_8$ many steps.

(In V_i) For each $\alpha < \omega_8$, fix a set $W_\alpha \subseteq \alpha$ of size $< \aleph_3$ such that every element of $[\delta]^{< \aleph_3}$ is covered by some W_α .

Let $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha} \mathbb{Q}_\alpha := (\text{Hechler forcing}) \cap (\text{the universe generated by } \{g_\beta : \beta \in W_\alpha\})$

Then in $V[G_\delta]$, all sets of size $< \aleph_3$ will be dominated, so $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\delta} b \geq \aleph_3$.

generic real, stage β

We know how to ensure $\Vdash_{P_\delta} b \geq \aleph_3$: In each successor stage, take care of some set of size $< \aleph_3$, use a small Hechler forcing to dominate it.

How to ensure $\Vdash_{P_\delta} b \leq \aleph_3$?

A "witness" for $b \leq \aleph_3$:= An unbounded set of size $\aleph_3$.

A strong witness for $b \leq \aleph_3$: A set $S \subseteq \omega^\omega$, $|S| \geq \aleph_3$,

and: $\forall g \in \omega^\omega: |\{s \in S: s \leq^* g\}| < \aleph_3$

(Any subset of size $\aleph_3$ will be a witness.

Note: If $|S| = \aleph_7$, S a strong witness for $b \leq \aleph_3$,
then S is also a witness for $d \leq \aleph_7$.

We will show soon how to $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(a) get} \\ \text{(b) preserve} \end{array} \right\}$ strong witnesses.

Strong witness, examples:

A witness for $\text{non}(\mathcal{M}) = \aleph_1$: $L = \{x_i : i < \omega_1\}$, not meager

A strong witness for $\text{non}(\mathcal{M}) = \aleph_1$: $L = \{x_i : i < \omega_1\}$,
every meager subset is countable } Luzin set
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How to get strong witnesses:

Iterate Cohen reals, finite support, length $\lambda > \omega$

Get a sequence $\bar{c} = (c_i : i < \lambda)$. 

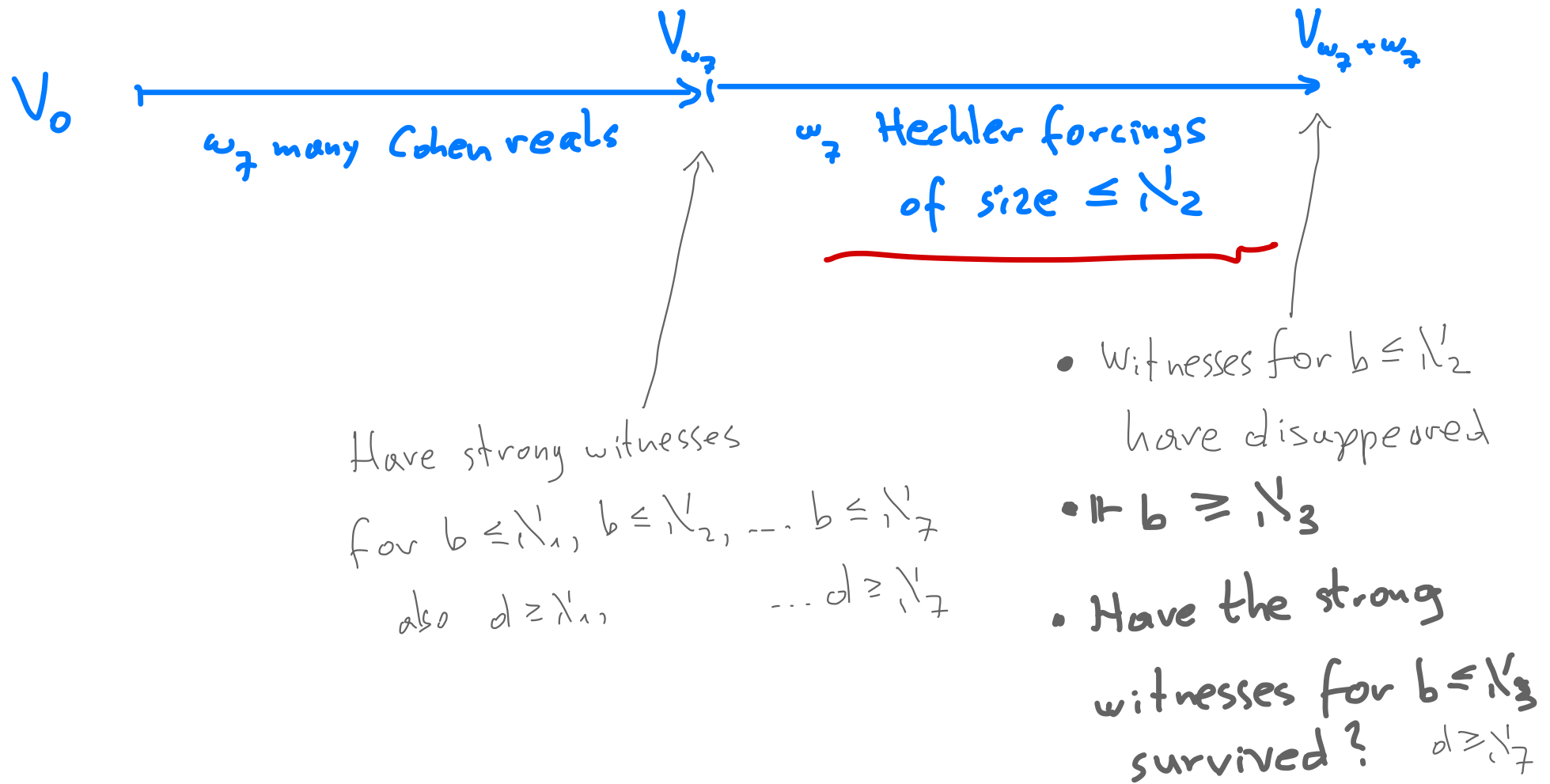
$\forall \kappa \in \lambda$: κ regular $\Rightarrow \bar{c} \upharpoonright \kappa$ is a strong witness

... for $b \leq \kappa$

(also for $\text{non}(\mathcal{M}) \leq \kappa, \dots$)

The plan to get $\aleph_1 < b = \aleph_3 < c = \aleph_7$

(and many other b_R in between):



DEFINITION: (λ regular $\geq \aleph_0$. For simplicity: successor)

$\mathbb{P}$ is λ -good (for $\leq^*$) if:

(also λ' -good for all $\lambda' \geq \lambda$)

For all $\mathbb{P}$ -names $\underline{z}$

there is a set $Y \in V$, $|Y| < \lambda$ of "representatives"

such that:

$\forall x$: If Y does not bound x , then neither does $\underline{z}$.

$$\forall x: \left[\begin{array}{c} \exists y \ x \leq y \leftarrow x \leq \underline{z} \\ (\forall y \in Y: x \not\leq^* y) \Rightarrow \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} x \not\leq^* \underline{z} \end{array} \right]$$

Example: If $|\mathbb{P}| < \lambda$.

Proof:

Let $N < H(\mathcal{G})$, $|N| = |\mathbb{P}|$, $\mathbb{P} \cup \{\mathbb{P}\} \subseteq N$. $\underline{z} \in N$

Let $Y := {}^w N$.

Assume $\times$: $\mathbb{P} \Vdash x \leq^* \underline{z}$. Wlog $\mathbb{P} \Vdash x \leq \underline{z}$. (Note: $x \notin N$)

In N , interpret $\underline{z}$ as $\underline{z}^*$. Then $x \leq \underline{z}^* \in Y$, $\downarrow$.

$$\mathbb{P}_k \Vdash \underline{x} \upharpoonright k \leq \underline{z} \upharpoonright k = \underline{z}^* \upharpoonright k$$

$$(p_k)_{k \in \omega} \quad p_k \Vdash \underline{z} \upharpoonright k \leq \underline{z}^* \upharpoonright k$$

Fact: (1) If $\bar{c} = (c_i : i < \kappa)$
is a strong witness
for $b \leq \kappa$

[every $\leq^*$ -bounded subset is $< \kappa$]

and if $\mathbb{P}$ is λ -good for some $\lambda \leq \kappa$
(so also κ -good)

then $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} (c_i : i < \kappa)$ is still a strong witness

(2) Goodness is preserved in FS iteration.

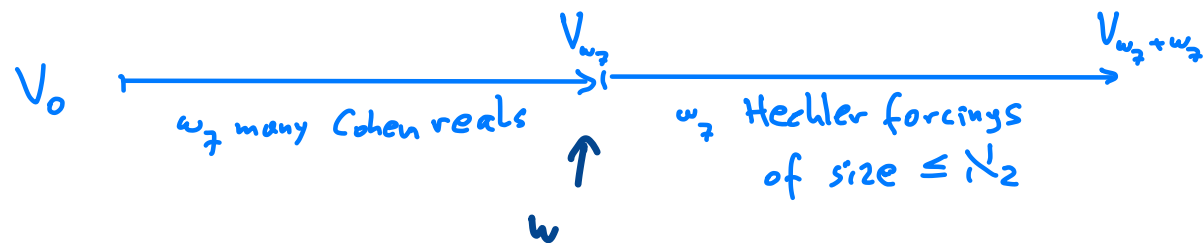
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Reformulation of

λ^+ -goodness:

For all $N < H(\lambda)$
of size λ , with $P \in N$:

For all P -names $\dot{x}$
there is a set $Y \in V$, $|Y| < \lambda$ of "representatives"
such that:

$\forall x$: If Y does not bound x , then neither does $\dot{x}$.

$$\forall x: \left[\left(\exists y \in Y: x \leq^* y \right) \leftarrow x \leq \dot{x} \Rightarrow \Vdash_P x \leq^* \dot{x} \right]$$

for all $\dot{x} \in N$ (so $\dot{x}[G] \in N[G]$):

$\forall x$: If $\Vdash x \leq^* \dot{x}$, then $x \leq^* \dot{x} \restriction \dot{x} \restriction N =: Y$

i.e. $\exists y \in Y: x \leq^* y$

Def Let $p \Vdash \dot{x} \in \omega^\omega$. An interpretation of $\dot{x}$ (below p) is a pair $(x^*, \bar{p})$,
 $x^* \in \omega^\omega$, $\bar{p} = (p_n) \in P^\omega$, decreasing,
 $\forall n \quad p_n \Vdash \dot{x} \restriction n = \check{x}^* \restriction n$

Quotients: FS iteration $(P_\beta, Q_\beta: \beta < \delta)$, Limit P_δ .

$\alpha < \delta$.



$\{p \restriction [\alpha, \delta]: p \restriction \alpha \in G_\alpha\}$

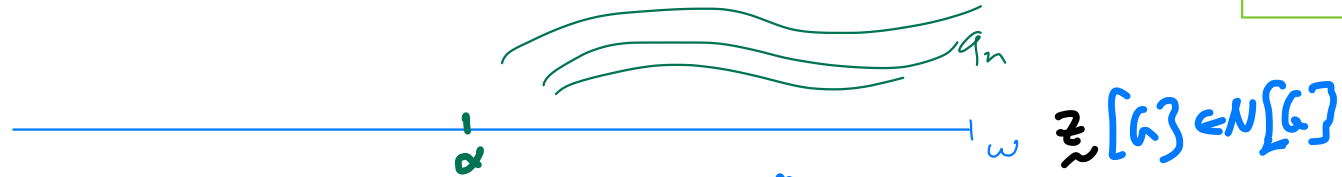
$\Vdash_{P_\alpha} P_\delta: P_\alpha := \{p \in P_\delta: p \restriction \alpha \in G_\alpha\}$

Then $\Vdash_{P_\alpha} P_\delta$ is equivalent to a FS iteration
 indexed by $\delta \setminus \alpha$
 of forcings Q_β

Preservation of goodness
in limit stages δ (successors: homework)
Main case: $\text{cf}(\delta) = \omega$.

$$\begin{aligned} x \leq_n y &\Leftrightarrow \\ \forall k \geq n \quad x(k) &\leq y(k) \\ x \leq^* y &\Leftrightarrow \exists n \quad x \leq_n y \end{aligned}$$

$\underline{z} \in N$



x arbitrary $\notin N?$ Assume $\Vdash_{P_\delta} x \leq^* \underline{z}$, but $\underline{x} \not\leq^* \underline{y} := \omega'' n N$

Find p, n : $p \Vdash x \leq_n \underline{z}$, $p \in P_\alpha$, $\alpha < \delta$.

Work in $V[G_\alpha]$. Find $(q_n)_{n \in \omega}$ interpreting $\underline{z}$ as $\underline{z}^*$.
($\underline{z}^*$ is a P_α -name) $\in P_\delta \cap P_\alpha$

$\Vdash_n N!!$

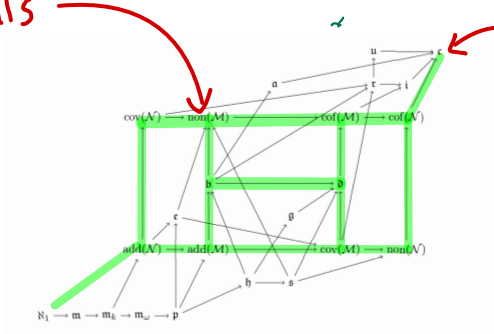
In $V[G_\alpha]$, $\underline{x} \not\leq^* \underline{z}^*$ (as P_α is good)

Find $n' > n$ $x(n') > z^*(n')$.

$(P, q_{n'+1}) \Vdash x(n') > z^*(n') = \underline{z}(n')$ $\hookrightarrow$

(In general:
 $\{z: \underline{x} \not\leq_n z\}$
is open)

$\text{non}(\mathcal{M}) =$ How many reals
do you need so that
no meager set
contains all of them



$c = 2^{\aleph_0}$
How many
reals?
($2^{\omega}, \mathbb{R}, \omega^{\omega}, \dots$)

$$M_g = \{f \in \omega^{\omega} \mid \forall n f(n) \neq g(n)\} \text{ meager}$$

How to increase ~~$\aleph_1$~~ $\text{non}(\mathcal{M})$

$$\text{Con}(\aleph_1^{\text{non}(\mathcal{M})} \geq \aleph_2):$$

Iterate forcing extensions:

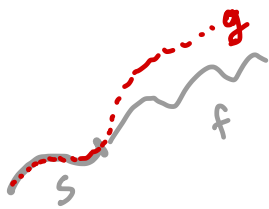
$$V, V^{Q_0}, V^{Q_0 * Q_1}, \dots$$

ω_2 many

In each step add a real that
~~dominates~~ ^{covers} the previous universe.
(with a meager set M_g)

In the end, every set of size $\aleph_1$
is ~~dominated~~ ^(really?) covered, so $\text{non}(\mathcal{M}) \geq \aleph_2$

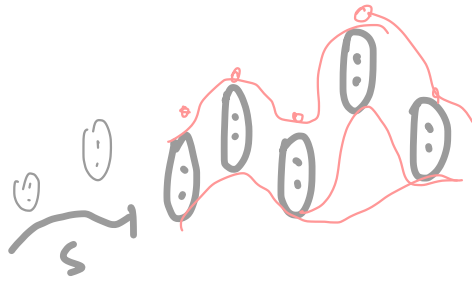
Hedler:



How to cover the old reals

with a meager set $M_g = \{f \in {}^\omega \omega : \forall n f(n) \neq g(n)\}$

Eventually different:



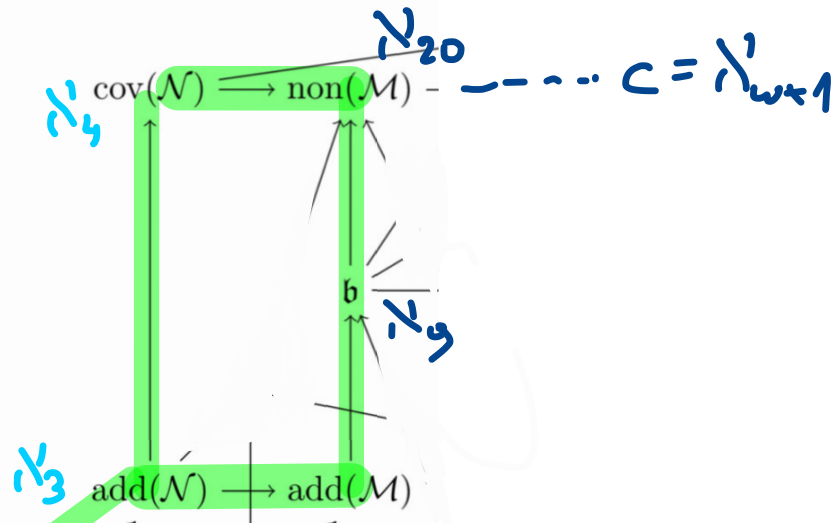
$$E = \left\{ (s, k, \varphi) : \begin{array}{l} s \in {}^\omega \omega, k \in \omega \\ \varphi: \omega \rightarrow [\omega]^{\leq k}, \\ \forall i \in \text{dom}(s): s(i) \notin \varphi(i) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$(s', k', \varphi') \leq (s, k, \varphi) \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} s' \geq s \\ k' \geq k \\ \forall i \varphi'(i) \supseteq \varphi(i) \end{array}$$

The generic function g eventually avoids all $f \in V$.

$$(s, k, \varphi) \Vdash g \geq s, \forall i g(i) \notin \varphi(i)$$

The left side of Cichoń's diagram



If additionally you want
 $\text{add}(\mathcal{N}) = \aleph_3$, $\text{cov}(\mathcal{N}) = \aleph_4$,
 use Amoeba forcings of size $\aleph_2$
 and random forcings of size $\aleph_3$.

Plan:

To get

$$\aleph_1 < b < \text{non}(\mathcal{M}) < c$$

$\aleph_9$

$\aleph_{20}$

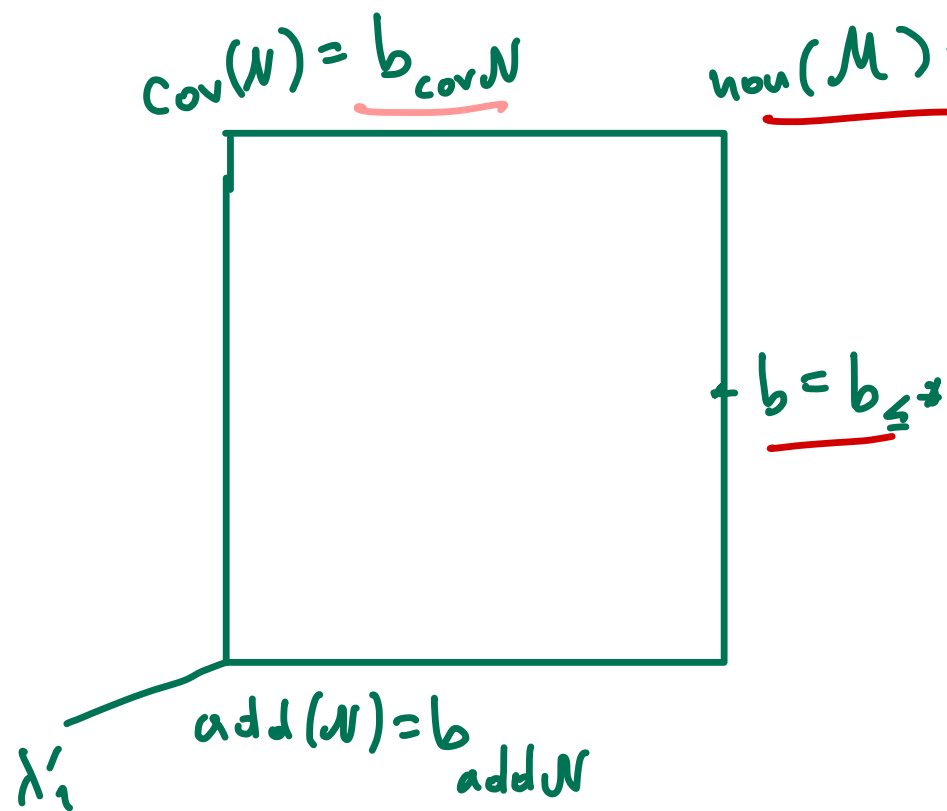
$\aleph_{w+3}$

use a finite support iteration

of (a) Hechler forcings of
 size $\aleph_8$

(b) eventually different
 forcings of size $\aleph_{19}$

(length: $\aleph_{w+3}$)



Every σ -centered
 forcing is good
 for $R_{\text{cov}M}$, $R_{\text{add}M}$
 Every Boolean alg. admitting
 a finitely add measure
 is good for $R_{\text{add}M}$

P σ -centered: $P = \bigcup_{k \in \omega} P_k$

P_k centered: $\forall F \subseteq P_k \Rightarrow \exists q \forall f \in F \ q \leq f$
 finite

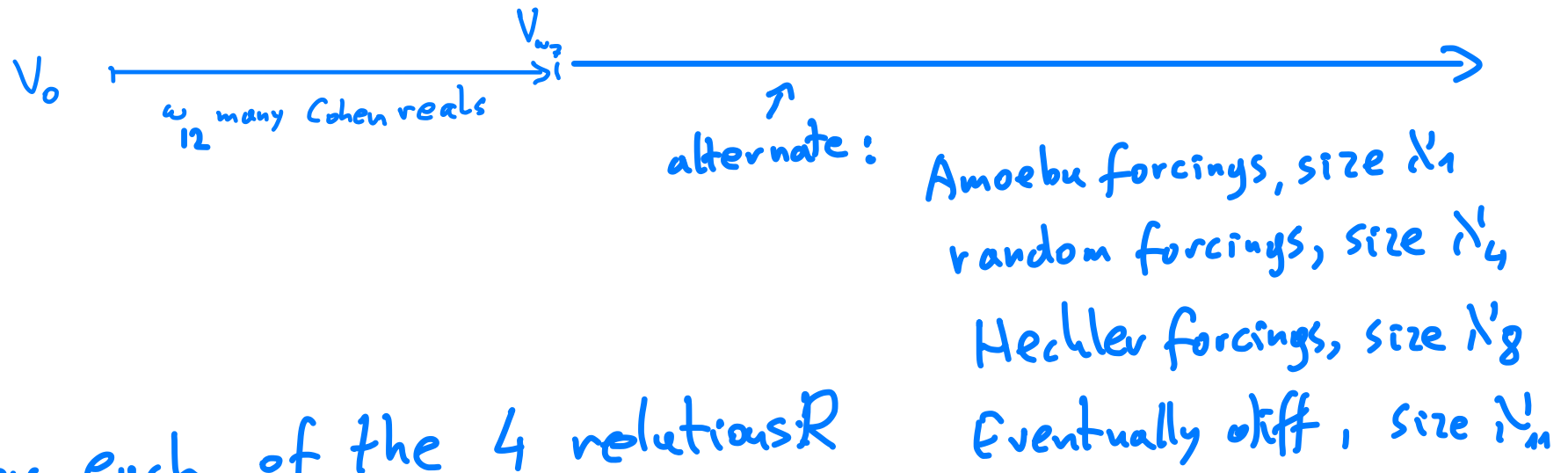
$$I_n = [2^n, 2^{n+1})$$

$$R = \{ (x, y) \in 2^\omega \times 2^\omega : \forall^\infty n \quad x \upharpoonright I_n \neq y \upharpoonright I_n \}$$

$$N_g = 2^\omega \setminus \left\{ f \mid \forall n \quad \underbrace{f \upharpoonright I_n \neq g \upharpoonright I_n}_{\text{measure}} \right\} \quad \text{positive}$$

measure

The plan to get $\aleph_1 < \underset{\aleph_2}{\text{add}(\mathcal{N})} < \underset{\aleph_5}{\text{cov}(\mathcal{N})} < \underset{\aleph_9}{b} < \underset{\aleph_{12}}{\text{non}(\mathcal{M})} < \underset{\aleph_{16}}{c}$



For each of the 4 relations R

- easily $b_R \geq \text{target value}$
 - goodness $\Rightarrow b_R \leq \text{target value}$
- plus: strong witnesses

Ultralimits

$$\mathbb{E} = \{ (s, k, \varphi) : s \in \omega^{\omega}, k \in \omega, \varphi: \omega \rightarrow [\omega]^{\leq k}, \forall i \in \text{dom}(s) : s(i) \neq \varphi(i) \}$$

$$(s', k', \varphi') \leq (s, k, \varphi) \Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} s' &\geq s \\ k' &\geq k \\ \forall i \varphi'(i) &\supseteq \varphi(i) \end{aligned}$$

Let $\mathcal{D}$ be an ultrafilter on ω .

$\bar{p} = (p_n : n \in \omega)$ a sequence

$$p_n = (s, k, \varphi_n).$$



$$q := \lim_{\mathcal{D}} \bar{p} = (s, k, \varphi) \in \mathbb{E} \quad j \in \varphi(i) \Leftrightarrow \{ n : j \in \varphi_n(i) \} \in \mathcal{D}$$

Fact $\forall A \in \mathcal{D} : q \Vdash A \wedge \{ n \in \omega : p_n \in G \}$ is infinite.

Thm If $\hat{f} = (f_i : i < \lambda)$ is a strong witness for $b \leq \lambda$,
then $\mathbb{E}$ does not add a real dominating $\hat{f}$.

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 then IE does not add a real dominating $\hat{f}$.

Proof Assume $p \Vdash \forall i f_i \leq^* \underset{\sim}{g}$.

$\forall i < \omega \exists p_i, n_i \quad p_i \Vdash f_i \leq_{n_i} \underset{\sim}{g}$. all $p_i \in (s_i, l_i, q_i)$

wlog all $n_i = n^*$ $p_i \Vdash f_i \leq_{n^*} \underset{\sim}{g}$.

Find $k > n^*$ s.t. $(f_i(k) : i < \lambda)$ is unbd. $\leq \omega$

wlog $f_i(k) \geq i$ for all $i < \omega$.

Let $q = \lim_D (p_i)_{i < \omega}$.

$q \Vdash$ if $p_i \in G$, then $g(k) \geq f_i(k) \geq i$
 $\uparrow$ ∞ many i $\uparrow$ $g(k) = \infty$ $\downarrow$.

$$R := \{(f, g) : \forall^\infty n \ f \upharpoonright I_n \neq g \upharpoonright I_n\} \subseteq 2^\omega \times 2^\omega \quad I_n = [2^n, 2^{n+1})$$

$$N_f = \{g : f \not\leq g\} \quad \text{null set.}$$

(If $(f_i : i < \lambda)$ unbd,
then $\bigcup_i N_{f_i}$ covers

Assume $\underline{y} \in N$, x unbd by $N \cap 2^\omega$

$$p_n \Vdash x R_{n_0} \underline{y} \quad \forall n \geq n_0 \quad x \upharpoonright I_n \neq y \upharpoonright I_n.$$

$$P = \bigcup_i P_k \quad \text{centered}$$

$N \models$ For each n find $s_n \in 2^{I_n}$ s.t. $\forall q \in P_k : q \Vdash y \upharpoonright I_n \neq s_n$
 $s := \bigcup s_n \in N!!$

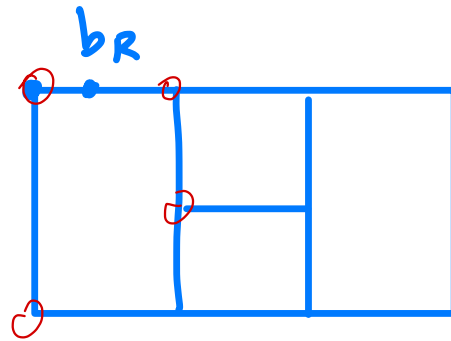
x unbd by s . Find large n

$$x \upharpoonright I_n = s \upharpoonright I_n = s_n$$

Can force $\underline{y} \upharpoonright I_n = s_n.$ $\downarrow$

$$\text{cov}(N) \leq b_P$$

Correction
 ω_N

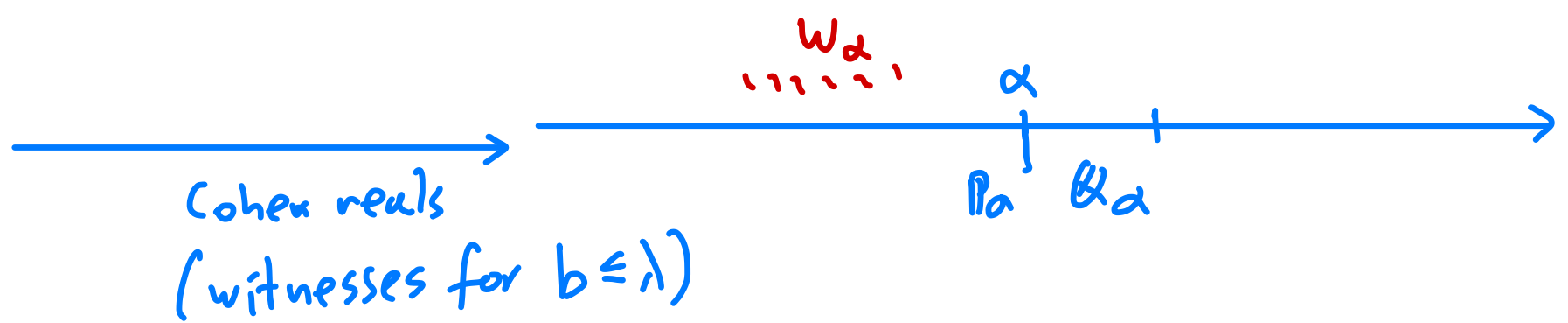


$$I_n = [2^n, 2^{n+1})$$

$$f: \omega \rightarrow 2$$

$$\{g: \forall n \underbrace{f \upharpoonright I_n \neq g \upharpoonright I_n}_{1 - \frac{1}{2^n}}\}$$

positive measure



For each α , $W_\alpha \subseteq \alpha$ is a "small" subset of α .

In $V[G_{P_\alpha}]$, consider the (small!) universe V'_α

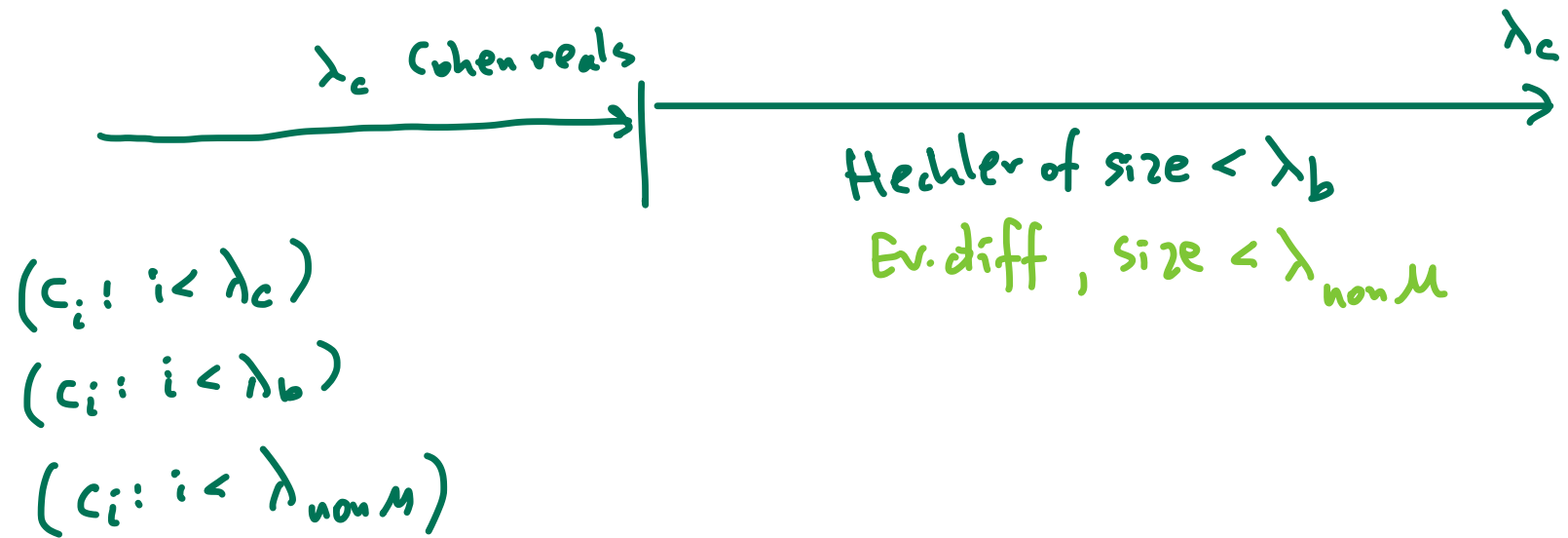
generated by the generics at β , $\beta \in W_\alpha$.

This universe is created by a complete subforcing

$P_{W_\alpha} \triangleleft P_\alpha$. (i.e. is equal to $V[G_{P_\alpha} \cap P_{W_\alpha}]$)

In $V[G_{P_\alpha}]$ we use the forcing (e.g.) $Q_\alpha := \text{Hechler} \cap V'_\alpha$

|| The Hechler real added in stage α ||
will dominate V'_α



R an F_σ relation, $\forall y \{x: x R y\}$ meager.

linear cofinal unbounded

$LCU_R(\mathbb{P}, \lambda)$:

$$b_R \leq \lambda$$

$$d_R \geq \lambda$$

There is a sequence $(c_\alpha: \alpha < \lambda)$
of $\mathbb{P}$ -names which is
forced to be a strong witness
for $b_R \leq \lambda$, $d_R \geq \lambda$

$(\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \forall y: \{\alpha: c_\alpha R y\} \text{ is bounded})$

For singular λ : $LCU(\mathbb{P}, \lambda) = LCU(\mathbb{P}, cf(\lambda))$

"almost nothing is bounded by y "

Remark: $LCU(\mathbb{P}, \lambda)$ for $R = COB(\mathbb{P}, \lambda, \lambda)$ for $\neg \mathcal{A}$
witnessed by $(S, \leq) = (\lambda, \leq)$

cone of bounds

$COB_R(\mathbb{P}, \lambda, \mu)$:

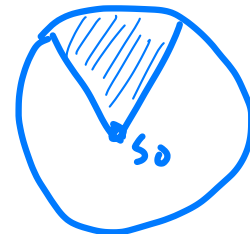
$$b_R \geq \lambda$$

$$d_R \leq \mu$$

There is a $< \lambda$ -directed
partial order $(S, \leq)$ Usually $([\mu]^{<\lambda}, \subseteq)$
of cardinality μ
and a sequence $(d_s: s \in S)$
of $\mathbb{P}$ names st:

$$\forall x \exists s_0:$$

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \forall s \geq s_0 \ x \not R d_s$$



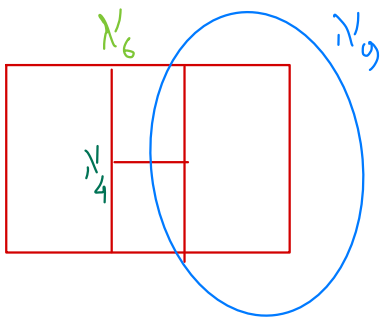
"almost everything
bounds $\times$ "

Example of LCU, COB:



In stage $\alpha \geq \omega_9$, use a "small" set $W_\alpha \subseteq \alpha$ to define $\mathcal{Q}_\alpha$

For the relation $\leq^*$, define $\alpha \sqsubseteq \beta \iff \mathcal{Q}_\alpha, \mathcal{Q}_\beta = \text{Hechler},$
and $W_\alpha \subseteq W_\beta$.



This is $< \dot{N}_4$ -directed

Let $d_\alpha := \text{Hechler real added by } \mathcal{Q}_\alpha$

Then $(\omega_9, \sqsubseteq, (d_\alpha)_\alpha)$ witnesses $\text{COB}(P, \dot{N}_4, \dot{N}_9)$

(If $\dot{x}$ is a name for a real,
find α s.t. $\dot{x}$ is in V_α' . For every β :
 $\alpha \sqsubseteq \beta \Rightarrow \dot{x} \leq_{\dot{N}_\beta}^* d_\beta$)

For the relation R_{nonM} : similar

Fact: If κ strongly compact, θ regular $> \kappa$ (or just cf $\theta > \kappa$)

then there is an elementary embedding $j: V \rightarrow M$

with the following properties:

" j from κ to θ "

$$\kappa = \text{cp}(j)$$

$$M^{\leq \kappa} \subseteq M$$

$$|Y| < \kappa \Rightarrow j(Y) = j''Y$$

$$\text{cf } j(\kappa) = \theta \quad j(\kappa) \geq \theta$$

$$\forall \mu \quad j(\mu) \leq \max(\mu, \theta)^\kappa \quad \text{If } \underline{\theta^\kappa} = \theta, \text{ then } |j(\kappa)| = |j(\theta)| = \theta$$

Whenever $(S, \leq)$ is $\leq \kappa$ -directed,
then $j''S$ is cofinal in $j(S)$

Proof: Use $\text{ro}(\text{Fun}(\theta, \kappa, < \kappa))$, Boolean ultrapower ...
Elements of $j(S)$ will be "averages" of $\leq \kappa$ elements of S .

Let $j: V \rightarrow M$ be an embedding from κ to Θ

$P \Vdash \text{ccc}$.

- $j(P)$ is still ccc (is still a FS iteration)

- all $j(P)$ -names of reals are in M
(ctbly closed, ccc!)

- $M[G]^{<\kappa} \in M[G]$ (in $V[G]$) $\left[\begin{array}{l} G \in j(P), V\text{-gen} \\ \text{and } M\text{-gen} \end{array} \right]$

- $j''P$ is a complete subforcing of $j(P)$
($\cong P$)

Let $j : V \rightarrow M$ be an embedding from κ to Θ

$$LCU_R(P, \lambda) \Rightarrow LCU_R(j(P), j(\lambda))$$

(If $\lambda \neq \kappa$, λ regular, then $LCU(j(P), \lambda)$)

$V \models P \Vdash \dot{c} = (c_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda)$ strong witness

$M \models j(P) \Vdash j(\dot{c})$ (length $j(\lambda)$) is a strong witness.

"Every $j(P)$ name bounds only an initial segment of $j(\dot{c})$ "
(ABSOLUTE between M and V)

$$COB(P, \lambda, \mu) \Rightarrow COB(j(P), \lambda, |j(\mu)|) \text{ if } \kappa > \lambda$$

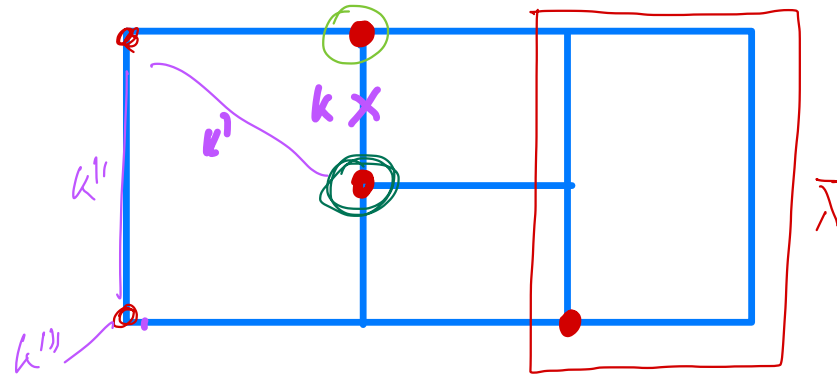
witnessed by $j(P), j(S)$ ----- λ -closed

If $\kappa < \lambda$, S is $<\lambda$ -closed
then $j''S$ is cofinal in $j(S)$

$$COB(j(P), \lambda, \mu) \text{ if } \kappa < \lambda$$

witnessed by $j''S$

Let $\mathbb{P}$ be a forcing, $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} b = \lambda_b$, $\Vdash \text{nonM} = \lambda_{\text{nonM}}$



$\Vdash \text{right side} = \bar{\lambda}$

In V , let κ, κ' be strongly compact cardinals $\kappa' < \lambda_b < \kappa < \lambda_{\text{nonM}}$

Assume $\text{LCU}_{\text{nonM}}(\mathbb{P}, \gamma)$ holds for all $\gamma \in [\lambda_{\text{nonM}}, \bar{\lambda}]$ $\text{nonM} \leq \lambda_{\text{nonM}}$
 $\text{covM} \geq \bar{\lambda}$

$\text{LCU}_b(\mathbb{P}, \gamma)$ holds for all $\gamma \in [\lambda_b, \bar{\lambda}]$ $b \leq \lambda_b$
 $d \geq \bar{\lambda}$

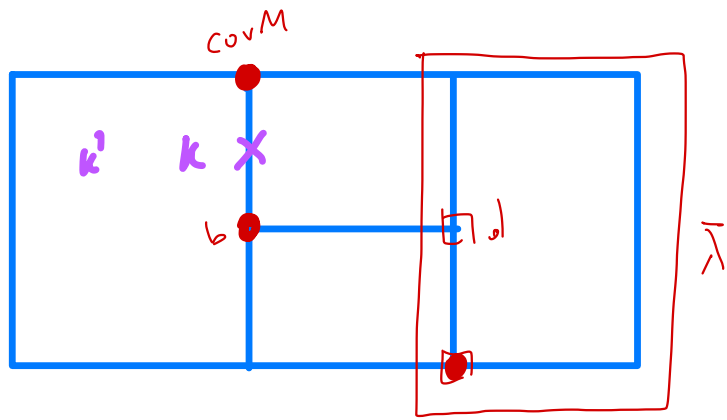
$\text{COB}_{\text{nonM}}(\mathbb{P}, \lambda_{\text{nonM}}, \bar{\lambda})$ holds

$\text{nonM} \geq \lambda_{\text{nonM}}$
 $(\text{covM} \leq \bar{\lambda})$

$\text{COB}_b(\mathbb{P}, \lambda_b, \bar{\lambda})$ holds

$b \geq \lambda_b$
 $(d \leq \bar{\lambda})$

We will consider ultrapowers $j_{\kappa}(\mathbb{P})$ and then $j_{\kappa'}(j_{\kappa}(\mathbb{P}))$ (in V !)



Assume

$LCU_{nonM}(P, \gamma)$ holds for all $\gamma \in [\lambda_{nonM}, \bar{\lambda}]$ $nonM \leq \lambda_{nonM}$
 $covM \geq \bar{\lambda}$
 $LCU_{\leq*}(P, \gamma)$ holds for all $\gamma \in [\lambda_b, \bar{\lambda}]$ $b \leq \lambda_b$
 $d \geq \bar{\lambda}$

$COB_{nonM}(P, \lambda_{nonM}, \bar{\lambda})$ holds

$nonM \geq \lambda_{nonM}$
 $(covM \leq \bar{\lambda})$

$COB_b(P, \lambda_b, \bar{\lambda})$ holds

$b \geq \lambda_b$
 $(d \leq \bar{\lambda})$

Let $j : V \rightarrow M_1$ go from k to some λ_d .

Let $j' : V \rightarrow M_2$ go from k' to some λ_{nonN}

$LCU(P, \lambda_b)$ $LCU(P, k)$

$COB(P, \lambda_b, \bar{\lambda})$

$LCU(j(P), \lambda_b)$ $LCU(j(P), \lambda_d)$

$COB(P, \lambda_b, \lambda_d)$

$LCU(j'(j(P)), \lambda_b)$ $LCU(j'(j(P)), \lambda_d)$

$COB(P, \lambda_b, \lambda_d)$

$b \leq \lambda_b$

$d \geq \lambda_d$

$b \geq \lambda_b, d \leq \lambda_d$

$$LCU(P, \lambda_b) \quad LCU(P, k)$$

$$LCU(j(P), \lambda_b) \quad LCU(j(P), \lambda_d)$$

$$LCU(j'(j(P)), \lambda_b) \quad LCU(j'(j(P)), \lambda_d)$$

$$b \leq \lambda_b$$

$$d \geq \lambda_d$$

$$COB(P, \lambda_b, \bar{\lambda})$$

$$COB(P, \lambda_b, \lambda_d)$$

$$COB(P, \lambda_b, \lambda_d)$$

$$b \leq \lambda_b, d \geq \lambda_d$$

$$LCU(P, \lambda_{nonM}) \quad LCU(P, \bar{\lambda})$$

$$LCU(j(P), \lambda_{nonM}) \quad LCU(j(P), \bar{\lambda})$$

$$LCU(j'(j(P)), \lambda_{nonM}) \quad LCU(j'(j(P)), \bar{\lambda})$$

$$nonM \leq \lambda_{nonM}$$

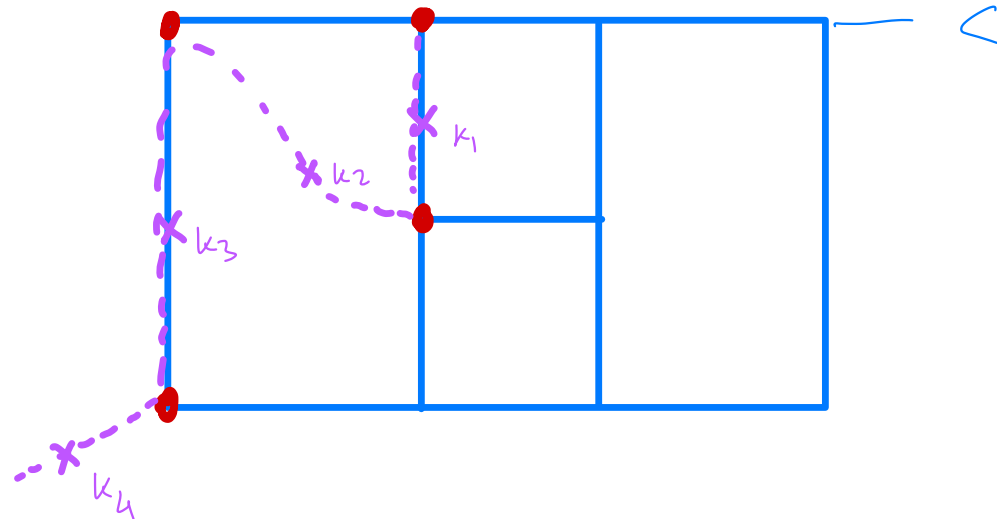
$$covM \geq \bar{\lambda}$$

$$COB(P, \lambda_{non}, \bar{\lambda})$$

$$COB(P, \lambda_{non}, \bar{\lambda})$$

$$COB(P, \lambda_{non}, \bar{\lambda})$$

$$nonM \geq \lambda_{non}, covM \leq \bar{\lambda}$$



$$\hat{j}_4(\hat{j}_3(\hat{j}_2(\hat{j}_1(P))))$$

Def:

Let $S = (S, \leq)$ be a p.o.

$$\text{add}(S) = \min \{ |B| : B \subseteq S, B \text{ unbounded} \}$$

no strict upper bound

additivity, $b_{\leq}$
directedness,
completeness,

$$\text{cof}(S) = \min \{ |D| : D \subseteq S, D \text{ dominates} \}$$

cofinality,
 $d_{\leq}$

If $S' \subseteq S$ is cofinal, then $\text{add}(S) = \text{add}(S')$
 $\text{cof}(S) = \text{cof}(S')$

$$S \approx S'$$

Definition: (1) A (Θ, λ) -sequence is a sequence $(N_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda)$ of elementary submodels of "the universe" such that $\forall \alpha < \lambda$:

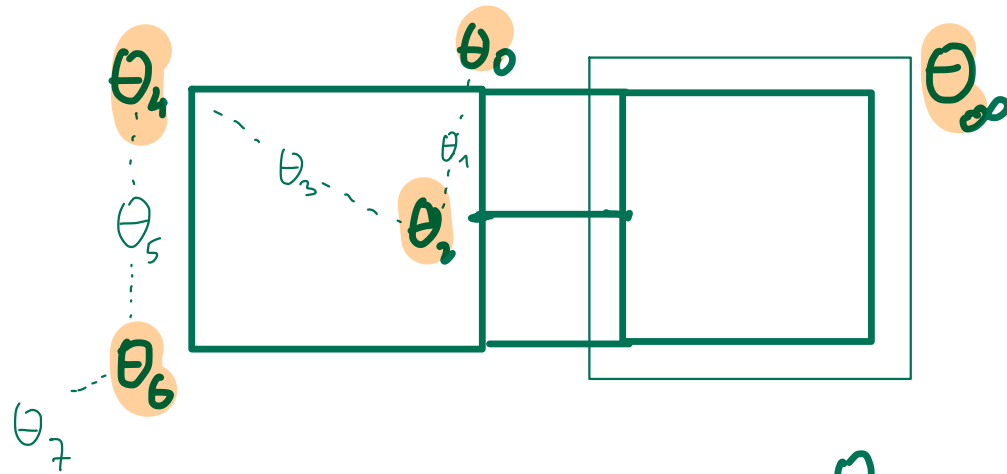
- $|N_\alpha| = \Theta$, $N_\alpha^{<\Theta} \subseteq N_\alpha$
- N_α contains "everything so far" (in particular $(N_\beta : \beta < \alpha)$ and $\Theta \cup \{\Theta\}$)

(2) N is a (Θ, λ) model $\Leftrightarrow \exists (N_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda)$ as above, $N = \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda} N_\alpha$

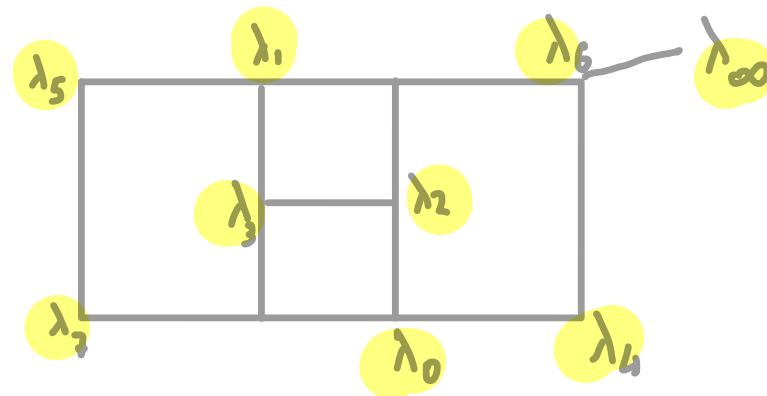
Fact: If N is a (Θ, λ) model, $S \in N$:

- $\text{add}(S \cap N) \geq \min(\Theta, \text{add}(S))$
- If $\text{cof}(S) \leq \Theta$, then $S \cap N \approx S$
- If $\text{add}(S) > \Theta$, then $\text{cof}(S \cap N) = \lambda$ ($= \text{add}(S \cap N)$)

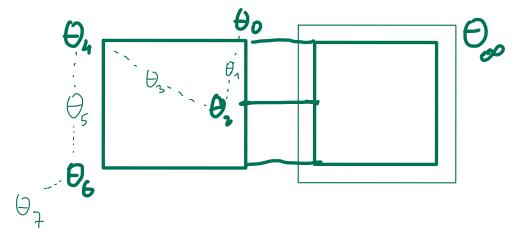
We start with a forcing notion $\mathbb{P}^{\text{pre}}$ which forces different values to the left side of Cichon's Diagram, with strong witnesses (LCU, COB):



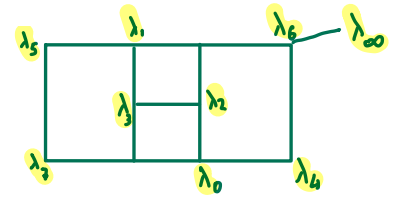
Our target values will be below θ_7 :



Let N^0 be a (θ_0, λ_0) -model, limit of $(N_\alpha^0 : \alpha < \lambda_0)$



Let N^1 be a (θ_1, λ_1) -model, limit of $(N_\alpha^1 : \alpha < \lambda_1)$

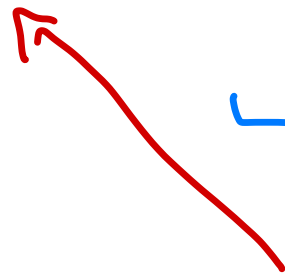


$\vdots$ $\downarrow$ smaller models, but they contain all previous ones

Let N^7 be a (θ_7, λ_7) -model, limit of $(N_\alpha^7 : \alpha < \lambda_7)$

$|N^8| = \lambda_\infty$, σ -closed

$$\text{Let } IP^{\text{fin}} = \underbrace{IP^{\text{pre}} \cap N^0 \cap N^1 \cap \dots \cap N^8}_{P_0} \underbrace{\dots}_{P_1} \dots$$



complete subforcings of IP^{pre}

Lemma

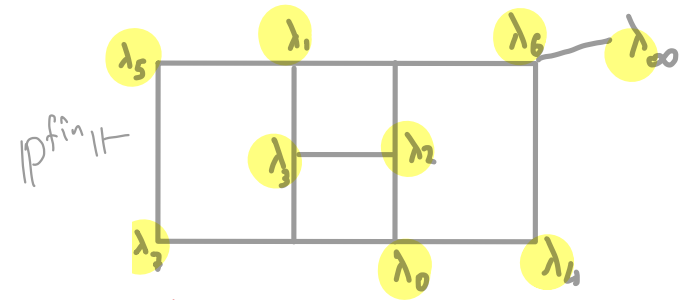
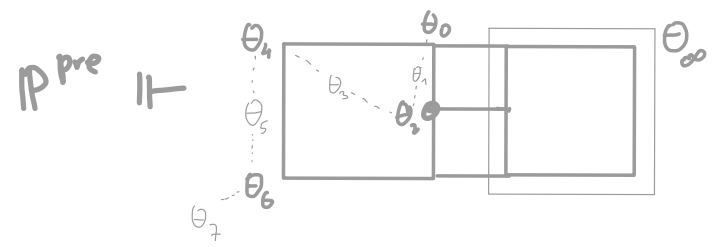
$$N^0 \cap N^1 = \bigcup_{(\alpha, \beta) \in \lambda_0 \times \lambda_1} N_\alpha^0 \cap N_\beta^1$$

λ_0 -closed λ_1 -closed θ_0 -closed θ_1 -closed

$$N^0 \cap N^1 \cap N^2 = \bigcup_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \lambda_0 \times \lambda_1 \times \lambda_2} N_\alpha^0 \cap N_\beta^1 \cap N_\gamma^2$$

Def: The LCU-spectrum ^{Σ} of a forcing notion (w.r.t. R) is the set of regular cardinals λ for which there is a sequence $(\dot{c}_i : i < \lambda)$ of names s.t. $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \forall i: \{\dot{c}_i : \dot{c}_i R d\} \text{ is bounded in } \lambda$.

(Recall: $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} b_R \leq \min \Sigma, \quad d_R \geq \sup \Sigma$)



Consider $R := \leq^*$

$\mathbb{P}^0 = \mathbb{P}^{\text{pre}} \cap N_0 \Rightarrow$
 (θ_0, λ_0) -model

$$\Sigma(\mathbb{P}^{\text{pre}}) \supseteq \{ \theta_\infty, \theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2 \}$$

λ_0 many models

$$\Sigma(\mathbb{P}^0) \supseteq \{ \lambda_0, \theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2 \}$$

$$\Sigma(\mathbb{P}^3) \supseteq \{ \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \}$$

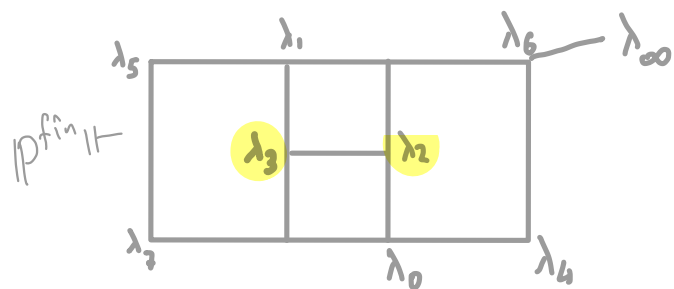
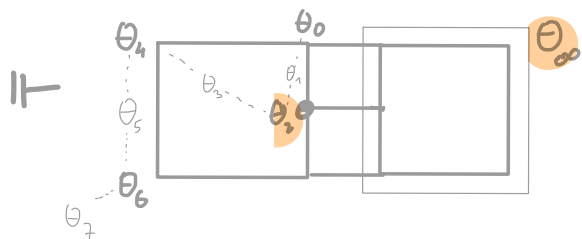
$$\Sigma(\mathbb{P}^{\text{fin}}) \supseteq \{ \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \}$$

$$b \leq \lambda_3$$

$$d \geq \lambda_2$$

50% done!

Definition



$\text{COB}_R(P, S) \Leftrightarrow S$ is a partial order,
 and there is a family ($d_s: s \in S$)
 of names such that:

For all names x there is $s_0 \in S$:

$$\vdash_{IP} \forall s \geq s_0: \quad x \underset{\sim}{R} \underset{\sim}{d}_s$$

$\text{COB}_{\leq} (IP, S)$ for a p.o. S with $\text{add}(S) = \theta_2$
 $\text{cof}(S) = \theta_\infty$

$$\text{COB}(P \cap N, S \cap N).$$

What is $\text{odd}(S \cap N), \text{cof}(S \cap N)$?

$$\geq \lambda_3^2$$

$$\leq \lambda_2$$

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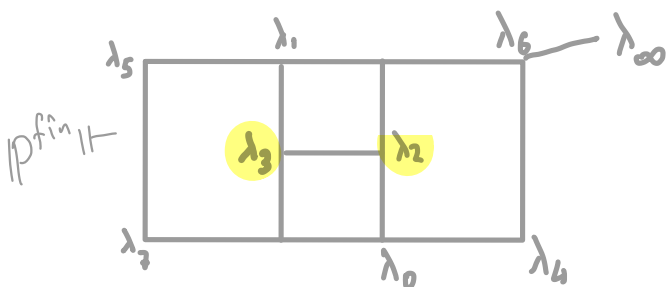
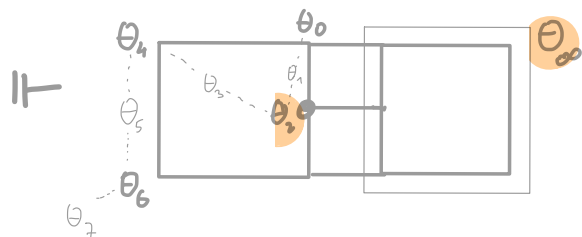
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Each N_i is $\langle \lambda_i \rangle$ -closed

$$\alpha_d(S_3) \geq \min(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) = \lambda_3$$



① If $\text{add}(S) > 0$, then $\text{cof}(S_N) = \lambda$ ($= \text{add}(S_N)$)

Let $\Delta = \lambda_0 \times \lambda_1 \times \lambda_2$, size = λ_2

For $\eta = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \Delta$,

Let $N^\gamma = N_{0,\alpha} \cap N_{1,\beta} \cap N_{2,\gamma} \subset V$

This is Θ_2 -closed, so $\text{add}(\underline{S \cap N'}) \geq \Theta_2 > \Theta_3$

$$\text{cof}(S_n \underline{N^n}_n N_3) = \lambda_3 \quad \text{witnessed by } C_\eta.$$

$\bigcup_{\eta \in \Delta} C_\eta$ has size $\lambda_2 \cdot \lambda_3 = \lambda_2$ and is cofinal

$$\text{in } \bigcup_{\eta \in \Lambda} S \cap N^\eta \cap N_3 = S \cap \left(\bigcup_{\eta} N^\eta \right) \cap N_3 =$$

For $P^3 = P \cap N_0 \cap N_1 \cap N_2 \cap N_3$ add $\geq \lambda_3$, cof $\leq \lambda_2$

we get $\text{COB}(P^3, S \cap N_0 \cap N_1 \cap N_2 \cap N_3)$,

so $\Vdash_{P_3} b \geq \lambda_3, d \leq \lambda_2$.

Check that further intersections

$S \cap N_0 \cap N_1 \cap N_2 \cap N_3 \cap \dots \cap N_g$

keep a cofinal set, so add and cof do not change
100% done!