Coherent systems of finite support iterations

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Section 1

Constellations in Cichoń's diagram

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The problem

Given a constellation from cardinals in Cichoń's diagram, is it possible to find a model where, in addition α can be decided?

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The unbounding and dominating numbers, \mathfrak{b} and \mathfrak{d} .

Definition

If f,g are functions in ω^{ω} , we say that $f <^* g$, if there exists an $n \in \omega$ such that for all m > n, f(m) < g(m). In this case, we say that g eventually dominates f.

Definition

Let \mathfrak{F} be a family of functions in ω^{ω} .

- S is dominating, if for all g ∈ ω^ω, there exists an f ∈ S such that g <* f.</p>
- ℑ is unbounded, if for all g ∈ ω^ω, there exists an f ∈ ℑ such that f ≮^{*} g.

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Definition

- $\mathfrak{b} = \min\{|\mathfrak{F}|: \mathfrak{F} \text{ is an unbounded family of functions in } \omega^{\omega}\}.$
- $\mathfrak{d} = \min\{|\mathfrak{F}|: \mathfrak{F} \text{ is a dominating family of functions in } \omega^{\omega}\}.$

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Cardinal Invariants Associated to an Ideal

Let \mathcal{I} be a non-trivial σ -ideal on a set X:

Definition

The additivity number:

$$\operatorname{add}(\mathcal{I}) = \min\{|\mathcal{J}|: \mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{I} \text{ and } \bigcup \mathcal{J} \notin \mathcal{I}\}.$$

The covering number:

$$\operatorname{cov}(\mathcal{I}) = \min\{|\mathcal{J}|: \mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{I} \text{ and } \bigcup \mathcal{J} = X\}.$$

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Definition

• The cofinality number:

 $\operatorname{cof}(\mathcal{I}) = \min\{|\mathcal{J}| \colon \mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{I} \text{ and for all } M \in \mathcal{I} \text{ there is a} \ J \in \mathcal{J} \text{ with } M \subseteq J\}.$

The uniformity number:

 $\operatorname{non}(\mathcal{I}) = \min\{|Y|: Y \subset X \text{ and } Y \notin \mathcal{I}\}.$

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Cichoń's Diagram



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The method of matrix iterations I

- It was introduced by Blass and Shelah, to show that consistently u < 0, where u is the ultrafilter number and 0 is the dominating number.
- Further developed fron Brendle-Fischer, who introduced the terminology *matrix iteration* for the first time. They used the method to show that if κ < λ are arbitrary regular uncountable cardinals then there is a generic extension in which a = b = κ < s = λ. Here a, b and s denote the almost disjointness, bounding and splitting numbers respectively.
- Later, classical preservation properties for matrix iterations were improved by Mejía to provide several examples of models where the cardinals in Cichoń's diagram assume many different values, in particular, a model with 6 different values.

An example

Theorem (Mejía)

Let V be a model of ZFC and fix regular uncountable cardinals $\theta_0 \leq \theta_1 \leq \kappa \leq \mu$ and let $\lambda \geq \mu$ to be a cardinal. Then there is a cardinal preserving generic extension in which: $\operatorname{add}(\mathcal{N}) = \theta_0$, $\operatorname{cov}(\mathcal{N}) = \theta_1$, $\mathfrak{b} = \operatorname{non}(\mathcal{M}) = \operatorname{cov}(\mathcal{M}) = \kappa$, $\mathfrak{d} = \mu$ and $\operatorname{non}(\mathcal{N}) = \mathfrak{c} = \lambda$.

Idea of the proof: Blackboard

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To remember: Full generics and restricted generics.

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Preservation of mad families

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The almost disjointness number

Definition

Two sets A and $B \in \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ are called almost disjoint if $A \cap B$ is finite. We say that an infinite family of sets $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ is almost disjoint if all its elements are pairwise almost disjoint. A family $\mathcal{A} \subseteq [\omega]^{\omega}$ is called a maximal almost disjoint (abbreviated mad) if it is almost disjoint and is not properly included in another such family.

Definition

 $\mathfrak{a} = \min\{|\mathfrak{A}|: \mathfrak{A} \text{ is a mad family of subsets of } \omega\}.$

Preservation of mad families

Definition (Hechler-type almost disjoint families)

For a set Ω define the poset $\mathbb{H}_{\Omega} := \{p : F_p \times n_p \to 2 : F_p \in [\Omega]^{<\aleph_0} \text{ and } n_p < \omega\}$. The order is given by $q \leq p$ if and only if $p \subseteq q$ and, for any $i \in n_q \setminus n_p$, there is <u>at most one</u> $z \in F_p$ such that q(z, i) = 1. If *G* is \mathbb{H}_{Ω} -generic over *V* then $A = A_G := \{a_z : z \in \Omega\}$ is an a.d. family where $a_z \subseteq \omega$ is defined as $i \in a_z$ if and only if p(z, i) = 1for some $p \in G$. Moreover, V[G] = V[A] and, when Ω is uncountable, *A* is mad in V[G].

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Some background I

- 1. Kunen: Under CH there is a mad family that remains maximal upon adding a Cohen real.
- Steprans: there is a mad family which remains maximal upon adding ℵ₁-many Cohen reals.
- 3. Zhang proved that, under CH there is a mad family in the ground model that stays mad after a finite support iteration of \mathbb{E} .
- 4. Brendle and Fischer: defined a property that is iterable and used to preserve Hechler style mad families added in the first column of a matrix iteration of ccc posets.

Definition (Brendle-Fischer)

Let $A = \langle a_z \rangle_{z \in \Omega} \in M$ be a family of infinite subsets of ω and $a^* \in [\omega]^{\omega}$ (not necessarily in M). Say that a^* diagonalizes M outside A if, for all $h \in M$, $h : \omega \times [\Omega]^{<\omega} \to \omega$ and for any $m < \omega$, there are $i \ge m$ and $F \in [\Omega]^{<\omega}$ such that $[i, h(i, F)) \setminus \bigcup_{z \in F} a_z \subseteq a^*$.

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Theorem

Let κ be an uncountable regular cardinal. After forcing with \mathbb{H}_{κ} , any finite support iteration $\langle \mathbb{P}_{\xi}, \dot{\mathbb{Q}}_{\xi} \rangle_{\xi < \pi}$ where each iterand is either

- (i) in $\{\mathbb{C},\mathbb{E}\}\cup\mathcal{R}$ or
- (ii) a ccc poset of size $< \kappa$

preserves the mad family added by \mathbb{H}_{κ} .

Section 3

Coherent system of finite support iterations

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- The method provides a general framework that generalizes the method of matrix iterations of ccc posets introduced by Blass and Shelah.
- It was motivated by the necessity of adding a third dimension, in order to control the cardinal invariant a.

Coherent system of finite support iterations I

A *coherent system* (of finite support iterations) **s** is composed by the following objects:

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We consider the following particular cases.

- 1. When *I*^s is a well-ordered set, we say that **s** is a *2D-coherent* system (of finite support iterations).
- If I^s is of the form {i₀, i₁} ordered as i₀ < i₁, we say that s is a coherent pair (of finite support iterations).
- 3. If $I^{\mathbf{s}} = \gamma^{\mathbf{s}} \times \delta^{\mathbf{s}}$ where $\gamma^{\mathbf{s}}$ and $\delta^{\mathbf{s}}$ are ordinals and the order of $I^{\mathbf{s}}$ is defined as $(\alpha, \beta) \leq (\alpha', \beta')$ if and only if $\alpha \leq \alpha'$ and $\beta \leq \beta'$, we say that \mathbf{s} is a 3D-coherent system (of finite support iterations).

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Standard coherent system of FS iterations I

A coherent system of FS iterations s is standard if

- (I) it consists, additionally, of:
 - (i) a partition $\langle S^{s}, C^{s} \rangle$ of π^{s} ,
 - (ii) a function $\Delta^{s} : C^{s} \to I^{s}$ so that $\Delta^{s}(i)$ is not maximal in I^{s} for all $i \in C^{s}$,
 - (iii) a sequence $\langle \mathbb{S}^{s}_{\xi} : \xi \in S^{s} \rangle$ where each \mathbb{S}^{s}_{ξ} is either a Suslin ccc poset or a random algebra, and
 - (iv) a sequence $\langle \dot{\mathbb{Q}}_{\xi}^{s} : \xi \in C^{s} \rangle$ such that each $\dot{\mathbb{Q}}_{\xi}^{s}$ is a $\mathbb{P}_{\Delta^{s}(\xi),\xi}^{s}$ -name of a poset which is forced to be ccc by $\mathbb{P}_{i,\xi}^{s}$ for all $i \geq \Delta^{s}(\xi)$ in I^{s} , and

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Standard coherent system of FS iterations II

(II) it is satisfied, for any $i \in I^{s}$ and $\xi < \pi^{s}$, that

$$\dot{\mathbb{Q}}_{i,\xi}^{\mathbf{s}} = \begin{cases} \left(\mathbb{S}_{\xi}^{\mathbf{s}} \right)^{V_{i,\xi}^{\mathbf{s}}} & \text{if } \xi \in S^{\mathbf{s}} \\ \dot{\mathbb{Q}}_{\xi}^{\mathbf{s}} & \text{if } \xi \in C^{\mathbf{s}} \text{ and } i \geq \Delta^{\mathbf{s}}(\xi), \\ \mathbb{1} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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The main theorem

Theorem

Assume $\lambda^{<\theta_1} = \lambda$. Then, there is a ccc poset forcing $\operatorname{add}(\mathcal{N}) = \theta_0$, $\operatorname{cov}(\mathcal{N}) = \theta_1$, $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{a} = \kappa$, $\operatorname{non}(\mathcal{M}) = \operatorname{cov}(\mathcal{M}) = \mu$, $\mathfrak{d} = \nu$ and $\operatorname{non}(\mathcal{N}) = \mathfrak{c} = \lambda$.



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Cichoń's diagram as in Theorem 3.



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More constellations...

Theorem

Assume $\lambda^{<\theta_0} = \lambda$. Then, for any of the statements below, there is a ccc poset forcing it.

(a)
$$\operatorname{add}(\mathcal{N}) = \theta_0$$
, $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{a} = \kappa$, $\operatorname{cov}(\mathcal{I}) = \operatorname{non}(\mathcal{I}) = \mu$ for $\mathcal{I} \in \{\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}\}$, $\mathfrak{d} = \nu$ and $\operatorname{cof}(\mathcal{N}) = \mathfrak{c} = \lambda$.

(b)
$$\operatorname{add}(\mathcal{N}) = \theta_0$$
, $\operatorname{cov}(\mathcal{N}) = \kappa$, $\operatorname{add}(\mathcal{M}) = \operatorname{cof}(\mathcal{M}) = \mu$,
 $\operatorname{non}(\mathcal{N}) = \nu$ and $\operatorname{cof}(\mathcal{N}) = \mathfrak{c} = \lambda$.

(c)
$$\operatorname{add}(\mathcal{N}) = \theta_0$$
, $\operatorname{cov}(\mathcal{N}) = \mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{a} = \kappa$, $\operatorname{non}(\mathcal{M}) = \operatorname{cov}(\mathcal{M}) = \mu$,
 $\mathfrak{d} = \operatorname{non}(\mathcal{N}) = \nu$ and $\operatorname{cof}(\mathcal{N}) = \mathfrak{c} = \lambda$.

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An application with well-orders of the reals

Theorem

In L, let $\theta_0 < \theta_1 < \kappa < \mu < \nu < \lambda$ be uncountable regular cardinals and, in addition, $\lambda < \aleph_{\omega}$. Then there is a cardinals preserving forcing extension of the constructible universe, L, in which there is a Δ_3^1 -well-order of the reals and in addition $\operatorname{add}(\mathcal{N}) = \theta_0$, $\operatorname{cov}(\mathcal{N}) = \theta_1$, $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{a} = \kappa$, $\operatorname{non}(\mathcal{M}) = \operatorname{cov}(\mathcal{M}) = \mu$, $\mathfrak{d} = \nu$ and $\operatorname{non}(\mathcal{N}) = \mathfrak{c} = \lambda$.

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