

Parametrized \diamond principles

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Abstract

We will present a collection of guessing principles which have a similar relationship to \diamond as cardinal invariants of the continuum have to CH. The purpose is to provide a means for systematically analyzing \diamond and its consequences. It also provides for a unified approach for understanding the status of a number of consequences of CH and \diamond in models such as those of Laver, Miller, and Sacks.

1 Introduction

Very early on in the course of modern set theory, Jensen isolated the following combinatorial principle known as \diamond :

\diamond There is a sequence A_α ($\alpha < \omega_1$) such that for all $\alpha < \omega_1$, $A_\alpha \subseteq \alpha$ and if X is a subset of ω_1 then set

$$\{\alpha < \omega_1 : X \cap \alpha = A_\alpha\}$$

is stationary.

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Jensen used this principle to construct a Suslin tree [17] and later many other constructions were carried out using \diamond as an assumption — see [9].

The purpose of this paper is to provide a broad framework for analyzing the consequences of Jensen’s \diamond principle. Our intent is to present an array of \diamond -principles which have the same relation to \diamond as the cardinal invariants of the continuum (see e.g. [2] or [8]) have to the Continuum Hypothesis. We will approach an analysis of \diamond in much the same way as Blass approaches cardinal invariant inequalities in [4].

Our immediate motivation in this consideration stems from the isolation of the principle $\diamond_{\mathfrak{d}}$ in [15] (see also [16]).

$\diamond_{\mathfrak{d}}$ There is a sequence $g_\alpha : \alpha \rightarrow \omega$ indexed by ω_1 such that for every $f : \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega$ there is an $\alpha \geq \omega$ with $f \upharpoonright \alpha <^* g_\alpha$.

This principle implies $\mathfrak{d} = \omega_1$ (for much the same reason as \diamond implies $\mathfrak{c} = \omega_1$), follows from $\mathfrak{d} = \omega_1 + \clubsuit$, and holds in most of the standard generic extensions in which $\mathfrak{d} = \omega_1$ holds [16].¹ The main interest in it comes from the following fact relating to the question of whether $\mathfrak{d} = \omega_1$ implies $\mathfrak{a} = \omega_1$.

Theorem 1.1. [16] $\diamond_{\mathfrak{d}}$ implies $\mathfrak{a} = \omega_1$.

It was initially unclear whether other cardinal invariants of the continuum, such as \mathfrak{b} and \mathfrak{s} , have similar \diamond -like principles corresponding to them. The cardinal \mathfrak{s} was of particular interest in this context, since it seemed that the construction of the Ostaszewski space from ω_1 random reals in [23] should be a consequence of a principle similar to $\diamond_{\mathfrak{s}}$ (whatever that might be).

It turned out that the correct language to use for formulating \diamond -principles like those mentioned above was developed by Devlin and Shelah in [7]. They considered the following statement

Φ For every $F : 2^{<\omega_1} \rightarrow 2$ there is a $g : \omega_1 \rightarrow 2$ such that for every $f : \omega_1 \rightarrow 2$ the set $\{\alpha \in \omega_1 : F(f \upharpoonright \alpha) = g(\alpha)\}$ is stationary.

which they showed to be equivalent to $2^{\aleph_0} < 2^{\aleph_1}$. The framework of the weak diamond principle Φ of [7] allows for the definition of two classes of

¹Another \diamond -like principle in this spirit is the statement $\diamond(\omega_1^{<\omega})$ presented in Section 6.2 of [36] (Definition 6.37). To draw an analogy, this principle might also be called $\diamond_{\text{non}(\mathcal{M})}$ in the language of [16] (see Theorem 6.49 of [36]). Also, Shelah has considered some specific cases of $\Phi(A, B, E)$ defined below in the appendix of [27].

\diamond -principles, $\Phi(A, B, E)$ and $\diamond(A, B, E)$, each taking a cardinal invariant $\langle A, B, E \rangle$ as a parameter.

Like $\diamond_{\mathfrak{d}}$, these principles all imply that the corresponding cardinal invariant is ω_1 . They all follow from \diamond , with $\diamond(\mathfrak{c})$ and $\Phi(\mathfrak{c})$ both being equivalent to \diamond . They also each have a “guessing” component which allows them to carry out constructions for which one historically has used \diamond . Moreover, many of the classical \diamond constructions seem to fit very naturally into this scheme. For instance the standard construction of a Suslin tree from \diamond really requires only $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{M}))$. Also like $\diamond_{\mathfrak{d}}$, the principles $\diamond(A, B, E)$ hold in many of the natural models in which their corresponding cardinal invariant $\langle A, B, E \rangle$ is ω_1 . For instance $\diamond(\mathfrak{b})$ holds in Miller’s model and $\diamond(\text{cof}(\mathcal{N}))$ holds in both the iterated and the “side-by-side” Sacks models.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 introduces an abstract form of a cardinal invariant of the continuum and formulates the principles $\Phi(A, B, E)$ which serve as a first approximation to $\diamond(A, B, E)$. Section 3 presents the Suslin tree construction from \diamond in the language of $\Phi(\text{non}(\mathcal{M}))$. Section 4 introduces a refinement of $\Phi(A, B, E)$ called $\diamond(A, B, E)$ and gives some explanation for our choice of it over $\Phi(A, B, E)$. Section 5 presents some more constructions which use $\diamond(A, B, E)$. Section 6 shows that $\diamond(A, B, E)$ holds in many of the models of $\langle A, B, E \rangle = \omega_1$. Section 7 studies the role of $\diamond(A, B, E)$ in analyzing cardinal invariants other than those fitting into our framework. Section 8 presents a proof that $\diamond(A, B, E)$ is not a consequence of CH for any of the classical invariants $\langle A, B, E \rangle$.

Our notation is, for the most part, standard (see [19]). We will use A^B to denote the collection of all functions from B to A . $2^{<\omega_1}$ will be used to denote the tree of all functions from a countable ordinal into 2 ordered by extension. If t is a function defined on an ordinal, then we will use $|t|$ to denote the domain of t . Otherwise $|A|$ will be used to denote the cardinality of a set A . The meaning of $|\cdot|$ should always be clear from the context. If B is a Borel subset of a Polish space, we will often identify it with its code and use this code to define B in forcing extensions. We will use \check{B} to represent the name for this set in the forcing extension.

Many of the constructions in this paper will require choosing a sequence $e_\delta : \omega \leftrightarrow \delta$ of bijections for each $\delta \in \omega_1$ or an increasing sequence δ_n ($n \in \omega$) which is cofinal in δ for limit δ . To avoid repetition, we will fix a sequence of bijections e_δ ($\delta \in \omega_1$) and cofinal sequences δ_n ($n \in \omega$) for limit δ once and for all. If there is a need to refer to, e.g., a special cofinal sequence in δ we will use $\check{\delta}_n$ ($n \in \omega$) for the sequence instead.

2 Abstract cardinal invariants and Φ

The following structure allows for a compact definition of many of common cardinal invariants of the continuum.

Definition 2.1. [34] An *invariant* is a triple (A, B, E) such that

1. A and B are sets of cardinality at most $|\mathbb{R}|$,
2. $E \subseteq A \times B$,
3. for every $a \in A$ there is a $b \in B$ such that $(a, b) \in E$,
4. for every $b \in B$ there is an $a \in A$ such that $(a, b) \notin E$.

Usually we will write aEb instead of $(a, b) \in E$.

Definition 2.2. If (A, B, E) is an invariant, then its *evaluation* $\langle A, B, E \rangle$ is given by

$$\langle A, B, E \rangle = \min\{|X| : X \subseteq B \text{ and } (\forall a \in A)(\exists b \in X)(aEb)\}$$

If $A = B$ then we will write (A, E) and $\langle A, E \rangle$ instead of (A, B, E) and $\langle A, B, E \rangle$ respectively. Two typical examples of invariants are (\mathcal{N}, \subseteq) and $(\mathcal{M}, \mathbb{R}, \not\subseteq)$. The evaluations $\langle \mathcal{N}, \subseteq \rangle$ and $\langle \mathcal{M}, \mathbb{R}, \not\subseteq \rangle$ are clearly just $\text{cof}(\mathcal{N})$ and $\text{non}(\mathcal{M})$. Even though, strictly speaking, \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} are ideals of cardinality $2^{\mathfrak{c}}$ they both have a basis consisting of Borel sets, hence of cardinality \mathfrak{c} . If an invariant (A, B, E) already has a common representation, we will use such a representation instead of (A, B, E) . Moreover, we will abuse notation and use these representations to abbreviate both the invariant and its evaluation. What we mean should always be clear from the context.

Definition 2.3. Let (A, B, E) be an invariant. $\Phi(A, B, E)$ is the following statement:

$\Phi(A, B, E)$ For every $F : 2^{<\omega_1} \rightarrow A$ there is a $g : \omega_1 \rightarrow B$ such that for every $f : \omega_1 \rightarrow 2$ the set $\{\alpha \in \omega_1 : F(f \upharpoonright \alpha)Eg(\alpha)\}$ is stationary.

The witness g for a given F in this statement will be called a $\diamond(A, B, E)$ -*sequence for F* . If $F(f \upharpoonright \delta)Eg(\delta)$ then we will say that g guesses f (via F) at δ .

Proposition 2.4. \diamond implies $\Phi(A, B, E)$ for any invariant (A, B, E) .

Proof. Let A_α ($\alpha \in \omega_1$) be a diamond sequence which guesses elements of 2^{ω_1} (A_α is in 2^α). Set $g(\alpha)$ to be any $b \in B$ such that $F(A_\alpha)Eb$. Then g is a $\diamond(A, B, E)$ -sequence for F since for all $f : \omega_1 \rightarrow 2$

$$\{\delta \in \omega_1 : f \upharpoonright \delta = A_\delta\} \subseteq \{\delta \in \omega_1 : F(f \upharpoonright \delta)Eg(\delta)\}.$$

□

Proposition 2.5. $\Phi(A, B, E)$ implies $\langle A, B, E \rangle$ is at most ω_1 .

Proof. Let $F : 2^\omega \rightarrow A$ be a surjection and extend F to $2^{<\omega_1}$ by setting $F(t) = F(t \upharpoonright \omega)$ if t has an infinite domain and defining $F(t)$ arbitrarily otherwise. Let g be a $\diamond(A, B, E)$ -sequence for F . It is easy to see that the range of g witnesses $\langle A, B, E \rangle \leq \omega_1$. □

Notice the resemblance of this proof to the standard proof that \diamond implies CH. In fact, if we view \mathfrak{c} as the invariant $(\mathbb{R}, =)$ then we have the following fact.

Proposition 2.6. $\Phi(\mathfrak{c})$ is equivalent to \diamond .

Proof. By Proposition 2.4 we need only to show that $\Phi(\mathfrak{c})$ implies \diamond . For each infinite $\alpha \in \omega_1$, fix a bijection $H_\alpha : 2^\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Set $F(t) = H_\alpha(t)$ where $\alpha = |t|$. Let g be the $\diamond(\mathfrak{c})$ -sequence for this F . Set $A_\alpha = H_\alpha^{-1}(g(\alpha))$. It is easy to see that A_α ($\alpha \in \omega_1$) is a \diamond -sequence. □

Proposition 2.7. $\Phi(\mathbb{R}^\omega, \sqsubseteq)$ is equivalent to \diamond . Here $f \sqsubseteq g$ iff the range of f is contained in the range of g .

Proof. Combine the previous proof with the Kunen's result stating that \diamond is equivalent to \diamond^- (see [19]). □

A natural question which arises is: “When do relations between invariants translate into implications between the corresponding \diamond -principles?” This is largely answered by the next proposition.

Notation. (*Tukey ordering* [34]) If (A_1, B_1, E_1) and (A_2, B_2, E_2) are invariants then

$$(A_1, B_1, E_1) \leq_T (A_2, B_2, E_2)$$

when there are maps $\phi : A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ and $\psi : B_2 \rightarrow B_1$ such that $(\phi(a), b) \in E_2$ implies $(a, \psi(b)) \in E_1$.

As one would expect, the Tukey ordering on invariants gives the corresponding implications for Φ principles.

Proposition 2.8. *If $(A_1, B_1, E_1) \leq_T (A_2, B_2, E_2)$ then $\Phi(A_1, B_1, E_1)$ is a consequence of $\Phi(A_2, B_2, E_2)$.*

One should exercise caution, however, when trying to turn inequalities between evaluations of cardinal invariants into implications between \diamond -principles. For instance, $(\omega^\omega, <^*)$ and (ω^ω, \leq) have the same evaluation but seem to give rise to different \diamond -principles. We will use \mathfrak{d} to denote $(\omega^\omega, <^*)$.

The smallest invariant in the Tukey order is (\mathbb{R}, \neq) . It is known that $\Phi(2, \neq)$ is equivalent to $\Phi(\mathbb{R}, \neq)$ — this was noted by Abraham and can be extracted from [7]. The proof is given for completeness.

Theorem 2.9. *$\Phi(2, \neq)$ is equivalent to $\Phi(\mathbb{R}, \neq)$.*

Proof. Since (\mathbb{R}, \neq) is below $(2, \neq)$ in the Tukey order, it suffices to show that $\Phi(\mathbb{R}, \neq)$ implies $\Phi(2, \neq)$. To this end, suppose that $F : 2^{<\omega_1} \rightarrow 2$ witnesses that $\Phi(2, \neq)$ fails. Define a function F^* whose range is contained in 2^ω and whose domain consists of functions of the form $t : \delta \times \omega \rightarrow 2$ so that $F^*(t)(i) = F(t(\cdot, i))$. Now let $g : \omega_1 \rightarrow 2^\omega$ be given. To see that g is not a $\diamond(\mathbb{R}, \neq)$ -sequence for F^* , pick closed unbounded sets $C_n \subseteq \omega_1$ and functions $f_n : \omega_1 \rightarrow 2$ such that $F(f_n \upharpoonright \delta) = g(\delta)(n)$ for every n and δ in C_n . Now define $f : \omega_1 \times \omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$ by putting $f(\delta, n) = f_n(\delta)$. Then $F^*(f \upharpoonright \delta \times \omega) = g(\delta)$ whenever δ is in $\bigcap_{n \in \omega} C_n$. \square

3 The Suslin tree construction

In order to get a feel for how the statements $\Phi(A, B, E)$ are used, we will begin by revisiting an old construction and translating it into the language which we have developed.

Theorem 3.1. *$\Phi(\text{non}(\mathcal{M}))$ implies that there is a Suslin tree.*

Proof. By some suitable coding, F will take triples (α, \prec, A) as its argument where $\alpha \in \omega_1$, $\prec \subseteq \alpha^2$, and $A \subseteq \alpha$. F will be defined to be the empty set unless

1. α is a limit of limit ordinals,

2. \prec is a tree order on $\alpha \in \omega_1$ of limit height,
3. if $\gamma < \alpha$ then for every δ less than the height of (α, \prec) there is a $\bar{\gamma} < \alpha$ with $\gamma \prec \bar{\gamma}$ and the height of $\bar{\gamma}$ greater than δ ,
4. every element of α has exactly ω immediate successors in \prec ,
5. if $\xi < \alpha$, then $[\xi \cdot \omega, \xi \cdot \omega + \omega)$ is exactly the collection of elements of (α, \prec) of height ξ , and
6. A is a maximal antichain in (α, \prec) .

For such a triple (α, \prec, A) let α_n ($n \in \omega$) be an increasing sequence cofinal in α and such that each α_n is a limit ordinal. Let $[\alpha, \prec]$ denote the collection of all cofinal branches through (α, \prec) . Define

$$\phi_\prec : [\alpha, \prec] \rightarrow \omega^\omega$$

by setting $\phi_\prec(b)(n)$ to be the unique k such that $\alpha_n + k$ is in b . Notice that if $A \subseteq \alpha$ is a maximal antichain then

$$N(\alpha, \prec, A) = \{\phi_\prec(b) : b \in [\alpha, \prec] \text{ and } A \cap b = \emptyset\}$$

is closed and nowhere dense in ω^ω . Also, observe that ϕ_\prec is a surjection. Let $F(\alpha, \prec, A)$ be the collection of all finite changes of elements of $N(\alpha, \prec, A)$.

Now suppose that $g : \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega^\omega$ is a $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{M}))$ -sequence for F . Construct a tree order \prec on ω_1 by recursion. Define (ω^2, \prec) so that it is isomorphic to $\omega^{<\omega}$ ordered by end extension. Now suppose that (α, \prec) is defined and has limit height. Extend the order to $(\alpha + \omega, \prec)$ in such a way that a cofinal branch b in $[\alpha, \prec]$ has an upper bound in $(\alpha + \omega, \prec)$ iff $\phi_\prec(b)$ is eventually equal to $g(\alpha)$. Now extend \prec to $\alpha + \omega^2$ in such a way that conditions 1-5 above are satisfied.

To see that (ω_1, \prec) is a Suslin tree, suppose that $A \subseteq \omega_1$ is a maximal antichain in (ω_1, \prec) . By the same crucial lemma as in the standard \diamond construction (see Lemma 7.6 in Chapter II of [19]) the set of $\alpha < \omega_1$ such that $A \cap \alpha$ is a maximal antichain in (α, \prec) contains a closed unbounded set C . If g guesses (ω_1, \prec, A) at $\alpha \in C$ and $F(\alpha, \prec \upharpoonright \alpha, A \cap \alpha)$ is nonempty, then $A \cap \alpha$ is a maximal antichain in $(\alpha + \omega, \prec)$. It is now easily verified using properties 1-4 above that, since $A \subseteq \alpha$ is a maximal antichain in $(\alpha + \omega, \prec)$, it is maximal in (ω_1, \prec) as well. \square

A reader familiar with the classical construction of a Suslin tree from \diamond (see, e.g., Section II.7 of [19]) should have no trouble in seeing that this is indeed the same construction with the assumption reduced to the minimum required to carry out the argument. In Section 4 we shall comment that the principle $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{M}))$ implied by $\Phi(\text{non}(\mathcal{M}))$ suffices for this construction and in Section 6 we will see that $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{M}))$ is in fact much weaker than \diamond .

4 $\diamond(A, B, E)$ — a definable form of $\Phi(A, B, E)$

The purpose of this section is to demonstrate that $\Phi(A, B, E)$ is, in general, too strong to hold in typical generic extensions in which $\langle A, B, E \rangle = \omega_1$. We will, however, recover from it a principle $\diamond(A, B, E)$ which is still strong enough for most of the combinatorial applications of $\Phi(A, B, E)$ and which is of a more appropriate strength.

Proposition 4.1. $\Phi(A, B, E)$ implies $2^\omega < 2^{\omega_1}$.

Proof. Suppose that $2^\omega = 2^{\omega_1}$. Let $H : 2^\omega \rightarrow B^{\omega_1}$ be a surjection. Define $F(t)$ to be any a in A such that $(a, H(t \upharpoonright \omega)(|t|))$ is not in E . Now if $g : \omega_1 \rightarrow B$ is given, pick an $f : \omega_1 \rightarrow 2$ such that $H(f \upharpoonright \omega) = g$. It is easily checked that g does not guess f at any $\delta \geq \omega$. \square

A closer look at the uses of $\Phi(A, B, E)$ presented in Sections 2 and 3 reveals that in all cases the maps F which were used in the proofs could be chosen to be nicely definable. This, generally speaking, is atypical of the map F in the proof of Proposition 4.1. Before we discuss the principles $\diamond(A, B, E)$, we first need to define the notion of a Borel invariant.

Definition 4.2. [4] An invariant (A, B, E) is *Borel* if A , B and E are Borel subsets of some Polish space.

With slight technical changes, all of the “standard” invariants (A, B, E) can be represented as Borel invariants. The invariants for which this is non trivial are those in Cichoń’s diagram. First note that the G_δ null and F_σ meager sets generate \mathcal{N} and \mathcal{M} respectively. Furthermore, \subseteq is a Borel relation on a cofinal subset of the G_δ null and F_σ meager sets. The details for the category invariants are handled in Section 3 of [4]. For null sets, one can use the fact that any null set is contained in the union of two *small* sets and that the containment relation on such unions is Borel (see Section 2.5 of [2] for a discussion of small set and their relation to null sets).

Definition 4.3. Suppose that A is a Borel subset of some Polish space. A map $F : 2^{<\omega_1} \rightarrow A$ is *Borel* if for every δ the restriction of F to 2^δ is a Borel map.

As we will see throughout this paper, the maps F which we are actually interested in considering in the context of $\Phi(A, B, E)$ all can be made to satisfy this requirement. This motivates the following definition.

Definition 4.4. Let (A, B, E) be a Borel invariant. $\diamond(A, B, E)$ is the following statement:

$\diamond(A, B, E)$ For every Borel map $F : 2^{<\omega_1} \rightarrow A$ there is a $g : \omega_1 \rightarrow B$ such that for every $f : \omega_1 \rightarrow 2$ the set $\{\alpha \in \omega_1 : F(f \upharpoonright \alpha)Eg(\alpha)\}$ is stationary.

Aside from the fact that $\diamond(A, B, E)$ often suffices for applications of $\Phi(A, B, E)$, it is also the case that, unlike $\Phi(A, B, E)$, $\diamond(A, B, E)$ is often forced in the standard models where $\langle A, B, E \rangle = \omega_1$ is forced. This is the content of Section 6. The key property of Borel maps which we will need in Section 6 is that if M is a model of ZFC (usually an intermediate forcing extension) which contains the codes for A and $F \upharpoonright 2^\delta$ and $t \in 2^\delta$ then $F(t)$ can be computed in M . Often it will be convenient to define a map F only on a Borel subset of 2^δ for each δ . In such a case F will assume a fixed constant value elsewhere.

The reader is now encouraged to re-read Section 2 and convince themselves that $\diamond(A, B, E)$ suffices in each case in which $\Phi(A, B, E)$ was used as an assumption for a particular Borel invariant (A, B, E) . For instance we have the following theorems.

Proposition 4.5. $\diamond(\mathfrak{c})$ is equivalent to \diamond .

Proposition 4.6. $\diamond(\mathbb{R}, \neq)$ is equivalent to $\diamond(2, \neq)$.

Theorem 4.7. $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{M}))$ implies the existence of a Suslin tree.

Another problematic aspect of the statements $\Phi(A, B, E)$ is that under CH, the Tukey types of many of the standard invariants are reduced to $(\omega_1, <)$. For instance, under $\mathfrak{d} = \omega_1$ the Tukey type of $(\omega^\omega, <^*)$ reduces to $(\omega_1, <)$ and hence $\Phi(\mathfrak{d})$ is equivalent to $\Phi(\omega_1, <)$ (see [37]). The Tukey maps in such situations, however, are generally far from being definable. The analog of Proposition 2.8 for $\diamond(A, B, E)$ avoids this.

Definition 4.8. (Borel Tukey ordering [4]) Given a pair of Borel invariants (A_1, B_1, E_1) and (A_2, B_2, E_2) We will say that $(A_1, B_1, E_1) \leq_T^B (A_2, B_2, E_2)$ if $(A_1, B_1, E_1) \leq_T (A_2, B_2, E_2)$ and the connecting maps are both Borel.

Proposition 4.9. *If $(A_1, B_1, E_1) \leq_T^B (A_2, B_2, E_2)$ then $\diamond(A_2, B_2, E_2)$ implies $\diamond(A_1, B_1, E_1)$.*

It turns out that the Tukey connections between all the invariants we will consider satisfy the above requirement (see [4]) and hence implications such as $\diamond(\text{add}(\mathcal{M}))$ implies $\diamond(\text{add}(\mathcal{N}))$ hold.

5 Some more constructions

The purpose of this section is to present some more topological and combinatorial constructions. The first construction is that of the Ostaszewski space of [24]. Recall that an Ostaszewski space is a countably compact non-compact perfectly normal space. Usually this space is considered to have the additional property that its closed sets are either countable or co-countable. Originally this space was constructed using $\clubsuit + \text{CH}$, an equivalent of \diamond [24].

Unlike the example of the Suslin tree, which does not seem to yield any new models in which there are Suslin trees, the hypothesis we use in the construction makes it rather transparent that there are Ostaszewski spaces after adding ω_1 random reals. The construction of an Ostaszewski space from a sequence of random reals (see [23] or [22]) and a careful analysis of the combinatorics involved was one of the main motivations and inspirations for the formulation of $\diamond(\mathfrak{s})$ and consequently $\diamond(A, B, E)$ for arbitrary invariants (A, B, E) .

Notation. Let $(\omega)_\omega^\omega$ denote the collection of all partitions of ω into infinitely many infinite pieces.

Recall that if $A, B \subseteq \omega$ then A is *split by* B if both $A \cap B$ and $A \setminus B$ are infinite. The invariant which seems to be at the heart of Ostaszewski's construction is

$$\mathfrak{s}^\omega = ([\omega]^\omega, (\omega)_\omega^\omega, \text{is split by all pieces of}),$$

a close relative of

$$\mathfrak{s} = ([\omega]^\omega, \text{is split by}).$$

The invariant \mathfrak{s}^ω is connected to $\text{non}(\mathcal{M})$ and $\text{non}(\mathcal{N})$ by the following proposition.

Proposition 5.1. \mathfrak{s}^ω is below both $\text{non}(\mathcal{M})$ and $\text{non}(\mathcal{N})$ in the Borel Tukey order.

Proof. Let μ be the product measure on ω^ω obtained by setting $\mu(\{n\}) = 2^{-n-1}$. Let S be the collection of all f in ω^ω which take the value n infinitely often for each n . It is easily verified that S is both comeager and measure 1 and hence we can view $\text{non}(\mathcal{M}) = (\mathcal{M}, S, \not\subseteq)$ and $\text{non}(\mathcal{N}) = (\mathcal{N}, S, \not\subseteq)$. Define $\phi : [\omega]^\omega \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{N}$ by letting $\phi(A)$ be the collection of all f in S which take all values infinitely often on A . Define $\psi : S \rightarrow (\omega)^\omega$ by $\psi(f) = \{f^{-1}(n) : n \in \omega\}$. It is easily verified that this pair of maps gives the desired Borel Tukey connections. \square

Theorem 5.2. $\diamond(\mathfrak{s}^\omega)$ implies the existence of a perfectly normal countably compact non-compact space (i.e. an Ostaszewski space).

Proof. Again by suitable coding, we will take the domain of F to be the set of all triples (α, \mathcal{B}, D) such that $\alpha \in \omega_1$, $\mathcal{B} = \langle U_\gamma : \gamma < \alpha \rangle$ where $U_\gamma \subseteq \gamma + 1$, $\gamma \in U_\gamma$, and $D \subseteq \alpha$. Given a pair (α, \mathcal{B}) as above, let $\tau_{\mathcal{B}}$ be the topology on α generated by taking \mathcal{B} as a clopen subbase. $F(\alpha, \mathcal{B}, D)$ is defined to be ω unless

1. α is a limit ordinal,
2. U_γ is compact in $\tau_{\mathcal{B}}$ for all $\gamma < \alpha$,
3. for every $\gamma < \alpha$, the closure of $[\gamma, \gamma + \omega)$ in $(\alpha, \tau_{\mathcal{B}})$ is $[\gamma, \alpha)$, and
4. D does not have compact closure in $(\alpha, \tau_{\mathcal{B}})$.

Define $V_{\alpha, n}$ for n in ω by setting $V_{\alpha, 0} = U_{e_\alpha(0)}$ and

$$V_{\alpha, n} = U_{e_\alpha(k)} \setminus \bigcup_{i < n} V_{\alpha, i}$$

where k is minimal such that this set is nonempty and such that $e_\alpha(n)$ is covered by $V_{\alpha, i}$ for some $i \leq n$. Thus $\{V_{\alpha, n} : n \in \omega\}$ is a partition of $(\alpha, \tau_{\mathcal{B}})$ into compact open sets. Set $F(\alpha, \mathcal{B}, D)$ to be the collection of all n such that $D \cap V_{\alpha, n}$ is nonempty. Notice that since $V_{\alpha, n}$ is compact for all n and D does not have compact closure, $F(\alpha, \mathcal{B}, D)$ is infinite.

Now let $g : \omega_1 \rightarrow (\omega)_\omega^\omega$ be a $\diamond(\mathfrak{s}^\omega)$ -sequence for F . Define a locally compact topology $(\omega_1, \tau_{\mathcal{B}})$ by recursion. Suppose that $\mathcal{B} \upharpoonright \alpha$ have been defined so far, satisfying 1-3. Notice that if $A \subseteq \omega$ and $\sigma, \sigma' \in (\omega)_\omega^\omega$ are such that A is split by all pieces of σ and every element of σ' contains some element of σ then A is split by every element of σ' . Thus by altering $g(\alpha)$, if necessary, we may assume that for each k , the collection $\{V_{\alpha,n} : n \in g(\alpha)(k)\}$ has a union which is cofinal in α . Let

$$U_{\alpha+k} = \bigcup_{n \in g(\alpha)(k)} V_{\alpha,n}.$$

Since $U_{\alpha+k}$ is cofinal in α for all k , the closure of a co-bounded subset of α is co-bounded in $\alpha + \omega$.

Clearly $(\omega_1, \tau_{\omega_1})$ is not compact since all initial segments are open in τ_{ω_1} . To finish the proof, it suffices to show that closed sets are either compact or co-countable. Now suppose that $D \subseteq \omega_1$ does not have compact closure. Let $\delta \in \omega_1$ be such that $F(\delta, \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright \delta, D \cap \delta)$ is defined and is split by every element of $g(\delta)$. Then $D \cap \delta$ must accumulate at $\delta + n$ for all n . It follows from 3 that the closure of D in ω_1 is co-bounded. \square

As mentioned above, the construction can be carried out using $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{N}))$ which holds after adding ω_1 random reals. Eisworth and Roitman have shown that the construction of an Ostaszewski space can not be carried out under CH alone and hence some form of a guessing principle is required [11]. While the space above is hereditarily separable, the following question is open:

Question 5.3. Does $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{N}))$ imply the existence of a non-metric compact space X such that X^2 is hereditarily separable?

We will now pass to a purely combinatorial construction. Recall that a sequence $A_\alpha : \alpha \rightarrow 2$ indexed by ω_1 is *coherent* if for every $\alpha < \beta$ $A_\alpha =^* A_\beta \upharpoonright \alpha$. Such a sequence is *trivial* if there is a $B : \omega_1 \rightarrow 2$ such that $A_\alpha =^* B \upharpoonright \alpha$ for all α . Non-trivial coherent sequences can be constructed without additional set theoretic assumptions [35]. The conclusion of the following theorem is deduced from \diamond in [9], though unlike Theorems 3.1 and 5.2, the argument presented here does not mirror an existing argument.

Theorem 5.4. $\diamond(\mathfrak{b})$ implies that there is a coherent sequence A_α ($\alpha \in \omega_1$) of binary maps such that for every uncountable set X , there is an $\alpha \in \omega_1$ with A_α taking both its values infinitely often on $X \cap \alpha$.

First we will need the following fact which seems to be of independent interest. Recall that a *ladder system* is a sequence $\langle C_\delta : \delta \in \lim(\omega_1) \rangle$ such that C_δ is a cofinal subset of δ of order type ω for each limit ordinal $\delta \in \omega_1$.

Theorem 5.5. $\diamond(\mathbf{b})$ implies that there is a ladder system C_δ such that for every sequence of uncountable sets $X_\gamma \subseteq \omega_1$ ($\gamma \in \omega_1$) there are stationarily many δ such that $X_\gamma \cap C_\delta$ is infinite for all $\gamma < \delta$.

Proof. (of Theorem 5.5) Let $\vec{X} = \langle X_\gamma : \gamma < \delta \rangle$ be a given sequence of subsets of δ and set $F(\vec{X})$ to be the identity function unless δ is a limit ordinal and X_γ is unbounded in δ for all $\gamma < \delta$. Set

$$F(\vec{X})(n) = \max_{i \leq n} \{ \min \{ e_\delta^{-1}(\gamma) : \gamma \in X_{e_\delta(i)} \setminus \delta_n \} \}.$$

Now suppose that $g : \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega^\omega$ is a $\diamond(\mathbf{b})$ -sequence for F . By making $g(\delta)$ larger if necessary, we may assume that

$$g(\delta)(n) > e_\delta^{-1}(\delta_n).$$

Set

$$C_\delta = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \{ \gamma < \delta : (e_\delta^{-1}(\gamma) \leq g(\delta)(n)) \text{ and } (\gamma \geq \delta_n) \}.$$

Clearly C_δ is an ω -sequence which is cofinal in δ and it is routine to check that it satisfies the conclusion of the theorem. \square

Definition 5.6. A binary coherent sequence \vec{A} *almost contains* a ladder system \vec{C} if A_α is eventually 1 on C_δ whenever $\delta < \alpha$.

Notice that if \vec{C} satisfies the conclusion of Theorem 5.5 then for any binary sequence A_α which almost contains \vec{C} and any uncountable set X , there is an α such that A_α takes the value 1 infinitely often on $X \cap \alpha$. Since coherence implies that this occurs for all $\beta \geq \alpha$ as well, it suffices to prove the following lemma.

Lemma 5.7. $\diamond(\mathbf{b})$ implies that for every ladder system \vec{C} there is a coherent sequence \vec{A} which almost contains \vec{C} such that for every uncountable set $X \subseteq \omega_1$ there is an α such that A_α takes the value 0 infinitely often on $X \cap \alpha$.

Proof. First recall the following notion of a minimal walk (see [30] or [31]). If $\alpha < \beta$ then $\beta(\alpha) = \min(C_\beta \setminus \alpha)$. Here $C_{\alpha+1} = \{\alpha\}$. Define $\beta^i(\alpha)$ recursively by setting $\beta^0(\alpha) = \beta$ and $\beta^{i+1}(\alpha) = \beta^i(\alpha)(\alpha)$. Let

$$a_\beta(\alpha) = |C_{\beta^{k-1}(\alpha)} \cap \alpha|$$

where k is the minimal such that $\beta^k(\alpha) = \alpha$. That is, $a_\beta(\alpha)$ is the weight of the last step in the walk from β to α .

Now let $X \subseteq \delta$ be given. Define $F(X, \delta)$ to be the identity function unless X is cofinal in δ in which case set

$$F(X, \delta)(n) = \min\{a_\delta(\gamma) : \gamma \in \delta \cap X \setminus \bar{\delta}_n\},$$

where $\bar{\delta}_n$ ($n \in \omega$) is an increasing enumeration of C_δ .

Let $g : \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega^\omega$ be a $\diamond(\mathfrak{b})$ -sequence for F . By making functions in g larger if necessary we may assume that $g(\alpha)$ is monotonic for all α . Set

$$b_\beta(\alpha) = \max_{i < k-1} g(\beta^i(\alpha))(|C_{\beta^i(\alpha)} \cap \alpha|)$$

if the maximum is over a nonempty set and 0 otherwise (where, again, k is minimal such that $\beta^k(\alpha) = \alpha$). Define $A_\beta(\alpha)$ to be 0 if $a_\beta(\alpha) < b_\beta(\alpha)$ and 1 otherwise.

It is routine to show that \vec{a} and \vec{b} are both coherent and hence that \vec{A} is coherent (see section 1 of [30] or [31]). It is equally routine to show that b_β is eventually constant on any ladder while a_β is eventually 1-1 on each ladder and hence \vec{A} almost contains \vec{C} . To see that \vec{A} satisfies the conclusion of the theorem, let X be an uncountable set. Fix a δ such that $X \cap \delta$ is cofinal in δ and $g(\delta)$ is not dominated by $F(X \cap \delta, \delta)$. Let $\gamma < \delta$ be arbitrary. It suffices to find an α in $X \cap \delta \setminus \gamma$ such that $A_\delta(\alpha) = 0$. Let n be such that $\bar{\delta}_n > \gamma$ and $F(X \cap \delta, \delta)(n) < g(\delta)(n)$. Let $\alpha \in X \cap \delta \setminus \bar{\delta}_n$ be such that $a_\delta(\alpha) = F(X \cap \delta, \delta)(n)$. Now

$$b_\delta(\alpha) \geq g(\delta)(|C_\delta \cap \alpha|) \geq g(\delta)(n) > a_\delta(\alpha)$$

which finishes the proof. □

Question 5.8. For which Borel invariants (A, B, E) does $\diamond(A, B, E)$ imply the existence of a c.c.c. destructible (ω_1, ω_1^*) -gap in $[\omega]^\omega$?

6 Canonical models for $\diamond(A, B, E)$

The purpose of this section is to show that, for the classical invariants (A, B, E) , $\diamond(A, B, E)$ holds in many of the standard models for $\langle A, B, E \rangle = \omega_1$.

Theorem 6.1. *Let \mathcal{C}_{ω_1} and \mathcal{R}_{ω_1} be the Cohen and measure algebras corresponding to the product space 2^{ω_1} with its usual topological and measure theoretic structures. The orders \mathcal{C}_{ω_1} and \mathcal{R}_{ω_1} force $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{M}))$ and $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{N}))$ respectively.*

Proof. The arguments for each are almost identical so we will only present the case of \mathcal{R}_{ω_1} . Let \dot{G} be an \mathcal{R}_{ω_1} -name for the element of 2^{ω_1} corresponding to the generic filter. Fix an \mathcal{R}_{ω_1} -name \dot{F} for a Borel map from $2^{<\omega_1}$ to \mathcal{N} and let \dot{r}_δ be an \mathcal{R}_{ω_1} -name for a real such that $\dot{F} \upharpoonright 2^\delta$ is definable from \dot{r}_δ . Pick a strictly increasing function $f : \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_1$ such that \dot{r}_δ is forced to be in $\mathbf{V}[\dot{G} \upharpoonright f(\delta)]$. Let $\dot{g}(\delta)$ be defined to be $\dot{G} \upharpoonright [f(\delta), f(\delta) + \omega)$ (interpreted canonically as a real).

To see that \dot{g} works, let $\dot{f} : \omega_1 \rightarrow 2$ be an \mathcal{R}_{ω_1} -name. Let C be the collection of all δ for which it is forced that $\dot{f} \upharpoonright \delta \in \mathbf{V}[\dot{G} \upharpoonright \delta]$. Because \mathcal{R}_{ω_1} is c.c.c., C is closed and unbounded. Since \dot{G} is generic, $\dot{g}(\delta)$ avoids every null set coded in $\mathbf{V}[\dot{G} \upharpoonright f(\delta)]$, including $\dot{F}(\dot{f} \upharpoonright \delta)$. \square

The above proof actually shows that $\diamond^*(\text{non}(\mathcal{M}))$ and $\diamond^*(\text{non}(\mathcal{N}))$ hold in the corresponding models where $\diamond^*(A, B, E)$ is obtained from $\diamond(A, B, E)$ by replacing “stationary” by “club.” One could, of course, produce a myriad of results of a similar flavor: e.g. $\diamond^*(\text{cof}(\mathcal{M}))$ holds after adding ω_1 Hechler reals or $\diamond^*(\mathfrak{s})$ holds after generically adding a sequence of ω_1 independent reals.

It should be noted that the results of [13], [22], and [33] place considerable limitations on the strength of $\diamond^*(\text{non}(\mathcal{N}))$ — and hence $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{N}))$ — as they show that there are a number of consequences of MA_{\aleph_1} which are consistent with $\diamond^*(\text{non}(\mathcal{N}))$. For instance Theorem 6.1 gives the following corollary which contrasts the remarks preceding Definition 4.8.

Theorem 6.2. *It is relatively consistent with CH that $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{N}))$ holds but $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{M}))$ fails.*

Proof. By a result of Hirschorn [13], it is consistent with CH that after forcing with any measure algebra there are no Suslin trees. After forcing with \mathcal{R}_{ω_1}

over this model we obtain a model in which $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{M}))$ fails but $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{N}))$ holds. \square

So in particular, $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{N}))$ is not sufficient to carry out the construction of a Suslin tree.

Question 6.3. Does $\diamond(\mathfrak{b})$ imply the existence of a Suslin tree?

This also suggests the following meta-question:

Question 6.4. If (A_1, B_1, E_1) and (A_2, B_2, E_2) are two Borel invariants such that the inequality $\langle A_1, B_1, E_1 \rangle < \langle A_2, B_2, E_2 \rangle$ is consistent, is it consistent that $\diamond(A_1, B_1, E_1)$ holds and $\diamond(A_2, B_2, E_2)$ fails in the presence of CH?

We will now move on to study countable support iterations.

Definition 6.5. A *Borel forcing notion* is a partial order (X, \leq) with a maximal element² such that X and \leq are Borel sets.

Given a Borel forcing notion, we will always interpret it in forcing extensions using its code rather than taking the ground model forcing notion. Observe that many Borel forcing notions \mathcal{Q} designed for adding a single real (e.g. those for adding Laver, Miller, Sacks, etc. reals) are equivalent to the forcing $\mathcal{P}(2)^+ \times \mathcal{Q}$ where $\mathcal{P}(2)$ is considered as the Boolean algebra with two atoms. The atom of $\mathcal{P}(2)$ which the generic selects can be thought of as the first coordinate of the generic real which is added.

The following theorem will now become our focus:

Theorem 6.6. *Suppose that $\langle \mathcal{Q}_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_2 \rangle$ is a sequence of Borel partial orders such that for each $\alpha < \omega_2$ \mathcal{Q}_α is equivalent to $\mathcal{P}(2)^+ \times \mathcal{Q}_\alpha$ as a forcing notion and let \mathcal{P}_{ω_2} be the countable support iteration of this sequence. If \mathcal{P}_{ω_2} is proper and (A, B, E) is a Borel invariant then \mathcal{P}_{ω_2} forces $\langle A, B, E \rangle \leq \omega_1$ iff \mathcal{P}_{ω_2} forces $\diamond(A, B, E)$.*

Remark 6.7. This is actually a rather weak formulation what can be proved. All of “Borel” that is used is that the forcing notions remain forcing notions in generic extensions and they can be computed from a real. Also, it is not entirely necessary that the forcing notions be in V ; we will need only that the choice of the sequence of forcing notions does not depend on the “first coordinates” of the first ω_1 generic reals added by the iteration. We chose the phrasing that we did both because of its simplicity and the fact that it covers most countable support iterations of definable forcings.

²In this paper we adopt the convention that if p is stronger than q then we write $p \leq q$.

We will prove this theorem as a series of lemmas.

Lemma 6.8. *Suppose that $\langle \mathcal{P}_\alpha, (\mathcal{P}(2)^+ \times \dot{Q}_\alpha) : \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$ is a countable support iteration such that for all $\alpha < \omega_1$ \mathcal{P}_α forces \dot{Q}_α is a proper partial order. For all $\alpha \leq \omega_1$, the suborder $\mathcal{P}_\alpha^0 \subseteq \mathcal{P}_\alpha$ of all conditions whose first coordinate is trivial is completely embedded in \mathcal{P}_α .*

Proof. By induction on α we prove that the identity map $\iota_\alpha : \mathcal{P}_\alpha^0 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_\alpha$ is a complete embedding. Note that for $\gamma < \alpha$, $\mathcal{P}_\gamma^0 = \{p \upharpoonright \gamma : p \in \mathcal{P}_\alpha^0\}$. Also observe that \mathcal{P}_α^0 the direct limit of \mathcal{P}_γ^0 ($\gamma < \alpha$) under the usual system of embeddings.

If $\alpha = 0$ this is trivial. By the above observation, for a limit ordinal $\alpha > 0$ we have (checking conditions (1) – (3) of Definition 7.1 of Ch VII in [19]):

1. Since ι_α is the inclusion map, it automatically preserves order.
2. If p, p' are incompatible in \mathcal{P}_α^0 , there must be a $\gamma < \alpha$ such that $p \upharpoonright \gamma$ is incompatible with $p' \upharpoonright \gamma$ in \mathcal{P}_γ^0 (this is a standard fact about direct limits — see 5.11 of Ch VIII in [19]). By the induction hypothesis, $p \upharpoonright \gamma$ and $p' \upharpoonright \gamma$ are incompatible in \mathcal{P}_γ and hence p and p' are incompatible in \mathcal{P}_α .
3. Given q in \mathcal{P}_α let $(\dot{\epsilon}_\gamma, \dot{q}_\gamma)$ denote $q(\gamma)$. It is easy to check by induction on $\gamma < \alpha$ that there is a unique condition \bar{q} in \mathcal{P}_α^0 such that $\bar{q}(\gamma) = (\mathbf{1}, \dot{q}_\gamma)$ for all $\gamma < \alpha$. We now claim that if $r \in \mathcal{P}_\alpha^0$ extends \bar{q} then r is compatible with q . Indeed, the γ^{th} coordinate of the common extension is $(\epsilon_\gamma, \dot{r}_\gamma)$ where $r(\gamma) = (\mathbf{1}, \dot{r}_\gamma)$.

This finishes the limit case of the inductive proof; the successor case is similar. □

Lemma 6.9. *Suppose \mathcal{T} is a forcing notion which does not add any countable sequences of ordinals and that $\mathcal{P} = \langle \mathcal{P}_\alpha, \dot{Q}_\alpha : \alpha < \delta \rangle$ is a proper countable support iteration of Borel forcing notions. The forcings $\mathcal{T} * \dot{\mathcal{P}}$ and $\mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{T}$ are equivalent provided that they do not collapse ω_1 .*

Proof. The \mathcal{T} -name $\dot{\mathcal{P}}$ will be used to refer to the iteration computed after forcing with \mathcal{T} . It now suffices to show that $\dot{\mathcal{P}}$ is equal to $\check{\mathcal{P}}$. This will be proved by induction on δ .

If δ is a limit of uncountable cofinality then, by the inductive hypothesis, $\check{\mathcal{P}}$ and $\dot{\mathcal{P}}$ are both inverse limits of equal orders (computed before and after

forcing with \mathcal{T} respectively). Since \mathcal{T} adds no new countable sequences of ordinals, it forces that $\text{cf}(\delta) > \omega$. Therefore the inverse limit construction is absolute and we have that $\dot{\mathcal{P}}$ equals $\check{\mathcal{P}}$.

If δ is a limit of countable cofinality, the same argument applies with the observation that direct limits of systems with countable cofinality are absolute between models with the same countable sequences of ordinals.

Finally, if $\delta = \alpha + 1$ then $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_\alpha * \dot{\mathcal{Q}}_\alpha$. First we will prove that \mathcal{T} does not add any new \mathcal{P}_α -names for reals. To this end, suppose that t is in \mathcal{T} , \dot{r} is forced by t to be a \mathcal{T} -name for a \mathcal{P}_α -name for an element of 2^ω . Let \dot{A}_n ($n < \omega$) be a countable sequence such that t forces that \dot{A}_n is a maximal antichain in \mathcal{P}_α whose elements decide the value of $\dot{r}(n)$. Since $\mathcal{T} * \mathcal{P}_\alpha$ does not collapse ω_1 , there is a \bar{t} extending t , a p in \mathcal{P}_α and \mathcal{T} -names \dot{C}_n such that \bar{t} forces that \dot{C}_n is a countable subset of \dot{A}_n and is maximal below p . Since \mathcal{T} does not add countable sequences, there is an extension of \bar{t} which decides \dot{C}_n for all n . Hence \mathcal{T} does not add any \mathcal{P}_α -names for reals and therefore \mathcal{Q}_α is the same computed after forcing with $\mathcal{T} * \mathcal{P}_\alpha$ as it is after forcing with \mathcal{P}_α . Combining this with the inductive hypothesis we have

$$\check{\mathcal{P}} = \check{\mathcal{P}}_\alpha * \check{\mathcal{Q}}_\alpha = \dot{\mathcal{P}}_\alpha * \dot{\mathcal{Q}}_\alpha = \dot{\mathcal{P}},$$

thus finishing the proof. \square

Definition 6.10. A forcing notion (\mathcal{P}, \leq) is *nowhere c.c.c.* if for every p in \mathcal{P} there is an uncountable antichain of elements which extend p .

Lemma 6.11. *If \mathcal{P}_{ω_2} is as in the statement of Theorem 6.6 and \mathcal{P}_{ω_1} is the c.s. iteration of $\langle \mathcal{P}_\alpha, \mathcal{Q}_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$ then there is a \mathcal{P}_{ω_1} -name $\dot{\mathcal{T}}$ for a tree of height ω_1 which is nowhere c.c.c. and does not add reals such that \mathcal{P}_{ω_2} is equivalent to $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_2} * \dot{\mathcal{T}}$.*

Proof. By passing to an equivalent iteration, we replace \mathcal{P}_{ω_1} by the c.s. iteration of the orders $\mathcal{P}(2)^+ \times \mathcal{Q}_\alpha$. Let $\dot{\mathcal{T}}$ be the $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}^0$ -name for the quotient of \mathcal{P}_{ω_1} by the $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}^0$ -generic filter. Observe that if $G \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}^0$ is generic, \mathcal{T} is the collection of all $t : \alpha \rightarrow 2$ in $V[G]$ such that for every $\gamma \leq \alpha$, $t \upharpoonright \gamma$ is in $V[G \cap \mathcal{P}_\gamma^0]$. From this it is clear that \mathcal{T} is nowhere c.c.c.. Since $\dot{\mathcal{T}}$ is $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}^0$ -name for a tree of size ω_1 which is everywhere of uncountable height and which embeds into a proper partial order, $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}^0$ forces that $\dot{\mathcal{T}}$ does not add any new countable sequences of ordinals.

Let $\dot{\mathcal{P}}'$ be the \mathcal{P}_{ω_1} -name for the remaining part of the iteration \mathcal{P}_{ω_2} . Now \mathcal{P}_{ω_2} is equivalent to $(\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}^0 * \dot{\mathcal{T}}) * \dot{\mathcal{P}}'$ which is in turn equivalent to $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1} * (\dot{\mathcal{T}} * \dot{\mathcal{P}}')$ which is equivalent to $(\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1} * \dot{\mathcal{P}}') * \dot{\mathcal{T}} = \mathcal{P}_{\omega_2} * \dot{\mathcal{T}}$. \square

The following lemma now completes the proof of Theorem 6.6.

Lemma 6.12. *Let $\langle A, B, E \rangle$ be a Borel invariant such that $\langle A, B, E \rangle \leq \omega_1$. If \mathcal{T} is a tree of height ω_1 which is nowhere c.c.c. and does not add reals then \mathcal{T} forces $\diamond(A, B, E)$.*

Proof. Let b_ξ ($\xi < \omega_1$) be a sequence of elements of B which witnesses $\langle A, B, E \rangle \leq \omega_1$ and let $\dot{F} : 2^{<\omega_1} \rightarrow A$ be a \mathcal{T} -name for a Borel function. For each $\delta < \omega_1$ pick a \mathcal{T} -name \dot{r}_δ for a real which codes $\dot{F} \upharpoonright \delta$. For each t in \mathcal{T} of height δ pick a real s_t and a map $h_t : \omega_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ such that

1. the collection $\{h_t(\xi) : \xi < \omega_1\}$ is an antichain and
2. $h_t(\xi)$ extends t and forces \dot{r}_δ to be s_t .

Define a \mathcal{T} -name \dot{g} for a function from ω_1 into B by making $h_t(\xi)$ force that $\dot{g}(\delta) = b_\xi$, where δ is the height of t (if \dot{g} is undefined somewhere define it arbitrarily).

Now let \dot{f} be a \mathcal{T} -name for a function from ω_1 to 2 and \dot{C} be a \mathcal{T} -name for a closed unbounded subset of ω_1 . Let A_n be a sequence of maximal antichains in \mathcal{T} such that if u is in A_n and has height δ and \bar{u} is in A_{n+1} and extends u then \bar{u} decides $\dot{f} \upharpoonright \delta$ and forces that there is an element of \dot{C} between δ and the height of \bar{u} . Since \mathcal{T} does not add reals, there is a minimal t such that for every n there is a u_n in A_n which is below t . Hence if δ is the height of t , t decides $\dot{f} \upharpoonright \delta$ and forces δ to be in \dot{C} . Now there is an a in A such that t forces that if $\dot{F}(\dot{f} \upharpoonright \delta)$ is computed using the code s_t then its value is a . Find a ξ such that (a, b_ξ) is in E . The condition $h_t(\xi)$ forces that δ is in \dot{C} and that $(\dot{F}(\dot{f} \upharpoonright \delta), \dot{g}(\delta))$ is in E , finishing the proof. \square

The following is a typical corollary of the previous two theorems. We will see in Section 7 that this in turn implies that $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{u} = \omega_1$ in the iterated Sacks model.

Corollary 6.13. *Both $\diamond(\mathfrak{r})$ and $\diamond(\mathfrak{d})$ hold in the iterated Sacks model.*

The following result gives another way of seeing the relative consistency of $\clubsuit + \neg\text{CH}$.³ Unlike the standard proofs (see Chapter I Section 7 of [27]) where one deliberately arranges that \clubsuit holds in the forcing extension, the Sacks model was considered for entirely different reasons.

³Baumgartner has demonstrated in an unpublished note that \clubsuit holds in the Sacks model. This result was obtained shortly after Shelah's proof of the consistency of $\clubsuit + \neg\text{CH}$ [3].

Corollary 6.14. \clubsuit holds in the iterated Sacks model.

Proof. Without loss of generality we may assume that our ground model satisfies CH. It suffices to show that $\mathbb{S}_{\omega_2} * \dot{\mathcal{T}}$ forces \clubsuit where \mathcal{T} is the forcing notion from Lemma 6.11. In [14] it has been (essentially) shown that for every \mathbb{S}_{ω_2} -name \dot{X} for an uncountable subset of ω_1 there is a \mathbb{S}_{ω_2} -name \dot{C} for a closed and unbounded subset of ω_1 such that if p forces that δ is in \dot{C} then there is a q extending p and a ground model $A \subseteq \delta$ which is cofinal such that q forces that A is contained in \dot{X} .

We will now work in the forcing extension given by \mathbb{S}_{ω_2} . For each t in \mathcal{T} , let $h_t : \omega_1 \rightarrow \dot{\mathcal{T}}$ be a 1-1 function such that the range of h_t is an antichain above t . For limit δ define a \mathcal{T} -name \dot{C}_δ by letting $h_t(\xi)$ force $\dot{C}_\delta = A_\xi$ where $\{A_\xi : \xi < \omega_1\}$ enumerates the cofinal subsets of δ before forcing with \mathbb{S}_{ω_2} . The method of proof of Lemma 6.12 now shows that \dot{C}_δ ($\delta \in \lim(\omega_1)$) is forced to be a \clubsuit -sequence. \square

One “rule of thumb” which one learns when working with the classical invariants of the form $\langle A, B, E \rangle$ is that, if $\langle A, B, E \rangle < \langle C, D, F \rangle$ is consistent then this can typically be accomplished by a countable support iteration of length ω_2 of proper Borel forcing notions in \mathbf{V} (typically the sequence \mathcal{Q}_α ($\alpha < \omega_2$) is a constant sequence).⁴ In such a case, Theorem 6.6 tells us that $\diamond(A, B, E)$ does not imply $\langle C, D, F \rangle$ is ω_1 . The reader is referred to [2] for an introduction to some of the common Borel forcing notions and [25] for some of the more advanced techniques for building Borel forcing notions.

The above results imply that $\diamond(\mathbb{R}, \neq)$ holds in many of the models obtained by adding a specific type of real. The following theorem, however, gives a much more natural setting for studying $\diamond(\mathbb{R}, \neq)$ and its consequences.

Theorem 6.15. After forcing with a Suslin tree $\diamond(\mathbb{R}, \neq)$ holds.

Proof. Similar to the proof of Theorem 6.6 (in fact it is most natural to show that $\diamond(\omega, =)$ holds after forcing with a Suslin tree). \square

Many of the combinatorial consequences of $2^\omega < 2^{\omega_1}$ are in fact consequences of $\diamond(\mathbb{R}, \neq)$. It should be noted that Farah, Larson, Todorćević and

⁴In general this is a phenomenon which is not well understood and is currently being analyzed by a number of people. There are Borel invariants such as $\text{cov}(\mathcal{N})$ and $(\mathbb{R}^\omega, \mathcal{N}, \sqsubseteq)$ which can only be separated if the continuum is larger than \aleph_ω ($f \sqsubseteq E$ if the range of f is contained in E). This is because $\text{cov}(\mathcal{N})$ can have countable cofinality [26] while $(\mathbb{R}^\omega, \mathcal{N}, \sqsubseteq)$ cannot and yet $\text{cov}(\mathcal{N}) \leq \langle \mathbb{R}^\omega, \mathcal{N}, \sqsubseteq \rangle \leq \text{cf}([\text{cov}(\mathcal{N})]^\omega, \sqsubseteq)$.

others have noticed that these consequences hold after forcing with a Suslin tree.

Theorem 6.16. $\diamond(\mathbb{R}, \neq)$ *implies:*

1. $\mathfrak{t} = \omega_1$.
2. *There are no Q -sets.*
3. *Every ladder system has a non-uniformizable coloring.*
4. *There is an uncountable subset of a c.c.c. partial order with no uncountable 3-linked subcollection.*

Proof. Item 1 is deferred to Theorem 7.1 of the next section. The proof that $\diamond(\mathbb{R}, \neq)$ implies items 2 and 3 is the same as the proof that $\Phi(2, \neq)$ implies these statements (see [7]). Item 4 can be extracted from the proof of Theorem 7.7 of [32] and Theorem 7.1 below. \square

On the other hand, Larson and Todorćević have had a great deal of success in proving that certain consequences of MA_{\aleph_1} and other forcing axioms can hold after forcing with a Suslin tree (see [20], [21]). A variant on a major open question in this line of research is:

Question 6.17. Is $\diamond(\mathbb{R}, \neq)$ consistent with the assertion that every c.c.c. forcing notion has Property K?

7 \diamond -principles and cardinal invariants

There are a number of well studied cardinal invariants of the continuum which do not satisfy our definition of “invariant.” Generally this is because the invariants in question make reference to some additional structure. For instance, \mathfrak{u} can be considered to be the smallest size of a reaping family which is also a filter base. A natural question to ask is how these cardinals are influenced by the \diamond -principles we have considered thus far. It turns out that these \diamond -principles do have a strong impact on cardinals such as \mathfrak{t} , \mathfrak{a} , \mathfrak{u} , and \mathfrak{i} and moreover provide a uniform approach for computing the values of these invariants in many standard models.

The first instance of this influence was Hrušák’s proof that \diamond_δ implies $\mathfrak{a} = \omega_1$. In addition to allowing for easier computations, the results below explain

why the proofs of statements such as $\text{CON}(\mathfrak{b} < \mathfrak{a})$ and $\text{CON}(\mathfrak{r} < \mathfrak{u})$ require more sophisticated arguments than, e.g., $\text{CON}(\mathfrak{b} < \mathfrak{d})$. It also suggests that there are no natural formulations of statements such as $\diamond(\mathfrak{t})$ and $\diamond(\mathfrak{a})$.

The first theorem is essentially a recasting of the well known fact that $2^\omega < 2^{\omega_1}$ implies $\mathfrak{t} = \omega_1$.

Theorem 7.1. $\diamond(\mathbb{R}, \neq)$ implies $\mathfrak{t} = \omega_1$.

Proof. $\diamond(\mathbb{R}, \neq)$ is equivalent to $\diamond(2, \neq)$ so we will use this assumption instead. Let X be the subset of $([\omega]^\omega)^\omega$ consisting of all strictly \subseteq^* decreasing sequences of sets. Let $D : X \rightarrow [\omega]^\omega$ be defined by setting the n^{th} element of $D(\vec{A})$ to be the least element of $\bigcap_{i \leq n} A_i$ which is greater than n . Notice that $D(\vec{A})$ is almost contained in A_n for all $n < \omega$ and D is continuous.

Our map F will be defined on pairs \vec{A}, C where $\vec{A} = \langle A_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle$ is a strictly \subseteq^* -decreasing sequence, δ is a limit and C is an infinite subset of ω which is almost contained in A_ξ for all $\xi < \delta$. Let $B(\vec{A})$ be the collection of all even indexed elements of $D(\langle A_{\delta_n} : n \in \omega \rangle)$ in its increasing enumeration. Set $F(\vec{A}, C)$ to be 0 if C is almost contained in $B(\vec{A})$ and 1 otherwise.

Let $g : \omega_1 \rightarrow 2$ be a $\diamond(\mathbb{R}, \neq)$ -sequence for F . Construct $\langle A_\xi : \xi \in \omega_1 \rangle$ by recursion. Let A_n ($n \in \omega$) be any strictly decreasing ω -sequence in $[\omega]^\omega$. Now suppose that $\langle A_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle$ is given. Define A_δ to be $B(\vec{A})$ if $g(\delta) = 0$ and $D(\langle A_{\delta_n} : n \in \omega \rangle) \setminus B(\vec{A})$ otherwise. It is easily checked that if $F(\langle A_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle, C)$ is defined and not equal to $g(\delta)$ then A_δ does not almost contain C . \square

The next result can be considered as an optimization of Theorem 1.1. It is an old result of Solomon that $\mathfrak{b} \leq \mathfrak{a}$ is provable in ZFC [8].

Theorem 7.2. $\diamond(\mathfrak{b})$ implies $\mathfrak{a} = \omega_1$.

Remark 7.3. Shelah has shown that $\mathfrak{b} < \mathfrak{a}$ is consistent [28] (see also [6]).

Proof. We will first define a Borel function F into the set ω^ω as follows. The domain of F is the set of all pairs $(\langle A_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle, B)$ such that:

1. δ is an infinite countable ordinal.
2. $\{A_\xi : \xi < \delta\} \cup \{B\}$ is an almost disjoint family of infinite subsets of ω .
3. For infinitely many n the set $B \cap A_{e_\delta(n)} \setminus \bigcup_{i < n} A_{e_\delta(i)}$ is non-empty.

We will denote the set of n from condition 3 by $I(\vec{A}, B)$. Define

$$F(\langle A_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle, B)(k) = \min \left(B \cap A_{e_\delta(n)} \setminus \bigcup_{i < n} A_{e_\delta(i)} \right)$$

where n is the k^{th} least element of $I(\vec{A}, B)$.

Now suppose that $g : \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega^\omega$ is a $\diamond(\mathfrak{b})$ -sequence for F . By making the entries in g larger if necessary, we may assume that they form a $<^*$ -strictly increasing sequence of increasing functions.

We will now construct a maximal almost disjoint family by recursion. Let $\langle A_n : n < \omega \rangle$ be any almost disjoint family of infinite subsets of ω . If $\langle A_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle$ has been defined, set

$$A_\delta = \omega \setminus \bigcup_{n < \omega} \left[A_{e_\delta(n)} \setminus \left(g(\delta)(n) \cup \bigcup_{i < n} A_{e_\delta(i)} \right) \right].$$

Since for each n the set $g(\delta)(n) \cup \bigcup_{i < n} A_{e_\delta(i)}$ has finite intersection with $A_{e_\delta(n)}$, A_ξ has finite intersection with A_δ for each $\xi < \delta$.

To see that $\{A_\xi : \xi < \omega_1\}$ is maximal, suppose that B is an infinite subset of ω . First notice that if δ is at least ω and $(\langle A_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle, B)$ satisfies condition (2) but not condition (3), then B has infinite intersection with (in fact is almost contained in) A_δ . Therefore we will be finished if we can show that if $(\langle A_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle, B)$ satisfies conditions (1)-(3) and g guesses $(\langle A_\xi : \xi < \omega_1 \rangle, B)$ at δ then $B \cap A_\delta$ is infinite.

To this end, suppose

$$F(\langle A_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle, B) \not\prec^* g(\delta)$$

and let N be a given natural number. For ease of reading we will let \vec{A} abbreviate $\langle A_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle$. Find a number k such that the k^{th} least element n of $I(\vec{A}, B)$ has the following properties:

1. $g(\delta)(k)$ is greater than $F(\vec{A}, B)(k)$
2. the minimum l of $B \cap A_{e_\delta(n)} \setminus \bigcup_{i < n} A_{e_\delta(i)}$ is greater than N .

The last choice is possible since

$$\{A_{e_\delta(j)} \setminus \bigcup_{i < j} A_{e_\delta(i)} : j < \omega\}$$

forms a disjoint family of sets. It is now sufficient to show that l is in A_δ . Observe that the only possibility for removing l from A_δ is with the index n since l is in every set of the form $\bigcup_{i < m} A_{e_\delta(i)}$ for $m > n$ and not in any $A_{e_\delta(i)}$ for $i < n$. Since $k \leq n$ and $g(\delta)$ is monotonic, $l = F(\vec{A}, B)(k) < g(\delta)(k) \leq g(\delta)(n)$. Thus l is not in

$$A_{e_\delta(n)} \setminus \left(g(\delta)(n) \cup \bigcup_{i < n} A_{e_\delta(i)} \right)$$

and therefore is in A_δ as desired. \square

Notation. If two functions f, g in ω^ω are equal infinitely often, then we will write $f =^\infty g$.

It is known that the cardinal $\text{non}(\mathcal{M})$ is equal to $\langle \omega^\omega, =^\infty \rangle$ [2].

Definition 7.4. [38] The cardinal \mathfrak{a}_e is the smallest size of a maximal collection $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \omega^\omega$ of eventually different functions.

It follows from the above remark that $\mathfrak{a}_e \geq \text{non}(\mathcal{M})$ and it has been shown by Brendle that strict inequality is consistent [5].

Theorem 7.5. $\diamond(\omega^\omega, =^\infty)$ implies $\mathfrak{a}_e = \omega_1$.

Proof. Let A_n ($n \in \omega$) be a fixed partition of ω into infinite pieces. The domain of F will be all countable sequences $\langle f_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle$ of eventually different functions and an $h \in \omega^\omega$ which is eventually different from every f_ξ ($\xi < \delta$). For convenience our F will take values in $(\omega^2)^\omega$. Set $F(\langle f_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle, h)(n)$ to be $(k, h(k))$ where k is the least integer in A_n such that $h(l) \neq f_{e_\delta(i)}(l)$ for all $i \leq n$ and $l \geq k$.

Let $g : \omega_1 \rightarrow (\omega^2)^\omega$ be a $\diamond(\omega^\omega, =^\infty)$ -sequence for F . Construct a sequence of eventually different functions f_ξ ($\xi \in \omega_1$) by recursion. Let f_ξ for $\xi < \delta$ be a given sequence of eventually different functions. Let Γ be the collection of all (k, v) such that k is in A_n , $g(\delta)(n) = (k, v)$, and if $\xi < \delta$ with $e_\delta^{-1}(\xi) \leq n$ then $f_\xi(k) \neq v$. Notice that for a given k there is at most one v such that (k, v) is in Γ , and that Γ is almost disjoint from f_ξ for all $\xi < \delta$. Define $f_\delta(k)$ to be v if (k, v) is in Γ for some v and $f_\delta(k)$ to be the least integer greater than $f_\xi(k)$ for all ξ with $e_\delta^{-1}(\xi) \leq k$. Notice that f_δ is eventually different from f_ξ for all $\xi < \delta$. To see that $\{f_\xi : \xi \in \omega_1\}$ is maximal, let $h \in \omega^\omega$ and notice that if $F(\langle f_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle, h)$ is defined and infinitely often equal to $g(\delta)$ then f_δ agrees with h on an infinite set — namely those k 's for which Γ was used in the definition of $f_\delta(k)$. \square

Recall that $\diamond_{\mathfrak{d}}$ is the following statement from [16]:

$\diamond_{\mathfrak{d}}$ There is a sequence $g_{\delta} : \delta \rightarrow \omega$ indexed by ω_1 such that if $f : \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega$ then there is a $\delta \geq \omega$ such that $f \upharpoonright \delta <^* g_{\delta}$.

It is straightforward to check that $\diamond_{\mathfrak{d}}$ is a consequence of $\diamond(\mathfrak{d})$. The following theorem answers a question asked in [16].

Theorem 7.6. $\diamond_{\mathfrak{d}}$ implies that ω^{ω} can be partitioned into ω_1 compact sets.

Remark 7.7. Spinas has shown that it is consistent that $\mathfrak{d} = \omega_1$ and yet ω^{ω} cannot be partitioned into ω_1 disjoint compact sets [29].

Proof. Notice first that any σ -compact subset of ω^{ω} can be partitioned into countably many compact sets. This follows from the fact that ω^{ω} is 0-dimensional. If $f \in \omega^{\omega}$, let K_f be the collection of all g in ω^{ω} such that $g \leq f$. If $C \subseteq \omega^{\omega}$ is compact and $f \in \omega^{\omega} \setminus C$, let $\Delta(f, C)$ be the maximum of $\Delta(f, y)$ where y ranges over C (if C is empty then let $\Delta(f, C) = 0$). Since C is compact and f is not in C , this is always a finite number.

Let g_{δ} ($\delta \in \omega_1$) be a $\diamond_{\mathfrak{d}}$ -sequence. Given C_{ξ} ($\xi < \delta$), a disjoint sequence of compact sets for limit δ , define

$$F_{\delta} = \bigcup_{g \leq g_{\delta}} [K_g \upharpoonright \omega \setminus \bigcup_{\xi < \delta} \{x \in \omega^{\omega} : \Delta(x, C_{\xi}) > g(\xi)\}].$$

Notice that $\bigcup_{\xi < \delta} \{x \in \omega^{\omega} : \Delta(x, C_{\xi}) > g(\xi)\}$ is open and hence F_{δ} is σ -compact. Let $\{C_{\delta+n} : n \in \omega\}$ be a partition of F_{δ} into disjoint compact sets. Clearly the sequence C_{ξ} ($\xi \in \omega_1$) is pairwise disjoint. Let x be in ω^{ω} and suppose that x is not contained in C_{ξ} for any $\xi \in \omega_1$. Define $f : \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega$ by setting $f \upharpoonright \omega = x$ and $f(\xi) = \Delta(x, C_{\xi})$ if $\xi \geq \omega$. Now pick an $\delta > \omega$ such that $f \upharpoonright \delta <^* g_{\delta}$. It follows that x is in F_{δ} and therefore in $C_{\delta+n}$ for some n , a contradiction. \square

Recall that a free ultrafilter \mathcal{U} on ω is a *P-point* if whenever F_n ($n \in \omega$) is a sequence of elements of \mathcal{U} , there is a U in \mathcal{U} such that $U \setminus U_n$ is finite for each $n \in \omega$.

Theorem 7.8. $\diamond(\mathfrak{r})$ implies that there is a *P-point* of character ω_1 . In particular $\diamond(\mathfrak{r})$ implies $\mathfrak{u} = \omega_1$.

Remark 7.9. Shelah and Goldstern have shown that $\omega_1 = \mathfrak{r} < \mathfrak{u}$ is consistent [12].

Proof. The domain of the function F we will consider will consist of pairs (\vec{U}, C) such that $\vec{U} = \langle U_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle$ is a countable \subseteq^* -decreasing sequence of infinite subsets of ω and C is a subset of ω .

Given \vec{U} as above, let $B(\vec{U})$ be the set $\{k_i : i \in \omega\}$ where

$$k_i = \min\left(\bigcap_{j \leq i} U_{e_\delta^{-1}(j)} \setminus (k_{i-1} + 1)\right).$$

Note that $B(\vec{U})$ is infinite and almost contained in U_ξ for every $\xi < \delta$. Let

$$F(\vec{U}, C) = \{i : k_i \in C \cap B(\vec{U})\}$$

if $\{i : k_i \in C \cap B(\vec{U})\}$ is infinite and let

$$F(\vec{U}, C) = \{i : k_i \notin C \cap B(\vec{U})\}$$

otherwise. Now suppose that $g : \omega_1 \rightarrow [\omega]^\omega$ is a $\diamond(\mathfrak{r})$ -sequence for F . Construct a \subseteq^* -decreasing sequence $\langle U_\xi : \xi \in \omega_1 \rangle$ of infinite sets by recursion. Let $U_n = \omega \setminus n$. Having defined $\vec{U} = \langle U_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle$ let $U_\delta = \{k_i : i \in g(\delta)\}$ where $B(\vec{U}) = \{k_i : i \in \omega\}$.

The family $\langle U_\xi : \xi \in \omega_1 \rangle$ obviously generates a P-filter. To see that it is an ultrafilter, note that if a $C \subseteq \omega$ is given and g guesses \vec{U}, C at δ then U_δ is either almost contained in or almost disjoint from C . \square

By combining the above proof with the argument that shows that $\mathfrak{d} = \omega_1$ implies the existence of a Q-point one can without much difficulty prove the following.

Corollary 7.10. $\diamond(\mathfrak{r}) + \mathfrak{d} = \omega_1$ implies that there is a selective ultrafilter of character ω_1 .

Recall that \mathfrak{i} is the smallest cardinality of a maximal independent family. In [1] the rational reaping number

$$\mathfrak{r}_\mathbb{Q} = (\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Q}) \setminus \text{NWD}, \text{“does not reap”})$$

is considered and it is proved that $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{d} \leq \mathfrak{r}_\mathbb{Q} \leq \mathfrak{i}$. As with the earlier theorems we show that the last inequality is, in a sense, sharp.

Theorem 7.11. $\diamond(\mathfrak{r}_\mathbb{Q})$ implies $\mathfrak{i} = \omega_1$.

Proof. For this proof we will view $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq 2^\omega$ as the collection of all binary sequences with finite support. We will now define a Borel function F on pairs $(\langle I_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle, A)$ where δ is an ordinal less than ω_1 and A and I_ξ are subsets of ω for all $\xi < \delta$. The range of F will be contained in $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Q})$.

If δ is finite or $\vec{I} = \langle I_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle$ is not independent then return \mathbb{Q} as the value of $F(\vec{I}, A)$. Otherwise, let $x_n(\vec{I})$ be the element of 2^ω defined by $x_n(\vec{I})(k) = 1$ iff n is in $I_{e_\delta(k)}$. Observe that $X(\vec{I}) = \{x_n(\vec{I})\}_{n=0}^\infty$ is dense in 2^ω since \vec{I} is independent. Fix a recursive homeomorphism h from $X(\vec{I})$ to \mathbb{Q} . Now put $F(\vec{I}, A)$ to be the image of $\{x_n(\vec{I}) : n \in A\}$ under the map h .

Now suppose that g is a $\diamond(\mathfrak{r}_\mathbb{Q})$ -sequence for F . We will now build an independent family $\{I_\xi : \xi < \omega_1\}$ by recursion. Let $\{I_n : n < \omega\}$ be any countable independent family. Now given $\vec{I} = \langle I_\xi : \xi < \delta \rangle$, let t in $2^{<\omega}$ be such that $g(\delta)$ is dense in $[t] = \{x \in 2^\omega : t \subseteq x\}$. By altering $g(\delta)$ if necessary, we may assume that $h^{-1}(g(\delta))$ is contained in $[t]$ and that $[t] \setminus h^{-1}(g(\delta))$ is also dense in $[t]$. Let $C = \{n \in \omega : h(x_n) \in g(\delta)\}$. First we will see that C has a nonempty intersection with $\bigcap_{i < |u|} I_{e_\delta(i)}^{u(i)}$ iff u extends t where $I^1 = I$ and $I^0 = \omega \setminus I$. If n is in such an intersection then $x_n(\vec{I})$ must be in $[u]$ by definition. Now, if u extends t , pick an n such that x_n is in $h^{-1}(g(\delta)) \cap [u]$. Then n is in C and in $\bigcap_{i < |u|} I_{e_\delta(i)}^{u(i)}$. Similarly one shows that $\omega \setminus C$ intersects every set of the form $\bigcap_{i < |u|} I_{e_\delta(i)}^{u(i)}$ for every u in $2^{<\omega}$. Form I_δ so that $\langle I_\xi : \xi \leq \delta \rangle$ is independent and $I_\delta \cap \bigcap_{i < |t|} I_{e_\delta(i)}^{t(i)} = C$.

We are now finished once we show that $\{I_\xi : \xi < \omega_1\}$ is a maximal independent family. It is now sufficient to show that if g guesses $(\langle I_\xi : \xi < \omega_1 \rangle, A)$ at δ then $\{I_\xi : \xi \leq \delta\} \cup \{A\}$ is not independent. In fact, if t is the element of $2^{<\omega}$ used in the definition of C then

$$I_\delta \cap \bigcap_{i < |t|} I_{e_\delta(i)}^{t(i)}$$

is either contained in or disjoint from A . □

A natural question to ask is whether $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{M}))$ implies the existence of a Luzin set. The answer is negative as the following theorem shows.

Theorem 7.12. *It is consistent that both $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{M}))$ and $\diamond(\text{non}(\mathcal{N}))$ hold and there are no Luzin or Sierpiński sets.*

Proof. In the Miller model the cardinals $\text{non}(\mathcal{M})$ and $\text{non}(\mathcal{N})$ are both ω_1 and hence by Theorem 6.6 the corresponding \diamond -principles hold. On the other hand, Judah and Shelah [18] have shown there are no Luzin or Sierpiński sets in this model. \square

One should note that results of this section combined with those of the previous section provide unified approach to determining values of cardinal invariants with structure in many models in which this was traditionally done by arguments specific to the forcing construction at hand (see e.g. [9]).

8 $\diamond(A, B, E)$ and the Continuum Hypothesis

One of the most remarkable facts about the principle Φ of Devlin and Shelah is that, while it resembles a guessing principle in its statement, it is in fact equivalent to the inequality $2^\omega < 2^{\omega_1}$ [7]. The purpose of this section is to show that this phenomenon is rather unique to the invariants between (\mathbb{R}, \neq) and $(2, \neq)$ which characterize Φ . In particular we will show that $\diamond(\mathbb{R}^\omega, \underline{\neq})$ is not a consequence of CH. To emphasize the relevance of this to the invariants considered in literature, we introduce the following definition.

Definition 8.1. A Borel invariant (A, B, E) is a σ -invariant if it satisfies the following strengthenings

- 3⁺. There is a Borel map $\Delta : A^\omega \rightarrow B$ such that for all $\{a_n\}$ in A^ω the relation $a_n E \Delta(\{a_n\})$ holds for all n .
- 4⁺. There is a Borel map $\Delta^* : B^\omega \rightarrow A$ such that for all $\{b_n\}$ in B^ω the relation $\Delta^*(\{b_n\}) E b_n$ does not hold for any n .

Notice that if (A, B, E) is a Borel σ -invariant then $\langle A, B, E \rangle \geq \omega_1$. Moreover the cardinal invariants (A, B, E) which appear in the literature typically satisfy these conditions. The connection to $(\mathbb{R}^\omega, \underline{\neq})$ is the following.

Proposition 8.2. *If (A, B, E) is a Borel σ -invariant then (A, B, E) is above $(\mathbb{R}^\omega, \underline{\neq})$ and below $(\mathbb{R}^\omega, \underline{=})$ in the Borel Tukey order.*

Proof. We will only present the proof for $(\mathbb{R}^\omega, \underline{\neq})$ as the proof dualizes to the other case. Since B must be an uncountable Borel set for (A, B, E) to be a σ -invariant, we can find a Borel isomorphism between B and \mathbb{R} . Thus it suffices to show that $(B^\omega, \underline{\neq})$ is below (A, B, E) in the Borel Tukey order.

The map $f : B^\omega \rightarrow A$ is the map Δ^* and the map $g : B \rightarrow B^\omega$ sends b to the constant sequence \bar{b} . If \vec{b} is in B^ω and b is in B with $\Delta^*(\vec{b})Eb$ then b could not be in the range of \vec{b} . Hence $\vec{b} \not\sqsubseteq \bar{b}$. \square

Theorem 8.3. *CH does not imply $\diamond(\mathbb{R}^\omega, \not\sqsubseteq)$.*

In order to prove this theorem, we will prove a more technical result which may be of independent interest.

Theorem 8.4. *It is relatively consistent with CH that whenever \vec{C} is a ladder system and \vec{r} is a sequence of distinct elements of 2^ω indexed by $\lim(\omega_1)$, there is a countable decomposition $\lim(\omega_1) = \bigcup_{n=0}^\infty X_n$ such that if $\gamma < \delta$ are in X_n then*

$$|C_\gamma \cap C_\delta| \leq \Delta(r_\gamma, r_\delta)$$

where $\Delta(r_\gamma, r_\delta)$ is the size of the largest common initial segment of r_γ and r_δ .

We shall now prove several lemmas that will at the end allow us to prove Theorem 8.4. For the purposes of this proof let θ be a large enough regular cardinal.

Given a pair \vec{C}, \vec{r} as in the theorem we will denote by $\mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}}$ the partial order consisting of functions $q : \lim(\delta + 1) \rightarrow 2^{<\omega}$ for $\delta < \omega_1$ and such that

1. $q(\beta)$ is an initial segment of r_β for every $\beta \in \text{dom}(q)$,
2. if β and γ are distinct and $q(\beta) = q(\gamma)$ then $|C_\gamma \cap C_\beta| \leq \Delta(r_\gamma, r_\beta)$.

ordered by extension (reverse inclusion).

If q is in $\mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}}$, $C \subseteq \omega_1$ has order type ω , r is in 2^ω , and σ is in $2^{<\omega}$, then we will say that q is consistent with $(C, r) \mapsto \sigma$ if σ is an initial segment of r and $|C \cap C_\delta| \leq \Delta(r, r_\delta)$ for every $\delta \in \text{dom}(q)$ with $q(\delta) = \sigma$.

Lemma 8.5. *Let $q \in \mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}}$.*

1. *If $C \subseteq \omega_1$ has order type ω , $|C \cap \text{dom}(q)|$ is finite, and r is in 2^ω , then there is an $n \in \omega$ such that for all $m \geq n$ q is consistent with $(C, r) \mapsto r \upharpoonright m$.*
2. *If q is consistent with $(C_\alpha, r_\alpha) \mapsto \sigma$ then there is a $\bar{q} \leq q$ such that α is in the domain of \bar{q} and $\bar{q}(\alpha) = \sigma$.*

3. Let M be a countable elementary submodel of $H(\theta)$ such that $\vec{r} \in M$. If $\delta = M \cap \omega_1$ then for every $\beta \in M \cap \omega_1$ and $n \in \omega$ there is a $\gamma > \beta$ in M such that $r_\gamma \upharpoonright n = r_\delta \upharpoonright n$.

Proof. For (1) $n = |C \cap \text{dom}(q)|$ obviously works. For (2) enumerate $\text{lim}(\alpha + 1) \setminus \text{dom}(q)$ as $\{\alpha_i : i \in I\}$, where I is either an integer or ω , so that $\alpha = \alpha_0$. Recursively pick a sequence σ_n ($n \in I$) so that $\sigma_0 = \sigma$, q is consistent with $(C_{\alpha_n}, r_{\alpha_n}) \mapsto \sigma_n$, and $|\sigma_n| < |\sigma_{n+1}|$. Then set

$$\bar{q}(\beta) = \begin{cases} q(\beta) & \text{if } \beta \in \text{dom}(q) \\ \sigma_n & \text{if } \beta = \alpha_n \text{ for some } n \in I. \end{cases}$$

To prove (3), let $\sigma = r_\delta \upharpoonright n$. As it is finite, $\sigma \in M$, and δ witnesses that

$$H(\theta) \models (\exists \gamma > \beta) r_\gamma \upharpoonright n = \sigma.$$

Hence M satisfies the same by elementarity. \square

Notice first that if G is a $\mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}}$ -generic filter then $\{X_\sigma : \sigma \in 2^{<\omega}\}$ is the required decomposition, where $X_\sigma = \{\alpha : \exists q \in G(q(\alpha) = \sigma)\}$.

Next we will show that the forcing $\mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}}$ is proper and does not add new reals, and that moreover these forcings can be iterated with countable support without adding reals. Recall that a forcing notion \mathcal{Q} is *totally proper* if for every countable elementary submodel M of $H(\theta)$ such that $\mathcal{Q} \in M$ and for every $q \in M \cap \mathcal{Q}$ there is a $\bar{q} \leq q$ which is a lower bound for a filter containing q which is \mathcal{Q} -generic over M . Every such \bar{q} is called *totally (M, \mathcal{P}) -generic*. \mathcal{Q} is α -*proper* ($\alpha < \omega_1$) if for every q in \mathcal{Q} and every increasing \in -chain $\{M_\beta : \beta \leq \alpha\}$ of elementary submodels of $H(\theta)$ such that $q, \mathcal{Q} \in M_0$, there is a $\bar{q} \leq q$ which is (M_γ, \mathcal{Q}) -generic for every $\gamma \leq \alpha$. If \mathcal{Q} is α -proper for every $\alpha < \omega_1$ we will say that \mathcal{Q} is $< \omega_1$ -*proper*.

It is not difficult to see that a forcing notion \mathcal{Q} is totally proper if and only if it is proper and does not add reals (see [11]).

Lemma 8.6. *The forcing notion $\mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}}$ is totally proper.*

Proof. Let M be an elementary submodel of $H(\theta)$ such that $\vec{C}, \vec{r} \in M$. Fix a $q \in \mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}} \cap M$ and select an enumeration $\{D_n : n \in \omega\}$ of all dense open subsets of $\mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}}$ which are elements of M . Without loss of generality M is an increasing union of an \in -chain of elementary submodels M_n ($n \in \omega$)

such that q and $\mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}}$ are in M_0 and D_n is in M_n . Set $\delta = M \cap \omega_1$ and $\sigma = r_\delta \upharpoonright |C_\delta \cap \text{dom}(q)|$. Construct a sequence q_n ($n \in \omega$) of conditions together with a sequence β_n ($n \in \omega$) of ordinals so that

1. $q \geq q_0 \geq q_1 \geq \dots \geq q_n \geq q_{n+1} \geq \dots$,
2. $C_\delta \cap M_n \subseteq \beta_n \in M_n$,
3. $\Delta(r_{\beta_n}, r_\delta) \geq |C_\delta \cap M_n|$,
4. $q_n \in M_n \cap D_n$, $\text{dom}(q_n) = \beta_n + 1$, and $q_n(\beta_n) = \sigma$.

Constructing these sequences is straightforward using Lemma 8.5. Having done this let

$$\bar{q} = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} q_n \cup \{(\delta, \sigma)\}.$$

Notice that as q_n is consistent with $(C_\delta, r_\delta) \mapsto \sigma$ for every $n \in \omega$, \bar{q} is a condition in $\mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}}$. \bar{q} is obviously totally $(M, \mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}})$ -generic since for every n , \bar{q} is below q_n which is in D_n . □

Lemma 8.7. $\mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}}$ is α -proper for every $\alpha < \omega_1$.

Proof. We will prove the lemma by induction on α . Assume that the lemma holds for every $\beta < \alpha$. Let $\{M_\beta : \beta \leq \alpha\}$ and $q \in \mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}} \cap M_0$ be given. Set $\delta_\beta = M_\beta \cap \omega_1$ for each $\beta \geq \alpha$ and let $\sigma = r_{\delta_\alpha} \upharpoonright |C_{\delta_\alpha} \cap \text{dom}(q)|$.

If $\alpha = \beta + 1$ for some β let $q' \in M_\alpha$, $q' \leq q$, be generic over all M_γ with $\gamma \leq \beta$. As in Lemma 8.6 extend q' to \bar{q} which is (totally) generic over M_α .

If α is a limit ordinal, we will mimic the proof of Lemma 8.6. Fix a sequence of ordinals α_n ($n \in \omega$) increasing to α . Let $\{D_n : n \in \omega\}$ be an enumeration of all dense open subsets of $\mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}}$ in M_α such that $D_n \in M_{\alpha_n}$. Construct a sequence q_n ($n \in \omega$) of conditions together with a sequence β_n ($n \in \omega$) of ordinals so that

1. $q \geq q_0 \geq q_1 \geq \dots \geq q_n \geq q_{n+1} \geq \dots$,
2. $C_{\delta_\alpha} \cap M_{\alpha_n} \subseteq \beta_n \in M_{\alpha_n}$,
3. $\Delta(r_{\alpha_n}, r_{\delta_\alpha}) \geq |C_{\delta_\alpha} \cap M_{\alpha_n}|$,
4. $q_n \in M_n \cap D_n$, $\text{dom}(q_n) = \beta_n + 1$, and $q_n(\beta_n) = \sigma$, and

5. q_{n+1} is M_γ -generic for every $\gamma \leq \alpha_n$.

Let $\bar{q} = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} q_n \cup \{(\delta_\alpha, \sigma)\}$. The verification that this works is as in Lemma 8.6. □

Recall the following definition and theorem from [11].

Definition 8.8. [11] Let \mathcal{P} be totally proper and \dot{Q} a \mathcal{P} -name for a forcing notion and let θ be a large enough regular cardinal. We shall say that \dot{Q} is *2-complete for \mathcal{P}* if **WHENEVER**

1. $N_0 \in N_1 \in N_2$ are countable elementary submodels of $H(\theta)$,
2. $\mathcal{P}, \dot{Q} \in N_0$,
3. $G \in N_1$ is \mathcal{P} -generic over N_0 and has a lower bound, and
4. $\dot{q} \in N_0$ is a \mathcal{P} -name for a condition in \dot{Q} ,

IT FOLLOWS THAT there is a $G' \in \mathbf{V}$ which is \dot{Q} -generic over $N_0[G]$ such that $\dot{q}[G] \in G'$ and if $t \in \mathcal{P}$ is a lower bound for G and t is \mathcal{P} -generic for N_1 and N_2 then t forces that G' has a lower bound in \dot{Q} .

Theorem 8.9. [11] Let $\mathcal{P}_\kappa = \langle \mathcal{P}_\alpha, \dot{Q}_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa \rangle$ be a countable support iteration such that \Vdash_α “ \dot{Q}_α is $< \omega_1$ -proper and \dot{Q}_α is 2-complete for \mathcal{P}_α ”. Then \mathcal{P}_κ is totally proper.

Lemma 8.10. Let \mathcal{P} be a totally proper $< \omega_1$ -proper poset and let \dot{Q} be a \mathcal{P} -name for $\mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}}$ for some pair \vec{C}, \vec{r} . Then \dot{Q} is 2-complete for \mathcal{P} .

Proof. Let $N_0 \in N_1 \in N_2$ be countable elementary submodels of $H(\theta)$ and let $\mathcal{P}, \dot{Q} \in N_0$. Assume that $G \in N_1$ is an (N_0, \mathcal{P}) -generic filter having a lower bound and let $\dot{q} \in N_0$ be a \mathcal{P} -name for a condition in \dot{Q} . We have to find a G' which is a $\dot{Q}[G]$ -generic filter over $N_0[G]$ such that whenever $t \in \mathcal{P}$ is a lower bound for G which is also \mathcal{P} -generic over N_1 and N_2 then there is a \mathcal{P} -name \dot{s} such that $t \Vdash$ “ \dot{s} is a lower bound for G' .”

Let $\delta = \omega_1 \cap N_0$ and set

$$\mathcal{D} = \{D \in N_0[G] : N_0[G] \models \text{“}D \text{ is dense open in } \dot{Q}[G]\text{”}\}.$$

Since $N_0, \dot{Q}, \mathcal{D}$ and G are all elements of N_1 and $N_1 \models$ “ \mathcal{D} is countable”, we can find an enumeration $\mathcal{D} = \{D_n : n \in \omega\}$ which is in N_1 .

Let \mathcal{E} be the collection of all (C, r) such that C is a cofinal subset of δ of order type ω and r is in 2^ω . Clearly \mathcal{E} is in N_1 . Find an enumeration $\{(C^n, r^n) : n \in \omega\} =$

$$\{(C, r) \in \mathcal{E} \cap N_1 : (\forall \beta < \delta)(\forall n \in \omega)(\exists \gamma \in [\beta, \delta))(r_\gamma \upharpoonright n = r \upharpoonright n)\}$$

which is in N_2 . If we knew what \dot{C}_δ and \dot{r}_δ evaluated to, we could proceed as in the proof of Lemma 8.6 to produce G' . This is typically not the case. What we do know, however, is that any t which is a lower bound for G and is \mathcal{P} -generic over N_1 and N_2 forces that $(\dot{C}_\delta, \dot{r}_\delta)$ appears in the enumeration $\{(C^n, r^n) : n \in \omega\}$, since \mathcal{P} does not add any new reals. This allows us to simulate the proof of Lemma 8.6 by diagonalizing over all possible choices of $(\dot{C}_\delta, \dot{r}_\delta)$.

Again we may and will assume that N_0 is the union of an \in -chain of elementary submodels M_n ($n \in \omega$) such that $\{M_n : n \in \omega\}$ is in N_1 , $\dot{q}[G]$ is in M_0 and D_n is in $M_n[G]$. Construct a sequence q_n ($n \in \omega$) of conditions together with a sequence F_n ($n \in \omega$) of finite sets of ordinals and σ_n ($n \in \omega$) of elements of $2^{<\omega}$ by recursion on n so that for every $i \leq n$

1. $\dot{q}[G] \geq q_i \geq q_n$,
2. $C^i \cap M_n[G] \subseteq \min F_n \in M_n[G]$,
3. q_n is consistent with $(C^i, r^i) \mapsto \sigma_i$
4. there is a γ in F_n such that $\Delta(r_\gamma, r^i) \geq |C^i \cap M_n|$, γ is in the domain of q_n , and $q_n(\gamma) = \sigma_i$,
5. $q_n \in M_n[G] \cap D_n$.

It is not difficult to construct these sequences. It follows directly from Clause 5 that if we set

$$G' = \{s \in N_0[G] : (\exists n \in \omega) q_n \leq s\}$$

then $\dot{q}[G] \in G'$ and G' is \dot{Q} -generic over $N_0[G]$. Notice that, for every $i, n \in \omega$, q_n is consistent with $(C^i, r^i) \mapsto \sigma_i$. Define a name \bar{s} by

$$t \Vdash \bar{s}(\beta) = \begin{cases} q_n(\beta) & \text{if } \beta \in \text{dom}(q_n), \\ \sigma_i & \text{if } \beta = \delta \text{ and } t \Vdash \text{``}\dot{C}_\delta = C^i \text{ and } \dot{r}_\delta = r^i\text{''}. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that if t is a lower bound for G and is \mathcal{P} -generic over N_1 and N_2 then $t \Vdash \dot{s} \in \dot{\mathcal{Q}}$ and obviously \dot{s} will be lower bound for G' . \square

Proof. (of Theorem 8.4) Let \mathbf{V} be a model of GCH. Construct a countable support iteration $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_2} = \langle \mathcal{P}_\alpha, \dot{\mathcal{Q}}_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_2 \rangle$ such that for every $\alpha < \omega_2$ we have $\Vdash_\alpha \dot{\mathcal{Q}}_\alpha = \mathcal{Q}_{\vec{C}, \vec{r}}$ for some pair \vec{C}, \vec{r} . Since CH holds in \mathbf{V} and $\Vdash_\alpha |\mathcal{Q}_\alpha| = \aleph_1$ it follows that \mathcal{P}_{ω_2} satisfies the ω_2 -c.c.. A standard bookkeeping argument ensures that in $\mathbf{V}^{\mathcal{P}_{\omega_2}}$ every pair \vec{C}, \vec{r} admits a decomposition of $\omega_1 = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} X_n$ such that

$$|C_\gamma \cap C_\delta| \leq \Delta(r_\gamma, r_\delta)$$

whenever $\gamma < \delta$ are in the same X_n . By Theorem 8.9 and Lemmas 8.7 and 8.10, CH also holds in $\mathbf{V}^{\mathcal{P}_{\omega_2}}$ so the proof of Theorem 8.4 is complete. \square

We will now finish the proof of Theorem 8.3. Start with the model of the Theorem 8.4. First we will need the following lemma.

Lemma 8.11. *There is a ladder system C_δ indexed by the positive countable limit ordinals such that $C_\gamma \cap C_\delta$ is an initial segment of both C_δ and C_γ whenever $\gamma < \delta$ are limits.*

Proof. Let $h : \omega^{<\omega} \leftrightarrow \omega$ be a bijection which satisfies $h(s) < h(t)$ whenever s is an initial part of t . For a fixed limit $\delta > 0$, we shall build an increasing ω -sequence $\bar{\delta}_n$ ($n \in \omega$) cofinal in δ such that for every n the ordinal $\bar{\delta}_n$ has the form

$$\bar{\delta}_n = \xi + h(\langle e_{\xi+\omega}^{-1}(\bar{\delta}_i) : i < n \rangle)$$

for some limit ordinal ξ (note that ξ depends on n , is possibly equal to 0, and that this decomposition of $\bar{\delta}_n$ is unique for any given n).

To see that this can be done, first note that if $\delta = \xi + \omega$ for some limit ordinal ξ then

$$\bar{\delta}_n = \xi + h(\langle e_{\xi+\omega}^{-1}(\bar{\delta}_i) : i < n \rangle)$$

recursively defines the sequence of $\bar{\delta}_n$'s. If δ is a limit of limits, then first choose an increasing sequence of limits ξ_n ($n < \omega$) which is cofinal in δ . Again

$$\bar{\delta}_n = \xi_n + h(\langle e_{\xi_n+\omega}^{-1}(\bar{\delta}_i) : i < n \rangle)$$

recursively defines the sequence of $\bar{\delta}_n$'s.

Now suppose that for some positive limit ordinals $\delta, \epsilon < \omega_1$ and some $m, n < \omega$ $\bar{\delta}_m = \bar{\epsilon}_n$. We need to show that $m = n$ and that if $i < m$ then $\bar{\delta}_i = \bar{\epsilon}_i$. Find a unique limit ordinal ξ and a unique element t in $\omega^{<\omega}$ such that

$$\bar{\delta}_m = \xi + h(t) = \bar{\epsilon}_n.$$

Now notice that $m = |t| = n$ and

$$\bar{\delta}_i = e_{\xi+\omega}(t(i)) = e_{\xi+\omega}(t(i)) = \bar{\epsilon}_i$$

for any $i < n$. □

Fix $C_\delta = \{\bar{\delta}_n : n \in \omega\}$ as in Lemma 8.11. For simplicity, identify \mathbb{R} with 2^ω . The domain of F will consist of a countable sequence $\vec{t} = \langle t_n : n \in \omega \rangle$ of functions from δ to 2 for some $\delta \in \omega_1$. Let the n^{th} element of the sequence $F(\vec{t})$ be given by

$$k \mapsto t_n(\bar{\delta}_k)$$

where $\delta = |t_n|$. Now suppose that $g : \omega_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\omega$ is given. For each i , let $\lim(\omega_1) = \bigcup_{j=0}^{\infty} X_{i,j}$ such that for all $\gamma < \delta$ in $X_{i,j}$

$$|C_\gamma \cap C_\delta| \leq \Delta(g(\gamma)(i), g(\delta)(i)).$$

Now it is possible to choose $f_n : \omega_1 \rightarrow 2$ in such a way that if δ is in $X_{i,j}$ then $g(\delta)(i)$ is the mapping

$$k \mapsto f_{2^i 3^j}(\bar{\delta}_k).$$

Thus for all limit δ the range of $g(\delta)$ is contained in the range of $F(\vec{f} \upharpoonright \delta)$.

Remark 8.12. Shelah has shown that $\diamond(3, =)$ is not a consequence of CH (Section VIII.4 of [27]) and Eisworth has shown that $\diamond([\omega]^2, \omega, \neq)$ is not a consequence of CH [10].

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