

HOD pair capturing and short tree strategies

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§0. Introduction

We assume AD^+ throughout.

Def 0.1 Hod pair capturing (HPC) is the statement: for every Suslin-co-Suslin set A , there is a least branch hod pair (P, Σ) such that $A \leq_w \text{Code}(\Sigma)$.

Here $\text{Code}(\Sigma)$ is the set of all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ coding stacks $s_x \in HC$ that are by Σ . Since Σ normalizes well, we could restrict to stacks of length one. The structure P is an lpm, so all extenders on its sequence are short. If our AD^+ world has iteration strategies for mice with long extenders, HPC should fail. Below that point, it should hold.

L1J and L2J show that

HPC \Rightarrow HOD \equiv is an lpm, and

hence HPC \Rightarrow HOD \equiv GCH.

It is natural to try to prove HPC by an induction on ~~the~~ pointclasses with the scale property. One support for this idea comes from L2J, which shows that HPC implies its local versions.

Def. 0.2 Let $\underline{\Delta}$ be a ~~per~~ boldface pointclass.

We say $\underline{\Delta} \equiv$ HPC iff whenever

$A \in \underline{\Delta}$, and ~~both~~ A and $\neg A$ have

scales $\vec{\varphi}$ and $\vec{\psi}$ such that

$\langle \varepsilon_{\varphi_i} | i \in \omega \rangle \in \underline{\Delta}$ and $\langle \varepsilon_{\psi_i} | i \in \omega \rangle \in \underline{\Delta}$,

then there is an lbr hod pair (P, Σ)

such that $A \leq_w \text{Code}(\Sigma)$, and

$\text{code}(\Sigma) \in \underline{\Delta}$.

The following is implicit in [2].

Theorem 3.3 ([2]) Assume HPC, and let $\underline{\Delta}$ be a boldface pointclass such that $\underline{\Delta} = P(\mathbb{R}) \cap L(\underline{\Delta}, \mathbb{R})$; then $\underline{\Delta} \equiv HPC$.

This is proved in [2] under the assumption $L(\underline{\Delta}, \mathbb{R}) \equiv AD_{\mathbb{R}}$, but we believe the proof gives Theorem 3. In fact, with more work it should show that under $AD^+ + HPC$, we have $\underline{\Delta} \equiv HPC$ for all $\underline{\Delta}$ closed under \rightarrow and $\exists \mathbb{R}$. ~~and sealed~~

Of course, we want to drop the HPC assumption of Theorem 3, and then we must replace it by a "no long extender" assumption.

Def. 0.4 "No long extenders" (NLE)

is the statement: there is no countable plus one premouse P such that $\dot{F}P$ is long, and P has an ω_1 iteration strategy.

Here $\dot{F}P$ is the last extender of P . Plus-one premice are defined in [3]. What we want to prove is

Conjecture ~~the~~ $AD^+ + NLE \Rightarrow HPC$.

In this note, we take care of what might be one case in an inductive proof that under $AD^+ + NLE$ $\Delta \models HPC$ for all ~~strongly iterable~~ Δ closed under \rightarrow and $\exists IR$. We show

Theorem 0.5 Assume $AD^+ + NLE$.

Let Γ be inductive-like and have the scale property, and $\Delta = \Gamma \cap \check{\Gamma}$.

Suppose $\Delta \models HFC$, and suppose that all sets in $\check{\Gamma}$ are Suslin;

then there is an Ibr hod pair (P, Σ) such that $Code(\Sigma) \notin \Delta$.

The proof of theorem 5 is relatively easy, modulo [1] and [2]. It proceeds in two steps.

Step 1 We show there is a pair (Q, Ψ) such that Q is on lpw , and Ψ is a ~~pruned short tree~~ partial strategy for Q such that $Code(\Psi) \in \check{\Gamma} - \Delta$.

The motivation here is as follows.

Suppose there is an lbr hod pair (P, Σ) such that $\text{Code}(\Sigma) \notin \Delta_n$, and let (P, Σ) be least in the mouse order with this property. It is shown in [2] that the short-tree component, of Σ , or Σ^{STC} , is κ -Suslin, where $\kappa = \delta_{\Gamma}$. Indeed, Σ^{STC} can be recovered by looking for embeddings into U , where U is the short, normal tree on P whereby P iterates past HOD^{Δ} . We'd like to see, without using the existence of (P, Σ) , that there is a lpm Q and a normal tree W of length κ on Q such that W induces a partial strategy for Q that can serve as ψ , via its method of looking for embeddings into W .

But note that the desired (Q, W) is essentially a subset of κ . So we can use the Coding Lemma.

Let A be a universal Γ set, and
 φ a Γ -norm on A . If the desired
 (Q, W) exists, it will be of the
 form (Q_x, W_x) , where $Q_x \in HC$ is
 coded by $(x)_0$ and $W_x \subseteq \kappa$ is coded
 by $(x)_1$ via $W_x = \{ \varphi((x)_1, \gamma) \mid A((x)_1, \gamma) \}$.

It turns out that the statement
 "for all x , (Q_x, W_x) fails to
 produce a (Q, Ψ) that resembles (P, Σ^{STC})
 sufficiently" can be expressed as

$$M_\Gamma \models \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \neg \Theta[x],$$

where M_Γ is the Spector companion of Γ
 and Θ is Σ_1 . But then by admissibility,
 if $M_\Gamma \models \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \neg \Theta[x]$, we have some
 $\alpha < \kappa$ such that $M_\Gamma \upharpoonright \alpha \models \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \neg \Theta[x]$.
 But this is impossible: since

$\Delta \models \text{HFC}$, we get an lbr hod pair $(P, \Sigma) \in \Delta$ that iterates past $\text{HOD}^A \mid \alpha$ via a normal tree W . Letting x be such that $Q_x = P$ and $W_x = W$, we get $M_\Gamma \mid \alpha \models \neg \Theta(x)$.

The main thing we need to do to fill out this sketch is to explain what we mean by "resembles $(P, \Sigma^{\text{strc}})$ sufficiently". We shall do that in the next section. (See p. 8a.)

Notice that in this step we use only the reflection property of Γ , not the existence of Suslin cardinals $> \kappa$. So the argument works if $\Gamma = \sum_{\infty} L(\Gamma, \mathbb{R})$. In that case, the reflection is easier to do, and the (Q, Ψ) we get

Remark The sketch just given works if
 in $\underline{\Delta}$ there are wedge-cofinally many
 lbr hod pairs (P, Σ) such that Σ is
 $\underline{\Delta}$ -fullness preserving. This follows directly
 from $\underline{\Delta} \models \text{HPC}$ in various cases, e.g.,
 if $\underline{\Delta} = \text{PC}(\mathbb{R}) \cap \text{L}(\underline{\Delta}, \mathbb{R})$, or if $\Gamma = \text{So}$.

In the general case, we must modify the
 sketch a bit. See section I.

resembles a (P, Σ^{stc}) very strongly:
 with respect to all properties that can
 be seen in $L(\Gamma, \mathbb{R})$. In the last
 section of this paper, we shall
 record various of these properties in
 a general definition of "short tree
 strategy pair".

Step 2 Letting (Q, Ψ) be as in
 step 1, we show that there is a
 pseudo- Ψ -iterate (R, Φ) of (Q, Ψ)
 such that $\Phi \notin \Delta$, and such that for
 some $\Sigma \supseteq \bar{\Phi}$, (R, Σ) is an lbr
 hod pair.

We carry out step 2 by iterating
 (Q, Ψ) into the maximal lbr hod pair
 construction of some Γ^* Woodin model N^* ,

where Γ^* is a good pointclass with the scale property such that $\Gamma \cup \check{\Gamma} \subseteq \Gamma^*$. We need that all $\check{\Gamma}$ sets are Suslin in order to see that there is such a Γ^* . However, we do not need that Γ is inductive like in order to carry out step 2.

Remark In step 2, the tree \mathcal{T} from Q to R is normal, and it may be " Ψ -maximal", in that it has limit length, and $\Psi(\mathcal{T})$ is undefined. In that case, $R = M(\mathcal{T})$. In that case, step 1 guarantees that (Q, Ψ) resembles a short tree strategy pair sufficiently that $\Psi_{M(\mathcal{T}), R}$ makes sense, and will do for \mathcal{I} .

We would guess that the argument in step 2 is part of a general proof

of HPC, under the assumptions $AD^+ + NLE$, that goes by induction on pointclasses with the scale property.

First you get a sufficiently rich fragment (Q, Ψ) of the next short tree strategy pair, then you extend some tail of (Q, Ψ) to an Ibr hod pair via the argument of step 2. Constructing (Q, Ψ) is the problem. We do not see how to make the "construction" described above work if Γ is not inductive like, and suspect that a different approach is needed.

§1. Step one executed

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We assume that Γ is a nonselfdual boldface pointclass closed under $\exists^{\mathbb{R}}$ and $\forall^{\mathbb{R}}$, and having the scale property. Our definability calculations can be done using a "Spector companion" of Γ , as shown by Moschovakis ([3], §9.) We fix such a structure $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_{\Gamma}$. Its properties are

(i) $\mathcal{M} = (M, e, \vec{R})$, where M is transitive and rud closed, $\mathbb{R} \in M$, and \mathcal{M} satisfies the Δ_0 -separation and Σ_0 -collection schema (i.e. \mathcal{M} is admissible) in the language with e, R_0, R_1, \dots .

(ii) (Projectability) The predicate R_0 is the graph of a partial function from \mathbb{R} onto M

(iii) (Resolvability) The predicate R_1 is a sequence $\langle M_{\alpha} \mid \alpha < o(M) \rangle$ such that for $\alpha < o(M)$,

$$M_{\alpha} = \langle M_{\alpha}, e, R_0 \cap M_{\alpha}, R_1 \cap M_{\alpha}, A_{\alpha} \rangle$$

where M_α is transitive, ^{amenable,} and Γ closed,

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$R \in M_\alpha$, and $M_\alpha \in$ Every set is coded by a wf relation on \mathbb{R} , and every wf relation codes a set

and

$$(a) \bigcup_{\alpha < o(M)} M_\alpha = M,$$

(b) for $\beta < \alpha$, M_β is a substructure of M_α , and $M_\beta \in M_\alpha$, and

(c) $\bigcup_{\alpha < o(M)} A_\alpha$ is a complete Γ set.

$$(iv) \sum_{n=1}^m n P(R) = \Gamma.$$

Remark This is a slight strengthening of "good companion", in the terminology of Wilson [4]. We have that each M_α is projectable and Γ resolvable via $R_0^{M_\alpha}$ and $R_1^{M_\alpha}$. The

norm $\varphi(x) = \text{least } \alpha \text{ such that } x \in A_\alpha$ is

a Γ norm on A . By 2.3 I, M

consists of all sets whose transitive closure is coded by some wellfounded relation in Δ .

$o(M) = \delta_{\Gamma}^{\text{pw}}$ is the prewellordering ordinal of Γ .

Our conditions guarantee each (M_α, ϵ) is OD from $P(\mathbb{R}) \cap M_\alpha$, hence OD by Wadge.

We are also assuming $\underline{\Delta} \models \text{HPC}$. From this we get

Lemma 1.1 The mouse order, restricted to the pairs $(P, \Sigma) \in \mathcal{M}_\Gamma$, has order type $o(\mathcal{M}_\Gamma)$.

Proof Let \leq^* be the mouse-order. Note that if $(Q, \Psi) \leq^* (P, \Sigma)$, then $\text{Code}(\Psi)$ is projective in $\text{Code}(\Sigma)$. [There is a tail (R, Φ) of (P, Σ) such that (Q, Ψ) iterates without dropping to (R, Φ) . Let $\pi: Q \rightarrow R$ be the iteration map. Then $\Psi = \Phi^\pi$ because Ψ is pullback consistent, so $\text{Code}(\Psi)$ is projective in $\text{Code}(\Phi)$, and hence projective in $\text{Code}(\Sigma)$.] Similarly, the mouse order on $(Q, \Psi) \leq^* (P, \Sigma)$ is projective in $\text{Code}(\Sigma)$. So $\leq^* \cap \mathcal{M}_\Gamma$ has order type $\leq o(\mathcal{M}_\Gamma)$.

For $\alpha < |\leq^* \cap M_\Gamma|$, let

$\Gamma_\alpha =$ common value of $\text{Projective}(\text{Code}(\Sigma))$,
for all (P, Σ) of mouse rank α .

The proof just given, shows that Γ_α is
well-defined, and

$$\alpha \leq \beta \Rightarrow \Gamma_\alpha \subseteq \Gamma_\beta.$$

Each $\Gamma_\alpha \in M_\Gamma$, so $\Gamma_\alpha \in \Delta$. By HPC,

$$\Delta = \bigcup_{\alpha < |\leq^* \cap M_\Gamma|} \Gamma_\alpha.$$

Since $o(M_\Gamma)$ is regular in V , we must
have $|\leq^* \cap M_\Gamma| = o(M_\Gamma)$.



For $\alpha < o(M_\Gamma)$, let

$H_\alpha =$ common value of $M_{\infty}(P, \Sigma)$, for
all (P, Σ) of mouse rank α .

If we have that $H_\alpha = M_{\infty}(P, \Sigma)$ where
 Σ is Δ -fullness preserving, then

H_α is a cardinal cutpoint initial segment of H_β , for all $\beta > \alpha$. If there are cotinally many α such that H_α has this form, then HOD^Δ is just their union.

Remark By HOD^Δ we mean the union of all transitive sets x such that every $y \in x \cup \{x\}$ is definable over some (M_α, ϵ) from ordinals, $\alpha < o(M_\Gamma)$. Note here that M_α is definable from $P(\mathbb{R}) \cap M_\alpha$ (as all sets coded by wf relations in $P(\mathbb{R}) \cap M_\alpha$), and $P(\mathbb{R}) \cap M_\alpha$ is OD over M by Wadge.

In any case, we have that each $H_\alpha \in M_\Gamma$, and in fact the relation $R(\alpha, x)$ iff $x = H_\alpha$ is $\Delta_1^{(M_\Gamma, \epsilon)}$. No parameters are needed, and only ϵ is in the definition.

We modify the sketch in §0 as follows: we find a countable lpm Q ,

and a sequence $\langle W_\alpha \mid \alpha < \omega(M_T) \rangle$ such that each W_α is a normal tree on Q iterating it past H_α , and collectively the W_α 's determine a sufficiently strong partial iteration strategy Ψ for Q .

Def. 1.2 Let P be an lpm. A partial P -stack is a sequence $\vec{s} = \langle \langle \nu_i, k_i, \tilde{T}_i \rangle \mid i \leq n \rangle$ such that setting $P_0 = P$, there are P_i for $1 \leq i \leq n$ such that for $0 \leq i \leq n$,

(i) \tilde{T}_i is a normal tree on $P_i \restriction \langle \nu_i, k_i \rangle$,

and for $1 \leq i \leq n$

(ii) either P_i is the least model of \tilde{T}_{i-1} , or \tilde{T}_{i-1} has limit length, and

$$P_i = M(\tilde{T}_i).$$

We write $\tilde{T}_i(s)$ for \tilde{T}_i , etc. We set $U(s) = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{dom}(s)-1}(s) =$ least tree in S . $M_\omega(s)$ is the

last model of $U(s)$ if it has one.

For $i \leq n$, $M_i(s) = P_i$. This is consistent with [1] J, in that a P -stack in the sense of [1] J, 5.6, is just a partial P -stack such that each $T_i(s)$ has a last model.

If s is a ^{partial} P -stack, then we can define the embedding normalization $W(s)$ and the full normalization $X(s)$ as it was done in [1] J and [2] in the case each $T_i(s)$ for $i+1 < \text{dom}(s)$ has a last model. If any $T_i(s)$ for $i < \text{dom}(s)$ has no last model, then $W(s)$ and $X(s)$ have no last model, except in dropping cases

For example, suppose T is a normal tree on P of limit length, and U is a normal tree on $M(T)$ with last model $M|_X^U$. Then $W = W(T, U)$ is a normal tree on P of limit length. Each branch extender S_γ^W comes from a node branch extender S_γ^T for $\gamma < \text{lh}(T)$, by inserting

The extenders from some S_δ^u , $\delta \leq \gamma$.

We have an embedding $\varphi: lh \mathcal{I} \rightarrow lh W$,

where $\varphi(\eta) = \xi$ if S_η^w is generated by $S_\eta^{\mathcal{I}}$ and S_δ^u for $\delta \leq_u \eta$, and δ

as large as possible. $ran(\varphi)$ is cofinal in $lh W$. If b is a cofinal branch of \mathcal{I} ,

then $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I} \restriction b, \mathcal{U})$, as defined in [1], is the extension of $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{U})$ via $\varphi \restriction b$.

We derive partial iteration strategies from normal trees as follows.

Def 1.3 Let P be an lpm, and let \mathcal{U} be a normal tree on P . The partial strategy for P derived from \mathcal{U} is Σ , where

- (i) for \mathcal{I} normal on P , \mathcal{I} is by Σ iff there is a weak hull embedding of \mathcal{I} into \mathcal{U} ,
- and (ii) for s a partial P -stack, s is by Σ iff $X(s)$ is by Σ .

We write $\Sigma = \Sigma(P, \mathcal{U})$. In the abstract,

There is no reason why Σ would look remotely like an iteration strategy.

But if (P, Ψ) is an lbr hod pair, and U is by ~~to~~ Ψ , then $\Sigma(P, U) \subseteq \Psi$.

If U is a normal iteration of P past some H_α , and all its countable hulls are by Ψ , then $\Sigma(P, U)$ is a reasonably large fragment of Ψ ; indeed, some

tail of $\Sigma(P, U)$ is ^{the M_{60} -relevant part of} a complete strategy iterating some lpm to H_α . (see [2 I, def. 8, for " M_{60} -relevant".])

Let P be an lpm. A partial strategy for $G^+(P, \theta)$ is a ^{winning} strategy ~~for~~ Σ for Π in the variant of $G^+(P, \theta)$ in which at any limit ordinal, Π is allowed to quit and be declared the victor. (Of course, we care about strategies that elect to win the hard way in some cases!) If \mathcal{I} is a tree of limit length by Σ , then ~~to~~ by

convention, the "instruction to quit" is given iff $\exists \tau \notin \text{dom}(\Sigma)$. We write $\Sigma(\tau) \uparrow$, and say τ is Σ -maximal, in this case.

Given a partial strategy Σ for $G^+(P, \theta)$, we extend Σ to a partial strategy $\hat{\Sigma}$ acting on partial P -stacks as follows. Let s be a partial P -stack by $\hat{\Sigma}$ and c be a cofinal branch of $\mathcal{U}(s)$, where $\mathcal{U}(s)$ has limit length. Then

$s \frown c$ is by $\hat{\Sigma}$ iff $X(s \frown c)$ is by Σ .

If Σ is the restriction to normal trees of a strategy Ψ that normalizes well, then $\hat{\Sigma} \subseteq \Psi$, so there is at most one such c . We say s is $\hat{\Sigma}$ maximal iff $\hat{\Sigma}(s) \uparrow$. If s is by Σ , and either N is the last model of $\mathcal{U}(s)$, or $N = M(\mathcal{U}(s))$ and there is no last model, then $\hat{\Sigma}_{s, N}$ is the tail of $\hat{\Sigma}$:

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{s, N}(t) = \hat{\Sigma}(s \frown t)$$

Def. 1.4 Let P be an lpm and let Σ be a partial strategy for $G^+(P, \theta)$; then Σ is reasonable iff for any s by $\hat{\Sigma}$

(a) If \mathcal{T} is ^{normal and} isl by $\hat{\Sigma}_{s,N}$ and there is a weak hull embedding of \mathcal{U} into \mathcal{T} , then \mathcal{U} is by $\hat{\Sigma}_{s,N}$, and

(b) $\hat{\Sigma}$ is well-defined, i.e. if $s \sim c$ and $s \sim d$ are by $\hat{\Sigma}$, then $c = d$, and

(c) if $\mathcal{T} \in \text{dom}(\hat{\Sigma}_{s,N}) \cap \text{dom}(\hat{\Sigma}^N)$, then $\hat{\Sigma}_{s,N}(\mathcal{T}) = \hat{\Sigma}^N(\mathcal{T})$.

(d) See p. 22a.

Prop 1.5 Suppose (P, Ψ) is an lbr hod pair, and \mathcal{U} is a normal tree on P all of whose ^{countable} weak hulls are by Ψ ; then $\Sigma(P, \mathcal{U})$ is a reasonable partial strategy for $G^+(P, w_1)$.

(d) There is no infinite P -stack s
 such that each SRK is by $\hat{\Sigma}$,
 and for infinitely many i ,
 $\langle v_i(s), k_i(s) \rangle <_{\text{lex}} \langle o(M_i(s)), k(M_i(s)) \rangle$.

(That is, there is no infinite stack s
 by $\hat{\Sigma}$ that has a proper drop at
 the beginning of infinitely many trees.)

Proof Ψ fully normalizes well and has very strong hull condensation, by [2]. It is easy to see (a)-(c) follow. □

Remark If Σ is a strategy for $G^+(P, \theta)$, then $\hat{\Sigma}$ normalizes well, simply by definition. However, one cannot bypass ~~the~~ theorem 2.8 of [1], ~~and~~ stating that background-induced strategies normalize well, by such a definitional trick. If Σ is background-induced, and we define $\hat{\Sigma}$ as above, then we will have to show (a) and (c) of reasonability, and that seems to lead back to $\hat{\Sigma}$ being background-induced. So we are led to 2.8 of [1] again. (This remark is due to Hugh Woodin.)

Lemma 1.6 Let $(P, \Sigma) \in \mathcal{M}_\Gamma$ be an lbr hod pair with mouse rank α ; then for any $\beta \leq \alpha$ there is a unique normal tree W on P such that every countable weak hull of W is by Σ , and H_β is the last model of W .

Proof A simple Stolbou hull argument shows that there is at most one such normal tree W . For existence, pick any (Q, Ψ) such that $H_\beta = M_\infty(Q, \Psi)$. We compare (P, Σ) with (Q, Ψ) . Since $\beta \leq \alpha$, we have a countable normal tree T on P with last model R , and such that $(R, \Sigma_{\beta, R})$ is a non-dropping iterate of (Q, Ψ) . Hence

$$M_\infty(R, \Sigma_{\beta, R}) = H_\beta.$$

But then in $V^{coll(w, R)}$ there is a non-dropping stack s on $(R, \Sigma_{I, R})$ of length w having direct limits H_β .

But Σ fully normalizes well for infinite stacks, so we have a normal tree U on R with least model H_β , and such that R -to- H_β does not drop, and all weak hulls of U are by $\Sigma_{I, R}$.

We then can take

$$W = X(I, U),$$

and all weak hulls of W are by Σ because Σ ~~now~~ fully normalizes well ([2]) and has very strong hull condensation ([2]).



Remark The proof of 1.6 was a little sloppy. One should replace $V^{coll(w, R)}$ by $L(I, \sigma)$ for $\sigma \in P_{w, 1}(R)$ and T the tree for a complete Γ set at some point.

Lemma 1.7 Let (P, Σ) be an lbr hod pair of mouse rank α , and for each $\beta \leq \alpha$, let W_β be the normal tree on P with last model H_β given by 1.6. Then $\bigcup_{\beta \leq \alpha} \Sigma(P, W_\beta)$ is the restriction of Σ to ~~the~~ normal trees.

Proof Let $\Psi = \bigcup_{\beta \leq \alpha} \Sigma(P, W_\beta)$, so that $\Psi \subseteq \Sigma$. Let \mathcal{T} be a normal tree by Ψ of limit length, and let $\Sigma(\mathcal{T}) = b$. We must see $\Psi(\mathcal{T}) = b$.

But let

$$H_\beta = \text{Min}(M_b^\beta, \Sigma_{\beta^* b}),$$

where clearly $\beta \leq \alpha$. By full normalization, there is a normal U on M_b^β with last model H_β s.t. all countable weak hulls of U are by $\Sigma_{\beta^* b}$. This implies

$$W_\beta = X(\mathcal{T}^* b, U),$$

so $\mathcal{T}^* b$ is a weak hull of W_β , so $\Sigma(P, W_\beta)(\mathcal{T}) = b$. \square

There is actually a one-one correspondence between the H_β 's and mouse-equivalence classes:

Lemma 1.8 Let (P, Σ) and (Q, Ψ) be lbr hod pairs such that $M_\infty(P, \Sigma) = M_\infty(Q, \Psi)$; then $(P, \Sigma) \equiv^* (Q, \Psi)$.

Proof Let $H = M_\infty(P, \Sigma) = M_\infty(Q, \Psi)$. Let \mathcal{W}_0 on P and \mathcal{W}_1 on Q be normal with last model H be normal and all countable hulls by Σ and Ψ resp. We compare (P, Σ) with (Q, Ψ) ; the worry is that one side comes out strictly shorter. So suppose we have (R, Λ) that is a normal, non-dropping iterate of (Q, Ψ) , and we have a normal tree \mathcal{I} on P with last model S such that

- R is a cutpoint initial segments of S
- $\Lambda = \sum_{\alpha, R}$

and

- either $R \neq S$, or P -to- S drops in \mathcal{I} .

If P -to- S does not drop, then we are done, because $M_{\infty}(R, \Lambda) = H$ since Q -to- R did not drop, while $M_{\infty}(S, \sum_{\alpha, S}) = H$ because P -to- S did not drop, so (R, Λ) cannot be a proper initial segment of $(S, \sum_{\alpha, S})$. So suppose P -to- S drops.

Let U be normal on R with last model H , and all its countable hulls by Λ . We can think of U as a tree U^* ~~tree~~ on S , with last model $S^* \triangleright H$. (In U^* , there may be dropping strictly above the image of R , ~~that is not~~ but on branches

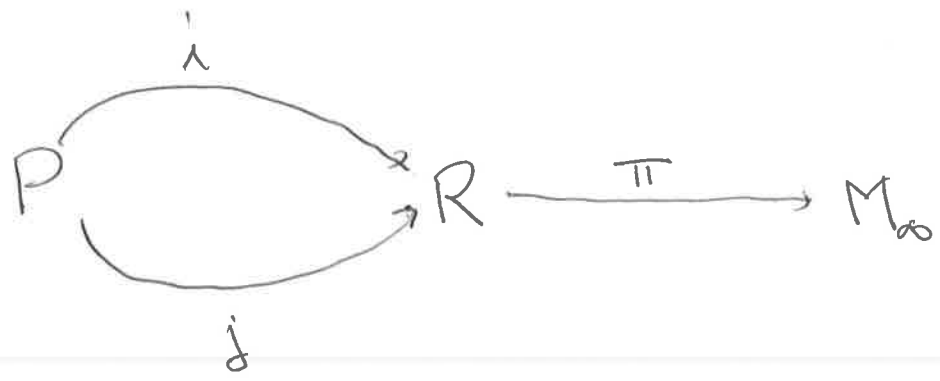
of U that do not drop, U^* never drops to the U -image of R .) But then $X(\mathcal{T}, U^*)$ is a normal tree on P with last model S^* , and such that all its countable hulls are by Σ . Since $H \cong S^*$, W_0 is an initial segment of $X(\mathcal{T}, U^*)$. But H is the last model of W_0 , so it cannot be a proper initial segment of any normal X extending W_0 .



A pleasing corollary of 1.8 is that given P , Σ is determined by $M_{\infty}(P, \Sigma)$ and $\pi_{P, \infty}^{\Sigma}$. In particular, Σ is OD(s), where s is a countable subset of $O(M_{\infty}(P, \Sigma))$.

Corollary 1.9 Let (P, Σ) and (P, Ψ) be fibred pairs such that $M_\infty(P, \Sigma) = M_\infty(P, \Psi)$, and $\pi_{P, \infty}^\Sigma = \pi_{P, \infty}^\Psi$; then $\Sigma = \Psi$.

Proof By 1.8, $(P, \Sigma) \equiv^* (P, \Psi)$, so we have (R, Λ) which is a common, non-dropping iterate. Let i and j be the iteration maps. We have



where i is the map by Σ , j is the map by Ψ , and $\pi = \pi_{R, \infty}^\Lambda$ is by the tail common tail of Λ of Σ and Ψ . By assumption, $\pi \circ i = \pi \circ j$. But then $i = j$, so $\Sigma = \Lambda \circ i = \Lambda \circ j = \Psi$ by pullback consistency. ✘

Of more immediate relevance is

Cor. 1.10

(a) $\sup \{ o(M_{\infty}(P, \Sigma)) \mid (P, \Sigma) \text{ is an lbr hod pair coded in } \underline{\Delta} \} = \delta_{\Gamma}$.

(b) For any $A \in \underline{\Delta}$, there is an lbr hod pair (P, Σ) such that $\text{Code}(\Sigma) \in \underline{\Delta}$, and $A \leq_{\text{rv}} \text{Code}(\Sigma^{\text{rel}})$.

Proof For (a), suppose not; then we have ~~some~~ a fixed $\alpha < \delta_{\Gamma}$ such that for all $\beta < \delta_{\Gamma}$, $o(H_{\beta}) < \alpha$. But $\beta \neq \gamma \Rightarrow H_{\beta} \neq H_{\gamma}$ by 1.8, so we get a δ_{Γ} -sequence of distinct subsets of α , contrary to "boldface GCH" (~~or just the existence of measurables~~ in (or just measurables in $(\alpha, \delta_{\Gamma})$).

For (b), note that $M_{\infty}(P, \Sigma)$ can be computed from P and just Σ^{rel} in a projective way. So (a) gives us (b). \square

Remark For (P, Σ) be a lbr hod pair, let Σ^{nd} be the restriction of Σ to normal trees that do not drop anywhere (not just along a main branch). Assuming $\Delta \models HPC$, we can show that the $Code(\Sigma^{nd})$ are wedge cofinal in Δ . This immediately implies 1.10 (b), and then since Σ^{rel} is a $(M_{\infty}(P, \Sigma))$ -Suslin, we get 1.10 (a).

To see the Σ^{nd} are wedge cofinal:

Take any lbr pair (P, Σ) with $Code(\Sigma)$ in Δ , and let (N^*, Σ^*) be a coarse Γ_0 -Woodin that captures $Code(\Sigma)$, where $\Gamma_0 \not\subseteq \Delta$. Let (M, Ω) be the output of the lbr-pair construction of (N^*, Σ^*) up to its Woodin δ^* .

We claim that $\text{Code}(\Sigma)$ is projective in $\text{Code}(\Sigma^{\text{nd}})$, which is enough. For that, one shows that (P, Σ) iterates to some level (Q, Ψ) of the lbr hod pair construction of (M, \mathcal{R}) . Iteration trees on (Q, Ψ) then get lifted to trees on M that drop nowhere.

Lemma 1.11 Let (P, Σ) be an lbr hod pair of mouse rank $\alpha < \delta_\Gamma$. For $\xi \leq \alpha$, let W_ξ be the unique normal tree on P with last model H_ξ all of whose countable hulls are by Σ . For $\beta \leq \alpha$, let

$$\Sigma_\beta = \bigcup_{\xi \leq \beta} \Sigma(P, W_\xi).$$

Let $\beta < \alpha$, and let \mathcal{I} be a countable normal tree of limit length that is by Σ_β , and Σ_β -maximal, i.e.

$$\Sigma_\beta(\mathcal{I}) \uparrow.$$

Then there is a tail (Q, Ψ) of $(\hat{\Sigma}_\beta)_{\mathcal{I}, M(\mathcal{I})}$ such that

$$H_\beta = M_\infty(Q, \Psi).$$

Proof Let $b = \Sigma(I)$. Let $(R, \Phi) \in \mathcal{M}_T$ (34)
 and $M_{\text{br}}(R, \Phi) = H_\beta$.

Claim $(R, \Phi) \leq^* (M(I), \Sigma_{I, M(I)})$, where
 \leq^* is the mouse order.

Proof Suppose not; then we have countable
 normal trees \mathcal{U} on $M(I)$ and \mathcal{V} on R
 by $\Sigma_{I, M(I)}$ and Φ respectively such that

(a) \mathcal{U} and \mathcal{V} have common last lbr pair
 (S, Δ) , and

(b) the branch $M(I) \rightarrow S$ of \mathcal{U} does not
 drop, and

~~(c) \mathcal{V} is a mouse~~

$R \rightarrow S$ in \mathcal{V} may drop. (The last
 model of \mathcal{V} can be taken to literally be S
 by including one final drop at the end if necessary.)

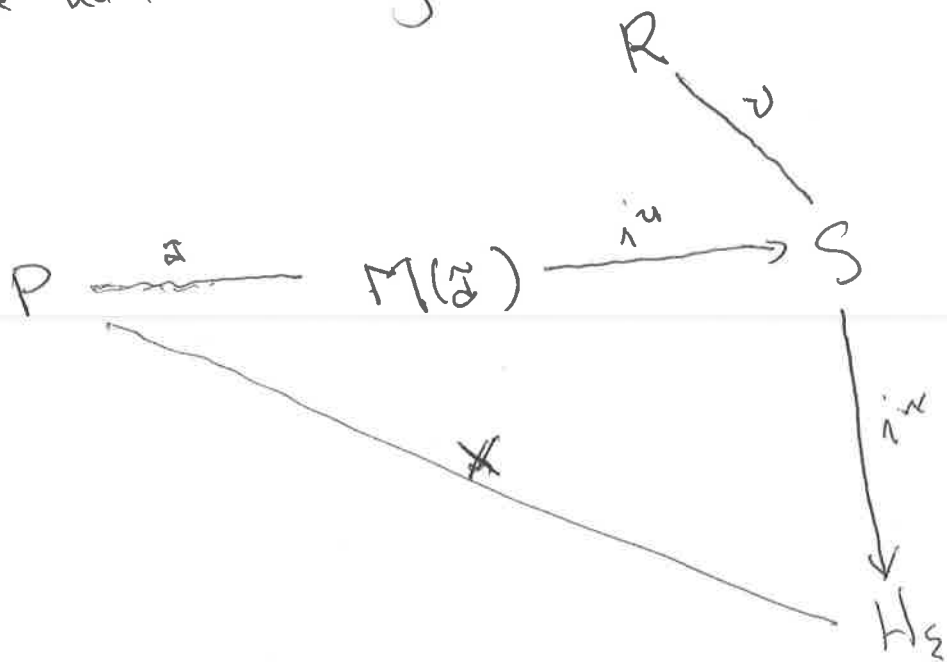
We have $(S, \Delta) \leq^* (R, \Phi)$, and hence (35)
 we have $\xi \leq \beta$ such that

$$M_\infty(S, \Delta) = H_\xi.$$

Let W be the normal tree on S whose last model is H_ξ , and all countable hulls are by Δ . Let

$$X = X(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{U}, W).$$

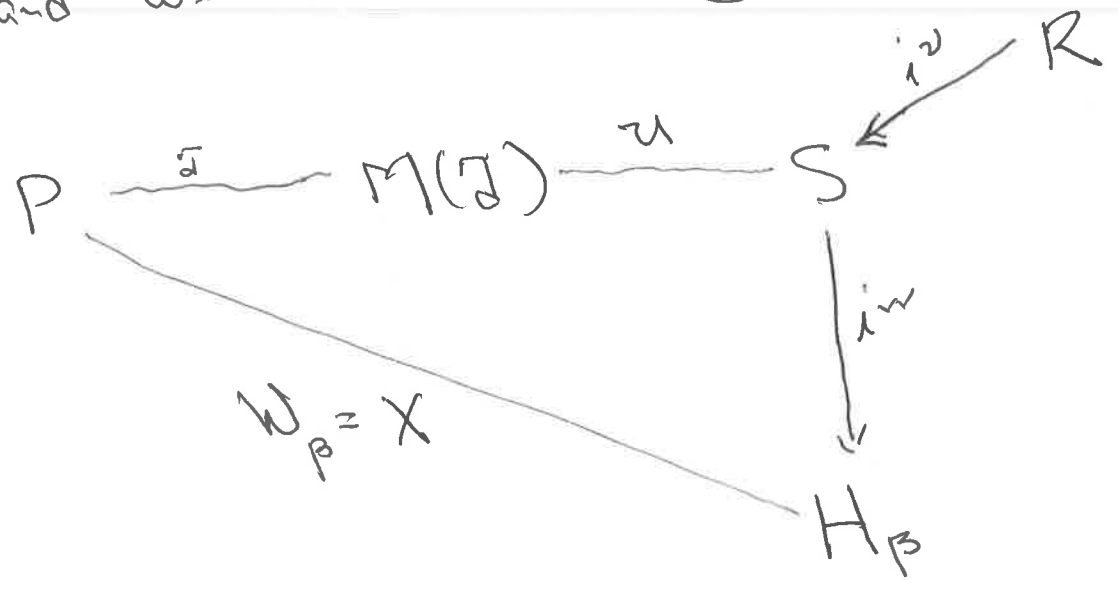
We have the diagram



i^u and i^w exist, and $i^w \circ i^u$ is continuous at $S(\mathcal{I})$, with $o(H_\xi) = \sup i^w \circ i^u \cap S(\mathcal{I})$.

The properties of full normalization then tell us that $\bar{a} \wedge b$ is a weak hull of X . But $X = \bigvee_{\xi} \xi$, so $Z_{\xi}(\bar{a}) = b$, so $Z_{\beta}(\bar{a}) = b$, contradiction. \square

By the claim we have \mathcal{U} on $M(\bar{a})$ and \mathcal{V} on R normal, by $\Sigma_{\bar{a}, M(\bar{a})}$ and Φ respectively, with common last model (S, Δ) , and such that R -to- S does not drop. Thus $M_{\infty}(S, \Delta) = H_{\beta}$, and we have the diagram



where

$$\begin{aligned}
 X &= X(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{U}, W) \\
 &= W_\beta.
 \end{aligned}$$

(Notice here that although \mathcal{I} has no last model, \mathcal{U} has last model S , and the branch of \mathcal{U} from $M(\mathcal{I})$ to S drops.

We have that $W_\beta = X(\mathcal{I}^n b, \mathcal{U}, W)$ as well, but because \mathcal{U} dropped, there is no weak hull embedding from $\mathcal{I}^n b$ to W_β coming out of that. Indeed, $\Sigma_\beta(\mathcal{I}) \uparrow$ by hypothesis.) Letting

$Y = X(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{U})$, we have that Y is a weak hull of W_β , so Y is by Σ_β , so $\langle \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{U} \rangle$ is a partial P -stack by $\hat{\Sigma}_\beta$, with last model S .

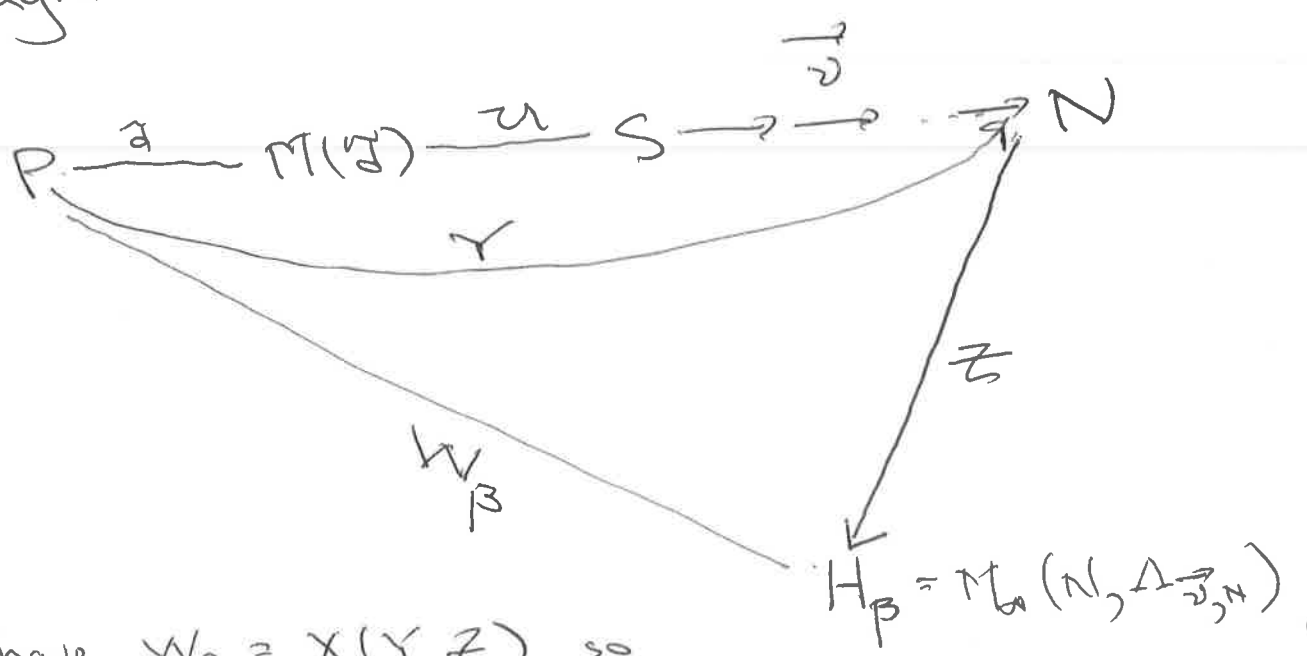
To finish the proof, it is enough to show $(\hat{\Sigma}_\beta)_{\langle \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}, S \rangle} = \Lambda^{rel}$, where

Λ^{rel} is the M_{∞} -relevant part of Λ .

For that, it is enough to show that whenever $\vec{\nu}$ is a finite stack from S to N by Λ that and S -to- N does not drop, then

$$Y = X(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}, \vec{\nu})$$

weakly embeds into W_β . But the diagram below makes this clear.



We have $W_\beta = X(Y, \mathcal{E})$, so Y weakly embeds into W_β .



Definition 1.12 Let $\alpha \leq \delta_\Gamma$. A pair

$(P, \langle W_\beta \mid \beta < \alpha \rangle)$ is α -good iff

(1) P is an lpm, and W_β is a normal tree on P with last model H_β , and

(2) For $\beta < \alpha$, let Σ_β be the partial strategy for P : if s is a partial P -stack by Σ_β with last tree $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}(s)$ of limit length, and c is critical in \mathcal{U} ,

then $\Sigma_\beta(s) = c$ iff $X(s \smallfrown c)$ is weakly embedded into some W_ξ , for $\xi \leq \beta$; then

(a) each Σ_β is reasonable

(b) there is some partial stack s by Σ_β with last model N such that $(N, (\Sigma_\beta \upharpoonright s))$ is an lbr hod pair with mouse rank β , and

(c) for any partial stack s by Σ_β such that $\mathcal{I} \mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}(s)$ has limit length and $\Sigma_\beta(s) \uparrow$, there is a normal \mathcal{U} on $M(\mathcal{I})$ by $(\Sigma_\beta \upharpoonright s, M(\mathcal{I}))$ such that \mathcal{U} has last model Q , and $(Q, (\Sigma_\beta \upharpoonright s, M(\mathcal{I}), \mathcal{U}, Q))$ is an lbr hod pair of mouse rank β .

We have shown

Lemma 1.13 For any $\alpha < \delta_r$, there is an α -good pair.

Corollary 1.14 There is a δ_r -good pair.

Proof Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ be the universal Γ set we fixed above, and φ our Γ norm on A . For $\alpha < \delta_r$, say that a real z is α -strong iff letting

$$M_\xi = \sup \{ \varphi(H_\xi) \mid \xi \leq z \},$$

and

$$B_\xi = \{ (x, y) \mid \varphi(x) \leq \varphi(y) < M_\xi \}$$

for each $\xi < \alpha$, and

$\sum_\xi z$ = the $\sum_{\xi,1} (B_\xi)$ subset of M_ξ coded by z ,

for $\xi < \alpha$, then for all $\xi < \alpha$:

(a) B_ξ codes an ξ -good pair $\langle P^\xi, \langle W_\nu^\xi \mid \nu < \xi \rangle \rangle$, and

(b) if $\gamma < \xi$, then $P^\gamma = P^\xi$, and $W_\nu^\gamma = W_\nu^\xi$ for all $\nu < \gamma$.

The functions $\xi \mapsto M_\xi$ and $\xi \mapsto B_\xi$ are Σ_1 over M_Γ . So the predicate

$S(z, \alpha)$ iff z is α -strong

is Δ_1 over M_Γ . By the Coding Lemma and 1.14, $\forall \alpha \exists z (z \text{ is } \alpha\text{-strong})$.

This implies $\exists z \forall \alpha (z \text{ is } \alpha\text{-strong})$:

otherwise $M_\Gamma \models \forall z \exists \alpha (z \text{ is not } \alpha\text{-strong})$,

and by admissibility, there is a $\beta < \delta_\Gamma$ such that $\forall z \exists \alpha < \beta (z \text{ is not } \alpha\text{-strong})$, so $\forall z (z \text{ is not } \beta\text{-strong})$. But

letting \mathbb{Z} be α -strong for all
 $\alpha < \delta_r$, we see that \mathbb{Z} codes
a δ_r -good pair.



§2. Step two

We complete the proof of theorem 0.5.
 We have Γ inductive like with the scale property, and $\Delta \models HPC$, we wish to construct a hod pair (\mathbb{P}, Ψ) such that $Code(\Psi) \notin \Delta$, granted that there are Suslin ~~cardinals~~ cardinals $> \delta_\Gamma$. By 1.14, we may fix a δ_Γ -good pair $(P, \langle W_\alpha \mid \alpha < \delta_\Gamma \rangle)$.

Let Σ be the partial strategy for P determined by the W_α 's; that is, for s a partial P -stack by Σ whose last tree has limit length,

$$\Sigma(s) = c \text{ iff } \exists x (X(s \frown c) \text{ is a weak hull of } W_x).$$

$Code(\Sigma)$ is a Γ set because (P, \vec{W}) is coded in Γ by the coding lemma. ~~$Code(\Sigma) \notin \Delta$~~

Code $(\Sigma) \notin \underline{\Delta}$ by (2)(b) of def. 1.12. (45)

In fact, if \mathcal{T} is Σ -maximal, then

Code $(\Sigma_{\mathcal{T}, M(\mathcal{T})}) \notin \underline{\Delta}$, by (2)(c) of 1.12.

Remark We can have Σ being $\sum_{i=1}^M \Gamma$ but $\Sigma \notin M_{\Gamma}$ because Σ is a partial strategy, not a complete strategy. This shows already that there are Σ -maximal trees, and in fact, that if \mathcal{T} is Σ -maximal, then there are $\Sigma_{\mathcal{T}, M(\mathcal{T})}$ -maximal trees on $M(\mathcal{T})$.

Now let Γ^* be a good pointclass with the scale property such that $\Gamma \notin \underline{\Delta}^*$. Let (N^*, Σ^*, g^*) be a coarse Γ^* -woodin model that Suslin captures Code (Σ) and its complement, with P in HC^{N^*} . Let \mathcal{C} be the maximal lpm construction of N^* .

We shall compare (P, Σ) with the
 $(M_{r,k}^e, \Sigma_{r,k}^e)$. For that to work, we
 need that if s is by Σ , with last
 model N such that P -to- N drops,
 then $\Sigma_{s,N}$ is a complete strategy.

(This insures that ~~$\Sigma_{s,N} \subseteq \Sigma$~~)

$\dot{\Sigma}^P \subseteq \Sigma$ by reasonability. For $\dot{\Sigma}^P$
 contains only information about how to iterate the
 $N \triangleleft P$, and by reasonability, this information
 is consistent with Σ . So if Σ_N is
 complete, then the information is contained
 in Σ_N , so $\dot{\Sigma}^P \subseteq \Sigma$. Similarly,

$\dot{\Sigma}^Q \subseteq \Sigma_{s,Q}$ for any stack s by Σ .

But we have

Claim There is a stack s by Σ with last model Q
 such that $\text{Code}(\Sigma_{s,Q}) \notin \Delta$, and whenever t is by
 $\Sigma_{s,Q}$ with last model N , and Q -to- N drops to t ,
 then $\Sigma_{s,Q,t,N}$ is a complete strategy.

Proof If $S = \emptyset$ does not work, then there is t_0 by Σ with last model N_0 such that $P - t_0 - N_0$ drops, and

Σ_{t_0, N_0} is not complete. But that means we have a normal \tilde{I}_0 on N_0

by Σ_{t_0, N_0} such that $\Sigma_{t_0, N_0}(\tilde{I}_0) \uparrow$.

By δ_r -goodness of \overline{W} , we get that $\text{Code}(\Sigma_{t_0, N_0}) \notin \overline{W}$. So we

can replace (P, Σ) by (N_0, Σ_{t_0, N_0}) .

If (t_0, N_0) does not work for the claim, we get t_1 on N_0 with last model N_1 s.t. $N_0 - t_0 - N_1$ drops,

etc. So if the claim fails, $t_0 \wedge t_1 \wedge \dots$ is an infinite stack by Σ with infinitely many drops, contrary to 1.4 (d).



Now let us fix s, Q as in the claim, and let $\Lambda = \Sigma_{s, Q}$. The arguments of \mathcal{I} show that for each $\langle s, k \rangle \leq \langle s^*, 0 \rangle$, the comparison of (Q, Λ) with $(M_{s, k}^e, \mathcal{I}_{s, k}^e)$ is such that only the Q -side moves, and no strategy disagreements show up. Here Q is being iterated by Λ , and we stop the comparison with $(M_{s, k}^e, \mathcal{I}_{s, k}^e)$ if the current tree \mathcal{I} on the Q side is Λ -maximal.

(Q, Λ) cannot iterate ~~itself~~ pass $(M_{s^*, 0}^e, \mathcal{I}_{s^*, 0}^e)$ because $\text{Code}(\Lambda)$ is in $\Sigma_{s^*}^*$, so the tree \mathcal{I} of length $s^* + 1$ on Q by Λ that is responsible would be in $N_{s^*}^*$, and this yields $N_{s^*}^* \models s^*$ is not Woodin by the universality

argument, contradiction.

If (Q, Δ) iterates to some $(M_{\nu, k}^e, \mathcal{R}_{\nu, k}^e)$ via a normal tree \mathcal{T} by Δ of successor length whose main branch does not drop, then letting $\Omega = \mathcal{R}_{\nu, k}^e$ and $M = M_{\nu, k}^e$ and $\pi: Q \rightarrow M$ be the iteration map of \mathcal{T} , we have that $\Omega \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{\text{main}}^\pi$, because Ω is pullback consistent (as a partial strategy). So \mathcal{R}^π is a complete strategy for Q , and $\mathcal{R}^\pi \notin \Delta$ because $\Omega \notin \Delta$. (More precisely, because there are complete strategies $\Delta_\alpha \in \Delta$ arbitrarily high in Δ .) So we have the conclusion of Theorem 0.5.

The final possibility is that for some $\langle \nu, k \rangle \leq_{\text{lex}} \langle \delta^*, 0 \rangle$, setting $(M, \mathcal{R}) = (M_{\nu, k}^e, \mathcal{R}_{\nu, k}^e)$, we have a normal,

Δ -maximal tree T on Q with last model M and such that

$\Delta_{\mathcal{S}, M} \subseteq \Omega$. But then, by (2)(c) of \mathcal{S}_r -goodness, there are complete strategies $(\Delta_{\mathcal{S}, M})_t$ of arbitrarily high Wadge degree in Δ . Thus $\text{Code}(\Omega) \notin \Delta$, and (M, Ω) witnesses the conclusion of theorem 0.5.

Thm. 0.5 \square

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