

Solutions to problems in Ch.10

Yipu Li

June 2025

1 Problem 10.1

Claim 1 (Claim 10.1.1). *Let $\pi : \bar{\mathcal{M}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ be elementary and $\pi(\bar{U}) = U$. If a putative iteration of \mathcal{M} of length $\alpha + 1$ is an iteration, then a putative iteration of $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$ of length $\alpha + 1$ is an iteration.*

Proof of claim: We recursively define, for $\xi \leq \alpha + 1$, $\pi_\xi : \bar{\mathcal{M}}_\xi \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_\xi$ by setting $\pi_{\xi+1}([f]_{\bar{U}_\xi}) = [\pi_\xi(f)]_{U_\xi}$, π_λ where λ is a limit to be the direct limit map given by $\pi_\lambda(\bar{i}_{\xi,\lambda}(f)) = i_{\xi,\lambda} \cdot \pi_\xi(f)$.

Then the final map $\pi_{\alpha+1} : \bar{\mathcal{M}}_{\alpha+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\alpha+1}$ witness the wellfoundedness of $\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{\alpha+1}$. \square

Let \mathcal{T} be a putative iteration of \mathcal{M} of length $\alpha + 1$. We pick θ large enough, X a ctm, and $\pi : X \rightarrow V_\theta$ that is elementary w.r.p the language with predicate $\in, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{M}$. Let $\pi(\bar{\mathcal{T}}) = \mathcal{T}$, $\pi(\bar{\mathcal{M}}) = \mathcal{M}$. Then

$$X \models \bar{\mathcal{T}} \text{ is a putative iteration of } \bar{\mathcal{M}}$$

This is an absolute statement and hence $\bar{\mathcal{T}}$ is a putative iteration of $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$, as $\bar{\mathcal{T}} \in X$, its length is less than ω_1 . By Claim 10.1.1 and the assumption in the problem we have $\bar{\mathcal{T}}$ is an iteration of $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$, i.e. $\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{\alpha+1}$ is well-founded. Hence $X \models \bar{\mathcal{T}}$ is an iteration of $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$. By elementariness and passing to V_θ , \mathcal{T} is an iteration of \mathcal{M} . This concludes the proof that \mathcal{M} is iterable.

cf. Lemma 2.4, Lemma 2.5 in John Steel's note on Iterated Ultrapowers.

2 Problem 10.2

(a) We show by an induction on $\alpha \in Ord$ that

$$M_\alpha = \{\pi_{0,\alpha}(f)(a) \mid a \in \{\kappa_\beta \mid \beta < \alpha\}^{<\omega}, f : [\kappa]^{|\alpha|} \rightarrow M_0\}$$

The base case $\alpha = 0$ is trivial.

Induction step for successor $\alpha + 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\alpha+1} &= Ult(M_\alpha, U_\alpha) \\ &= \{\pi_{U_\alpha}^{M_\alpha}(g)(\kappa_\alpha) \mid g \in M_\alpha^{\kappa_\alpha}\} \\ &= \text{by IH, } \{\pi_{\alpha,\alpha+1}(\pi_{0,\alpha}(f)(a))(\kappa_\alpha) \mid a \in \{\kappa_\beta \mid \beta < \alpha\}^{<\omega}, f : [\kappa]^{|\alpha|} \rightarrow M_0^\kappa\} \\ &= \{\pi_{0,\alpha+1}(f')(a \cup \{\kappa_\alpha\}) \mid a \in \{\kappa_\beta \mid \beta < \alpha\}^{<\omega}, f' : [\kappa]^{|\alpha|+1} \rightarrow M_0\} \end{aligned}$$

The final equation holds as $\pi_{\alpha, \alpha+1}(a) = (a)$ for $a \subseteq \{\kappa_\beta \mid \beta < \alpha\}$. This equation shows the \subseteq direction of the desired result. The other side is obvious.

Induction step for limit λ :

$$\begin{aligned} x \in M_\lambda &\iff \exists \alpha < \lambda, \exists y \in M_\alpha, x = \pi_{\alpha, \lambda}(y) \\ &\iff \exists \alpha < \lambda, \exists a \in \{\kappa_\beta \mid \beta < \alpha\}^{<\omega}, \exists f : [\kappa]^{<\omega} \rightarrow M_0^\kappa, (x = \pi_{\alpha, \lambda}(\pi_{0, \alpha}(f)(a))) \\ &\iff \exists \alpha < \lambda, \exists a \in \{\kappa_\beta \mid \beta < \alpha\}^{<\omega}, \exists f : [\kappa]^{<\omega} \rightarrow M_0^\kappa, (x = \pi_{0, \lambda}(f)(a)) \end{aligned}$$

This concludes the proof.

This exercise shows that $M_\alpha = h_M(\text{ran}(\pi_{0, \alpha}), \{\kappa_\beta \mid \beta < \alpha\})$.

(b) As $\kappa_\alpha, \alpha \in \text{Ord}$ satisfy $\kappa_\alpha < \kappa_\beta$ if $\alpha < \beta$, it is unbounded in Ord .

For arbitrary sequence $(\kappa_{\alpha_\mu}, \mu < \lambda)$ where λ is a limit, we show that $\bigcup_{\mu < \lambda} \kappa_{\alpha_\mu} = \kappa_{\bigcup_{\mu < \lambda} \alpha_\mu}$. Let $\theta = \bigcup_{\mu < \lambda} \alpha_\mu$.

\subseteq is immediate. For the other side, if $\gamma < \kappa_\theta$, then $\gamma = \pi_{\alpha_\mu, \theta}(\gamma')$ for some $\mu < \lambda$ and by the construction of direct limit. $\gamma' < \kappa_{\alpha_\mu}$ by elementarily. It follows that $\gamma' = \gamma$ and hence $\gamma < \kappa_{\alpha_\mu}$.

(c) For limit ordinal λ , for arbitrary $X \in \kappa_\lambda \cap M_\lambda$, we have that there is some $\alpha < \lambda$ s.t. $\pi_{\alpha, \lambda}(Y) = X$ and $Y \in U_\alpha$. We show that for all β s.t. $\alpha \leq \beta < \lambda$, we have $\kappa_\beta \in X$. Then $Z := \pi_{\alpha, \beta}(Y) \in U_\beta$. Hence $\kappa_\beta \in \pi_{\beta, \beta+1}(Z) \subseteq \pi(\beta, \gamma)(Z) = X$ by normality of U_β . Hence $\kappa_\beta \in X$.

The statement is false for successor ordinals, as in this case the statement we are supposed to prove reduces to $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha+1} \models U_{\alpha+1}$ is principal.

(d) The statement contains an error, μ should be λ .

To see the statement makes sense, it follows from the proof of (b) that $\kappa_\lambda = \lim_{\beta < \lambda} \kappa_\beta$. We have $\kappa_\beta \leq |\beta| \cdot 2^\kappa < \lambda$ by a function counting argument, and hence $\kappa_\lambda = \lim_{\beta < \lambda} \kappa_\beta \leq \lambda$. This means $\kappa_\lambda = \lambda$.

The fact that $U_\lambda \subseteq F_\lambda \cap \mathcal{M}_\lambda$ follows from (c) and (b). The otherside follows as U_λ is an ultrafilter in \mathcal{M}_λ \square

3 Problem 10.3

(a) $L[U] = L[\bar{U}]$ is standard exercise. To verify $L[U] \models \bar{U}$ is a measure on κ , $\kappa \in \bar{U}$ as $\kappa \in L[U]$ and $\kappa \in U$.

If $X_1, X_2 \in \bar{U} = L[U] \cap U$, then $X_1 \cap X_2 \in L[U] \cap U$. Upward closure and the property for complement is similarly verified.

If $(X_\alpha, \alpha < \mu) \in L[U]$ for some $\mu < \kappa$ and $X_\alpha \in L[U] \cap U$, then $\bigcap_{\alpha < \mu} X_\alpha \in U$ and $\bigcap_{\alpha < \mu} X_\alpha \in L[U]$, hence $\bigcap_{\alpha < \mu} X_\alpha \in \bar{U}$.

(b) Same as 10.2 (d), μ should be λ . By elementarity $\mathcal{M}_\lambda \models V = L[U_\lambda]$. Hence $\mathcal{M}_\lambda = L[U_\lambda]$. As by 10.2 (d) $U_\lambda = F_\lambda^{L[U]} \cap \mathcal{M}_\lambda = F_\lambda \cap \mathcal{M}_\lambda$, $\mathcal{M}_\lambda = L[F_\lambda]$.

4 Problem 10.4

(a) Let $\lambda > 2^\kappa$ be regular, we show that there is δ s.t. $\mathcal{M}_\lambda = J_\beta[F_\lambda]$. First $\mathcal{M}_\lambda \models V = L[\pi_{0, \lambda}(U)]$, it must be of the form $J_\beta[\pi_{0, \lambda}(U)]$ for some limit β .

Next, notice that problem 10.2 also works for iterable set model \mathcal{M} . Hence we have $\pi_{0,\lambda}(U) = F_\lambda \cap \mathcal{M}_\lambda$ and hence $\mathcal{M}_\lambda = J_\beta[F_\lambda]$.

Hence two L^μ mouse can be coiterated as we can take $\lambda > \max\{2^\kappa, 2^\lambda\}$ where κ, λ are the respective largest cardinal in \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} .

(b) Like in the proof of Claim 10.33, we construct the putative iteration of length $\gamma + 1$, $(\mathcal{N}_\alpha, \theta_{\alpha,\beta} \mid \alpha \leq \beta \leq \gamma + 1)$ of $\mathcal{N}_0 = J_{\bar{\alpha}}[\bar{U}]$ and construct the family of elementary embeddings $\sigma_\alpha, \alpha \leq \gamma + 1$ into the iteration $(\mathcal{M}_\alpha, \pi_{\alpha,\beta} \mid \alpha \leq \beta \leq \gamma + 1)$.

For successor step, we set $\sigma_{\alpha+1}(\theta_{\alpha,\alpha+1}(f)(\lambda_\alpha)) = \pi_{\alpha,\alpha+1}(\sigma_\alpha(f))(\kappa_\alpha)$. By the fact that \mathcal{N}_0 is a model of ZFC^- , this map can be elementary instead of just Σ_0 elementary. The limit case can be defined by commutativity of the diagram.

5 Problem 10.5

Let U be a normal measure on κ . We work in this inner model.

First we show the case for $\lambda < \kappa$: It suffice to show that for each λ and $X \in \mathcal{P}(\lambda)$,

$$|\{Y \in \mathcal{P}(\lambda) \mid Y \subseteq X \wedge Y <_{L[U]} X\}| \leq \lambda$$

Then we would have $o(<_{L[U]} \mid \mathcal{P}(\lambda)^2) \leq \lambda^+$, this validates the conclusion.

Take $J_\alpha[U]$ large enough s.t. $\kappa, \lambda \in J_\alpha[U]$.

Consider the Skolem closure of $\lambda \cup \{\lambda\}$ w.r.t. the language with constant c_X for X , and collapse it to form $J_\beta[U']$ by condensation. Then $\pi : J_\beta[U'] \rightarrow J_\alpha[U]$ is elementary, $U' = \pi^{-1}[U]$, $|J_\beta[U']| = \lambda$, $\pi|_{\lambda+1} = id$ and $X = \pi(X')$ for some $X' \in J_\beta[U']$, we notice that actually $X = \pi(X)$ and thus $X \in J_\beta[U']$ as $\pi|_{\lambda+1} = id$.

Now we want to show that, assuming for $x, y \subseteq \lambda$, $x <_{L[U']} y$ iff $x <_{L[U]} y$, it holds that $\{Y \in \mathcal{P}(\lambda) \mid Y \subseteq X \wedge Y <_{L[U]} X\} \subseteq J_\beta[U']$, which finishes the proof. If $Y <_{L[U]} X$, there is γ s.t. $J_\alpha[U] \models rank_{<_{L[U]}}(Y) = \gamma$, then $J_\beta[U'] \models \exists Y' \subseteq X, rank_{<_{L[U']}}(Y') = \gamma$. By elementarity and the fact that $\pi|_{\lambda+1} = id$, such Y' is Y and hence $Y \in J_\beta[U']$.

Finally, we verify that for $x, y \subseteq \lambda$, $x <_{L[U']} y$ iff $x <_{L[U]} y$. By theorem 10.3 and Problem 10.4(b), $\mathcal{N}_0 = J_\beta[U']$ and $\mathcal{M}_0 = J_\alpha[U]$ are L^μ mice and hence by 10.4(a) they can be co-iterated, i.e. there is γ, γ' s.t. $\mathcal{M}_\lambda = J_\beta[F_\lambda], \mathcal{N}_\lambda = J_{\beta'}[F_\lambda]$. And hence $\mathcal{M}_0 \models x <_{L[U']} y$ iff $J_{\beta'}[F_\lambda], J_\beta[F_\lambda] \models x <_{L[F_\lambda]} y$ iff $\mathcal{N}_0 \models x <_{L[U]} y$ by elementariness and the fact that elements under λ are fixed under iteration.

Remark: In general, when we collapse the structure $(N, N \cap U)$, we can't make sure that the collapsed structure is $(N', N' \cap U)$, i.e. not necessarily elementary to $(L[U], U)$ for the predicate. Hence the condensation does not apply and though N' would be some $J_\beta[U']$, we have no idea about whether $U' = U \cap N'$. But in the case when U is a normal measure on κ , coiteration argument fits the gap.

The case when $\lambda \geq \kappa$ is similar to Godel's argument that $V = L$ implies GCH , for $x \subseteq \lambda$, the fact that $\lambda > \kappa$ means the collapsed structure of $(N =$

$h_{L[U]}(\lambda \cup \{x, U\}), U \cap N$ to be elementary at the predicate as the collapsing map would be constant on $\kappa < \lambda$. Hence the condensation applies, this is not true for $\lambda < \kappa$.

6 Problem 10.6

The proof of Claim 10.22 is standard.

For 10.21 (d), we prove a more general theorem

Claim 2 (Claim 10.6.1). *If $M_0, M_1 \models ZFC^-$ and $j : M_0 \rightarrow M_1$ is Σ_1 elementary and cofinal in M_1 , then actually j is elementary.*

Proof of claim cf. Prop 5.1 in Kanamori: We show by an induction on the Levy hierarchy of formulas. Suppose $M_0 \prec_{\Sigma_n} M_1$, we show $M_0 \prec_{\Sigma_{n+1}} M_1$. It suffice to show that for Π_1 formula $\psi(x, \vec{y})$ and $\vec{a} \in M_0$, if $M_1 \models \exists x \psi(x, j(\vec{a}))$ then there is $b \in M_0$ s.t. $M_0 \models \psi(b, \vec{a})$.

By cofinalness, we find $c \in M_0$ s.t. $M_1 \models \exists x \in j(c) \psi(x, j(\vec{a}))$, by replacement (this is where $M_1 \models ZFC^-$ is used), $\exists x \in j(c) \psi(x, j(\vec{a}))$ is equivalent to a Π_n formula and hence $M_0 \models \exists x \in c \psi(x, \vec{a})$. We are done. \square

I don't really understand why in the text book, the language in (c) and (d) is different.

7 Problem 10.7

We say a real x codes a structure (M, \in, A) iff for $o(x) : n \mapsto 2n + 1$ and $e(x) : n \mapsto 2n$ $\pi(\omega, E_{o(x)}, A_{e(x)}) \cong (M, \in, A)$ where $E_{o(x)}$ denotes the standard coding of $o(x)$ as a well-founded relation and $n \in A_{e(x)} \iff e(x)(n) \neq 0$. π is the transitive collapse.

Claim 3 (Claim 10.7.1). *The following relation is Δ_2^1 :*

$$(x, y) \in A \iff x \text{ codes a premouse and its iteration up to } ||y||.$$

In the sense that for all n , $(x)_n : m \mapsto x(\Gamma(n, m))$ codes a premouse and

$$n_1 E_y n_2 \iff (x)_{n_2} \text{ codes an ultrapower of } (x)_{n_1}$$

Proof. First we show that x codes a premouse is Π_1^1 . x codes a premouse iff $o(x) \in \mathbf{WF}$ and $(\omega, E_{o(x)}) \models ZFC^- + V = L +$ there is a largest cardinal and say n_κ is the largest cardinal in $(\omega, E_{o(x)})$ $(\omega, E_{o(x)}, U_{e(x)}) \models U_{e(x)}$ is a non-trivial normal $< \kappa$ complete ultrafilter on κ .

$(\omega, E_{o(x)}) \models ZFC^- + V = L +$ there is a largest cardinal is arithmetical since the relation $(\omega, E_{o(x)}) \models \varphi(n_1 \dots n_m)$ is arithmetical. To analyze $(\omega, E_{o(x)}, U_{e(x)}) \models U_{e(x)}$ is a non-trivial normal $< \kappa$ complete ultrafilter on κ , for instance $(\omega, E_{o(x)}, U_{e(x)}) \models U_{e(x)}$ is $< \kappa$ complete. iff

$$\forall n (\pi_x(n) \in \pi_x(n_\kappa) \rightarrow \forall X \in [\omega]^\omega (\forall m \in X (m \in U_{e(x)} \wedge \pi_x(m) \in \pi_x(n)) \rightarrow \exists l \in U_{e(x)} (\bigcap \pi_x[X] = \pi_x(l)))$$

Where π_x is the Mostowski collapse. This is a Π_1^1 property, for the Mostowski collapse part see for instance Jech Proof of Lemma 25.25.

Next consider the following relation:

$$(x, y) \in Ult \iff y, x \text{ both code premice and } y \text{ codes the ultrapower of } x$$

First we notice the ultrapower equivalence relation for x is given by, for n_1, n_2 that are functions with domain ω in $(\omega, E_{o(x)})$ collapsed,

$$n_1 \equiv n_2 \iff \exists m(m \in U_{e(x)} \wedge \forall l(\pi(l) \in \pi(m) \rightarrow \pi(n_1)(\pi(l)) \in \pi(n_2)(\pi(l)))) \quad (*)$$

We have y codes the ultrapower of x iff there is $\equiv_x \subseteq \omega^2, f \in \omega^\omega$ s.t. \equiv_x is an equivalent relation satisfying $*$, f respects \equiv_x and is bijective $\omega \rightarrow \{n \in \omega \mid \pi_x(n) \text{ is a function with domain } \omega\} / \equiv_x$,

$$n_1 E_{e(y)} n_2 \iff \exists m(m \in U_{e(x)} \wedge \forall l(\pi(l) \in \pi(m) \rightarrow \pi(n_1)(\pi(l)) \in \pi(n_2)(\pi(l))))$$

and

$$n_1 \in U_{e(y)} \iff m(m \in U_{e(x)} \wedge \forall l(\pi(l) \in \pi(m) \rightarrow l \in U_{e(x)}))$$

And hence Ult is a Σ_1^1 relation.

Hence, let $(x)_n : m \mapsto x(\Gamma(n, m))$, $(x, y) \in A \iff \forall n_1, n_2 (n_2 \text{ is the } E_y \text{ successor of } n_1 \rightarrow ((x)_{n_1}, (x)_{n_2}) \in Ult)$, and thus is Δ_2^1 . Moreover, the shows that the section of A along y is also Δ_2^1 . \square

Thus x codes a z -mouse is a $\Pi_2^1(z)$ property.

8 Problem 10.8

Let $x^\sharp = (J_\alpha[x], U)$, then $\omega^\omega \cap x^\sharp = \omega^\omega \cap L[x]$ by a condensation argument as in Problem 10.10. Hence by Corollary 7.21 the conclusion follows.

9 Problem 10.9

Claim 4 (Claim 10.9.1). *For $J_\alpha[x], J_\beta[x]$, if $j : J_\alpha[x] \rightarrow J_\beta[x]$ is an elementary embedding which has critical point $\gamma < |\alpha|$, then x^\sharp exists.*

Proof of claim: Let U be the ultrafilter defined on γ with j . Since $\gamma < |\alpha|$, $J_\alpha[x]$ and $L[x]$ agrees on $\mathcal{P}(\gamma)$ and hence $L[x]$ also thinks U is a γ complete ultrafilter on γ . It suffice to show that $Ult(L[x], U)$ is well-founded. Thus $Ult(L[x], U) = L[x]$ and the ultrapower map is an non trivial elementary embedding from $L[x]$ to itself.

Suppose for contradiction that $\dots [f_1] \in [f_0]$, let $J_\theta[x]$ be such that $f_n \in J_\theta[x]$. Take:

$$\pi : J_\delta[x] \cong h_{J_\theta[x]}(\gamma \cup \{f_n \mid n \in \omega\}) \prec J_\theta[x]$$

Then we assume $\pi(g_n) = f_n$ and $\delta < \alpha$ since $|J_\delta[x]| = \gamma < \alpha$. Thus $g_n \in J_\delta[x] \subseteq J_\alpha[x]$, since π is elementary and is constant on γ , we have that $\{\xi \mid$

$g_n(\xi) \in g_m(\xi)\} \in U$ iff $\{\xi \mid f_n(\xi) \in f_m(\xi)\} \in U$. This means that $[g_0], [g_1] \dots$ would be an ill-founded chain in $Ult(J_\alpha[x], U)$, but this model embeds into $J_\beta[x]$, a contradiction. \square

Claim 5 (Claim 10.9.2). *Let κ be ω_1 -Erdos, then $\kappa \rightarrow [\omega_1]_{2^\omega}^{<\omega}$.*

See for instance Jech Lemma 17.29 \square

(i) Now for the ω_1 Erdos cardinal κ , we consider the model $J_\kappa[x]$. Define the map $F : [\omega]^{<\omega} \rightarrow 2^\omega$ by the following, for $n, m \in \omega$, $\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_n < \kappa$:

$$F(\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n) = \{n \mid J_\kappa[x] \models \varphi_n(\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n)\}$$

Then by the Claim 10.9.2 we obtain there is $X \subseteq \kappa$ of size ω_1 s.t. X is a set of indiscernibles for $J_\kappa[x]$, i.e. for any $\lambda_{i_1} < \dots < \lambda_{i_n} \in X$ and $\lambda_{j_1} < \dots < \lambda_{j_n} \in X$ and any φ ,

$$J_\kappa[x] \models \varphi(\lambda_{i_1} \dots \lambda_{i_n}) \iff J_\kappa[x] \models \varphi(\lambda_{j_1} \dots \lambda_{j_n})$$

We consider the model

$$\pi : J_\alpha[x] \cong h_{J_\kappa[x]}(X) \prec J_\kappa[x]$$

We write $\pi(\xi_\alpha) = \lambda_\alpha$ for . Then in $J_\alpha[x]$, every $a \in J_\alpha[x]$ is of the form $h_{J_\alpha[x]}(n, \xi_{\alpha_1} \dots \xi_{\alpha_n})$ for some n and ξ_{α_i} and $\{\xi_\alpha \mid \alpha < \omega_1\}$ is indiscernibles for $J_\alpha[x]$. Then for arbitrary $e : \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_1$ that is order preserving, it induces an elementary embedding $J_\alpha[x] \rightarrow J_\alpha[x]$ by the following map:

$$\pi_e : h_{J_\alpha[x]}(n, \xi_{\alpha_1} \dots \xi_{\alpha_n}) \mapsto h_{J_\alpha[x]}(n, \xi_{e(\alpha_1)} \dots \xi_{e(\alpha_n)})$$

Moreover, the first ordinal moved will be less than $|\alpha|$ since it is countable, while $\alpha \geq \omega_1$ as $|h_{J_\kappa[x]}(X)| \geq \omega_1$. By Claim 10.9.1 x^\sharp exists. \square

10 Problem 10.10

(a) We first show that for all ordinal $\delta \in J_\alpha[x]$, we have $\pi_U^{J_\alpha[x]}(\delta) = \pi_U^{L[x]}(\delta)$. It suffice to show that $\delta^\kappa \cap J_\alpha[x] = \delta^\kappa \cap L[x]$.

\subseteq is obvious. For the other side, if $f \in \delta^\kappa \cap L[X]$, we take γ large enough s.t. $f \in J_\gamma[x]$ and:

$$\pi : (J_\beta[x], x) \cong (Hull_{L[x]}(TC(f)), x) \prec_{\Sigma_1} (L[x], x)$$

where $|J_\beta[x]| \leq \max\{\delta, \kappa\} \leq \kappa^{+L[x]} = \alpha$. Hence $\beta \leq \alpha$ and thus $f \in J_\alpha[x]$.

Note: Here the condensation always applies as $x \subseteq \omega$, hence the structures are always elementary w.r.t. the predicate.

Now given $\pi_U^{J_\alpha[x]}(\delta) = \pi_U^{L[x]}(\delta)$ for all ordinal $\delta \in J_\alpha[x]$, we show that $\pi_U^{J_\alpha[x]} = \pi_U^{L[x]}|_{J_\alpha[x]}$. For arbitrary $a \in J_\alpha[x]$, we have $\delta < \kappa^{+L[x]}$ s.t. $L[x] \models \text{rank}_{<L[x]}(a) = \delta$. By Σ_1 elementariness of ultrapower embedding, $Ult(L[x], U) \models$

$rank_{<L[x]}(\pi_U^{L[x]}(a)) = \pi_U^{L[x]}(\delta)$. Hence $L[x] \models rank_{<L[x]}(\pi_U^{L[x]}(a)) = \pi_U^{L[x]}(\delta) = \pi_U^{J_\alpha[x]}(\delta)$. This shows that $\pi_U^{L[x]}(a) = \pi_U^{J_\alpha[x]}(a)$.

(b) As for $f : \kappa \rightarrow J_\alpha[x]$ that is $\in J_\alpha[x]$, $\pi_U^{\mathcal{M}}(f)(\kappa) = \pi_U^{L[x]}(f)(\kappa)$ by (a). This shows that $Ult_0(\mathcal{M}) \subseteq Ult(L[x], U)$. Hence $Ult_0(\mathcal{M})$ is transitive.

$J_{\alpha'}[x] = \{\pi_U^{\mathcal{M}}(f)(\kappa) \mid f \in J_\alpha[x]^\kappa \cap J_\alpha[x]\} = \{\pi_U^{L[x]}(f)(\kappa) \mid f \in J_\alpha[x]^\kappa \cap L[x]\} = \pi_U^{L[x]}(J_\alpha[x])$. For the last equation, the \subseteq side is easy. For the other side, if $a \in \pi_U^{L[x]}(J_\alpha[x])$, assume $a = \pi_U^{L[x]}(f)(\kappa)$ where $f \in L[x]^\kappa \cap L[x]$, we can alter f to g s.t. $g \in J_\alpha[x]^\kappa \cap L[x]$ and $a = \pi_U^{L[x]}(f)(\kappa) = \pi_U^{L[x]}(g)(\kappa)$.

(c) by induction.

(d) For $\alpha < \pi(\xi)$, we show that there is $\eta < \xi$ s.t. $\alpha < \pi(\eta)$, which concludes the proof. Let $\alpha = [f]_U \in Ult(L[x], U)$, we may assume $f : \kappa \rightarrow \xi$. But as $cf(\xi) > cf(\kappa)$, $supf = \delta < \xi$. Hence $\alpha \leq \pi(\delta) < \pi(\delta + 1)$.

By induction we show that $\pi_{0,\alpha}(\xi) = \xi$ and $cf(\xi) > (2^{Card(\kappa)}^+)$, the successor case: since $|\kappa_{\alpha+1}| < 2^{Card(\kappa_\alpha)}^+$, we have by the above conclusion $\pi_{0,\alpha+1}(\xi) = \pi_{0,\alpha}(\xi) = \xi$.

For the limit case since ξ is a limit and $\gamma \leq 2^{Card(\kappa_\alpha)}^+$, we have $cf(\xi) > (2^{Card(\kappa)}^+)$. $\pi_{0,\gamma}(\xi) = \xi$ since if $\pi_{0,\gamma}(\alpha) \leq \bigcup_{\beta < \gamma} m_\beta$ where m_β is taking β many power for $|\alpha|$, e.g. $m_1 = 2^{|\alpha|}$, $m_1 = 2^{2^{|\alpha|}}$... Which is still less than ξ since ξ is strong limit. \square

11 Problem 10.11

Let $\mathcal{M}_0 = x^\sharp$ and $I = \{\kappa_\alpha \mid \alpha < \omega_1\}$ be the set of countable silver indiscernibles. We aim to show that for each $X \in \mathcal{P}(\omega_1) \cap L[x]$, there is α s.t. either

$$\{\kappa_\beta \mid \alpha < \beta\} \subseteq X \text{ or } \{\kappa_\beta \mid \alpha < \beta\} \subseteq \omega_1 \setminus X$$

And the conclusion follows from 10.2 (b).

Take the ω_1 iteration of x^\sharp , we have that

$$X \in \mathcal{P}(\omega_1) \cap L[x] \Rightarrow X \in \mathcal{M}_{\omega_1}$$

since ω_1 is the largest cardinal in \mathcal{M}_{ω_1} and thus we know that $\mathcal{P}(\omega_1) \cap L[x] = \mathcal{P}(\omega_1) \cap \mathcal{M}_{\omega_1}$ by the argument in 10.10 (a).

Hence, $X = \pi_{\alpha,\omega_1}(Y)$ for some $\alpha < \omega_1$ and $Y \in \mathcal{P}(\kappa_\alpha) \cap \mathcal{M}_\alpha$. We show that if $X \in U_\alpha$ then $\{\kappa_\beta \mid \alpha < \beta\} \subseteq X$ and the other case is similar.

The proof mirrors the argument in Lemma 10.9. For arbitrary $\beta > \alpha$, we consider the function for all $\xi \in \omega_1$,

$$\varphi(\xi) = \begin{cases} \xi & \text{if } \xi \leq \alpha \\ \xi + \beta - (\alpha + 1) & \text{if } \xi > \alpha \end{cases}$$

By the Shift lemma, we have

$$Y \in U_\alpha \iff \kappa_{\alpha+1} \in \pi_{\alpha,\alpha+1}(Y) \iff \pi_{0,\alpha+1}(\kappa) \in X \iff \pi_{0,\beta}(\kappa) = \pi_{\omega_1,\omega_1}^\varphi(\pi_{0,\alpha+1}(\kappa)) \in \pi_{\omega_1,\omega_1}^\varphi(X) = X$$

\square

12 Problem 10.12(Not yet done)

We say a real x codes a structure (M, \in, A) iff for $o(x) : n \mapsto 2n + 1$ and $e(x) : n \mapsto 2n$ $\pi(\omega, E_{o(x)}, A_{e(x)}) \cong (M, \in, A)$ where $E_{o(x)}$ denotes the standard coding of $o(x)$ as a well-founded relation and $n \in A_{e(x)} \iff e(x)(n) \neq 0$. π is the transitive collapse.

Claim 6 (Claim 10.12.1). *The following relation is Σ_2^1 :*

$$(x, y) \in A \iff x \text{ codes a premouse and its iteration up to } ||y||.$$

In the sense that for all n , $(x)_n : m \mapsto x(\Gamma(n, m))$ codes a premouse and

$$n_1 E_y n_2 \iff (x)_{n_2} \text{ codes an ultrapower of } (x)_{n_1}$$

Proof. First we show that x codes a premouse is Π_1^1 . x codes a premouse iff $o(x) \in \text{WF}$ and $(\omega, E_{o(x)}) \models ZFC^- + V = L +$ there is a largest cardinal and say n_κ is the largest cardinal in $(\omega, E_{o(x)}, U_{e(x)}) \models U_{e(x)}$ is a non-trivial normal $< \kappa$ complete ultrafilter on κ .

$(\omega, E_{o(x)}) \models ZFC^- + V = L +$ there is a largest cardinal is arithmetical since the relation $(\omega, E_{o(x)}) \models \varphi(n_1 \dots n_m)$ is arithmetical. To analyze $(\omega, E_{o(x)}, U_{e(x)}) \models U_{e(x)}$ is a non-trivial normal $< \kappa$ complete ultrafilter on κ , for instance $(\omega, E_{o(x)}, U_{e(x)}) \models U_{e(x)}$ is $< \kappa$ complete. iff

$$\forall n (\pi_x(n) \in \pi_x(n_\kappa) \rightarrow \forall X \in [\omega]^\omega (\forall m \in X (m \in U_{e(x)} \wedge \pi_x(m) \in \pi_x(n)) \rightarrow \exists l \in U_{e(x)} (\bigcap \pi_x[X] = \pi_x(l)))$$

Where π_x is the Mostowski collapse. This is a Π_1^1 property, for the Mostowski collapse part see for instance Jech Proof of Lemma 25.25.

Next consider the following relation:

$$(x, y) \in Ult \iff y, x \text{ both code premice and } y \text{ codes the ultrapower of } x$$

First we notice the ultrapower equivalence relation for x is given by, for n_1, n_2 that are functions with domain ω in $(\omega, E_{o(x)})$ collapsed,

$$n_1 \equiv n_2 \iff \exists m (m \in U_{e(x)} \wedge \forall l (\pi(l) \in \pi(m) \rightarrow \pi(n_1)(\pi(l)) \in \pi(n_2)(\pi(l)))) \quad (*)$$

We have y codes the ultrapower of x iff there is $\equiv_x \subseteq \omega^2$, $f \in \omega^\omega$ s.t. \equiv_x is an equivalent relation satisfying $*$, f respects \equiv_x and is bijective $\omega \rightarrow \{n \in \omega \mid \pi_x(n) \text{ is a function with domain } \omega\} / \equiv_x$,

$$n_1 E_{e(y)} n_2 \iff \exists m (m \in U_{e(x)} \wedge \forall l (\pi(l) \in \pi(m) \rightarrow \pi(n_1)(\pi(l)) \in \pi(n_2)(\pi(l))))$$

and

$$n_1 \in U_{e(y)} \iff m (m \in U_{e(x)} \wedge \forall l (\pi(l) \in \pi(m) \rightarrow l \in U_{e(x)}))$$

And hence Ult is a Σ_1^1 relation.

Hence, let $(x)_n : m \mapsto x(\Gamma(n, m))$, $(x, y) \in A \iff \forall n_1, n_2 (n_2 \text{ is the } E_y \text{ successor of } n_1 \rightarrow ((x)_{n_1}, (x)_{n_2}) \in Ult)$, and thus is Δ_2^1 . Moreover, the shows that the section of A along y is also Δ_2^1 . \square

Thus given the claim, we can already prove that for any $\beta < \omega_1^L$ there is $\beta' > \beta$, α s.t. there is premouse $(J_\alpha, \in, U) \in L$ and the putative iteration of length $\beta' + 1$ whose last model is ill-founded. For each $\beta < \omega_1^L$, pick $y \in \omega^\omega \cap L$ s.t. $\|y\| = \beta$, since by Claim the section $A_y = \{x \mid (x, y) \in A\}$ is Δ_2^1 . 0^\sharp witnesses its non-emptiness in V , by Shoenfield absoluteness Cor 7.21 A_y is non-empty in L . say $x \in A_y$. But the minimal premouse coded in x cannot be iterable since otherwise $0^\sharp \in L$, which is nonsense, hence some step of the iteration greater than β must fail.

Next we show that for any $\beta < \omega_1^L$ there is α s.t. there is premouse $(J_\alpha, \in, U) \in L$ and the putative iteration of length $\beta + 1$ whose last model is ill-founded. Pick the L least element J_α, \in, U s.t. there is $x \in A_y$ s.t. $(x)_{n^*}$ codes J_α, \in, U where n^* is the least element in the order coded by y . We build a tree of attempts to find elementary embeddings from the $\beta + 1$ th iterate of J_α, \in, U into some large enough model.

13 Problem 10.13

We use the fact that $Col(\omega, < \kappa) = \prod_{\lambda < \kappa}^{fin} Col(\omega, \lambda)$. Let $(\kappa_\alpha, \alpha < \omega_1)$ be the countable Silver indiscernibles, as discussed in problem 10.11. Let $(\mathcal{M}_\alpha, \pi_{\alpha\beta}, \alpha \leq \beta < \omega_1)$ be the iteration of x^\sharp up to ω_1 .

We prove by induction that $\alpha < \omega_1$, there is $G_\alpha \in V$ s.t. that is $Col(\omega, < \kappa_\alpha)$ -generic over $L[x]$. And if $\alpha < \beta$, then G_α, G_β are consistent in the sense that if $p \in Col(\omega, < \kappa_\beta)$ has support contained κ_α , it holds true that $p \in G_\alpha \iff p \in G_\beta$.

The base case: κ_0 is countable in V and all dense sets in $Col(\omega, < \kappa_0)$ that is in $L[x]$ is already contained in \mathcal{M}_0 , thus is countable. By the generic filter theorem there is $Col(\omega, < \kappa_0)$ generic G_0 over $L[x]$.

The successor case: $Col(\omega, < \kappa_{\alpha+1}) = Col(\omega, < \kappa_\alpha) \times \prod_{\kappa_\alpha \leq \lambda < \kappa_{\alpha+1}}^{fin} Col(\omega, \lambda)$, by a similar argument to the base case, we have $\prod_{\kappa_\alpha \leq \lambda < \kappa_{\alpha+1}}^{fin} Col(\omega, \lambda)$ generic H over $L[x]$ in V . Let $G_{\alpha+1} = G_\alpha \times H$ and by Lemma 6.65 this satisfies the requirement.

The limit case: Define $q \in G_\gamma \iff$ the support of q is contained in $\kappa_\alpha, q \in G_\alpha$. We have that G_γ is generic as suppose A is an antichain of $Col(\omega, < \kappa_\gamma)$, by the fact that ω_γ is inaccessible in $L[x]$, by Lemma 6.44 $L[x]$ thinks $|A| < \kappa_\gamma$, thus for some $\alpha < \gamma$, and thus A can be considered as an antichain in $Col(\omega, < \kappa_\alpha)$. By the consistency of G_γ w.r.t. G_α , it intersects A .

Next, we consider the filter G on $Col(\omega, < \omega_1)$ defined by

$$p \in G \iff \text{suppose the support of } q \text{ is contained in } \kappa_\alpha, \text{ then } p \in G_\alpha$$

By the exact same argument as the limit case, we have that G is generic. \square

14 Problem 10.14(Not yet done)

Claim 7 (Claim 10.14.1). *A remarkable cardinal is inaccessible.*

Proof. To show it is regular, pick arbitrary function $f : \delta \rightarrow \kappa$ where $\delta < \kappa$. We pick $\alpha > \kappa$ s.t. f exists in V_α . In the generic extension, there is $\sigma : V_\beta \rightarrow V_\alpha$ with critical point $\mu, \sigma(\mu) = \kappa$. Since $V_\beta \models \mu$ is inaccessible, $V_\alpha \models \kappa$ is inaccessible, contradicting the existence of f . The proof for strong limit is similar. \square

Claim 8 (Claim 10.14.2). *For regular κ , κ -c.c. forcing preserves stationary in $[\lambda]^{<\kappa}$*

Proof. For arbitrary \dot{C} s.t. $p \Vdash \dot{C}$ is club, we pick τ s.t. $p \Vdash \tau \in \dot{C}$. We subsequently pick nice name $\tau_n, X_n \in V$ s.t. $p \Vdash \tau_n \in \dot{C}, p \Vdash \check{X}_n \subseteq \tau_n, X_n \in [\lambda]^{<\kappa}$ and $\text{ran}(\tau_n) \subseteq X_n \in [\lambda]^{<\kappa}$. The final requirement is doable by κ -c.c. forcing. The sequence is definable in V , and thus we take $\bigcup_n X_n$, which is in V and p forces it to be in \dot{C} . This argument shows that the limit point of \dot{C}_G is a club set in V . This entails that the forcing preserves stationary in $[\lambda]^{<\kappa}$. \square

(a) For arbitrary α , pick $\sigma : V_\beta \rightarrow V_\alpha$ in $V[G]$ s.t. $\text{crit}(\sigma) = \mu$ and $\sigma(\mu) = \kappa$. The idea is to show that in, $S = \{X \in [V_\beta]^\omega \mid X \prec V_\beta, X \cap \mu \in \mu, \exists \beta' X \cong V_{\beta'}\}$ is stationary and lift this statement via σ , then use the stationary preservation.

Now by the proof of Madgidor's characterisation of supercompact cardinal problem 4.29 and problem 4.30, we have that there is a normal V -ultrafilter U on $([V_\beta]^{<\mu})^V$ generated by

$$X \in U \iff \sigma[V_\beta] \in \sigma(X)$$

Hence we obtain that the set S is in U as of course $\sigma[V_\beta] \in \sigma(S) = \{X \in [V_\alpha]^\omega \mid X \prec V_\alpha, X \cap \kappa \in \kappa, \exists \beta X \cong V_\beta\}$. This means that S intersects all V club in $[V_\beta]^{<\mu}$. Lift this up and hence $\{X \in [V_\alpha]^{<\kappa} \mid X \prec V_\alpha, X \cap \kappa \in \kappa, \exists \beta' X \cong V_{\beta'}\}$ intersects all V club in $[V_\alpha]^{<\kappa}$. Since $\text{Col}(\omega, < \kappa)$ is κ -c.c., stationary set of $[V_\alpha]^{<\kappa}$ is preserved and hence it is stationary in $[V_\alpha]^\omega$ in $V[G]$. \square

(b) If 0^\sharp exists, for Silver indiscernible

(c) If κ is a remarkable cardinal in V , then for arbitrary α there is in $V[G]$ an elementary embedding $\sigma : V_\beta \rightarrow V_\alpha$ with $\text{crit}(\sigma) = \mu$ and $\sigma(\mu) = \kappa$. It suffice to argue that some embedding $\sigma' : (V_\beta)^L \rightarrow (V_\alpha)^L$ exists in $L[G]$.

****Claim 10.14.3** If $j : M \rightarrow N$ is an elementary embedding in V and M is countable, then for any transitive model H that knows enough ZFC so that well-foundedness is absolute s.t. $M, N \in H$ and M is countable in H , then there is elementary embedding $j' : M \rightarrow N$ in H^{**}

Proof. Define the following tree of partial elementary map: Fix an enumeration $m_i, i \in \omega$ of elements in M . $p \in T$ is a partial elementary map from M to N with finite domain. $p_1 \leq p_2$ if p_1 is an end extension of p_2 . Then we have

$$T \text{ is ill-founded} \iff \exists j : M \rightarrow N \text{ elementary}$$

By the assumption that ill-foundedness is absolute between M and N , we obtain the desired result.

Now $\sigma|_{(V_\beta)^L}$ is an elementary map from countable structure V_β^L to V_α^L . V_β^L is still countable in $L[G]$ as $\beta < \kappa$. By the claim 10.14.3 we thus obtain that such an elementary map exists in $L[G]$. \square

15 Problem 10.16

Claim 9 (Claim 10.16.1). *If V is closed under sharps then for all $X \subseteq \text{Ord}$ and $X \in V$, X^\sharp exists.*

This is essentially Jech Exercise 18.2

Proof of Claim: We take $\kappa > |X|$ and take H generic over $\text{Col}(\omega, \kappa)$, then X is countable in $V[G]$ and hence X^\sharp exists. But the statement that X^\sharp exists is equivalent to the statement that $L[X]$ has a proper class of Silver indiscernibles. Take $\{\kappa_\alpha \mid \alpha > \beta\}$ be the class of cardinals in $V[G]$ greater than $|\mathbb{P}|$, they are also cardinals in V . Notice $L \models \varphi(\kappa_{\alpha_1} \dots \kappa_{\alpha_n})$ iff $L \models \varphi(\kappa_{\alpha'_1} \dots \kappa_{\alpha'_n})$, is absolute for $V[G]$ and V and hence $\{\kappa_\alpha \mid \alpha > \beta\}$ is a proper class of Silver indiscernibles in V . This shows that X^\sharp exists in V . \square

Let G be generic over \mathbb{P} . Let A be such that $V[G] \models x \in A \iff \exists y \varphi(x, y, z)$ for some φ that is $\Sigma_2^1(z)$. We take $X \in V$ s.t. $\mathbb{P} \in X^\sharp = (J_\alpha[X], \in, U)$ and $\mathbb{P} \in J_\kappa[X]$, where κ is the largest cardinal in $J_\alpha[x]$. Say

$$p \Vdash \varphi(\tau_1, \tau_2, z)$$

We take $\pi : N \rightarrow X^\sharp$ elementary be s.t. N countable transitive, $\pi(q) = p$ and $\pi(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q}$, $\pi(\sigma_1) = \tau_1$ and $\pi(\sigma_2) = \tau_2$. Hence

$$N \models q \Vdash \varphi(\tau_1, \tau_2, z)$$

By assumption that $\mathbb{P} \in J_\kappa[X]$, \mathbb{Q} is contained in the part that is not moved by iteration.

By Claim 10.1.1, we may iterate N up to ω_1 , call it N_{ω_1} , then $\omega_1 \subseteq N_{\omega_1}$ and $q, \mathbb{Q}, \sigma_1, \sigma_2$ is unchanged under the iteration. Notice that the subsets of \mathbb{Q} in N_{ω_1} are already appearing in N , which is countable. Hence, there is a \mathbb{Q} generic $g \in V$ over N_{ω_1} , and we have

$$N_{\omega_1}[g] \models \varphi(\sigma_{1g}, \sigma_{2g}, z)$$

As $\sigma_{1g}, \sigma_{2g} \in V$ by Shoenfield absoluteness,

$$V \models \exists x, y \varphi(x, y, z)$$

Concluding the proof. \square

16 Problem 10.17

Right to Left: Assume for contradiction that $\dots \in [a_2, f_2] \in [a_1, f_1]$.

By Lemma 10.64, we may have

$$h_{Ult_0(V;E)}(\{[a_n, f_n] \mid n \in \omega\}) \prec_{\Sigma_0} Ult_0(V;E)$$

and Σ_0 elementary map

$$\varphi : h_{Ult_0(V;E)}(\{[a_n, f_n] \mid n \in \omega\}) \rightarrow V$$

This leads to the non well-foundedness of V , a contradiction.

Left to Right: Assume $Ult(V, E) \cong M$ is well founded. Let j_E be the extender embedding. Consider the tree

$$U := \{s \mid \exists k \in \omega (s : \bigcup_{i \leq k} a_i \rightarrow \kappa \wedge s \text{ is order preserving} \wedge \forall i \leq k, s[a_i] \in X_i)\}$$

where the order is $s_1 \prec s_2 \iff s_2 \subset s_1$. The inverse of $j|_{\bigcup_{i \in \omega} a_i}$ witnesses that $j(U)$ is not a well-founded tree as for each k ,

$$(j|_{\bigcup_{i \leq k} j(a_i)})^{-1} : \bigcup_{i \leq k} j(a_i) \rightarrow j(\kappa) \text{ is order preserving and } \forall i \leq k (j|_{\bigcup_{i \leq k} j(a_i)})^{-1}(j(a_i)) = a_i \in X_i$$

By the absoluteness of well-foundedness, $j(U)$ is not well-founded in M , and thus U is not well-founded in V by elementarity. This gives the desired map. \square

17 Problem 10.18

(1) For $cf(\alpha) < \kappa$, the argument is exactly the same as Lemma 4.52 (c).

For $cf(\alpha) > \kappa$, let $\beta_\gamma \rightarrow \alpha, \gamma \rightarrow cf(\alpha)$. Of course $\bigcup_{\gamma \rightarrow cf(\alpha)} \pi_E \beta_\gamma \leq \pi_E \alpha$. For arbitrary $\xi < \pi_E \alpha$, $\xi = [a, f]$ for some $a \in [\nu]^{<\omega}, f : [\mu_a]^{|\alpha|} \rightarrow \alpha$. By the fact that E is a short extender, we have $|\mu_a| \leq \kappa$, then f has to be bounded by some $\pi_E \beta_\gamma$, hence $\xi < \pi_E \beta_\gamma$.

(2) Pick a cofinal sequence $\beta_\gamma \rightarrow \lambda, \gamma \rightarrow cf(\lambda)$. By (1) we thus have $\sup_{\gamma \rightarrow cf(\lambda)} \pi_E \beta_\gamma = \pi_E \lambda$. We show that $\pi_E \beta_\gamma < \lambda$ and this concludes the proof. Since each $\xi < \pi_E \beta_\gamma$ is of the form $\xi = [a, f]$ for some $a \in [\nu]^{<\omega}, f : [\mu_a]^{|\alpha|} \rightarrow \beta_\gamma$, and as E is a short extender, we have $|\mu_a| \leq \kappa$. We have that $|\pi_E \beta_\gamma| \leq |\nu \times \beta_\gamma^\kappa| < \lambda$. This concludes the proof. \square

18 Problem 10.19

Ultrafilter Property: For $\alpha < \kappa$, $(Y_i \mid i < \alpha) \in V[G] \cap E_a^{*\alpha}$. Let $p \in G$. Let A_i be a maximal antichain, definable in V , of elements $p \leq q$ s.t. $\exists X_{q,i}, q \Vdash X_{q,i} \subseteq \dot{Y}_\alpha$. Then since $|\mathbb{P}| < \kappa$, $|A_i| < \kappa$ and hence

$$\bigcap_{i < \alpha} Y_i \supseteq \bigcap_{i < \alpha, q \in A_i} X_{q,i} \in E_a$$

To Checking that this is an ultrafilter, upward closedness is easy. For $Y \in [\mu_a]^{|\alpha|} \cap V[G]$, consider the following sets, definable in V : $D_u := \{p \mid p \Vdash u \in \dot{Y}\}, F_u = \{u \mid p \Vdash u \notin \dot{Y}\}$. By the fact that κ is inaccessible in V , $\{D_u \mid u \in [\mu_a]^{|\alpha|}\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(|\mathbb{P}|)$ and thus is of cardinality less than κ . Hence there is $X \in E_a$ s.t. $D_u = D_{u'}, F_u = F_{u'}$ for all $u, u' \in X$. Now $D_u \cup F_u$ is dense in \mathbb{P} and hence G intersects elements of it, but it can't intersect element from both D_u and F_u . If $G \cap D_u$ is not empty, then $Y \supseteq X$ and hence $Y \in E_a^*$, the other side is similar.

Remark: If we naively take $(X_i \mid i < \alpha)$ subsets of $(Y_i \mid i < \alpha)$, the sequence might not be in V . We circumvent this by considering all possible subsets of Y_i in U .

We notice that $(*)$ for all ordinal μ , $[\mu]^{|\alpha|} \in E_a \iff [\mu]^{|\alpha|} \in E_a^*$ and hence μ_a is the smallest μ s.t. $[\mu]^{|\alpha|} \in E_a \iff [\mu]^{|\alpha|} \in E_a^*$.

Coherence: For $Y \in E_a^*$ and $b \supseteq a$, we have that $Y \supseteq X$ for some $X \in E_a$ and thus $X^{ab} \in E_b$. Since $X^{ab} \subseteq Y^{ab}$, $Y^{ab} \in E_b^*$.

The other side follows from the fact that if $Y \notin E_a^*$, then $[\mu_a]^{|\alpha|} - Y \in E_a^*$ but $[\mu_a]^{|\alpha|} - Y^{ab} \cap Y^{ab} = \emptyset$.

Uniformity follows from $(*)$.

Normality: Take $f : [\mu_a]^{|\alpha|} \rightarrow \mu_a$ with $f \in V[G]$,

$$p \Vdash \exists X, X \subseteq \{u \mid \dot{f}(u) < \max(u)\}$$

Case 1: $\mu_a < \kappa$. We have $p \Vdash \bigcup_{g : [\mu_a]^{|\alpha|} \rightarrow \mu_a} \{u \mid g(u) = \dot{f}(u)\} = [\mu_a]^{|\alpha|}$ since $p \Vdash \exists g : [\mu_a]^{|\alpha|} \rightarrow \mu_a, g(u) = \dot{f}(u)$ for all u . Since there are at only $|\mu_a|^{\mu_a}$ many such functions $g : [\mu_a]^{|\alpha|} \rightarrow \mu_a$, $p \Vdash \exists g, \{u \mid g(u) = \dot{f}(u)\} \in E_a$. Since we have $\{u \mid g(u) < \max(u)\} \in E_a$, we obtain by normality that there is β s.t. $\{u \mid g^{a, a \cup \{\beta\}}(u) < \max(u)\} \in E_{a \cup \{\beta\}}$. The conclusion follows as

$$\{u \mid g^{a, a \cup \{\beta\}}(u) < \max(u)\} \cap \{u \mid g^{a, a \cup \{\beta\}}(u) = \dot{f}^{a, a \cup \{\beta\}}(u)\} \subseteq \{u \mid \dot{f}^{a, a \cup \{\beta\}}(u) < \max(u)\}$$

Case 2: $\mu_a \geq \kappa$. Idea: $< \kappa$ forcing should preserve stationary sets for $[\mu_a]^{< \omega}$, $\mu_a > \kappa$.

Claim 10 (Claim 10.19.1). *For κ regular, forcing of size $< \kappa$ preserves stationary sets on μ where $\mu \geq \kappa$.*

Proof of Claim. It suffice to show that if $p \Vdash \dot{C}$ is a club, then $p \Vdash \{\alpha \mid \alpha \in \dot{C}\}$ is a club. That $p \Vdash \{\alpha \mid \alpha \in \dot{C}\}$ is closed is easy. For α_0 s.t. $p \Vdash \alpha_0 \in \dot{C}$, we have a name $\dot{\gamma}_0$ for an ordinal s.t. $p \Vdash \alpha_0 < \dot{\gamma}_0 \in \dot{C}$. Pick a maximal antichain A under p where $q \in A$ entails $q \Vdash \dot{\gamma}_0 = \gamma_q$. By the fact that the forcing is of size $< \kappa$, we have $\alpha_1 = \sup\{\gamma_q \mid q \in A\} < \kappa$ and thus

$$p \Vdash \exists \dot{\gamma}_0 \in \dot{C}, \alpha_0 < \dot{\gamma}_0 < \alpha_1$$

Repeat this process to find $\alpha_n, n \in \omega$ s.t.

$$p \Vdash \exists \dot{\gamma}_n \in \dot{C}, \alpha_n < \dot{\gamma}_n < \alpha_{n+1}$$

Of course, p thinks $\dot{\gamma}_n$ and α_n shares a limit, and by closedness of \dot{C} , $\lim_{n \in \omega} \alpha_n \in \{\alpha \mid \alpha \in \dot{C}\}$. \square

Remark: The argument actually works for κ c.c. posets, and is the argument used to show that c.c.c. forcing is proper.

Proof of case 2: Fix an enumeration $\Gamma : [\mu_a]^{|\alpha|} \rightarrow \mu_a$ satisfying $\Gamma(u) > \max(u)$. And consider the induced map $\Gamma : \mathcal{P}([\mu_a]^{|\alpha|}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mu_a)$

Then, the normality of E_a is equivalent to saying that $\{\Gamma(X) \mid X \in E_a\}$ contains all closed sets in μ_a (normal as an ultrafilter on μ_a). Then the conclusion follows by Claim 10.19.1. \square

Next, we show that the two large cardinals are preserved under small forcing.

Claim 11 (Claim 10.19.2). *For forcing \mathbb{P} of size $< \kappa$, the extender elementary embedding $\pi_E : V \rightarrow Ult(V, E)$ extends to elementary $\pi_{E^*} : V[G] \rightarrow Ult(V[G], E^*)$, satisfying*

$$\pi_{E^*} : \tau_G \mapsto \pi_E(\tau)_G = [\emptyset, c_{\tau_G}]_{E^*}$$

And consequently, $Ult(V[G], E^*) = Ult(V, E)[G]$.

Proof. To show that π_{E^*} is elementary, it suffice to show that $\pi_E(\tau)_G = ([\emptyset, c_\tau]_E)_G = [\emptyset, c_{\tau_G}]_{E^*}$. We prove by an induction on the well-foundedness of elements in $Ult(V[G], E^*)$ that

$$[a, \dot{f}_G]_{E^*} = ([a, \dot{f}]_E)_G$$

Notice as the domain $[\mu_a]^{|\dot{a}|}$ is absolute, here we can slightly abuse the notation, by \dot{f} refers to both the function from $[\mu_a]^{|\dot{a}|}$ to names and a name of the function from $[\mu_a]^{|\dot{a}|}$ to elements in $V[G]$.

Say for $[b, \dot{g}_G]_{E^*} \in [a, \dot{f}_G]_{E^*}$, by IH we have $[b, \dot{g}_G]_{E^*} = ([b, \dot{g}]_E)_G$.

$$\begin{aligned} [b, \dot{g}_G]_{E^*} \in [a, \dot{f}_G]_{E^*} &= \exists X \in E_{a \cup b}, X \subseteq \{u \in [\mu_{a \cup b}]^{|\dot{a} \cup b|} \mid \dot{g}_G^{b, a \cup b}(u) \in \dot{f}_G^{a, a \cup b}(u)\} \\ &\iff \exists X \in E_{a \cup b}, X \subseteq \{u \in [\mu_{a \cup b}]^{|\dot{a} \cup b|} \mid \exists p \in G, p \Vdash \dot{g}^{b, a \cup b}(u) \in \dot{f}^{a, a \cup b}(u)\} \\ &\iff \exists p \in G, p \Vdash \{u \in [\mu_{a \cup b}]^{|\dot{a} \cup b|} \mid \dot{g}^{b, a \cup b}(u) \in \dot{f}^{a, a \cup b}(u)\} \in E_{a \cup b} \quad (*) \\ &\iff ([b, \dot{g}]_E)_G \in ([a, \dot{f}]_E)_G \end{aligned}$$

Here the only non trivial step is $(*)$, where left to right is by the fact that $|G| < \kappa$ and $E_{a \cup b}$ is $< \kappa$ complete. \square

Proof of the preservation of large cardinals.

For κ a strong cardinal, we take arbitrary $\alpha \geq \kappa + 2$, and show that there is $j : V[G] \rightarrow M$ elementary with $\text{crit}(j) = \kappa$, $(V_\alpha)^{V[G]} \subseteq M$.

Let E be the κ, ν -extender obtained in Lemma 10.58 where $\alpha < \nu$. For $x \in (V_\alpha)^{V[G]}$, as $|\mathbb{P}| < \kappa$ we may assume $\mathbb{P} \in V_\kappa$, we have $\dot{x} \in V_\alpha$ thus in $Ult(V, U)$. By Claim 10.19.2 $Ult(V[G], E^*) = Ult(V, E)[G]$ computes the name correctly and thus $x = \dot{x}_G \in Ult(V[G], E^*)$. Hence $(V_\alpha)^{V[G]} \subseteq Ult(V, E^*)$. This concludes the proof that κ is strong in $V[G]$.

For κ a supercompact cardinal, similarly, let E be given by Lemma 10.61 and we aim to show that $Ult(V[G], E^*)^\lambda \subseteq Ult(V[G], E^*)$.

For $\{[a_i, \dot{f}_{i_G}]_{E^*} \mid i < \lambda\} \subseteq Ult(V[G], E^*)$, we have by Claim 10.19.2 that $\{([a_i, \dot{f}_i]_E)_G \mid i < \lambda\} \subseteq Ult(V, E)[G]$. This shows that $\{[a_i, \dot{f}_i]_E \mid i < \lambda\} \subseteq Ult(V, E)$. By λ closedness of $Ult(V, E)$ and pass it back to $Ult(V[G], E^*)$, we are done. \square

19 Problem 10.20

This is similar to preservation of strongness. Given δ Woodin in V , it suffice to show for $A \subseteq (V_\delta)^{V[G]}$ there is κ s.t. for any $\alpha < \kappa$ there is elementary $\pi : V[G] \rightarrow M$ s.t. $\text{crit}(\pi) = \kappa$, $(V_\alpha)^{V[G]} \subseteq M$ and $\pi(A) \cap (V_\alpha)^{V[G]} = A \cap (V_\alpha)^{V[G]}$.

Fix $A \subseteq (V_\delta)^{V[G]}$, \mathbb{P} being small, we may assume in the similar fashion as in proof of preservation of strongness that \dot{A} , the name of A , to be a subset of V_δ . We apply Lemma 10.77 and pick κ satisfying the for all $\alpha < \kappa$ there is certified E s.t. $\pi_E : V \rightarrow M$ is elementary and $\text{crit}(\pi) = \kappa$, $V_\alpha \subseteq M$ and $\pi_E(\dot{A}) \cap V_\alpha = \dot{A} \cap V_\alpha$.

It suffice to show that for any $\alpha > |\mathbb{P}| + 2$, the corresponding E satisfies: $\pi_{E*}(A) \cap (V_\alpha)^{V[G]} = A \cap (V_\alpha)^{V[G]}$. We have by claim 10.19.2,

$$\begin{aligned}
\tau_G \in (V_\alpha)^{V[G]} \cap A &\iff \exists p \in G, p \Vdash \tau \in \dot{A} \cap V_\alpha \\
&\iff \exists p \in G \exists B \text{ a maximal antichain under } p, B \times \{\tau\} \subseteq \dot{A} \cap V_\alpha \\
&\iff \exists p \in G \exists B \text{ a maximal antichain under } p, B \times \{\tau\} \subseteq \pi_E(\dot{A}) \cap V_\alpha \\
&\iff \exists p \in G, p \Vdash \tau \in \pi_E(\dot{A}) \cap V_\alpha \\
&\iff \tau_G \in (V_\alpha)^{V[G]} \cap (\pi_E(\dot{A}))_G = (V_\alpha)^{V[G]} \cap \pi_{E*}(A)
\end{aligned}$$

This concludes the proof. \square

20 Problem 10.21

Don't know how to argue via extenders, don't know how to show the derived extender is λ closed. We solve this problem by proving the equivalence of Problem 10.22 first, and using Problem 10.22,

Assume for contradiction that κ is not supercompact, then let $\lambda \geq \kappa$ be the least cardinal s.t. there is no ultrafilter U on $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(\lambda)$ witnessing κ is not λ supercompact. This is a first order property.

Pick α s.t. $V_\alpha^\lambda \subseteq V_\alpha$, any limit α s.t. $\text{cf}(\alpha) > \lambda$ would satisfy the property. Then by assumption there is $\mu < \beta < \kappa \leq \lambda < \alpha$ s.t. there is $\sigma : V_\beta \rightarrow V_\alpha$ elementary, with $\text{crit}(\sigma) = \mu$. Notice $V_\beta \models$ there is least δ s.t. there is no ultrafilter U on $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(\lambda)$ witnessing μ is not δ supercompact. Say δ is a witness of this statement, then by elementarity $\sigma(\delta) = \lambda$.

But deriving an ultrafilter U on $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(\lambda)$ from σ satisfying the conditions in 4.30, by Problem 10.22 the ultrafilter U in V_β witnesses the $\sigma^{-1}(\xi) = \delta$ supercompactness of μ in V_β . This is a contradiction. \square

The use of ultrafilter turns the second-order property supercompactness to a first order property. cf. problem 10.23

21 Problem 10.22

For U a κ complete ultrafilter on $[\lambda]^{<\kappa}$, we show that the map $\pi_U : V \rightarrow \text{Ult}(V, U)$ witnesses that κ is λ supercompact. Here $\text{Ult}(V, U)$ is the ordinary

ultrapower construction, adapted to U and $[\lambda]^{<\kappa}$. We omit the proof of Los theorem.

Step 1 $[id]_U = \pi_U[\lambda]$.

\supseteq is by the first property and Los theorem: For $\alpha \in \lambda$, $\{a \in [\lambda]^{<\kappa} \mid \alpha \in a\} \in U$ and thus $\pi_U(\alpha) \in [id]_U$.

\subseteq is by the second property, which is clearly the analogue of normality. Suppose $[f]_U \in [id]_U$, then we have $\{a \mid f(a) \in a\} \in U$, let $X_\alpha := \{a \mid f(a) = \alpha\}$. Suppose for contradiction that $X_\alpha \notin U$ for all $\alpha < \lambda$, then by the second property of the ultrafilter, there is $X \in U$ s.t. if $\alpha \in a \in X$, then $a \notin X_\alpha$, i.e. $f(a) \neq \alpha$. This set must be disjoint from $\{a \mid f(a) \in a\}$. This is a contradiction. Hence some $X_\alpha \in U$, entailing $[f]_U = \pi_U(\alpha) \in \pi_U[\lambda]$.

Step 2 $M^\lambda \subseteq M$.

Say $\{[f_\alpha] \mid \alpha < \lambda\} \subseteq M$. Let $g : [\lambda]^{<\kappa} \rightarrow V$ be s.t. $g(a)$ is a function $a \rightarrow V$, $g(a)(\alpha) = f_\alpha(a)$.

By Los theorem, $[g]_U$ is a function from $\pi_U[\lambda] \rightarrow Ult(V, U)$ and for every $\alpha \in \lambda$, $[g](\pi_U(\alpha)) = [f_\alpha]$. Hence $ran([g]) = \{[f_\alpha] \mid \alpha < \lambda\} \in M$.

Step 3 $crit(\pi_U) = \kappa$, $\lambda < \pi_U(\kappa)$.

$crit(\pi_U) \geq \kappa$ holds by $< \kappa$ -completeness and the standard argument. We have $ot([id]_U) < \pi_U(\kappa)$ as $\{a \in [\lambda]^{<\kappa} \mid ot(a) < \kappa\} = [\lambda]^{<\kappa} \in U$. Moreover for arbitrary $\gamma < \kappa$, $\gamma \leq ot([id]_U)$ since

$$\{a \in [\lambda]^{<\kappa} \mid \gamma \leq ot(a)\} \supseteq \bigcap_{\alpha < \gamma} \{a \mid \alpha \in a\} \in U$$

By the first property and $< \kappa$ completeness. This shows that $\kappa \leq ot([id]_U) < \pi_U(\kappa)$ and thus $crit(\pi_U) = \kappa$.

Finally, $\lambda = ot(\pi_U[\lambda]) = ot([id]_U) < \pi_U(\kappa)$.

This concludes the proof. \square

22 Problem 10.23

Claim 12 (Claim 10.23.1). *Every subcompact cardinal is inaccessible.*

For arbitrary $A \subseteq V_\delta$, $A \subseteq H_{\delta+}$. We find $\sigma : (H_{\lambda+}, B) \rightarrow (H_{\delta+}, A)$. For $crit(\sigma) = \mu$, σ satisfy for arbitrary $\beta < \lambda$, $V_\beta \subseteq H_{\delta+}$ and $\sigma(B) \cap V_\beta = B \cap V_\beta$.

Work as the proof of Claim 10.79 in $H_{\lambda+}$ and extract an (μ, λ) extender E witnessing $\pi_E(B) \cap V_\beta = B \cap V_\beta$, the extender is in $H_{\lambda+}$.

Pass the statement to $H_{\lambda+}$, A and hence for all $\alpha < \delta$ there is $\sigma(\mu)$, there is $\sigma(E)$ a $(\sigma(\mu), \delta)$ extender on $\sigma(\mu)$, witnessing $A \cap V_\alpha = \pi_{\sigma(E)}(A) \cap V_\alpha$. \square

23 Problem 10.24

Let $x := \bigcup \{s \mid \exists T \in G, s \text{ is the stem of } T\}$. For arbitrary $\delta \in [\kappa, \lambda]$ s.t. $cf(\delta) \geq \kappa$, we show that $\{\sup(a \cap \delta) \mid a \in x\}$ is unbounded in δ . And the conclusion $cf^{V[G]}(\delta) = \omega$ follows.

To that end, it suffice to show that

$$\{T \mid s \text{ is the stem of } T, \exists a \in s, \gamma \leq \sup a, a \cap [\gamma, \delta) \neq \emptyset\} \quad (*)$$

is dense. Such a satisfying the property above would have $\gamma \leq \sup(a \cap \delta) < \delta$ by $cf(\delta) \geq \kappa$.

For arbitrary T in the forcing with stem s , we notice that $\{a \mid s \frown a \in T\} \in U$ contains a set a^* that contains γ , that's because $\{a \mid \gamma \in a\} \in U$. Let T' be the subtree of T with stem $s \frown a^*$. This tree witnesses $(*)$ property.

Claim 13 (Claim 10.24.1). *For all T and formula $\varphi(\tau_1 \dots \tau_n)$, there is $T' \leq T$ with the same stem that decides the formula.*

Proof of Claim, For a tree T in the forcing with stem s , we use the notation (s, T) to make explicit its stem. For condition (s, T) , define as in proof of Claim 10.7 $F : [X]^{<\omega} \rightarrow 3$ as follows:

$$F(s') = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if there is no } T' \text{ s.t. } (s \cup s', T') \text{ decides } \varphi \\ 1 & \text{if there is } T' \text{ s.t. } (s \cup s', T') \text{ forces } \varphi \\ 2 & \text{if there is } T' \text{ s.t. } (s \cup s', T') \text{ forces } \neg\varphi \end{cases}$$

By definability of forcing, $F \in V$ and thus by Rowbottom's theorem there is $Y \in U$ s.t. for each $n \in \omega$, F is constant on $[Y]^n$.

Let (s, T') be the subtree of (s, T) defined recursively satisfying if $a \in succ_T(b)$, then

$$a \in T' \iff a \in succ_{T'}(b) \cap Y$$

(s, T') is the subtree of (s, T) slimed at every node by Y .

We show that (s, T') decides φ . If not, then there is $(b_1, T_1), (b_2, T_2) \leq (s, T')$ s.t. $(b_1, T_1) \Vdash \varphi$ while $(b_2, T_2) \Vdash \neg\varphi$. May assume $|b_1| = |b_2| = |a| + n$. But by design $b_1 \setminus a, b_2 \setminus a \in [Y]^n$ while $F(b_1 \setminus a) \neq F(b_2 \setminus a)$. This is a contradiction. \square

Proof of $V_\kappa = V_\kappa^{V[G]}$: This is similar to Lemma 10.6. In the final step we take $q = (a, \bigcap_{\xi < \lambda} T_\xi)$, $\bigcap_{\xi < \lambda} T_\xi$ is still a valid tree by $< \kappa$ completeness of the ultrafilter. \square

24 Problem 10.25

Assume for contradiction that $E_0 >_M E_1 >_M E_2 \dots$. Consider the following iteration tree where $<_T := \{0\} \times \mathbb{N}^+$, $M_0 = V$, $M_{n+1} = Ult(M_0, E_n)$. As $E_n \in M_n$ by definition of Mitchell order, this is a one-level, infinitely branching iteration tree. This contradicts Theorem 10.74 as there is no infinite branch in this tree. \square