# A countable definable set of reals containing no definable elements

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#### Abstract

We make use of a finite support product of Jensen forcing to define a model in which there is a countable non-empty  $\Pi_2^1$  set containing no ordinal-definable real.

## 1 Introduction

It is well-known that the existence of a non-empty OD (ordinal-definable) set of reals X with no OD element is consistent with **ZFC**; the set of all nonconstructible reals gives an example in many generic models including *e.g.* the Solovay model or the extension of **L**, the constructible universe, by a Cohen real. Can such a set X be countable?

This question was initiated and briefly discussed at the Mathoverflow exchange desk in 2010<sup>1</sup> and at FOM<sup>2</sup>. In particular Ali Enayat (Footnote 2) conjectured that the problem can be solved by the finite-support product  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  of countably many copies of the Jensen "minimal  $\Pi_2^1$  real singleton forcing"  $\mathbb{P}$  defined in [4] (see also Section 28A of [3]). Enayat proved that a symmetric part of the  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -generic extension of **L** definitely yields a model of **ZFC**!) in which there is a Dedekind-finite infinite OD set of reals with no OD elements. In fact both  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -generic extensions and their symmetric submodels were considered in [1] (Theorem 3.3) with respect to some other questions.

Following the mentioned conjecture, we prove the next theorem in this paper:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A question about ordinal definable real numbers. Mathoverflow, March 09, 2010. http://mathoverflow.net/questions/17608.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ali Enayat. Ordinal definable numbers. FOM Jul 23, 2010. http://cs.nyu.edu/pipermail/fom/2010-July/014944.html

**Theorem 1.1.** It is true in a  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -generic extension of  $\mathbf{L}$ , the constructible universe, that the set of  $\mathbb{P}$ -generic reals is non-empty, countable, and  $\Pi_2^1$ , but it has no OD elements.

The  $\Pi_2^1$  definability is definitely the best one can get in this context since it easily follows from the  $\Pi_1^1$  uniformisation theorem that any non-empty  $\Sigma_2^1$  set of reals definitely contains a  $\Delta_2^1$  element.

Jindra Zapletal<sup>3</sup> informed us that there is a totally different model of **ZFC** with an OD  $E_0$ -class X containing no OD elements. The construction of such a model, not yet published, but described to us in a brief communication, looks quite complicated and involves a combination of several forcing notions and some modern ideas in descriptive set theory recently presented in [5]; it also does not look to be able to get X analytically definable, let alone  $\Pi_2^1$ .

It remains to note that a *finite* OD set of reals contains only OD reals by obvious reasons. On the other hand, by a result in [2] there can be two *sets* of reals X, Y such that the pair  $\{X, Y\}$  is OD but neither X nor Y is OD.

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# 2 Trees and perfect-tree forcing

Let  $2^{<\omega}$  be the set of all strings (finite sequences) of numbers 0, 1. If  $t \in 2^{<\omega}$ and i = 0, 1 then  $t^{\wedge}k$  is the extension of t by k. If  $s, t \in 2^{<\omega}$  then  $s \subseteq t$  means that t extends s, while  $s \subset t$  means proper extension. If  $s \in 2^{<\omega}$  then  $\ln s$  is the length of s, and  $2^n = \{s \in 2^{<\omega} : \ln s = n\}$  (strings of length n).

A set  $T \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$  is a *tree* iff for any strings  $s \subset t$  in  $2^{<\omega}$ , if  $t \in T$  then  $s \in T$ . Thus every non-empty tree  $T \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$  contains the empty string  $\Lambda$ . If  $T \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$  is a tree and  $s \in T$  then put  $T \upharpoonright_s = \{t \in T : s \subseteq t \lor t \subseteq s\}$ .

Let **PT** be the set of all *perfect* trees  $\emptyset \neq T \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$ . Thus a non-empty tree  $T \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$  belongs to **PT** iff it has no endpoints and no isolated branches. Then there is a largest string  $s \in T$  such that  $T = T \upharpoonright_s$ ; it is denoted by s = stem(T) (the *stem* of T); we have  $s^{\wedge}1 \in T$  and  $s^{\wedge}0 \in T$  in this case.

Each perfect tree  $T \in \mathbf{PT}$  defines  $[T] = \{a \in 2^{\omega} : \forall n \ (a \upharpoonright n \in T)\} \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ , the perfect set of all *paths through* T.

By a **perfect-tree forcing** we understand any set  $\mathbb{P} \subseteq \mathbf{PT}$  suct that

- (1)  $\mathbb{P}$  contains the full tree  $2^{<\omega}$ ;
- (2) if  $u \in T \in \mathbb{P}$  then  $T \upharpoonright_u \in \mathbb{P}$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Personal communication, Jul 31/Aug 01, 2014.

Such a set  $\mathbb{P}$  can be considered as a forcing notion (if  $T \subseteq T'$  then T is a stronger condition). The forcing  $\mathbb{P}$  adds a real in  $2^{\omega}$ .

Let  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  be the **product of**  $\omega$ -many copies of  $\mathbb{P}$  with finite support. Thus a typical element of  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  is a sequence  $\tau = \{T_n\}_{n \in \omega}$ , where each term  $T_n = \tau(n)$ belongs to  $\mathbb{P}$  and the set  $|\tau| = \{n : T_n \neq 2^{<\omega}\}$  (the support of  $\tau$ ) is finite. We order  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  componentwisely:  $\sigma \leq \tau$  ( $\sigma$  is stronger) iff  $\sigma(n) \subseteq \tau(n)$  in  $\mathbb{P}$  for all n;  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  adds an infinite sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n < \omega}$  of  $\mathbb{P}$ -generic reals  $x_n \in 2^{\omega}$ .

**Remark 2.1.** Sometimes we'll use tuples like  $\langle T_0, \ldots, T_n \rangle$  of trees  $T_i \in \mathbb{P}$  to denote the infinite sequence  $\langle T_0, \ldots, T_n, 2^{<\omega}, 2^{<\omega}, 2^{<\omega}, \ldots \rangle \in \mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ .

### 3 Splitting construction over a perfect set forcing

Assume that  $\mathbb{P} \subseteq \mathbf{PT}$  is a perfect-tree forcing notion. The splitting construction  $\mathbf{SC}(\mathbb{P})$  over  $\mathbb{P}$  consists of all finite systems of trees of the form  $\varphi = \{T_s\}_{s \in 2^{< n}}$ , where  $n = \operatorname{hgt}(\varphi) < \omega$  (the height of  $\varphi$ ) and

- (3) each tree  $T_s = \varphi(s)$  belongs to  $\mathbb{P}$ ;
- (4) if  $s^{\wedge i} \in 2^{<n}$  (i = 0, 1) then  $T_{s^{\wedge i}} \subseteq T_s$  and  $\operatorname{stem}(T_s)^{\wedge i} \subseteq \operatorname{stem}(T_{s^{\wedge i}})$  it easily follows that  $[T_{s^{\wedge 0}}] \cap [T_{s^{\wedge 0}}] = \emptyset$ .

The empty system  $\Lambda$  is the only one in  $\mathbf{SC}(\mathbb{P})$  satisfying  $hgt(\Lambda) = 0$ . Let  $\varphi, \psi$  be systems in  $\mathbf{SC}(\mathbb{P})$ . Say that

- $\varphi$  extends  $\psi$ , symbolically  $\psi \preccurlyeq \varphi$ , if  $n = hgt(\psi) \le hgt(\varphi)$  and  $\psi(s) = \varphi(s)$  for all  $s \in 2^{< n}$ ;
- properly extends  $\psi$ , symbolically  $\psi \prec \varphi$ , if in addition  $hgt(\psi) < hgt(\varphi)$ ;
- reduces  $\psi$ , if  $n = hgt(\psi) = hgt(\varphi)$ ,  $\varphi(s) \subseteq \psi(s)$  for all  $s \in 2^{hgt(\varphi)-1}$ , and  $\varphi(s) = \psi(s)$  for all  $s \in 2^{<hgt(\varphi)-1}$ .

In other words, reduction allows to shrink trees in the top layer of the system, but keeps intact those in the lower layers.

Under the above assumption (2), there is a strictly  $\prec$ -increasing sequence  $\{\varphi_n\}_{n<\omega}$  in  $\mathbf{SC}(\mathbb{P})$ . The limit system  $\varphi = \bigcup_n \varphi_n = \{T_s\}_{s\in 2^{<\omega}}$  then satisfies (3) and (4) on the whole domain  $2^{<\omega}$ , and in this case,  $T = \bigcap_n \bigcup_{s\in 2^n} T_s$  is still a perfect tree in **PT** (not necessarily in  $\mathbb{P}$ ), and  $[T] = \bigcap_n \bigcup_{s\in 2^n} [T_s]$ .

Say that a tree T occurs in  $\varphi \in \mathbf{SC}(\mathbb{P})$  if  $T = \varphi(s)$  for some  $s \in 2^{<\operatorname{hgt}(\varphi)}$ .

We define  $\mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$ , the finite-support product of  $\mathbf{SC}(\mathbb{P})$ , to consist of all infinite sequences  $\Phi = \{\varphi_k\}_{k \in \omega}$ , where each  $\varphi_k = \Phi(k)$  belongs to  $\mathbf{SC}(\mathbb{P})$  and the set  $|\Phi| = \{k : \varphi_k \neq \Lambda\}$  (the support of  $\Phi$ ) is finite.

Say that a tree T occurs in  $\Phi = \{\varphi_k\}$  if it occurs in some  $\varphi_k, k \in |\Phi|$ .

We define  $\Psi \preccurlyeq \Phi$  iff  $\Psi(k) \preccurlyeq \Phi(k)$  (in **SC**(P)) for all k. Then  $\Psi \prec \Phi$  means that  $\Psi \preccurlyeq \Phi$  and  $\Psi(k) \prec \Phi(k)$  for at least one k. In addition we define  $\Psi \prec \Phi$ iff  $|\Psi| \subseteq |\Phi|$  and  $\Psi(k) \prec \Phi(k)$  for all  $k \in |\Phi|$ .

#### 4 Jensen's extension of a perfect tree forcing

Let  $\mathbf{ZFC'}$  be the subtheory of  $\mathbf{ZFC}$  including all axioms except for the power set axiom, plus the axiom saying that  $\mathscr{P}(\omega)$  exists. (Then  $\omega_1$  and continual sets like **PT** exist as well.) Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a countable transitive model of  $\mathbf{ZFC'}$ .

Suppose that  $\mathbb{P} \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $\mathbb{P} \subseteq \mathbf{PT}$  is a perfect-tree forcing notion. Then the sets  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ ,  $\mathbf{SC}(\mathbb{P})$ , and  $\mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$  belong to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , too.

**Definition 4.1.** Consider any  $\preccurlyeq$ -increasing sequence  $\Phi = {\Phi^j}_{j < \omega}$  of systems  $\Phi^j = {\varphi_k^j}_{k \in \omega} \in \mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$ , generic over  $\mathfrak{M}$  in the sense that it intersects every set  $D \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $D \subseteq \mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$ , dense in  $\mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})^4$ .

Then in particular it intersects every set of the form

$$D_k = \left\{ \Phi \in \mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P}) : \forall \, k' \le k \; (k \le \operatorname{hgt}(\Phi(k')) \right\}.$$

Hence if  $k < \omega$  then the sequence  $\{\varphi_k^j\}_{j < \omega}$  of systems  $\varphi_k^j \in \mathbf{SC}(\mathbb{P})$  is eventually strictly increasing, so that  $\varphi_k^j \prec \varphi_k^{j+1}$  for infinitely many indices j (and  $\varphi_k^j = \varphi_k^{j+1}$  for other j). Therefore there is a system of trees  $\{\mathbf{T}_k(s)\}_{k < \omega \land s \in 2^{<\omega}}$  in  $\mathbb{P}$  such that  $\varphi_k^j = \{\mathbf{T}_k(s)\}_{s \in 2^{<h}(j,k)}$ , where  $h(j,k) = \operatorname{hgt}(\varphi_k^j)$ . Then

 $\boldsymbol{U}_k = \bigcap_n \bigcup_{s \in 2^n} \boldsymbol{T}_k(s) \quad \text{and} \quad \boldsymbol{U}_k(s) \bigcap_{n \geq \ln s} \bigcup_{t \in 2^n, \, s \subseteq t} \boldsymbol{T}_k(t)$ 

are trees in **PT** (not necessarily in  $\mathbb{P}$ ) for each k and  $s \in 2^{<\omega}$ ; thus  $U_k = U_k(\Lambda)$ . In fact  $U_k(s) = U_k \cap T_k(s)$  by (4).

**Lemma 4.2.** The set of trees  $\mathbb{U} = \{ U_k(s) : k < \omega \land s \in 2^{<\omega} \}$  satisfies (2) while the union  $\mathbb{P} \cup \mathbb{U}$  is a perfect-tree forcing.

**Lemma 4.3.** The set  $\mathbb{U}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{U} \cup \mathbb{P}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $T \in \mathbb{P}$ . The set D(T) of all systems  $\Phi = \{\varphi_k\}_{k \in \omega} \in \mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$ , such that  $\varphi_k(\Lambda) = T$  for some k, belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$  and obviously is dense in  $\mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$ . It follows that  $\Phi^j \in D(T)$  for some j, by the choice of  $\Phi$ . Then  $\mathbf{T}_k(\Lambda) = T$  for some k. However  $\mathbf{U}_k(\Lambda) \subseteq \mathbf{T}_k(\Lambda)$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Meaning that for any  $\Psi \in \mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$  there is  $\Phi \in D$  with  $\Psi \preccurlyeq \Phi$ .

**Lemma 4.4.** If a set  $D \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $D \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  is pre-dense in  $\mathbb{P}$ , and  $U \in \mathbb{U}$ , then  $U \subseteq fin \bigcup D$ , that is, there is a finite  $D' \subseteq D$  with  $U \subseteq \bigcup D'$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $U = U_K(s)$ ,  $K < \omega$  and  $s \in 2^{<\omega}$ . Consider the set  $\Delta \in \mathfrak{M}$  of all systems  $\Phi = \{\varphi_k\}_{k \in \omega} \in \mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$  such that  $K \in |\Phi|$ ,  $\ln s < h = \operatorname{hgt}(\varphi_K)$ , and for each  $t \in 2^{h-1}$  there is a tree  $S_t \in D$  with  $\varphi_K(t) \subseteq S$ . The set  $\Delta$  is dense in  $\mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$  by the pre-density of D. Therefore there is an index j such that  $\Phi^j$  belongs to  $\Delta$ . Let this be witnessed by trees  $S_t \in D$ ,  $t \in 2^{h-1}$ , where  $\ln s < h = \operatorname{hgt}(\varphi_K^J)$ , so that  $\varphi_K^J(t) \subseteq S_t$ . Then

$$U = U_K(s) \subseteq U_K(\Lambda) \subseteq \bigcup_{t \in 2^{h-1}} \varphi_K^J(t) \subseteq \bigcup_{t \in 2^{h-1}} S_t \subseteq \bigcup D'$$

by construction, where  $D' = \{S_t : t \in 2^{h-1}\} \subseteq D$  is finite.

**Lemma 4.5.** If a set  $D \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $D \subseteq \mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  is pre-dense in  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  then it remains pre-dense in  $(\mathbb{P} \cup \mathbb{U})^{<\omega}$ .

**Proof.** Given a condition  $\tau \in (\mathbb{P} \cup \mathbb{U})^{<\omega}$ , we have to prove that  $\tau$  is compatible in  $(\mathbb{P} \cup \mathbb{U})^{<\omega}$  with a condition  $\sigma \in D$ . For the sake of brevity, assume that  $\tau = \langle U, V \rangle$ , where  $U = U_k(s)$  and  $V = U_\ell(t)$  belong to  $\mathbb{U}$ .

Consider the set  $\Delta \in \mathfrak{M}$  of all systems  $\Phi = \{\varphi_k\}_{k \in \omega} \in \mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$  such that there are strings  $s', t' \in 2^{<\omega}$  with  $s \subseteq s', t \subseteq t'$ ,  $\ln s' < \operatorname{hgt}(\varphi_k)$ ,  $\ln t' < \operatorname{hgt}(\varphi_\ell)$ , and trees  $S, T \in \mathbb{P}$  such that  $\langle S, T \rangle \in D$  and  $\varphi_k(s') \subseteq U \cap S$ ,  $\varphi_\ell(t') \subseteq V \cap T$ . The set  $\Delta$  is dense in  $\mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$  by the pre-density of D. Therefore there is an index j such that  $\Phi^j$  belongs to  $\Delta$ .

Let this be witnessed by  $s', t' \in 2^{<\omega}$  and  $\langle S, T \rangle \in D$ . In other words,  $\varphi_k^j(s') \subseteq U \cap S$  and  $\varphi_\ell^j(t') \subseteq V \cap T$ . However  $U' = U_k(s') \subseteq \varphi_k^j(s')$  and  $V' = U_\ell(t') \subseteq \varphi_\ell^j(t')$  by construction. It follows that condition  $\langle U', V' \rangle \in \mathbb{U}^{<\omega}$ is stronger than both  $\langle U, V \rangle$  and  $\langle S, T \rangle$ , as required.

# 5 Forcing a real away of a pre-dense set

Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be still a countable transitive model of  $\mathbf{ZFC'}$  and  $\mathbb{P} \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $\mathbb{P} \subseteq \mathbf{PT}$  be a perfect-tree forcing notion. The goal of the following Theorem 5.3 is to prove that, in the conditions of Definition 4.1, for any  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -name c of a real in  $2^{\omega}$ , it is forced by the extended forcing  $(\mathbb{P} \cup \mathbb{U})^{<\omega}$  that c does not belong to sets [U] where u is a tree in  $\mathbb{U}$  — unless c is a name of one of generic reals  $x_k$ themselves. We begin with a suitable notation.

**Definition 5.1.** A  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -real name is a system  $\mathbf{c} = \{C_{ni}\}_{n < \omega, i < 2}$  of sets  $C_{ni} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  such that each set  $C_n = C_{n0} \cup C_{n1}$  is dense or at least pre-dense in  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  and if  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} \in C_{n0}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in C_{n1}$  then  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\tau}$  are incompatible in  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ .

If a set  $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  is  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -generic at least over the collection of all sets  $C_n$ then we define  $\mathbf{c}[G] \in 2^{\omega}$  so that  $\mathbf{c}[G](n) = i$  iff  $G \cap C_{ni} \neq \emptyset$ .

Thus any  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -real name  $\mathbf{c} = \{C_{ni}\}$  is a  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -name for a real in  $2^{\omega}$ . Recall that  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  adds a generic sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k<\omega}$  of reals  $x_k \in 2^{\omega}$ .

**Example 5.2.** Let  $k < \omega$ . Define a  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -real name  $\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}_k = \{C_{ni}^k\}_{n < \omega, i < 2}$  such that each set  $C_{ni}^k$  contains a single condition  $\boldsymbol{\rho}_{ni}^k \in \mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ , and  $|\boldsymbol{\rho}_{ni}^k| = \{k\}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\rho}_{ni}^k(k) = R_{ni}$ , where  $R_{ni} = \{s \in 2^{<\omega} : \ln s > n \Longrightarrow s(n) = i\}$ . Then  $\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}_k$  is a  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -name of a real  $x_k$ , the kth term of a  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -generic sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k < \omega}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{c} = \{C_{ni}\}$  and  $\mathbf{d} = \{C_{ni}\}$  be a  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -real names. Say that  $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbf{PT}^{<\omega}$ :

- directly forces  $\mathbf{c}(n) = i$ , where  $n < \omega$  and i = 0, 1, iff  $\boldsymbol{\tau} \leq \boldsymbol{\rho}_{ni}^k$  (that is, the tree  $T = \boldsymbol{\tau}(k) \in \mathbf{PT}$  satisfies x(n) = i for all  $x \in [T]$ );
- directly forces  $s \subset \mathbf{c}$ , where  $s \in 2^{<\omega}$ , iff for all  $n < \ln s$ ,  $\tau$  directly forces  $\mathbf{c}(n) = i$ , where i = s(n);
- directly forces  $\mathbf{d} \neq \mathbf{c}$ , iff there are strings  $s, t \in 2^{<\omega}$ , incomparable in  $2^{<\omega}$ and such that  $\boldsymbol{\tau}$  directly forces  $s \subset \mathbf{c}$  and  $t \subset \mathbf{d}$ ;
- directly forces  $\mathbf{c} \notin [T]$ , where  $T \in \mathbf{PT}$ , iff there is a string  $s \in 2^{<\omega} \setminus T$  such that  $\boldsymbol{\tau}$  directly forces  $s \subset \mathbf{c}$ ;

**Theorem 5.3.** In the assumptions of Definition 4.1, suppose that  $\mathbf{c} = \{C_m^i\}_{m < \omega, i < 2} \in \mathfrak{M} \text{ is a } \mathbb{P}^{<\omega}\text{-real name, and for every } k \text{ the set}$ 

$$D(k) = \{ \boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{P}^{<\omega} : \boldsymbol{\tau} \text{ directly forces } \mathbf{c} \neq \mathbf{\dot{x}}_k \}$$

is dense in  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ . Let  $\mathbf{u} \in (\mathbb{P} \cup \mathbb{U})^{<\omega}$  and  $U \in \mathbb{U}$ . Then there is a stronger condition  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{U}^{<\omega}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} \leq \mathbf{u}$ , which directly forces  $\mathbf{c} \notin [U]$ .

**Proof.** By construction  $U \subseteq U_k$  for some k; thus we can assume that simply  $U = U_k$ . Let, say,  $U = U_1$ . Assume for the sake of brevity that K = 1,  $|\tau| = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ , and  $\boldsymbol{u} = \langle U_0, U_1, U_2, U_3 \rangle \in \mathbb{U}^{<\omega}$  (see Remark 2.1), where

$$U_0 = U_0(t_0), \quad U_1 = U_0(t_1), \quad U_2 = U_1(t_2), \quad U_3 = U_1(t_3),$$

and  $t_0, t_1, t_2, t_3$  are strings in  $2^{<\omega}$ .

There is an index J such that the system  $\Phi^J = \{\varphi_k^J\}_{k \in \omega}$  satisfies  $hgt(\varphi_0^J) > max\{lh t_0, lh t_1\}$  and  $hgt(\varphi_1^J) > max\{lh t_2, lh t_2\}$ , so that the trees

$$T_0 = \varphi_0^J(t_0) = \boldsymbol{T}_0(t_0), \ T_1 = \varphi_0^J(t_1) = \boldsymbol{T}_0(t_1), \ T_2 = \varphi_1^J(t_2) = \boldsymbol{T}_1(t_2),$$

and  $T_3 = \varphi_1^J(t_3) = \mathbf{T}_1(t_3)$  in  $\mathbb{P}$  are defined and condition  $\boldsymbol{\tau} = \langle T_0, T_1, T_2, T_3 \rangle$ belongs to  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ . Note that  $\boldsymbol{u} \leq \boldsymbol{\tau}$ .

Consider the set  $\mathscr{D}$  of all systems  $\Phi = \{\varphi_k\}_{k \in \omega} \in \mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$  such that  $\Phi^J \preccurlyeq \Phi$  and there is a condition  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \langle S_0, \ldots, S_n \rangle \in \mathbb{P}^{<\omega}, \boldsymbol{\sigma} \leqslant \boldsymbol{\tau}$  (*i.e.*, stronger that  $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ ), such that

- (5)  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  directly forces  $\mathbf{c} \notin [T]$ , where  $T = \bigcup_{s \in 2^{h_1 1}} \varphi_1(s)$  and  $h_k = \operatorname{hgt}(\varphi_k)$ ;
- (6) each tree  $S_i$  occurs in  $\Phi$  (see Section 3);
- (7) more specifically,  $S_0 = \varphi_0(s_0)$ ,  $S_1 = \varphi_0(s_1)$ ,  $S_2 = \varphi_1(s_2)$ ,  $S_3 = \varphi_1(s_3)$ , where  $s_0, s_1 \in 2^{h_0-1}$ ,  $s_2, s_3 \in 2^{h_1-1}$ , and  $t_i \subseteq s_i$ , i = 0, 1, 2, 3.

**Lemma 5.4.**  $\mathscr{D}$  is dense in  $\mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$  above  $\Phi^J$ .

**Proof.** Consider any system  $\Phi = \{\varphi_k\}_{k \in \omega} \in \mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$  with  $\Phi^J \preccurlyeq \Phi$ ; the goal is to define a system  $\Phi' \in \mathscr{D}$  such that  $\Phi \preccurlyeq \Phi'$ . We can assume that in fact  $\Phi^J \prec \Phi$ ; then any system  $\Phi' \in \mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$  which is a reduction of  $\Phi$  still satisfies  $\Phi^J \prec \Phi'$  and  $\Phi^J \preccurlyeq \Phi'$ . Let  $h_0 = \operatorname{hgt}(\varphi_0)$  and  $h_1 = \operatorname{hgt}(\varphi_1)$ . Then by the assumption  $\operatorname{hgt}(\varphi_0^J) < h_0$  and  $\operatorname{hgt}(\varphi_1^J) < h_1$  strictly.

Pick strings  $s_0, s_1 \in 2^{h_0-1}$  and  $s_2, s_3 \in 2^{h_1-1}$  satisfying  $t_i \subset s_i, i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ . Consider the condition  $\rho = \langle R_0, R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, \dots, R_N \rangle \in \mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ , where  $N = 1 + 2^{n_1}, R_0 = \varphi_0(s_0), R_1 = \varphi_0(s_1), R_2 = \varphi_1(s_2), R_3 = \varphi_1(s_3), \text{ and } \{R_4, \dots, R_N\}$  is an arbitrary enumeration of  $\{\varphi_1(s) : s \in 2^{n_1-1}, s \neq s_2, s_3\}$ .

It follows from the density of sets D(k) that there is a stronger condition  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \langle S_0, S_1, S_2, S_3, \ldots, S_N, \ldots, S_M \rangle \in \mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ , where  $M \geq N$  and  $S_i \subseteq R_i$  for all  $i \leq N$ , which directly forces  $\mathbf{c} \neq \mathbf{\dot{x}}_k$  for all  $k = 2, \ldots, N$ . Then there exist strings  $u, v_2, \ldots, v_N \in 2^{<\omega}$  such that  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  directly forces each of the formulas

 $u \subset \mathbf{c}$ , and also  $v_2 \subseteq \mathbf{\dot{x}}_2$ ,  $v_3 \subseteq \mathbf{\dot{x}}_3$ , ...,  $v_N \subseteq \mathbf{\dot{x}}_N$ ,

and u is incompatible in  $2^{<\omega}$  with each  $v_k$ .

However  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  directly forces  $v_k \subseteq \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}_k$  iff  $v_k \subseteq \operatorname{stem}(S_k)$ . We conclude that  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  directly forces  $\mathbf{c} \notin [S]$ , where  $S = \bigcup_{2 \le k \le M} S_k$ .

Now let  $\Phi' \in \mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$  be defined as follows. We begin with  $\Phi$ .

Step 1. Recall that  $R_0 = \varphi_0(s_0)$ ,  $R_1 = \varphi_0(s_1)$ ,  $R_2 = \varphi_1(s_2)$ ,  $R_3 = \varphi_1(s_3)$ in  $\Phi$ . Now let  $\varphi'_0(s_0) = S_0$ ,  $\varphi'_0(s_1) = S_1$ ,  $\varphi'_1(s_2) = S_2$ ,  $\varphi'_1(s_3) = S_3$ .

Step 2. By construction each  $R_k$ ,  $4 \le k \le M$ , was equal to some  $\varphi_1(s_k)$ ,  $s_k \in 2^{n_1-1}$ ,  $s_k \ne s_2, s_3$ ; we let  $\varphi'_1(t) = S_k$ .

Step 3. Each  $S_k$ ,  $N+1 \leq k < M$ , is a tree in  $\mathbb{P}$ . Let  $\mu = \max |\Phi|$  and define a system  $\varphi'_{\mu+k} \in \mathbf{SC}(\mathbb{P})$  so that  $\operatorname{hgt}(\varphi'_{\mu+k}) = 1$  and  $\varphi'_{\mu+k}(\Lambda) = S'_k$ .

After all these changes in  $\Phi$ , we obtain another system  $\Phi' = \{\varphi'_k : k \in \omega\}$  in  $\mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P})$  which is a reduction of  $\Phi$ , hence, satisfies  $\Phi^J \preccurlyeq \Phi'$ , and every tree  $S_k$  in the condition  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \langle S_0, S_1, S_2, S_3, \ldots, S_N, \ldots, S_M \rangle$  occurs in  $\Phi'$ . Moreover  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  witnesses that  $\Phi' \in \mathcal{D}$ , as required.  $\Box$  (Lemma)

Come back to the proof of the theorem. It follows from the lemma that there is an index  $j \geq J$  such that the system  $\Phi^j = \{\varphi_k^j\}_{k \in \omega}$  belongs to  $\mathscr{D}$ , and let this be witnessed by a condition  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \langle S_0, S_1, S_2, S_3, \ldots, S_n \rangle \in \mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  satisfying (5), (6), (7). In particular  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} \leq \boldsymbol{\tau}$  by (7).

Finally consider a condition  $\boldsymbol{v} = \langle V_0, V_1, V_2, V_3, \ldots, V_n \rangle \in \mathbb{U}^{<\omega}$  defined so that  $V_0 = \boldsymbol{U}_0(s_0), V_1 = \boldsymbol{U}_0(s_1), V_2 = \boldsymbol{U}_1(s_2), V_3 = \boldsymbol{U}_1(s_3)$ , and if  $4 \leq k \leq n$ then let  $V_k$  be any tree in  $\mathbb{U}$  satisfying  $V_k \subseteq S_k$  (Lemma 4.3). Recall that  $t_i \subseteq s_i$  for i = 0, 1, 2, 3 by construction, therefore  $\boldsymbol{v} \leq \boldsymbol{u}$ . On the other hand,  $\boldsymbol{v} \leq \boldsymbol{\sigma}$ , therefore  $\boldsymbol{v}$  directly forces  $\mathbf{c} \notin [T]$  by (5), where  $T = \bigcup_{s \in 2^{h-1}} \varphi_1^j(s) = \bigcup_{s \in 2^{h-1}} T_1(s)$  and  $h = \operatorname{hgt}(\varphi_1)$ . And finally by definition  $\boldsymbol{U}_1 \subseteq \bigcup_{s \in 2^{h-1}} \varphi_1^j(s)$ , so  $\boldsymbol{v}$  directly forces  $\mathbf{c} \notin [U_1]$ , as required.

# 6 Jensen's forcing

In this section, we argue in L, the constructible universe. Let  $\leq_{\mathbf{L}}$  be the canonical wellordering of L.

**Definition 6.1** (in **L**). Following [4, Section 3], define, by induction on  $\xi < \omega_1$ , a countable set of trees  $\mathbb{U}_{\xi} \subseteq \mathbf{PT}$  satisfying (2) of Section 2, as follows.

Let  $\mathbb{U}_0$  consist of all clopen trees  $\emptyset \neq S \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$ , including  $2^{<\omega}$  itself.

Suppose that  $0 < \lambda < \omega_1$ , and countable sets  $\mathbb{U}_{\xi} \subseteq \mathbf{PT}$  are already defined. Let  $\mathfrak{M}_{\xi}$  be the least model  $\mathfrak{M}$  of  $\mathbf{ZFC'}$  of the form  $\mathbf{L}_{\kappa}$ ,  $\kappa < \omega_1$ , containing  $\{\mathbb{U}_{\xi}\}_{\xi < \lambda}$  and such that  $\alpha < \omega_1^{\mathfrak{M}}$  and all sets  $\mathbb{U}_{\xi}$ ,  $\xi < \lambda$ , are countable in  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

Then  $\mathbb{P}_{\lambda} = \bigcup_{\xi < \lambda} \mathbb{U}_{\xi}$  is countable in  $\mathfrak{M}$ , too. Let  $\{\Phi^j\}_{j < \omega}$  be the  $\leq_{\mathbf{L}}$ -least sequence of systems  $\Phi^j \in \mathbf{SC}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{P}_{\lambda}), \preccurlyeq$ -increasing and generic over  $\mathfrak{M}_{\lambda}$ , and let  $\mathbb{U}_{\lambda} = \mathbb{U}$  be defined, on the base of this sequence, as in Definition 4.1.

Modulo technical details,  $\mathbb{P} = \bigcup_{\xi < \omega_1} \mathbb{U}_{\xi}$  is the Jensen forcing of [4], and the finite-support product  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  is the forcing we'll use to prove Theorem 1.1.

**Proposition 6.2** (in L). The sequence  $\{U_{\xi}\}_{\xi < \omega_1}$  belongs to  $\Delta_1^{\text{HC}}$ .

**Lemma 6.3** (in **L**). If a set  $D \in \mathfrak{M}_{\xi}$ ,  $D \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\xi}^{<\omega}$  is pre-dense in  $\mathbb{P}_{\xi}^{<\omega}$  then it remains pre-dense in  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ . Hence if  $\xi < \omega_1$  then  $\mathbb{U}_{\xi}^{<\omega}$  is pre-dense in  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ .

**Proof.** By induction on  $\lambda$ ,  $\xi \leq \lambda < \omega_1$ , if D is pre-dense in  $\mathbb{P}_{\lambda}^{<\omega}$  then it remains pre-dense in  $\mathbb{P}_{\lambda+1}^{<\omega} = (\mathbb{P}_{\lambda} \cup \mathbb{U}_{\lambda})^{<\omega}$  by Lemma 4.5. Limit steps are obvious. To prove the second part, note that  $\mathbb{U}_{\xi}^{<\omega}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{P}_{\xi+1}^{<\omega}$  by Lemma 4.3, and  $\mathbb{U}_{\xi}$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}_{\xi+1}$ .

**Lemma 6.4** (in **L**). If  $X \subseteq \text{HC} = \mathbf{L}_{\omega_1}$  then the set  $W_X$  of all ordinals  $\xi < \omega_1$ such that  $\langle \mathbf{L}_{\xi}; X \cap \mathbf{L}_{\xi} \rangle$  is an elementary submodel of  $\langle \mathbf{L}_{\omega_1}; X \rangle$  and  $X \cap \mathbf{L}_{\xi} \in \mathfrak{M}_{\xi}$ is unbounded in  $\omega_1$ . More generally, if  $X_n \subseteq \text{HC}$  for all n then the set W of all ordinals  $\xi < \omega_1$ , such that  $\langle \mathbf{L}_{\xi}; \{X_n \cap \mathbf{L}_{\xi}\}_{n < \omega} \rangle$  is an elementary submodel of  $\langle \mathbf{L}_{\omega_1}; \{X_n\}_{n < \omega} \rangle$  and  $\{X_n \cap \mathbf{L}_{\xi}\}_{n < \omega} \in \mathfrak{M}_{\xi}$ , is unbounded in  $\omega_1$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\xi_0 < \omega_1$ . By standard arguments, there are ordinals  $\xi < \lambda < \omega_1$ ,  $\xi > \xi_0$ , such that  $\langle \mathbf{L}_{\lambda}; \mathbf{L}_{\xi}, X \cap \mathbf{L}_{\xi} \rangle$  is an elementary submodel of  $\langle \mathbf{L}_{\omega_2}; \mathbf{L}_{\omega_1}, X \rangle$ . Then  $\langle \mathbf{L}_{\xi}; X \cap \mathbf{L}_{\xi} \rangle$  is an elementary submodel of  $\langle \mathbf{L}_{\omega_1}; X \rangle$ , of course. Moreover,  $\xi$  is uncountable in  $\mathbf{L}_{\lambda}$ , hence  $\mathbf{L}_{\lambda} \subseteq \mathfrak{M}_{\xi}$ . It follows that  $X \cap \mathbf{L}_{\xi} \in \mathfrak{M}_{\xi}$  since  $X \cap \mathbf{L}_{\xi} \in \mathbf{L}_{\lambda}$  by construction. The second claim does not differ much.

**Corollary 6.5** (in  $\mathbf{L}$ , = Lemma 6 in [4]). The forcing  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  satisfies CCC.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $A \subseteq \mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  is a maximal antichain. By Lemma 6.4, there is an ordinal  $\xi$  such that  $A' = A \cap \mathbb{P}_{\xi}^{<\omega}$  is a maximal antichain in  $\mathbb{P}_{\xi}^{<\omega}$  and  $A' \in \mathfrak{M}_{\xi}$ . But then A' remains pre-dense, therefore, maximal, in the whole set  $\mathbb{P}$  by Lemma 6.3. It follows that A = A' is countable.

# 7 The model

We consider the sets  $\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{P}^{<\omega} \in \mathbf{L}$  (Definition 6.1) as forcing notions over  $\mathbf{L}$ .

**Lemma 7.1** (= Lemma 7 in [4]). A real  $x \in 2^{\omega}$  is  $\mathbb{P}$ -generic over  $\mathbf{L}$  iff  $x \in Z = \bigcap_{\xi < \omega_1^{\mathbf{L}}} \bigcup_{U \in \mathbb{U}_{\xi}} [U].$ 

**Proof.** All sets  $\mathbb{U}_{\xi}$  are pre-dense in  $\mathbb{P}$  by Lemma 6.3. On the other hand, if  $A \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ ,  $A \in \mathbf{L}$  is a maximal altichain in  $\mathbb{P}$ , then easily  $A \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\xi}$  for some  $\xi < \omega_1^{\mathbf{L}}$  by Corollary 6.5. But then every tree  $U \in \mathbb{U}_{\xi}$  satisfies  $U \subseteq^{\text{fin}} \bigcup A$  by Lemma 4.4, so that  $\bigcup_{U \in \mathbb{U}_{\xi}} [U] \subseteq \bigcup_{T \in A} [T]$ .

**Corollary 7.2** (= Corollary 9 in [4]). In any generic extension of **L**, the set of all reals in  $2^{\omega} \mathbb{P}$ -generic over **L** is  $\Pi_1^{\text{HC}}$  and  $\Pi_2^1$ .

**Proof.** Use Lemma 7.1 and Proposition 6.2.

**Definition 7.3.** From now on, let  $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  be a set  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -generic over  $\mathbf{L}$ . If  $k < \omega$  then let  $G_k = \{\boldsymbol{\tau}(k) : \boldsymbol{\tau} \in G\}$ , so that each  $G_k$  is  $\mathbb{P}$ -generic over  $\mathbf{L}$  and  $X_k = \bigcap_{T \in G_k} [T]$  is a singleton  $X_k = \{x_k\}$  whose only element  $x_k \in 2^{\omega}$  is a real  $\mathbb{P}$ -generic over  $\mathbf{L}$ .

The whole extension  $\mathbf{L}[G]$  is then equal to  $\mathbf{L}[\{x_k\}_{k<\omega}]$ , and our goal is now to prove that it contains no other  $\mathbb{P}$ -generic reals.

**Lemma 7.4** (in the assumptions of Definition 7.3). If  $x \in \mathbf{L}[G] \cap 2^{\omega}$  and  $x \notin \{x_k : k < \omega\}$  then x is not a  $\mathbb{P}$ -generic real over  $\mathbf{L}$ .

**Proof.** Otherwise there is a condition  $\tau \in \mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  and a  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -real name  $\mathbf{c} = \{C_{ni}\}_{n < \omega, i=0,1} \in \mathbf{L}$  such that  $\tau \mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -forces that  $\mathbf{c}$  is  $\mathbb{P}$ -generic while  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  forces that  $\mathbf{c} \neq \dot{\mathbf{x}}_k$  for all k. (Recall that  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}_k$  is a  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -real name for  $x_k$ .)

Let  $C_n = C_{n0} \cup C_{n1}$ ; this is a pre-dense set in  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ . It follows from Lemma 6.4 that there is an ordinal  $\lambda < \omega_1$  such that each set  $C'_n = C_n \cap \mathbb{P}_{\lambda}^{<\omega}$  is pre-dense in  $\mathbb{P}_{\lambda}^{<\omega}$ , and the sequence  $\{C'_{ni}\}_{n<\omega,i=0,1}$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}_{\lambda}$ , where  $C'_{ni} = C'_n \cap C_{ni}$ — then  $C'_n$  is pre-dense in  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ , too, by Lemma 6.3. Thus we can assume that in fact  $C_n = C'_n$ , that is,  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathfrak{M}_{\lambda}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\lambda}^{<\omega}$ -real name.

Further, as  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  forces that  $\mathbf{c} \neq \dot{\mathbf{x}}_k$ , the set  $D_k$  of all conditions  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} \in \mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  which directly force  $\mathbf{c} \neq \dot{\mathbf{x}}_k$ , is dense in  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  — for every k. Therefore, still by Lemmas 6.4, we may assume that the same ordinal  $\lambda$  as above satisfies the following: each set  $D'_k = D_k \cap \mathbb{P}_{\lambda}^{<\omega}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{P}_{\lambda}^{<\omega}$ .

Applying Theorem 5.3 with  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}_{\lambda}$ ,  $\mathbb{U} = \mathbb{U}_{\lambda}$ , and  $\mathbb{P} \cup \mathbb{U} = \mathbb{P}_{\lambda+1}$ , we conclude that for each  $U \in \mathbb{U}_{\lambda}$  the set  $Q_U$  of all conditions  $\boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbb{P}_{\lambda+1}^{<\omega}$  which directly force  $\mathbf{c} \notin [U]$ , is dense in  $\mathbb{P}_{\lambda+1}^{<\omega}$ . As obviously  $Q_U \in \mathfrak{M}_{\lambda+1}$ , we further conclude that  $Q_U$  is pre-dense in the whole forcing  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  by Lemma 6.3. This implies that  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$  forces  $\mathbf{c} \notin \bigcup_{U \in \mathbb{U}_{\lambda}} [U]$ , hence, forces that  $\mathbf{c}$  is not  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -generic, by Lemma 7.1. But this contradicts to the choice of  $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ .

Finally the next lemma is a usual property of finite-support product forcing.

**Lemma 7.5** (in the assumptions of Definition 7.3). If  $k < \omega$  then  $x_k$  is not OD in  $\mathbf{L}[G]$ .

Now, arguing in the  $\mathbb{P}^{<\omega}$ -generic model  $\mathbf{L}[G] = \mathbf{L}[\{x_k\}_{k<\omega}]$ , we observe the countable set  $X = \{x_k : k < \omega\}$  is exactly the set of all  $\mathbb{P}$ -generic reals by Lemma 7.4, hence it belongs to  $\Pi_2^1$  by Corollary 7.2, and finally it contains no OD elements by Lemma 7.5.

 $\Box$  (Theorem 1.1)

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