

# Linearization of partial quasi-orderings in the Solovay model revisited. \*

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## Abstract

We modify arguments in [5] to reprove a linearization theorem on real-ordinal definable partial quasi-orderings in the Solovay model.

## 1 Introduction

The following theorem is the main content of this note.

**Theorem 1.1** (in the Solovay model). *Let  $\preceq$  be a **ROD** (real-ordinal definable) partial quasi-ordering on  $\omega^\omega$  and  $\approx$  be the associated equivalence relation. Then exactly one of the following two conditions is satisfied:*

- (I) *there is an antichain  $A \subseteq 2^{<\omega_1}$  and a **ROD** map  $F : \omega^\omega \rightarrow A$  such that*
  - 1) *if  $a, b \in \omega^\omega$  then:  $x \preceq y \implies F(x) \leq_{\mathbf{lex}} F(y)$ , and*
  - 2) *if  $a, b \in \omega^\omega$  then:  $x \not\approx y \implies F(x) \neq F(y)$ ;*
- (II) *there exists a continuous 1 – 1 map  $F : 2^\omega \rightarrow \omega^\omega$  such that*
  - 3) *if  $a, b \in 2^\omega$  then:  $a \leq_0 b \implies F(a) \preceq F(b)$ , and*
  - 4) *if  $a, b \in 2^\omega$  then:  $a \not\leq_0 b \implies F(a) \not\preceq F(b)$ .*

Here  $\leq_{\mathbf{lex}}$  is the lexicographical order on sets of the form  $2^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Ord}$  — it linearly orders any antichain  $A \subseteq 2^{<\omega_1}$ , while  $\leq_0$  is the partial quasi-ordering on  $2^\omega$  defined so that  $x \leq_0 y$  iff  $x \mathbf{E}_0 y$  and either  $x = y$  or  $x(k) < y(k)$ , where  $k$  is the largest number with  $x(k) \neq y(k)$ .<sup>1</sup>

The proof of this theorem (Theorem 6) in [5, Section 6]) contains a reference to Theorem 5 on page 91 (top), which is in fact not immediately applicable in

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<sup>1</sup> Clearly  $\leq_0$  orders each  $\mathbf{E}_0$ -class similarly to the (positive and negative) integers, except for the class  $[\omega \times \{0\}]_{\mathbf{E}_0}$  ordered as  $\omega$  and the class  $[\omega \times \{1\}]_{\mathbf{E}_0}$  ordered the inverse of  $\omega$ .

the Solovay model. The goal of this note is to present a direct and self-contained proof of Theorem 1.1.

The combinatorial side of the proof follows the proof of a theorem on Borel linearization in [4], in turn based on earlier results in [2, 1]. This will lead us to (I) in a weaker form, with a function  $F$  mapping  $\omega^\omega$  into  $2^{\omega^2}$ . To reduce this to an antichain in  $2^{<\omega_1}$ , a compression lemma (Lemma 5.1 below) is applied, which has no counterpart in the Borel case.

Our general notation follows [6, 8], but for the convenience of the reader, we add a review of notation.

PQO, *partial quasi-order*: reflexive ( $x \leq x$ ) and transitive in the domain;

LQO, *linear quasi-order*: PQO and  $x \leq y \vee y \leq x$  in the domain;

LO, *linear order*: LQO and  $x \leq y \wedge y \leq x \implies x = y$ ;

*associated equivalence relation*:  $x \approx y$  iff  $x \leq y \wedge y \leq x$ .

*associated strict ordering*:  $x < y$  iff  $x \leq y \wedge y \not\leq x$ ;

LR (*left-right*) *order preserving map*: any map  $f : \langle X; \leq \rangle \rightarrow \langle X'; \leq' \rangle$  such that we have  $x \leq y \implies f(x) \leq' f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \text{dom } f$ ;

$<_{\text{lex}}, \leq_{\text{lex}}$ : the lexicographical LOs on sets of the form  $2^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \text{Ord}$ , resp. strict and non-strict;

$[x]_{\text{E}} = \{y \in \text{dom } \text{E} : x \text{ E } y\}$  (the *E-class* of  $x$ ) and  $[X]_{\text{E}} = \bigcup_{x \in X} [x]_{\text{E}}$  — whenever  $\text{E}$  is an equivalence relation and  $x \in \text{dom } \text{E}$ ,  $X \subseteq \text{dom } \text{E}$ .

**Remark 1.2.** We shall consider only the case of a parameterfree OD ordering  $\preceq$  in Theorem 1.1; the case of  $\text{OD}(p)$  with a fixed real parameter  $p$  does not differ much.

## 2 The Solovay model and OD forcing

We start with a brief review of the Solovay model. Let  $\Omega$  be an ordinal. Let  $\Omega$ -SM be the following hypothesis:

$\Omega$ -SM:  $\Omega = \omega_1$ ,  $\Omega$  is strongly inaccessible in  $\mathbf{L}$ , the constructible universe, and the whole universe  $\mathbf{V}$  is a generic extension of  $\mathbf{L}$  via the Levy collapse forcing  $\mathbf{Coll}(\omega, <\Omega)$ , as in [9].

Assuming  $\Omega$ -SM, let  $\mathbf{P}$  be the set of all **non-empty** OD sets  $Y \subseteq \omega^\omega$ . We consider  $\mathbf{P}$  as a forcing notion (smaller sets are stronger). A set  $D \subseteq \mathbf{P}$  is:

- *dense*, iff for every  $Y \in \mathbf{P}$  there exists  $Z \in D$ ,  $Z \subseteq Y$ ;
- *open dense*, iff in addition we have  $Y \in D \implies X \in D$  whenever sets  $Y \subseteq X$  belong to  $\mathbf{P}$ ;

A set  $G \subseteq \mathbf{P}$  is  $\mathbf{P}$ -generic, iff 1) if  $X, Y \in G$  then there is a set  $Z \in G$ ,  $Z \subseteq X \cap Y$ , and 2) if  $D \subseteq \mathbf{P}$  is OD and dense then  $G \cap D \neq \emptyset$ .

Given an OD equivalence relation  $\mathbf{E}$  on  $\omega^\omega$ , a *reduced product* forcing notion  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$  consists of all sets of the form  $X \times Y$ , where  $X, Y \in \mathbf{P}$  and  $[X]_{\mathbf{E}} \cap [Y]_{\mathbf{E}} \neq \emptyset$ . For instance  $X \times X$  belongs to  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$  whenever  $X \in \mathbf{P}$ . The notions of sets dense and open dense in  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$ , and  $(\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P})$ -generic sets are similar to the case of  $\mathbf{P}$ .

A condition  $X \times Y$  in  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$  is *saturated* iff  $[X]_{\mathbf{E}} = [Y]_{\mathbf{E}}$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *If  $X \times Y$  is a condition in  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$  then there is a stronger saturated subcondition  $X' \times Y'$  in  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $X' = X \cap [Y]_{\mathbf{E}}$  and  $Y' = Y \cap [X]_{\mathbf{E}}$ . □

**Proposition 2.2** (lemmas 14, 16 in [3]). *Assume  $\Omega$ -SM.*

*If a set  $G \subseteq \mathbf{P}$  is  $\mathbf{P}$ -generic then the intersection  $\bigcap G = \{x[G]\}$  consists of a single real  $x[G]$ , called  $\mathbf{P}$ -generic — its name will be  $\dot{x}$ .*

*Given an OD equivalence relation  $\mathbf{E}$  on  $\omega^\omega$ , if a set  $G \subseteq \mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$  is  $(\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P})$ -generic then the intersection  $\bigcap G = \{\langle x_{1e}[G], x_{ri}[G] \rangle\}$  consists of a single pair of reals  $x_{1e}[G], x_{ri}[G]$ , called an  $(\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P})$ -generic pair — their names will be  $\dot{x}_{1e}, \dot{x}_{ri}$ ; either of  $x_{1e}[G], x_{ri}[G]$  is separately  $\mathbf{P}$ -generic. □*

As the set  $\mathbf{P}$  is definitely uncountable, the existence of  $\mathbf{P}$ -generic sets does not immediately follow from  $\Omega$ -SM by a cardinality argument. Yet fortunately  $\mathbf{P}$  is *locally countable*, in a sense.

**Definition 2.3** (assuming  $\Omega$ -SM). A set  $X \in \text{OD}$  is *OD-1st-countable* if the set  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{OD}}(X) = \mathcal{P}(X) \cap \text{OD}$  of all OD subsets of  $X$  is at most countable.

For instance, assuming  $\Omega$ -SM, the set  $X = \omega^\omega \cap \text{OD} = \omega^\omega \cap \mathbf{L}$  of all OD reals is OD-1st-countable. Indeed  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{OD}}(X) = \mathcal{P}(X) \cap \mathbf{L}$ , and hence  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{OD}}(X)$  admits an OD bijection onto the ordinal  $\omega_2^{\mathbf{L}} < \omega_1 = \Omega$ .

**Lemma 2.4** (assuming  $\Omega$ -SM). *If a set  $X \in \text{OD}$  is OD-1st-countable then the set  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{OD}}(X)$  is OD-1st-countable either.*

**Proof.** There is an ordinal  $\lambda < \omega_1 = \Omega$  and an OD bijection  $b : \lambda \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} \mathcal{P}_{\text{OD}}(X)$ . Any OD set  $Y \subseteq \lambda$  belongs to  $\mathbf{L}$ , hence, the OD power set  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{OD}}(\lambda) = \mathcal{P}(\lambda) \cap \mathbf{L}$  belongs to  $\mathbf{L}$  and  $\text{card}(\mathcal{P}_{\text{OD}}(\lambda)) \leq \lambda^+ < \Omega$  in  $\mathbf{L}$ . We conclude that  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{OD}}(\lambda)$  is countable. It follows that  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{OD}}(\mathcal{P}_{\text{OD}}(X))$  is countable, as required. □

**Lemma 2.5** (assuming  $\Omega$ -SM). *If  $\lambda < \Omega$  then the set  $\text{COH}_\lambda$  of all elements  $f \in \lambda^\omega$ ,  $\text{Coll}(\omega, \lambda)$ -generic over  $\mathbf{L}$ , is OD-1st-countable.*

**Proof.** If  $Y \subseteq \text{COH}_\lambda$  is OD and  $x \in Y$  then “ $\check{x} \in \check{Y}$ ” is  $\text{Coll}(\omega, \lambda)$ -forced over  $\mathbf{L}$ . It follows that there is a set  $S \subseteq \lambda^{<\omega} = \text{Coll}(\omega, \lambda)$ ,  $S \in \mathbf{L}$ , such that

$Y = \text{COH}_\lambda \cap \bigcup_{t \in S} \mathcal{N}_t$ , where  $\mathcal{N}_t = \{x \in \lambda^{<\omega} : t \subset x\}$ , a Baire interval in  $\lambda^{<\omega}$ . But the collection of all such sets  $S$  belongs to  $\mathbf{L}$  and has cardinality  $\lambda^+$  in  $\mathbf{L}$ , hence, is countable under  $\Omega$ -SM.  $\square$

Let  $\mathbf{P}^*$  be the set of all OD-1st-countable sets  $X \in \mathbf{P}$ . We also define

$$\mathbf{P}^* \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}^* = \{X \times Y \in \mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P} : X, Y \in \mathbf{P}^*\}.$$

**Lemma 2.6** (assuming  $\Omega$ -SM). *The set  $\mathbf{P}^*$  is dense in  $\mathbf{P}$ , that is, if  $X \in \mathbf{P}$  then there is a condition  $Y \in \mathbf{P}^*$  such that  $Y \subseteq X$ .*

*If  $\mathbf{E}$  is an OD equivalence relation on  $\omega^\omega$  then the set  $\mathbf{P}^* \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}^*$  is dense in  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$  and any  $X \times Y$  in  $\mathbf{P}^* \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}^*$  is OD-1st-countable.*

**Proof.** Let  $X \in \mathbf{P}$ . Then  $X \neq \emptyset$ , hence, there is a real  $x \in X$ . It follows from  $\Omega$ -SM that there is an ordinal  $\lambda < \omega_1 = \Omega$ , an element  $f \in \text{COH}_\lambda$ , and an OD map  $H : \lambda^\omega \rightarrow \omega^\omega$ , such that  $x = H(f)$ . The set  $P = \{f' \in \text{COH}_\lambda : H(f') \in X\}$  is then OD and non-empty (contains  $f$ ), and hence so is its image  $Y = \{H(f') : f' \in P\} \subseteq X$  (contains  $x$ ). Finally,  $Y \in \mathbf{P}^*$  by Lemma 2.5.

To prove the second claim, let  $X \times Y$  be a condition in  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$ . By Lemma 2.1 there is a stronger saturated subcondition  $X' \times Y' \subseteq X \times Y$ . By the first part of the lemma, let  $X'' \subseteq X'$  be a condition in  $\mathbf{P}^*$ , and  $Y'' = Y' \cap [X'']_{\mathbf{E}}$ . Similarly, let  $Y''' \subseteq Y''$  be a condition in  $\mathbf{P}^*$ , and  $X''' = X'' \cap [Y''']_{\mathbf{E}}$ . Then  $X''' \times Y'''$  belongs to  $\mathbf{P}^* \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}^*$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.7** (assuming  $\Omega$ -SM). *If  $X \in \mathbf{P}$  then there exists a  $\mathbf{P}$ -generic set  $G \subseteq \mathbf{P}$  containing  $X$ . If  $X \times Y$  is a condition in  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$  then there exists a  $(\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P})$ -generic set  $G \subseteq \mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$  containing  $X \times Y$ .*

**Proof.** By Lemma 2.6, assume that  $X \in \mathbf{P}^*$ . Then the set  $\mathbf{P}_{\subseteq X}$  of stronger conditions contains only countably many OD subsets by Lemma 2.4.  $\square$

### 3 The OD forcing relation

The forcing notion  $\mathbf{P}$  will play the same role below as the Gandy – Harrington forcing in [2, 7]. There is a notable technical difference: under  $\Omega$ -SM, OD-generic sets exist in the ground Solovay-model universe by Corollary 2.7. Another notable difference is connected with the forcing relation.

**Definition 3.1** (assuming  $\Omega$ -SM). Let  $\varphi(x)$  be an **Ord-formula**, that is, a formula with ordinals as parameters.

A condition  $X \in \mathbf{P}$  is said to  **$\mathbf{P}$ -force**  $\varphi(\dot{x})$  iff  $\varphi(x)$  is true (in the Solovay-model set universe considered) for any  $\mathbf{P}$ -generic real  $x$ .

If  $\mathbf{E}$  is an OD equivalence relation on  $\omega^\omega$  then a condition  $X \times Y$  in  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$  is said to  **$(\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P})$ -force**  $\varphi(\dot{x}_{1\mathbf{e}}, \dot{x}_{r\mathbf{i}})$  iff  $\varphi(x, y)$  is true for any  $(\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P})$ -generic pair  $\langle x, y \rangle$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2** (assuming  $\Omega$ -SM). *Given an Ord-formula  $\varphi(x)$  and a  $\mathbf{P}$ -generic real  $x$ , if  $\varphi(x)$  is true (in the Solovay-model set universe considered) then there is a condition  $X \in \mathbf{P}$  containing  $x$ , which  $\mathbf{P}$ -forces  $\varphi(\dot{x})$ .*

*Let  $\mathbf{E}$  be an OD equivalence relation on  $\omega^\omega$ . Given an Ord-formula  $\varphi(x, y)$  and a  $(\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P})$ -generic pair  $\langle x, y \rangle$ , if  $\varphi(x, y)$  is true then there is a condition in  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$  containing  $\langle x, y \rangle$ , which  $(\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P})$ -forces  $\varphi(\dot{x}_{1\mathbf{E}}, \dot{x}_{2\mathbf{E}})$ .*

**Proof.** To prove the first claim, put  $X = \{x' \in \omega^\omega : \varphi(x')\}$ . But this argument does not work for  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$ . To fix the problem, we propose a longer argument which equally works in both cases — but we present it in the case of  $\mathbf{P}$  which is slightly simpler.

Formally the forcing notion  $\mathbf{P}$  does not belong to  $\mathbf{L}$ . But it is order-isomorphic to a certain forcing notion  $P \in \mathbf{L}$ , namely, the set  $P$  of codes<sup>2</sup> of OD sets in  $\mathbf{P}$ . The order between the codes in  $P$ , which reflects the relation  $\subseteq$  between the OD sets themselves, is expressible in  $\mathbf{L}$ , too. Furthermore dense OD sets in  $\mathbf{P}$  correspond to dense sets in the coded forcing  $P$  in  $\mathbf{L}$ .

Now, let  $x$  be  $\mathbf{P}$ -generic and  $\varphi(x)$  be true. It is a known property of the Solovay model that there is another Ord-formula  $\psi(x)$  such that  $\varphi(x)$  iff  $\mathbf{L}[x] \models \psi(x)$ . Let  $g \subseteq P$  be the set of all codes of conditions  $X \in \mathbf{P}$  such that  $x \in X$ . Then  $g$  is a  $P$ -generic set over  $\mathbf{L}$  by the choice of  $x$ , and  $x$  is the corresponding generic object. Therefore there is a condition  $p \in g$  which  $P$ -forces  $\psi(\dot{x})$  over  $\mathbf{L}$ . Let  $X \in \mathbf{P}$  be the OD set coded by  $p$ , so that  $x \in X$ . To prove that  $X$  OD-forces  $\varphi(\dot{x})$ , let  $x' \in X$  be a  $\mathbf{P}$ -generic real. Let  $g' \subseteq P$  be the  $P$ -generic set of all codes of conditions  $Y \in \mathbf{P}$  such that  $x' \in Y$ . Then  $p \in g'$ , hence  $\psi(x')$  holds in  $\mathbf{L}[x']$ , by the choice of  $p$ . Then  $\varphi(x')$  holds (in the Solovay-model set universe) by the choice of  $\psi$ , as required.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3** (assuming  $\Omega$ -SM). *Given an Ord-formula  $\varphi(x)$ , if  $X \in \mathbf{P}$  does not  $\mathbf{P}$ -force  $\varphi(\dot{x})$  then there is a condition  $Y \in \mathbf{P}$ ,  $Y \subseteq X$ , which  $\mathbf{P}$ -forces  $\neg \varphi(\dot{x})$ . The same for  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$ .*  $\square$

## 4 Some similar and derived forcing notions

Some forcing notions similar to  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$  will be considered:

- 1°.  $\mathbf{P}_{\subseteq W} = \{Q \subseteq W : \emptyset \neq Q \in \text{OD}\}$ , where  $W \subseteq \omega^\omega$  or  $W \subseteq \omega^\omega \times \omega^\omega$  is an OD set. Especially, in the case when  $W \subseteq \mathbf{E}$ , where  $\mathbf{E}$  is an OD equivalence relation on  $\omega^\omega$  (that is,  $\langle x, y \rangle \in W \implies x \mathbf{E} y$ ) — note that  $[\text{dom } W]_{\mathbf{E}} = [\text{ran } W]_{\mathbf{E}}$  in this case.
- 2°.  $(\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P})_{\subseteq X \times Y} = \{X' \times Y' \in \mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P} : X' \subseteq X \wedge Y' \subseteq Y\}$ , where  $\mathbf{E}$  is an OD equivalence relation on  $\omega^\omega$  and  $X \times Y \in \mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$ .

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<sup>2</sup> A code of an OD set  $X$  is a finite sequence of logical symbols and ordinals which correspond to a definition in the form  $X = \{x \in \mathbf{V}_\alpha : \mathbf{V}_\alpha \models \varphi(x)\}$ .

- 3°.  $\mathbf{P}_{\subseteq W} \times_E \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq X} = \{P \times Y : P \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq W} \wedge Y \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq X} \wedge [Y]_E \cap [\text{dom } P]_E \neq \emptyset\}$ ,  
 where  $E$  is an OD equivalence relation on  $\omega^\omega$ ,  $W \subseteq E$  is OD,  $X \in \mathbf{P}$ ,  
 and  $[X]_E \cap [\text{dom } W]_E \neq \emptyset$  (equivalently,  $[X]_E \cap [\text{ran } W]_E \neq \emptyset$ ).
- 4°.  $\mathbf{P}_{\subseteq W} \times_E \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq W} = \{P \times Q : P, Q \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq W} \wedge [\text{dom } P]_E \cap [\text{dom } Q]_E \neq \emptyset\}$ , where  
 $E$  is an OD equivalence relation on  $\omega^\omega$  and  $W \subseteq E$  is OD.

They have the same basic properties as  $\mathbf{P}$  — the forcing notions of the form 1°, or as  $\mathbf{P} \times_E \mathbf{P}$  — 2°, 3°, 4°. This includes such results and concepts as 2.2, 2.6, 2.7, the associated forcing relation as in 3.1, and 3.2, 3.3, with suitable and rather transparent corrections, of course.

## 5 Compression lemma

A set  $A \subseteq 2^{<\Omega}$  is an antichain if its elements are pairwise  $\subset$ -incomparable, that is, no sequence in  $A$  properly extends another sequence in  $A$ . Clearly any antichain is linearly ordered by  $\leq_{\text{lex}}$ .

Let  $\Theta = \Omega^+$ ; the cardinal successor of  $\Omega$  in both  $\mathbf{L}$ , the ground model, and its  $\text{Coll}(\omega, <\Omega)$ -generic extension postulated by  $\Omega$ -SM to be the set universe; in the latter,  $\Omega = \omega_1$  and  $\Theta = \omega_2$ .

**Lemma 5.1** (compression lemma). *Assume that  $\Omega \leq \vartheta \leq \Theta$  and  $X \subseteq 2^\Theta$  is the image of  $\omega^\omega$  via an OD map. Then there is an OD antichain  $A(X) \subseteq 2^{<\Omega}$  and an OD isomorphism  $f : \langle X; \leq_{\text{lex}} \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} \langle A(X); \leq_{\text{lex}} \rangle$ .*

**Proof.** If  $\vartheta = \Theta$  then, as  $\text{card } X \leq \text{card } \omega^\omega = \Omega$ , there is an ordinal  $\vartheta < \Theta$  such that  $x \upharpoonright \vartheta \neq y \upharpoonright \vartheta$  whenever  $x \neq y$  belong to  $X$  — this reduces the case  $\vartheta = \Theta$  to the case  $\Omega \leq \vartheta < \Theta$ . We prove the latter by induction on  $\vartheta$ .

The nontrivial step is the step  $\text{cof } \lambda = \Omega$ , so that let  $\vartheta = \bigcup_{\alpha < \Omega} \vartheta_\alpha$ , for an increasing OD sequence of ordinals  $\vartheta_\alpha$ . Let  $I_\alpha = [\vartheta_\alpha, \vartheta_{\alpha+1})$ . Then, by the induction hypothesis, for any  $\alpha < \Omega$  the set  $X_\alpha = \{S \upharpoonright I_\alpha : S \in X\} \subseteq 2^{I_\alpha}$  is  $<_{\text{lex}}$ -order-isomorphic to an antichain  $A_\alpha \subseteq 2^{<\Omega}$  via an OD isomorphism  $i_\alpha$ , and the map, which sends  $\alpha$  to  $A_\alpha$  and  $i_\alpha$ , is OD. It follows that the map, which sends each  $S \in X$  to the concatenation of all sequences  $i_\alpha(x \upharpoonright I_\alpha)$ , is an OD  $<_{\text{lex}}$ -order-isomorphism  $X$  onto an antichain in  $2^\Omega$ . Therefore, in fact it suffices to prove the lemma in the case  $\vartheta = \Omega$ . Thus let  $X \subseteq 2^\Omega$ .

First of all, note that each sequence  $S \in X$  is ROD. Lemma 7 in [3] shows that, in this case, we have  $S \in \mathbf{L}[S \upharpoonright \eta]$  for an ordinal  $\eta < \Omega$ . Let  $\eta(S)$  be the least such an ordinal, and  $h(S) = S \upharpoonright \eta(S)$ , so that  $h(S)$  is a countable initial segment of  $S$  and  $S \in \mathbf{L}[h(S)]$ . Note that  $h$  is still OD.

Consider the set  $U = \text{ran } h = \{h(S) : S \in X\} \subseteq 2^{<\Omega}$ . We can assume that every sequence  $u \in U$  has a limit length. Then  $U = \bigcup_{\gamma < \Omega} U_\gamma$ , where  $U_\gamma = U \cap 2^{\omega_\gamma}$  ( $\omega_\gamma$  is the  $\gamma$ -th limit ordinal). For  $u \in U_\gamma$ , let  $\gamma_u = \gamma$ .

If  $u \in U$  then by construction the set  $X_u = \{S \in X : h(S) = u\}$  is OD( $u$ ) and satisfies  $X_u \subseteq \mathbf{L}[u]$ . Therefore, it follows from the known properties of the

Solovay model that  $X_u$  belongs to  $\mathbf{L}[u]$  and is of cardinality  $\leq \Omega$  in  $\mathbf{L}[u]$ . Fix an enumeration  $X_u = \{S_u(\alpha) : \gamma_u \leq \alpha < \Omega\}$  for all  $u \in U$ . We can assume that the map  $\alpha, u \mapsto S_u(\alpha)$  is OD.

If  $u \in U$  and  $\gamma_u \leq \alpha < \Omega$ , then we define a shorter sequence,  $s_u(\alpha) \in 3^{\omega\alpha+1}$ , as follows.

- (i)  $s_u(\alpha)(\xi + 1) = S_u(\alpha)(\xi)$  for any  $\xi < \omega\alpha$ .
- (ii)  $s_u(\alpha)(\omega\alpha) = 1$ .
- (iii) Let  $\delta < \alpha$ . If  $S_u(\alpha) \upharpoonright \omega\delta = S_v(\delta) \upharpoonright \omega\delta$  for some  $v \in U$  (equal to or different from  $u$ ) then  $s_u(\alpha)(\omega\delta) = 0$  whenever  $S_u(\alpha) <_{\mathbf{lex}} S_v(\delta)$ , and  $s_u(\alpha)(\omega\delta) = 2$  whenever  $S_v(\delta) <_{\mathbf{lex}} S_u(\alpha)$ .
- (iv) Otherwise (i.e., if there is no such  $v$ ),  $s_u(\alpha)(\omega\delta) = 1$ .

To demonstrate that (iii) is consistent, we show that  $S_{u'}(\delta) \upharpoonright \omega\delta = S_{u''}(\delta) \upharpoonright \omega\delta$  implies  $u' = u''$ . Indeed, as by definition  $u' \subset S_{u'}(\delta)$  and  $u'' \subset S_{u''}(\delta)$ ,  $u'$  and  $u''$  must be  $\subseteq$ -compatible: let, say,  $u' \subseteq u''$ . Now, by definition,  $S_{u''}(\delta) \in \mathbf{L}[u'']$ , therefore  $\in \mathbf{L}[S_{u'}(\delta)]$  because  $u'' \subseteq S_{u''}(\delta) \upharpoonright \omega\delta = S_{u'}(\delta) \upharpoonright \omega\delta$ , finally  $\in \mathbf{L}[u']$ , which shows that  $u' = u''$  as  $S_{u''}(\delta) \in X_{u''}$ .

We are going to prove that the map  $S_u(\alpha) \mapsto s_u(\alpha)$  is a  $<_{\mathbf{lex}}$ -order isomorphism, so that  $S_v(\beta) <_{\mathbf{lex}} S_u(\alpha)$  implies  $s_v(\beta) <_{\mathbf{lex}} s_u(\alpha)$ .

We first observe that  $s_v(\beta)$  and  $s_u(\alpha)$  are  $\subseteq$ -incomparable. Indeed assume that  $\beta < \alpha$ . If  $S_u(\alpha) \upharpoonright \omega\beta \neq S_v(\beta) \upharpoonright \omega\beta$  then clearly  $s_v(\beta) \not\subseteq s_u(\alpha)$  by (i). If  $S_u(\alpha) \upharpoonright \omega\beta = S_v(\beta) \upharpoonright \omega\beta$  then  $s_u(\alpha)(\omega\beta) = 0$  or  $2$  by (iii) while  $s_v(\beta)(\omega\beta) = 1$  by (ii). Thus all  $s_u(\alpha)$  are mutually  $\subseteq$ -incomparable, so that it suffices to show that conversely  $s_v(\beta) <_{\mathbf{lex}} s_u(\alpha)$  implies  $S_v(\beta) <_{\mathbf{lex}} S_u(\alpha)$ . Let  $\zeta$  be the least ordinal such that  $s_v(\beta)(\zeta) < s_u(\alpha)(\zeta)$ ; then  $s_u(\alpha) \upharpoonright \zeta = s_v(\beta) \upharpoonright \zeta$  and  $\zeta \leq \min\{\omega\alpha, \omega\beta\}$ .

The case when  $\zeta = \xi + 1$  is clear: then by definition  $S_u(\alpha) \upharpoonright \xi = S_v(\beta) \upharpoonright \xi$  while  $S_v(\beta)(\xi) < S_u(\alpha)(\xi)$ , so let us suppose that  $\zeta = \omega\delta$ , where  $\delta \leq \min\{\alpha, \beta\}$ . Then obviously  $S_u(\alpha) \upharpoonright \omega\delta = S_v(\beta) \upharpoonright \omega\delta$ . Assume that one of the ordinals  $\alpha, \beta$  is equal to  $\delta$ , say,  $\beta = \delta$ . Then  $s_v(\beta)(\omega\delta) = 1$  while  $s_u(\alpha)(\omega\delta)$  is computed by (iii). Now, as  $s_v(\beta)(\omega\delta) < s_u(\alpha)(\omega\delta)$ , we conclude that  $s_u(\alpha)(\omega\delta) = 2$ , hence  $S_v(\beta) <_{\mathbf{lex}} S_u(\alpha)$ , as required. Assume now that  $\delta < \min\{\alpha, \beta\}$ . Then easily  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  appear in one and the same class (iii) or (iv) with respect to the  $\delta$ . However this cannot be (iv) because  $s_v(\beta)(\omega\delta) \neq s_u(\alpha)(\omega\delta)$ . Hence we are in (iii), so that, for some (unique)  $w \in U$ .  $0 = S_v(\beta) <_{\mathbf{lex}} S_w(\delta) <_{\mathbf{lex}} S_u(\alpha) = 2$ , as required.

This ends the proof of the lemma, except for the fact that the sequences  $s_u(\alpha)$  belong to  $3^{<\Omega}$ , but improvement to  $2^{<\Omega}$  is easy.  $\square$

## 6 The dichotomy

Here we begin the proof of Theorem 1.1. **We assume  $\Omega$ -SM in the course of the proof.** And we assume that the ordering  $\preceq$  of the theorem is just OD — then

so is the associated equivalence relation  $\approx$  and strict order  $\prec$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the set of all OD LR order preserving maps  $F : \langle \omega^\omega; \preceq \rangle \rightarrow \langle A; \leq_{1\text{ex}} \rangle$ , where  $A \subseteq 2^{<\Omega}$  is an OD antichain. Let

$$x \text{ E } y \text{ iff } \forall F \in \mathcal{F} (F(x) = F(y))$$

for  $x, y \in \omega^\omega$ . Then E is an OD equivalence relation, OD-smooth in the sense that it admits an obvious OD reduction to the equality on the set  $2^{\mathcal{F}}$ .

**Lemma 6.1.** *If  $R(x, y)$  is an OD relation and  $\forall x, y (x \text{ E } y \implies R(x, y))$  then there is a function  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $\forall x, y (F(x) = F(y) \implies R(x, y))$ .*

**Proof.** Clearly  $\text{card } \mathcal{F} = \Theta = \Omega^+$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  admits an OD enumeration  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_\xi : \xi < \Theta\}$ . If  $x \in \omega^\omega$  then let  $f(x) = F_0(x) \wedge F_1(x) \wedge \dots \wedge F_\xi(x) \wedge \dots$  — the concatenation of all sequences  $F_\xi(x)$ . Then  $f : \langle \omega^\omega; \preceq \rangle \rightarrow \langle X; \leq_{1\text{ex}} \rangle$  is an OD LR order preserving map, where  $X = \text{ran } f = \{f(r) : r \in \omega^\omega\} \subseteq 2^\Theta$ , and  $f(x) = f(y) \implies R(x, y)$  by the construction. By Lemma 5.1 there is an OD isomorphism  $g : \langle X; \leq_{1\text{ex}} \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} \langle A; \leq_{1\text{ex}} \rangle$  onto an antichain  $A \subseteq 2^{<\Omega}$ . The superposition  $F(x) = g(f(x))$  proves the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.2.** *Let OD sets  $\emptyset \neq X, Y \subseteq \omega^\omega$  satisfy  $[X]_E = [Y]_E$ . Then the set  $B = \{\langle x, y \rangle \in X \times Y : x \text{ E } y \wedge x \preceq y\}$  is non-empty,  $\text{dom } B = X$ ,  $\text{ran } B = Y$ .*

**Proof.** It suffices to establish  $B \neq \emptyset$ . The OD set

$$X' = \{x' \in \omega^\omega : \exists x \in X (x' \text{ E } x \wedge x' \preceq x)\}$$

is downwards  $\preceq$ -closed in each E-class, and if  $B = \emptyset$  then  $X' \cap Y = \emptyset$ . By Lemma 6.1, there is a function  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $x \in X' \implies x' \in X'$  holds whenever  $F(x) = F(x')$  and  $x' \preceq x$ . It follows that the derived function

$$G(x) = \begin{cases} F(x) \wedge 0, & \text{whenever } x \in X' \\ F(x) \wedge 1, & \text{whenever } x \in \omega^\omega \setminus X' \end{cases}$$

belongs to  $\mathcal{F}$ . Thus if  $x \in X \subseteq X'$  and  $y \in Y \subseteq \omega^\omega \setminus X'$  then  $G(x) \neq G(y)$  and hence  $x \not\text{E } y$ . In other words,  $[X]_E \cap [Y]_E = \emptyset$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

We'll make use of the OD-forcing notions  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{P} \times_E \mathbf{P}$ .

**Lemma 6.3.** *Condition  $\omega^\omega \times \omega^\omega$  ( $\mathbf{P} \times_E \mathbf{P}$ )-forces  $\dot{x}_{1e} \text{ E } \dot{x}_{ri}$ .*

**Proof.** Otherwise, by Lemma 3.2, there is a function  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  and a condition  $X \times Y$  in  $\mathbf{P} \times_E \mathbf{P}$  which ( $\mathbf{P} \times_E \mathbf{P}$ )-forces  $F(\dot{x}_{1e})(\xi) = 0 \neq 1 = F(\dot{x}_{ri})(\xi)$  for a certain ordinal  $\xi < \Omega$ . We may assume that  $X \times Y$  is a saturated condition. Then easily  $F(x)(\xi) = 0 \neq 1 = F(y)(\xi)$  holds for any pair  $\langle x, y \rangle \in X \times Y$ , so that we have  $F(x) \neq F(y)$  and  $x \not\text{E } y$  whenever  $\langle x, y \rangle \in X \times Y$ , which contradicts the choice of  $X \times Y$  in  $\mathbf{P} \times_E \mathbf{P}$ .  $\square$



**Case 1:**  $\approx$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  coincide on  $\omega^\omega$ , so that  $x \mathbf{E} y \iff x \approx y$  for  $x, y \in \omega^\omega$ . By Lemma 6.1 there is a single function  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $F(x) = F(y)$  implies  $x \approx y$  for all  $x, y \in U^*$ , as required for (I) of Theorem 1.1.

**Case 2:**  $\approx$  is a *proper* subrelation of  $\mathbf{E}$ , hence, the OD set

$$U_0 = \{x \in \omega^\omega : \exists y \in \omega^\omega (x \not\approx y \wedge x \mathbf{E} y)\}$$

(the domain of singularity) is non-empty. It follows that  $U_0 \in \mathbf{P}$  and  $U_0 \times U_0$  is a condition in  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$ . We'll work towards (II) of Theorem 1.1.

## 7 The domain of singularity

Since the set  $U_0$  belongs to  $\mathbf{P}$ , there is a set  $U^* \in \mathbf{P}^*$ ,  $U^* \subseteq U_0$ . Then obviously  $U^* \times U^*$  belongs to  $\mathbf{P}^* \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}^*$ .

**Lemma 7.1.** *Condition  $U^* \times U^*$  ( $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$ )-forces that the reals  $\dot{x}_{1e}$  and  $\dot{x}_{ri}$  are  $\preceq$ -incomparable.*

**Proof.** Suppose to the contrary that, by Corollary 3.3, a subcondition  $X \times Y$  in  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$  either ( $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$ )-forces  $\dot{x}_{1e} \approx \dot{x}_{ri}$  or ( $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$ )-forces  $\dot{x}_{1e} \prec \dot{x}_{ri}$ . We will get a contradiction in both cases. Note that  $X, Y \subseteq U^*$  are non-empty OD sets and  $[X]_{\mathbf{E}} \cap [Y]_{\mathbf{E}} \neq \emptyset$ .

**Claim 7.2.** *The set  $W = \{\langle x, x' \rangle \in X \times X : x \mathbf{E} x' \wedge x' \not\approx x\}$  is non-empty.*

**Proof.** Suppose to the contrary that  $W = \emptyset$ , so  $\mathbf{E}$  coincides with  $\approx$  on  $X$ . As  $X \subseteq U^*$ , at least one of the OD sets

$$Z = \{z : \exists x \in X (z \mathbf{E} x \wedge z \not\approx x)\}, \quad Z' = \{z : \exists x \in X (z \mathbf{E} x \wedge x \not\approx z)\}$$

is non-empty; assume that, say,  $Z \neq \emptyset$ . Consider the OD set

$$U = \{z : \exists x \in X (z \mathbf{E} x \wedge z \preceq x)\}.$$

Then  $X \subseteq U$  and  $U \cap Z = \emptyset$ ,  $U$  is downwards  $\preceq$ -closed while  $Z$  is upwards  $\preceq$ -closed in each  $\mathbf{E}$ -class, therefore  $y \not\approx x$  whenever  $x \in U \wedge y \in Z \wedge x \mathbf{E} y$ , and hence we have  $[U]_{\mathbf{E}} \cap [Z]_{\mathbf{E}} = \emptyset$  by Lemma 6.2. Yet by definition  $[X]_{\mathbf{E}} \cap [Z]_{\mathbf{E}} \neq \emptyset$  and  $X \subseteq U$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$  (Claim)

Suppose that condition  $X \times Y$  ( $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$ )-forces  $\dot{x}_{1e} \approx \dot{x}_{ri}$ . As  $W \neq \emptyset$  by Claim 7.2, the forcing  $\mathbf{P}_{\subseteq W}$  of all non-empty OD sets  $P \subseteq W$  adds pairs  $\langle x, x' \rangle \in W$  of  $\mathbf{P}$ -generic (separately) reals  $x, x' \in X$  which satisfy  $x' \mathbf{E} x$  and  $x' \not\approx x$ . If  $P \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq W}$  then obviously  $[\text{dom } P]_{\mathbf{E}} = [\text{ran } P]_{\mathbf{E}}$ . Consider a more complex forcing  $\mathcal{P} = \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq W} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$  of all pairs  $P \times Y'$ , where  $P \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq W}$ ,  $Y' \in \mathbf{P}$ ,  $Y' \subseteq Y$ , and  $[\text{dom } P]_{\mathbf{E}} \cap [Y']_{\mathbf{E}} \neq \emptyset$ . For instance,  $W \times Y \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq W} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$ . Then  $\mathcal{P}$  adds a pair  $\langle \dot{x}_{1e}, \dot{x}_{ri} \rangle \in W$  and another real  $\dot{x} \in Y$  such that both pairs

$\langle \dot{x}_{1e}, \dot{x} \rangle$  and  $\langle \dot{x}_{ri}, \dot{x} \rangle$  belong to  $X \times Y$  and are  $(\mathbf{P} \times_E \mathbf{P})$ -generic, hence, we have  $\dot{x}_{1e} \approx \dot{x} \approx \dot{x}_{ri}$  by the choice of  $X \times Y$ . On the other hand,  $\dot{x}_{1e} \not\approx \dot{x}_{ri}$  since the pair belongs to  $W$ , which is a contradiction.

Now suppose that condition  $X \times Y$   $(\mathbf{P} \times_E \mathbf{P})$ -forces  $\dot{x}_{1e} \prec \dot{x}_{ri}$ . The set

$$B = \{ \langle x, y \rangle \in X \times Y : y \text{ E } x \wedge y \preceq x \}$$

is non-empty by Lemma 6.2. Consider the forcing  $\mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}$  of all non-empty OD sets  $P \subseteq B$ ; if  $P \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}$  then obviously  $[\text{dom } P]_E = [\text{ran } P]_E$ . Consider a more complex forcing  $\mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B} \times_E \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}$  of all products  $P \times Q$ , where  $P, Q \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}$  and  $[\text{dom } P]_E \cap [\text{dom } Q]_E \neq \emptyset$ . In particular  $B \times B \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B} \times_E \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}$ .

Let  $\langle x, y; x', y' \rangle$  be a  $\mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B} \times_E \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}$ -generic quadruple in  $B \times B$ , so that both  $\langle x, y \rangle \in B$  and  $\langle x', y' \rangle \in B$  are  $\mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}$ -generic pairs in  $B$ , and both  $y \preceq x$  and  $y' \preceq x'$  hold by the definition of  $B$ . On the other hand, an easy argument shows that both criss-cross pairs  $\langle x, y' \rangle \in X \times Y$  and  $\langle x', y \rangle \in X \times Y$  are  $\mathbf{P} \times_E \mathbf{P}$ -generic, hence  $x \prec y'$  and  $x' \prec y$  by the choice of  $X \times Y$ . Altogether  $y \preceq x \prec y' \preceq x' \prec y$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

## 8 The splitting construction

Our aim is to define, in the universe of  $\Omega$ -SM, a splitting system of sets which leads to a function  $F$  satisfying (II) of Theorem 1.1. Let

$$\mathbf{B} = \{ \langle x, y \rangle \in U^* \times U^* : x \text{ E } y \wedge x \preceq y \}; \quad \mathbf{B} \neq \emptyset \text{ by Lemma 6.2.}$$

The construction will involve three forcing notions:  $\mathbf{P}$ ,  $\mathbf{P} \times_E \mathbf{P}$ , and

$$\mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}, \text{ the collection of all non-empty OD sets } P \subseteq B.$$

We also consider the dense (by Lemma 2.6) subforcings  $\mathbf{P}^* \subseteq \mathbf{P}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}^* \times_E \mathbf{P}^* \subseteq \mathbf{P} \times_E \mathbf{P}$  (see Section 2), and

$$\mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}^* = \{ Q \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B} : Q \text{ is OD-1st-countable} \} \subseteq \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}.$$

Now note the following.

1. As  $U^* \in \mathbf{P}^*$ , the set  $\mathcal{D}$  of all sets open dense in the restricted forcing  $\mathbf{P}_{\subseteq U^*}$ , is countable by Lemma 2.6; hence we can fix an enumeration  $\mathcal{D} = \{ D_n : n \in \omega \}$  such that  $D_n \subseteq D_m$  whenever  $m < n$ .
2. As  $U^* \times U^* \in \mathbf{P}^* \times_E \mathbf{P}^*$ , the set  $\mathcal{D}'$  of all sets, open dense in the restricted forcing  $(\mathbf{P} \times_E \mathbf{P})_{\subseteq U^* \times U^*}$ , is countable as above; fix an enumeration  $\mathcal{D}' = \{ D'_n : n \in \omega \}$  s. t.  $D'_n \subseteq D'_m$  for  $m < n$ .
3. If  $Q \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}^*$  then the set  $\mathcal{D}(Q)$  of all sets open dense in the restricted forcing  $\mathbf{P}_{\subseteq Q}$ , is countable by Lemma 2.6; hence we can fix an enumeration  $\mathcal{D}(Q) = \{ D_n(Q) : n \in \omega \}$  such that  $D_n(Q) \subseteq D_m(Q)$  whenever  $m < n$ .

The chosen enumerations are not necessarily OD, of course.

A pair  $\langle u, v \rangle$  of strings  $u, v \in 2^n$  is called *crucial* iff  $u = 1^k \wedge 0 \wedge w$  and  $v = 0^k \wedge 1 \wedge w$  for some  $k < n$  and  $w \in 2^{n-k-1}$ . Note that each pair of the form  $\langle 1^k \wedge 0, 0^k \wedge 1 \rangle$  is a minimal crucial pair, and if  $\langle u, v \rangle$  is a crucial pair then so is  $\langle u \wedge i, v \wedge i \rangle$ , but not  $\langle u \wedge i, v \wedge j \rangle$  whenever  $i \neq j$ . The graph of all crucial pairs in  $2^n$  is actually a chain connecting all members of  $2^n$ .

We are going to define, **in the assumption of  $\Omega$ -SM**, a system of sets  $X_u \in \mathbf{P}^*$ , where  $u \in 2^{<\omega}$ , and sets  $Q_{uv} \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq \mathbf{B}}^*$ ,  $\langle u, v \rangle$  being a crucial pair in some  $2^n$ , satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $X_u \in \mathbf{P}^*$  and  $Q_{uv} \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq \mathbf{B}}^*$ ;
- (2)  $X_{u \wedge i} \subseteq X_u$ ;
- (3)  $Q_{u \wedge i, v \wedge i} \subseteq Q_{uv}$ ;
- (4) if  $\langle u, v \rangle$  is a crucial pair in  $2^n$  then  $\text{dom } Q_{uv} = X_u$  and  $\text{ran } Q_{uv} = X_v$ ;
- (5)  $X_u \in D_n$  whenever  $u \in 2^{n+1}$ ;
- (6) if  $u, v \in 2^{n+1}$  and  $u(n) \neq v(n)$  then  $X_u \times X_v \in D'_n$  and  $X_u \cap X_v = \emptyset$ .
- (7) if  $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle 1^k \wedge 0 \wedge w, 0^k \wedge 1 \wedge w \rangle$  is a crucial pair in  $2^{n+1}$  and  $k < n$  (so that  $w$  is not the empty string) then  $Q_{uv} \in D_n(Q_{1^k \wedge 0, 0^k \wedge 1})$ ;

**Remark 8.1.** It follows from (4) that  $[X_u]_{\mathbf{E}} = [X_v]_{\mathbf{E}}$  for all  $u, v \in 2^n$ , because  $Q_{uv} \subseteq \mathbf{B} \subseteq \mathbf{E}$  and  $u, v$  are connected in  $2^n$  by a chain of crucial pairs.  $\square$

### Why this implies the existence of a function as in (II) of Theorem 1.1?

First of all, if  $a \in 2^\omega$  then the sequence of sets  $X_{a \upharpoonright n}$  is  $\mathbf{P}$ -generic by (5), therefore the intersection  $\bigcap_{n \in \omega} X_{a \upharpoonright n}$  is a singleton by Proposition 2.2. Let  $F(a) \in \omega^\omega$  be its only element.

It does not take much effort to prove that  $F$  is continuous and  $1 - 1$ .

Consider any  $a, b \in 2^\omega$  satisfying  $a \not\leq_0 b$ . Then  $a(n) \neq b(n)$  for infinitely many  $n$ , hence the pair  $\langle F(a), F(b) \rangle$  is  $\mathbf{P} \times_{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}$ -generic by (7), thus  $F(a)$  and  $F(b)$  are  $\preceq$ -incomparable by Lemma 7.1.

Consider  $a, b \in 2^\omega$  satisfying  $a <_0 b$ . We may assume that  $a$  and  $b$  are  $<_0$ -neighbours, i.e.,  $a = 1^k \wedge 0 \wedge w$  while  $b = 0^k \wedge 1 \wedge w$  for some  $k \in \omega$  and  $w \in 2^\omega$ . The sequence of sets  $Q_{a \upharpoonright n, b \upharpoonright n}$ ,  $n > k$ , is  $\mathbf{P}_{\subseteq \mathbf{B}}$ -generic by (6), hence it results in a pair of reals satisfying  $x \preceq y$ . However  $x = F(a)$  and  $y = F(b)$  by (4).

## 9 The construction of a splitting system

Now the goal is to define, **in the assumption of  $\Omega$ -SM**, a system of sets  $X_u$  and  $Q_{uv}$  satisfying (1) – (7) above. Suppose that the construction has been completed up to a level  $n$ , and expand it to the next level. From now on  $s, t$  will denote strings in  $2^n$  while  $u, v$  will denote strings in  $2^{n+1}$ .

**Step 0.** To start with, we set  $X_{s \wedge i} = X_s$  for all  $s \in 2^n$  and  $i = 0, 1$ , and  $Q_{s \wedge i, t \wedge i} = Q_{st}$  whenever  $i = 0, 1$  and  $\langle s, t \rangle$  is a crucial pair in  $2^n$ . For the initial crucial pair  $\langle 1^n \wedge 0, 0^n \wedge 1 \rangle$  at this level, let  $Q_{1^n \wedge 0, 0^n \wedge 1} = X_{1^n} \times X_{0^n}$ . The newly defined sets satisfy (1) – (4) except for the requirement  $Q_{uv} \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}^*$  in (1) for the pair  $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle 1^n \wedge 0, 0^n \wedge 1 \rangle$ .

This ends the definition of “initial values” of  $X_u$  and  $Q_{uv}$  at the  $(n+1)$ -th level. The plan is to gradually shrink the sets in order to fulfill (5) – (7).

**Step 1.** We take care of item (5). Consider an arbitrary  $u_0 = s_0 \wedge i \in 2^{n+1}$ . As  $D_n$  is dense there is a set  $X' \in D_n$ ,  $X' \subseteq X_{u_0}$ . The intention is to take  $X'$  as the “new”  $X_{u_0}$ . But this change has to be propagated through the chain of crucial pairs, in order to preserve (4).

Thus put  $X'_{u_0} = X'$ . Suppose that  $u \in 2^{n+1}$ , a set  $X'_u \subseteq X_u$  has been defined, and  $\langle u, v \rangle$  is a crucial pair,  $v \in 2^{n+1}$  being not yet encountered. Define  $Q'_{uv} = (X'_u \times \omega^\omega) \cap Q_{uv}$  and  $X'_v = \text{ran } Q'_{uv}$ . Clearly (4) holds for the “new” sets  $X'_u, X'_v, Q'_{uv}$ . Similarly if  $\langle v, u \rangle$  is a crucial pair, then define  $Q'_{vu} = (\omega^\omega \times X'_u) \cap Q_{vu}$  and  $X'_v = \text{dom } Q'_{uv}$ . Note that still  $Q'_{1^n \wedge 0, 0^n \wedge 1} = X'_{1^n} \times X'_{0^n}$ .

The construction describes how the original change from  $X_{u_0}$  to  $X'_{u_0}$  spreads through the chain of crucial pairs in  $2^{n+1}$ , resulting in a system of new sets,  $X'_u$  and  $Q'_{uv}$ , which satisfy (5) for the particular  $u_0 \in 2^{n+1}$ . We iterate this construction consecutively for all  $u_0 \in 2^{n+1}$ , getting finally a system of sets satisfying (5) (fully) and (4), which we denote by  $X_u$  and  $Q_{uv}$  from now on.

**Step 2.** We take care of item (6). Consider a pair of  $u_0$  and  $v_0$  in  $2^{n+1}$ , such that  $u_0(n) = 0$  and  $v_0(n) = 1$ . By the density of  $D'_n$ , there is a set  $X'_{u_0} \times X'_{v_0} \in D'_n$  included in  $X_{u_0} \times X_{v_0}$ . We may assume that  $X'_{u_0} \cap X'_{v_0} = \emptyset$ . (Indeed it easily follows from Claim 7.2 that there exist reals  $x_0 \in X_{u_0}$  and  $y_0 \in X_{v_0}$  satisfying  $x_0 \text{ E } y_0$  but  $x_0 \neq y_0$ , say  $x_0(k) = 0$  while  $y_0(k) = 1$ . Define

$$X = \{x \in X_0 : x(k) = 0 \wedge \exists y \in Y_0 (y(k) = 1 \wedge x \text{ E } y)\},$$

and  $Y$  correspondingly; then  $[X]_{\text{E}} = [Y]_{\text{E}}$  and  $X \cap Y = \emptyset$ .)

Spread the change from  $X_{u_0}$  to  $X'_{u_0}$  and from  $X_{v_0}$  to  $X'_{v_0}$  through the chain of crucial pairs in  $2^{n+1}$ , by the method of Step 1, until the wave of spreading from  $u_0$  meets the wave of spreading from  $v_0$  at the crucial pair  $\langle 1^n \wedge 0, 0^n \wedge 1 \rangle$ . This leads to a system of sets  $X'_u$  and  $Q'_{uv}$  which satisfy (7) for the particular pair  $\langle u_0, v_0 \rangle$  and still satisfy (6) possibly except for the crucial pair  $\langle 1^n \wedge 0, 0^n \wedge 1 \rangle$  (for which basically the set  $Q'_{1^n \wedge 0, 0^n \wedge 1}$  is not yet defined for this step).

By construction the previous steps leave  $Q_{1^n \wedge 0, 0^n \wedge 1}$  in the form  $X_{1^n \wedge 0} \times X_{0^n \wedge 1}$ , where  $X_{1^n \wedge 0}$  and  $X_{0^n \wedge 1}$  are the “versions” at the end of Step 1). We now have the new sets,  $X'_{1^n \wedge 0}$  and  $X'_{0^n \wedge 1}$ , included in resp.  $X_{1^n \wedge 0}$  and  $X_{0^n \wedge 1}$  and satisfying  $[X'_{0^n \wedge 1}]_{\text{E}} = [X'_{1^n \wedge 0}]_{\text{E}}$ . (Indeed  $[X'_{u_0}]_{\text{E}} = [X'_{v_0}]_{\text{E}}$  held at the beginning of the change.) Now we put  $Q'_{1^n \wedge 0, 0^n \wedge 1} = (X'_{1^n \wedge 0} \times X'_{0^n \wedge 1}) \cap \mathbf{B}$ . Then  $Q'_{1^n \wedge 0, 0^n \wedge 1} \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}$ , and we have  $\text{dom } Q'_{1^n \wedge 0, 0^n \wedge 1} = X'_{1^n \wedge 0}$ ,  $\text{ran } Q'_{1^n \wedge 0, 0^n \wedge 1} = X'_{0^n \wedge 1}$  by Remark 8.1 and Lemma 6.2.

This ends the consideration of the pair  $\langle u_0, v_0 \rangle$ .

Applying this construction consecutively for all pairs of  $u_0$  and  $v_0$  with  $u_0(n) = 0$ ,  $v_0(n) = 1$  (including the pair  $\langle 1^n \wedge 0, 0^n \wedge 1 \rangle$ ) we finally get a system of sets satisfying (1) – (6), except for the requirement  $Q_{uv} \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}^*$  in (1) for the pair  $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle 1^n \wedge 0, 0^n \wedge 1 \rangle$ , — and these sets will be denoted still by  $X_u$  and  $Q_{uv}$  from now on.

**Step 3.** Now we take care of (7). Consider a crucial pair in  $2^{n+1}$ ,

$$\langle u_0, v_0 \rangle = \langle 1^k \wedge 0 \wedge w, 0^k \wedge 1 \wedge w \rangle \in 2^{n+1}.$$

If  $k < n$  then  $\langle u_0, v_0 \rangle \neq \langle 1^k \wedge 0, 0^k \wedge 1 \rangle$ , the set  $Q_{1^k \wedge 0, 0^k \wedge 1} \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}^*$  is defined at a previous level, and  $Q_{u_0, v_0} \subseteq Q_{1^k \wedge 0, 0^k \wedge 1}$ . By the density, there exists a set  $Q'_{u_0, v_0} \in D_n(Q_{1^k \wedge 0, 0^k \wedge 1})$ ,  $Q'_{u_0, v_0} \subseteq Q_{u_0, v_0}$ . If  $k = n$  then  $\langle u_0, v_0 \rangle = \langle 1^n \wedge 0, 0^n \wedge 1 \rangle$ , and by Lemma 2.6 there is a set  $Q'_{u_0, v_0} \in \mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}^*$ ,  $Q'_{u_0, v_0} \subseteq Q_{u_0, v_0}$ .

In both cases define  $X'_{u_0} = \text{dom } Q'_{u_0, v_0}$  and  $X'_{v_0} = \text{ran } Q'_{u_0, v_0}$  and spread this change through the chain of crucial pairs in  $2^{n+1}$ , exactly as above. Note that  $[X'_{u_0}]_E = [X'_{v_0}]_E$  as sets in  $\mathbf{P}_{\subseteq B}$  are included in  $E$ . This keeps  $[X'_u]_E = [X'_v]_E$  for all  $u, v \in 2^{n+1}$  through the spreading.

Executing this step for all crucial pairs in  $2^{n+1}$ , we finally accomplish the construction of a system of sets satisfying (1) through (7).

□ (Theorem 1.1)

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