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CHANGING COFINALITY OF A MEASURABLE CARDINAL

(An alternative proof)

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Abstract: Using the method of iterated ultrapower in Set Theory with a measurable cardinal, it is shown that there are model-classes N_ω and its generic extension N such that for a cardinal \aleph_ω the following holds: \aleph_ω is measurable in N_ω and \aleph_ω is a Rowbottom cardinal in N of cofinality ω .

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In the theory of extensions of models of the set theory, there is an open difficult problem: is it possible to change cofinality of a cardinal number not collapsing it? For a measurable cardinal \aleph , K. Prikry in [6] answers this question affirmatively by constructing a generic extension in which \aleph is cofinal with ω_0 . Moreover, in this extension, \aleph remains to be a Rowbottom cardinal and all cardinals are preserved. In this note we prove similar result by using the method of iterated ultrapower introduced by H. Gaifman [3]. Namely, we prove the following (for the notations, see the part 1)):

Theorem. Let \aleph be a measurable cardinal, \mathcal{U} a normal measure on \aleph . Let N_m be the transitive class isomorphic to the m -th iterated ultrapower of the universe by using the ultrafilter \mathcal{U} . Let N_{ω_0} be the Gaifman's direct limit of N_m , $m \in \omega_0$ and $N = \bigcap_{m \in \omega_0} N_m$. Then

- a) N is a model of ZFC and $N_{\omega_0} \in N$.
- b) Cardinals of N are those of N_{ω_0} .
- c) \aleph_{ω_0} (the measurable in N_{ω_0}) is cofinal with ω_0 in N .
- d) \aleph_{ω_0} is a Rowbottom cardinal in N .
- e) N is a generic extension of N_{ω_0} .

The proof of a) - d) will use only elementary properties of iterated ultrapowers already known to H. Gaifman. For the proof of e), the theorem A of the author's paper [1] will be used.

The relation of our theorem to Prikry's result is clear. By my opinion, the assertion e) is a little surprising. Unfortunately, we cannot explicitly describe the set of forcing conditions for this generic extension.

1. Preliminaries. We remind some notations and well known facts. We follow K. Kunen [5] with some modifications.

Let \aleph be a measurable cardinal, \mathcal{U} be a normal measure on \aleph . It is well known that there exists an isomorphism θ of the ultrapower ${}^{\aleph}V/\mathcal{U}$ onto a transitive class N_1 (V is the universal class). If $x \in N_0 = V$,

we denote by \check{x} the function defined as $\check{x}(\xi) = x$ for $\xi \in \mathcal{X}$. The mapping $i_{0,1}: N_0 \rightarrow N_1$ defined by $i_{0,1}(x) = \Theta(\check{x})$ is an elementary embedding. Thus, $\mathcal{X}_1 = i_{0,1}(\mathcal{X})$ is a measurable cardinal in N_1 and $\mathcal{U}_1 = i_{0,1}(\mathcal{U})$ is a normal measure on \mathcal{X}_1 in N_1 . One can construct the ultrapower $({}^{\mathcal{X}_1}N_1) \cap N_1 / \mathcal{U}_1$ and the isomorphic transitive class N_2 . Going on, we obtain a system $N_0 \supseteq N_1 \supseteq N_2 \supseteq \dots$ of elementarily equivalent models of ZFC + "there is a measurable cardinal" and a system $i_{m,m}$, $n \leq m \in \omega_0$ of elementary embeddings ($i_{m,m}$ is the identity mapping). As H. Gaifman [3] has shown, the direct limit of the system N_m , $i_{m,m}$ is a well-founded model. We denote by N_{ω_0} the corresponding isomorphic transitive class and i_{m,ω_0} will denote the natural (elementary) embedding of N_m into N_{ω_0} . For $\xi \leq \omega_0$, $\mathcal{U}_\xi = i_{0,\xi}(\mathcal{U})$ is a normal measure on $\mathcal{X}_\xi = i_{0,\xi}(\mathcal{X})$ in N_ξ .

Let us remark that all classes N_ξ , $i_{m,\xi}$ are definable from \mathcal{U} .

If \mathcal{M} is a transitive class which is a model of ZF (i.e. \mathcal{M} is closed under Gödel's operations - see e.g. Gödel [4] - and \mathcal{M} is almost universal), then the superscript \mathcal{M} over a notation indicates that the corresponding notion is considered in this model.

The famous Los's theorem may be expressed as

$$(1) \quad {}^{\mathcal{X}}V/\mathcal{U} \models \varphi(f_1, \dots, f_n) \equiv \{ \xi \in \mathcal{X} : \varphi(f_1(\xi), \dots, f_n(\xi)) \} \in \mathcal{U} .$$

We shall need the following simple facts (see [3],[5]):

$$(2) \ x \subseteq \xi < \aleph_m, \ x \in N_m \rightarrow i_{m,m+1}(x) = i_{m,\omega_0}(x) = x .$$

$$(3) \ x \subseteq N_1, \ \text{card}(x) \leq \aleph \rightarrow x \in N_1 .$$

$$(4) \ \aleph_{\omega_0} = \lim_{m \in \omega_0} \aleph_m .$$

$(N_m)^{N_m}$ (i.e. the class N_m constructed in N_m from U_m) is

$$(5) \ \text{equal to } N_{m+m}, (i_{m,\xi})^{N_m} = i_{m+m,m+\xi} \text{ for } \xi \leq \omega_0, \\ m \in \omega_0 \text{ and } (N_{\omega_0})^{N_m} = N_{\omega_0}, N^{N_m} = N .$$

${}^x \mathcal{F}$ denotes the set of all functions defined on x with values in \mathcal{F} . $\mathcal{P}(x)$ is the set of all subsets of x . If f, g are functions, we define $f \in \mathcal{F} g \equiv (\forall u \in \mathcal{D}(f))(f(u) \in g(u))$ and $f \subseteq \mathcal{F} g \equiv (\forall u \in \mathcal{D}(f))(f(u) \subseteq g(u))$. We denote $\text{Wd}(f) =$ the least cardinal α such that $(\forall u \in \mathcal{D}(f))(\text{card}(f(u)) < \alpha)$.

If $M_1 \subseteq M_2$ are two transitive models, $\text{App}_{M_1, M_2}(\alpha)$ means (see Vopěnka-Hájek [8] and also [1]): for every function $f \in M_1$, there exists a function $f \in M_2 \cap \mathcal{P}(M_1)$ such that $f \in \mathcal{F} g$ and $\text{Wd}^{M_1}(g) \leq \alpha$.

It is well known (compare [8]) that

$$(6) \ \text{App}_{M_1, M_2}(\alpha) \text{ implies that every cardinal } \sigma \text{ of } \\ M_1, \ \sigma \geq \alpha, \text{ is a cardinal in } M_2 .$$

In [1], the following has been proved:

- (7) $\text{Apr}_{M_1, M_2}(\alpha)$ implies that there is a partially ordered set $P \in M_1$ satisfying α -chain condition and a generic set $G \subseteq P$ such that $M_2 = M_1(G)$. Moreover, $M_2 = M_1(\mathcal{P}(\alpha) \cap M_2)$.

2. Some auxiliary results. We remind the definition of the sets $V(\xi), \xi \in \mathcal{O}_n: V(0) = \emptyset, V(\alpha) = \mathcal{P}(\bigcup_{\xi \in \alpha} V(\xi))$.

By the axiom of regularity, $V = \bigcup_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_n} V(\xi)$. For any transitive model class $M, V(\xi)^M = V(\xi) \cap M$. Thus, especially $V(\xi)^{N_K} = V(\xi) \cap N_K$. By (5), we obtain

$$(V(\xi) \cap N)^{N_K} = V(\xi)^{N_K} \cap N^{N_K} = V(\xi) \cap N_K \cap N = V(\xi) \cap N.$$

Therefore $V(\xi) \cap N \in N_K$. By the definition of N , we have

- (8) for every ordinal $\xi, V(\xi) \cap N \in N$.

Let $\text{Fix}_m = \{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_n: i_{m, \omega_0}(\xi) = \xi\}$. It is easy to see that Fix_0 is a proper class, $\text{Fix}_0 \subseteq \text{Fix}_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq \text{Fix}_m \dots$. Evidently $\xi \in \text{Fix}_0 \rightarrow \theta(\check{\xi}) = \xi$.

Fix_m is a class definable in N_m from \mathcal{U}_m , thus $(\forall x \in N_m)(x \cap \text{Fix}_m \in N_m)$.

Let us consider a function f such that $\mathcal{D}(f) \subseteq \text{Fix}_0$ and $x = W(f) \in N_1$. For $y \in x$, let $n_y \in {}^\omega V$ be such

that $\Theta(h_\eta) = \eta$. For $\xi \in \mathfrak{x}$, we set

$$g(\xi) = \{ \langle \alpha, \mu \rangle : (\exists \eta \in \mathfrak{x})(\mu = h_\eta(\xi) \& f(\alpha) = \eta) \} .$$

By (1), one can easily show that $\Theta(g) \supseteq f$, $\Theta(g)$ is a function and $\mathcal{D}(\Theta(g)) \subseteq \text{Fix}_1$. If we denote $\text{Ext}(f) = \Theta(g) \cap (0\mathfrak{n} \times \mathfrak{x})$, we have

(9) for every function f such that $\mathcal{D}(f) \subseteq \text{Fix}_0$, $W(f) \in N_1$, there exists a function $\text{Ext}(f) \in N_1$ such that $f \subseteq \text{Ext}(f)$, $\mathcal{D}(\text{Ext}(f)) \subseteq \text{Fix}_1$ and $W(f) = W(\text{Ext}(f))$.

If $x \in N_1$, $\text{card}^{N_1}(x) \leq \aleph_1$, then there exists a set $\eta \in N_0$ such that $x \subseteq i_{0,1}(\eta)$ and $\text{card}^{N_0}(\eta) \leq \aleph_0$. In fact, by (1), there is a function $h \in {}^{\aleph_0}V$ such that $(\forall \xi \in \aleph_0)(\text{card}(h(\xi)) \leq \aleph_0)$ and $\Theta(h) = x$. We set $\eta = \bigcup_{\xi \in \aleph_0} h(\xi)$.

This observation may be generalized as follows:

Let $f \in N_1$ be a function, $\text{Wd}^{N_1}(f) \leq \aleph_1^+$. Then there is

(10) a function $g \in N_0$ such that $\text{Wd}^{N_0}(g) \leq \aleph_0^+$ and $f \subseteq i_{0,1}(g)$.

Since $f \in N_1$, there is a function $h \in {}^{\aleph_0}N_0$ such that $\Theta(h) = f$. We may suppose (by (1)) that for every $\xi \in \aleph_0$, $h(\xi)$ is a function and $\text{Wd}^{N_0}(h(\xi)) \leq \aleph_0^+$. We set

$$g(\eta) = \mu \equiv (\exists \xi \in \aleph_0)(\eta \in \mathcal{D}(h(\xi))) \& \mu = \bigcup_{\xi \in \aleph_0} h(\xi)(\eta) .$$

Evidently $Wd^{N_0}(g) \leq \aleph_0^+$. Using (1), one can easily show that $f \in \mathcal{I}_{0,1}(g)$.

A cardinal σ is said to be Rowbottom cardinal if, for any $\lambda < \sigma$ and $f: [\sigma]^{<\aleph_0} \rightarrow \lambda$ there exists a subset $x \subseteq \sigma$ having power σ such that $f \upharpoonright [x]^{<\aleph_0}$ is countable (compare e.g. Silver [7]). The notion of an M -ultrafilter has been introduced by K. Kunen (see [5], p. 181).

Using intelligently a classical idea of Erdős-Hajnal (see [2], p. 126), it is easy to prove:

(11) Let M be a transitive model of ZFC, $x \in M$, $\text{card}(x) \leq \aleph_0 \rightarrow x \in M$. Let $\alpha = \lim_{n \in \omega_0} \alpha_n$, $\alpha_0 < \alpha_1 < \dots$.

If there exists an M -ultrafilter on every α_n , then α is a Rowbottom cardinal in M .

This assertion is a trivial generalization of the theorem 1.29 in [6]. Replacing the measures " μ_f " in Prikry's proof (see [6], pp.14-15) by " M -ultrafilter on α_n ", we obtain a proof of (11).

3. Proof of the theorem. Since an intersection of transitive and closed (under Gödel's operations) classes is such a class, by (8) N is also almost universal, we have that N is a transitive model of ZF.

For to prove $N \models AC$, it suffices, for any $x \in N$, to find a function $f \in N$ such that $\mathcal{D}(f) \subseteq \omega_n$ and $W(f) = x$.

Thus, let $x \in N$ and let $f \in N_0$ be a function,

$\mathcal{D}(f) \subseteq \text{Fix}_0$ and $W(f) = x$. Let $F(f) = \{f_m; m \in \omega_0\}$,
 where $f_0 = f$ and $f_{m+1} = \text{Ext}^{N_m}(f_m)$ (see (9)). We set
 $f_{\omega_0} = \bigcup_{m \in \omega_0} f_m$. By (9), $f_m \in N_m$, $\mathcal{D}(f_m) \subseteq \mathcal{D}_m$ and
 $W(f_m) = x$. Since $F^{N_m}(f_m) = \{f_k; m \leq k \in \omega_0\}$ and
 $f_{\omega_0} = \bigcup_{m \leq k \in \omega_0} f_k$, we have $f_{\omega_0} \in N_m$ and therefore, $f_{\omega_0} \in N$.
 Thus the axiom of choice AC holds true in N .

Now, we show that

$$(12) \quad \text{Apx}_{N_{\omega_0}, N}(\aleph_{\omega_0}^+) \quad \text{holds true.}$$

Let $f \in N$ be a function. We denote $f_m = \{ \langle x, y \rangle : \\
 : f(i_{m, \omega_0}(x)) = i_{m, \omega_0}(y) \}$. By the definition of the direct
 limit N_{ω_0} , we have $f = \bigcup_{m \in \omega_0} i_{m, \omega_0}(f_m)$ and $f_m \in N_m$. We set
 $h_m(x) = \{f_m(x)\}$ for $x \in \mathcal{D}(f_m)$. For every $m \in \omega_0$, by
 repeated applications of (10), there exists a function $g_m \in \\
 \in N_0$ such that $\text{Wd}^{N_0}(g_m) \leq \aleph_0^+$ and $h_m \subseteq \subseteq i_{0, m}(g_m)$.
 Thus $f_m \subseteq \subseteq i_{0, m}(g_m)$.

We set

$$h(x) = \mu \equiv (\exists m)(x \in \mathcal{D}(g_m)) \& \mu = \bigcup_{m \in \omega_0} g_m(x).$$

Evidently $\text{Wd}^{N_0}(h) \leq \aleph_0^+$ and $g_m \subseteq \subseteq h$. Since
 i_{0, ω_0} is an elementary embedding, we have
 $\text{Wd}^{N_{\omega_0}}(i_{0, \omega_0}(h)) \leq \aleph_{\omega_0}^+$. By the construction of the
 function h , one easily obtains $f \subseteq \subseteq i_{0, \omega_0}(h)$. Since

$i_{0, \omega_0}(\aleph) \in N_{\omega_0}$, the assertion (12) follows.

Now, the part b) of the theorem follows by (3), (6) and (12). The part e) follows by (7) and (12).

Let $\alpha = \{\aleph_m; m \in \omega_0\}$. Evidently $\alpha^{N_{\aleph}} = \{\alpha_m; \aleph \leq m \in \omega_0\} \in N_{\aleph}$. Since $\alpha = \{\aleph_m; m < \aleph\} \cup \alpha^{N_{\aleph}}$, we have $\alpha \in N_{\aleph}$. Thus also

$$(13) \quad \{\aleph_m; m \in \omega_0\} \in N.$$

The part c) of the theorem follows by (4) and (13). Since \mathcal{U}_m is an N_m -ultrafilter on \aleph_m , d) follows by (11), (3) and (13).

Finally, let us remark that by (7) and (12), $N = N_{\omega_0}(x)$, where $x = \mathcal{P}(\aleph_{\omega_0}^+) \cap N$. The author was not able to prove or to disprove the following conjectures:

$$(14) \quad N = N_{\omega_0}(x), \quad \text{where } x = N \cap \mathcal{P}(\aleph_{\omega_0}),$$

$$(15) \quad N = N_{\omega_0}(x), \quad \text{where } x = N \cap {}^{\omega_0}\aleph_{\omega_0}.$$

Neither we know the relation of the generic extension N of N_{ω_0} to that constructed in [6], p. 24.

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