

The coding obstruction

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Theorem (By Kunen's construction and analysis of $L[U]$)

Suppose that δ is a measurable cardinal. Then there exists a weak extender model N for δ is measurable such that $N \subseteq \text{HOD}$.

- ▶ So one just needs to generalize Kunen's construction of $L[U]$ to the level of supercompact cardinals.

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An extender E is ω -**huge** if

$$\rho(E) \geq \lambda$$

where $\lambda > \text{CRT}(E)$ is least such that $j_E(\lambda) = \lambda$.

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Suppose that (M, δ) is a coarse premouse. An **iteration tree**, \mathcal{T} , on (M, δ) of length η is a tree order $<_{\mathcal{T}}$ on η with minimum element 0 and which is a suborder of the standard order, together with a sequence

$$\langle M_\alpha, E_\beta, j_{\gamma, \alpha} : \alpha < \eta, \beta + 1 < \eta, \gamma <_{\mathcal{T}} \alpha \rangle$$

such that the following conditions hold.

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- (4) If $0 < \beta < \eta$ is a limit ordinal then the set of α such that $\alpha <_{\mathcal{T}} \beta$ is cofinal in β and M_β is the limit of the M_α where $\alpha <_{\mathcal{T}} \beta$ relative to the embeddings; $j_{\alpha,\beta}$.

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- ▶ If $\beta^* \leq \alpha < \beta$ then $\text{SP}(E_\beta) + 1 \leq \rho(E_\alpha)$ by the definition of an iteration tree. Thus:
 - ▶ Every iteration tree is a (+0)-iteration tree.
 - ▶ Every finite iteration tree is a (+1)-iteration tree.

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The iteration tree \mathcal{T} is **strongly closed** if for all $\alpha + 1 < \eta$:

1. \mathcal{T} is a $(+1)$ -iteration tree; and
2. $\text{LTH}(E_\alpha)$ is strongly inaccessible in M_α and E_α is $\text{LTH}(E_\alpha)$ -strong in M_α .

- ▶ A strongly closed iteration tree is a $(+\theta)$ -iteration tree for all θ less than the least measurable cardinal of M .

Definition

Suppose that (M, δ) is a coarse premouse. A strongly closed iteration tree

$$\mathcal{T} = \langle M_\alpha, E_\beta, j_{\gamma, \alpha} : \alpha < \eta, \beta + 1 < \eta, \gamma <_{\mathcal{T}} \alpha \rangle$$

on (M, δ) is a **0-strongly closed iteration tree** if:

- ▶ For all $\alpha + 1 < \eta$, $\text{LTH}(E_\alpha) \leq j_{E_\alpha}(\text{CRT}(E_\alpha))$;

where for each $\alpha + 1 < \eta$,

$$j_{E_\alpha} : M_\alpha \rightarrow \text{Ult}(M_\alpha, E_\alpha)$$

is the ultrapower embedding (as computed in M_α).

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Definition (**Weak Unique Branch Hypothesis**)

Suppose that (V_Θ, δ) is a coarse premouse that \mathcal{T} is a countable 0-strongly closed maximal iteration tree on (V_Θ, δ) of limit length.

- ▶ Then \mathcal{T} has at most one cofinal wellfounded branch.

A counterexample

Theorem

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Generalizing $L[U]$

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Using longer extenders does not really help.

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- ▶ *Then in $L[E]$ there is no Woodin cardinal.*

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is a predicate defining a sequence of extenders.

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is a **Martin-Steel extender sequence** if for each pair $(\alpha, \beta) \in \text{dom}(\tilde{E})$ the following conditions hold.

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1. (Coherence) There exists an extender F such that

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$$E_{\beta^*}^\alpha \cap L[\tilde{E}|(\alpha, \beta)] \neq E_\beta^\alpha \cap L[\tilde{E}|(\alpha, \beta)]$$

Initial Segment Condition

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where κ is the critical point associated to E_β^α .

- ▶ Then there exists β^* such that $(\alpha^*, \beta^*) \in \text{dom}(\tilde{E})$ and such that

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1. $(\alpha, \beta) \in \text{dom}(\tilde{\mathcal{E}})$,
2. $a \in [\alpha]^{<\omega}$,
3. $B \in E_a$ for all $E \in \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\alpha, \beta)$.

Suppose $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$ is a Doddage. For each $(\alpha, \beta) \in \text{dom}(\tilde{\mathcal{E}})$ we denote $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\alpha, \beta)$ by \mathcal{E}_β^α .

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is a **Martin-Steel Doddage** if for each pair $(\alpha, \beta) \in \text{dom}(\tilde{\mathcal{E}})$ and for each extender $E \in \mathcal{E}_\beta^\alpha$ the following conditions hold.

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Then

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and moreover for all $(\alpha, \beta) \in \text{dom}(\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_0)$, for all $E_0 \in \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_0(\alpha, \beta)$, for all $E_1 \in \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_1(\alpha, \beta)$,

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Martin-Steel extender sequences with long extenders

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An extender sequence,

$$\tilde{E} = \langle E_\beta^\alpha : (\alpha, \beta) \in \text{dom}(\tilde{E}) \rangle$$

is a **generalized Martin-Steel extender sequence** if for each pair $(\alpha, \beta) \in \text{dom}(\tilde{E})$ the following hold.

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where κ is the critical point associated to E_β^α .

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$$C_G = \cup \{c \mid (c, X) \in G\}.$$

Then C_G is a closed cofinal subset of δ such that for all closed cofinal sets $D \subseteq \delta$ with $D \in V$, $C_G \setminus D$ is bounded in δ

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Fix a term τ for D . By the homogeneity of \mathbb{Q}_κ , we can suppose

$$1 \Vdash \tau \cap \gamma \in L[A] \text{ for all } \gamma < \kappa$$

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Thus for each $\gamma < \kappa$, D_γ is dense in \mathbb{Q}_κ . Further

- ▶ if

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is a decreasing sequence in D_γ where $\eta < \kappa$, then

$$(c, X) \in D_\gamma$$

where

- ▶ $c = (\cup\{c_\alpha \mid \alpha < \eta\}) \cup \{\sup(\cup\{c_\alpha \mid \alpha < \eta\})\}$,
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The key claim is the following.

Claim

For each $B \subseteq \kappa$, there exists a pair $(\mathcal{F}_0, \mathcal{F}_1)$ of \mathbb{D} -generic filters such that if

$$\langle \eta_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa \rangle$$

is the increasing enumeration of $D_{\mathcal{F}_0} \cap D_{\mathcal{F}_1}$ then for all $\alpha < \kappa$, $\alpha \in B$ if and only if

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The proof of the claim involves noting the following.

Suppose $(c_0, X_0) \in \mathbb{Q}_\kappa$ and that either $(c_0, X_0) \in \mathbb{D}$ or $c_0 = \emptyset$.

- ▶ *Then for each $\eta < \kappa$ such that $\max(c_0) < \eta$, there exists $(c_1, X_1) \in \mathbb{D}$ such that*
 - ▶ $(c_1, X_1) < (c_0, X_0)$,
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2. If $\alpha = \beta + 1$ and β is strongly inaccessible and Mahlo in $V^{\mathbb{P}_\beta}$ then

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Proof.

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$$\mathbb{P}_{\alpha+1} = \mathbb{P}_\alpha * \mathbb{B} * \mathbb{Q}$$

where \mathbb{B} adds a Cohen generic subset to α^+ and \mathbb{Q} is the fast-club forcing \mathbb{Q}_γ defined in $V^{\mathbb{P}_\alpha * \mathbb{B}}$ with $\gamma = \alpha$.

2. If $\alpha = \beta + 1$ and β is strongly inaccessible and Mahlo in $V^{\mathbb{P}_\beta}$ then

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Claim (Club Coherence)

Suppose that

$$\pi : V[G]_{\kappa+1} \rightarrow V[G]_{\pi(\kappa)+1}$$

is an elementary embedding such that $\text{CRT}(\pi) < \kappa$ and such that κ is strongly inaccessible in $V[G]$. Let $\gamma = \text{CRT}(\pi)$. Then

- ▶ $\pi(C_\gamma) = C_{\pi(\gamma)}$ and $C_{\pi(\gamma)} \cap \gamma = C_\gamma$.

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We have:

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Thus:

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Y is a cofinal subset of C_δ such that $Y \cap \xi \in L[\mathbb{E}]$ for all $\xi < \delta$.

Proof continued

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Therefore by Lemma 26 and Claim (1),

$$V[G]_\delta \subset L[\mathbb{E}].$$

But then by Lemma 32, $V[G] = L[\mathbb{E}]$. □

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A natural conjecture

We just need more conditions beyond Novelty and the Initial Segment Condition.

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Assume that there is an extendible cardinal. Then there is a class-generic extension $V[G]$ of V in which the following hold.

- (1) $V[G] = (\text{HOD})^{V[G]}$.
- (2) There is an extendible cardinal.
- (3) Suppose that \tilde{E} is a generalized Martin-Steel extender sequence such that \tilde{E} is Σ_2 -definable and such that

$$V[G] \neq L[\tilde{E}].$$

Then for all $(\alpha, \beta) \in \text{dom}(\tilde{E})$:

- ▶ If κ_{E_α} is an extendible cardinal in $V[G]$ then $\alpha \leq \kappa_{E_\alpha}^* + 1$.

Proof.

Let $V[G]$ be the generic extension given by Theorem 33.

Suppose $(\alpha, \beta) \in \text{dom}(\tilde{E})$, $\kappa_{E_\beta^\alpha}$ is a strong cardinal of $V[G]$, and that

$$\alpha > \kappa_{E_{\alpha,\beta}}^* + 1.$$

Let $\delta = \kappa_{E_\beta^\alpha}$ and $X \subset \delta$ be the set of all $\kappa < \delta$ such that there is an elementary embedding,

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Let

$$Y = \{\kappa_{E_\eta^{\delta+1}} \mid (\delta + 1, \eta) \in \text{dom}(\tilde{E}) \text{ and } \delta = \kappa_{E_\eta^{\delta+1}}^*\}.$$

By the Novelty and Initial Segment Condition

▶ $\sup(Y) = \delta$.

By the Coherence Condition, $Y \subset X$. Therefore by Theorem 33,

▶ $V = L[\tilde{E}]$.

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Summary

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