

## Squares by Matrices with Coherent Sequences

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### Abstract

We formulate a matrix with coherent sequences that entail squares. A matrix comprises models of set theory of a size equal to the least uncountable cardinal. A matrix with coherent sequences entail a simplified morass with linear limits. A simplified morass with linear limits entails squares by Velleman. Hence, a matrix with coherent sequences entails squares. We provide a direct proof of this fact. This study is based on Velleman’s construction of squares by a simplified morass with linear limits.

### Introduction

Velleman introduced simplified morasses as an alternative to constructions in the constructible universe ([V1], [V2], [V3]). Koszmider followed Velleman to formulate semimorasses ([K]). Todorčević conceived matrices of isomorphic models of set theory along his so-called side condition methods ([T1], [T2]). Aspero and Mota rediscovered the use of matrices ([A-M]). Shelah and Baumgartner had a forcing construction in that each condition keeps its history ([B-S]). We noted a connection between these types of objects in the universe of set theory: namely, certain kinds of matrices of isomorphic models of set theory entail simplified morasses, semimorasses, and quagmires ([M1], [M2]). In this paper, we consider a matrix with coherent sequences that entails a simplified  $(\omega_2, 1)$ -morass with linear limits ([M3]). Simplified  $(\omega_2, 1)$ -morasses with linear limits entail  $\square_{\omega_2}$  by Velleman. He provided two proofs of this implication. We sort of combine these two proofs to directly show that matrices with coherent sequences entail  $\square_{\omega_2}$ . This study is motivated by a question posed by Brooke-Taylor during my presentation on matrices of isomorphic models in the RIMS set theory workshop, Kyoto, 2013.

### §1. A matrix with coherent sequences

We formulate a matrix with coherent sequences. Since we are not sure which direction to proceed in this line of study yet, our treatment of this subject tends to be rather ad hoc ([M1], [M2], [M3]).

**1.1 Definition.** Let  $H$  be a transitive set model of a sufficient fragment of set theory such that

- $\omega_3 \subset H \subset H_{\omega_3}$ .
- ${}^{\omega_1}H \subset H$ : namely for any sequence  $f : \omega_1 \rightarrow H$ , we demand  $f \in H$ .

In particular, we have

- If  $M \subset H$  with  $|M| = \kappa \in \{\omega, \omega_1\}$ , then  $M \in H$  and  $H \models “|M| = \kappa”$ .
- $\omega_1, \omega_2$  are definable in  $H$  with no parameters and are absolute between  $H$  and  $H_{\omega_3}$ .

Typically,  $H$  is  $H_{\omega_3}$  in the ground model  $V$  and we are in the generic extensions  $V[G]$ , where  $G$  are  $P$ -generic over  $V$ , and  $P$  is a notion of forcing that forces a matrix with coherent sequences. We may assume that  $P$  is  $\sigma$ -closed,  $\omega_2$ -Baire (no new sequences of ordinals of length  $\omega_1$  get created), and has the  $\omega_3$ -c.c. under  $2^{\omega_1} = \omega_2$  ([M3]).

Let  $\mathcal{M}_1$  be a set of elementary substructures of a prefixed structure  $(H, \in, \dots)$  such that

- For each  $M \in \mathcal{M}_1$ , it is required that  $|M| = \omega_1$  and  $(\omega_1 <) M \cap \omega_2 < \omega_2$ .
- $\mathcal{M}_1$  is closed under finite intersections: for  $M, M' \in \mathcal{M}_1$ ,  $M \cap M' \in \mathcal{M}_1$ .
- $\mathcal{M}_1$  is closed under taking the unions of  $\in$ -increasing sequences of elements, at most of a length  $\omega_1$ : if  $\langle M_i \mid i < \nu \rangle$  is an  $\in$ -increasing sequence of elements of  $\mathcal{M}_1$  with  $\nu \leq \omega_1$ , then  $\bigcup \{M_i \mid i < \nu\} \in \mathcal{M}_1$ .
- $\mathcal{M}_1$  is  $\in$ -cofinal in  $H$ :  $\bigcup \mathcal{M}_1 = H$ .

- If  $M, M' \in \mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\phi : (M, \in, \dots) \rightarrow (M', \in, \dots)$  is an isomorphism such that  $\phi$  is the identity on the intersection  $M \cap M'$ , then for any  $M'' \in M \cap \mathcal{M}_1$ , we demand  $\phi(M'') \in \mathcal{M}_1$ .

Typically,  $\mathcal{M}_1$  comprises the elementary substructures  $M$  of  $(H_{\omega_3}^V, \in, \triangleleft)$ , where  $\triangleleft$  well-orders  $H_{\omega_3}^V$  in the ground model  $V$ , such that  $|M| = \omega_1$  and  $M \cap \omega_2 < \omega_2$  in  $V$ .

We record the following.

**1.2 Proposition.** Let  $M, M' \in \mathcal{M}_1$ .

- (1) If  $M \in M'$ , then  $M \subset M'$  (proper inclusion). In particular,  $(\mathcal{M}_1, \in)$  is a well-founded strongly partially ordered set (irreflexive, transitive and has no infinitely  $\in$ -descending sequences).
- (2) If  $\phi : (M, \in, \dots) \rightarrow (M', \in, \dots)$  is an isomorphism, then it is unique,  $\phi(\omega_1) = \omega_1$ ,  $\phi(\omega_2) = \omega_2$ , and if  $X \in M$  with  $|X| = \omega_1$ , we have  $\phi(X) = \{\phi(x) \mid x \in X\}$ , denoted by  $\phi[X]$ . In particular, if  $X \in M$ , then we have  $\phi(X \cap \omega_1) = \phi[X \cap \omega_1] = \phi[X] \cap \omega_1 = \phi(X) \cap \omega_1$ . If  $X \in M$  with  $|X| = \omega_1$ , then we have

$$\phi(X \cap \omega_2) = \phi[X \cap \omega_2] = \phi[X] \cap \omega_2 = \phi(X) \cap \omega_2,$$

$$\phi(X \cap \omega_3) = \phi[X \cap \omega_3] = \phi[X] \cap \omega_3 = \phi(X) \cap \omega_3.$$

Prior to introducing homogeneity, we consider 4 types of so-called history  $\mathcal{M} \cap M$  for each member  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ , where  $\mathcal{M}$  is a given subset of  $\mathcal{M}_1$ .

**1.3 Definition.** Let  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{M}_1$ . Define

- $\text{zero}(\mathcal{M}) = \{M \in \mathcal{M} \mid \mathcal{M} \cap M = \emptyset\}$ .
- $\text{suc}_1(\mathcal{M}) = \{M \in \mathcal{M} \mid \text{there exists (unique) } M_1 \text{ such that } \mathcal{M} \cap M = (\mathcal{M} \cap M_1) \cup \{M_1\}\}$ .
- $\text{suc}_2(\mathcal{M}) = \{M \in \mathcal{M} \mid \text{there exist (unique) } M_1, M_2 \text{ such that } M_1 \cap \omega_2 = M_2 \cap \omega_2, (M_1 \cap \omega_3) \cap (M_2 \cap \omega_3) \text{ is a proper initial segment of both } M_1 \cap \omega_3 \text{ and } M_2 \cap \omega_3, M_1 \cap \omega_3 \subset \min((M_2 \cap \omega_3) \setminus M_1), \text{ and that } \mathcal{M} \cap M = (\mathcal{M} \cap M_1) \cup (\mathcal{M} \cap M_2) \cup \{M_1, M_2\}\}$ .
- $\text{lim}(\mathcal{M}) = \{M \in \mathcal{M} \mid \bigcup(\mathcal{M} \cap M) = M\}$ .

We note that in  $\text{lim}(\mathcal{M})$ ,  $\bigcup(\mathcal{M} \cap M) = M$  entails that  $\mathcal{M} \cap M$  is  $\in$ -directed. We are interested in subsets  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\mathcal{M}_1$  that are partitioned into the 4 parts:

$$\mathcal{M} = \text{zero}(\mathcal{M}) \cup \text{suc}_1(\mathcal{M}) \cup \text{suc}_2(\mathcal{M}) \cup \text{lim}(\mathcal{M}).$$

**1.4 Definition.**  $\mathcal{M}$  is called a *matrix* (of isomorphic models of set theory), if

- (1)  $\mathcal{M}$  is an  $\in$ -cofinal (equivalently,  $\bigcup \mathcal{M} = H$ ) subset of  $\mathcal{M}_1$ .
- (2) If  $M, M' \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $M \cap \omega_2 = M' \cap \omega_2$ , then there exists an (unique) isomorphism  $\phi : (M, \in, \dots) \rightarrow (M', \in, \dots)$  such that  $\phi$  is the identity on the intersection  $M \cap M'$ , and that  $\phi[\mathcal{M} \cap M] = \mathcal{M} \cap M'$ .
- (3) If  $\underline{M}, M' \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\underline{M} \cap \omega_2 < M' \cap \omega_2$ , then there exists  $M \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\underline{M} \in M$  and  $M \cap \omega_2 = M' \cap \omega_2$ .
- (4)  $\mathcal{M}$  gets partitioned into the 4 parts.

Item (2) is called the homogeneity of  $\mathcal{M}$ . We may call item (3), upward-density of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Note that the  $\in$ -cofinal in (1) entails  $\in$ -directed: i.e. for each  $M, M' \in \mathcal{M}$ , there exists  $M'' \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $M, M' \in M''$ . It is shown that if  $\mathcal{M}$  is a matrix, then  $I^{\mathcal{M}} = \{M \cap \omega_2 \mid M \in \mathcal{M}\}$  is a cub subset, consisting of limit ordinals, of  $\omega_2$ , and that  $\{M \cap \omega_3 \mid M \in \mathcal{M}\}$  forms a simplified  $(\omega_2, 1)$ -morass ([M3]).

**1.5 Proposition.** Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a matrix and  $M, M' \in \mathcal{M}$ . Then following are equivalent.

- (1) The two  $\in$ -structures  $(M, \in)$  and  $(M', \in)$  are isomorphic.
- (2)  $M \cap \omega_2 = M' \cap \omega_2$ .
- (3) The two substructures  $(M, \in, \dots)$  and  $(M', \in, \dots)$  are isomorphic and the isomorphism is the identity on the intersection  $M \cap M'$ .

**1.6 Proposition.** Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a matrix and  $M, M' \in \mathcal{M}$  be isomorphic with  $\phi : M \rightarrow M'$ . Then  $\phi$  preserves types of histories: namely

- $M \in \text{zero}(\mathcal{M})$  iff  $M' \in \text{zero}(\mathcal{M})$ .
- $M \in \text{suc}_1(\mathcal{M})$  iff  $M' \in \text{suc}_1(\mathcal{M})$ .
- $M \in \text{suc}_2(\mathcal{M})$  iff  $M' \in \text{suc}_2(\mathcal{M})$ .
- $M \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M})$  iff  $M' \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M})$ .

A matrix  $\mathcal{M}$  is called a matrix *with coherent sequences*, if there exists a map  $\langle M \mapsto \text{LL}_M \mid M \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M}) \rangle$  such that

- (linear)  $\text{LL}_M \subset \mathcal{M} \cap M$  and  $\text{LL}_M$  is well-ordered by  $\in$ .
- (cofinal)  $\bigcup \text{LL}_M = M$ .
- (coherent) If  $M' \in \text{LL}_M$  such that  $\text{LL}_M \cap M'$  has no  $\in$ -last element, then  $M' \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M})$  and  $\text{LL}_{M'} = \text{LL}_M \cap M'$ .
- (homogeneous) If  $M, M' \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M})$  with the isomorphism  $\phi : M \rightarrow M'$ , then  $\phi[\text{LL}_M] = \text{LL}_{M'}$ .
- (short) The order type of  $(\text{LL}_M, \in)$  is at most  $\omega_1$ .

Hence,  $\text{LL}_M$  is a list of major events, so to speak, in the history  $\mathcal{M} \cap M$  of the current stage  $M$ . We proved the following that is motivated by a question posed by Brooke-Taylor.

**1.7 Theorem.** ([M3]) (1) There exists a notion of forcing  $P$  that is  $\sigma$ -closed,  $\omega_2$ -Baire, and has the  $\omega_3$ -c.c. under  $2^{\omega_1} = \omega_2$ , and that there exists a matrix with coherent sequences in the generic extensions by  $P$ .

(2) If there exists a matrix with coherent sequences, then there exists a simplified  $(\omega_2, 1)$ -morass with linear limits.

Since simplified  $(\omega_2, 1)$ -morass with linear limits entails  $\square_{\omega_2}$  ([V3]), so does a matrix with coherent sequences. We would like to provide a direct construction to this weaker implication.

## §2. Squares by a matrix with coherent sequences

**2.1 Theorem.** If there exists a matrix with coherent sequences, then  $\square_{\omega_1}$  and  $\square_{\omega_2}$  hold.

It is rather straightforward to identify  $\square_{\omega_1}$  out of  $(\text{LL}_M \mid M \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M}))$ : namely,  $\{\underline{M} \cap \omega_2 \mid \underline{M} \in \text{LL}_M\}$  provides a club at each  $M \cap \omega_2$  with  $M \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M})$ , except that the whole space is  $I^M$  that is a club subset of  $\omega_2$ . Now we concentrate on  $\square_{\omega_2}$ . We sort of combine two proofs found in [V3].

**2.2 Definition.** For each  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ , let

$$A^M = \{\text{sup}(\underline{M} \cap \omega_3) \mid \underline{M} \in \mathcal{M} \cap M\}.$$

Hence, we are concentrating on one aspect  $\text{sup}(\cdot \cap \omega_3)$  of the history  $\mathcal{M} \cap M$  of each  $M$ . We have

$$A^M \subset S_0^3 \cup S_1^3 = \{\xi < \omega_3 \mid \text{cf}(\xi) = \omega\} \cup \{\xi < \omega_3 \mid \text{cf}(\xi) = \omega_1\}.$$

Since  $\mathcal{M}$  has the partition, we classify

- If  $M \in \text{zero}(\mathcal{M})$ , then  $A^M = \emptyset$ .
- Let  $M \in \text{suc}_1(\mathcal{M})$  with  $\mathcal{M} \cap M = (\mathcal{M} \cap M_1) \cup \{M_1\}$ . Then  $A^M = A^{M_1} \cup \{\pi_1\}$ , where  $\pi_1 = \text{sup}(M_1 \cap \omega_3)$ .
- Let  $M \in \text{suc}_2(\mathcal{M})$  with  $\mathcal{M} \cap M = (\mathcal{M} \cap M_1) \cup (\mathcal{M} \cap M_2) \cup \{M_1, M_2\}$  and  $\text{sup}(M_1 \cap \omega_3) < \text{sup}(M_2 \cap \omega_3)$ . Then  $A^M = A^{M_1} \cup A^{M_2} \cup \{\pi_1, \pi_2\}$ , where  $\pi_1 = \text{sup}(M_1 \cap \omega_3)$ ,  $\pi_2 = \text{sup}(M_2 \cap \omega_3)$ , and so  $\pi_1 < \pi_2$ .
- If  $M \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M})$ , then  $A^M = \bigcup \{A^{\underline{M}} \mid \underline{M} \in \mathcal{M} \cap M\} = \bigcup \{A^{\underline{M}} \mid \underline{M} \in \text{LL}_M\} = \bigcup \{A^{M_i} \mid i < \nu^M\}$ , where  $\langle M_i \mid i < \nu^M \rangle$  denotes the natural listing of  $\text{LL}_M$ .

In particular, abusively writing,

- If  $M \in \text{suc}_1(\mathcal{M})$ , then  $\max(A^M) = \pi_1$ .
- If  $M \in \text{suc}_2(\mathcal{M})$ , then  $\max(A^M) = \pi_2$ .
- If  $M \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M})$ , then there exists no last elements of  $A^M$  and the sequence  $\langle \sup(M_i \cap \omega_3) \mid i < \nu^M \rangle$  is  $<$ -increasing continuous, and cofinal in  $A^M$ .

Therefore,

- $M \in \text{zero}(\mathcal{M})$  iff  $A^M = \emptyset$ .
- $M \in \text{suc}_1(\mathcal{M}) \cup \text{suc}_2(\mathcal{M})$  iff  $A^M \neq \emptyset$  has a max.
- $M \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M})$  iff  $A^M \neq \emptyset$  has no last element.

We have the homogeneity of  $A^M$ . Let  $M, M' \in \mathcal{M}$  with the isomorphism  $\phi : M \rightarrow M'$ . Then

$$\phi[A^M] = \{\phi(\sup(\underline{M} \cap \omega_3)) \mid \underline{M} \in \mathcal{M} \cap M\} = \{\sup(M'' \cap \omega_3) \mid M'' \in \mathcal{M} \cap M'\} = A^{M'}.$$

In particular,

- If  $M \in \text{suc}_1(\mathcal{M})$  with  $\mathcal{M} \cap M = (\mathcal{M} \cap M_1) \cup \{M_1\}$ , then  $\mathcal{M} \cap M' = \mathcal{M} \cap \phi(M_1) \cup \{\phi(M_1)\}$  and  $\phi(\sup(M_1 \cap \omega_3)) = \sup(\phi(M_1) \cap \omega_3)$ .
- If  $M \in \text{suc}_2(\mathcal{M})$  with  $\mathcal{M} \cap M = (\mathcal{M} \cap M_1) \cup (\mathcal{M} \cap M_2) \cup \{M_1, M_2\}$ , then  $\mathcal{M} \cap M' = (\mathcal{M} \cap \phi(M_1)) \cup (\mathcal{M} \cap \phi(M_2)) \cup \{\phi(M_1), \phi(M_2)\}$ ,  $\phi(\sup(M_1 \cap \omega_3)) = \sup(\phi(M_1) \cap \omega_3)$ , and  $\phi(\sup(M_2 \cap \omega_3)) = \sup(\phi(M_2) \cap \omega_3)$ .
- If  $M \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M})$ , then  $\phi[\{\sup(\underline{M} \cap \omega_3) \mid \underline{M} \in \text{LL}_M\}] = \{\sup(\underline{M}' \cap \omega_3) \mid \underline{M}' \in \text{LL}_{M'}\}$ .

**2.3 Definition.** We recursively construct  $F_\tau^M$  ( $\tau \in A^M$ ) such that

- $F_\tau^M \subseteq A^M \cap \tau$ .
- $\text{ssup}(F_\tau^M) = \text{ssup}(A^M \cap \tau)$ .
- For  $\underline{M} \in \mathcal{M} \cap M$  with  $\tau \in A^{\underline{M}}$ , we demand  $F_\tau^{\underline{M}} \subseteq_{\text{end}} F_\tau^M$ .
- For two isomorphic  $M', M'' \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $M' \cap \omega_2 = M'' \cap \omega_2 < M \cap \omega_2$ , we demand  $\phi[F_\tau^{M'}] = F_{\phi(\tau)}^{M''}$  for all  $\tau \in A^{M'}$ , where  $\phi : M' \rightarrow M''$ , the isomorphism.

Here for a set of ordinals  $X$ ,  $\text{ssup}(X)$  denotes the strong-sup of  $X$ : namely, the least ordinal  $\alpha$  such that  $X \subseteq \alpha$ . Let  $A = \{\sup(M \cap \omega_3) \mid M \in \mathcal{M}\}$ . Then we may think of  $F_\tau^M$  as a record of  $(A \cap \tau)$ 's history  $A^M \cap \tau$  in the current stage of  $M$ , in a partial but excellent manner.

Depending on which cell  $M$  belongs to and relative positions of  $\tau$  in  $A^M$ , we make several specifications on  $F_\tau^M$ .

- $M \in \text{zero}(\mathcal{M})$ :  $A^M = \emptyset$ . Hence, there exists no  $\tau$  to set  $F_\tau^M$ .
- $M \in \text{suc}_1(\mathcal{M})$ : Let  $A^M = A^{M_1} \cup \{\pi_1\}$ .

$$F_\tau^M = \begin{cases} \emptyset, & \text{if } \tau = \pi_1 \text{ and } M_1 \in \text{zero}(\mathcal{M}). \\ \{\max(A^{M_1})\}, & \text{if } \tau = \pi_1 \text{ and } M_1 \in \text{suc}_1(\mathcal{M}) \cup \text{suc}_2(\mathcal{M}). \\ \{\sup(\underline{M} \cap \omega_3) \mid \underline{M} \in \text{LL}_{M_1}\}, & \text{if } \tau = \pi_1 \text{ and } M_1 \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M}). \\ F_\tau^{M_1}, & \text{if } \tau \in A^{M_1}. \end{cases}$$

- $M \in \text{suc}_2(\mathcal{M})$ : Let  $A^M = A^{M_1} \cup A^{M_2} \cup \{\pi_1, \pi_2\}$ .

$$F_{\pi_2}^M = \begin{cases} \{\pi_1\}, & \text{if } M_2 \in \text{zero}(\mathcal{M}). \\ \max\{\max(A^{M_2}), \pi_1\}, & \text{if } M_2 \in \text{suc}_1(\mathcal{M}) \cup \text{suc}_2(\mathcal{M}). \\ \{\sup(\underline{M} \cap \omega_3) \mid \underline{M} \in \text{LL}_{M_2}\}, & \text{if } M_2 \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M}). \end{cases}$$

Let  $\eta_2 = \min(A^{M_2} \setminus M_1)$  and  $\eta_1 = \min(A^{M_1} \setminus M_2)$ , if any. For  $\tau \in A^{M_2}$ ,

$$F_\tau^M = \begin{cases} F_\tau^{M_2}, & \text{if } \eta_2 < \tau. \\ F_{\eta_2}^{M_2} \cup \{\pi_1\}, & \text{if } \tau = \eta_2. \\ F_\tau^{M_2}, & \text{if } \tau \in A^{M_1} \cap A^{M_2}. \end{cases}$$

$$F_{\pi_1}^M = \begin{cases} \emptyset, & \text{if } M_1 \in \text{zero}(\mathcal{M}). \\ \{\max(A^{M_1})\}, & \text{if } M_1 \in \text{suc}_1(\mathcal{M}) \cup \text{suc}_2(\mathcal{M}). \\ \{\sup(\underline{M} \cap \omega_3) \mid \underline{M} \in \text{LL}_{M_1}\}, & \text{if } M_1 \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M}). \end{cases}$$

For  $\tau \in A^{M_1} \setminus M_2$ , let

$$F_\tau^M = F_\tau^{M_1}.$$

- $M \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M})$ :  $A^M = \bigcup \{A^{\underline{M}} \mid \underline{M} \in \mathcal{M} \cap M\} = \bigcup \{A^{\underline{M}} \mid \underline{M} \in \text{LL}_M\}$ .  
For  $\tau \in A^M$ , let

$$F_\tau^M = \bigcup \{F_\tau^{\underline{M}} \mid \tau \in A^{\underline{M}}, \underline{M} \in \mathcal{M} \cap M\} = \bigcup \{F_\tau^{\underline{M}} \mid \tau \in A^{\underline{M}}, \underline{M} \in \text{LL}_M\}.$$

The construction is straightforward by inductively showing that  $F_\tau^M$  are homogeneous.

**2.4 Claim.** If  $M, M' \in \mathcal{M}$  with the isomorphism  $\phi : M \rightarrow M'$ , then for  $\tau \in A^M$ , we have  $\phi[F_\tau^M] = F_{\phi(\tau)}^{M'}$ .

*Proof.* By induction on  $M \cap \omega_2$ . □

**2.5 Lemma.** Let  $M \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\tau, \pi \in A^M$ . Let  $\gamma$  be a limit ordinal with  $\gamma \leq \tau < \pi$ . If  $\sup(F_\tau^M \cap \gamma) = \sup(F_\pi^M \cap \gamma) = \gamma$ , then there exists  $(\underline{M}, \underline{\tau}, \underline{\pi})$  such that

- $\underline{M} \in \mathcal{M} \cap M$ ,
- $\underline{\tau}, \underline{\pi} \in A^{\underline{M}}$ ,
- $\gamma \leq \underline{\tau} \leq \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $\{F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma, F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma\} = \{F_\tau^M \cap \gamma, F_\pi^M \cap \gamma\}$ .

**2.6 Corollary.** Let  $M \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\tau, \pi \in A^M$ . Let  $\gamma$  be a limit ordinal with  $\gamma \leq \tau < \pi$ . If  $\sup(F_\tau^M \cap \gamma) = \sup(F_\pi^M \cap \gamma) = \gamma$ , then  $F_\tau^M \cap \gamma = F_\pi^M \cap \gamma$ .

*Proof.* Try to apply repeatedly the lemma above. As long as  $\underline{\tau} < \underline{\pi}$ , we may continue. Since there exists no infinite  $\in$ -descending sequences of  $M$ 's, it must stop. Hence we have  $(M', \tau', \pi')$  such that

- $M' \in \mathcal{M} \cap M$ ,
- $\tau', \pi' \in A^{M'}$ ,
- $\gamma \leq \tau' = \pi'$ ,
- $\{F_{\tau'}^{M'} \cap \gamma, F_{\pi'}^{M'} \cap \gamma\} = \{F_\tau^M \cap \gamma, F_\pi^M \cap \gamma\}$ .

In particular, we have  $F_\tau^M \cap \gamma = F_\pi^M \cap \gamma$ . □

*Proof of 2.5 Lemma.* By induction on  $(\mathcal{M}, \in)$ .

**Case.**  $M \in \text{lim}(\mathcal{M})$ : Pick  $\underline{M} \in \mathcal{M} \cap M$  with  $\tau, \pi \in A^{\underline{M}}$ . Then,

- $\tau < \text{ssup}(A^{\underline{M}} \cap \pi) = \text{ssup}(F_\pi^{\underline{M}})$ ,
- $F_\tau^{\underline{M}} \subseteq_{\text{end}} F_\pi^{\underline{M}}$ .

Hence,

- $F_{\pi}^M \cap (\tau + 1) = F_{\pi}^M \cap (\tau + 1)$ .

And so,

- $F_{\pi}^M \cap \gamma = F_{\pi}^M \cap \gamma$ .

Then,

- $F_{\pi}^M \cap \gamma \subseteq A^M \cap \tau$ ,
- $\gamma \leq \text{ssup}(A^M \cap \tau) = \text{ssup}(F_{\tau}^M)$ ,
- $F_{\tau}^M \subseteq_{\text{end}} F_{\tau}^M$ .

Hence  $F_{\tau}^M \cap \gamma = F_{\tau}^M \cap \gamma$ .

**Case.**  $M \in \text{suc}_1(\mathcal{M})$ : Let  $\underline{M} \in \mathcal{M} \cap M$  with  $\mathcal{M} \cap M = (\mathcal{M} \cap \underline{M}) \cup \{\underline{M}\}$ . We have  $A^M = A^{\underline{M}} \cup \{\pi_1\}$ , where  $\pi_1 = \sup(\underline{M} \cap \omega_3)$ .

**Subcase 1.**  $\pi \in A^{\underline{M}}$ : Then  $\tau \in A^{\underline{M}}$ . By definition,  $F_{\pi}^M = F_{\pi}^{\underline{M}}$  and  $F_{\tau}^M = F_{\tau}^{\underline{M}}$ . Let  $\underline{\tau} = \tau$  and  $\underline{\pi} = \pi$ . Then,

- $\gamma \leq \underline{\tau} < \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma$ .

**Subcase 2.**  $\pi = \pi_1$ : Then  $\tau \in A^{\underline{M}}$  and  $F_{\tau}^M = F_{\tau}^{\underline{M}}$ . Since  $F_{\pi}^M$  is infinite, we have

- $\underline{M} \in \lim(\mathcal{M})$ ,
- $\gamma \in A^{\underline{M}}$ ,
- $F_{\gamma}^M = F_{\gamma}^{\underline{M}} = F_{\pi}^M \cap \gamma$ .

Let  $\underline{\tau} = \gamma$  and  $\underline{\pi} = \tau$ . Then,

- $\gamma = \underline{\tau} \leq \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\tau}^M \cap \gamma$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\gamma}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\pi}^M \cap \gamma$ .

**Case.**  $M \in \text{suc}_2(\mathcal{M})$ : Let  $M_1, M_2 \in \mathcal{M} \cap M$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \cap M = (\mathcal{M} \cap M_1) \cup (\mathcal{M} \cap M_2) \cup \{M_1, M_2\}$ . Let  $\pi_1 = \sup(M_1 \cap \omega_3)$  and  $\pi_2 = \sup(M_2 \cap \omega_3)$ . We have  $A^M = A^{M_1} \cup A^{M_2} \cup \{\pi_1, \pi_2\}$ . Let  $\eta_2$  be the least element of  $A^{M_2} \setminus M_1$ , if any, and  $\eta_1$  be the least element of  $A^{M_1} \setminus M_2$ , if any. We have  $(M_1, A^{M_1}, \eta_1) \approx (M_2, A^{M_2}, \eta_2)$ . We have a dozen of subcases.

**Subcase 1.**  $\pi = \pi_2$ ,  $\tau \in A^{M_2}$  and  $\eta_2 < \tau$ . Then,

- $M_2 \in \lim(\mathcal{M})$ ,
- $\gamma \in A^{M_2}$ ,
- $F_{\pi}^M \cap \gamma = F_{\gamma}^{M_2}$ .

By definition,

- $F_{\tau}^M = F_{\tau}^{M_2}$ .

Let  $\underline{M} = M_2$ ,  $\underline{\tau} = \gamma$  and  $\underline{\pi} = \tau$ . Then,

- $\gamma = \underline{\tau} \leq \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\tau}^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_{\tau}^M \cap \gamma$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\gamma}^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_{\gamma}^{M_2} = F_{\pi}^M \cap \gamma$ .

**Subcase 2.**  $\pi = \pi_2$  and  $\tau = \eta_2$ : Then we have

- $M_2 \in \lim(\mathcal{M})$ ,
- $\gamma \in A^{M_2}$ ,
- $F_\pi^M \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_2}$ .

By definition,  $F_\tau^M = F_\tau^{M_2} \cup \{\pi_1\}$ . But  $\gamma < \pi_1$ . Hence,

- $F_\tau^M \cap \gamma = F_\tau^{M_2} \cap \gamma$ .

Let  $\underline{M} = M_2$ ,  $\underline{\tau} = \gamma$  and  $\underline{\pi} = \tau$ . Then we have

- $\gamma = \underline{\tau} < \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\tau^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_\tau^M \cap \gamma$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_2} = F_\pi^M \cap \gamma$ .

**Subcase 3.**  $\pi = \pi_2$  and  $\tau = \pi_1$ : Then we have

- $M_2 \in \lim(\mathcal{M})$ ,
- $M_1 \approx M_2$ ,
- $\gamma \in A^{M_1} \cap A^{M_2}$ ,
- $F_\pi^M \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_2}$ ,
- $F_\tau^M \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_1}$ ,
- $F_\gamma^{M_2} = F_\gamma^{M_1}$ .

Let  $\underline{M} = M_1$  and  $\underline{\tau} = \underline{\pi} = \gamma$ . Then we have

- $\gamma = \underline{\tau} = \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_1} \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_1} = F_\tau^M \cap \gamma$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_1} = F_\gamma^{M_2} = F_\pi^M \cap \gamma$ .

**Subcase 4.**  $\pi = \pi_2$  and  $\tau \in A^{M_1}$ : Then we have

- $M_2 \in \lim(\mathcal{M})$ ,
- $\gamma \in A^{M_1} \cap A^{M_2}$ ,
- $F_\pi^M \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_2} = F_\gamma^{M_1}$ ,
- $F_\tau^M = F_\tau^{M_1}$ .

Let  $\underline{M} = M_1$ ,  $\underline{\tau} = \gamma$  and  $\underline{\pi} = \tau$ . Then we have

- $\gamma = \underline{\tau} \leq \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\tau^{M_1} \cap \gamma = F_\tau^M \cap \gamma$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_1} \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_1} = F_\pi^M \cap \gamma$ .

**Subcase 5.**  $\pi \in A^{M_2}$ ,  $\tau \in A^{M_2}$  and  $\eta_2 < \tau$ : By definition,  $F_\pi^M = F_\pi^{M_2}$  and  $F_\tau^M = F_\tau^{M_2}$ . Let  $\underline{M} = M_2$ ,  $\underline{\tau} = \tau$  and  $\underline{\pi} = \pi$ . Then we have

- $\gamma \leq \underline{\tau} < \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\pi^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_\pi^M \cap \gamma$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\tau^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_\tau^M \cap \gamma$ .

**Subcase 6.**  $\pi \in A^{M_2}$ ,  $\eta_2 < \pi$  and  $\tau = \eta_2$ : By definition,

- $F_\pi^M = F_\pi^{M_2}$ ,

- $F_\tau^M = F_\tau^{M_2} \cup \{\pi_1\}$ .

We also have

- $\gamma < \pi_1$ .

Hence we have  $F_\tau^M \cap \gamma = F_\tau^{M_2} \cap \gamma$ . Let  $\underline{M} = M_2$ ,  $\underline{\tau} = \tau$  and  $\underline{\pi} = \pi$ . Then we have

- $\gamma < \underline{\tau} < \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\pi^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_\pi^M \cap \gamma$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\tau^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_\tau^M \cap \gamma$ .

**Subcase 7.**  $\pi \in A^{M_2}$ ,  $\eta_2 < \pi$  and  $\tau = \pi_1$ : By definition,  $F_\pi^M = F_\pi^{M_2}$ . We also have

- $M_1 \in \lim(\mathcal{M})$ ,
- $\gamma \in A^{M_1} \cap A^{M_2}$ ,
- $F_\tau^M \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^M = F_\gamma^{M_1} = F_\gamma^{M_2}$ .

Let  $\underline{M} = M_2$ ,  $\underline{\tau} = \gamma$  and  $\underline{\pi} = \pi$ . Then we have

- $\gamma = \underline{\tau} < \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\pi^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_\pi^M \cap \gamma$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_2} = F_\tau^M \cap \gamma$ .

**Subcase 8.**  $\pi \in A^{M_2}$ ,  $\eta_2 < \pi$  and  $\tau \in A^{M_1} \setminus M_2$ : Let  $\pi'$  be the  $M_1$ -copy of  $\pi$ . Then, we have

- $F_{\pi'}^{M_1} \cap \gamma = F_\pi^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_\pi^M \cap \gamma$ .

Hence, we have

- $\gamma < \tau, \pi'$ ,
- $\{F_\tau^{M_1} \cap \gamma, F_{\pi'}^{M_1} \cap \gamma\} = \{F_\tau^M \cap \gamma, F_\pi^M \cap \gamma\}$ .

Let  $\underline{M} = M_1$ ,  $\underline{\tau} = \min\{\tau, \pi'\}$  and  $\underline{\pi} = \max\{\tau, \pi'\}$ . Then, we have

- $\gamma < \underline{\tau} \leq \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $\{F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma, F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma\} = \{F_\tau^{M_1} \cap \gamma, F_{\pi'}^{M_1} \cap \gamma\}$ .

**Subcase 9.**  $\pi \in A^{M_2}$ ,  $\eta_2 < \pi$  and  $\tau \in A^{M_1} \cap A^{M_2}$ : By definition,  $F_\pi^M = F_\pi^{M_2}$  and  $F_\tau^M = F_\tau^{M_1} = F_\tau^{M_2}$ .

Let  $\underline{M} = M_2$ ,  $\underline{\tau} = \tau$  and  $\underline{\pi} = \pi$ . Then we have

- $\gamma \leq \underline{\tau} < \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\pi^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_\pi^M \cap \gamma$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\tau^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_\tau^M \cap \gamma$ .

**Subcase 10.**  $\pi = \eta_2$  and  $\tau = \pi_1$ : By definition,  $F_\pi^M = F_\pi^{M_2} \cup \{\pi_1\}$ . We have

- $M_1 \in \lim(\mathcal{M})$ ,
- $\gamma \in A^{M_1} \cap A^{M_2}$ ,
- $F_\tau^M \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_1} = F_\gamma^{M_2}$ .

Let  $\underline{M} = M_2$ ,  $\underline{\tau} = \gamma$  and  $\underline{\pi} = \pi$ . Then we have

- $\gamma = \underline{\tau} < \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\pi^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_\pi^M \cap \gamma$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_\gamma^{M_2} = F_\tau^M \cap \gamma$ .



**Subcase 11.**  $\pi = \eta_2$  and  $\tau \in A^{M_1} \setminus M_2$ : Then, we have

- $F_{\eta_1}^M = F_{\eta_1}^{M_1} = F_{\eta_2}^{M_2}$ ,
- $F_{\pi}^M = F_{\eta_2}^{M_2} \cup \{\pi_1\}$ ,
- $\gamma < \pi_1$ ,
- $F_{\tau}^M = F_{\tau}^{M_1}$ .

Let  $\underline{M} = M_1$ ,  $\underline{\tau} = \eta_1$  and  $\underline{\pi} = \tau$ . Then, we have

- $\gamma < \underline{\tau} \leq \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\tau}^{M_1} \cap \gamma = F_{\tau}^M \cap \gamma$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\eta_1}^{M_1} \cap \gamma = F_{\eta_2}^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_{\pi}^M \cap \gamma$ .

**Subcase 12.**  $\pi = \eta_2$  and  $\tau \in A^{M_1} \cap A^{M_2}$ : Then, we have

- $F_{\pi}^M = F_{\pi}^{M_2} \cup \{\pi_1\}$ .
- $F_{\tau}^M = F_{\tau}^{M_1} = F_{\tau}^{M_2}$ .
- $\gamma < \pi_1$ .

Let  $\underline{M} = M_2$ ,  $\underline{\tau} = \tau$  and  $\underline{\pi} = \pi$ . Then, we have

- $F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\pi}^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_{\pi}^M \cap \gamma$ .
- $F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\tau}^{M_2} \cap \gamma = F_{\tau}^M \cap \gamma$ .

**Subcase 13.**  $\pi = \pi_1$ : Then  $\tau \in A^{M_1}$ . We have

- $M_1 \in \lim(\mathcal{M})$ ,
- $\gamma \in A^{M_1}$ ,
- $F_{\pi}^M \cap \gamma = F_{\gamma}^M = F_{\gamma}^{M_1}$ ,
- $F_{\tau}^M = F_{\tau}^{M_1}$ .

Let  $\underline{M} = M_1$ ,  $\underline{\tau} = \gamma$  and  $\underline{\pi} = \tau$ . Then, we have

- $\gamma = \underline{\tau} \leq \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\tau}^{M_1} \cap \gamma = F_{\tau}^M \cap \gamma$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\gamma}^{M_1} \cap \gamma = F_{\gamma}^{M_1} = F_{\pi}^M \cap \gamma$ .

**Subcase 14.**  $\pi \in A^{M_1}$ : Then  $\tau \in A^{M_1}$ . By definition,  $F_{\pi}^M = F_{\pi}^{M_1}$  and  $F_{\tau}^M = F_{\tau}^{M_1}$ . Let  $\underline{M} = M_1$ ,  $\underline{\tau} = \tau$  and  $\underline{\pi} = \pi$ . Then, we have

- $\gamma \leq \underline{\tau} < \underline{\pi}$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\pi}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\pi}^{M_1} \cap \gamma = F_{\pi}^M \cap \gamma$ ,
- $F_{\underline{\tau}}^{\underline{M}} \cap \gamma = F_{\tau}^{M_1} \cap \gamma = F_{\tau}^M \cap \gamma$ .

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We continue our investigation of  $A^M$ 's and  $F_{\tau}^M$ 's to show  $\square_{\omega_2}$ .

**2.7 Definition.** Let  $A = \{\sup(M \cap \omega_3) \mid M \in \mathcal{M}\}$ . For each  $\tau \in A$ , let  $F_{\tau} = \bigcup \{F_{\tau}^M \mid \tau \in A^M, M \in \mathcal{M}\}$ .

It is clear that  $A = \bigcup \{A^M \mid M \in \mathcal{M}\}$  and that  $\text{o.t.}(A) = \omega_3$ .

**Claim 1.** Let  $\tau \in A$ . Then we have

- (1) If  $M \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\tau \in A^M$ , then  $F_{\tau}^M \subseteq_{\text{end}} F_{\tau}$ .
- (2)  $\text{ssup}(F_{\tau}) = \text{ssup}(A \cap \tau)$ .

(3)  $\text{o.t.}(F_\tau) \leq \omega_2$ .

(4) If  $\text{o.t.}(F_\tau) = \omega_2$ , then  $A \cap \tau$  is a bounded subset of  $\tau$  and  $\text{cf}(\text{o.t.}(A \cap \tau)) = \omega_2$ .

**Claim 2.** Let  $\tau, \pi \in A$  and  $\gamma$  be a limit ordinal with  $\gamma \leq \tau < \pi$ . If  $\sup(F_\pi \cap \gamma) = \sup(F_\tau \cap \gamma) = \gamma$ , then  $F_\pi \cap \gamma = F_\tau \cap \gamma$ .

**2.8 Definition.** Let  $\Phi : A \rightarrow \omega_3$  be the transitive collapse. For each limit ordinal  $i < \omega_3$  with, say,  $\Phi(\pi) = i$ , let

$$C_i = \overline{\Phi[F_\pi]} \setminus \{i\},$$

where  $\overline{X}$  denote the closure of  $X$  in  $\omega_3$ .

We know  $\text{o.t.}(X) = \text{o.t.}(\overline{X} \setminus \{\sup(X)\})$  for  $X$  with no last elements. The sequence of these clubs  $C_i$ 's satisfies  $\square_{\omega_2}$ .

**Claim 3.** Let  $i$  be a limit ordinal with  $i < \omega_3$ . Then we have

- (1)  $C_i$  is closed and cofinal subset of  $i$  with  $\text{o.t.}(C_i) \leq \omega_2$ .
- (2) If  $\text{cf}(i) < \omega_2$ , then  $\text{o.t.}(C_i) < \omega_2$ .
- (3) If  $j$  is a limit ordinal with  $j \in \overline{C_i} \cap i$ , then  $C_j = C_i \cap j$ .

*Proof of Claim 1.* For (1): Let  $y < x$  with  $y \in F_\tau$  and  $x \in F_\tau^M$ . Pick  $M' \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $y \in F_\tau^{M'}$ . Pick  $M'' \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $M, M' \in M''$ . Then we have  $y \in F_\tau^{M''}$  and  $F_\tau^M \subseteq_{\text{end}} F_\tau^{M''}$ . Hence,  $y \in F_\tau^M$ .

For (2): Since  $F_\tau \subseteq A \cap \tau$ , we have  $\text{ssup}(F_\tau) \leq \text{ssup}(A \cap \tau)$ . To show the converse, let  $x \in A \cap \tau$ . Pick  $M \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\tau \in A^M$  and  $x \in A^M \cap \tau$ . Then  $x < \text{ssup}(A^M \cap \tau) = \text{ssup}(F_\tau^M) \leq \text{ssup}(F_\tau)$ . Hence  $\text{ssup}(A \cap \tau) \leq \text{ssup}(F_\tau)$ .

For (3): We have  $\text{o.t.}(F_\tau^M) \leq \text{o.t.}(A^M \cap \tau) < \text{o.t.}(M \cap \omega_3) < \omega_2$  and  $F_\tau^M \subseteq_{\text{end}} F_\tau$ . Hence,  $\text{o.t.}(F_\tau) \leq \omega_2$ .

For (4): Suppose  $\text{o.t.}(F_\tau) = \omega_2$ . Then  $F_\tau$  has no last elements and is a cofinal subset of  $A \cap \tau$ . Hence,  $\text{cf}(\text{o.t.}(A \cap \tau)) = \omega_2$ . Since  $\tau = \sup(M \cap \omega_3)$  for some  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $\text{cf}(\tau) \leq \omega_1$  and so  $A \cap \tau$  must be bounded below  $\tau$ .

*Proof of Claim 2.* This is like case  $M \in \lim(\mathcal{M})$  in the proof of 2.5 Lemma. Pick  $M \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\pi, \tau \in A^M$ . Then we have  $\tau \in A^M \cap \pi$ ,  $\gamma \leq \tau < \text{ssup}(A^M \cap \pi) = \text{ssup}(F_\pi^M)$  and  $F_\pi^M \subseteq_{\text{end}} F_\pi$ . Since  $F_\pi^M \cap \text{ssup}(A^M \cap \pi) = F_\pi \cap \text{ssup}(A^M \cap \pi)$ , we have  $F_\pi^M \cap \gamma = F_\pi \cap \gamma$  and so  $\gamma \leq \text{ssup}(A^M \cap \tau) = \text{ssup}(F_\tau^M)$ . Since  $F_\tau^M \subseteq_{\text{end}} F_\tau$ , we have  $F_\tau^M \cap \gamma = F_\tau \cap \gamma$ . But by 2.5 Lemma, we have  $F_\pi^M \cap \gamma = F_\tau^M \cap \gamma$ . Hence, we have  $F_\pi \cap \gamma = F_\tau \cap \gamma$ .

*Proof of Claim 3.* For (1): Let  $i$  be a limit ordinal with  $i < \omega_3$ . Let  $\pi \in A$  with  $i = \Phi(\pi)$ . Since  $i$  is limit,  $A \cap \pi$  has no last elements and so  $F_\pi$  is cofinal in  $A \cap \pi$ . Then  $\Phi[F_\pi]$  is a cofinal subset of  $i$  and so  $C_i$  is a closed and cofinal subset of  $i$ . We know that  $\text{o.t.}(C_i) = \text{o.t.}(\overline{\Phi[F_\pi]} \setminus \{i\}) = \text{o.t.}(\Phi[F_\pi]) = \text{o.t.}(F_\pi) \leq \omega_2$ .

For (2): Suppose  $\text{o.t.}(C_i) = \omega_2$ . Then  $\text{cf}(i) = \omega_2$ .

For (3): Let  $\Phi(\pi) = i$  and  $\Phi(\tau) = j$ . Hence,  $\tau < \pi$  in  $A$ . We observe that  $F_\pi \cap \tau$  is a cofinal subset of  $A \cap \tau$ . To do so let,  $x \in A \cap \tau$ . Then  $\Phi(x) < \Phi(\tau) = j \in \overline{C_i} \cap i$ . Then  $\Phi(x) < \Phi(y) \in \Phi[F_\pi] \cap j$  and so  $x < y < \tau$  for some  $y \in F_\pi$ . Hence,  $A \cap \tau$  has no last elements and both  $F_\tau$  and  $F_\pi \cap \tau$  are cofinal subsets of  $A \cap \tau$ . Hence,  $F_\tau = F_\pi \cap \tau$ . Hence,

$$\Phi[F_\tau] = \Phi[F_\pi] \cap \Phi(\tau) = \Phi[F_\pi] \cap j.$$

Hence,

$$C_j = \overline{\Phi[F_\tau]} \setminus \{j\} = \overline{\Phi[F_\pi] \cap j} \setminus \{j\} = \overline{\Phi[F_\pi]} \cap j = C_i \cap j.$$

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