

# Sets in Prikry Extensions

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**Theorem 1.** (Kanovei, K.,...) *Let  $M_0 \models U_0$  is a measure on  $\kappa_0$  . Let  $C$  be a Prikry sequence for  $U_0$  over  $M_0$  . Then*

$$\forall Z \subseteq \kappa_0, Z \in M_0[C] \exists C' \subseteq C M_0[Z] = M_0[C'].$$

*Hence the constructibility degrees of subsets of  $\kappa_0$  over the ground model  $M_0$  are parametrized by  $\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\text{fin}$  .*

**Conjecture.**

$$\forall Z \in M_0[C] \exists C' \subseteq C M_0[Z] = M_0[C'].$$

## 1. Prikry forcing

**Definition 2.** *Prikry forcing* is the partial order  $(P, \leq)$  defined by

$$P = \{(a, A) \mid a \in [\kappa_0]^{<\omega}, A \in U_0, \max(a) < \min(A)\}$$

and

$$(a, A) \leq (b, B) \text{ iff } a \setminus b \subseteq B \wedge A \subseteq B.$$

If  $G$  is  $P$ -generic over  $M_0$  then

$$C = \bigcup_{(a,A) \in G} a$$

is a **Prikry sequence** for  $U_0$ , i.e.

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{P}(\kappa_0) \cap M_0 \ (A \in U_0 \leftrightarrow C \setminus A \text{ is finite}).$$

**Proposition 3.**

- a)  $M_0[G] = M_0[C]$ .
- b)  $V_{\kappa_0} \cap M_0 = V_{\kappa_0} \cap M_0[C]$ .
- c) *Cardinals are absolute between  $M_0$  and  $M_0[C]$ .*
- d)  *$C$  is cofinal in  $\kappa_0$  of ordertype  $\omega$ .*

**Theorem 4.** (A.Dodd, R.B.Jensen) *If a regular cardinal  $\kappa$  is turned into a singular cardinal of cofinality  $\omega$  then  $\kappa$  is measurable in an inner model and there is a Prikry sequence for that measure.*

## 2. Iterated Ultrapowers

**Definition 5.** Define the *iteration*

$$(M_m, U_m, \kappa_m, \pi_{mn})_{m \leq n \leq \omega}$$

of  $(M_0, U_0)$  by recursion:

- $\pi_{00} = \text{id}$
- $\pi_{m,m+1}: M_m \rightarrow M_{m+1} = \text{Ult}(M_m, U_m)$  is the ultrapower of  $M_m$  by  $U_m$
- $\pi_{i,m+1} = \begin{cases} \pi_{m,m+1} \circ \pi_{im} & \text{if } i \leq m \\ \text{id} & \text{if } i = m+1 \end{cases}$
- $U_{m+1} = \pi_{m,m+1}(U_m)$ ,  $\kappa_{n+1} = \pi_{m,m+1}(\kappa_m)$
- $M_\omega$ ,  $(\pi_{m\omega})_{m < \omega}$  is the **transitive** direct limit of the system  $(M_m, \pi_{mn})_{m \leq n < \omega}$
- $U_\omega = \pi_{0\omega}(U_0)$ ,  $\kappa_\omega = \pi_{0\omega}(\kappa_0)$

## Proposition 6.

a)  $\pi_{m\omega} \upharpoonright \kappa_m = \text{id}$

b)  $M_m = \{\pi_{0m}(f)(\kappa_0, \dots, \kappa_{m-1}) \mid f \in M_0, f: \kappa_0^m \rightarrow M_0\}$

c)  $\forall A \in \mathcal{P}(\kappa_\omega) \cap M_\omega$  ( $A \in U_\omega \leftrightarrow \{\kappa_m \mid m < \omega\} \setminus A$  is finite), i.e.,  $\{\kappa_m \mid m < \omega\}$  is a Prikry sequence for  $U_\omega$ .

### 3. An Intersection Model

Set  $M = M_\omega$ ,  $\kappa = \kappa_\omega$ ,  $U = U_\omega$ ,  $D = \{\kappa_m \mid m < \omega\}$ .

**Definition 7.** Define an *intersection model* by

$$N = \bigcap_{m < \omega} M_m$$

**Proposition 8.** The intersection model  $N$  equals  $M[D]$ , the Prikry extension by  $D$ .



**Theorem 9.**

$$\forall Z \subseteq \kappa, Z \in M[D] \exists D' \subseteq D M[Z] = M[D']$$

Wellorder ascending sequences  $\alpha_0 < \dots < \alpha_{m-1}$  and  $\beta_0 < \dots < \beta_{n-1}$  lexicographically from the top:  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{m-1}) \prec (\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{n-1})$  iff there is some  $i$  such that

$\alpha_{m-1} = \beta_{n-1}$  ,  $\dots$ ,  $\alpha_{m-i} = \beta_{n-i}$  ,  $\beta_{n-i-1}$  exists, and if  $\alpha_{n-i-1}$  exists, then  $\alpha_{m-i-1} < \beta_{n-i-1}$  .

**Lemma 10.** *Let  $u \in M_n$ . Let  $\alpha_0 < \dots < \alpha_{m-1}$  be  $\prec$ -minimal such that there is  $f \in M_0$ ,  $f: \kappa_0^m \rightarrow M_0$  such that*

$$u = \pi_{0n}(f)(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{m-1}).$$

*Then  $\{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{m-1}\} \subseteq \{\kappa_0, \dots, \kappa_{n-1}\}$ .*

*If  $\alpha_0 < \dots < \alpha_{m-1}$  is  $\prec$ -minimal such that*

$$u = \pi_{0n}(f)(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{m-1})$$

*and if moreover  $u \subseteq \kappa_n$  then  $\alpha_0 < \dots < \alpha_{m-1}$  is  $\prec$ -minimal such that*

$$u = \pi_{0\omega}(f)(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{m-1}) \cap \kappa_n.$$

**Proof.** Assume that  $\{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{m-1}\} \not\subseteq \{\kappa_0, \dots, \kappa_{n-1}\}$  and let  $i$  be maximal such that  $\alpha_i \notin \{\kappa_0, \dots, \kappa_{n-1}\}$ . Let  $\kappa_l$  be minimal such that  $\alpha_i < \kappa_l$ . By the representation theorem there is some  $g \in M_0$ ,  $g: \kappa_0^l \rightarrow M_0$  such that

$$\alpha_i = \pi_{0l}(g)(\kappa_0, \dots, \kappa_{l-1}).$$

Then

$$\alpha_i = \pi_{0n}(g)(\kappa_0, \dots, \kappa_{l-1}).$$

Let  $\beta_0 < \dots < \beta_{r-1}$  enumerate

$$\{\kappa_0, \dots, \kappa_{l-1}\} \cup \{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}, \alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_{m-1}\}.$$

Note that  $(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{r-1}) \prec (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{m-1})$ .

Let

$$(\kappa_0, \dots, \kappa_{l-1}) = (\beta_{j_0}, \dots, \beta_{j_{l-1}})$$

and

$$(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}, \alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_{m-1}) = (\beta_{k_0}, \dots, \beta_{k_{i-1}}, \beta_{k_{i+1}}, \dots, \beta_{k_{m-1}}).$$

Define  $h: \kappa_0^r \rightarrow M_0$  by

$$h(\xi_0, \dots, \xi_{r-1}) = f(\xi_{k_0}, \dots, \xi_{k_{i-1}}, g(\xi_{j_0}, \dots, \xi_{j_{l-1}}), \xi_{k_{i+1}}, \dots, \xi_{k_{m-1}}).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \pi_{0n}(f)(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{m-1}) \\ &= \pi_{0n}(f)(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}, \pi_{0n}(g)(\kappa_0, \dots, \kappa_{l-1}), \alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \\ &\quad \alpha_{m-1}) \\ &= \pi_{0n}(f)(\beta_{k_0}, \dots, \beta_{k_{i-1}}, \pi_{0n}(g)(\beta_{j_0}, \dots, \beta_{j_{l-1}}), \beta_{k_{i+1}}, \dots, \\ &\quad \beta_{k_{m-1}}) \\ &= \pi_{0n}(f)(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{r-1}) \end{aligned}$$

contradicting the minimality of  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{m-1})$ . □

## **Proof of Theorem 9.**

For  $Z \in M$  the theorem is obvious. So consider  $Z \subseteq \kappa$ ,  $Z \in M[D] \setminus M$ .

**Lemma 11.**  $\kappa$  is singular in  $M[Z]$ .

**Proof.** Assume not. For  $m < \omega$  let

$$Z = \pi_{0m}(f_m)(\kappa_0, \dots, \kappa_{m-1}) \in M_m.$$

Then  $Z \cap \kappa_m = \pi_{0m}(f_m)(\kappa_0, \dots, \kappa_{m-1}) \cap \kappa_m$  and

$$Z \cap \kappa_m = \pi_{0\omega}(f_m)(\kappa_0, \dots, \kappa_{m-1}) \cap \kappa_m.$$

So in the model  $M[Z]$ ,

$$\forall \zeta < \kappa \exists m < \omega \exists \xi_0, \dots, \xi_{m-1} < \zeta : Z \cap \zeta = \pi_{0\omega}(f_m)(\xi_0, \dots, \xi_{m-1}) \cap \zeta.$$

This defines **regressive** functions, and there are values  $m_0$  and  $\eta_0, \dots, \eta_{m_0}$  such that for a stationary set  $S \subseteq \kappa$

$$\forall \zeta \in S \ Z \cap \zeta = \pi_{0\omega}(f_{m_0})(\eta_0, \dots, \eta_{m_0-1}) \cap \zeta.$$

But then

$$Z = \pi_{0\omega}(f_{m_0})(\eta_0, \dots, \eta_{m_0-1}) \in M.$$

Contradiction. □

**Lemma 12.** *In  $M[Z]$ , there is an infinite subset  $D_0 \subseteq D$  (which is cofinal in  $\kappa$ ).*

**Proof.** Let  $\{\alpha_\nu \mid \nu < \gamma\} \in M[Z]$  be cofinal in  $\kappa$  where  $\gamma < \kappa$ . Without loss of generality,  $\gamma < \kappa_0$ .

Work in  $M_0$ . For  $\nu < \gamma$  consider the minimal  $\kappa_m$  such that  $\alpha_\nu < \kappa_m$  and a  $\prec$ -minimal sequence  $\vec{\kappa}_\nu \subseteq D$  such that for some  $f_\nu$

$$\alpha_\nu = \pi_{0m}(f_\nu)(\vec{\kappa}_\nu).$$

Since  $\gamma < \kappa_0$

$$(\pi_{0\omega}(f_\nu) \mid \nu < \gamma) = \pi_{0\omega}((f_\nu \mid \nu < \gamma)) \in M$$

we can, in  $M[Z]$ , define  $\vec{\kappa}_\nu$  as the  $\prec$ -minimal sequence such that

$$\alpha_\nu = \pi_{0\omega}(f_\nu)(\vec{\kappa}_\nu).$$

Let  $D_0 = \bigcup_{\nu < \gamma} \vec{\kappa}_\nu \in M[Z]$ ,  $D_0 \subseteq D$ . If  $D_0$  were finite then

$$\{\alpha_\nu \mid \nu < \gamma\} \subseteq \{\pi_{0\omega}(f_\nu)(\vec{\kappa}) \mid \nu < \gamma, \vec{\kappa} \subseteq D_0\} \in M$$

would make  $\kappa$  singular in  $M$ , contradiction. □



Work in  $M_0$ . Let  $\lambda_0 < \lambda_1 < \dots$  enumerate  $D_0$ . For  $m < \omega$  let  $\vec{\kappa}_m \subseteq D$  be  $\prec$ -minimal such that there is  $f_m \in M_0$ ,  $f_m: \kappa_0^{\text{length}(\vec{\kappa}_m)} \rightarrow M_0$  such that

$$Z \cap \lambda_m = \pi_{0\omega}(f_m)(\vec{\kappa}_m) \cap \lambda_m. \quad (1)$$

Let  $D' = D_0 \cup \bigcup_{m < \omega} \vec{\kappa}_m \subseteq D$ . Observe that

$$(\pi_{0\omega}(f_m) \upharpoonright m < \omega) = \pi_{0\omega}((f_m \upharpoonright m < \omega)) \in M. \quad (2)$$

By (1) and (2),  $Z \in M[D']$ .

Conversely,  $D_0 \in M[Z]$ , and  $(\vec{\kappa}_m \upharpoonright m < \omega)$  can be defined in  $M[Z]$  by:  $\vec{\kappa}_m$  is  $\prec$ -minimal such that

$$Z \cap \lambda_m = \pi_{0\omega}(f_m)(\vec{\kappa}_m) \cap \lambda_m.$$

Hence  $D' \in M[Z]$ .

Thus  $M[Z] = M[D']$ . □

## Proof of Theorem 1.

We want to show that the top condition

$$(\emptyset, \kappa_0) \Vdash \Phi(\dot{C}) \equiv \forall Z \subseteq \kappa_0 \exists C' \subseteq \dot{C} M_0[Z] = M_0[C'],$$

Assume not, and let  $M_0 \models "(a, A) \Vdash \neg \Phi(\dot{C})"$ .

By elementarity,  $M \models "(\pi_{0\omega}(a), \pi_{0\omega}(A)) \Vdash \neg \Phi(\dot{C})"$ .

Let  $\{\kappa_m \mid n \leq m < \omega\} \subseteq \pi_{0\omega}(A)$ . Then  $\pi_{0\omega}(a) \cup \{\kappa_m \mid n \leq m < \omega\}$  is a Prikry sequence for  $\pi_{0\omega}(U_0)$  and

$$M[\pi_{0\omega}(a) \cup \{\kappa_m \mid n \leq m < \omega\}]$$

is a generic extension where  $(\pi_{0\omega}(a), \pi_{0\omega}(A))$  is in the generic filter corresponding to  $\pi_{0\omega}(a) \cup \{\kappa_m \mid n \leq m < \omega\}$ . Hence

$$M[\pi_{0\omega}(a) \cup \{\kappa_m \mid n \leq m < \omega\}] \models \neg \Phi(\pi_{0\omega}(a) \cup \{\kappa_m \mid n \leq m < \omega\})$$

Since the model  $M[C]$  and the formula  $\Phi(C)$  are invariant w.r.t. finite variations of  $C$

$$M[D] \models \neg \Phi(D)$$

But this contradicts Theorem 9. □