

# Definability of maximal families of reals in forcing extensions

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## Definition

A *hypergraph* on a set  $X$  is a collection  $E$  (the edges) of finite non-empty subsets of  $X$ , i.e.  $E \subseteq [X]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ . We say that  $Y \subseteq X$  is  *$E$ -independent* if  $[Y]^{<\omega} \cap E = \emptyset$ .  $Y$  is *maximal  $E$ -independent* if  $Y$  is maximal under inclusion as an  $E$ -independent subset of  $X$ .

If  $X$  is a Polish space, then  $[X]^{<\omega}$  also has a natural Polish topology and we can study definable hypergraphs  $E$  and definable maximal  $E$ -independent sets.

## Fact

*In  $L$ , every analytic hypergraph on a Polish space  $X$  has a  $\Delta_2^1$  maximal independent set.*

## Theorem (Schrittesser 2016)

*After forcing with a csi of Sacks forcing over  $L$ , every analytic (2-dimensional hyper)graph in a Polish space has a  $\Delta_2^1$  maximal independent set.*

## Example

In an extension of  $L$  by a csi of Sacks forcing, every analytic equivalence relation has a  $\Delta_2^1$  transversal.

This is wrong for the countable support product. There is no  $OD(\mathbb{R})$  transversal of  $E_1$  after an uncountably supported csp of Sacks forcing.

## Example (Ultrafilter)

Let  $E_u := \{A \in [\mathcal{P}(\omega)]^{<\omega} : \bigcap A \text{ is finite}\}$ . Then an ultrafilter is a maximal  $E_u$ -independent set.

## Question (S. 2019)

Is it consistent that  $\mathfrak{u} > \aleph_1$ , while there is a  $\Delta_2^1$  ultrafilter?  
Can we destroy all ground model ultrafilters while preserving a  $\Delta_2^1$  definition?

## Example (Maximal independent families)

$Y \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$  is an independent family if for all finite disjoint  $A, B \subseteq Y$ ,  $\bigcap_{x \in A} x \cap \bigcap_{x \in B} \omega \setminus x$  is infinite. Letting

$$E_i := \{A \dot{\cup} B \in [\mathcal{P}(\omega)]^{<\omega} : \bigcap_{x \in A} x \cap \bigcap_{x \in B} \omega \setminus x \text{ is finite}\}$$

an independent family is an  $E_i$ -independent set.

## Question (Brendle, Fischer, Khomskii 2019)

Is it consistent that  $i > \aleph_1$ , while there is a  $\Pi_1^1$  maximal independent family?

Can we destroy all ground model maximal independent families while preserving a  $\Pi_1^1$  definition?

# Examples

## Example (Hamel basis)

Let  $E_h := \{A \in [\mathbb{R}]^{<\omega} : A \text{ is linearly dependent over } \mathbb{Q}\}$ . Then a Hamel basis is a maximal  $E_h$ -independent set.

Every Hamel basis has size  $2^{\aleph_0}$ . This is reflected by the fact that adding a single real destroys every ground model Hamel basis.

## Question

Is it consistent that  $\neg \text{CH}$ , while there is a  $\Delta_2^1$  Hamel basis?  
Can we destroy all ground model Hamel bases (i.e. add a new real) while preserving a  $\Delta_2^1$  definition?

# Splitting reals

## Definition

Let  $x, y \in [\omega]^\omega$ . Then  $x$  splits  $y$  if  $|x \cap y| = \omega$  and  $|y \setminus x| = \omega$ .  $x$  is called a splitting real over  $V$  if for every  $y \in V \cap [\omega]^\omega$ ,  $x$  splits  $y$ .

Adding splitting reals over a model  $V$ , destroys all ultrafilters, maximal independent family (and Hamel bases) in  $V$  and consequently increases  $\mathfrak{u}$ ,  $\mathfrak{i}$ .

Classical forcing notions adding splitting reals are Cohen, Random, Silver forcing and forcings adding dominating reals. But they all fail in preserving  $\Delta_2^1$  witnesses.

# Splitting forcing

## Definition (Splitting forcing)

A set  $A \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$  is called *fat* if there is  $m = m(A) \in \omega$  so that for every  $n \geq m$ ,  $i \in 2$ , there is  $s \in A$  so that  $s(n) = i$ .

Let  $T \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$  be a perfect tree. Then  $T$  is a *splitting tree* if for every  $s \in T$ ,  $T_s$  is fat.

*Splitting forcing*  $\mathbb{SP}$  consists of all splitting trees ordered by inclusion ( $T \leq S$  iff  $T \subseteq S$ ), as usual.

## Fact

- $\mathbb{SP}$  adds a generic splitting real  $x_G \in 2^\omega (\cong \mathcal{P}(\omega))$ ,
- $\mathbb{SP}$  is proper (Axiom A),
- $\mathbb{SP}$  is  $\omega^\omega$ -bounding,
- $V^{\mathbb{SP}}$  is a minimal extension of  $V$ .



# The main result

## Theorem (S. 2020)

*After forcing with a csi or a finite product of Sacks or splitting forcing over  $L$ , every analytic hypergraph in a Polish space has a  $\Delta_2^1$  maximal independent set.*

## Corollary

*It is consistent that there is a  $\Pi_1^1$  mif, a  $\Delta_2^1$  ultrafilter and a  $\Delta_2^1$  Hamel basis while  $\aleph_1 < i, u, c$ .*

Note:

## Theorem (Brendle, Khomski, Fischer 2019)

*The existence of a  $\Sigma_2^1$  maximal independent family is equivalent to the existence of a  $\Pi_1^1$  maximal independent family.*

# Borelized cardinal invariants

## Definition

$u_B = \min\{|\mathcal{B}| : \mathcal{B} \subseteq \Delta_1^1 \text{ and } \bigcup \mathcal{B} \text{ is an ultrafilter}\}$

$i_B = \min\{|\mathcal{B}| : \mathcal{B} \subseteq \Delta_1^1 \text{ and } \bigcup \mathcal{B} \text{ is a max. ind. family}\}$

similarly:  $u_{cl} = \min \dots$ ,  $i_{cl} = \min \dots$

## Observation

$u_B \leq u_{cl} \leq u$ ,  $i_B \leq i_{cl} \leq i$ .

If there is a  $\Delta_2^1$  ultrafilter/m.i.f then  $u_B/i_B = \omega_1$ .

## Corollary

*It is consistent that  $u_B, i_B < u, i$ .*

## Theorem (S. 2020)

(ZFC)  $\mathfrak{d} \leq i_{cl}$ .

Recall:  $\mathfrak{d} \leq i$ .

## Corollary of the construction

*There is a  $(\Delta_2^1)$  P-point after iterating  $\mathbb{S}\mathbb{P}$  over  $L$ .*

## Corollary

*ZF+DC+ “every analytic hypergraph has a maximal independent set” + “there is no well-order of the reals” is consistent relative to ZF.*

## Question (Pincus, Prikry 1975)

(ZF) Does the existence of a Hamel basis imply a well-order of the reals?

This has been answered before by [Beriaşvili, Schindler, Wu, Yu 2018] (without LC) and by [Larson, Zapletal 2017] using an inaccessible.

## Question

Does the main result hold true for the csi of Miller forcing?

Remark: It fails for finite products of Miller forcing ( $\mathbb{M}^3$  adds a Cohen real).

This would yield a model of  $\omega_1 = i_B < \mathfrak{d} = i_{cl} = i = \omega_2$ .

## Question (Brendle, Khomskii, Fischer 2019)

Is  $i_B < i_{cl}$  consistent?

Thank you!