Maximality Principles for Closed Forcings

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I gave the second part last week at the First European Set Theory meeting in Bedlewo, and I apologize to those who attended that talk for some overlaps between the talks.

Let's view the universe and its possible generic extensions as a Kripke model for modal logic.













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The Maximality Principle MP is the scheme consisting of the formulae

$$(\Diamond \Box \varphi) \implies \varphi,$$

for every sentence φ . It was introduced in a slightly different formulation in 1977 here at the Logic Colloquium by Stavi and Väänänen, and then rediscovered independently by Hamkins, as stated.

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Note: $\kappa = \omega$ is allowed!

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The last two points were already covered in the second part of the talk.

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Corollary 2. Let \mathbb{P} be a < κ -closed notion of forcing, where κ is regular. Then if $\lambda \geq \overline{\mathbb{P}}$ and $\lambda^{<\kappa} = \lambda$,

$$(\mathbb{P} \times \operatorname{Col}(\kappa, \lambda)) \upharpoonright D \cong \operatorname{Col}(\kappa, \lambda) \upharpoonright \Delta,$$

for some dense set D and the dense set Δ from Lemma 1.

So $Col(\kappa)$ absorbs any $<\kappa$ -closed forcing.
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The other statement is proven analogously.



Consistency

Theorem 4. Assume $\kappa < \delta$, $V_{\delta} \prec V$ and κ , as well as δ , are regular. Then $MP_{Col(\kappa)}(H_{\kappa^+})$ holds in V[G], where G is V-generic for $\mathbb{P} = Col(\kappa, <\delta)$.

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