

Appendix to Varsonian models, II

Defn. Let $W \subset V$ be an inner model, κ a regular V -cardinal.

W has the $< \kappa$ -covering property iff f.a. $X \in V, X \subset W, \bar{X} < \kappa$ in V there is some $Y \in W, Y \supset X, \bar{Y} < \kappa$.

W has the $< \kappa$ -approximation property iff f.a. $X \in V, X \subset W, \text{ if } X \cap x \in W \text{ for all } x \in W, \bar{x} < \kappa, \text{ then } X \in W.$

Lemma 1 (Mitchell?) Let $V = W[G]$, g \mathbb{P} -generic over $W, V \models$ " \mathbb{P} has the κ -c.c." Then W has the $< \kappa$ -covering property as well as the $< \kappa$ -approximation property.

Proof. " $< \kappa$ -cov. property": Easy; only needs $W \models$ " \mathbb{P} has the κ -c.c." Let us show W has the $< \kappa$ -appr. property.

Say $g \ni p \Vdash \tau \subseteq \check{\alpha}, \tau \cap x \in W$ f.a. $x \in W, \bar{x} < \check{\kappa}$.

Suppose that $p \Vdash \tau \notin W$.

Construct $(p_{\bar{\zeta}}, \beta_{\bar{\zeta}} : \bar{\zeta} < \kappa)$ as follows. Given

$(p_{\bar{\zeta}}, \beta_{\bar{\zeta}} : \bar{\zeta} < \zeta)$, pick $x \in W, x \supset \{\beta_{\bar{\zeta}} : \bar{\zeta} < \zeta\}$,
 $\bar{x} < \kappa$ by the $< \kappa$ -c.c. property.

By the hypothesis on p , we may pick $q_{\bar{\zeta}} \leq p$,
 $q_{\bar{\zeta}} \in g$, s.t. for some $y \in W, q_{\bar{\zeta}} \Vdash \tau \cap \check{x} = \check{y}$.

But $q_{\bar{\zeta}}$ can't decide all " $\check{\beta} \in \tau$," as o.w.

$q_{\bar{\zeta}} \Vdash \tau \in W$. Let $(p_{\bar{\zeta}}, \beta_{\bar{\zeta}})$ be s.t. $p_{\bar{\zeta}} \leq q_{\bar{\zeta}}$,

$p_{\bar{\zeta}} \Vdash \check{\beta}_{\bar{\zeta}} \in \tau$ iff $\beta_{\bar{\zeta}} \notin \tau^g$ and

$p_{\bar{\zeta}} \Vdash \check{\beta}_{\bar{\zeta}} \notin \tau$ iff $\beta_{\bar{\zeta}} \in \tau^g$.

Notice that $(p_{\bar{\zeta}} : \bar{\zeta} < \kappa)$ is an antichain. However,
 the construction was done in $W[g]$, so that
 we need $V \models$ " \mathbb{P} has the κ -c.c." to have
 arrived at a contradiction. \rightarrow (Lemma 1)

Lemma 2. Let $W, W' \subset V$ both be inner models s.t. both W, W' have the $< \kappa$ -cov. property as well as the $< \kappa$ -approx. property, and assume that $H_{\kappa}^W = H_{\kappa}^{W'}$. Then $W = W'$.
 (and $\kappa^W = \kappa^{W'} = \kappa^V$.)

Proof. We claim that

Claim 1. $H_{\kappa^+}^W = H_{\kappa^+}^{W'}$.

To see this, let $A \in \mathcal{P}(\kappa) \cap W$. For each $\alpha < \kappa$, $A \cap \alpha \in W'$ by $H_{\kappa}^{W'} = H_{\kappa}^W$, so that $A \in \mathcal{P}(\kappa) \cap W'$ by the fact that W' has the $< \kappa$ -approx. property. So $\mathcal{P}(\kappa) \cap W \subset W'$. By symmetry, $\mathcal{P}(\kappa) \cap W = \mathcal{P}(\kappa) \cap W'$.

We next show

Claim 2. $< \kappa$ OR $\cap W = < \kappa$ OR $\cap W'$.

Let $X \in < \kappa$ OR $\cap W$. Let $(X_i : i < \kappa)$ be such that $X_0 \supset X$, $X_j \supset X_i$ for $j \geq i$, $\overline{X_i} < \kappa$ for all i , and $X_{2i} \in W'$ and $X_{2i+1} \in W$ for all i . There is such a sequence in V by

the $< \kappa$ -cov. property of both W, W' .

Set $Y = \bigcup \{X_i : i < \alpha\}$.

If $x \in W$, $\bar{x} < \kappa$, then $x \cap Y = x \cap X_{z_{i+1}}$, so i ,
so that $x \cap Y \in W$. By the $< \kappa$ -approx. property
of W , $Y \in W$.

By symmetry, $Y \in W \cap W'$.

Let $f: \gamma = \text{otp}(Y) \cong Y$, so that $f \in W \cap W'$,
 $\gamma < \kappa^+$.

$f^{-1}'' X \in [\gamma]^{< \kappa} \cap W$, so that $f^{-1}'' X \in W'$
by Claim 1 and $\kappa^{+W} = \kappa^{+W'} = \kappa^{+V}$. But then $X =$
 $f''(f^{-1}'' X) \in W'$.

By symmetry, this shows claim 2.

We may now easily show $\bigvee_{\alpha}^W = \bigvee_{\alpha}^{W'}$ by
induction on α .

Let $X \in \bigvee_{\alpha}^W = \bigvee_{\alpha}^{W'}$, $X \in W$. Let $x \in W'$,
 $\bar{x} < \kappa$. Then $x \cap \bigvee_{\alpha}^W \in W$ by Claim 2,
and then $x \cap X = (x \cap \bigvee_{\alpha}^W) \cap X \in W$, so that
 $x \cap X \in W'$ by Claim 2 again.

this shows $X \in W'$ by the fact that

W' has the κ -appr. property.

Symmetrically, $V_{\alpha+1}^W = V_{\alpha+1}^{W'}$. \dashv (Lemma 2)

The preceding arguments are due to Hamkins,
Lave, Woodin.

Corollary. Let $V = W[Eg]$, g \mathbb{P} -gen. / W ,

$V \models$ " \mathbb{P} has the κ -c.c." Then W is
the unique inner model $W' \subset V$ s.t.

- W' has the κ -cov. prop,
- W' has the κ -appr. prop,
- $H_{\kappa}^{W'} = H_{\kappa}^W$, and
- $\kappa^{+W'} = \kappa^{+V}$.

W is thus definable inside V from the
parameter H_{κ}^W .