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## Coding that preserves Ramseyness

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**Abstract.** We show how a transitive model,  $M$ , of  $ZFC + GCH + \text{"}\kappa \text{ is Ramsey"}$  can be coded by a subset  $C \subseteq \kappa$  in a generic extension  $M[G]$ , a model of  $ZFC + \text{"}\kappa \text{ is Ramsey} + V = K^C\text{"}$ . (This is an analogue of a theorem of Jensen with Ramseyness replacing measurability and  $K^C$  replacing  $L[\mu, C]$ .)

**§ 1. Introduction.** In [CU] Jensen showed how a transitive model  $V$  of  $ZF + GCH$  could be "coded" by a subset  $r$  of  $\omega$  in a generic extension  $N = V[G]$  so that  $N \models "V = L[r]"$  and further that the cardinality and cofinality structure of  $V$  was that of  $N$ . He further showed that most "large cardinal" properties were preserved by his forcing conditions; that is those consistent with  $V$  being  $L$  of a real. We consider the question of forcing to obtain a coding extension in the same spirit but preserving a particular property: that of Ramseyness. Clearly for no  $r \subseteq \omega$  can a cardinal in  $L[r]$  be Ramsey; further if  $\kappa$  is a cardinal in a model of the form  $L[C]$  for  $C \subseteq \kappa$ , then still  $\kappa$  is not Ramsey: it is easy to see that  $C^*$  must exist if  $\kappa$  is to be Ramsey. But we could consider forcing  $M$  to be a model  $N$  of the form  $K^C$  where by  $K^C$  we mean the class of  $C$ -mice (that is, the notion of mouse, cf. [CM; 9.25], relativised to a predicate  $C \subseteq \kappa$ .)

This we do here, subject to a proviso (\*) below. (Remark 3 indicates why such a requirement may be needed.) The preservation of the Ramsey property is an example of some rather general conditions on forcing which preserves Erdős properties which Jensen formulated in the unpublished [J]. We use his techniques to prove preservation when we have used the method of [CU; 9.9] to set up our coding conditions.

The more difficult question of coding  $V$  by a real so that  $V[G] \models "V = K^r"$  and still preserving a cardinal's Ramsey property looks impossible with the coding techniques at present available, although the kind of considerations we use here, that our coding structures (the  $M_\xi$  below) contain enough suitably large mice does illustrate a prime ingredient of the  $K$ -coding technique. We refer to [CU] for coding techniques and a familiarity with its Ch. 1 will be very useful. For background on mice the reader should refer to [CM].

I would like to thank Dieter Donder for many discussions on these preservation questions. This presentation owes much to his insistence that the question be answered and to his suggestions as to how to go about it.

**§ 2. Coding that preserves Ramseyness.** Suppose that  $V$  is a model of ZF and GCH and “ $\kappa$  is a Ramsey Cardinal”. Suppose further that  $A \subseteq \text{On}$  is such that  $H_\tau = L_\tau[A \cap \tau]$  for all cardinals  $\tau$ . (There is no harm in this cf. [CU; p. 26].)

**THEOREM.** *Let  $V$ ,  $A$  and  $\kappa$  be as above, and that*

$$(*) \quad V \models \forall \xi \in [\kappa, \kappa^+) K^A \cap \kappa[A \cap \xi] \models \text{“}\kappa \text{ is Ramsey”}$$

*then there is a definable class of forcing conditions,  $P$ , so that if  $G$  is  $P$ -generic over  $V$  then*

$$V[G] \models \text{“}\exists C \subseteq \kappa (V = K^C \wedge \kappa \text{ is Ramsey)”}.$$

Some remarks. 1. This, as for standard coding techniques, is a cardinal preserving extension.

2. By  $K_\mu^A[B]$  we mean  $\langle L_\mu[D^A \cap \mu^2, A, B], \in, D^A \cap \mu^2, A, B \rangle$ , where the predicate  $D^A$  codes mice “over” the predicate  $A$ . We assume a knowledge of [CM] throughout and that the reader can relativise all the appropriate definitions. So, such mice have their measurable cardinals  $> \sup A$ , but their projecta are allowed to drop into  $A$  itself.

3.  $\kappa$  Ramsey  $\neq$   $\kappa$  Ramsey in  $K^C$  for  $C \subseteq \kappa$  in general. Thus we require the second condition to enable us to find sufficient indiscernibles in small enough structures. The statement that  $\kappa$  is Ramsey is taken to mean that models whose domain includes  $\kappa$  and have similarity type of size  $< \kappa$ , have “good” sets of indiscernibles of order type  $\kappa$ . This is known to be equivalent to the  $\kappa$ -Erdős property: that if  $C$  is a closed and unbounded (club) subset of  $\kappa$ ,  $f: [C]^{<\omega} \rightarrow \text{On}$  is regressive, i.e. is such that for all  $a$   $f(a) < \min a$ , then there is a subset  $C'$  of  $C$  of order type  $\kappa$  that is homogeneous for  $f$ .

For simplicity we first perform a coding extension to code  $A \cap [\kappa^+, \omega)$  by a subset  $A_0$  of  $[\kappa, \kappa^+)$  — using the  $L$ -coding conditions of [CU]. This is a  $\kappa$ -distributive coding and thus in  $L[A \cap \kappa^+, A_0]$   $\kappa$  is still Ramsey. We now set  $A = A \cap \kappa$  and  $B \subseteq [\kappa, \kappa^+)$  recursively coding  $A_0$  and  $A \cap [\kappa, \kappa^+)$ .

We note that if we now take the ‘ $P$ ’ of our theorem as  $L[A, B]$  that each  $K^A[B \cap \xi]$  (for  $\xi \in [\kappa, \kappa^+)$ ) still thinks that  $\kappa$  is Ramsey, simply due to the fact that no new  $\kappa$ -sequences have been added.

We code  $B$  by a  $C_0 \subseteq \kappa$  much as in [CU; Thm. 9.9]. Our final  $C$  will recursively code  $C_0$  and  $A$ . To this end:

**DEFINITION.** We define by recursion on  $\xi \in [\kappa, \kappa^+)$ ,  $\mu_\xi, \mathcal{M}_\xi$

$$\mu_\xi = \text{least } \mu > \sup_{\zeta < \xi} \mu_\zeta \text{ so that}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_\xi = K_\mu^A[B \cap \xi] \models \text{“}\kappa \text{ is Ramsey} \wedge \text{ZF}^- \wedge L[A, B \cap \xi] \models \bar{\xi} = \kappa\text{”}$$

**CLAIM 1.**  $\mu_\xi$  exists for  $\xi < \kappa^+$ .

**Proof.** This is clear from our requirement on  $K^A[B \cap \xi]$  (taking  $\kappa$  being Ramsey in the sense already described) once we note that the final coding extension yields that

$$L[A \cap \kappa, B \cap \xi] \models \bar{\xi} = \kappa$$

for all  $\xi < \kappa^+$  (cf. [CU; 2.4.3]).

**CLAIM 2.** *Every  $x \in \mathcal{M}_\xi$  is  $\mathcal{M}_\xi$ -definable with parameters from  $\kappa$ .*

**Proof.**  $\langle \mu_\xi \mid \xi < \xi \rangle$  is definable in  $\mathcal{M}_\xi$  in the same way it is definable in  $K^A[B]$ . So  $\xi$  is definable as the least point for which  $\mu_\xi$  does not exist. If  $X \prec \mathcal{M}_\xi$  so that  $\kappa \subseteq X$  it is easy to see, by the simple minimality argument that  $X$  is transitive and equals  $K_{\mu_\xi}^A[B \cap \xi]$ .

**DEFINITION.**  $X_{\xi, \tau}$  the smallest  $X \prec \mathcal{M}_\xi$  such that  $\tau + 1 \subseteq X$ ,

$\pi_{\xi, \tau}: \mathcal{M}_{\xi, \tau} \xrightarrow{\sim} X_{\xi, \tau}$  the transitive collapse and  $\rho_\xi(\tau)$  the ordinal code of  $\mathcal{M}_{\xi, \tau}$  in some definable well-order of  $K^A[B]$ .

$P$  is the set of  $p: \text{dom}(p) \rightarrow 2$  such that

- (a)  $\text{dom}(p) \subseteq [\omega, \kappa)$ ;
- (b) For all cardinals  $\tau$ ,  $\text{card}(\text{dom}(p) \cap [\tau, \tau^+)) \leq \tau$ .

Set  $|p| =$  the least  $\xi \in [\kappa, \kappa^+)$  such that  $p \in \mathcal{M}_\xi$ .

- (c) If  $\xi < |p|$ , then there is a cardinal  $\tau$  such that for all larger cardinals  $\nu$

$$p(\rho_\xi(\nu)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \xi \in B, \\ 0 & \text{if not.} \end{cases}$$

**DEFINITION.**  $P_\tau$  is defined exactly as  $P$  using  $\tau$  in the place of  $\omega$ . We set  $P^\tau$  for  $\tau$  a cardinal to be the set of  $p, p: \text{dom}(p) \rightarrow 2$ , such that

- (a)  $\text{dom}(p) \subseteq [\omega, \tau)$ ;
- (b) For  $\nu$  a cardinal,  $\text{card}(\text{dom}(p) \cap [\nu, \nu^+)) < \nu$ .

For  $p \in P$ ,  $\nu$  a cardinal, set

$$(p)_\nu = p \upharpoonright [\nu, \kappa) \quad \text{and} \quad (p)^\nu = p \upharpoonright [\omega, \nu).$$

With the above  $P_\nu = \{(p)_\nu: p \in P\}$ ,  $P^\nu = \{(p)^\nu: p \in P\}$  and  $P = P_\nu \times P^\nu$ .

For the extendability of any condition  $p \in P$  we may use the proof of [CU; 1.4] using the fact that  $L[A, B \cap \xi] \models \bar{\xi} = \kappa$  yields  $\square_\kappa$  which was used there for proving the “limit stage” of such extensions was possible. Similarly the fact that  $P_\tau$  was  $\tau$ -distributive for  $\tau < \kappa$  is as in 1.7 there and is too similar to the proof of the preservation of Ramseyness which is to follow to warrant being written out here again in full.

Then as before

**LEMMA.** *If  $G$  is  $P$ -generic over  $V$  then in  $V[G]$  we can find  $C$  coding  $G$  and  $A$  such that  $V[G] \models V = K^C$ .*

Proof. Clearly  $B \in K^A[G]$  doing the previous inductive decoding of  $B \cap \xi$  for  $\xi < \kappa^+$ . Let  $C$  code  $G$  and  $A$ . Then

$$V[G] \models V = K^A[G] = K^A[C] = K^C.$$

We are then only left to show that Ramseyness is preserved. The proof is modeled on that of [CU; 9.9] and that of [J] where some rather general conditions for the preservation of the Ramsey property are given.

DEFINITION. Suppose  $C \subseteq \kappa$  is cub. For  $a, b \in [C]^{<\omega}$  define

$$d(a, b) = \max\{v \mid \chi_a(v) \neq \chi_b(v)\};$$

$$a < b \text{ iff } \chi_a(d(a, b)) < \chi_b(d(a, b)).$$

Then it is easy to see that  $<$  is a well-order of type  $\kappa$ .

In the above we have set  $\max \emptyset = 0$ .

DEFINITION.  $e(a, b) = \max\{b \cap d(a, b)\}$ .

Suppose  $f$  is a function in the extension  $V[G]$  such that  $f$  is regressive on  $C \subseteq \kappa$  cub. We suppose without loss of generality the domain ( $f$ ) is actually  $[C]^{<\omega}$  where  $C =$  the set of infinite cardinals less than  $\kappa$ . Suppose  $p_0 \in G$  is such that

$$p_0 \Vdash \check{f}: [C]^{<\omega} \rightarrow \text{On regressively}^*$$

where  $\check{f}$  names  $f$ . We show that there is a  $q \leq p$  and  $I \in V$  such that  $q \Vdash \check{f}$  is homogeneous for  $\check{f}$ . This then suffices by standard arguments. We inductively define  $p_a \leq p$  such that

- (1)  $p_a \Vdash \exists \xi \check{f}(\check{a}) = \check{\xi}$ ;
- (2)  $p_a \supseteq \bigcup_{b < a} (p_b)_{e(a,b)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} q_a$ .

Set  $\Delta_a$  to be the set of  $r \leq p_0$  such that  $r$  "decides"  $f(\check{a})$ , i.e. there exists  $\xi$  such that  $r \Vdash \check{f}(\check{a}) = \check{\xi}$ . Then each  $\Delta_a$  is open dense below  $p_0$ . We define recursively  $X_a, b_a, \delta_a, \alpha_a$ , and  $\sigma_a$  as follows:

$$X_{\{\omega_0\}} = \text{least } X \triangleleft L_{\kappa^+} [A, B] \text{ such that } \check{f}, p_0 \langle \Delta_a \mid a \in [C]^{<\omega} \rangle \in X$$

and such that  $\kappa \in X$ .

Suppose  $a^+$  is the  $<$ -successor of  $a$

$$X_{a^+} = \text{least } X \triangleleft L_{\kappa^+} [A, B] \text{ such that } X_a \cup \{X_a\} \subseteq X.$$

If  $a$  is a  $<$ -limit set  $X_a = \bigcup_{b < a} X_b$ .

$b_a$  is the transitive collapse of  $X_a$  via  $\sigma_a$ , thus

$$\sigma_a: b_a = L_{\delta_a} [A, B \cap \alpha_a] \overset{\sim}{\leftrightarrow} X_a.$$

Now we define  $p_a$  by induction on  $<$  satisfying (1) & (2) and showing that  $q_a$  is always well-defined as a condition and that  $p_a \in b_{a^+}$ , as is  $q_a$ .

$p_0$  is defined.

$p_{\{\omega_0\}} = L[A, B]$  — least  $p \leq p_0$  so that  $|p| \geq \alpha_{\{\omega_0\}} \wedge p \in \Delta_{\{\omega_0\}}$ .

Set  $q_{\{\omega_0\}} = p_0$ ; then  $p_{\{\omega_0\}} \in b_{\{\omega_0\}^+}$ .

If  $p_a$  and  $q_a$  are defined satisfying the above requirements then

$$p_{a^+} = L[A, B] \text{-least } p \leq p_a \text{ so that } |p| \geq \alpha_a, p \in \Delta_{a^+},$$

$$p \leq \bigcup_{b < a^+} (p_b)_{e(a^+, b)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} q_{a^+}.$$

We claim that  $q_{a^+}$  as defined above is a condition: we note that

$$q_{a^+} \subseteq \bigcup_{b < a} (p_b)_{e(a, b)} \cup (p_a)_{e(a^+, a)} = q_a \cup (p_a)_{e(a^+, a)}.$$

Now the only reason that the first inclusion is not an equality is that for finitely many  $b < a$  we may have  $e(a^+, b) > e(a, b)$ ; actually a simple argument shows that this can only happen when  $e(a, b) = \omega_0$  i.e. when either  $b \setminus \{\omega_0\}$  or  $b$  itself is a final segment of the sequence  $a$ . Since then no cardinality violations can occur and that as functions  $q_{a^+}$  and  $q_a \cup (p_a)_{e(a^+, a)}$  are the same on a final segment we have that  $q_{a^+}$  is a proper condition. And so  $p_{a^+}$ , and  $q_{a^+}$  are members of  $b_{a^+}$ .

Lastly if  $a$  is a  $<$ -limit set  $q = \bigcup_{b < a} (p_b)_{e(a^+, a)}$ . Then  $\langle p_b \mid b < a \rangle$ , and  $\langle q_b \mid b \in a \rangle$  are definable in  $X_a$  and hence in the same way in  $b_a$  from

$$\sigma^{-1}(\langle \check{f}, \langle \Delta_a \mid a \in [C]^{>\omega} \rangle, p_0 \rangle)$$

as they were from  $\check{f}, p_0, \langle \Delta_a \mid a \in [C]^{<\omega} \rangle$  in  $L_{\kappa^+} [A, B]$ .

We note that  $\langle \alpha_n \mid a \in [C]^{<\omega} \rangle$  is a normal sequence.

CLAIM 3.  $b_a \in \mathcal{M}_{\alpha_a}$ .

Proof.  $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha_a} \models \check{a}_a = \kappa \ V = K^A[B \cap \alpha_a]$ .

$$b_a = L_{\delta_a} [A, B \cap \alpha_a] \models \check{\alpha}_a = \kappa^+.$$

Clearly if  $\mu_{\alpha_a} > \delta_a$  we are finished, so suppose not. It is easy to see in this case that  $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha_a} \models \check{V} = L[A, b \cap \alpha_a]$  since  $\alpha_a$  is collapsed inside  $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha_a}$ . There is thus an  $A$ -mouse,  $M$ , in  $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha_a} \setminus L[A, B \cap \alpha_a]^{\mathcal{M}_{\alpha_a}}$ . A standard argument shows that the  $\kappa$ th iterate of such a mouse has as measurable cardinal an ordinal that is one of the Silver indiscernibles for  $(A, B \cap \alpha_a)^*$ . Clearly such an ordinal is bigger than  $\delta_a$ . But  $M$  and  $\kappa$  are members of  $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha_a} \models \text{ZF}^-$ . Thus the  $\kappa$ th iterate of  $M$  is in  $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha_a}$ . A contradiction. ■

Since now  $b_a \in \mathcal{M}_{\alpha_a}$  we then obtain that the sequence  $\langle p_b \mid b < a \rangle$  is in  $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha_a}$  and  $|p_b| \geq \alpha_b$  and that  $q \in \mathcal{M}_{\alpha_a}$ . Also  $q = \bigcup_{\gamma} \bigcup_{\substack{b < a \\ e(a, b) = \gamma}} (p_b)_\gamma = \bigcup_{\gamma} r_\gamma$  say.

Note that  $\text{card}(\{b \mid b < a \wedge e(a, b) = \gamma\}) \leq \gamma$ , so for  $r_\gamma$

- (I)  $\text{dom}(r_\gamma) \cap \gamma^+$  has cardinality less than or equal to  $\gamma$ . Thus
- (II)  $q = \bigcup r_\gamma$  as a function has  $\text{card}(\text{dom}(q) \cap \gamma^+) \leq \gamma$ . But

(III) If  $\xi \in [\kappa, \alpha_n]$  then  $\xi < |p_b|$  some  $b \prec a$ . So

$$\exists \eta \in C \forall v \in C (v \geq \eta \Rightarrow q(\rho_\xi(v)) = \chi_n(\xi))$$

since  $q \ni (p_b)_\gamma$  for some  $\gamma$ .

But (I)–(III), together with  $q \in \mathcal{M}_{\alpha_n}$  imply that  $q$  is a condition.

Let  $p_a =$  the  $L[A, B]$  — least  $p \leq q_a$ ,  $p \in A_a$ ;  $p_a$  is thus again  $\in b_{a^+}$ ,  $|p_a| \geq \alpha_n$ .

Thus  $\langle p_a \mid a \in [C]^{<\omega} \rangle$  is defined. Let  $p_a \Vdash f^{\dot{a}}(\dot{a}) = \xi_a$ . Let  $X_C = \bigcup_{a \in [C]^{<\omega}} X_a$  and

analogously  $b_C, \delta_C, \alpha_C$  are also defined. Then  $b_C = L_{\delta_C}[A, B \cap \alpha_C] \models \text{“}\alpha_C = \kappa^+\text{”}$ . As in Claim 3  $b_C \in \mathcal{M}_{\alpha_C}$  and further since  $\langle p_a \mid a \in [C]^{<\omega} \rangle, \langle \xi_a \mid a \in [C]^{<\omega} \rangle$  are definable over  $b_C$  the same way as from  $L_{\kappa^+}[A, B]$ , we have a good set of indiscernibles of order type  $\kappa$ , I say, in  $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha_C}$  for

$$\langle L_{\delta_C}[A, B \cap \alpha_C], \in, A, B \cap \alpha_C, \langle \langle a, p_a, \xi_a \rangle \mid a \in [C]^{<\omega} \rangle \rangle.$$

Then Jensen's analysis shows that

LEMMA I. If  $a, b \in [I]^n$  and  $a \cap v = b \cap v$  then  $(p_a)^v = (p_b)^v$ .

II.  $a, b \in [I]^n$ ,  $\max(\alpha) \leq \min(b)$  then  $p_b \leq p_a$ .

Proof. I follows from a simple argument using the “goodness” of the indiscernibles. For II let  $a = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ ,  $b = \{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n\}$ . Then, by I,  $(p_a)^{v_i} = (p_b)^{v_i}$  and for the same reason  $(p_a)^{v_i+1} = (p_b)^{v_i+1}$ . By the definition of our conditions  $p_b \leq (p_{\{v_1, \dots, v_i, \tau_i+1, \dots, \tau_n\}})^{v_i}$ ; hence  $p_b \leq ((p_a)^{v_i+1})^{v_i}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Again by definition  $p_b \leq (p_a)^{v_n}$ . All these together prove part II. ■

Thus the “goodness” of our indiscernibles ensures that we have a certain coherence property on the bottom parts of our conditions. We shall be finished if we show:

CLAIM 4.  $\bigcup_{a \in [I]^{<\omega}} p_a = r$  say, is a condition.

Proof. We are then finished since then  $r \Vdash \text{“}\dot{I} \text{ is homogeneous for } f\text{”}$ . Since  $b_C, I$  are in  $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha_C}, r \in \mathcal{M}_{\alpha_C}$ . Firstly note that as  $[I]^{<\omega}$  is  $<$ -cofinal in  $[C]^{<\omega}$   $r \notin \mathcal{M}_{\alpha_n}$  for  $a \in [C]^{<\omega}$ . Likewise  $[I]^n$  is also  $<$ -cofinal in  $[C]^{<\omega}$ . By Lemma I we may define  $\bar{Q}_v^a = (p_a)^v$  where  $a \in [I]^n$ ,  $v = \min(a)$ . Let  $Q^n = \bigcup_{a \in [I]^n} \bar{Q}_v^a$ , the union of the lower parts. By Lemma II and I,  $Q^n \leq p_a$  for all  $a \in [I]^n$ , if we establish:

SUBCLAIM 1.  $Q^n$  is a proper condition.

Proof. Clearly  $Q^n$  does not violate any cardinality restrictions on its domain. And  $Q^n$  is again in  $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha_C}$  being definable from  $\langle p_a \rangle$  and  $[I]^n$ . Again

$$\forall a \in [I]^n Q^n \notin \mathcal{M}_{\alpha_C}, \quad \text{but } \forall \xi < \alpha_C \exists a \in [I]^n (|p_a| \geq \xi).$$

Thus  $Q^n$  codes such  $\xi$  correctly. So it is a condition.

SUBCLAIM 2.  $\bigcup_n Q^n$  is a condition.

Proof. Notice if  $a \in [I]^n$ ,  $\max(a) = v$  and we choose  $b \in [I]^n$  with  $v < \min(b)$  then (using Lemma II for the first inequality):

$$p_a \geq p_b \geq p_{\{v\} \cup b} \geq Q^{n+1} \quad \text{since } e(b \cup \{v\}, b) = 0.$$

But  $\bigcup_n Q^n = r$ . ■ (Claim 4 & Theorem.)

Our final model only has  $H_{\kappa^+}$  closed under the  $\#$  operation; with some additions to the arguments concerning the  $X_a$  sub-structures, we could use  $K$ -coding techniques to provide an extension  $K^C$  where the universe was closed under  $\#$ , had  $V$  been so.

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