

REALIZING REALIZABILITY RESULTS WITH CLASSICAL CONSTRUCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. J.L. Krivine developed a new method based on realizability to construct models of set theory where the axiom of choice fails. We attempt to recreate his results in classical settings, i.e. symmetric extensions. We also provide a new condition for preserving well-ordered, and other particular type of choice, in the general settings of symmetric extensions.

1. INTRODUCTION

Kleene’s realizability was developed to study proofs, especially in constructive and intuitionistic settings, and was later adopted by computer scientists as well. Jean-Louis Krivine developed this framework to accommodate classical logic, and created a framework for proving new independence results in set theory (see [9] and [10] for details). It is unclear whether or not this construction is a novel way to present forcing-based construction, or if it is truly a new tool, in which case is it somehow equivalent to classical constructions?

In this paper we aim to try to shed some light on this topic by providing two constructions of Krivine by classical means, a forcing-based approach using the technique of symmetric extensions. We also include a discussion on a third model, and why the same approach as the others failed us, what could be done to solve it. After the first version of this paper was written, Krivine announced a result implying that this third model is equivalent to a symmetric extension of a model of ZFC (see [subsection 4.4](#)).

While corresponding with Krivine, he informed us that together with Laura Fontanella they proved some weak versions of the axiom of choice, specifically well-ordered choice, in some of the models constructed by Krivine, but also choice from families indexed by some of the “paradoxical sets” added to the model. Another recent work, [3], by Fontanella and Guillaume Geoffroy is concerned with producing realizability models where DC_κ holds for some uncountable ordinal κ .

In [section 3](#) we prove a structural theorem for symmetric extensions that provides a condition for preserving the axiom of choice from well-ordered families in a symmetric extension, this is done by generalizing the proof of Theorem 8.9 in [6] where something similar is proved in the context of ZF with atoms. Our theorem is general enough to accommodate the axiom of choice from the “paradoxical sets” mentioned to us by Krivine, and indeed it applies to our constructions. In addition to that, we use other structural theorems for symmetric extensions to show that Krivine’s results can be slightly modified to obtain DC_κ for any fixed κ .

We should perhaps clarify that the specific theorems of Krivine which we discuss are not important, nor are they particularly interesting. What is interesting is the fact that realizability can be used to construct models of ZF. The work

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here is focused on reproving the same results in hope that we can start building a bridge of understanding between classical methods and realizability methods, and in particular to help and understand if realizability models are in some sense in correspondence with symmetric extensions.

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2. PRELIMINARIES

We use $|X|$ to denote the cardinality of X , which is the least ordinal equipotent with X if such exists, or the Scott cardinal of X , namely

$$\{Y \in V_\alpha \mid \exists f: Y \rightarrow X \text{ a bijection}\}$$

where α is the least ordinal for which this set is non-empty. We say a cardinal is an \aleph if it is the cardinal of an infinite ordinal.

We will write $|X| \leq |Y|$ if there is an injection from X into Y , and we write $|X| \leq^* |Y|$ if X is empty or there is a surjection from Y onto X .¹ This is a reflexive and transitive relation on the cardinals, but it is not necessarily antisymmetric, therefore the meaning of $|X| <^* |Y|$ is $|X| \leq^* |Y|$ and $|Y| \not\leq^* |X|$. See the well-written [1] for additional information on $<^*$.

For a set X we denote by AC_X the statement that every family of non-empty sets indexed by X admits a choice function. We will denote by AC_{WO} the statement that for every \aleph -number, κ , AC_κ holds, and AC will denote $\forall X \text{AC}_X$. Dependent Choice for κ , or DC_κ , is the statement that every tree T which is κ -closed has a maximal element or a chain of type κ . We write $\text{DC}_{<\kappa}$ to denote $\forall \lambda < \kappa, \text{DC}_\lambda$, and DC to mean DC_{\aleph_0} . Chapter 8 of [6] contains numerous theorems and independence results on AC_{WO} and DC_κ . For example, AC_{WO} implies DC , but not DC_{ω_1} .

We follow the standard practices regarding forcing. If \mathbb{P} is a notion of forcing, then it is a preordered set with a maximum 1 whose elements are called conditions, and we write $q \leq p$ to denote that q *extends* p or that q is a *stronger condition* than p . Two conditions are compatible if they have a common extension, and otherwise they are incompatible.

If $\{\dot{x}_i \mid i \in I\}$ is a collection of \mathbb{P} -names, we use $\{\dot{x}_i \mid i \in I\}^\bullet$ to denote the name $\{\langle 1, \dot{x}_i \rangle \mid i \in I\}$. This notation extends to other forms of “canonical definitions” such as ordered pairs or tuples in the obvious way. Note that using this notation, the canonical names for ground model sets can be written as $\check{x} = \{\check{y} \mid y \in x\}^\bullet$.

If \dot{x} and \dot{y} are \mathbb{P} -names, we say that \dot{y} *appears in* \dot{x} if there is a condition p such that $\langle p, \dot{y} \rangle \in \dot{x}$. And for a condition p and a \mathbb{P} -name \dot{x} , we write $\dot{x} \restriction p$ to denote the name $\{\langle q, \dot{y} \restriction p \rangle \mid q \leq p, q \Vdash \dot{y} \in \dot{x}, \text{ and } \dot{y} \text{ appears in } \dot{x}\}$. It is easy to verify that $p \Vdash \dot{x} \restriction p = \dot{x}$, and if q is incompatible with p , then $q \Vdash \dot{x} \restriction p = \check{\emptyset}$.

We write $\text{Add}(\omega, X)$ to denote the partial order whose conditions are finite partial functions $p: X \times \omega \rightarrow 2$ ordered by reverse inclusion. For a condition p in $\text{Add}(\omega, X)$, we write $\text{supp}(p)$ as the projection of $\text{dom } p$ to X .

¹Equivalently, $|X| \leq^* |Y|$ if there is a subset $Y' \subseteq Y$ and surjection from Y' onto X .

2.1. Symmetric extensions. Let \mathbb{P} be a notion of forcing, and let π be an automorphism of \mathbb{P} . We can extend π to act on \mathbb{P} -names. This action is defined recursively,

$$\pi \dot{x} = \{ \langle \pi p, \pi \dot{y} \rangle \mid \langle p, \dot{y} \rangle \in \dot{x} \}.$$

If \mathcal{G} is a subgroup of $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P})$ we denote by $\text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(\dot{x})$ the group $\{ \pi \in \mathcal{G} \mid \pi \dot{x} = \dot{x} \}$.

Let \mathcal{G} be a group, we say that \mathcal{F} is a *normal filter of subgroups* over \mathcal{G} if \mathcal{F} is a non-empty family of subgroups of \mathcal{G} which is closed under supergroups and intersection, and for all $H \in \mathcal{F}$ and $\pi \in \mathcal{G}$, $\pi H \pi^{-1} \in \mathcal{F}$.

A *symmetric system* is a triplet $(\mathbb{P}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F})$ such that \mathbb{P} is a notion of forcing, \mathcal{G} is a subgroup of $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P})$, and \mathcal{F} is a normal filter of subgroups over \mathcal{G} .² For the remaining discussion we fix a symmetric system.

We call a \mathbb{P} -name, \dot{x} , *\mathcal{F} -symmetric* if $\text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(\dot{x}) \in \mathcal{F}$. We say that \dot{x} is hereditarily \mathcal{F} -symmetric if this condition holds hereditarily for every name appearing in \dot{x} . The class of hereditarily \mathcal{F} -symmetric names is denoted by $\text{HS}_{\mathcal{F}}$.

Lemma (Lemma 14.37 in [5]). *Let $\pi \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P})$, let \dot{x} be a \mathbb{P} -name, and let $\varphi(x)$ a formula in the language of set theory.*

$$p \Vdash \varphi(\dot{x}) \iff \pi p \Vdash \varphi(\pi \dot{x}).$$

Theorem (Lemma 15.51 in [5]). *Suppose that $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ is a V -generic filter, and let M denote $\text{HS}_{\mathcal{F}}^G = \{ \dot{x}^G \mid \dot{x} \in \text{HS}_{\mathcal{F}} \}$. Then $V \subseteq M \subseteq V[G]$, and M is a transitive class model of ZF in $V[G]$.*

We call the class M in the theorem above a *symmetric extension* of V . These are models where the axiom of choice may fail, and they are one of the main tools for proving independence results related to the axiom of choice.

Arguments about symmetric extensions have their own forcing relation \Vdash^{HS} , which is simply described as the relativization of the forcing relation to the class HS . This relation has a forcing theorem, namely $p \Vdash^{\text{HS}} \varphi$ if and only if there is a V -generic filter G such that $p \in G$, and $\text{HS}^G \models \varphi$.

We say that a condition p is *\mathcal{F} -tenacious* if there is a group $H \in \mathcal{F}$ such that for all $\pi \in H$, $\pi p = p$. We say that \mathbb{P} is *\mathcal{F} -tenacious* if it has a dense set of \mathcal{F} -tenacious conditions. This notion is useful when we want to assume that some fixed conditions are not moved by any of our relevant automorphisms. It turns out that every symmetric system is equivalent to one in which all the conditions are tenacious, see §12 in [7] for details, which is why we can always assume without loss of generality that our system is tenacious.

As the symmetric systems will always be clear from the context we will omit the subscripts to improve the readability of the text.

3. PRESERVING BITS OF CHOICE

Sometimes we only wish to show that a certain assumption does not imply the axiom of choice, but we are especially interested in preserving *some* weak choice principles. In [8] we study some properties which lets us preserve DC, but we are interested in more. Here we will prove that a broad class of AC_X , and in particular AC_{WO} , can be preserved assuming certain conditions on the symmetric system. These conditions are somewhat contrived, but hold naturally in the standard cases where these lemmas apply.

Our goal is to generalize an argument that was used to preserve AC_{WO} in the proof of Theorem 8.9 in [6] where it is shown that if κ is an infinite cardinal, then DC_{κ^+} does not follow from AC_{WO} in the context of ZF with atoms. The idea is to add κ^+ new sets and take permutations of them with the filter generated by

²We can relax this to require that \mathcal{F} is a normal filter base.

pointwise stabilizers of sets of size κ . Then, given a family of non-empty sets which is well-ordered, we pick a set E of size κ so that when we pick an arbitrary object in a fixed set in the family, we can argue that we can assume without loss of generality that it is fixed by permutations fixing E pointwise. This lets us uniformly choose representatives, and therefore provides a choice function.

We will need a handful of definitions to simplify the statement of the theorem.

Definition 3.1. We say that a symmetric system $\langle \mathbb{P}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F} \rangle$ is κ -mixable if whenever $\dot{x}_\alpha \in \text{HS}$ for $\alpha < \gamma < \kappa$, and $\{p_\alpha \mid \alpha < \gamma\}$ is an antichain, then there is $\dot{x} \in \text{HS}$ such that for all α , $p_\alpha \Vdash \dot{x}_\alpha = \dot{x}$. If \mathbb{P} is κ -c.c., we simply say that it is *mixable*.

The immediate examples of mixable symmetric systems, which (by sheer coincidence) are those we use in this paper, are those where the chain condition of \mathbb{P} is less or equal than the completeness of \mathcal{F} . In that case, we can simply intersect all the groups of the names being mixed. It is proved in [8] that if \mathbb{P} is κ -c.c. and \mathcal{F} is κ -complete, $\text{DC}_{<\kappa}$ holds as well, indeed this is the proof of Lemma 3.3 in the paper.

Definition 3.2. We say that \mathcal{F} is an *almost uniform filter* if there is some $H \in \mathcal{F}$ such that for all $H_0, H_1 \in \mathcal{F}$, there is some $\pi \in H_0$ such that $H \cap H_0 \subseteq \pi H_1 \pi^{-1}$, we say that H is an *absolute representative* of (an almost uniform filter) \mathcal{F} if we can replace H by any of its conjugates. If \mathcal{F} is an almost uniform filter of subgroups, we say that the symmetric system is almost uniform, and similarly if \mathcal{F} admits an absolute representative.

We say that $\dot{X} = \{\dot{x}_i \mid i \in I\}^\bullet$ is an *injective name* when $1 \Vdash \dot{x}_i \neq \dot{x}_j$ whenever $i \neq j$, and we say that $H \in \mathcal{F}$ *measures* \dot{X} if for all $i \in I$, $H \subseteq \text{sym}(\dot{x}_i)$ or $H \cup \text{sym}(\dot{x}_i)$ generates \mathcal{G} . If such H exists, we say that \dot{X} is a *measurable name*. Finally, \dot{X} is *densely measurable*³ if for every $H \in \mathcal{F}$ there is $K \subseteq H$ such that K measures \dot{X} .

Theorem 3.3. Let $\langle \mathbb{P}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F} \rangle$ be a mixable symmetric system admitting an absolute representative. If $\dot{X} \in \text{HS}$ is an injective and densely measurable name, then $1 \Vdash^{\text{HS}} \text{AC}_{\dot{X}}$.

Proof. Suppose that $\dot{F} \in \text{HS}$ and $1 \Vdash^{\text{HS}} \dot{F}$ is a function with domain \dot{X} , and for all $i \in I$, $\dot{F}(\dot{x}_i) \neq \check{\emptyset}$.⁴ Let $K \in \mathcal{F}$ denote $\text{sym}(\dot{X}) \cap \text{sym}(\dot{F})$. For each i let K_i denote $K \cap \text{sym}(\dot{x}_i)$. Finally, fix an absolute representative H which measures \dot{X} .

For every i , define \dot{A}_i as follows,

$$\dot{A}_i = \{ \langle p, \dot{a} \rangle \mid p \Vdash \dot{a} \in \dot{F}(\dot{x}_i), \text{rank}(\dot{a}) < \text{rank}(\dot{F}), \text{ and } \dot{a} \in \text{HS} \},$$

where rank denotes the rank of a name.⁵

Claim 3.4. For all $i \in I$, $1 \Vdash \dot{A}_i = \dot{F}(\dot{x}_i)$. If $\pi \in K$ and $\pi \dot{x}_i = \dot{x}_j$, then $\pi \dot{A}_i = \dot{A}_j$. In particular, $K_i \subseteq \text{sym}(\dot{A}_i)$.

Proof of Claim. Clearly $1 \Vdash \dot{A}_i \subseteq \dot{F}(\dot{x}_i)$. In the other direction, suppose that $p \Vdash \dot{x} \in \dot{F}(\dot{x}_i)$, then there is some $q \leq p$ and $\dot{a} \in \text{HS}$ such that $\text{rank}(\dot{a}) < \text{rank}(\dot{F})$, and $q \Vdash \dot{a} = \dot{x}$. Therefore $\langle q, \dot{a} \rangle \in \dot{A}_i$, so $q \Vdash \dot{x} \in \dot{A}_i$, and therefore $1 \Vdash \dot{F}(\dot{x}_i) \subseteq \dot{A}_i$.

³In a previous version of the manuscript this was called universally measurable, but Sandra Müller remarked that this name might cause confusion, and Yair Hayut suggested the current name.

⁴Full generality requires that we assume the condition is p , rather than 1. But we can either work “below p ” or use the mixability to replace \dot{F} with another name that would be equivalent to \dot{F} below p .

⁵Any reasonable rank, e.g. the von Neumann rank, would work (*mutantis mutandi*), though.

Now suppose that $\pi \in K$, then since $\pi\dot{F} = \dot{F}$ and $\pi\dot{x}_i = \dot{x}_j$, we get that $p \Vdash \dot{a} \in \dot{F}(\dot{x}_i)$ if and only if $\pi p \Vdash \pi\dot{a} \in \dot{F}(\dot{x}_j)$. Since rank is preserved under automorphisms, it shows that $\pi\dot{A}_i = \dot{A}_j$. In particular, if $\pi\dot{x}_i = \dot{x}_i$ (i.e. $\pi \in K_i$), then $\pi\dot{A}_i = \dot{A}_i$. \square (Claim)

Since we also only take \dot{a} which are in HS in the definition of \dot{A}_i , we have that $\dot{A}_i \in \text{HS}$, and it is a “semi-canonical” name for $\dot{F}(\dot{x}_i)$.

For every i , let $\dot{a}_i \in \text{HS}$ be a name, obtained using the mixability of the symmetric system, such that $1 \Vdash \dot{a}_i \in \dot{A}_i$. We can assume that for all i , $K_i \cap H \subseteq \text{sym}(\dot{a}_i)$, otherwise pick some $\pi \in K_i$ such that $K_i \cap H \subseteq \pi \text{sym}(\dot{a}_i) \pi^{-1} = \text{sym}(\pi\dot{a}_i)$. But since $\pi\dot{A}_i = \dot{A}_i$, we have $1 \Vdash \pi\dot{a}_i \in \dot{A}_i$, so we can take it instead.

Finally, consider the orbits of the \dot{x}_i ’s under the group H , and let $J \subseteq I$ be such that $\{\dot{x}_j \mid j \in J\}$ is a system of representatives from each orbit. And let $\dot{f} = \{\langle \pi\dot{x}_j, \pi\dot{a}_j \rangle^\bullet \mid j \in J, \pi \in H\}^\bullet$. We claim that $1 \Vdash \dot{f}(\dot{x}_i) \in \dot{A}_i = \dot{F}(\dot{x}_i)$ for all i . To see that it is defined on all \dot{X} , simply note that J is a system of representatives for the orbits under H , and to see that \dot{f} indeed is a name for a function, suppose that $\pi\dot{x}_i = \dot{x}_i$, then $\pi \in K_i \cap H$, but for some $j \in J$ and $\sigma \in H$ we have $\sigma\dot{x}_j = \dot{x}_i$ and $\sigma\dot{a}_j = \dot{a}_i$. Write $\pi = \sigma\hat{\pi}\sigma^{-1}$, where $\hat{\pi} \in K_j \cap H$, then $\hat{\pi}\dot{a}_j = \dot{a}_j$, and therefore $\pi\dot{a}_i = \dot{a}_i$. This completes the proof that \dot{f} is a choice function from \dot{F} . \square

Corollary 3.5. *Suppose that $\langle \mathbb{P}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F} \rangle$ satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 3.3, then $1 \Vdash^{\text{HS}} \text{AC}_{\text{WO}}$.*

Proof. Note that for any ordinal η , $\check{\eta}$ is injective and measured by \mathcal{G} . \square

Note that this gives us a different proof of DC in the case of a c.c.c. forcing with a σ -complete filter of subgroups, since AC_{WO} implies DC (this is Theorem 8.2 in [6], originally due to Jensen). However, this does not extend to DC_κ for any uncountable κ , since AC_{WO} is not sufficient to prove those over ZF.

Question 3.6. What are the exact assumptions we need to make in order to preserve AC_X in general?

It is a good place as any to point out that Solovay’s model is constructed by a mixable system without an absolute representative, and indeed AC_{\aleph_1} fails there.

4. CLASSICAL APPROACH TO NEW RESULTS

Krivine’s results use the method of realizability to create new models of $\text{ZF} + \text{DC}$ where there are some sets of real numbers with particular properties that reflect peculiarities in the cardinal structure below 2^{\aleph_0} .

The intuition behind creating structures in models where AC fails comes from the principle “if you want it, preserve it”. A plethora of examples arise from just adding countably many Cohen reals—which is the same as adding a single Cohen real—and creating different symmetric extensions to preserve different kinds of structures. The question is always how to naturally present the forcing so that we can find a reasonable group of automorphism acting on it, and what filter of subgroups we use to preserve bits and pieces of it.

In the simplest case we start with a set X and force with $\text{Add}(\omega, X)$. The permutations of X act naturally on the forcing by $\pi p(\pi x, n) = p(x, n)$. If X is assumed to have some additional structure (e.g. a group structure) and we take automorphisms of that structure, then we will preserve the structure on the generic copy of X , even if the generic copy of X , and thus the set of real numbers, is not well-orderable in the symmetric extension.

Classically, we are often not interested in the reals themselves, but rather the structure. Which means that we normally take $X \times \omega$ or $X \times \kappa$, rather than X .

The reason is simple: the real numbers are linearly ordered. If we want to control the subsets of the copy of X in the symmetric extensions, it helps when there are none added by the linear ordering. So by adding an infinite set of Cohen reals for each x in X , we ensure that those are sufficiently indiscernible to prevent any set theoretic definability issues introducing unwanted subsets of the generic copy of X into the symmetric extension (e.g. the set of those reals which have a certain initial segment). Here, however, we care less about the structure's subsets. So using the real numbers directly is not a matter of concern.

All our systems will satisfy that $|X|$ is a successor cardinal, and the filter of groups are generated by sets of smaller cardinality. Therefore the conditions of having an absolute representative and mixability are immediate to verify. Finally, by the definition of the action, it will be clear that if \dot{X} is the canonical name for the Cohen reals added, then it is certainly injective and densely measurable.

4.1. Prelude to Model I. Krivine's first result from [9] is as follows.

Theorem A (Krivine, Theorem 5.5 in [9]). *It is consistent with $\text{ZF} + \text{DC}$ that there is a sequence of sets $A_n \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ for $n < \omega$, such that*

- (1) *for $n > 1$ A_n is uncountable,*
- (2) *$|A_n| < |A_m|$ if and only if $|A_n| <^* |A_m|$ if and only if $n < m$, and*
- (3) *$|A_n \times A_m| = |A_{nm}|$.*

We start this proof with an outline of a construction that is doomed to fail. But from our failure we will make the approach that does work clearer, rather than the usual “how did you even come up with this idea?” which sometimes plague mathematical constructions.⁶

In his paper Krivine uses sets of the form $\mathfrak{I}n$ for $n < \omega$. We do not understand these sets. If, however, we intuitively think about them as somehow being “reasonable names of elements of n ”, then they can be seen in some sense as an ultrapower of the natural numbers. This will produce an uncountable set and will obey the arithmetic requirements of the theorem. We want to stress that this is *not quite* the right intuition, but in some sense Theorem 4.20 in [9] makes this seem like a plausible intuition to start with. Especially when thinking of Krivine's “ $x \varepsilon \mathfrak{I}n$ ” as analogous to “ $1 \Vdash \dot{x} \in \dot{n}$ ”.

Of course, this set of names is in the ground model, so it could not possibly be the set we are looking for, since it can be well-ordered. But if we work under the assumption that the real numbers added in Krivine's work are anything like Cohen reals, we can instead add many Cohen reals and then look at functions that give us the pointwise interpretation of the names. This is still not enough, we need to require that these interpretations are symmetric with respect to whatever symmetric system we use. Of course, realizability models are not the same as forcing (or symmetric) extensions, but if M is the “ground model” of a realizability construction, then the final outcome has an inner model which is an elementary extension of M .⁷ Since being a Cohen real over an inner model is a first-order property in the language of set theory, we can ask this sort of question in realizability models.

The obvious candidates is, as always, Cohen forcing. Since we want to preserve AC_{WO} we need to add some κ^+ Cohen reals, say ω_1 for concreteness sake. We use the symmetric extension given by $\mathbb{P} = \text{Add}(\omega, \omega_1)$. The group \mathcal{G} is the group

⁶Other than clarifying the train of thoughts of the author, we would like to reinforce the view that “if you never fall, you will never learn to get up” which is something many young researchers might struggle with.

⁷This reinforces the idea that somehow an ultrapower is involved, although this is just a place to start intuitively thinking about realizability models.

of all permutations of ω_1 acting naturally on \mathbb{P} . The filter \mathcal{F} is generated by $\{\text{fix}(E) \mid E \in [\omega_1]^{<\omega_1}\}$, where $\text{fix}(E) = \{\pi \in \mathcal{G} \mid \pi \restriction E = \text{id}\}$.

Now we have a problem. If we consider the function defined by each of the names in \mathfrak{In} (which we do not define here, see [9] or [10] for the definition), we have no clear way of coding this sort of sequence into a single real number. It is true that each such name *is* a real number, but it is also in the ground model. So this collection of names is well-orderable. We want instead to code the interpretation of this name by all the canonical Cohen reals simultaneously.

We can instead consider functions which are the interpretation functions on a countable set of our Cohen reals, and are constant outside. It is still unclear that we can code this with a single real number. Specifically, while AC_X (where X is the set of Cohen reals) holds by Theorem 3.3, it is not enough to choose for every countable family of Cohen reals an enumeration. Not even if we restrict ourselves to countable sets which come from the ground model (i.e. $\{\dot{x}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in E\}^\bullet$ for some $E \in [\omega_1]^{<\omega_1}$), since we still need to uniformly choose the enumerations even if they do come from the ground model.

It would certainly help if we can identify a reasonable family of countable subsets of X which is both rich enough, and can be uniformly enumerated. But we are also facing a problem when we consider infinite sets as the “true domain” of our functions. This can easily lead to coding too many subsets and ending up with the full power set of X , which may be larger than the reals in the model, or it might end up being equipotent to its square which would somehow defeat the purpose of this construction to begin with.

4.2. Model I: a multiplicative sequence of sets. We are ready to prove Krivine’s theorem mentioned above. Instead of just adding ω_1 Cohen reals, we add $\omega_1 \times \mathbb{Q}$, and let $\dot{x}_{\alpha,q}$ denote the name of the real corresponding to the $\langle \alpha, q \rangle$ th coordinate. Our automorphism group is going to be the order automorphisms of $\omega_1 \times \mathbb{Q}$ with the lexicographic order. It is important to note that this order is very homogeneous. The filter \mathcal{F} is generated by $\{\text{fix}(E) \mid E \in [\omega_1 \times \mathbb{Q}]^{<\omega_1}\}$. Immediately we obtain that DC holds, and in fact by Corollary 3.5 also AC_{WO} .

Let $\dot{X} = \{\dot{x}_{\alpha,q} \mid \langle \alpha, q \rangle \in \omega_1 \times \mathbb{Q}\}$, and let \prec denote the order inherited on \dot{X} which is given by

$$\prec = \{\langle \dot{x}_{\alpha,q}, \dot{x}_{\alpha',q'} \rangle^\bullet \mid \langle \alpha, q \rangle <_{\text{lex}} \langle \alpha', q' \rangle\}^\bullet.$$

As all of our automorphisms are order preserving, it is easy to see that \prec is indeed in HS. Let G be a V -generic filter, and let \mathcal{K}_1 denote the symmetric extension HS^G . We omit the dot from the name to denote its interpretation, e.g. \dot{X}^G will be denoted by X . It follows from what we saw until now that X has a linear order which is externally isomorphic to $\omega_1 \times \mathbb{Q}$, i.e. there is an isomorphism in $V[G]$ but not in the symmetric extension.

Proposition 4.1. *In \mathcal{K}_1 every proper initial segment of $\langle X, \prec \rangle$ is countable, X cannot be mapped onto ω_1 , but X is uncountable.*

Proof. We start from the end. To see that X is uncountable, note that in $V[G]$ we do have a bijection between X and ω_1 , and since we did not collapse ω_1 , it is impossible that X is countable \mathcal{K}_1 .

Suppose that $p \Vdash^{\text{HS}} \dot{f}: \dot{X} \rightarrow \check{\omega}_1$. Then there is some countable $E \subseteq \omega_1 \times \mathbb{Q}$, without loss of generality an initial segment, such that $\text{fix}(E)$ is a subgroup of $\text{sym}(\dot{f})$ and $\text{supp}(p) \subseteq E$. Take $\langle \alpha, q \rangle$ which is a proper upper bound of E and not its supremum (if it exists). By Cohen forcing having the c.c.c. there is some β such that $p \Vdash^{\text{HS}} \dot{f}(\dot{x}_{\alpha,q}) < \check{\beta}$.

Let $\langle \alpha', q' \rangle$ another upper bound of E as before, and let $p' \leq p$ be such that $p' \Vdash^{\text{HS}} \dot{f}(\dot{x}_{\alpha', q'}) > \check{\beta}$, if there are no such $\langle \alpha', q' \rangle$ and p' , then p must force that \dot{f} is not surjective. If there is such p' , consider now π to be any order automorphism which moves $\langle \alpha, q \rangle$ to $\langle \alpha', q' \rangle$ while not changing any coordinate in E . Since $\pi \in \text{fix}(E)$ it follows that $\pi p = p$, and therefore $\pi p' \leq p$ as well. However $\pi p' \Vdash^{\text{HS}} \dot{f}(\dot{x}_{\alpha, q}) > \check{\beta}$. But since $\pi p' \leq p$ it means that $\pi p' \Vdash^{\text{HS}} \dot{f}(\dot{x}_{\alpha, q}) < \check{\beta}$. Therefore there is no $\dot{f} \in \text{HS}$ such that any p forces \dot{f} to be a surjection from \dot{X} onto $\check{\omega}_1$. Therefore \mathcal{K}_1 satisfies the second property.

A similar proof shows that if $A \subseteq X$ is an interval, then it is bounded if and only if it is countable. In particular, no proper initial segment is uncountable. \square

Our sequence of A_n 's is going to be derived from a sequence of powers of X . As we have no choice in the matter, $A_0 = \emptyset$ and $A_1 = \{1\}$. We wish to have $A_2 = X$, which means that $A_{2^n} = X^n$. This, again, follows in some sense after Krivine's proof where he first embeds all the $\mathfrak{J}2^n$, and then use them to derive the embeddings of the rest. We present a more direct approach to the definition of our A_n 's.

Definition 4.2. We say that a function $f: X \rightarrow \omega$ is *based* if it is weakly decreasing and for every $n < \omega$, if $f^{-1}(n)$ is non-empty, then it admits a least element or it is an initial segment of X . We call the least element of $f^{-1}(n)$ the *base point* of n .

Working in \mathcal{K}_1 , let A_n denote the set $\{f: X \rightarrow n \mid f \text{ is based}\}$, clearly $A_n \subseteq A_m$ for $n \leq m$. We can code all the A_n 's uniformly into the reals, since each based function is determined entirely by its finite set of base points and their values. Moreover, $A_0 = \emptyset$, and A_1 is a singleton. Note that A_2 is in fact a copy of X , since a based function into 2 is simply identifying a point where the value drops from 1 to 0 (there are two constant functions, but because of DC we can freely ignore those).

Note that since a based function is determined by a finite set of points and natural numbers, it is in fact a copy of a based function from $\omega_1 \times \mathbb{Q}$ in the ground model. If F is such a based function in V , we let \dot{f}_F be the name $\{\langle \dot{x}_{\alpha, q}, \check{n} \rangle^\bullet \mid f(\alpha, q) = n\}^\bullet$. This name is in HS since taking its maximal base point to be $\langle \alpha, i \rangle$, we get that any initial segment which contains it is a support for \dot{f}_F . We can therefore define \dot{A}_n to be the name

$$\{\dot{f}_F \mid F: \omega_1 \times \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \omega \text{ is a based function}\}^\bullet.$$

Note that these names satisfy that $\text{fix}(\dot{A}_n) = \mathcal{G}$, as $\pi \dot{f}_F$ is in fact $\dot{f}_{F \circ \pi}$ which is also based.

Proposition 4.3. For all $n, m < \omega$, $|A_n \times A_m| = |A_{nm}|$.

Proof. Given $f_n \in A_n$ and $f_m \in A_m$ define the function $f_{nm}(x) = m \cdot f_n(x) + f_m(x)$. First we need to verify that f_{nm} is based. Observe that the case $mn = 0$ is trivial, since $A_0 = \emptyset$, in which case the equality holds for the sets, not just their cardinality.

As a start we show that f_{nm} is weakly decreasing. If $x \leq y$, then $f_m(x) \geq f_m(y)$ and $f_n(x) \geq f_n(y)$. Therefore $m \cdot f_n(x) \geq m \cdot f_n(y)$ and so

$$m \cdot f_n(x) + f_m(x) \geq m \cdot f_n(y) + f_m(y).$$

Next we show that it admits base points. Suppose $f_{nm}^{-1}(i)$ is non-empty and write $i = mj + k$ such that $j < n$ and $k < m$. By definition on f_{nm} , $f_m^{-1}(k)$ and $f_n^{-1}(j)$ are non-empty as well. Let $x \in X$ be the maximum between the base point of k in f_m and the base point of j in f_n . It follows that $f_{nm}(x) = i$, but we also claim it is the minimum point satisfying this. If $y < x$, then either $f_n(x) < f_n(y)$ or $f_m(x) < f_m(y)$ (and weak inequality holds for the other function), which in turn

imply that either $m \cdot f_n(x) \leq m \cdot f_n(y)$ and $f_m(x) \leq f_m(y)$ with at least one of these being a strict inequality. Therefore $m \cdot f_n(x) + f_m(x) < m \cdot f_n(y) + f_m(y)$ holds, as wanted.

Finally, $\langle f_n, f_m \rangle \mapsto f_{nm}$, as defined above, is a bijection, since $\langle i, j \rangle \mapsto m \cdot i + j$ is a bijection from $n \times m$ to $n \cdot m$, so we can decode the pair $\langle f_n, f_m \rangle$ from f_{nm} . \square

The above proposition is quite similar in its nature to Theorem 4.21 in [9].

Theorem 4.4. $\mathcal{K}_1 \models |A_n| <^* |A_m|$ if and only if $n < m$.

To make the proof clearer, we will confuse the \bullet -name of a based function (as defined above) and the ground model function which induces it. In particular, if we say that $E \subseteq \omega_1 \times \mathbb{Q}$ and \dot{f} has its base points in E , we mean that the base points of the based function F such that $\dot{f}_F = \dot{f}$ (in our previous notation) are inside E .

Proof. Since $A_n \subseteq A_m$ if and only if $n \leq m$, it is enough to prove that there is no surjection from A_n onto A_m when $n < m$. Of course, we may start by assuming that $1 < n < m$, since for $n \leq 1$ this is trivial.

Suppose that $\dot{F} \in \text{HS}$ and $p \Vdash^{\text{HS}} \dot{F}: \dot{A}_n \rightarrow \dot{A}_m$. Let E be an initial segment such that $\pi \in \text{fix}(E)$ satisfies $\pi \dot{F} = \dot{F}$ and $\pi p = p$. Note that there are only countably many based functions in A_m whose base points are in E , therefore we can find some \dot{f}_m which appears in \dot{A}_m such that:

- (1) \dot{f}_m admits m base points.
- (2) None of the base points of \dot{f}_m lie inside E .

If there is no $p' \leq p$ and \dot{f}_n appearing in \dot{A}_n such that $p' \Vdash^{\text{HS}} \dot{F}(\dot{f}_n) = \dot{f}_m$, then p forces that \dot{F} is not surjective. Otherwise, let p' and \dot{f}_n be such that $p' \Vdash^{\text{HS}} \dot{F}(\dot{f}_n) = \dot{f}_m$. Since $n < m$ there is at least one base point of \dot{f}_m which is not a base point of \dot{f}_n , say $\dot{x}_{\alpha, q}$. We can find a small enough interval such that moving this base point does change its type relative to the base points of \dot{f}_n . Let π be some automorphism which only moves inside that small interval such that:

- (1) $\pi \in \text{fix}(E)$,
- (2) $\pi(\alpha, q) \neq \langle \alpha, q \rangle$, and
- (3) $\pi p'$ is compatible with p' .

The second condition is easy to achieve since p' has only finite information in this interval, which is isomorphic to \mathbb{Q} as a linear order. But since π does not move any of the base points of \dot{f}_n , we get that $\pi \dot{f}_n = \dot{f}_n$. Therefore

$$p' \cup \pi p' \Vdash^{\text{HS}} \dot{F}(\dot{f}_n) = \dot{f}_m \neq \pi \dot{f}_m = \dot{F}(\dot{f}_n).$$

This is impossible, of course, and therefore no such p' and \dot{f}_n exist. In other words, \dot{F} cannot possibly be a surjection. \square

This completes the proof that \mathcal{K}_1 satisfies the wanted properties. If we assume that κ is some uncountable cardinal, such that there is a universal κ -dense linear ordering, i.e. η_κ , then by replacing $\omega_1 \times \mathbb{Q}$ with $\kappa^+ \times \eta_\kappa$ the proof translates in a straightforward way, and since we can now use $\text{fix}(E)$ for $|E| < \kappa^+$, rather than countable, we obtain DC_κ rather than just DC.

We therefore have the following theorem.

Theorem 4.5. Assume that $V \models \text{ZFC} + \text{GCH}$. Let κ be any infinite cardinal, then there is a cofinality-preserving symmetric extension $\mathcal{K}_1(\kappa)$ in which the following statements hold:

- (1) $\text{ZF} + \text{DC}_\kappa + \text{AC}_{\text{WO}}$,
- (2) There is an \subseteq -increasing sequence of sets $A_n \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ such that for $n > 1$, A_n is uncountable, $|A_n| <^* |A_m|$ for $n < m$, and $|A_n \times A_m| = |A_{nm}|$.

We remark that in realizability models $\mathfrak{J}2$ is a Boolean algebra. We suspect that replacing A_2 with something that looks like the interval algebra of X (with its special linear order) might be a way to simulate this Boolean algebra here, and then literally defining A_n as the Boolean ultrapower of n by this Boolean algebra. The \mathfrak{J} function is confusing enough, but we encourage others who are interested in these ideas to pursue a closer investigation of these approaches for the \mathfrak{J} function.

4.3. Model II: Boolean algebras with products. In [10] two models are presented. The first model is used to prove the following theorem.

Theorem B (Krivine, Theorem 34 in [10]). *It is consistent with $\text{ZF} + \text{DC}$ that there is an embedding, $i \mapsto A_i$, of the countable atomless Boolean algebra, \mathcal{B} , into $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ satisfying the following properties:*

- (1) $A_0 = \{0\}$, $|\mathbb{R}| \leq^* |A_1|$, and A_i is uncountable for all $i \neq 0$,
- (2) $A_{i \wedge j} = A_i \cap A_j$,
- (3) $|A_{i \vee j}| = |A_i \times A_j|$, in particular $|A_i| = |A_i \times A_i|$, and
- (4) $|A_i| \leq^* |\bigcup_{j \in J} A_j|$ if and only if $i \leq j$ for some $j \in J$, for any $J \subseteq \mathcal{B}$.

For this model we actually make things a bit easier for ourselves, and embed the entire Boolean algebra $\mathcal{P}(\omega)$ with the above properties of the embedding. This is indeed enough, since the countable atomless Boolean algebra has a very concrete embedding into $\mathcal{P}(\omega)$. We therefore revert to the set-operations on this Boolean algebra, rather than abstract Boolean notation.

We use the forcing $\mathbb{P} = \text{Add}(\omega, \omega \times \omega_1)$ with \mathcal{G} the group of permutations, π , of $\omega \times \omega_1$ for which $\pi(n, \cdot)$ is a permutation of $\{n\} \times \omega_1$. In other words, the group is the full-support product $\prod_{n < \omega} S_{\omega_1}$, acting naturally on $\omega \times \omega_1$. Our filter of subgroups is given by countable supports, as before. Therefore, as above, we will have $\text{ZF} + \text{DC}$ in the symmetric extension, as well as AC_{WO} .

For $\langle n, \alpha \rangle \in \omega \times \omega_1$ we denote by $\dot{x}_{n, \alpha}$ the name for $\{\langle p, \check{k} \rangle \mid p(n, \alpha, k) = 1\}$. Let $\dot{X}_n = \{\dot{x}_{n, \alpha} \mid \alpha < \omega_1\}^\bullet$. Clearly, each \dot{X}_n is symmetric, and indeed, the sequence $\langle \dot{X}_n \mid n < \omega \rangle^\bullet \in \text{HS}$ as well. For $f: \omega \rightarrow \omega \times \omega_1$, let \dot{x}_f denote the name $\langle \dot{x}_{f(n)} \mid n < \omega \rangle^\bullet$, and let $\dot{X}_n^{\omega, V} = \{\dot{x}_f \mid f: \omega \rightarrow \{n\} \times \omega_1\}^\bullet$.

Let G be a V -generic filter, and let \mathcal{K}_2 denote the symmetric extension. As before, we omit the dots to indicate the interpretation of the names. Working in \mathcal{K}_2 we define for $S \subseteq \omega$ the set A_S as the product:

$$A_S = \prod_{n \in \omega} \begin{cases} X_n^{\omega, V} & n \in S \\ \{0\} & n \notin S \end{cases},$$

by coding sequences of real numbers as real numbers we can assume each $X_n^{\omega, V}$ is a set of real numbers, and by applying the coding again we can assume that $A_S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ for all $S \subseteq \omega$. We will assume that the constant sequence 0 will be coded as the number 0.

We claim that $S \mapsto A_S$ is the wanted embedding. We prove each property in a separate proposition.

Proposition 4.6. $|A_S \times A_S| = |A_S|$.

Proof. It is enough to prove that $|X_n^{\omega, V} \times X_n^{\omega, V}| = |X_n^{\omega, V}|$. If we do that, then by choosing a bijection for each $n \in S$ we get the wanted result. But this is trivial, as the interleaving function, mapping $\langle f, g \rangle$ to h such that $h(2n) = f(n)$ and $h(2n+1) = g(n)$ for all $n < \omega$, is such a bijection, lifted from the ground model. \square

Corollary 4.7. $|A_S \times A_T| = |A_{S \cup T}|$.

Proof. If $S \cap T = \emptyset$ this is trivial. In the general case, note that $A_S \times A_T$ is naturally isomorphic to $(A_{S \setminus T} \times A_{S \cap T}) \times (A_{T \setminus S} \times A_{S \cap T})$. Since $A_{S \cap T} \times A_{S \cap T}$ is the same cardinality as $A_{S \cap T}$ the result follows. \square

Proposition 4.8. $A_\emptyset = \{0\}$, $|\mathbb{R}| \leq^* |A_\omega|$, and for all $S \neq \emptyset$, A_S is uncountable.

Proof. The first and third part are immediate from the definition of A_S . The fact that $|\mathbb{R}| \leq^* |A_\omega|$ follows from the fact that every real number is the interpretation of an $\text{Add}(\omega, \omega)$ -name using a sequence in reals coded by an element of A_ω .

In the ground model there are only \mathfrak{c}^V names for reals, so it is enough to choose one countable set, e.g. $\{x_{0,n} \mid n < \omega\}$. The collection of sequences in A_S which enumerate this specific set has cardinality \mathfrak{c}^V , as those are all enumerations from the ground model. This, together with Proposition 4.6 implies that $|A_\omega \times \mathfrak{c}^V| = |A_\omega|$. Enumerate the nice names⁸ of reals in $\text{Add}(\omega, \omega)$ from V , then map the pair (x, α) to the interpretation of the α th name by the generic coded by x . \square

Proposition 4.9. $A_S \cap A_T = A_{S \cap T}$. \square

Proposition 4.10. $|A_S| \leq^* |\bigcup_{T \in \mathcal{J}} A_T|$ if and only if $S \subseteq T \in \mathcal{J}$.

Proof. It is clear that if $S \subseteq T \in \mathcal{J}$ then $|A_S| \leq^* |\bigcup_{T \in \mathcal{J}} A_T|$. We will show that if $S \not\subseteq T$ for all $T \in \mathcal{J}$, then this is not the case. We start with the case where $S, \mathcal{J} \in V$, as it simplifies the proof.

An element of A_S is a sequence of sequences which are “kind of coded by ground model reals”. As such, it has a fairly canonical name given by $\langle \dot{x}_{f_n} \mid n \in S \rangle^\bullet$, where $f_n: \omega \rightarrow \{n\} \times \omega_1$. This provides us with a \bullet -name for A_S , which we will denote by \dot{A}_S .⁹

Suppose that $\dot{F} \in \text{HS}$ and $p \Vdash^{\text{HS}} \dot{F}: \bigcup_{T \in \mathcal{J}} \dot{A}_T \rightarrow \dot{A}_S$. Let E be a countable set such that $\text{fix}(E) \subseteq \text{sym}(\dot{F})$ and $\text{supp}(p) \subseteq E$. For $n \in S$ let f_n be some function $f_n: \omega \rightarrow \{n\} \times \omega_1$ such that $\text{rng}(f_n) \cap E = \emptyset$ for all n . Let \dot{a} be the name $\langle \dot{x}_{f_n} \mid n \in S \rangle^\bullet$ which is a name for an element of A_S .

If $p \Vdash \dot{a} \notin \text{rng}(\dot{F})$, then \dot{F} is not surjective. Otherwise, we may assume $p \Vdash \dot{F}$ is surjective, and we can extend p to some q such that there is some \dot{b} which is a \bullet -name appearing in \dot{A}_T , for some $T \in \mathcal{J}$, and $q \Vdash \dot{F}(\dot{b}) = \dot{a}$.

As the usual argument goes now, pick some $n \in S \setminus T$, and some $\alpha < \beta < \omega_1$ for which the following hold:

- (1) $f_n(m) = \alpha$ for some m ,
- (2) $\langle n, \alpha \rangle, \langle n, \beta \rangle \notin \text{supp}(q)$.

Then the permutation π which acts only on the n th copy of ω_1 and switches α with β satisfies that:

- (1) $\pi \in \text{fix}(E)$, and therefore $\pi \dot{F} = \dot{F}$ and $\pi p = p$.
- (2) $\pi \dot{A}_T = \dot{A}_T$, and in particular $\pi \dot{b} = \dot{b}$.
- (3) $\pi \dot{x}_{f_n} \neq \dot{x}_{f_n}$, and therefore $\pi \dot{a} \neq \dot{a}$.
- (4) And most importantly, $\pi q = q$.

Therefore $\pi q = q \Vdash \pi \dot{F}(\pi \dot{b}) = \pi \dot{a} \neq \dot{a} = \dot{F}(\dot{b}) = \pi \dot{F}(\pi \dot{b})$. This is of course impossible.

When dealing with S or \mathcal{J} which are not in V we need to extend our conditions and E to also preserve the relevant names for these sets, and extend q to decide at least one natural number such that $n \in S \setminus T$, and the function f_n (which is still in the ground model even when S is not). As the conditions in the Cohen forcing are all finitary, this does not change the core of the above argument. \square

⁸For any reasonable definition of “nice name”.

⁹We tacitly ignore the sequences outside of S which are constant 0 anyway.

This completes the proof of a slightly more general theorem than Krivine's, as we embed an even larger Boolean algebra. We observe that ω_1 can be replaced by any κ^+ to preserve DC_κ as well, just as before.

Theorem 4.11. *Assume that $V \models \text{ZFC} + \text{GCH}$. Let κ be an infinite cardinal, then there is a cofinality-preserving symmetric extension $\mathcal{K}_2(\kappa)$ in which the following statements hold:*

- (1) $\text{ZF} + \text{DC}_\kappa + \text{AC}_{\text{WO}}$,
- (2) *There is an embedding, $S \mapsto A_S$, from $\mathcal{P}(\omega)$ into $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ with the properties that:*
 - (a) $A_\emptyset = \{0\}$, A_S is uncountable for all $S \neq \emptyset$, and $|\mathbb{R}| \leq^* |A_\omega|$,
 - (b) $A_{S \cap T} = A_S \cap A_T$,
 - (c) $|A_{S \cup T}| = |A_S \times A_T|$, in particular $|A_S \times A_S| = |A_S|$ for all S .
 - (d) $|A_S| \leq^* |\bigcup_{T \in \mathcal{J}} A_T|$ if and only if $S \subseteq T$ for some $T \in \mathcal{J}$, for any $\mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$.

We did not referred to the \mathfrak{J} function in this construction. Krivine's embedding utilizes a type of embedding from $\mathfrak{J}2$ to $\mathfrak{J}_i\mathcal{P}(\kappa)$, where κ is collapsed to be countable. Firstly, we did not collapse any cardinals. Moreover, choosing $\kappa = \omega$ to begin with, the forcing to collapse κ is just adding a Cohen real. This seems to be somewhat similar to our approach, although several obvious differences still exist (e.g., we add ω_1 Cohen reals). If, however, we will try to replicate the approach of the previous model, then it seems to hint towards defining for every sequence of interpretations of “a name in $\{0, 1\}$ ” a sequence of real numbers which behaves like a subset of κ , which is then coded as a sequence of “possible subsets of κ ” and by countability becomes a sequence of reals.

4.4. The failing Model III: Oddly ordered set. Finally, we discuss our failed attempt to construct the third model of Krivine, which is the second model mentioned in §5.1 of [10].

Theorem C (Krivine, §5.1 in [10]). *It is consistent with $\text{ZF} + \text{DC}$ that there is $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ s.t.*

- (1) $|X| = |X \times X|$,
- (2) $\aleph_1 \not\leq^* |X|$,
- (3) X admits a linear order where every proper initial segment is countable,
- (4) $|\mathbb{R}| \leq^* |X \times \omega_1| \leq |\mathbb{R}|$.

It seems quite clear that by taking $X = \omega_1 \times \mathbb{Q}$, with the lexicographic ordering, we obtain a linear ordering where every proper initial segment is countable, and in fact isomorphic to any other proper initial segment, except the empty set. Indeed, this is the model given in the multiplicative sequence part of this very paper. The model obtained there satisfies $\text{ZF} + \text{DC} + \text{AC}_{\text{WO}}$, X has a linear ordering, \prec , where every proper initial segment is countable, and $\aleph_1 \not\leq^* |X|$.

As a consequence of Theorem 3.3 AC_X holds.¹⁰ Therefore we can choose uniformly an enumeration for each $X \restriction x = \{y \in X \mid y \prec x\}$, and map $\langle x, \alpha \rangle$ to the interpretation of the α th canonical name of a Cohen real in $\text{Add}(\omega, \mathbb{Q})$, to its interpretation using $X \restriction x$ as a generic filter. By standard arguments it follows that this map is surjective.

This seems like we are done, but we are also required $|X| = |X \times X|$, which is blatantly false. In fact, this was part of the crux of the construction of the multiplicative sequence, since A_2 was a copy of X itself. There are two immediate approaches to correct for this problem.

¹⁰This, as Krivine informed us, holds in the realizability model as well. As is the case for AC_{WO} .

The first option is to preserve more information. Namely, fix a bijection of $\omega_1 \times \mathbb{Q}$ with its square, and ensure that the automorphisms preserve that bijection as well. The second option is to replace X with some set defined from it, e.g. $X^{<\omega}$ or $X^{\omega,V}$.

The first approach seems to require a refined model theoretic analysis which depends on the bijection F , since the main point of the construction is that we need to ensure that any point can be “moved up” arbitrarily high using a permutation. This is easy with arbitrary order automorphisms, but adding a bijection adds a lot more constraints which may also depend on the bijection.

The second approach fails because there is either no obvious bijection with the square¹¹ or we somehow code a surjection onto ω_1 .

To make matters worse, trying to understand the \mathbb{J} operator as a collection of possible names for a ground model set is not going to work here either, since $\mathbb{J}2$ is a Boolean algebra with four elements in Krivine’s model. There is a silver lining, though, to the finiteness of $\mathbb{J}2$: after the release of the first draft of this paper Krivine has announced that over a model where $\mathbb{J}2$ is finite we can in fact force the axiom of choice. This is interesting for us: recently Toshimichi Usuba proved (see Corollary 12 in [11]) that if M is a model of ZF and we can force the axiom of choice over M (with a set forcing, of course), then M is a symmetric extension of a definable inner model of ZFC. Of course, there is no guarantee in the realizability case that this inner model is indeed the elementary extension of the ground model, nor we can pinpoint the symmetric extensions in full. Nevertheless, it shows that Krivine’s consistency result can be obtained via classical methods.

Our result, while not quite that of Krivine, as we omit the first property of X , can be phrased as follows.

Theorem 4.12. *Assume that $V \models \text{ZFC} + \text{CH}$. Then there is a cofinality preserving symmetric extension satisfying $\text{ZF} + \text{DC} + \text{AC}_{\text{WO}}$ in which there is a set $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ such that:*

- (1) $\aleph_1 \not\leq^* |X|$,
- (2) X admits a linear ordering where every proper initial segment is countable,
- (3) $|\mathbb{R}| \leq^* |X \times \omega_1| \leq |\mathbb{R}|$, and
- (4) AC_X holds.

5. CONCLUDING REMARKS

It is always exciting to see new techniques for producing results in set theory, even if the results are old and known.

For consistency results related to the axiom of choice we have symmetric extensions, relative constructibility, and the lesser-known method of forcing over models with atoms (see [2] for details). These are all tightly related to one another. For example, the method of symmetric extensions can be presented as we did here, or by cleverly choosing a set A and considering $\text{HOD}(V \cup A)^{V[G]}$, as was shown by Serge Grigorieff in [4].

We hope that this paper will motivate others to investigate the connections between realizability models and symmetric extensions. We suggest that as a complement to this paper, some of the famous results should be reproved using realizability. Since we need to preserve $\text{ZF} + \text{DC}$, Solovay’s model-style constructions (e.g., preservation of large cardinal properties at ω_1) seem like a good start.

One last point of interest to those coming from realizability would be to look at pre-Shoenfield independence results related to the axiom of choice. Cohen’s original definition of forcing has a more intuitionistic flavor, and these were not

¹¹Recall that the standard argument for $|X^{<\omega} \times X^{<\omega}| = |X^{<\omega}|$ involves splitting X into two disjoint parts, each equipotent with X . This seems to require more choice than we can afford.

always presented as a group acting on a forcing, but rather identified a family of names and used them to define a model.

The following list is a list of questions we believe are important for understanding the connection between realizability models and symmetric extensions.

- (1) What kind of new reals are added? Are they all Cohen, for example, over the elementary extension of the ground model? Are they even generic over this copy to begin with?
- (2) Can we understand the \mathfrak{J} function in terms of names being interpreted by some set of canonical reals? Is it somehow related to Boolean-valued reduced powers? In a discussion with Krivine recently he suggested thinking about \mathfrak{J} as a measurement of how far away the realizability model is from a forcing extension (which is a trivial realizability construction). Grigorieff in [4] showed that if $V \subseteq M \subseteq V[G]$ and M is a symmetric extension, then there is a homogeneous Boolean algebra in M such that G is the generic object for it. In some sense, this Boolean algebra can be also seen as some measurement of how far we might be from $V[G]$, and the two objects might be somehow related. Unfortunately, this approach will not help to resolve the case of a finite \mathfrak{J} as in the third model.
- (3) In light of Krivine's newly announced results that the axiom of choice can be forced over models where \mathfrak{J} is finite, what can we say about the ZFC ground model inside those symmetric extensions? Is it the elementary extension of the ground model? In that case, can we pinpoint the symmetric system?
- (4) If we are only interested in the structure of the real numbers, can we reduce *those results* to symmetric extensions as we did above?

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