

Generic setwise large cardinals

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Generic large cardinal

- *Generic large cardinal* is defined by the existence of *generic elementary embedding*: An elementary embedding which is living in some generic extension.

Definition

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- Usually the source model of an elementary embedding is supposed to be a proper class V .
- However, the source model of an elementary embedding can be arbitrary large sets in many cases.

Observation

A cardinal κ is supercompact if and only if it is *setwise supercompact*: For every regular λ , there is a transitive set N with ${}^\lambda N \subseteq N$ and an elementary embedding $j : H_\lambda \rightarrow N$ with critical point κ and $\lambda < j(\kappa)$.

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Nielsen and Schlicht introduced restricted generic large cardinals, the source model of a generic elementary embedding is a *set living in V* .

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Let M be an inner model, and $X, Y \in M$ transitive sets. Let $j: X \rightarrow Y$ be an elementary embedding (j may not be in M) with critical point δ , and $a \subseteq X$ a finite set. Then the forcing $\text{Col}(|X|^M)$ over M forces that “there is an elementary embedding $i: X \rightarrow Y$ with critical point δ and $i(x) = j(x)$ for every $x \in a$ ”.

Take a $(V, \text{Col}(|X|^M))$ -generic G , and fix an enumeration $\{x_n \mid n < \omega\} \in M[G]$ of X . Now let T be the set of all finite partial elementary embedding i from X to Y such that:

- the critical point of i is δ .
- $\text{dom}(i) = \{x_n \mid n < |i|\}$ and $i(x) = j(x)$ for every $x \in a \cap \text{dom}(i)$.

T with the initial segment-end extension relation forms a tree. We know $T \in M[G]$.

j witnesses that T is ill-founded in $V[G]$. Hence T is also ill-founded in $M[G]$, and we can take a cofinal branch $f \in M[G]$ of T . f generates a required elementary embedding.

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Take a $(V, \text{Col}(\omega, < j(\kappa)))$ -generic H extending G . In $V[H](= V[G][H])$, there is an elementary embedding $j: V_\alpha \rightarrow V_\beta$, and j can be extended to $j: V_\alpha[G] \rightarrow V_\beta[H]$. Since $V_\alpha[G] = V[G]_\alpha$ and $V_\beta[H] = V[H]_\beta$, j is an elementary embedding from $V[G]_\alpha$ to $V[G][H]_\beta$, that is, in $V[G]$, $\text{Col}(\omega, < j(\kappa))$ forces that “there is an elementary embedding from $V[G]_\alpha$ to $V[G][H]_\beta$ ”.

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Suppose $0^\#$ does not exist. Let $U = \{X \in \mathcal{P}(\delta)^L \mid \delta \in j(X)\}$. U is an L -ultrafilter over δ . Then the ultrapower of L by U is well-founded: If not, we can find functions $\{f_n \mid n < \omega\} \subseteq L$ witness the ill-foundedness of the ultrapower. By Jensen's covering lemma, we can find $X \in L$ such that the size of X is ω_1 and $\{f_n \mid n < \omega\} \subseteq X$. Because $\omega_2 \leq \delta$, we have $|X|^L < \delta$. Then the rest follows from the standard condensation argument.

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- An upper bound is a proper class of Woodin cardinals, a lower is a measurable cardinal.

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- 2 Fix a regular $\lambda < \kappa^{+\omega_1}$. In $V^{\text{Col}(\lambda)}$, there is an elementary embedding $j: H_\lambda^V \rightarrow H_\theta^V$ with critical point κ . \mathbb{P} is a complete suborder of $j(\mathbb{P})$.
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Does the Jensen's poset force the following?: For every cardinal λ in V with $\omega_1 < \lambda < \kappa$, there is a family $\{X_n \mid n < \omega\}$ such that $X_n \in V$, $|X_n|^V \leq \omega_1$, and $\lambda = \bigcup_n X_n$.

- It is O.K. if $\lambda < \aleph_{\omega_1}$.
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Let us consider the virtual version of setwise supercompactness.

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Remark

If we require the condition $j''\lambda \in N$ for N , then it is equivalent to the usual supercompact cardinal.

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