

## §5 Inflations

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After we had finished the first version of §1-§4, we received a remarkable note of note by Farmer Schlutzenberg. In §2 we proved that, if  $M$  is uniquely iterable, then then any normal iteration  $I$  of  $M$  is uniquely "in iterable" - i.e., if  $\mathcal{S}$  is an iteration of  $I$  of limit length  $\gamma$ , then there is exactly one extension of  $\mathcal{S}$  to an iteration of length  $\gamma+1$ . In §4 we make use of the consequence that  $I$  is finitely uniquely smoothly iterable.

This can be defined as follows:

Def By a finite smooth iteration of  $I$  we mean a sequence  $\langle \mathcal{S}_0, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{m-1} \rangle$  s.t.

(a)  $\mathcal{S}_i = \langle \langle I_i^d \rangle, \langle \nu_i^d \rangle, \langle e_i^{jk} \rangle, T^i \rangle$  is an iteration

(b)  $I_0^o = I$

(c) If  $i < m-1$ , then  $I_{i+1}^o = I_{\gamma_i}^i$ , where  $\gamma_i + 1 = \text{lh}(\mathcal{S}_i)$

It is then obvious that if  $I$  is a normal iterate of  $M$  and  $\langle \mathcal{S}_0, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{m-1} \rangle$  is a

finite smooth insertion in which  $\mathcal{S}_{m-1}$  has  
 limit length  $\gamma$ , then  $I_{m-1}^0$  is a normal  
 iteration of  $M$  and, hence,  $\mathcal{S}_{m-1}$  has a  
 unique extension to an insertion of  
 length  $\gamma+1$ . This is what unique smooth  
 iterability says. Essentially, Schlotensberg  
 showed that we can drop the require-  
 ment of finiteness, showing that  $I$  is  
 uniquely smoothly insertable, even for  
 smooth insertions which are infinite.  
 However, the precise definitions of "smooth  
 insertion" and "smooth iterability"  
 are not immediately obvious in the  
 infinite case. It is clear what it means  
 for  $\langle \mathcal{S}_i : 1 \leq i \leq \omega \rangle$  to be a smooth insertion  
 of length  $\omega$  ( $\langle \mathcal{S}_i : 1 \leq i \leq n \rangle$  is smooth for  
 $n < \omega$ ).  $\omega+1$ -insertability would then  
 require that this can be extended to  
 an insertion of length  $\omega+1$ . What does  
 this mean? We can define a commutative  
 sequence of <sup>partial</sup> insertions  $e^{i,j} : I_i^0 \rightarrow I_j^0$   
 by:  $\tilde{e}^{i,i+1} = \tilde{e}_i^{0,1} \gamma_i$ ;  $\tilde{e}^{i,j} \cdot \tilde{e}^{j,k} = \tilde{e}^{i,k}$ .  
 The iterability requirement is then that  
 there be a good limit:  
 $I_\omega^0, \langle e^{i,\omega} : i < \omega \rangle$  or  
 $\langle I_i^0 : i < \omega \rangle, \langle e^{i,j} : 1 \leq i < j < \omega \rangle$ .

However, the maps  $e^{ij}$  are partial. In order that the concept of good limit make sense, we need that for some  $i_0 < \omega$ ,  $e^{ij}$  is total on  $I_{i_0}^0$  for  $i_0 \leq i \leq j$ . This will be the case if at most finitely many  $\mathcal{D}_i$  ( $i < \omega$ ) have a truncation on the main branch. Hence we make it a requirement of  $\omega+1$ -~~in~~serability that only finitely many  $\mathcal{D}_i$  have such a truncation. A smooth iteration of length  $\omega+1$  is then a sequence  $\langle \mathcal{D}_i \mid i \leq \omega \rangle$  s.t.  $I_\omega^0$ ,  $\langle e^{i,\omega} \mid i < \omega \rangle$  be given as above.  $\omega+2$  inserability then requires that, if  $\mathcal{D}_\omega$  is of limit length  $\gamma$ , then it can be extended to an iteration of length  $\gamma+1$ . (We already know this, since  $I_\omega^0$  is a normal iteration of M.) Proceeding in this way we arrive at the general definition of "smooth iteration" and "smooth inserability".

Before proceeding to the precise definition, however, we give an introduction to Schlutzenberg's methods,

Let  $\mathcal{S} = \langle \langle I^0 \rangle, \langle \nu^0 \rangle, \langle e^0 \rangle, \hat{T} \rangle$  be an iteration, where  $I^0$  is a normal iteration of  $M$ . Schlotzberger calls  $I^i$  an "inflation" of  $I^0$ , since it was obtained by successively introducing new extenders into the original sequence. He observes that there is a unique record of the changes made in going from  $I^0$  to  $I^i$ . We shall call that record the history of  $I^i$  and denote it by  $hist(I^0, I^i)$ .

Let  $\alpha \leq \eta_i$ , (where  $lh(I^j) = \eta_j + 1$  for all  $j < lh(\mathcal{S})$ ).

Set:  $l(\alpha) = l'(\alpha) =$  the least  $l$  s.t.

$$I^0 \upharpoonright_{\alpha+1} = I^l \upharpoonright_{\alpha+1}.$$

Defining  $r_j, t_j$  ( $j < lh(\mathcal{S})$ ) as we did in §2, we have:

Lemma 1 (Let  $\hat{\alpha} = \text{lub}_{j < l} r_j$ )

(a)  $l(\alpha) =$  that  $l \leq i$  s.t.  $\hat{\alpha} \leq \alpha$  and either  $\alpha \leq r_l$  or  $l = i$ .

(b)  $I^j \upharpoonright_{\alpha+1} = I^l \upharpoonright_{\alpha+1}$  for  $l \leq j$ .

proof.

(a)  $\text{lub}_{j < l} r_j \leq \alpha$ , since otherwise  $r_{j+1} > \alpha$ .

for a  $j < l$ . Hence  $I^j \upharpoonright_{r_{j+1}} = I^0 \upharpoonright_{r_{j+1}}$ ,

where  $\alpha+1 \leq r_{j+1}$ . Hence  $j \geq l$ . Contradiction.

But if  $l \neq i$ , then  $d \leq r_l$ , since otherwise  $r_{l+1} < d$

and  $I^{l+1}|_{r_l+2} \neq I^l|_{r_l+2}$ ,

since  $v_{r_l}^{l+1} < v_{r_l}^l$ . But  $r_{l+2} \leq d+1$ ,

hence  $I^{i'}|_{r_{l+1}+1} = I^{l+1}|_{r_{l+1}+1}$  )

where  $r_{l+1} \geq r_l+2$ . Hence

$I^{i'}|_{d+1} \neq I^l|_{d+1}$ . Contr! QED(a)

(b) This is trivial for  $i=l$ . Otherwise

$d \leq r_l$  and  $I^l|_{r_l+1} = I^{i'}|_{r_l+1}$

for  $l \leq j \leq \text{lh}(\mathcal{S})$ . QED (lemma 1)

Clearly, then:  $\hat{r}_i \leq d \rightarrow l^i(d) = i$ .

Lemma 2 At  $h \leq i$  and  $I^h|_{\alpha+1} = I^i|_{\alpha+1}$ ,  
then  $\nu_\alpha^i \leq \nu_\alpha^h$ .

proof By induction on  $i$ .

Case 1  $i=0$  (trivial)

Case 2  $i=h+1$

Since  $I^i|_{\alpha_{h+1}} = I^h|_{\alpha_{h+1}}$  and  $\nu_{\alpha_h}^i < \nu_{\alpha_h}^h$ ,  
it holds for  $\alpha \leq \alpha_h$  by the induction  
hypothesis. But  $l(\alpha) = i$  for  $\alpha > \alpha_h$ .

QED (Case 2)

Case 3  $i$  is a limit

Set  $\tilde{\alpha} = \text{lub}_{j < i} \alpha_j$ . Then  $I^i|_{\alpha_j+1} = I^j|_{\alpha_j+1}$

for  $j < i$ , hence it holds by the induction

hypothesis for  $\alpha < \tilde{\alpha}$ . But  $l(\alpha) = i$  for  $\alpha \leq \tilde{\alpha}$ .

QED (Lemma 2)

Lemma 3 Set  $a =: \{ \delta < \gamma_0 \mid \tilde{e}^{\circ \delta}(\delta) < \alpha \}$ . There  
is a unique  $e$  inserting  $I^0|_{\alpha+1}$  into  $I^l|_{\alpha+1} = I^i|_{\alpha+1}$   
at.  $\tilde{e} \upharpoonright a = \tilde{e}^{\circ \delta} \upharpoonright a$ , and  $\tilde{e}(\alpha) = \alpha$ .

proof By induction on  $i$ .

Case 1  $i=0$ . Set  $a = \alpha$ ,  $e = \text{id} \upharpoonright \alpha+1$ .

Case 2  $i=h+1$

$\forall \alpha \leq \alpha_h$ , then  $I^i|_{\alpha+1} = I^h|_{\alpha+1}$ ; hence  
 $l = l^h(\alpha)$  and the result holds by the  
induction hypothesis

If  $d > r_h$ , then  $d = r_{h+1} + j = \tilde{e}^{k_1, h+1}(\bar{d})$ , where

$\bar{d} = t_h + 1$  and  $\mu = \tilde{T}(h+1)$ . But then  $\mu = l(t_h) =$   
 $=$  the least  $\mu$  s.t.  $I^{\mu}|_{t_h+1} = I^{\mu}|_{t_h+1}$ .

Hence  $\mu = l^{\mu}(t_h) = l^{\mu}(\bar{d})$ , since  $\bar{d} \geq t_h$ .

Since  $\tilde{e}^{\circ l} = \tilde{e}^{\mu l} \tilde{e}^{\circ \mu}$ , we have:

$\alpha = \{x < \gamma_0 \mid \tilde{e}^{\circ \mu}(x) < \bar{d}\}$ . By the induction hypothesis there is a unique  $\tilde{e}$  inserting  $I^{\circ}|_{\alpha+1}$  into  $I^{\mu}|_{\bar{d}+1}$  s.t.  $\tilde{e}^{\mu} \alpha = \tilde{e}^{\circ \mu} \alpha$  and  $\tilde{e}(\alpha) = \bar{d}$ . But then  $\tilde{e} = \tilde{e}^{\mu l} \tilde{e}^{\mu}$  has the desired properties. QED (Case 2)

Case 3  $i$  is a limit

Set  $\tilde{\alpha} = \text{lub } r_j$ . Then  $I^{\circ}|_{r_j+1} = I^j|_{r_j+1}$

for  $j < i$ . Hence it holds for  $\alpha < \tilde{\alpha}$  by the induction hypothesis. But  $l(\alpha) = i$  for

$\tilde{\alpha} \leq d$ . Then there is  $j \leq i$  s.t.  $\alpha = \tilde{e}^{j, i}(\bar{\alpha})$  and

$\bar{\alpha} \geq t_j$ . Hence  $l^j(\bar{\alpha}) = j$ , as before. But

then  $\alpha = \{x \leq \gamma_0 \mid e^{j, i}(x) < \bar{\alpha}\}$  as before

and, by the induction hypothesis there is  $\tilde{e}$  inserting  $I^{\circ}|_{\alpha+1}$  into  $I^j|_{\bar{\alpha}+1}$

s.t.  $\tilde{e}^j \alpha = \tilde{e}^{\circ j} \alpha$  and  $\tilde{e}(\alpha) = \bar{\alpha}$ .

Hence  $\tilde{e} = \tilde{e}^{j, i}$ .  $\tilde{e}$  has the desired properties. QED (Lemma 3)

Def For  $i < \text{lh}(\delta)$ ,  $\alpha \leq \gamma_i$ , set:

$$\alpha'_\alpha = \text{lub} \{ \beta < \gamma_0 \mid e^{\circ\beta}(\beta) < \alpha \} \text{ where } l = l^{\circ\alpha}(\alpha)$$

$e'_\alpha$  = the unique  $e$  inserting  $I^{\circ\alpha} \upharpoonright \alpha'_\alpha + 1$  into

$$I^{\circ\alpha} \upharpoonright \alpha + 1 \text{ s.t. } \tilde{e} \upharpoonright \alpha'_\alpha = \tilde{e}^{\circ\alpha} \upharpoonright \alpha'_\alpha, \tilde{e}(\alpha'_\alpha) = \alpha.$$

We leave it to the reader to prove:

Lemma 4

(a) If  $l = l^{\circ\alpha}(\alpha)$ , then  $\alpha'_\alpha = \alpha$  and  $\tilde{e}'_\alpha = \tilde{e}^{\circ\alpha}$

(Hence  $\tilde{e}'_\alpha = \tilde{e}^{\circ\alpha}$  whenever  $I^{\circ\alpha} \upharpoonright \alpha + 1 = I^{\circ\alpha} \upharpoonright \alpha + 1$ .)

(b) If  $e^{\mu, \nu}(\bar{\alpha}) = \alpha$ ,  $\hat{\gamma}_\mu \in \bar{\alpha}$ ,  $\hat{\gamma}_\nu \in \alpha$ , then

$$l^\mu(\bar{\alpha}) = \mu, l^\nu(\alpha) = \nu, \alpha'_\alpha = \alpha, \text{ and } \tilde{e}^{\mu, \nu}, \tilde{e}'_\alpha = \tilde{e}^{\circ\alpha}.$$

$$(c) \tilde{e}'_{\gamma_i} \upharpoonright \alpha'_\alpha = \tilde{e}^{\circ, \gamma_i} \upharpoonright \alpha'_\alpha, \tilde{e}'_{\gamma_i}(\alpha'_\alpha) = \gamma_i$$

(since  $\hat{\gamma}_i \leq \gamma_i$ .)

(d) If there is no truncation on the main branch of  $\mathcal{I} \upharpoonright \alpha + 1$ , then  $\tilde{e}^{\circ\alpha} = \tilde{e}'_{\gamma_i}$  and  $\alpha'_\alpha = \gamma_0$ .

(since then  $\tilde{e}^{\circ\alpha}(\gamma_0) = \gamma_0$ .)

Now fix an  $i < \text{lh}(\delta)$  and set:

$$I = \langle \langle M_\alpha \rangle, \langle \nu_\alpha \rangle, \langle \pi_{\alpha, \beta} \rangle, T \rangle =: I^{\circ}$$

$$I' = \langle \langle M'_\alpha \rangle, \langle \nu'_\alpha \rangle, \langle \pi'_{\alpha, \beta} \rangle, T' \rangle =: I^{\circ'}$$

$$a = \langle \alpha'_\alpha \mid \alpha \leq \gamma_i \rangle, e_\alpha = e'_\alpha \text{ for } \alpha \leq \gamma_i$$

$\langle a, \langle e_\alpha \mid \alpha \leq \gamma_i \rangle \rangle$  is called the history of  $I'$  from  $I$

and is, as we shall see, solely determined by

the pair  $\langle I, I' \rangle$ .

Thm 5 Let  $I, I'$  etc. be as above. Then:

(1)  $a: lh(I') \rightarrow lh(I)$  and  $e_d$  inserts  $\pm |a_d+1$  into  $I'|_{d+1}$  for  $d < lh(I')$ . Moreover,  $\tilde{e}_d(a_d) = \delta$ .

(2) Let  $a_d < \gamma$ . At  $\tilde{v}_d = \tilde{\sigma}_a^{e_d}(v_d)$  exists, then  $d \in \gamma'$  and  $v_d' \leq \tilde{v}_d$ .

(3) Let  $a_d < \gamma$ ,  $d+1 < lh(I')$ ,  $v_d' = \tilde{v}_d$ . Then

$$a_{d+1} = a_d + 1, \quad \tilde{e}_{d+1} \uparrow a_{d+1} = \tilde{e}_d.$$

We define the index  $in(d) = in'(d)$  for  $d < lh(I')$

by:

$$in(d) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } d \text{ is as in (3)} \\ 1 & \text{if not} \end{cases}$$

(4) At  $in(d) = 1$ ,  $x = T'(d+1)$ , then  $a_{d+1} = a_x$ .

(Note: By (5) we then have:  $\tilde{e}_{d+1} \uparrow a_{d+1} = \tilde{e}_x \uparrow a_x$ .)

(5) At  $\beta \leq_T d$ , then  $a_\beta \leq_T a_d$  and  $\tilde{e}_\beta \uparrow a_\beta = \tilde{e}_d \uparrow a_\beta$ .

Moreover, if  $d$  is a limit, then  $a_d = \sup\{a_\beta \mid \beta \leq_T d\}$ .

(Hence  $\tilde{e}_d \uparrow a_d = \bigcup_{\beta \leq_T d} \tilde{e}_\beta \uparrow a_\beta$ .)

(6) At  $\mathbb{S}|_{i+1}$  has a truncation on the main branch, then there is  $d \in (e_{\gamma'}(a_{\gamma'}), \gamma']_{T'}$  which is a truncation point in  $I'$ .

Note  $\gamma' = \tilde{e}_{\gamma'}(a_{\gamma'})$  and:

$$e_{\gamma'}(a_{\gamma'}) = \text{lub } \tilde{e}_{\gamma'} \uparrow a_{\gamma'} = \text{lub } \tilde{e}^{o(i)} \uparrow a_{\gamma'} = e^{o(i)}(a_{\gamma'})$$

by Lemma 4 (c).

We prove Theorem 5 by induction on  $i$ .

Case 1  $i=0$  is trivial

Case 2  $i=h+1$

(1) is given.

(2) If  $d \leq r_h$ , then  $I^c |_{d+1} = I^h |_{d+1}$ . Hence  $l = l^h(d)$  and the result holds by the induction hypothesis, given that  $v_d^c \leq v_d^h$  if  $v_d^h$  exists. Otherwise,

$l(d) = 0$  and  $d = r_h + 1 + j$ . But then, letting  $\mu = \tilde{T}(h+1)$ , we have  $\tilde{E}^{\mu, c}(\bar{d}) = \alpha$ , where  $\bar{d} = t_h + j$ . As in the proof of Lemma 3 (Case 2) we have  $\mu = l(t_h) = l^h(t_h) = l^h(\bar{d})$ .

As before we have:  $a_d^\mu = a_d$  and

$\tilde{e}^{\mu, c} e_d^\mu = \tilde{e}_d^c$ . Since  $\tilde{v}_d = \tilde{\sigma}_{a_d} e_d^c(v_0)$  exists,

so does  $\tilde{v}_d^- = \tilde{\sigma}_{a_d^-} e_d^\mu(v_0)$ . By the induction hypothesis  $v_d^\mu \leq \tilde{\sigma}_{a_d^-} e_d^\mu(v_0)$  exists. Hence

$v_d^c = \tilde{\sigma}_{\bar{d}}^{\mu, c}(v_d^\mu) \leq \tilde{\sigma}_{\bar{d}}^{\mu, c}(\tilde{v}_d^-) = \tilde{v}_d^c$ . QED (2)

(3) We assume  $v_d^c = \tilde{v}_d^c$ . If  $d \leq r_h$ , then

$v_d^c = v_d^h$  and  $\tilde{v}_d^c = \tilde{v}_d^h$ ; here  $v_d^h = \tilde{v}_d^h$  and

the result follows by the induction hypothesis.  $d = r_h$  is impossible, since

then  $v_d^c < v_d^h = \tilde{v}_d^h = \tilde{v}_d^c$ . Now let  $d > r_h$ .

As before we have  $\tilde{E}^{\mu, c}(\bar{d}) = \alpha$ , where

$\mu = \tilde{T}(h+1)$  and  $l^h(\bar{d}) = \mu$ .

We again have:  $a_d^i = a_{\bar{d}}^{\mu}$ ,  $\tilde{e}_d^{\nu} = \tilde{e}^{\mu, i} e_{\bar{d}}^{\mu}$ .

Hence  $\tilde{v}_{\bar{d}}^{\mu}$  exists and  $\tilde{v}_d^i = \frac{\tilde{\sigma}^{\mu, i}}{\bar{d}} (\tilde{v}_{\bar{d}}^{\mu})$ .

Hence  $v_d^i = \frac{\tilde{\sigma}^{\mu, i}}{\bar{d}} (\tilde{v}_{\bar{d}}^{\mu}) = \frac{\tilde{\sigma}^{\mu, i}}{\bar{d}} (\tilde{v}_{\bar{d}}^{\mu}) = \tilde{v}_d^i$

by the induction hypothesis. QED (3)

(4) If  $d < s_h$ , the result follows by the induction hypothesis, since  $I^i|_{s_h+1} = I^h|_{s_h+1}$ . Now let

$d = s_h$ . Then in (a) = 1, as established above,

Letting  $\mu = \tilde{T}(h+1)$  we have:  $\mu = l(d) = l^{\mu}(d)$ .

But  $\tilde{e}^{\mu, i}(t_h) = d+1$ , where  $t_h = \gamma =: T^i(d+1)$ ,

Hence  $a_{\gamma}^{\mu} = a_{d+1}$  by Lemma 4(b) and

$a_{\gamma}^i = a_{\bar{d}}^{\mu}$  since  $\mu = l^i(\gamma)$ .

Now let  $d > s_h$ . Then  $i = h+1$  is not a truncation point in  $\mathcal{S}$  (since otherwise  $\gamma = s_h+1$ ). Hence  $d = s_h+1+i'$  where

$\tilde{e}^{\mu, i}(\bar{d}) = d$ ,  $\bar{d} = t_h + j'$ . Moreover

$\tilde{e}^{\mu, i}(\bar{d}) = e^{\mu, i}(\bar{d})$  and hence:

$$\frac{\tilde{\sigma}^{\mu, i}}{\bar{d}} : M_{\bar{d}}^{\mu} \xrightarrow{\Sigma^*} M_{\bar{d}}^i.$$

Moreover,  $\bar{d} < \gamma_{\mu} \iff d < \gamma_i$ . It follows

easily that  $\text{in}_{\mu}(\bar{d}) = 1$ . By the induction hypothesis we conclude:

$a_{\bar{d}+1}^{\mu} = a_{\bar{\gamma}}^{\mu}$ , where  $\bar{\gamma} = T^{\mu}(\bar{d}+1)$ .

We know:

$a_{d+1}^i = a_{\tilde{e}^{u^i}(\bar{\gamma})}^i$  since for  $\beta < \gamma^0$  we have;

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{e}^{u^i}(\beta) < d+1 &\iff \tilde{e}^{u^i}(\beta) < \bar{d}+1 \iff \tilde{e}^{u^i}(\beta) < \bar{\gamma} \\ &\iff \tilde{e}^{u^i}(\beta) = \tilde{e}^{u^i}(\bar{\gamma}), \end{aligned}$$

But  $e^{u^i}(\bar{\gamma}) \leq_{T^i} \gamma \leq_{T^i} \tilde{e}^{u^i}(\bar{\gamma})$  for  $\gamma = T^i(d+1)$ , since  $e^{u^i}$  is an injection.

If  $\bar{\gamma} \neq t_h$ , then  $e^{u^i}(\bar{\gamma}) = \tilde{e}^{u^i}(\bar{\gamma}) = \gamma$  and we are done. If  $\bar{\gamma} = t_h$ , then either

$$\gamma = t_h = \tilde{e}^{u^i}(\bar{\gamma}) \quad \text{or} \quad \gamma = r_h + 1 = \tilde{e}^{u^i}(\bar{\gamma}),$$

since  $(t_h, r_h]$  is in limbo at  $i$ .

In the latter case we are done. In the former case we have

$$a_{d+1}^i = a_{\tilde{e}^{u^i}(\bar{\gamma})}^i = a_{\bar{\gamma}}^i$$

since  $a_{r_h+1}^i = a_{t_h}^i$  by Lemma 4(b).

QED (4)

(5) If  $d \leq r_h$ , the conclusion follows by the ind. hyp., since  $I^d|_{r_h+1} \cong I^h|_{r_h+1}$ .

Now let  $d \geq r_h + 1$ .

Case A  $\beta \geq r_h + 1$ .

Then  $l(\beta) = l(d) = d$ . Clearly there are  $\bar{\beta}, \bar{d}$

st.  $\tilde{e}^{u^i}(\bar{\beta}, \bar{d}) = \beta, d$ . Hence  $\bar{\beta} < \bar{d}$ .

We know:

$$e^{u^i}(\bar{\beta}) \leq_{T^i} \tilde{e}^{u^i}(\bar{\beta}) = \beta \leq_{T^i} d$$

$$e^{u^i}(\bar{d}) \leq_{T^i} \tilde{e}^{u^i}(\bar{d}) = d,$$

Hence  $e^{u_i}(\beta) \leq_{T^i} e^{u_i}(\bar{\alpha})$ . Hence  $\beta \leq_{T^u} \bar{\alpha}$ , since  $e^{u_i}$  is an insertion. Hence

$a_\beta \leq_{T^0} a_{\bar{\alpha}}$  by the ind. hyp. But

$$a_\beta = a_\beta^u, a_{\bar{\alpha}} = a_{\bar{\alpha}}^u \text{ by Lemma 4.}$$

But  $l(\beta) = l(\bar{\alpha}) = i$ . Hence:

$$\tilde{e}_d^{u_i} a_\beta = \tilde{e}^{u_i} a_\beta = \tilde{e}_\beta^{u_i} a_\beta \quad \text{QED (Case A)}$$

Case B Case A fails

Then  $\beta \leq t_h$ , since  $(t_h, u_h]$  is indimbo at  $i$ .

Let  $\tilde{e}^{u_i}(\bar{\alpha}) = \alpha$ . Then  $\beta \leq \bar{\alpha}$ , since  $t_h^i \leq \alpha$ .

But  $\beta = e^{u_i}(\beta) \leq_{T^i} \alpha$  and  $e^{u_i}(\bar{\alpha}) \leq_{T^i} \tilde{e}^{u_i}(\alpha) = \alpha$ .

Hence  $e^{u_i}(\beta) \leq_{T^i} e^{u_i}(\bar{\alpha})$  and

$$\beta \leq_{T^u} \bar{\alpha}.$$

By Lemma 4(a) we have:  $a_\beta = a_\beta^u$ .

By Lemma 4(b) we have:  $a_{\bar{\alpha}} = a_{\bar{\alpha}}^u$ ,

since  $\bar{\alpha} \geq t_h \geq \hat{x}_u$  by §1.

Let  $k = l^i(\beta) = l^u(\beta)$ . By the induction

hypothesis:  $\tilde{e}_\alpha^u \upharpoonright a_\beta = \tilde{e}_\beta^u \upharpoonright a_\beta = \tilde{e}^{o_i k} \upharpoonright a_\beta$ .

But  $\tilde{e}^{o_i k} \upharpoonright a_\beta \subset \beta \subset t_h$ , where  $\tilde{e}^{u_i} \upharpoonright t_h = \text{id}$ .

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{e}_\alpha \upharpoonright a_\beta &= \tilde{e}^{o_i k} \upharpoonright a_\beta = \tilde{e}^{u_i} \tilde{e}^{o_i k} \upharpoonright a_\beta \\ &= \tilde{e}^{o_i k} \upharpoonright a_\beta \text{ since } \tilde{e}^{u_i} \upharpoonright t_h = \text{id} \\ &= \tilde{e}_\beta^u \upharpoonright a_\beta = \tilde{e}^{o_i k} \upharpoonright a_\beta = \tilde{e}_\beta \upharpoonright a_\beta \end{aligned}$$

This proves the first part of (5)

Now let  $\alpha > \alpha_{h+1}$  be a limit ordinal.

Set:  $b = \{\gamma \mid \alpha_{h+1} \leq \gamma < \alpha, \alpha\}$ . Then  $b$  is cofinal in  $\alpha$  and:

$$e^{\alpha, \alpha}(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha}) < \alpha \iff \forall \gamma \in b \quad e^{\alpha, \alpha}(\frac{\alpha}{\gamma}) < \gamma$$

where  $\ell(\gamma) = i$  for  $\alpha_{h+1} \leq \gamma$ . Hence:

$$a_\alpha^\alpha = \bigcup_{\gamma \in b} a_\gamma^\alpha = \bigcup_{\gamma < \alpha, \alpha} a_\gamma^\alpha. \quad \text{QED (5)}$$

(6) If  $i = h+1$  is a truncation point, then  $\alpha_h = \tau_h$ ,  $\alpha_{h+1} = \gamma_i$ , and  $\pi_{\alpha_h, \alpha_{h+1}}^i : M_{\alpha_h}^h \parallel \mu \rightarrow M_{\alpha_{h+1}}^i$

where  $\mu < \text{On}_{M_{\alpha_h}^h}$ . Thus  $\gamma_i$  is a truncation point in  $I^i$ , where  $e^{\alpha, \alpha}(\alpha_{\gamma_i}) \leq \tilde{e}^{\alpha, \alpha}(\alpha_{\gamma_i}) = \gamma_i$ .

Now suppose that  $h+1$  is not a truncation point in  $\mathcal{S}$ . There must then be a truncation on the main branch of  $\mathcal{S} \parallel \mu+1$ . Hence there is  $d \in (e^{\alpha, \alpha}(\alpha_\mu), \gamma_\mu]$  which is a truncation point in  $I^\mu$ .

By §1 Lemma 1 (4) (and the note following it) we know that  $e^{\alpha, \alpha}(d)$  is a truncation point in  $I^0$ . But

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\alpha, \alpha}(d) &\in (e^{\alpha, \alpha}(\alpha_{\gamma_i}), \gamma_i], \\ \text{since } \gamma_\mu &= \alpha_{\gamma_i} \text{ and } e^{\alpha, \alpha}(\alpha_{\gamma_i}) = \\ &= e^{\alpha, \alpha} e^{\alpha, \alpha}(\alpha_{\gamma_i}^\mu); \quad \gamma_i = \tilde{e}^{\alpha, \alpha} e^{\alpha, \alpha}(\alpha_{\gamma_i}^\mu) \\ &= \tilde{e}^{\alpha, \alpha}(\gamma_i^\mu) = \gamma_i. \quad \text{QED (6)} \end{aligned}$$

This completes Case 2

Case 3  $i = \lambda$  is a limit ordinal.

(1) is again given. We prove (2)-(6),

(2) Let  $\hat{\alpha} = \hat{\alpha}_\lambda = \sup_{i < \lambda} \alpha_i$ . Then  $\mathbb{I}^\lambda |_{\alpha_i+1} = \mathbb{I}^i |_{\alpha_i+1}$

for  $i < \lambda$ , so (2) holds by the induction hypothesis for  $\alpha < \hat{\alpha}$ . Now let  $\alpha \geq \hat{\alpha}$ .

Then  $l(\alpha) = \lambda$  by Lemma 1. Pick  $i < \lambda$

s.t.  $\tilde{e}^{i,\lambda}(\bar{\alpha}) = \alpha$ . We may suppose w.l.o.g. that  $i = h+1$  is a successor, so

$\bar{\alpha} \geq \hat{\alpha}_i = \alpha_{h+1}$ , since otherwise  $\alpha = \bar{\alpha} \leq \alpha_i < \hat{\alpha}$  by §1 Lemma 4.1. Hence  $f^i(\bar{\alpha}) = i$ .

Since  $\tilde{e}^{0,\lambda} = \tilde{e}^{i,\lambda} \cdot \tilde{e}^{0,i}$ , it follows as usual that  $a_{\bar{\alpha}}^i = a_{\alpha}^{\lambda}$ . Since  $\tilde{v}_{\bar{\alpha}} = \tilde{v}_{\alpha}^{\lambda} = \tilde{\sigma}_{a_{\bar{\alpha}}}^{e_{\alpha}(\nu_{a_{\alpha}}^0)}$  exists, so does

$$\tilde{v}_{\bar{\alpha}}^i = \tilde{\sigma}_{a_{\bar{\alpha}}}^{e_{\alpha}^i(\nu_{a_{\alpha}}^0)}.$$

By the induction hypothesis, we have  $\nu_{\bar{\alpha}}^i \leq \tilde{v}_{\bar{\alpha}}^i$  exists, we pick  $i$  large

enough that  $[i, \lambda)_{\frac{\sim}{\tau}}$  has no

truncation, then:

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{\bar{\alpha}}^{i,\lambda}(\nu_{\bar{\alpha}}^i) = \nu_{\alpha}^{\lambda} \leq \tilde{\sigma}_{\bar{\alpha}}^{i,\lambda}(\tilde{v}_{\bar{\alpha}}^i) = \tilde{v}_{\alpha}^{\lambda}.$$

QED (2)

(3) holds again for  $\alpha < \hat{\alpha}$  by the ind. hyp. Let  $\hat{\alpha} \leq \alpha$ . Then we pick  $\hat{e}^{(i), \lambda}(\bar{\alpha}) = \alpha$  as before. Since  $\text{in}^\lambda(\alpha) = 0$ , it follows easily that  $\text{in}^0(\bar{\alpha}) = 0$ . Hence by the ind. hyp. We have:

$$a_{\bar{\alpha}+1}^{(i)} = a_{\bar{\alpha}}^{(i)} + 1, \quad \hat{e}_{\bar{\alpha}+1}^{(i), \lambda} \upharpoonright a_{\bar{\alpha}}^{(i)} + 1 = \tilde{e}_{\bar{\alpha}}^{(i)},$$

We can pick  $i$  large enough that  $\tilde{e}^{(i), \lambda}(\bar{\alpha}+1) = \alpha+1$ . (Otherwise  $\gamma_\lambda$  would be ill founded). Hence:

$$a_\alpha = a_{\bar{\alpha}}^{(i)}, \quad a_{\alpha+1} = a_{\bar{\alpha}+1}^{(i)} = a_\alpha + 1;$$

$$\text{But } \tilde{e}^{(0), \lambda} \upharpoonright a_{\alpha+1} = \tilde{e}_{\bar{\alpha}+1}^{(0), \lambda} \upharpoonright a_{\alpha+1} = \tilde{e}_{\bar{\alpha}}^{(0)},$$

$$\text{Hence } \tilde{e}^{(0), \lambda}(a_\alpha) = \bar{\alpha} \text{ and } \tilde{e}^{(0), \lambda}(a_{\alpha+1}) = \hat{e}^{(0), \lambda}(\bar{\alpha}) = \alpha,$$

$$\text{But then } \tilde{e}_\alpha(a_\alpha) = \alpha, \quad \tilde{e}_\alpha \upharpoonright a_\alpha = \tilde{e}^{(0), \lambda} \upharpoonright a_\alpha.$$

$$\text{Hence } \tilde{e}_{\alpha+1} \upharpoonright a_{\alpha+1} = \tilde{e}^{(0), \lambda} \upharpoonright a_{\alpha+1} = \tilde{e}_\alpha,$$

QED (3)

(4) Holds for  $\alpha < \hat{\alpha}$  by the ind. hyp. Let  $\hat{\alpha} \leq \alpha$ .

Pick  $i, \alpha$  as above. Then  $a_\alpha = a_{\bar{\alpha}}^{(i)}, \quad a_{\alpha+1} = a_{\bar{\alpha}+1}^{(i)}$

As we pick  $i$  a.f., there is no truncation in  $[\hat{\alpha}, \lambda)_{\mathbb{T}}$ , then  $\tilde{\sigma}^{(i), \lambda}(\gamma^i) = \gamma^\lambda$ . We

clearly,  $\tilde{\sigma}_\alpha^{(i), \lambda}(v_\alpha^{(i)}) = v_\alpha^\lambda$ . Since  $\text{in}^\lambda(\alpha) = 1$ ,

we have  $\alpha = \gamma^\lambda$  or  $v_\alpha^\lambda < \tilde{\sigma}_{a_\alpha}^{(i), \lambda}(v_{a_\alpha}^{(i)}) = v_{a_\alpha}^\lambda$ .

But then  $\bar{\alpha} = \gamma^i$  or  $\gamma^i <_{\bar{a}_d} e_d(\gamma^i)$ , Hence  $\text{ind}(\bar{\alpha}) = 1$ .

But then  $a_{\bar{\alpha}+1} = a_{\bar{\gamma}}$  where  $\bar{\gamma} = T^i(\bar{\alpha}+1)$ , by ind. hyp.

Clearly, if  $\gamma = T^\lambda(\bar{\alpha}+1)$ , then  $\tilde{e}^{i,\lambda}(\bar{\gamma}) \geq \gamma$ ,

since  $e^{i,\lambda}(\bar{\gamma}) \leq_{T^\lambda} \gamma \leq_{T^\lambda} \tilde{e}^{i,\lambda}(\bar{\gamma})$ . Hence we

can pick  $i$  big enough that  $\tilde{e}^{i,\lambda}(\bar{\gamma}) = \gamma$ , since otherwise  $\gamma_\lambda$  would be ill founded.

Hence  $a_{\bar{\gamma}} = a_{\bar{\gamma}}^i$ . It follows easily that  $a_{\bar{\alpha}+1} = a_{\bar{\gamma}}$ .

Hence  $\tilde{e}_{\bar{\alpha}+1}^i \uparrow a_{\bar{\alpha}+1} = \tilde{e}^{i,\lambda} \uparrow a_{\bar{\alpha}+1} = \tilde{e}^{i,\lambda} \uparrow a_{\bar{\gamma}} =$

$$= \tilde{e}_{\bar{\gamma}} \uparrow a_{\bar{\gamma}}, \quad \text{QED (4)}$$

(5) For  $\alpha < \lambda$  it holds by the induction hypothesis. Let  $\alpha \geq \lambda$ . Hence  $l(\alpha) = \lambda$ .

Let  $\beta <_{T^\lambda} \alpha$ . We consider two cases.

Case A  $\beta \geq \lambda$ .

Pick  $i = h+1 <_{T^\lambda} \lambda$ .

$\tilde{e}^{i,\lambda}(\bar{\beta}, \bar{\alpha}) = \beta, \alpha$ . Then  $\bar{\beta} < \bar{\alpha}$ . We have:

$$e^{i,\lambda}(\bar{\beta}) \leq_{T^\lambda} \tilde{e}^{i,\lambda}(\bar{\beta}) = \beta \leq_{T^\lambda} \alpha,$$

$$e^{i,\lambda}(\bar{\alpha}) \leq_{T^\lambda} \tilde{e}^{i,\lambda}(\bar{\alpha}) = \alpha.$$

Hence  $e^{i,\lambda}(\bar{\beta}) \leq_{T^\lambda} e^{i,\lambda}(\bar{\alpha})$ . Hence  $\bar{\beta} \leq_{T^i} \bar{\alpha}$ .

By the ind. hyp,  $a_{\bar{\beta}}^i \leq_{T^i} a_{\bar{\alpha}}^i$ . But

$a_{\bar{\beta}} = a_{\bar{\beta}}^i, a_{\bar{\alpha}} = a_{\bar{\alpha}}^i$  by Lemma 4,

Finally we note that, since  $l(\beta) = l(\alpha) =$

we have:  $\tilde{e}_\lambda \upharpoonright a_\beta = \tilde{e}^{o, \lambda} \upharpoonright a_\beta = \tilde{e}_\beta \upharpoonright a_\beta$ .

Case B  $\beta < \lambda$ ,

Pick  $i = h+1 < \lambda$  s.t.  $\beta < t_h$ ,  $\lambda_{h+1} \leq \bar{\alpha}$  and  $e^{i, \lambda}(\bar{\alpha}) = \alpha$ . (Hence  $l(\bar{\alpha}) = i$ ). Then:

$$\beta = e^{i, \lambda}(\beta) \leq_{T, \lambda} \alpha; \quad e^{i, \lambda}(\bar{\alpha}) \leq_{T, \lambda} \tilde{e}^{i, \lambda}(\bar{\alpha}) = \alpha.$$

Hence  $e^{i, \lambda}(\beta) \leq_{T, \lambda} e^{i, \lambda}(\bar{\alpha})$ . Hence

$$\beta \leq_{T, i} \bar{\alpha}, \text{ since } e^{i, \lambda} \text{ is an injection.}$$

By the ind. hyp. we, therefore, conclude:

$$a_\beta^{i'} \leq_{T, i} a_{\bar{\alpha}}^{i'} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{e}_{\bar{\alpha}}^{i'} \upharpoonright a_\beta^{i'} = \tilde{e}_\beta^{i'} \upharpoonright a_\beta^{i'}$$

By Lemma 4(a):  $a_\beta^{i'} = a_\beta$ ;  $\tilde{e}_\beta^{i'} = \tilde{e}_\beta$ .

By Lemma 4(b):  $a_{\bar{\alpha}}^{i'} = a_{\bar{\alpha}}$  and  $\tilde{e}_{\bar{\alpha}}^{i'} = \tilde{e}^{i, \lambda} \tilde{e}_{\bar{\alpha}}^{i'}$ .

But  $\tilde{e}_\beta \upharpoonright a_\beta \subset t_h$  and  $\tilde{e}^{i, \lambda} \upharpoonright t_h = \text{id}$ .

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{e}_\lambda \upharpoonright a_\beta &= \tilde{e}^{i, \lambda} \cdot \tilde{e}_{\bar{\alpha}} \upharpoonright a_\beta = \tilde{e}^{i, \lambda} \cdot \tilde{e}_\beta \upharpoonright a_\beta = \\ &= \tilde{e}_\beta \upharpoonright a_\beta. \quad \square \text{ E } \square \text{ (Case B).} \end{aligned}$$

Now let  $\alpha \geq \aleph_\lambda$  be a limit ordinal.

For  $\beta <_{T, \lambda} \alpha$  we have  $\tilde{e}_\beta \upharpoonright a_\beta = \tilde{e}_\alpha \upharpoonright a_\beta$ .

But  $\tilde{e}_\beta \upharpoonright a_\beta = \tilde{e}^{o, l(\beta)} \upharpoonright a_\beta$  and

$\tilde{e}_\alpha \upharpoonright a_\beta = \tilde{e}^{o, \lambda} \upharpoonright a_\beta$ . Hence

$$\tilde{e}^{o, l(\beta)} \upharpoonright a_\beta = \tilde{e}^{o, \lambda} \upharpoonright a_\beta. \text{ Thus}$$

$$\alpha_\lambda = \{ \beta \mid \tilde{e}^{o, \lambda} \upharpoonright a_\beta < \alpha \} = \bigcup_{\beta <_{T, \lambda} \alpha} \{ \beta \mid \tilde{e}^{o, l(\beta)} \upharpoonright a_\beta < \alpha \}$$

$$\equiv \sup_{\beta <_{T, \lambda} \alpha} a_\beta.$$

QED (5)

(6) Pick  $i = h+1 \leq \frac{\lambda}{T}$  s.t., there is no truncation point in  $[0, \lambda]_{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Then there is a truncation point on the main branch of  $S/\mu+1$ , where  $\mu = \hat{T}(h+1)$ .

Hence there is  $\alpha \in (e^{0, \mu}(a^{\mu}), \eta^{\mu}]$

which is a truncation point in  $I^{\mu}$ .

As before, it follows that  $e^{\mu, \lambda}(a)$  is a truncation point in  $I^{\lambda}$ . But

$$e^{\mu, \lambda}(a) \in (e^{0, \lambda}(a_{\lambda}), \eta_{\lambda}]_{I^{\lambda}}.$$

QED (Theorem 5)

## The general notion of inflation

Following Schlutzenberg we define:

Def Let  $I$  be a normal iteration of  $M$  of successor length  $\gamma + 1$ . Let  $I'$  be a normal iteration of  $M$ . We call  $I'$  an inflation of  $I$  iff there exists:

$\langle a, \langle e_\alpha \mid \alpha < \text{lh}(I') \rangle \rangle$   
satisfying (1) - (5) in Theorem 5.

We note that  $\langle a, \langle e_\alpha \mid \alpha < \text{lh}(I') \rangle \rangle$  is uniquely determined by the pair  $\langle I, I' \rangle$ , since (2) - (5) constitute a recursive definition of it.

We therefore call  $\langle a, \langle e_\alpha \mid \alpha < \text{lh}(I') \rangle \rangle$  the history of  $I'$  from  $I$  and denote it by:  $\text{hist}(I, I')$ .

For the record we state:

Lemma 6 If  $I'$  is an inflation of  $I$ , then  $\text{hist}(I, I')$  is uniquely determined by the pair  $\langle I, I' \rangle$ .

Our definition of "inflation" differs slightly from Schlutzenberg's definition.

For one thing, he allows  $I'$  to have points  $d$  which possess no ancestor  $a_d$ .

For our purposes, however, it seemed unnecessary to include this case. He also used an axiom different from (5)

in his definition of inflation. The following Lemma shows that that

his axiom continues to hold under our definition.

Lemma 7 Let  $\mu \leq a_d$  s.t.  $e_d(\mu) \leq \frac{1}{T}, \beta \leq \frac{1}{T}, \tilde{e}_d(\mu)$ .

Then  $a_\beta = \mu$ . Moreover  $\tilde{e}_\beta \upharpoonright \mu = \tilde{e}_d \upharpoonright \mu$ .

(The  $\tilde{e}_\beta(\mu) = \beta, e_\beta(\mu) = e_d(\mu) = \sup \tilde{e}_d \upharpoonright \mu$ .)

proof Induction on  $d$

Case 1  $d=0$ . Then  $0 = a_d$  and  $e_d(0) = \tilde{e}_d(0) = 0$ .

Case 2  $d = \gamma + 1$

Case 2.1 in  $(\gamma) = 0$

Then  $a_d = a_{\gamma+1}, \tilde{e}_d \upharpoonright d = \tilde{e}_\gamma$ .

For  $\mu < a_d$  it follows by the ind. hyp.

But for  $\mu = a_d$  we have

$$e_d(a_d) = \tilde{e}_d(a_d) = d_{\gamma+1}$$

(since  $\tilde{e}_d \upharpoonright (a_d) = \sup \tilde{e}_d \upharpoonright (a_{\gamma+1}), \geq d+1 = \tilde{e}_d \upharpoonright (a_d)$ )

Case 2.2 in  $(\gamma) = 1$ .

Let  $\varepsilon = T'(\gamma+1)$ . Then  $a_d = a_\varepsilon$ .

$\tilde{e}_\varepsilon \upharpoonright a_\varepsilon = \tilde{e}_d \upharpoonright a_\varepsilon$ . For  $\mu < a_d$  it follows

by the ind. hyp. Now let  $\mu = a_d$ .

Then  $e_d(a_d) = e_\varepsilon(a_\varepsilon), \tilde{e}_d \upharpoonright (a_d) = d$ .

Let  $e_\alpha(a_\alpha) \leq_T \beta \leq_T \tilde{e}_\alpha(a_\alpha) = \alpha$ ,

If  $\beta \leq \tau = \tilde{e}_\tau(\tau)$ , then it follows by the ind. hyp. If not, then

$\beta = \alpha$  and  $a_\beta = a_\alpha$ . QED (Case 2.2)

Case 3  $\alpha$  is a limit.

Then  $a_\alpha = \sup \{ a_\gamma \mid \gamma <_T \alpha \}$  and  $\tilde{e}_\alpha \upharpoonright a_\alpha = \bigcup_{\gamma <_T \alpha} \tilde{e}_\gamma \upharpoonright a_\gamma$ .

If  $\mu < a_\gamma$  for a  $\gamma <_T \alpha$ , then

$e_\alpha(\mu) = e_\gamma(\mu) \leq_T \beta \leq_T \tilde{e}_\alpha(\mu) = \tilde{e}_\gamma(\mu)$

and the claim follows by the ind. hyp., since  $\tilde{e}_\gamma \upharpoonright a_\gamma = \tilde{e}_\alpha \upharpoonright a_\gamma$ .

If there is no such  $\gamma$ , then  $\mu = a_\alpha$  and

$$e_\alpha(a_\alpha) = \sup_{\gamma <_T \alpha} \tilde{e}_\alpha(\gamma) = \sup_{\gamma <_T \alpha} \tilde{e}_\gamma(\gamma) = \alpha = \tilde{e}_\alpha(a_\alpha)$$

where  $\tilde{e}_\alpha \upharpoonright a_\alpha = \bigcup_{\gamma <_T \alpha} \tilde{e}_\gamma \upharpoonright a_\gamma$ .

(Hence  $e_\alpha = \tilde{e}_\alpha$ ). QED (Lemma 7)

## Extending Inflation

It is easily seen that:

Lemma 8 Let  $I'$  be an inflation of  $I$ ,  
Let  $3 \leq \text{lh}(I')$ , Then  $I'|3$  is an inflation  
of  $I$ .

proof

Assum (1)-(5) still hold. QED (Lemma 8)

This means that an inflation  $I'$  can be  
much shorter than the original  $I$ .

(For instance, the iteration  $\langle \langle M \rangle, \emptyset, \langle id \rangle, \emptyset \rangle$   
of length 1 is an inflation of  $I$ .) Hence  
it is useful to have lemmas enabling us to  
extend a given inflation in length.

$\emptyset$  is the unique iteration of length 0  
and it extends to  $\langle \langle M \rangle, \emptyset, \langle id \rangle, \emptyset \rangle$  of  
length 1. We also have:

Lemma 9 Let  $I'$  be an inflation of  $I$  of  
successor length  $\gamma'+1$ , Let  $a = a_\gamma$ , and  
assume that  $\tilde{\nu} = \tilde{\sigma}_{\gamma'} e_{\gamma'}(\nu_a^0)$  exists.

Assume further that  $\tilde{\nu} > \nu'_3$  for all  $\nu \in \gamma'$ .

Extend  $I'$  to  $I''$  of length  $\gamma'+2$ ,

by appointing  $\nu''_3 = \tilde{\nu}$ . Then

$I''$  is an inflation of  $I$  with history

$\langle a', \langle e'_\alpha \mid \alpha \leq \gamma' + 1 \rangle \rangle$ , where:  $a'_\beta = a_\beta$  for  $\beta \leq \gamma'$ ,  $a'_{\gamma'+1} = a_{\gamma'+1}$ ,  $\tilde{e}'_\beta = \tilde{e}_\beta$  for  $\beta \leq \gamma'$ ,  $\tilde{e}'_{\gamma'+1} \upharpoonright a_{\gamma'+1} = \tilde{e}_{\gamma'}$ , and  $\tilde{e}'_{\gamma'+1}(a'_{\gamma'+1}) = \gamma'+1$ .

proof.

We must show that (1) - (5) are satisfied by  $\langle a', \langle e'_\alpha \mid \alpha \leq \gamma' + 1 \rangle$ .

The only problematical case is (5).

We must show that if  $\delta \leq_T \gamma' + 1$ ,

then  $a_\delta \leq_T a_{\gamma'+1}$  and

$\tilde{e}_\delta \upharpoonright a_\delta = \tilde{e}_{\gamma'+1} \upharpoonright a_\delta$ . It suffices

to prove this for  $\delta = T''(\gamma' + 1)$ .

Let  $\delta' = T(a_{\gamma'+1})$ . Then

$e_{\gamma'}(\delta') \leq_T \delta \leq_T \tilde{e}'_{\gamma'}(\delta')$ . Hence

$a_\delta = \delta'$  and  $\tilde{e}_\delta \upharpoonright a_\delta = \tilde{e}'_{\gamma'} \upharpoonright a_\delta$ ,

where  $\tilde{e}'_{\gamma'+1} \upharpoonright \gamma'+1 = \tilde{e}'_{\gamma'}$ .

QED (Lemma 9)

Lemma 10 Let  $I'$  be an inflation of  $I$  of limit length  $\gamma'$ . Let  $b$  be the unique cofinal well founded branch in  $I'$ . Extend  $I'$  to  $I''$  of length  $\gamma' + 1$ , by appointing  $T'' \setminus \{\gamma'\} = b$ . Then  $I''$  is an inflation of  $I$  with history  $\langle a', \langle e'_\alpha \mid \alpha \leq \gamma' \rangle \rangle$ , where:

$$a'_\alpha = a_\alpha \text{ for } \alpha < \gamma', \quad a'_{\gamma'} = \sup_{\beta \in b} a'_\beta$$

$$\tilde{e}'_\alpha = \tilde{e}_\alpha \text{ for } \alpha < \gamma'$$

$$\tilde{e}'_{\gamma'} \upharpoonright a'_{\gamma'} = \bigcup_{\beta \in b} \tilde{e}_\beta \upharpoonright a_\beta;$$

$$\tilde{e}'_{\gamma'}(a'_{\gamma'}) = \gamma';$$

proof.

(1)-(5) are satisfied

## Composing Inflation:

We now show that if  $I'$  is an inflation of  $I$  and  $I''$  is an inflation of  $I'$ , then  $I''$  is an inflation of  $I$ .

Thm 11 Let  $I, I', I''$  be normal iterations of  $M$  with:  $lh(I) = \gamma + 1$ ,  $lh(I') = \gamma' + 1$ .

Let  $I'$  be an inflation of  $I$  with:

$$hit(I, I') = \langle a, \langle e_d \mid d \leq \gamma' \rangle \rangle,$$

Let  $I''$  be an inflation of  $I'$  with:

$$hit(I', I'') = \langle a', \langle e'_d \mid d < lh(I'') \rangle \rangle,$$

Then  $I''$  is an inflation of  $I$  with:

$$hit(I, I'') = \langle a'', \langle e''_d \mid d < lh(I'') \rangle \rangle,$$

where:  $a''_d = a_{a'_d}$ ;  $e''_d = e'_d \cdot e_{a'_d}$

(hence  $\tilde{e}''_d = \tilde{e}'_d \cdot \tilde{e}_{a'_d}$ .)

proof.

We verify (1) - (5)

(1)  $a'' = a \cdot a'$  clearly maps  $lh(I'')$  into  $lh(I)$ . Since  $e'_d$  inserts  $I' \mid a'_d + 1$  into  $I'' \mid d + 1$  and

$e_{a'_d}$  inserts  $I \mid a''_{a'_d} + 1$  into  $I' \mid a'_d + 1$ ,

then  $e'_d \cdot e_{a'_d}$  inserts  $I \mid a''_d + 1$  into  $I'' \mid d + 1$ . QED (1)

Now let:

$$I = \langle \langle m_\alpha \rangle, \langle v_\alpha \rangle, \langle \pi'_{\alpha\beta} \rangle, T \rangle$$

$$I' = \langle \langle m'_\alpha \rangle, \langle v'_\alpha \rangle, \langle \pi'_{\alpha\beta} \rangle, T' \rangle$$

$$I'' = \langle \langle m''_\alpha \rangle, \langle v''_\alpha \rangle, \langle \pi''_{\alpha\beta} \rangle, T'' \rangle$$

We recall that if  $e$  inserts  $I$  into  $I'$  and  $e'$  inserts  $I'$  into  $I''$ , then  $e'e$  inserts  $I$  into  $I''$ .

Moreover  $\sigma_{\tilde{z}} e'e = \sigma_{e'(z)} e' \cdot \sigma_{\tilde{z}} e$ ,  $\tilde{\sigma}_{\tilde{z}} e'e = \tilde{\sigma}_{e'(z)} e' \cdot \tilde{\sigma}_{\tilde{z}} e$  for  $\tilde{z} \in I$ . Thus, in particular:

$$e_{\tilde{z}}^{e''} = \sigma_{\tilde{z}} e'_\alpha \cdot e_{\alpha'} = \sigma_{e'_\alpha} e'_\alpha, \sigma_{\tilde{z}} e_{\alpha'}$$

for  $\tilde{z} < \alpha''$ . Similarly for  $\tilde{\sigma} e''_\alpha$ .

(2) If  $\tilde{v}''_\alpha = \tilde{\sigma} e''_\alpha (v''_\alpha)$  exists, then

$$\tilde{v}''_\alpha = \tilde{\sigma}_\alpha e'_\alpha \cdot \tilde{\sigma}_{\alpha'} e_{\alpha'} (v_{\alpha\alpha'}) = \tilde{\sigma}_\alpha e'_\alpha (v'_{\alpha'}).$$

But then  $v'_{\alpha'} \leq \tilde{v}'_{\alpha'}$  and:

$$v''_\alpha \leq \tilde{\sigma}_\alpha e'_\alpha (v'_{\alpha'}) \leq \tilde{v}''_\alpha. \quad \text{QED (2)}$$

Now let: in (2) = the index of  $\alpha$  wrt  $I, I'$   
 $in'(\alpha) = \dots \alpha \dots I', I''$   
 $in''(\alpha) = \dots \alpha \dots I, I''$

(3) It is easily seen that, if  $in''(\alpha) = 0$ , then  $in(\alpha'_d) = in'(\alpha) = 0$ . Hence

$$a'_{d+1} = a'_d + 1, a''_{d+1} = a'_d = a_{|a'_d+1|} = a''_d + 1,$$

Moreover:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{e}_{d+1}'' \uparrow a_d''+1 &= \tilde{e}_{d+1}' \cdot \tilde{e}_{a_d'+1} \uparrow a_{a_d'+1} \\
 &= \tilde{e}_{d+1}' \cdot \tilde{e}_{a_d'} \\
 &= \tilde{e}_{d+1}' \uparrow (a_d'+1) \cdot \tilde{e}_{a_d'} \\
 &= \tilde{e}_d' \cdot \tilde{e}_{a_d'} = \tilde{e}_d'' \quad \text{QED (3)}
 \end{aligned}$$

(4) Assume  $\text{in}''(d) = 1$ . Then  $\text{in}'(d) = 1$  or  $\text{in}(a_d') = 1$ .

Case 1  $\text{in}'(d) = 1$

Let  $\gamma = T''(d+1)$ . Then  $a_\gamma' = a_{d+1}'$ . Hence

$$a_\gamma'' = a_{a_\gamma'} = a_{a_{d+1}'} = a_{d+1}''.$$

Case 2  $\text{in}(a_d') = 1$  but  $\text{in}'(d) = 0$

Let  $\gamma = T'(a_d'+1)$ . Then

$$a_\gamma = a_{(a_d'+1)} = a_{a_d'} = a_{d+1}''.$$

Let  $\beta = T''(d+1)$ . Then

$e_d(\gamma) \leq_{T''} \beta \leq_{T''} \tilde{e}_d(\gamma)$ . Hence by Lemma 7:

$$\gamma = a_\beta', \quad a_{d+1}'' = a_{a_\beta'} = a_{a_\beta} = a_\beta''.$$

QED (4)

(5) Let  $\beta \leq_{T''} d$ . Then  $a_\beta' \leq_{T'} a_d'$  and

$$a_\beta'' = a_{a_\beta'} \leq_{T'} a_{a_d'} = a_d''.$$

Then  $i \tilde{e}_d''(\mu) = \tilde{e}_d' \cdot \tilde{e}_{a_d'}(\mu) = \tilde{e}_d' \cdot \tilde{e}_{a_\beta'}(\mu) -$

$$\text{since } \mu < a_\beta' \leq_{T'} a_d' = \tilde{e}_d' \cdot \tilde{e}_{a_\beta'}(\mu) = e_{a_\beta}''(\mu),$$

$$\text{since } \tilde{e}_{a_\beta'}(\mu) \leq \tilde{e}_{a_\beta'}(a_\beta') = \beta \leq_{T''} d$$

This proves the first part of (5). Now let  $a$  be a limit. Then  $a'_d = \sup_{\beta < \tau \cup d} a'_\beta$ .

If  $a'_d = a'_\beta$  for  $a \beta < \tau \cup d$ , then

$$a'_d = a'_\beta \text{ and } a''_d = a''_\beta = a''_\beta = a''_\beta$$

for sufficiently large  $\beta < \tau \cup d$ .

$$\text{Hence } a''_d = \sup_{\beta < \tau \cup d} a''_\beta.$$

Now suppose  $a'_d \neq a'_\beta$  for all  $\beta < \tau \cup d$ .

Then  $a'_d$  is a limit and

$$\begin{aligned} a''_d &= a''_{a'_d} = \sup_{u < a'_d} a''_u = \sup_{\beta < \tau \cup d} a''_\beta \\ &= \sup_{\beta < \tau \cup d} a''_\beta \end{aligned}$$

QED (5)

This proves Thm 11