

Appendix

In §4 we showed that, if CH holds, then \mathbb{N}' is Dece-subproper. For the sake of completeness we now prove the companion theorem:

Thm Assume CH, Then \mathbb{N} is subcomplete.

(An [SPSC] we proved this on the additional assumption that $2^{\omega_1} = \omega_2$, using the fact, proven in [L \mathbb{R}], that \mathbb{N} is then equivalent to a certain \mathbb{L} -forcing. Our present proof is more direct.)

We use the following definition of \mathbb{N} :

Def $\Omega = (\omega_2)^{<\omega} =$ the set of all monotone $s: m \rightarrow \omega_2$, where $m \in \omega$, Ω is then a tree, its tree relation \leq being inclusion on Ω .

For $s \in \Omega$ we set $|s| = \text{dom}(s)$, $|s|$ is called the height of s . We write $s \perp t$ to mean that s, t are incomparable in Ω .

We then set:

Def \mathbb{N} = the set of all subtrees T of Ω s.t.

• $r \leq t \in T \rightarrow r \in T$

• $\forall r \in T, \text{ then } \overline{\{t \in T \mid r \leq t\}} = \omega_2$.

\mathbb{N} is the set of Namba conditions, partially ordered by inclusion. We list some facts about \mathbb{N} :

Fact 1 If CH holds, then \mathbb{N} adds no new reals.

Fact 2 \mathbb{N} adds a cofinal ω -sequence to ω_1 . In fact, if G is \mathbb{N} -generic, then $c^G = \bigcup \bigcap G$ is such a sequence. G is then recoverable from $c = c^G$ by:
 $G = \{T \in \mathbb{N} \mid \bigwedge m \ c \cap m \in T\}$.

Def We call $c: \omega \rightarrow \omega_2^V$ \mathbb{N} -generic iff $G = \{T \in \mathbb{N} \mid \bigwedge m \ c \cap m \in T\}$ is \mathbb{N} -generic (hence $c = c^G$).

Although we shall not use it, we also mention the fact:

Fact 3 \mathbb{N} does not collapse ω_1 (in fact it preserves stationary subsets of ω_1).

It would be possible to prove the Theorem by a - somewhat simpler - imitation of the proof that \mathbb{N}' is Dece-subproper, redefining "good sequence" to mean simply a sequence monotone and cofinal in ω_2 .

Instead, however, we shall derive the Theorem from the following lemma, which is of interest in its own right and is provable in ZFC without use of CH:

Lemma 1 Let G be \mathbb{N} -generic. Let $b \in V[G]$ s.t. $b: \omega \rightarrow \omega_2$ is monotone and cofinal in ω_2 . Then b is an \mathbb{N} -generic sequence and $V[G] = V[b]$.

For now we defer the proof of Lemma 1, and show first that it implies the Theorem.

Assume CH. Let $\theta > 2^{\omega_2}$.

We prove:

Main Claim $\langle \theta, \mathbb{D} \rangle$ witnesses the subcompleteness of \mathbb{N} .

Let $N = L_{\bar{c}}^A$ be a ZFC-model s.t., $\aleph_{\theta} \subset N$ and $\theta < \bar{c}$. Let $\pi: \bar{N} \prec N$ s.t.

\bar{N} is countable and full, where $\bar{a} \in N$.

Let $\pi(\bar{\theta}, \bar{N}, \bar{c}) = \theta, \mathbb{N}, c$. Let \bar{G} be \bar{N} -generic over \bar{N} .

Claim There is $T \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. whenever $G \exists T$ is \mathbb{N} -generic, there is $\sigma \in V[G]$ s.t.

(a) $\sigma: \bar{N} \prec N$

(b) $\sigma(\bar{\theta}, \bar{N}, \bar{\alpha}) = \theta, N, \alpha$

(c) $C_{\bar{\omega}_2}^N(\text{rng } \sigma) = C_{\omega_2}^N(\text{rng } \bar{\sigma})$

(d) $\sigma'' \bar{G} \subset G$.

We work in $V[G^*]$, where G^* is any \mathbb{N} -generic set. Let $c^* = c^{G^*}$.

Set: $N' = \langle N, \theta, \bar{N}, \alpha, \bar{\alpha} \rangle$. Set

$\sigma^*: \tilde{N}' \xrightarrow{\sim} Z$, where Z is the smallest $Z \prec N'$ s.t. $c^* \subset Z$. Let

$\tilde{N}' = \langle \tilde{N}, \tilde{\theta}, \tilde{N}, \tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\bar{\alpha}} \rangle$.

Exactly as in §4 Lemma 4.6 we show:

(1) There is $\tilde{\sigma}: \bar{N} \prec \tilde{N}$ in V s.t.

• $\tilde{\sigma}$ takes $\bar{\omega}_2 = \omega_2^{\bar{N}}$ cofinally to $\tilde{\omega}_2 = \omega_2^{\tilde{N}}$

• $C_{\tilde{\omega}_2}^{\tilde{N}}(\text{rng } \tilde{\sigma}) = C_{\omega_2}^{\tilde{N}}(\text{rng } \tilde{\bar{\sigma}})$.

• $\tilde{\sigma}(\bar{\theta}, \bar{N}, \bar{\alpha}) = \tilde{\theta}, \tilde{N}, \tilde{\alpha}$.

Let $\tilde{c} = \tilde{\sigma}'' \bar{c}$, where $\bar{c} = c^{\bar{G}}$.

Let $c = \sigma^*'' \tilde{c}$. Then c is an \mathbb{N} -generic sequence and $V[c] = V[G^*]$ by Cor 2. Set $G = G^c =$

$\{T \mid \bigwedge n \exists m \in T\}$. Then

G is \mathbb{N} -generic and $V[G] = V[G^*]$

Set: $\sigma = \sigma^* \circ \tilde{\sigma}$, Then

$$\sigma \in V[G^*] = V[G] \text{ and}$$

$$(a) \sigma: \bar{N} \prec N$$

$$(b) \sigma(\bar{\theta}, \bar{N}, \bar{1}) = \theta, N, 1$$

$$(c) C_{\omega_2}^N(\text{rng } \sigma) = C_{\omega_2}^N(\text{rng } \bar{\pi})$$

$$(d) \sigma'' \bar{G} \subset G.$$

(a), (b) are trivial. To see (c) note that, letting $\lambda = \sup \pi'' \text{On } \bar{N}$, $\tilde{\lambda} = (G^*)^{-1}(\lambda)$, we have: $\sigma^*(C_{\tilde{\omega}_2}^{\tilde{N}}(\text{rng } \tilde{\pi})) = C_{\omega_2}^N(\text{rng } \bar{\pi})$.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\omega_2}^N(\text{rng } \sigma) &= \sigma^*(C_{\tilde{\omega}_2}^{\tilde{N}}(\text{rng } \tilde{\sigma})) = \\ &= \sigma^*(C_{\tilde{\omega}_2}^{\tilde{N}}(\text{rng } \tilde{\pi})) = C_{\omega_2}^N(\text{rng } \bar{\pi}). \end{aligned}$$

(d) follows from $\sigma'' \bar{G} = G$.

But then there is $T \in G$ which forces the existence of $\sigma \in V[G]$ satisfying (a) - (d).

QED (Theorem)

Note This proof actually shows:

Let G be \mathbb{N} -generic. There is $\sigma \in V[G]$ s.t.

- $\sigma: \bar{N} \prec N$
- $\sigma(\bar{\theta}, \bar{M}, \bar{1}) = \theta, M, 1$
- $C_{\omega_2}^N(\text{rng } \sigma) = C_{\omega_1}^N(\text{rng } \pi)$
- Let \bar{G} be \bar{N} -generic over \bar{N} . There is a unique G' s.t. G' is \mathbb{N} -generic and $\sigma''\bar{G} \subset G'$.

The proof used CH to show that $\bar{N} \in H_{\omega_1} \in N$.

If we dropped CH we could still get:

Let G, \bar{N}, π be as above. Let $\bar{N} = L_{\bar{z}}^{\bar{A}}$, $\pi(\bar{z}) = z$.

There are $\bar{N}', \sigma \in V[G]$ s.t. $\bar{N}' = L_{\bar{z}}^{\bar{A}'}$ and

- $\sigma: \bar{N}' \prec N$
- $\sigma(\bar{z}) = z$
- $\theta, M, 1 \in \text{rng}(\sigma)$
- $C_{\omega_2}^N(\text{rng } \sigma) = C_{\omega_2}^N(\text{rng } \pi)$
- Let $\sigma(\bar{N}') = M$. Let \bar{G} be \bar{N}' -generic over \bar{N}' . There is a unique G' s.t. G' is \mathbb{N} -generic and $\sigma''\bar{G} \subset G'$.

This does not imply subcompleteness, but is enough to give Fact 3 above.

We now turn to the proof of Lemma 1,
We first define:

Def $X \subset \Omega$ is a front iff

- X is an antichain in Ω
- $\{r \mid \forall u \in X, r \leq u\}$ contains no infinite branch.

Note that any antichain whose elements have bounded height is a front. Moreover, if X is a front and for each $u \in X$, Y_u is a front of points which properly extend u , then $Y = \bigcup_{u \in X} Y_u$ is a front.

Def By an array we mean

$$S = \langle r_u \mid u \in \Omega \rangle \text{ s.t.}$$

(a) $r_u \in \Omega$

(b) ~~If~~ $u < v$ in Ω , then $r_u < r_v$ in Ω

(c) ~~If~~ $u \perp v$ in Ω , then $r_u \perp r_v$ in Ω

(d) $\{r_u \mid |u| = n\}$ is a front.

Note that (b), (c), (d) can be equivalently replaced by:

(b') $r_u < r_{u \langle i \rangle}$ in Ω for $i < \omega_2$

(c') $i \neq j \rightarrow r_{u \langle i \rangle} \perp r_{u \langle j \rangle}$ for $i, j < \omega_2$

(d') $\{r_{u \langle i \rangle} \mid i < \omega_2\}$ is a front,

Def Let S is an array, then

$$S^* = \text{pt} \{t \mid \forall u \in \Omega \ t \leq r_u\}$$

For $T \in \mathbb{N}$ we set:

$$S_T^* = \{t \mid \forall u \in T \ t \leq r_u\}$$

We leave it to the reader to show:

(1) $S_T^* \in \mathbb{N}$ for $T \in \mathbb{N}$,

Note that the property of being a front is absolute in generic extensions, by the absoluteness of well foundedness.

(2) Let b be an infinite branch in S_T^* .

Then $\forall u (|u| = n \wedge r_u \in b)$ for all n .

proof.

Set:

$$S' = \{t \mid \forall u (|u| = n \wedge (t \leq r_u \vee r_u \leq t))\}$$

Then $S_T^* \subset S'$. But then $\forall u \ r_u \in b$,

since $\{r_u \mid |u| = n\}$ is a maximal

antichain in S' and we would otherwise have: $b \in \{t \mid \forall u (|u|=n \wedge t \leq s_u)\}$, where $\{s_u \mid |u|=n\}$ is a front.

Contr! QED (2)

Obviously (2) also holds in generic extensions.

By (2) we get:

(3) Let $T \subset S^*$, $T \in \mathcal{N}$. Set $T' = \{u \in \Omega \mid s_u \in T\}$. Then $T' \in \mathcal{N}$ and $T = S_{T'}^*$.

proof.

$S_{T'}^* \subset T$ is trivial.

Claim $T \subset S_{T'}^*$.

Let $t \in T$. Let $b \ni t$ be an infinite branch in T . Let $|t|=n$. By (2)

There is $u \in \Omega$ s.t. $s_u \in b$. But $|u| \leq |s_u|$ by ind. on $|u|$. Hence $t \leq s_u \in T$. QED (Claim)

It remains only to show

Claim $T' \in \mathcal{N}$.

Let $u \in T'$. For each $t \in T$

There is $t' \geq t$ s.t. t' has ω_2 many immediate successors in T (otherwise we could show by induction on n that $\text{card} \{t' \in T \mid t \leq t' \wedge |t'| = n\} < \omega_2$, hence $\text{card} \{t' \in T \mid t \leq t'\} < \omega_2$,

Contradiction!) Let $t' \geq s_u$ s.t. t' has ω_2 many ^{im.} successors.

Let $\langle s_i \mid i < \omega_2 \rangle$ be an enumeration of the successors and pick u_i s.t. $s_{u_i} \geq s_i$ ($i < \omega_2$). Then $u \leq u_i$ in T' and $\{u_i \mid i < \omega_2\}$ is a set of size ω_2 . QED (3)

Def Let $T \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\mathbb{N}/T = \{T' \mid T' \leq T \text{ in } \mathbb{N}\},$$

We have shown that:

(4) Let S be an array. There

is $\sigma: \mathbb{N} \longleftrightarrow \mathbb{N}/S^*$ defined by:

$\sigma(T) = S_T^*$. Moreover

$\sigma^{-1}(T) = \{u \mid s_u \in T\}$ for $T \leq S^*$ in \mathbb{N} .

It is then apparent that:

(5) $T \leq T'$ in \mathbb{N} iff $\sigma(T) \leq \sigma(T')$ in \mathbb{N} ,

We also denote σ by σ_S .

Using this machinery we prove Lemma 1.

Let $\langle b^\circ \rangle$ is a monotone cofinal sequence in $\check{\omega}_2$

Claim $\Vdash b^\circ$ is $\check{\mathbb{N}}$ -generic over \check{V} .

It suffices to show that the set of T' s.t. $T' \Vdash b^\circ$ is $\check{\mathbb{N}}$ -generic over \check{V} is dense in \mathbb{N} , so fix $T \in \mathbb{N}$. We show that there is such a $T' \leq T$.

Define an array $S_\circ = \langle s_u^\circ \mid u \in \Omega \rangle$ and an auxiliary sequence $\langle T_u \mid u \in \Omega \rangle$ s.t.

$s_u^\circ \in T_u \in \mathbb{N}$ and $u \leq v \rightarrow T_v \subset T_u$;
 $s_\emptyset^\circ = \emptyset, T_\emptyset = T$.

given s_u°, T_u , let $t \geq s_u$ have ω_2 many immediate successors in T_u .
Let $\langle t_i \mid i < \omega_2 \rangle$ be a 1-1 enumeration of these successors.

Set $s_{u^{(i)}}^0 = t_i$ for $i < \omega_2$. Letting

$$T_{(t)} = \{s \mid s \leq t \vee t \leq s \text{ in } T\},$$

we

then pick $T_{u^{(i)}} \leq (T_u)(t_i)$ s.t.

$T_{u^{(i)}}$ fixes the value of $b^{\check{u}}$.

(i.e. $\forall \check{s} \ T_{u^{(i)}} \Vdash b^{\check{u}}(1^{\check{u}}) = \check{s} \uparrow$.)

Set $T_0^0 = S_0^*$. Then $T^0 \leq T$ and

(6) $T_{(s_u^0)}^0$ fixes the value of $b^{\check{u}}$,
for $u \in \Omega$.

Def Let $u \in \Omega$, $n > |u|$.

X_m^u = the set of v s.t. for some $v > u$ with $|v| = n$, we have: $T_{(s_v)}^0 \Vdash b^{\check{v}}(m-1) = \check{v}$

(7) $T_{(s_u)}^0 \Vdash b^{\check{u}}(m-1) \in X_m^u$ for $m \geq |u|$

prf.

Let $T_{(s_u)}^0 \in G$ where G is \mathbb{N} -generic.

Let $C = cG$. Then $\tilde{C} = \{c \cap m \mid m < \omega\}$ is an infinite branch in $T_{(s_u)}^0$, where

$Y = \{s_v \mid u < v, |v| = n\}$ is a front.

Hence there is $s_v \in C$ s.t. $v \in Y$

Let $T_{(s_v)}^0 \Vdash b^{\check{v}}(m-1) = \check{v}$. Then

$b^{\check{u}}(m-1) = \check{v} \in X_m^u$, where $b = b^{\check{u}}$. QED (7)

(8) $\forall m > |u| \quad \overline{X_m^u} = \omega_2$

prf.

If not, then $\overline{X} < \omega_2$ where $X \subset \bigcup_{m \in \omega} X_m^u$.

Let G be \mathbb{N} -generic, $b = b^G$. Then $\text{rng}(b) \subset X$ is bounded in ω_2 . Contr! QED(8)

But then:

(9) Let $t \in T^0$. There is a front Y in T^0 s.t. $\overline{Y} = \omega_2$, and for some $n > |t|$ we have:

- If $s \in Y$, then $s > t$ and there is b_s s.t. $T_{(s)}^0 \Vdash \dot{b} \wedge \dot{m} = \check{b}_s$
- If $s, s' \in Y$ are distinct, then $b_s \neq b_{s'}$.

proof

Assume w.l.o.g. $t = s_u$. Let n be as in (8). Then there is a subset Y of $\{s_v \mid v > u \wedge |v| = n\}$ with the desired properties. QED(9)

We then construct a new array $S_1 = \langle s_u^1 \mid u \in \Omega \rangle$ and an associated sequence $\langle m_u \mid u \in \Omega \rangle$ by:

Call $\langle m, Y \rangle$ a good pair for $t \in T^0$ if

(9) holds.

$$s_\emptyset^1 = \emptyset$$

Let s_u^1 be given. Pick a good pair

$\langle m, Y \rangle$ for s_u^1 and let

$\langle s_{u \wedge \langle i \rangle}^1 \mid i < \omega_1 \rangle$ be a 1-1 enumeration

of Y . Set $m_u = m$.

Set: $T^1 = S_1^*$. Then $T^1 \subset T^0$.

Let $\sigma^1 = \sigma_{S_1}$.

Now define an array S_2 by:

$$s_\emptyset^2 = \emptyset$$

$$s_{u \wedge \langle i \rangle}^2 = b \text{ where } T^0 \upharpoonright_{(s_{u \wedge \langle i \rangle}^2)} \Vdash b \upharpoonright \check{m}_u = \check{b}.$$

S_2 is easily seen to be an array.

$\{ \langle s_{u \wedge \langle i \rangle}^2 \mid i < \omega_2 \rangle \}$ is a front, since it is an antichain of bounded height.

Set $T^2 = S_2^*$, $\sigma^2 = \sigma_{S_2}$.

Set: $\sigma = \sigma^2 \circ (\sigma^1)^{-1}$. Then

(10) $\sigma: \mathbb{N} \upharpoonright T^1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{N} \upharpoonright T^2$ and

$T \leq T' \iff \sigma(T) \leq \sigma(T')$ in \mathbb{N}

for $T, T' \in \mathbb{N} \upharpoonright T^1$.

However:

(11) Let $T \in T^1$ in \mathbb{N} . Then

$$T \Vdash \bigwedge_m \dot{b} \dot{\uparrow} m \in \sigma(\check{T}),$$

proof.

Let G be \mathbb{N} -generic with $T \in G$.

Let $c = c^G$. Let $\dot{a} \dot{\uparrow} \langle i \rangle \in c$. Then

$T \dot{\uparrow} (\dot{a} \dot{\uparrow} \langle i \rangle) \in G$ and hence $\dot{b} \dot{\uparrow} m_u = \dot{a} \dot{\uparrow} \langle i \rangle$,

where $b = \dot{b}^G$. Hence $\dot{b} \dot{\uparrow} m_u \in \sigma(T)$

since $\dot{a} \dot{\uparrow} \langle i \rangle \in (\sigma_{S_1})^{-1}(T)$. But by

(2), for every $m < \omega$ there is

$\dot{a} \dot{\uparrow} \langle i \rangle$ s.t. $|\dot{a}| = m$ and $\dot{a} \dot{\uparrow} \langle i \rangle \in c$

(hence $m_u \geq m$). QED (11)

Hence:

(12) $T^1 \Vdash (\dot{b} \text{ is an } \mathbb{N} \text{ generic sequence over } \check{V}^r)$

proof.

Let $G \ni T^1$ be \mathbb{N} -generic. Let

$b = \dot{b}^G$. Set $G' = G^b = \{T \in \mathbb{N} \mid \bigwedge_m \dot{b} \dot{\uparrow} m \in T\}$.

Let Δ be dense in \mathbb{N} .

Claim $G' \cap \Delta \neq \emptyset$.

Set $\Delta' = \{T \in T^1 \mid \sigma(T) \in \Delta\}$. Then Δ' is dense below T^1 , hence $\Delta' \cap G \neq \emptyset$. Let $T \in \Delta' \cap G$. Then $\sigma(T) \in \Delta$ and $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ by (11). Hence $\sigma(T) \in \Delta \cap G'$. QED (12)

Since $T^1 \leq T$, this completes the proof of the Claim.

It remains only to show that $V[G] = V[b]$, where $b = b^{\circ G}$.

We have seen that $G' =$ the set of T^1 s.t. $\sigma(T) \leq T^1$ for a $T \in G$.

Doing the argument in reverse, we get $G =$ the set of T^1 s.t. $\sigma^{-1}(T) \leq T^1$ for a $T \in G'$. Hence $G \in V[G']$.

Hence $V[G] = V[G']$. QED