

Random forcing, convergence of measures, and cofinality of Boolean algebras

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For every infinite-dimensional Banach space X there exists a sequence $\langle x_n^* : n \in \omega \rangle$ of continuous functionals in the dual space X^* such that $\|x_n^*\| = 1$ for every $n \in \omega$ and $x_n^*(x) \rightarrow 0$ for every $x \in X$.

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Corollary

Let $\mathcal{A} \in V$ be a ground model σ -complete Boolean algebra. Then, in any \mathbb{M}_κ -generic extension $V[G]$, we have $\text{cf}(\mathcal{A}) = \omega_1$.

The end

Thank you for the attention!