

Remarks on Q -points and rapid ultrafilters

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Alternative definition of an rapid ultrafilter:

A free ultrafilter \mathcal{U} is called rapid if the enumeration functions of its sets form a dominating family in (ω^ω, \leq^*) .

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In every model where Q -points are known not to exist, rapid ultrafilters do not exist either.

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Question 1. Which equality of cardinal invariants describes the generic existence of Q -points (rapid ultrafilters) if we consider the modified definition?

Question 2. Are general existence of Q -points and general existence of rapid ultrafilters equivalent also in this new definition?

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A summable ideal is tall if and only if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(n) = 0$.

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- If \mathcal{U} and \mathcal{V} are \mathcal{I}_g -ultrafilters then the ultrafilter product $\mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{V}$ is also an \mathcal{I}_g -ultrafilter.

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3. Complete the induction step using two lemmas:

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Induction step

Lemma 5a.

(MA_{ctble}) Assume \mathcal{F} is a filter base on ω with $|\mathcal{F}| < \mathfrak{c}$ and $\mathcal{A} = \{A_{\beta,n} : \beta \leq \alpha, n \in \omega\}$, $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}$ is independent w. r. t. \mathcal{F} . Then there exists a partition of ω into infinite sets $\{A_{\alpha+1,n} : n \in \omega\}$ such that $\mathcal{A}' = \mathcal{A} \cup \{A_{\alpha+1,n} : n \in \omega\}$ is independent with respect to \mathcal{F} .

Lemma 5b.

(MA_{ctble}) Let \mathcal{F} be a filter base on ω with $|\mathcal{F}| < \mathfrak{c}$, $\mathcal{A} = \{A_{\beta,n} : \beta \leq \alpha, n \in \omega\}$, $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}$ an independent family w. r. t. to \mathcal{F} and $\mathcal{Q} = \{Q_i : i \in \omega\}$ a partition of ω into finite sets. Then there exists $C \subseteq \omega$ such that $|C \cap Q| \leq 1$ for every $Q \in \mathcal{Q}$ and \mathcal{A} is independent with respect to the filter base \mathcal{F}' generated by \mathcal{F} and C .

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Is it true that whenever the cardinality of \mathcal{D} is less than \mathfrak{d} then there exist an ultrafilter on the natural numbers which is an \mathcal{I}_g -ultrafilter for every $\mathcal{I}_g \in \mathcal{D}$, but not a rapid ultrafilter?

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