Expected values for the a.d. number and 3D-iterations

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Abstract

In many models, constructed by FS-iterations of ccc posets, where many cardinal invariants assume pairwise different values, it is expected that the *bounding number* b is equal to the *a*. *d*. (*almost disjointness*) *number* a though there have not been proofs of that so far.

In a recent project with Vera Fischer, Sy Friedman and Diana Montoya-Amaya, we found out that some of these iterations can be extended to a matrix or a 3D-iteration to force, additionally, b = a.