

## A COMMENT ON BAGARIA-SHELAH'S FRAGMENT OF MARTIN'S AXIOM

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### INTRODUCTION

Harrington-Shelah showed that, for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $\aleph_1^{L[x]} = \aleph_1$  and Martin's axiom MA holds, then there exists a  $\Delta^1_3(x)$ -set of reals without Baire property [4]. Bagaria extended their result as follow: For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $\aleph_1^{L[x]} = \aleph_1$ , MA( $\sigma$ -centered) holds and every Aronszajn tree is special, then there exists a  $\Delta^1_3(x)$ -set of reals without Baire property [1]. Harrington-Shelah also showed that, if  $\aleph_1$  is inaccessible to the reals and MA holds, then  $\aleph_1$  is weakly compact in  $L$ , and that the existence of a weakly compact cardinal is equiconsistent to the assertion that MA holds and every projective set of reals has the Baire property [4]. So in [1], Bagaria asked if MA( $\sigma$ -centered) plus the assertion that every Aronszajn tree is special implies MA( $\sigma$ -linked). In [2], Bagaria-Shelah proved the consistency of the assertion (\*) that MA( $\sigma$ -centered) holds, every Aronszajn tree is special, and MA( $\sigma$ -linked) fails.

In this paper, the consistency of the assertion (\*) is proved by use of the idea due to Bagaria-Shelah in [2] combining with the rectangle refining property due to Larson-Todorćević [6]. §1 provides Bagaria-Shelah's work in [2] and introduces their fragment of Martin's axiom. §2 provides some remarks of the rectangle refining property and a proof of the theorem in this paper. In §3, some previous works on fragments of Martin's axiom are mentioned and are compared to the theorem in this paper.

### 1. BAGARIA-SHELAH'S FRAGMENT OF MARTIN'S AXIOM

In [2], Bagaria-Shelah introduced the following property of forcing notions.

**Definition 1.1** ([2, DEFINITION 1]). For an integer  $k \geq 2$ , a forcing notion  $\mathbb{P}$  satisfies the property  $\text{Pr}_k$  if, for any  $\{p_\alpha : \alpha \in \omega_1\} \in [\mathbb{P}]^{\aleph_1}$ , there exists a pairwise disjoint uncountable family  $\{u_\xi : \xi \in \omega\}$  of non-empty finite subsets of  $\omega_1$  such that, for each  $\{\xi_i : i \in k\} \in [\omega_1]^k$ , there exists  $\langle \alpha_i : i \in k \rangle \in \prod_{i \in k} u_{\xi_i}$  such that  $\{p_{\alpha_i} : i \in k\}$

has a common extension in  $\mathbb{P}$ .

MA( $\text{Pr}_k$ ) denotes the forcing axiom for forcing notions with the property  $\text{Pr}_k$ .

The property  $\text{Pr}_k$  is stronger than the countable chain condition. A  $\sigma$ -centered forcing satisfies the property  $\text{Pr}_k$  for every integer  $k \geq 2$ . Bagaria-Shelah proved that a specialization of an Aronszajn tree by finite approximations also satisfies the property  $\text{Pr}_k$  for every integer  $k \geq 2$  [2, LEMMA 2]. So, for every integer  $k \geq 2$ , MA( $\text{Pr}_k$ ) implies MA( $\sigma$ -centered) and the assertion that every Aronszajn tree is special. They also showed that, for any integer  $k \geq 2$ , the property  $\text{Pr}_k$  is preserved under finite support iterations [2, LEMMA 3].

In [2], Bagaria-Shelah introduced the following forcing notion that plays a role of the failure of  $\text{MA}(\sigma\text{-linked})$  in the extension with finite support iterations of forcing notions with the property  $\text{Pr}_k$ .

**Definition 1.2** ([2, LEMMA 4]). For an integer  $k \geq 2$ , the forcing notion  $\mathbb{P}_*^k$  consists of triples  $p = \langle u_p, A_p, h_p \rangle$  such that

- $u_p$  is a finite subset of  $\omega_1$ ,
- $A_p$  is a subset of  $[u_p]^{k+1}$  (which is a finite set),
- $h_p$  is a function from the set  $\{v \subseteq u_p : [v]^{k+1} \cap A_p = \emptyset\}$  into  $\omega$  such that, for every  $l \in \text{ran}(h_p)$  and  $\rho \in [h_p^{-1}[\{l\}]]^k$ ,  $\bigcup \rho$  belongs to  $\text{dom}(h_p)$ ,

ordered by:  $q \leq_{\mathbb{P}_*^k} p$  iff  $u_q \supseteq u_p$ ,  $A_q = A_p \cap [u_p]^{k+1}$  and  $h_q \supseteq h_p$ .

Note that  $\mathbb{P}_*^k$  is of size  $\aleph_1$ . Bagaria-Shelah proved that  $\mathbb{P}_*^k$  has precaliber  $\aleph_1$  [2, LEMMA 4 (1)]. They also define the following  $\mathbb{P}_*^k$ -names.

**Definition 1.3** ([2, LEMMA 4]). Let  $k$  be an integer not smaller than 2. Define the  $\mathbb{P}_*^k$ -name  $\dot{\mathcal{A}}_k^*$  by

$$\dot{\mathcal{A}}_k^* := \{(\dot{v}, p) : p \in \mathbb{P}_*^k, v \in A_p\},$$

and define the  $\mathbb{P}_*^k$ -name  $\dot{\mathcal{Q}}_k^*$  by

$$\dot{\mathcal{Q}}_k^* := \{(\dot{v}, p) : p \in \mathbb{P}_*^k, v \in \text{dom}(h_p)\}.$$

We notice that

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_*^k} \dot{\mathcal{A}}_k^* = \bigcup_{p \in G_{\mathbb{P}_*^k}} A_p \text{ and } \dot{\mathcal{Q}}_k^* = \left\{ v \in [\omega_1]^{<\aleph_0} : [v]^{k+1} \cap \dot{\mathcal{A}}_k^* = \emptyset \right\}.$$

By considering  $\dot{\mathcal{Q}}_k^*$  as a  $\mathbb{P}_*^k$ -name for a forcing notion, ordered by  $\supseteq$ , Bagaria-Shelah proved that

[2, LEMMA 4 (3)]:  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_*^k}$  “ $\dot{\mathcal{Q}}_k^*$  is  $\sigma$ - $k$ -linked”, and

[2, LEMMA 4 (5)]:  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_*^k}$  “ for any  $\{v_\alpha : \alpha \in \omega_1\} \in [\dot{\mathcal{Q}}_k^*]^{\aleph_1}$  with  $v_\alpha \not\subseteq \alpha$ , and any pairwise disjoint uncountable family  $\{u_\xi : \xi \in \omega\}$  of non-empty finite subsets of  $\omega_1$ , there exists  $\{\xi_i : i \in k+1\} \in [\omega_1]^{k+1}$  such that, for every  $\langle \alpha_i : i \in k+1 \rangle \in \prod_{i \in k+1} u_{\xi_i}$ ,  $\bigcup_{i \in k+1} v_{\alpha_i}$  does not belong to  $\dot{\mathcal{Q}}_k^*$  ”.

The last assertion implies that

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_*^k} \text{“ } \dot{\mathcal{Q}}_k^* \text{ is not } \sigma\text{-}(k+1)\text{-linked”}.$$

**Definition 1.4** ([2, LEMMA 4]). For an integer  $k \geq 2$  and  $\alpha \in \omega_1$ , define the  $\mathbb{P}_*^k$ -name  $\dot{I}_\alpha$  such that

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_*^k} \text{“ } \dot{I}_\alpha := \left\{ v \in \dot{\mathcal{Q}}_k^* : v \not\subseteq \alpha \right\} \text{”}.$$

Note that

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_*^k} \text{“ } \dot{I}_\alpha \text{ is dense in } \dot{\mathcal{Q}}_k^* \text{”}$$

[2, LEMMA 4 (4)]. The following is a key point of the proof of the failure of  $\text{MA}(\sigma\text{-linked})$  in the extension with finite support iterations of forcing notions with the property  $\text{Pr}_k$ .

**Lemma 1.5** ([2, LEMMA 6]). *For any integer  $k \geq 2$  and any  $\mathbb{P}_*^k$ -name  $\dot{Q}$  for a forcing notion with the property  $\text{Pr}_{k+1}$ ,*

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_*^k * \dot{Q}} \text{“there are no directed subset } G \text{ of } \dot{Q}_*^k \text{ such that } \dot{I}_\alpha \cap G \neq \emptyset \text{ for all } \alpha \in \omega_1 \text{”}.$$

This implies that, for any integer  $k \geq 2$  and any  $\mathbb{P}_*^k$ -name  $\dot{Q}$  for a forcing notion with the property  $\text{Pr}_{k+1}$ ,

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_*^k * \dot{Q}} \text{“MA}_{\aleph_1}(\sigma\text{-}k\text{-linked}) \text{ fails”}.$$

Therefore, the following has been concluded.

**Theorem 1.6** ([2, LEMMA 6]). *It is consistent that  $\text{MA}(\text{Pr}_{k+1})$  holds, and  $\text{MA}_{\aleph_1}(\sigma\text{-}k\text{-linked})$  fails.*

## 2. THE RECTANGLE REFINING PROPERTY AND THE MAIN RESULT

Larson-Todorćević introduced a property of ccc partitions on  $[\omega_1]^2$ , called the rectangle refining property, and obtained a consistency of the affirmative of Katětov’s problem [6]. The following is a version of the rectangle refining property for forcing notions. A similar definition of the following is appeared in [9, 11]. The following notation is inspired by [3, Theorem 3.1].

**Definition 2.1.** A forcing notion  $\mathbb{P}$  satisfies the rectangle refining property if there exists a function  $w$  from  $\mathbb{P}$  into  $[\omega_1]^{<\aleph_0}$  such that

- (•) for any pair of compatible conditions  $p$  and  $q$  in  $\mathbb{P}$ , there exists a common extension  $r$  of  $p$  and  $q$  in  $\mathbb{P}$  such that  $w(r) = w(p) \cup w(q)$ , and
- (rec) for any uncountable subsets  $I$  and  $J$  of  $\mathbb{P}$ , if the set  $\{w(p); p \in I \cup J\}$  forms a  $\Delta$ -system, then there are uncountable subsets  $I'$  and  $J'$  of  $I$  and  $J$  respectively such that each element of  $I'$  is compatible with any element of  $J'$  in  $\mathbb{P}$ .

The rectangle refining property is a stronger property than the countable chain condition. Like the property  $\text{Pr}_k$ , typical examples of forcing notions with the rectangle refining property are a  $\sigma$ -centered forcing notion and a specialization of an Aronszajn tree by finite approximations. For other examples, see [9, 10, 11]. Note that forcing notions with the rectangle refining property satisfies Chodounský-Zapletal’s Y-cc [3]. Let  $\langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha, \dot{Q}_\beta : \alpha \leq \lambda, \beta < \lambda \rangle$  be a finite support iteration of forcing notions with the rectangle refining property, and, for each  $\beta < \lambda$ , let  $\dot{w}_\beta$  be a  $\mathbb{P}_\beta$ -name for a function that witnesses the rectangle refining property of  $\dot{Q}_\beta$ . By induction on  $\alpha \leq \lambda$ , it can be prove that, for every  $p \in \mathbb{P}_\alpha$ , there is an extension  $q$  of  $p$  in  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$  such that, for each  $\xi \in \text{supp}(q)$ , there exists  $w_\xi^q \in [\omega_1]^{<\aleph_0}$  such that

$$q \upharpoonright \xi \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\xi} \text{“} \dot{w}_\xi(q(\xi)) = w_\xi^q \text{”}.$$

Such a  $q$  is here called a nice condition of  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$ . Note that the set of nice conditions of  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$  is dense in  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$ . We say that an uncountable set  $\{p_\zeta : \zeta \in \omega_1\}$  of nice conditions of  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$  forms a  $\Delta$ -system as a set of conditions of the iteration if  $\{\text{supp}(p_\zeta) : \zeta \in \omega_1\}$  forms a  $\Delta$ -system with root  $\Delta$  and, for each  $\xi \in \Delta$ ,  $\{w_\xi^{p_\zeta} : \zeta \in \omega_1\}$  also forms a  $\Delta$ -system. Note that every uncountable set of nice conditions of  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$  has an uncountable subset that forms a  $\Delta$ -system as a set of conditions of the iteration. The rectangle refining property is preserved under finite support iterations in the following sense.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Suppose that  $\langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha, \dot{\mathbb{Q}}_\beta : \alpha \leq \lambda, \beta < \lambda \rangle$  is a finite support iteration of forcing notions with the rectangle refining property, and let  $\alpha \leq \lambda$ . Then, for every uncountable set  $\{p_\zeta : \zeta \in \omega_1\}$  of nice conditions of  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$ , and every pair of uncountable subsets  $I$  and  $J$  of  $\omega_1$ , if  $\{p_\zeta : \zeta \in \omega_1\}$  forms a  $\Delta$ -system as a set of conditions of the iteration, then there are  $I' \in [I]^{\aleph_1}$  and  $J' \in [J]^{\aleph_1}$  such that, for each  $\zeta \in I$  and  $\eta \in J'$ ,  $p_\zeta$  and  $p_\eta$  are compatible in  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$ .*

*Proof.* This is proved by induction on  $\alpha \leq \lambda$ . In the case that  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal, this is proved by inductive hypothesis. Suppose that  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$  satisfies the conclusion of the lemma, that  $\{p_\zeta : \zeta \in \omega_1\}$  is an uncountable set of nice conditions of  $\mathbb{P}_{\alpha+1}$  such that  $\{\text{supp}(p_\zeta) : \zeta \in \omega_1\}$  forms a  $\Delta$ -system with root  $\Delta$  with  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , and, for each  $\xi \in \Delta$ ,  $\{w_\xi^{p_\zeta(\xi)} : \zeta \in \omega_1\}$  also forms a  $\Delta$ -system, and that  $I$  and  $J$  are uncountable subsets of  $\omega_1$ .

By inductive hypothesis, there are  $I^{(1)} \in [I]^{\aleph_1}$  and  $J^{(1)} \in [J]^{\aleph_1}$  such that, for each  $\zeta \in I^{(1)}$  and  $\eta \in J^{(1)}$ ,  $p_\zeta \upharpoonright \alpha$  and  $p_\eta \upharpoonright \alpha$  are compatible in  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$ . By refining  $I^{(1)}$  and  $J^{(1)}$  if necessary, we may assume that  $I^{(1)}$  is disjoint from  $J^{(1)}$ . Define  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$ -names  $\dot{I}^{(2)}$  and  $\dot{J}^{(2)}$  such that

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha} \dot{I}^{(2)} := \left\{ \zeta \in I^{(1)} : p_\zeta \upharpoonright \alpha \in \dot{G}_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha} \right\} \text{ and } \dot{J}^{(2)} := \left\{ \zeta \in J^{(1)} : p_\zeta \upharpoonright \alpha \in \dot{G}_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha} \right\}.$$

Claim that there exists  $q \in \mathbb{P}_\alpha$  such that

$$q \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha} \text{“both } \dot{I}^{(2)} \text{ and } \dot{J}^{(2)} \text{ are uncountable”}.$$

To see this, assume not. Then, since  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$  is ccc, there is  $\delta \in \omega_1$  such that

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha} \text{“} \dot{I}^{(2)}, \dot{J}^{(2)} \subseteq \delta \text{”}.$$

Take  $\zeta \in I^{(1)} \setminus \delta$  and  $\eta \in J^{(1)} \setminus \delta$ , and take a common extension  $r$  of  $p_\zeta \upharpoonright \alpha$  and  $p_\eta \upharpoonright \alpha$  in  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$ . Then

$$r \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha} \text{“} \zeta \in \dot{I}^{(2)} \setminus \delta \text{ and } \eta \in \dot{J}^{(2)} \setminus \delta \text{”},$$

which is a contradiction.

Let  $q \in \mathbb{P}_\alpha$  be a condition of  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$  that forces  $\dot{I}^{(2)}$  and  $\dot{J}^{(2)}$  to be uncountable. Since  $\dot{\mathbb{Q}}_\alpha$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$ -name for a forcing notion with the rectangle refining property, there are  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$ -names  $\dot{I}^{(3)}$  and  $\dot{J}^{(3)}$  such that

$$q \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha} \text{“} \dot{I}^{(3)} \text{ and } \dot{J}^{(3)} \text{ are uncountable subsets of } \dot{I}^{(2)} \text{ and } \dot{J}^{(2)} \text{ respectively, and, for each } \zeta \in \dot{I}^{(3)} \text{ and } \eta \in \dot{J}^{(3)}, p_\zeta(\alpha) \text{ and } p_\eta(\alpha) \text{ are compatible in } \dot{\mathbb{Q}}_\alpha \text{”}.$$

For each  $i \in \omega_1$ , take an extension  $q_i$  of  $q$  in  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$  and  $\zeta_i, \eta_i \in \omega_1$  such that, for each  $i \in \omega_1$ ,  $q_i$  forms a nice condition and

$$q_i \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha} \text{“} \zeta_i \in \dot{I}^{(3)} \text{ and } \eta_i \in \dot{J}^{(3)} \text{”},$$

and, for each  $i, j \in \omega_1$  with  $i < j$ ,

$$\max\{\zeta_i, \eta_i\} < \min\{\zeta_j, \eta_j\}.$$

Take an uncountable subset  $K$  of  $\omega_1$  such that  $\{q_i : i \in K\}$  forms a  $\Delta$ -system as a set of conditions of the iteration. By inductive hypothesis, take uncountable disjoint subsets  $K_0$  and  $K_1$  of  $K$  such that, for each  $i \in K_0$  and  $j \in K_1$ ,  $q_i$  and  $q_j$  are compatible in  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$ . Define  $I' := \{\zeta_i : i \in K_0\}$  and  $J' := \{\eta_j : j \in K_1\}$ . Since

$$q_i \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha} \text{“} \zeta_i \in \dot{I}^{(3)} \subseteq \dot{I}^{(2)} \subseteq I^{(1)} \subseteq I \text{”}$$

for each  $i \in K_0$ ,  $I'$  is an uncountable subset of  $I$ . Similarly,  $J' \subseteq J$ . The pair  $I'$  and  $J'$  is what we want.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Suppose that  $k$  is an integer not smaller than 2, and  $\dot{\mathbb{Q}}$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_*^k$ -name for a forcing notion with the rectangle refining property. Then*

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_*^k * \dot{\mathbb{Q}}} \text{“there are no } K \in [\omega_1]^{\aleph_1} \text{ such that } [K]^{k+1} \subseteq \dot{\mathbb{Q}}_*^k \text{”}.$$

This lemma implies that  $\mathbb{P}_*^k * \dot{\mathbb{Q}}$  forces the failure of  $\text{MA}_{\aleph_1}(\sigma\text{-}k\text{-linked})$  for  $\dot{\mathbb{Q}}_*^k$  in some strong sense. See in the next section.

*Proof.* Throughout the proof, we work in the extension with  $\mathbb{P}_*^k$ . Suppose that  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a forcing notion with the rectangle refining property (in the extension with  $\mathbb{P}_*^k$ ),  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $\dot{K}$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -name for an uncountable subset of  $\omega_1$  such that

$$q \Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}} \text{“} [\dot{K}]^{k+1} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}_*^k \text{”}.$$

For each  $\alpha \in \omega_1$ , take an extension  $q_\alpha$  of  $q$  in  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\delta_\alpha \in \omega_1$  such that, for each  $\alpha \in \omega_1$ ,  $q_\alpha$  forms a nice condition and

$$q_\alpha \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha} \text{“} \delta_\alpha \in \dot{K} \text{”},$$

and, for each  $\alpha, \alpha' \in \omega_1$  with  $\alpha < \alpha'$ ,  $\delta_\alpha < \delta_{\alpha'}$ . Note that each set  $\{\delta_\alpha\}$  is a condition of  $\mathbb{Q}_*^k$ . Since  $\mathbb{Q}$  satisfies the rectangle refining property, we can take uncountable subsets  $I_l$ ,  $l \leq k$ , of  $\omega_1$  such that, for each  $\langle \alpha_l : l \leq k \rangle \in \prod_{l \leq k} I_l$ ,  $\{q_{\alpha_l} : l \leq k\}$

has a common extension in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We build a pairwise disjoint uncountable family  $\{u_\xi : \xi \in \omega_1\}$  of finite subsets of  $\omega_1$  such that each  $u_\xi$  contains some member of  $I_l$  for all  $l \leq k$ . Applying  $\{\{\delta_\alpha\} : \alpha \in \omega_1\}$  and  $\{u_\xi : \xi \in \omega_1\}$  to [2, LEMMA 4 (5)] (which is a property of  $\mathbb{Q}_*^k$ , mentioned above), we can find  $\langle \alpha_l : l \leq k \rangle \in \prod_{l \leq k} I_l$  such

that  $\{\delta_{\alpha_l} : l \leq k\} \notin \mathbb{Q}_*^k$ . However,  $\{q_{\alpha_l} : l \leq k\}$  has a common extension  $r$  in  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and then,

$$r \Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}} \text{“} \{\delta_{\alpha_l} : l \leq k\} \in [\dot{K}]^{k+1} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}_*^k \text{”},$$

which is a contradiction.  $\square$

Therefore, we obtain the following theorem

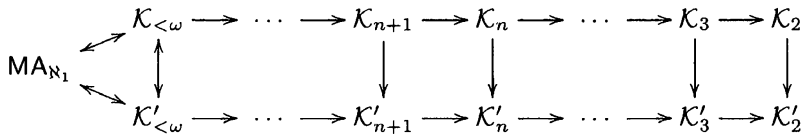
**Theorem 2.4.** *For each integer  $k \geq 2$ , it is consistent that  $\text{MA}(\text{rec})$  holds, and  $\text{MA}_{\aleph_1}(\sigma\text{-}k\text{-linked})$  fails.*

### 3. CONCLUDING REMARK

Connections between several fragments of Martin's axiom have been studied. For example, Bagaria proved that it is consistent that  $\text{MA}(\sigma\text{-centered})$  holds and  $\text{MA}(\sigma\text{-linked})$  fails [1, 3.6], and that it is consistent that  $\text{MA}(\text{productive ccc})$  holds, every Aronszajn tree is special and  $\text{MA}$  fails. Chodounský-Zapletal introduced the property of forcing notions, called  $Y\text{-cc}$ , which is a stronger property than the countable chain condition, and showed that it is consistent that  $\text{MA}(Y\text{-cc})$  holds and  $\text{cov}(\mathcal{N}) = \aleph_1$  [3]. Note that  $\text{MA}(Y\text{-cc})$  implies  $\text{MA}(\sigma\text{-centered})$  and the assertion

that every Aronszajn tree is special<sup>\*1</sup>. Hence, this Chodounský-Zapletal's result also implies the consistency of the assertion (\*)<sup>\*2</sup>.

In 1980s, Todorčević investigated Martin's Axiom from the view point of Ramsey theory, and introduced the following fragments of Martin's axiom:  $\mathcal{K}_{<\omega}$  denotes the assertion that every ccc forcing notion has precaliber  $\aleph_1$  (that is, every uncountable subset has a centered subset  $I$ , which means that any finite subset of  $I$  has a common extension);  $\mathcal{K}_n$  denotes the assertion that every ccc forcing notion has the property  $K_n$  (that is, every uncountable subset of a ccc forcing notion has an uncountable  $n$ -linked subset  $I$ , which means that any  $n$ -many elements of  $I$  has a common extension)<sup>\*3</sup>;  $\mathcal{K}'_{<\omega}$  denotes the assertion that every ccc partition  $K_0 \cup K_1 = [\omega_1]^{<\aleph_0}$  has an uncountable  $K_0$ -homogeneous set, for each  $n \in \omega$ ;  $\mathcal{K}'_n$  denotes the assertion that every ccc partition  $K_0 \cup K_1 = [\omega_1]^n$  has an uncountable  $K_0$ -homogeneous set.<sup>\*4</sup> The following diagram is a summary of implications of these fragments of  $\text{MA}_{\aleph_1}$ . The triangle on the left side of the diagram is the Todorčević-Veličković theorem [8].



It is not known whether any other implications in this diagram hold under ZFC. Bagaria-Shelah's lemma [2, LEMMA 6] can be modified the lemma for the failure of  $\mathcal{K}'_{k+1}$  for  $\dot{Q}^*$  in the extension with  $\mathbb{P}_*^k * \dot{Q}$ . So it is proved that, for each integer  $k \geq 2$ , it is consistent that  $\text{MA}(\text{Pr}_{k+1})$  holds and  $\mathcal{K}'_{k+1}$  fails.

Larson-Todorčević showed that a Suslin tree forces that there exists a ladder system coloring which cannot be uniformized [5, THEOREM 6.2], and that, for each non-principal ultrafilter  $U$  in the ground model,  $(2^{\omega_1}, <_{\text{lex}})$  cannot be embedded into  $\omega^\omega/U$  [5, THEOREM 6.3]. It is proved that  $\mathcal{K}'_4$  implies that every ladder system coloring can be uniformized [8, §2], and that  $\mathcal{K}'_3$  implies that, for every non-principal ultrafilter  $U$  in the ground model,  $(2^{\omega_1}, <_{\text{lex}})$  can be embedded into  $\omega^\omega/U$  [7, 7.7. THEOREM]. Larson-Todorčević proved that it is consistent that a Suslin tree can force  $\mathcal{K}'_2(\text{rec})$  [6]. In [11], the author develops their result to  $\mathcal{K}_{<\omega}(\text{rec})$  in some sense. Therefore, it is proved that it is consistent that  $\mathcal{K}_{<\omega}(\text{rec})$  holds in some sense and  $\mathcal{K}'_3$  fails, by use of forcing with a Suslin tree. **Lemma 2.3** says that  $\mathcal{K}'_{k+1}$  for  $\dot{Q}^*$  fails in the extension with  $\mathbb{P}_*^k * \dot{Q}$ . So consequently, it is proved that it is consistent that  $\text{MA}(\text{rec})$  holds, and both  $\mathcal{K}'_3$  and  $\text{MA}_{\aleph_1}(\sigma\text{-linked})$  fail. This cannot be concluded by use of a forcing extension with a Suslin tree.

<sup>\*1</sup>Because both a  $\sigma$ -centered forcing and a specialization of an Aronszajn tree by finite approximations satisfy Y-cc.

<sup>\*2</sup>Notice that Random forcing is  $\sigma$ -linked.

<sup>\*3</sup>A forcing notion with the property  $K_n$  satisfies the property  $\text{Pr}_n$ .

<sup>\*4</sup>They are defined by Todorčević in several papers. In [5, Definition 4.9] and [8, §2],  $\mathcal{K}_n$ 's are defined as assertions for ccc forcing notions, however in [6, §4] and [7, §7],  $\mathcal{K}_n$ 's are defined as assertions for ccc partitions. To separate them, we use the notations as above. These notations are same to ones in [10].

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